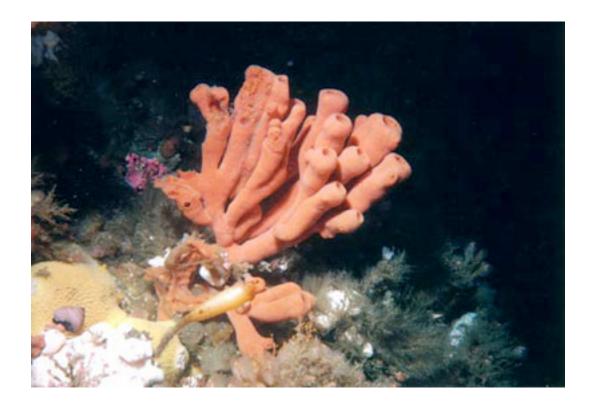
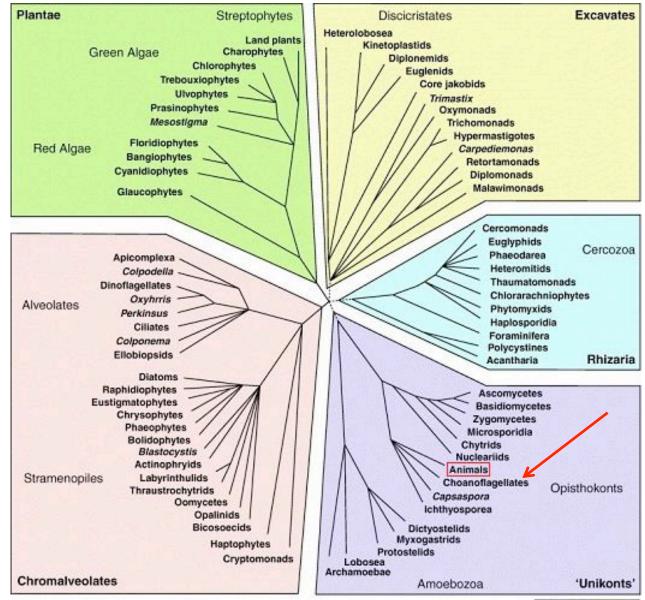
#### **Diversity of Life – Animals**

# **PORIFERA – The Sponges**

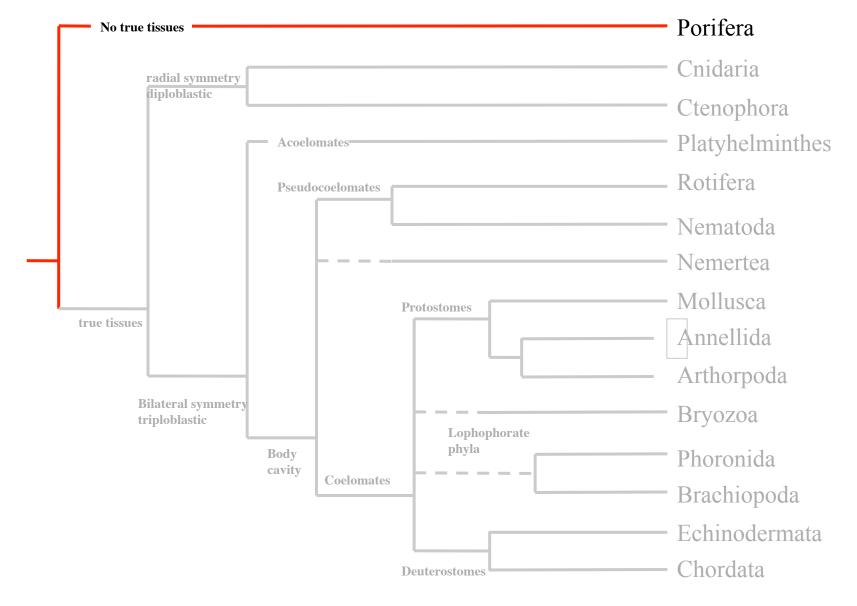


#### A Phylogeny of the Eukaryotes



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#### A Phylogeny of the Animal Phyla



#### **First Step – Evolution of Multicellularity**

Three Theories

1. **Symbiotic Theory:** Two or more unrelated organisms "cooperated" in a symbiotic relationship - became so specialized and dependent on one another that they fused genetically into a single organism.

2. Syncytial Theory: Multinucleate protists or slime molds may have evolved cellular membranes between their floating nuclei (organisms with multinucleate cytoplasms are said to be syncytial).

#### Validity?

Unlikely – lots of symbiotic relationships with no genetic fusion

Validity?

Unlikely – nuclei in syncytial organisms have different functions

#### **First Step – Evolution of Multicellularity**

Three Theories

**Colonial Theory:** Involves symbiosis within a species - such relationships can be seen in extant species (*Volvox*, etc.).

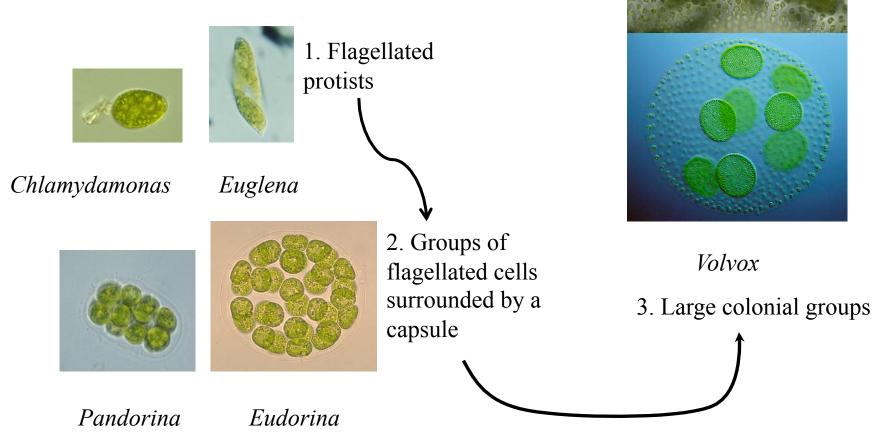
Validity

Theory with the most evidence supporting it.

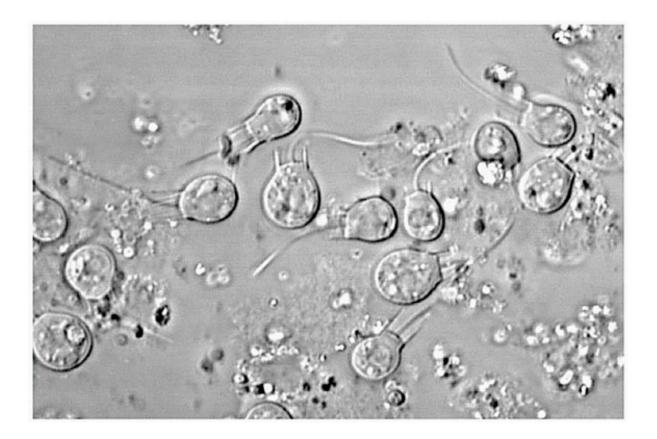
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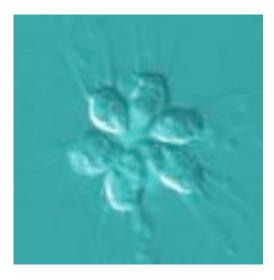
#### **Colonial Theory – Hypothesized steps**

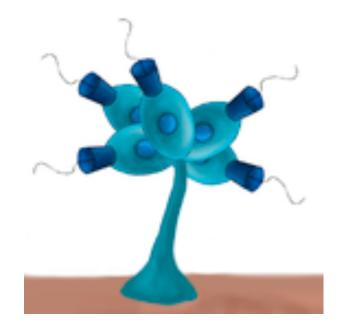


#### Choanoflagellates



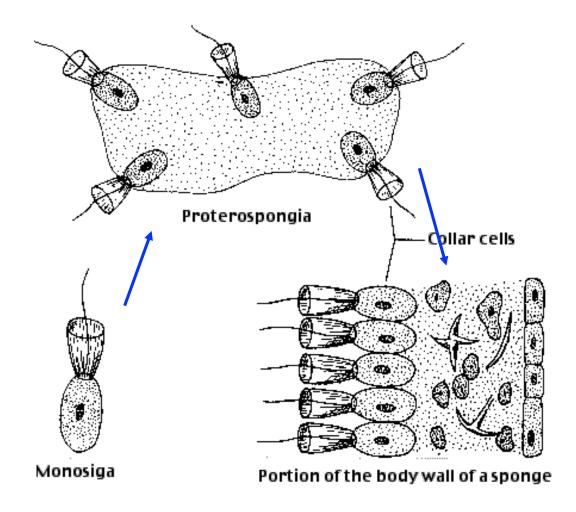
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Hypothesized Origins of Sponges



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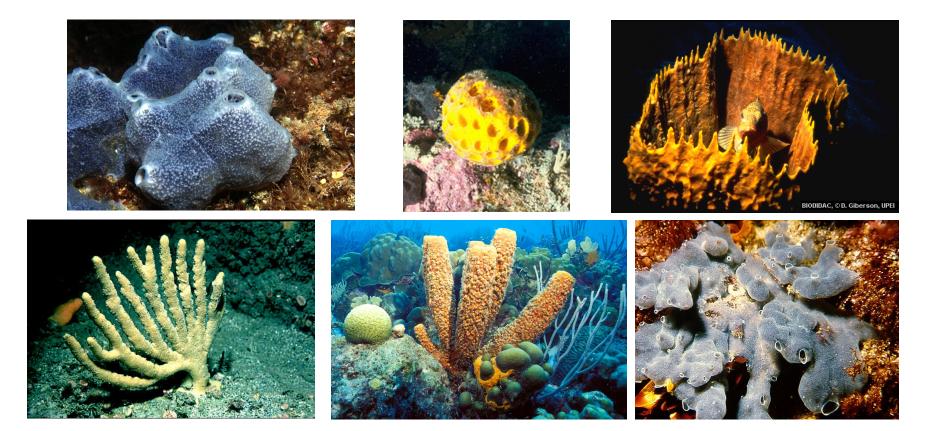
Porifera - the sponges

- Description
  - Sponges are
    - sessile (= don't move)
    - have no true tissue
    - suspension feeders



### Porifera - the sponges

Come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes

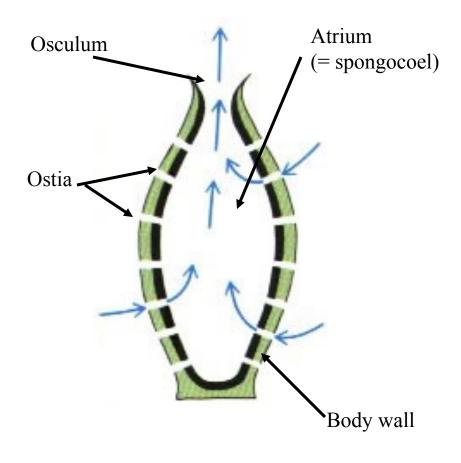


## Sponge structure



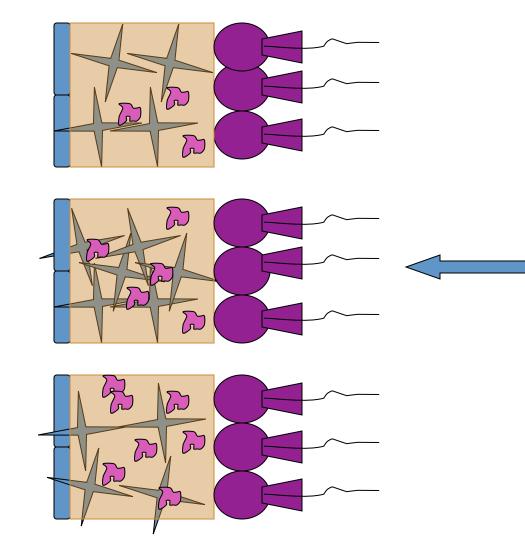
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## Sponge structure - Cell types

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Choanocytes - flagellated 'collar cells' used in feeding

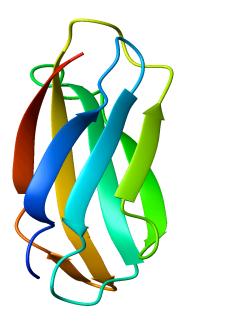
- Epidermal cells - the cells forming the outer layer of the animal- the pinacoderm

Spicules - rods of silica, or carbonate that are used for support

Mesohyl - a gelatinous matrix between two layers of cells

Arachaeocytes (amoebocytes) - amoebalike cells that transport food, make 'skeletal'elements

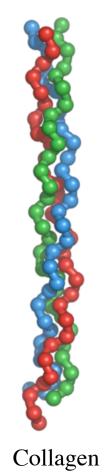
Mesohyl - gelatinous matrix



Fibrinonectin



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Galectin

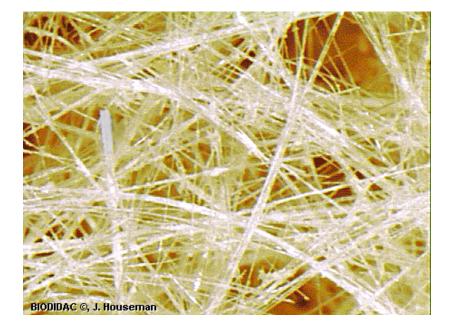
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Without support the mesohyl would collapse



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Sponges get support from a network of **spicules** embedded in the mesohyl



Same principle as putting straw in mud bricks

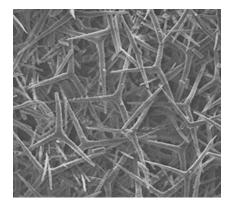


Spicules can be made from different materials

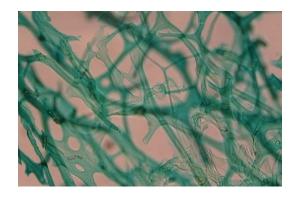


Siliceous [Silica (SO<sub>2</sub>)]

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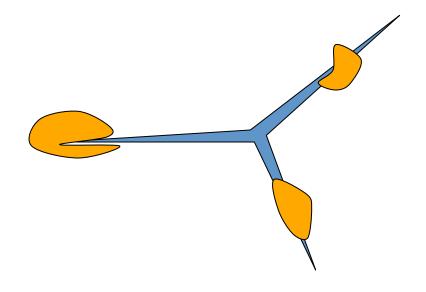
Calcareous [Calcium (CaCO<sub>3</sub>)]



Spongin [Protein]

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-siliceous and calcareous spicules are secreted by specialized amoebocytes

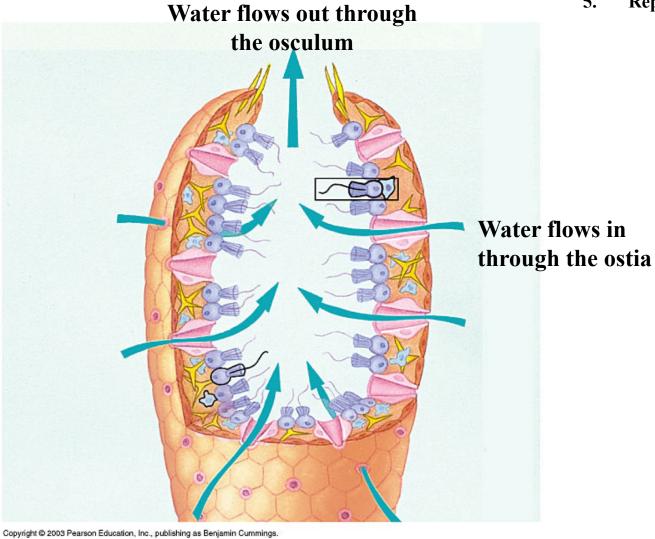
Arrangement of spicules can be haphazard or very precise

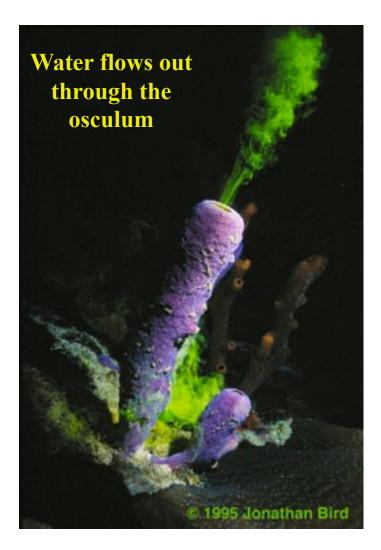
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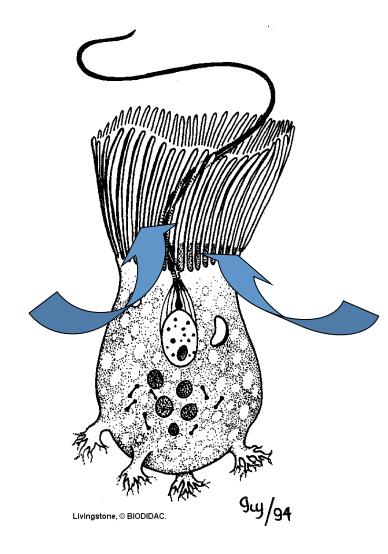
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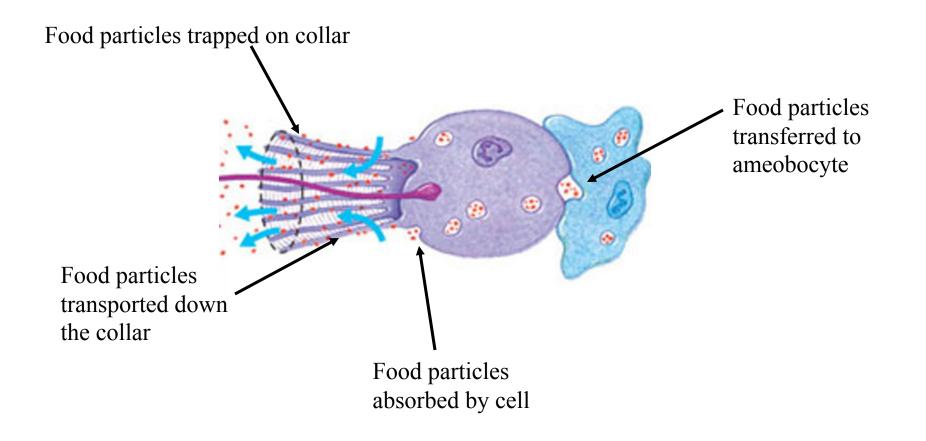
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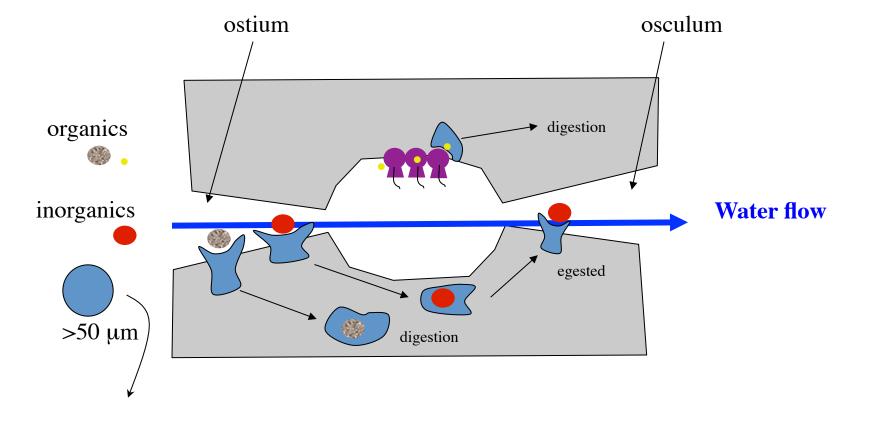
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Water flow is generated by the beating of the flagella in the choanocytes

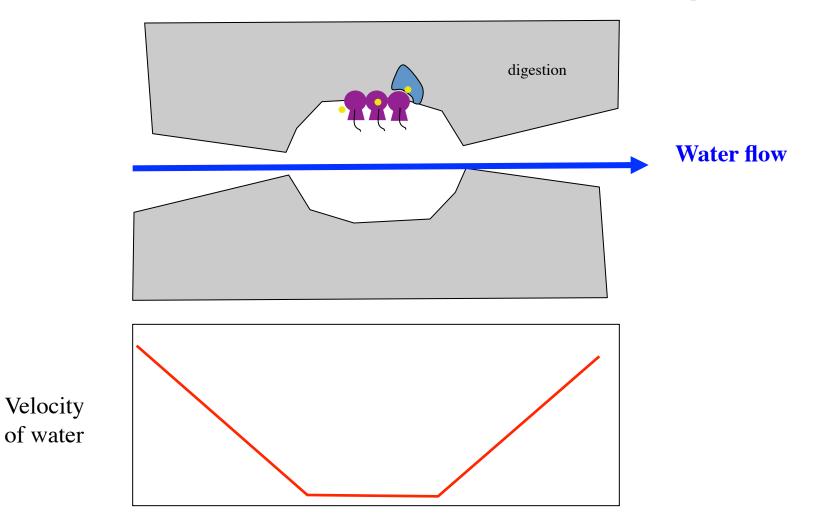
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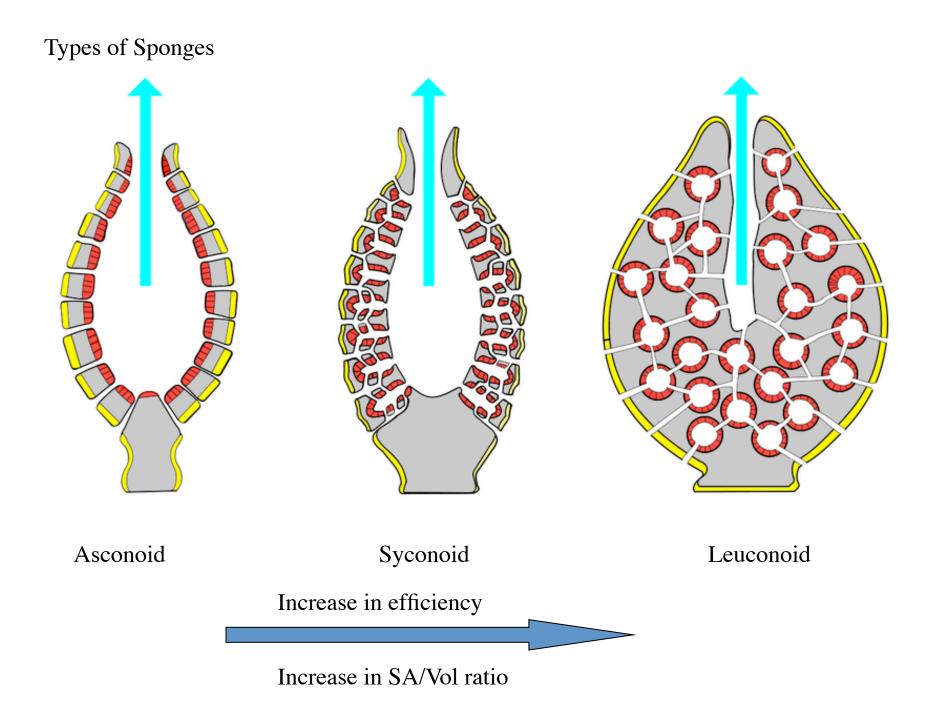


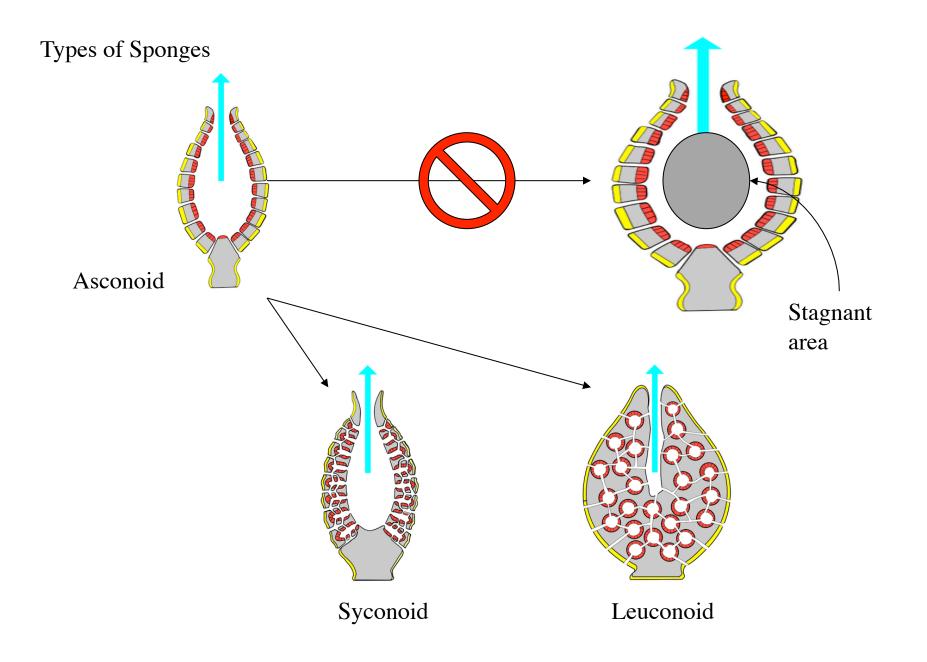
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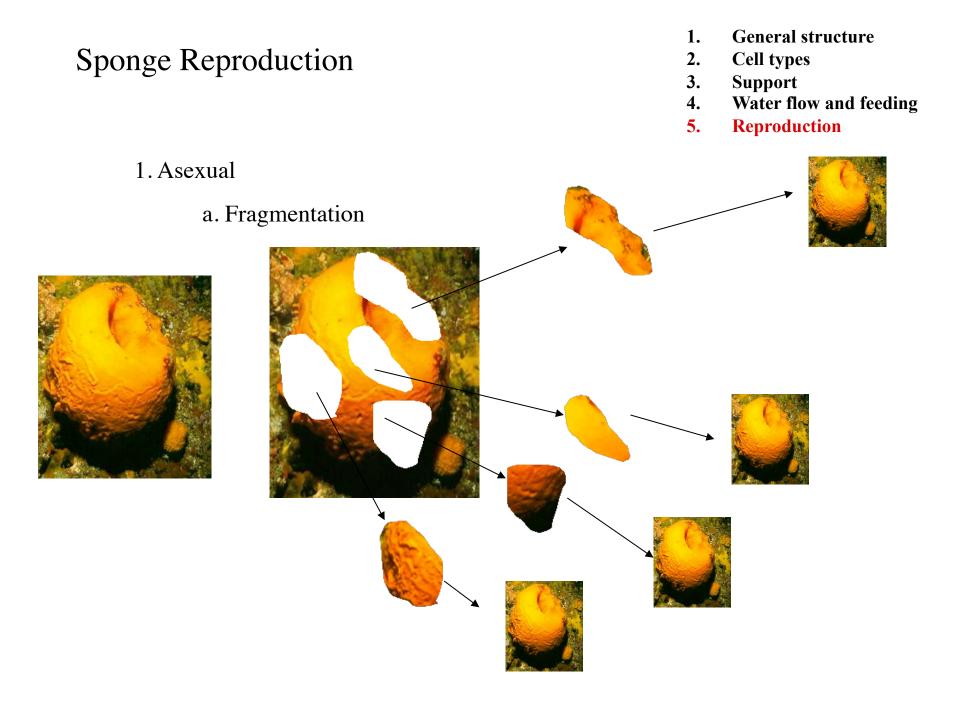


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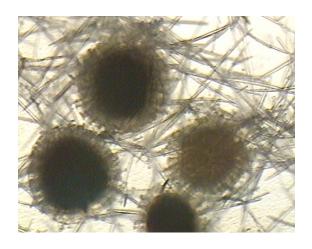




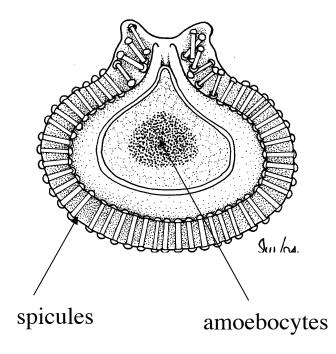




- 1. Asexual
  - a. Fragmentation
  - b. Budding
  - c. Gemmules



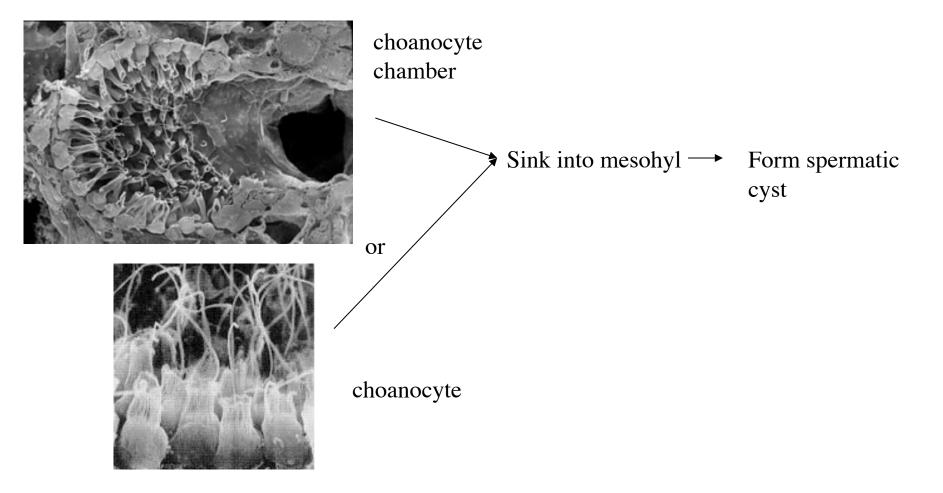
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2. Sexual

All sponges are hermaphrodites Development of sperm

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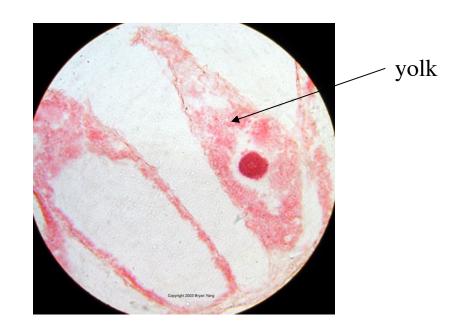
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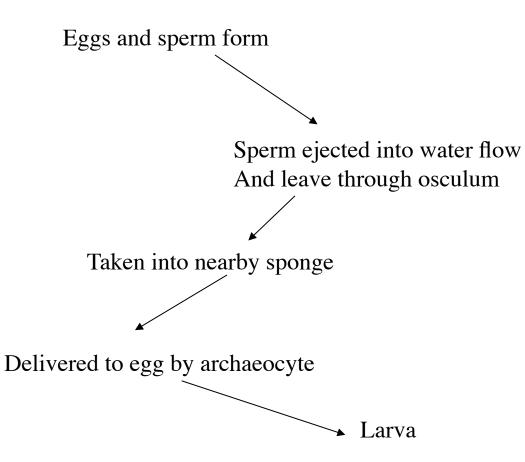
archaeocyte —

engulfs adjacent cells (yolk)



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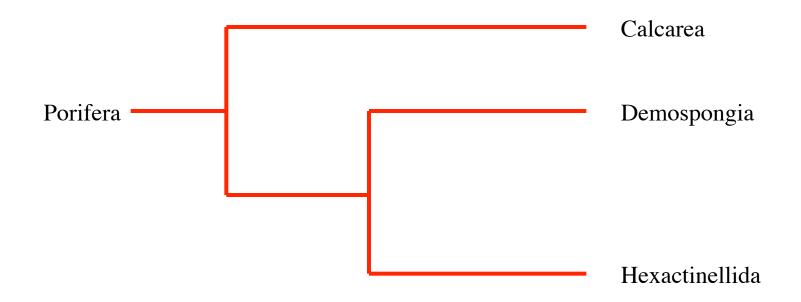
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Classification of Sponges



#### Numbers of species

