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Things that animals do

- Obtain food
- Be able to move
- Obtain oxygen
- Remove metabolic wastes
- Maintain water and salt balance
- Sense and react to the environment
- Reproduce and perpetuate the species

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Things animals do – gas and nitrogenous waste
Advantages of small size
Protozoans are 0.005–0.3 mm in size.

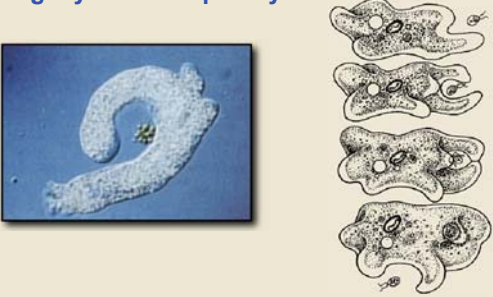
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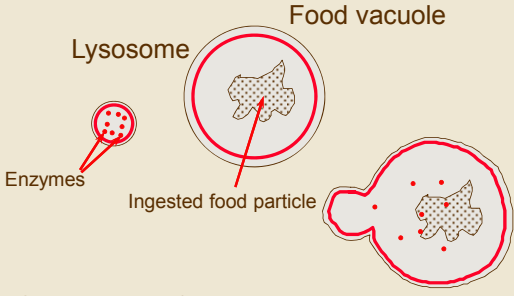
Things animals do – Obtain food
Phagocytosis and pinocytosis



The slide features a micrograph on the left showing a large, curved, translucent protozoan with a small green particle inside. To the right are four sequential diagrams illustrating the process of phagocytosis: 1. A protozoan with a small green particle near its surface. 2. The protozoan's membrane beginning to engulf the particle. 3. The membrane fully surrounding the particle, forming a vesicle. 4. The vesicle pinching off from the cell membrane.

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Things animals do – Obtain food
Digestion



The diagram shows the internal digestion process. On the left, a vesicle labeled 'Enzymes' is shown. In the center, a larger vesicle labeled 'Food vacuole' contains an 'Ingested food particle'. On the right, the food particle is shown being broken down into smaller particles within the food vacuole.

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Things animals do – obtain food
Digestion



The diagram shows a protozoan with several internal structures labeled: 'Cytostome' (the mouth-like opening), 'Cytoproct' (the anal opening), and 'Food vacuole' (containing various colored particles). A handwritten signature 'Guy/95' is visible at the bottom right of the diagram.

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Things animals do - locomotion
Types of protozoan movement

- **Pseudopods**
- **Undulipods**
 - Cilia
 - Flagella
- **No movement**
 - Parasitic forms

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Things animals do - locomotion
Undulipodia: 9 + 2 Organization
(Sliding microtubule hypothesis)

Dyenine arms
Central microtubules
Peripheral microtubules

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Undulipods

Dyenin

75 nm

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Things animals do – salt and water balance
Water expulsion vesicle
(Contractile vacuoles)

Full

Empty

Endoplasmic reticulum

Excretory pore

Ampulla

Feeder canal

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Things that animals do -
Reproduction

- **Sexual reproduction**
 - Syngamy
 - Conjugation
- **Asexual**
 - Binary fission
 - Multiple fission

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Origin of the nuclear envelope

Cytoplasm

Nuclear region (Nucleoid)

Endoplasmic reticulum

Nuclear envelope

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Endosymbiosis

Nuclear material (Nucleoid)

Aerobic bacteria

Developing endomembranes

Mitochondria

Nuclear envelope

Endoplasmic retic.

Photosynthetic bacteria

Chloroplast

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Protist origins: Endosymbiont theory

- Endosymbiont theory accounts for
 - Nuclear membranes
 - Intracellular membranes and spaces
 - Mitochondria (chloroplasts)

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Centriole (Centrosomes or basal bodies)

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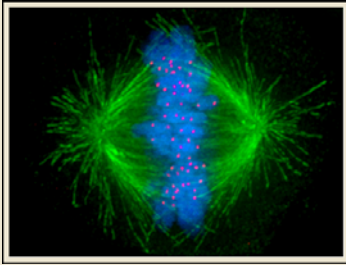
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Spindle fibers and chromosomes



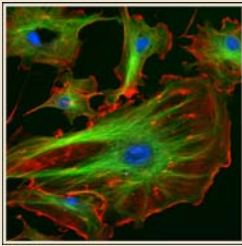
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Microtubules and cytoskeleton



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Origin of cellular motility – Cellular creeping



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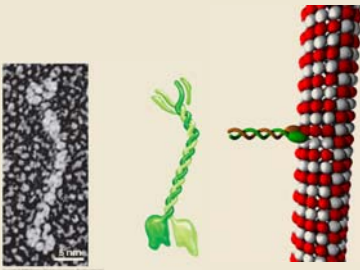
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Molecular motors

- Dyenin
- Kinesin
- Myosin



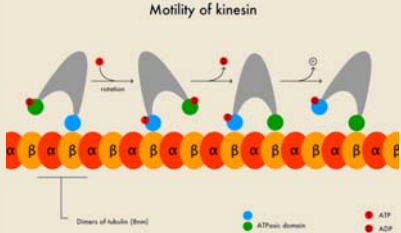
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Kinesin/Dynein motors

Motility of kinesin

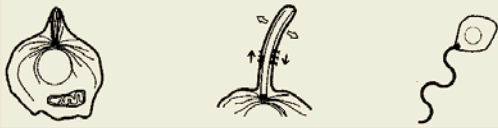


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Origin of cellular motility



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Bikonts

Anterior flagellum
Epipodium
Posterior flagellum
Lorica
Pedicel
5µm

Reclinomonas americana
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Choanozoa
(Unikont: Opisthokonta)

Flagella
Collar

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Colonial choanoflagellates
Unikont: Opisthokonta

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Things animals do - locomotion
Flagellar beat

Planar beat
Helicoid beat



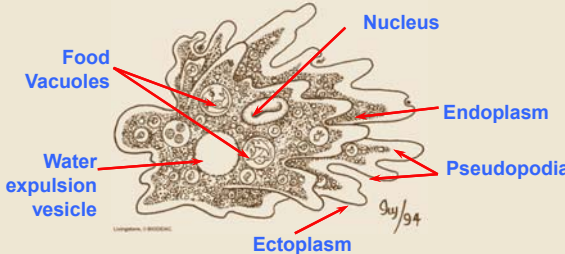
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Protist Supergroups

- **Unikonts**
 - Opisthokonta (Animalia and Fungi)
 - **Amoebozoa**
- **Bikonts**
 - Chromalveolata (Ciliophora and Apicomplexa)
 - Archaeplastida (Plantae)
 - Excavata (Euglenozoa)
 - Rhizaria

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Things animals do - locomotion
Amoeba (Sarcomastigota: Amoebozoa)



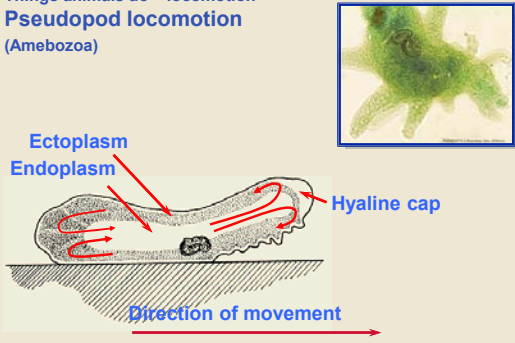
Nucleus
Food Vacuoles
Water expulsion vesicle
Endoplasm
Pseudopodia
Ectoplasm

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Things animals do – locomotion
Pseudopod locomotion
(Amoebzoa)



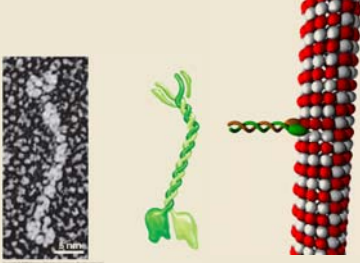
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Molecular motors

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- Kinesin
- Myosin

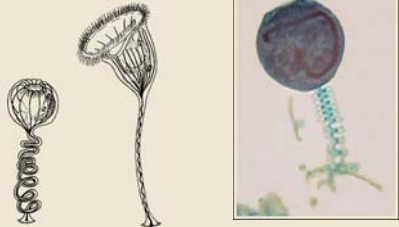


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Vorticella: Myonemes
Alveolate: Ciliophora



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Things animals do – Obtain food
Paramecium (Alveolate: Ciliophora)

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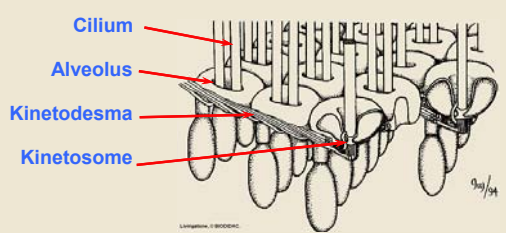
Things animals do - locomotion
Ciliar movement:
Metachronal wave

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Things animals do - locomotion
Pellicle structure (Alveolate: Ciliophora)




Cilium
Alveolus
Kinetodesma
Kinetosome

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Things animals do - locomotion
Pellicle structure

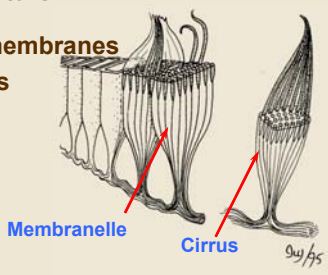


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Things animals do - locomotion
Compound ciliature

- Undulating membranes
- Membranelles
- Cirrus




Membranelle
Cirrus

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Things animals do - locomotion
Euplotes
Alveolate: Ciliophora

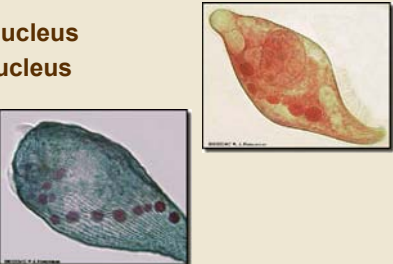


The diagram on the left shows a cross-section of Euplotes with its internal organelles and cilia. The micrograph on the right shows a whole Euplotes cell with its characteristic alveoli and cilia.

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Things animals do - reproduction
Nuclear organization
Alveolate: Ciliophora

- **Macronucleus**
- **Micronucleus**

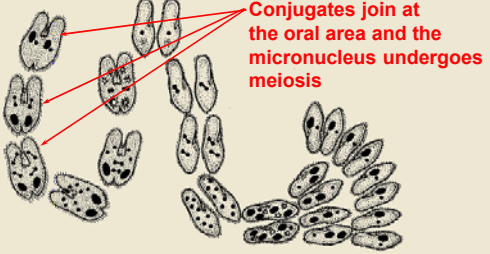


The top micrograph shows a single Euplotes cell with a large, bean-shaped macronucleus and a smaller micronucleus. The bottom micrograph shows a cell with multiple micronuclei arranged in a row.

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Things animals do - reproduction
Conjugation - Alveolata: Ciliophora



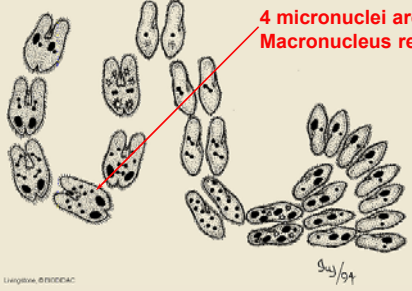
The diagram illustrates the process of conjugation between two Euplotes cells. Red lines indicate the connection between the oral groove of one cell and the micronucleus of the other. A text box states: "Conjugates join at the oral area and the micronucleus undergoes meiosis".

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Things animals do - reproduction
Conjugation (Alveolata: Ciliophora)

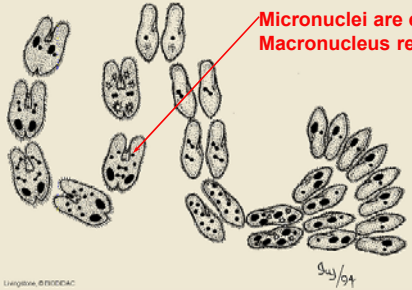


4 micronuclei are formed,
Macronucleus remains

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Things animals do - reproduction
Conjugation (Alveolata: Ciliophora)



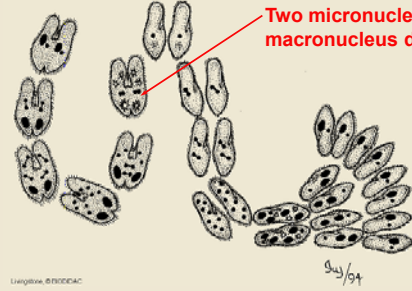
Micronuclei are exchanged
Macronucleus remains

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Things animals do - reproduction
Conjugation (Alveolata: Ciliophora)



Two micronuclei and
macronucleus disappear

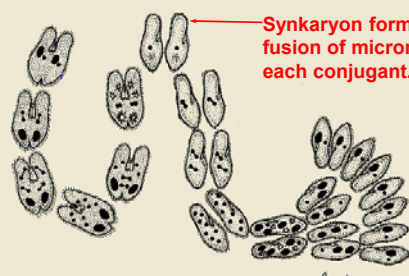
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Things animals do - reproduction
Conjugation Alveolata: Ciliophora




Synkaryon forms from the fusion of micronuclei in each conjugant.

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Things that animals do - reproduction
Conjugation (Alveolata: Ciliophora)



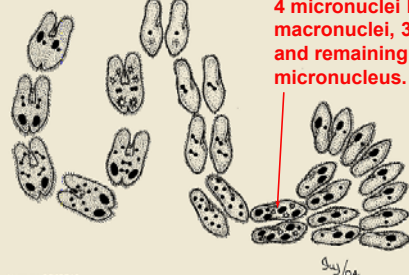
Three mitotic divisions produce 8 nuclei

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Things that animals do - reproduction
Conjugation (Alveolata: Ciliophora)



4 micronuclei become macronuclei, 3 disappear, and remaining become micronucleus.

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Things animals do - reproduction
Conjugation (Alveolata: Ciliophora)

Mitotic divisions of micronuclei and macronucleus

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Things animals do - reproduction
Malaria – human
 (Alveolata: Apicomplexa)

Sporogony

Gametogony RBCs Liver Schizogony

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Things animals do - reproduction
Malaria – human
 Alveolata: Apicomplexa

Oocysts beneath stomach lining Sporozoites migrate to the salivary glands

Female gamete Male gamete Sporogony

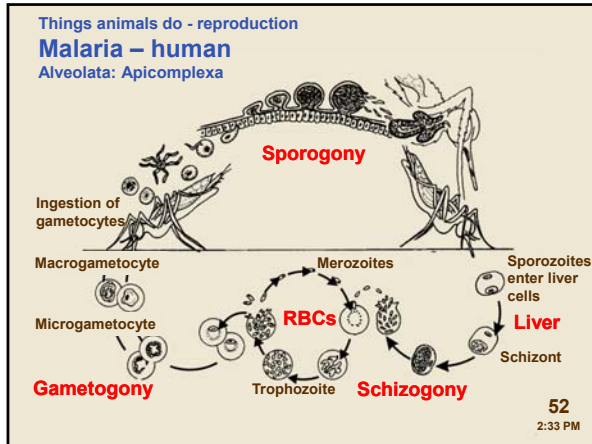
Ingestion of gametocytes Mosquito's saliva infects human

Gametogony RBCs Liver Schizogony

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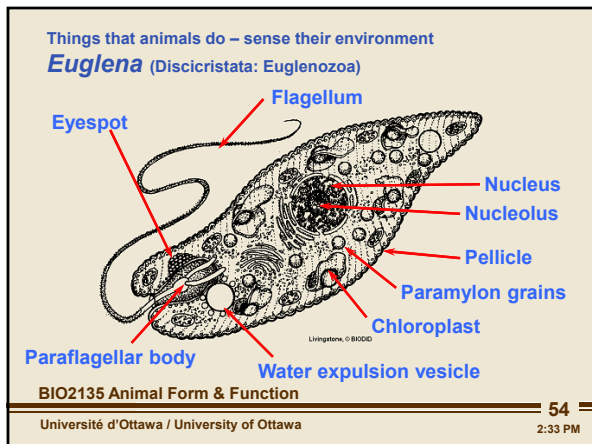
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Protozoan skeletons: Tests


- **Calcium Carbonate**
 - Granuloreticulosae
- **Silica**
 - Rhizopods



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Protozoan skeletons
(Granuloreticulosea)



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