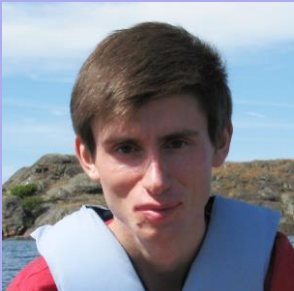
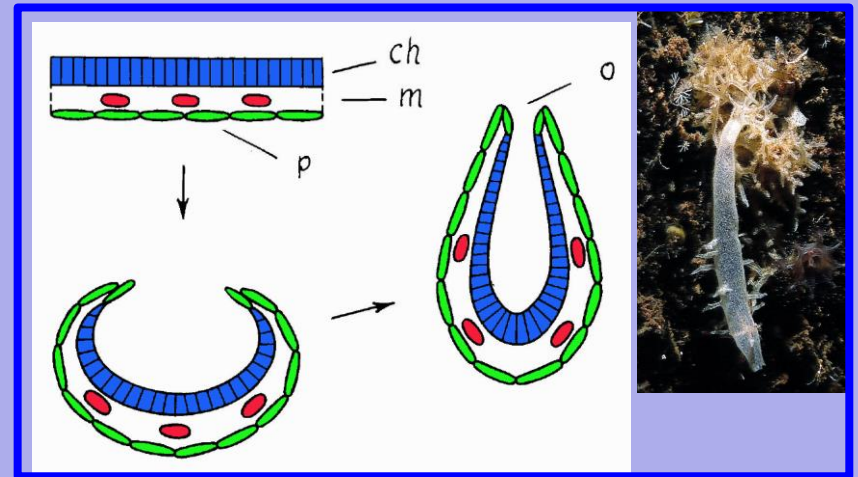
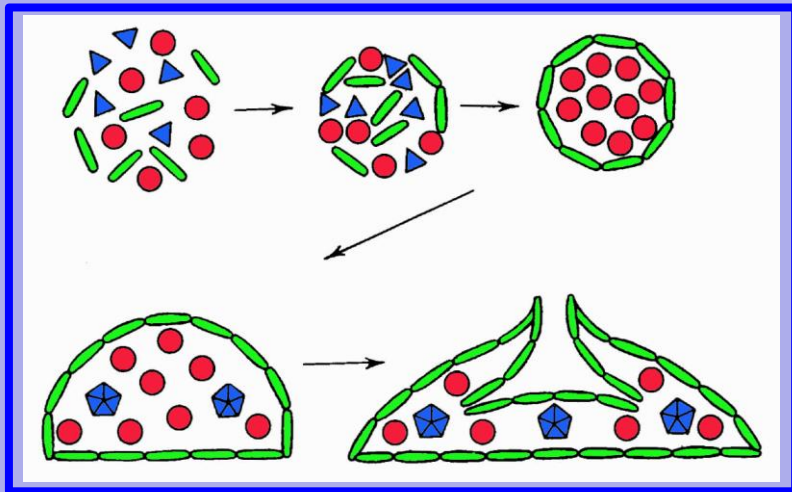




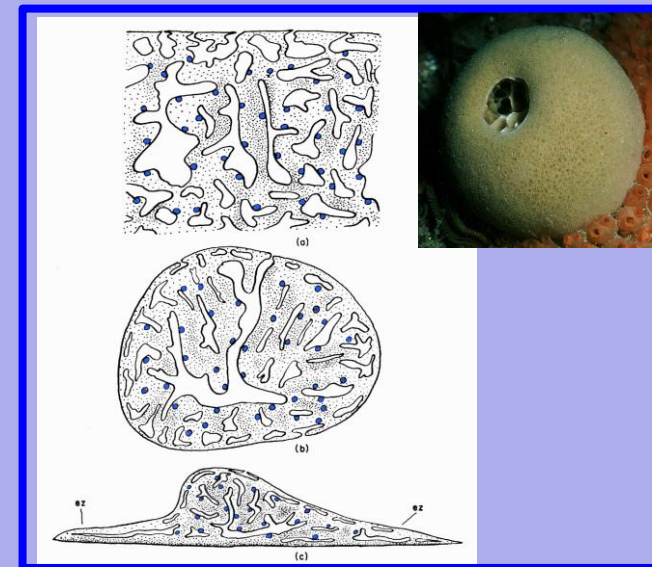
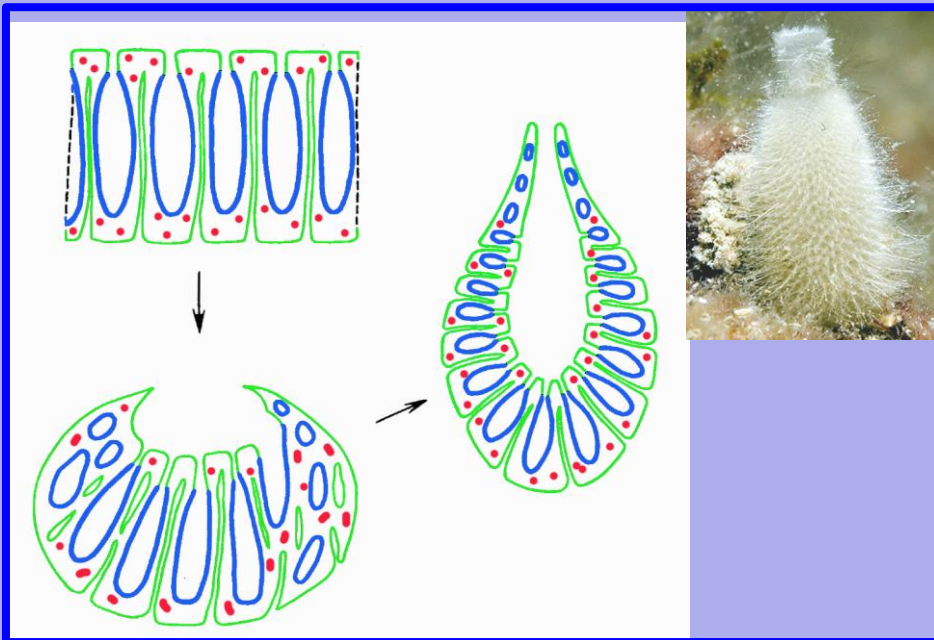
Regeneration in sponges (Porifera): comparative investigation



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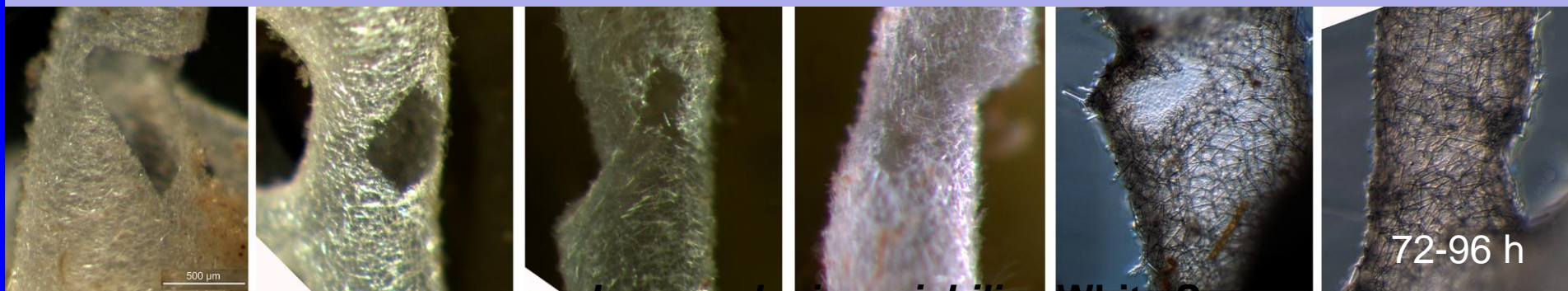
To understand evolutionary history of the diverse regeneration mechanisms, regeneration processes must be studied in early-evolved metazoans in addition to the traditional bilaterian and cnidarian models.



Sponges are known to possess remarkable reconstitutive and regenerative abilities



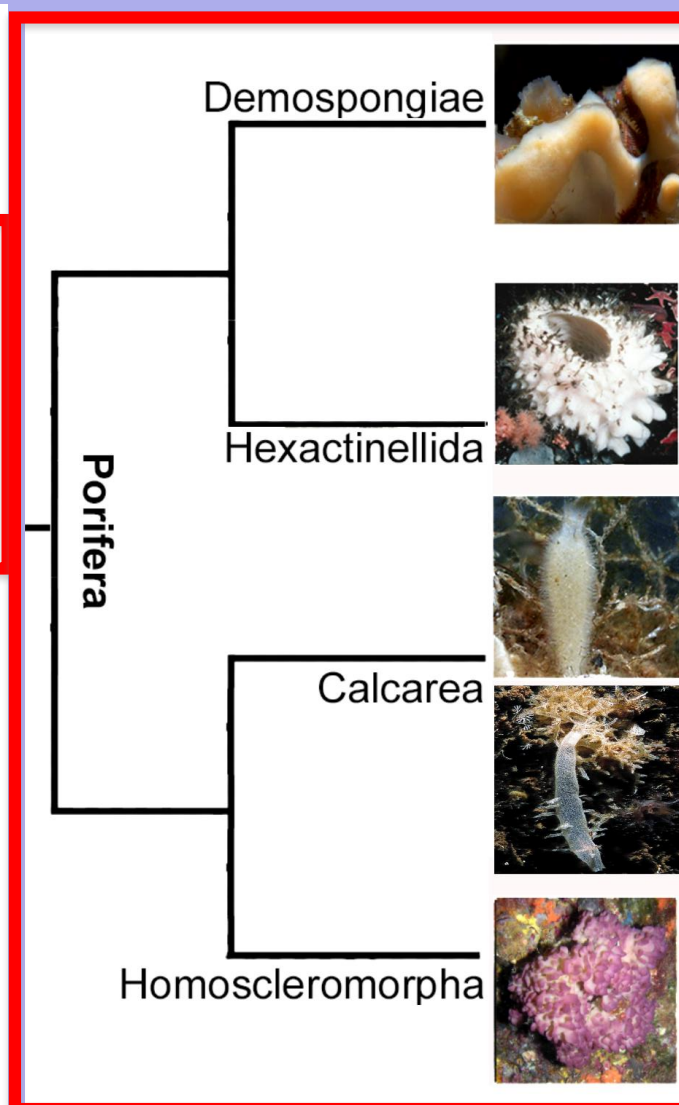
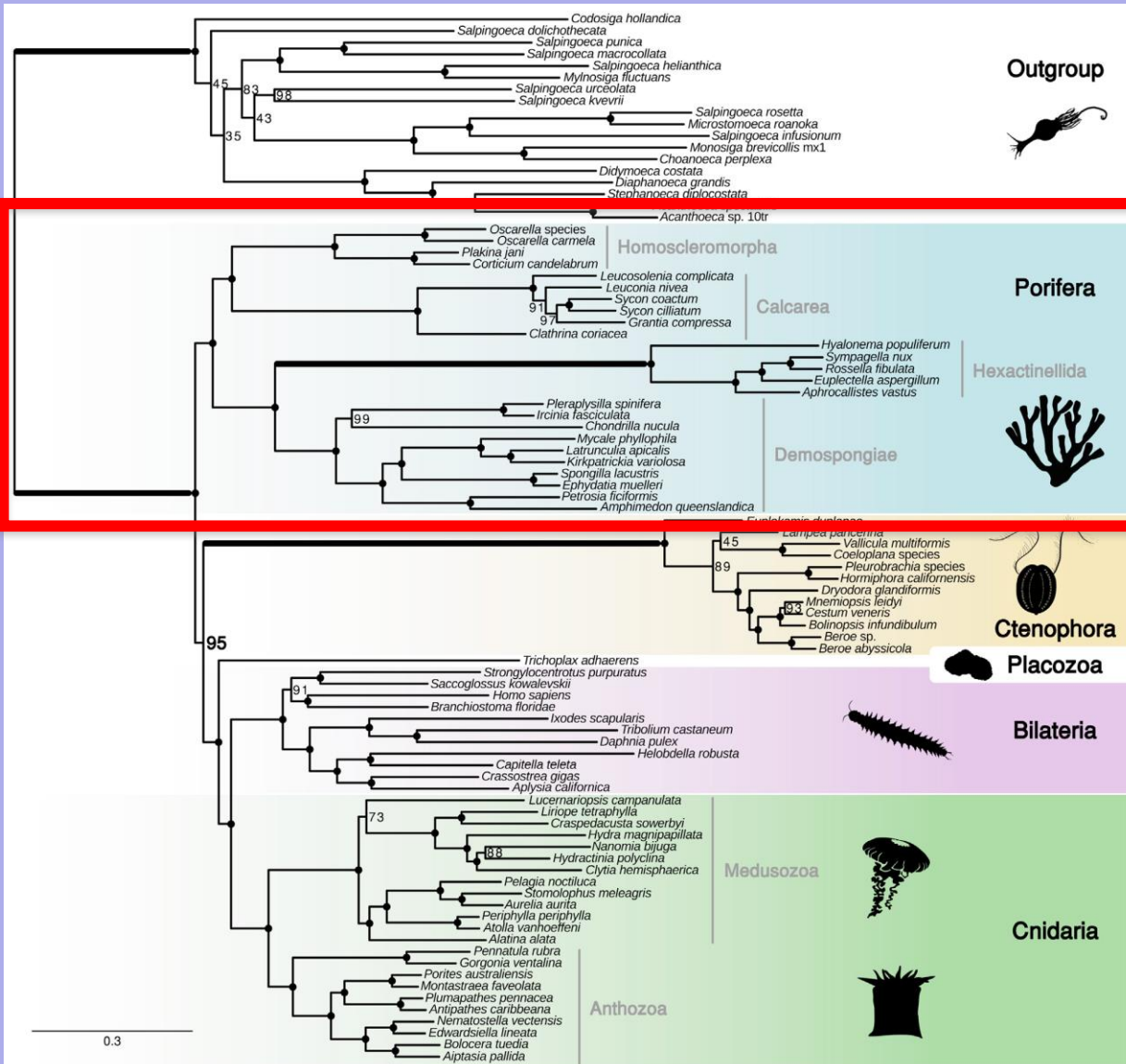
***Halisarca dujardinii* – White Sea**



***Leucosolenia variabilis* - White Sea**



Porifera



The aims of this study are:

- 1) To show the variety of **morphogeneses** during reparative regeneration in different sponges with different organisation;
- 2) To discover the cells, involved in the regeneration;
- 3) To highlight the **correlation between tissue organization and morphogenetic mechanisms** involved in sponge' s regeneration.

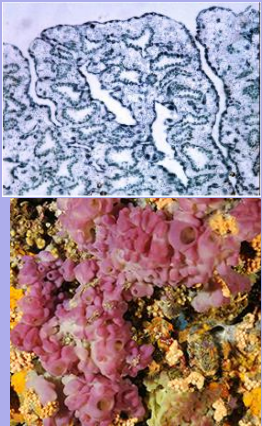
Epithelia characters in sponges

	AB polarity	Cell junctions: larvae	Cell junctions: adults	Basement membrane larvae	Basement membrane adults
Demospongiae					
Calcarea					
Homoscleromorpha					

Models

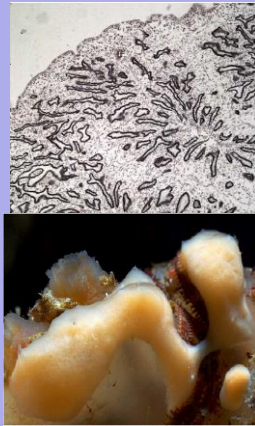
Current models

Oscarella lobularis



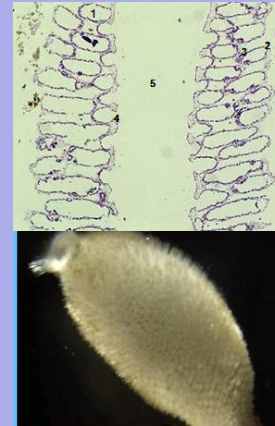
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Halisarca dujardini



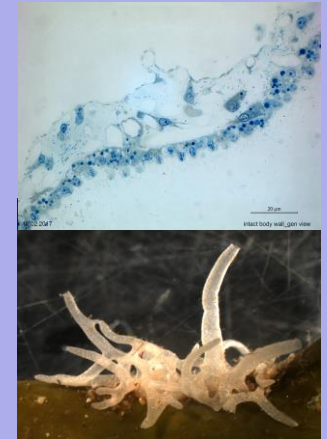
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Sycon ciliatum



Adamska et al. In prep.

Leucosolenia variabilis



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New models

Aplysina cavernicola



Suberites domuncula



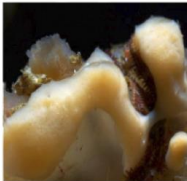

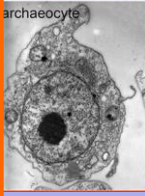
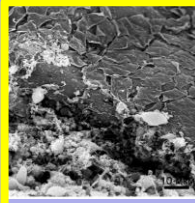


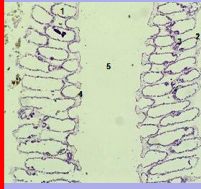

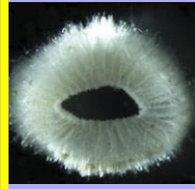


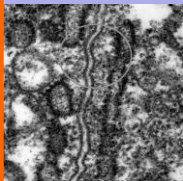
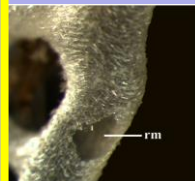

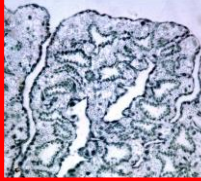
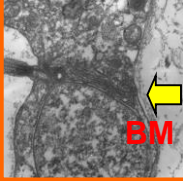
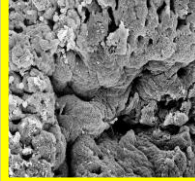
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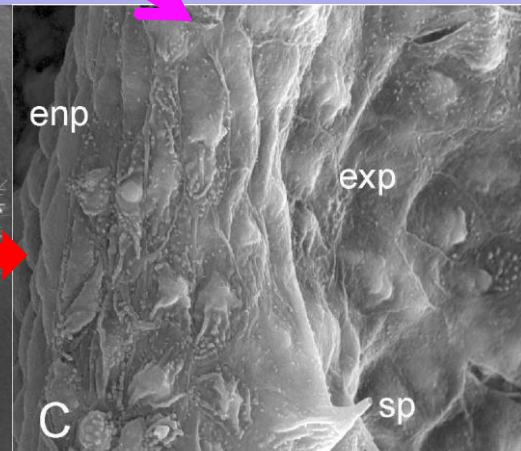
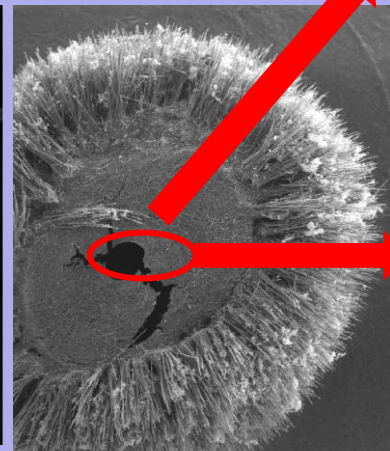
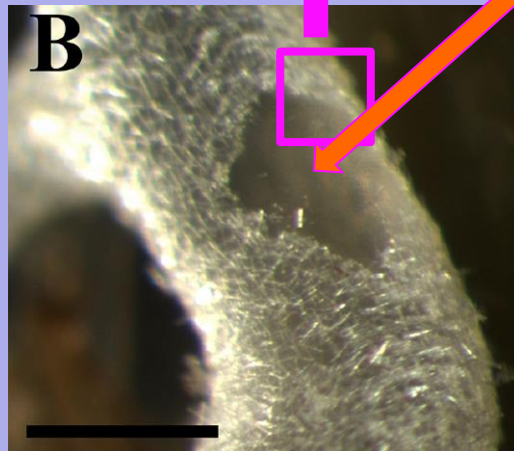
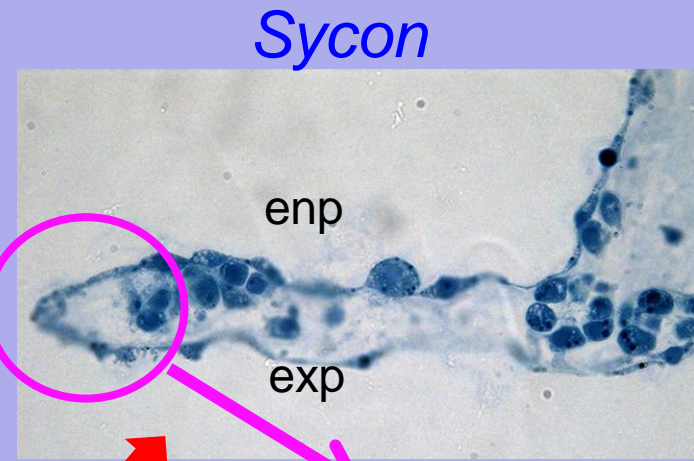
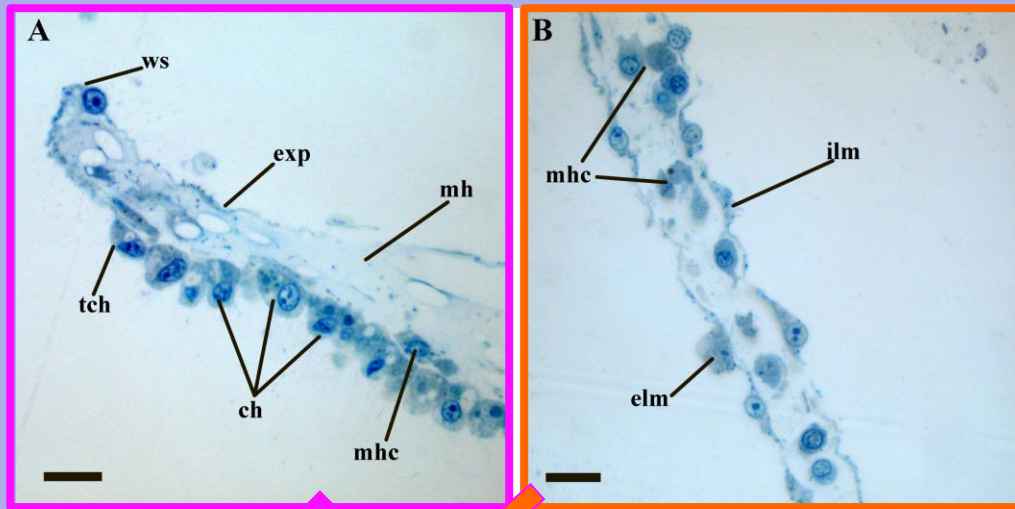
Current models

		Anatomy	Cellular characters	Wound		
Porifera	Demospongiae					<i>Halisarca dujardini</i> : no cell junctions; no basement membrane; archaeocytes
	Hexactinellida					
						<i>Sycon ciliatum</i> & <i>Leucosolenia variabilis</i> : cell junctions; no basement membrane; no archaeocytes
	Calcarea					
	Homoscleromorpha					<i>Oscarella lobularis</i> : true epithelium; no archaeocytes

Epithelial morphogenesis and transdifferentiation

Regenerative membrane in Calcareo

Leucosolenia



transdifferentiation

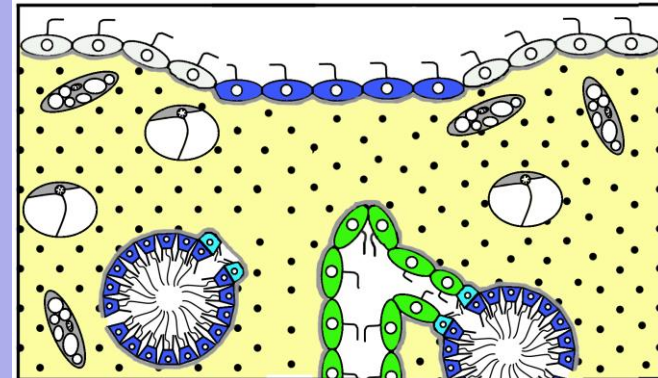
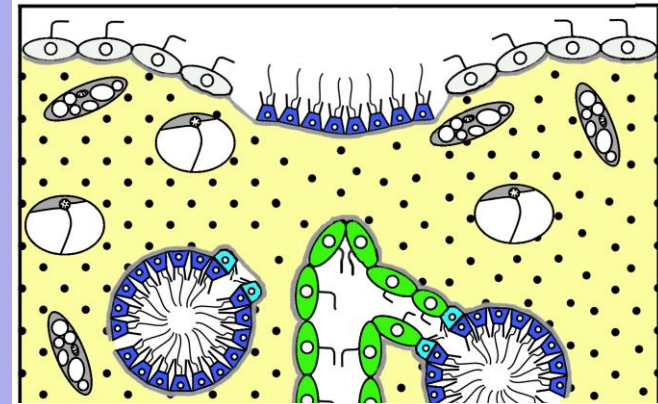
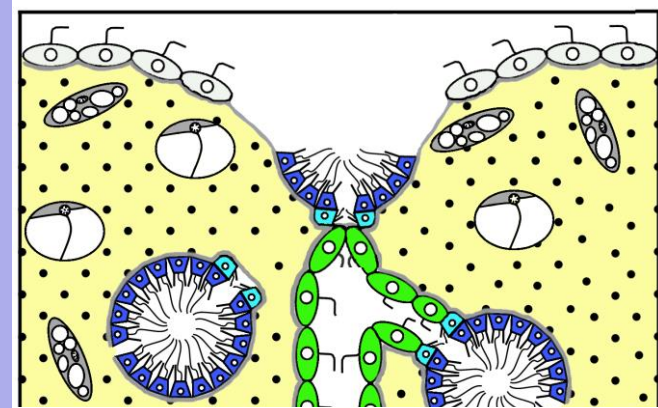
Epithelial morphogenesis and transdifferentiation

Homoscleromorpha

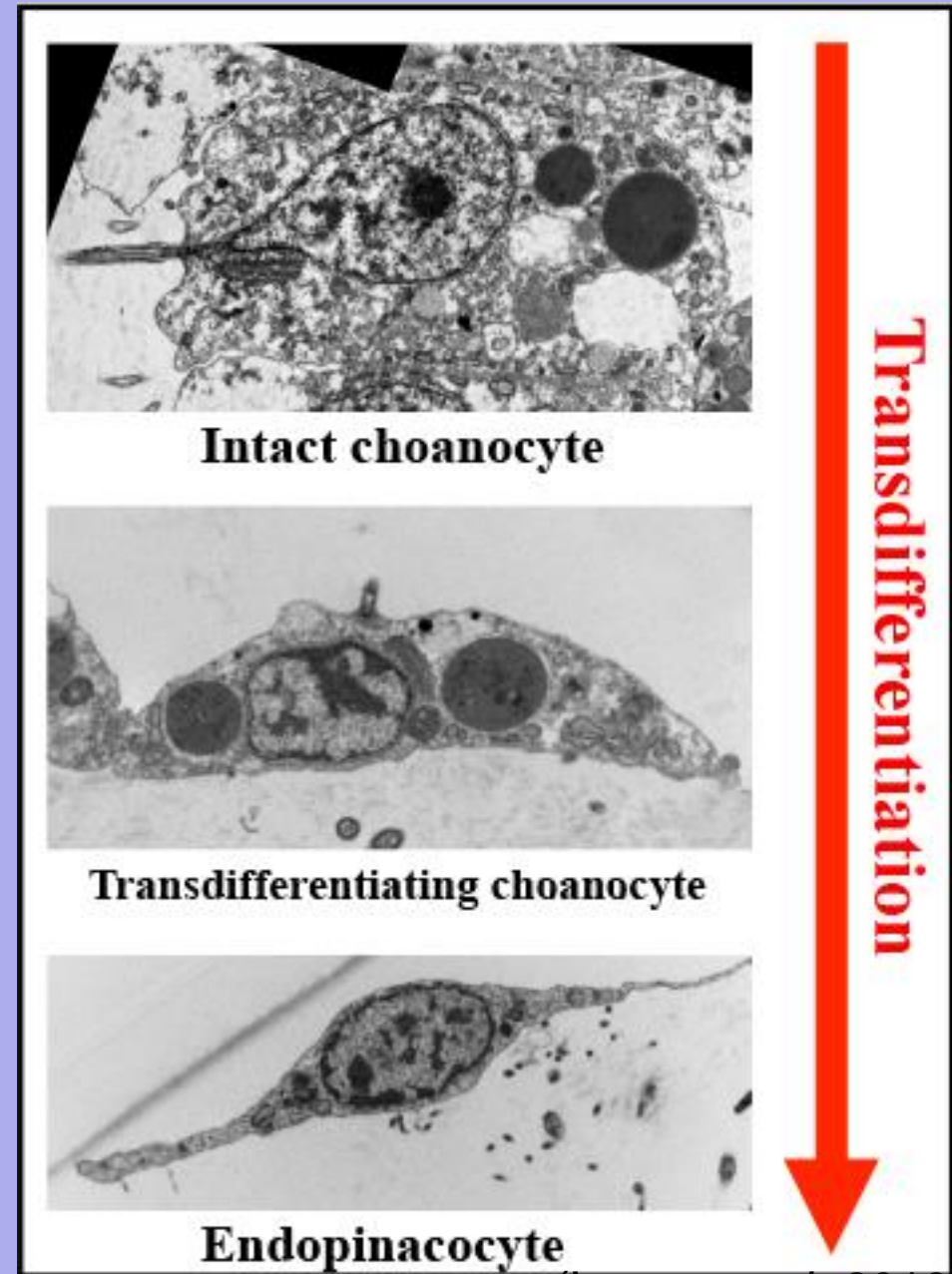
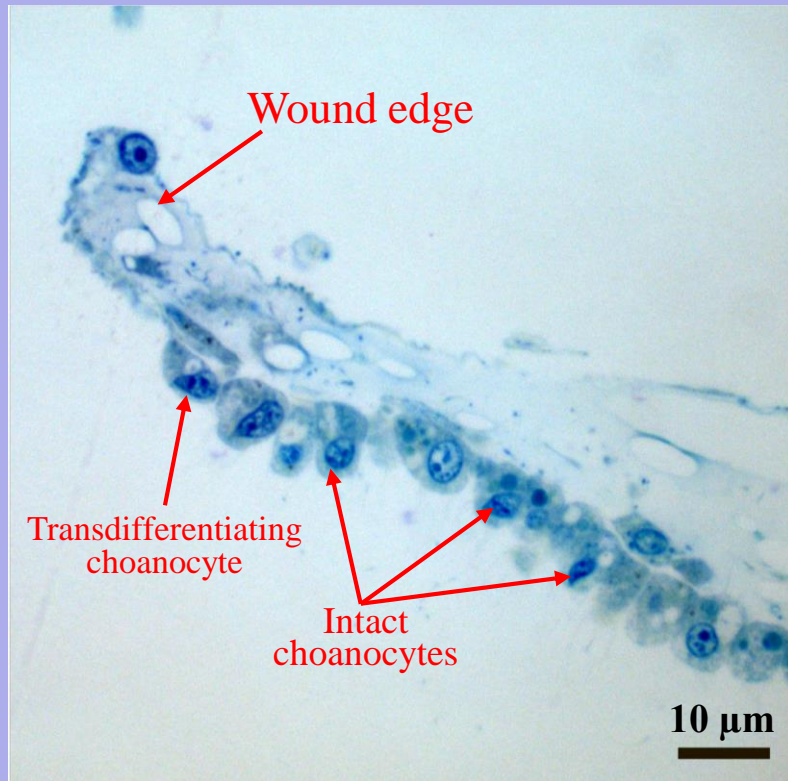
Choanoderm

transdifferentiation during
Oscarella regeneration

Spreading of the pinacoderm
sheet on the wound surface
during *Oscarella* regeneration



Cell transdifferentiation



The continuous epithelium appears on the wound edge. It forms due to the joining of the intact exopinacocytes and **endopinacocyte** arising from the choanocytes through their transdifferentiation

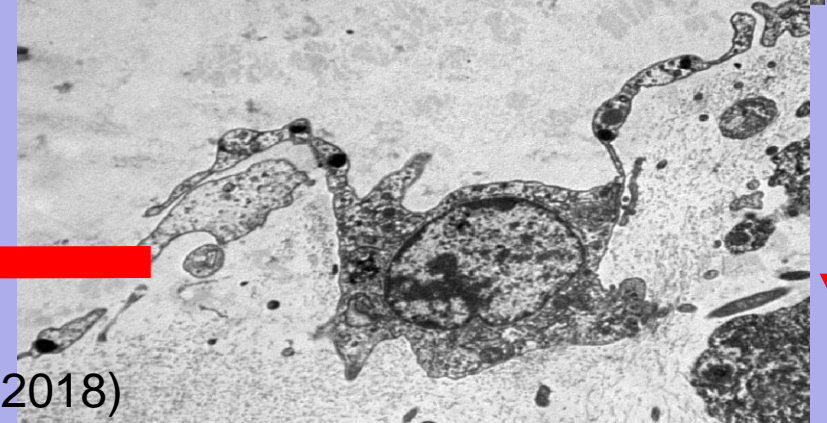
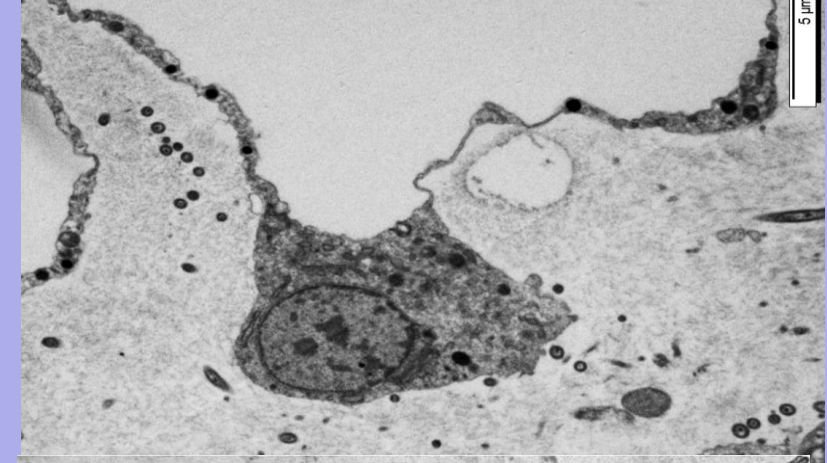
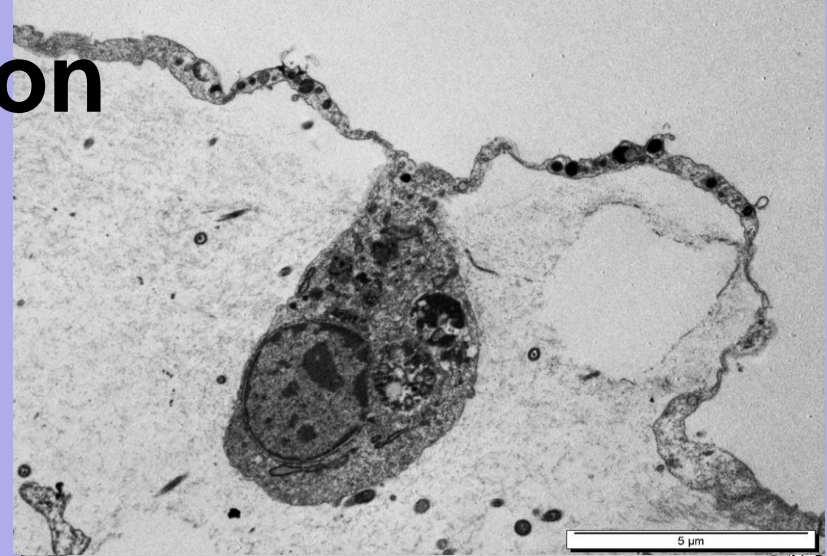
Leucosolenia variabilis

(Lavrov et al. 2018)

Cell transdifferentiation

Exopinacocytes

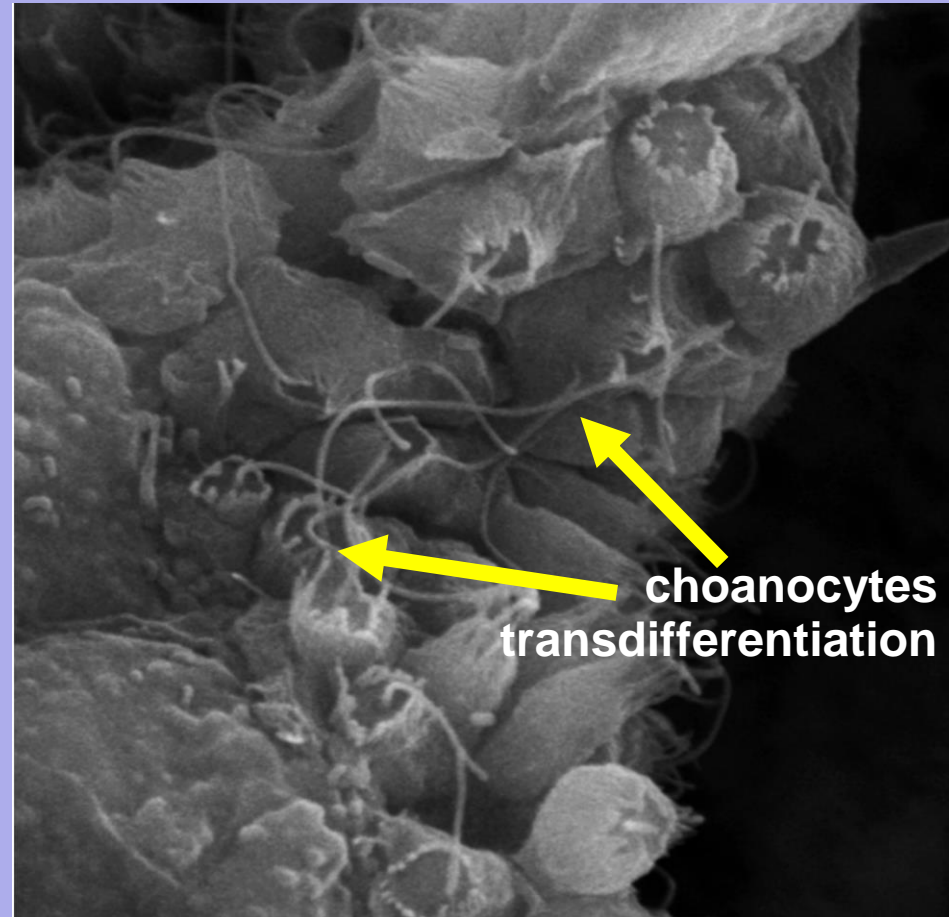
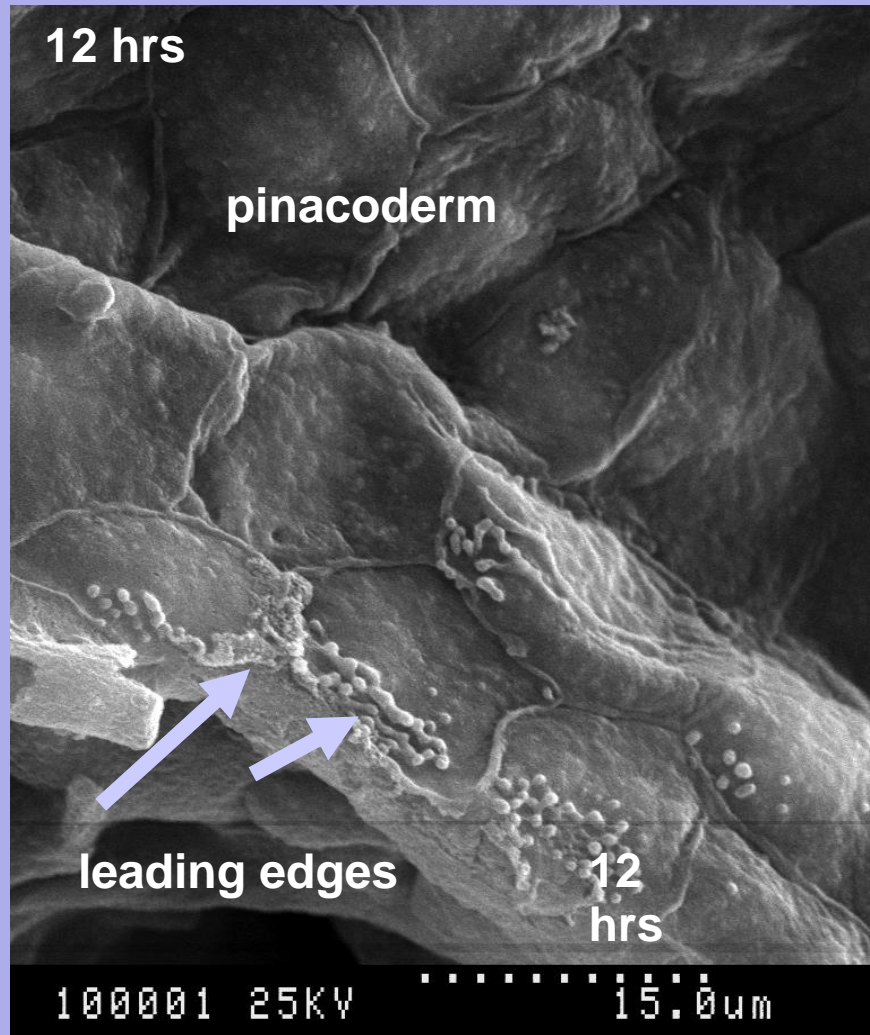
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Regeneration in *Sycon*: cellular mechanisms

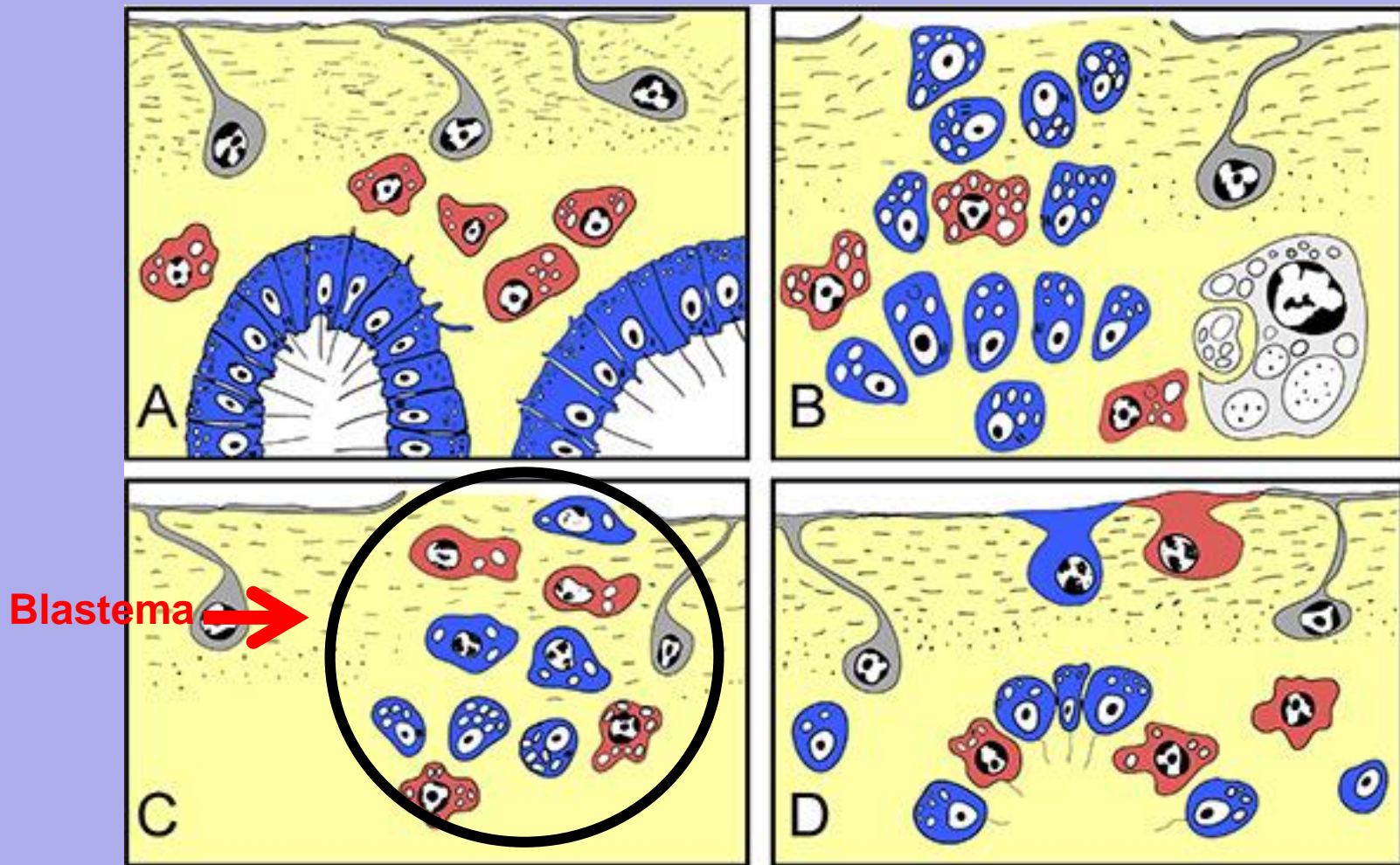
EM analysis demonstrated that at 24 hrs all exposed choanocyte chambers are covered by pinacocytes, with a combination of migration of pinacocytes and transdifferentiation of choanocytes observed within hours from the dissection.



(Adamska et al in prep.)

Mesenchymal-epithelial transformations

Demospongiae

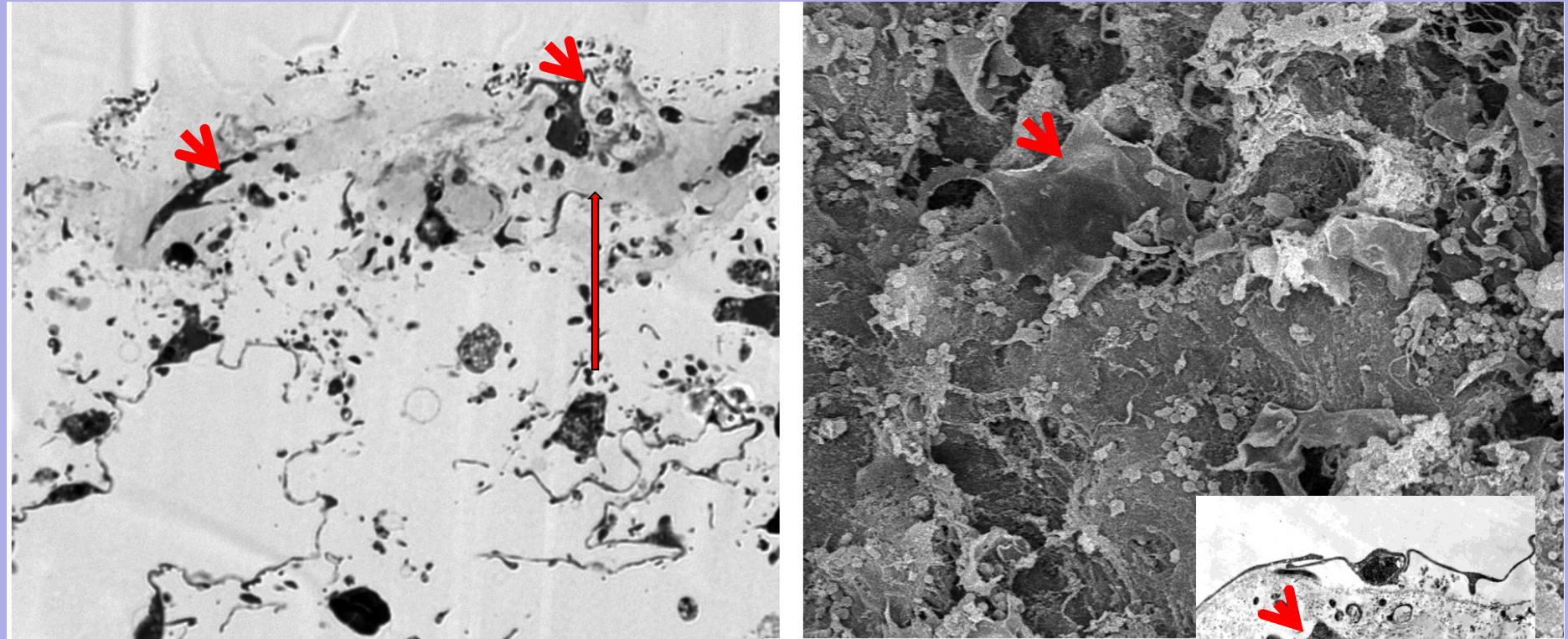


Halisarca dujardini regeneration and the origin of new exopinacocytes and choanocytes. (A) Intact sponge. (B) I stage of regeneration: formation of “regenerative plug”. (C) II stage of regeneration: wound healing and formation of a “blastema”. (D) III stage of regeneration: restoration of ectosome and choanosome. Grey—exopinacocytes, blue—choanocytes, red—archaeocytes.

(Borisenko et al. 2015)

Mesenchymal-epithelial transformations

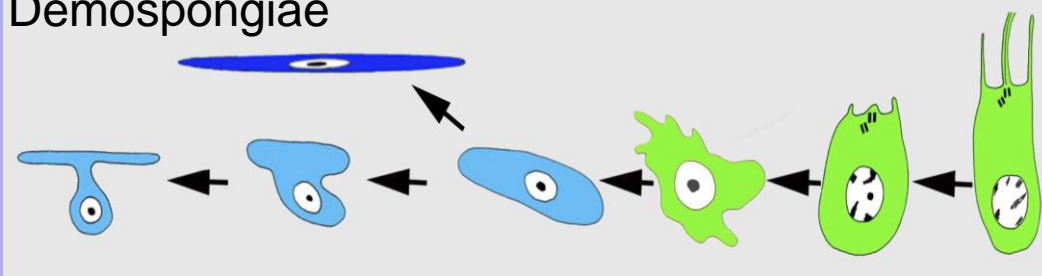
Demospongiae: *Halisarca dujardini*



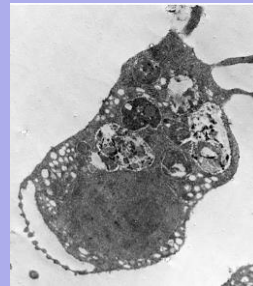
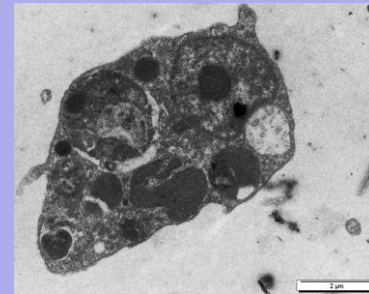
Wound (ectosome) 24h of regeneration:
Mesohylar cells, migrating to the wound surface

Choanocytes transdifferentiation during regeneration

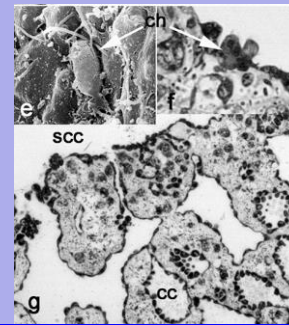
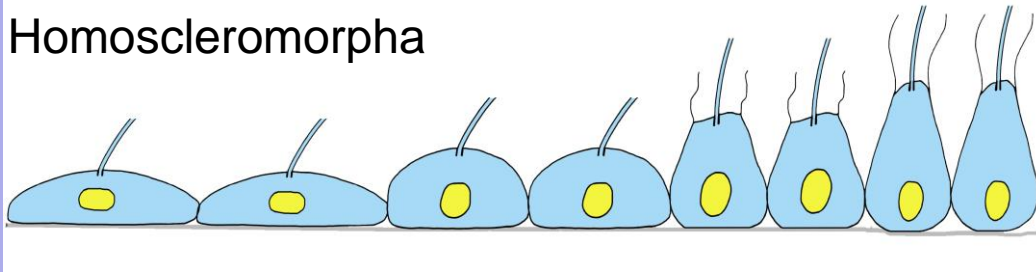
Demospongiae



Halisarca

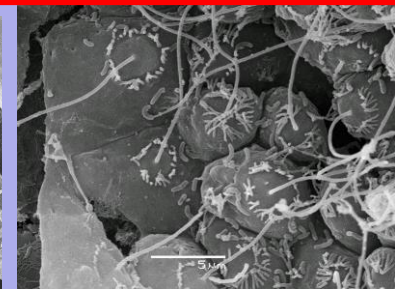
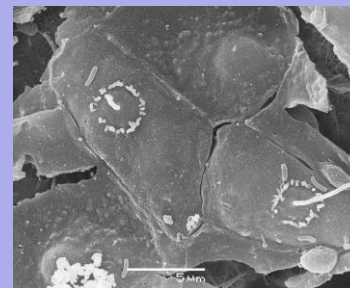
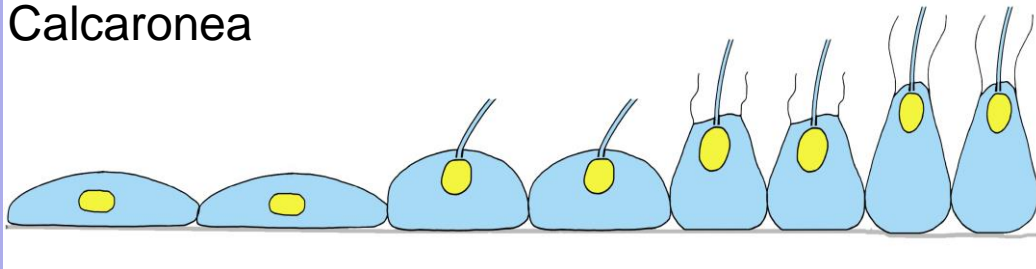


Homoscleromorpha

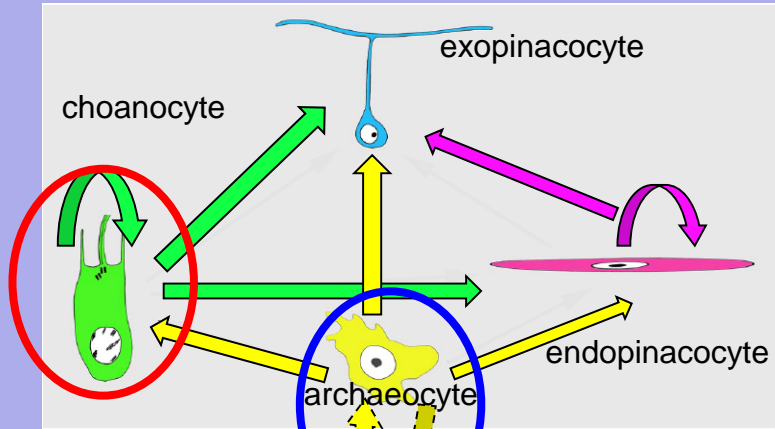


Oscarella

Calcaronea

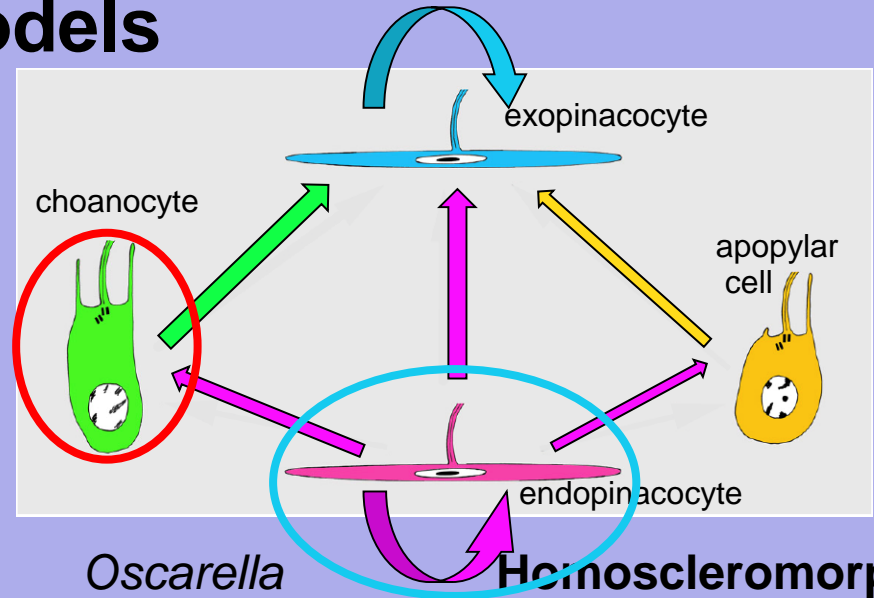


Different cells fate and the main sources of new exopinacoderm during a regeneration sponge models



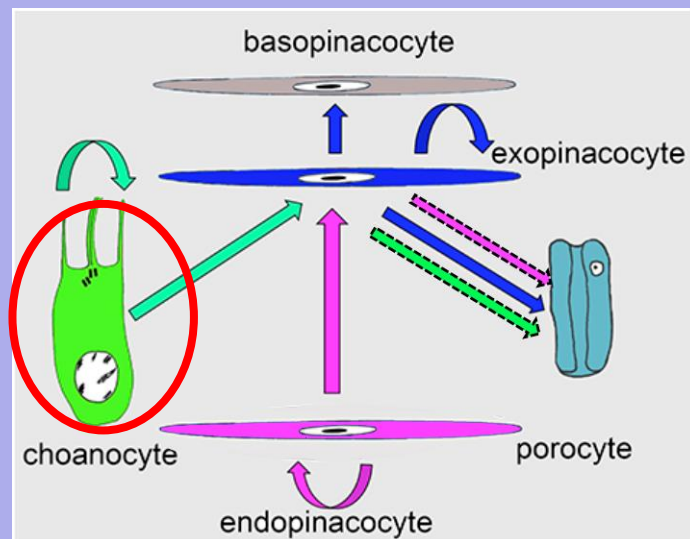
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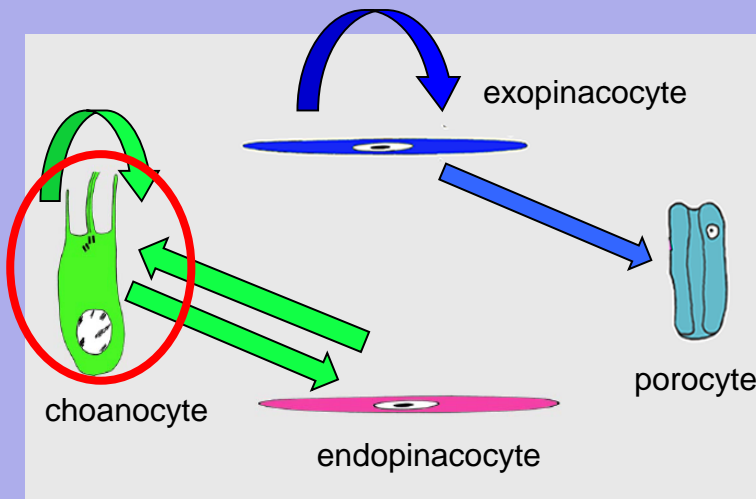
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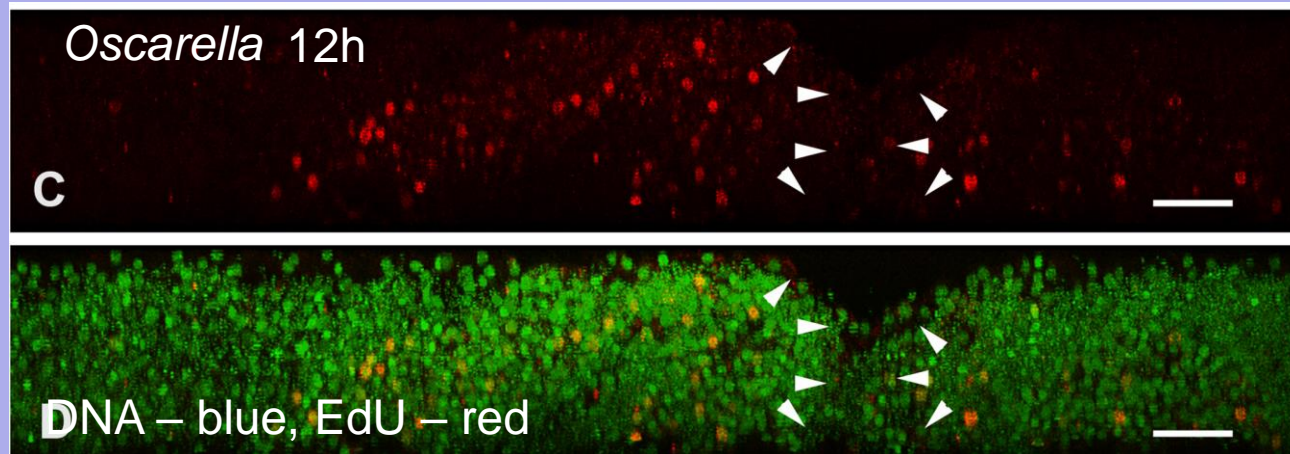
Sycon

Calcarea

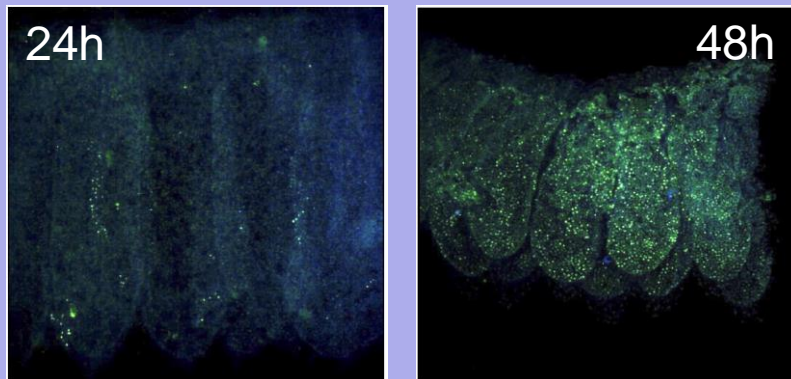


Leucosolenia

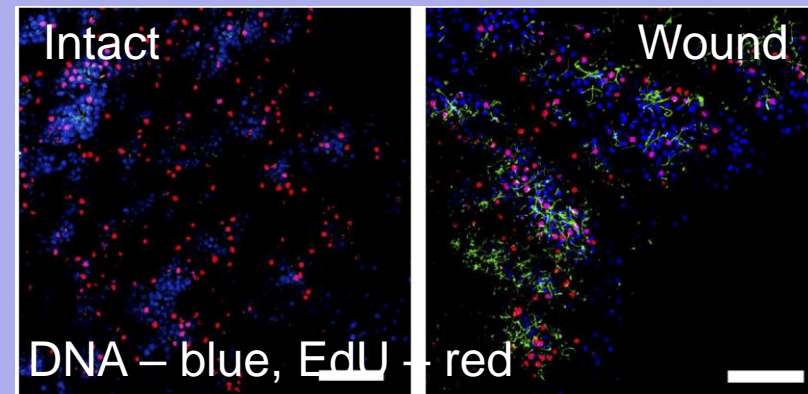
Cell proliferation during regeneration



Sycon



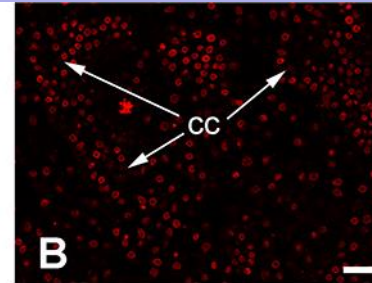
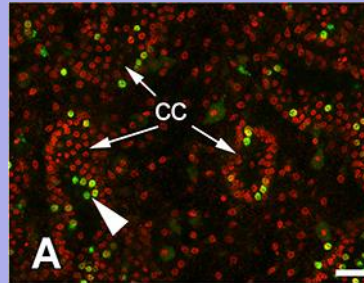
Leucosolenia 24h



Oscarella, *Sycon*, *Leucosolenia*: We did not detect any changes in cell proliferation neither in the wound nor in the adjacent intact areas. *Sycon*, *Leucosolenia*: **Proliferation is virtually absent from the forming regenerative membrane and is not limited to its vicinity.**

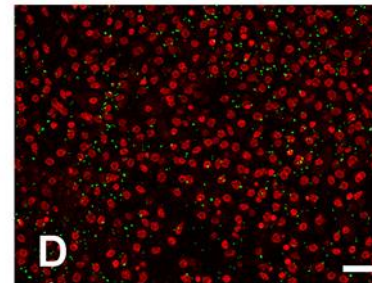
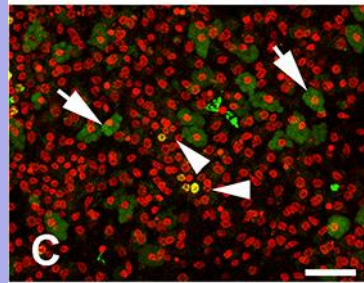
Regeneration in *Halisarca*: cell proliferation

Unwounded sponge after
6 h incubation with EdU



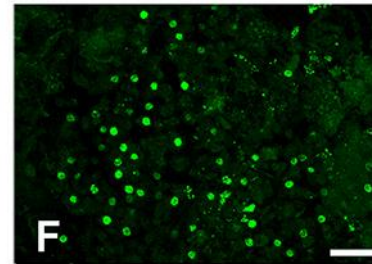
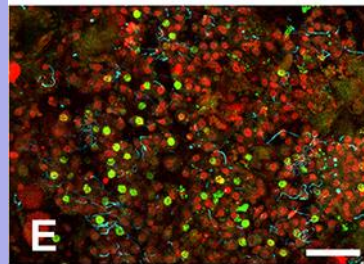
Negative control for A
without EdU

EdU incorporation
after 24 h incubation



Negative control for C

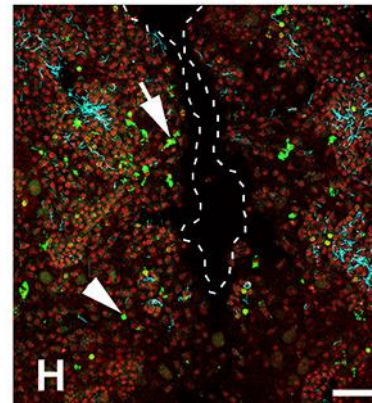
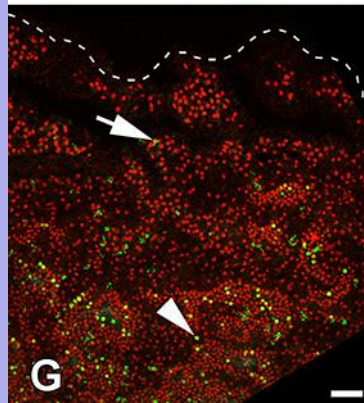
Wound surface after
12 h of regeneration



EdU only

Red—DNA,
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Wound surface at 24 h
of regeneration
Parallel section

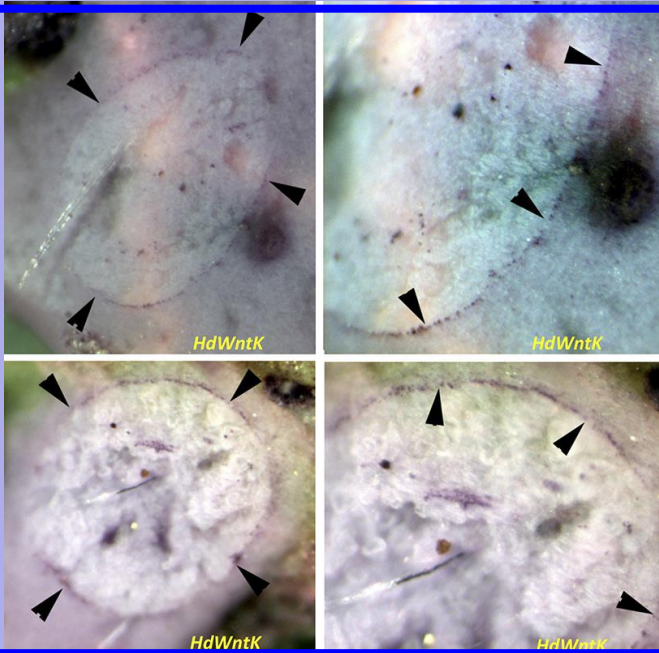


Perpendicular section of
Wound surface at 24 h of
regeneration

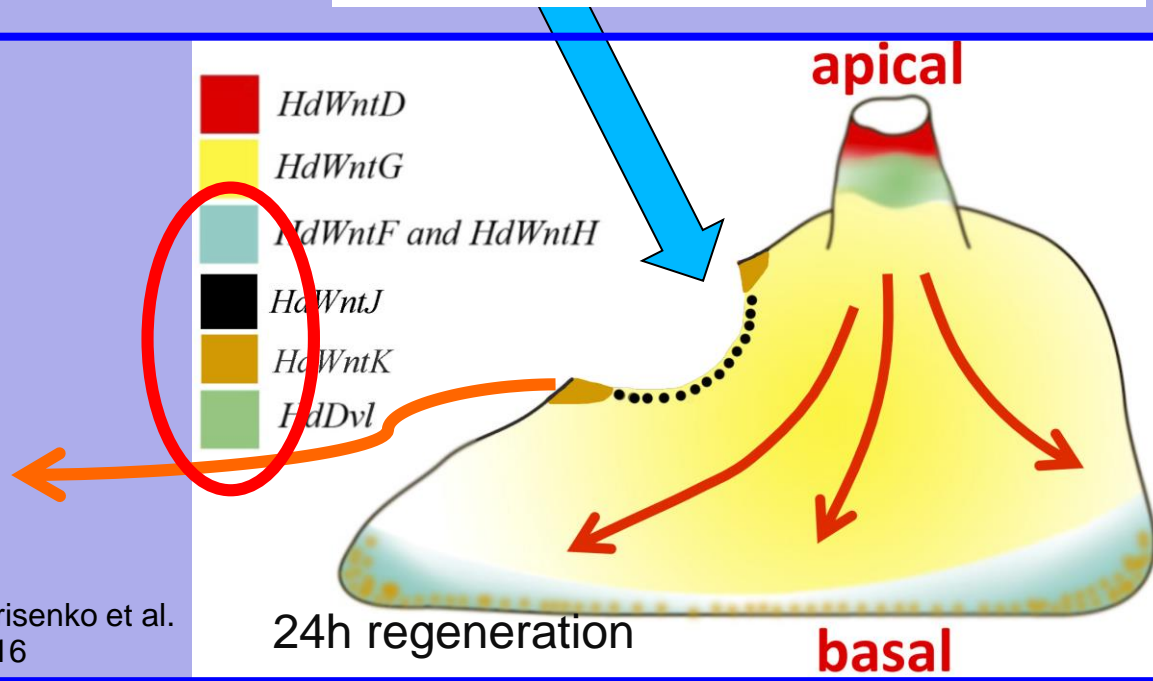
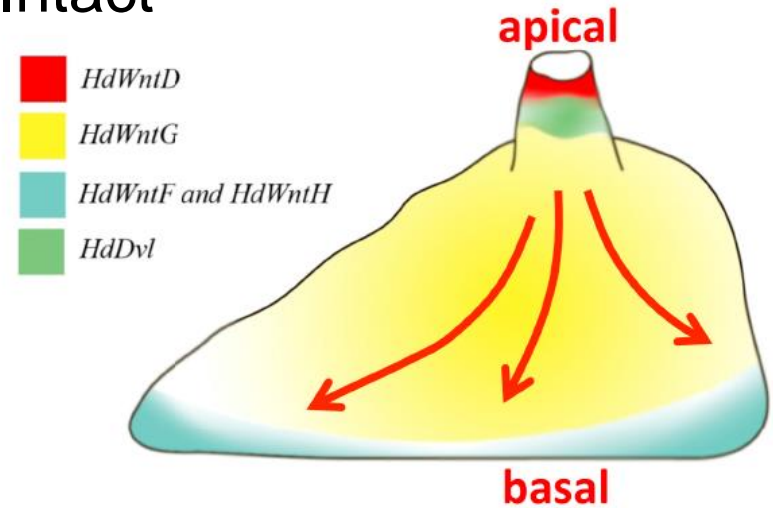
Wnt pathway is implicated in axial patterning and regeneration in the demosponge *Halisarca dujardini*

Multiple Wnt pathway components were identified, including 10 *Wnt* and 5 *frizzled* genes, in addition to single *disheveled* and *beta-catenin* genes.

HdWntK at the wound border



Intact

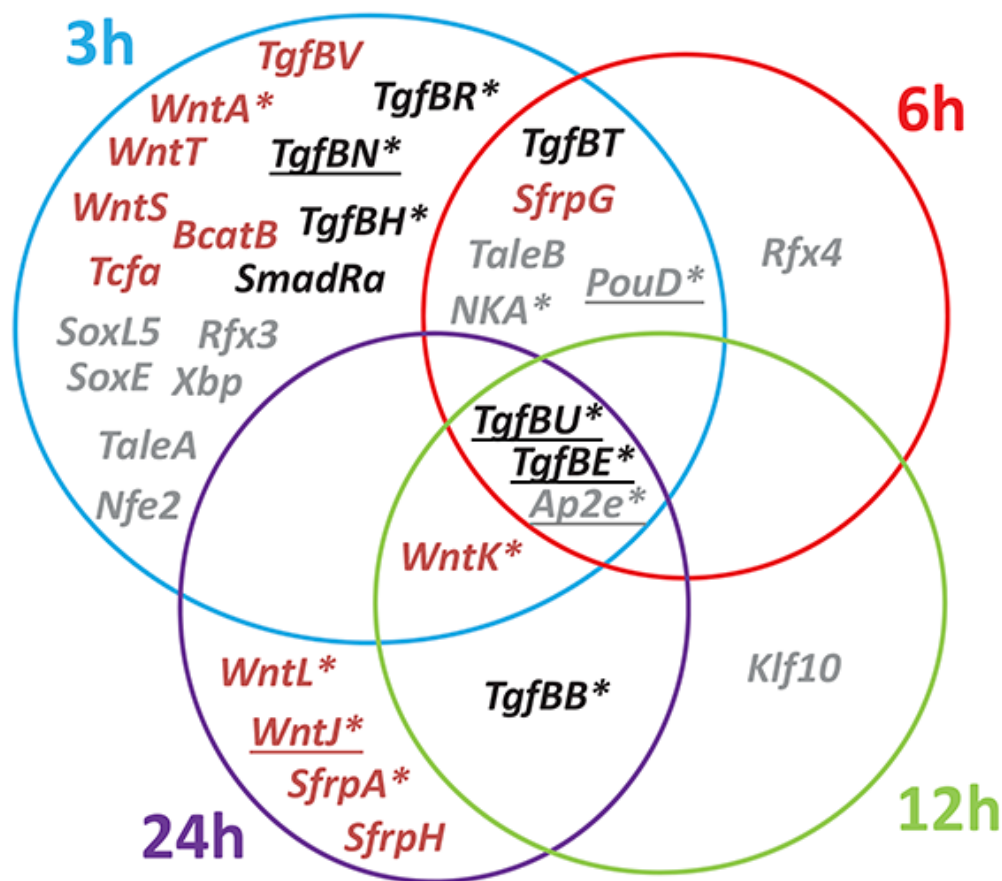
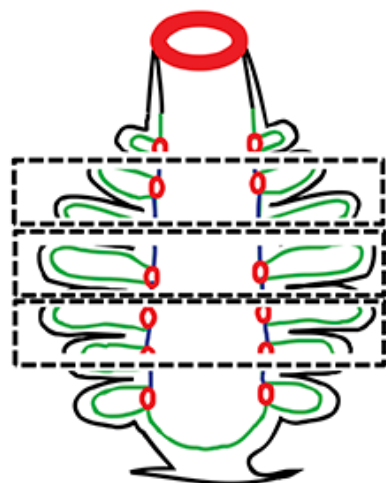


Borisenko et al.
2016

Regeneration in *Sycon*: detection of differentially expressed genes by RNA-Seq

Within hours of dissection, multiple Wnt and Tgf-beta pathway components, including their key transcription factors are upregulated, as are also several other developmental transcription factors.

Many of these genes are highly expressed in the osculum of intact sponges.



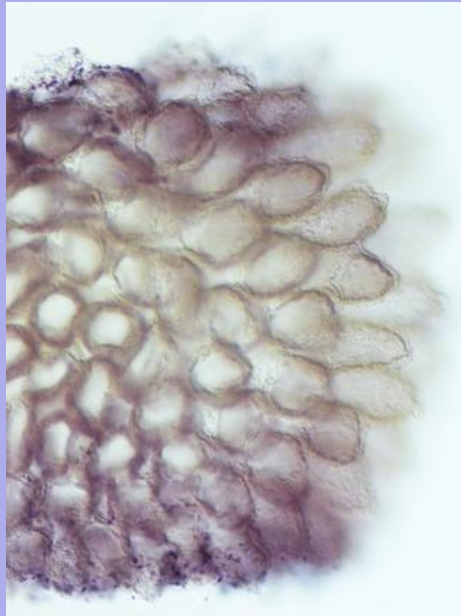
*Genes** with statistically significant higher expression in top than bottom.
*Genes** with statistically significant higher expression in top than middle.

Expression of *SciTgfBU* during regeneration

Intact specimen



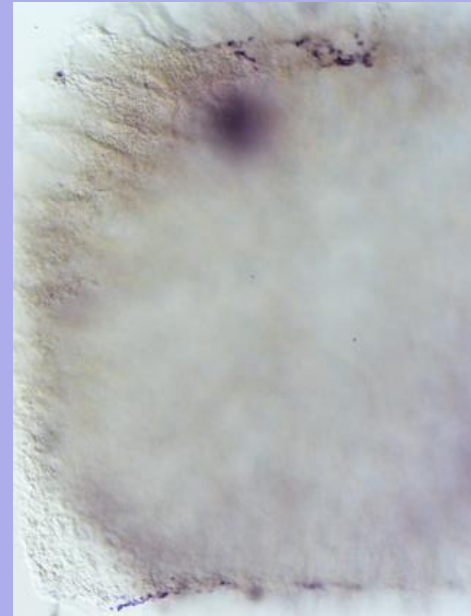
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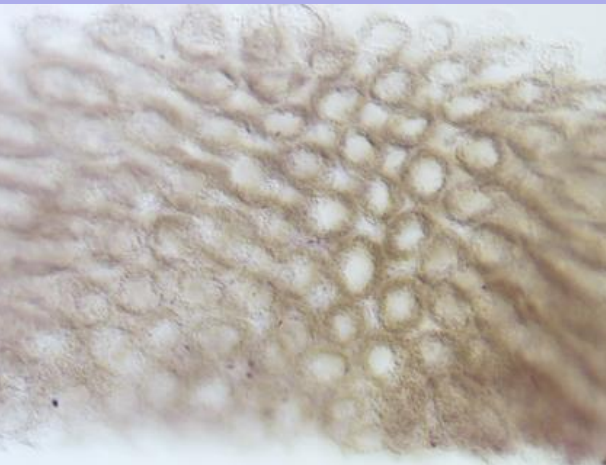
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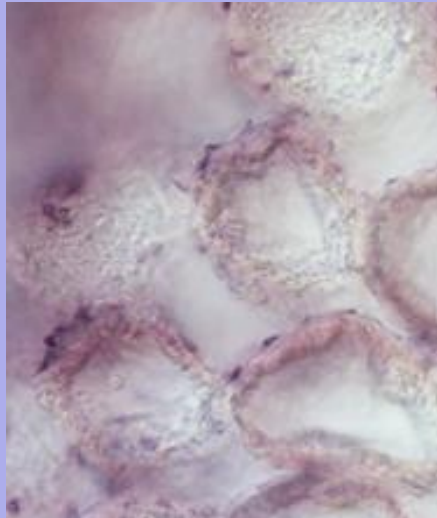
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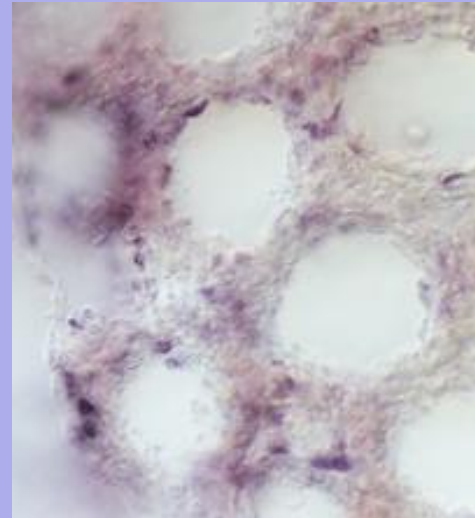
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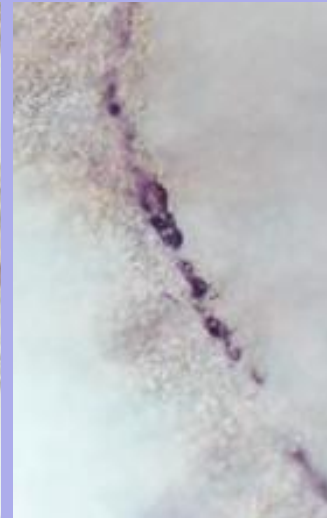
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6 hrs



24 hrs

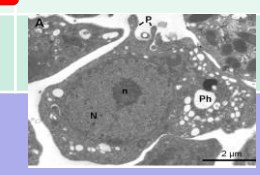
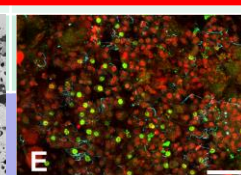
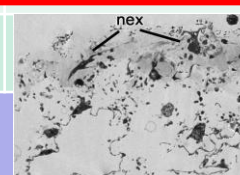
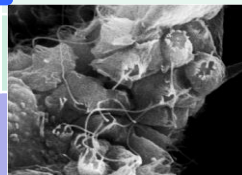
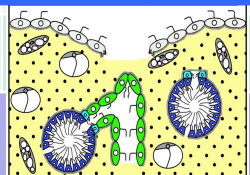
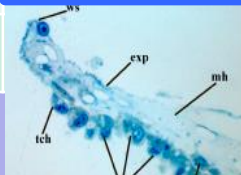


Main stages of regeneration in model sponges

	Retraction of the wound surface	Regenerating "plug" formation	Alignment of the wound edges	Regeneration membrane (epithelization)	Formation of blastema	Restoration of ectosome & choanosome
<i>Oscarella lobularis</i>	+	+	+	+	-	+
<i>Sycon ciliatum</i>	-	+	+	+	-	+
<i>Leucosolenia variabilis</i>	+	-	+	+	-	+
<i>Halisarca dujardini</i>	+	+	+	+	+	+

Basic morphogenetic and cellular processes during models regeneration

	Spreading (flattening) of epithelial sheets	Fusion of epithelial sheets	Cell transdifferentiation	Epithelial-mesenchymal transitions	Active local cell proliferation	Participation of stem-cells
<i>Oscarella lobularis</i>	+	+	+	-	-	+
<i>Sycon ciliatum</i>	+	+	+	-	-	+
<i>Leucosolenia variabilis</i>	+	+	+	-	-	+
<i>Halisarca dujardini</i>	-	-	+	+	+	+



Homoscleromorpha and Calcareo regeneration conclusions

- 1 - The basic morphogenetic processes during **Homoscleromorpha** and **Calcareo** regeneration are spreading (flattening) and fusion of epithelial sheets.
- 2 - This regeneration accompanied by **transdifferentiation** of differentiated cells in the wound area.
- 3 - The regeneration in **Calcareo** and **Homoscleromorpha** is **morphallactic**, when lost body parts are replaced by the remodeling of the remaining tissue accompanying with cells transdifferentiation.
- 4 - The **main sources** of new exopinacoderm are: intact **pinacoderm**, surrounding the wound surface, intact **choanoderm**.

Demosponges regeneration conclusions

- 1 - The main mechanism during *Halisarca* regeneration is a **mesenchymal morphogenesis by mesenchymal-epithelial transformations**.
- 2 - This regeneration involves intervention of **polypotent cells** - **archaeocytes** and **choanocytes** - that migrate to the injured area where form a **blastema** with dedifferentiated cells.
- 3 - The **regeneration in *Halisarca*** has **epimorphosis** features that require blastema formation, active cellular dedifferentiation and proliferation prior to the replacement of the lost body part.
- 4 - There are **three main sources of the new exopinacoderm** during regeneration: choanocytes, archaeocytes and (rarely) endopinacocytes.

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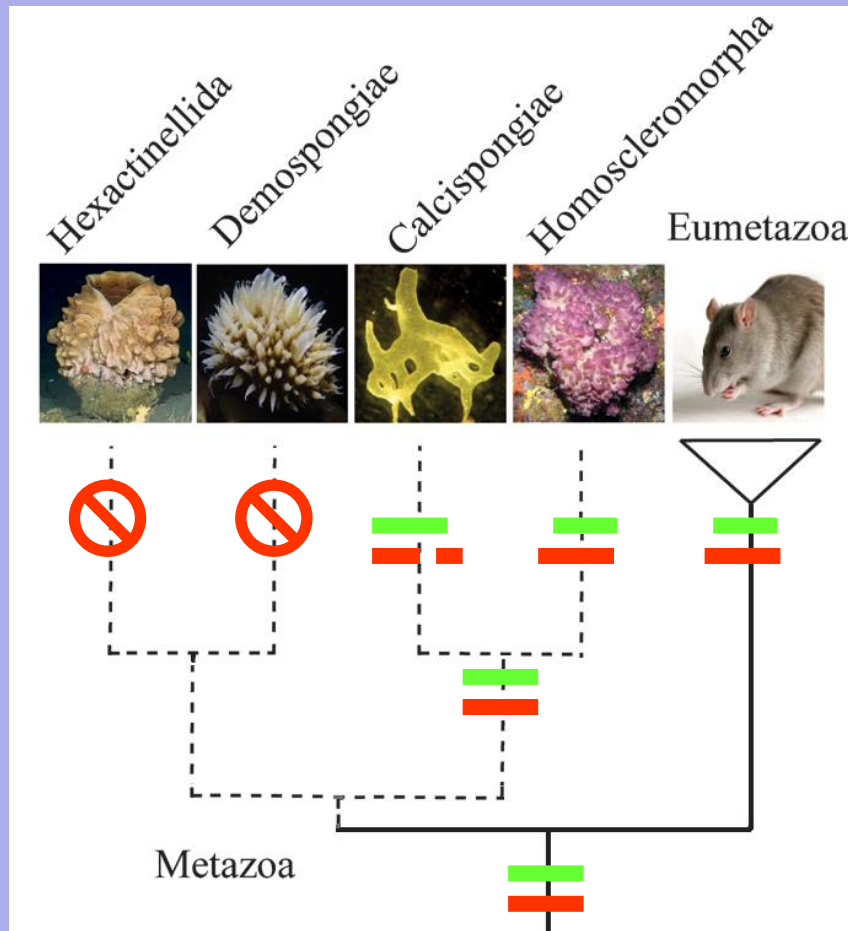


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Evolution of regeneration mechanisms



— Epithelium

— Epithelial morphogenesis