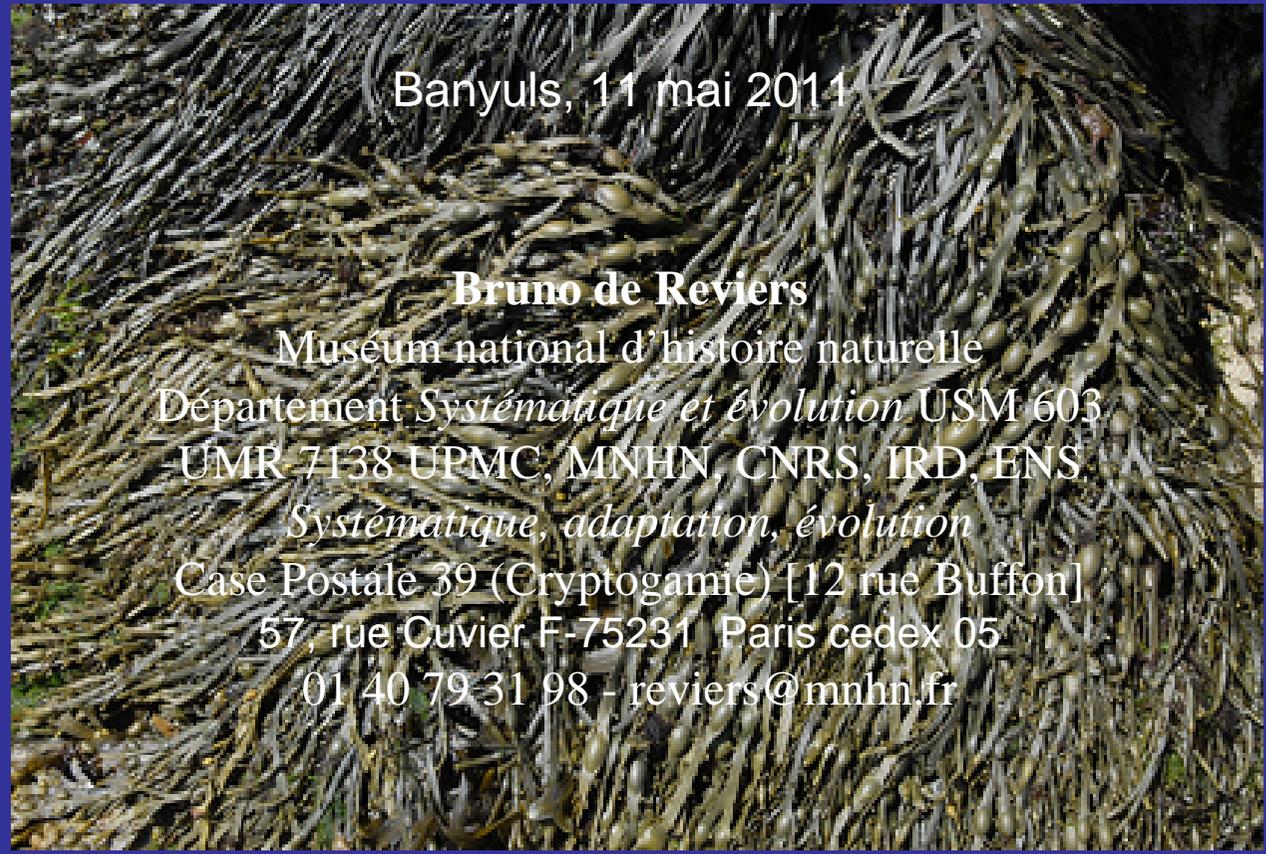




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How can phylogeny improve our understanding of brown algal evolution



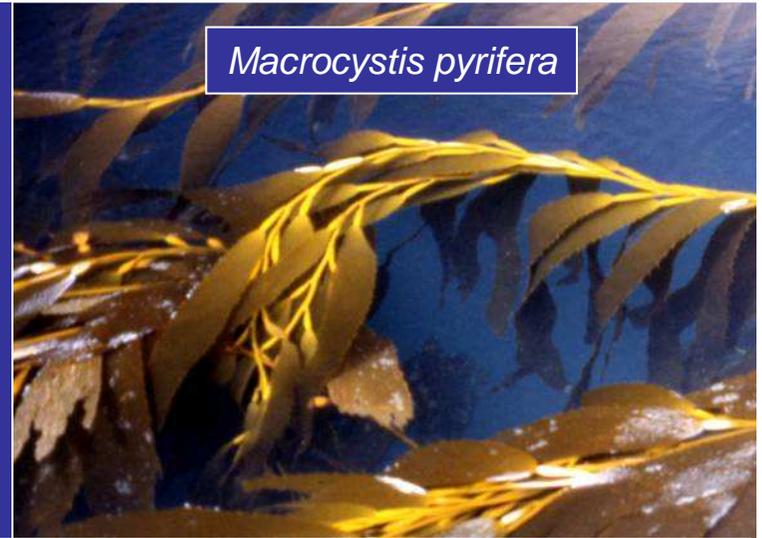
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For long it has been impossible to unravel phylogenetic relationships within the brown algae:

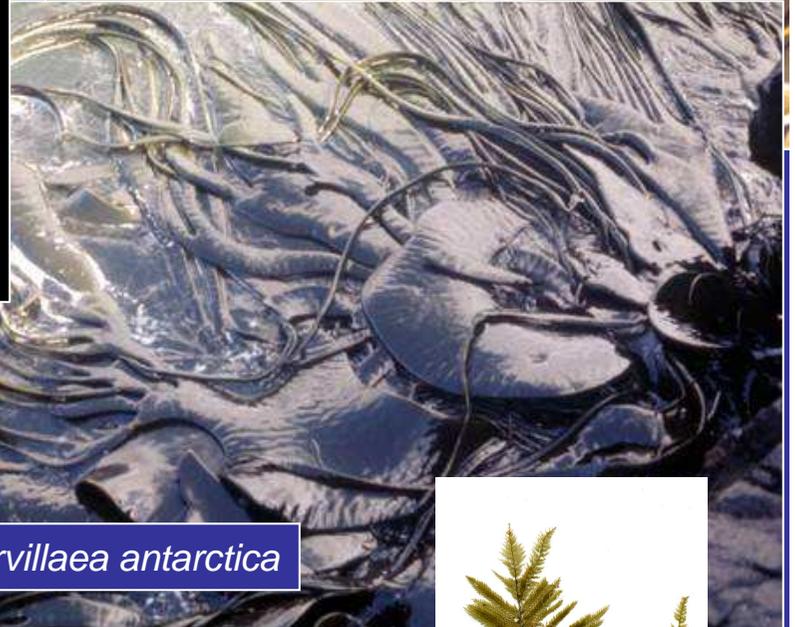
Roughly 2000 species (ca 305 genera) of ecologically, biologically and economically important organisms.



Macrocystis pyrifera



Padina pavonica



Durvillaea antarctica



Laminaria hyperborea



Fucus vesiculosus



Halopteris filicina

Three domains of life
Three-five main lineages of eukaryotes

Not *et al.* (2007) Okamoto & Inouye (2004)

Rice & Palmer (2006)
 Patron *et al.* (2006, 2007)
 Burki *et al.* (2007)
 Hackett *et al.* (2007)

Shalchian-Tabrizi *et al.* (2006)

0. Reminder: The tree of life

Diversification of eucaryotes
 -950 to -1259 Ma
 (relaxed molecular clock,
 Douzery *et al.*, 2004)

Alveolata

Stramenopiles

Rhizaria

Haptophyta

Cryptophyta

Picobiliphyta

Katablepharidophyta
 Telonemea

Plantae

Excavata

Opisthokonts

Unikonts

Amoebozoa

Hacrobia

5

4

3

2

1

Burki *et al.* (2007)
 Hackett *et al.* (2007)
 Hampl *et al.* (2009)

« RSA Group »

Eukarya

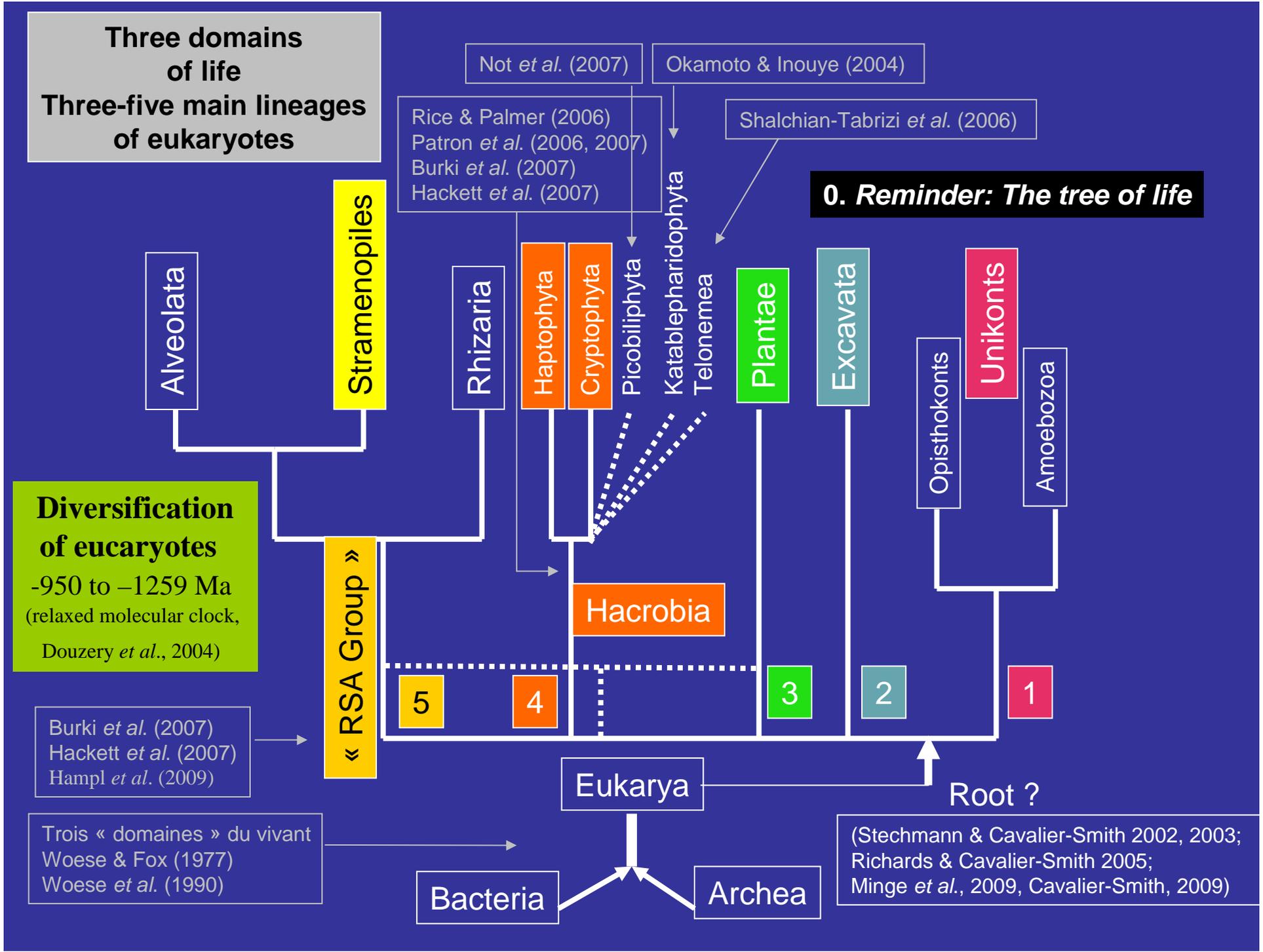
Root ?

Trois « domaines » du vivant
 Woese & Fox (1977)
 Woese *et al.* (1990)

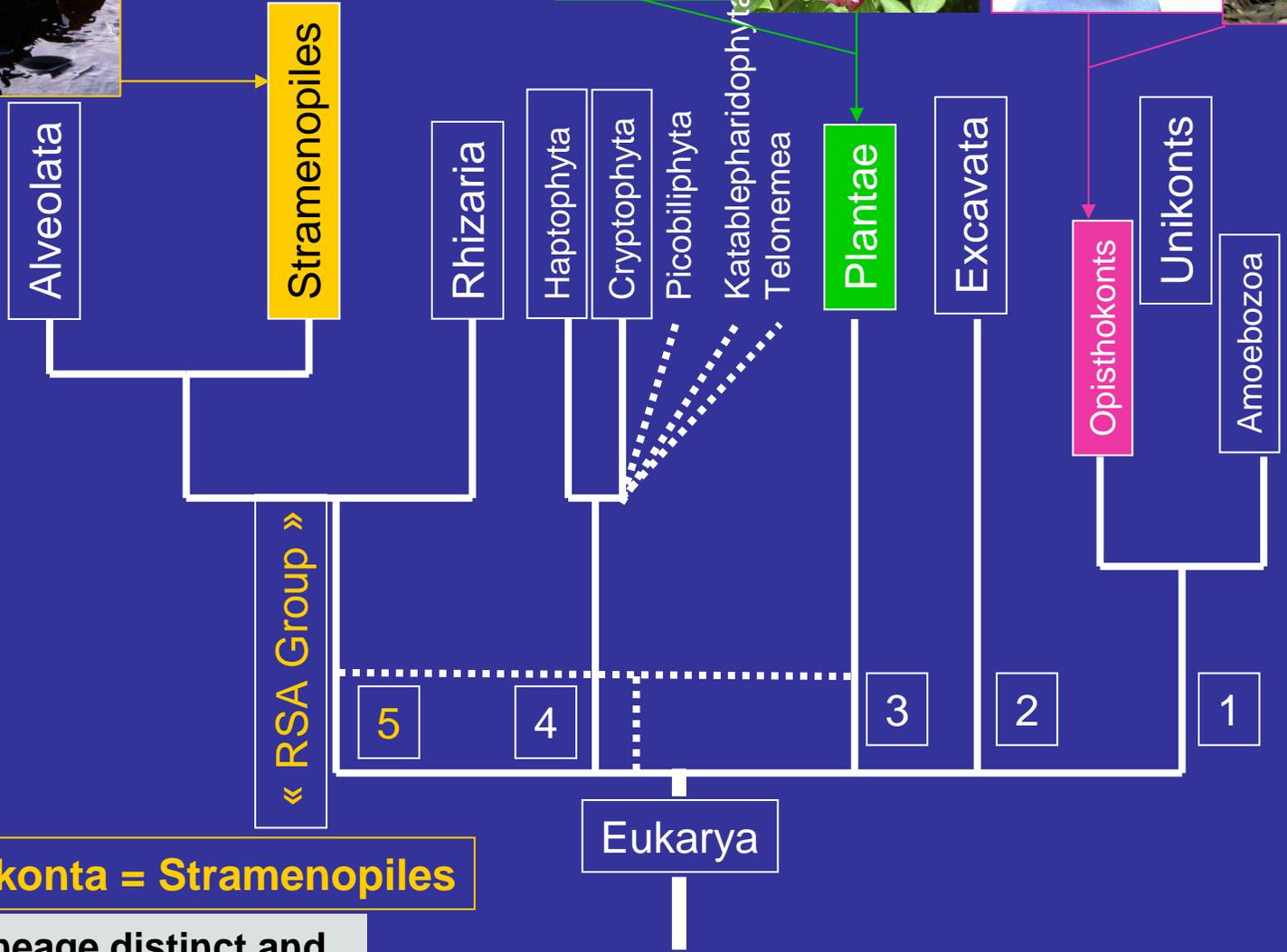
Bacteria

Archea

(Stechmann & Cavalier-Smith 2002, 2003;
 Richards & Cavalier-Smith 2005;
 Minge *et al.*, 2009, Cavalier-Smith, 2009)



1. Location of the brown algae in the tree of life



Heterokonta = Stramenopiles

A lineage distinct and far from both **plants** and **opisthokonts**

While red and green algae belong to the Plantae,
**brown algae make a lineage
independant and far from both
Plantae and
Opisthokonts** (including Metazoans and « true » Fungi)

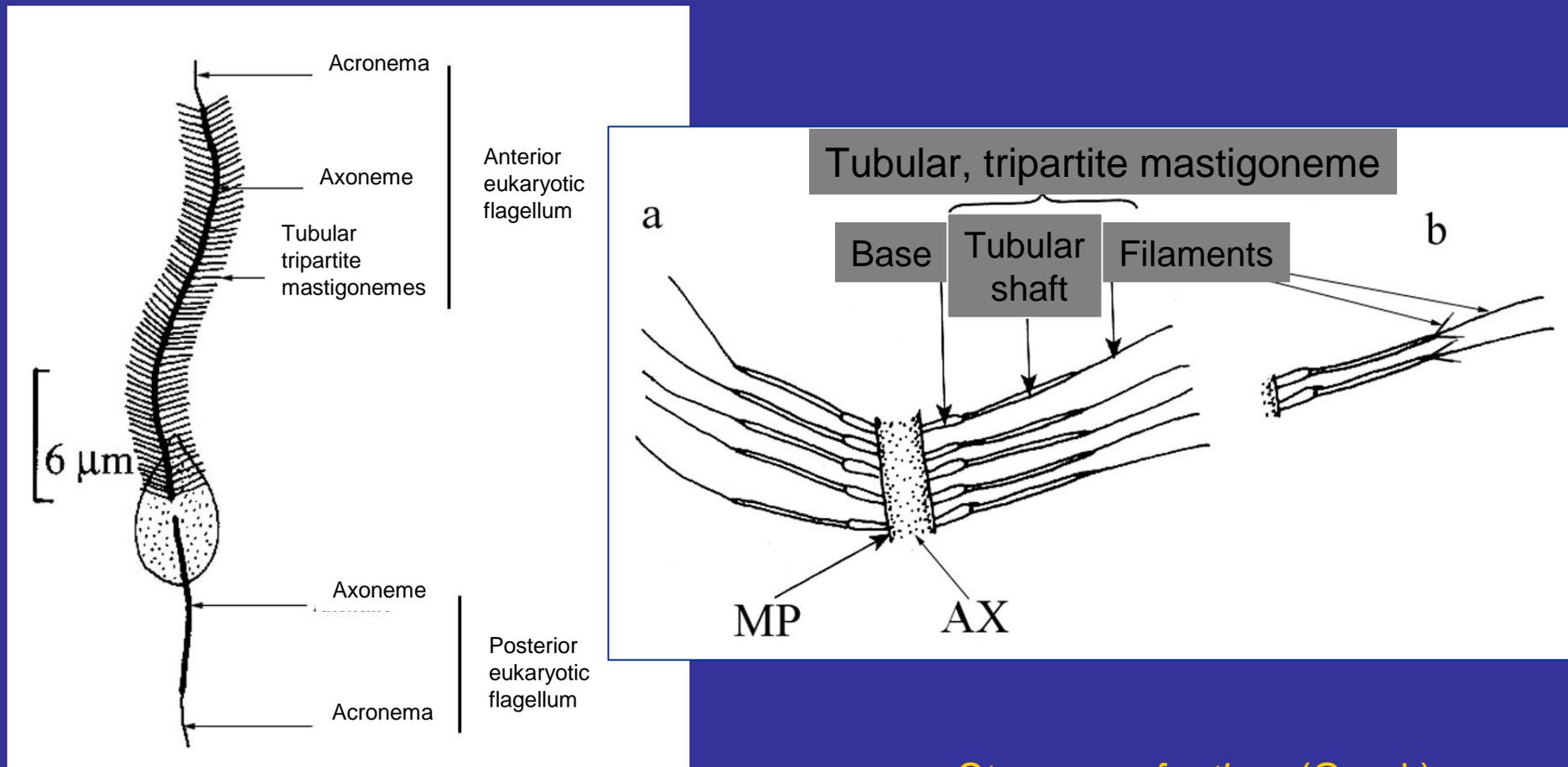
Therefore they make
a very interesting model of multicellular organisms
of completely different nature from
other common model organisms

**From the stand point of utilization,
they make thus a very original bio-resource**

2. Definition of Stramenopiles/Heterokonta

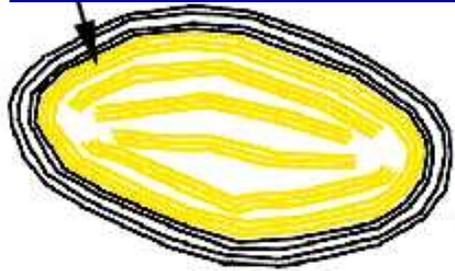
Heterokonta = Stramenopiles are defined by
heterokont swimming cells

[*sensu* Bouck (1969) not *sensu* Luther (1899)],



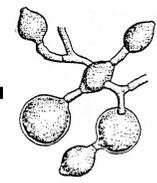
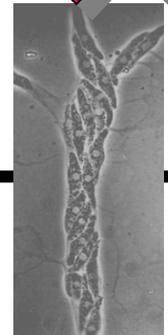
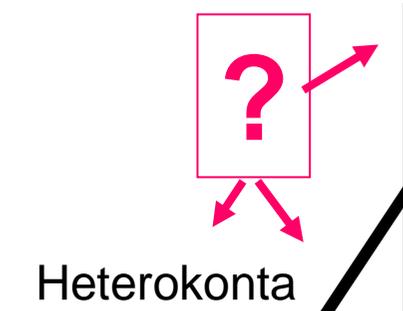
Stramen = feather (Greek)

Golden-brown plastids with a girdle lamella, and of (red algal) secondary endosymbiotic origin



3. Definition of Ochrophyta

Ochrophyta
(golden-brown algae)



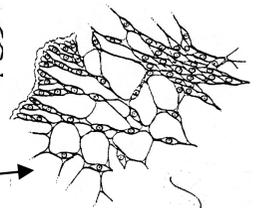
Hyphochytridiomycetes
(Hyphochytrea)

Bigyromonadea (*Developayella*)

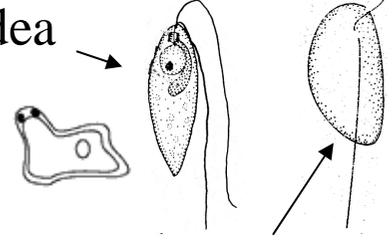
Oomycetes



Labyrinthulomycetes
(Labyrinthulea)



Proteromonadea



Blastocystea

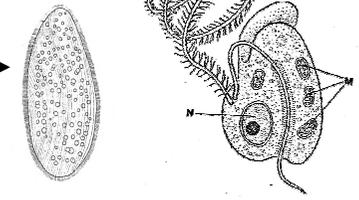
Placididea (Placidiophyceae)

Placidia, Wobblia, Pendulomonas?

Bicoecea (Bicosoecophyceae)

(incl. *Symbiomonas, Caecitellus, Siluania*)

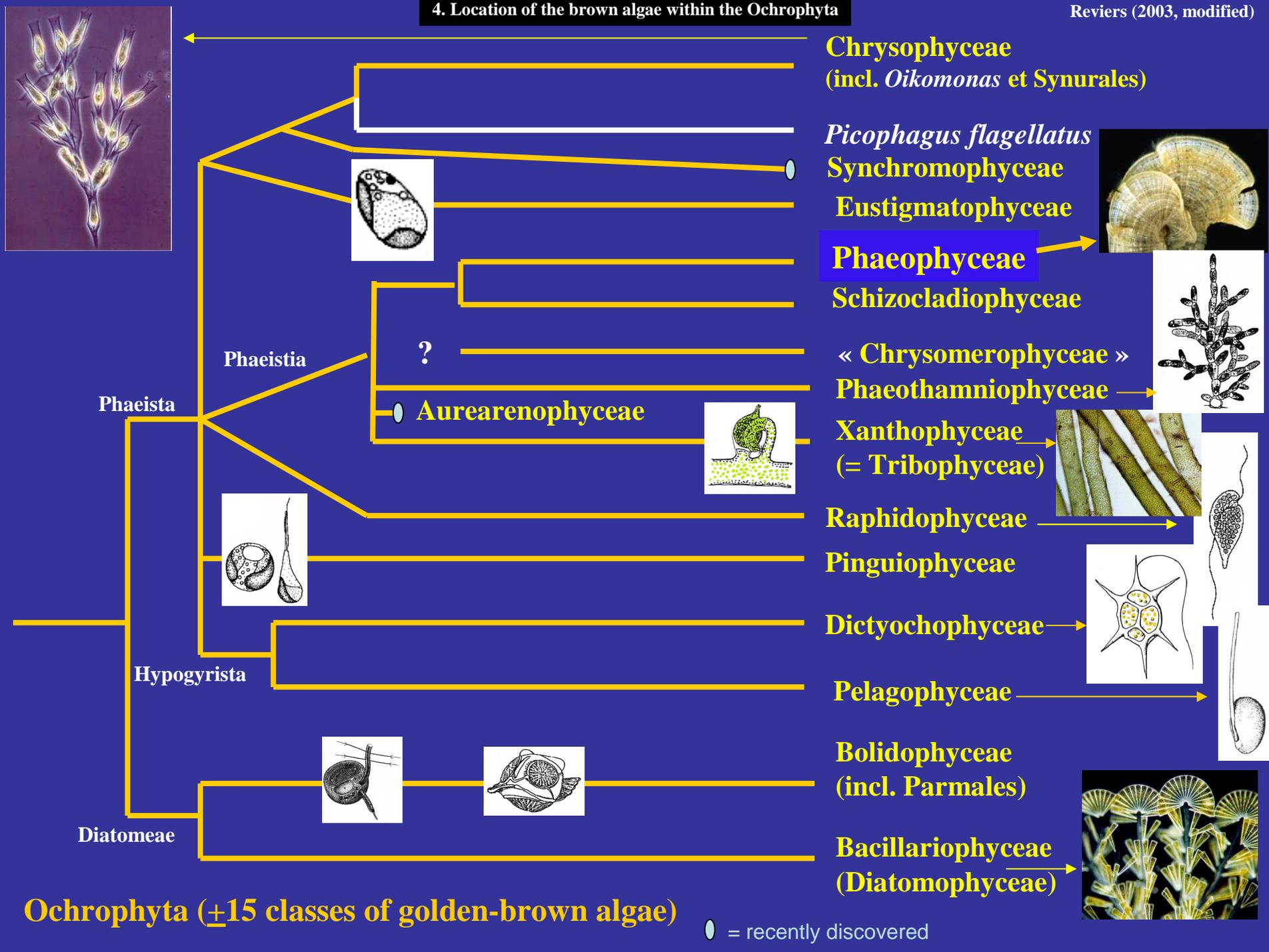
Opalinidea



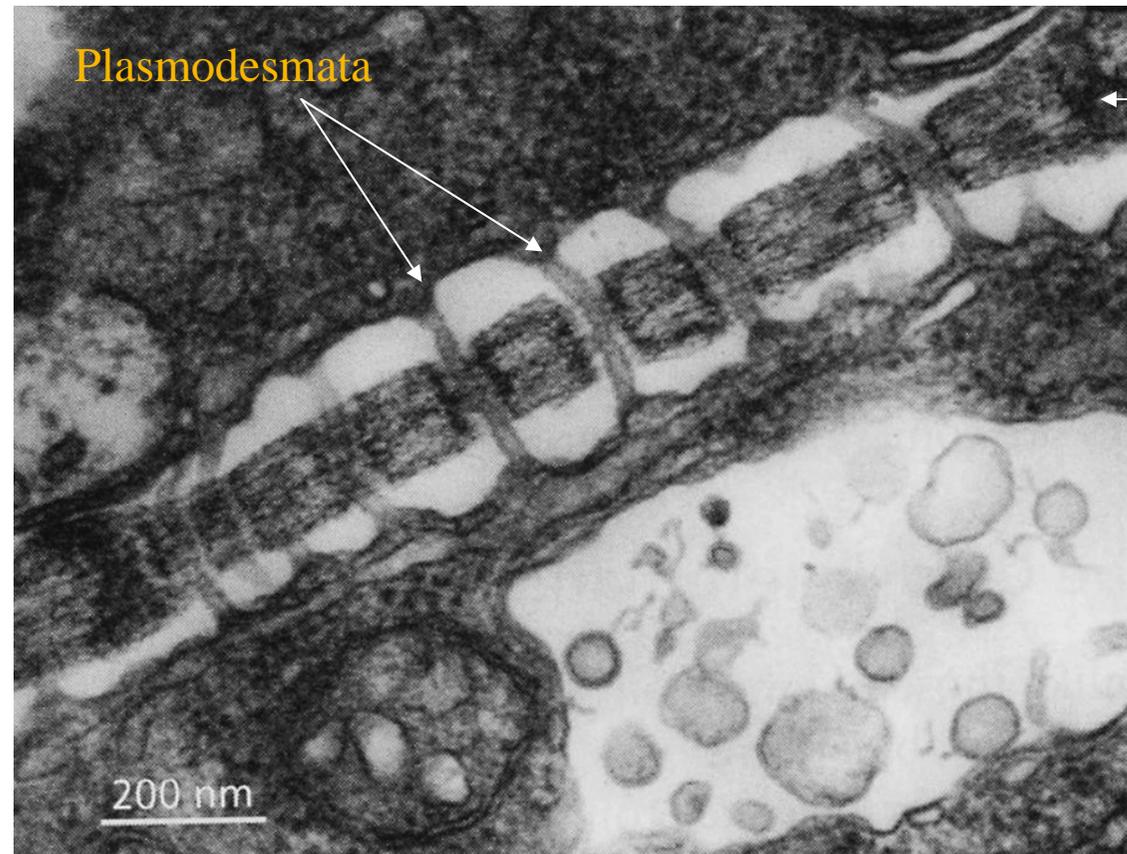
Heterotrophic, either parasitic, commensal or free flagellates and **pseudofungi**

4. Location of the brown algae within the Ochrophyta

Reviere (2003, modified)



5. Brown algal definition: Synapomorphies = *Derived own characters = evolutionary innovation*

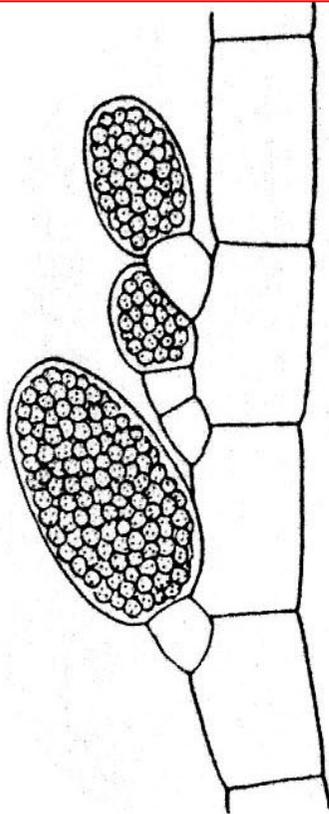


La Claire *in*
Graham & Wilcox (2000)
Prentice Hall

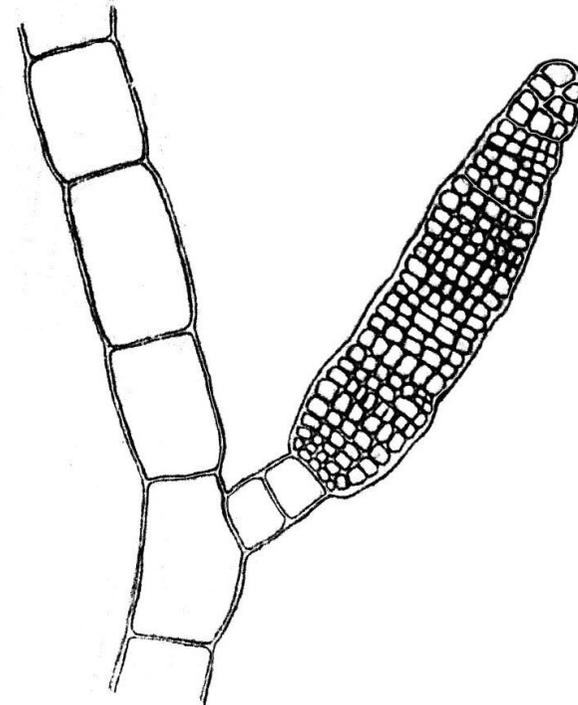
Within the Ochrophyta, brown algae alone possess plasmodesmata
These structures are also known in Viridiplantae
but in Viridiplantae, they possess a desmotubule absent from phaeophyceyan ones
(Desmotubule = structure derived from the smooth RE, in the center of plasmodesmata)

5. Own derived characters (end)

Diploid sporophytes bear unilocular reproductive organs where meiosis takes place; They contain a multiple of two meiospores



Haploid gametophytes (and sometimes diploid sporophytes) bear septed reproductive organs (plurilocular), sometimes reduced to only one locula, each locula containing **only one** reproductive cell (either mitospores or gametes)



Specialized, uni- and plurilocular reproductive organs

6. Morphology based classification

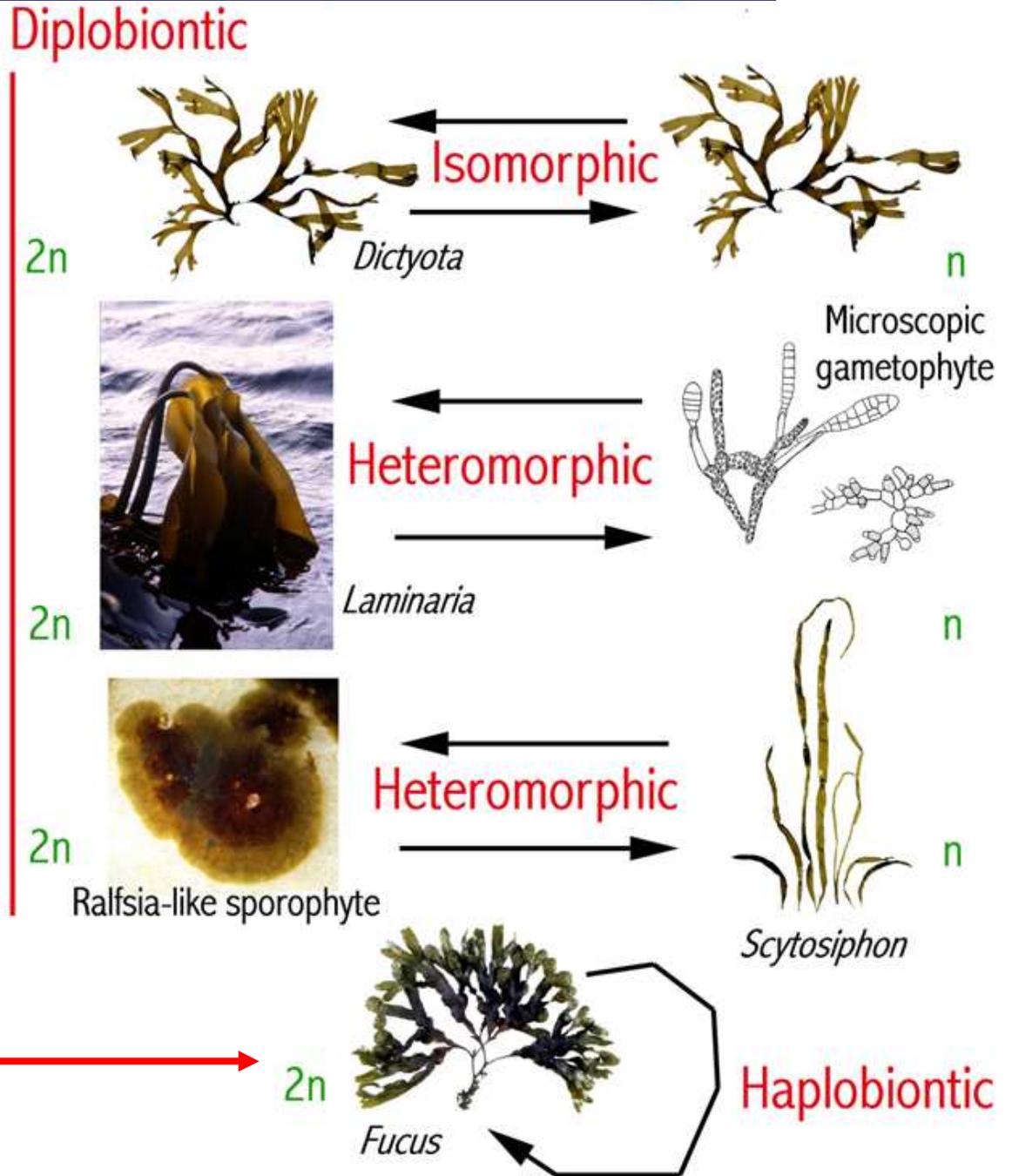
Various systems of classification on the basis of morphology have been proposed

These classifications were based on:

The type of life history (similar or dissimilar generations)

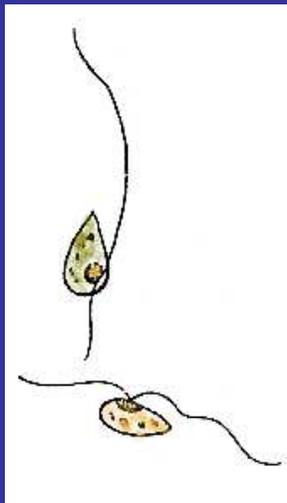
Brown algal life cycles are usually diphasic with diploid individuals producing meiospores (sporophytes) and haploid, sexual individuals producing gametes (gametophytes)

In Fucales, only diploid individuals producing gametes are known



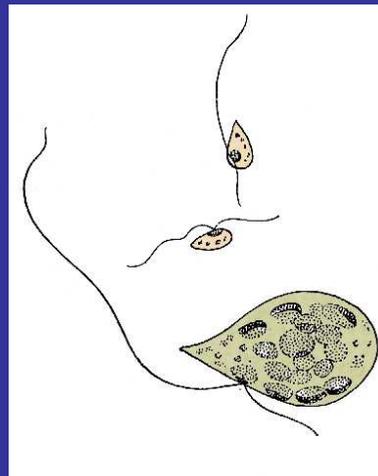
The type of **gamy** (iso-, aniso-, oo-)
The type of **spore** (motile or not)

e.g. most Ectocarpales
(morphological isogamy but
actually behavioural anisogamy)



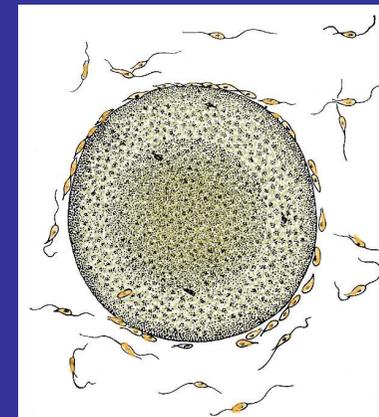
Isogamy

e.g. Cutleriales



Anisogamy

e.g. Dictyotales, Fucales, Laminariales



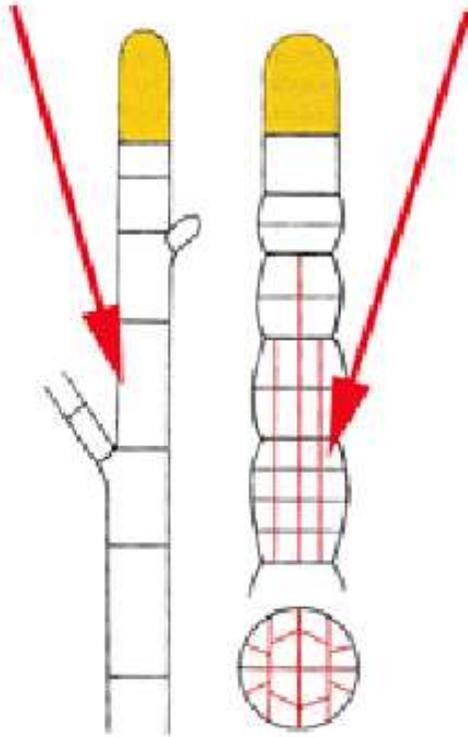
Oogamy

Thallus construction and growth

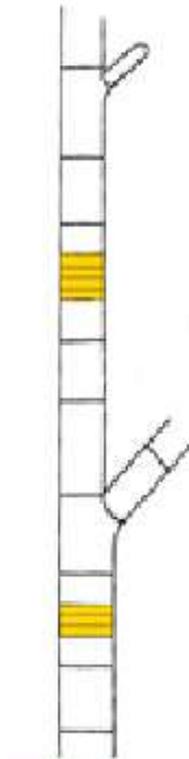
Haplostichous vs polystichous construction

Haplostichous

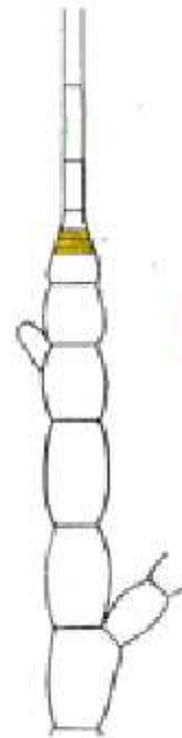
Polystichous



Apical



Diffuse



Trichothallic growth

Intercalary

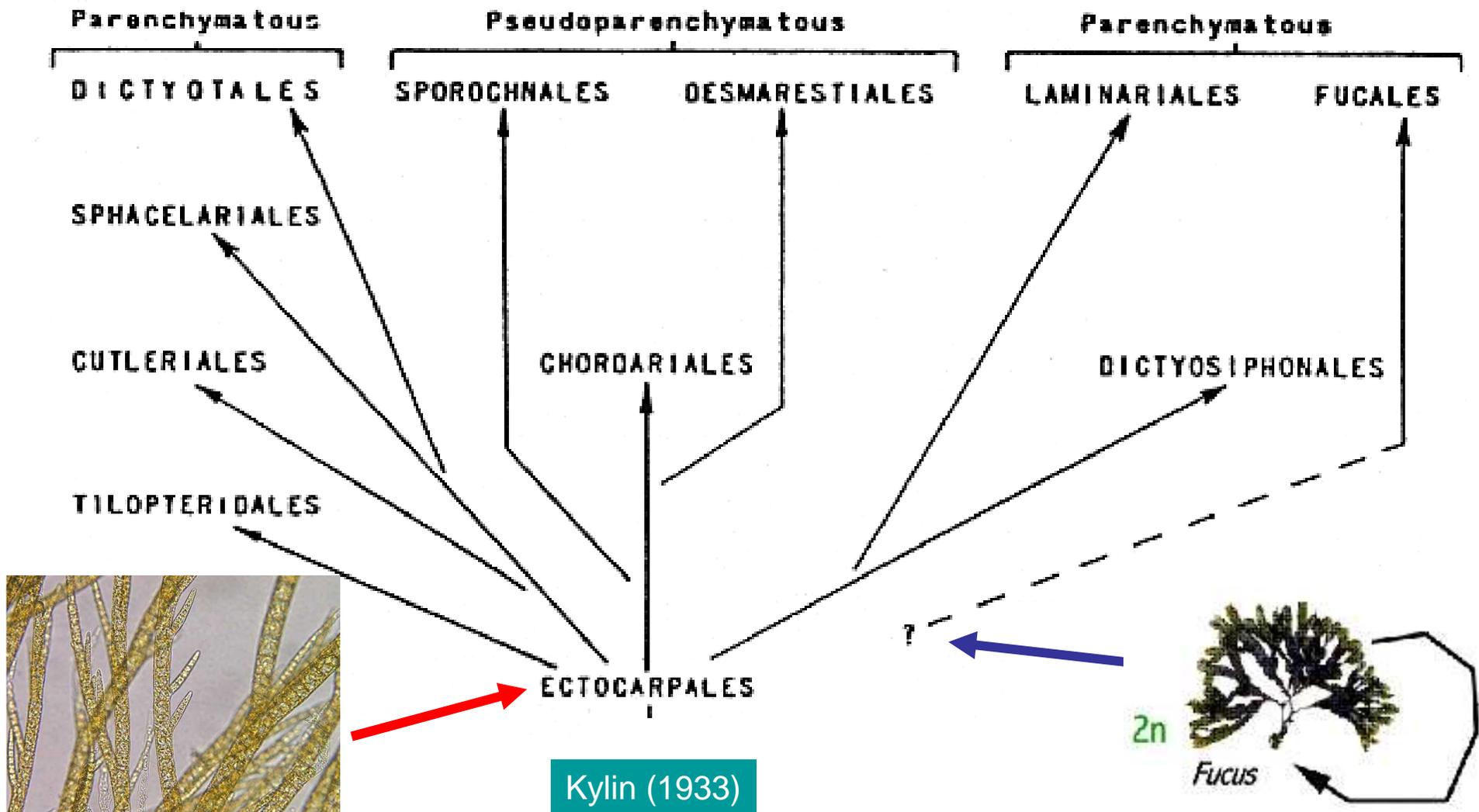
Parenchymatous



Intercalary meristem

Growth can be terminal (apical, marginal) or intercalary (diffuse or localized)

In these phenetic classifications
 The Ectocarpales were often considered an « ancestral stock »
 because of their 'simple' construction
 The Fucales were often considered sister of the rest of the Phaeophyceae
 because of their peculiar life-cycle



7. Molecular phylogenies

No cladistic analysis of morphological characters was ever entertained

Not enough morphological characters
Knowledge inequally distributed
Primary homology hypotheses difficult to assess

Our understanding of the classification and phylogeny of brown algae has undergone a marked change since the early 1990's, because of the contribution of molecular phylogenies

Genetic sequences = set of characters independent from morphological and biochemical ones

Molecular markers used

Nuclear genes : rDNA

18S first (complete or partial)

(Tan & Druehl, 1993, 1994, 1996; Saunders & Kraft, 1995; Boo et al., 1999)

Then 26S C'1-D2 domain (Rousseau et al., 1997)

18S + 26S C'1-D2 (Rousseau & Reviers, 1999a,b, Rousseau et al., 2000)

18S + 26S C'1-D2 or complete (Rousseau et al., 2001)

18S + 26S C'1-D2 + ITS 1-2 (small-scale) (Peters 1998; Peters & Clayton, 1998)

Plastid encoded proteins

rbcL (1200 nt) (Draisma et al. 2003) *rbcL* + *rbcL/S* spacer (Siemer et al., 1998)

rbcL + *psaA* & *psbA* (Cho et al., 2004)

rbcL + *psaA* & *psbA* (Cho & Boo 2006)

psaA (Cho et al., in press)

Combined rDNA and plastid encoded proteins

rbcL + 26S C'1-D2 (Draisma et al., 2001)

18S + 26S C'1-D2 + *rbcL* + *rbcL/S* spacer (Peters & Ramirez 2001)

rbcL + 18S + ITS 1-2 (Kawai & Sasaki 2001)

rbcL + 26S C'1-D2 or complete (Burrowes et al., 2003)

rbcL + 5,8S + partial 26S + ITS 2 (Kawai & Sasaki, 2004)

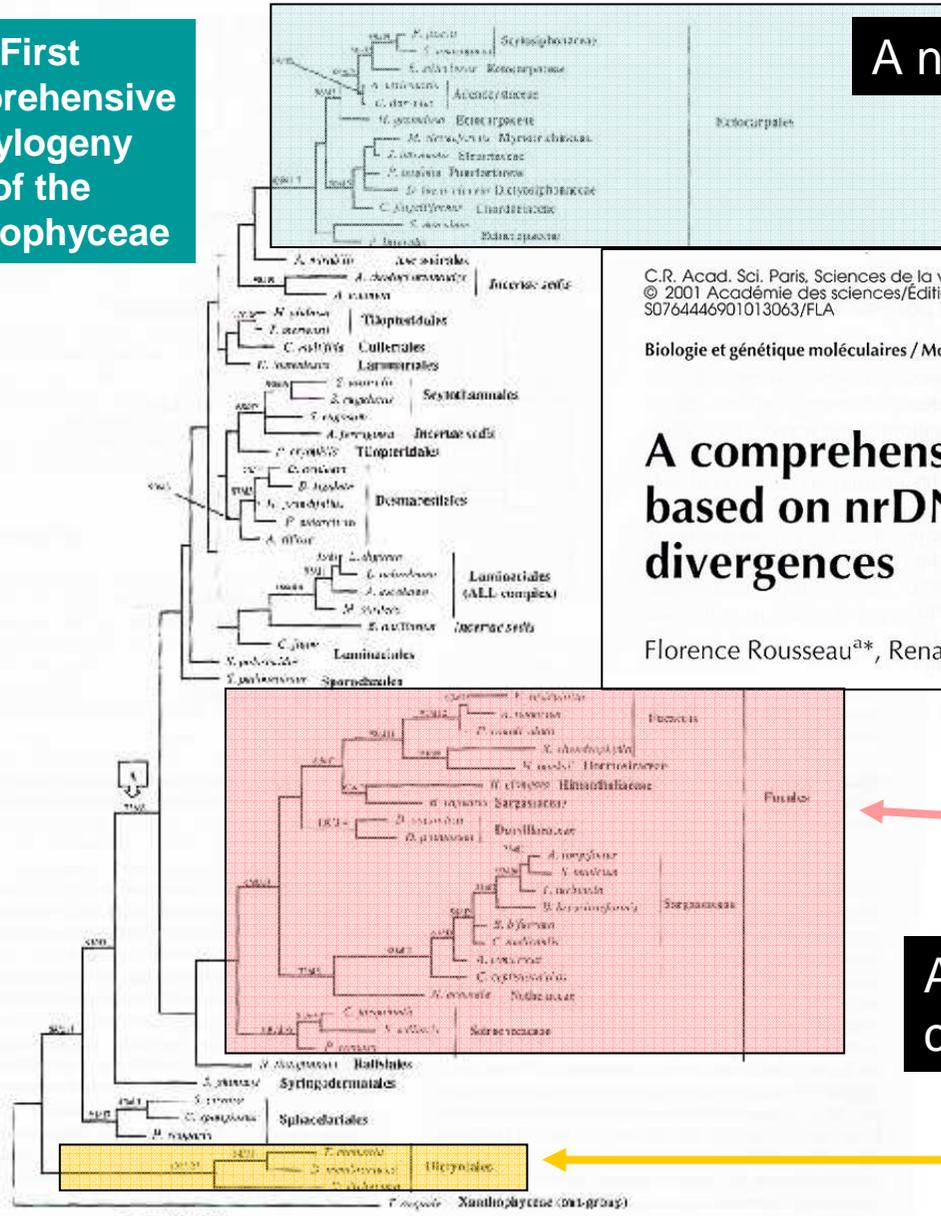
rbcL + partial 18S & 26S (Kawai et al., 2005)

complete 26S (3000 nt) + *rbcL* (all orders and most families) (Phillips et al., 2008)

First comprehensive phylogeny of the Phaeophyceae

A new paradigm of brown algal phylogeny

The Ectocarpales do NOT make an early divergence



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Biologie et génétique moléculaires / Molecular biology and genetics

A comprehensive phylogeny of the Phaeophyceae based on nrDNA sequences resolves the earliest divergences

Florence Rousseau^{a*}, Renaud Burrowes^a, Akira F. Peters^b, Ralph Kuhlenkamp^c, Bruno de Reviers^a

The Fucales are NOT sister of the rest of brown algae

A result immediately and independantly confirmed with *rbcL* by Draisma *et al.*

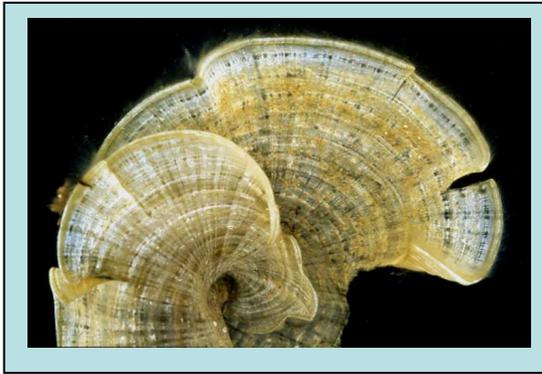
The Dictyotales make an early divergence!

Figure 1. Strict consensus of the 36 most parsimonious trees inferred from the first data set. Numbers indicate bootstrap proportions (% of 1 000 replicates) / decay index values indicated by numbers associated with the letter "d". Only bootstrap proportions > 50% and decay index > 2 are indicated. Scale is indicated below the tree. Tree length = 1 573 steps, CI = 0.19, RI = 0.56.

Until 2001

Parenchymatous construction

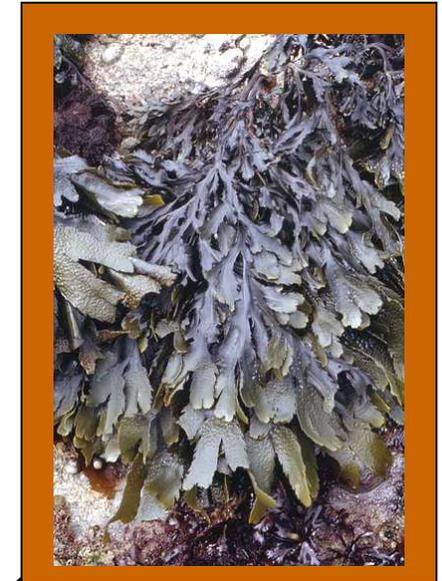
DICTYOTALES



LAMINARIALES



FUCALES



Haplodiplontic
life cycle

**Kylin's (1933)
hypothesis
(schematized)**

ECTOCARPALES



?

**Peculiar, diplontic
life cycle**

Filamentous construction

Strasburger's hypothesis (1906) is confirmed

LAMINARIALES



diphasic
haplodiplontic
heteromorphic
life cycle

ECTOCARPALES

A reduced sporophyte
is synapomorphic in
the Scytosiphonaceae

FUCALES



Fucales life cycle
is derived from
a diphasic
haplodiplontic one
The gametophyte
is included
in the
sporophyte

2001

SYRINGODERMATALES



diphasic
haplodiplontic
Isomorphic
life cycle
and apical growth
are ancestral

DICTYOTALES

Choristocarpus : Draisma et al. (2001)

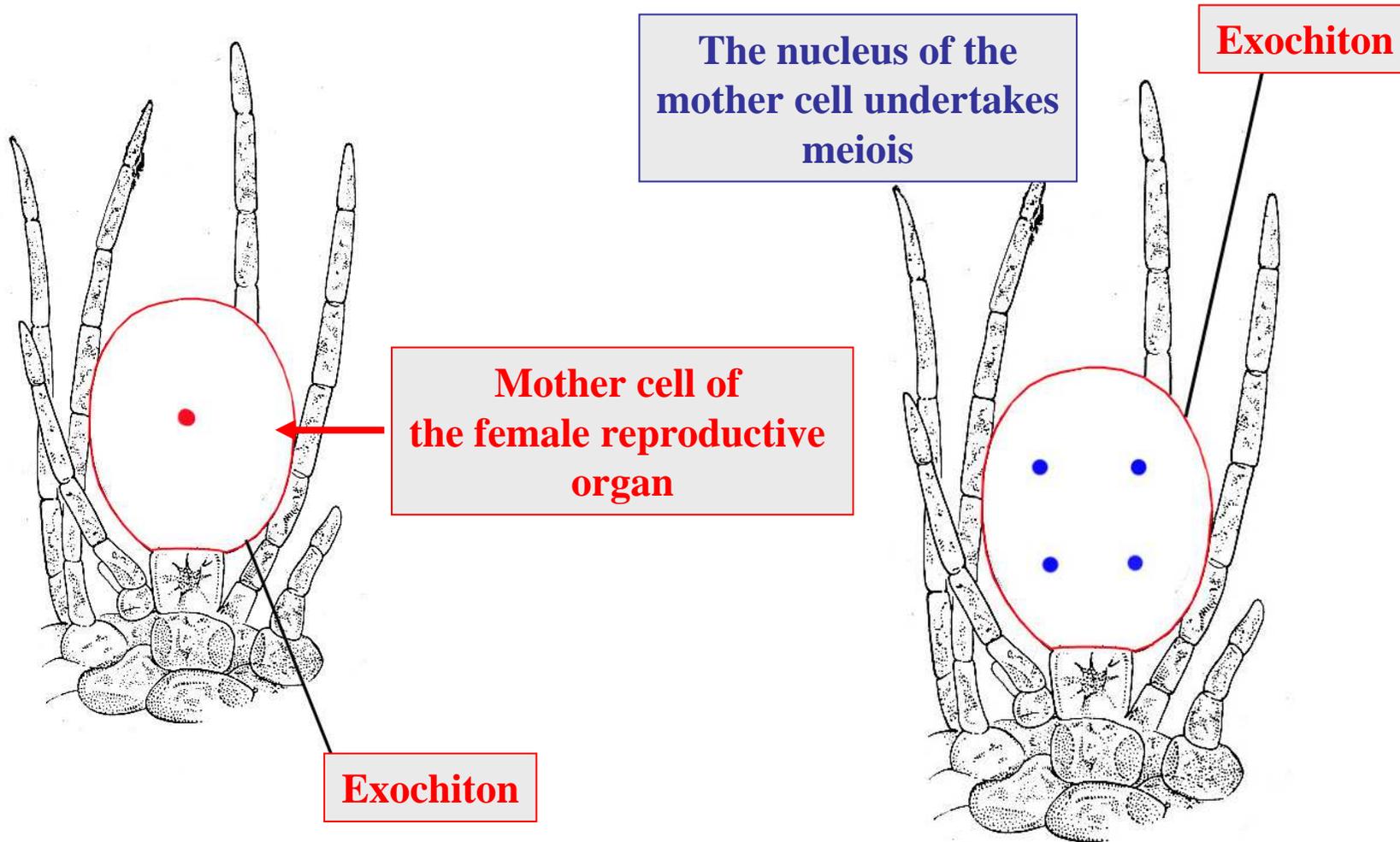
heteromorphic life cycle
reduction of the gametophyte

The current hypothesis
(schematized)
(Rousseau et al., 2001)
Draisma et al., 2001)

8. *Strasburger's Hypothesis*

Fucales individuals may be considered as diploid gametophytes since they release gametes and their life cycle may be considered as monophasic and diplontic (haplobiontic)

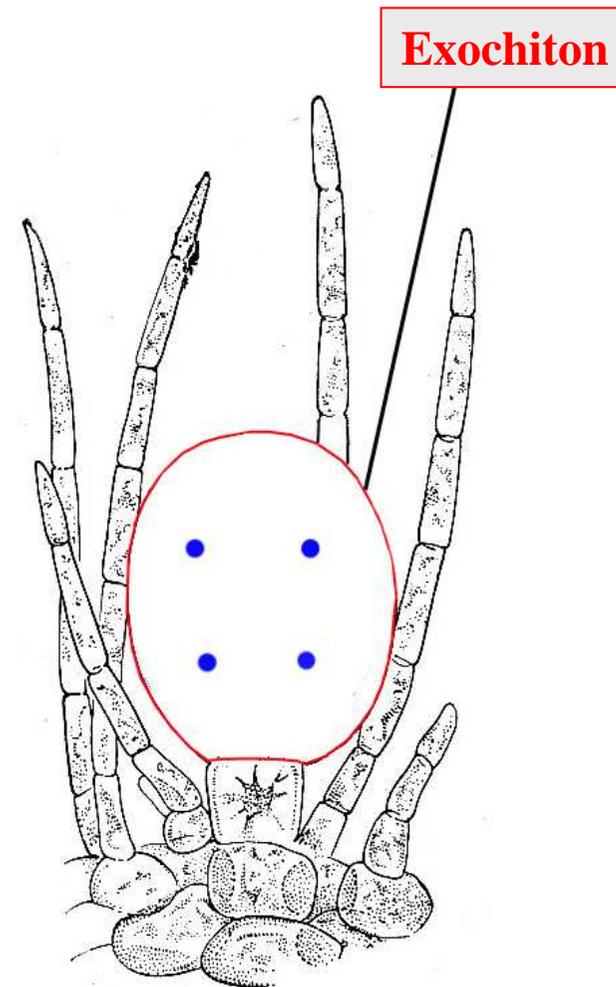
alternatively, another hypothesis was stated for the first time by Strasburger (in 1906) and developed from an anatomical standpoint by Jensen (1974): Fucales individuals would be actually sporophytes, their gametophyte being extremely reduced and developing inside the sporophyte (like in phanerogams)

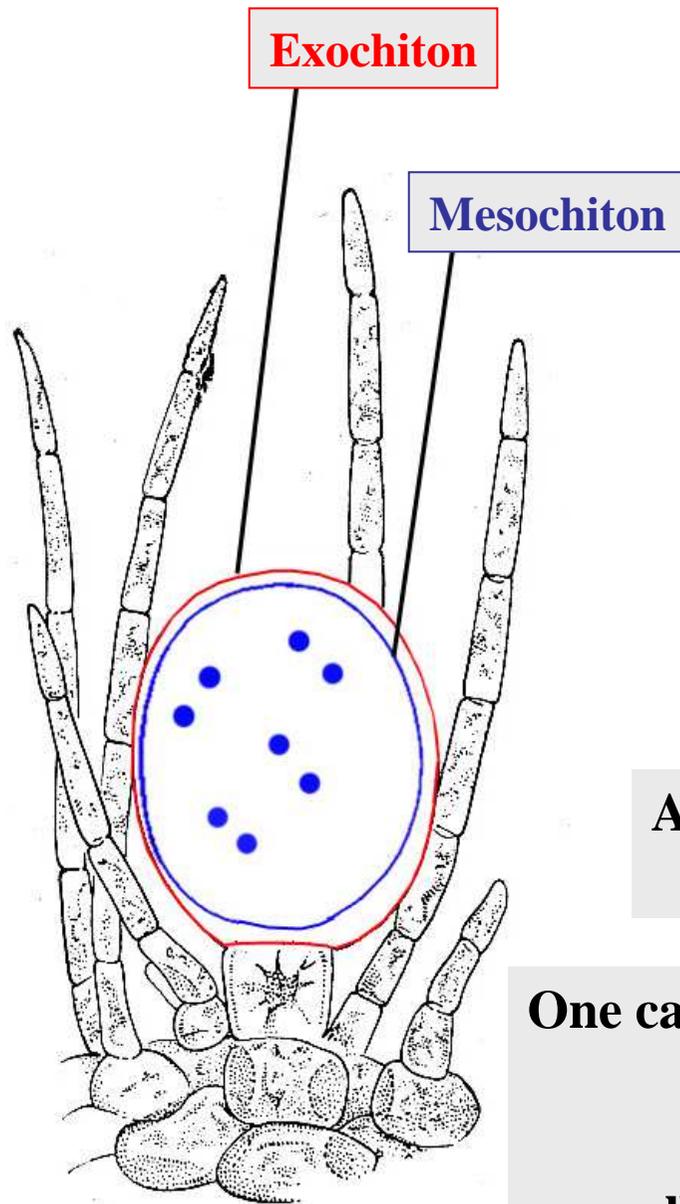


At that step, the mother-cell of the female reproductive organ is reminiscent of a unilocular sporangium which will produce 4 spores

The mother cell of the (female) reproductive organ can be considered homologous of a unilocular sporangium and the four haploid nuclei as homologous of spores

A thallus of *Fucus* would thus be a $2n$ sporophyte





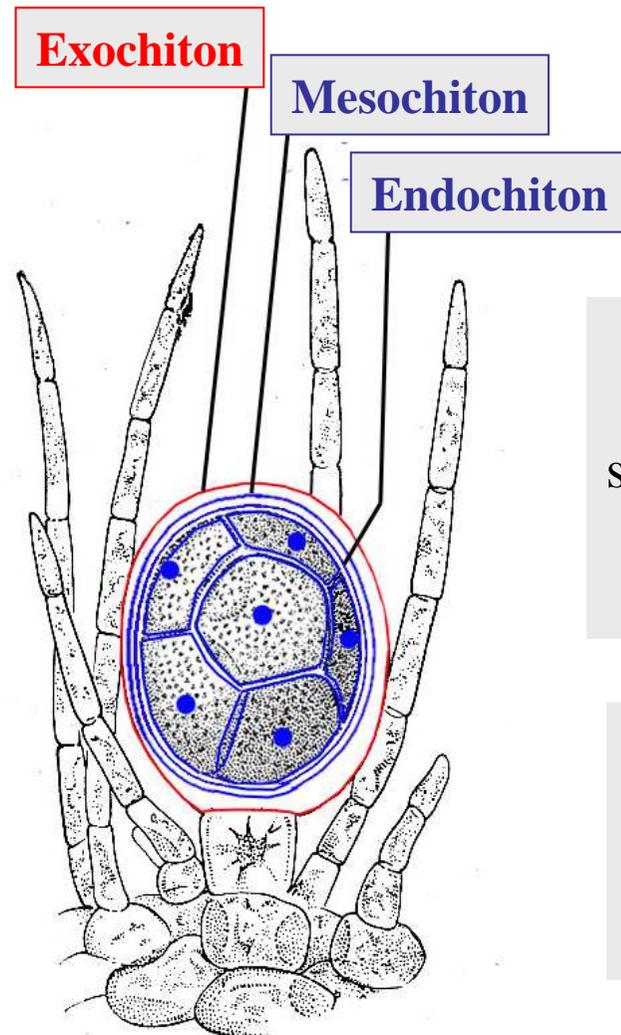
The four haploid nuclei, each undertake meiosis, and the resulting syncytium containing 8 nuclei becomes surrounded by an envelope (the mesochiton)

Spore germination begins with a mitosis

One can thus consider nucleus mitosis as homologous of spore germination

A spore issued from a unilocular sporangium generally develops as a gametophyte

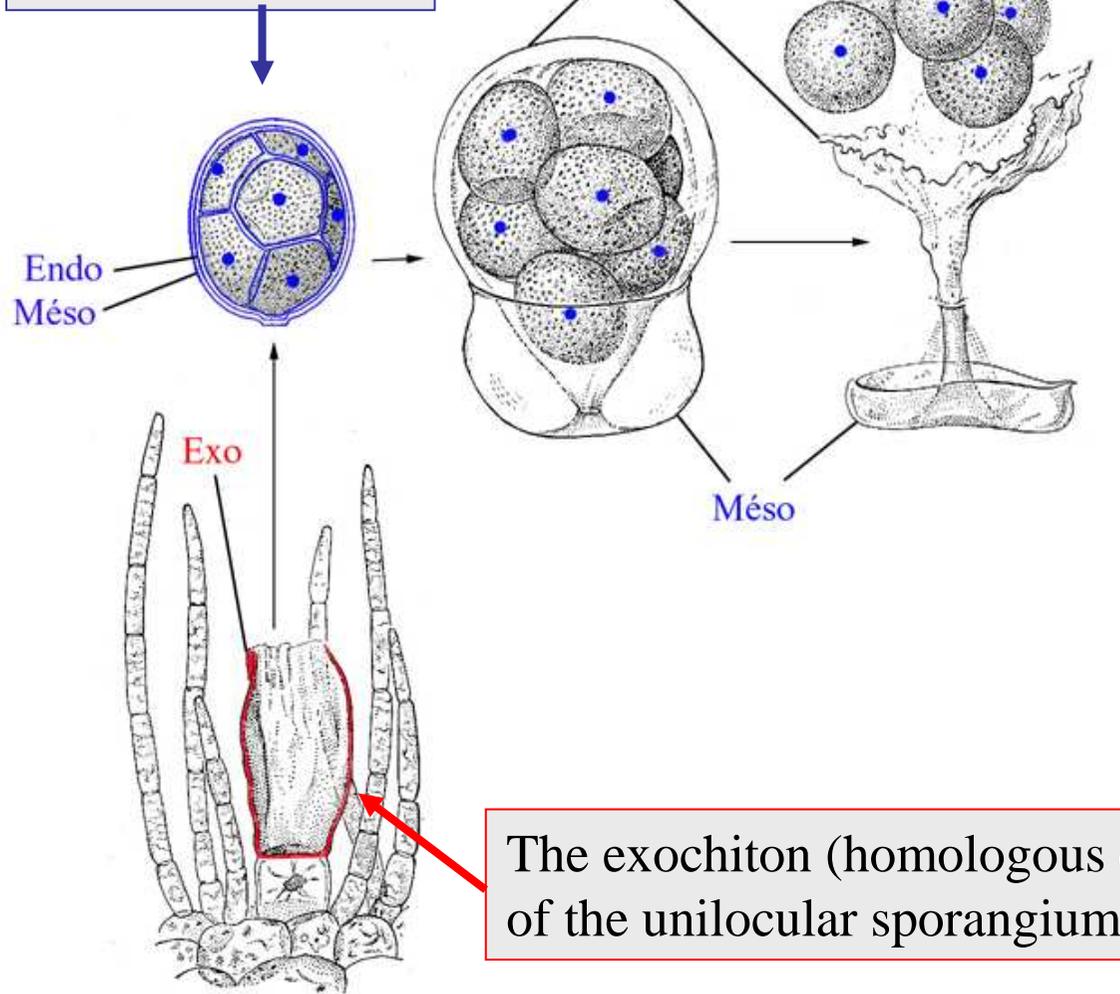
One can thus consider the syncytium with 8 (n) nuclei as homologous from a n gametophyte developed *in situ*, inside the unilocular sporangium of a 2n sporophyte



After cutting of the protoplasm, the 8 nuclei give birth to 8 oospheres which become surrounded by a plasmic membrane, the ensemble becomes surrounded by a third envelope (the endochiton)

The « bag » formed by the endochiton can be considered as homologous of a gametangium, produced by the gametophyte and containing 8 oospheres (female gametangia)

Going on with homologies: the gametophyte is what is released



The mesochiton ripens and turns inside out as a glove finger, Then, it is reminiscent of a Gametophyte (reduced to the mesochiton bearing a gametangium which release eight oospores)

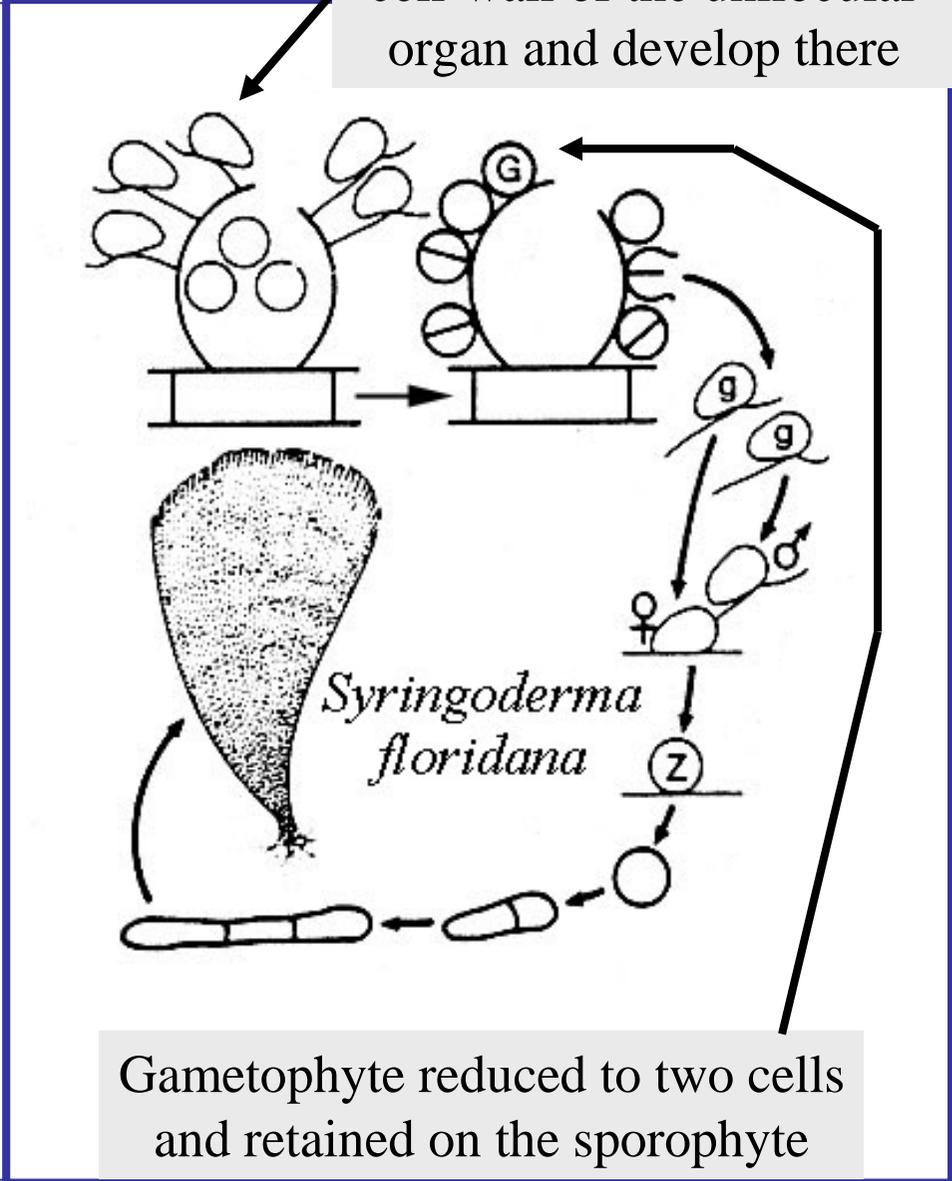
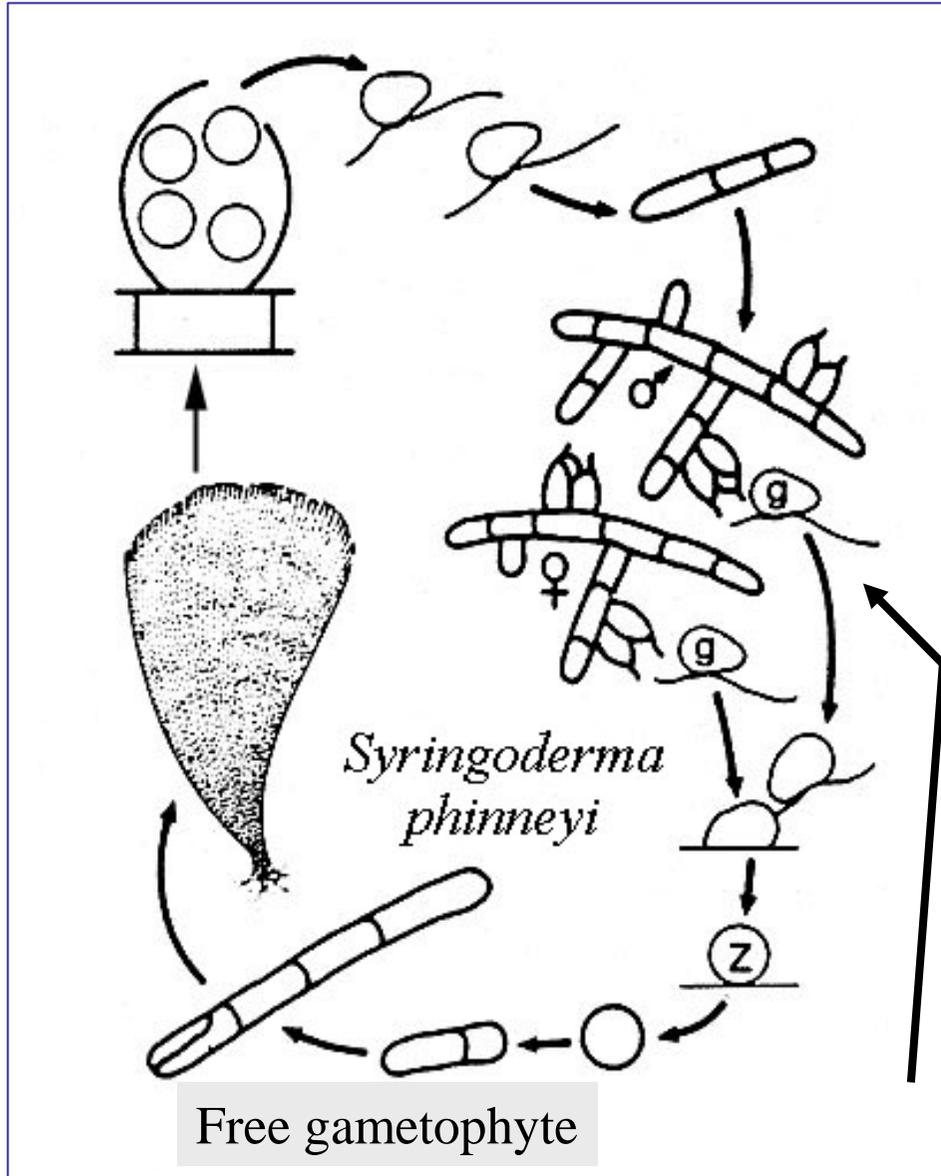
The exochiton (homologous of the cell-wall of the unilocular sporangium) ripens

**The life cycle of *Fucus*
is NOT a monophasic diplontic one
but a complex, haplodiplontic, diphasic one:
This is definitely NOT a suitable model
for teaching reproduction at school !**

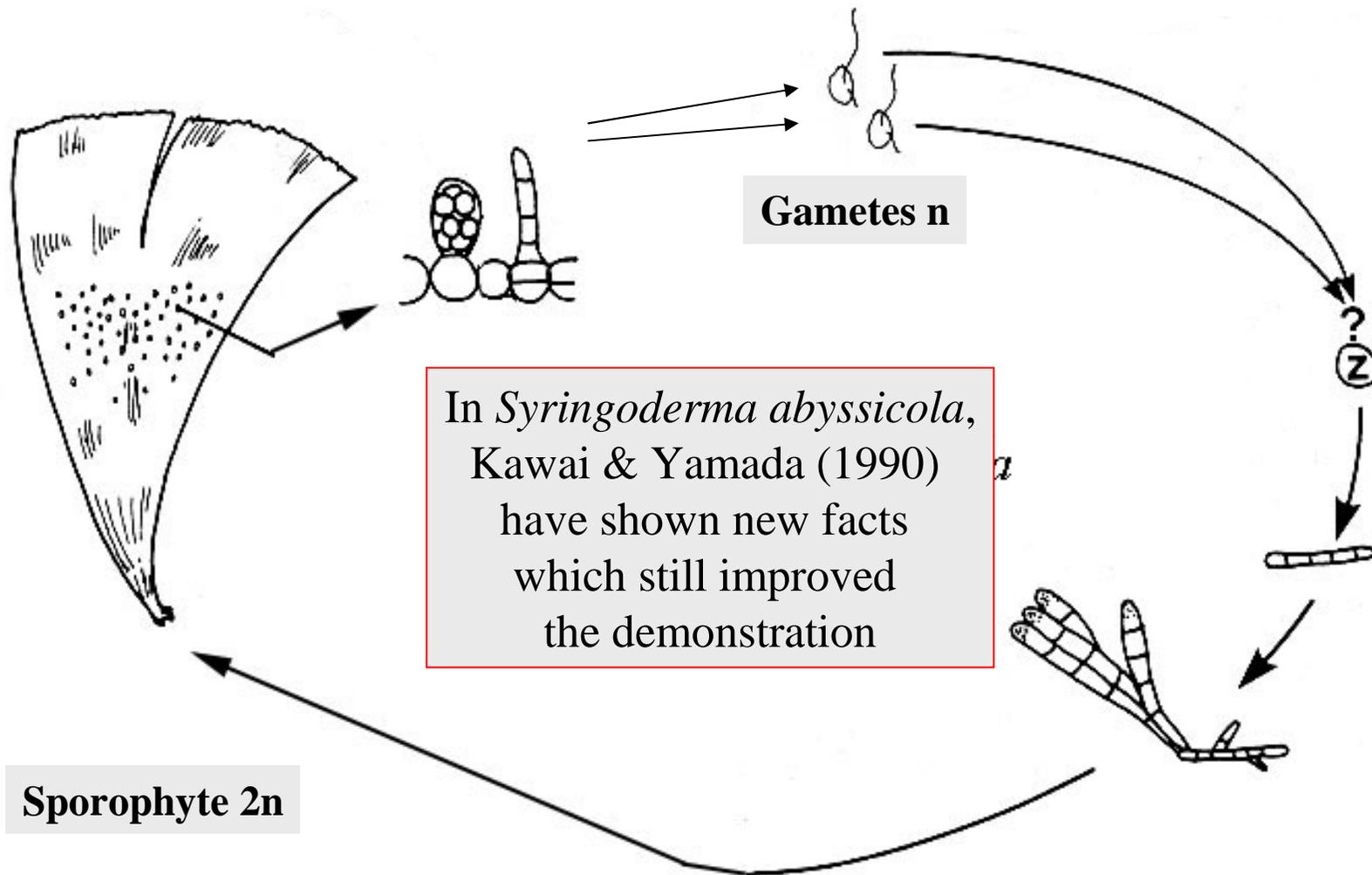
Life cycle of Syringodermatales
(deep-sea brown algae with a fan shape)

Henry (1984)

Spores remain fixed on the cell-wall of the unilocular organ and develop there



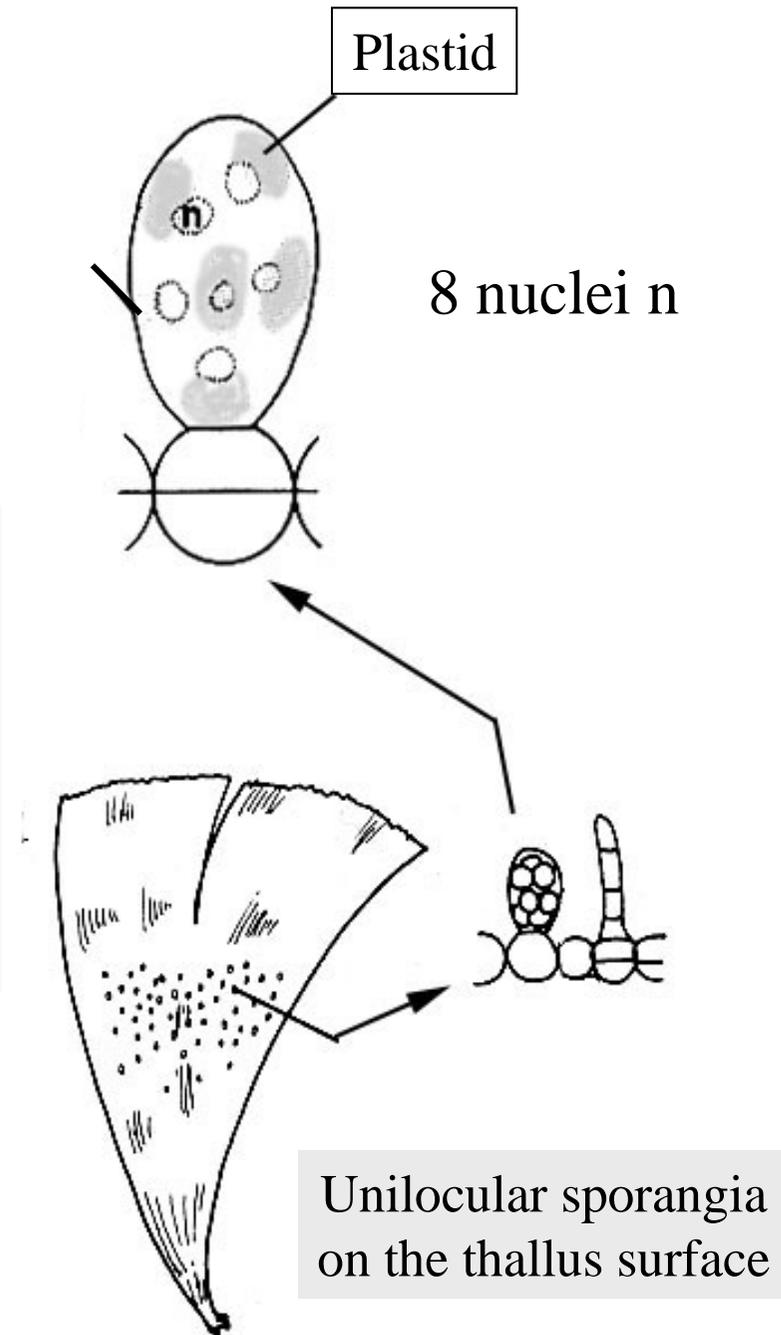
In *Syringoderma floridana* (and *S. abyssicola*, below) the life cycle is reminiscent of what is known in *Fucus* with a gametophyte retained on the sporophyte. Only the sporophyte is visible in the field.



Kawai & Yamada (1990)

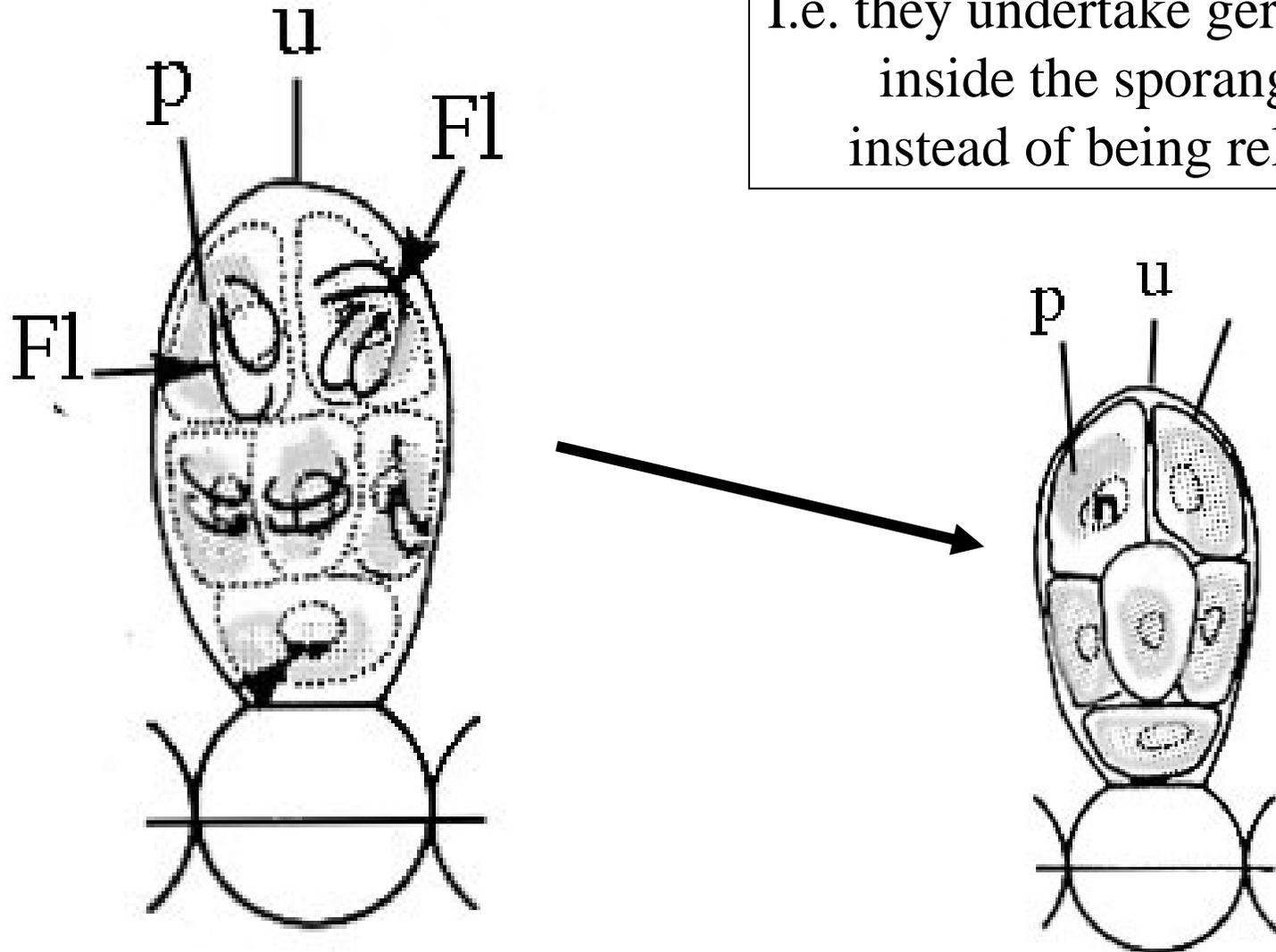
Unilocular organ

Syringoderma abyssicola
As in *Fucus*, the $2n$ nucleus
of the mother cell of the reproductive
organ undertakes meiosis
A syncytium with $8n$ nuclei
is formed

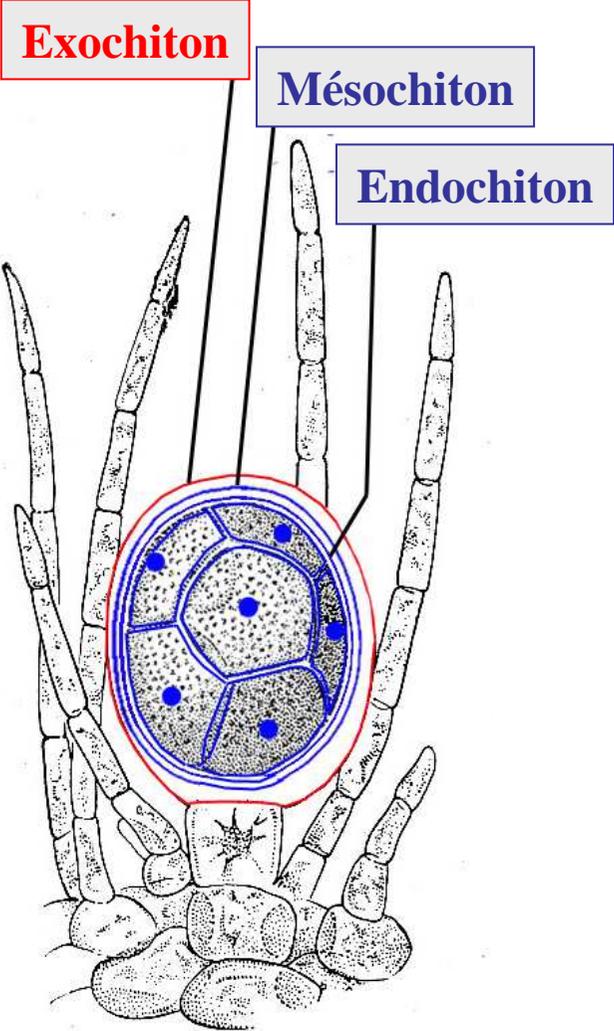
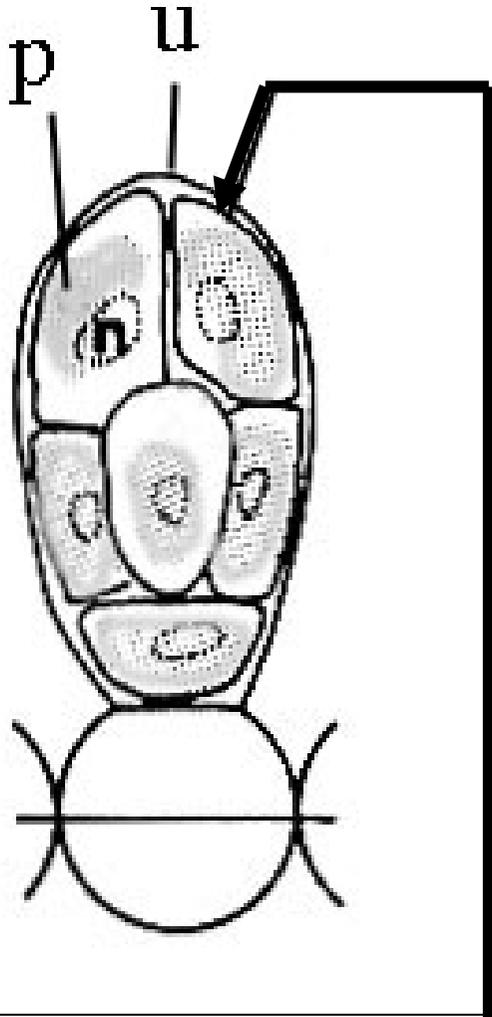


8 (sometimes 16) flagellated cells homologous of (zoo)spores are formed

These spores immediately lost their flagella and become surrounded by a cell-wall I.e. they undertake germination inside the sporangium instead of being released

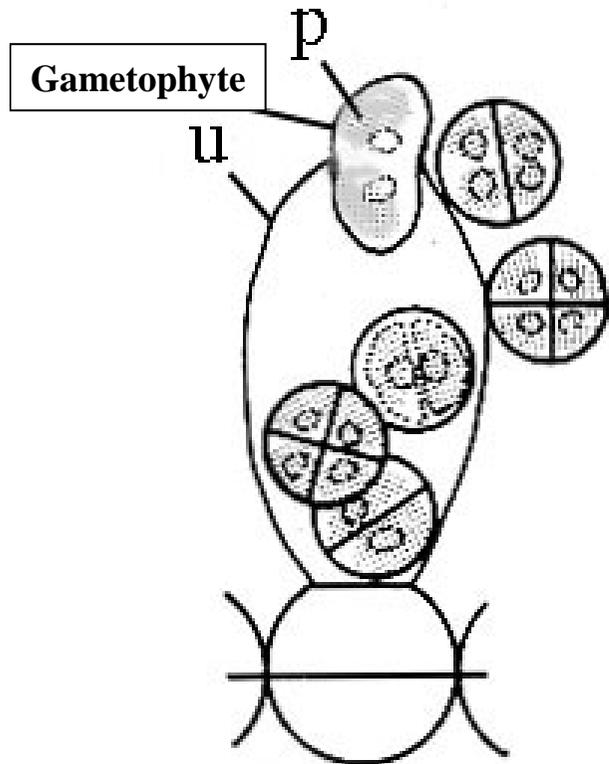


At that step the reproductive organ of *S. abyssicola* is reminiscent of what is known in *Fucus*

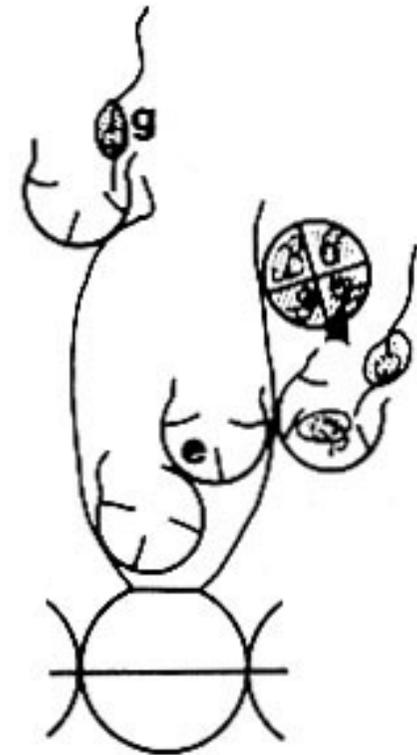


Cells formed *in situ* inside the unilocular organ in *S. abyssicola* are unicellular gametophytes

Les gamétophytes vont ensuite se diviser en quatre cellules
qui vont se différencier en quatre gamétocystes
(interprétables aussi comme un gamétocyste pluriloculaire à 4 loges)
contenant chacun un gamète



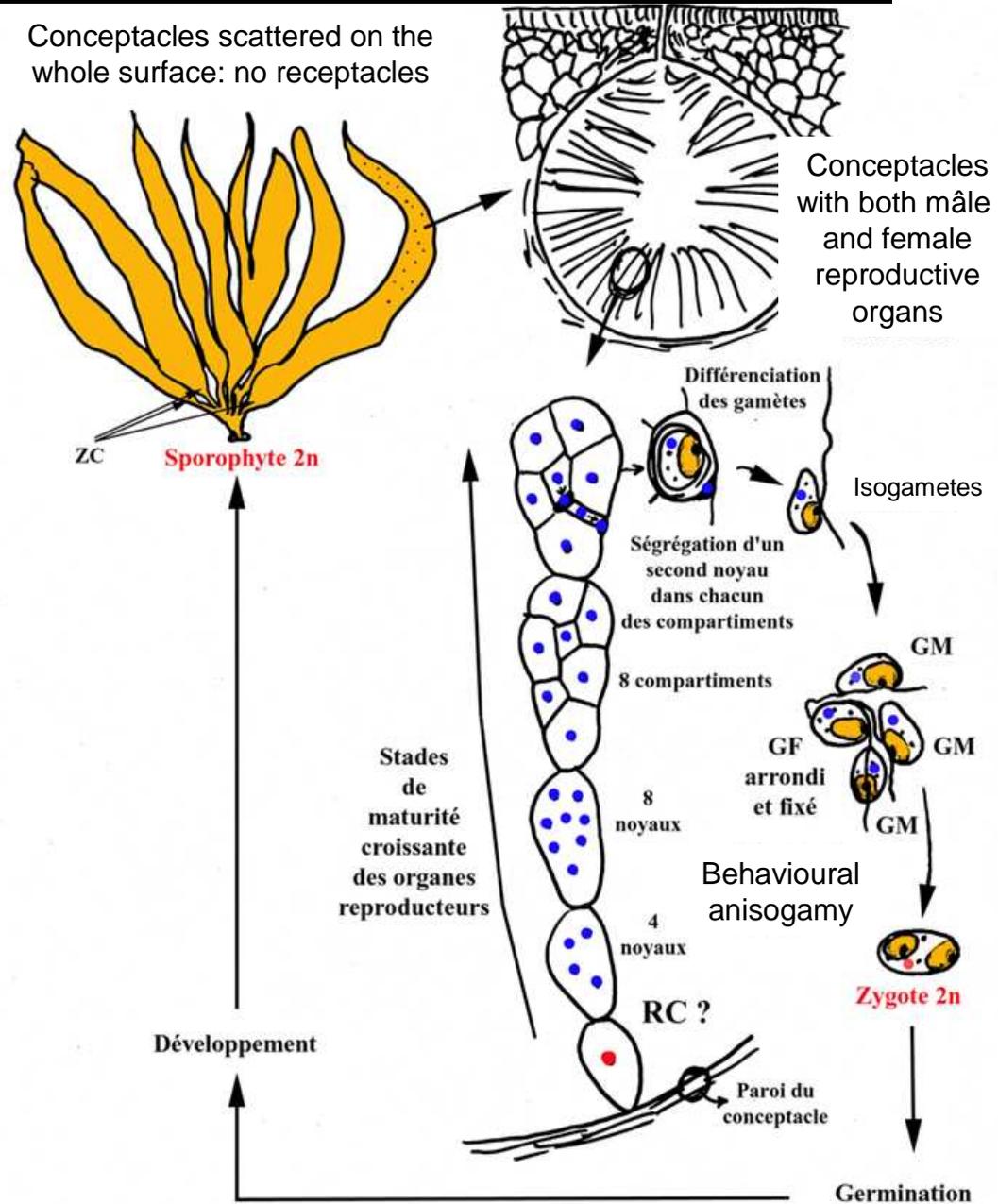
Gametophytes are released
from the unilocular
organ, like
gametophytes
are released from
the exochiton in *Fucus*



Then, gametes are released

9. Ascoseirales, a haplobiontic life cycle has appeared three times independently

A *Fucus*-like life cycle, with a gametophyte included within the sporophyte is also known in an antarctic alga: *Ascoseira mirabilis*



10. *The overlooked importance of the pyrenoid*

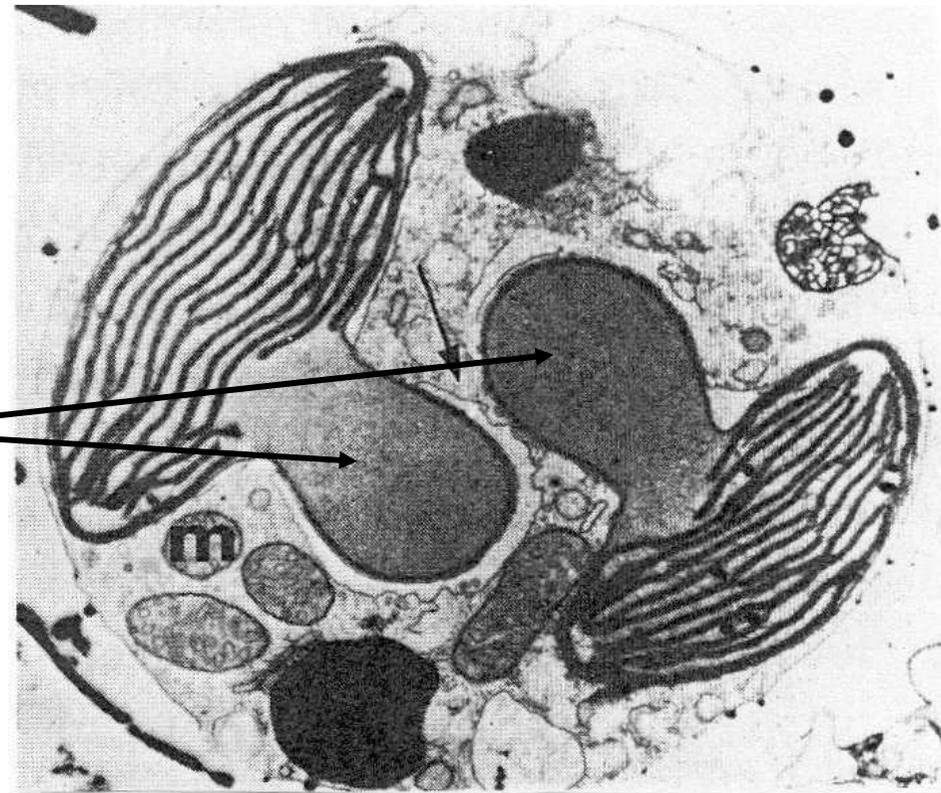
1999(a) Rousseau & Reviere suggest a new delineation of the Ectocarpales

Including

Ectocarpales sensu stricto,
Chordariales,
Dictyosiphonales,
Punctariales and
Scytosiphonales
which have plastids with
one or several
pedunculated pyrenoids

Excluding

Tilopteridales, Ralfsiales
sensu Nakamura (1972),
Scytothamnales, *Asteronema*,
Bachelotia et *Asterocladon*
which have either plastids
without pyrenoids or
not-pedunculated pyrenoids



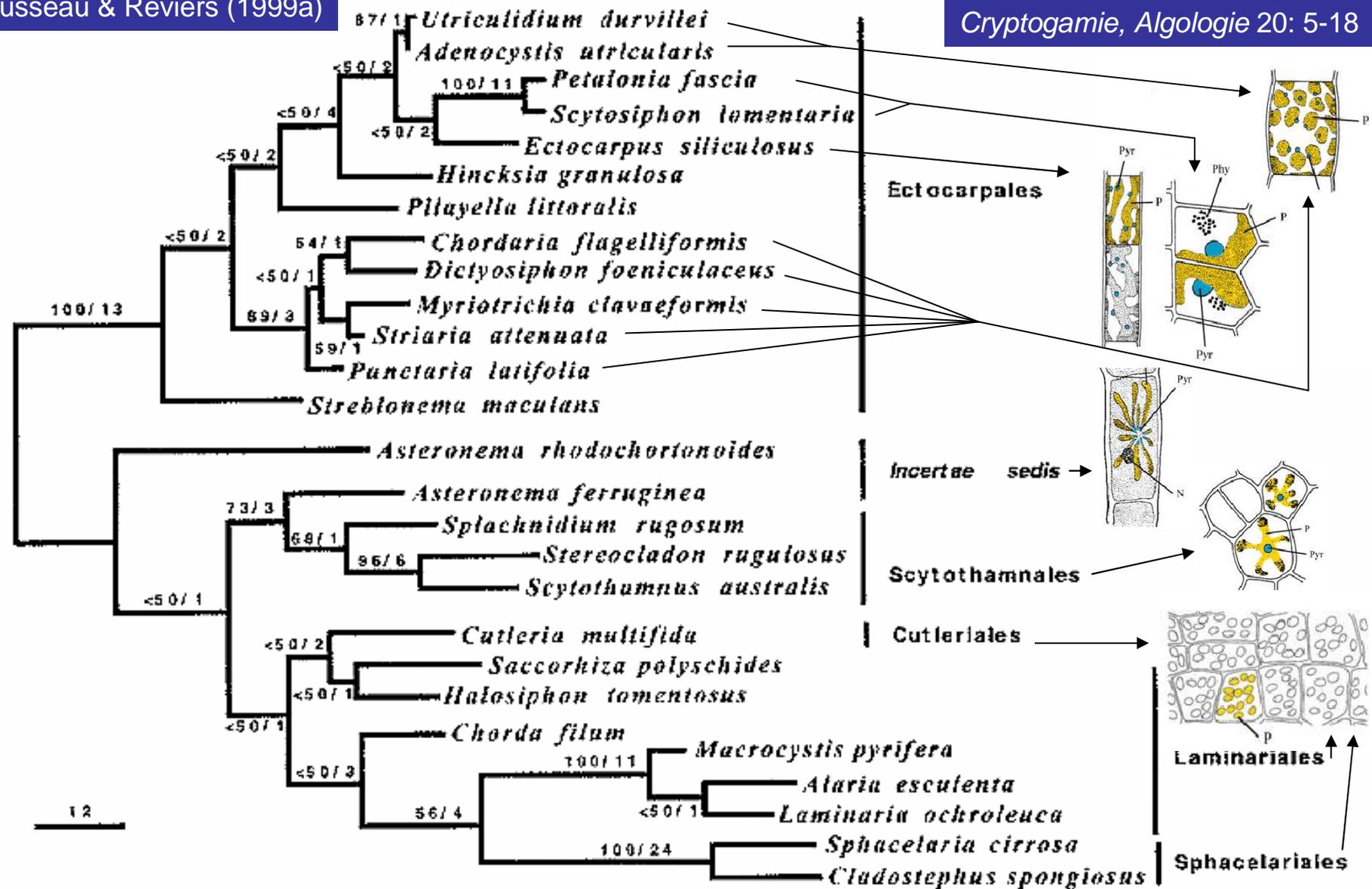


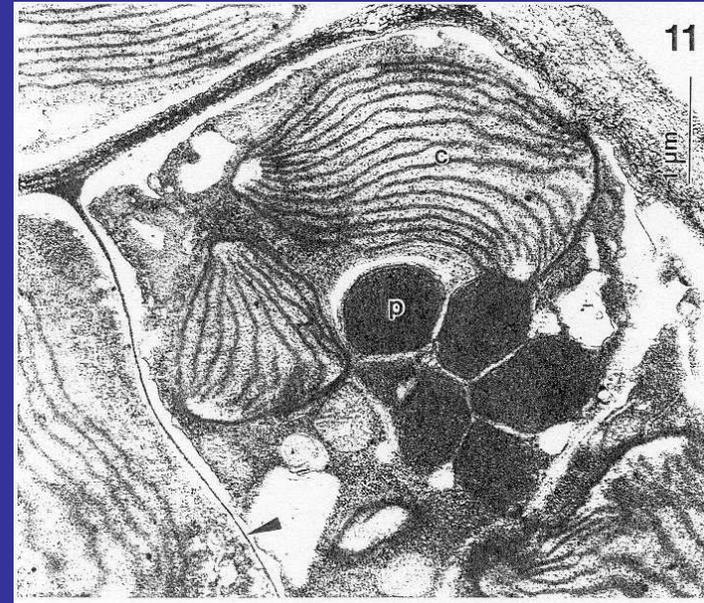
Fig. 1. Phylogram of the most parsimonious tree inferred from combined **SSU + LSU rDNA** sequence data. Numbers above the branches indicate bootstrap proportions (% of 1000 replicates) (left) and Branch support (Bremer index; Decay index) (right). Only bootstrap values > 50 % are indicated. Tree length = 591 steps, CI = 0.55, RI = 0.70. Scale bar = number of steps according to the ACCTRAN optimization of informative sites.



Several discoid plastids
No pyrenoid

Laminaria

Several plastids in a stellate configuration
Pyrenoid terminal



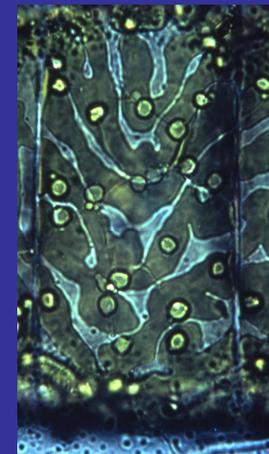
Asterocladon

Non-pedunculate pyrenoid with invaginations
Pyrenoid lateral



Stereocladon

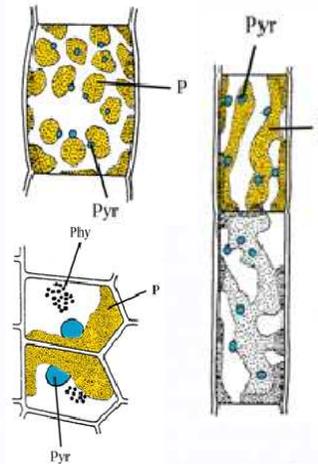
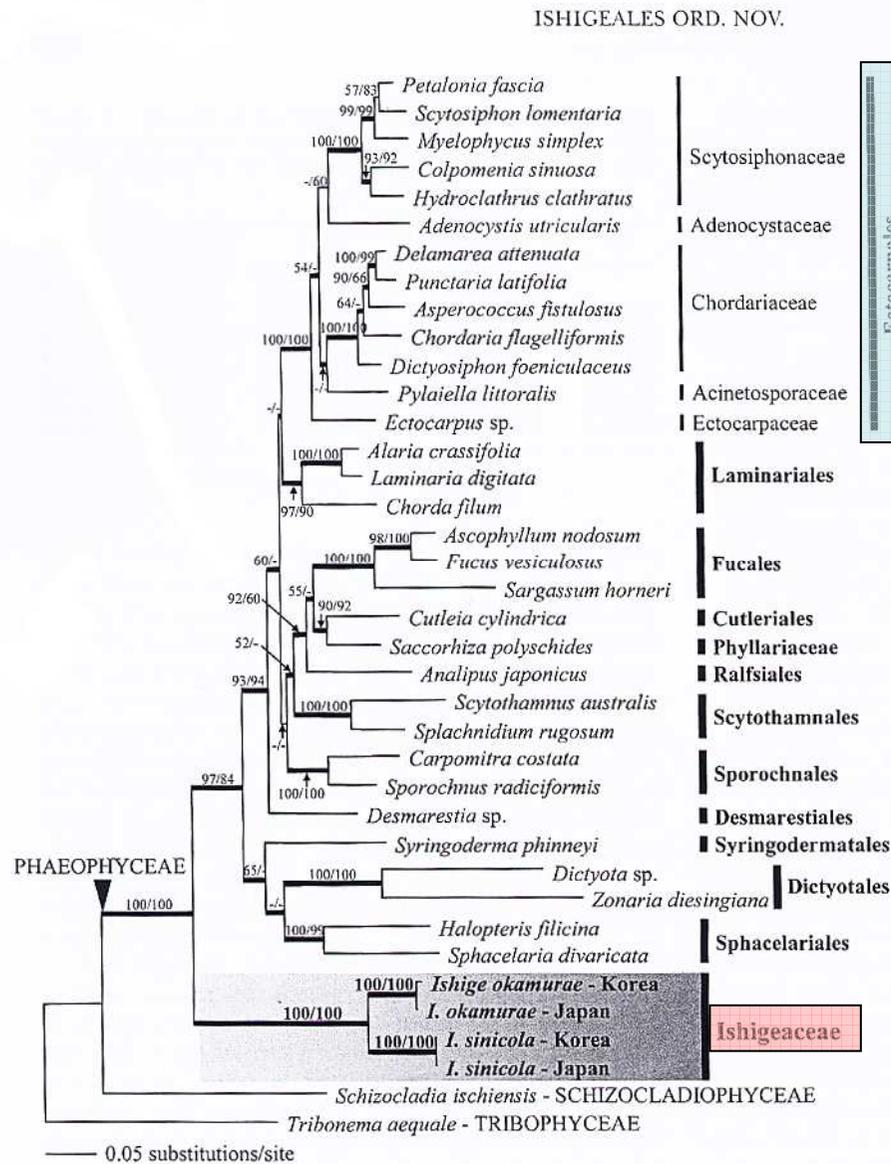
Few, ribbon-like
plastids with
several pedunculate
pyrenoids



Ectocarpus

Ishigeales (no pyrenoid) do not belong to Ectocarpales but make an early divergence

Cho et al. (2004) *J. Phycol.* 40: 921-936

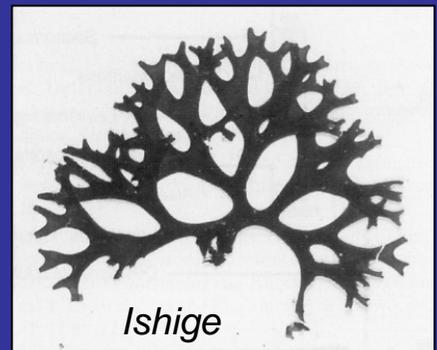
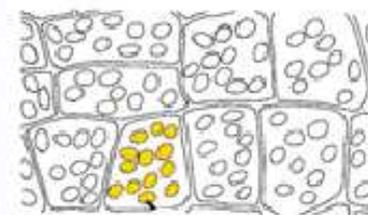


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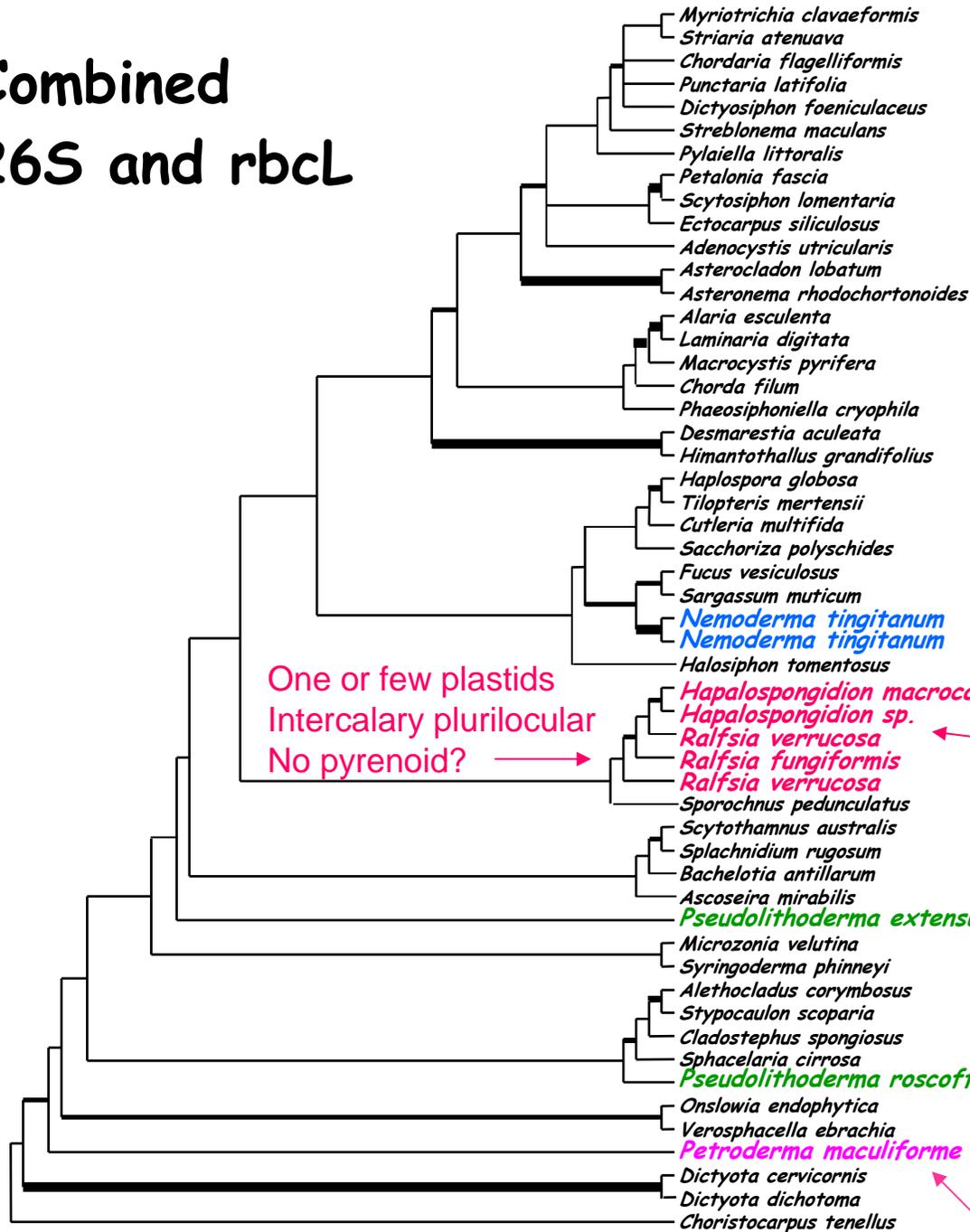
This study confirms the new delineation of the Ectocarpales by Rousseau & Reviere

FIG. 4. ML tree for the Ishigeaceae and other phaeophyceae algae estimated from combined *rbcL* + *psaA* + *psbA* sequence data (GTR + Γ + I model, $-\ln$ likelihood = 37313.27150; $\Gamma = 0.756446$; I = 0.516176; A-C = 2.052989, A-G = 5.063074, A-T = 1.442179, C-G = 2.684154, C-T = 12.351116, G-T = 1). The bootstrap values shown above the branches are from ML/MP methods and dashes indicate <50% support of bootstrap. Thick branches indicate Bayesian posterior probabilities ≥ 0.9 .

rbcL, *psaA*, *psbA*



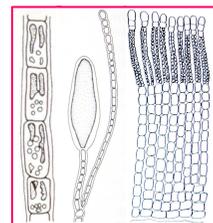
Combined 26S and rbcL



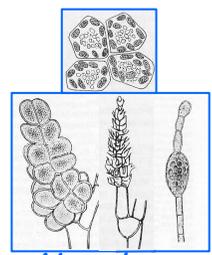
Manuella L. Parente, F. Rousseau
R.L. Fletcher, A.I. Neto, B. de Reviers
8th International Phycological Congress
Durban, South Africa, August 2005
Ralfsiales sensu Nakamura
(brown algal crusts)
are polyphyletic

One or few plastids
Intercalary plurilocular
No pyrenoid? →

Several plastids
Lateral plurilocular
No pyrenoid

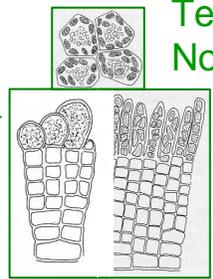


Ralfsia-Hapalospongidion

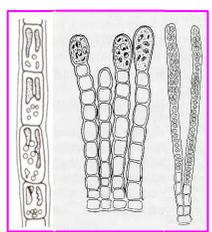


Nemoderma

Several plastids
Terminal plurilocular
No pyrenoid



Pseudolithoderma



Petroderma

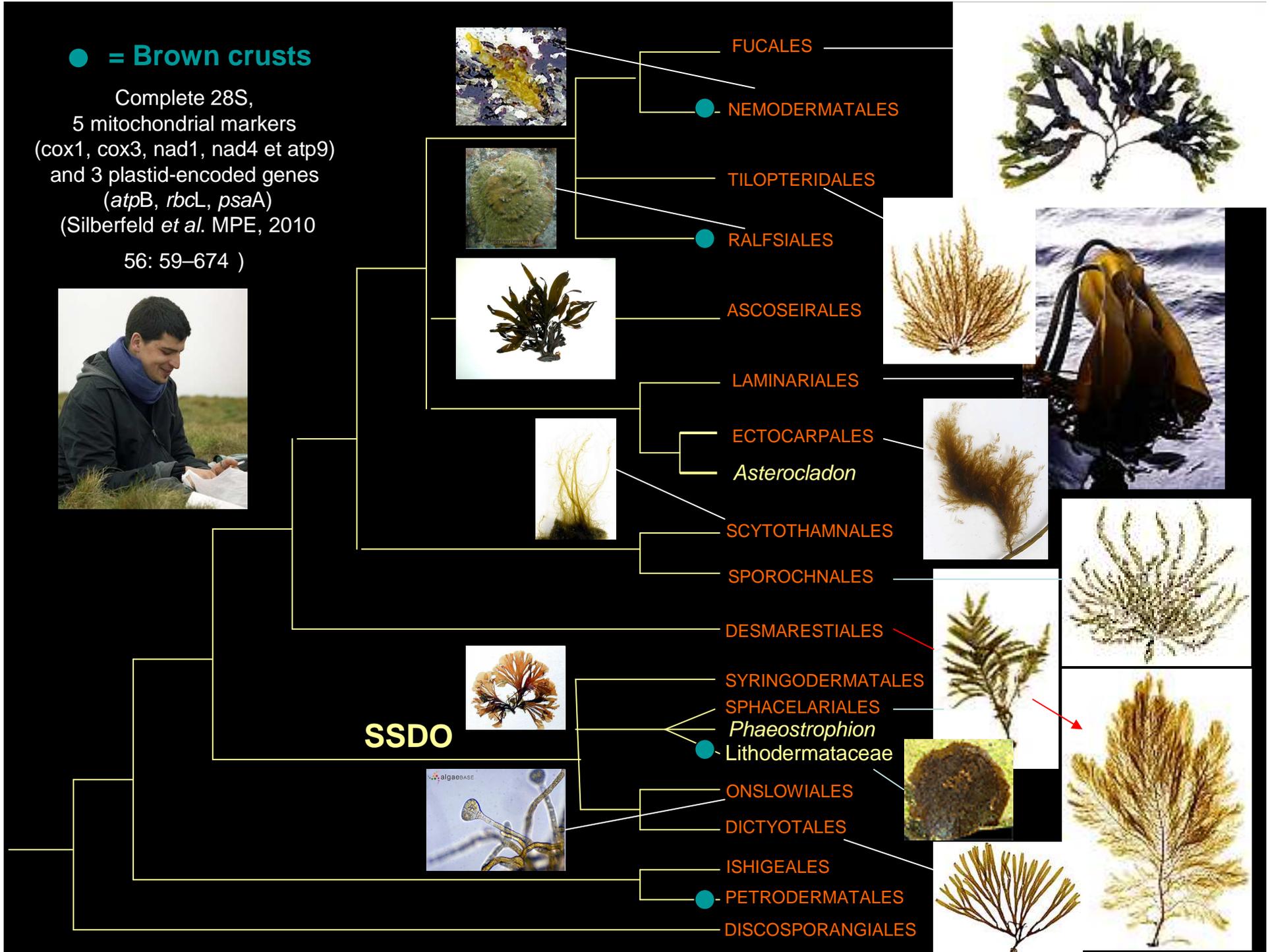
One plastid, terminal plurilocular, one non-pedunculate pyrenoid ←

+ Heribaudiella (LSU)

● = Brown crusts

Complete 28S,
5 mitochondrial markers
(cox1, cox3, nad1, nad4 et atp9)
and 3 plastid-encoded genes
(atpB, rbcL, psaA)
(Silberfeld *et al.* MPE, 2010

56: 59–674)



Divergence of the Phaeophyceae: probably much older than 200 My

SSDO orders diverge around -175 My (Jurassic)

Most orders diverge from -130 to -100 My in lower Cretaceous
Quick diversification of the Phaeophyceae (soft polytomy: extinction and recovery?)

Interestingly, there is a possible correlation associating this pattern of extinction and recovery with massive basalt floods that resulted in the Large Igneous Province of Paraná (Brazil), whose main volcanic paroxysm is dated 129–134 Ma (Peate, 1997). There is good evidence that volcanic episodes associated with extant basaltic trapps and large igneous provinces are linked to several mass extinctions. One of the most common explanatory hypotheses to this link is a dramatic global warming and marine dysoxia episode due to a massive release of volcanic CO₂ in the atmosphere
Silberfeld et al. / Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution 56 (2010) 659–674

Most orders diversify recently, from
upper Cretaceous (around -80 My) to Paleogene (around -40 My)