Introduction to Botany. Lecture 12

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- Symplast: cytoplasm of different cells connected with plasmodesmata
- Apoplast: cell walls connected side-by-side

Plants and animals are not directly comparable here.

Mitosis and meiosis

Mitosis

Definition of mitosis

- *Equal cell division, where each of daughter cells receives the same number of chromosomes as a mother cell*
- Chromosome formula: X $\longrightarrow$ I + I
- **The goal of mitosis** is the equal distribution of pre-synthesized DNA
- Mitosis does not change genotype of cells

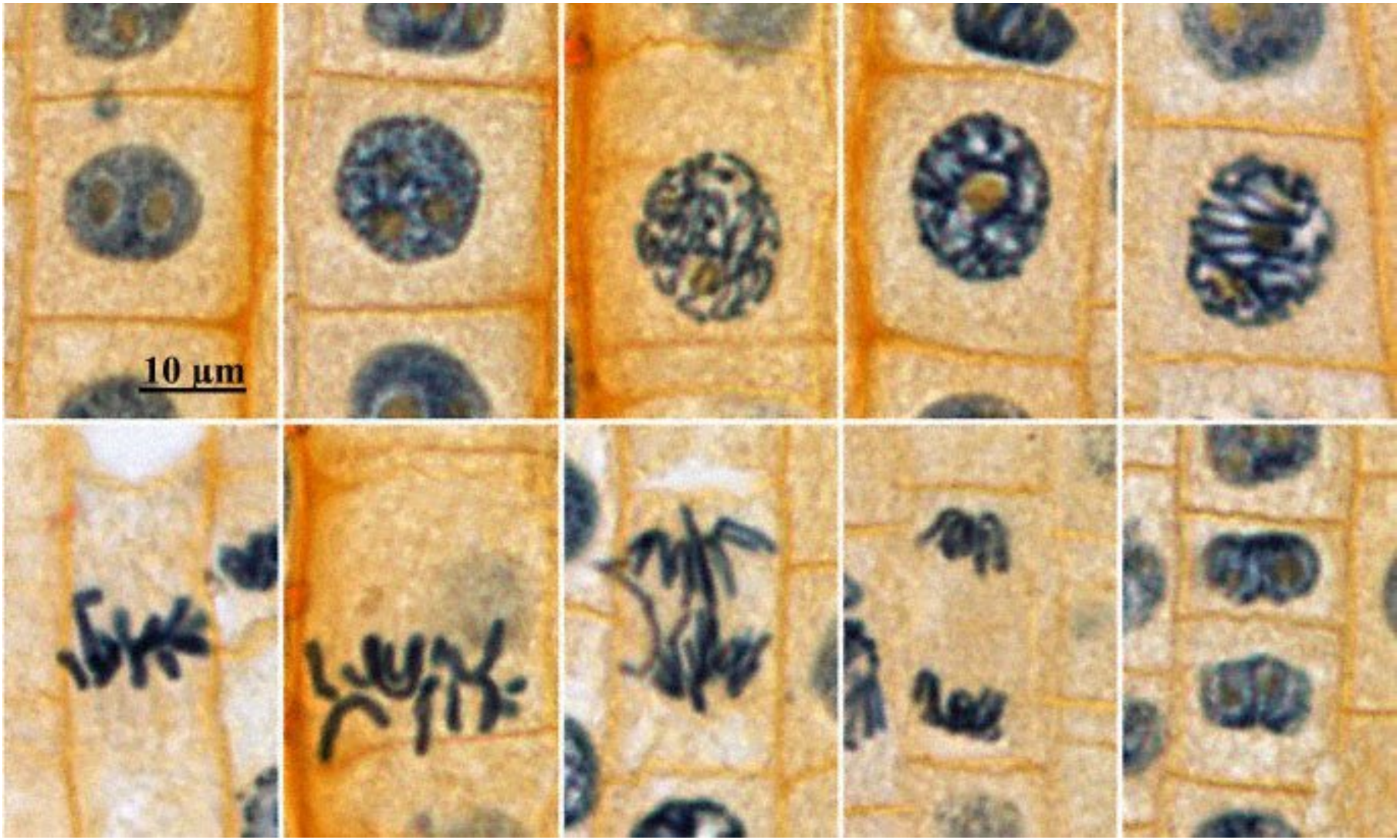
Mitosis, karyokinesis and cytokinesis

- Mitosis is the kind of karyokinesis
- Cytokinesis is a different process, the part of **cell cycle**

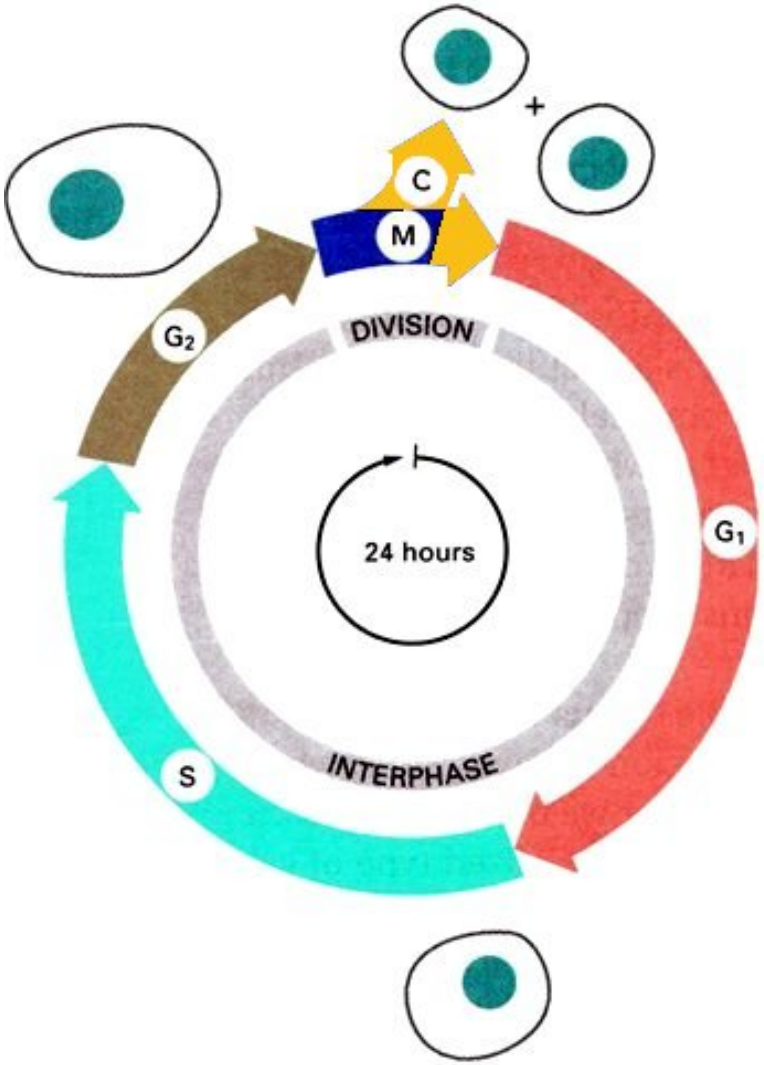
Stages of mitosis

- Prophase
- Metaphase
- Anaphase
- Telophase

Which stage?



Cell cycle



- Interphase
  - Pre-synthetic stage (G_1)
  - Sythetic stage (S): DNA duplicated
  - Post-synthetic stage (G_2)
- Mitosis
- Cytokinesis

Mitosis and meiosis

Syngamy (Y!)

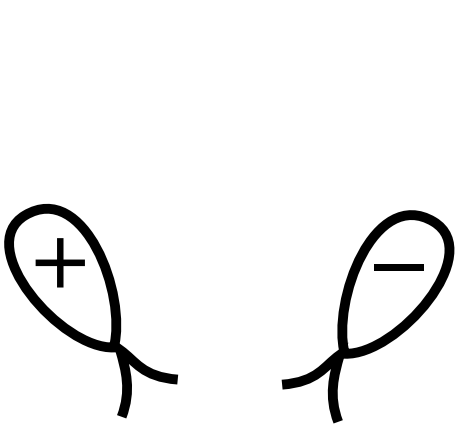
Exchange and renovation of DNA

- To sustain with the ever-changed environment, organisms must evolve
- To evolve, they need a genetic diversity: different genotypes in different organisms
- To be genetically diverse, they need a process of genetic exchange
- One of ways of exchange is a sexual process in a form of **syngamy**
- However, constant syngamy will result in constant increase of DNA amount
- Meiosis is a counterbalance to syngamy

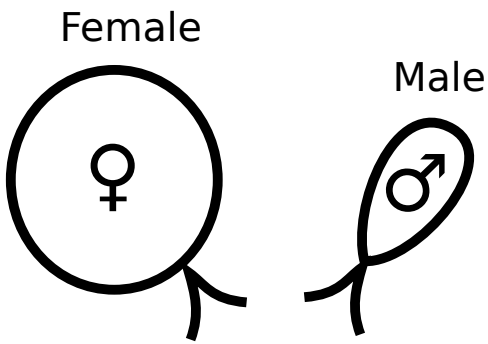
Definition of syngamy

- *Fusion of two cells, where resulted cell will have two times more chromosomes*
- Initial cells are **gametes**, resulted cell is a **zygote**
- Chromosome formula: X + X $\longrightarrow$ XX
- **The goal of syngamy** is the renovation of genetic material
- Syngamy changes genotype of cells

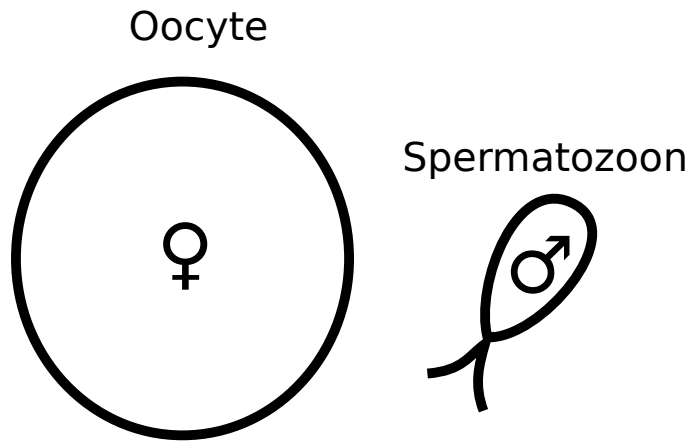
Types of syngamy



Isogamy: different genotypes



Heterogamy: different size



Oogamy: different motility

Final question (2 points)

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Why do organisms have sexual process?

Summary

- **Mitosis** is a process of cell multiplication, ploidy stays constant, genotype does not change
- **Syngamy** is a sexual process of cell fusion, ploidy doubles, genotype changes
- **Meiosis** is a process of reduction of DNA amount, ploidy halves, genotype changes

For Further Reading

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