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## Biological Classification





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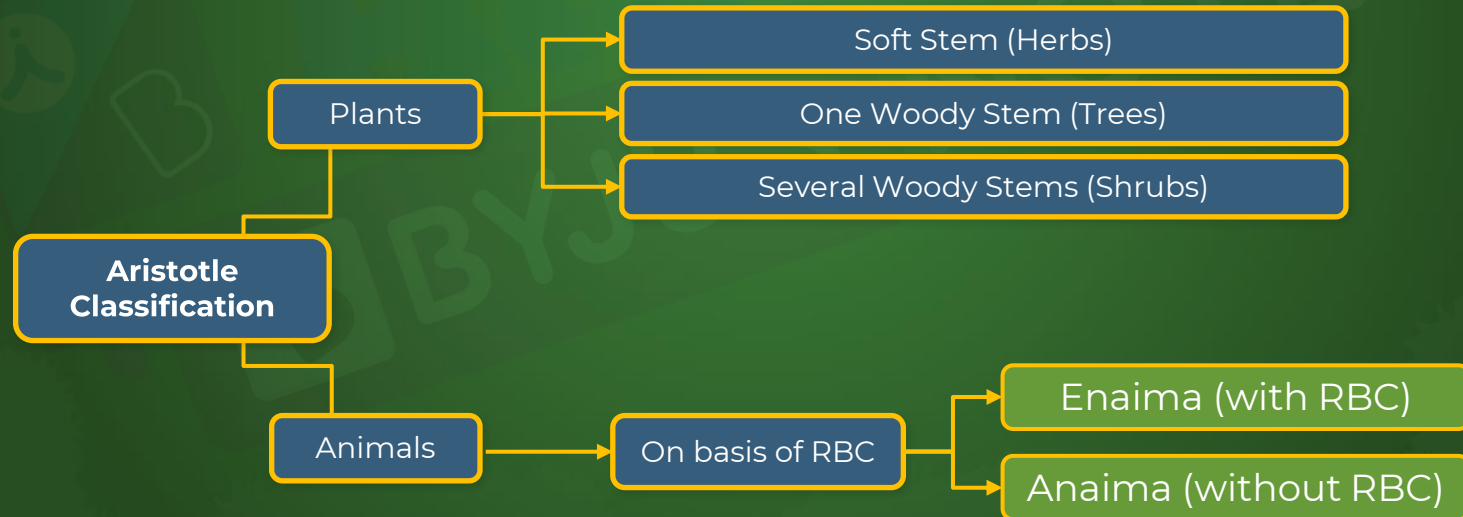
Summary



# Aristotle Classification

## Aristotle

- Father of biology
- Earliest scientific classification, based on simple morphological characters
- Classified living things as, plants and animals
- Merit: First novel attempt of classification of living organisms
- Demerit: No evolutionary relationships consideration

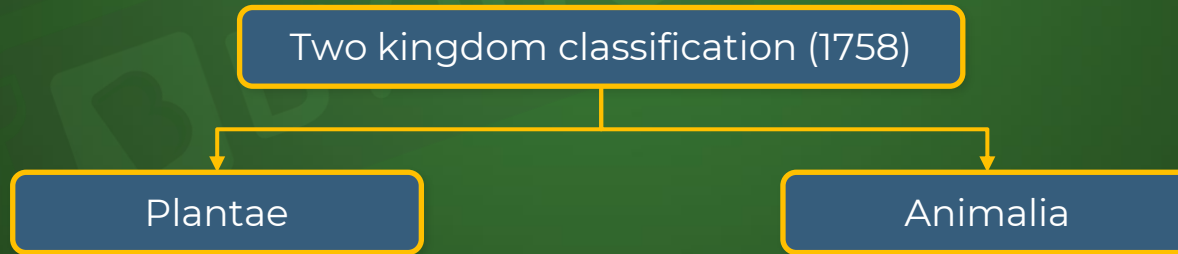




# Two Kingdom Classification

## Carolus Linnaeus

- Father of systematic botany
- Gave two kingdom classification
- Wrote Species Plantarum and Systema Naturae
- Main basis of classification - Presence or absence of cell wall
- **Demerits:** Unable to differentiate between the following;
  - Unicellular and Multicellular
  - Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic
  - Photosynthesis and Non photosynthetic organisms





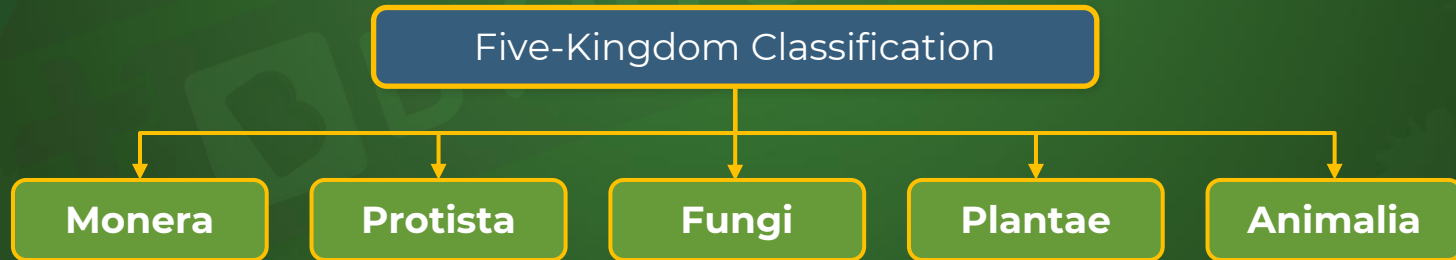
# Five Kingdom Classification

## Robert H. Whittaker

- Proposed **five kingdom classification in 1969**
- **Established Kingdom Fungi**
- Based on : Cell structure, Body organisation, Mode of nutrition, Reproduction and Phylogenetic relationship

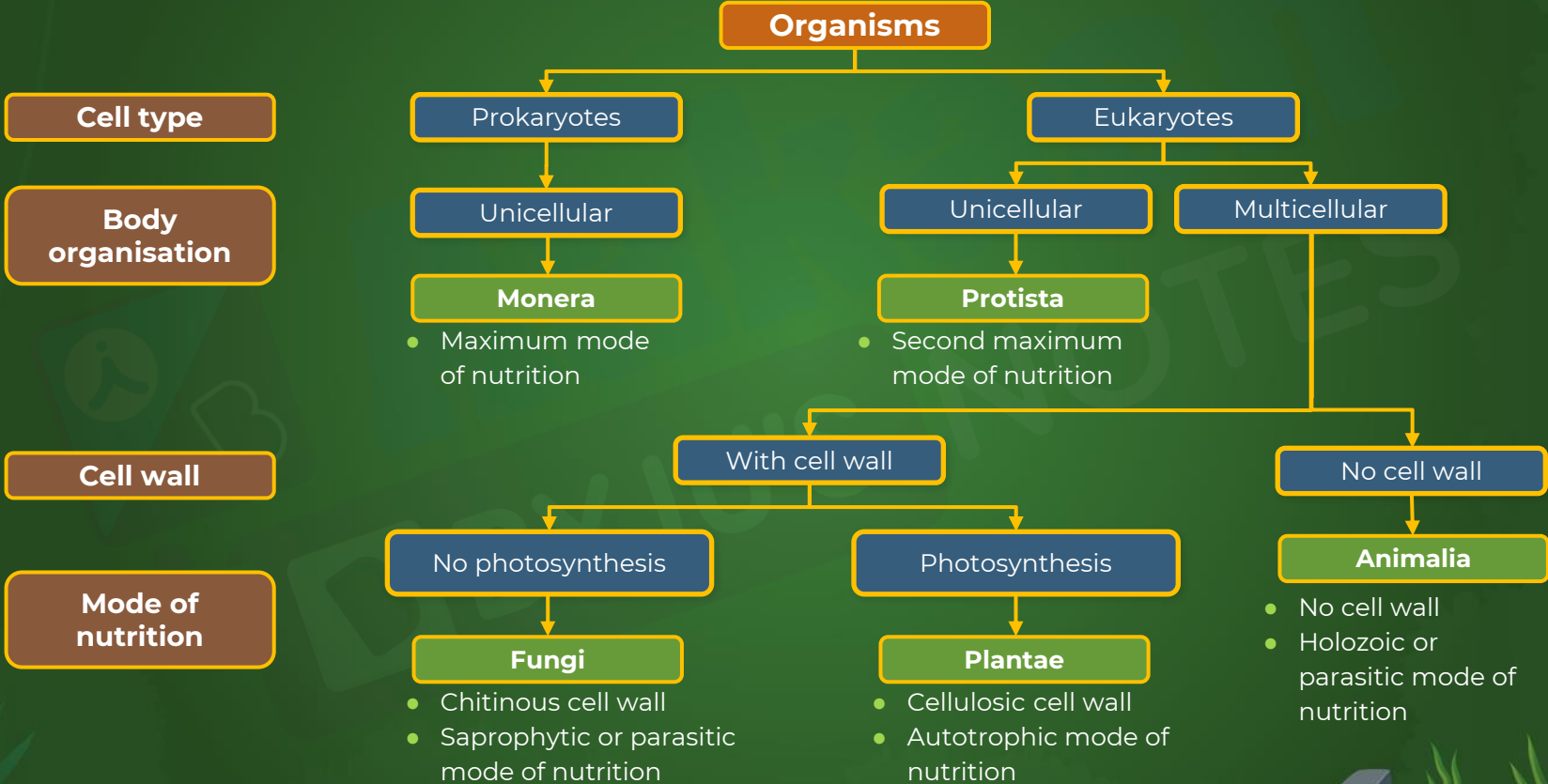
## Limitations

- Some unicellular algae (*Chlamydomonas*) are kept in Kingdom Protista, away from remaining algae placed in Kingdom Plantae.
- *Chlorella* and *Chlamydomonas* (autotrophic) placed with *Paramecium* and Amoeba (heterotrophic) in Kingdom Protista
- No place for lichens





# Five Kingdom Classification

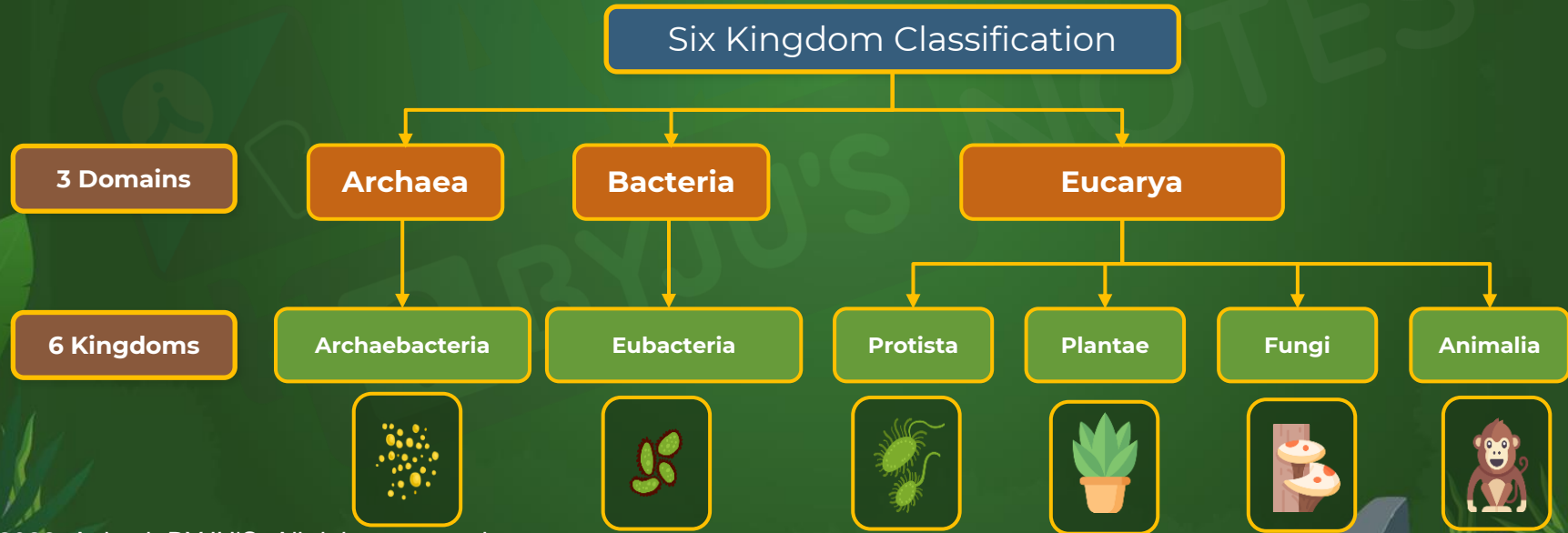




# Six Kingdom Classification

## Carl Woese

- Proposed **six kingdom** or **three domain classification** in 1990.
- The classification **is based on the sequence of 16S rRNA** which is supposed to be conserved and present across all kingdoms.



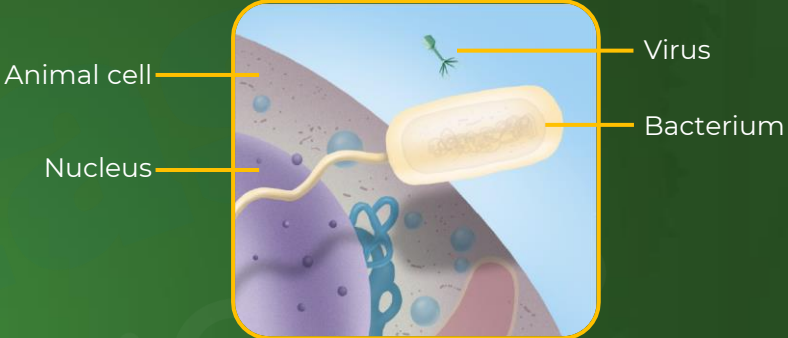




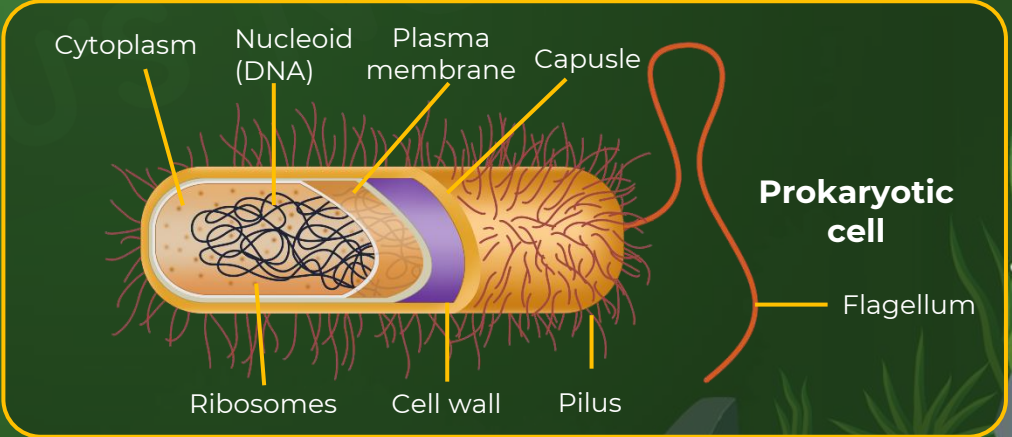
# Kingdom Monera

## Characteristics

- Prokaryotes (includes all bacteria)
- Ubiquitous
- Double-stranded circular DNA
- Membrane-bound cell organelles absent
- Rigid cell wall
- 70s ribosomes
- Maybe motile (flagella) or non-motile
- Nutrition - Heterotrophic (saprophytic/parasitic) or autotrophic



Cell size comparison



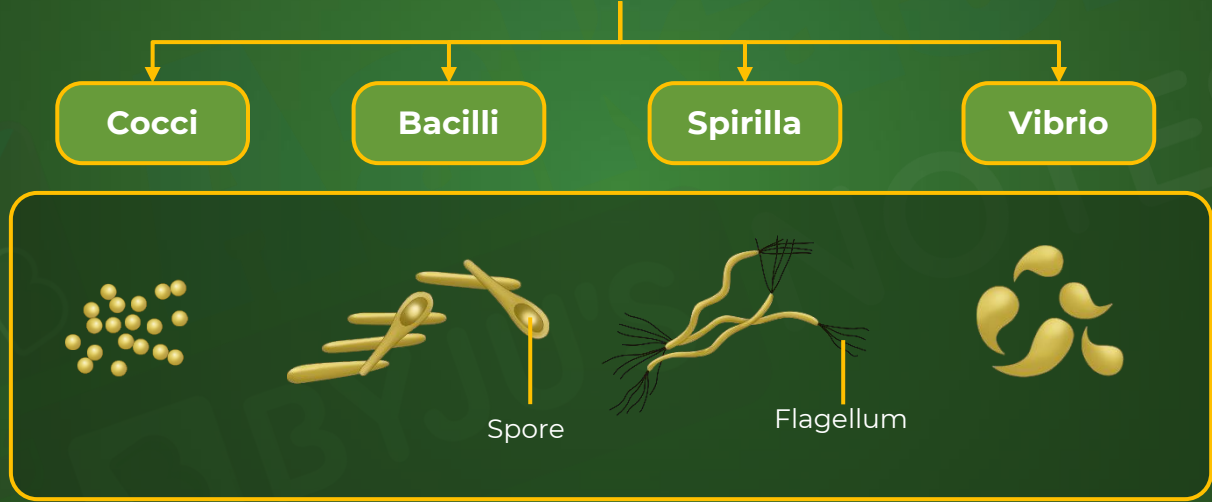
Prokaryotic cell



# Kingdom Monera

## Classification of bacteria

Based on their shape:





# Kingdom Monera

## Reproduction in bacteria

### Asexual

### Sexual

#### Binary fission

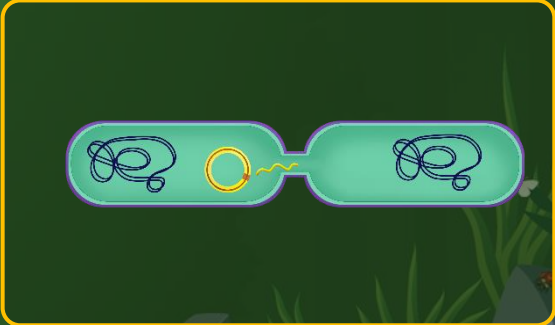
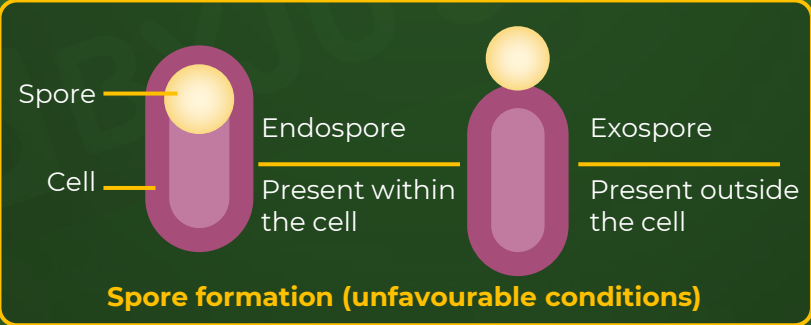
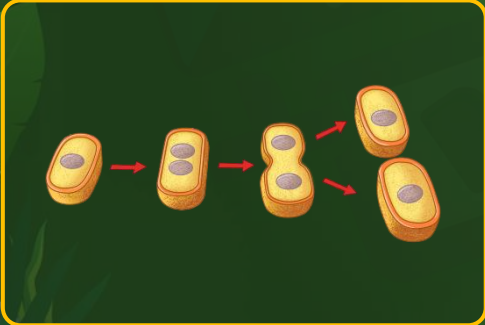
#### Sporulation

#### Conjugation

The process in which the **parent cell divides** into **two independent daughter cells**.

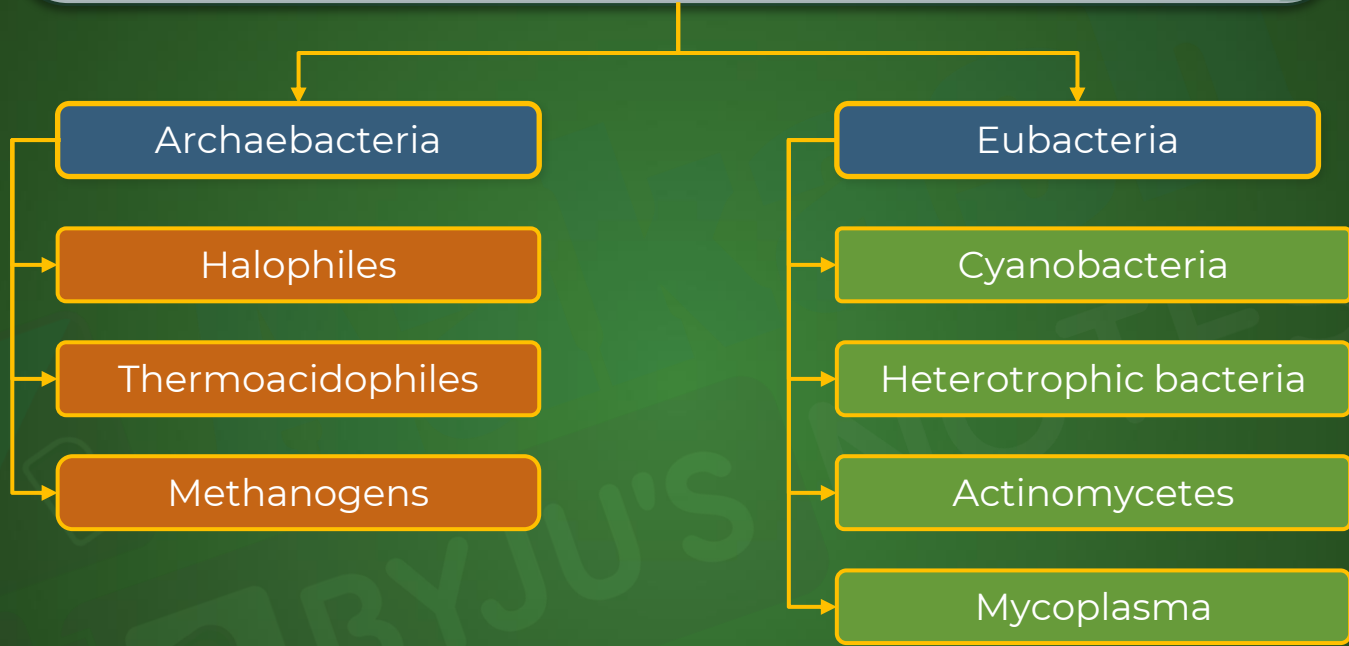
The process in which the parent cell produces spore/spores, each of which can develop into an **independent organism**.

It refers to the process by which one **bacterium transfers its genetic material to another bacterium through direct contact**.





# Kingdom Monera





# Kingdom Monera

## Archaeobacteria

- They are the most primitive group that occurs in extreme habitats.
- Their cell wall is made of pseudopeptidoglycan (pseudomurein).
- They are classified into three groups:

### Halophiles

- They are found in extremely **saline environments**.
- They have been observed in The Great Salt Lake, U.S.A.
- E.g. : ***Halobacterium***

### Thermoacidophiles

- They are found in environments having **high temperature and low pH**.
- They have been observed in Yellowstone Acid pool, U.S.
- E.g. : ***Sulfolobus***

### Methanogens

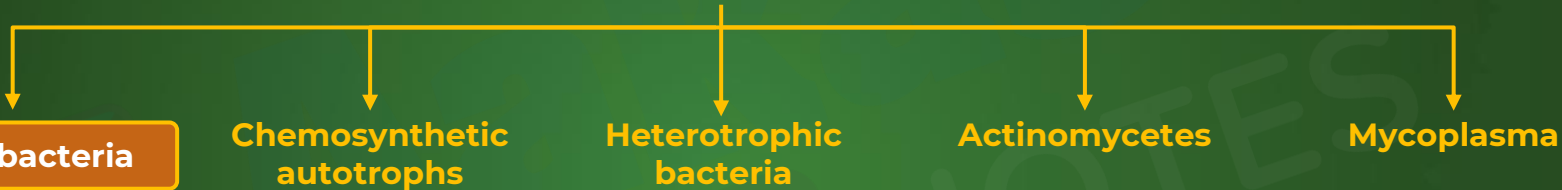
- They are found in the **gut of ruminants**.
- They are responsible for the production of methane from dung.
- E.g.: ***Methanobacterium***



# Kingdom Monera

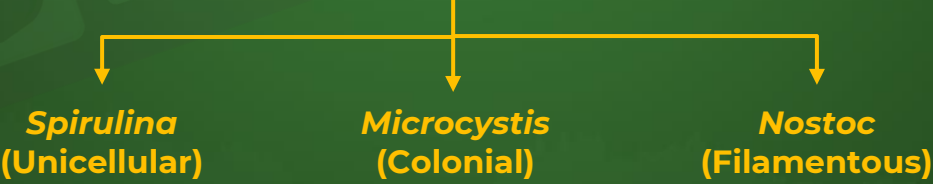
## Eubacteria

- They are also known as '**true bacteria**' and their cell wall is made of **peptidoglycan**.
- They can be of the following types depending on the mode of nutrition:



### Cyanobacteria

- Also known as **blue-green algae**.
- **Photosynthetic autotrophs** that contain **chlorophyll a, phycocyanin and phycoerythrin**
- Show gliding and oscillatory movements and are **covered** by a **gelatinous sheath**
- Found in freshwater, marine or terrestrial regions
- E.g. : *Anabaena*, *Nostoc* ( both are heterocysts as well)
- Three types:





# Kingdom Monera

## Eubacteria

### Chemosynthetic autotrophs

- These bacteria oxidise inorganic substances such as nitrates, nitrites, and ammonia.
- Energy thus released is used for **ATP production**.

### Heterotrophic bacteria

- Most abundant in nature
- Most of them are saprophytes
- Useful in:
  - **Curd formation** from milk
  - **Nitrogen fixation** in the roots of leguminous plants
  - Production of **antibiotics**
- Some are **pathogenic**
- Cause diseases in plants, animals, and humans (cholera, typhoid, etc.)



# Kingdom Monera

## Eubacteria

### Actinomycetes

- **Mycelial bacteria** that help decompose organic materials (chitin)
- **Produce antibiotics**
- Commonly found in soil and aquatic regions (both freshwater and marine)
- E.g. : ***Streptomyces***

### Mycoplasma

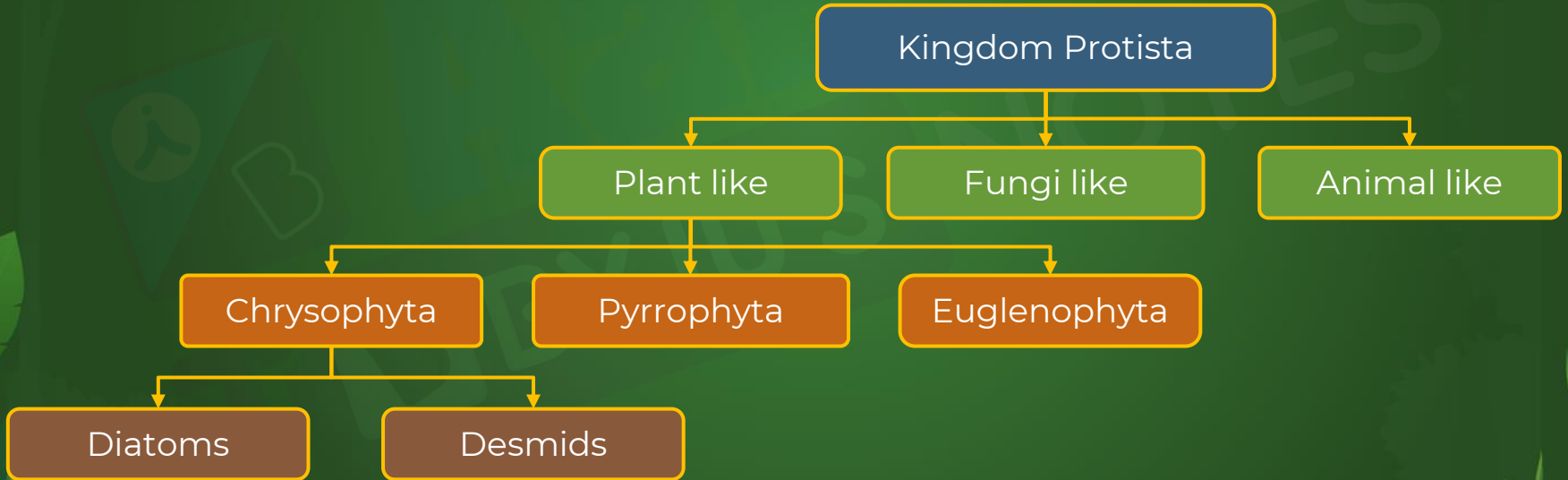
- Smallest living cells
- Also called **PPLO** (Pleuro Pneumonia Like Organisms)
- Lack cell wall and are non-motile
- Exhibit **pleomorphism** and can survive without oxygen
- Pathogenic to plants and animals





# Kingdom Protista

- They are **single-celled**/colonial eukaryotes that evolved from **prokaryotes (endosymbiosis)**.
- They are primarily aquatic and use **cilia** and **flagella** for **locomotion**.
- Their reproduction is sexual and asexual.





# Kingdom Protista

## Chrysophyta

- Live in freshwater and marine environments
- Most are **photosynthetic**
- Float passively in water currents (**plankton**)
- They can be
  - diatoms
  - desmids

## Diatoms

- **Chief producers** of the **ocean**
- Unicellular/colonial, and cell wall contains silica
- **Mostly non-motile** or show gliding movement
- Dead diatoms form **diatomaceous earth** (fossilised geological deposit of nearly pure diatoms frustules)
- Used in polishing, filtration of oils and syrups, toothpaste, metal polishes and facial scrubs

## Desmids

- Also known as **golden algae**
- Unicellular and microscopic
- Have a golden hue due to pigment **fucoxanthin and oil droplets**
- Food reserve is oil droplets



# Kingdom Protista

## Pyrrophyta

- It consists of category of organisms called **dinoflagellates**.
- They are microscopic, unicellular and **biflagellate organisms**.
- Their cell walls have **stiff cellulose plates**.
- They are **mostly marine** and **photosynthetic**.
- They are yellow, green, brown, blue or red in appearance due to varying pigments.
- Toxins released are harmful to fishes.

## Euglenophyta

- They consist of euglenoids among others.
- **Euglenoids** are unicellular, **biflagellate** and microscopic, **freshwater** organisms.
- They have **pellicle instead of a cell wall**.
- Mode of nutrition:
  - In the presence of sunlight, it carries out photosynthesis.
  - In the absence of sunlight, it has heterotrophic (holozoic) mode of nutrition.
  - Hence, it is a **link between plants and animals**.



# Kingdom Protista

## Fungi-like protists/ Slime moulds

### Cellular slime moulds

- They are amoeba-like cells with no cell wall.
- They move and capture by **pseudopodia**.
- They remain grouped but as unfused cells.

### Acellular slime moulds

- It forms plasmodium under suitable conditions.
  - **Plasmodium** is the type of body which is made up of wall less multinucleated protoplasmic mass.
- They do not have a cell wall and are **multinucleated**.
- They grow and spread over several feet and form spores during unfavourable conditions.



# Kingdom Protista

## Animal like protozoans

- **Unicellular** and mostly heterotrophs.
- They possess structures for movement.
- Mode of nutrition is holozoic or parasitic.
- They are of 4 types:

### Amoeboid

- Live in freshwater, seawater or moist soil and show amoeboid movement (pseudopodia)
- Marine forms have silica shells on their surface
- Some may be parasites
- E.g. : **Amoeba**, **Entamoeba histolytica**

### Flagellated

- Free-living or parasitic
- Flagellated
- Marine and freshwater organisms
- May cause diseases such as sleeping sickness
- Example: **Trypanosoma brucei**

### Ciliated

- Aquatic
- Have a cavity that open to outside of cell surface
- Cilia help in feeding
- E.g. : **Paramecium**, **Vorticella**

### Sporozoans

- Parasites of animals
- Cause diseases
- Have an infectious spore-like stage
- May have more than one host
- E.g. : **Plasmodium** (malarial parasite)



# Kingdom Fungi

## Characteristics

- Kingdom Fungi, also known as **Mycota**, was introduced to the **Five Kingdom Classification** by **R.H. Whittaker**.
- Fungi are eukaryotic **decomposers**.
- The study of fungi is known as **mycology**.
- Except for **yeast**, all fungi are **multicellular** organisms.
- Their **cell wall** is made up of **chitin** and **polysaccharides**.
- Food is stored in the cell in the form of **glycogen** and **oil bodies**.

## Habitat

- Fungi are **widely distributed**; they prefer **warm and humid environments**.
- Predominantly **terrestrial**, but are found in water, air and on animals and plants.

## Dikaryophase

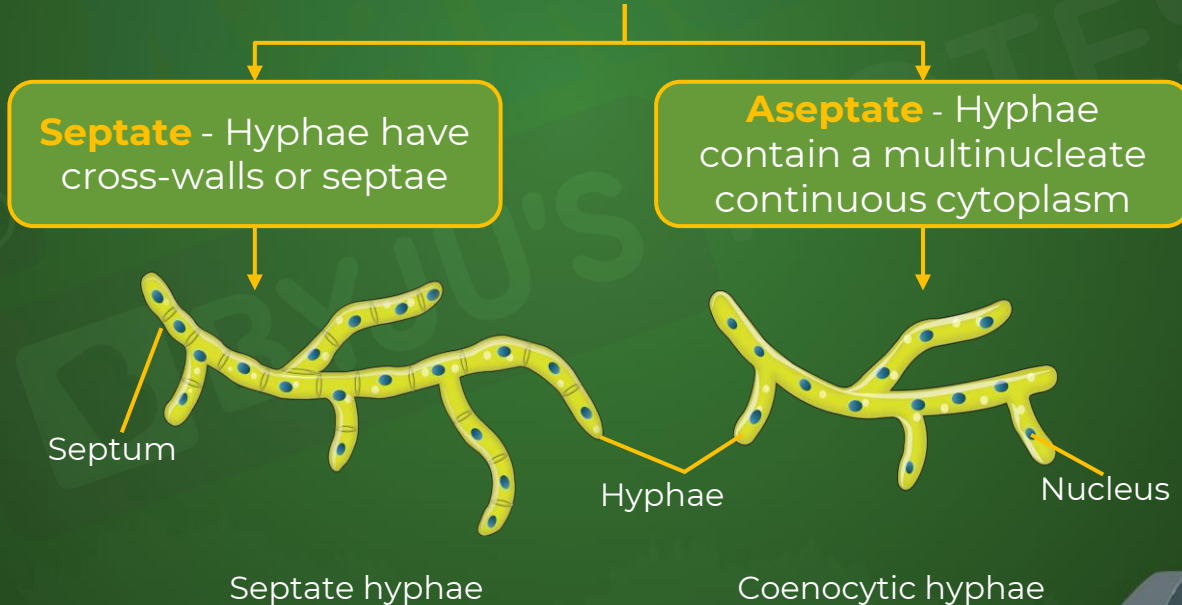
- Some fungi exist in a special condition called **dikaryon** where each cell has **2 nuclei (n+n)**.



# Kingdom Fungi

## Structure of fungi

- Fungi have a filamentous body known as **hyphae**.
- The hyphae form a network known as the **mycelium**.
- The mycelium can be of two types:





# Kingdom Fungi

## Mode of nutrition

- Fungi are **achlorophyllous** - they lack chlorophyll; hence they are heterotrophic.



### Saprophytic

- Saprophytic fungi **grow on dead plant and animal matter**.
- They break down and recycle the soluble organic matter that they absorb from the dead substrates.

### Parasitic

- These fungi grow on a **living host** and absorb nourishment from the host.
- In this process, they may harm and sometimes even kill the host.

### Symbiotic

- Fungi form a **symbiotic association** with organisms to derive nourishment.
- Example 1: **Lichen** - Association of **algae** with **fungi**.
- Example 2: **Mycorrhiza** - Association of **fungi** with roots of higher **plants**.

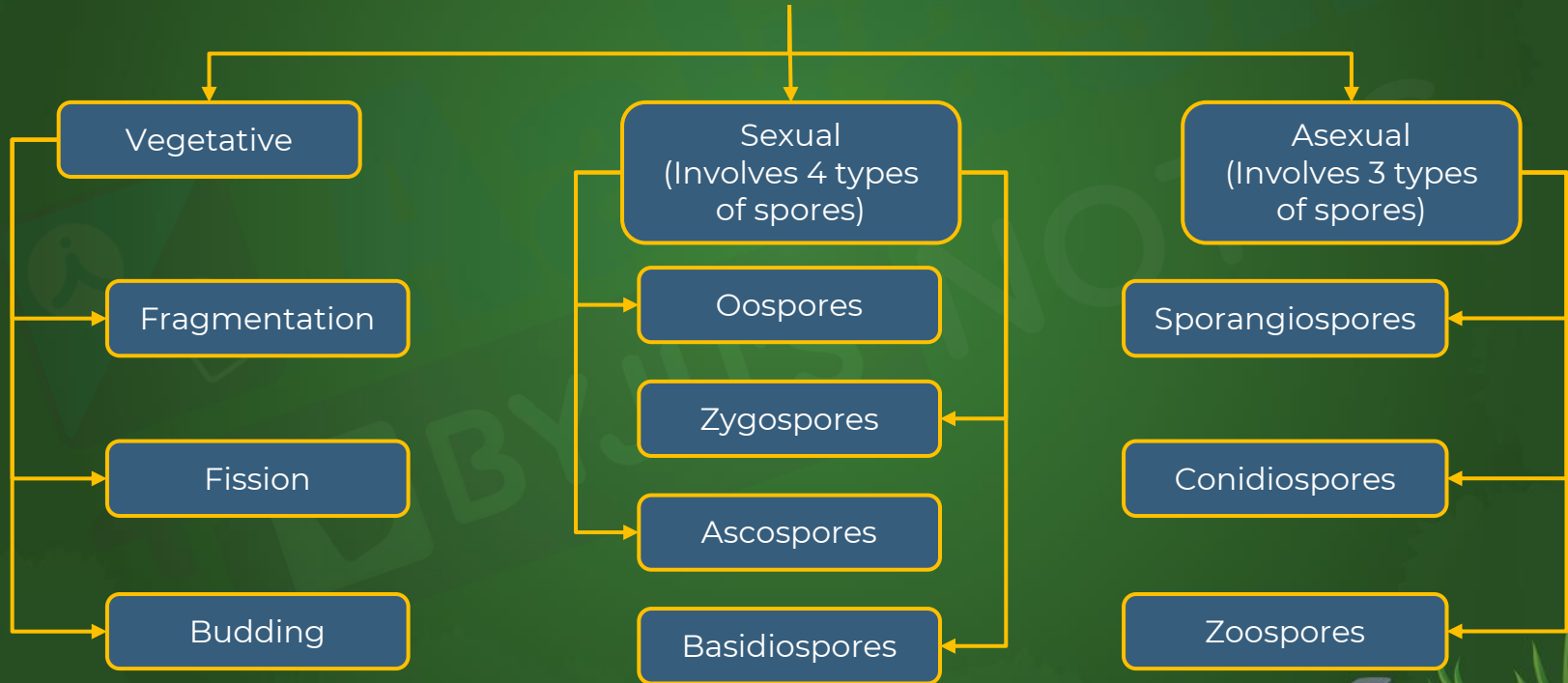




# Kingdom Fungi

## Reproduction

3 modes of reproduction:

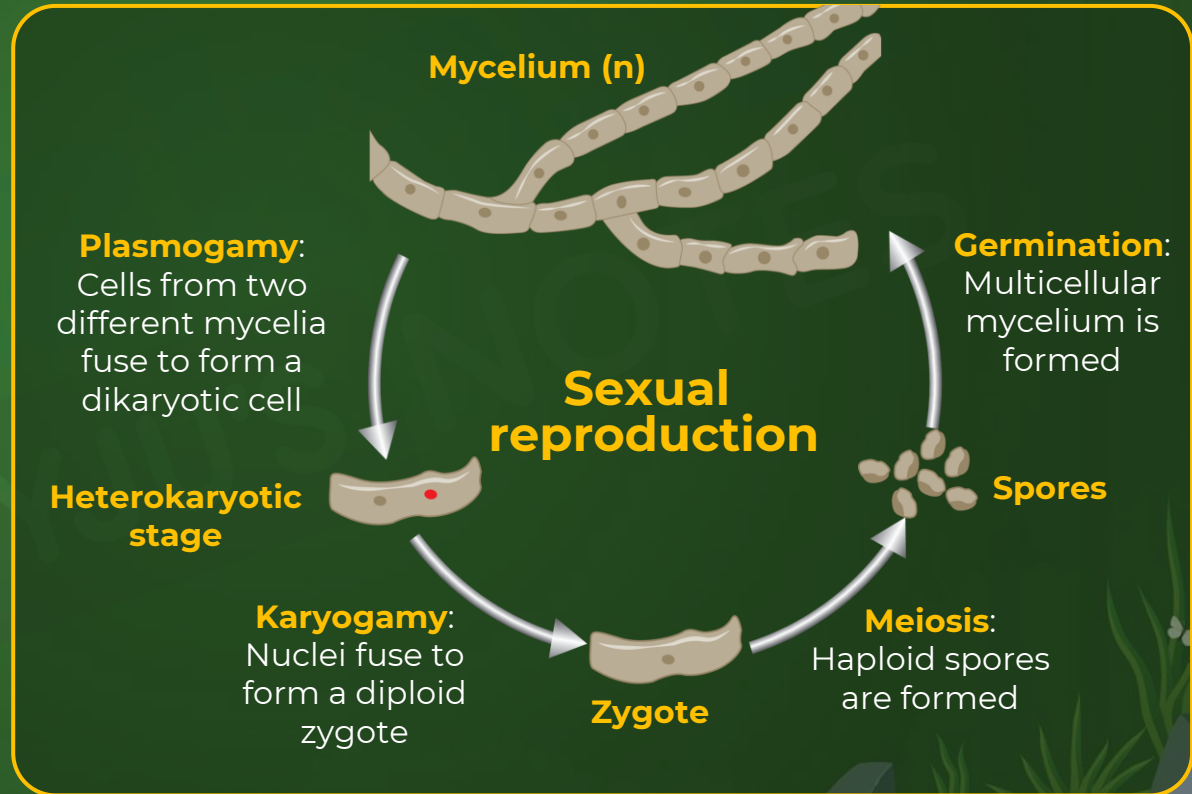




# Kingdom Fungi

## Sexual reproduction

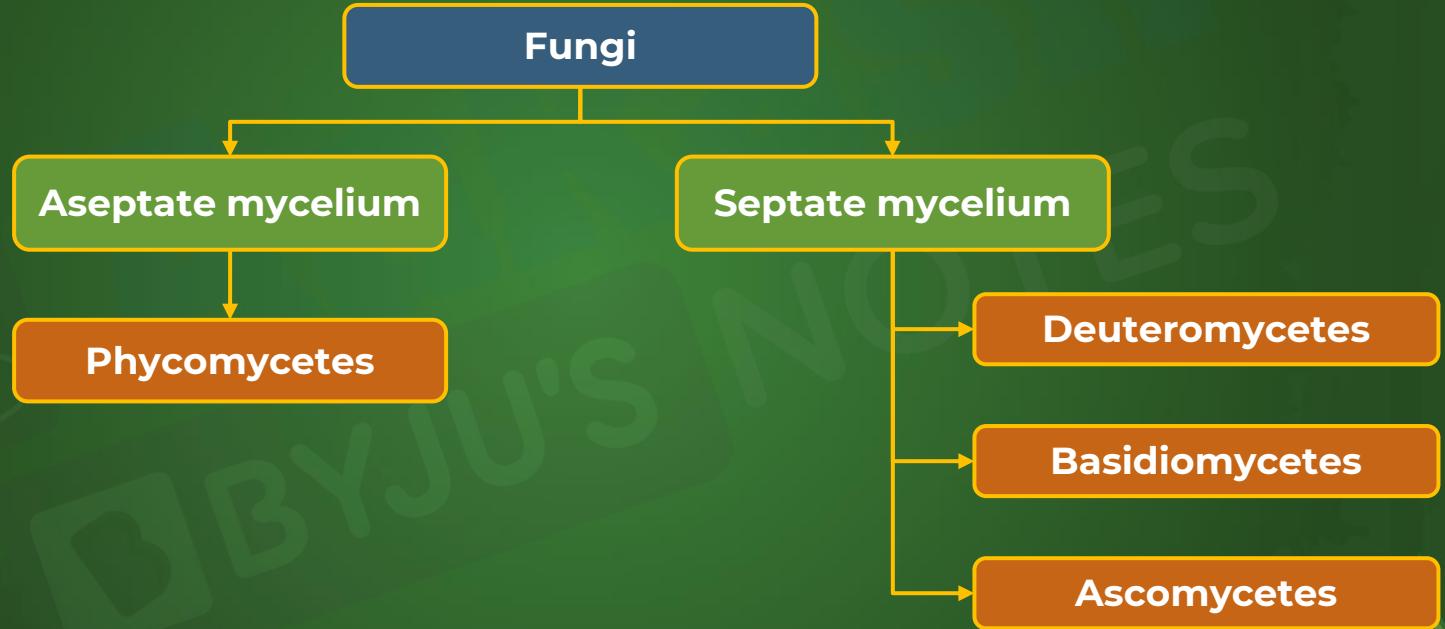
- During sexual reproduction, three types of gametic fusion are observed:
  - **Isogamy:** Fusion of gametes of similar size
  - **Anisogamy:** Fusion of **one big** and **one small** gamete
  - **Oogamy:** Fusion of a **large, non-motile female** gamete and a **small, motile male** gamete.





# Kingdom Fungi

## Classification of fungi

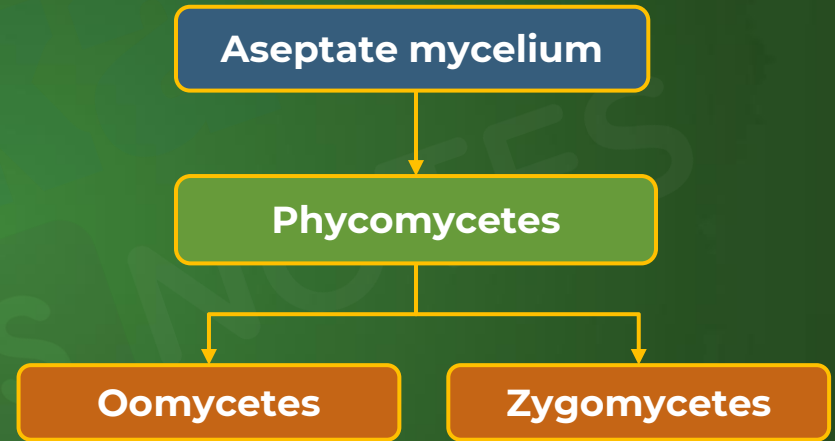




# Classification of Fungi

## Phycomycetes

- They have **aseptate** or **coenocytic** mycelium.
- They can survive:
  - In aquatic
  - In moist decaying wood as **obligate parasites**.
- Reproduction
  - **Asexual** reproduction by **sporangiospores**
  - **Sexual** reproduction by **oospores/zygospores**





# Classification of Fungi

## Phycomycetes

Type of gametic fusion	Isogamous Or Anisogamous	Isogamous or Anisogamous
Process of Sexual reproduction	<p>Oospore → Haploid Spores → New Organism → Germination → Oospore</p> <p>Fertilisation      Meiosis      Germination</p>	<p>Oospore → Haploid Spores → New Organism → Germination → Oospore</p> <p>Fertilisation      Meiosis      Germination</p>
Examples	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i> <i>Albugo candida</i>	<i>Rhizopus (bread mould)</i> <i>Mucor</i>



# Classification of Fungi

## Ascomycetes

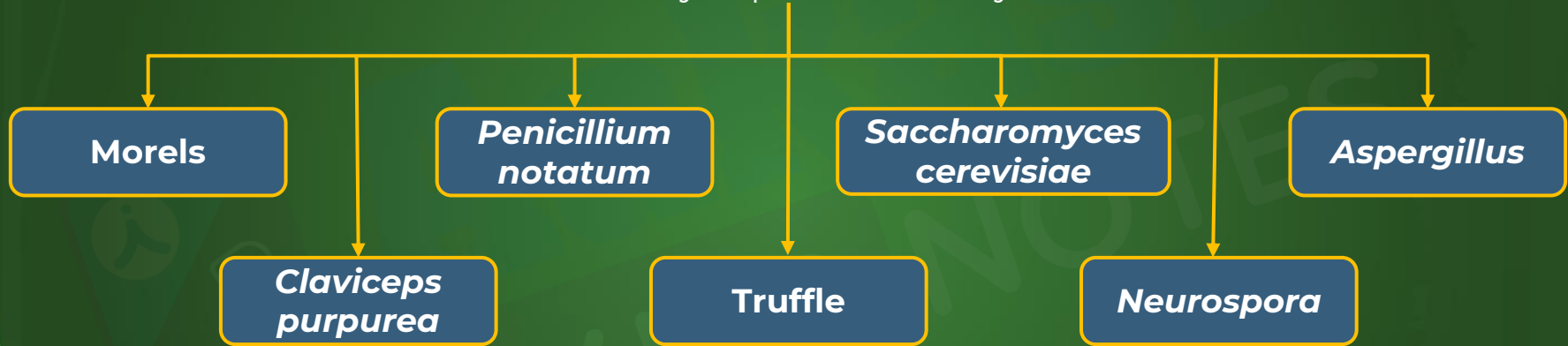
01	Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commonly called 'sac fungi'</li><li>• Saprophytic, decomposers, parasitic, or coprophilous (growing on dung)</li><li>• Rarely unicellular (yeast) mostly multicellular (Penicillium)</li><li>• Septate, branched mycelia</li></ul>
02	Reproduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vegetative by budding</li><li>• Asexual by conidiophores</li><li>• Sexual by ascospores produced in sac like asci</li></ul>
03	Sexual Reproduction	Ascocarp (fruiting body) → Ascus → 8 Ascospores



# Classification of Fungi

## Ascomycetes

Economically important ascomycetes



- ***Aspergillus*, *Claviceps* and *Neurospora*** are used extensively in **biochemical and genetic work**.
- **Morels and truffles are edible** and used in **delicacies**.
- *Penicillium* and *Saccharomyces* can be **saprophytic, decomposers, parasitic, or coprophilous**.



# Classification of Fungi

## Basidiomycetes

01	<b>Characteristics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commonly called 'club fungi'</li><li>• Grow in soil, on logs and tree stumps</li><li>• Parasitic (rusts and smuts)</li></ul>
02	<b>Reproduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vegetative by fragmentation</li><li>• Asexual spores are generally not found</li></ul>
03	<b>Sexual Reproduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sex organs absent</li><li>• Sexual reproduction is by somatogamy</li><li>• Fusion of somatic or vegetative cells result in formation of basidium</li></ul> <p>Basidiocarp (fruiting body) → Basidia → Basidiospores</p>





# Classification of Fungi

## Ascomycetes

### Basidiomycetes

Mushroom



Bracket fungi



Puffballs





# Classification of Fungi

## Some important members of Basidiomycetes

- Cause **smuts**.
- Ears of cereals turn into black powder.
- Seen in **wheat, corn** and **Sorghum**
- Cause **rust disease**
- **Parasitic**
- Completes life cycle in two hosts - **wheat** and **barberry**
- Forms four types of spores:
  - Infecting wheat: Urediniospores, Teliospores, Basidiospores
  - Infecting barberry: Aeciospore



**Corn smut**



**Puccinia**



# Classification of Fungi

## Deuteromycetes

### 01 Characteristics

- Also called as 'fungi imperfecti'.
- Mycelia are septate and branched.
- Saprophytic or parasitic mode of nutrition.
- Help in mineral cycling.

### 02 Reproduction

- Vegetative reproduction.
- Asexual reproduction by conidia.
- Sexual reproduction not reported.

## Examples

- *Alternaria*
- *Trichoderma*
- *Colletotrichum*



# Kingdom Plantae

Characteristics of Kingdom Plantae:

- **Autotrophic**
- **Eukaryotic**
- Cell wall made up of **cellulose**
- **Starch** as reserve food material
- Some show partial heterotrophic nutrition:
  - **Insectivorous (Venus Fly trap).**
  - Parasitic (***Cuscuta***).



*Cuscuta*



Venus fly trap



# Kingdom Plantae

- Life cycle shows alternation of generation
  - **Diploid sporophytic** phase
  - **Haploid gametophytic** phase





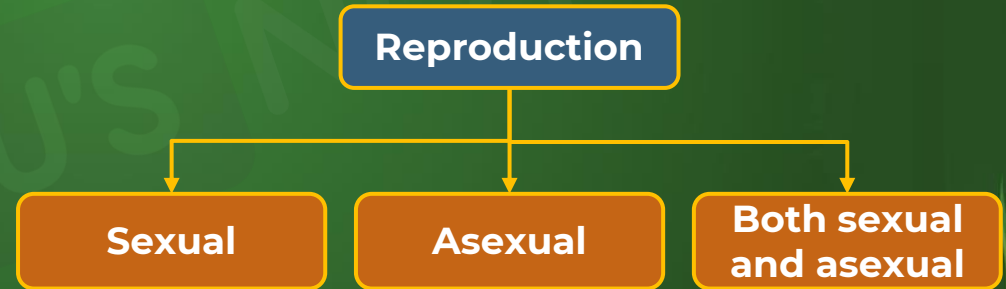
# Kingdom Animalia

## General characteristics

- Kingdom Animalia consists of several phyla of **eukaryotic** organisms.
- The cells lack a **cell wall**.
- They show tissue/organ/organ system level of organisation.
- A definite growth pattern can be seen.
- Complex sensory and neuromotor mechanisms can be seen in higher organisms.
- Most members of the kingdom show locomotion.

## Mode of nutrition


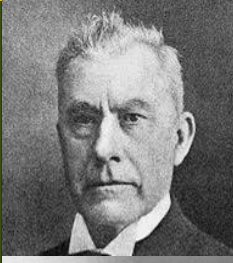

- Heterotrophic
  - Holozoic (by ingestion)
- The food consumed is stored in the form of **glycogen** or **fat**.





# Viruses

## Discovery

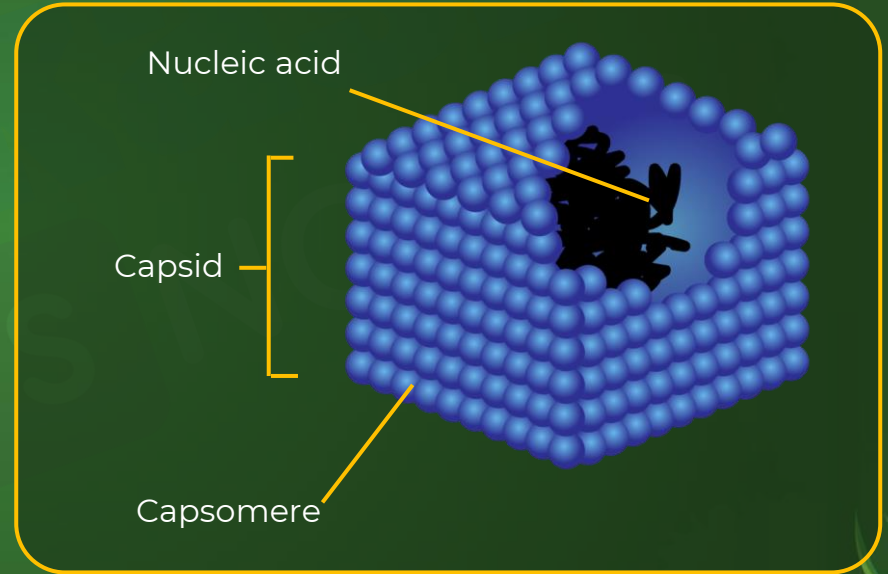
<b>Dmitri Ivanovsky</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Coined</b> the term '<b>virus</b>' (venom)</li><li>● Worked on <b>Tobacco Mosaic Virus</b></li><li>● Found that <b>virus</b> was <b>smaller than bacteria</b> as they passed through bacteria proof filters</li></ul>
<b>M.W. Beijerinck</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Demonstrated that <b>extract from infected tobacco plants caused disease in healthy plants</b></li><li>● Called the extract '<b>Contagium vivum fluidum</b>' (infectious living fluid)</li></ul>
<b>W.M. Stanley</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Crystallised Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV)</b></li><li>● Crystals mostly consisted of proteins</li></ul>



# Viruses

## Structure

- They contain infectious genetic material (either **DNA** or **RNA**, never both)
- The infectious material is covered by a **protein coat** called **capsid**.
- Capsid is made of subunits called **capsomeres**.
  - Capsomeres are arranged in helical or polyhedral geometric forms.







# Viruses

## Characteristics

- They are **obligate intracellular parasites** and cause diseases in the host.
- Viruses are neither living nor non-living.

Living properties	Non-living properties
Contains genetic material (DNA or RNA)	Acellular
Surrounded by protein coat	Obligate parasites
Undergoes mutation	Inert crystalline structure
Reproduces in living host	Lacks enzyme system

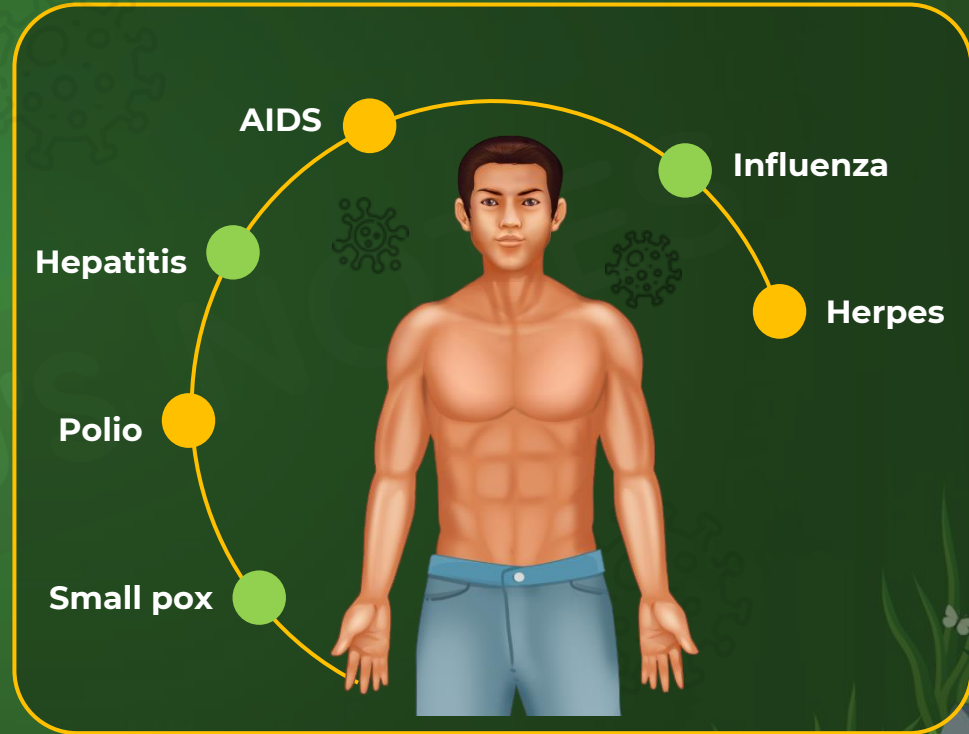


# Viral Infections

## Tobacco mosaic disease in plants

- Caused by the **Tobacco Mosaic Virus**.
- Symptoms in plants include:
  - Leaf curling
  - Leaf rolling
  - Mosaic formation
  - Yellowing and vein clearing
  - Dwarfing


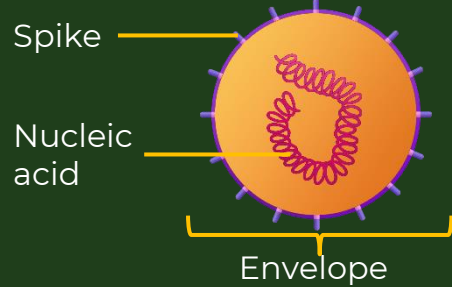
## Viral infections in humans





# Viroids

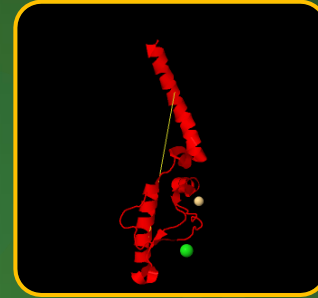
- Discovered by **T.O Diener in 1971**
- Consists of **free RNA** of low molecular weight
- Cause disease like the **potato spindle tuber disease**

Viroids	Virus
Lacks protein coat	Has protein coat
Genetic material is RNA	Genetic material can be DNA or RNA
Smaller	Larger
<p>Viroids Structure</p> 	<p>Virus structure</p> 

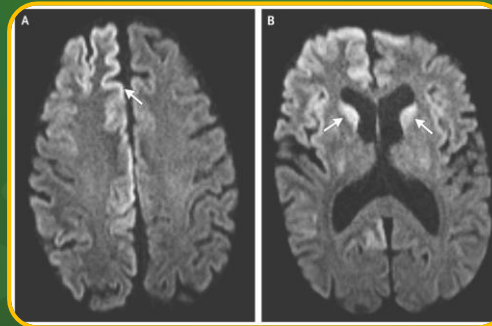


# Prions

- Prions are **abnormally folded proteins**
- Similar in size to virus
- Cause **neurodegenerative diseases**
- Highly infectious (untreatable and fatal)



Scrapie  
infected sheep



Creutzfeldt Jacob Disease  
(CJD) in humans:  
Degenerative brain disorder

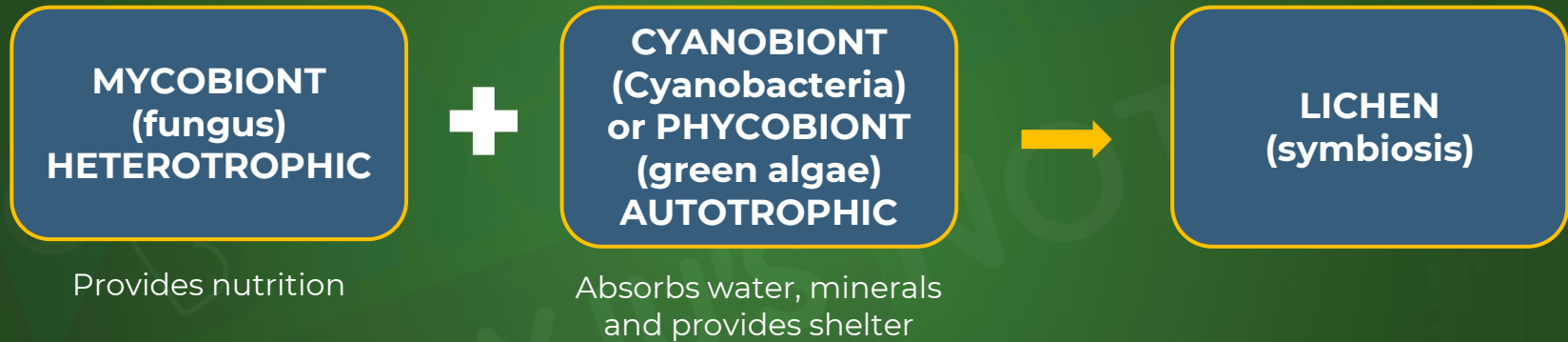


Bovine Spongiform  
Encephalopathy (BSE)  
or Mad Cow Disease



# Lichen

- Lichen is the **symbiotic** association between **algae (phycobiont)** or **Cyanobacteria (cyanobiont)** and **fungi (mycobiont)**.

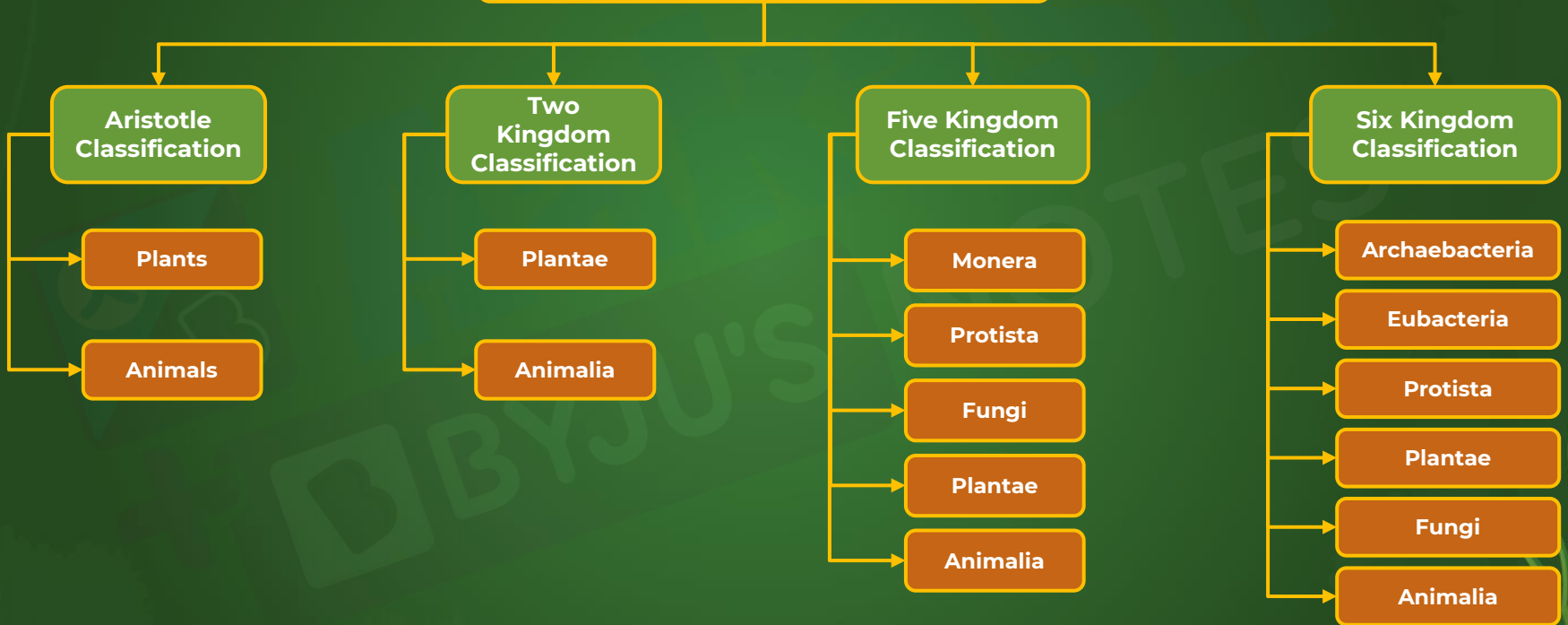


- Lichen are early colonizers of barren land
- It is also used in making Litmus indicators.
- They are also **bioindicators** of air pollution (sensitive to  $\text{SO}_2$ ).



# Summary

## History of classification





# Summary

## Kingdom Monera

### Characteristics of Kingdom Monera

- Double-stranded circular DNA
- Membrane-bound cell organelles absent
- Rigid cell wall
- 70S ribosomes
- Chromatophores (containing pigment)
- Maybe motile (flagella) or non-motile
- Nutrition - Heterotrophic (saprophytic/parasitic) or Autotrophic

### Classification of bacteria (based on shape)

#### Cocci



#### Bacilli



Spore

#### Spirilla



Flagellum

#### Vibrio

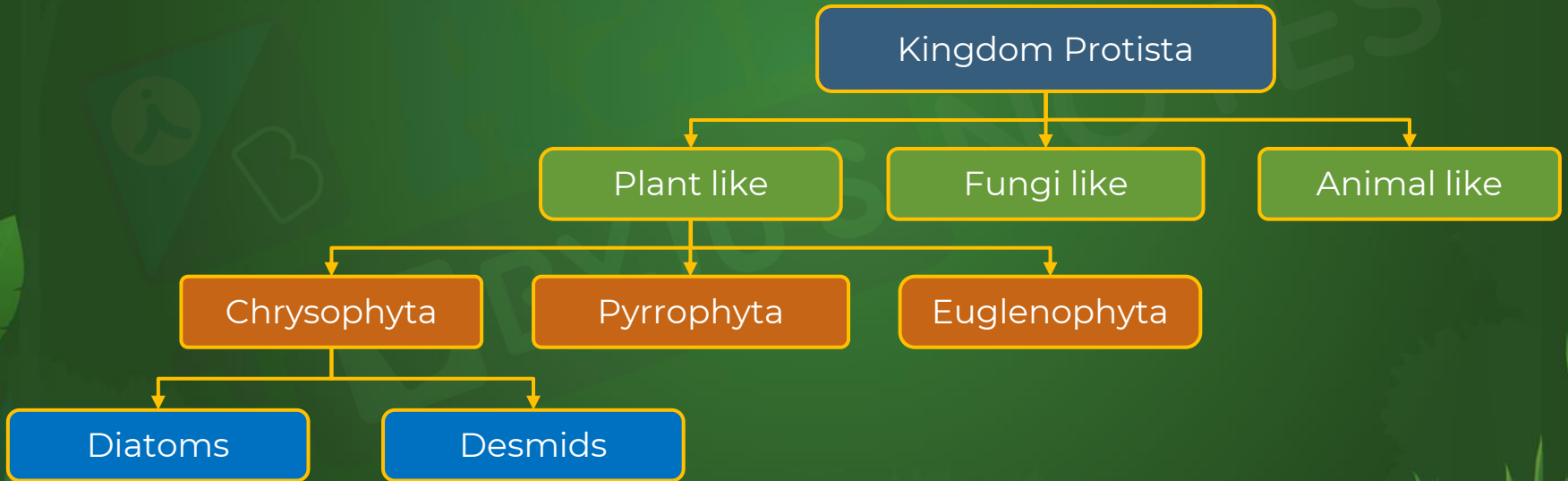




# Summary

## Kingdom Protista

- They are single-celled/colonial eukaryotes that evolved from prokaryotes (endosymbiosis).
- They are primarily aquatic and use cilia and flagella for locomotion.
- Their reproduction is sexual and asexual.





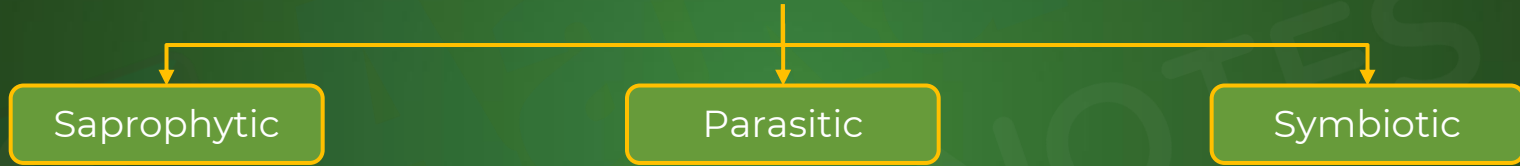


# Summary

## Kingdom Fungi

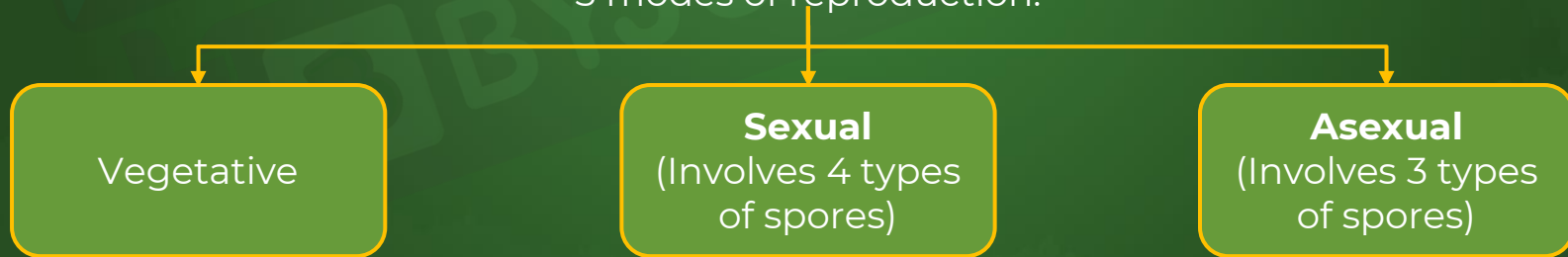
### Modes of nutrition

- Fungi are **achlorophyllous** - they lack **chlorophyll**; hence they are **heterotrophic**.



### Modes of reproduction

3 modes of reproduction:

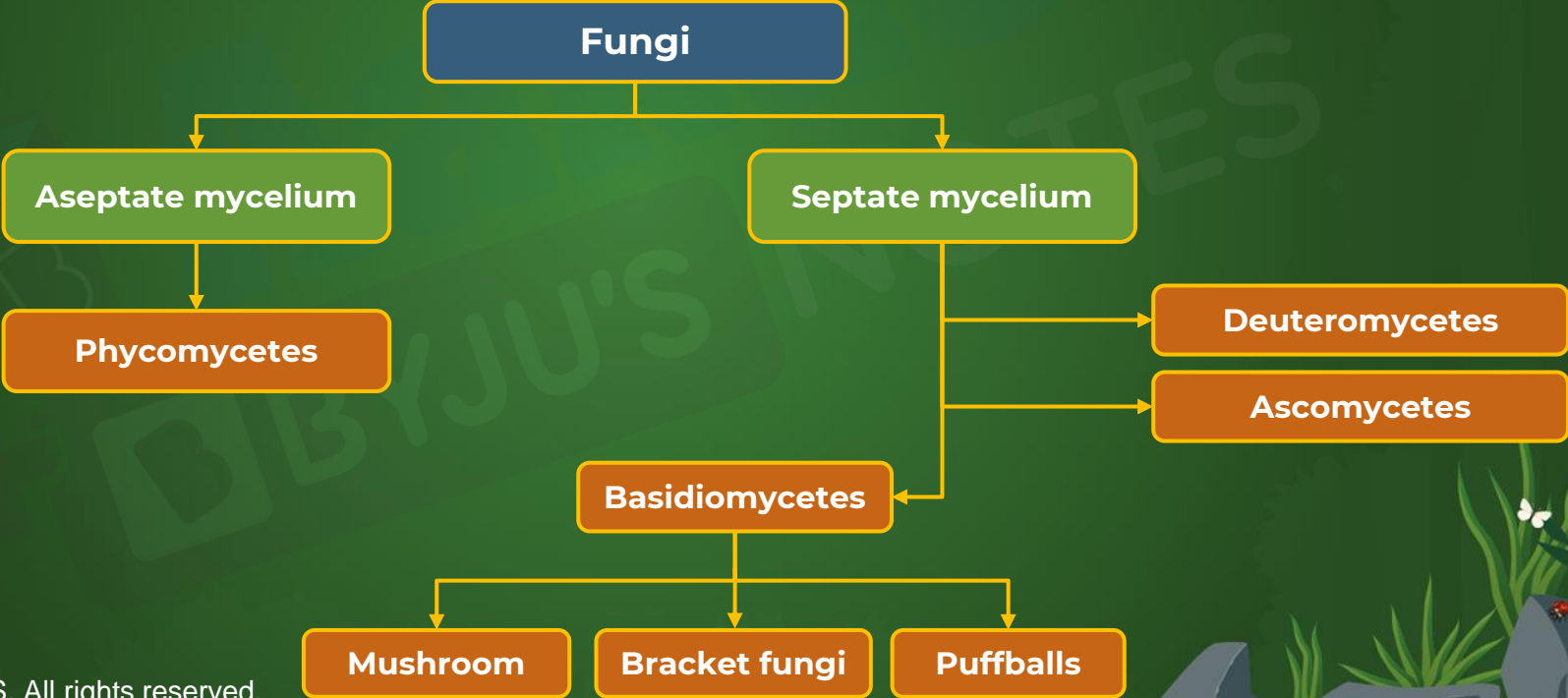




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**Kingdom Fungi**

## Classification of fungi

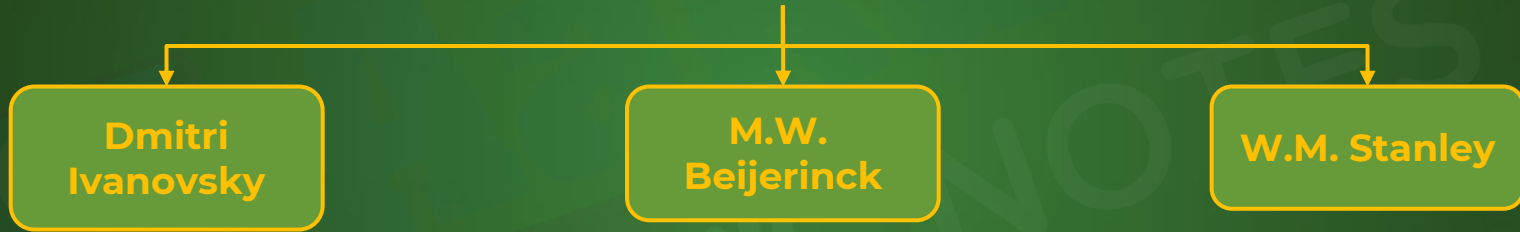




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## Viruses

Scientists with major contribution in discovery of viruses.



## Structure

- Viruses contain either **DNA or RNA**, never both.
- The infectious material is covered by a protein coat called **capsid**.