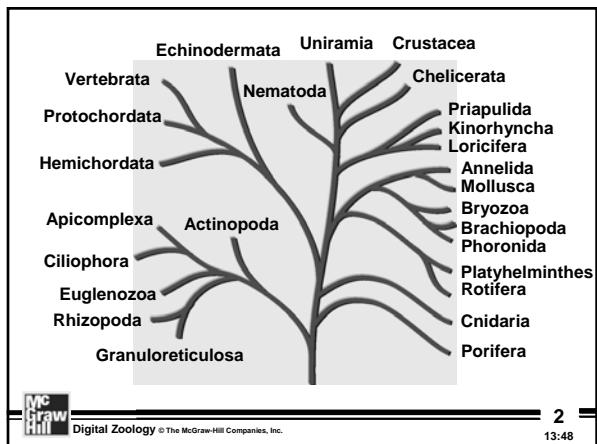
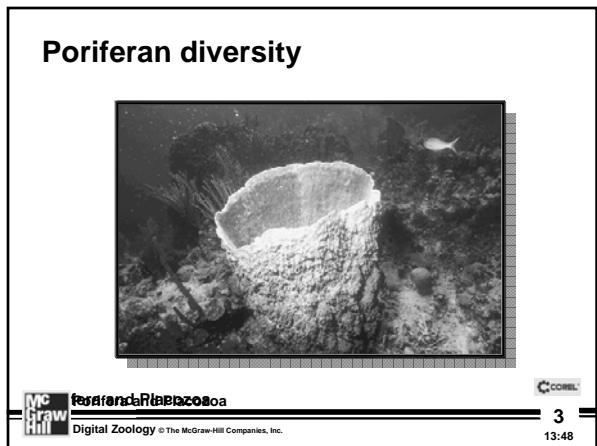


Porifera and Placozoa

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Poriferan diversity



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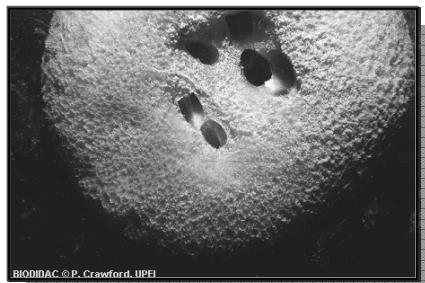
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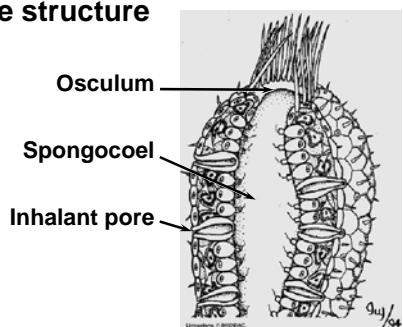
Poriferan characteristics

- 98% marine, 2% freshwater
- Among the first of multicellular (Metazoan) animals
- Individual cells subordinate to the "organism"
- Differentiation of cell types for division of labor
 - Choanocytes (food collection, reproduction)
 - Pinacocytes (outer protection)
 - Porocytes (regulate water inflow, guard against intruders)
 - Amebocytes or Archeocytes (food digestion, storage, waste disposal, sundry other functions)
 - Sclerocytes (secrete spicules)
 - Spongocytes (secrete spongin)
- Non-cellular matrix uniting organism:
 - Spongin protein
 - Spicules (Ca, Si)

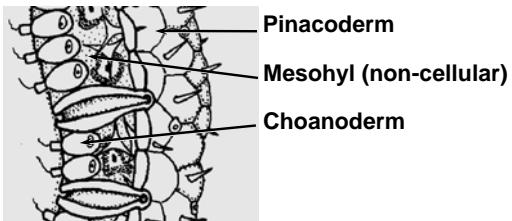
Things sponges do not have

- Tissues (nor organs, etc)
- Regular symmetry
- Extracellular digestion
- Sense organs (or nervous system)
- Mobility

Sponge structure



Cells organised into layers
(not yet “tissues”)

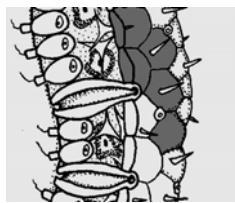


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Pinacocyte (form pinacoderm)

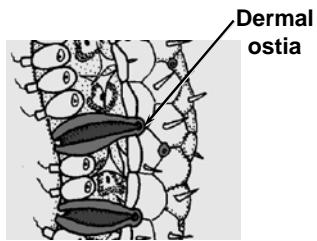


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Porocyte

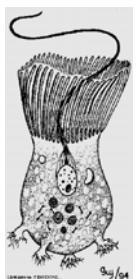
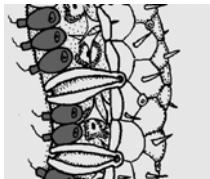


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Choanocytes

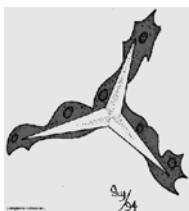
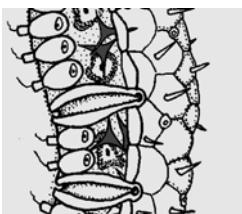


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Sclerocytes

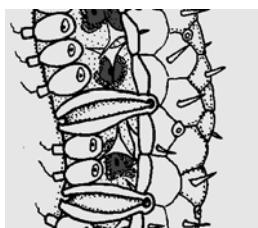


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Amebocytes



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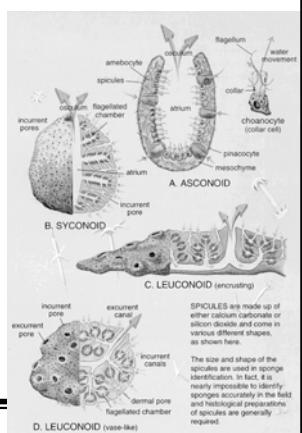
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Internal organisation

- 3 basic types

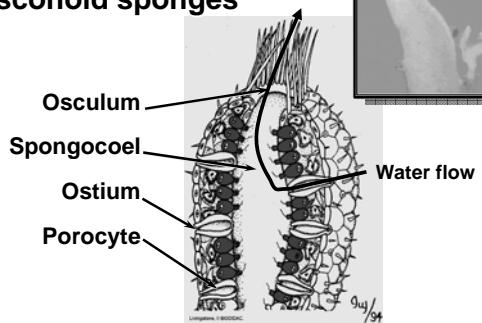
- Asconoid
- Syconoid
- Leuconoid



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Asconoid sponges



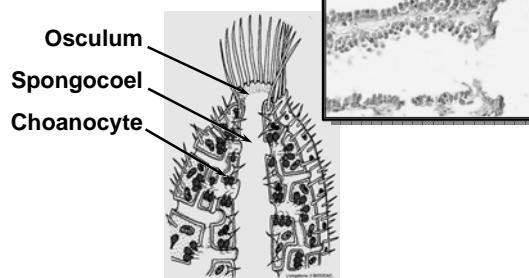
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Syconoid sponge



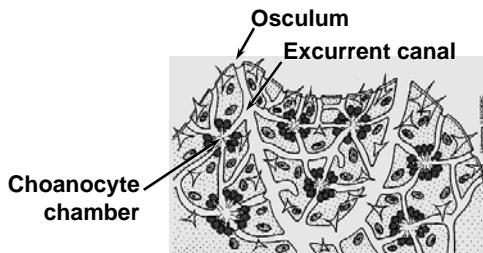
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Leuconoid sponge

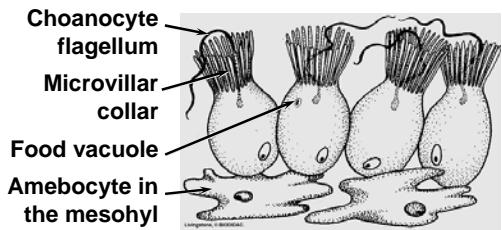


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Feeding and Digestion



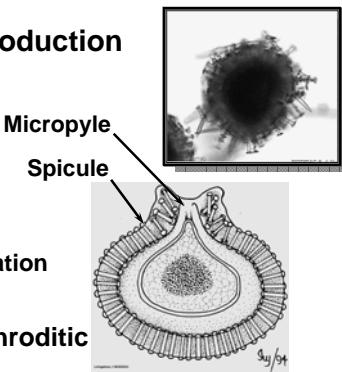
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Poriferan reproduction

- Asexual
 - Budding
 - Fragmentation
 - Gemmule formation
- Sexual
 - Many hermaphroditic



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