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Lec.1: Cell structure and function

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Cell Structure and Function

Cells

- The cell is the basic structural, functional, and biological unit of all known living organisms.
- · Smallest living unit
- · Most are microscopic





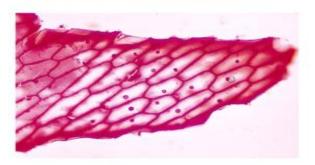


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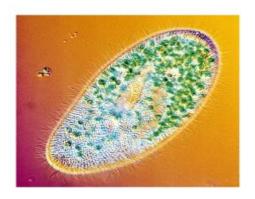
Discovery of Cells

- Robert Hooke (mid-1600s)
 - Observed sliver of cork
 - Saw "row of empty boxes"
 - Coined the term cell



Cell theory

- (1839)Theodor Schwann & Matthias Schleiden
 " all living things are made of cells"
- (50 yrs. later) Rudolf Virchow "all cells come from cells"





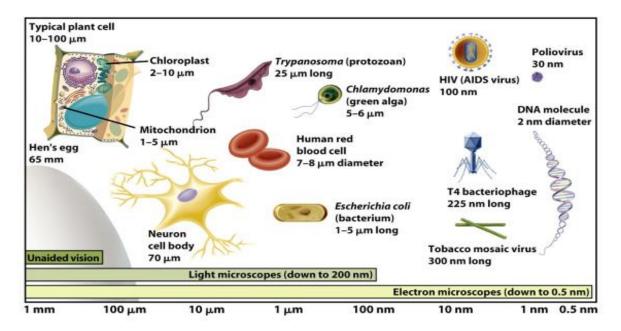
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Principles of Cell Theory

- · All living things are made of cells
- Smallest living unit of structure and function of all organisms is the cell
- All cells arise from preexisting cells (this principle discarded the idea of spontaneous generation)

Cell Size



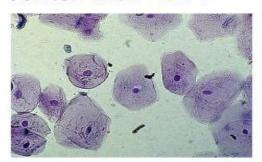


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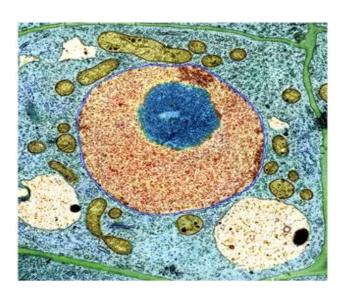
Characteristics of All Cells

- A surrounding membrane
- Protoplasm cell contents in thick fluid
- Organelles structures for cell function
- Control center with DNA



Cell Types

- Prokaryotic
- Eukaryotic



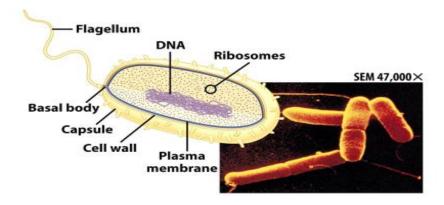


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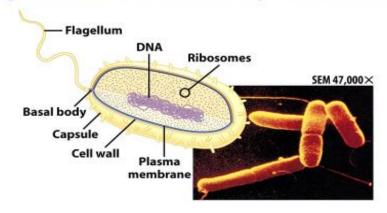
Prokaryotic Cells

- · First cell type on earth
- Cell type of Bacteria and Archaea



Prokaryotic Cells

- · No membrane bound nucleus
- Nucleoid = region of DNA concentration
- Organelles not bound by membranes





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Eukaryotic Cells

- Nucleus bound by membrane
- Include fungi, protists, plant, and animal cells
- Possess many organelles



Protozoan

Representative Animal Cell

