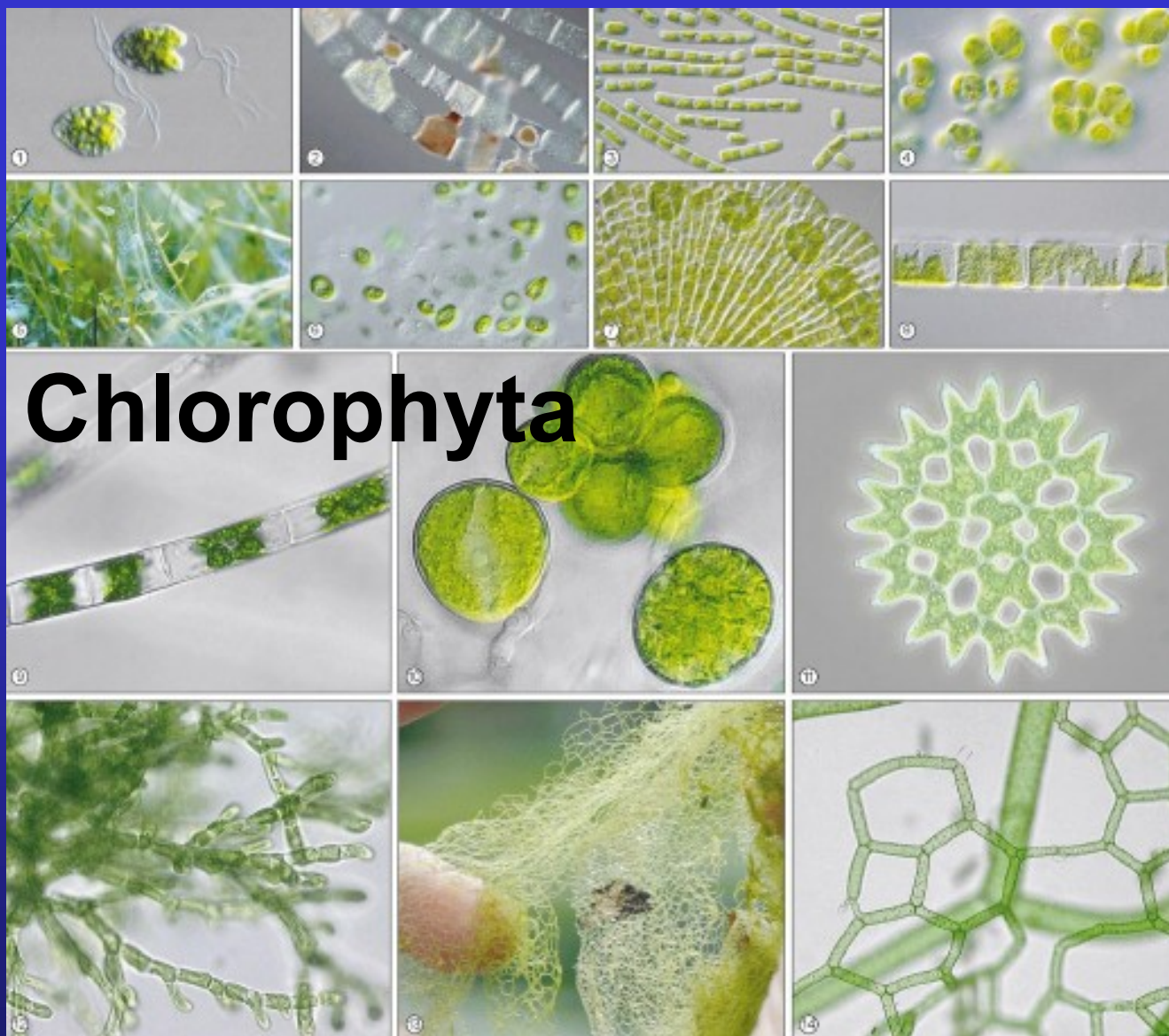


great shape diversity

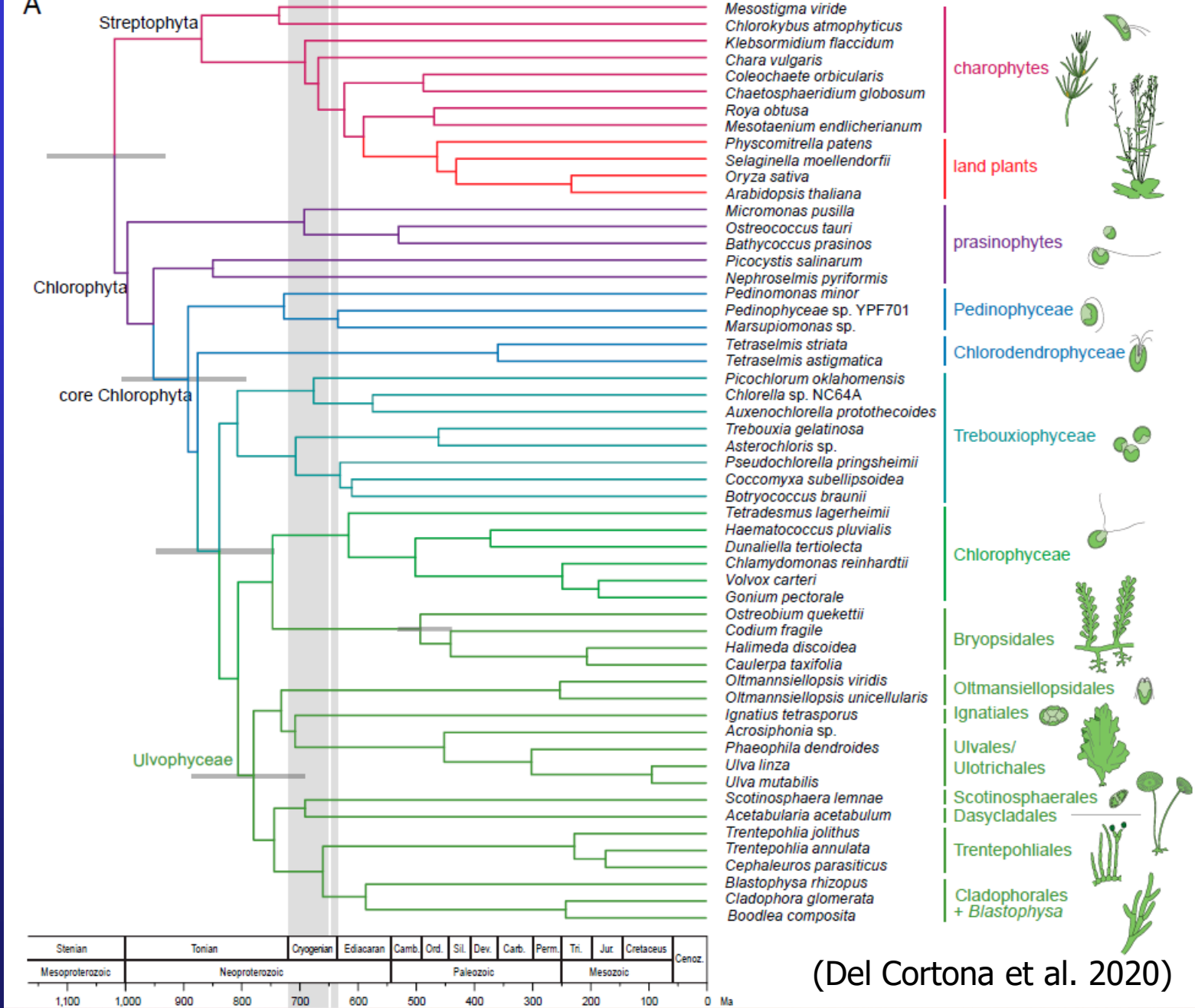


# Chlorophyta

also in extreme env.

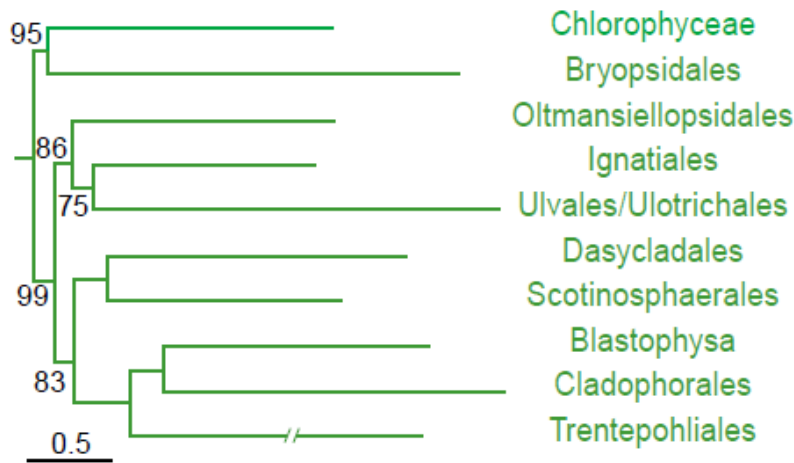
- Exclusively terrestrial groups: Trentepohliales.
- Symbiovarious eukaryotes, including fungi (forming lichens), ciliates, foraminiferans, gastropods, and vertebrates.
- Obligate heterotrophs – parasitic forms, e.g., *Prototheca*.

the core Chlorophyta emerged during the Neoproterozoic Era, approximately 1,000 to 700 Mya

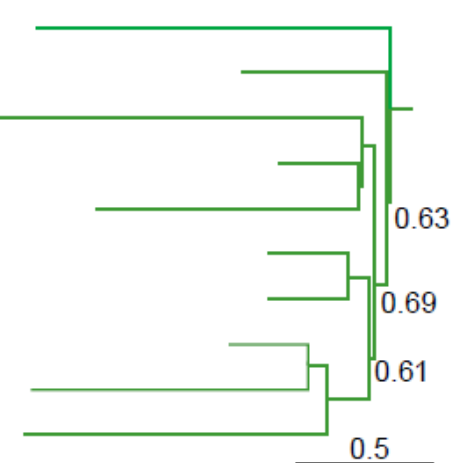


Time-calibrated phylogeny of the green algae. (A) The topology of the tree is based on the ML analysis inferred from a concatenated amino acid alignment of 539 nuclear genes

## A Supermatrix analysis

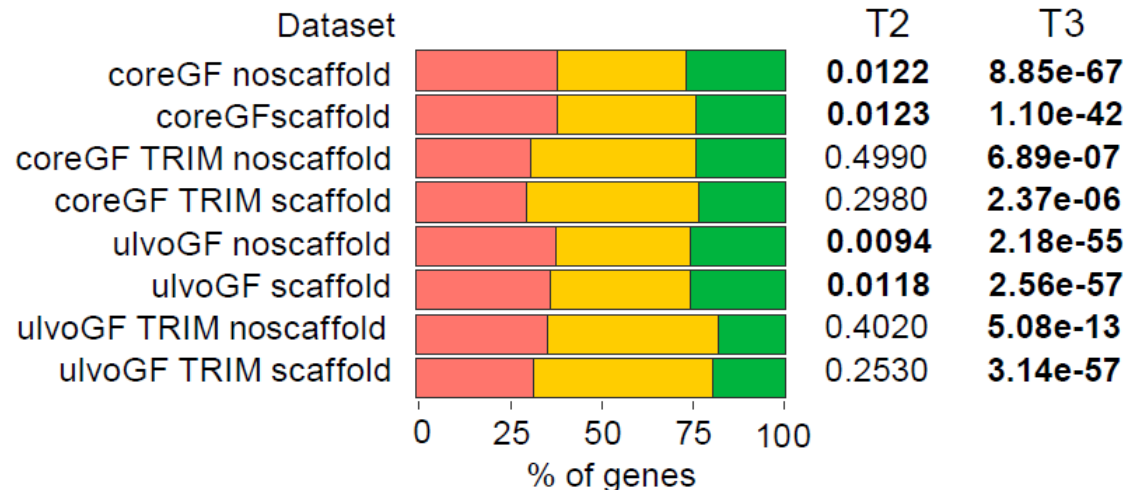
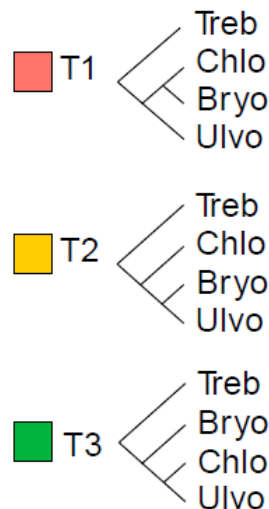


## Coalescence-based analysis



# Gene families

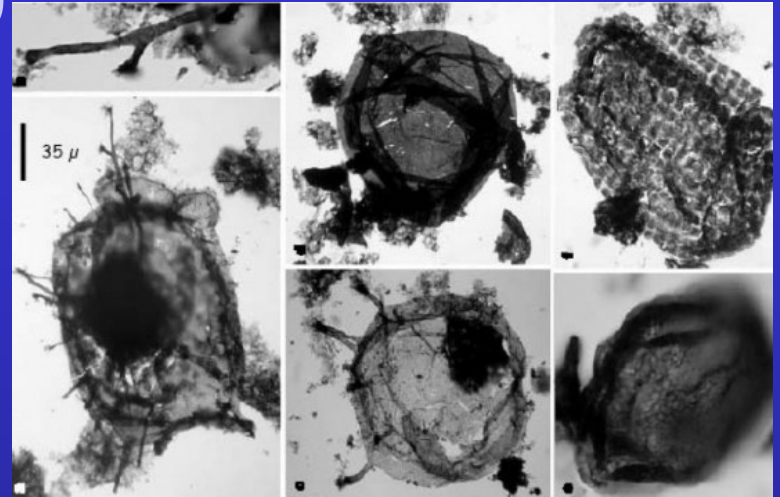
## C



Proportion of genes supporting a sister relationship between Bryopsidales and Chlorophyceae (T1), a sister relationship between the Bryopsidales and remaining Ulvophyceae (T2), and a sister relationship between Chlorophyceae and Ulvophyceae (Bryopsidales excluded) (T3);

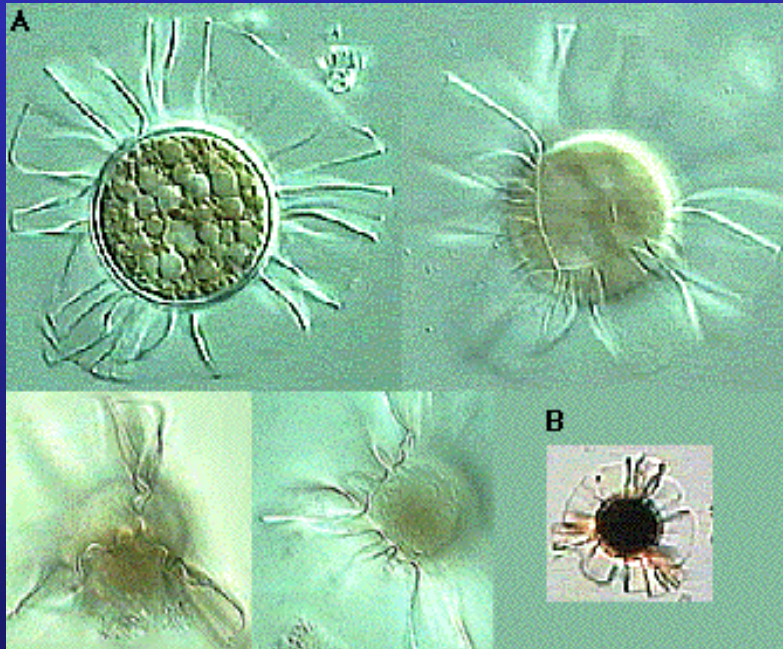
Dating of the green line origin – difficult (1000-700 mya or earlier?)

first fossil Precambrium 1.8 – 2.0 Ga - controversial



Acritarchs

Phycomata



fossil records from late Precambrium (250-540 mya)

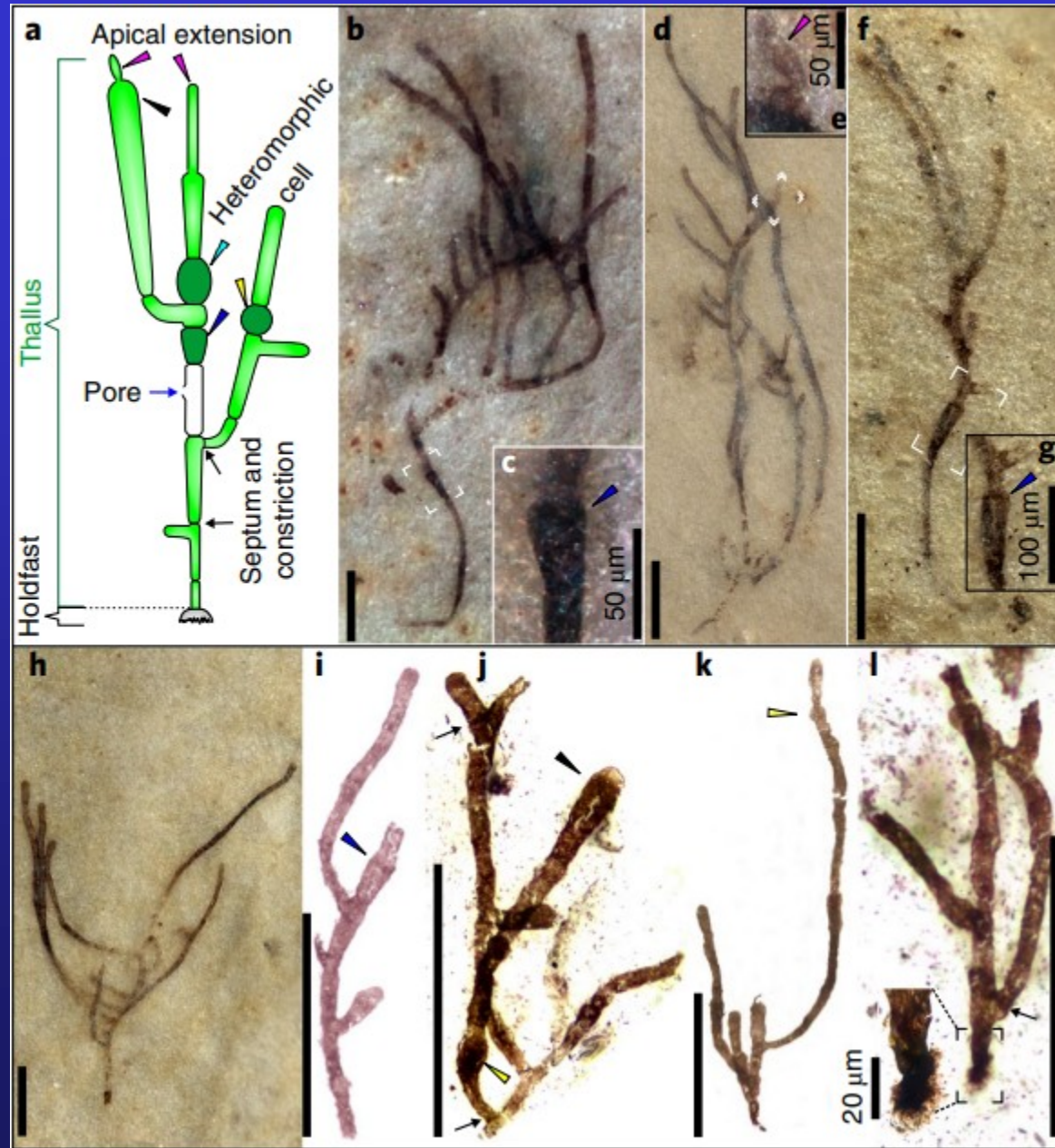
Proterocladus (Svalbard)



Cladophora-like? 780 mya

# A one-billion-year-old multicellular chlorophyte

abundant millimetre-sized, multicellular and morphologically differentiated macrofossils from rocks approximately 1,000 million years ago. These fossils are described as *Proterocladus antiquus* new species and are interpreted as benthic siphonocladalean chlorophytes, suggesting that chlorophytes acquired macroscopic size, multicellularity and cellular differentiation nearly a billion years ago, much earlier than previously thought.



# Nuclear DNA Content Estimates in Green Algal Lineages

- Large genomes lead to increased cell size; the aquatic environment provides an advantage - organisms are buoyant, so they can afford this (giant cells characteristic of Charophytes).
- The ancient atmosphere contained low levels of oxygen and ozone and high UV radiation; therefore polyploid (redundant) genomes represented an evolutionary advantage.

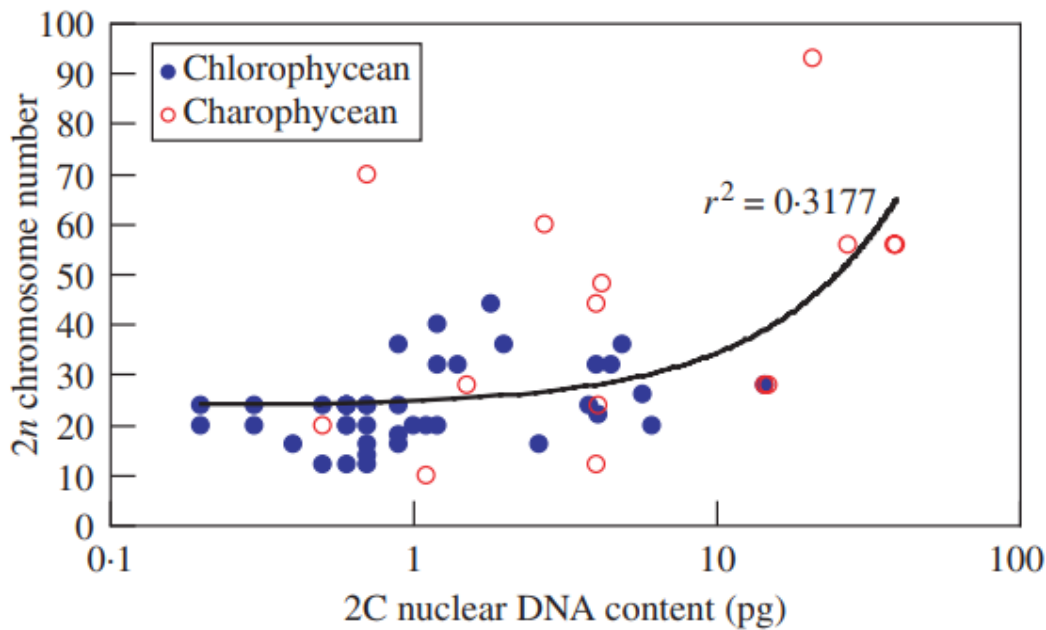
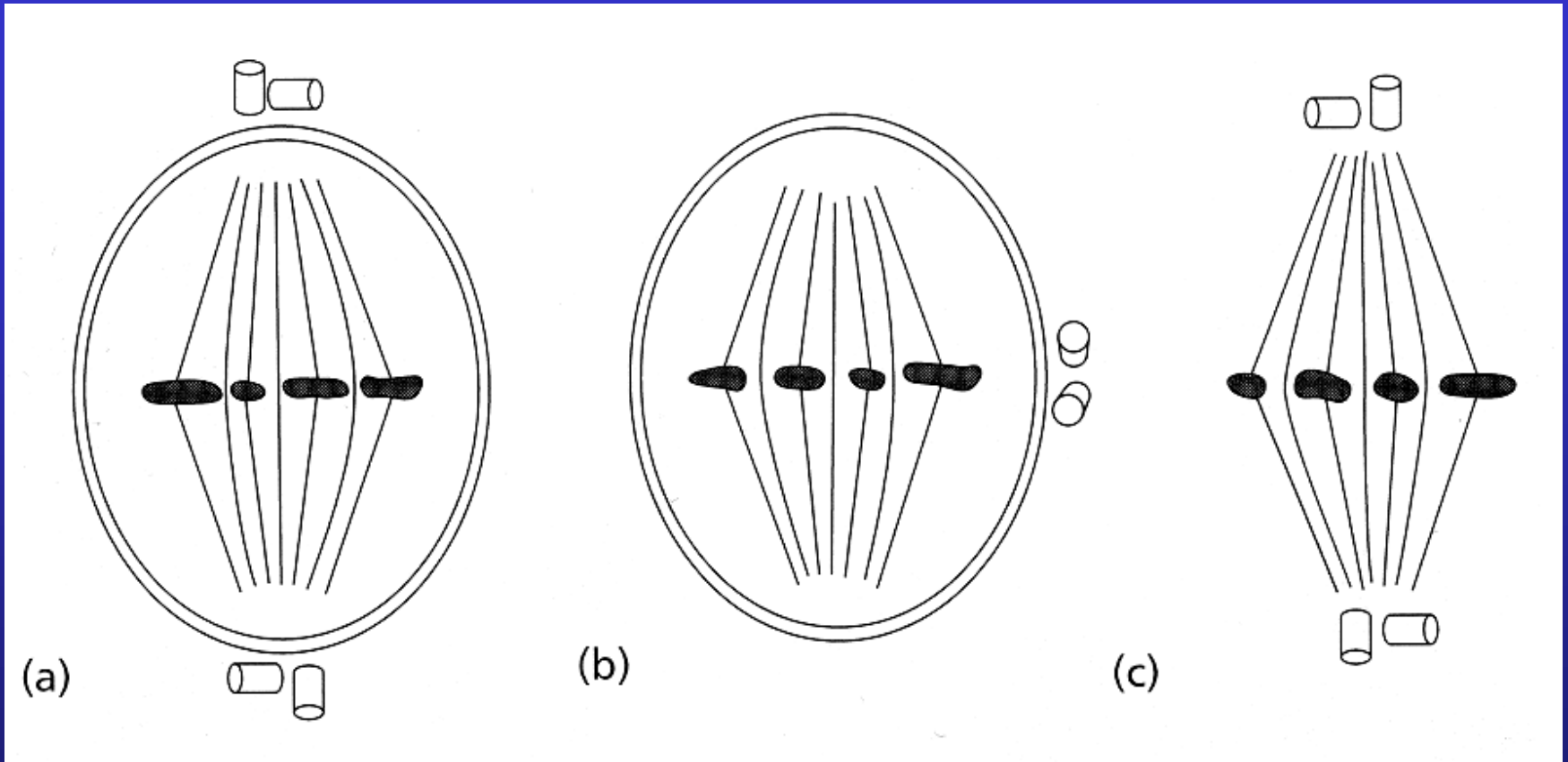


FIG. 11. Comparison of  $2n$  chromosome complements and  $2C$  nuclear DNA contents in species of Chlorophyta included in Appendix I.

Kapraun et al. 2007

Chlorophyta -  $2C$  DNA estimates range from 0.01 to 5.8 pg.

# Mitosis type



(a)

(b)

(c)

**closed**

**closed  
metacentric**

**open**

# Cell cycle

Chlorophyta: mostly haplontic cycle (in the whole cycle, zygotes are the only diploid cell)

Haplo-diplontic cycle developed repeatedly Ulvophyceae (order Ulvales), Cladophorales, Bryopsidales, Trentepohliales (some species)

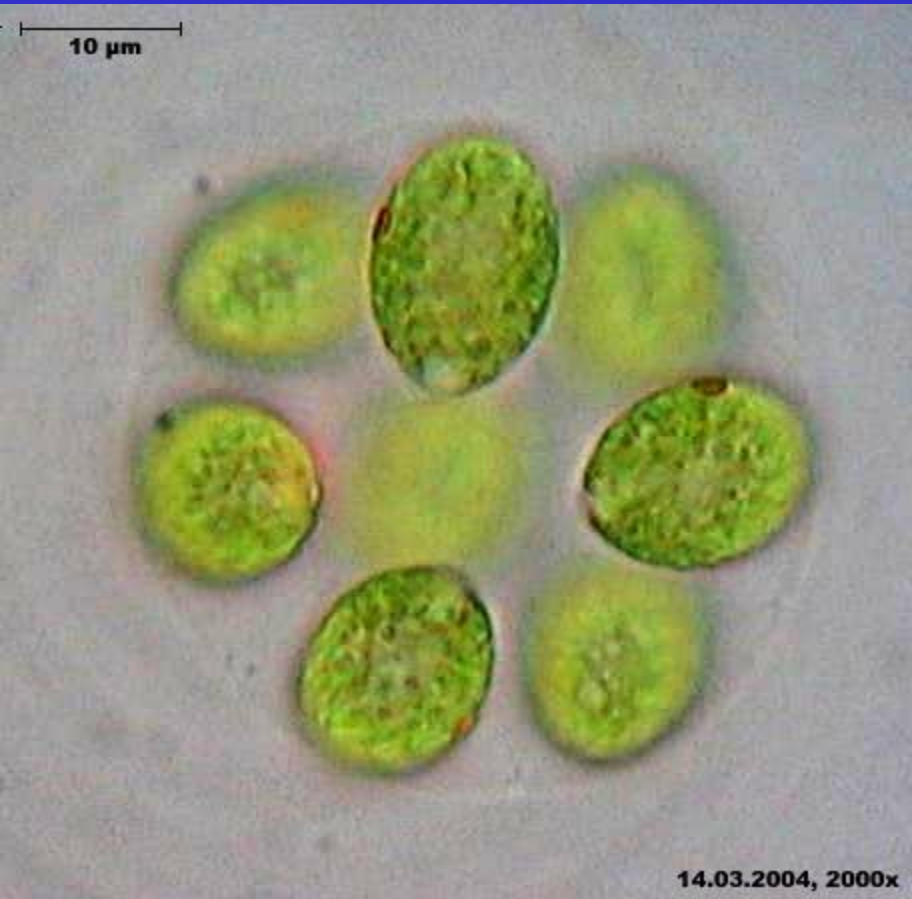
## **Asexual reproduction**

single-celled mostly single-nuclear mitospores (as a product of mitosis)

- zoospores
- aplanospores
- hemiaplanospores
- autospores

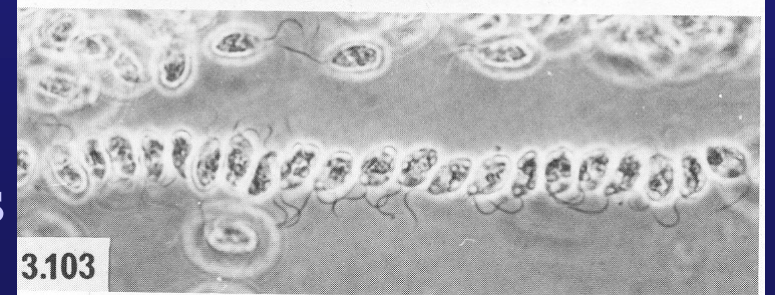
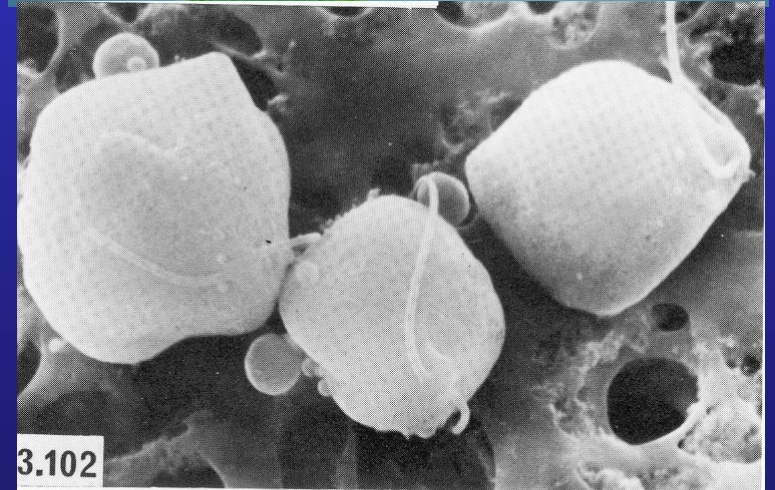


# Asexual reproduction



*Chlorococcum* –  
hemiaplanospores (pulsující  
vakuoly, stigma)

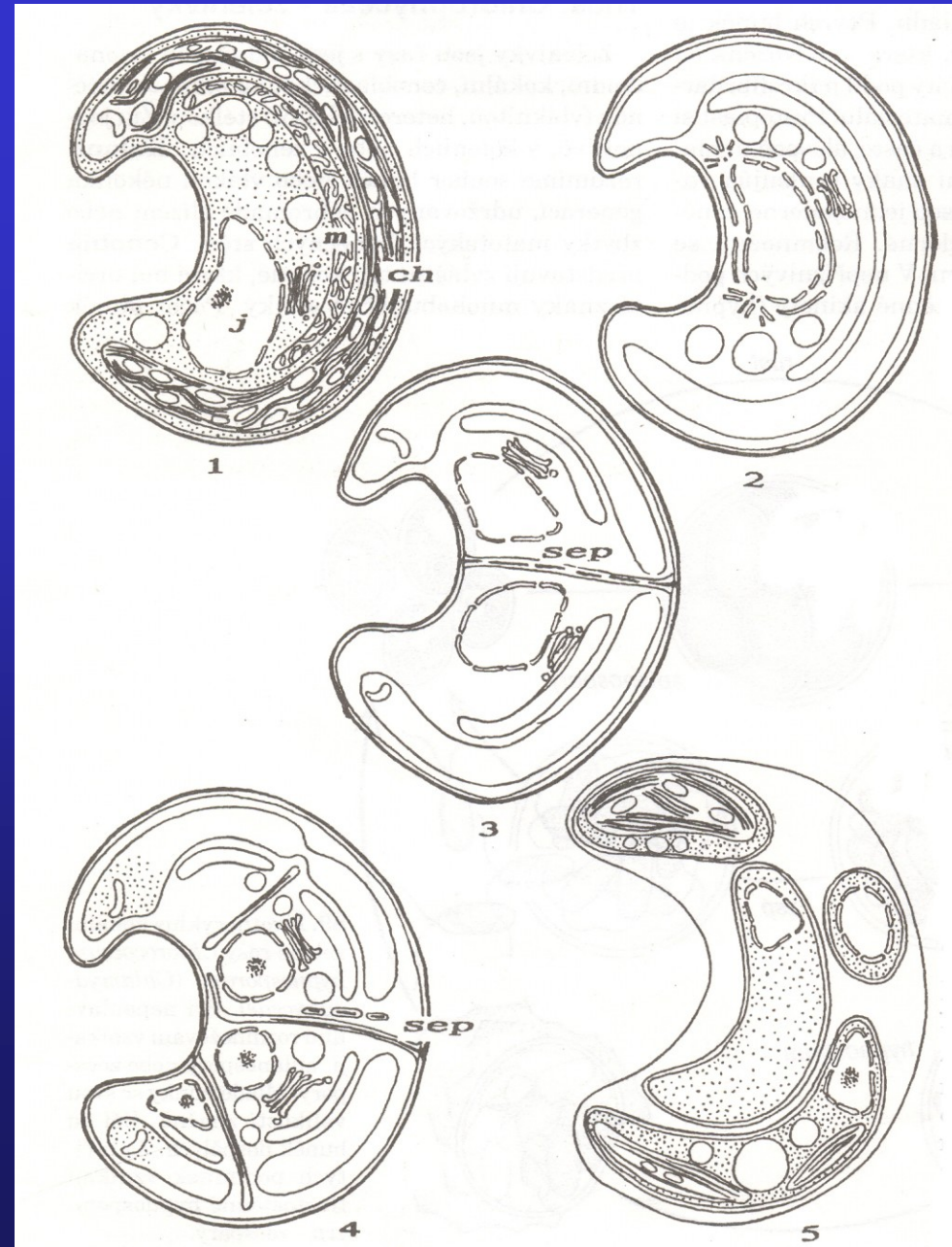
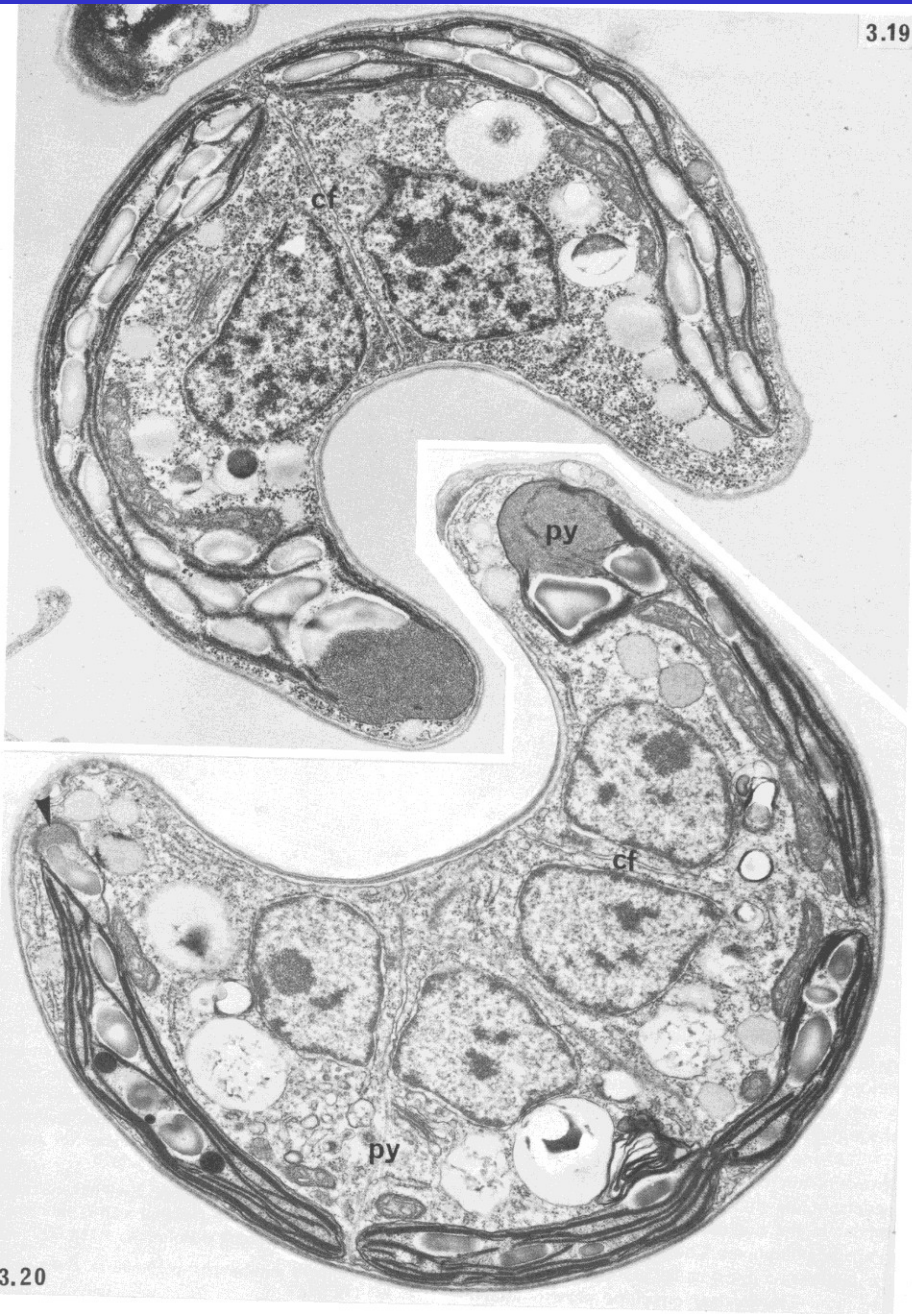
*Hydrodictyon* - zoospores



# Chlorococcum - zoospores

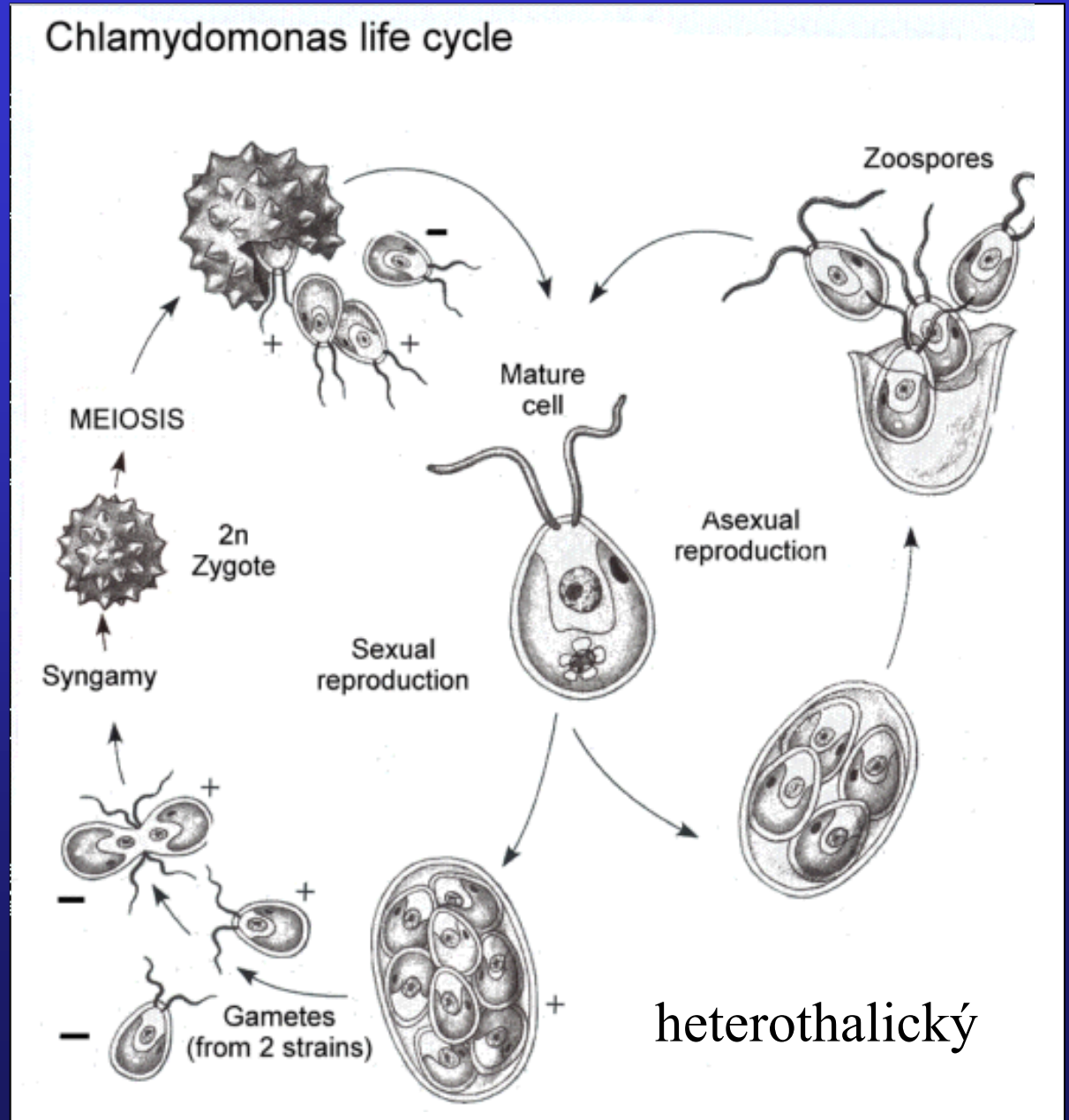


# autospores *Kirchneriella*



# Sexual reproduction

- izogamy (hologamy)
- anizogamy
- oogamy



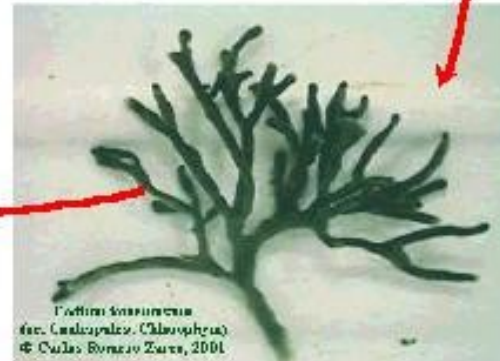
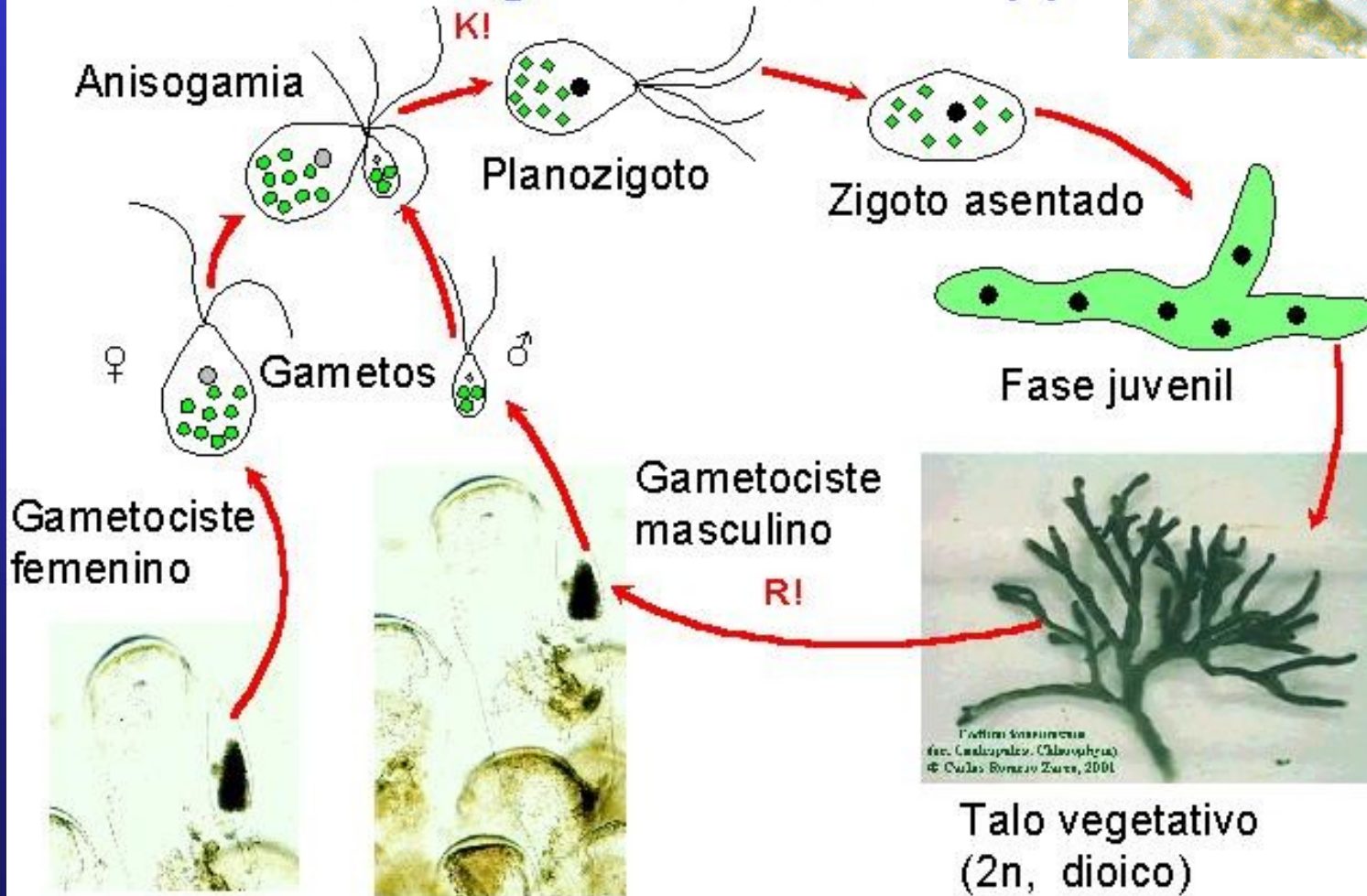
homothallický: +a-  
gamety v jedné buňce

# Sexual reproduction

anizogamy



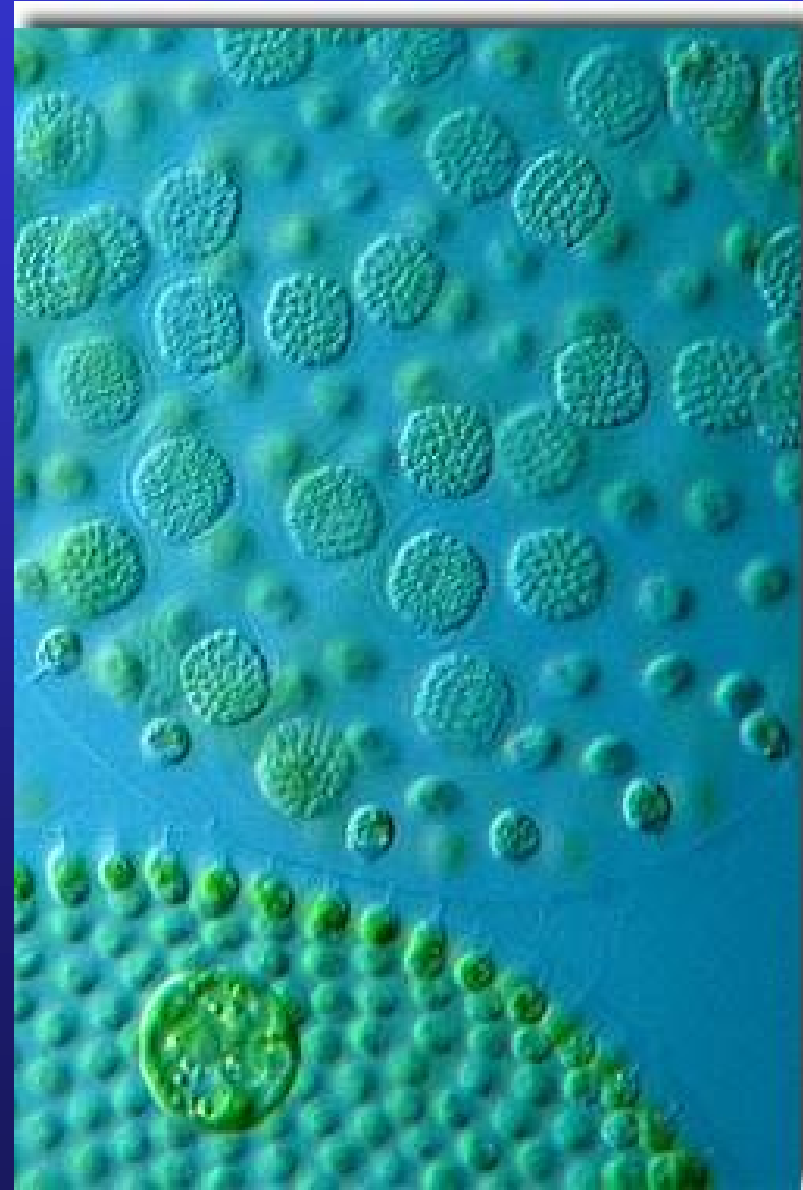
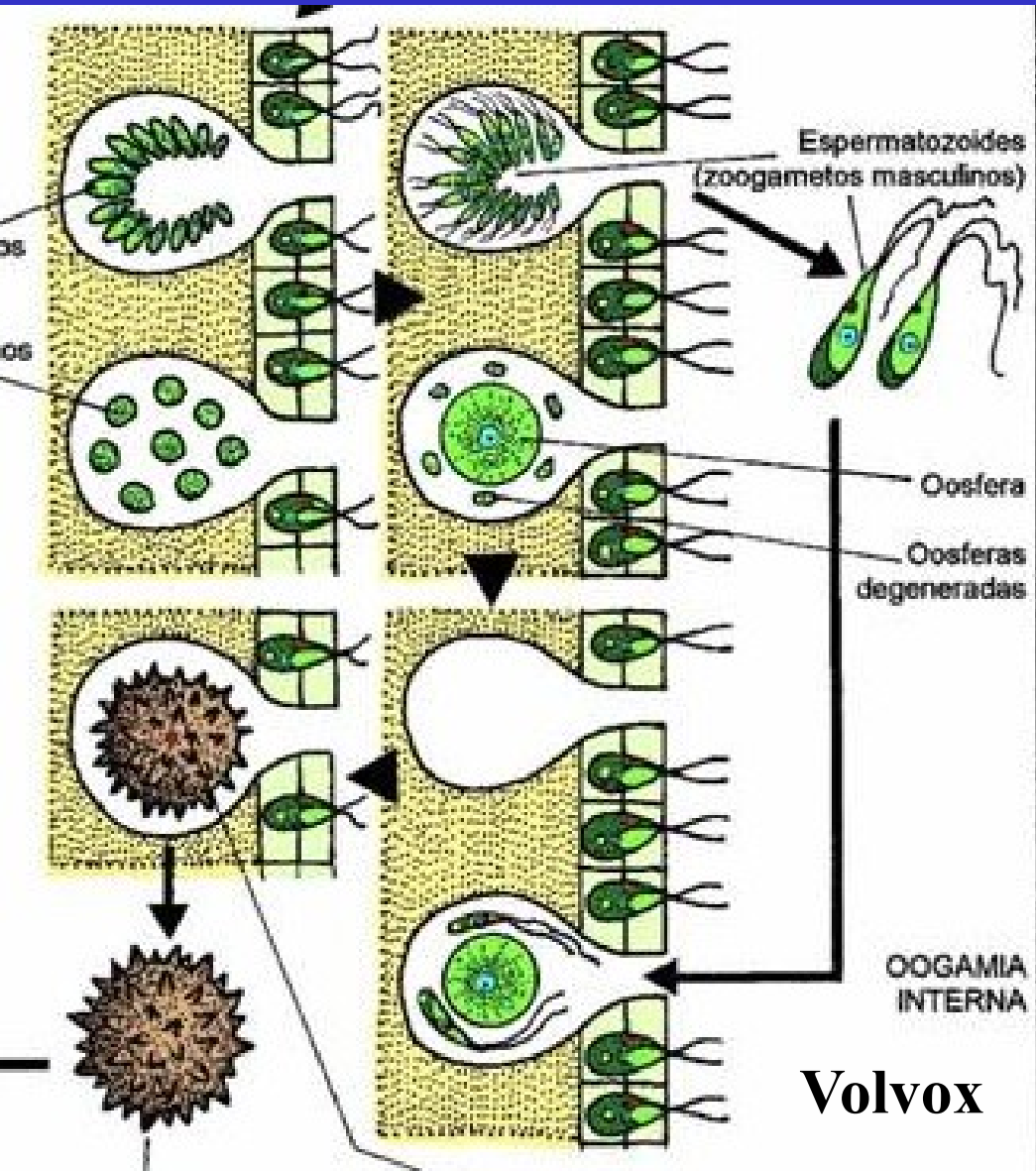
## Ciclo biológico de *Codium* spp.



Talo vegetativo  
( $2n$ , dioico)

# Sexual reproduction

oogamy



# Chlorophyceae

monophyletic

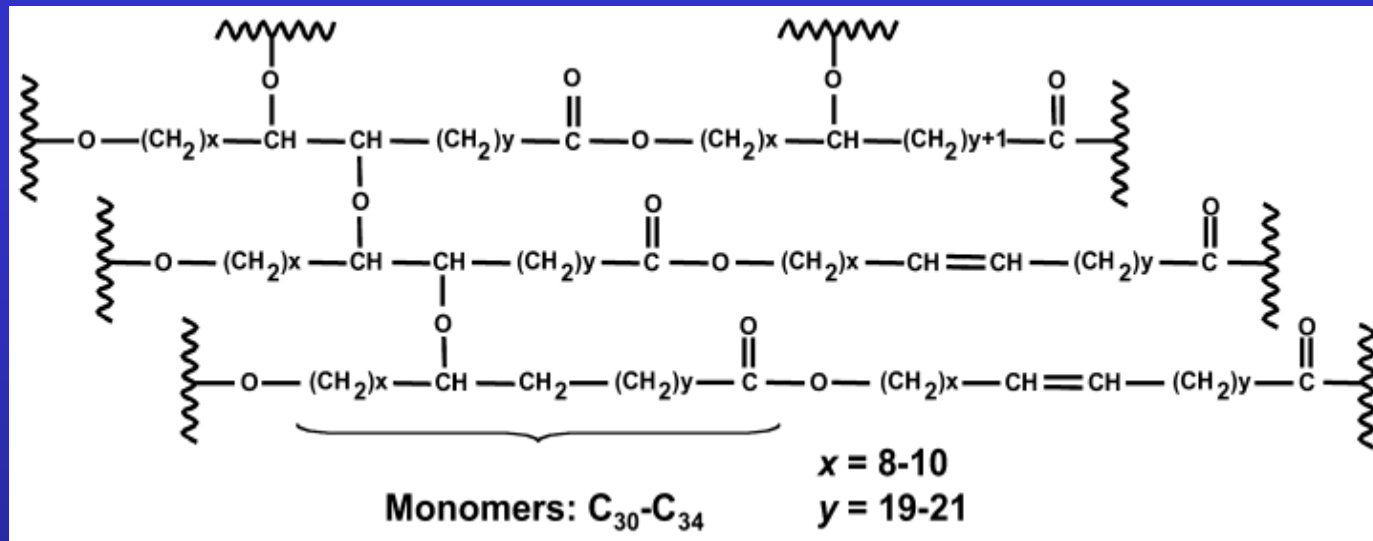
# Class: Chlorophyceae

## Basic Characteristics:

- Various types of thalli (flagellated, coccoid, sarcinoid, filamentous, siphonous)
- Cell wall of flagellates – glycoprotein-based; others – polysaccharide-based (mostly cellulose)
- Zooids with 2 or 4 flagella, cross-arranged microtubule roots, DO or CW orientation of basal bodies; stephanokont zoospores in Oedogoniales
- Closed mitosis, spindle does not persist into telophase, transverse septum (cleavage furrow or cell plate), phycoplast, plasmodesmata
- Asexual reproduction by forming zoospores, autospores, and aplanospores
- Sexual reproduction, haplontic life cycle, often forming thick-walled hypnozygotes, isogamy, anisogamy, oogamy
- Almost exclusively freshwater or terrestrial
- Algaenans – acetate-resistant biopolymers



# Algaenans – acetoresistent biopolymers

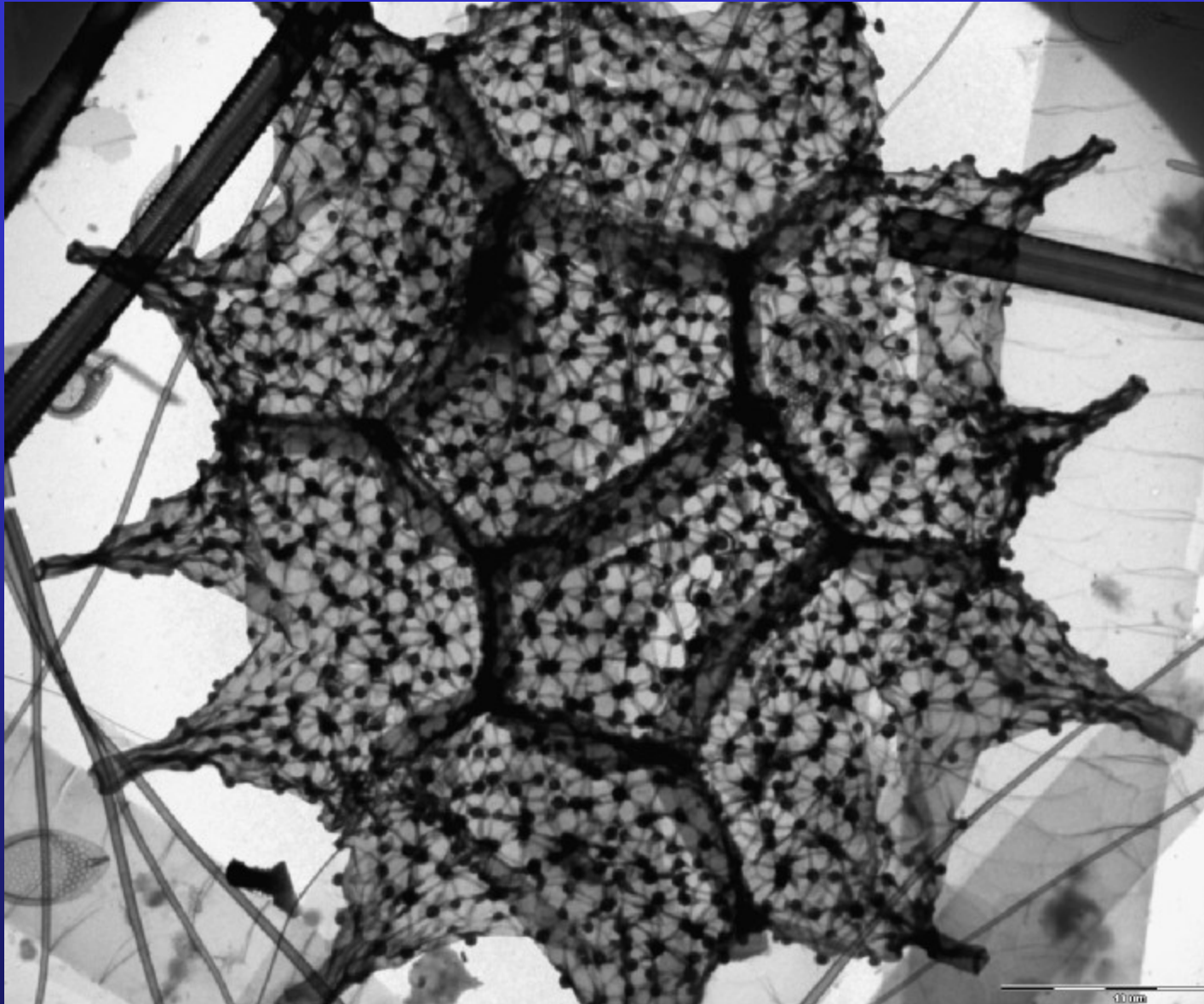


alifatic hydrocarbon chains, crosslinked

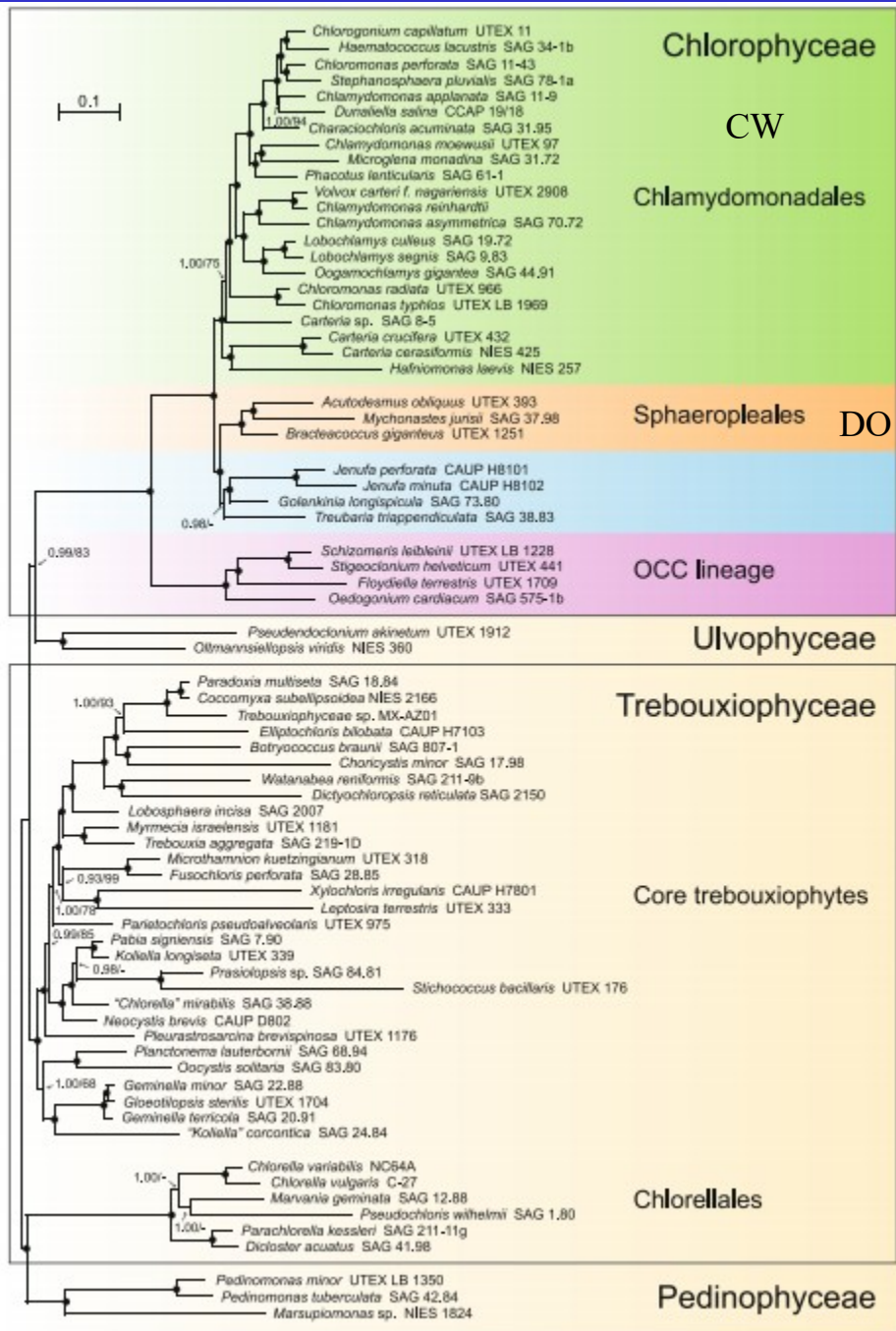
*Desmodesmus, Tetraedron, Pediastrum,*  
*Coelastrum, Sorastrum,*  
hypnozygotes *Chlamydomonas*, zygospores  
*Dunaliella*, akinets *Haematococcus*

Adaptive mechanism

Fossilized remnants of the cell wall in palynological samples



*Pseudopediastrum boryanum*

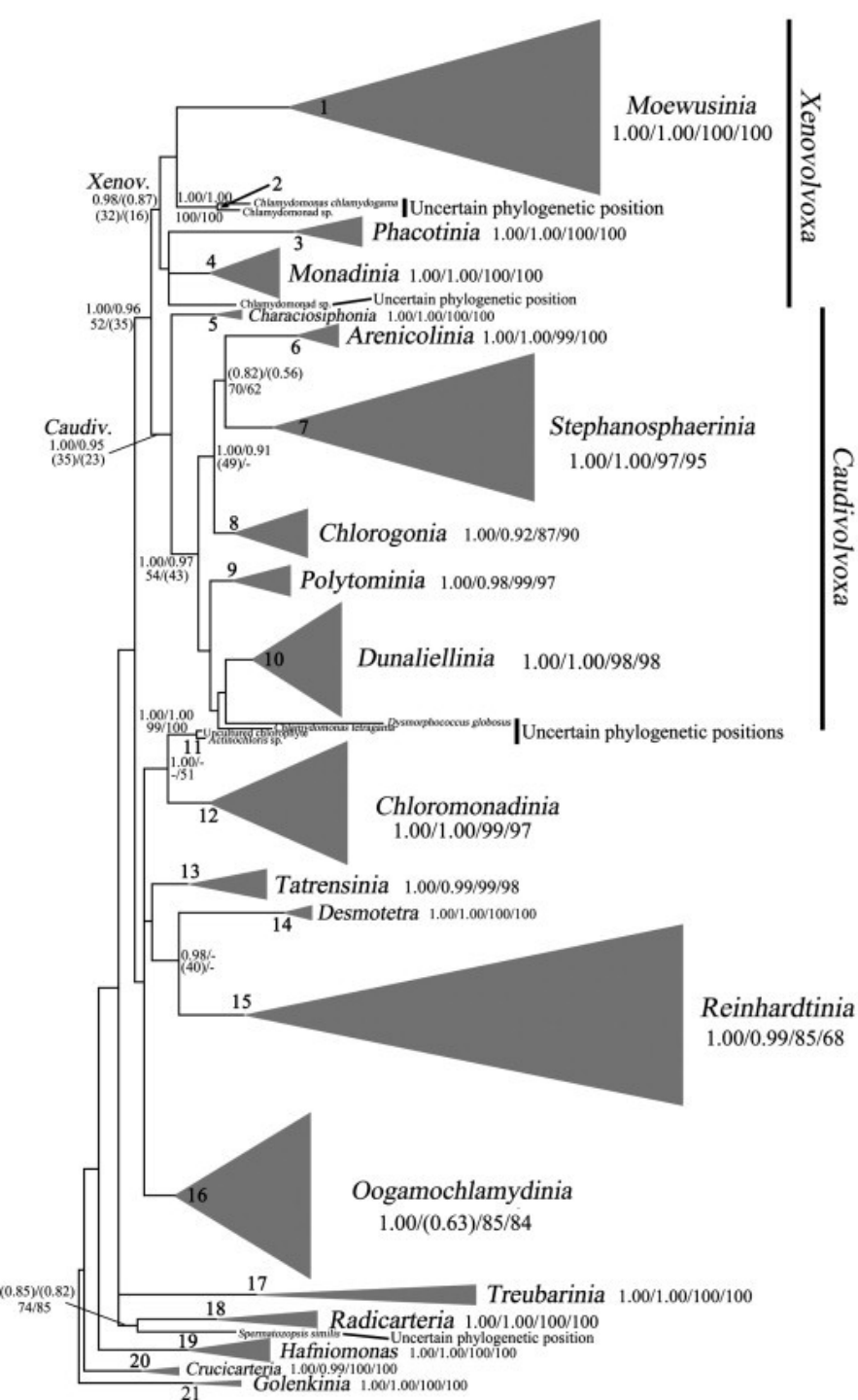


Conclusions: Our phylogenomic study advances our knowledge regarding the circumscription and internal structure of the chlamydomonadales, suggesting that a previously unrecognized lineage is sister to the Sphaeropleales.

Lamieux et al. 2015

Phylogeny of chlorophyte taxa inferred using nucleotide data sets assembled from 69 protein-coding and 29 RNA-coding genes

# Chlamydomonadales

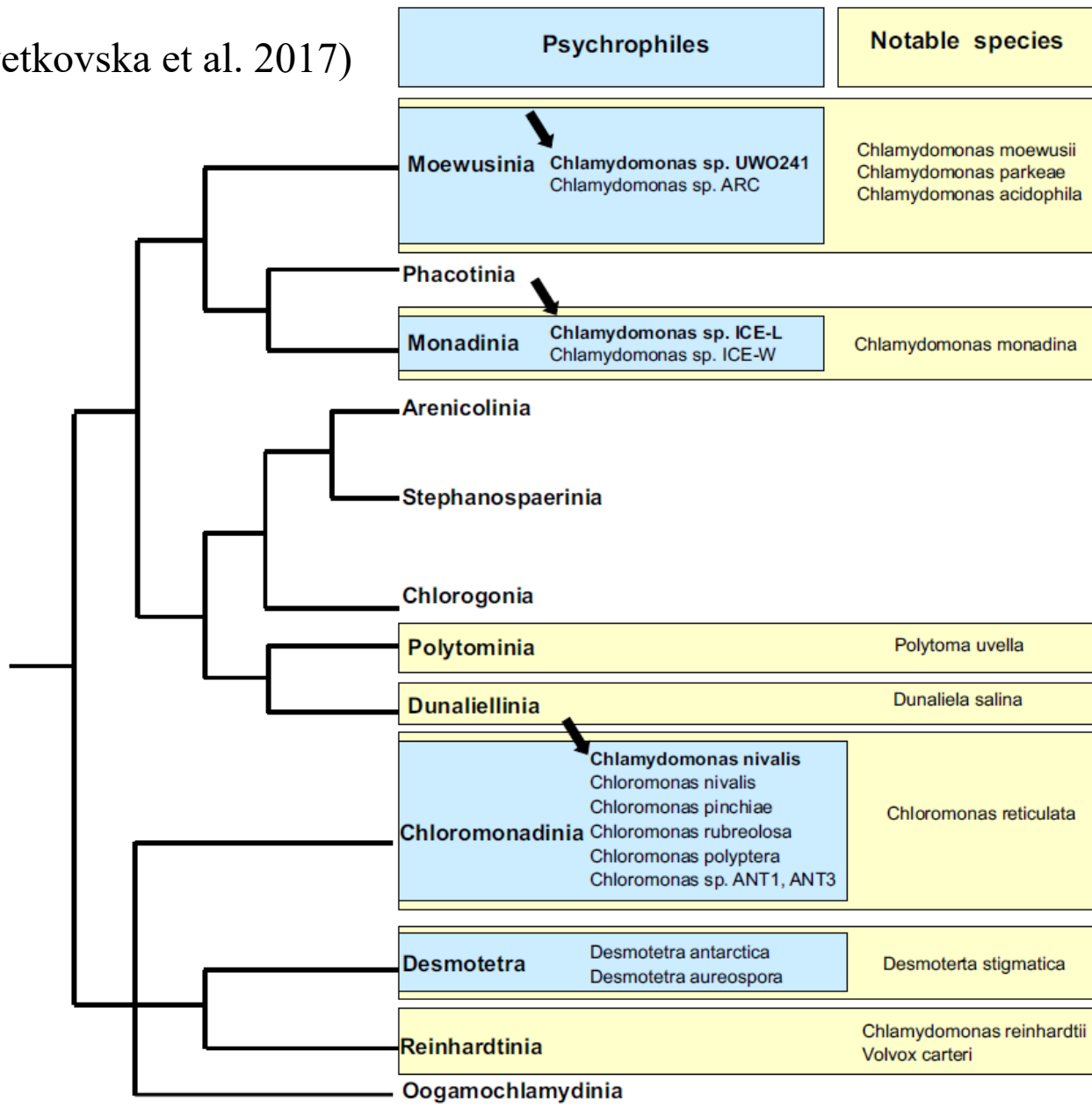


Example of classification based on PhyloCode (vs. International Code of Botanical Nomenclature) 21 well-supported clades)

## PhyloCode

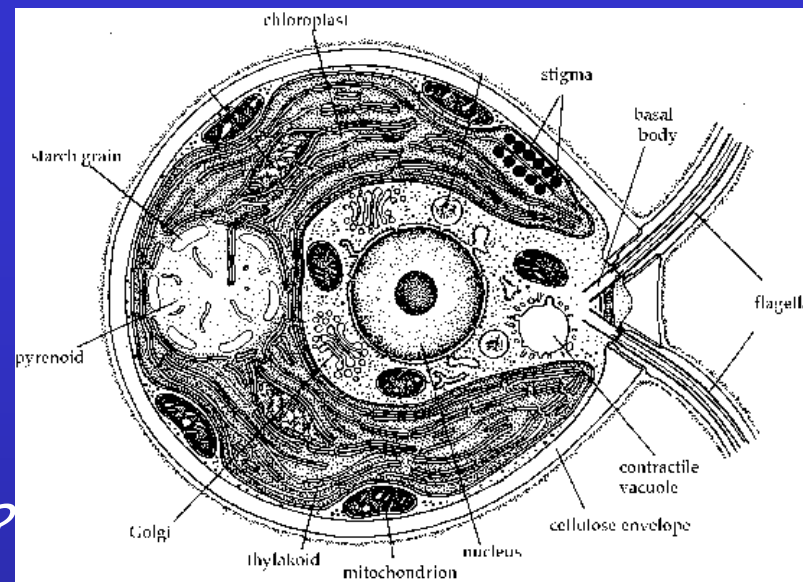
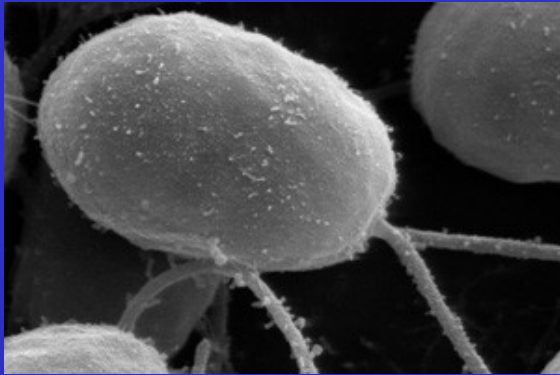
PhyloCode – a set of formal rules – naming of entire monophyletic clades. The content of a taxon is based on phylogeny (ancestors and descendants) – a clade is defined as an ancestor and all its descendants – classification based on a phylogenetic hypothesis.

Cvetkovska et al. 2017)

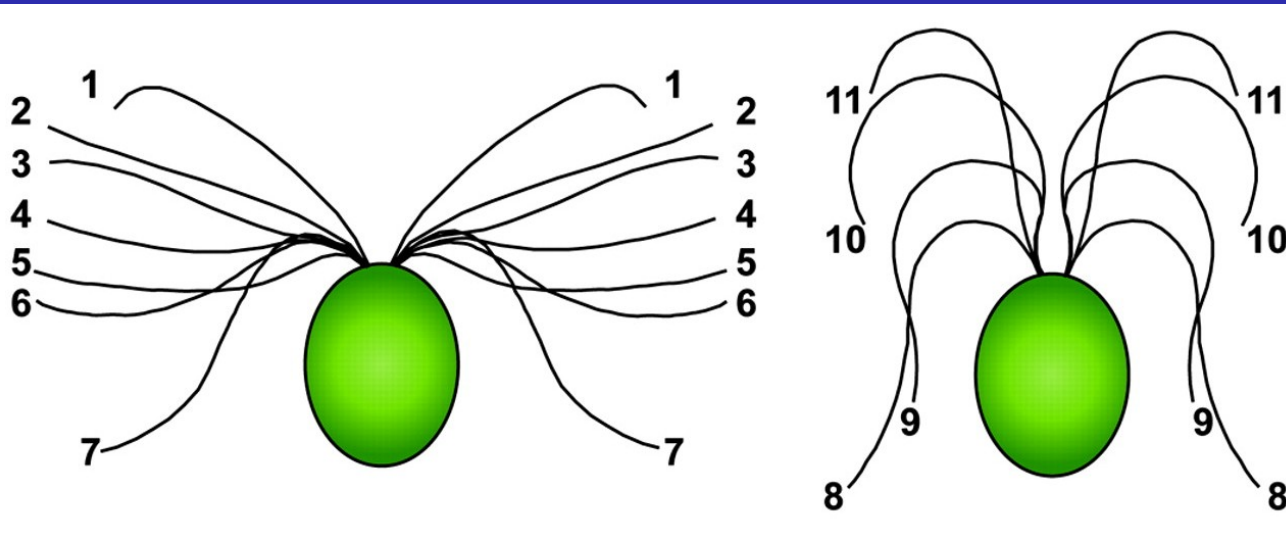


The position of the known psychrophiles in the Chlamydomonadales

# Class: *Chlorophyceae*



How does *Chlamydomonas* swim?



*Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* – a model of flagellated plant cell  
How does the cell move? How does it respond to light?  
How do they recognize each other?  
How do they react to changes in environmental conditions? mutants

# *Chlamydomonas* 500 species described

papilla

flagella

contractile vacuole

stigma

nucleus

Golgi apparatus

chlamys

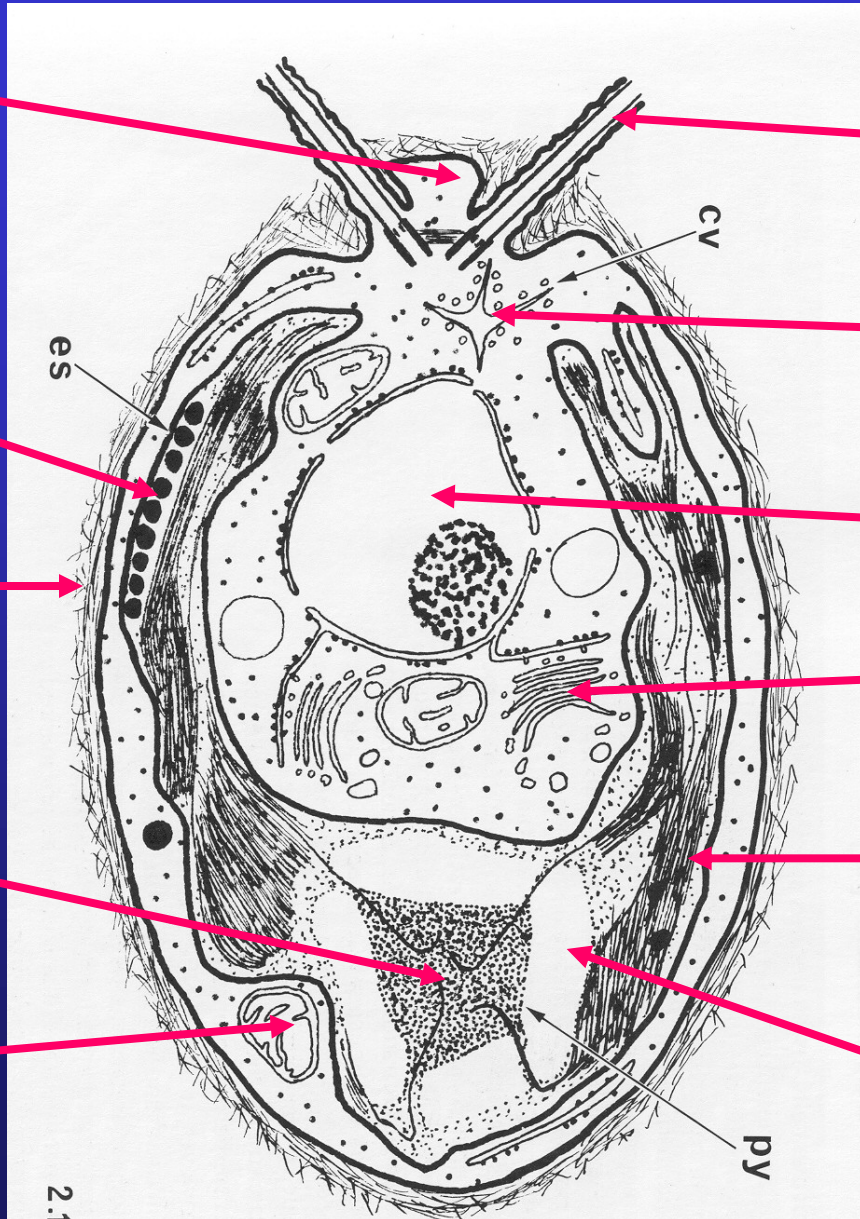
chloroplast

pyrenoid

starch grain

mitochondrion

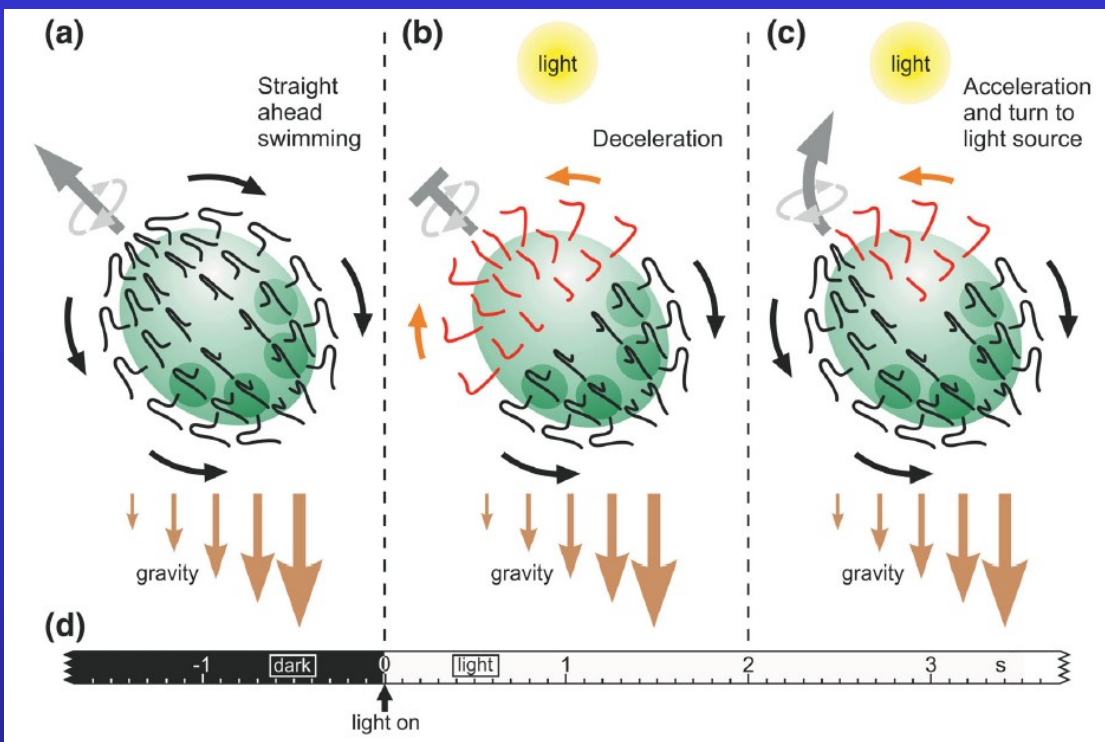
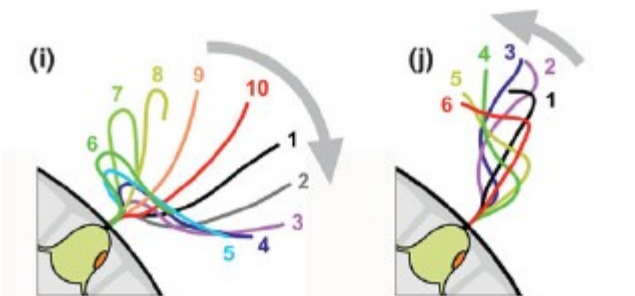
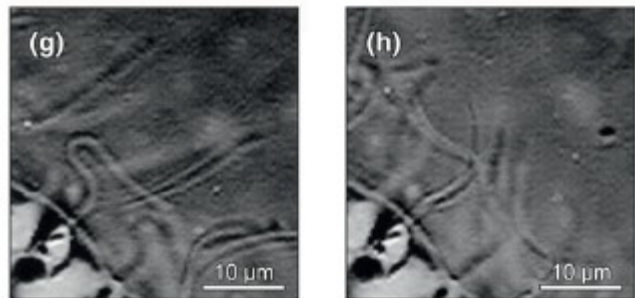
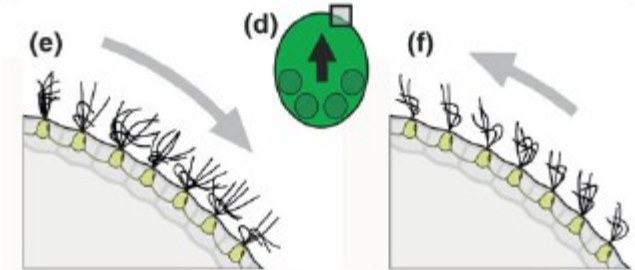
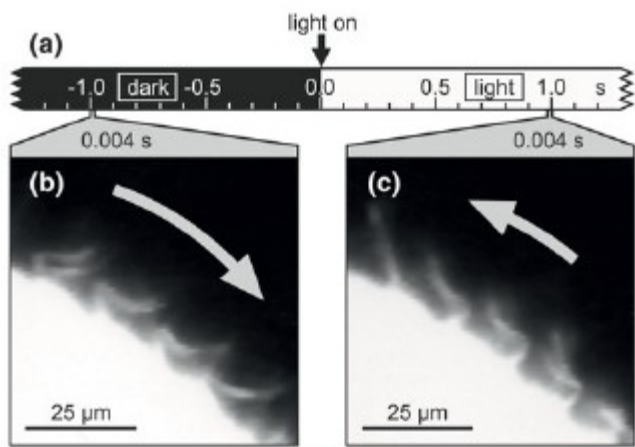
AA hydroxyproline,  
autolyzines



2.13

py





# Phototaxis in *Volvox rousseletii*

Ueki et al. 2010

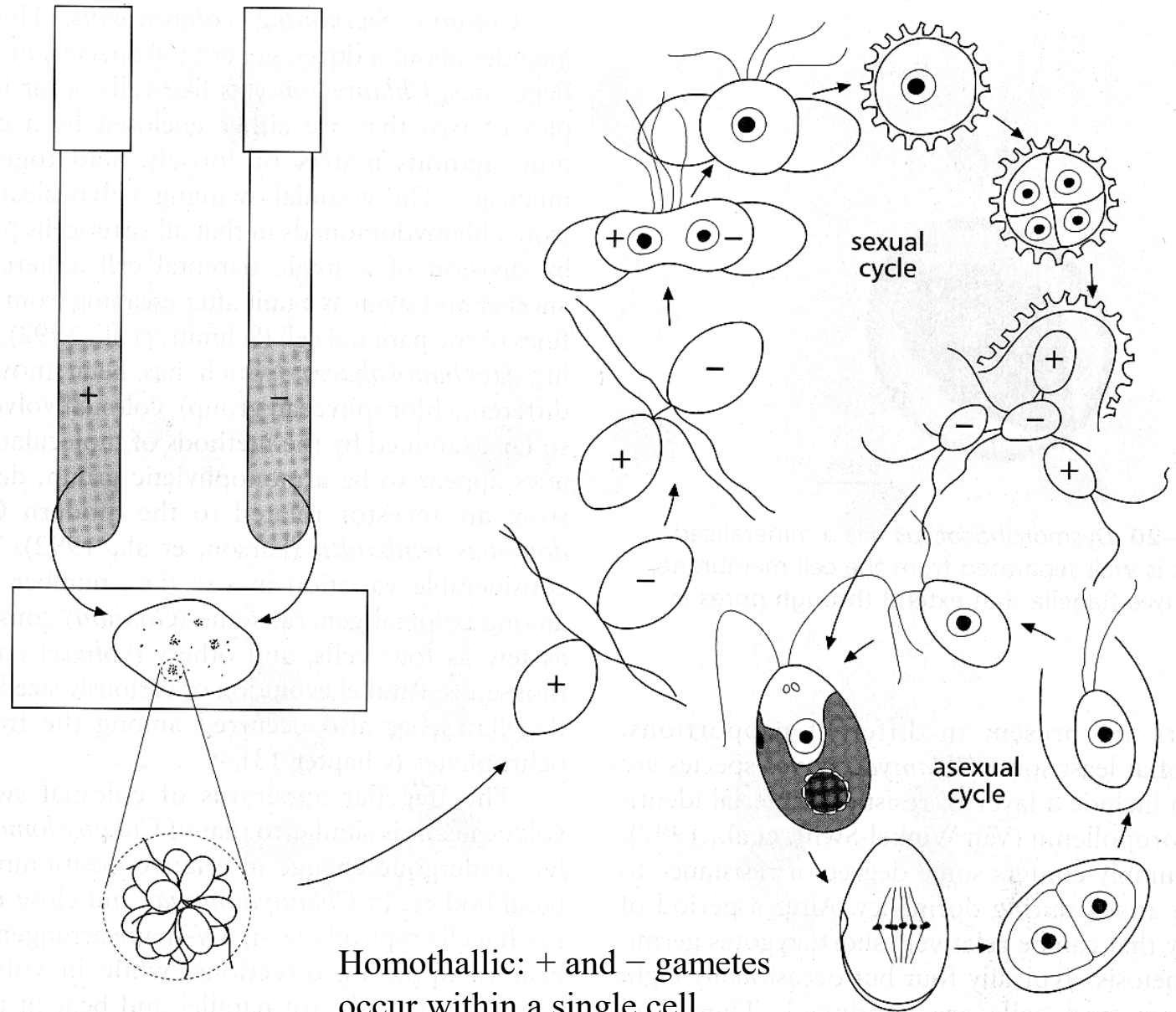
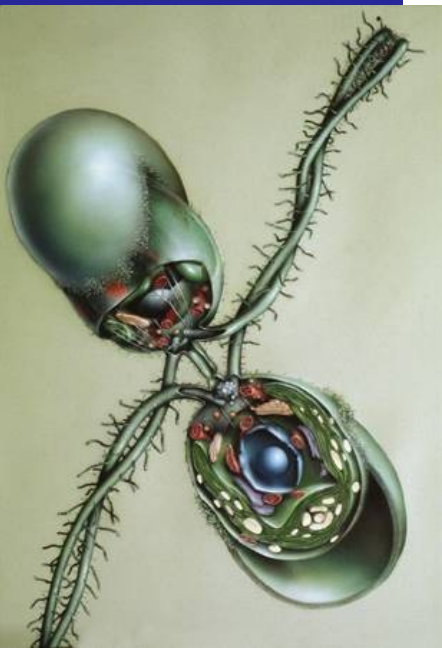
(b, e, g, i) normal beating mode  
 (c, f, h, j) reverse beating mode

How does *Volvox* swim?



# Chlamydomonas

*Ch. reinhardtii*

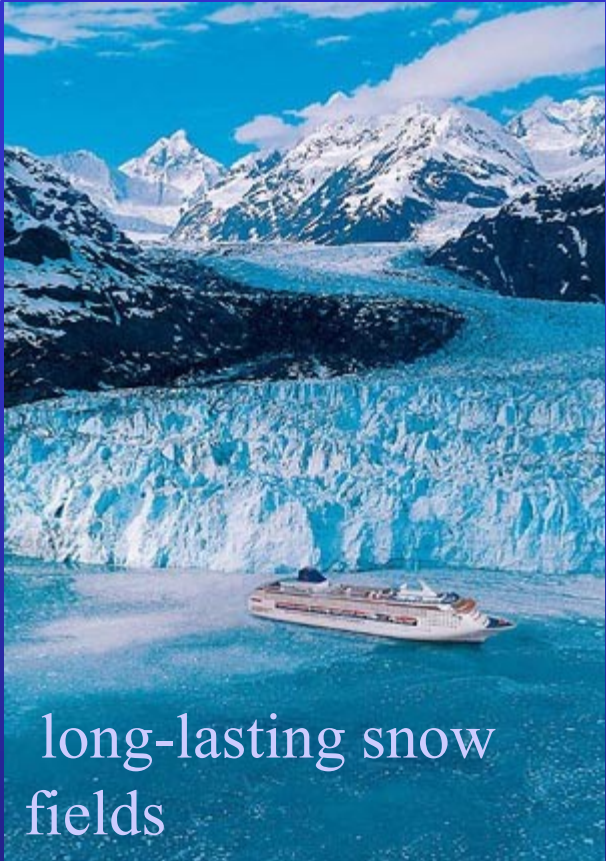


Homothallic: + and - gametes occur within a single cell.

*Sanguina nivaloides* (*Chlamydomonas nivalis*)

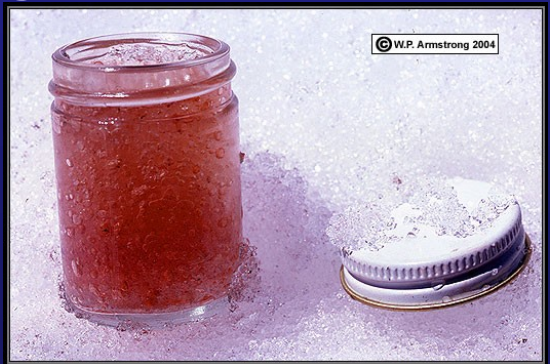
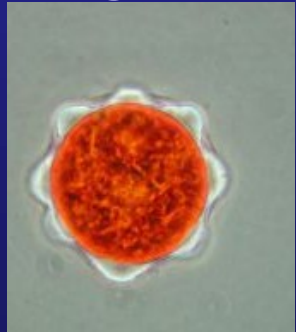


asthaxanthin



long-lasting snow fields

e.g. Alaska glaciers

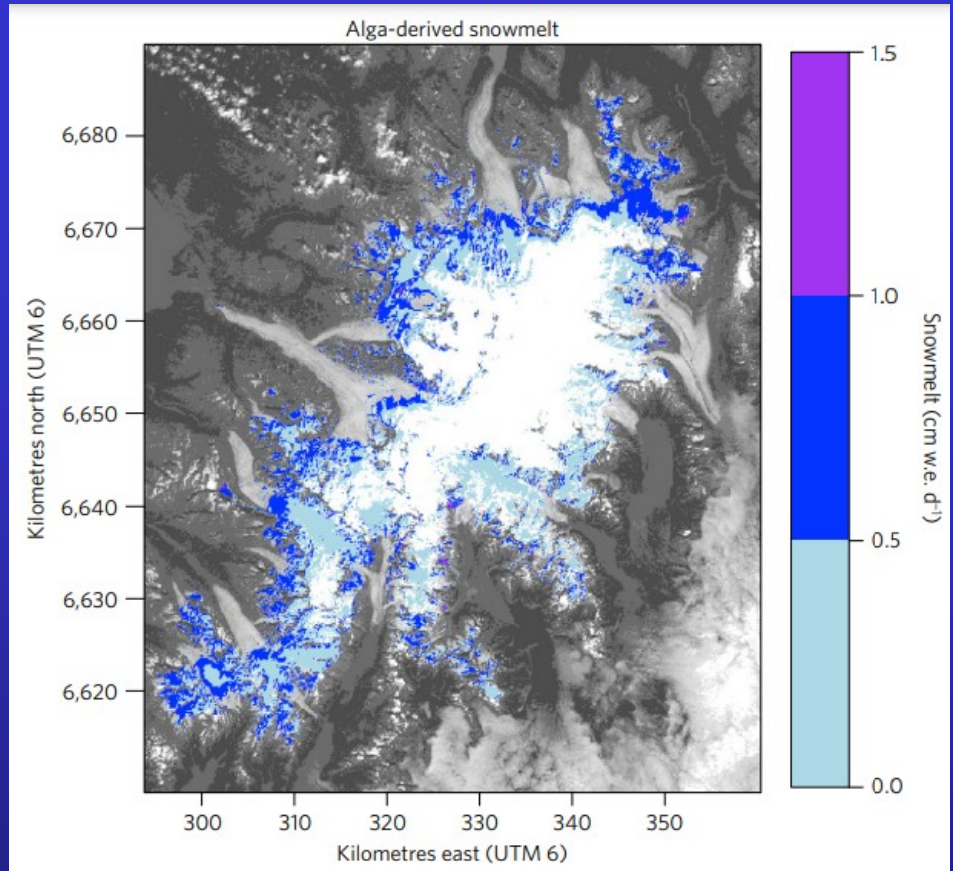


watermelon snow

# Harding Icefield 1813 km<sup>2</sup>



*Ch. nivalis* absorb solar energy, heating themselves and the snow around them – reduces snow's reflectivity by 13%



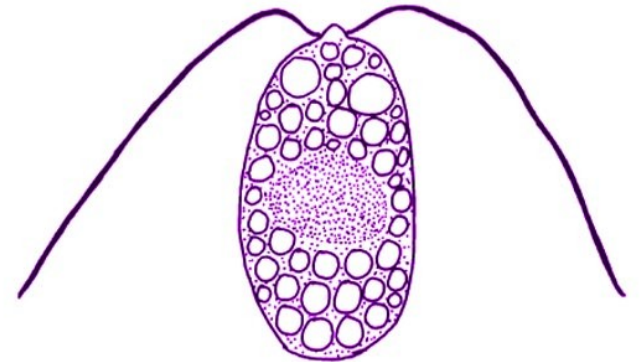
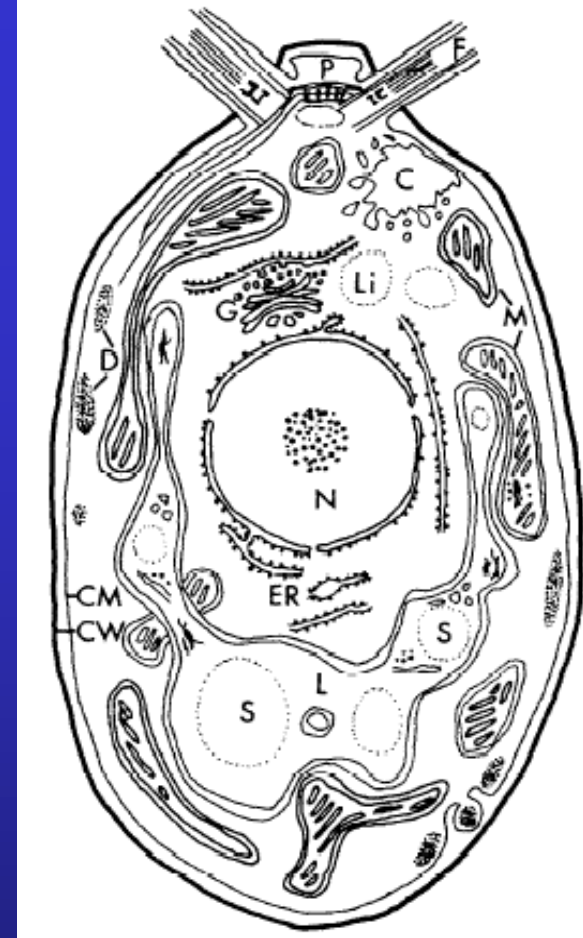
Estimated snow melt Harding Icefield Alaska (2013)

Snow algae accounts for about 17% of the annual melt

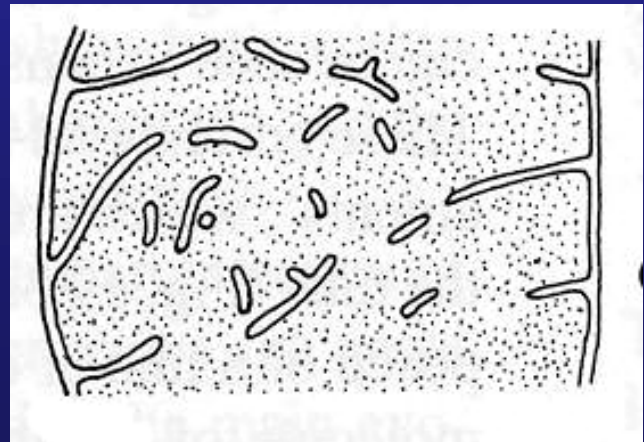
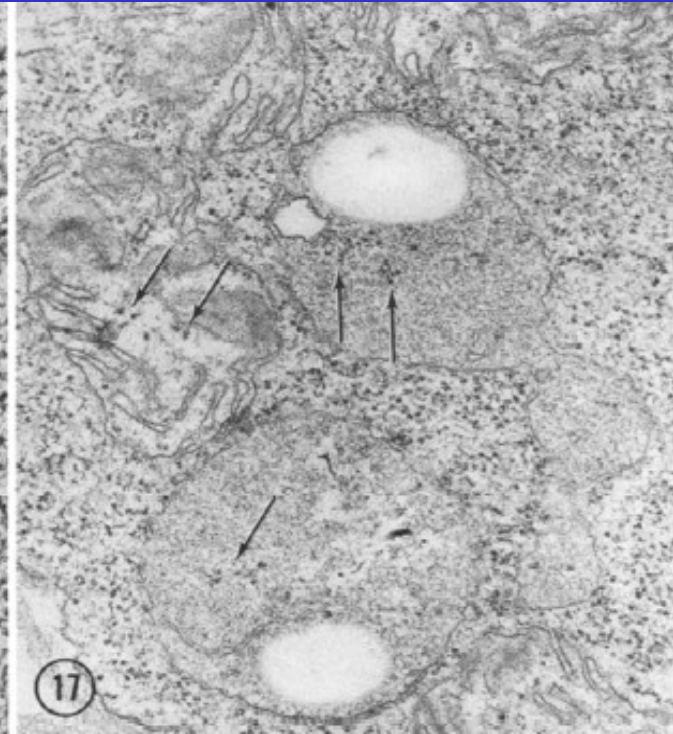
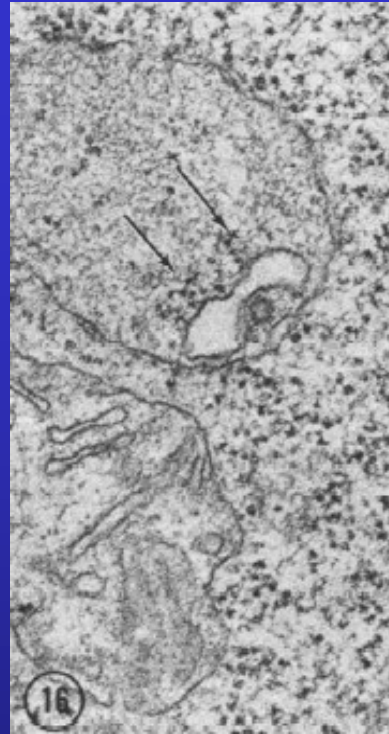
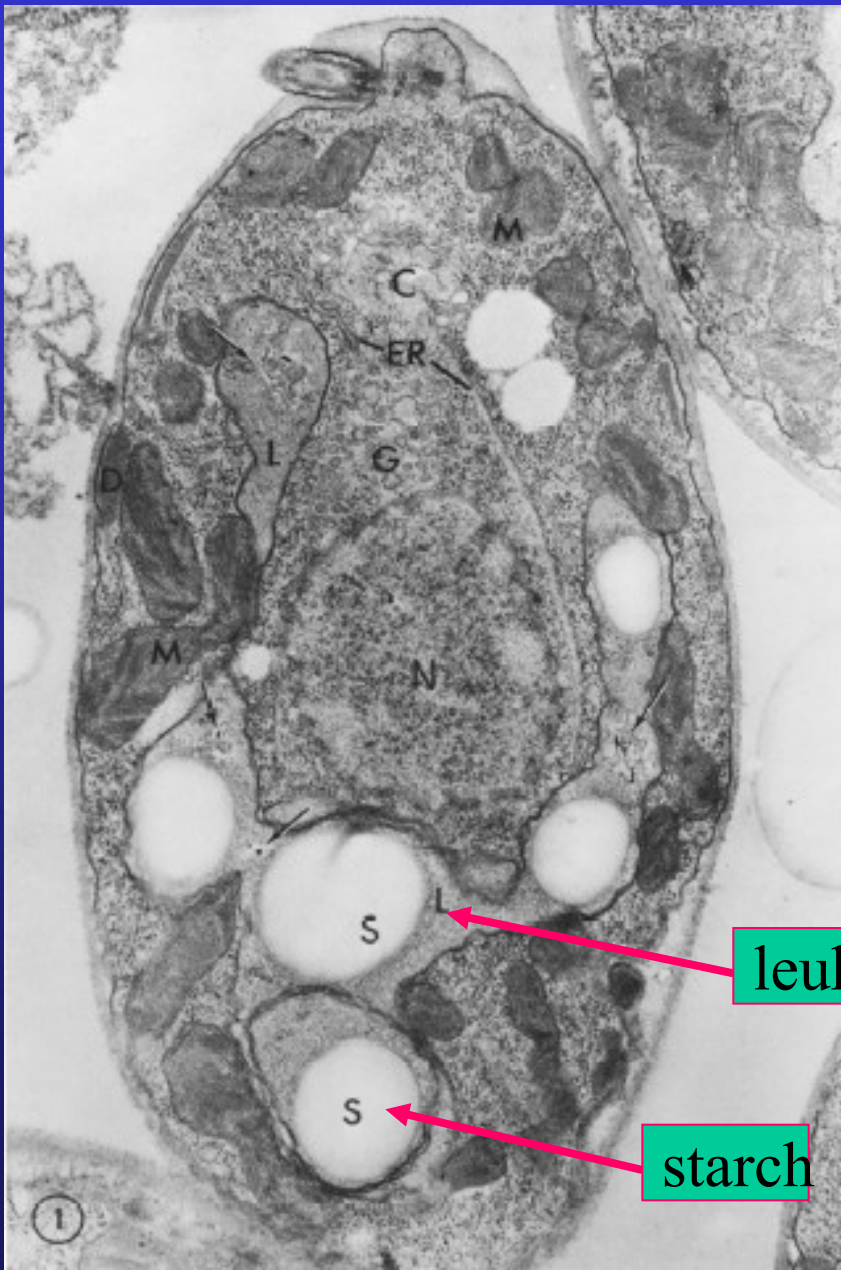
# *Polytoma*

Heterotrophic variation to *Chlamydomonas*  
leukoplasts instead of chloroplasts

At the bottom of the pools in detritus



# *Polytoma*

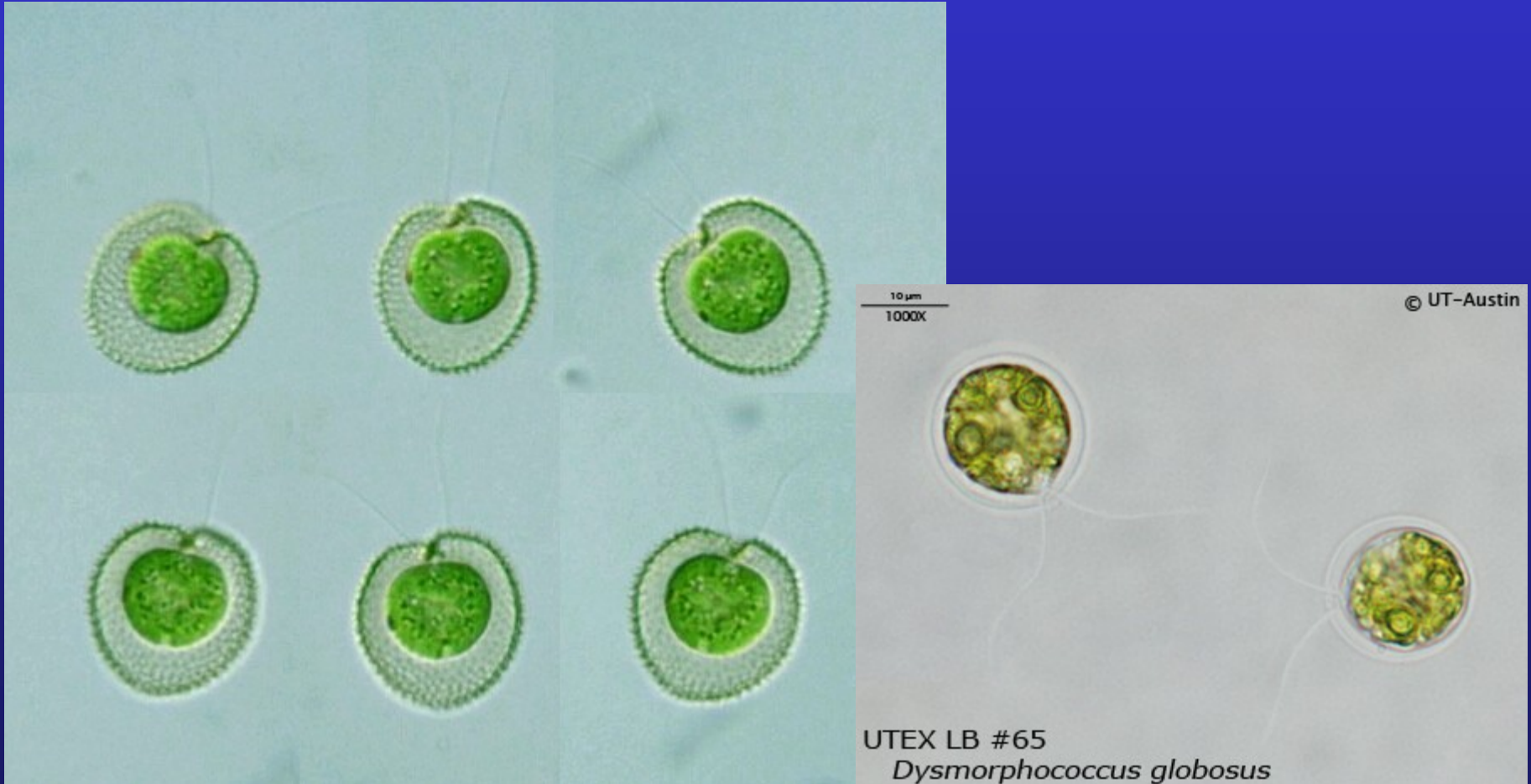


leukoplast

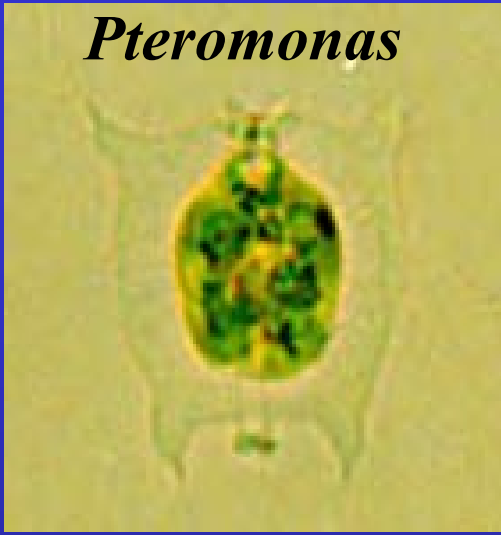
starch

# *Dysmorphococcus*

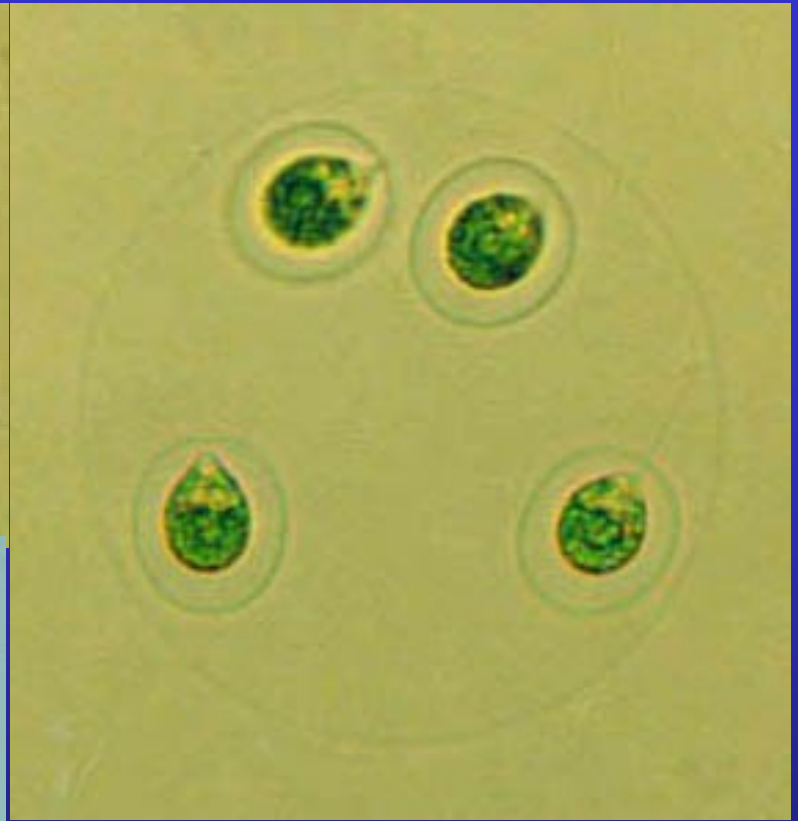
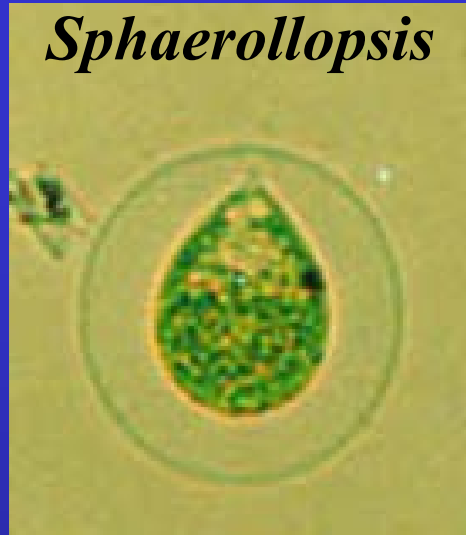
Chlamydomonas – like protoplast; lorica encrusted with manganese and iron salts;  
freshwater plankton; populations not abundant



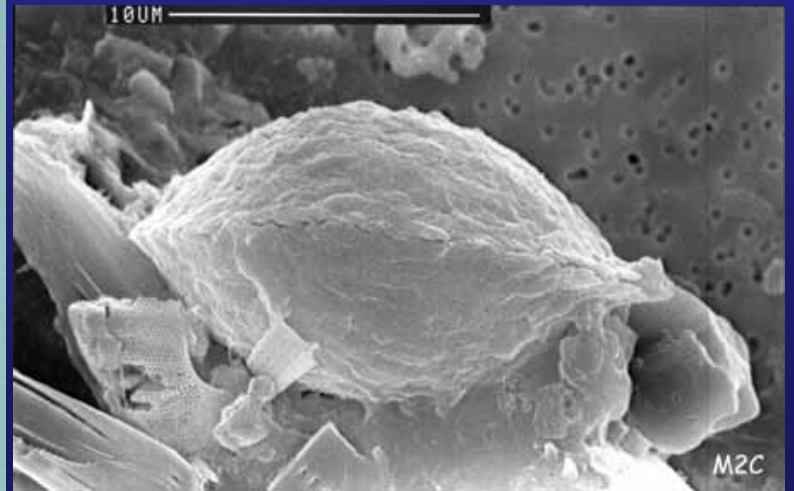
*Pteromonas*



*Sphaerollopsis*



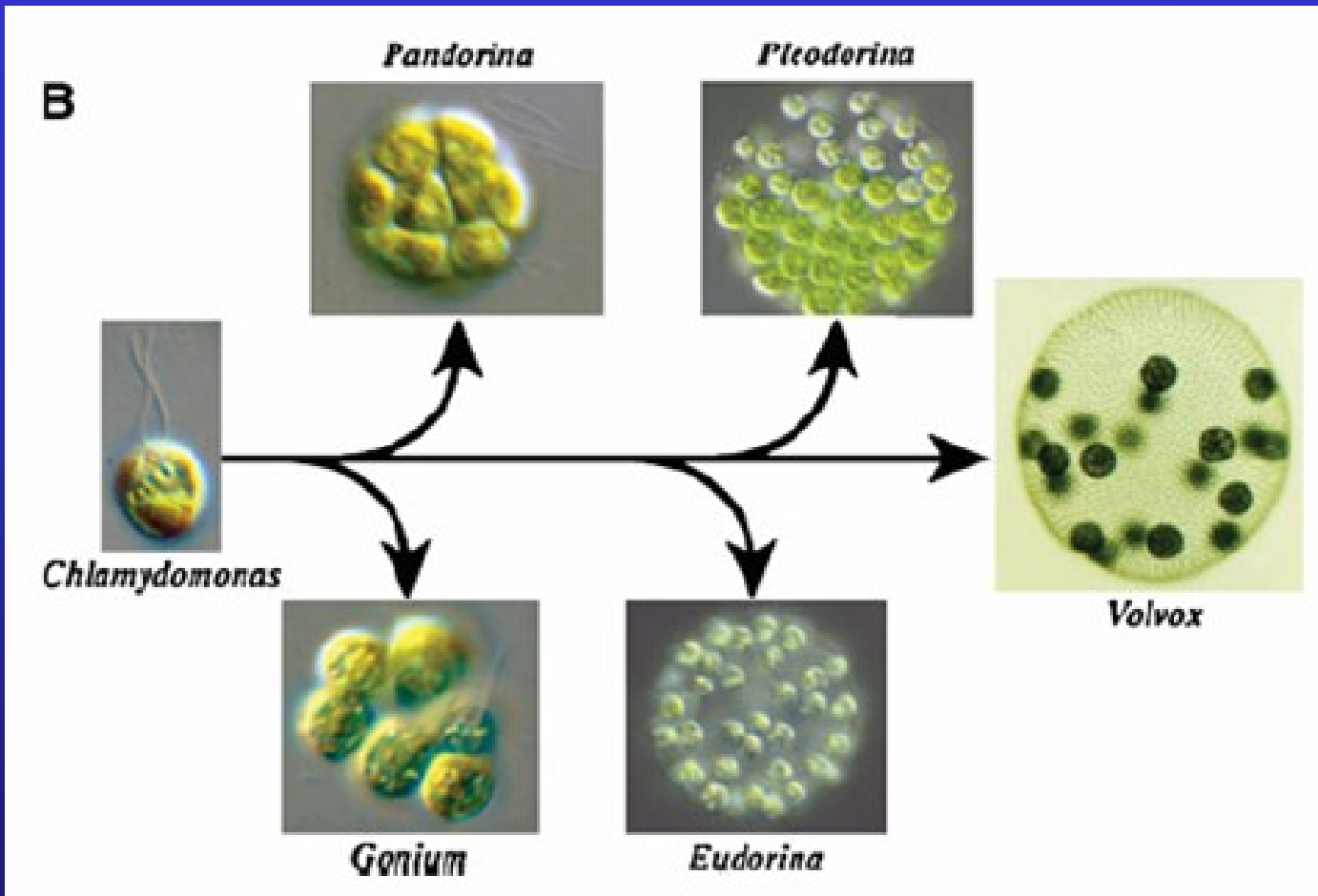
*Phacotus*





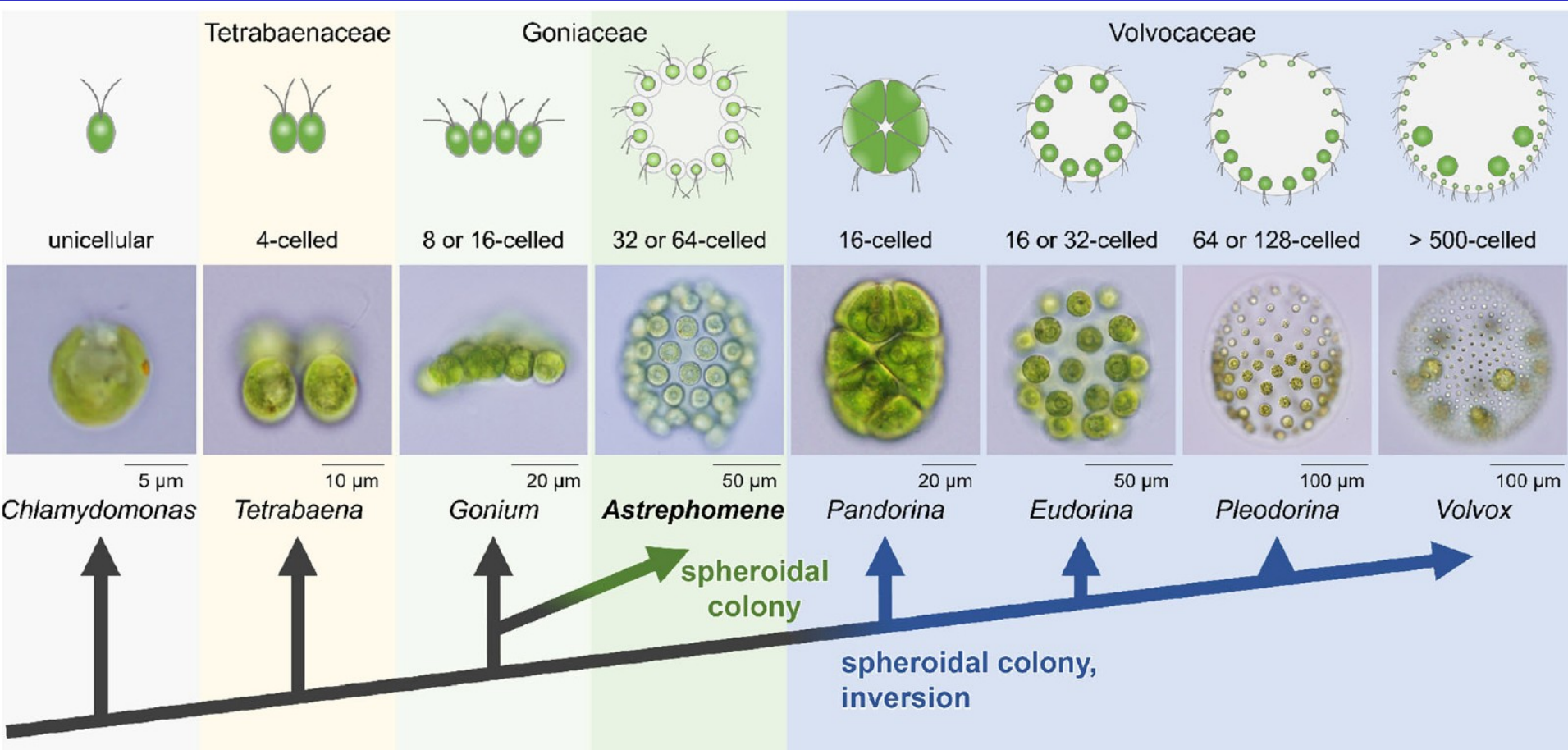
# Evolution of multicellularity

The classical “volvocine lineage hypothesis”



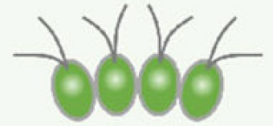
Kirk, 2005

6 genera, gradually diverging (increase in cell number, size, extracellular matrix-to-cell volume ratio, and tendency to form sterile somatic cells).

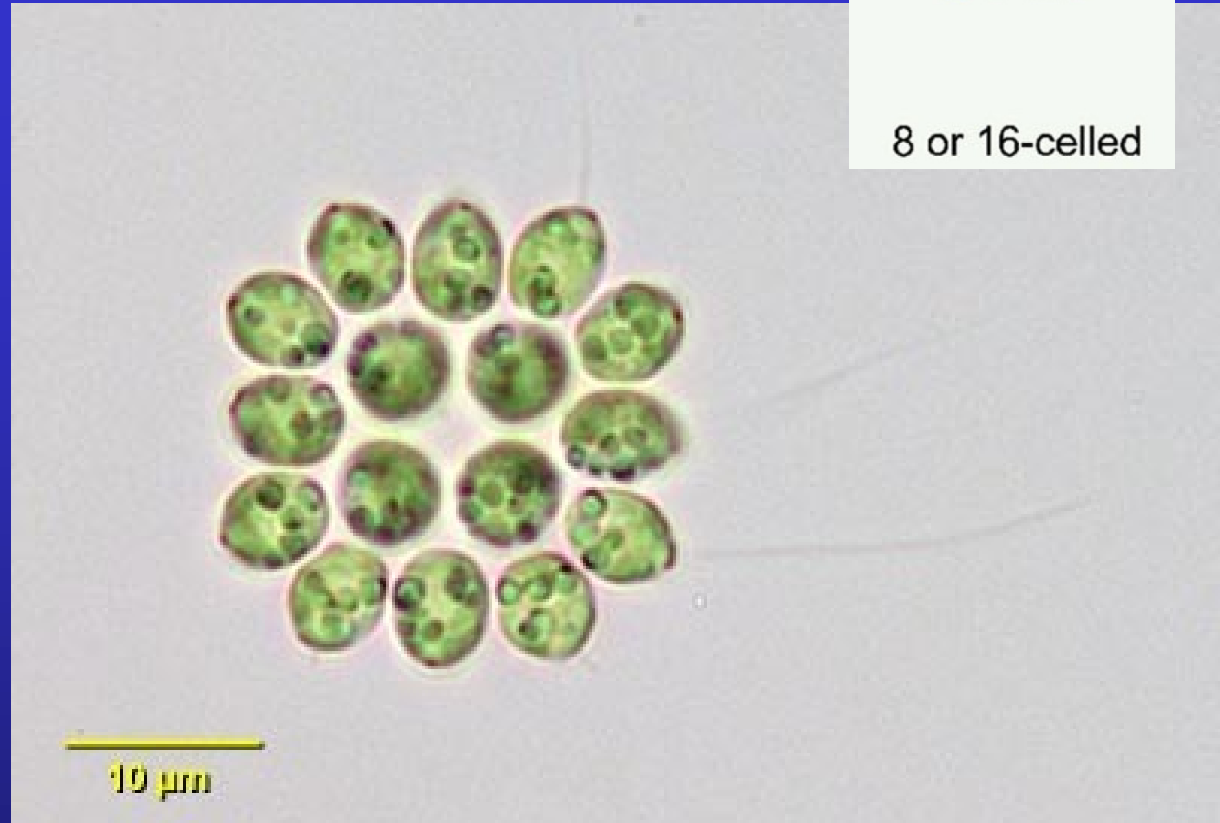
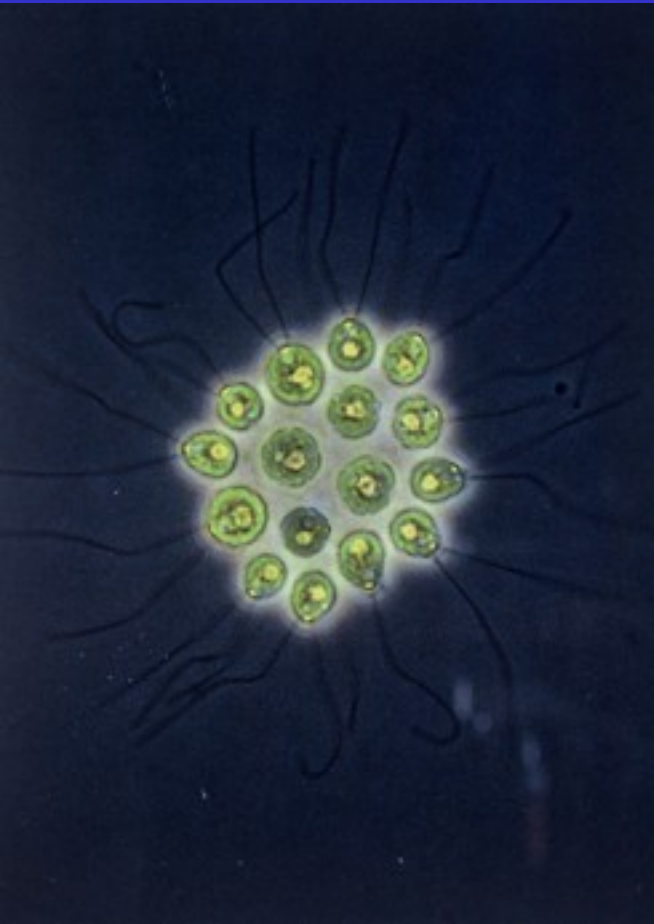


Yamashita et al. BMC Evolutionary Biology (2016) 16:243  
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# *Gonium*



8 or 16-celled

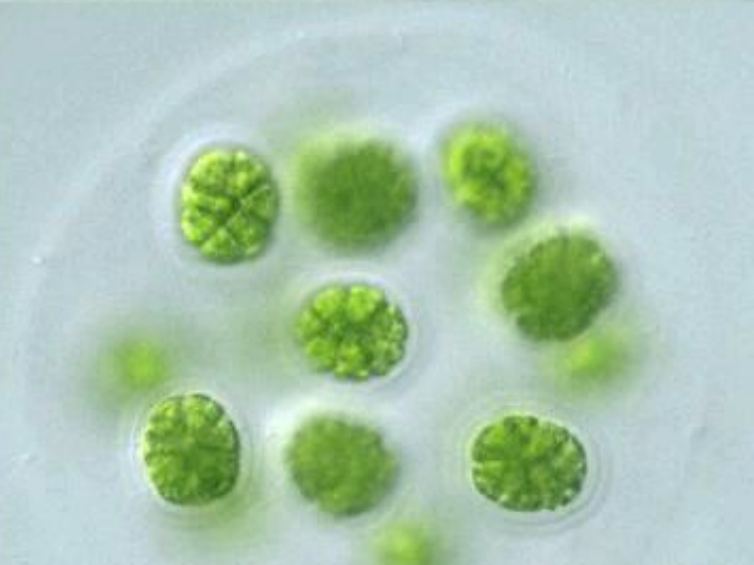
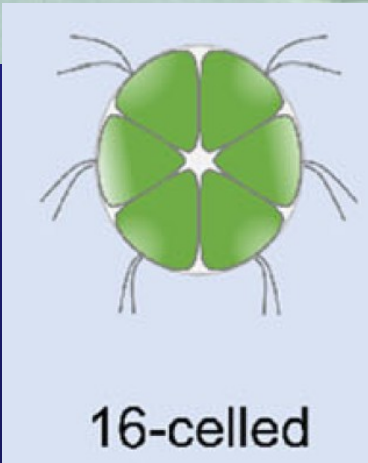
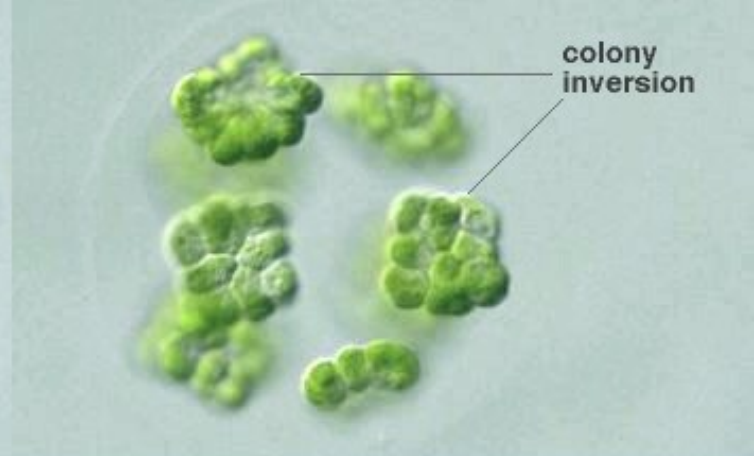


central-to-peripheral polarity

Each reproductive cell or gonidium undergoes successive cell divisions to form a concave-to-cup-shaped embryo composed of a single cell layer

# *Pandorina*

- cenobium ve tvaru koule; anterior-to posterior (AP) polarity, úplná inverze

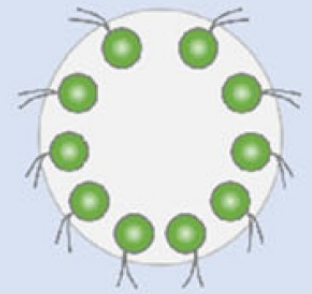


# *Eudorina*



20 μm.

Loch Chen, Aug. 2004

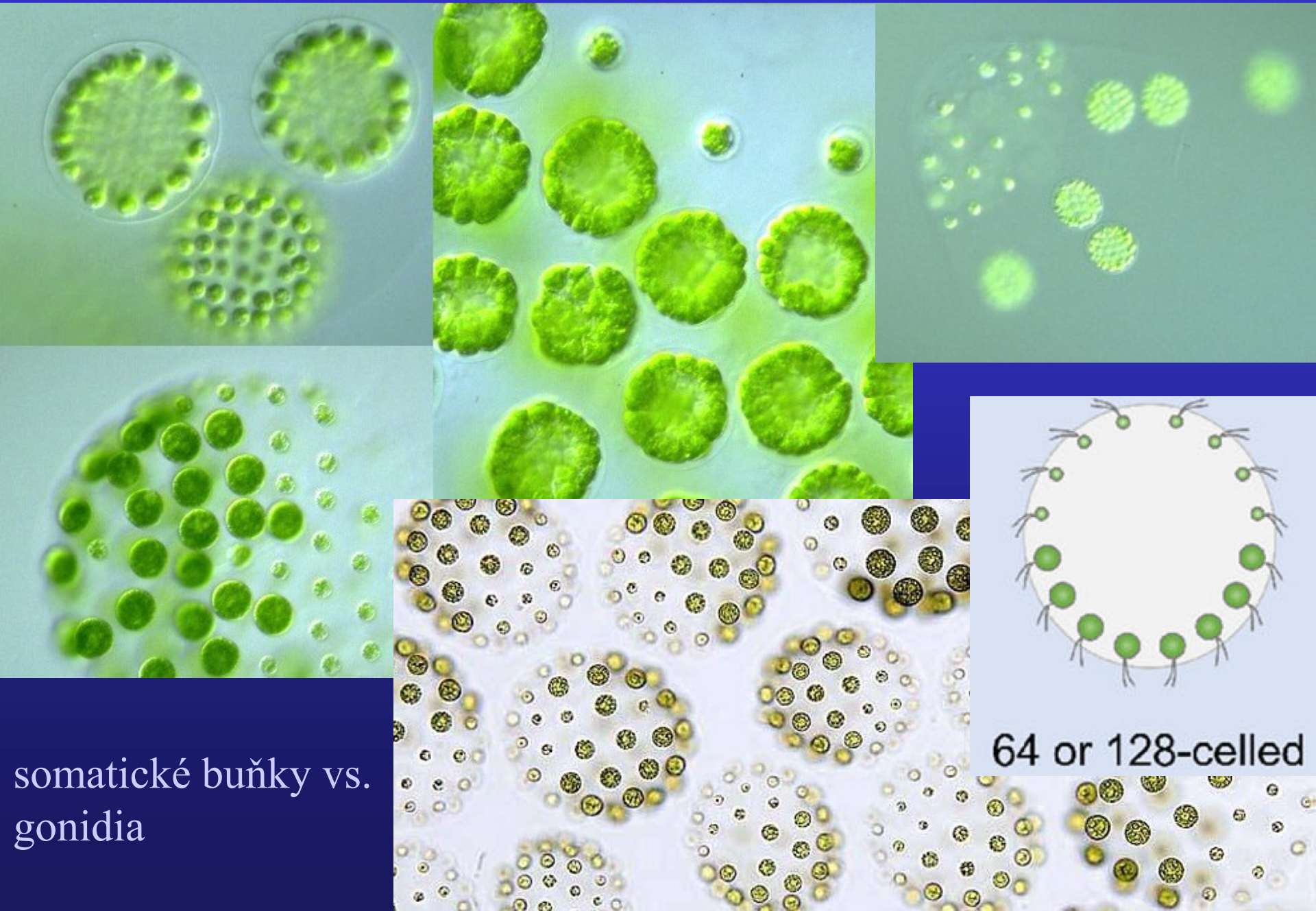


16 or 32-celled

each cell  
undergoes several  
rounds of division to  
form plakeas, which  
then invert to form  
daughter colonies



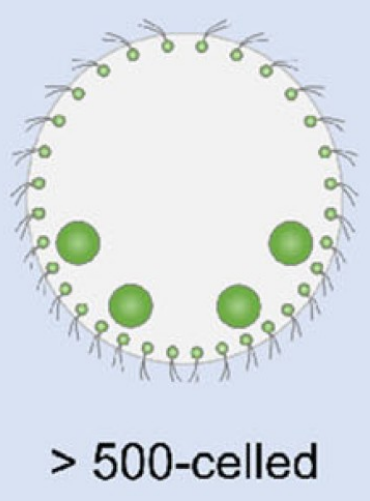
# *Pleodorina*



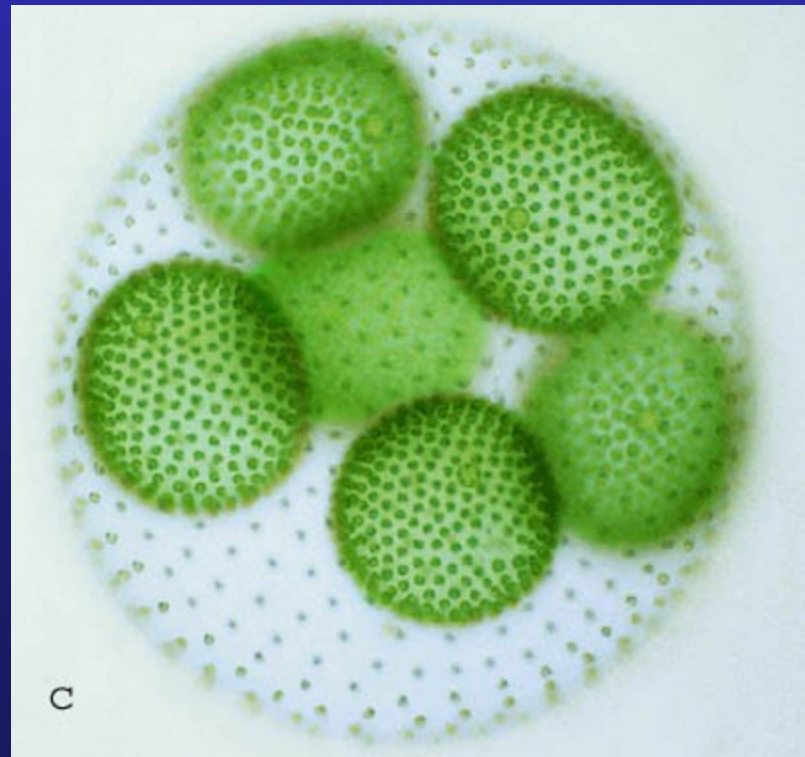
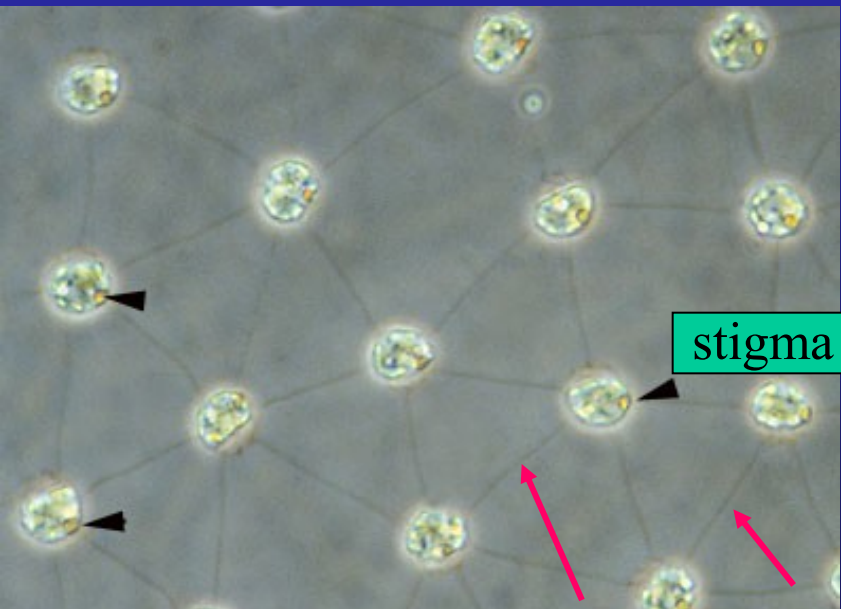
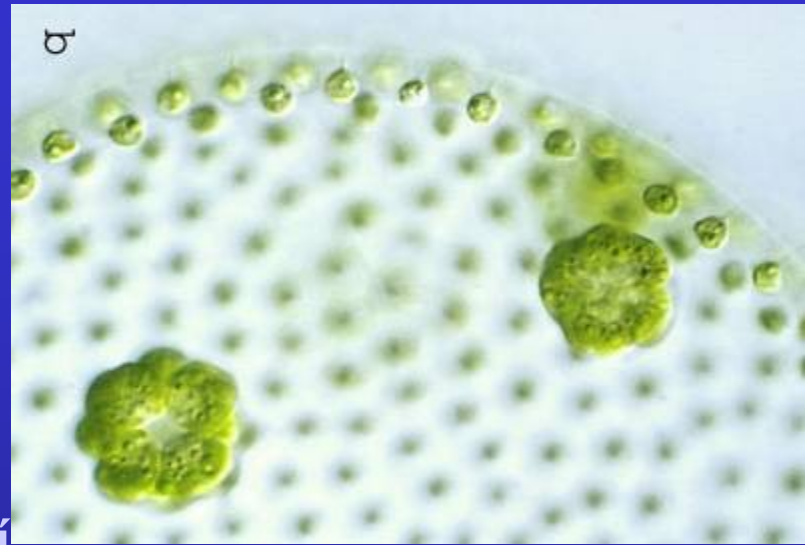
somatické buňky vs.  
gonidia

64 or 128-celled

# *Volvox*



Předo-zadní polarita  
Syntéza extracelulární  
matrix



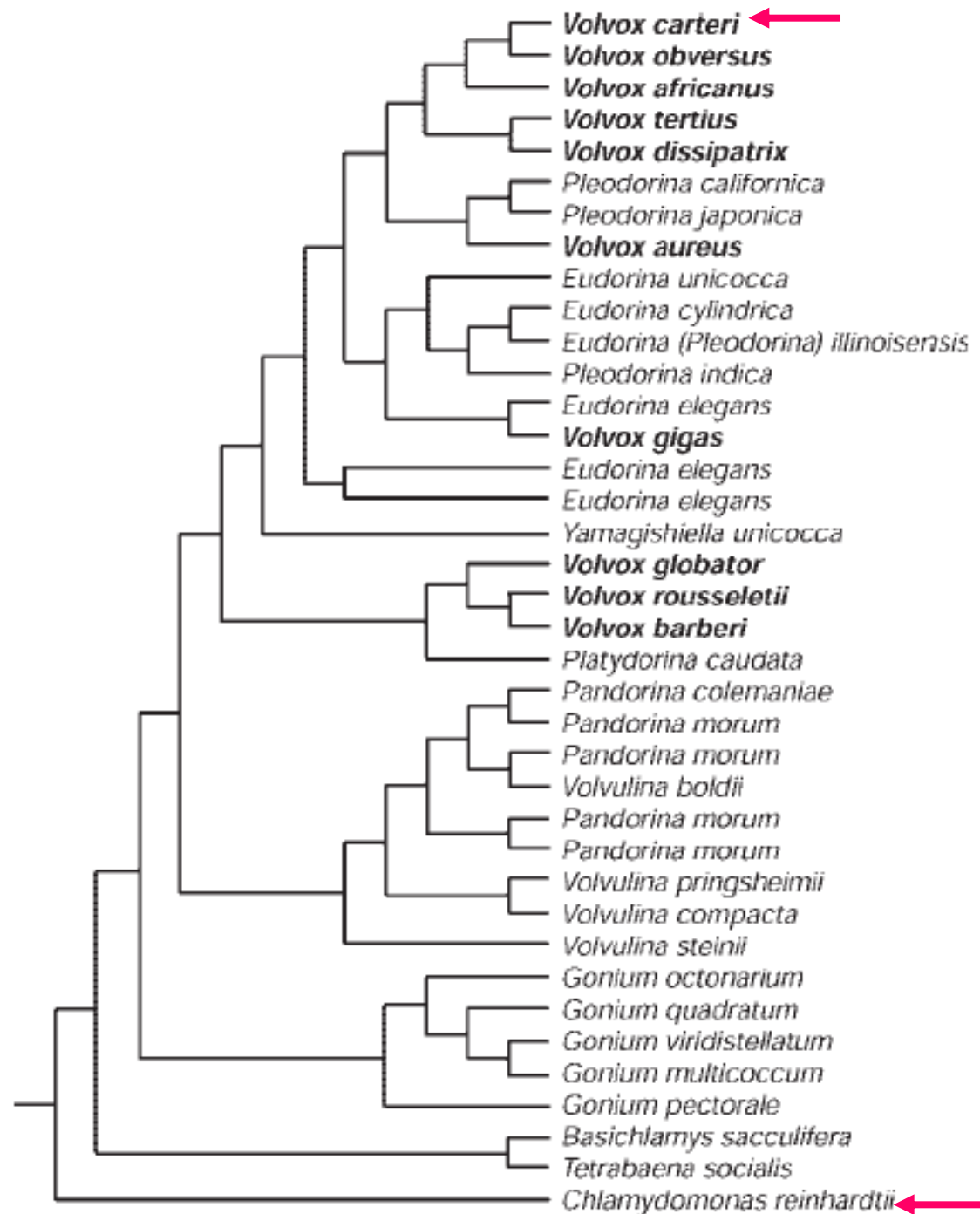
# Fylogenetická studie na základě 5 genů

A recent molecular phylogeny of *Chlamydomonas* and its relatives indicates that *C. reinhardtii* shared a common ancestor with *V. carteri*

Společné znaky:

pohl. rozmn. →  
hypnozygoty

haplontní ž.c.

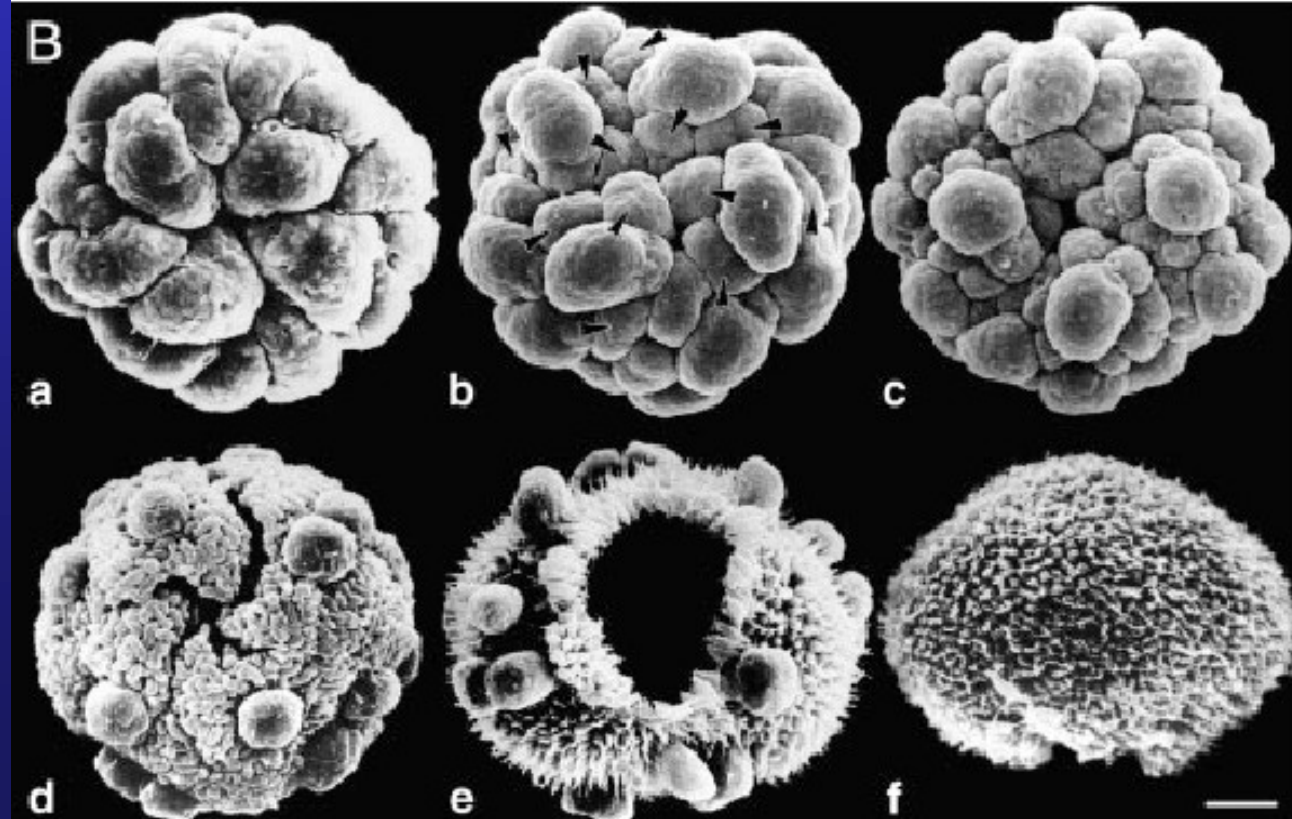
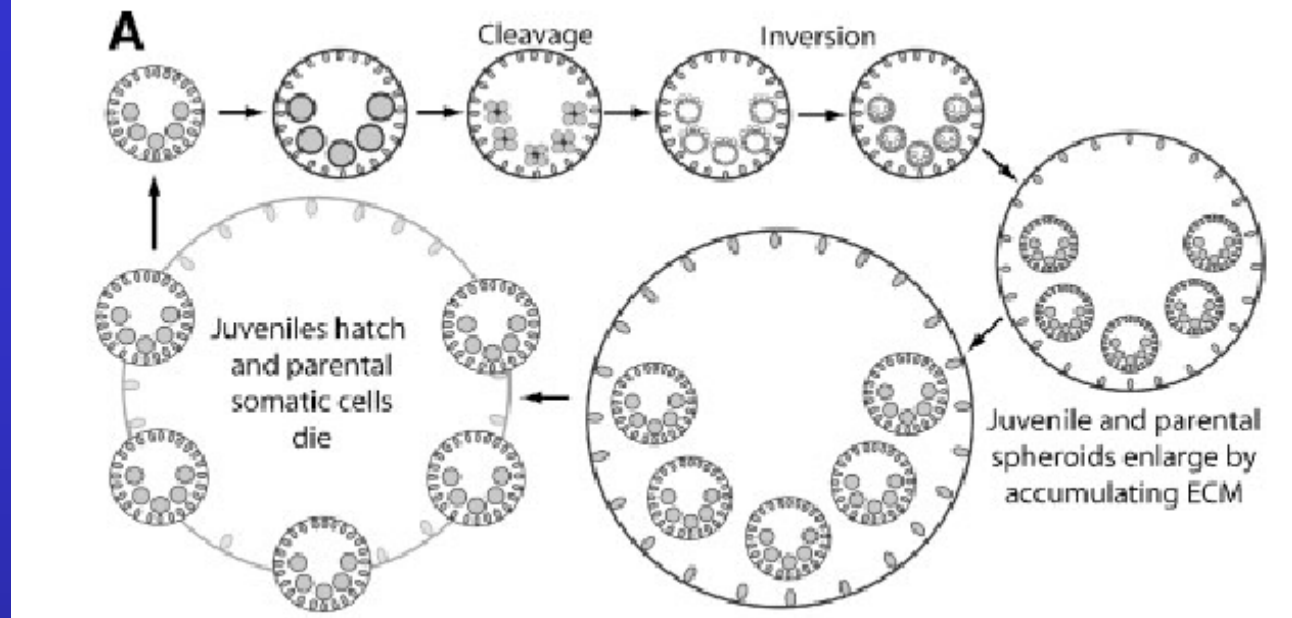




*Volvox carteri*

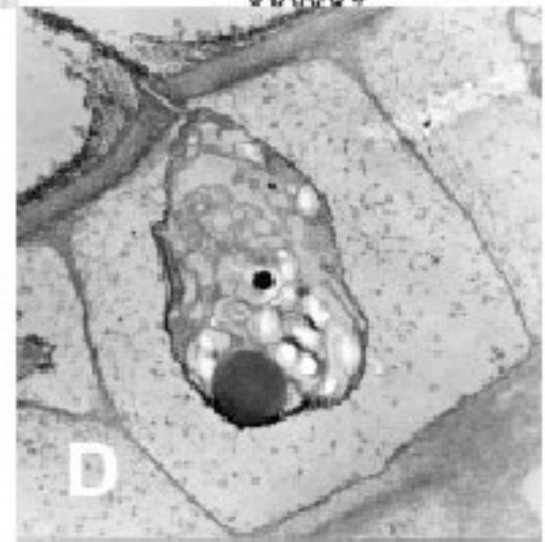
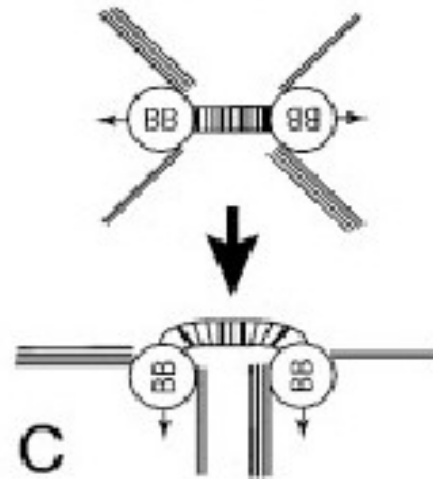
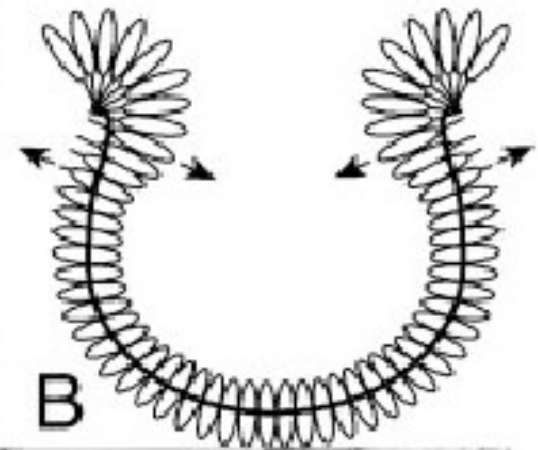
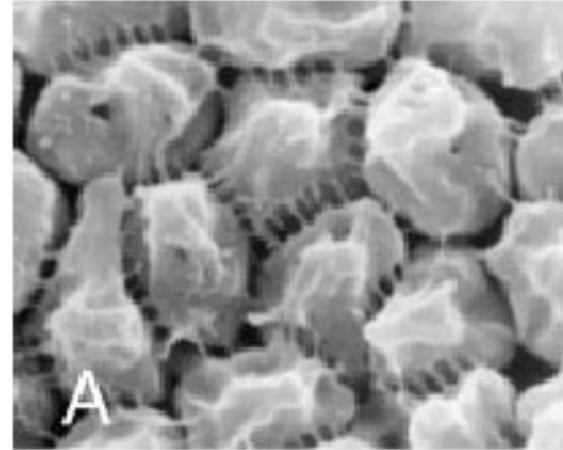
embryogeneze

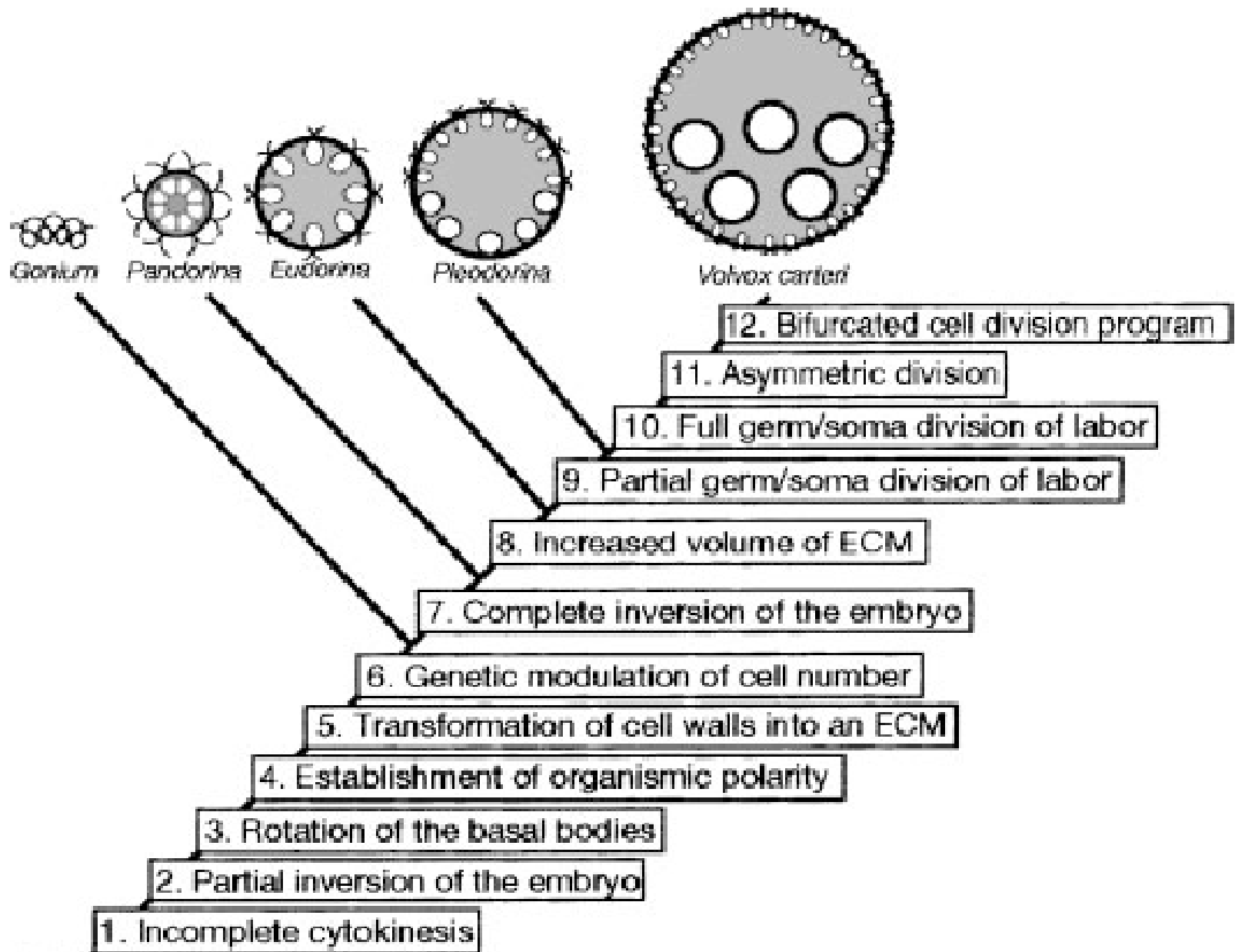
*V. carteri* asexual reproduction and development, can be compared with the processes of the ancestral development of *Chlamydomonas* into *V. carteri*.

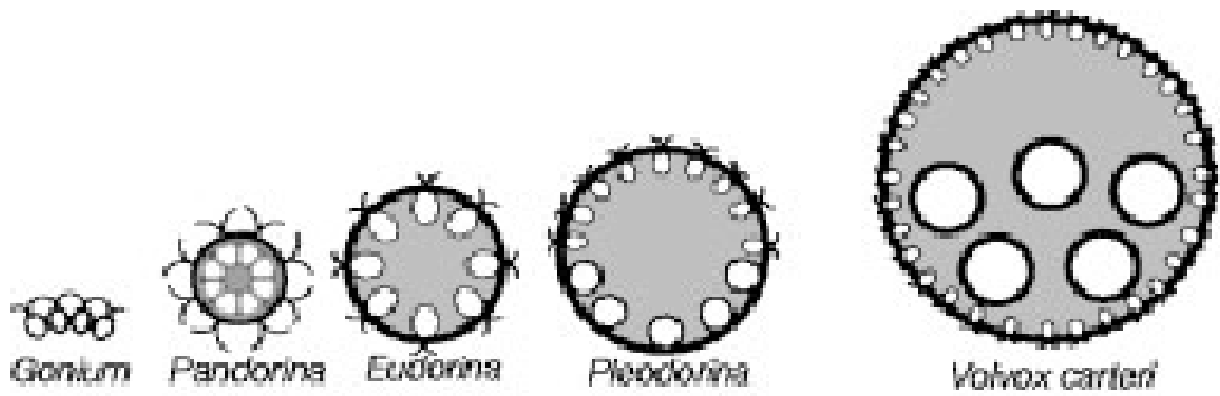


# System of cytoplasmic bridges

Každá buňka je  
spojena s okolními  
průměrně 25  
můstky  
Hnačí silou inverze  
– změna tvaru  
buněk spojených m.  
Rotace bazálních  
tělísek

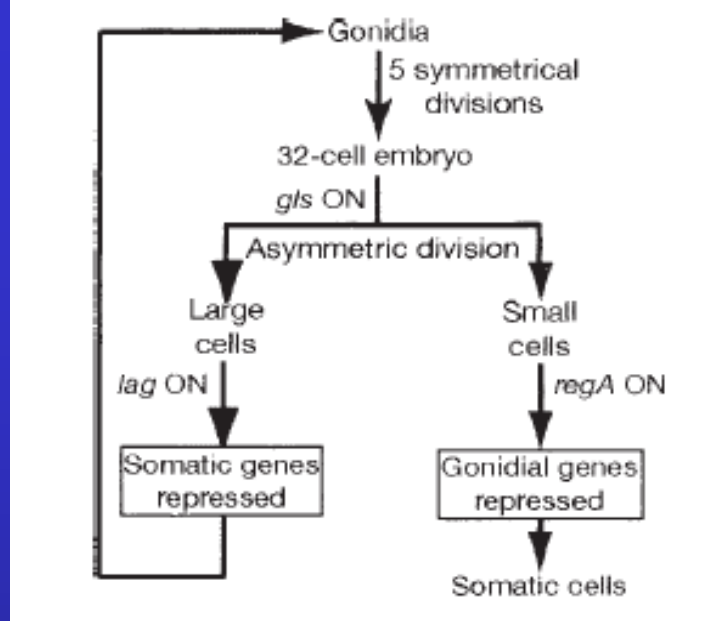
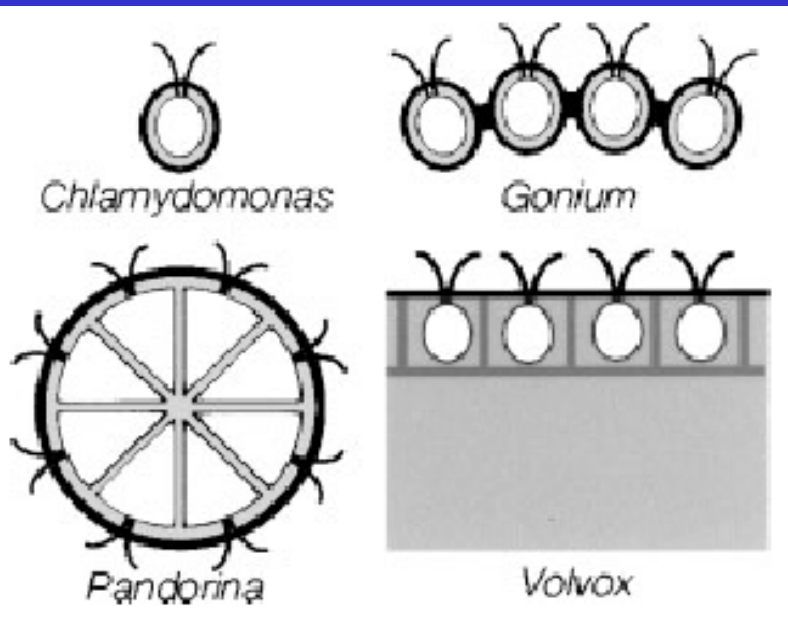






1. Incomplete cytokinesis
2. Partial inversion of the embryo
3. Rotation of the basal bodies
4. Establishment of organismic polarity
5. Transformation of cell walls into an ECM
6. Genetic modulation of cell number
7. Complete inversion of the embryo
8. Increased volume of ECM nutrients
9. Partial germ/soma division of labor
10. Full germ/soma division of labor
11. Asymmetric division
12. Bifurcated cell division program





Increased volume of extra cellular matrix (ECM)

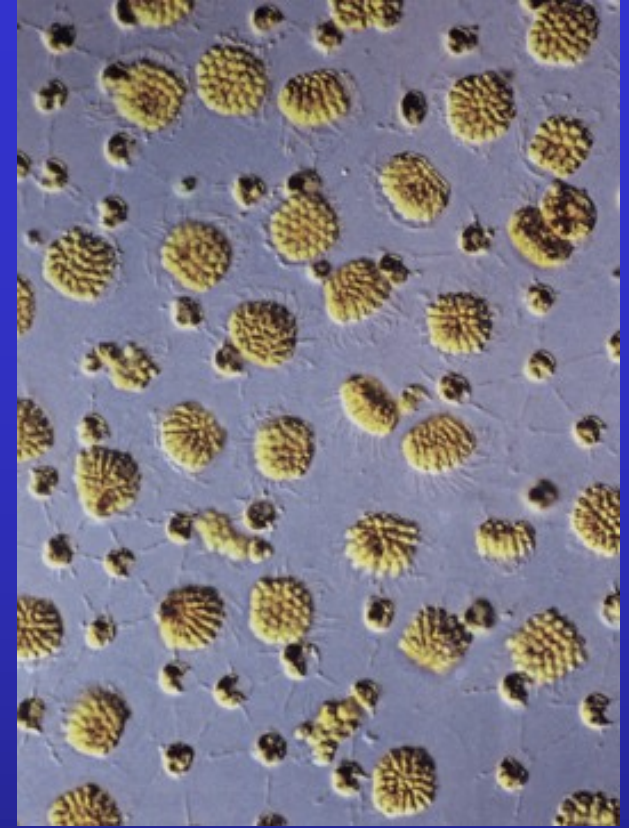
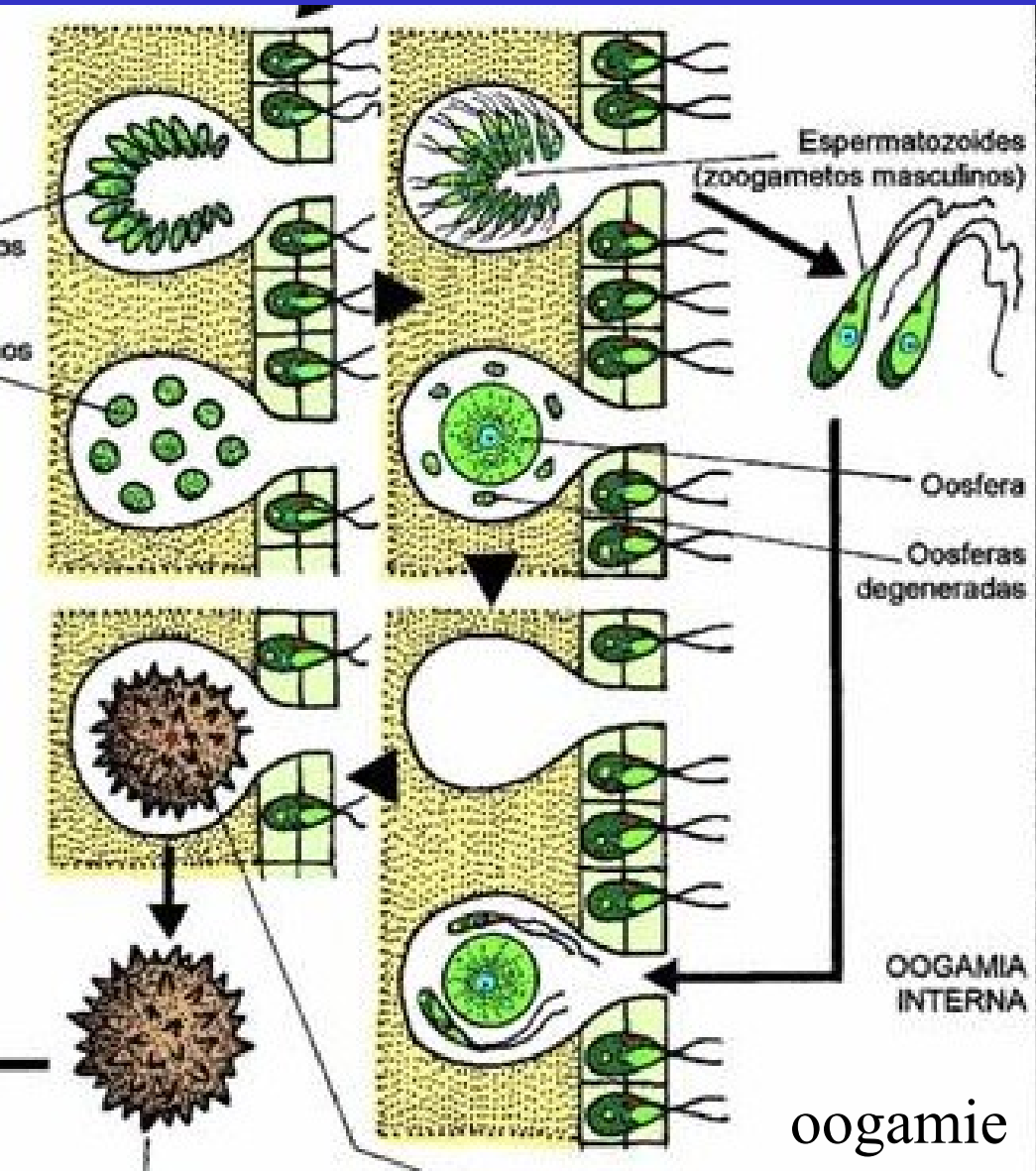
genetic regulation  
diferenciation to somatic  
and reproductive cells

*C. reihardtii* – 2 morfologicky a chemicky odlišné vrstvy BS

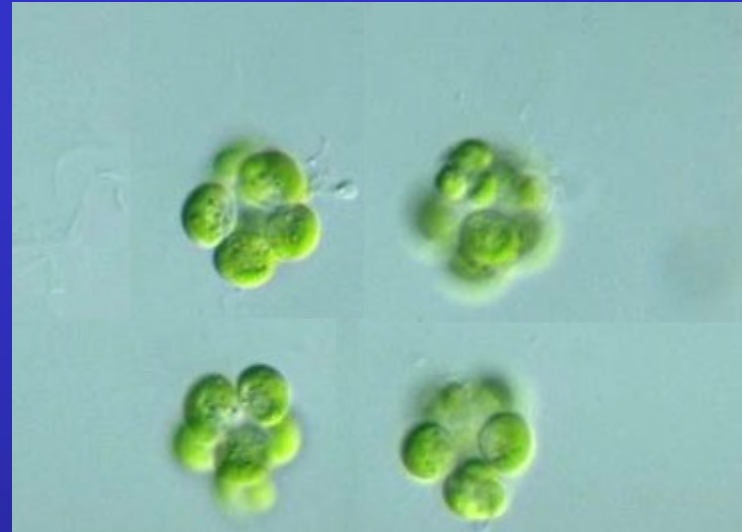
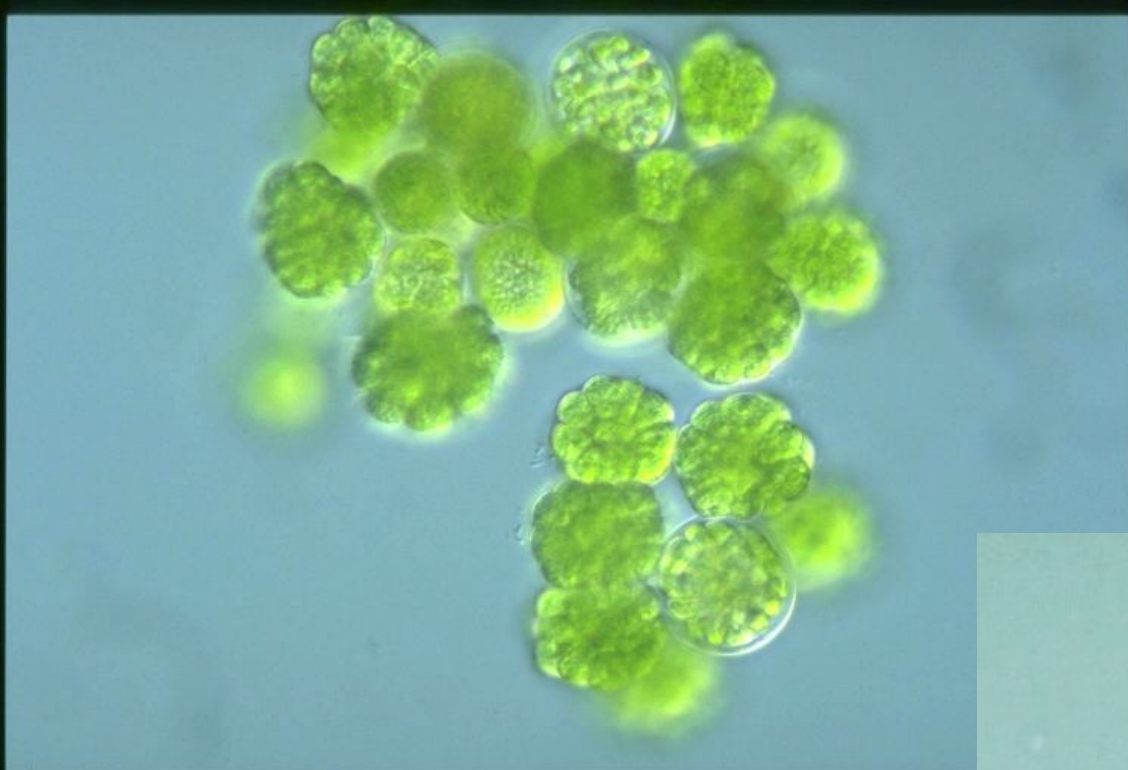
**gls geny** – způsobují asymetrické dělení. Ve velkých buňkách **lag geny** blokují vývoj somatických znaků (bičíky stigma). V malých buňkách **regA geny** blokují reprodukci ) – somatické buňky

# *Volvox* – sexual reproduction

Produkcce samčích gamet – heat shock??

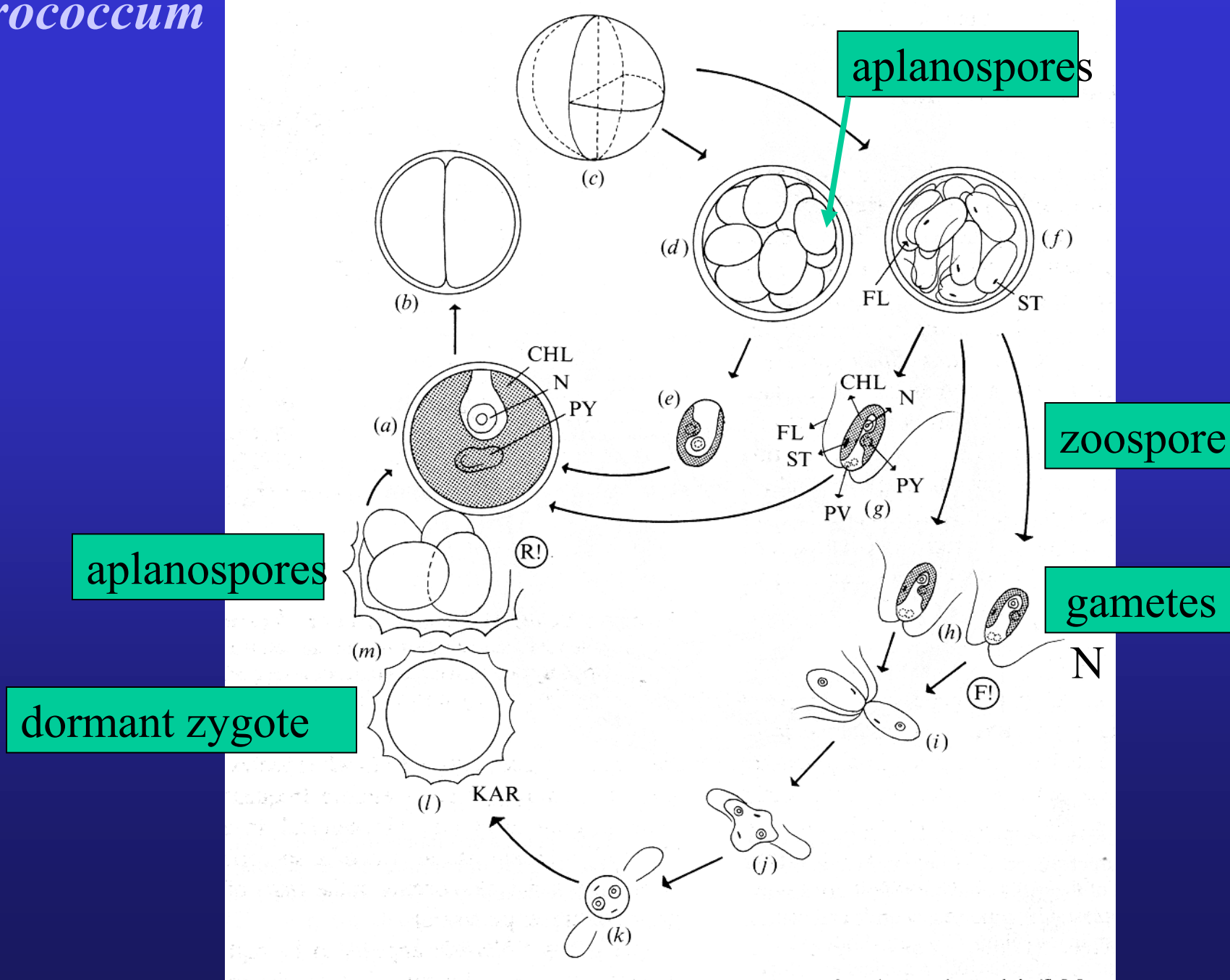


# *Chlorococcum*



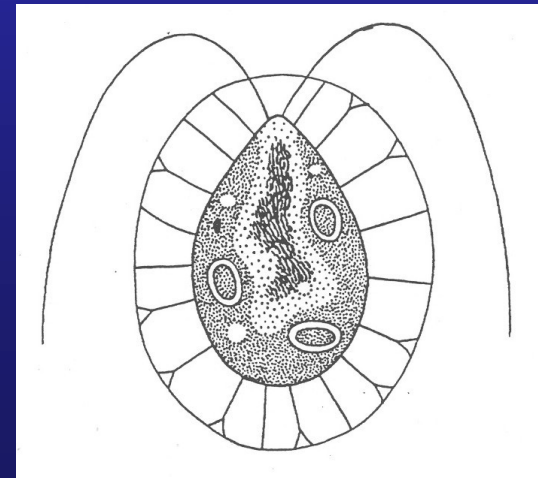
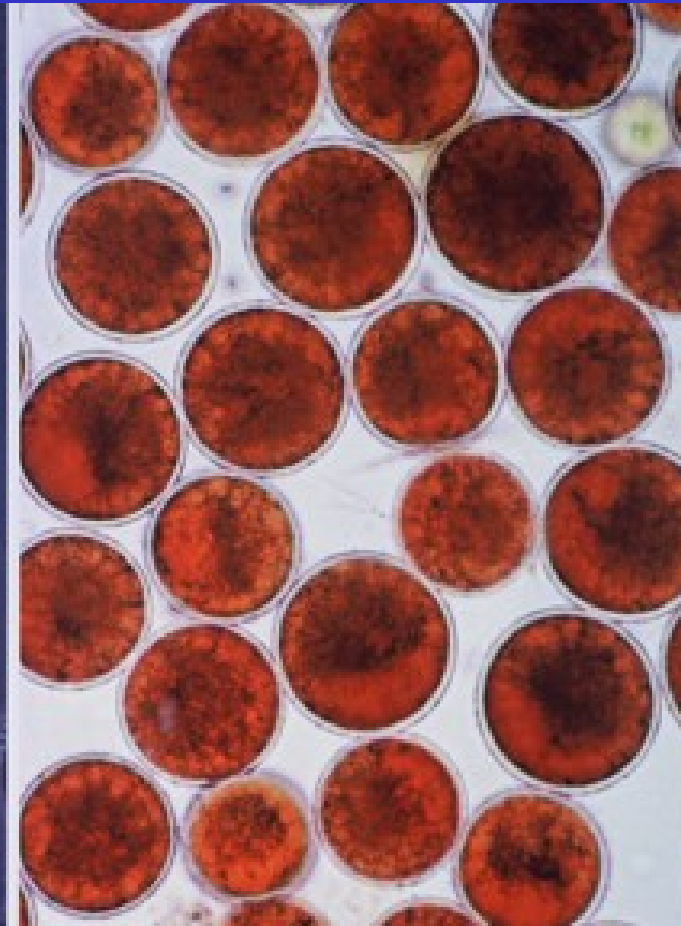
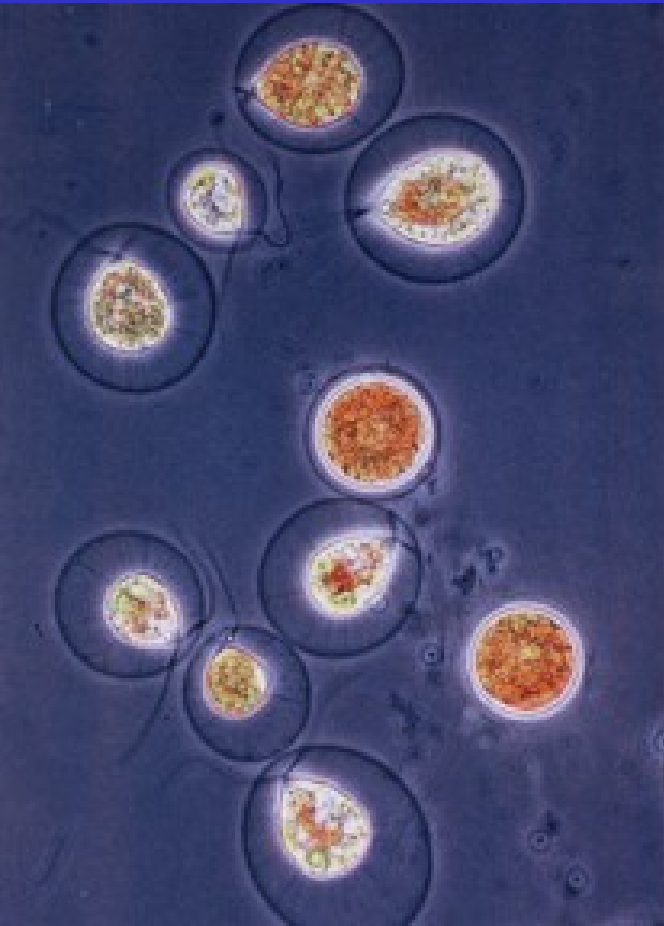
Zoospores, parietal  
chloroplast with py

# Chlorococcum





# *Haematococcus*



Pioneer alga in shallow ephemeral pools  
*Haematococcus*



lithotelms



birdbaths

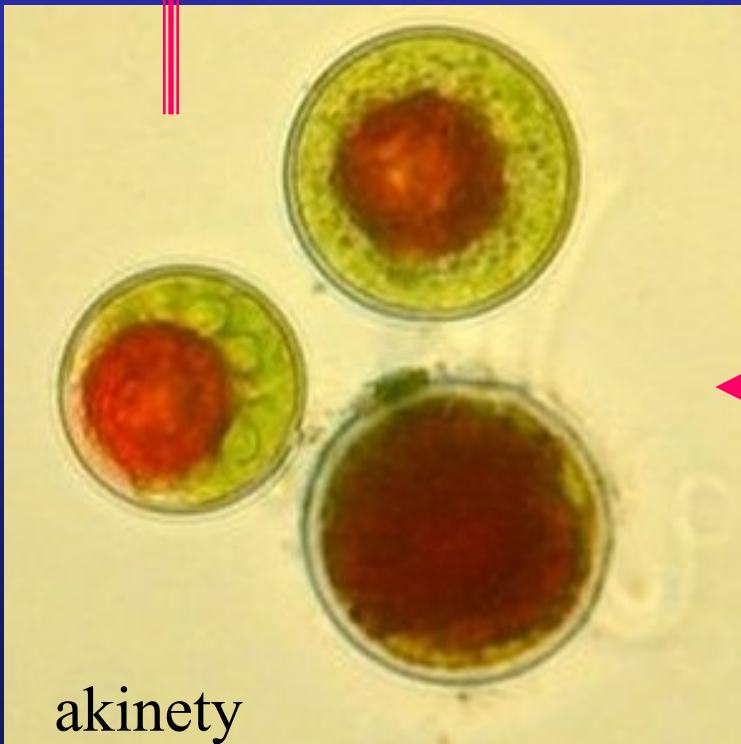
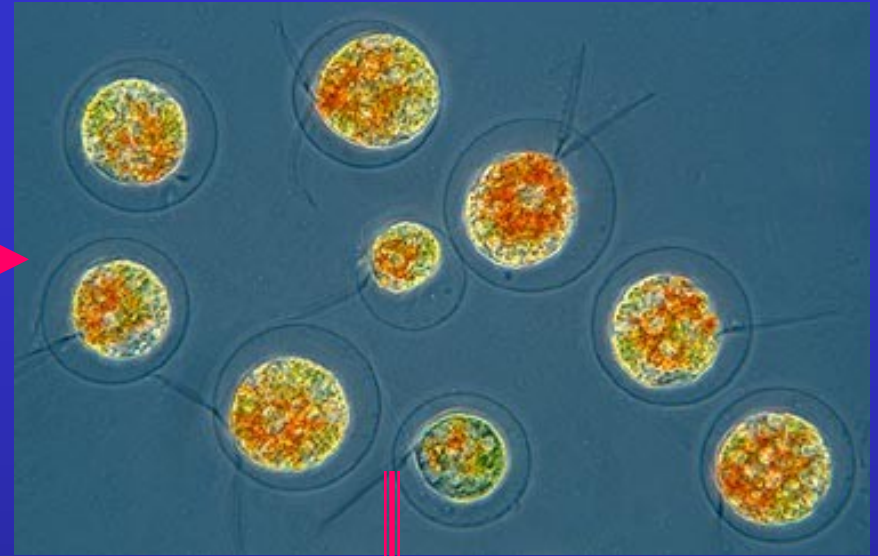


stock and horse tanks



Do you recognize this place?

# *Haematococcus*



akineti

palmeloidní stádium

# Haematococcus



Large-scale cultivation – closed photobioreactors in the Negev Desert.



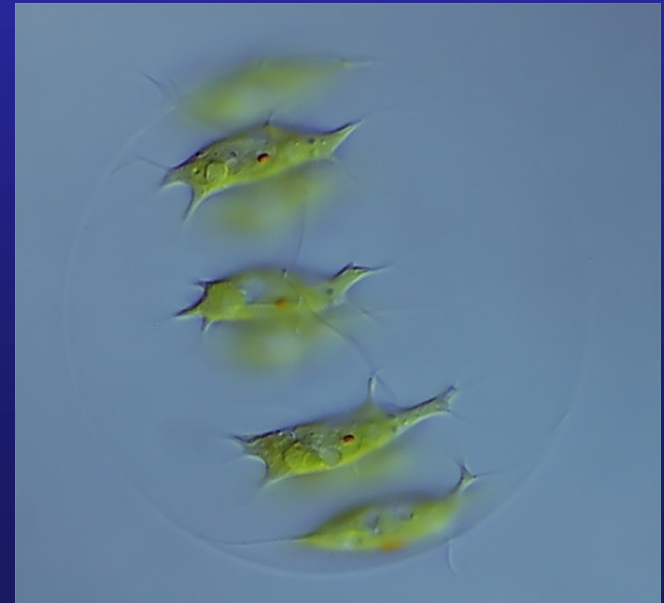
Food supplements

astaxanthin



# *Stephanosphaera*

Pools with a granite substrate  
Red vegetative blooms



# *Dunaliella*

no contractile vacuoles – synthesis and degradation of glycerol

$\beta$  - carotene production

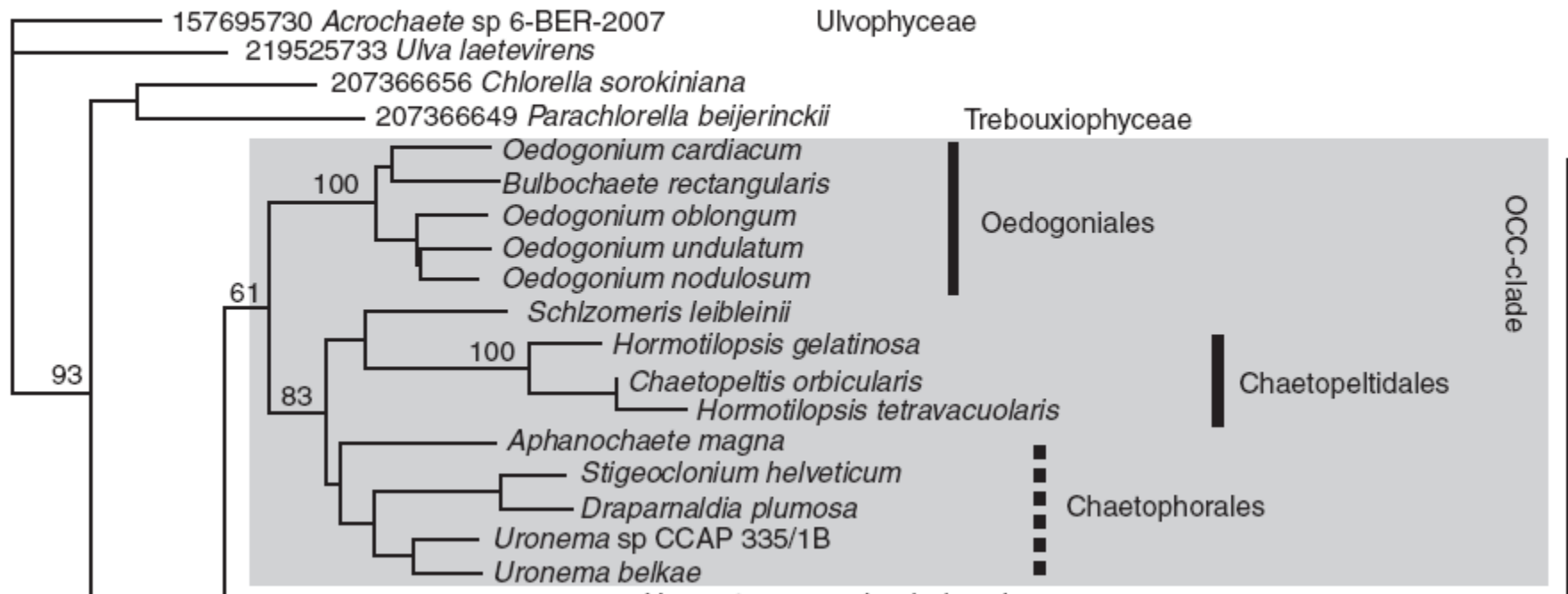
Pink Lake – hypersaline lake (Australia)

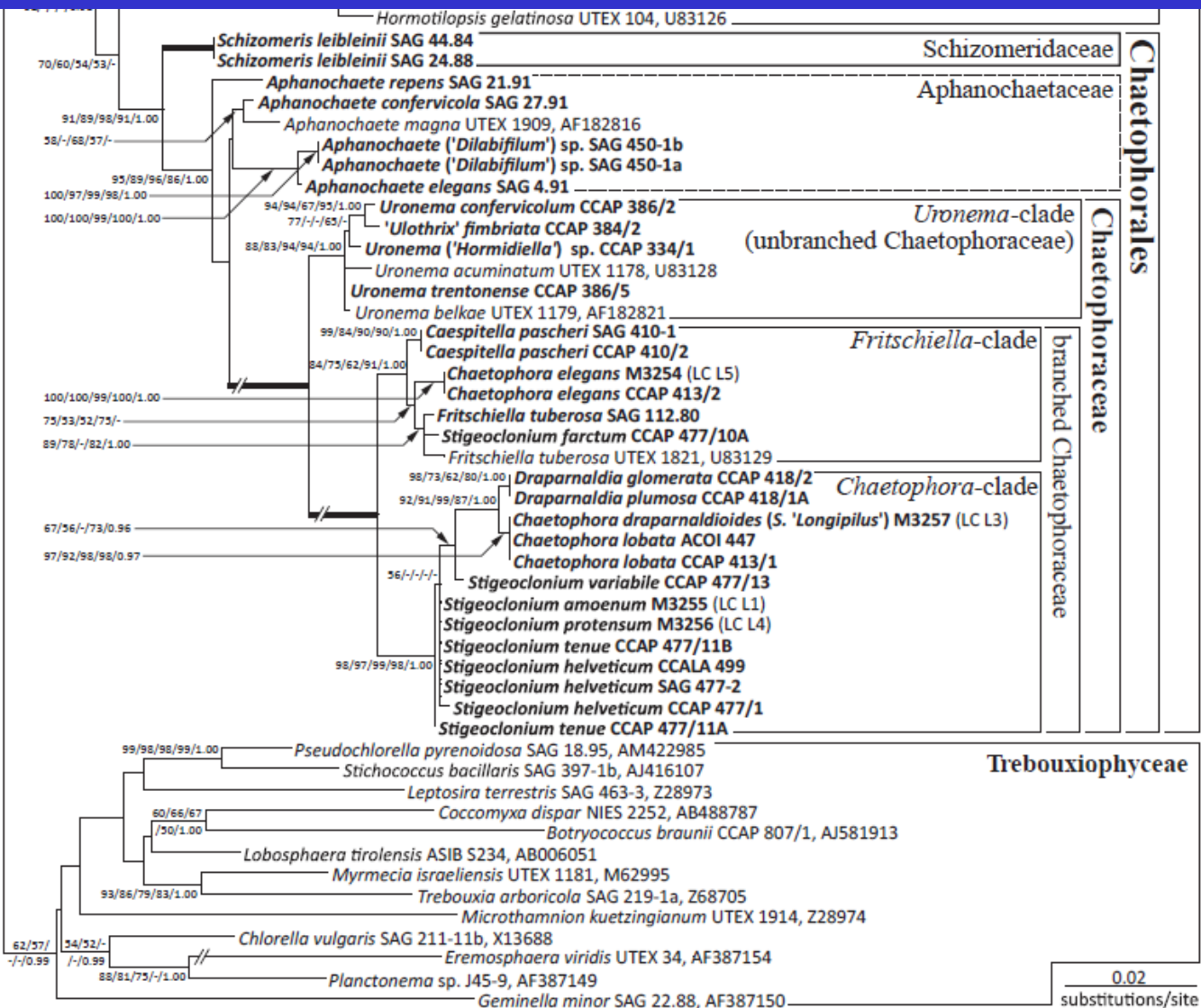


Sea salt salinas with halobacteria and *Dunaliella*, San Francisco Bay, California, 1999

# Phylogeny of Oedogoniales, Chaetophorales and Chaetopeltidales (Chlorophyceae): inferences from sequence-structure analysis of ITS2 *Ann Bot* (2012) 109(1): 109-116

Buchheim et al. — *Phylogeny of Oedogoniales, Chaetophorales and Chaetopeltidales*





Four flagellated zoospores; plasmodesmata in the cell walls  
 During zoospore release, degradation of the cell wall is mediated by species-specific autolysins.



# *Chaetophora*

submerged surfaces

Polyphyly  
of *Chaetophora* and  
*Stigeoclonium* within  
the Chaetophorales  
(Chlorophyceae)

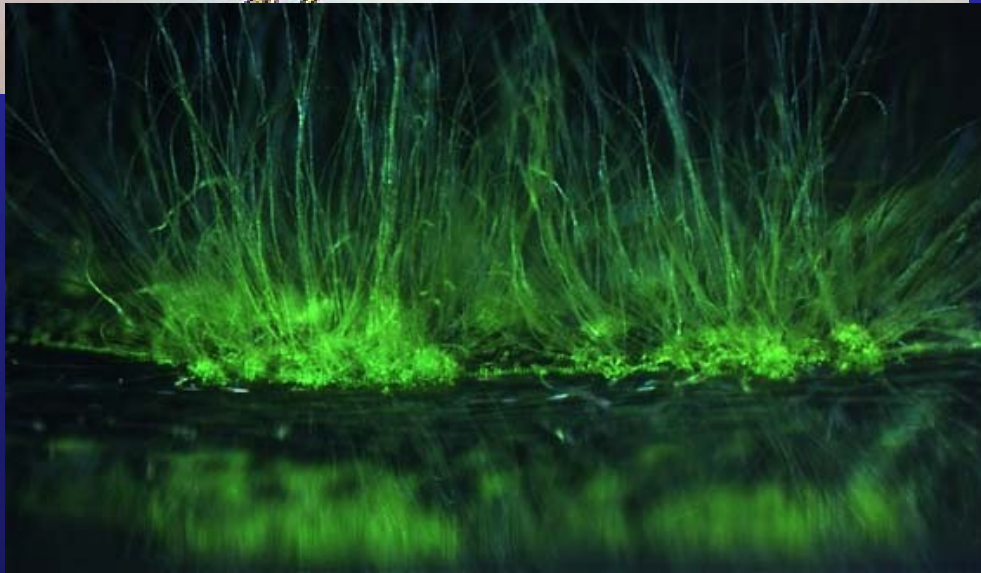


the ends of filaments -  
multicellular pointed „hairs“

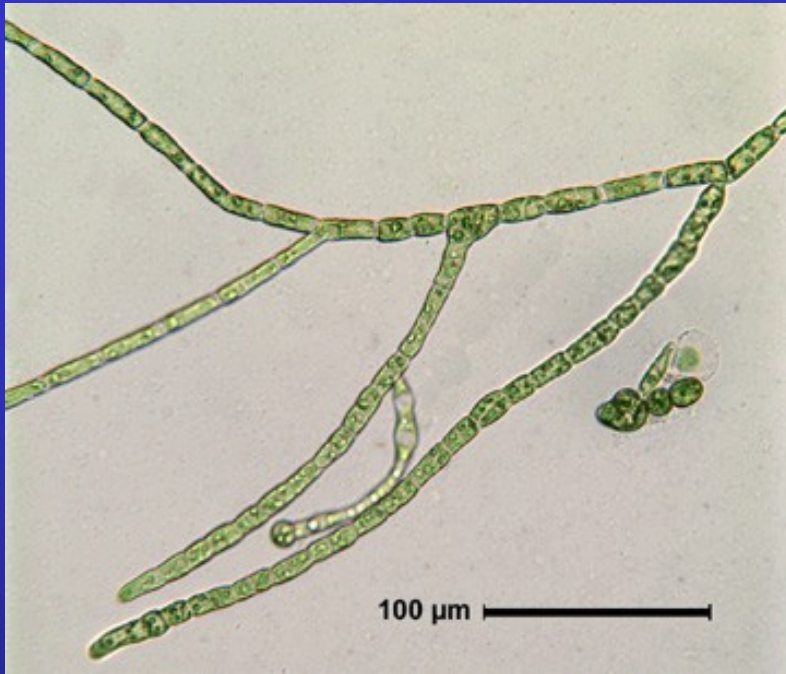
# *Stigeoclonium*



consist of a prostrate system which anchors the plant firmly to rocks or other substrates, and erect branched filaments which are only one cell wide but can be several cm long.



# *Fritschiella*



## terrestrial alga

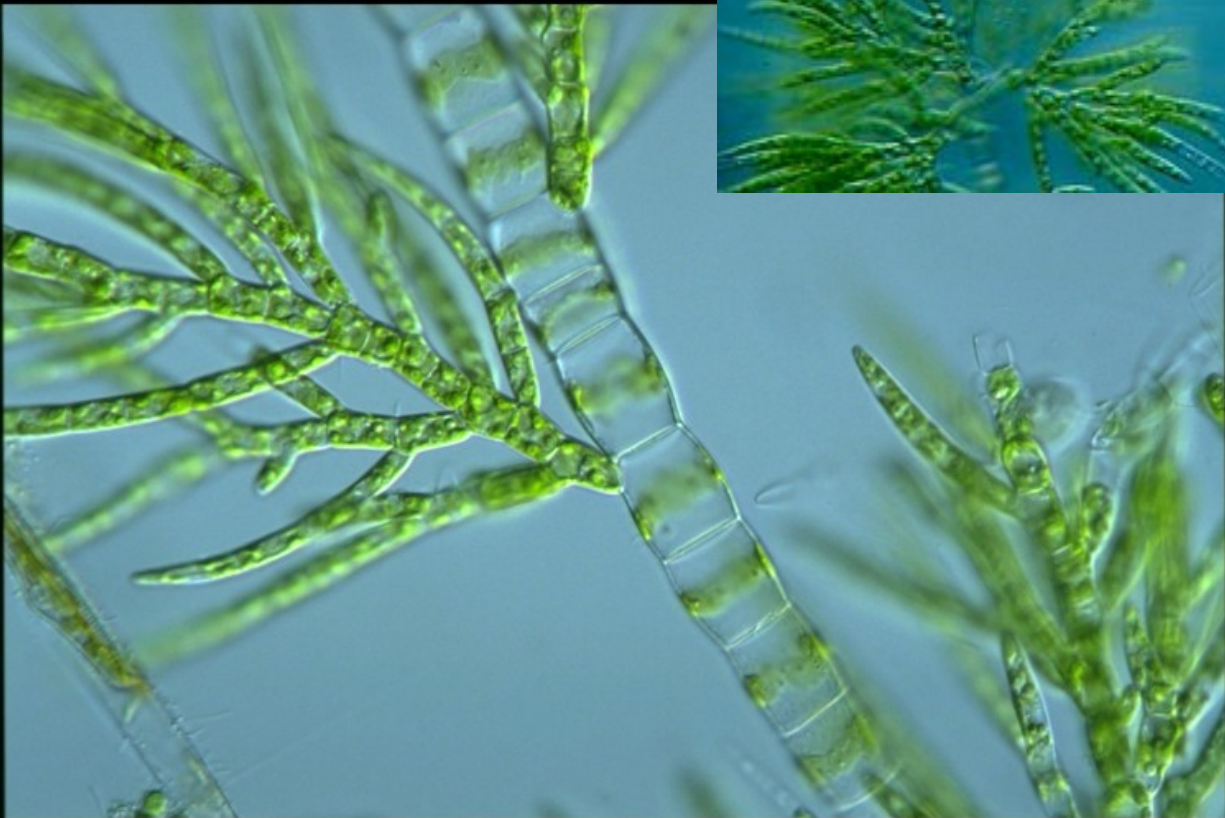
These morphological features are an example of a parallel evolutionary adaptation to terrestrial life with the land plants

Formerly considered an algal ancestor of vascular plants (1970).



# *Draparnaldia*

attached to rocks in  
cold running water

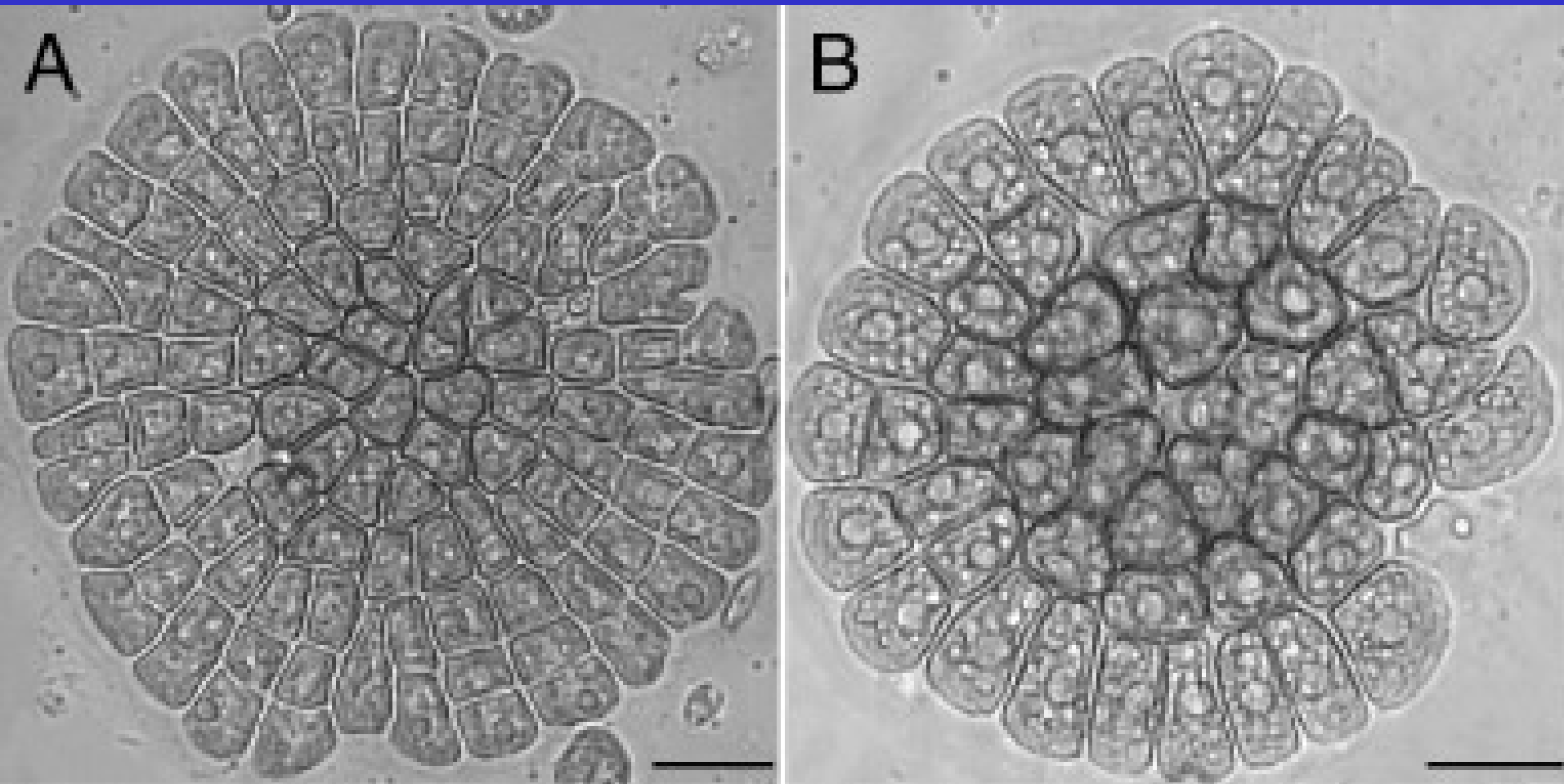


# Chaetopeltidales



Sanchez-Puerta,  
et al 2006.  
Pseudulvella

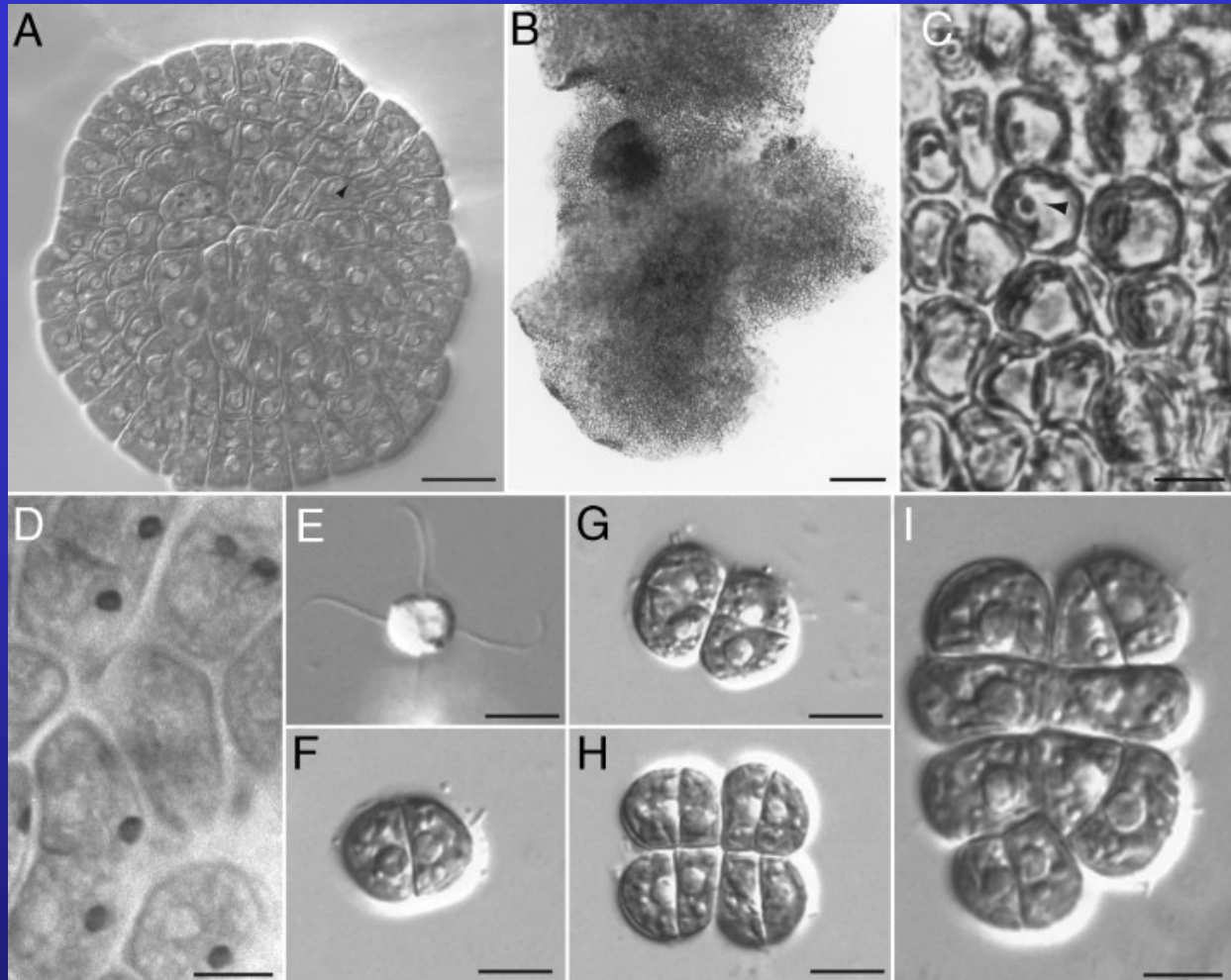
# Chaetopeltidales



Disc-shaped thalli from *Pseudulvella americana* (A) *Chaetopeltis orbicularis* (B)

O'Kelly, C.J., Watanabe, S. & Floyd, G.L. (1994).

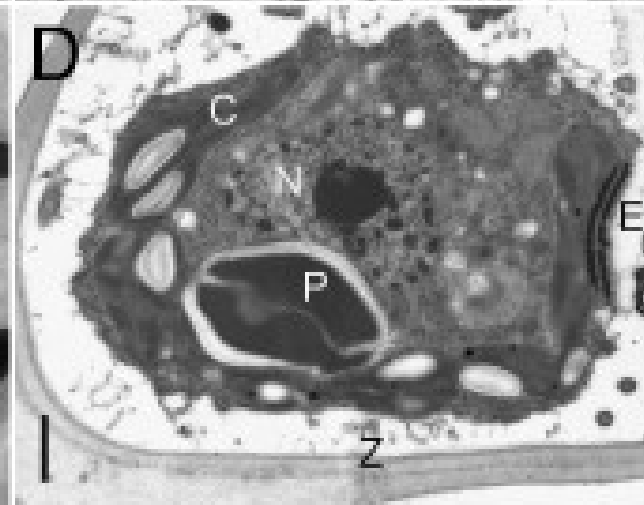
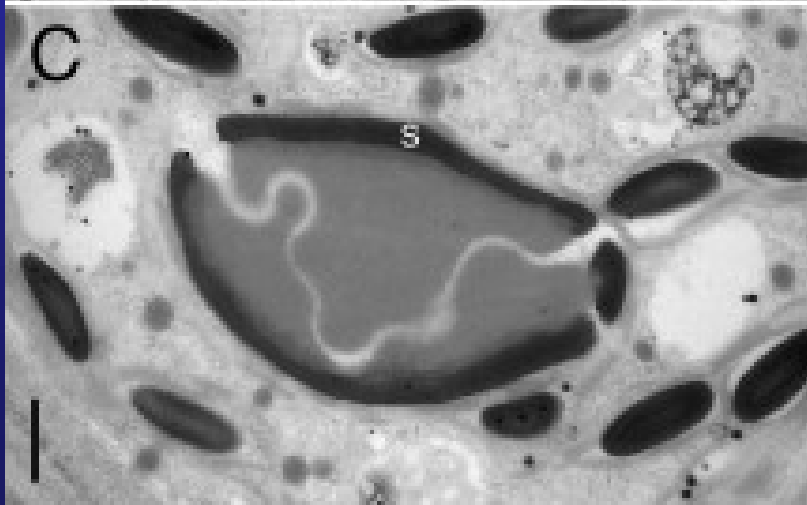
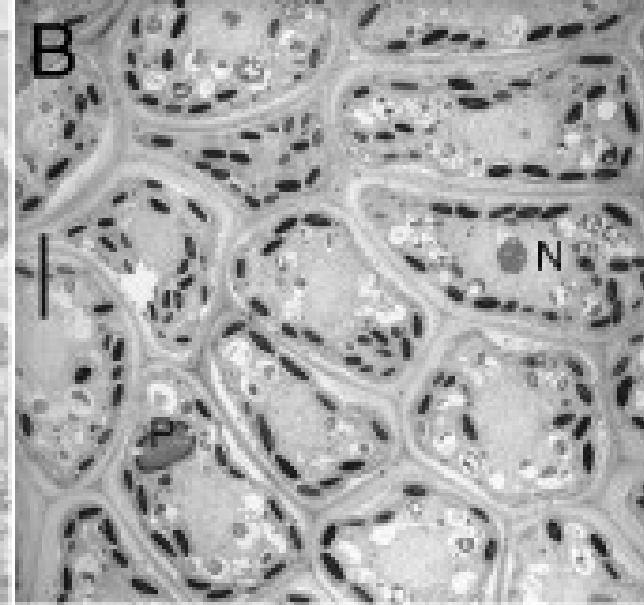
# *Pseudulvella*



Sanchez-Puerta, Leonardi, O'Kelly, & Caceres, (2006).

includes epiphytic or epizoic, freshwater, or marine green microalgae

py s invaginací cytoplasmy







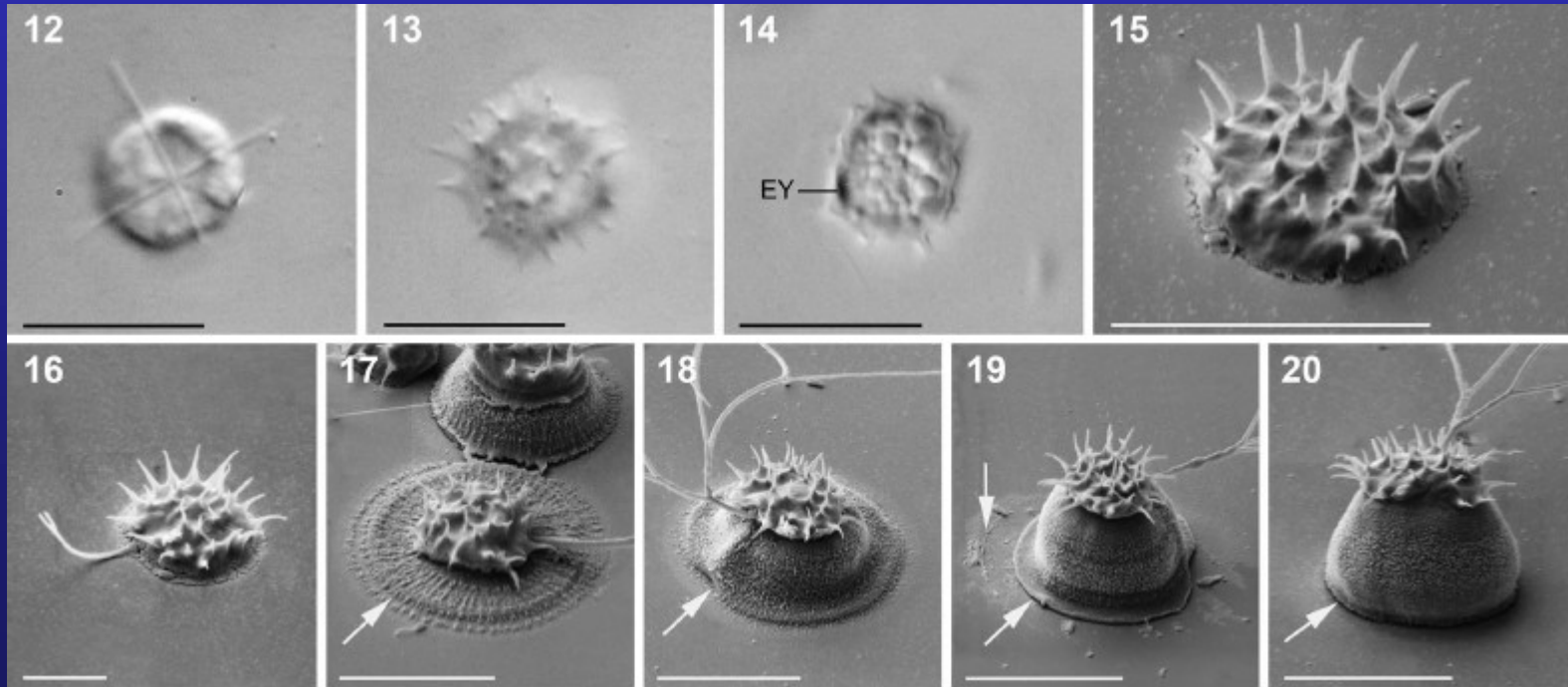
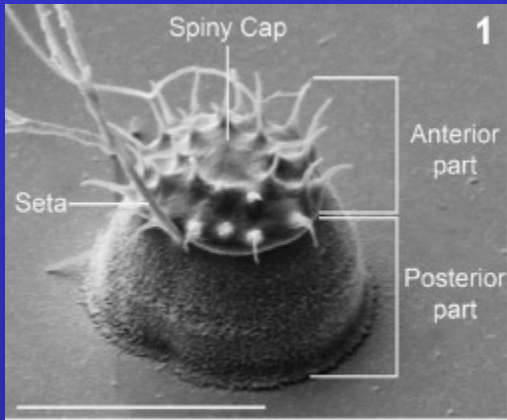
from rivers, lakes, and ponds both as an epiphyte on filamentous algae and twigs, and from the plankton.

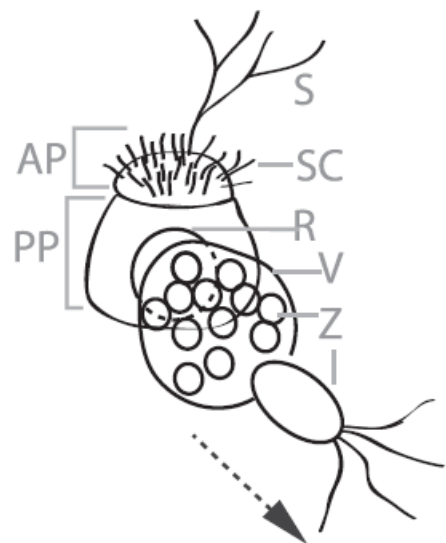
When grown in culture, the alga exhibits morphological variations that depend upon the type of substratum on which it is growing



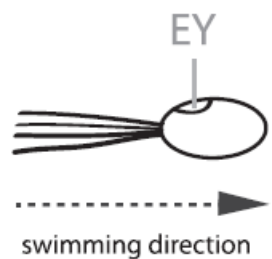
# *Dicranochaete*

*Dicranochaete* is a green coccoid alga with a spiny cap and a long branched seta, that was described more than 100 yr ago from *Sphagnum* 'leaves' in peat bogs,

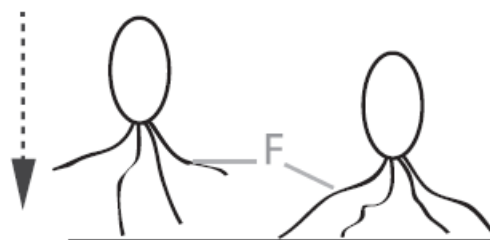




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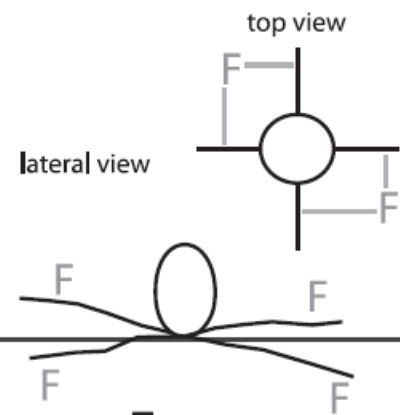


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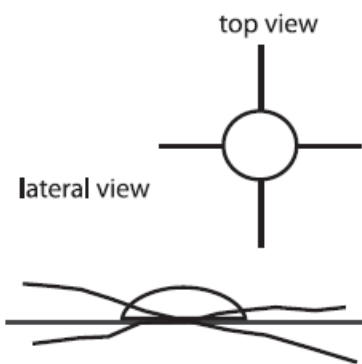


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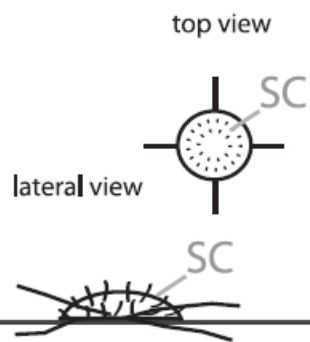
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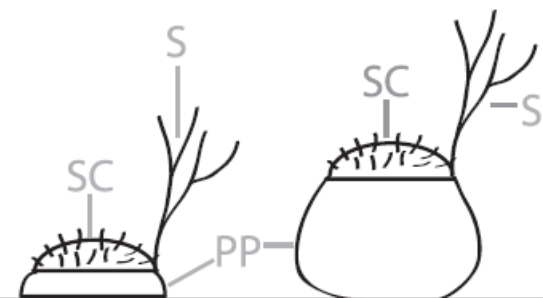


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substrate

# Oedogoniales



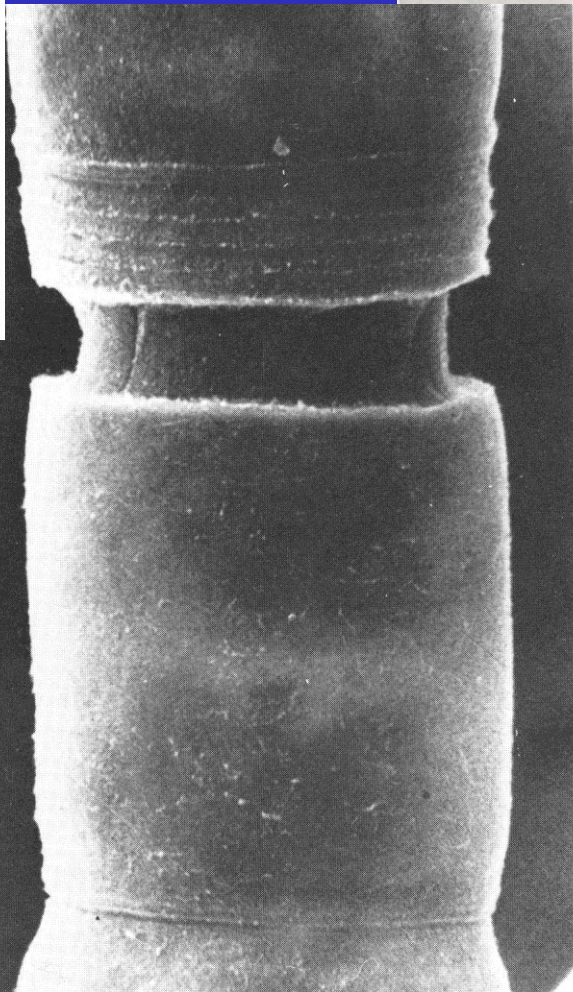
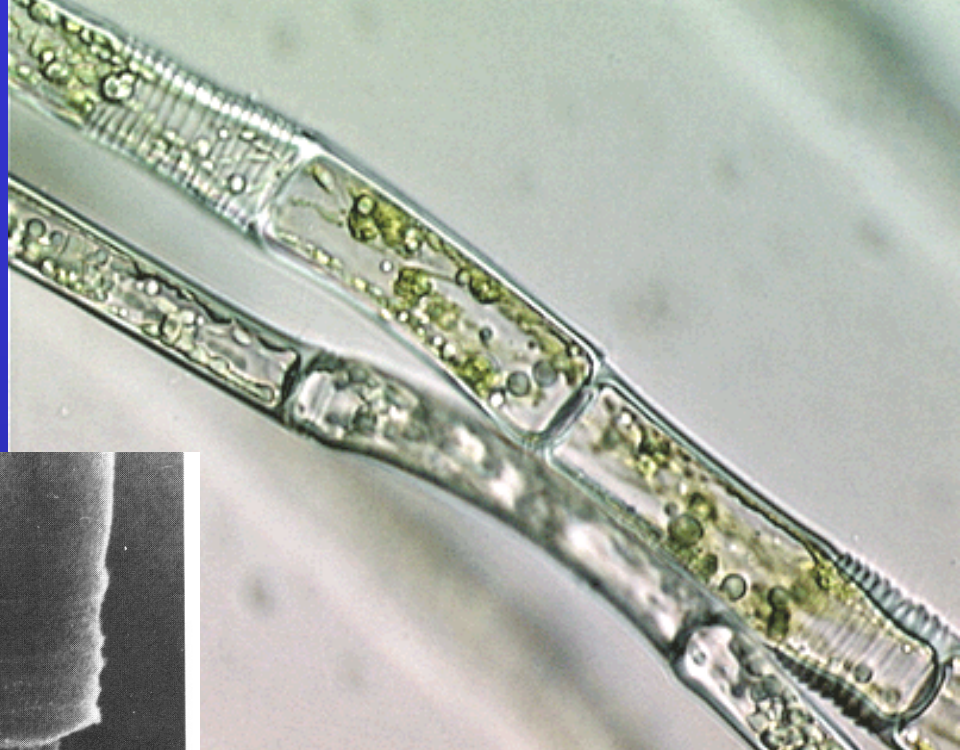
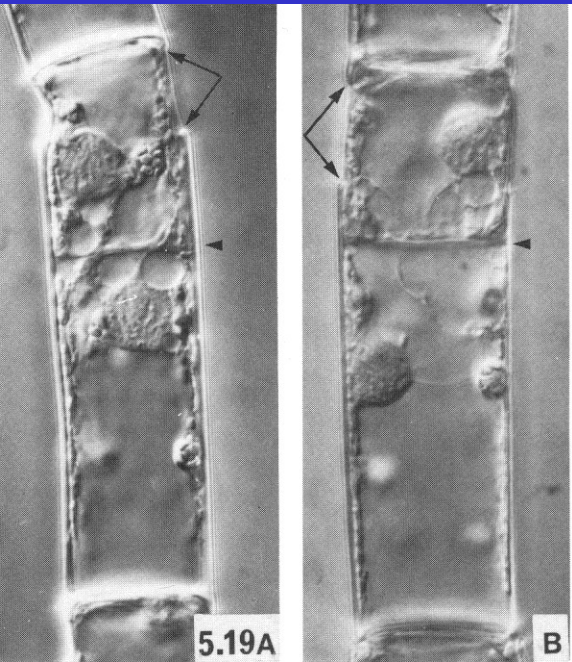
branched filaments

Terrestrial, or occasionally free-floating in freshwater habitats.

## *Oedocladium*



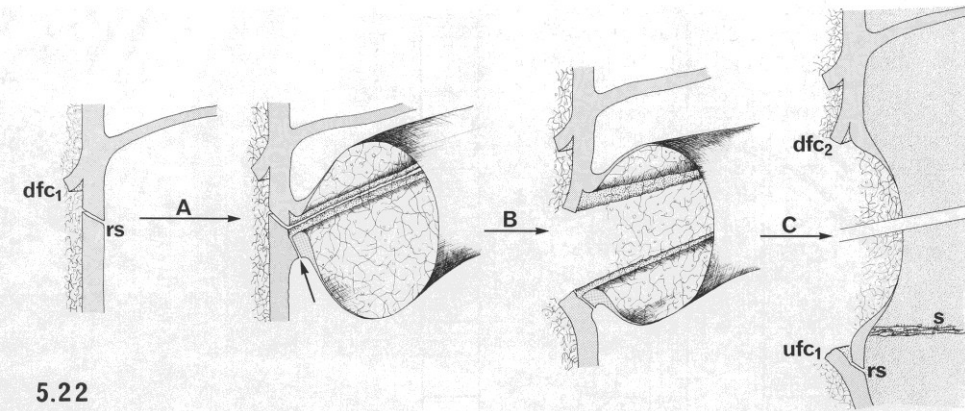
# Oedogoniales



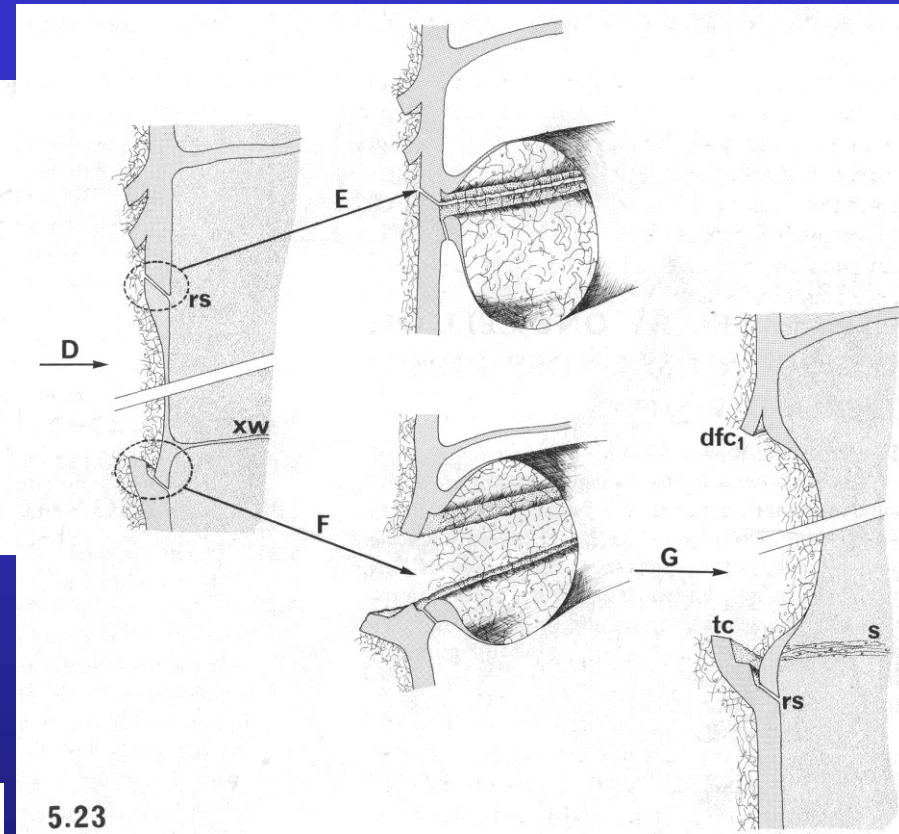
rings

net-like chloroplast, pyrenoids

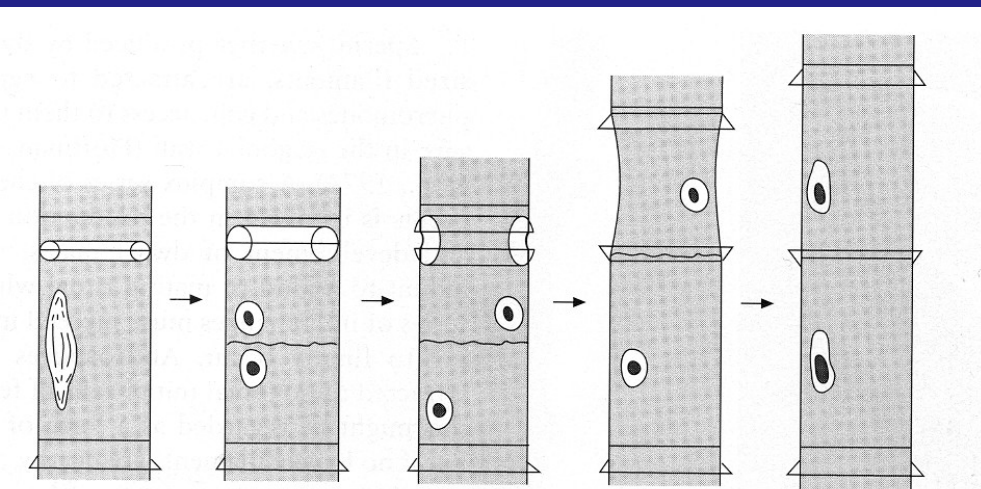
# Oedogonium



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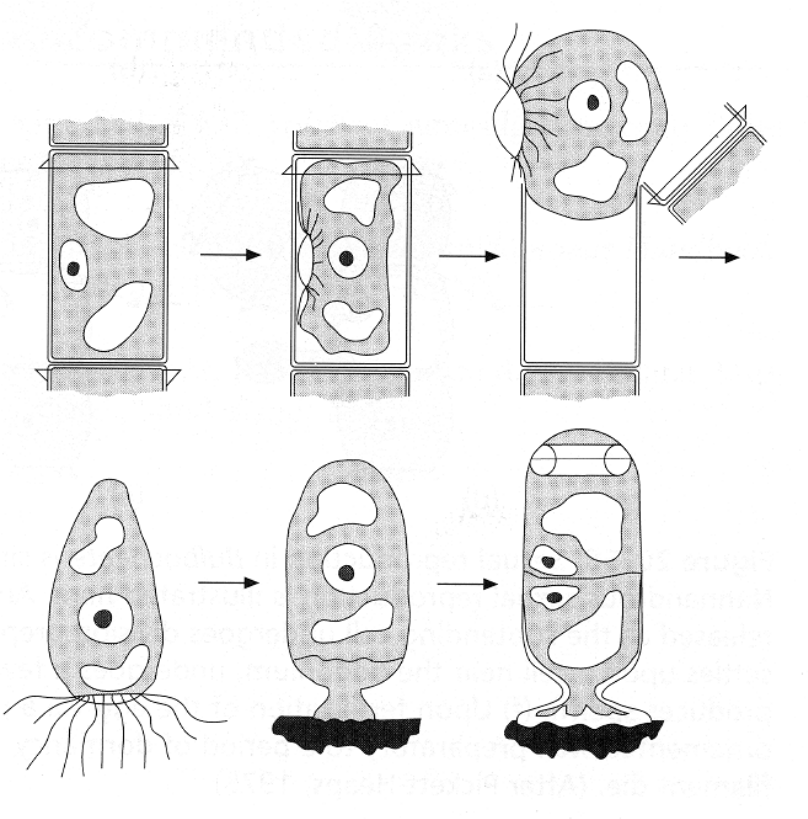


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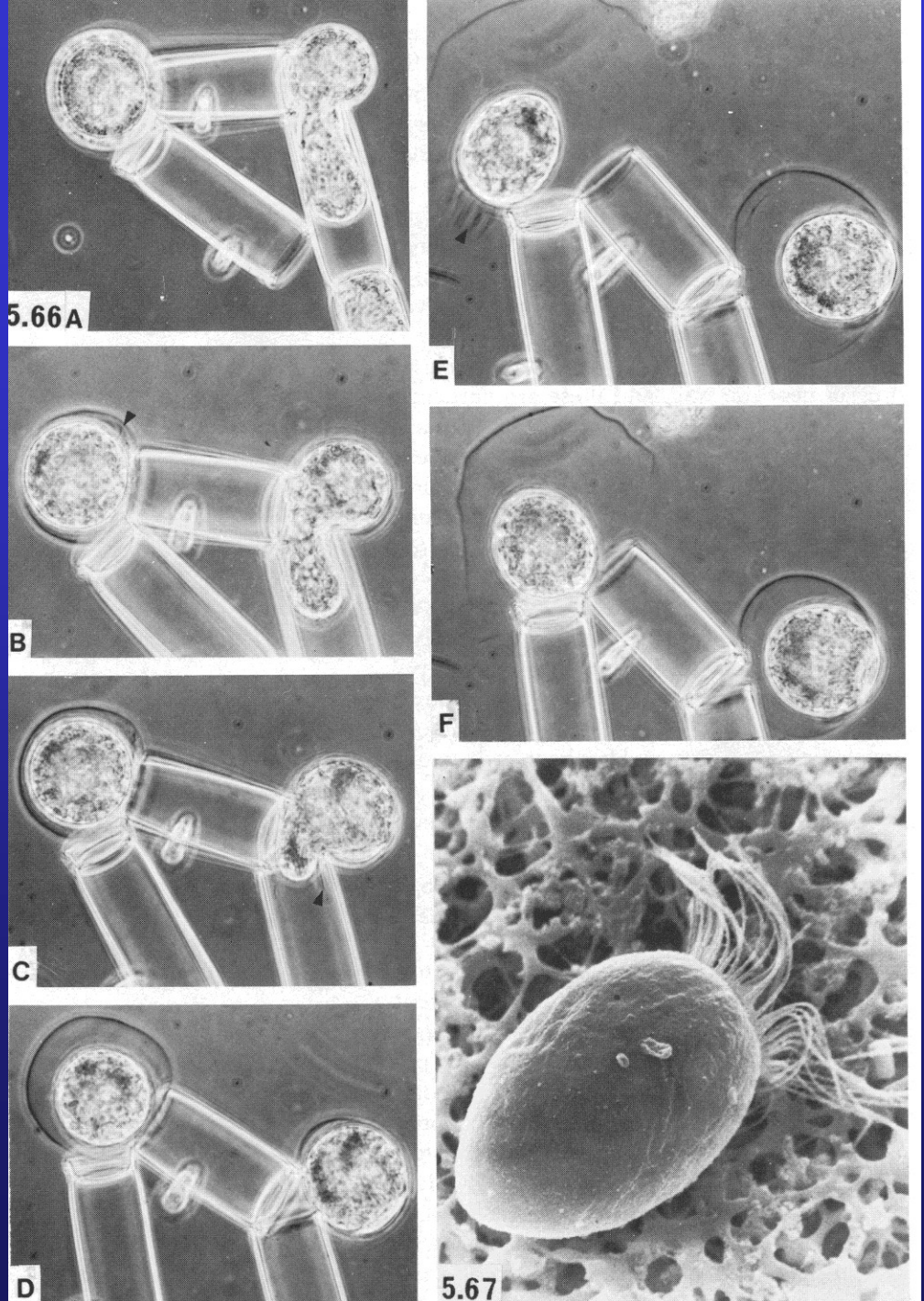


Each cellular division creates a new ring on the cap cell

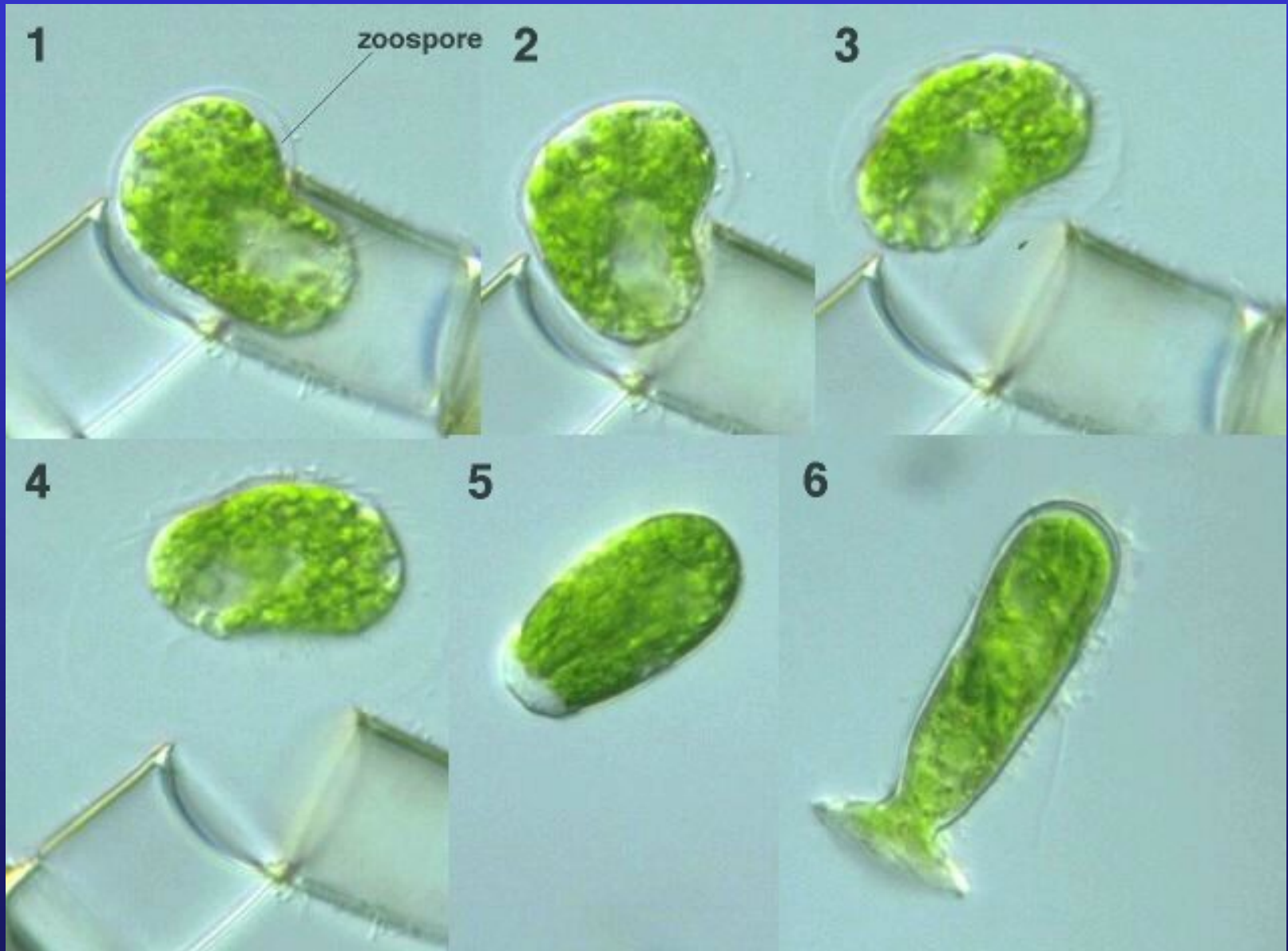
# *Oedogonium*



asexual reproduction –  
stephanokont zoospores



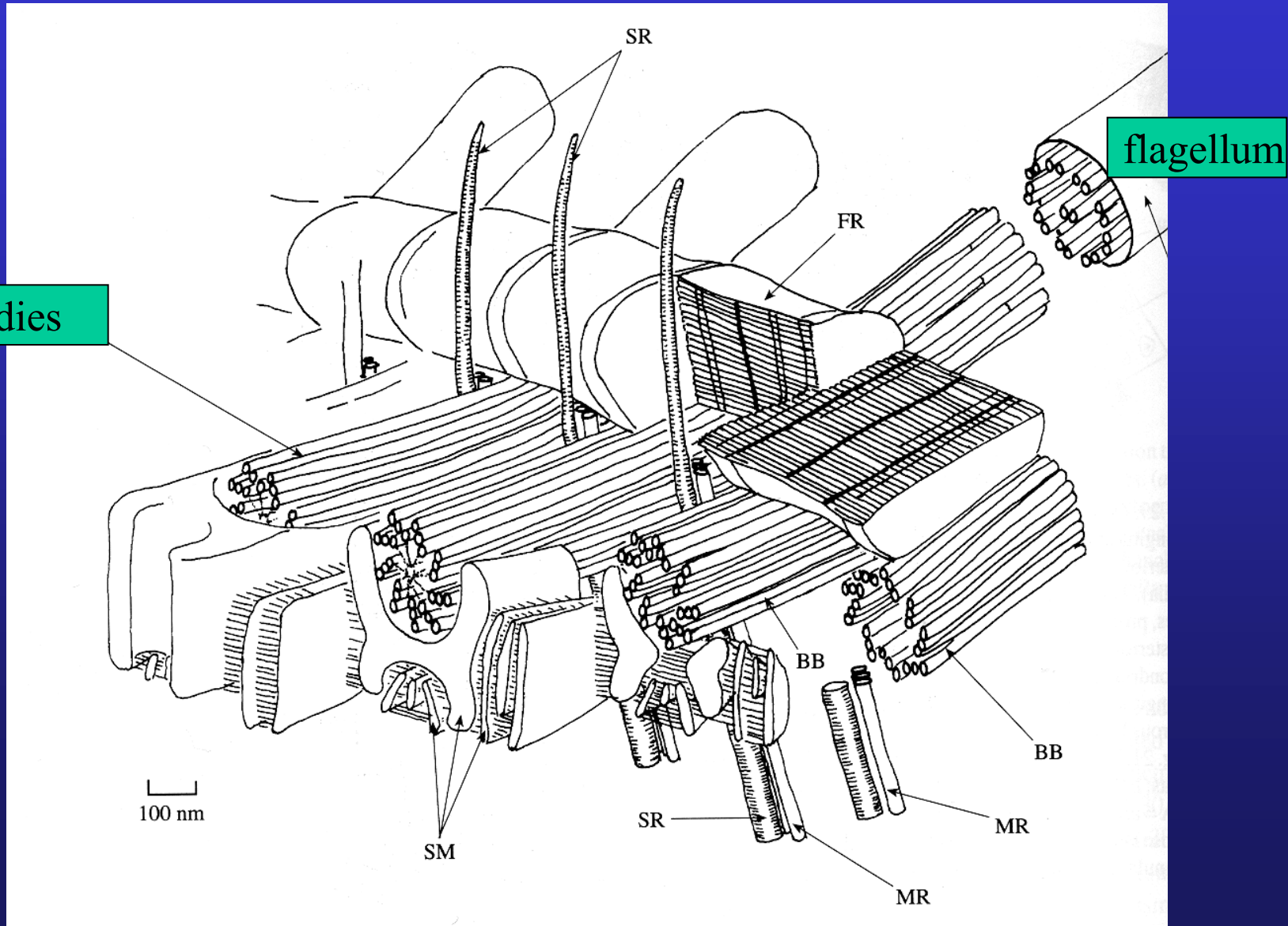
# stephanokont zoospores





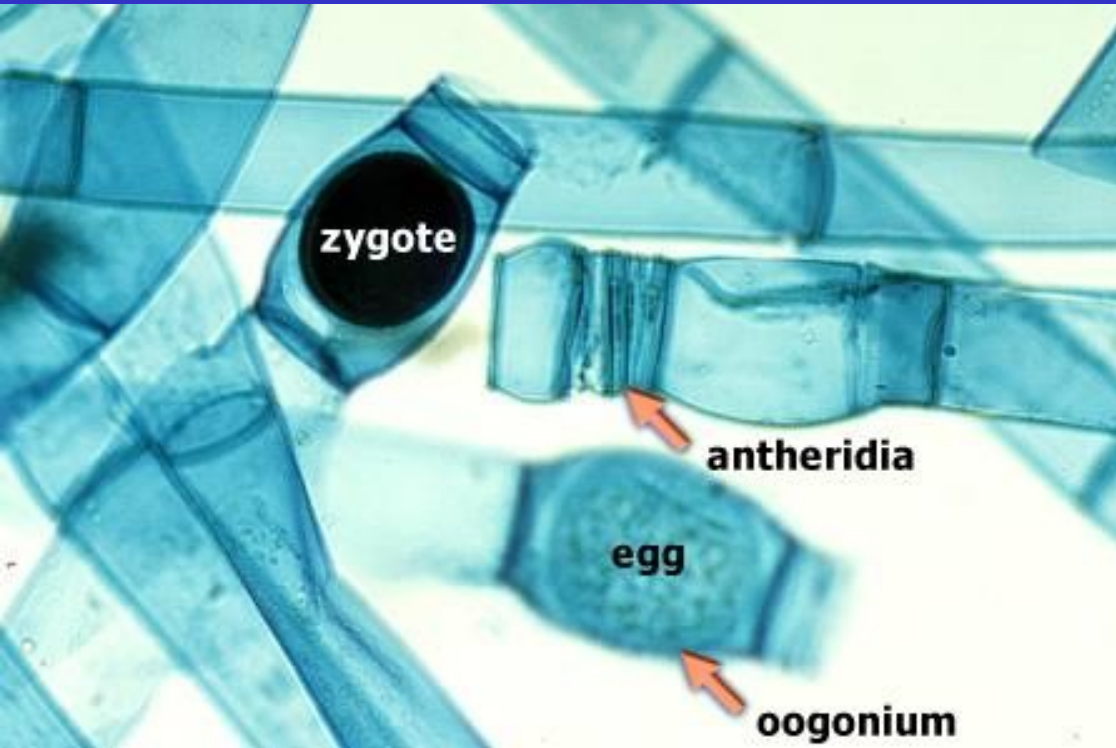
# *Oedogonium*

A massive band forms a ring on the surface of the zoospore; it connects the basal bodies of 40 flagella, just beneath the plasma membrane.



# *Oedogonium*

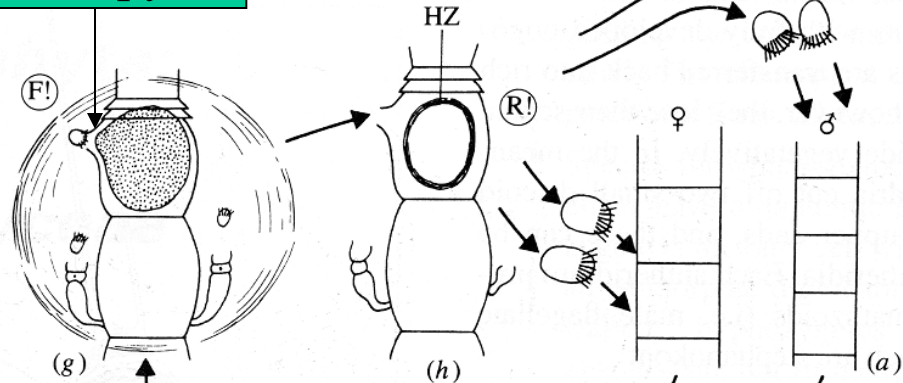
macrandrous species – anteridia directly from vegetative cells



# Oedogonium

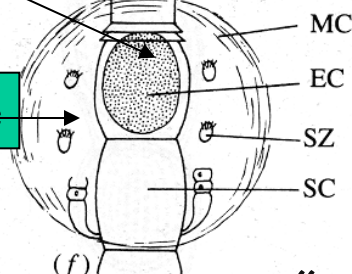
nannandrous  
species

micropyle



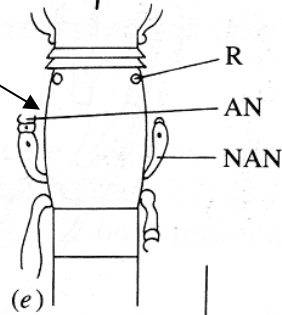
oogonium

spermatozoide

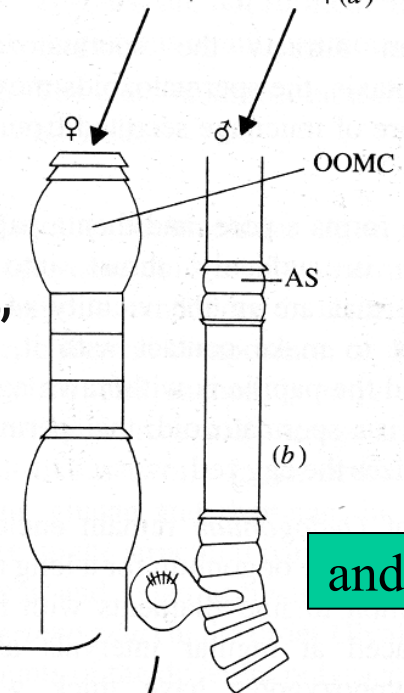
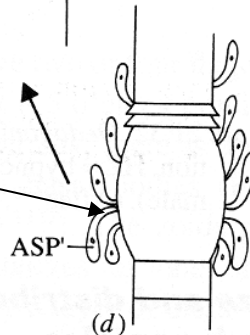


pheromone, "circein,"

antheridium

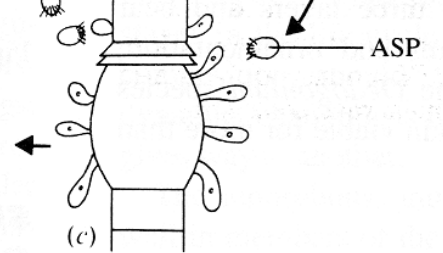


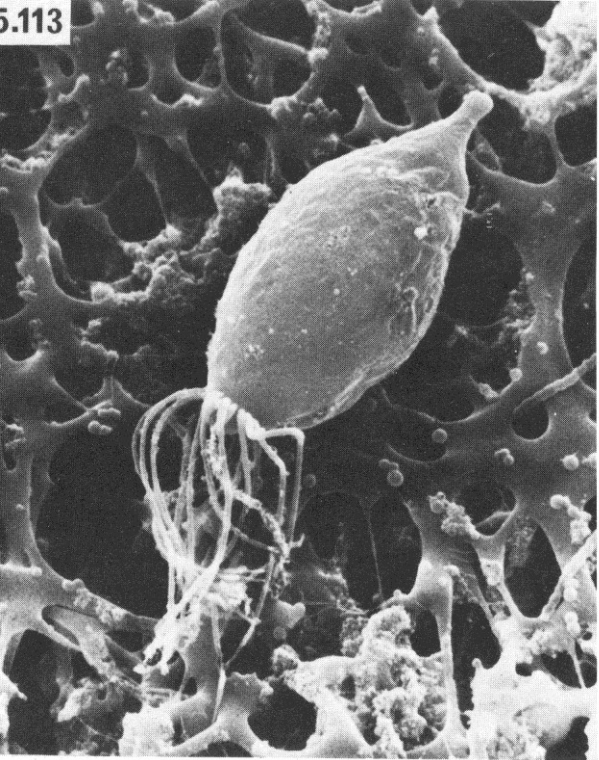
androspore germination



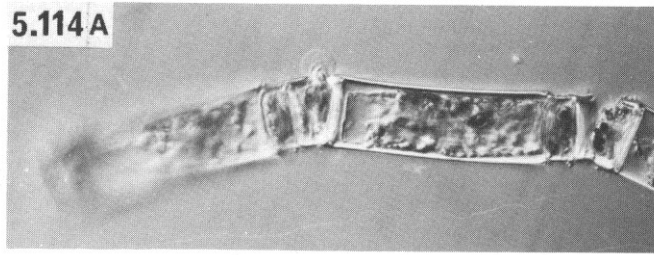
androsporangium

androspore

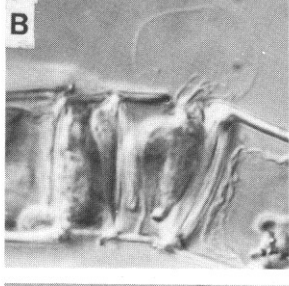




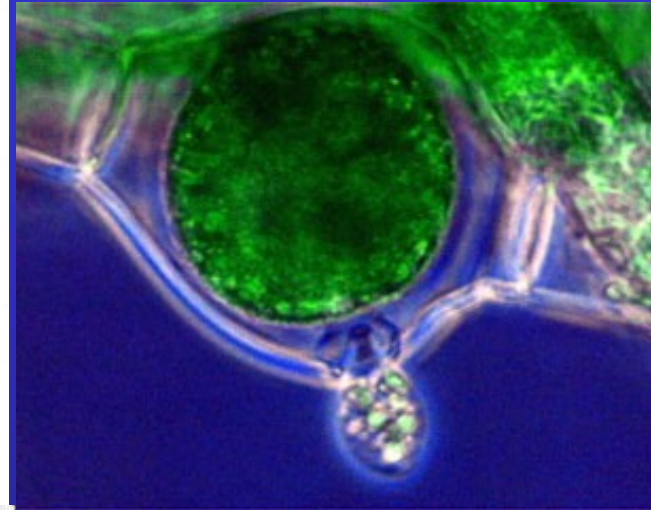
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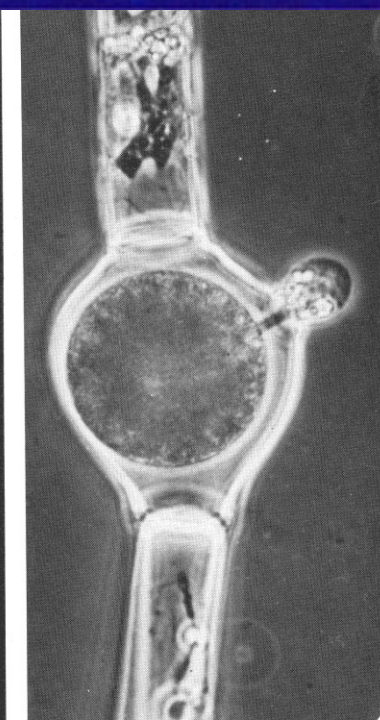
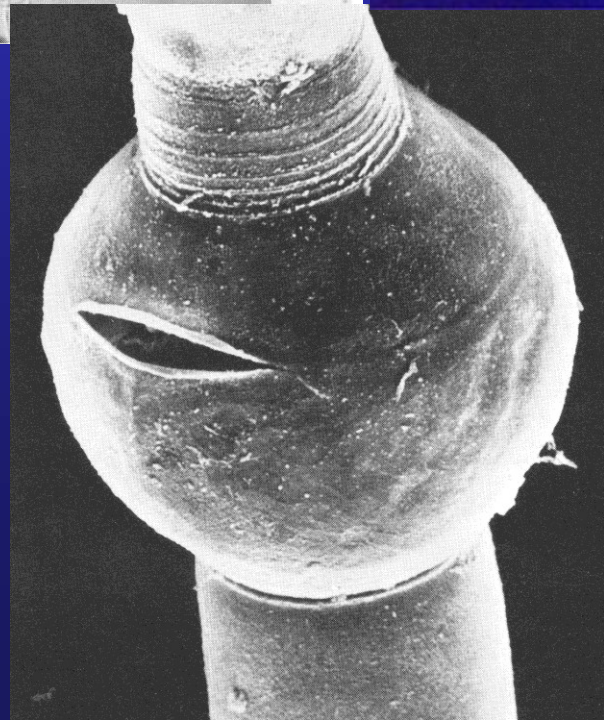


# *Oedogonium*

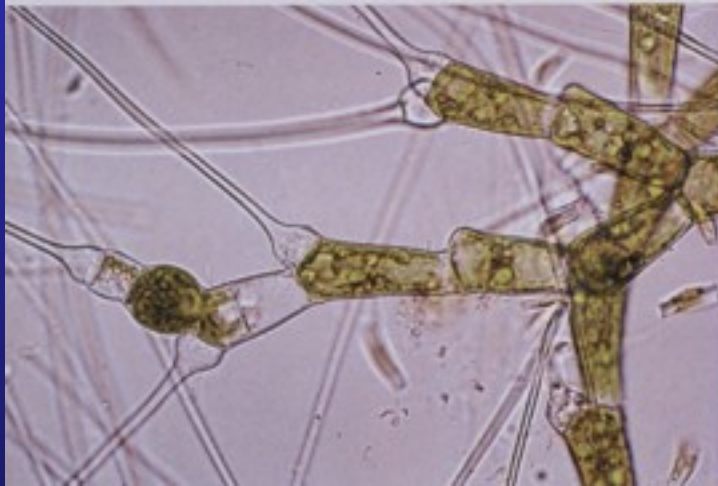
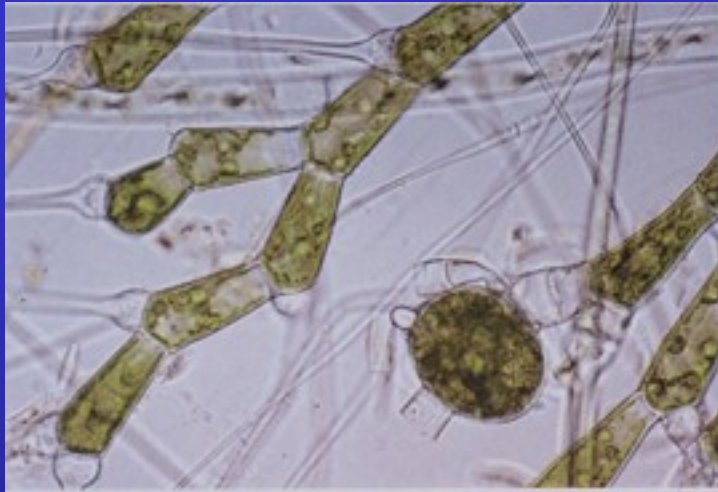


spermatogenesis *O. cardiacum*  
macrandrous species

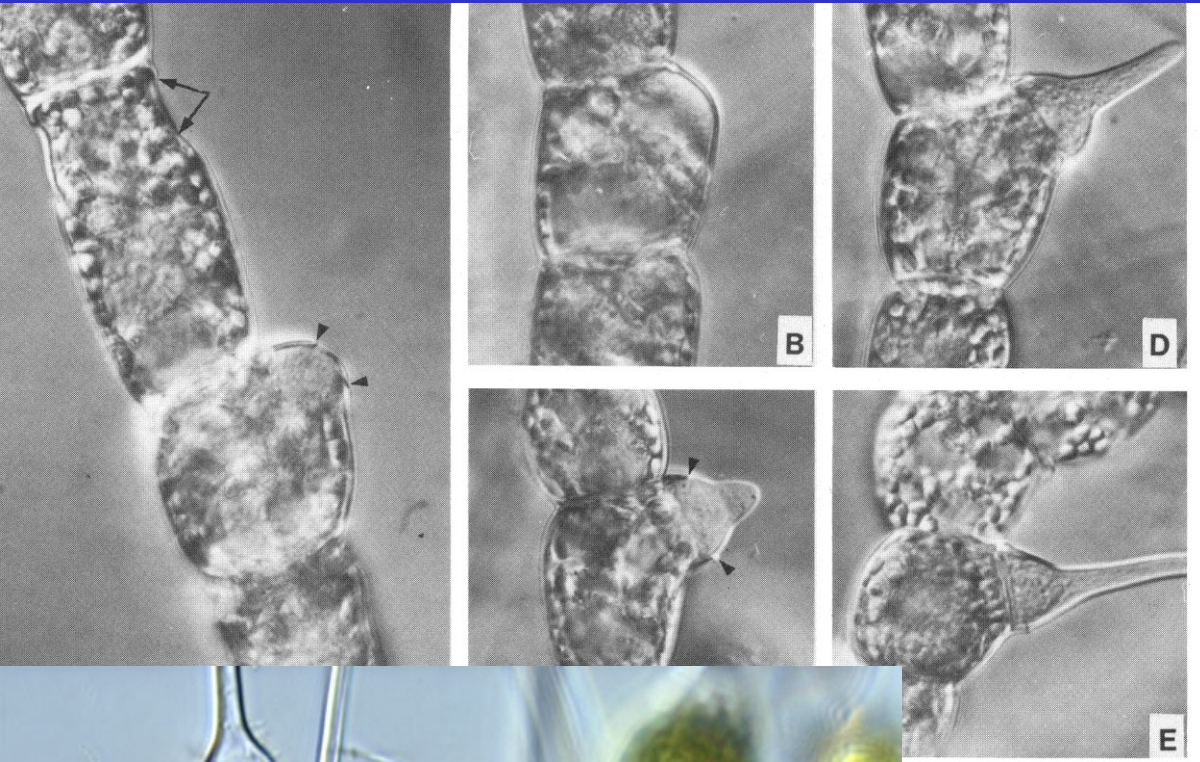
oogonium with a pore  
in the oogonial wall  
(microropyle)



# *Bulbochaete*

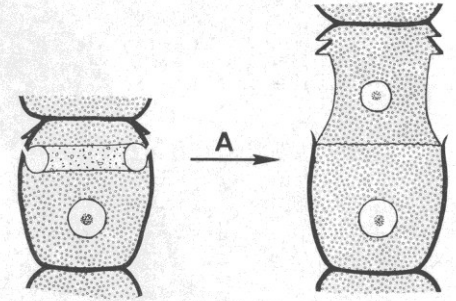


# Bulbochaete

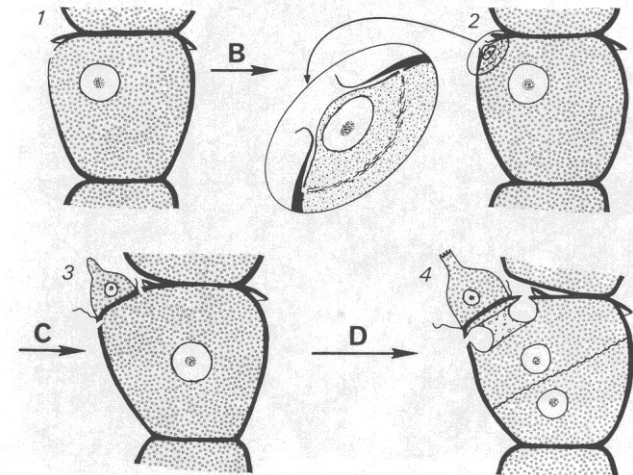


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Normal Division

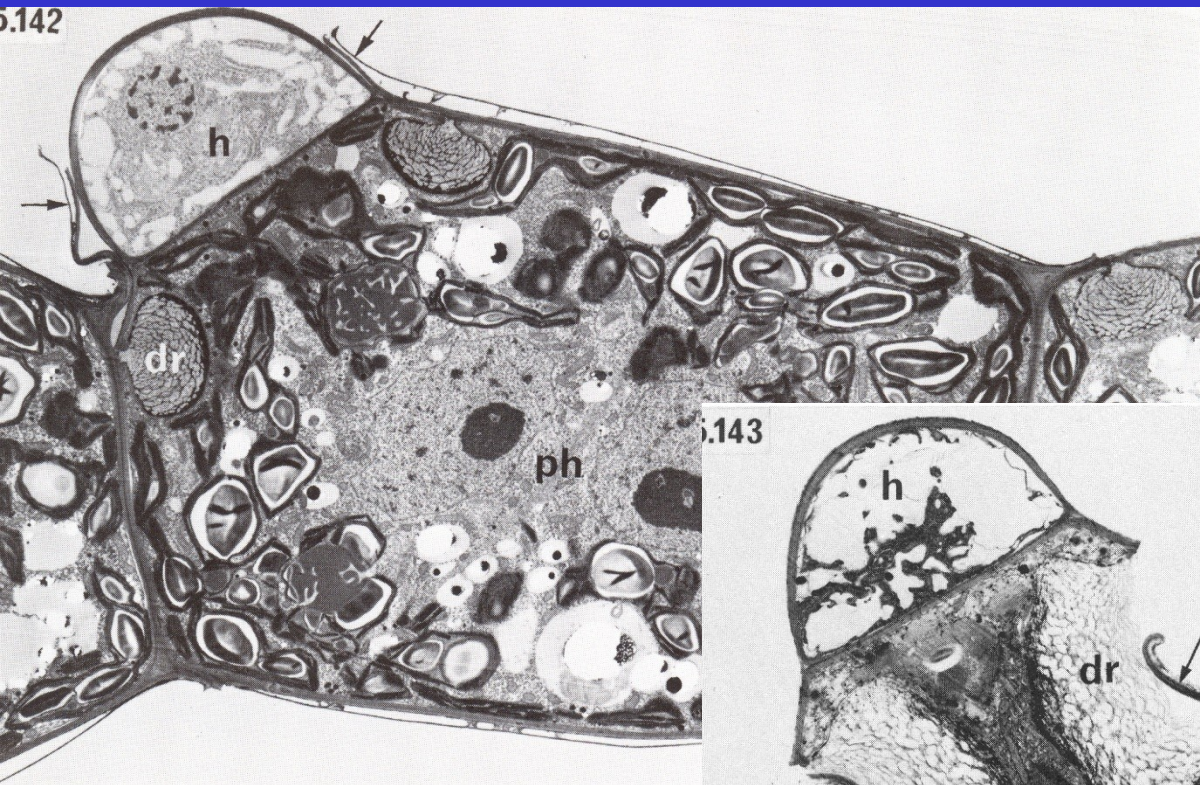


Hair Cell Formation



colorless bulbous-based hair cell  
(setae)

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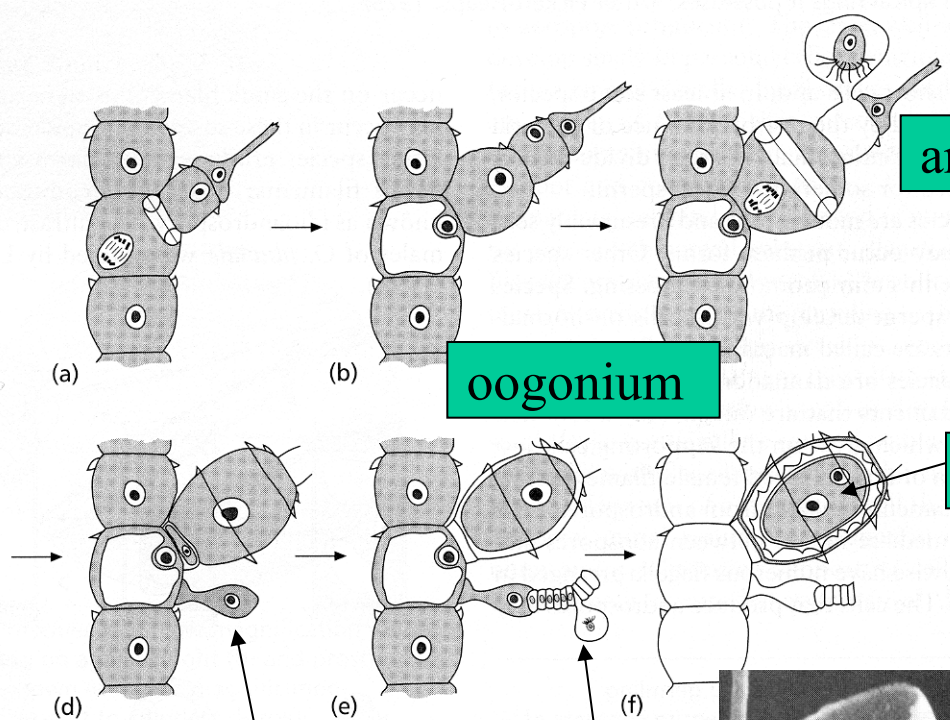


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Bulbochaete

# *Bulbochaete*



androspore

oogonium

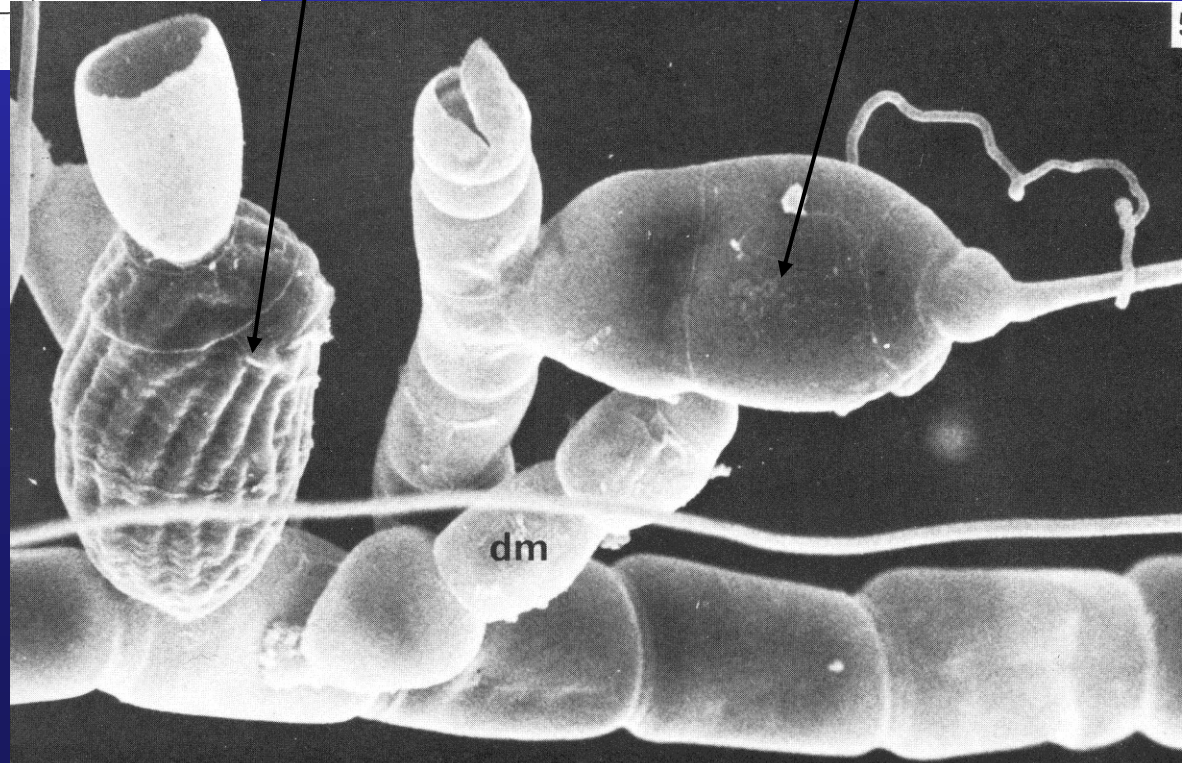
nannandrous reproductive process

oospore

oogonium

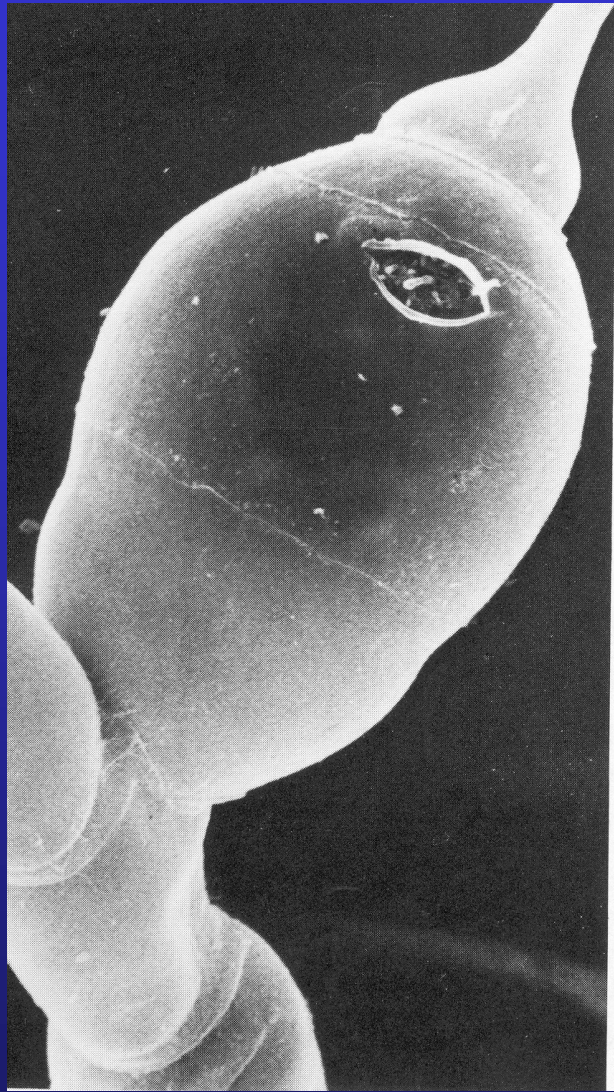
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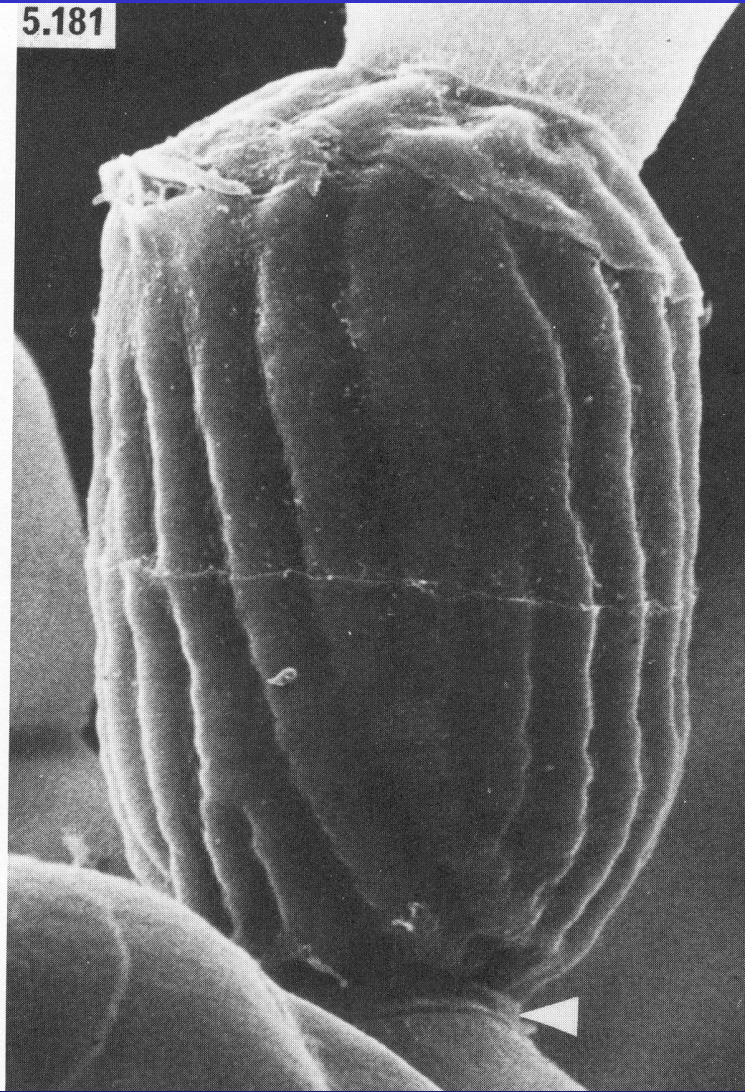




# *Bulbochaete*



oogonium with  
micropyle



thick walled oospore