

# Porifera

**Kingdom animalia**

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**Cladistics - Useful terms**

- **Apomorphies**
  - Derived characters within a group
- **Plesiomorphies**
  - Primitive characters within a group
- **Synapomorphies**
  - Derived characters shared between groups
- **Symplesiomorphies**
  - Shared primitive characters that are shared between groups
- **Autoapomorphies**
  - Shared derived characters that define a taxon

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-before we find cladistics taking hold, its a way to do taxonomy

-looked at characters as advanced and primitive

-advanced was some that was labeled to show that it was something better than the past

-ex bilateral (adv) and radial (primitive) or is it another way around?

- there was no proof for what was the best architecture - all subjective

- point of cladistics - if an organism is an ancestor to the other ones - should be able to take any set of traits and put in advanced or primitive/ derived and ancestral

-known as 0 or 1

-every single trait should change when you look at them (doesnt matter what you are looking at) as long as the tree is built, it is the same every time

-hennig came up with words for cladistics

-apomorphies -derived characters (vertebrates at the bottom of the tree are fish and then get tetrapods, terrestrial etc) - appearance of appendages

-plesiomorphies - absent of appendages as fins in vertebrates

-everyone that has that trait must be related to each other

-synapomorphie- they share that trait - share common ancestor for derived

-symplesiomorphies- they share that trait - share common ancestor for primitive

-autoapomorphies- suite of characters that is shared between a group of organisms and no one else has them, it defines the group (ex. in cnidara - only group that have cnidocytes)

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-A is a characteristic that is all 3 groups, which are the descendants

-this means that A is a plesiomorphie - trait in ancestral history

-groups have autapomorphies that make them different but the things that stayed the same from before make them symplesiomorphy (baggage that was passed forward and shared)

-synapomorphy - things that were shared

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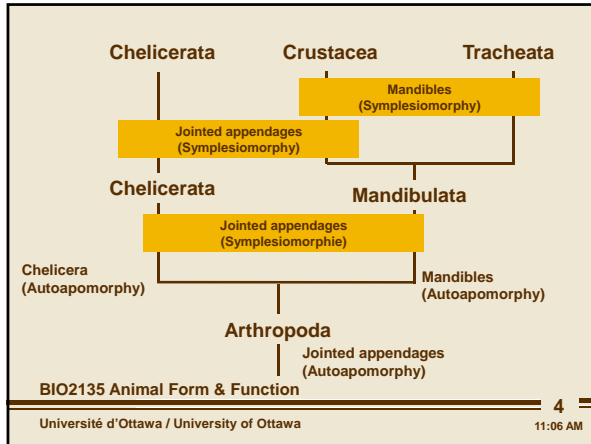
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example of a cladogram

- arthropoda is phylum with jointed appendages from an exoskeleton as an autoapomorphy
- in arthropods there are two main lineages
- chelicerata and mandibulata - have different ways for eating
- their symplesiomorphies is jointed appendages because it was shared with in the past
- as you move up in the tree- autoapomorphies become symplesiomorphies for the branches that come

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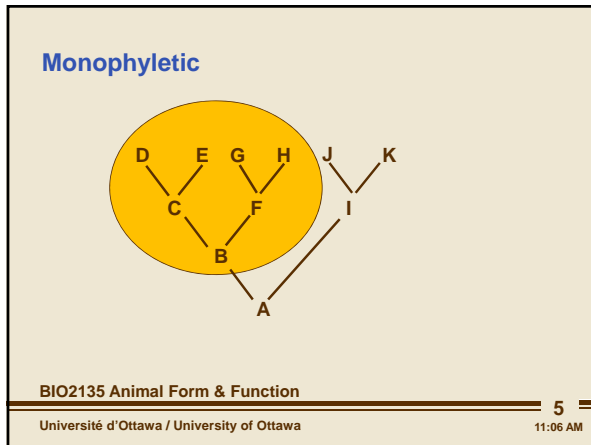
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interested in monophyletic groups where we have a bunch of descendants from one ancestor, and from having this information we have the evolutionary sequence

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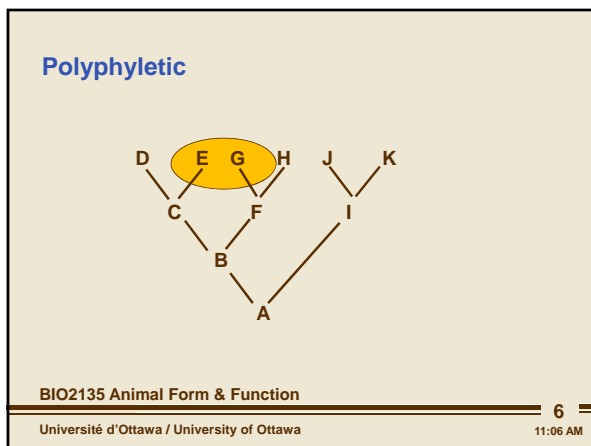
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grouping change cause a different tree was made -where you dont have all of the descendant

- ex arthropods
- called polyphyletic

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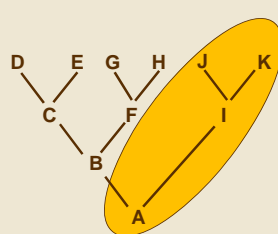
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**Paraphyletic**



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- mistake! create 2 different taxa with 2 different names
- this was done when morphology was an important way of looking at the world
- ex separation of birds and reptiles
  - avies and reptiles - based on the fact that birds are so different
  - eventually found out that bird fall into the lineages of reptiles

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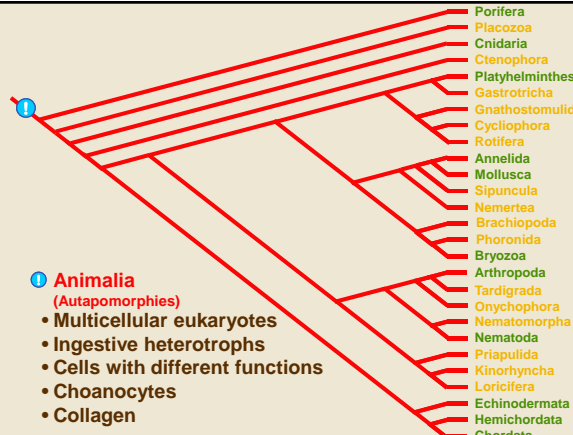
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**1 Animalia**  
(Autapomorphies)

- Multicellular eukaryotes
- Ingestive heterotrophs
- Cells with different functions
- Choanocytes
- Collagen

Porifera  
Placozoa  
Cnidaria  
Ctenophora  
Platyhelminthes  
Gastrotricha  
Gnathostomulida  
Cycliophora  
Rotifera  
Annelida  
Mollusca  
Sipuncula  
Nemertea  
Brachiopoda  
Phoronida  
Bryozoa  
Arthropoda  
Tardigrada  
Onychophora  
Nematomorpha  
Nematoda  
Priapulida  
Kinorhyncha  
Loricifera  
Echinodermata  
Hemichordata  
Chordata

- now have general concensus
- animal autapomorphies
  - use of adhesion - collagen

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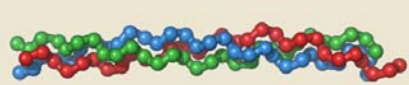
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**Collagen**



- Tropo-collagen subunit
- High glycine/proline – gly-X-pro

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- unique about collagen- fibrous protein, unique composition - 3 strands interwoven to get the tropo-collagen subunit
- have high glycine and proline amino acids that alternate down the chain
- hydrogen bonded together - very stable and an excellent adhesive for holding cells together
- used to sticks cells into multicellular form

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### Cellular organization

- **Unicellular:** single cells
- **Parazoans:** without true tissues
- **Metazoans:** with tissues or organs

● Unicellular  
● Parazoan  
● Eumetazoan



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-majority of organisms that are going to look at are metazoans - ones that have true tissues or organ -have cell to cell communication  
-other group called parazoans - one that have cells with different functions  
-where division on tree occurs

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### Basic animal body symmetries

- Asymmetric
- Radial
- Bilateral

■ Assymmetric  
□ Radial  
■ Bilateral



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-at one point, division was based on symmetry - bottom of the tree was assymmetric and then radial and then bilateral  
-still holds

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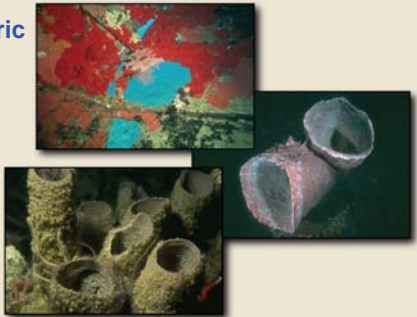
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### Assymmetric



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-in an organism that assymmetric - no region of symmetry from one side to the other where you can cut and get equal parts

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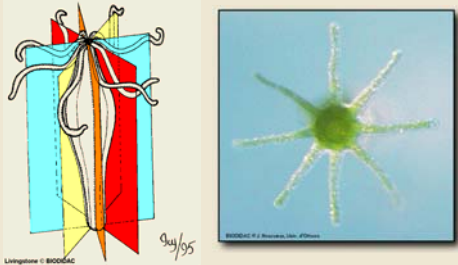
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**Radial symmetry**



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-when we have a digestive tract - a mouth and an opposite side -cut down the middle in multiple planes and achieve equality

-tend to be passive in their environment and float - send food around them

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**Bilateral symmetry**



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-symmetry that is most common - only has one plane through the organism that have identical halves

-animals that move in one direction - tend to see a concentration of sensory materials at the front

-also associated with increase mobility - successful plans

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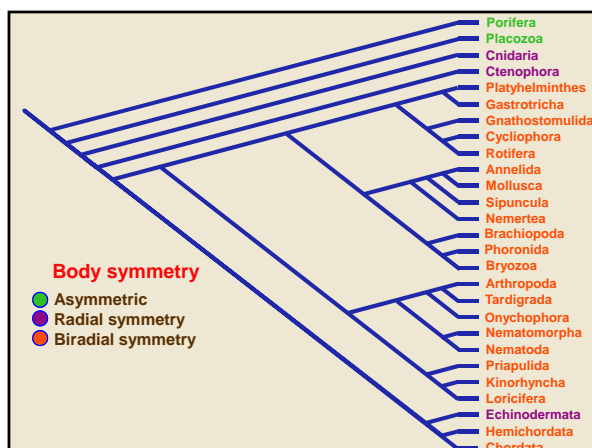
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-first group is the sponges

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**Phylum Porifera**

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-usual group

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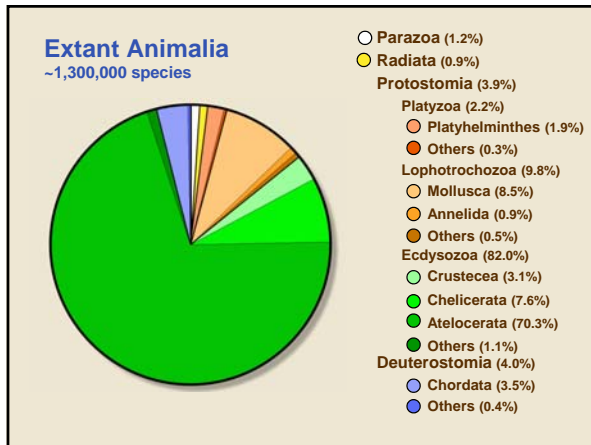
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-not big on the evolutionary tree

-phyla of which the porifera is the most common

-animals that have cells that are doing different functions - pumping water/wandering around/transporting things

-havent seen cell to cell communication or true tissue

-when we get communication - get metazoas

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**Poriferan diversity - tube sponges**



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-come in variety of shapes and forms

-all sessile- all going to pump water - all has some kind of skeleton that is going to give structure and hold them up

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**Poriferan diversity - tube sponges**



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-finger shaped -always have a big exit point for water that is flowing out - filter water to get food

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**Poriferan diversity - barrel sponge**



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-can be quite large

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**Poriferan diversity**



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-can be colourful

- since they are sessile- they tend to produce toxins and poisons- reflected in appearance to defend themselves

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**Poriferan diversity – glass sponge**



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-in deepest parts of the oceans - can be made up glass

- with nothing but a skin a cytoplasm that feeds

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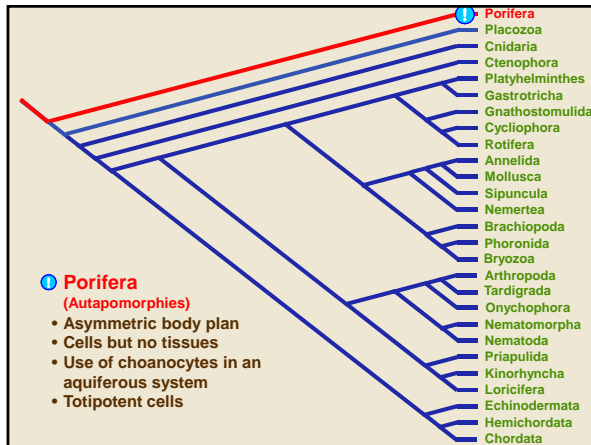
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**Porifera**  
(Autapomorphies)

- Asymmetric body plan
- Cells but no tissues
- Use of choanocytes in an aquiferous system
- Totipotent cells

-what did the porifera add on top of the animal body plan (which were the collagen/heteratrophic/ingestion/division of cell labour)

- they are going to be the animals that have cells but no tissue/assymetric body plan/ \*\*have choanocytes that are organized in a water pumping system (aquiferous system)

- in echinoderms - have water vascular system - do not mix up\*

-have totipotent cells - cell programming is not committed to any cell type

-cells that have different functions but they can revert back to any cell type

-ex. red and green sponge - cut up and mix - revert to archeocyte - move around and look for each other - once they recognize each other - eventually grow into a sponge again - like a stem cell

-has an assymetric body plan - sponges dont have tissues- no mouth/ oral opening

-ectoderm and endoderm and have a mouth- basis of symmetry

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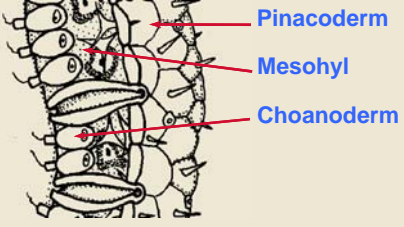


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**Cell layers NOT tissues**



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-fair complexity in wall of the sponge

- two major cell layers that are present
  - one on the outside
  - one lining the inside of the cavity (spongocoel) of the sponge

-important not to call them tissues because there is no basement membrane or cell to cell communication - they are only attached by collagen

-outer pinacoderm covering the outside - made up of pinacocytes

-inner surface -choanoderm - where the choanocytes are

-inbetween there is a jelly like matrix - mesohyl

-important because there will be cells wandering in there, where the supporting structure/ skeleton will be

-pinocoderm and choanoderm are unique to sponges

- when we get true tissues - we get an outer ectoderm and an inner endoderm

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**Choanocyte function**

- Food capture
- Ventilation
- Reproduction



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-very important as sponges use this organism to pump water  
 -have the flagellum beat to have water move between the microvilli of the collar where food will get trap  
 -also creates a water current for the whole organism  
 -important for exchange - for oxygen/ removing metabolic waste - water flowing through aquiferous system will help with ventilation and exchange with the outside world -also help with sending out sperm for reproduction

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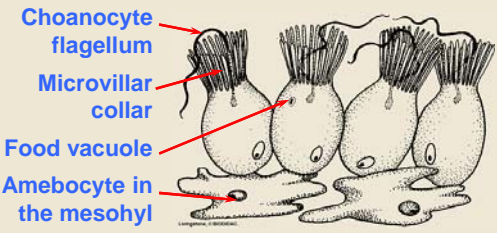
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**Choanoderm - Feeding and Digestion**



Choanocyte flagellum  
 Microvillar collar  
 Food vacuole  
 Amebocyte in the mesohyl

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-in the choanoderm - where they are all glue together - capable of capturing food, ingesting via phagocytosis and the food vacuole travels into the body - nourishes it  
 -any access food get passed to amoebocytes (wandering cells in the mesohyl)  
 -they then transport food to the cell that cant capture food for themselves  
 -ex amoebocyte takes food from choanocyte or amoebocyte will carry food to the pinacocyte/pinacoderm cell on the outside wall

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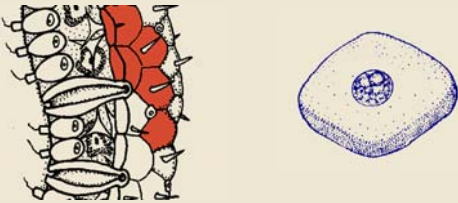
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**Pinacocyte**



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-on the very outside - pinacoderm - square shaped cells - embedded together to make a sheet, making the body wall of the sponge

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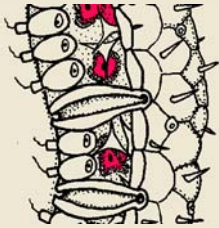
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**Other cells**



**Archeocytes (Amebocytes)**

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-amebocytes (archeocytes [term that says a cell can transform into any other cell])  
 -choanocytes are either made by cell division of other choanocytes or the archeocyte transformed into one  
 -they can also differentiate to become pinacoderm  
 -to identify the specialization of the ameobocyte, when calling it an archeocyte - recognize the fact that it can transform in to any other cell type

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**Sclerocytes**



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-sclerocytes - make the skeleton of the sponge  
 -secrete either calcium or silica in deep waters - makes spicules that are associates with the architecture of sponges that give the sponge it's shape

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**Sponge spicules - Skeleton**

- Calcium carbonate
- Silica
- Spongin



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- they are made up of calcium, silica  
 -another component call spongin - woven structure/ glass needles  
 -always a mix of skeletal elements  
 -soak them in acid- that would dissolve the calcium needles -gives a spongin spicule mass that is soft

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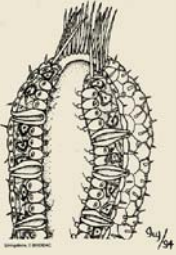
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**Identifying sponge architectures**  
(Aquiferous system)

- Location of choanocytes
- How water reaches and leaves choanocytes
- Number of oscula
- Presence of porocytes



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- three major architecture of sponges - each architecture must be efficient in pumping water
- first organism that figures out a way to pump large bodies of water and extract bacteria and small protist and use them as a food source
- with each architecture there is an increase in proficiency with how they pump water and capture their food
- 4 things that should be looked at
  - what part do we find choanocytes
  - how does water get to choanocytes
  - oscula - opening of where the water leaves
    - water diffuses to through the body wall through the choanocytes and out the oscula -at the top of the sponge
  - do we have porocytes - specialized cell that controls water movement

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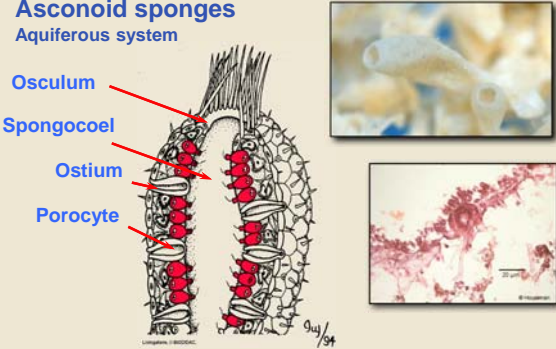
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**Asconoid sponges**  
Aquiferous system



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- simplest sponge structure - asconoid sponge
- these sponges are really small - due to the fact that they are not efficient at trapping water
- only group that has a porocyte
- water enters the sponge through a porocyte in the asconoid sponge and moves directly into the spongocoel where the choanocytes are
- choanocytes create a current where the water proceeds to leave via the osculum - will trap food in the collar as this happens
- only one osculum per sponge
- not efficient because food can pass through the porocyte go to the middle of the spongocoel and follow the current out and no food would be able to get trapped - another reason why it is small

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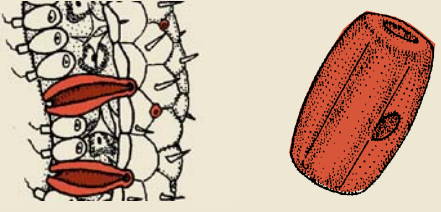
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**Porocyte**



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- a donut shaped cell that is embedded in the wall - water passes through the cell

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**Syconoid sponges**  
Aquiferous system

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-syconoid sponge next structure

- instead of having porocytes - the body wall is folded in on itself - like fingers
- there is an incurrent canal (around the fingers) and radial canal (inside the finger)
- have opening that go between the incurrent and radial canal

-when choanocytes create their current - they draw water into the incurrent pore -leads to incurrent canal and then into the radial canal -then forces it into the spongocoel and then out the osculum  
-difference is- choanocytes are now lining the radial canal  
-decrease the volume that choanocytes are processing- optimize the food that is extracted  
-only the radial canal has choanocytes - where the food is going to be trapped  
-decreased the diameter where the water is moving, increased likelihood that food will be captured

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**Leuconoid sponges**  
Aquiferous system

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-most complex- the leuconoid sponge

- in these sponges - there are multiple oscula
- there are openings all over the surface - incurrent pores -lead to an incurrent canal -lead to a choanocyte chamber (space that is lined with choanocytes - where food will be trapped)
- since the tubes are narrow the water moves very quickly to the chamber - where it slows down because the diameter is larger - give time to choanocyte to collect as much food as possible before leaving
- once water leave - possible for it to move to another choanocyte chamber where more food can be trapped again
- packet of water can go through several choanocyte chambers before leaving the sponge via any of the oscula present
- much more efficient way to capture food
- this is the most common structure - because most efficient

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**Sponge sex – an example of totipotency**

- Choanocytes become sperm
- Archeocytes form egg

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-only have one cell with motile structure on it - the flagellum

- choanocytes changes itself into a sperm - move out of the osculum into the water
- female sponge - archeocyte becomes an egg
- sponge sperm is going to be pulled in with the water - choanocytes are going to trap it
- going to recognize that it is sperm of its own species -instead of ingesting it and breaking it down in a food vacuole- passes to an archeocyte - and wanders through the mesohyl -until it finds the egg which will then be fertilized
- if it from a different species it will just eat it like regular food

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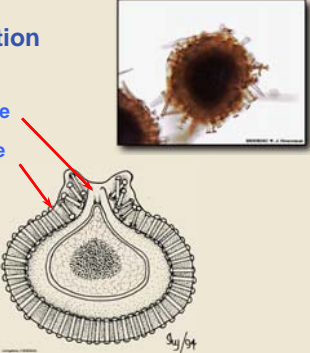
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**Poriferan reproduction**

**Sexual**  
**Asexual**

**Budding**  
**Fragmentation**  
**Gemmule formation**

**Micropyle**  
**Spicule**



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-asexual reproduction

-budding -growing a set of cell with the sole purpose that they are going to be released and settle back down and become a sponge

-fragmentation - a piece that breaks off unintentionally

-ex. broke off by a predator and then get dropped off somewhere and has the potential to grow into another sponge somewhere else

-gemmule formation - represents a whole bunch of archeocytes that are dormant that are put in an outer casing of pinacoderm - covered with spicules to protect it

-sponges that were able to live in fresh water systems - need to deal with the fact that environment is hypotonic to the sponge

-only animal left with contractile vacuole to deal with inundation

-they dry out in fresh water systems in cold water- leaving gemmules in their body wall - waiting for water to warm up - so the archeocytes and leave the gemmule via the micropyle to grow a new sponge

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**Quick Question**

**How did you prepare for today's class?**

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