

CORSO DI BOTANICA SISTEMATICA

LEZIONE 50

Oomiceti
Myxomiceti

Kingdom Fungi

Sub-kingdom

Gymnomycota

(Myxomycota)

Slime Moulds now
excluded from fungi and
placed under Protista

Oomycota

Mycelium
aseptate

Phycomycetes

(Oomycetes
Algal fungi)
Phytophthora,
Albugo, *Pythium*

Zygomycetes

(Conjugation fungi)
e.g. Rhizopus, Mucor

Eumycota

Mycelium
septate

Mycophycophyta

(Dual organisms)
Lichens, *e.g.*,
Usnea, *Parmelia*

Deuteromycota

(Fungi imperfecti)

Sexual reproduction absent,
e.g., *Alternaria*,
Cercospora, *Microsporium*,
Trichophyton.

Ascomycota

(Sac fungi)
Aspergillus,
Penicillium,
Neurospora

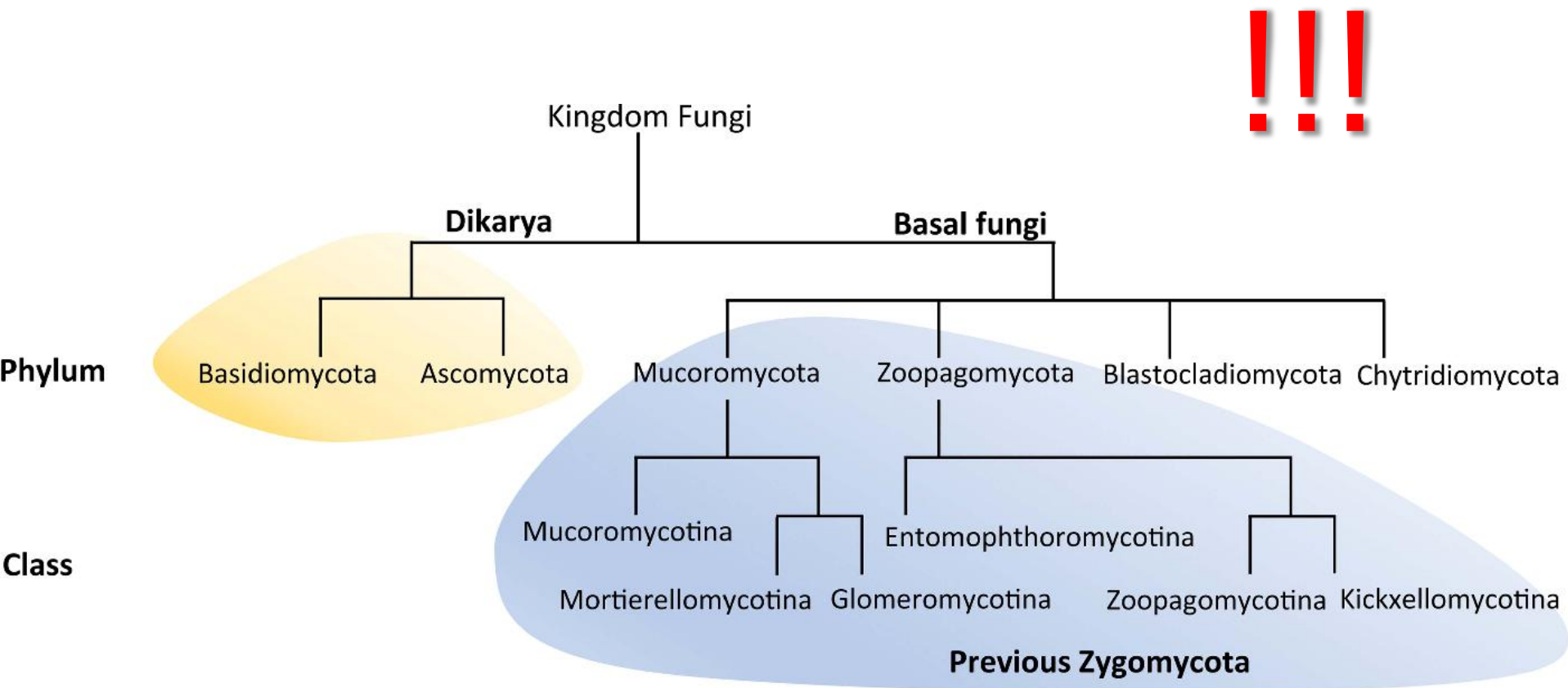
Basidiomycota

(Club fungi)
Puccinia,
Ustilago,
Agaricus

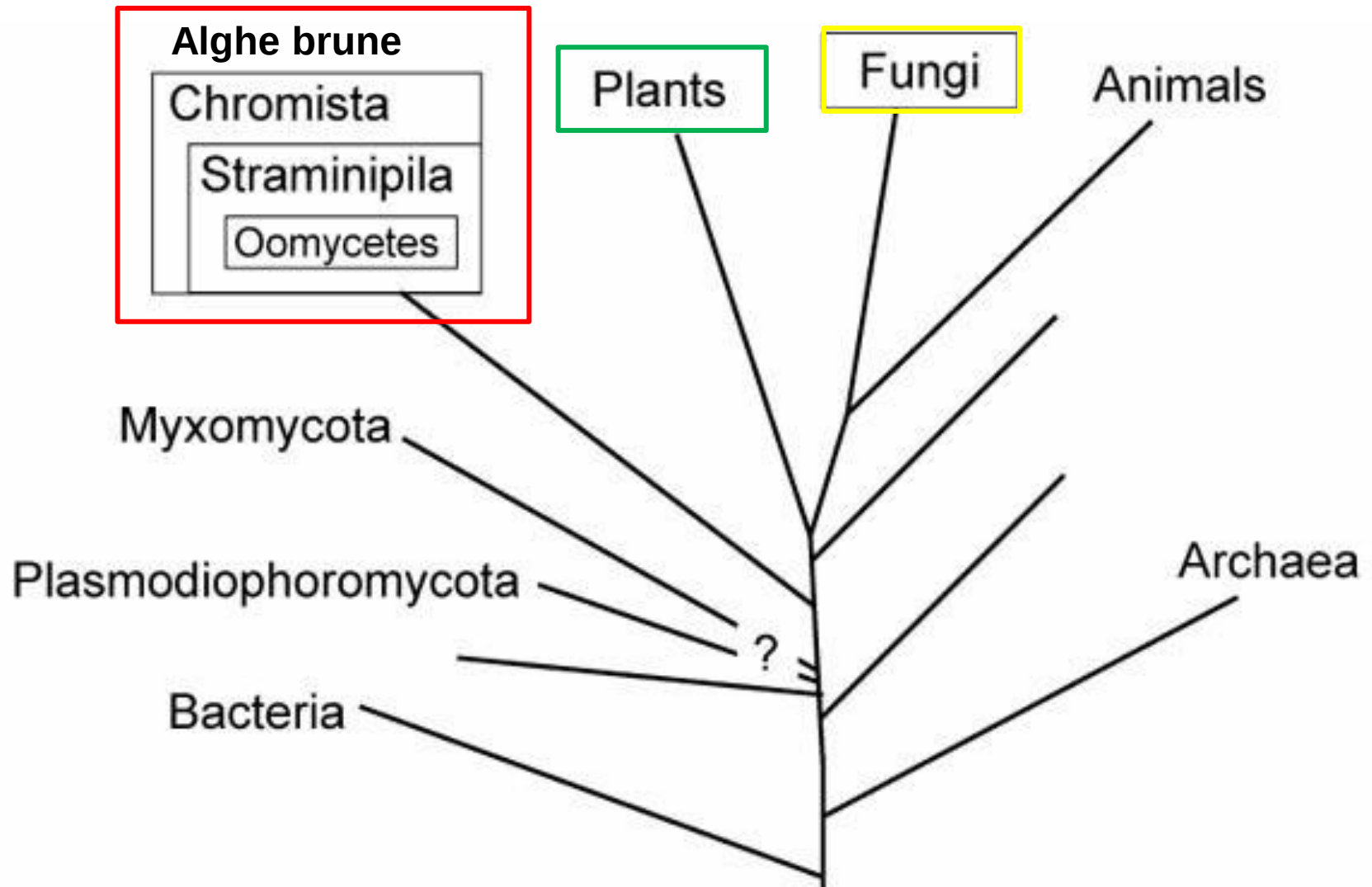
The Kingdom FUNGI:

Systematic organization based on genome sequencing into **6 phyla** (James et al., 2020):

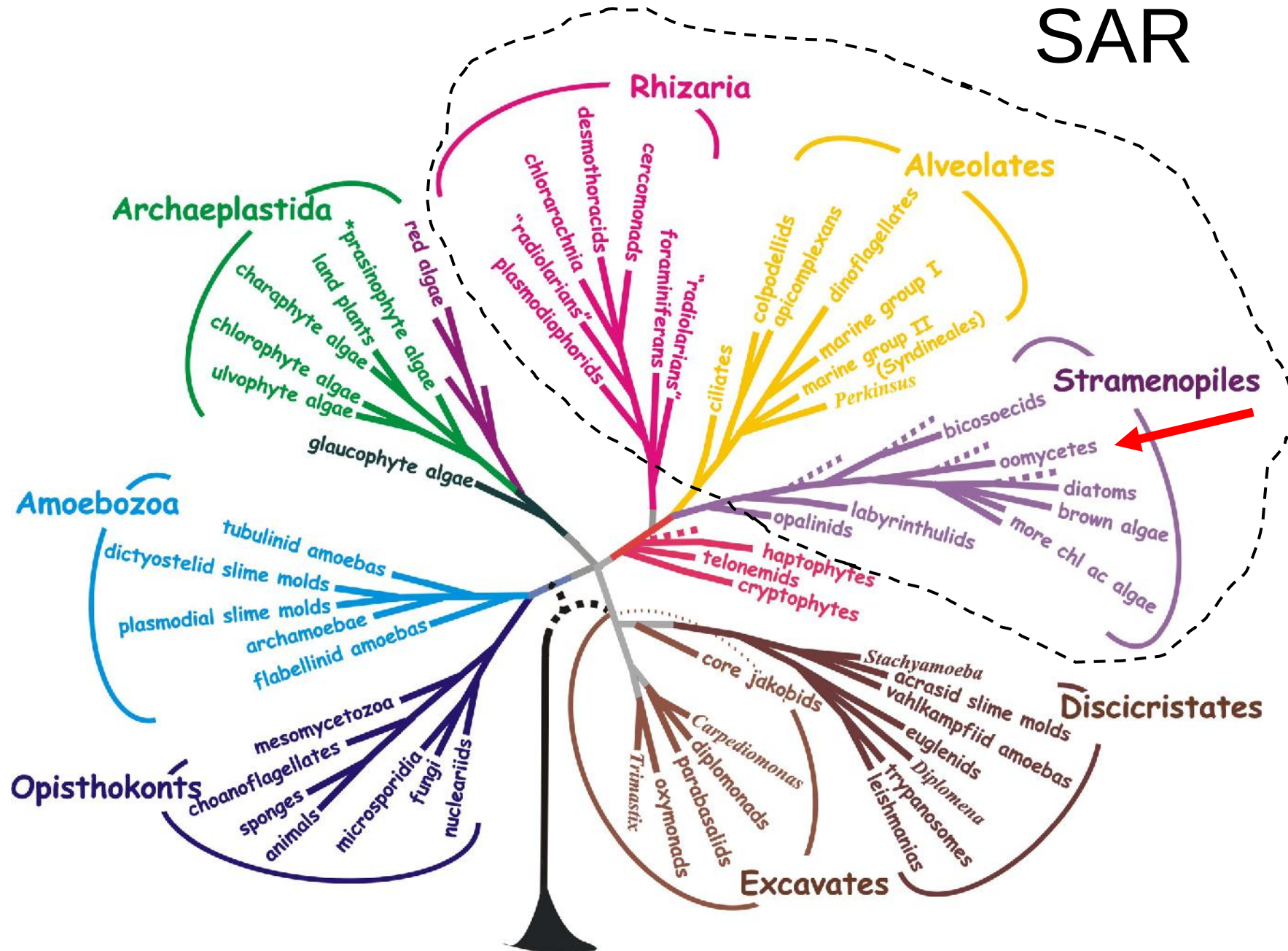
- **Ascomycota, Basidiomycota (Dikarya)**
- **Zygomycota, Glomeromycota, Blastocladiomycota, Chytridiomycota**

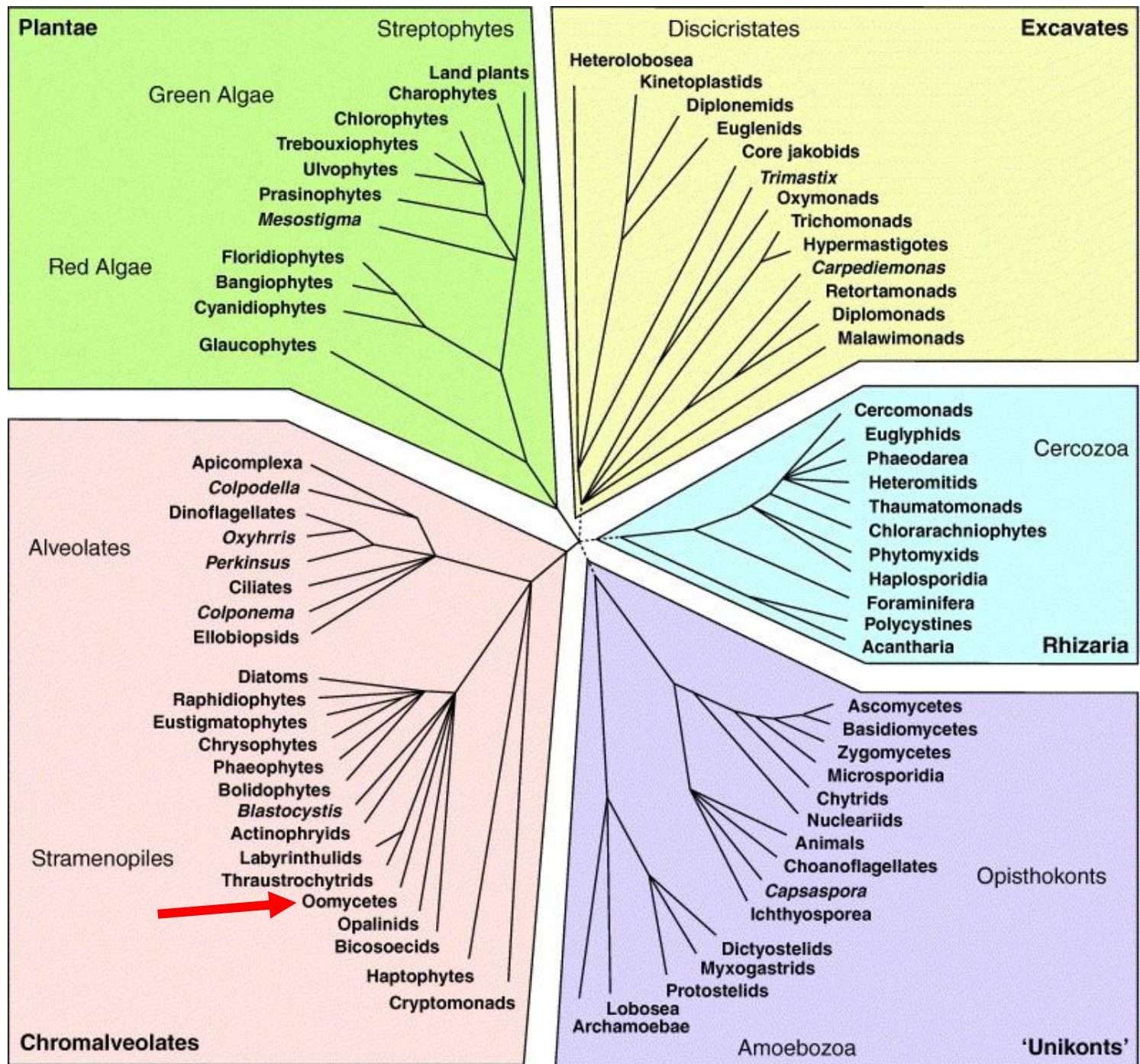


Stramenopiles (Heteroconta; stiff tripartite external hairs on cell or flagella)



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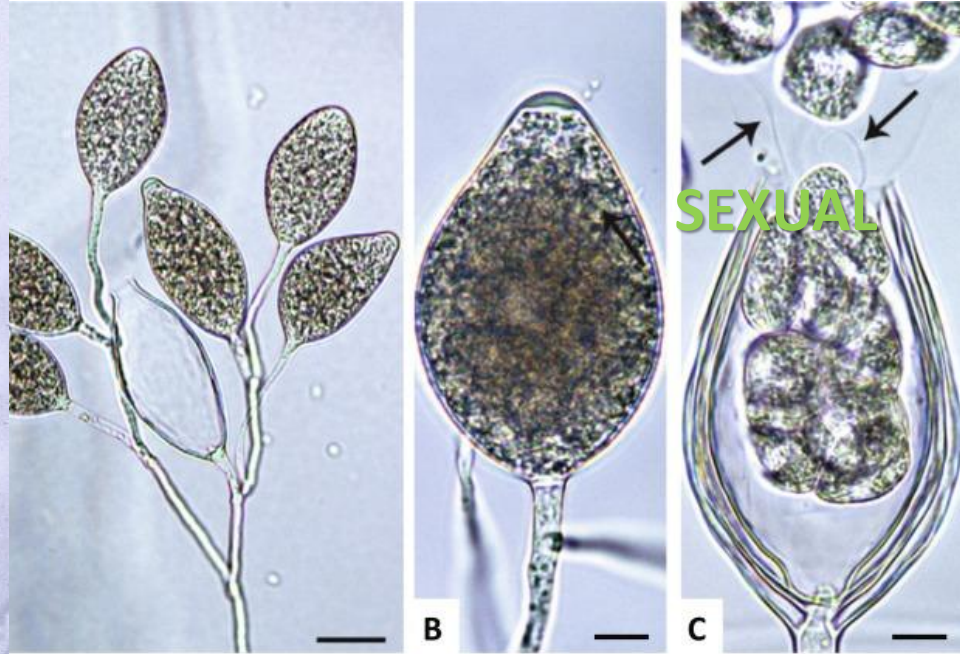
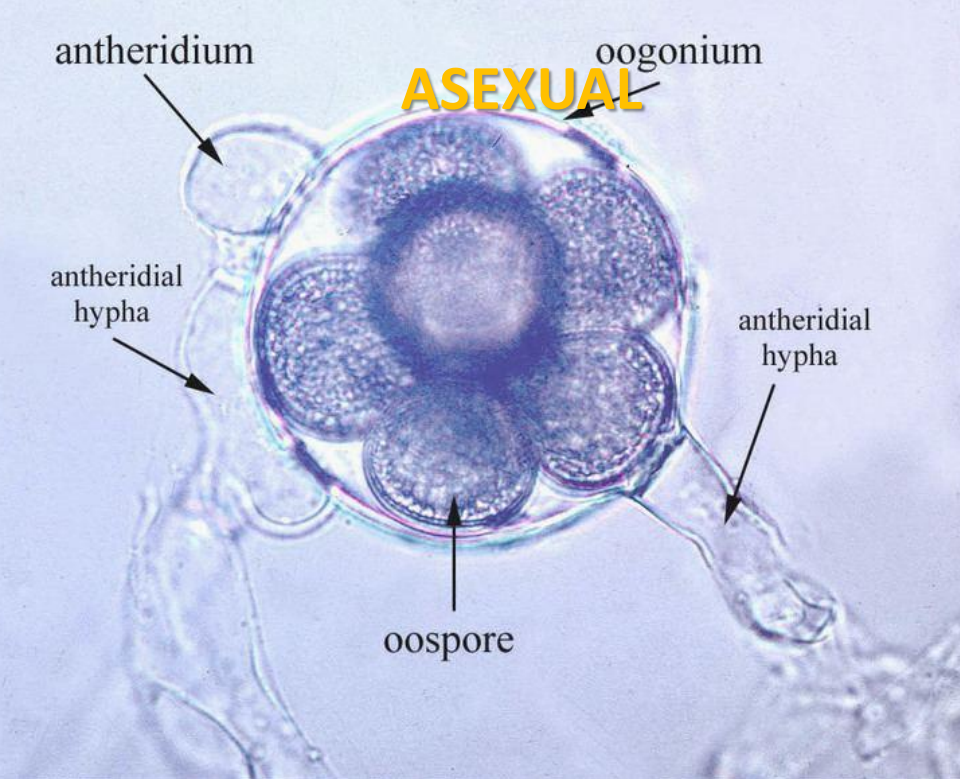
OOMYCOTA (Heterokonta)

- *oo* (grrek) = egg, *mykita* = fungus → large **round oogonia** containing female gametes
- "**water mold**" → earlier classification as fungi preferring conditions of high humidity and running surface water (characteristic for the basal taxa of the oomycetes).

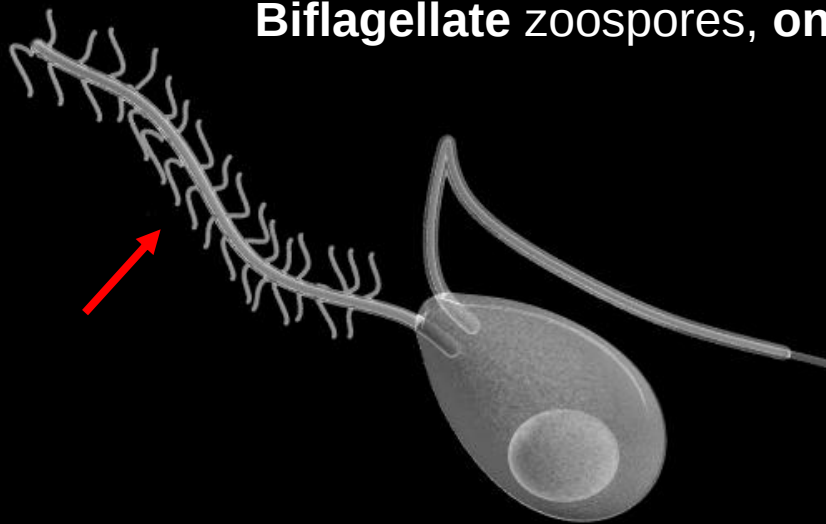


OOMYCOTA: affini alle **alghe brune** (non ai funghi!)
ife non settate con **pareti cellulosiche**

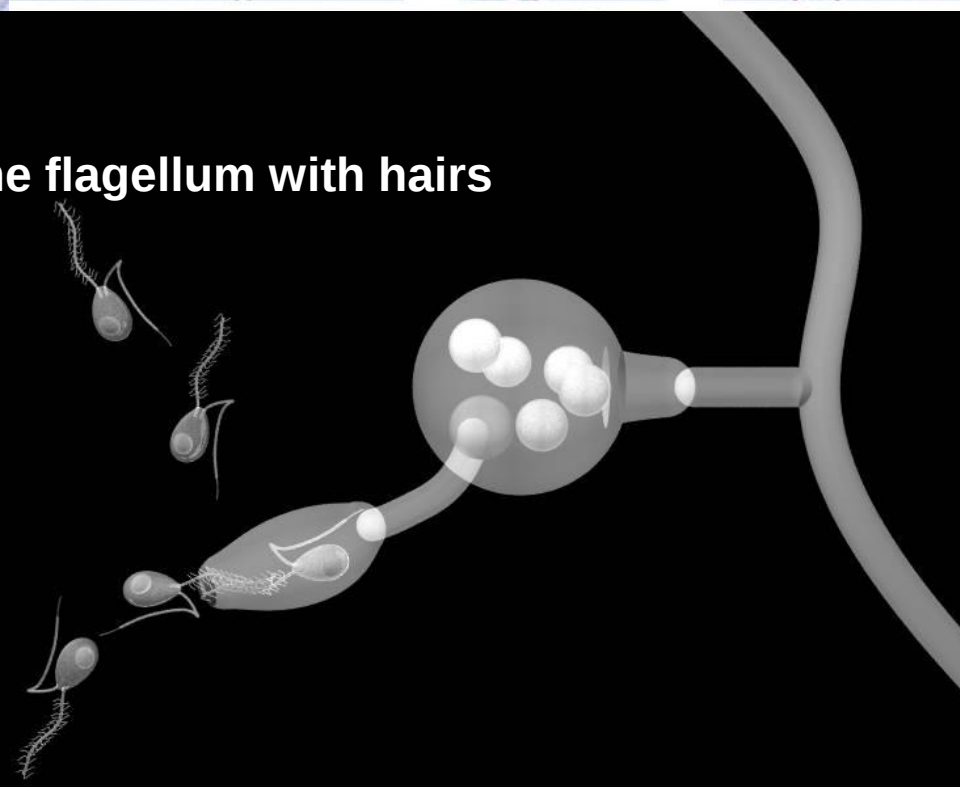




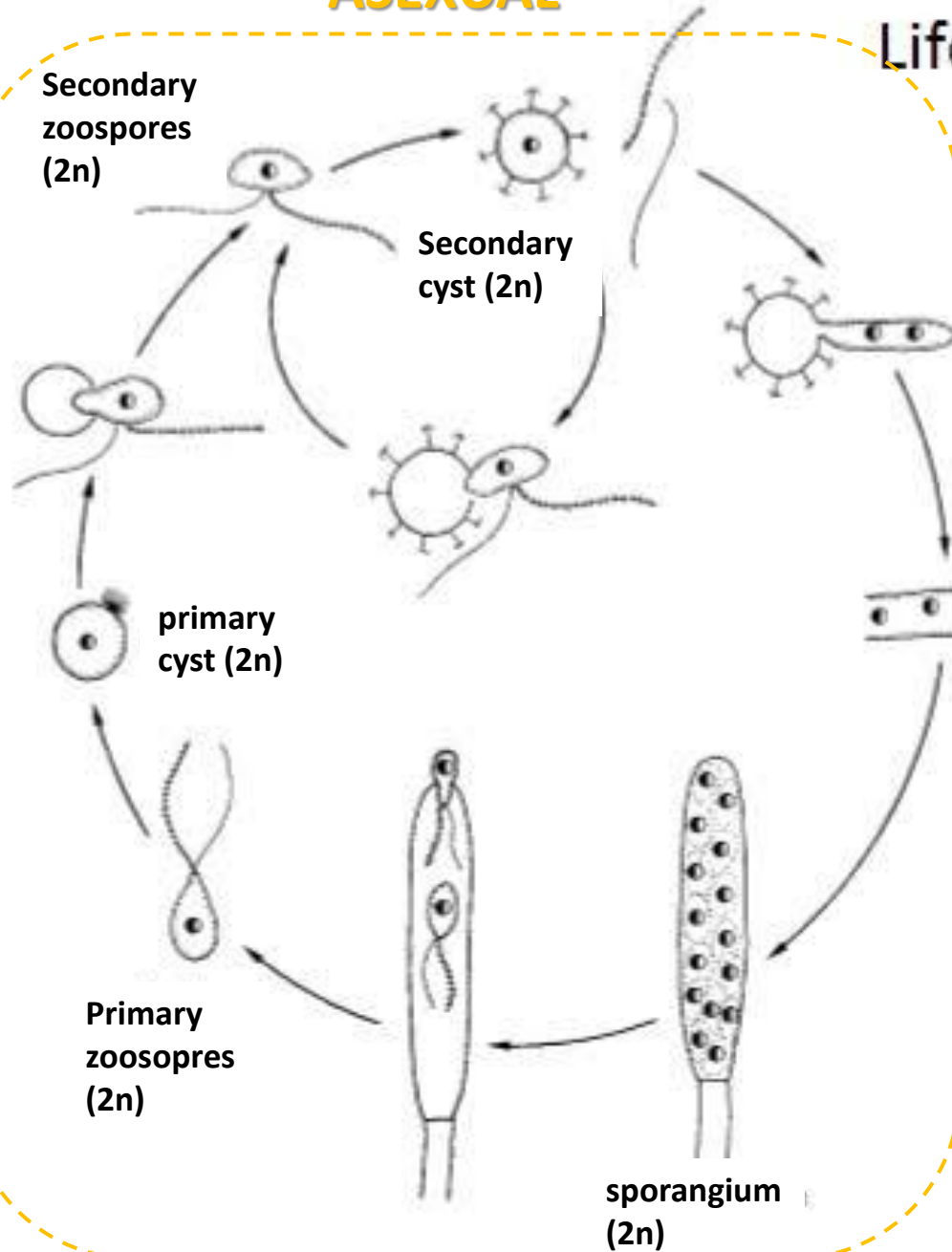
Biflagellate zoospores, one flagellum with hairs



Simile alle alge brune!!

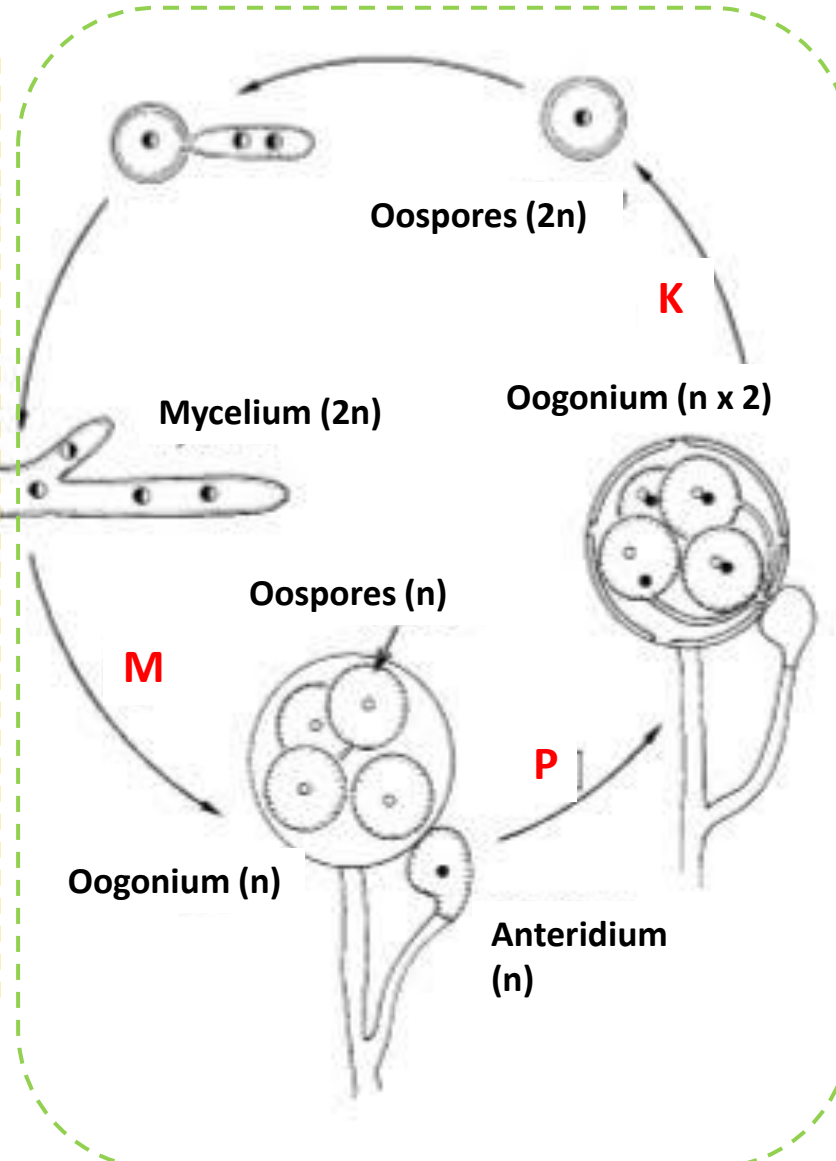


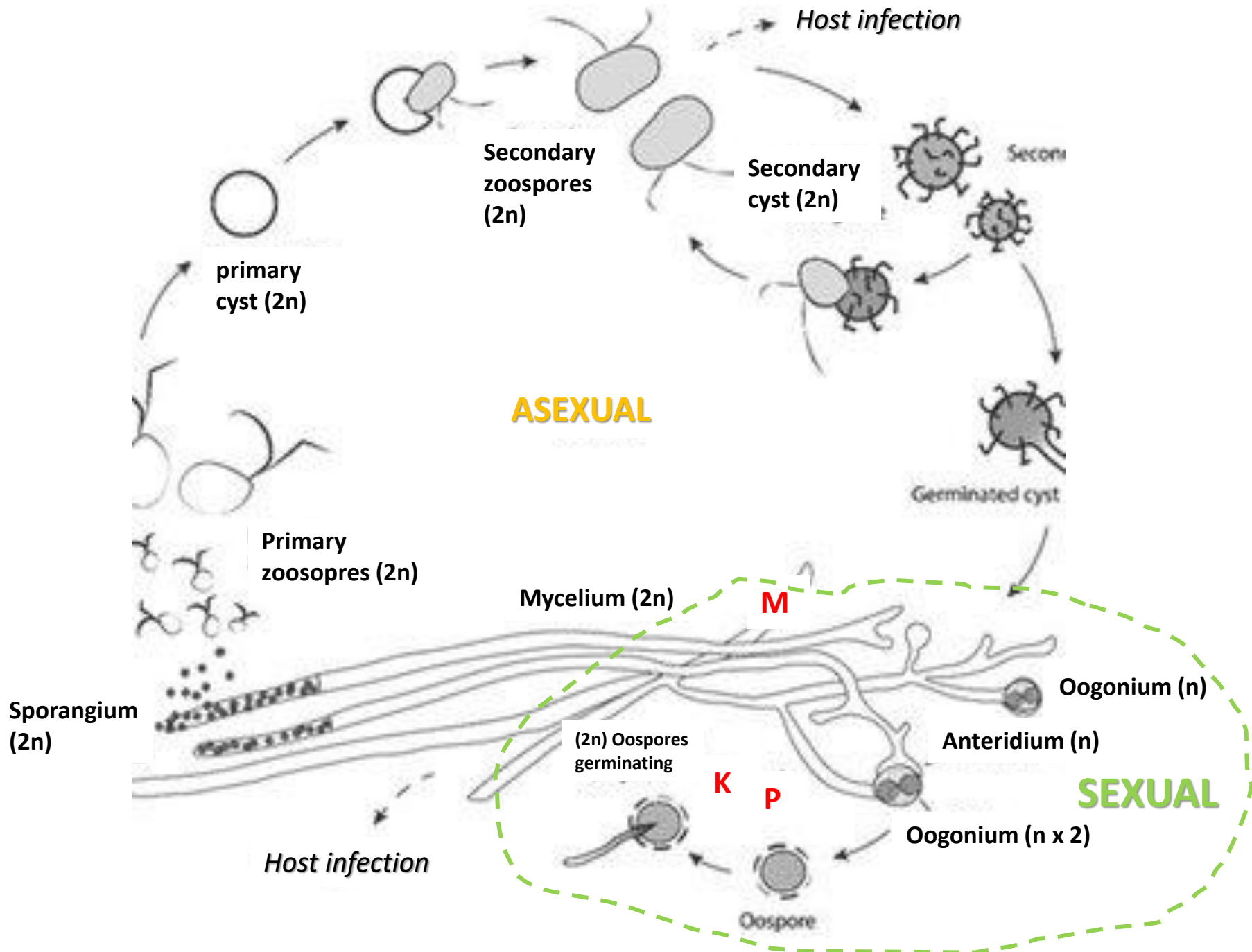
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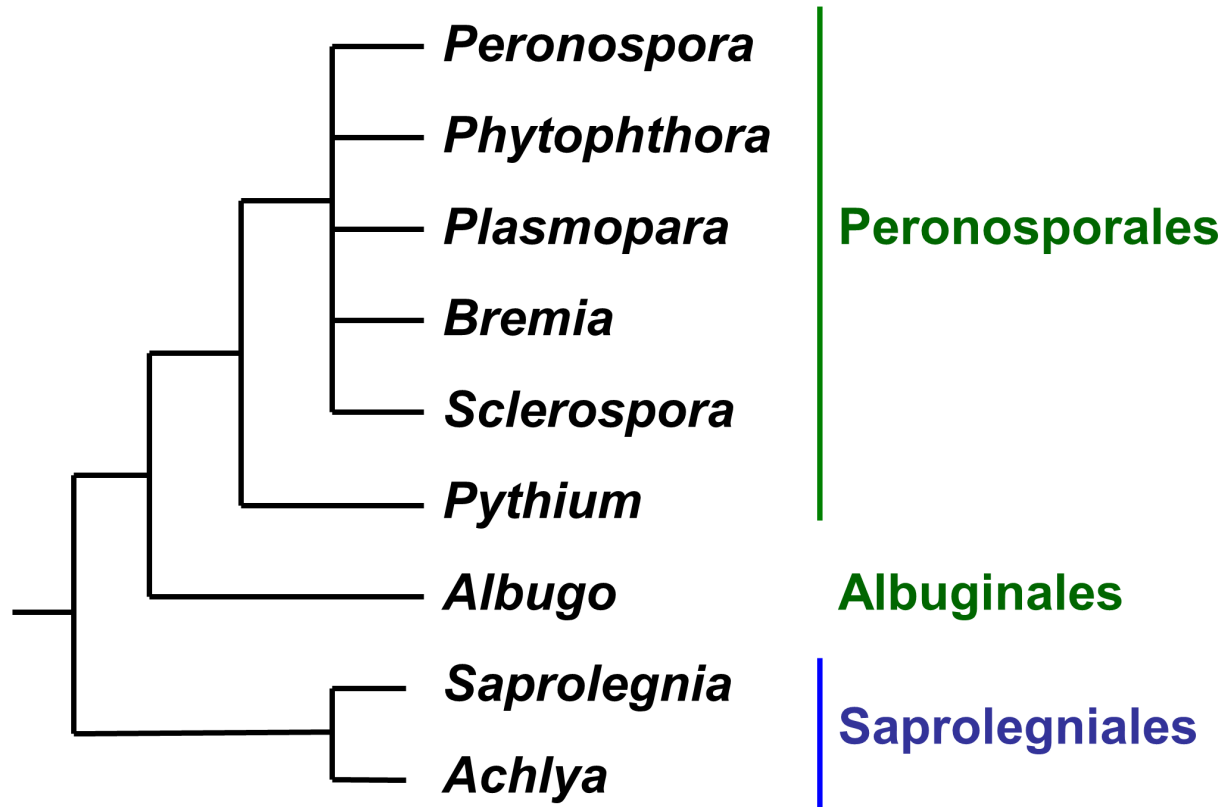
Life cycle of Oomycote

SEXUAL

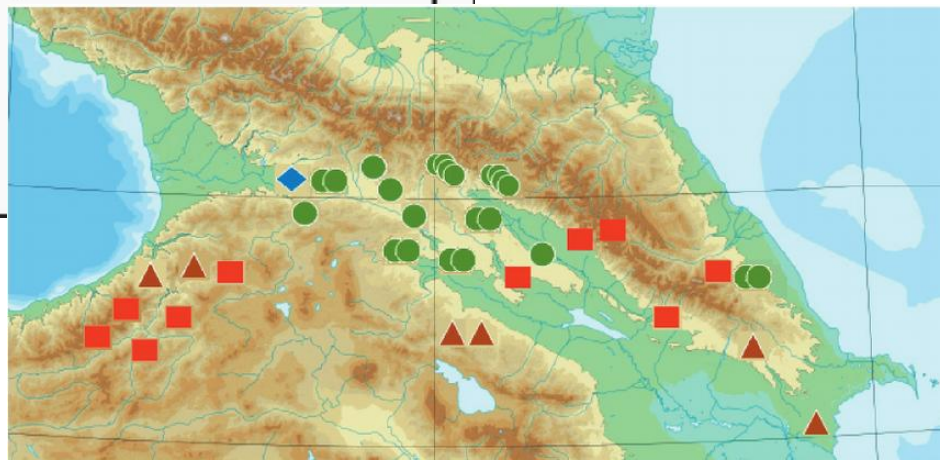
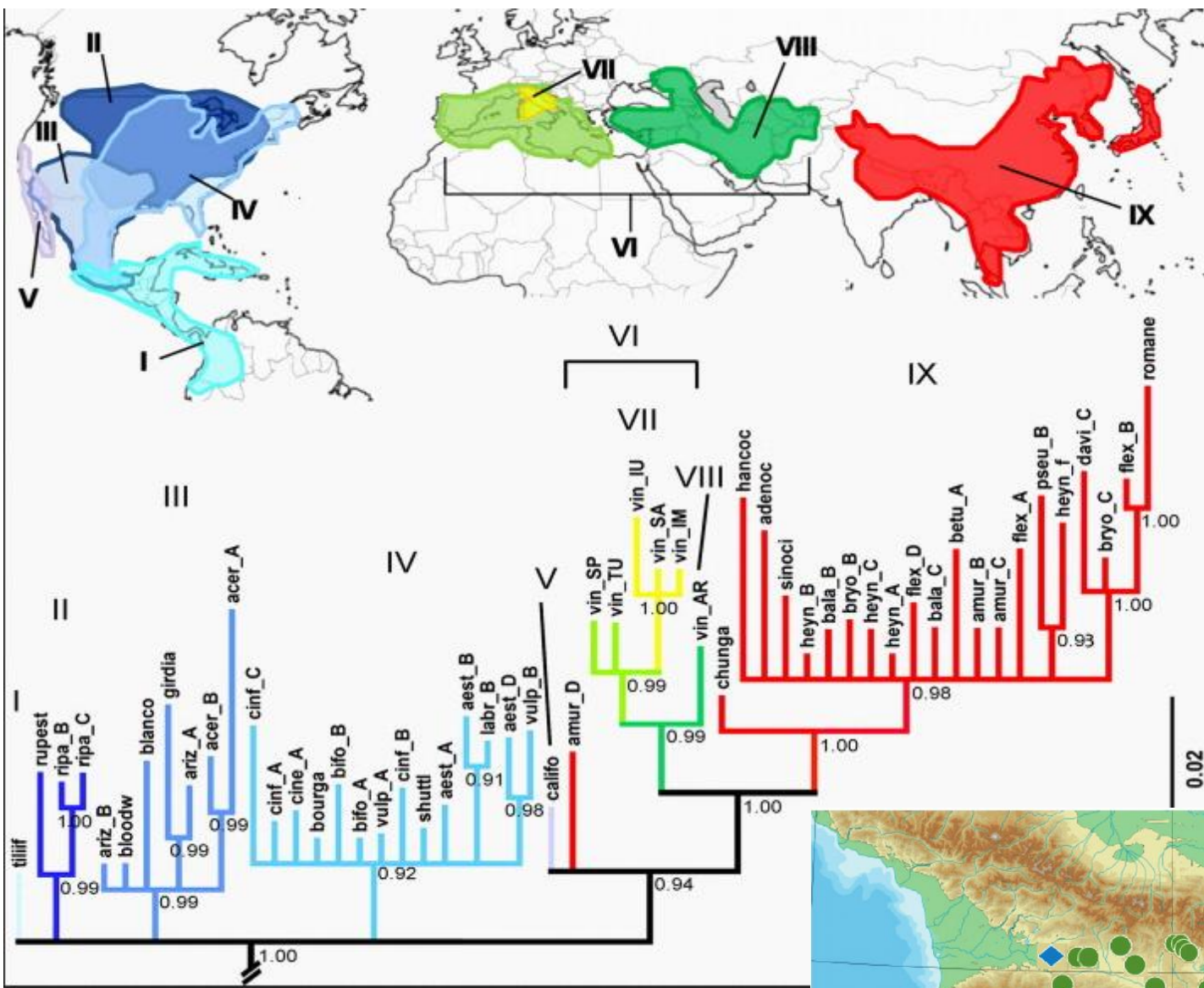




OOMYCOTA (Heterokonta)



- 1) *Peronospora* della vite - *Plasmopara viticola*
- 2) *Peronospora* della patata - *Phytophthora infestans*





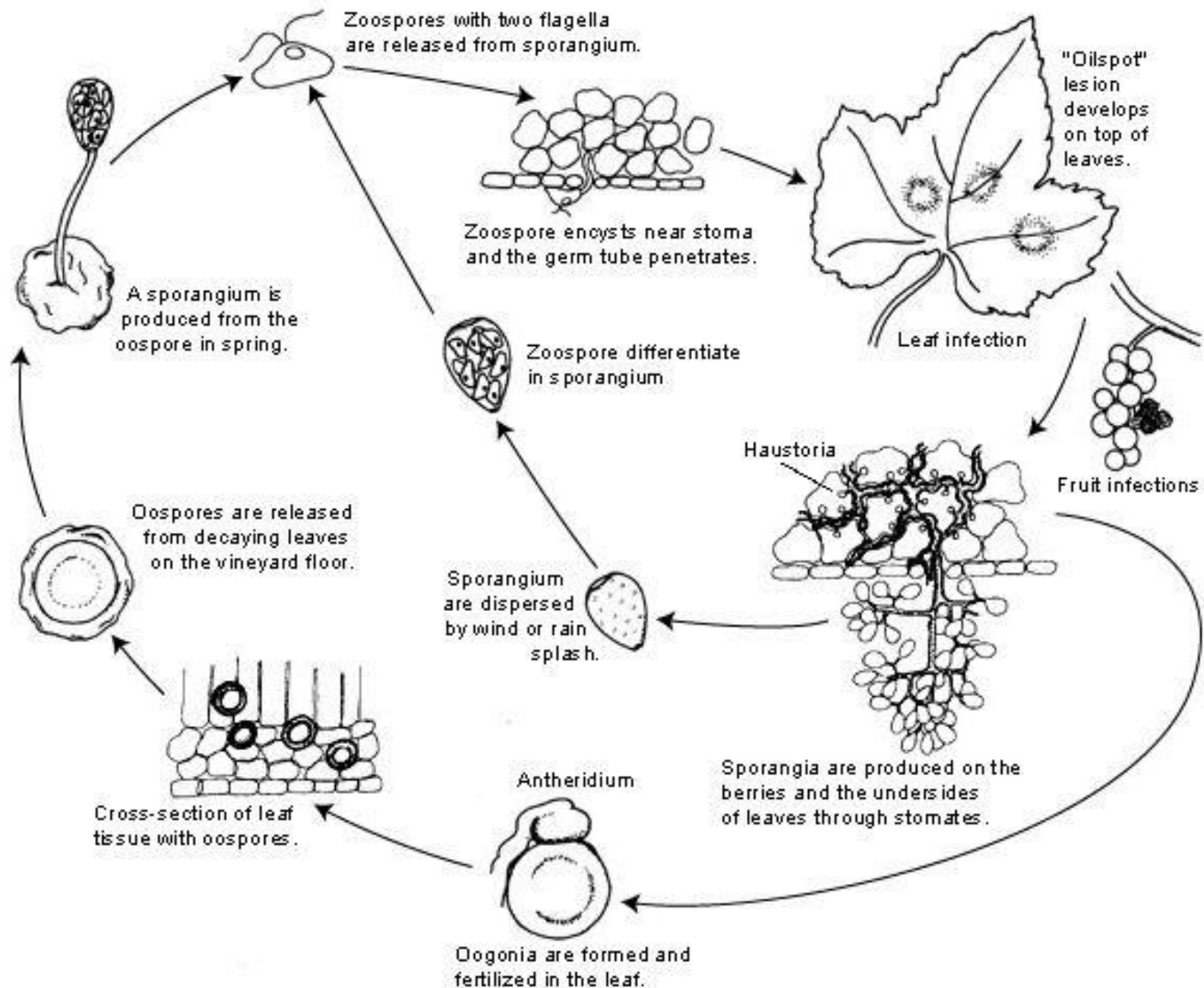


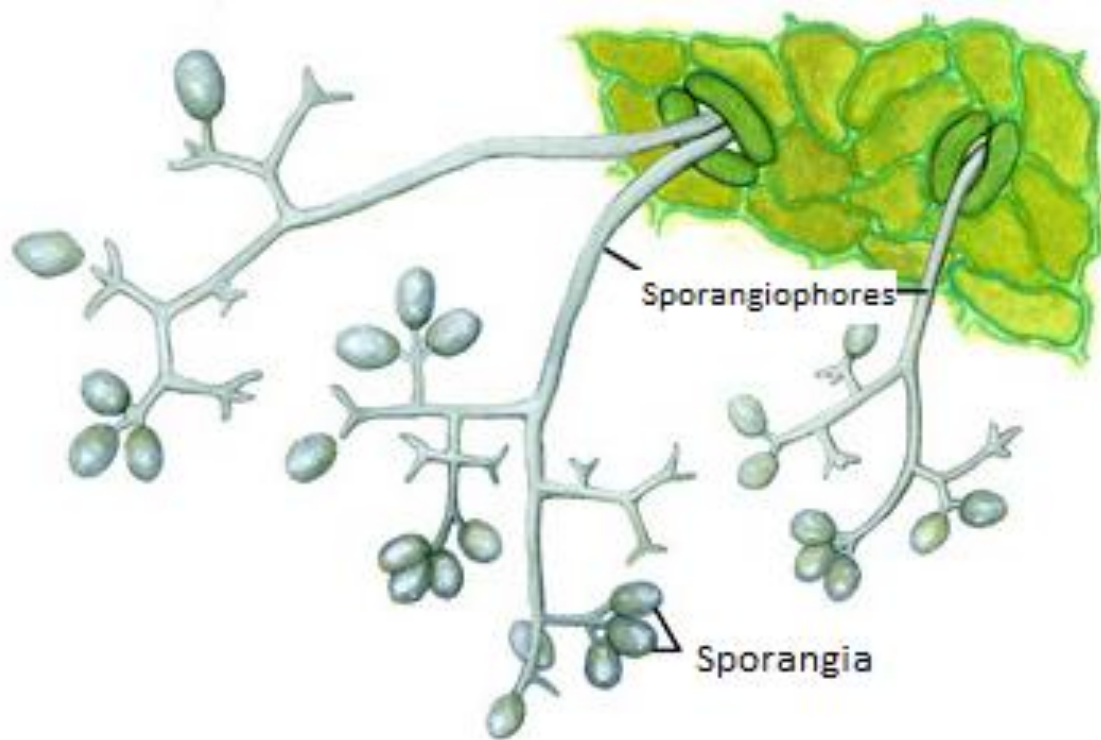
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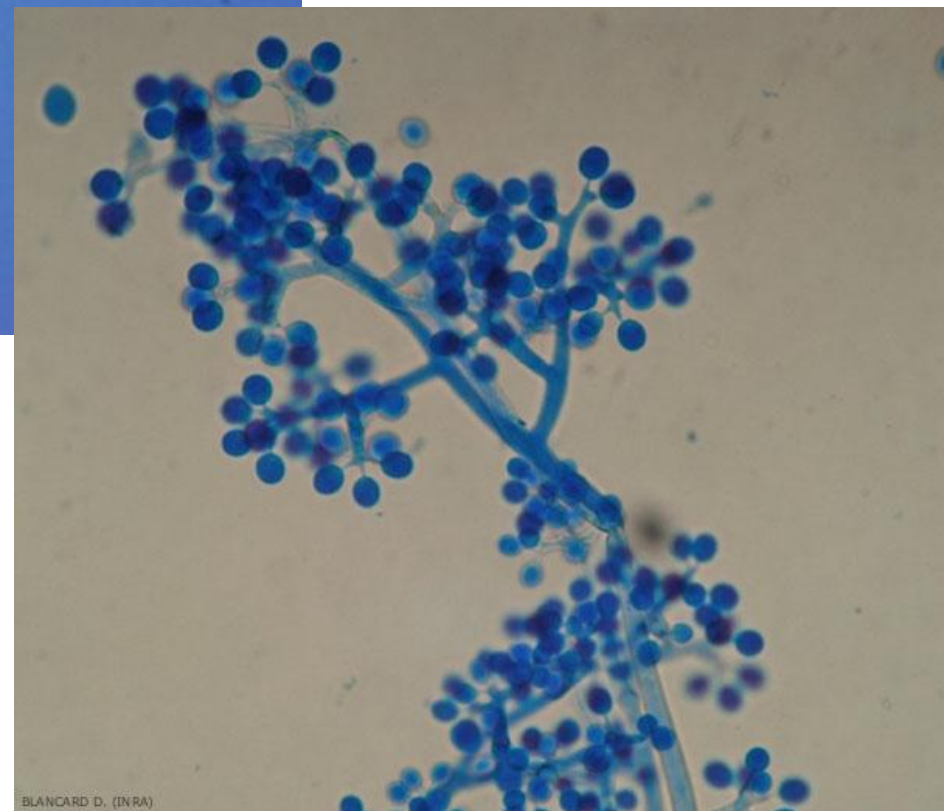
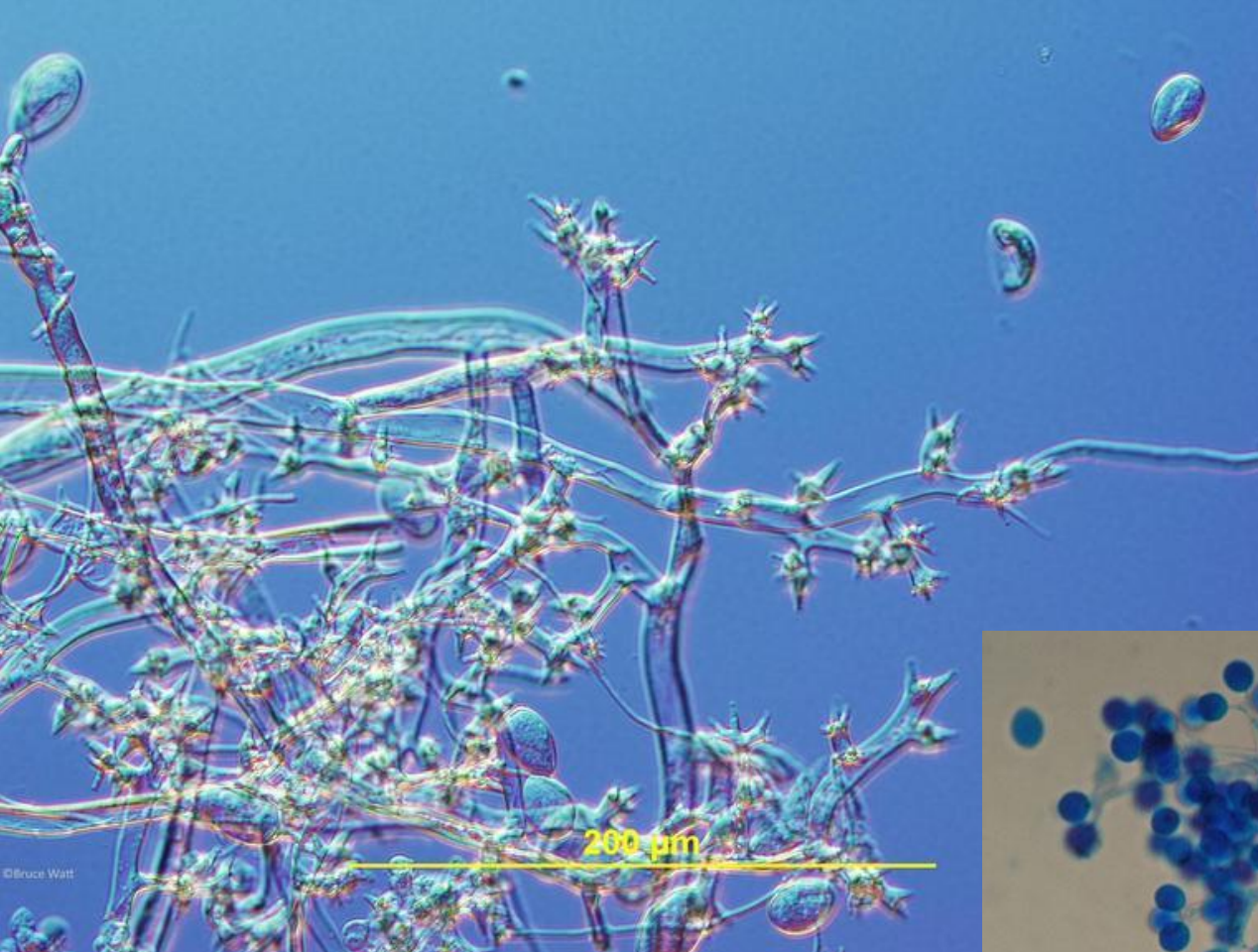
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Plasmopara viticola
Peronospora della vite- grapevine downy mildew

Plasmopara viticola – Peronospora della vite – life cycle









Innesti di *Vitis vinifera*
(europaea) su *V. lambrusca*
(americana)

Solfato di rame



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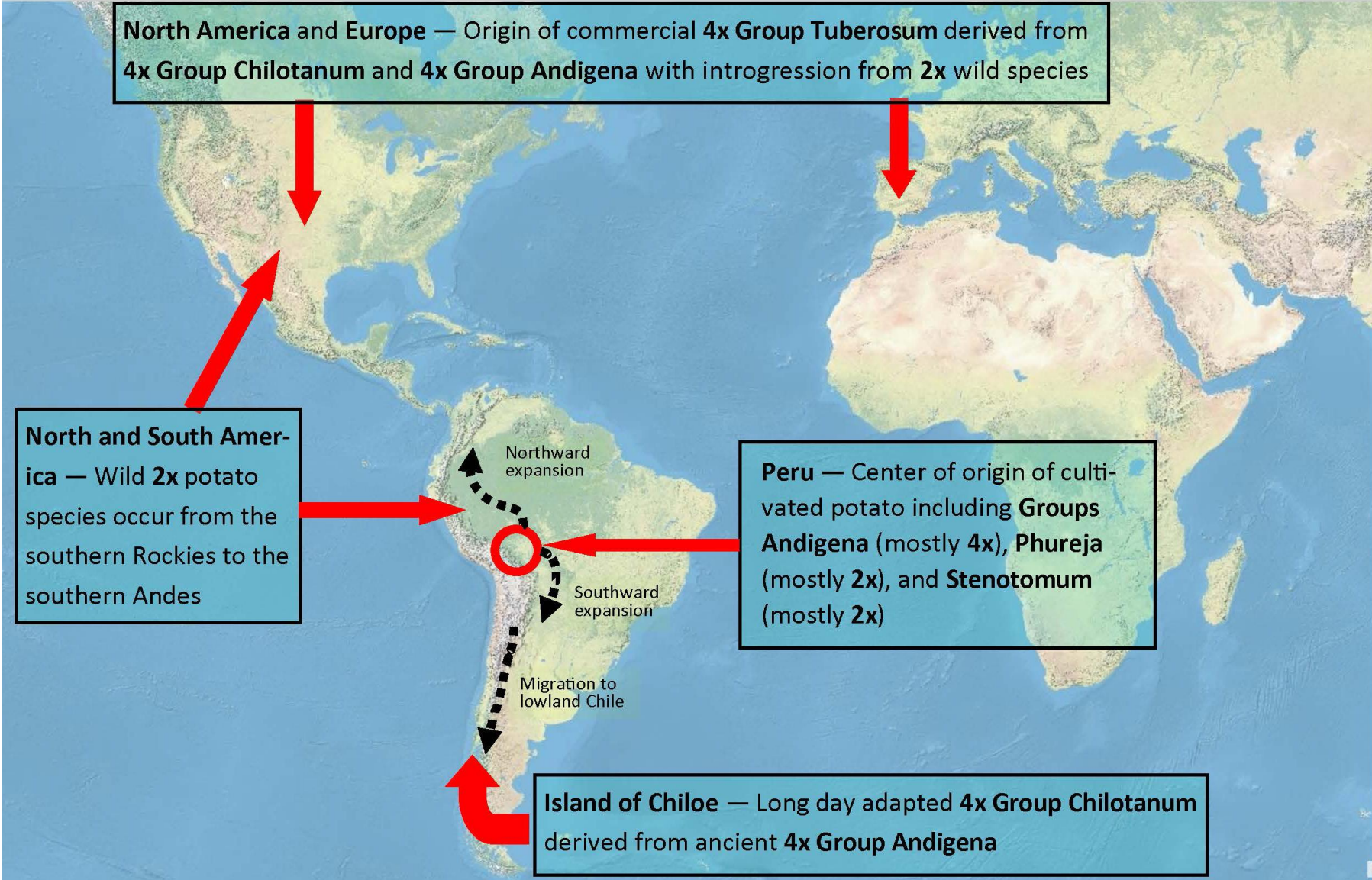
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Phytophthora infestans

Peronospora della patata – potato blight



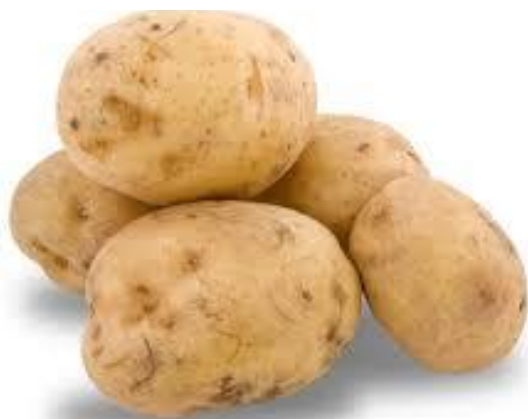
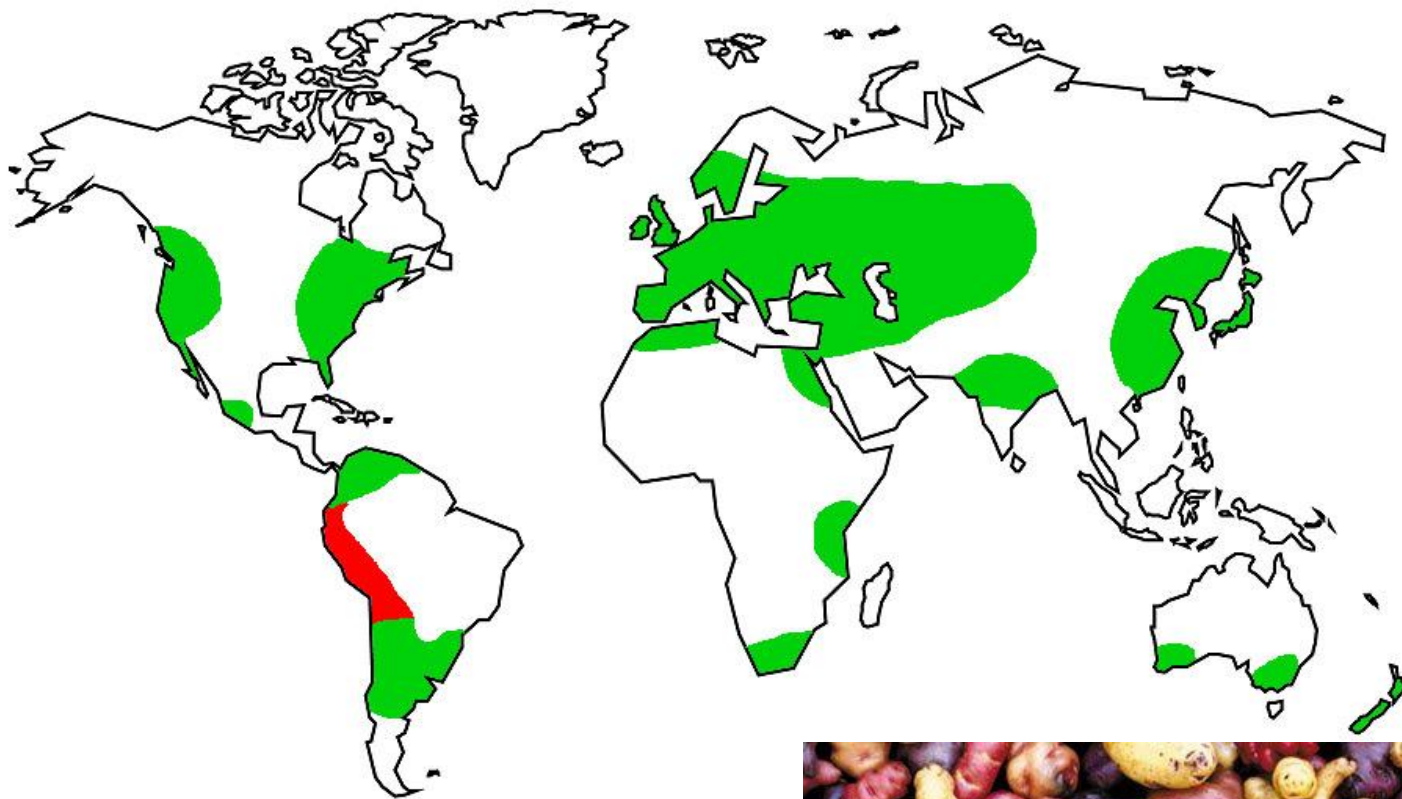
A world map showing the origin and spread of potatoes. A red circle in Peru marks the center of origin. Red arrows point from Peru to North America and Europe. A red arrow points from the southern Andes to North America. Dashed black arrows show northward and southward expansion from Peru, and a curved dashed arrow shows migration to lowland Chile. A red arrow points from the Island of Chiloe to the southern Andes.

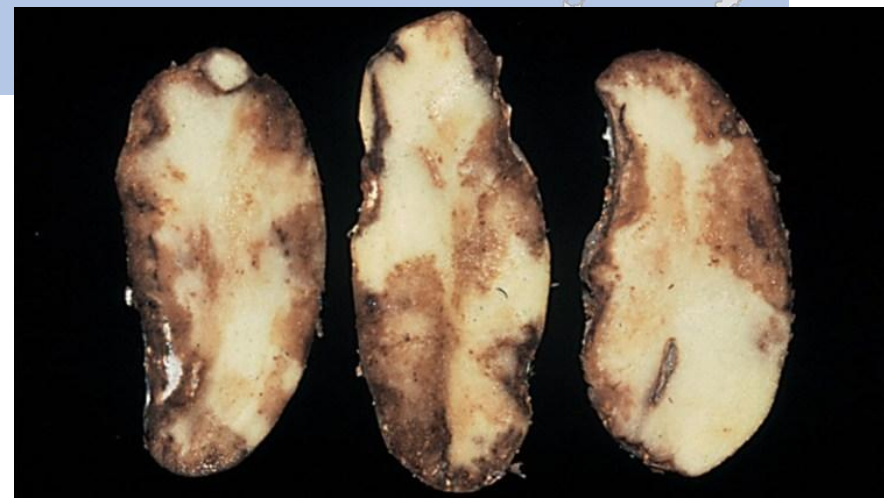
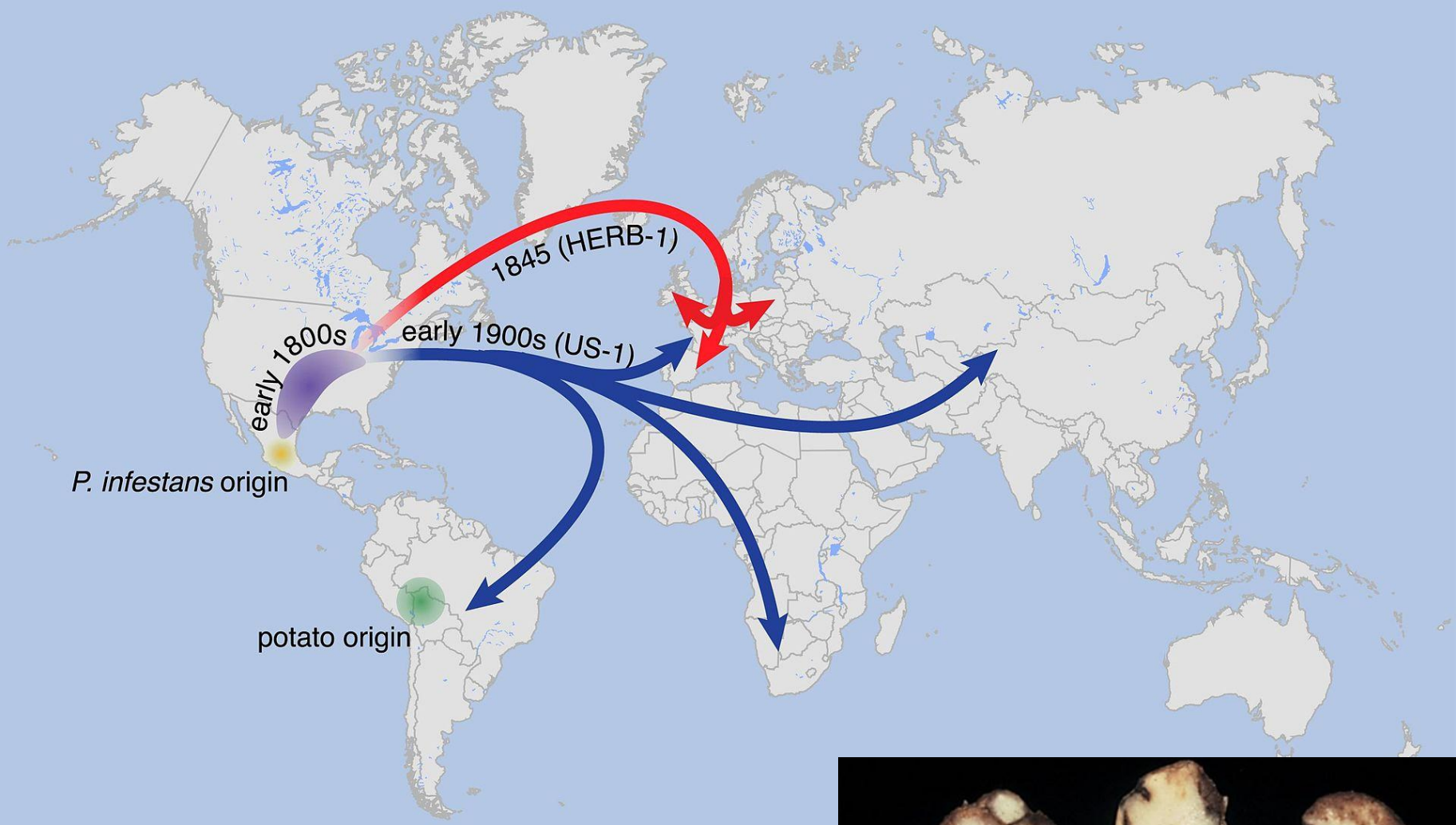
North America and Europe — Origin of commercial **4x Group Tuberosum** derived from **4x Group Chilotanum** and **4x Group Andigena** with introgression from **2x** wild species

North and South America — Wild **2x** potato species occur from the southern Rockies to the southern Andes

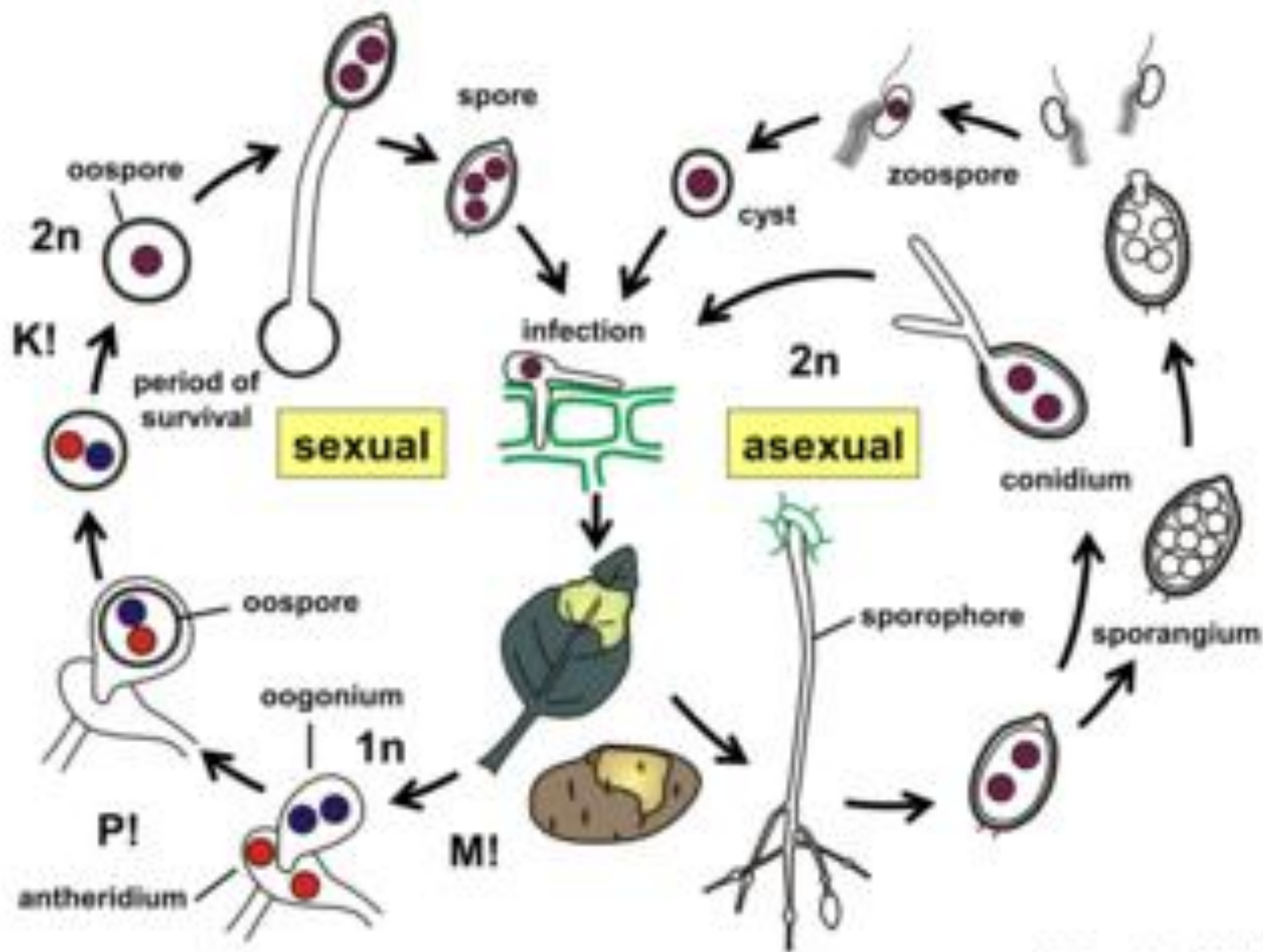
Peru — Center of origin of cultivated potato including Groups **Andigena** (mostly **4x**), **Phureja** (mostly **2x**), and **Stenotomum** (mostly **2x**)

Island of Chiloe — Long day adapted **4x Group Chilotanum** derived from ancient **4x Group Andigena**





Phytophthora infestans – Peronospora della patata – life cycle



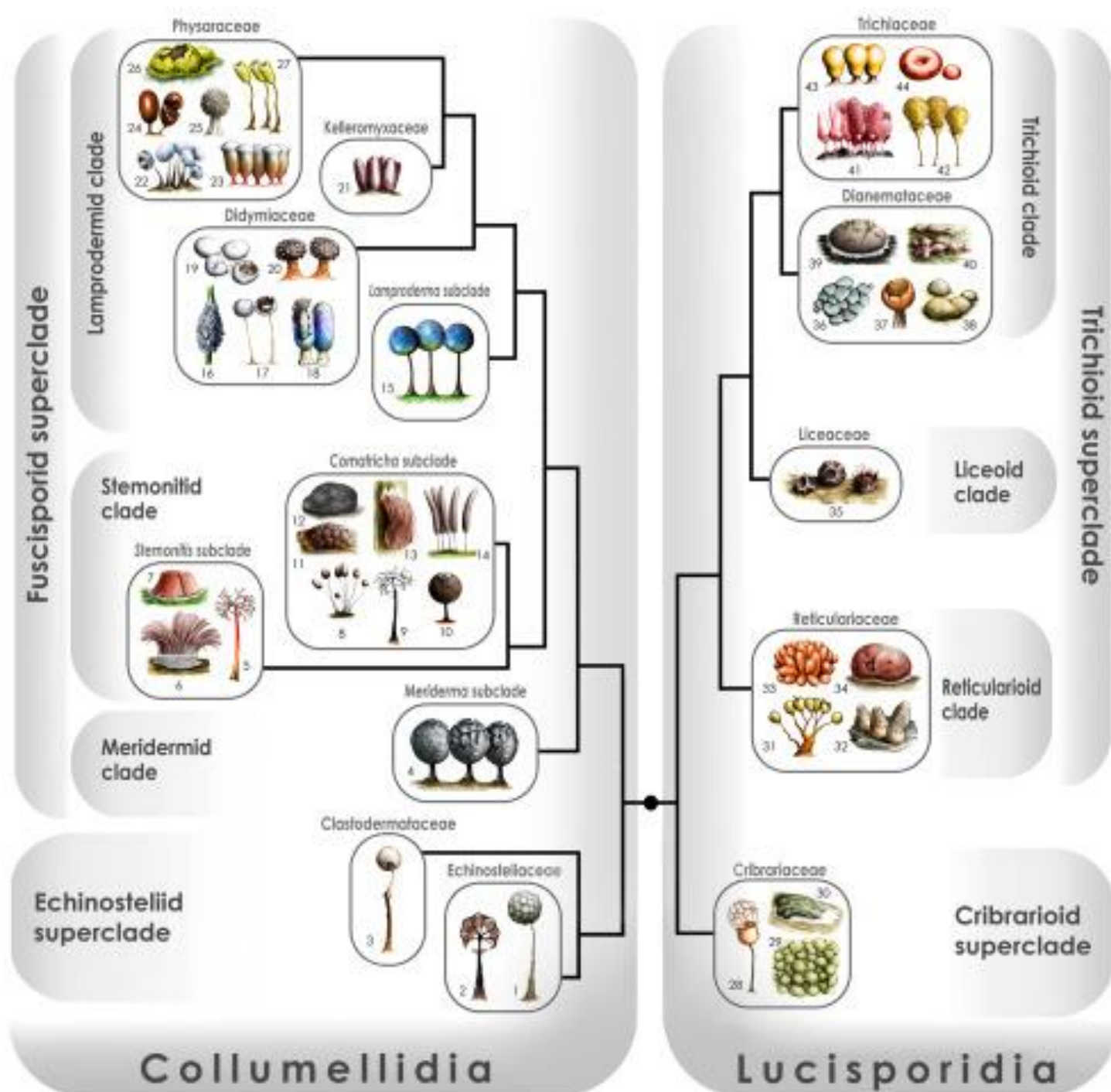


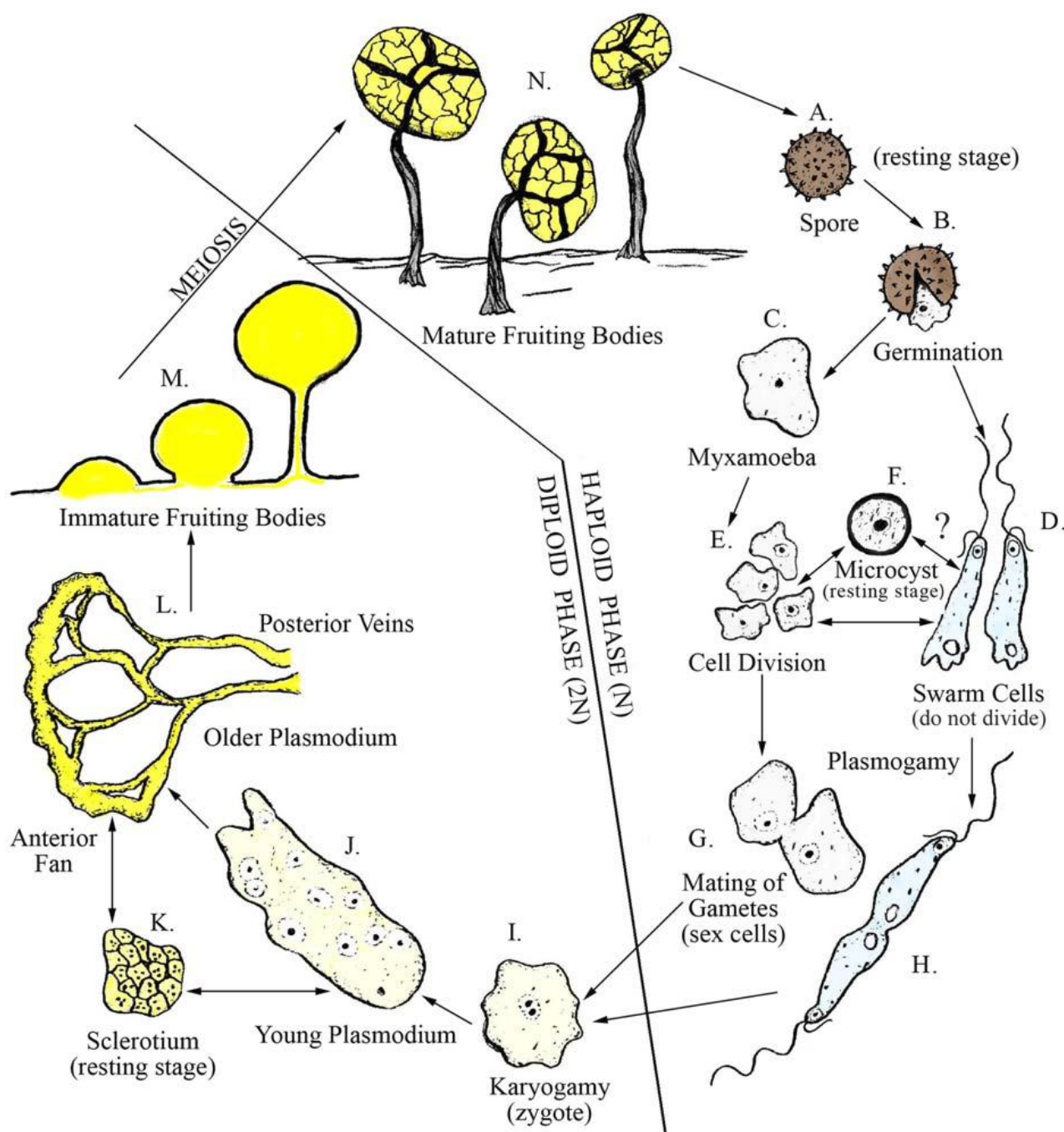
Myxomyceti

I Myxomyceti si nutrono di batteri, protozoi, spore, miceli, corpi fruttiferi di funghi, sostanza organica.

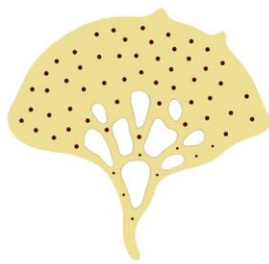
Hanno un ruolo biostatico nei confronti di funghi e/o batteri, impedendone la proliferazione incontrollata.

Se ne conoscono circa 1500 specie.





Life Cycle of a Myxomycete



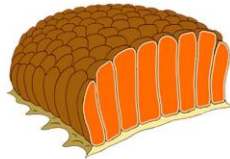
Plasmodium – a single multinucleate amoeba, capable of moving by protoplasmic streaming, often attaining macroscopic size.



Pseudoplasmodium – a multicellular structure formed by the aggregation of numerous uninucleate amoebae.



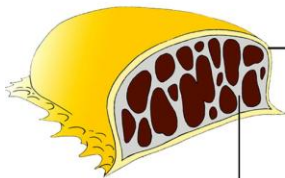
Plasmodiocarp – a fruiting body that maintains the initial shape of the plasmodium from which it is derived.



Pseudoaethalium – a compound fructification, formed by accreted, but still discernible sporocarps.



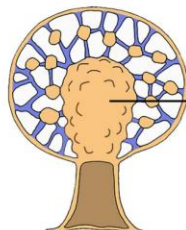
Sorocarp – a fruiting body formed from a pseudoplasmodium. It consists of spores and a stalk, which usually shows a cellular or, more rarely, an acellular (*Acytostelium* and *Fonticula*) structure.



Aethalium – a compound fructification, formed by merged and hardly discernible sporocarps.

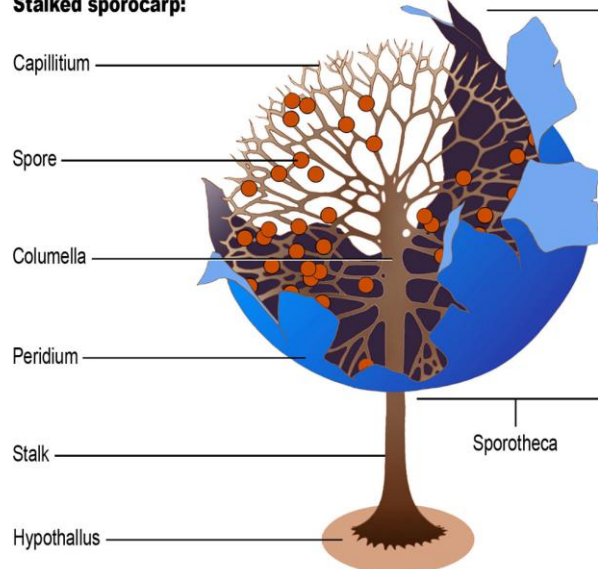
Cortex – covering that surrounds an aethalium, formed from the merged peridia of individual sporothecae and/or additional amorphous, often mineralized deposits.

Pseudocapillitium – threads or plates that represent remnants of the peridia and/or columellae of merged sporothecae inside an aethalium or pseudoaethalium.



Pseudocolumella – amorphous, usually mineralized structure inside a sporotheca, similar to the columella but having a different nature and not connected to the stalk.

Stalked sporocarp:



Fruiting body (or sporophore) – spore-forming structure in slime molds.

Sporocarp – a fruiting body formed from a plasmodium. It consists of spores and auxiliary structures (stalk, peridium, capillitium, columella, etc.). A large plasmodium usually splits into several (sometimes tens to hundreds) fragments, each forming one sporocarp.

Sporotheca – spore-bearing portion of the fruiting body. It consists of a spore mass, covered by a peridium, and may contain auxiliary structures (capillitium, columella, etc.).

Capillitium – a system of solid or hollow threads, interspersed within the spore mass inside the sporotheca. It serves to facilitate and regulate the spore dispersal.

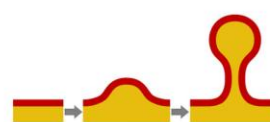
Spore – microscopic reproductive unit formed in the fruiting body.

Columella – continuation of the stalk inside the sporotheca.

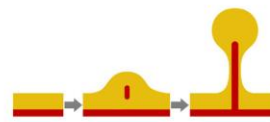
Peridium – fugacious or persistent covering that surrounds the sporotheca.

Stalk – a structure that elevates the spore-bearing portion of the fruiting body above the substrate.

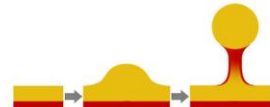
Hypothallus – a structure which serves to attach the fruiting body to the substrate.



Subhypothallic development – a type of stalk formation in which the latter is formed from the outer slimy sheath of the plasmodium. A mature stalk can be filled with refuse matter, sporiform vesicles or amorphous, often mineralized material.

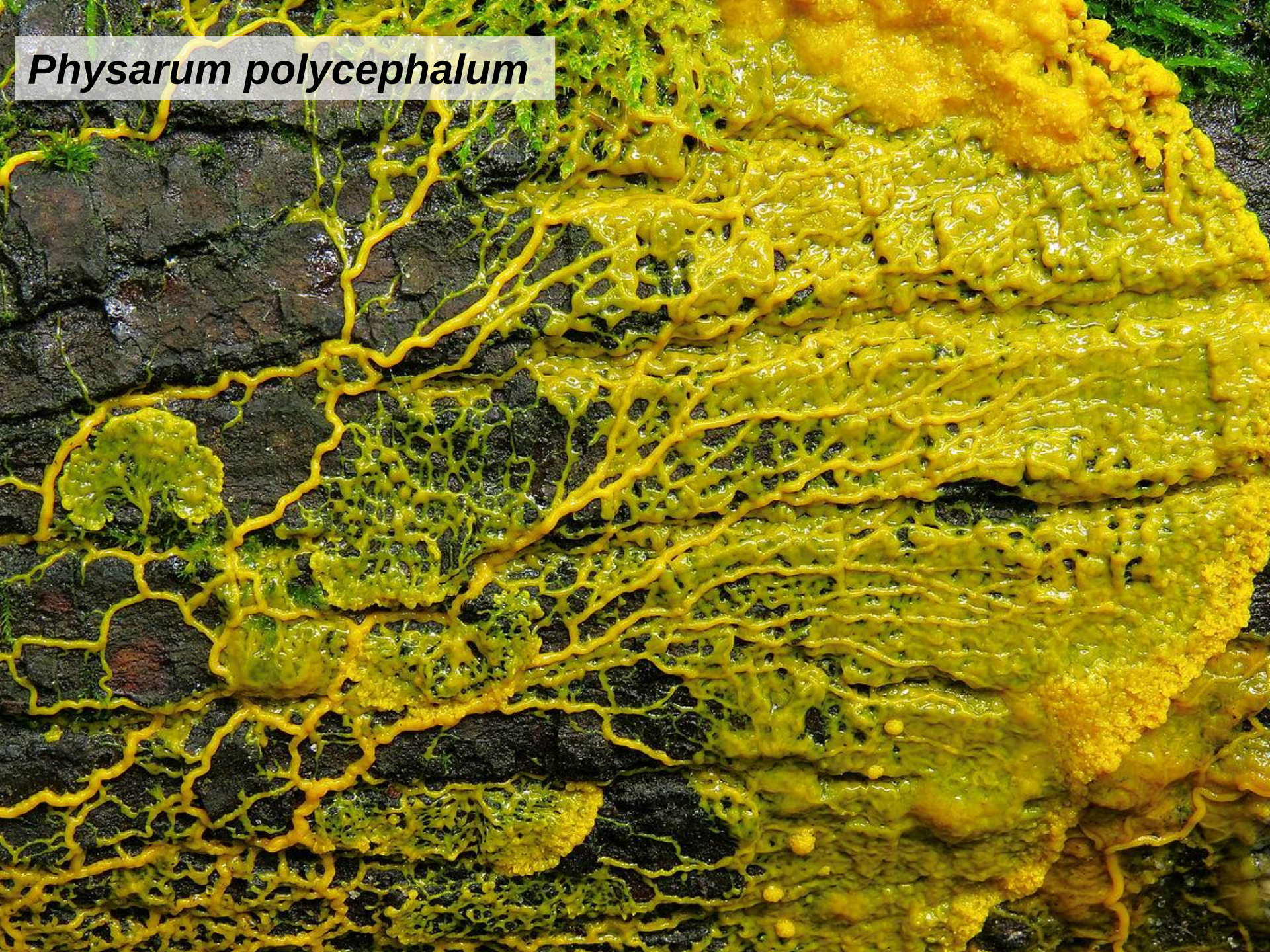


Epihypothallic development – a type of stalk formation in which the latter is formed internally by secretion of material into vacuoles. A mature stalk is solid or hollow but does not contain refuse matter.

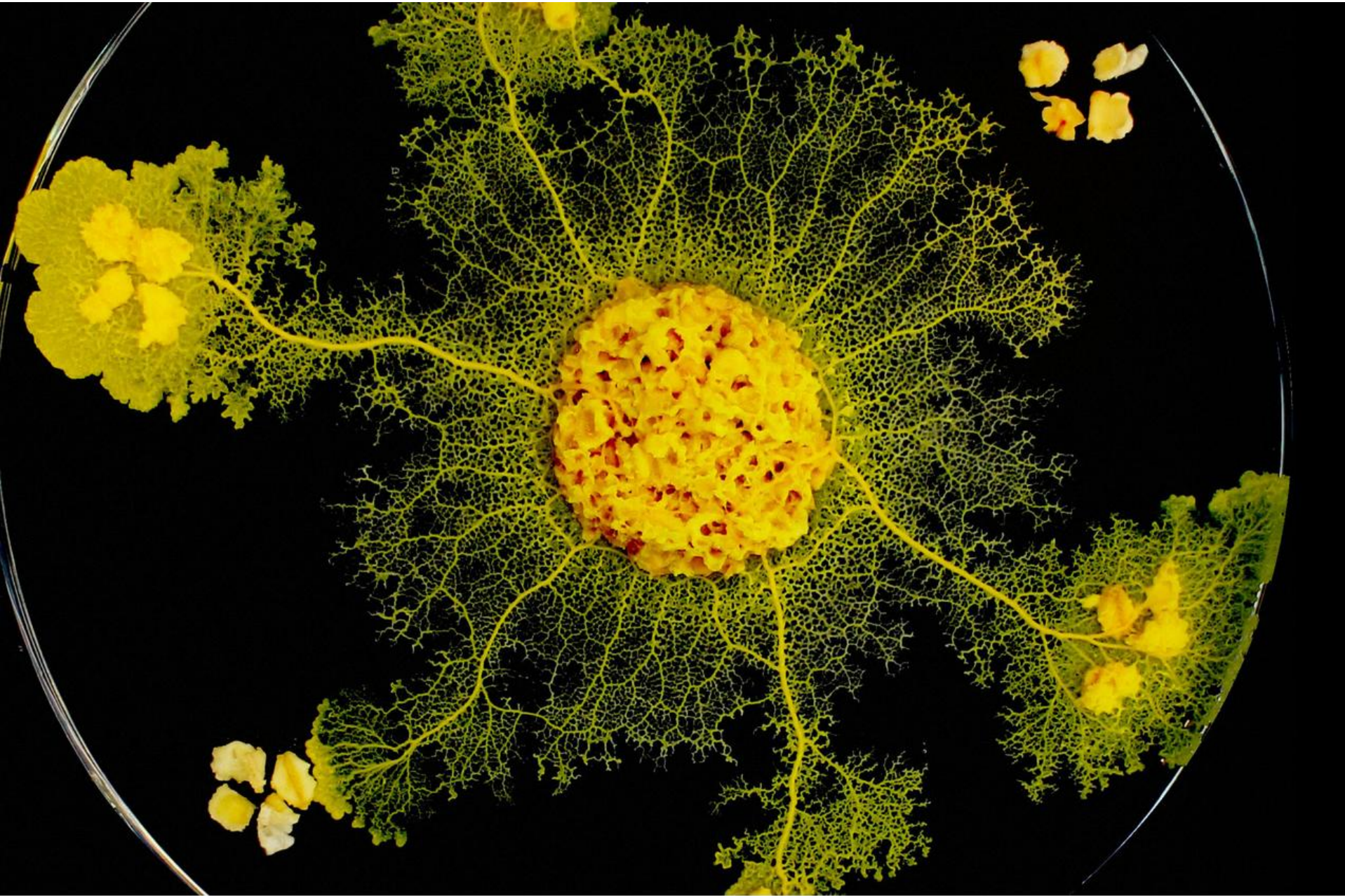


Primary development – a type of stalk formation in which the stalk material is secreted from the cytoplasm of the plasmodium, but the mature stalk contains a large amount of refuse matter.

Physarum polycephalum



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Fuligo septica
(var. *candida*)



*Lycogala
epidendron*

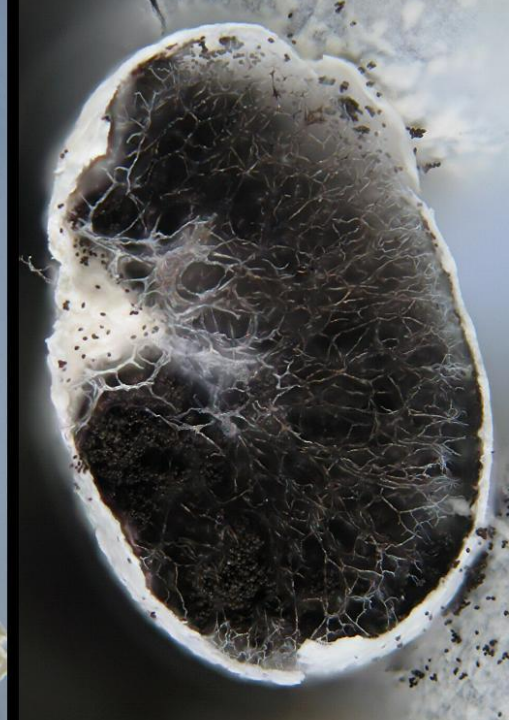
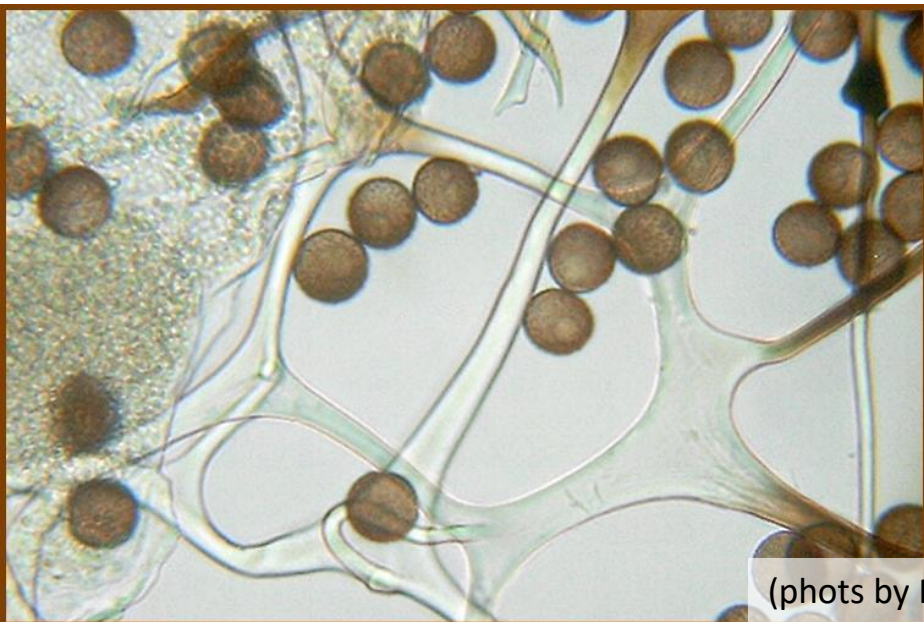


***Acyria
incarnata***





Diderma brooksii (nivicolous species)



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