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Botany

Sexual Reproduction in  
Flowering Plants

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# FLOWER



Angiosperms



Non-essential whorls / Accessory whorls

Petals  
Corolla (C)

Sepals  
collection: Calyx (K)

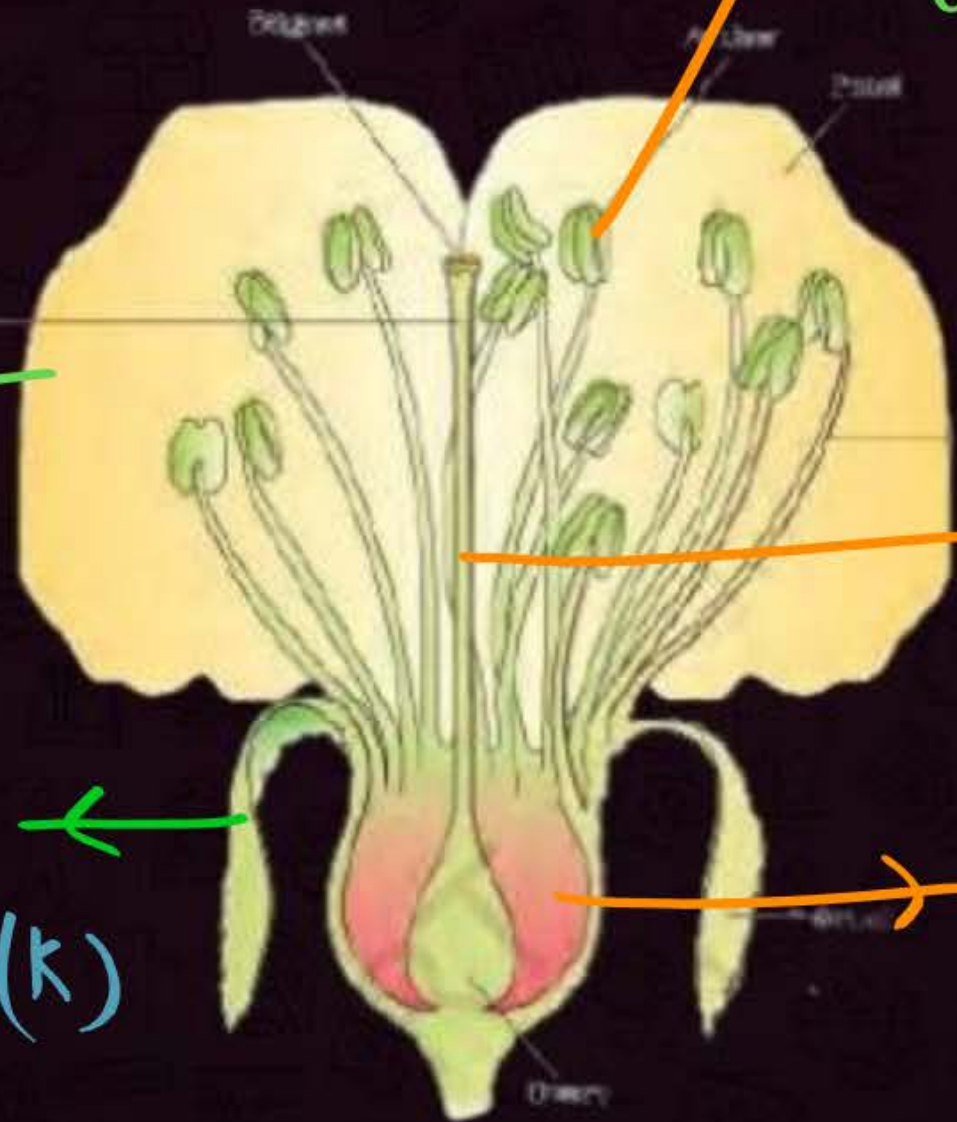
Stamens  
(Androecium)

Carpel / Pistil  
(Gynoecium)

Thalamus / Receptacle

Essential whorls

↓  
Participate in reproduction





SAM (shoot-apical meristem)



Floral meristem



hormonal & structural changes

Floral primordium



Flower





# Sexual Reproduction



## 3 Parts

### Pre-fertilization event

- Pollen pistil interaction
- Microsporogenesis ✓
- Pollengrain development ✓
- Formation of male gametes
- Megasporogenesis ✓
- Embryo-sac development ✓
- Female gamete ✓
- Pollination ✓

### Fertilisation

- Fusion

### Post fertilization Events

- Embryo development
- Endosperm development
- Seed formation
- Fruit formation

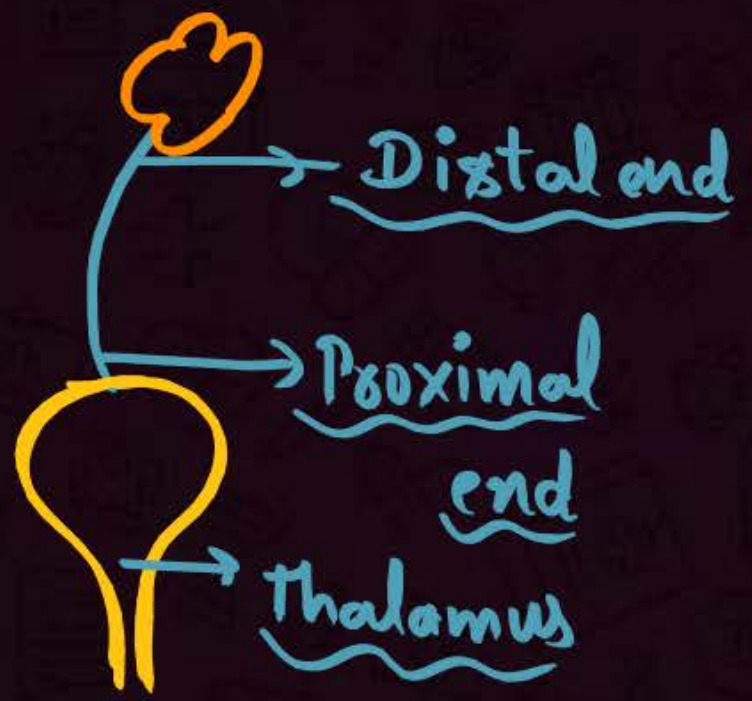


# ANDROECIUM

- Male reproductive Unit
- Collection of stamens

\* Filament is attached with thalamus by Proximal end (Khela)

\* Filament is attached with Anther by Distal end (Khela)





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Filament can be  
attached with

Filament  
never attached  
with Sepal X

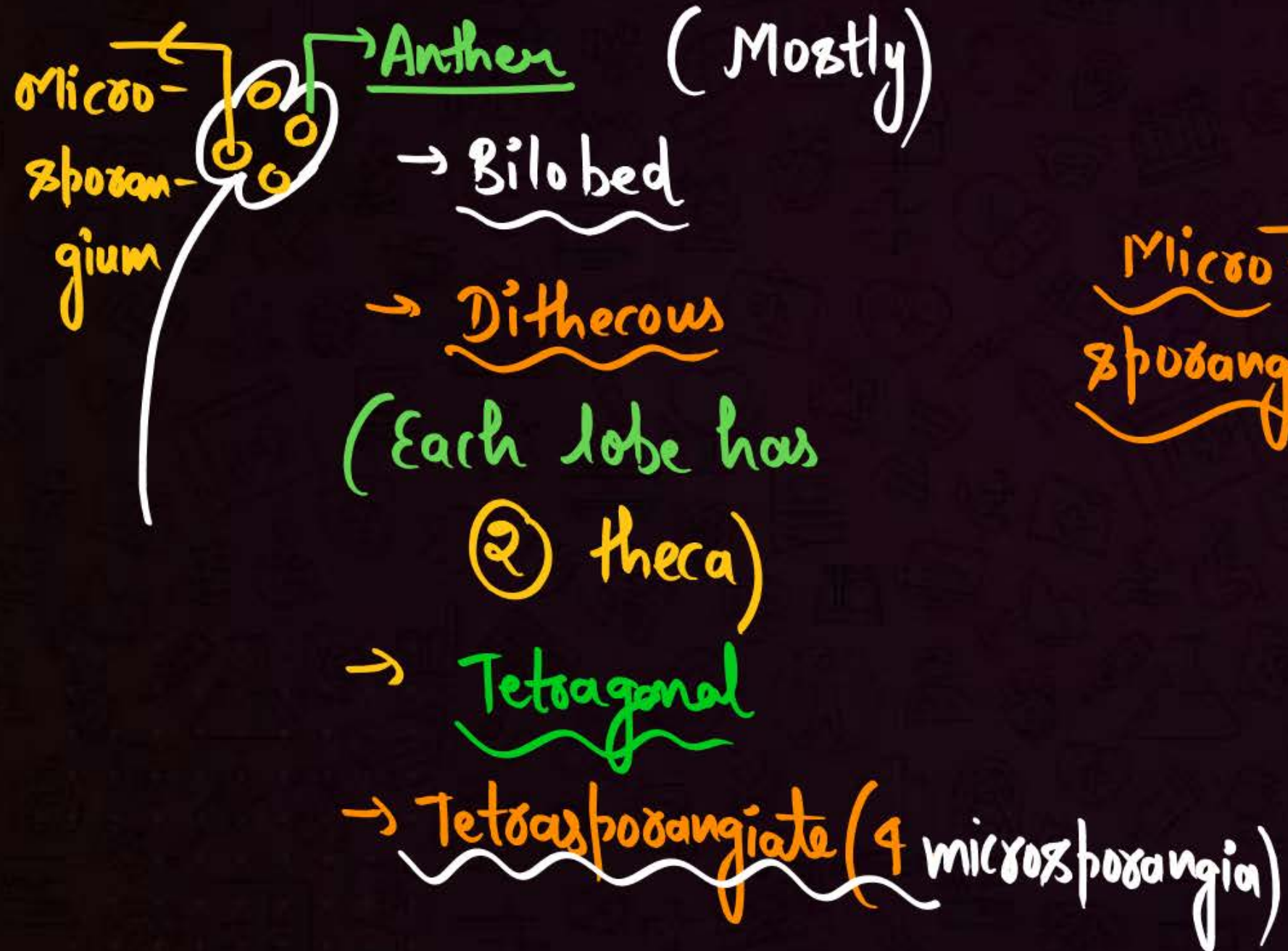
\* Thalamus (Mostly)

\* Petals (Epipetalous) → Solanaceae family

\* Tepals (Epithyllous) → Liliaceae family  
(Perianth) (onion)



# ANDROECIUM



## Exception:

### Malvaceae family

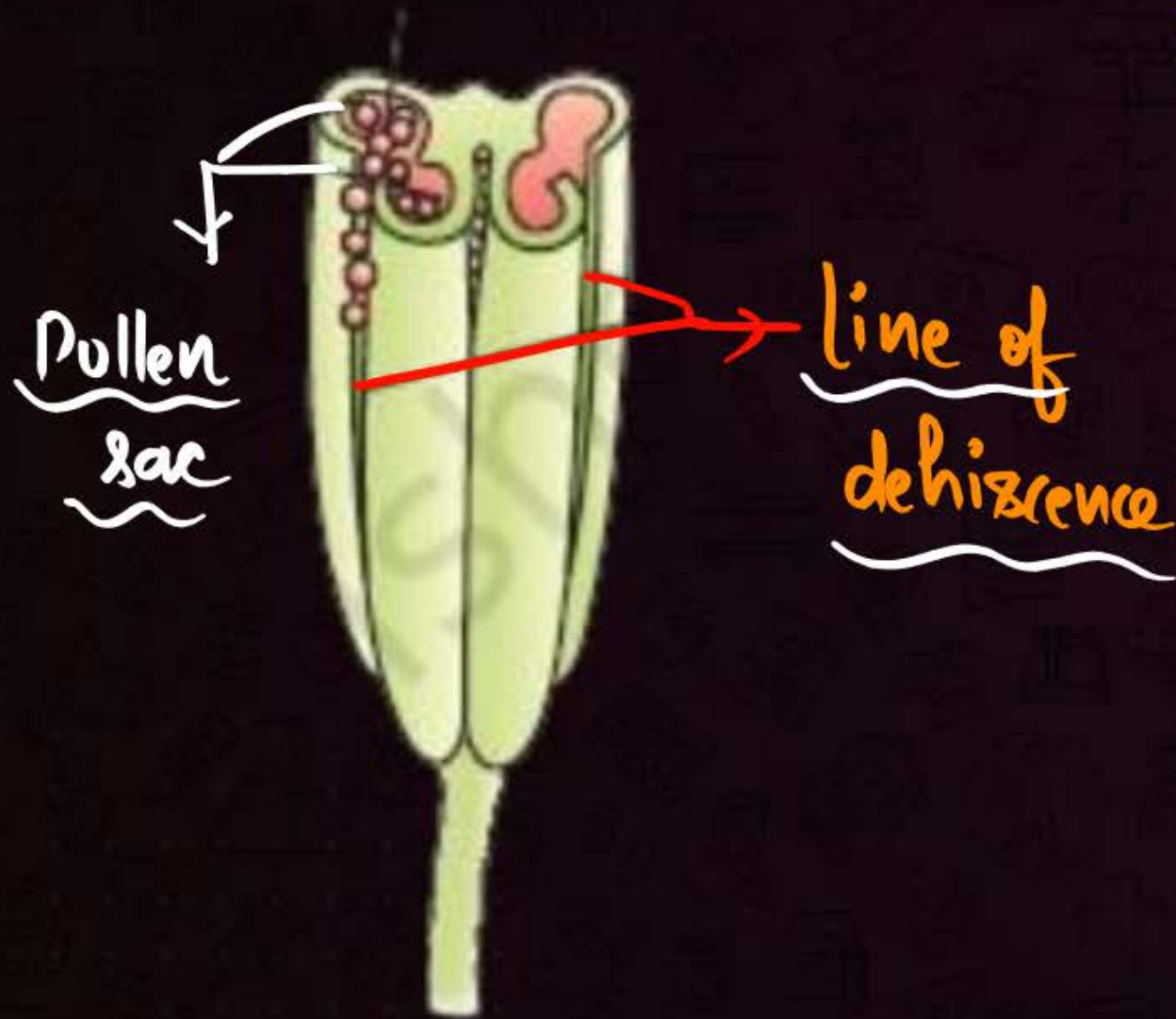




# ANDROECIUM

\* Longitudinal groove

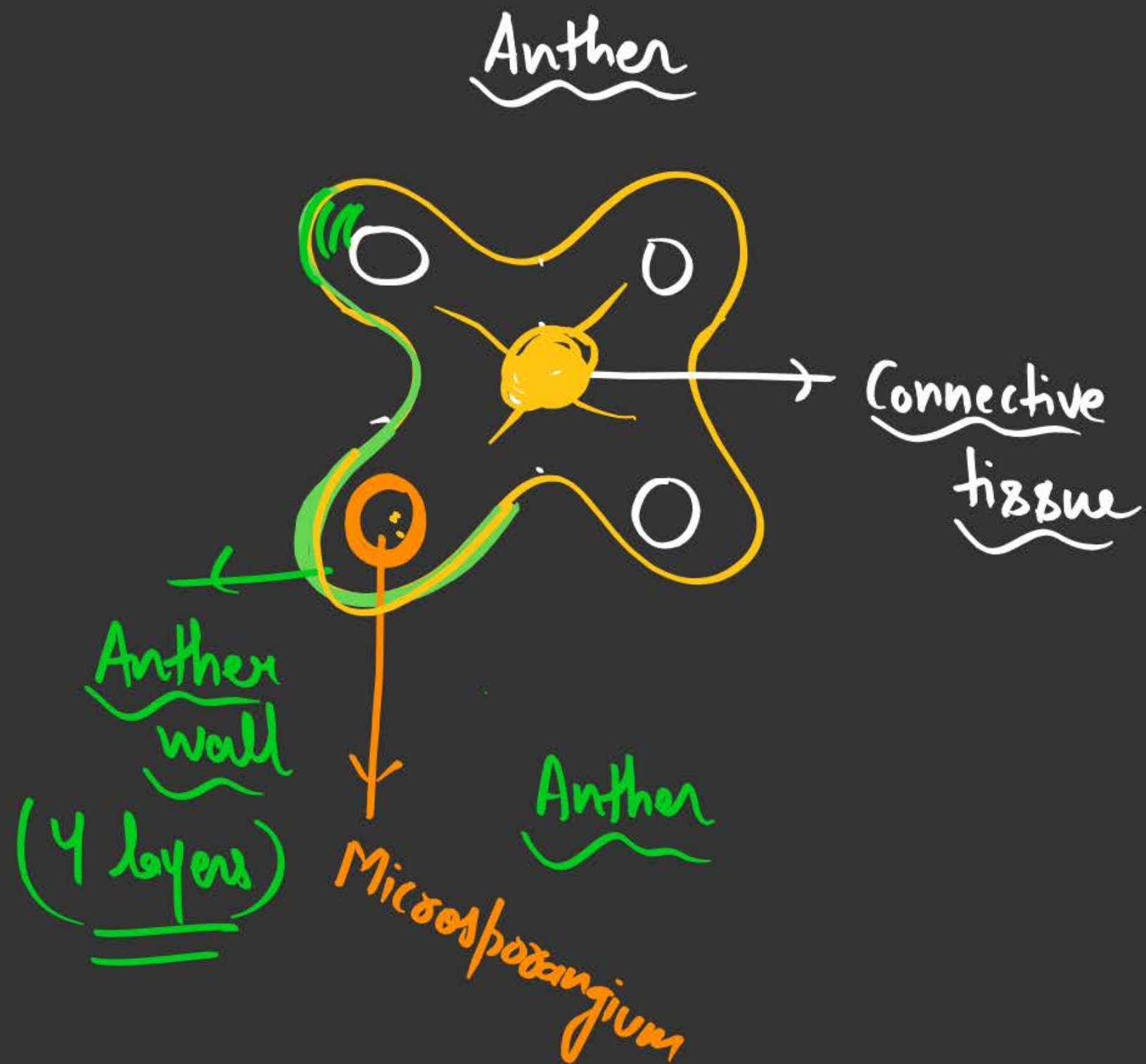
↓  
Depression that separates  
the two theca and  
runs lengthwise



Pollen-Sac

when anther matures,  
then microsporangia  
are called as  
"Pollen-sacs"  
(as they contain  
pollengrains)









# Anther



## Anther Wall

has 4 layers

1. Epidermis
2. Endothecium
3. Middle layers
4. Tapetum

## Microsporangium

- Each microsporangium is circular structure
- In young anther Each microsporangium is filled with a mass of compactly arranged homogenous meristematic tissue called as **SPOROGENOUS TISSUE**

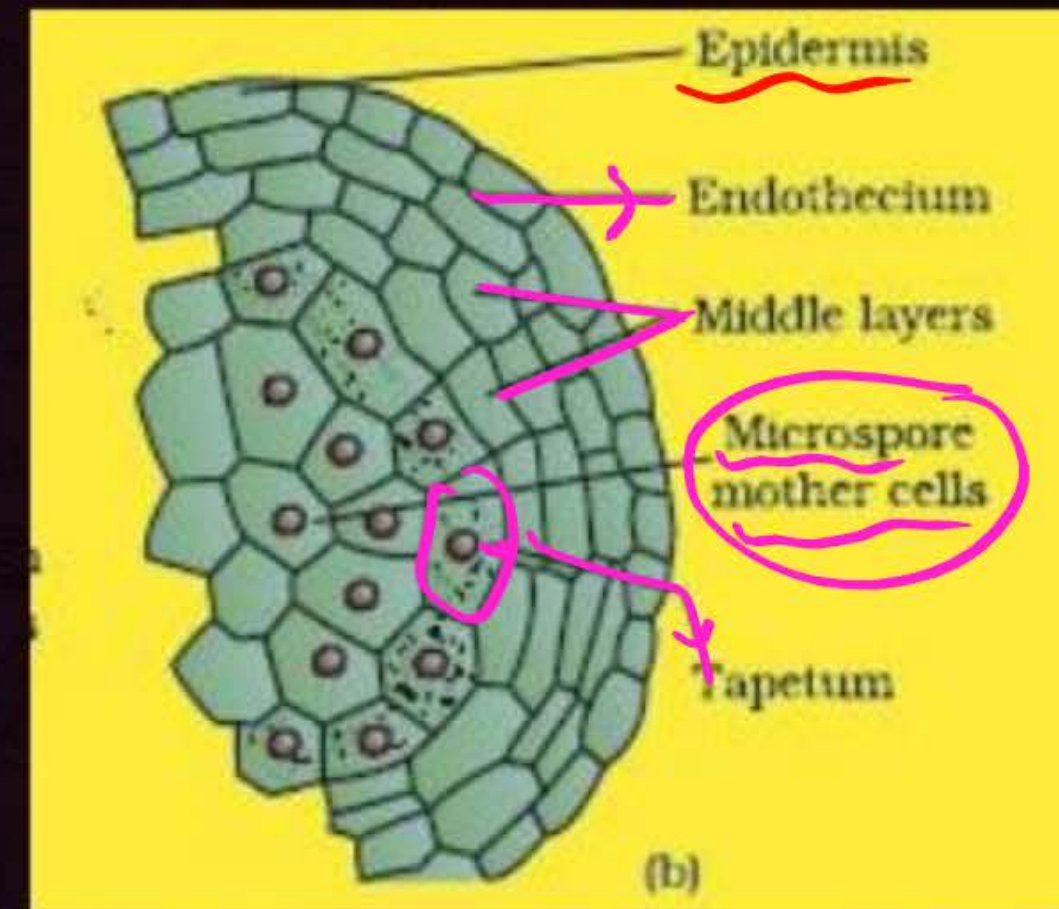
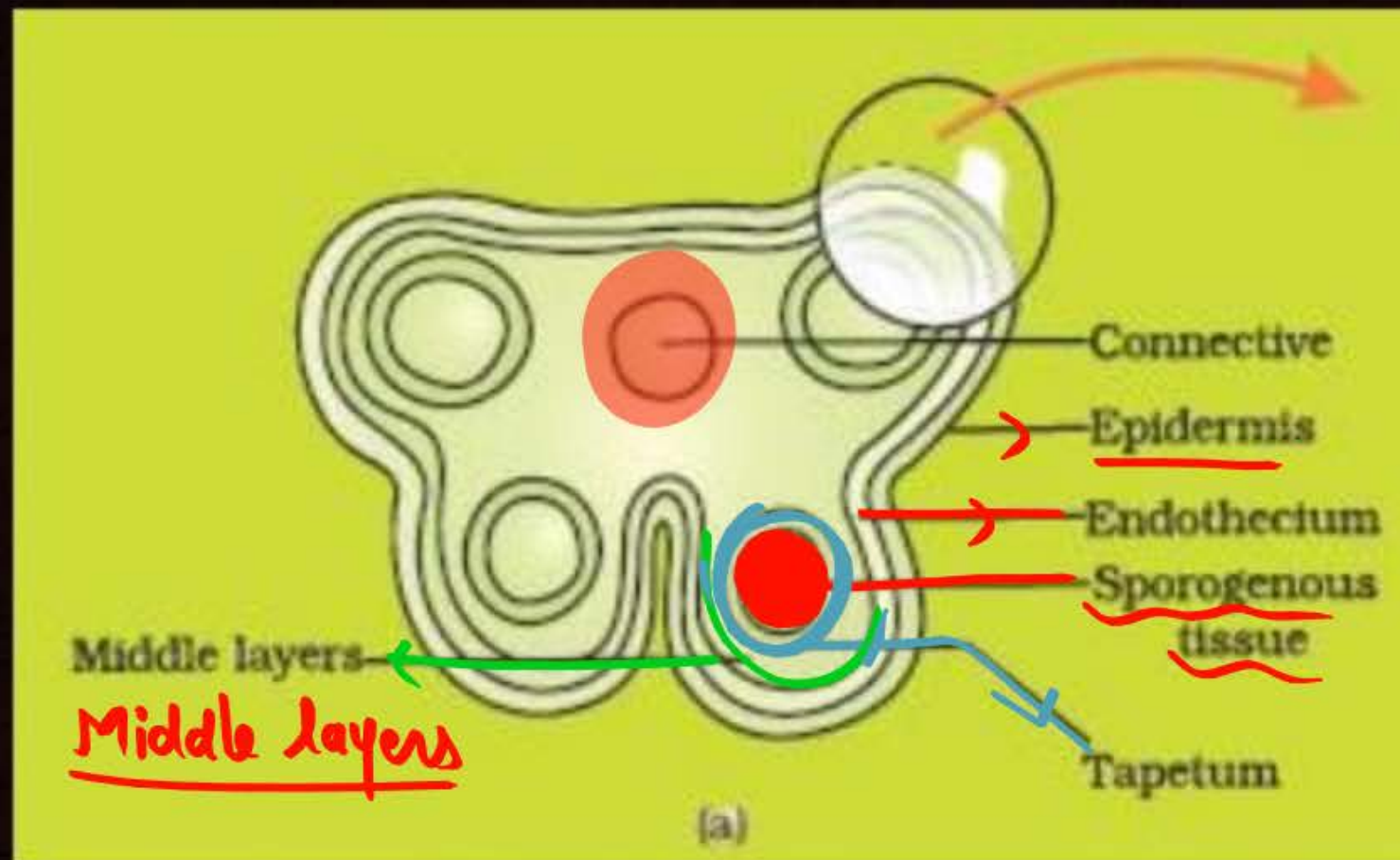
## Connective Tissue

- It is vasculated sterile tissue which connects the two lobes of anther



# ANTHER

Epidermis  
↓  
Endothecium  
↓  
Middle layers  
↓  
Tapetum







## Epidermis (2n)

- \* Single-layered
- \* Outermost (Protective)

## Endothecium (2n)

- \* Single-layered
- \* Function:  
Help in Dehiscence  
of anther

## Middle-layers (2n)

- \* 2-3 layered
- \* Short-lived  
(Ephemeral)

NOTE:

the outer three layers

perform the function  
of Protection &  
dehiscence of anther.





# Anther Wall



Tapetum

Cells have dense cytoplasm

Innermost layer of Anther wall

Polyploid

When cell arrests at Anaphase, (DNA, content and chromosomes increases)  
(Endopolyploidy, Endomitosis)

has more than one nucleus

- Failure of cytokinesis
- Binucleated or multinucleated

Functions:

- a. Provide nourishment to developing pollen Grains.



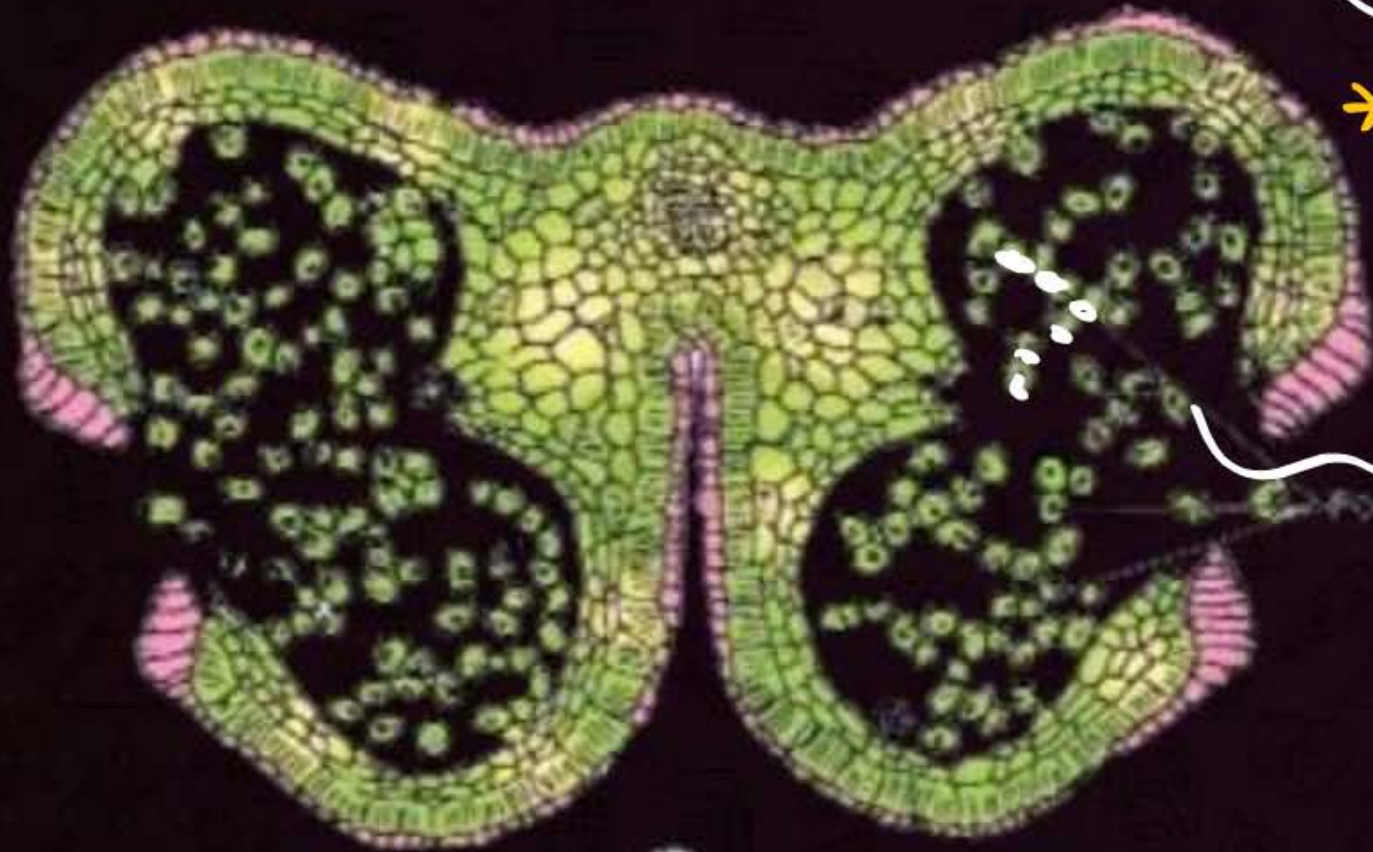
# ANTHER

when Anther  
matures



\* Dehydrates

\* Dehisces



Pollen grains  
are released

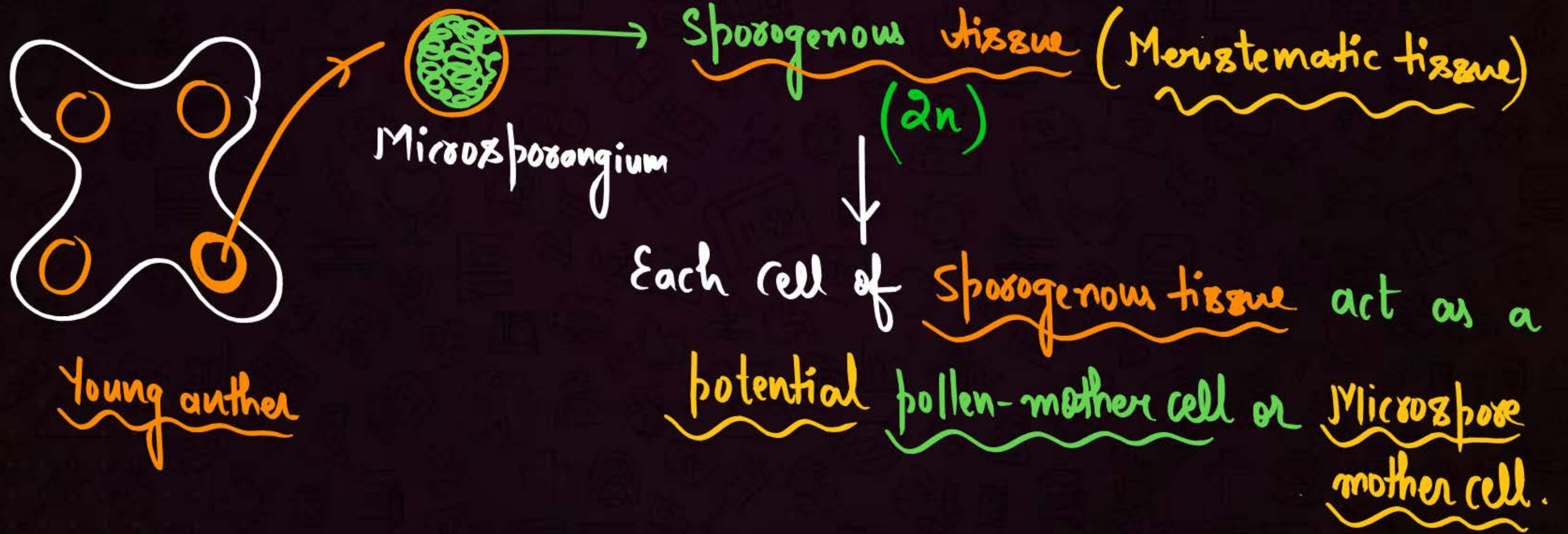




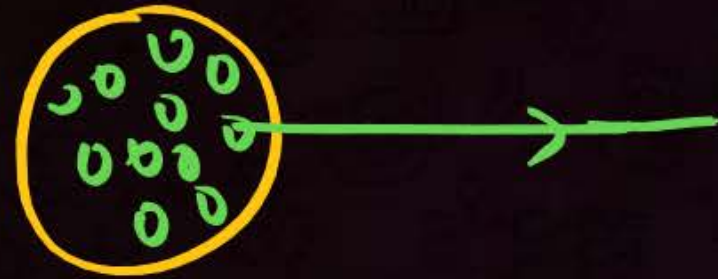
# Microsporogenesis



Formation of Microspores inside microsporangium







Microsporangium

Each microsporangium has thousands of (micro-spore mother cells)

Micro-spore mother cell (MMC) or Pollen mother cell (PMC)



MMC (2n)

Meiosis / Reductional division



Microspore Tetrad

(4) microspores (n)

(Are attached with each other by Callose)

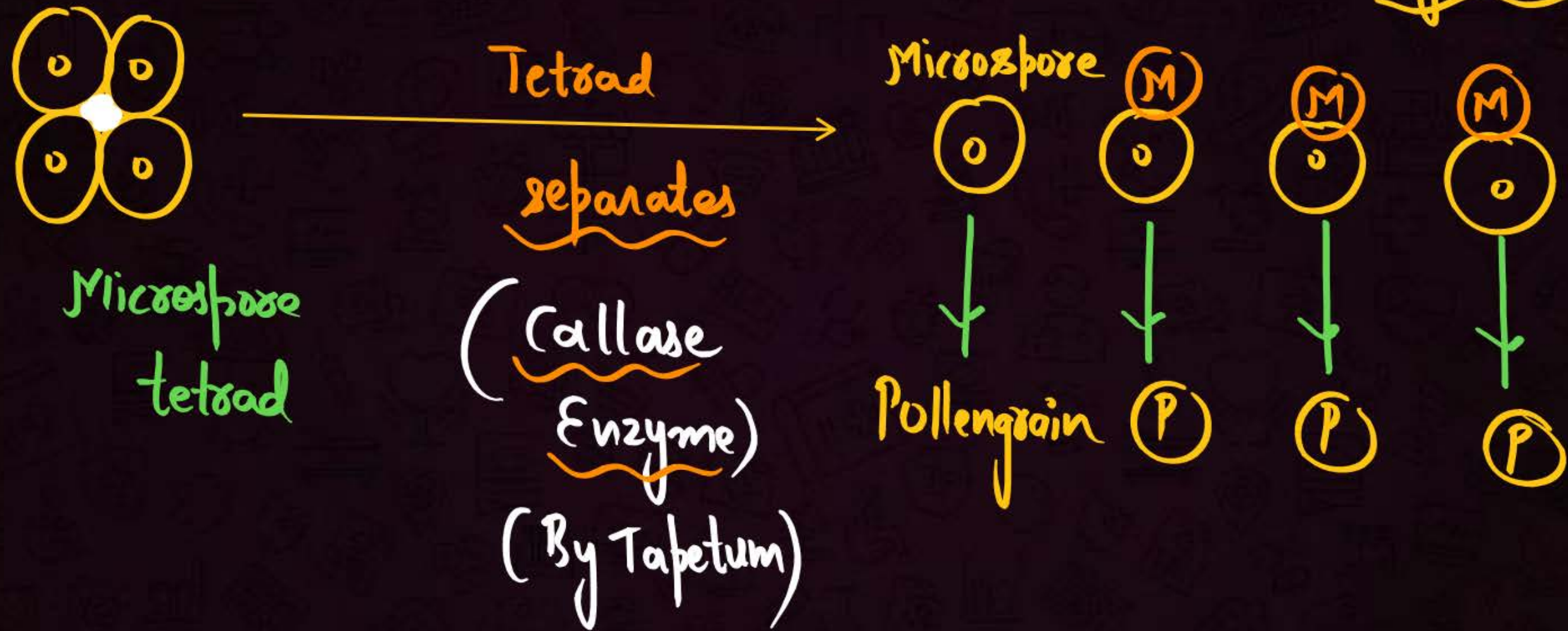




Micropores in a tetrad are associated with each other by CALLOSE (carbohydrate)  
(In cell wall of micropores)



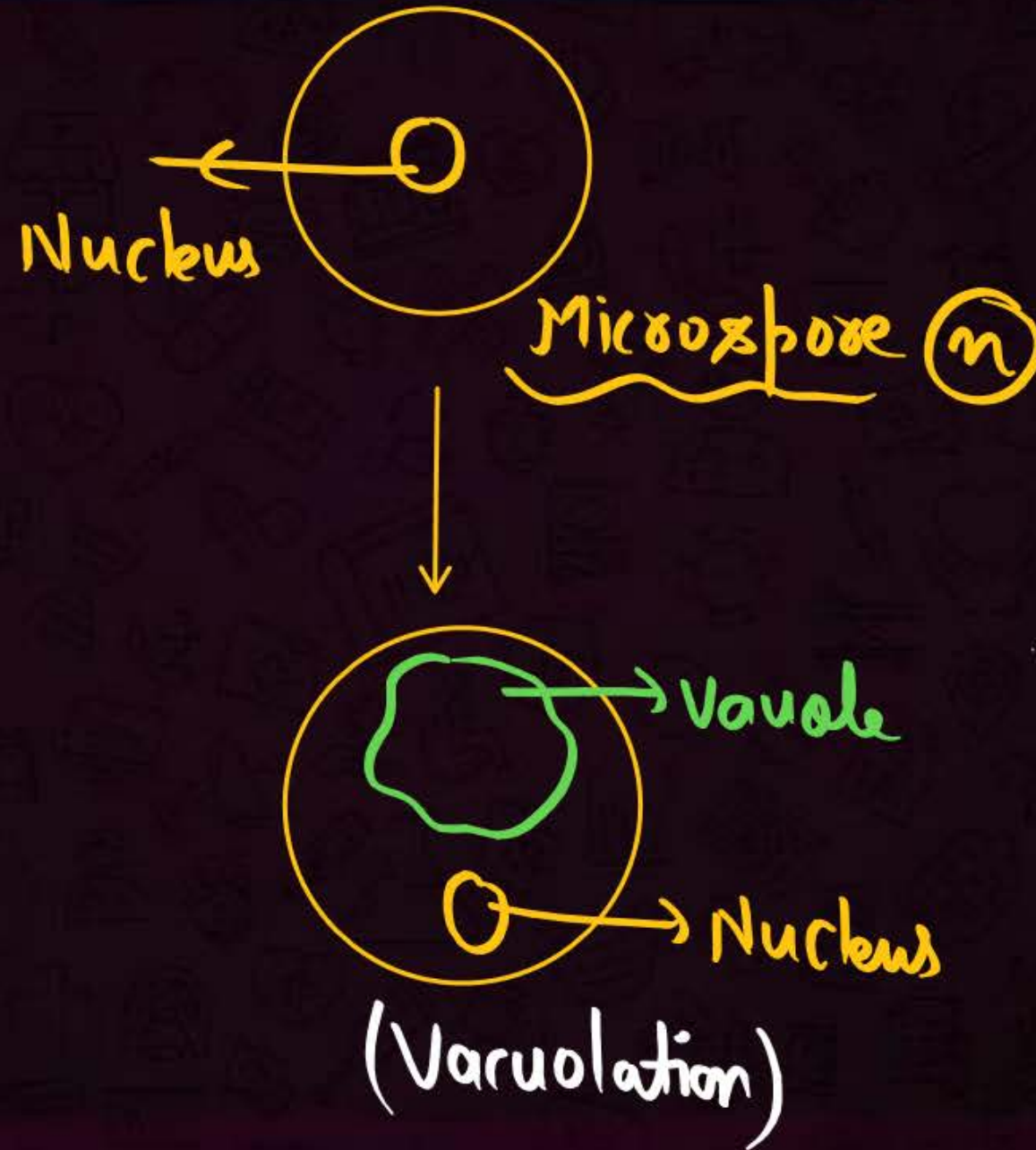
Each microspore ( $n$ ) gives rise to Pollengrain / Male gametophyte



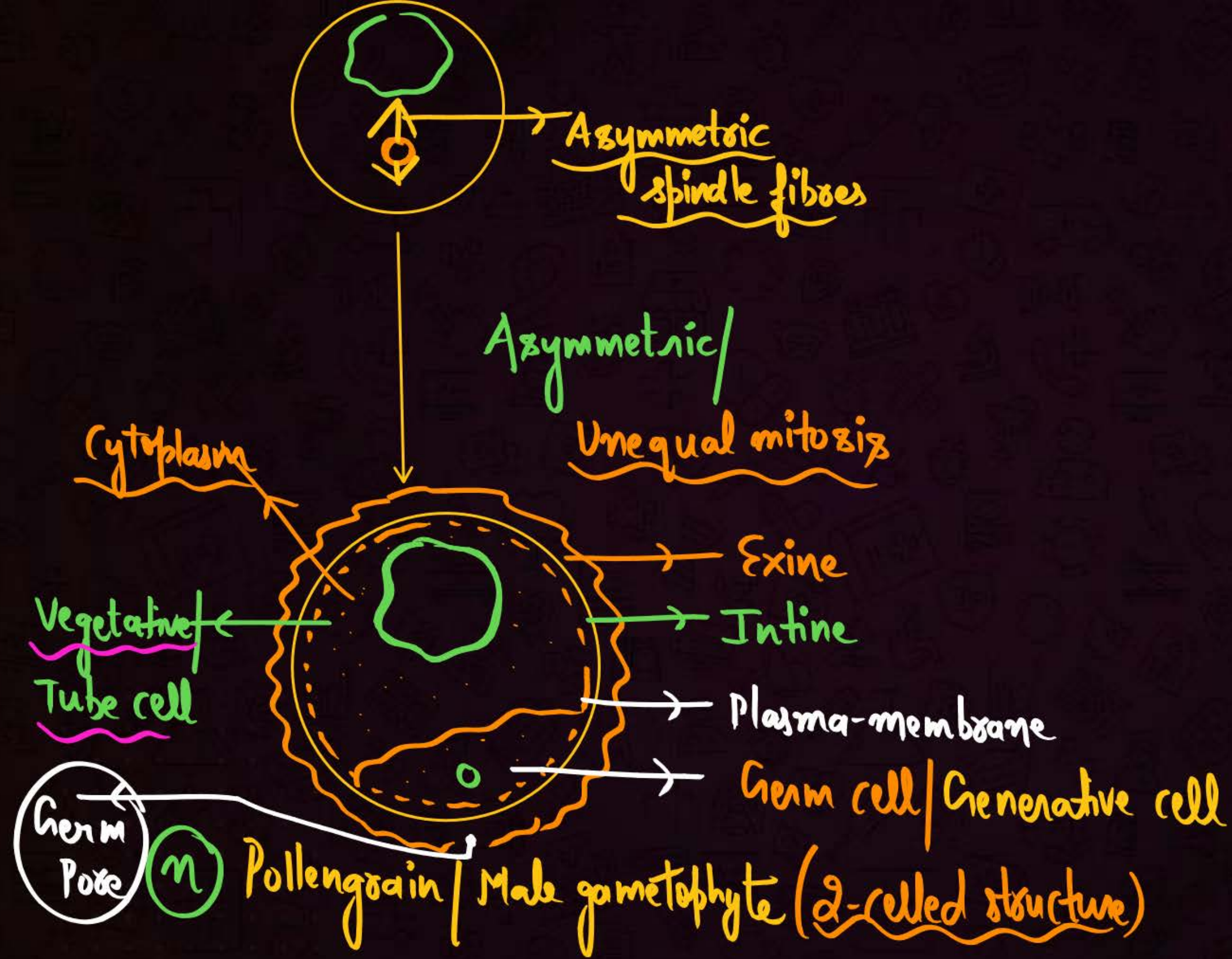




## Development/formation of Male Gametophyte/Pollen Grain



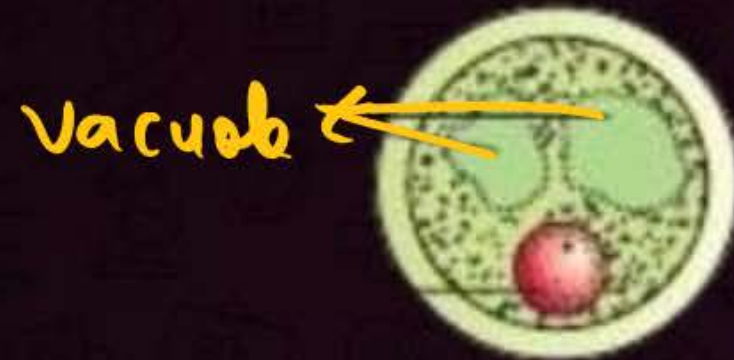




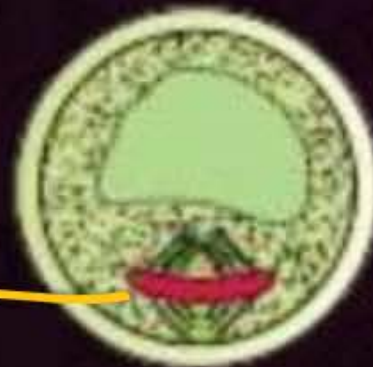




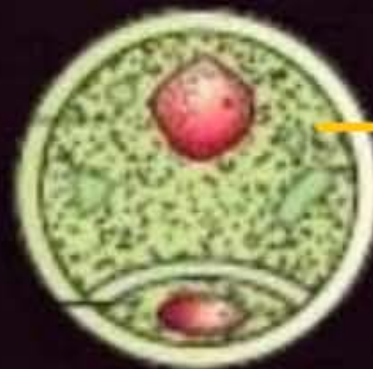
Microspore



vacuole



Asymetrical  
spindle



Pollengrain





## Pollen Grain / Male Gametophyte



- Haploid structure
- Spherical → shape
- Diameter 25-50  $\mu$  m

### Structure of pollen Grain

A. Exine → outermost covering of pollen grain.

Thick and Discontinuous (Absent at some points)

Has Germline Pore → Point where Exine Absent.

It is a point from where pollen tube comes out.





## Pollen Grain / Male Gametophyte

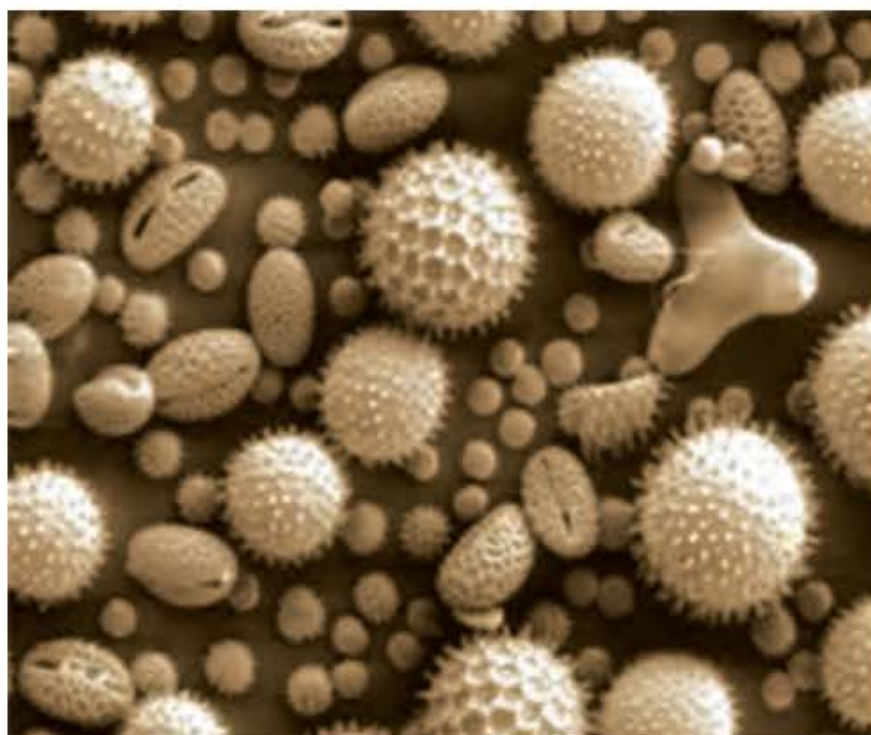


Exine is made of Sporopollenin

### SPOROPOLLENIN

- Hardest substance of Universe
- Most Resistant Substance of universe
- Nothing can degrade it
- No alkali, acid, enzyme, low or high temp.
- Due to sporopollenin, the Fossils of pollen grains are well preserved.
- Exine has taxonomic significance also it gives pollen grain different designs, <sup>texture</sup> ~~tacties~~ and pattern.









## Pollen Grain / Male Gametophyte



b. **Intine** → Thin and continuous  
made of → Cellulose and pectin  
(Pectucellulosic)

c. **Cytoplasm** → The cytoplasm of  
pollen grain is surrounded by  
"Plasma-membrane".

d. **Vegetative/Tube cell**

- Large cell, Haploid
- Abundant food reserve material
- Nucleus → Irregular - shaped
- Function: Helps in Pollen tube formation

e. **Generative cell/ Germ Cell**

- Haploid
- Small and spindle-shaped
- has <sup>less</sup> amount of cytoplasm (dense cytoplasm)
- Floats in the cytoplasm of vegetative cell
- Function → Undergoes mitosis to form  
two male gametes.





## Shedding of Pollen Grain



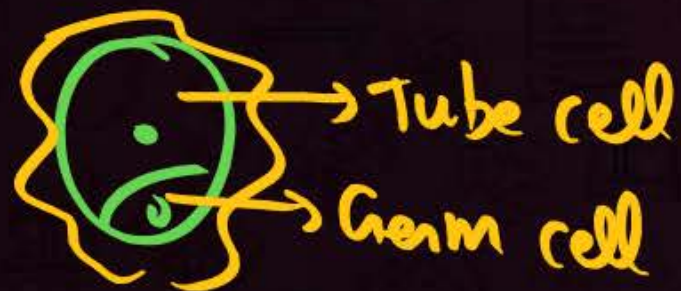
Anther dehisces, pollen grains are released.

### In 60% Angiosperms

(Half development of pollen grain occurs inside anther and half on stigma)

Shedding of pollen grain, occurs at

2 celled stage

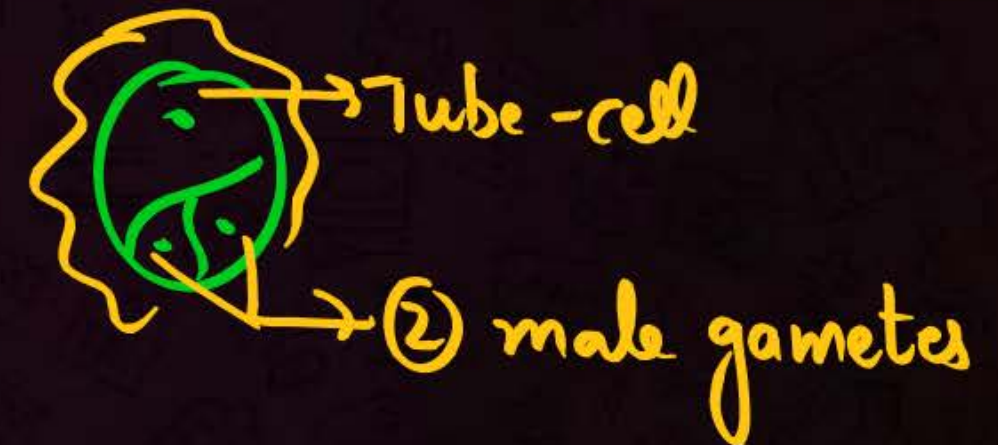


- Germ cell will divide (mitosis) to give 2 male gametes when it will reach stigma and form pollen tube.

### In 40% Angiosperms

(Full development of pollen grain occurs inside anther)

Shedding occurs at 3 celled stage



- Male gametes in pollen grain inside anther.





## Pollen Allergy



**Some plants** → Pollen grains → contaminants cause allergy :

- (1) Bronchitis
- (2) Asthma

**Plants:**

**Parthenium grass** (carrot grass) (came in India as contaminant with imported wheat)  
(Problematic weed)

**Amaranthus**

**Chenopodium**





## Pollen Products



### Pollen Products

- Pollen grains → Reserve food material (Nutrients)
- Pollen grains are taken by (1) Athletes (2) Horses
- In forms of (1) Tablets (2) Syrup

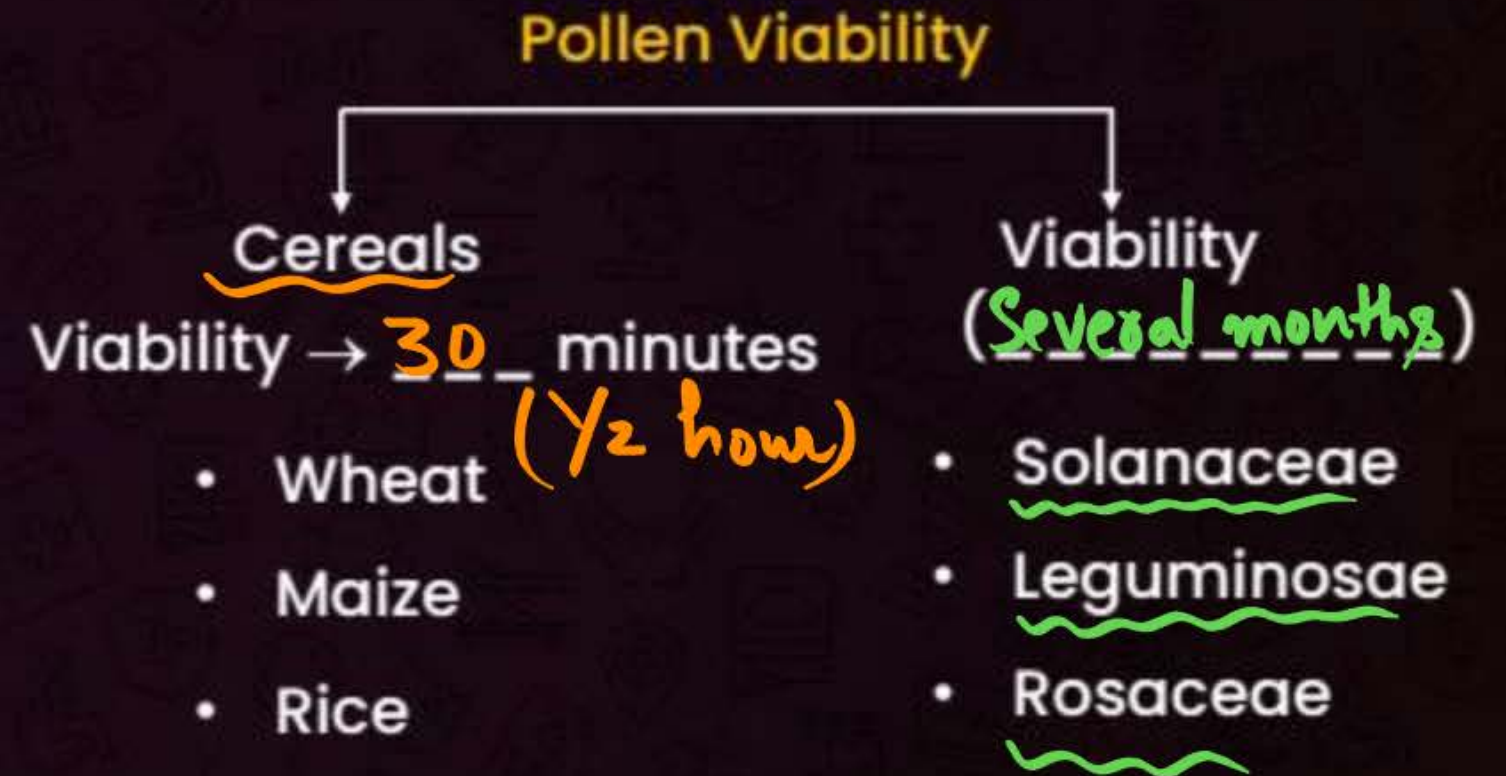




## Pollen Viability



The time period up to which pollen grain remains capable of forming Pollen tube after coming out of anther is Pollen viability.



- Pollen viability is highly variable

Depends on :

- (a) prevailing Temperature
- (b) Humidity





## Pollen Bank



Pollen Grain are stored in labs.

**Cryopreservation**

At  $-196^{\circ}\text{C}$  in liquid Nitrogen





## QUESTION



Pollen grains are well-preserved as fossils because of the presence of

**A** Sporopollenin

**B** Cellulose

**C** Pectin

**D** Carotenoids



## QUESTION



Which of the following option about tapetum is correct?

- ☒ **A** Nutritive tissue
- ☐ **B** Sporogenous tissue ✗
- ☐ **C** Protective and haploid tissue
- ☐ **D** External layer of microsporangium wall



## QUESTION

The prominent pollen grain apertures called germ pores are present on

- ☐ A Vegetative cell
- ☐ B Intine
- ☒ C Exine
- ☐ D Generative cell

## QUESTION

Pollen viability for rice and wheat plants is

- A** 30 hours
- B** Several months
- C**  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour
- D** 30 seconds



## QUESTION



### Exine of pollen grain

- A** is pectocellulosic ✗
- B** exhibits of fascinating array of patterns and designs ✓
- C** has micropyle ✗
- D** is degraded enzymes ✗

## QUESTION



In flowering plants, the generative cell of pollen grain divides mitotically to give rise to the

- ☒ **A** 2 male gametes
- ☐ **B** 3 male gametes
- ☐ **C** 1 male gamete
- ☐ **D** 4 male gametes



## QUESTION

The thin and continuous wall layer of pollen is

- A** Exine
- B** Intine
- C** Germ pore
- D** Endothecium

## QUESTION



The two celled stage of mature pollen grain consists of

- ☒ **A** vegetative cell, generative cell
- ☐ **B** Vegetative cell, one male gamete
- ☐ **C** Two male gametes
- ☐ **D** Generative cell, one male gamete



## QUESTION



↗ contain male gametes

To form mature pollen grains how many meiosis and mitosis required?

**A** 1 meiosis and 1 mitosis

**B** 1 meiosis and 2 mitosis

**C** 2 meiosis and 1 mitosis

**D** 1 meiosis and 3 mitosis

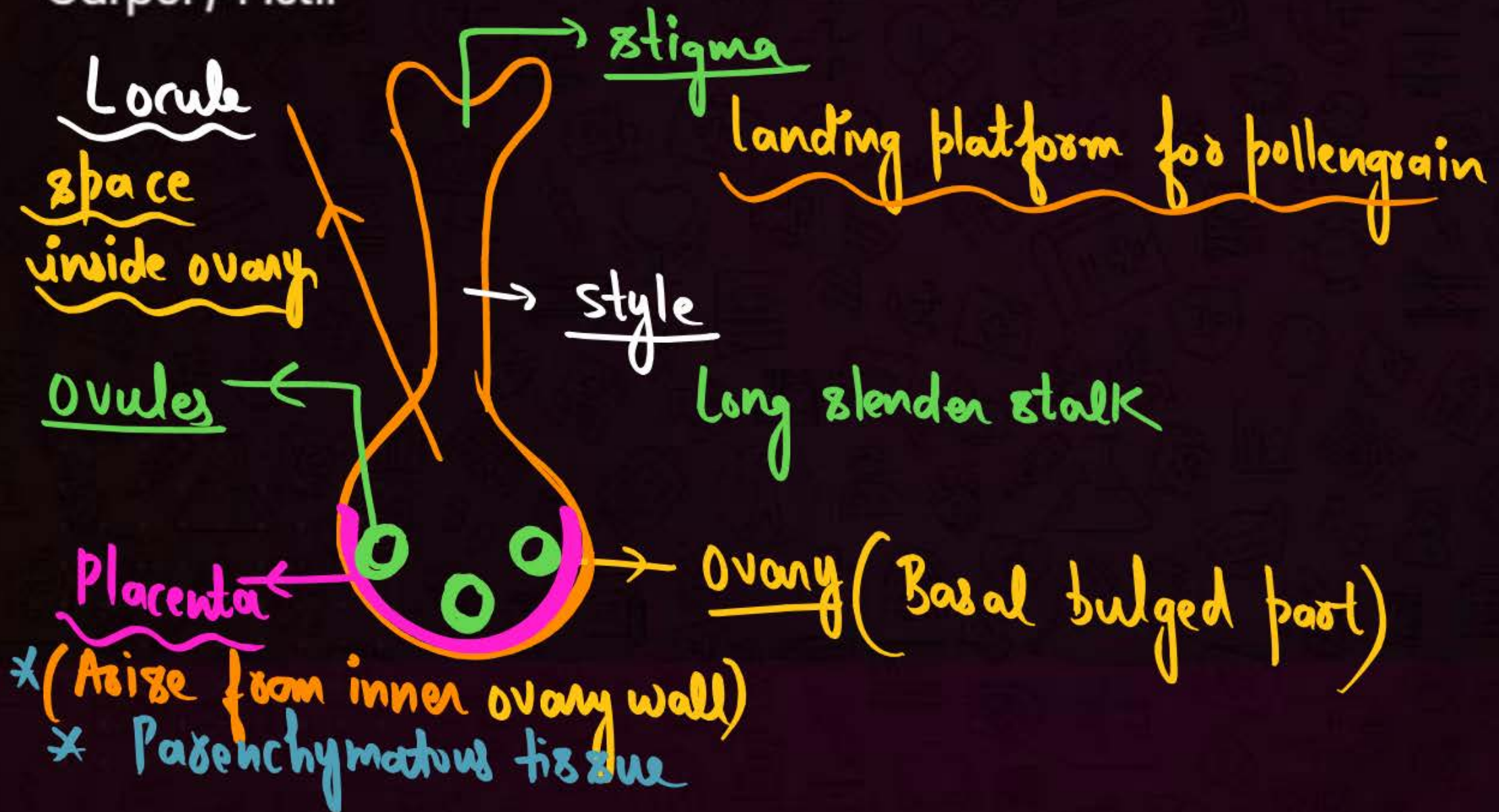


# Gynoecium



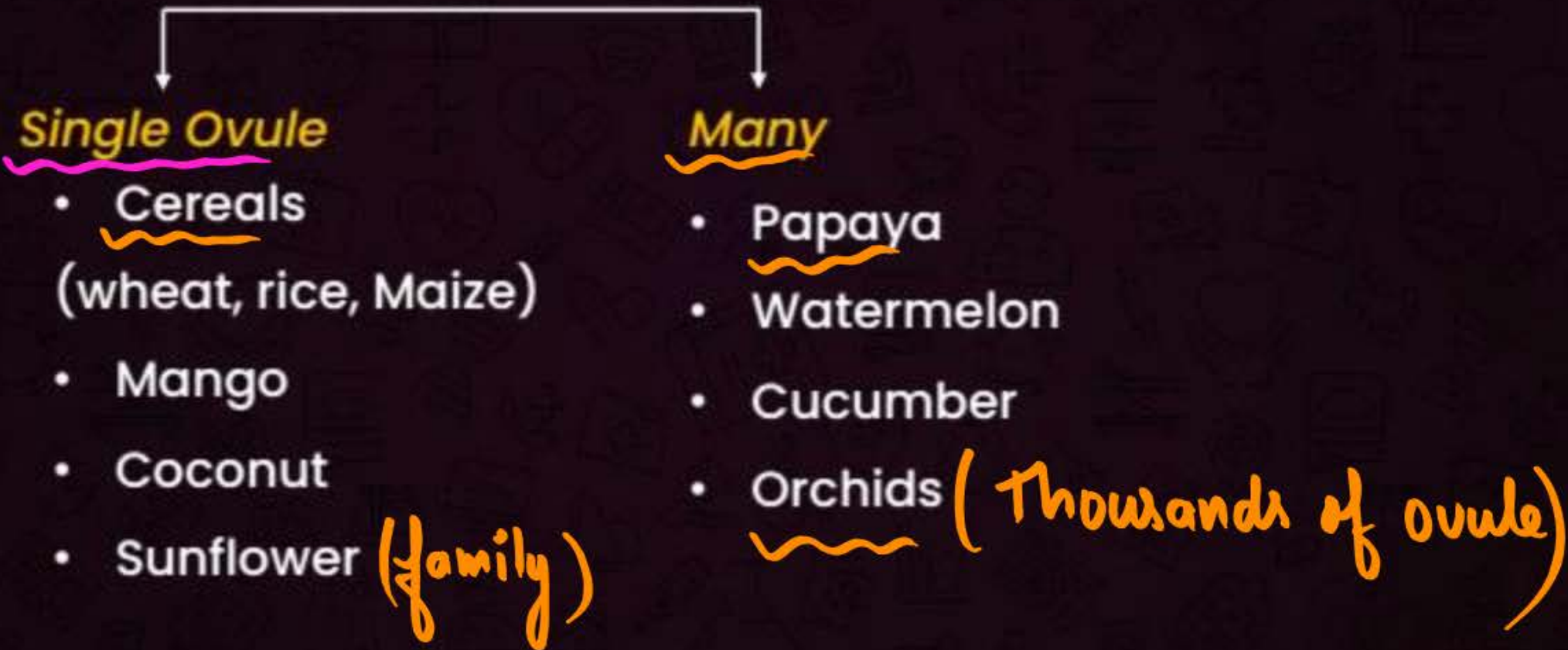
Female reproductive part.

Carpel / Pistil





## Number of Ovules in Ovary





# Gynoecium



## Monocarpellary

Single Carpel (G<sub>1</sub>)

- Leguminosae
- Mango
- Coconut
- Cereals

## Multicarpellary (common condition)

Many Carpels

- Michelia
- Hibiscus (China Rose)
- Papaver
- Lotus
- Rose

If gynoecium has more than 1 Carpels

### Apocarpous

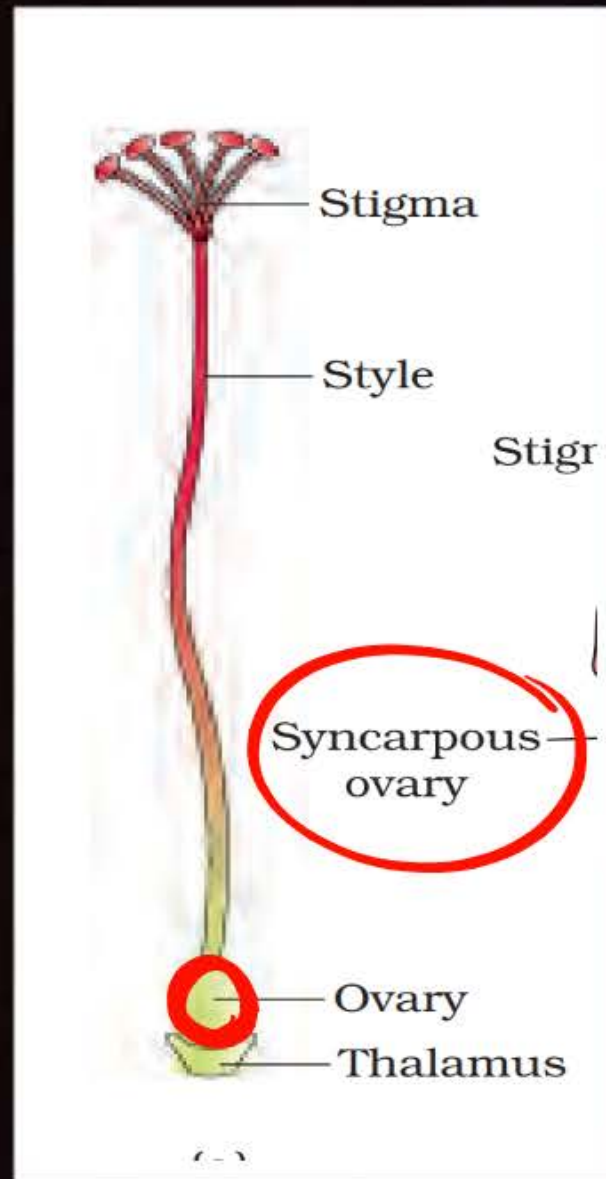
- Carpels → Free
- Lotus
- Rose
- Michelia

### Syncarpous

- Carpels → Fused
- Most common
- Solanaceae
- Malvaceae
- Liliaceae
- Mustard







China-rose  
(M) & (8)



Papaver  
(Opium)

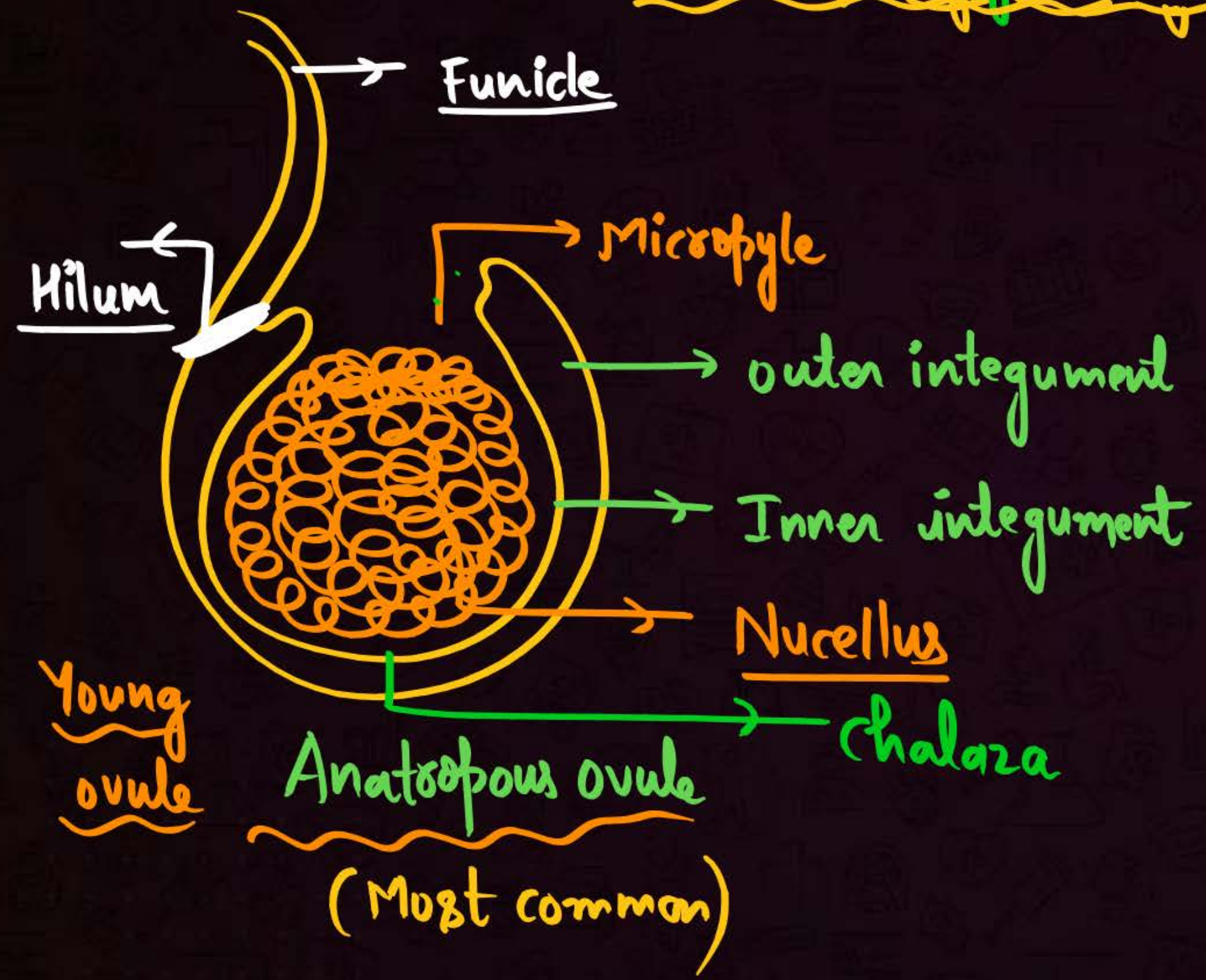


Michelia → Multicarpellary & Apocarpous

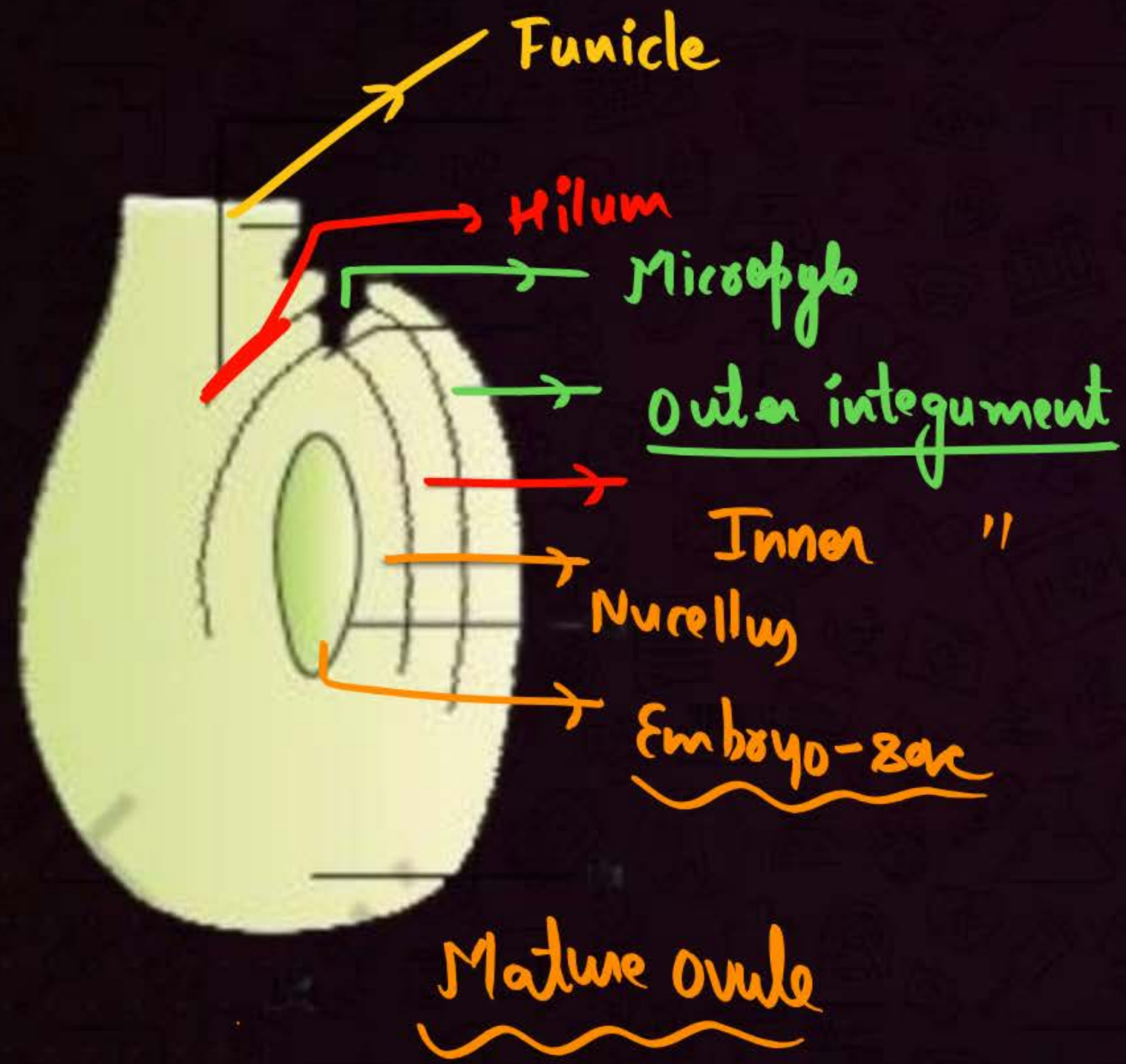
↳ Multicarpellary & syncarpous



# Ovule / Integumented megasporangium











# Ovule/Megasporangium



(a) **Funicle** ( $2n$ ) → Stalk which connects ovule  
with ovary wall or placenta.

(b) **Hilum** → Point of attachment  
of funicle with ovule.

(c) **Micropyle** → Opening of ovule.

(d) **Chalaza** → Base of ovule (opposite to  
micropyle)

(e) **Nucellus** → (Diploid) Mass of  
parenchymatous cells.

(f) **Integuments** (Diploid)  
(Protective envelopes)  
(2 in number)

**(2)**  
Bitegmic → Mostly two (2)  
Unitegmic → There may be  
(1) integuments in few  
angiosperms

Outer  
integument

Inner  
integument

(g) Embryo-sac → Haploid  
Female-gametophyte  
Present in mature ovule

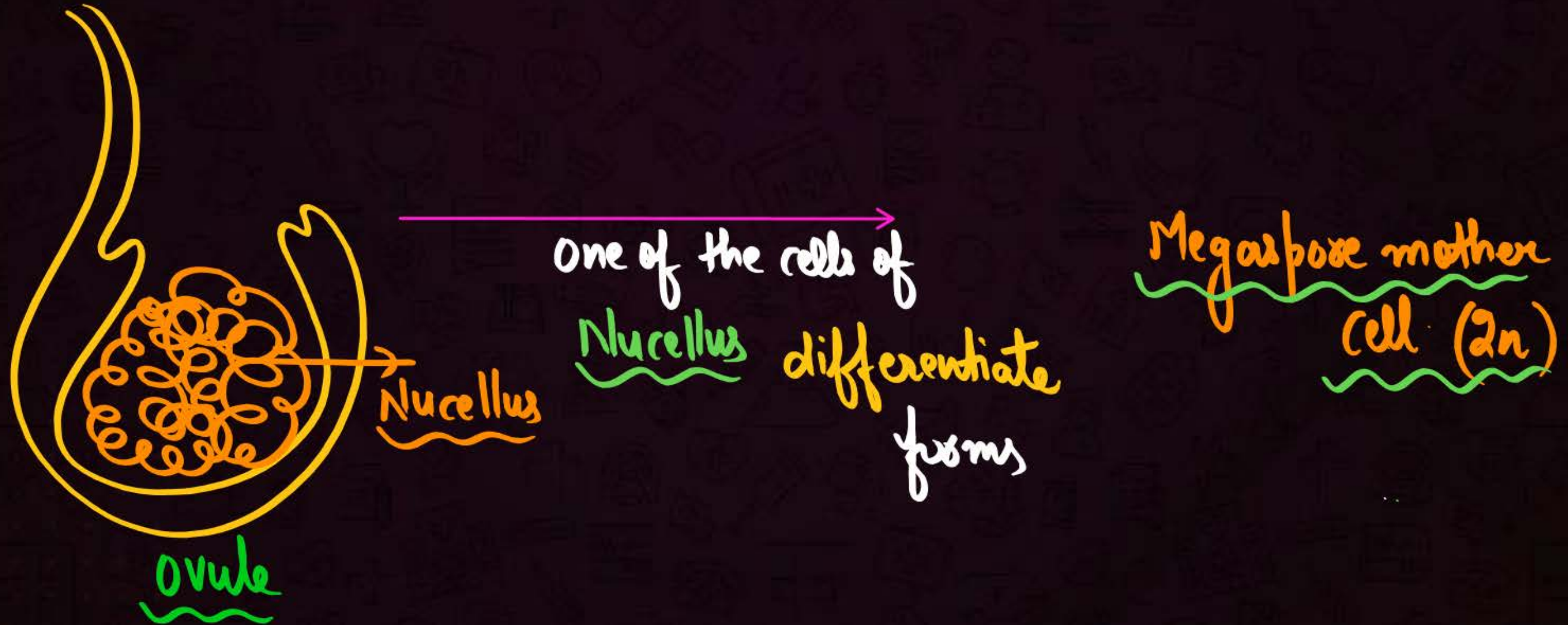




# Megasporogenesis



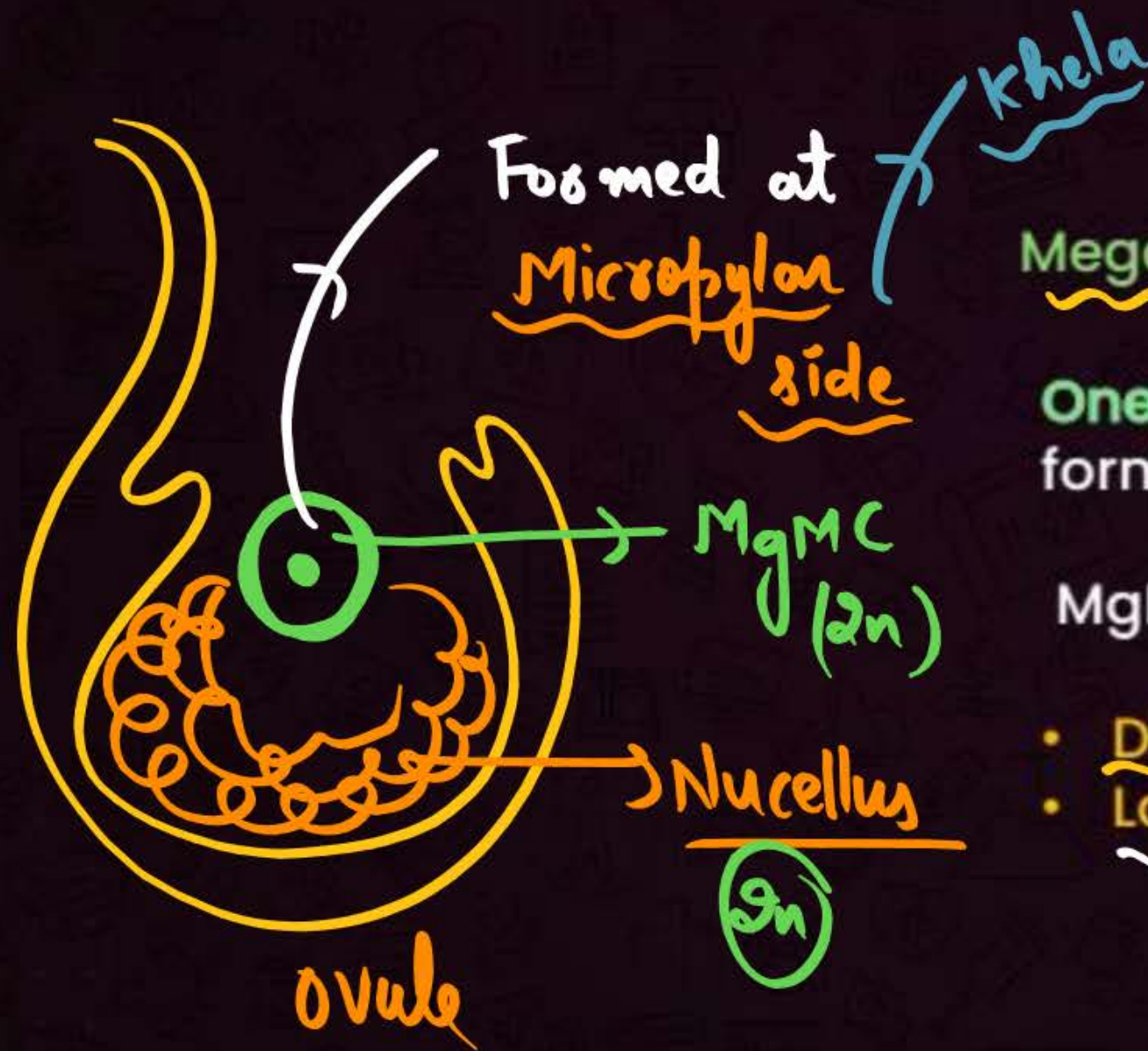
Formation of megaspore (Haploid) inside megasporangium (ovule)







# Megasporogenesis



Megaspore-mother cell (MgMC)

One of the **cells** of **Nucellus** differentiates and form Megaspore mother cell at micropylar end

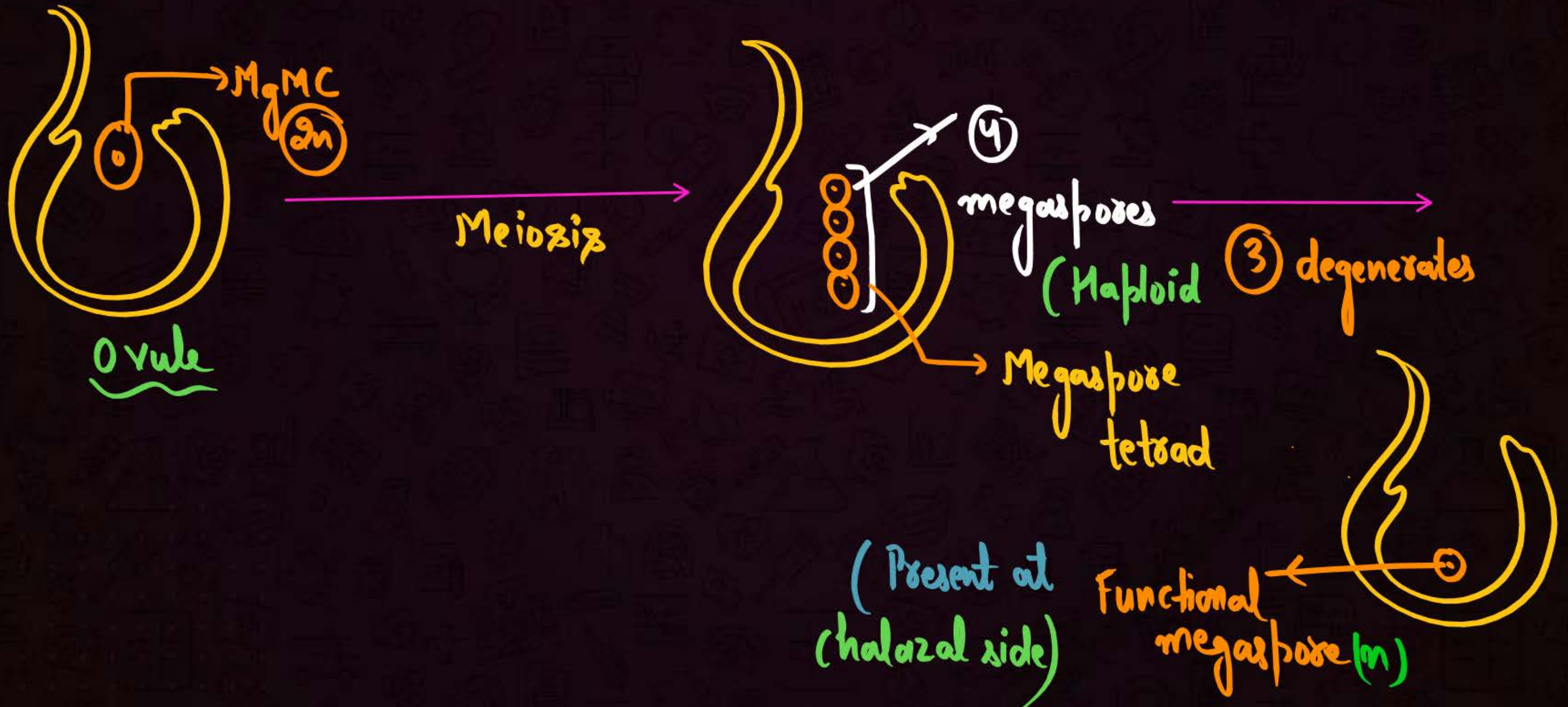
MgMC

- Diploid cell → has dense cytoplasm
- Large cell → prominent nucleus



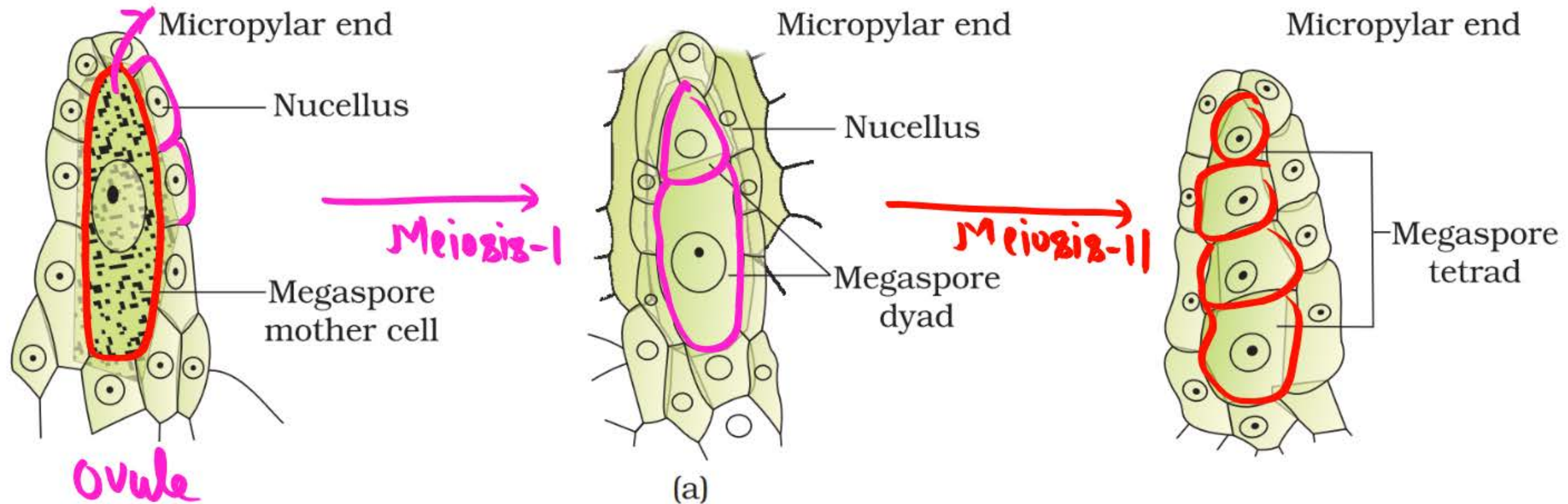


# Megasporogenesis





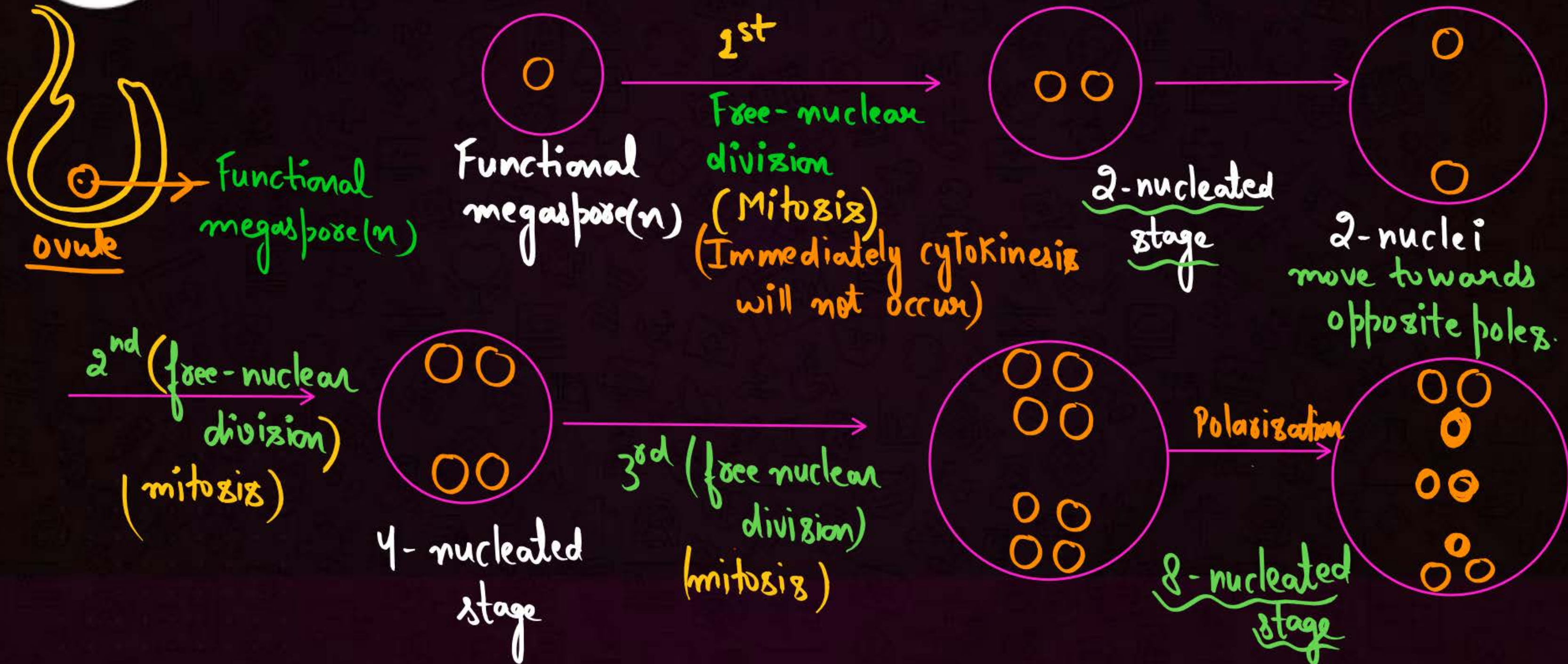
# Megasporogenesis







# Development of Female gametophyte / Embryo-sac





Ultimately → Cytokinesis

"Cell Wall Development"

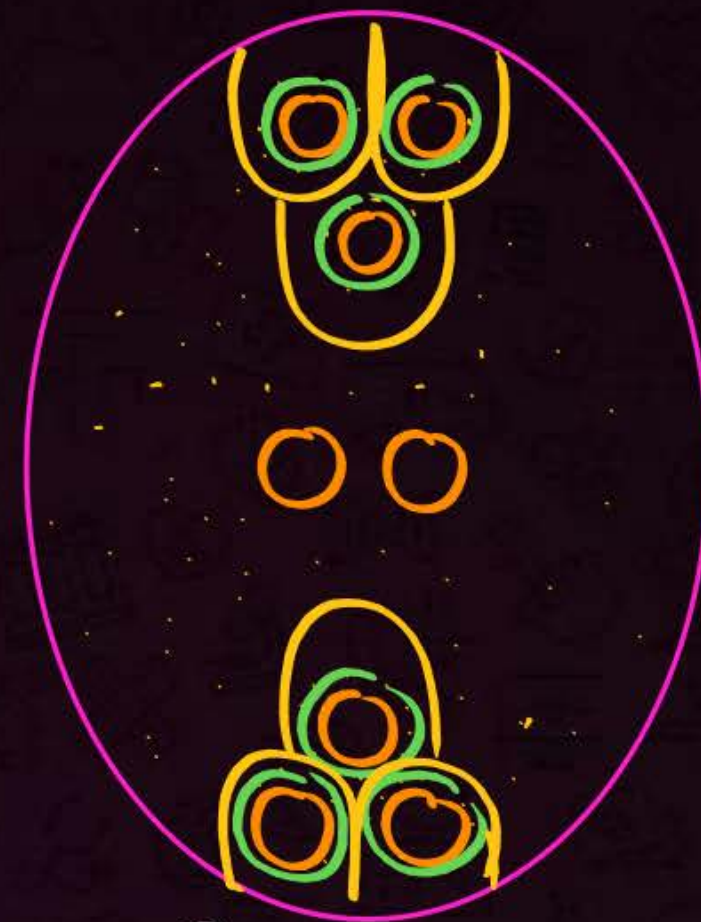
Out of the 8 nuclei

Only 6 nuclei

undergoes cell wall development

Polar nuclei does not undergo cell

wall development

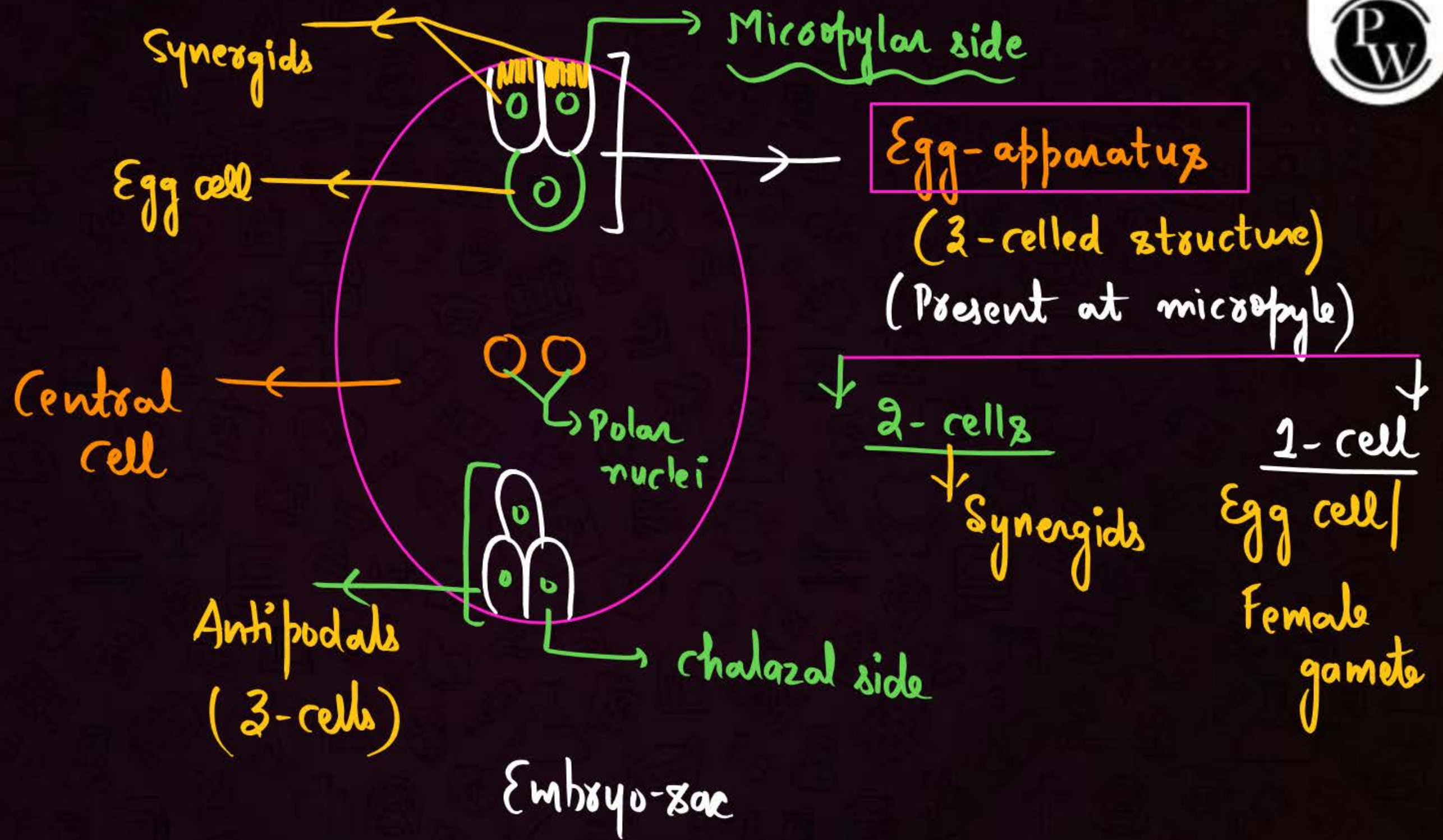


Embryo-sac

Now called as  
Female Gametophyte  
or  
Embryo-sac



# Embryo-sac





## Embryo-sac



- 7 celled and 8 nucleated structure. *Most silly mistake*
- Polygonum (Angiosperm) type of embryo-sac.
- Embryo-sac is Monosporic (Most angiosperms)
- Embryo-sac develops from ' single megaspore '.



## Synergids

Haploid

- Helper cells / Cooperative Cells
- Has filiform apparatus  
Cellulosic thickening or microfibrils, they release chemotopic substance (chemical) which guide pollen tube to take entry inside Synergids  
→ Embryo-sac  
→ ovule

## Egg Cell

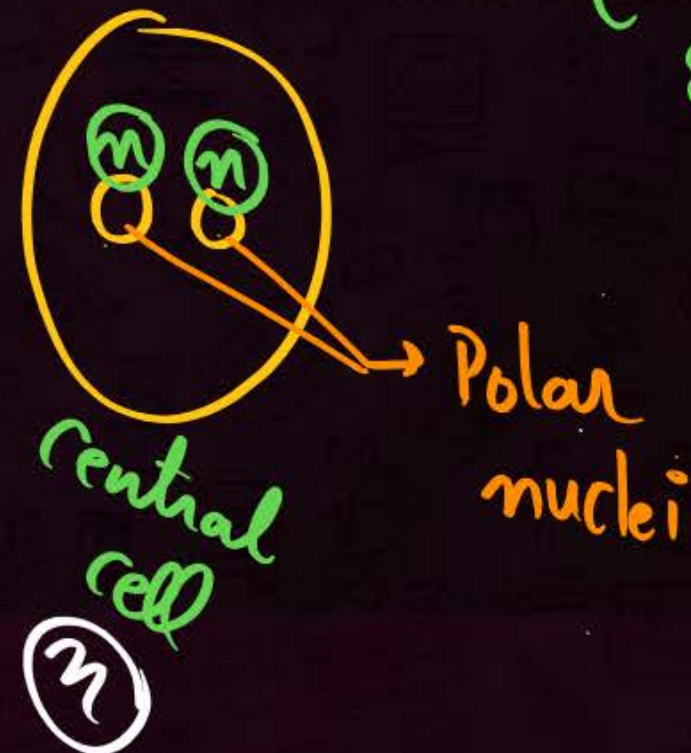
Haploid

- After fertilization forms Zygote (2n)

## Central Cell

Haploid Cell → (Twist)

- Binucleated (2) nuclei
- Central cell after fertilization forms PEC (Primary Endosperm cell)



## QUESTION

The point of attachment of funiculus to the body of ovule is

- A** Placenta
- B** Micropyle
- C** Integument
- D** Hilum



## QUESTION

Ovule found in 82% of angiosperm families is

- ☒ **A** Anatropous
- ☐ **B** Orthotropous
- ☐ **C** Amphitropous
- ☐ **D** Circinotropous

## QUESTION



A multicarpellary, syncarpous gynoecium is found in

**A**

*Papaver* ✓

**B**

*Michelia* (*Apocarpous*)

**C**

*Hibiscus* ✓

**D** ✓

More than one option is correct



## QUESTION



Mark the odd one (w.r.t. ploidy level).

**A**

Nucellus

$2n$

**B**

~~Michelia~~ Integument

$2n$

**C**

Funicle

$2n$

**D**

Embryo sac

$n$

## QUESTION

To form mature embryo-sac/ female gametophyte

**A** 1 meiosis and 2 mitosis

**B** 1 meiosis and 1 mitosis

**C** 1 meiosis and 3 mitosis

**D** 1 meiosis and 4 mitosis



Break  
↓  
15 minutes

8:30

## POLLINATION

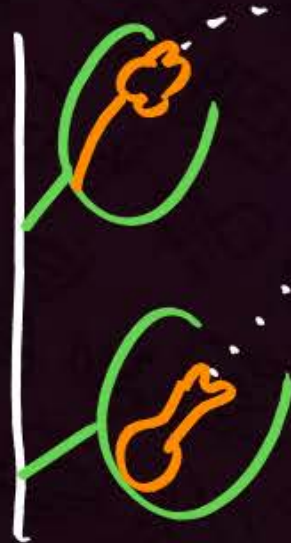
Transfer of pollen grain from anther to Stigma.

Autogamy/  
Self Pollination



Pollination between  
same plant and same  
flower

Geitonogamy



Pollination between  
different flowers of  
same plant

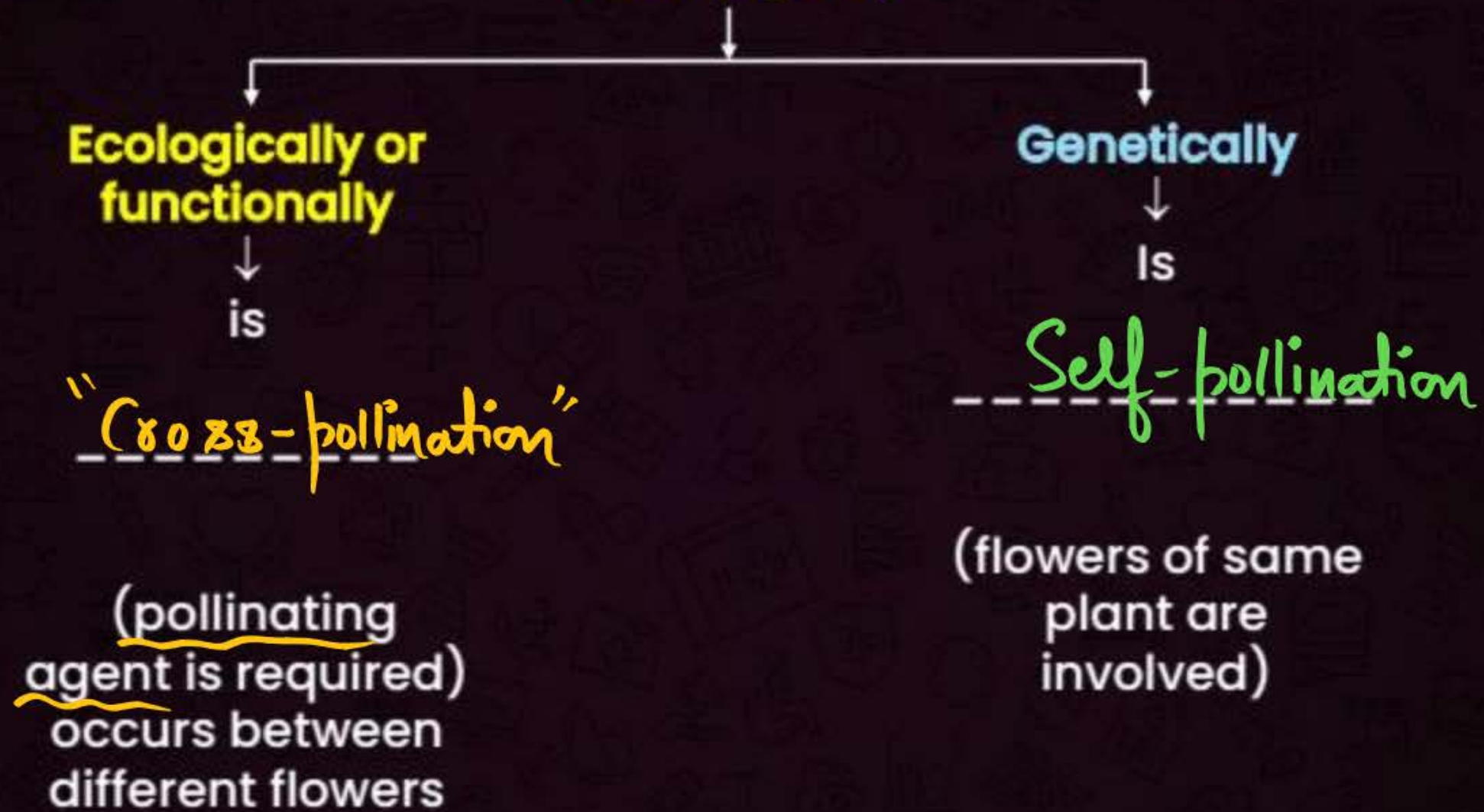
Xenogamy/  
Allogamy/ Cross  
Pollination



Pollination between  
different flowers and  
different plants

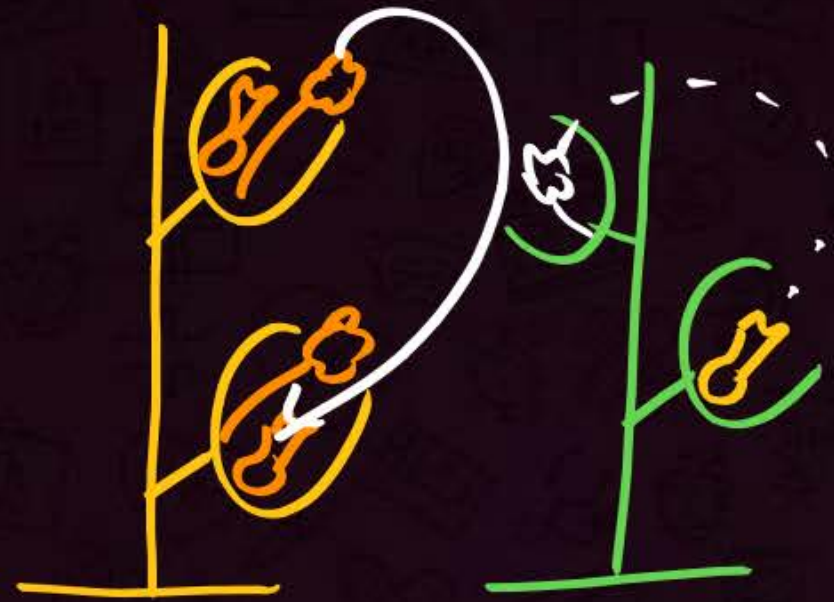


## Geitonogamy



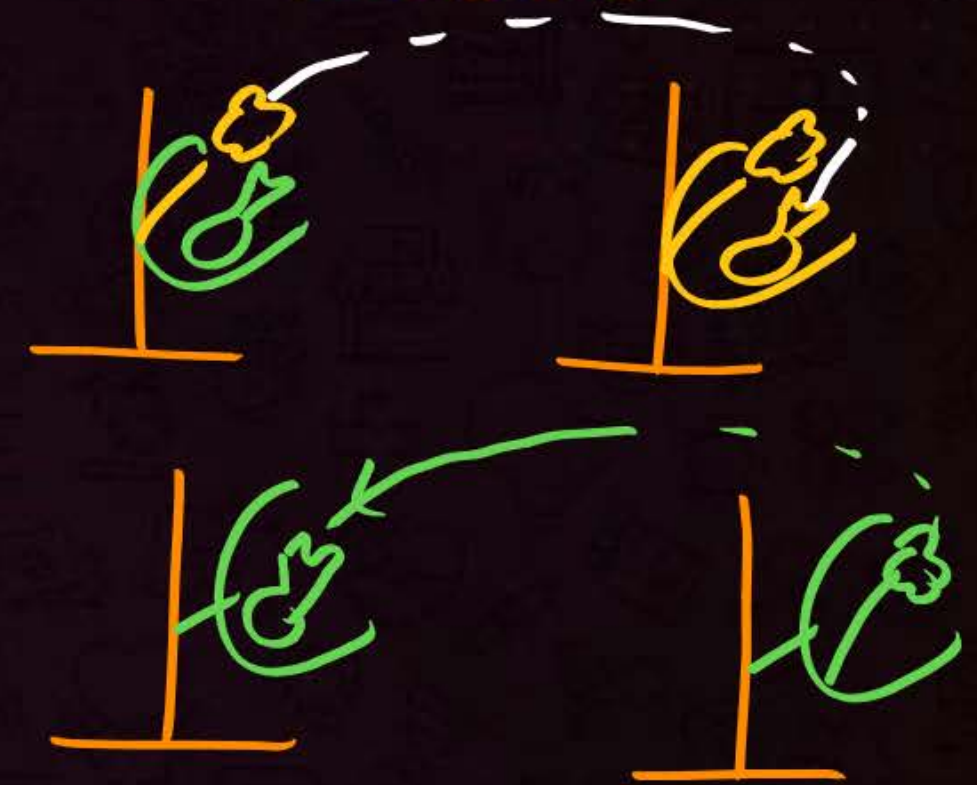
Self pollination  
can occur in  
plant having  
bisexual flowers.

### Geitonogamy



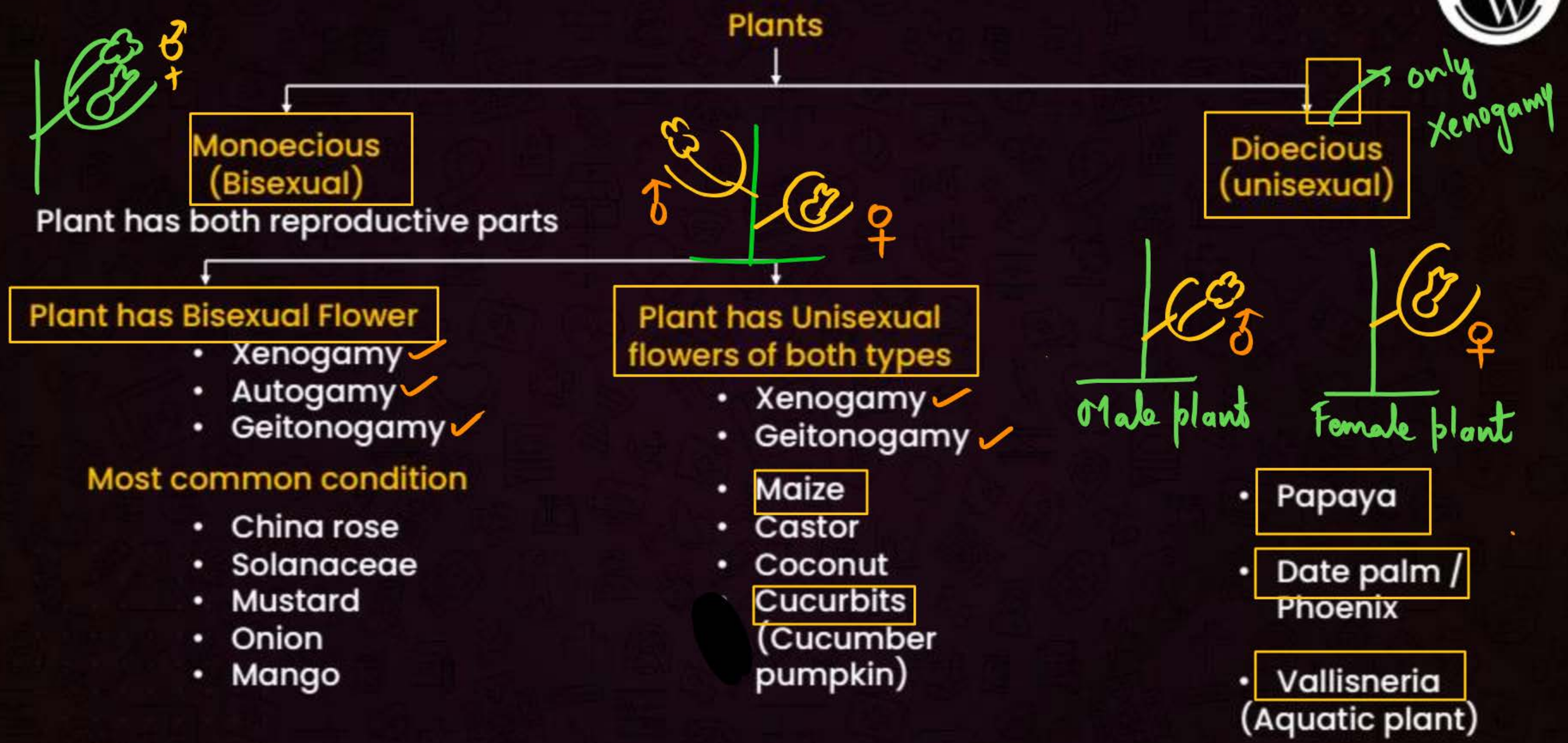
- Can occurs between bisexual flowers or unisexual flowers of same plant

### Xenogamy



- Xenogamy may occur between bisexual flowers or unisexual flowers of different plants





## QUESTION



In papaya male and female flowers are present on different plants. It permits

- A** Autogamy
- B** Geitonogamy
- C** Both autogamy and geitonogamy
- D** Xenogamy



## QUESTION



Dioecious condition prevents

- A** Autogamy
- B** Geitonogamy
- C** Xenogamy
- D** Both (1) and (2)

## QUESTION



In monoecious plant like castor and maize

**A** Autogamy and allogamy are not prevented ✗

**B** Geitonogamy is prevented ✗

**C** Autogamy is not prevented ✗

**D** Geitonogamy is not prevented ✓



## Contrivances/ conditions for self pollination / **Inbreeding Devices**

a. **Bisexual flowers**  
(Monoclinous flowers)

c. **CLEISTOGAMY** → Anthesis →  
flowers opening absent

↓  
**Only self pollination**

b. **HOMOGAMY**

- Anther and Carpel matures at same time.
- Synchrony in

**Pollengrain release &  
Stigma receptivity**

d. **Bud pollination**

Anther and Carpel matures in  
bud-state and pollination  
occurs

**Exam:**

- Pea
- Rice



# Cleistogamy

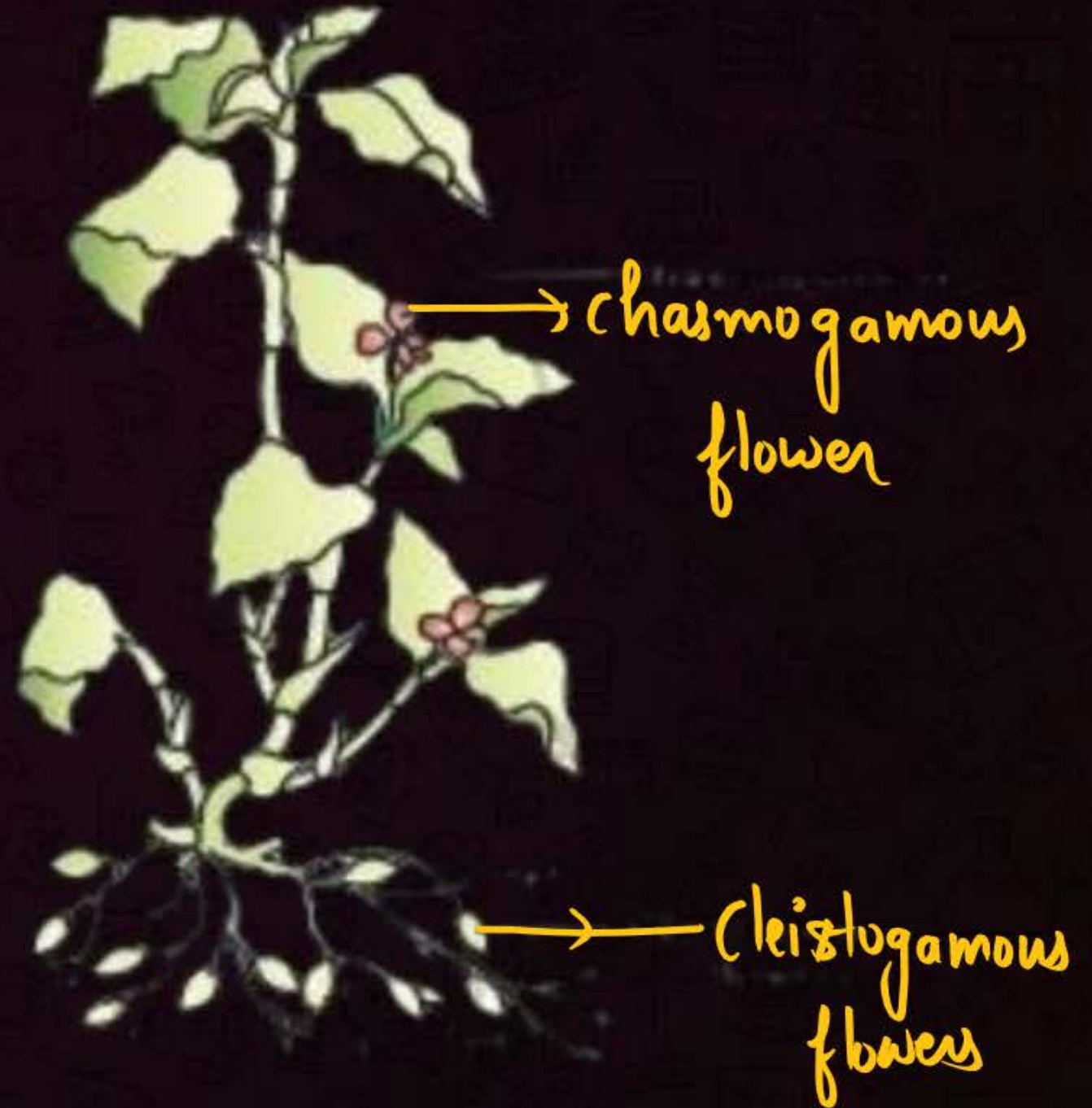


## Plants

### Examples:

- a. Viola (common pansy)
- b) Commelina
- c) Oxalis

Both Chasmogamous and  
cleistogamous flowers





## Advantages of Cleistogamy

- a. Seed-set is assured even in the absence of pollination.
- b. No pressure on plant as it is cheap to plant because no nectar or any other floral reward to be given.

## Disadvantages of Cleistogamy

Only self pollination

- Can be inbreeding depression
- Genetic diversity/variations is reduced



# Contrivances/Condition for Cross pollination/OUTBREEDING DEVICES



a. **Unisexual flower**

c. **Chasmogamous flowers** → Flower opening present

b. **Dichogamy/Heterogamy**

Anther and carpel do not mature at same time

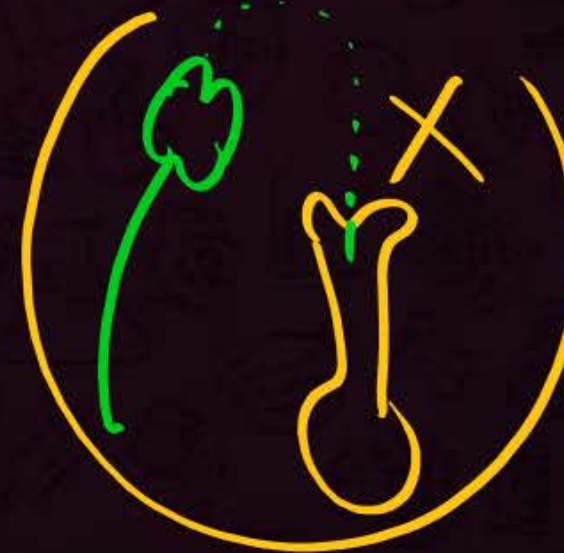
**Protogyny**

Carpel matures first

**Protoandry**

Anther matures first

d. **Self/sterility/Self incompatibility**



Pollen grains are not identified by stigma of same flowers  
Genetically controlled





## Contrivances/Condition for Cross pollination/OUTBREEDING DEVICES



e.

### Heterostyly

Large difference between length of stamen and carpel



f.

### Herkogamy

- Presence of physical barrier between Carpel and stamen
- Calotropis

## QUESTION

Mark the odd option (w.r.t. contrivances of autogamy)

- ☐ A Homogamy
- ☐ B Cleistogamy
- ☒ C *Dicliny (unisexal flower)*
- ☐ D Bud pollination



## QUESTION



The types of flowers which always produce seeds even in the absence of pollinators

**A** Chasmogamous flowers

**B** Cleistogamous flowers

**C** Bisexual flowers

**D** Unisexual flowers



# Pollinating Agents

Most common  
Entomophilly



## Abiotic (Nonliving)

- Wind (Anemophilly)
- Water (Hydrophyilly)

wind pollination is more  
Common than water pollination

## Biotic agents (living)

- a) Entomophilly → By Insects  
(Bees, Beetles, Wasps, butterflies, moth)  
Most common are Bees
- b) Primates (Lemur)
- c) Reptiles (Gecko lizard, Garden lizard)
- d) Rodents (Arboreal Rodents  
(Tree dwelling))
- e) Elephants
- f) Birds
- g) Snake
- h) Snails
- i) Bats





# Anemophily / Wind Pollination



## Property of Flower

- Odourless → No smell
- Nectarless
- Mostly colorless
- Small sized
- Flowers are often

Packed into

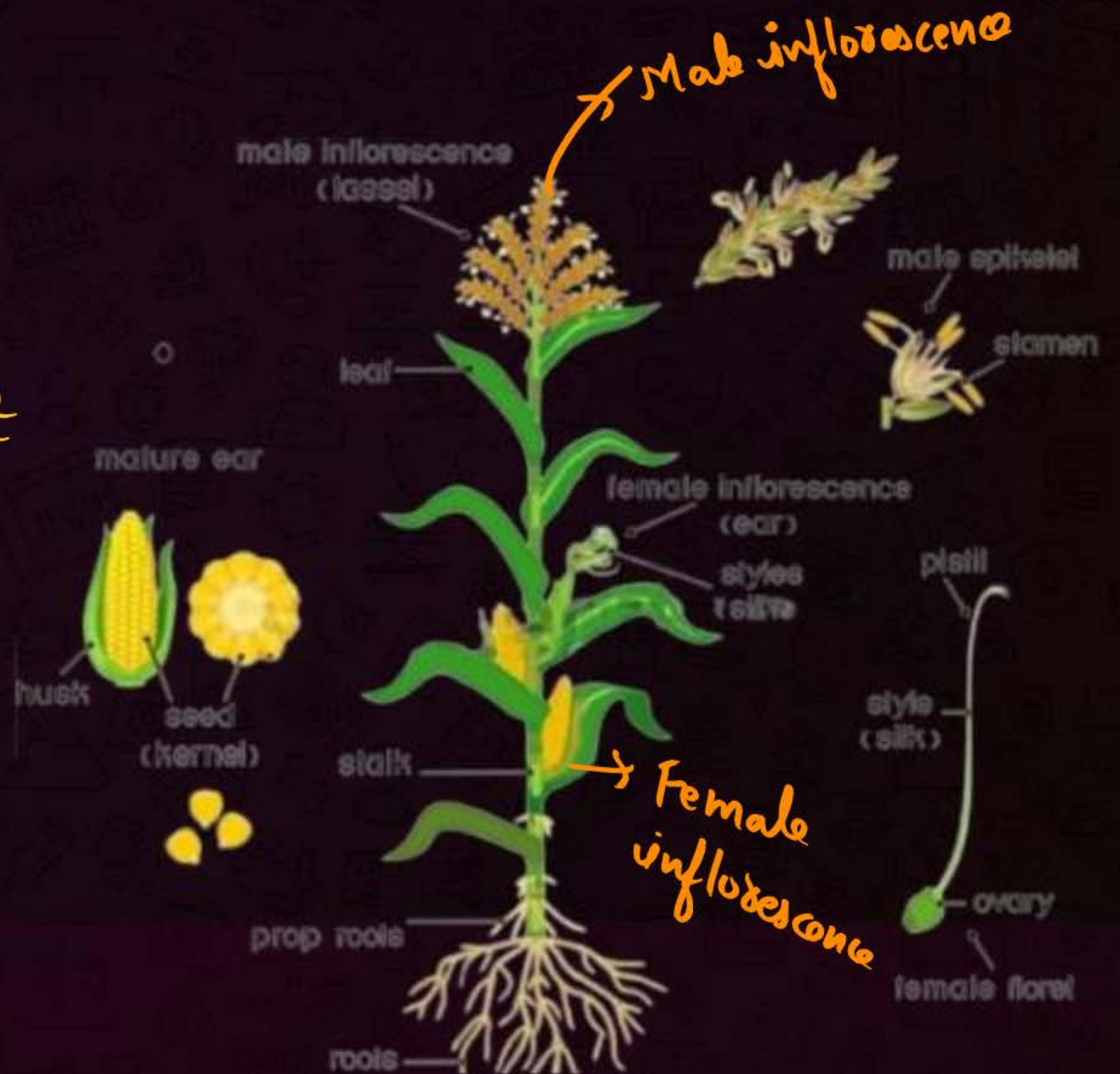
Inflorescence

- Ovary has Single ovule (Imp)
- **Stamens** → Well-exposed
- **Pollen grains** → Non-sticky and light weight
- **Stigma** (1) Large  
(2) Feathery

- Examples → **Cereals** (Monocot ) (poaceae)
  - Wheat
  - Maize
  - Rice

Maize







Tassles  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{style} \\ \text{stigma} \end{array} \right.$

Corn Cob





## Hydrophilly / Water Pollination



- Rare in Angiosperms
- Restricted to only in 30 genera (out of them most are Monocots)

### Hydrophytes (Aquatic Angiosperms)

#### Hydrophilly

- Vallisneria
  - Hydrilla
  - Zostera
- Fresh H<sub>2</sub>O
- Marine H<sub>2</sub>O

In most of the hydrophytes Insect pollination or wind pollination is seen.

Reason : In most hydrophytes Flower is present above water surface.



## Hydrophytes



- Water hyacinth (Eicchornia)
- Water lily (Nymphaea)
- Lotus
- Pistia

Insect  
Pollination





# Hydrophilly

Epihydrophilly

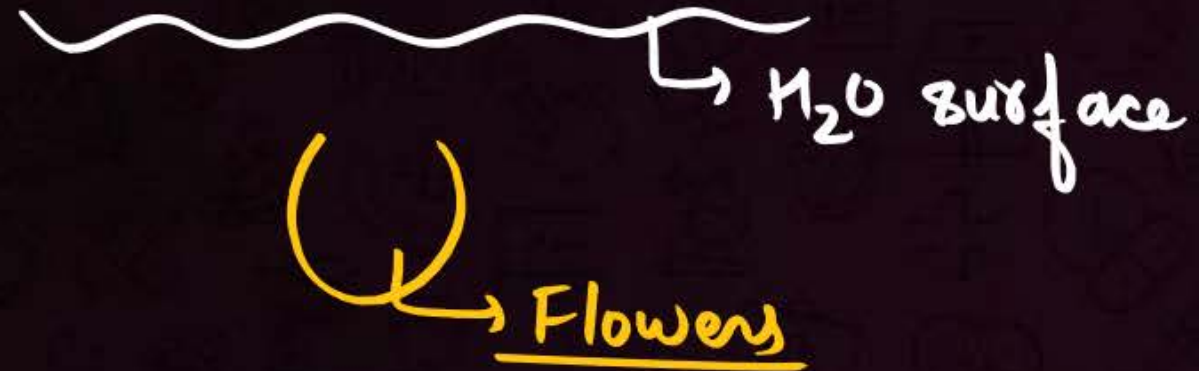
Occurs on water  
surface

Hypohydrophilly

Occurs inside  
water-surface



## Hypohydrophilly



- **Zoostera** (sea grass)
- Pollination occurs below surface of  $H_2O$ .
- Flowers are submerged beneath the surface of water.

Unwettable  
Pollen grains  
Long and Ribbon shaped  
Carried passively with water current

Unwettable  
**Stigma** → surrounded  
by mucilaginous  
sheath.

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# Epihydrophilly



In *Vallisneria* (Dioecious)

Male plant

Female Plant

At maturity male flowers, separates from male plant and float towards female flower



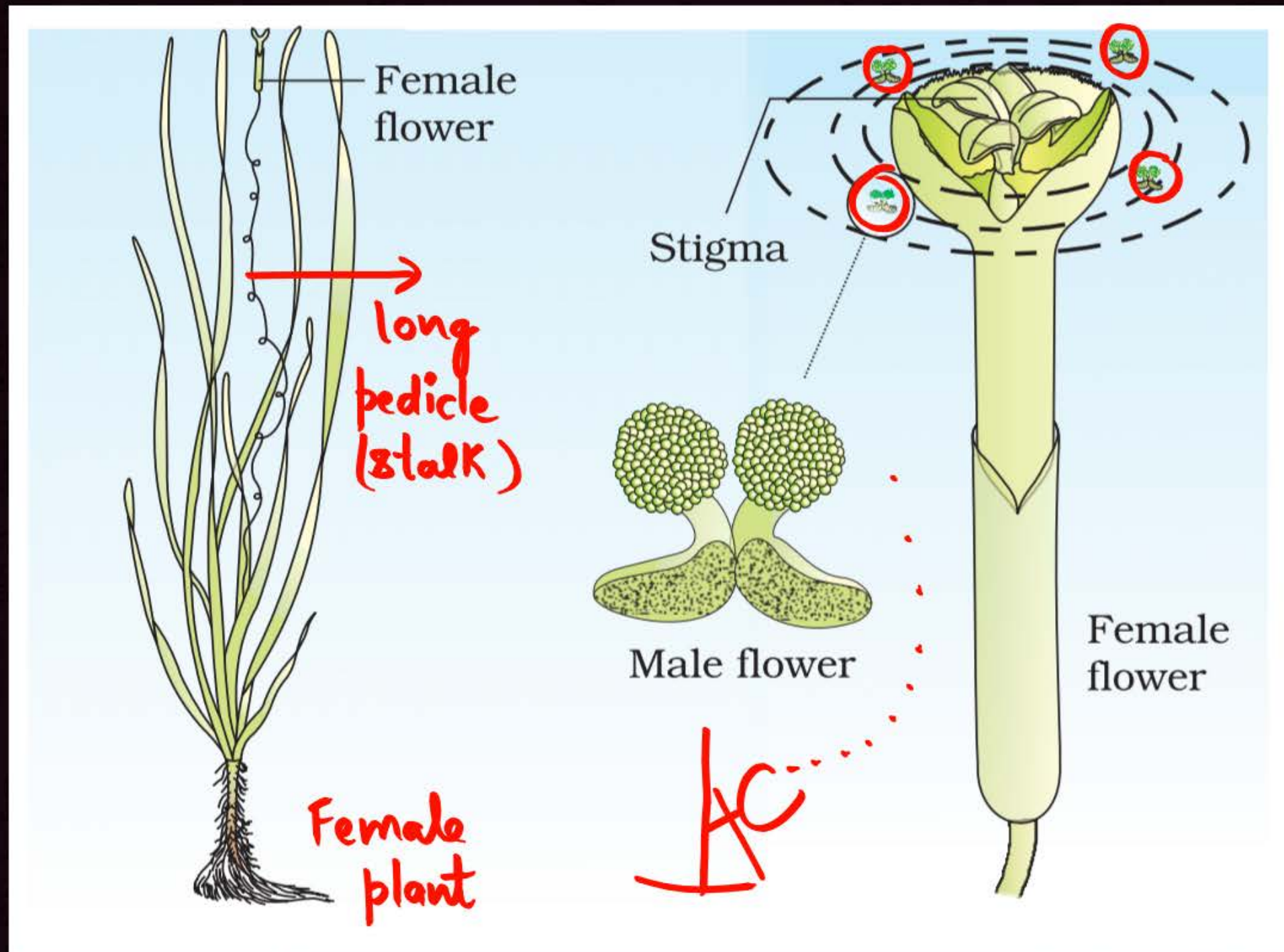
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Pollen grain carried passively by water current.

Pollen grain → Unwettable

Stigma → Unwettable

} Mucilaginous sheath







# Entomophilly/Insect Pollination



## Most Common

### Property of Flowers

- have odour/smell
- Brightly colored (Mostly)
- have Nectar
- Mostly large sized
- **STIGMA:**  
    ↳ Sticky

If flower are small sized then they are packed into inflorescence  
(To be conspicuous (clear) to the insect)

**POLLENGRAIN :** Sticky



PollenKit

yellow, sticky covering



Insect → For **FLORAL REWARDS**



→ 6-foot  
tall  
flower

Zaminkand  
(Amorphophallus)

- a) **Nectar**
- b) **Pollengrains**
- c) To have **safe place** to lay their eggs.

• EXAMPLES:



- a) **Pornuba moth** in **Yucca plant**
- b) **Wasp** in **Fig plant**
- c) **Bees** in **Amorphophallus**



## Co-evolution or Obligate Mutualism

Fig and Wasp

Yucca Plant and  
Pronuba Moth



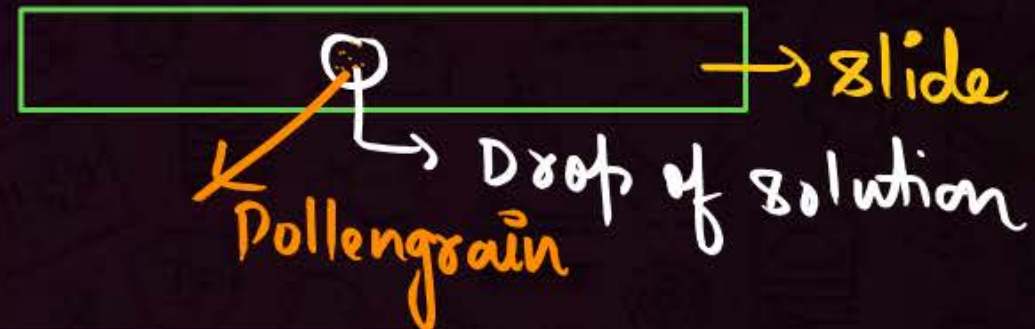
## In vitro - germination

### Plants:

- Vinca
- Canada balsam
- Atropa
- Pea
- Chickpea

Method of studying  
pollen germination in Lab  
↳ Pollentube

Method - **Hanging drop method**



- **Boric Acid (Boron)**
- $\text{Ca}^{2+}$
- 10% sucrose (sugar) solution



## QUESTION



In entomophily, flowers are

- A** Dull colored
- B** Nectarless
- ☒ **C** With sticky pollen grains
- D** Small sized solitary

## QUESTION



Examples of water pollinated flowers are

- A** Zostera, Lotus, water lily
- B** Lotus, *Vallisneria*, Hydrilla
- C** Yucca, *Vallisneria*, Lotus
- D** *Vallisneria*, Hydrilla, Zostera



## QUESTION



Which of the following is not a characteristic feature of insect pollinated flowers?

- A** Fragrance
- B** Nectaries
- C** Foul odour
- D** Mucilaginous covering on pollen grains



## Pollen – Pistil Interaction



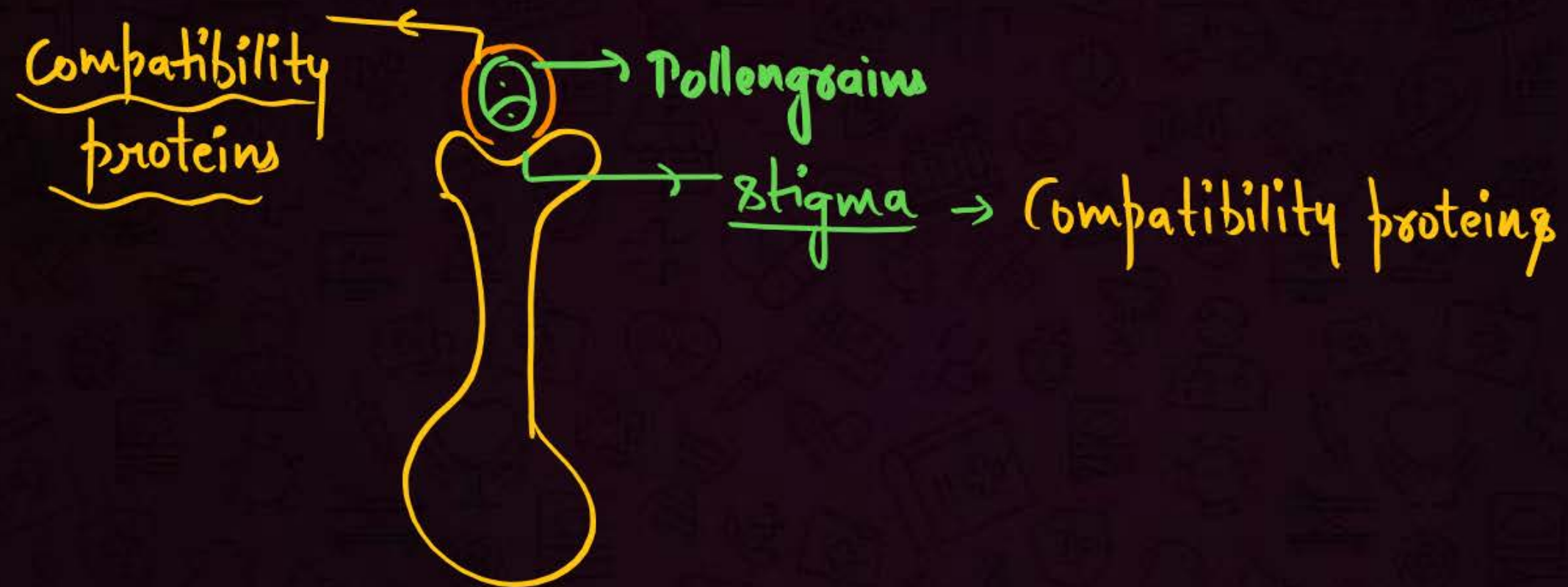
All the events, occur after deposition of pollengrains on stigma till Entry of pollentube into embryo-sac.

Events:

- a) Chemical dialogue between stigma and Pollengrain
- b) Development of male gametophyte (Pollengrains)
- c) Entry of pollentube into Embryo-sac.

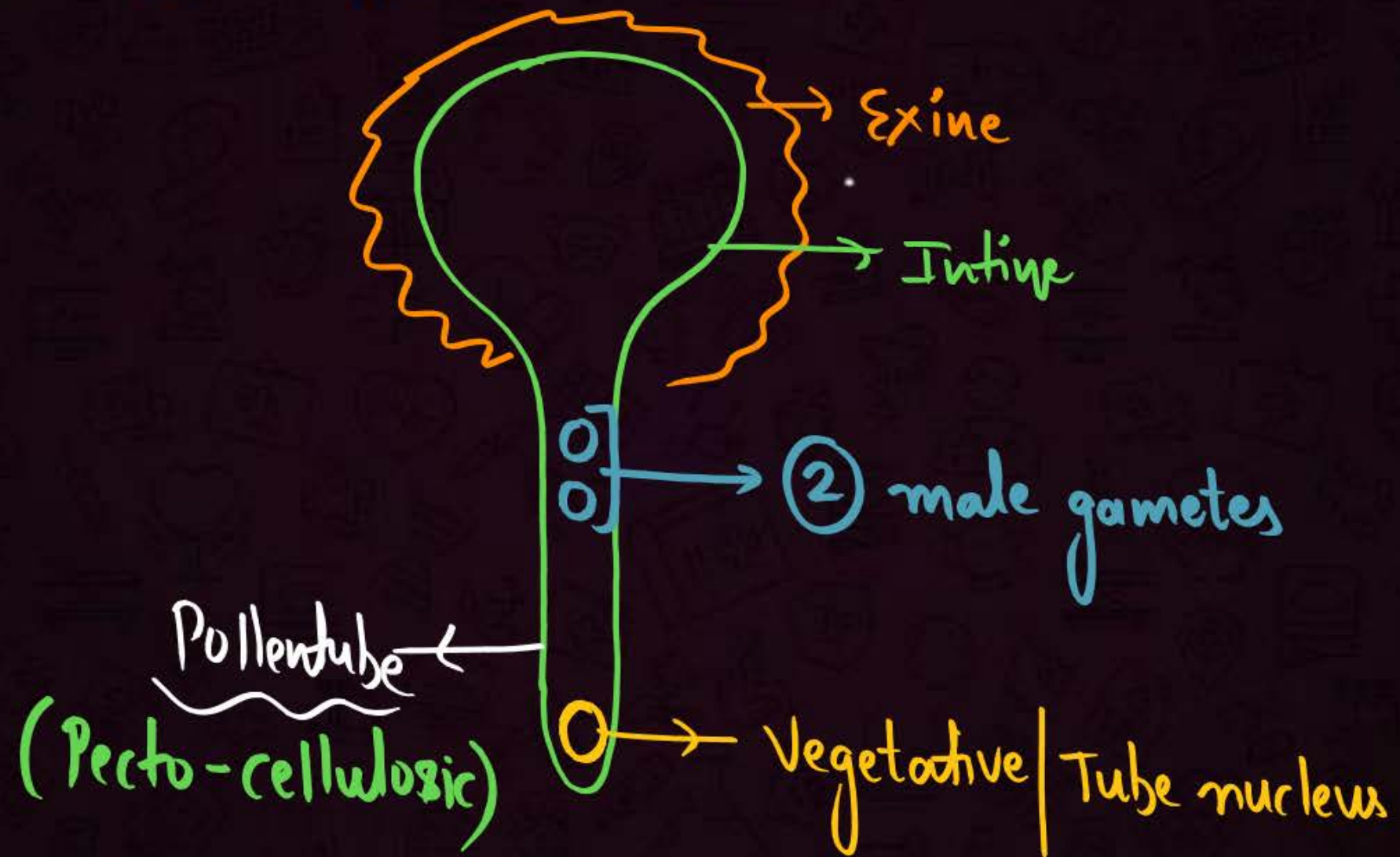


a) **Compatibility reaction** between Stigma and Pollengrain.



Note: If pollengrains are compatible with stigma, then Pollengrains are allowed to germinate and form Pollentube.

b) Development of male gametophyte (Pollengrain)







## Male Gametes



- Non-motile (Always)
- (Flagella absent)
- Show Amoeboid movement
- Pollentube grows through stigma and style and reaches the embryo-sac

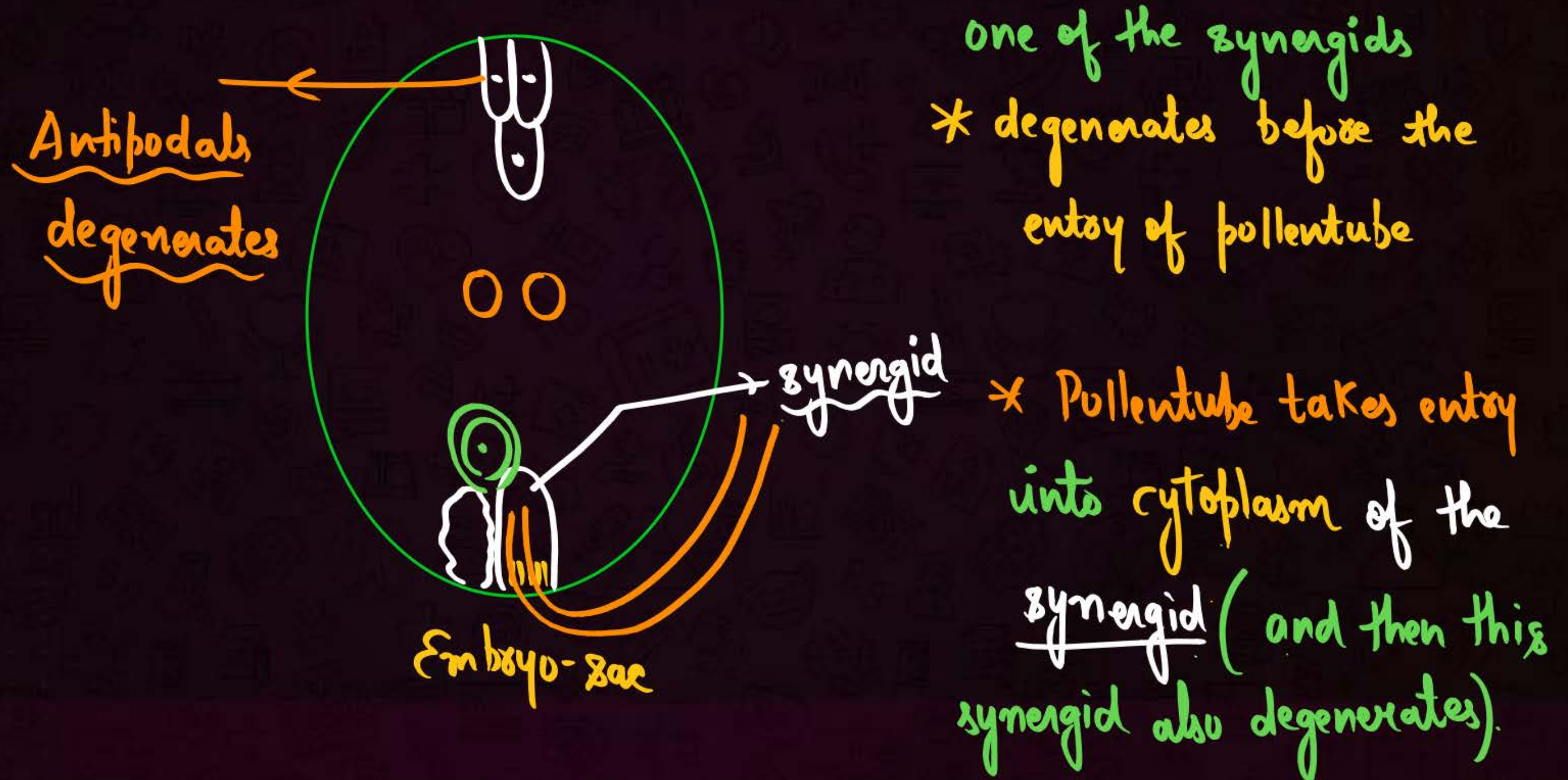
c) Entry of pollentube into Embryo-sac

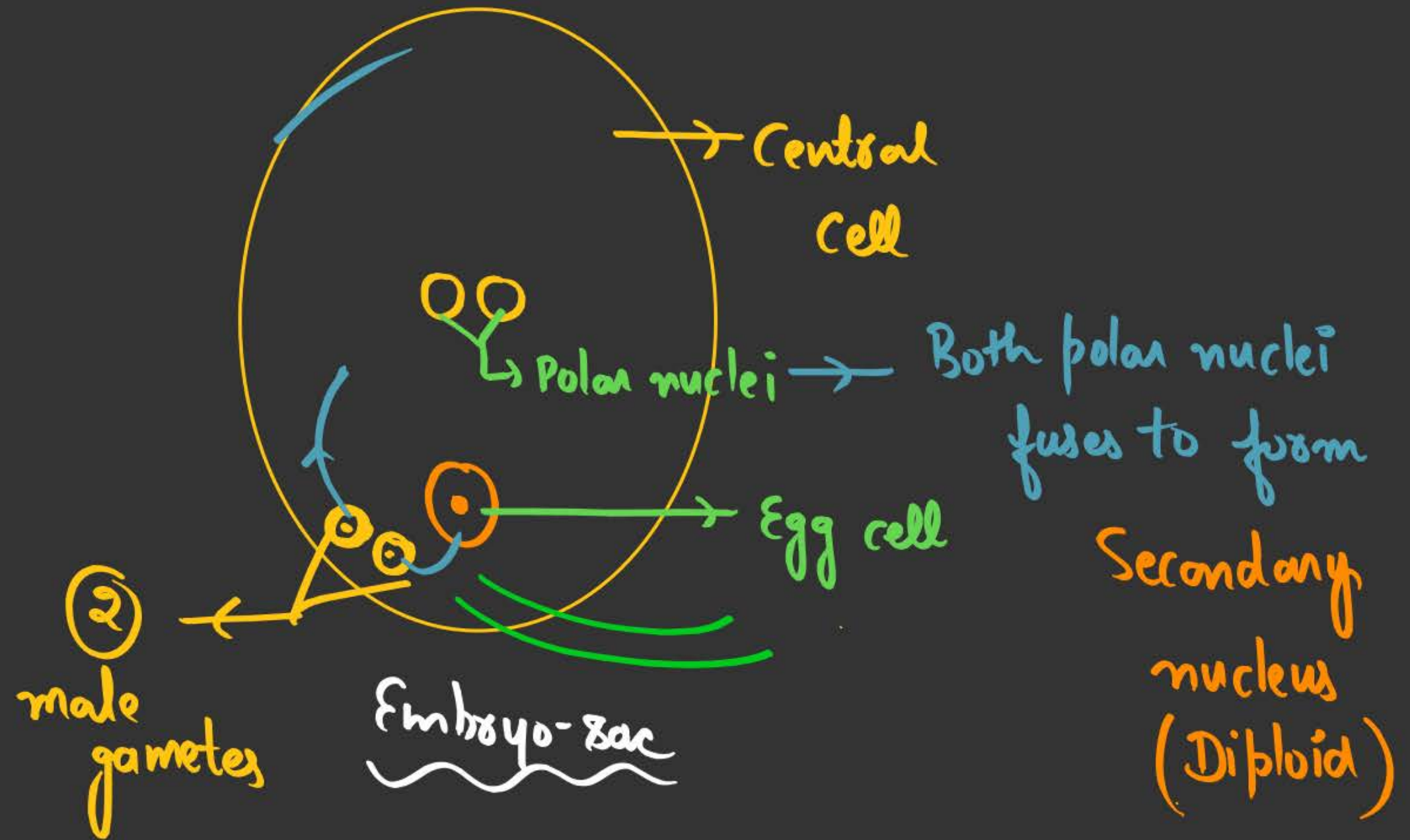




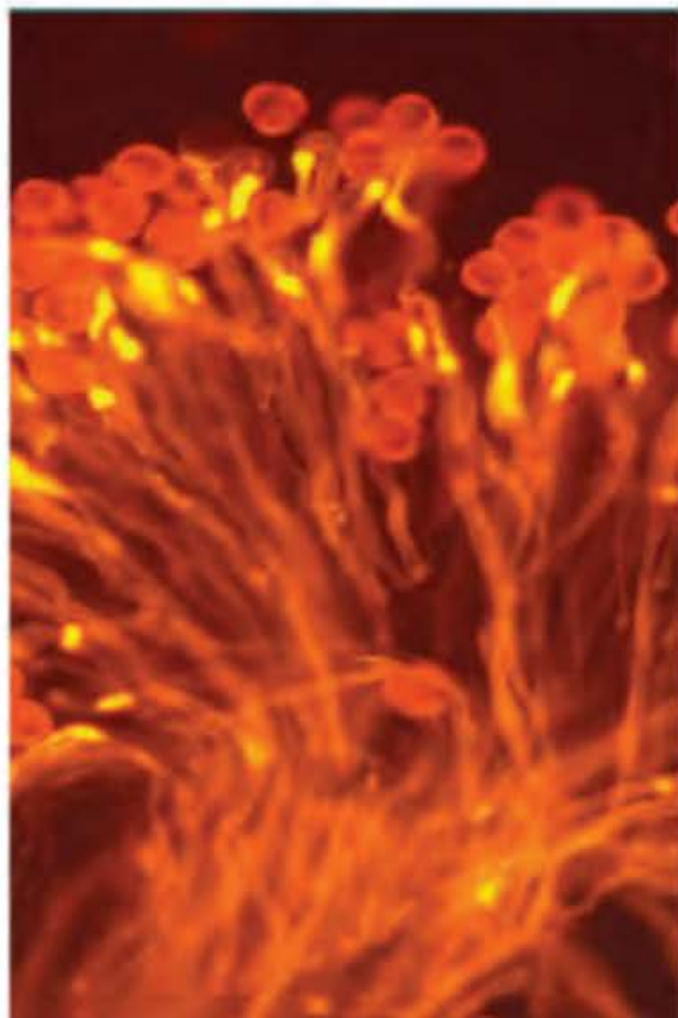


## Changes in Embryo-sac before Fertilisation





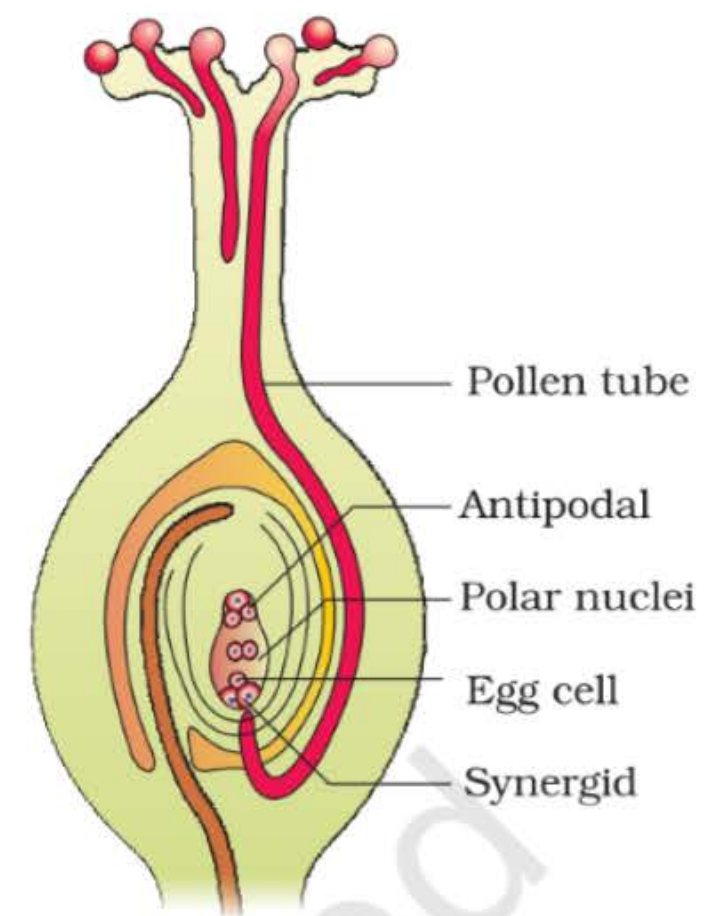




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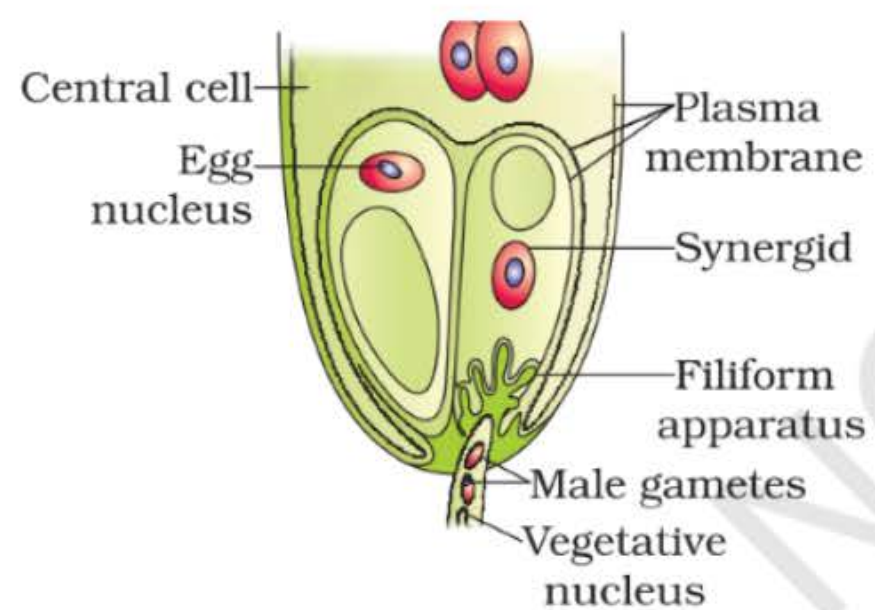


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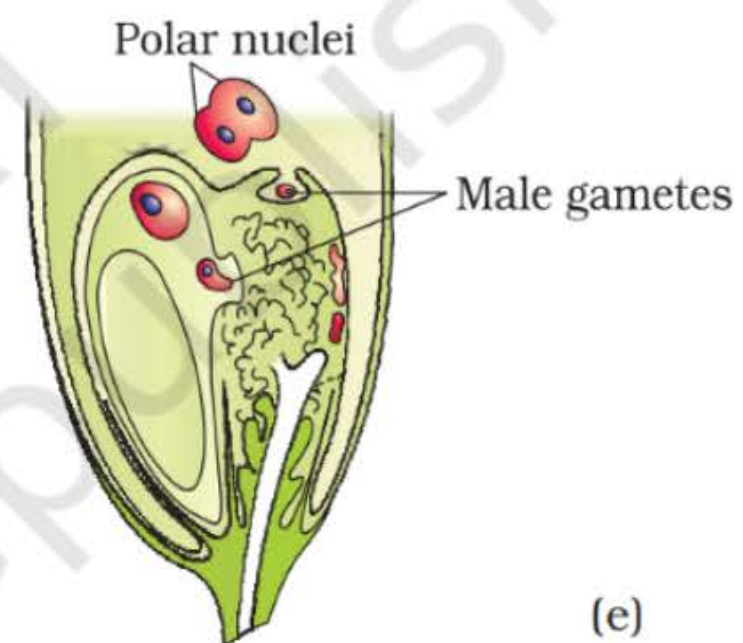


Longitudinal section of a flower showing growth of pollen tube

(c)



(d)



(e)





# Double Fertilisation



## Syngamy

① male gamete  $(n)$  + Egg cell  $(n)$

Diploid zygote

## Triple Fusion

2<sup>nd</sup> male gamete  $(n)$  + Central cell  $(2n)$   
(secondary nucleus)

PEC (Primary Endosperm cell)

$(3n)$  ←  → PEN (Primary Endosperm Nucleus)



## QUESTION

How many total cells and nuclei respectively involved in double fertilisation.

**A** 4 and 4

**B** 5 and 4

**C** 4 and 5

**D** 4 and 3



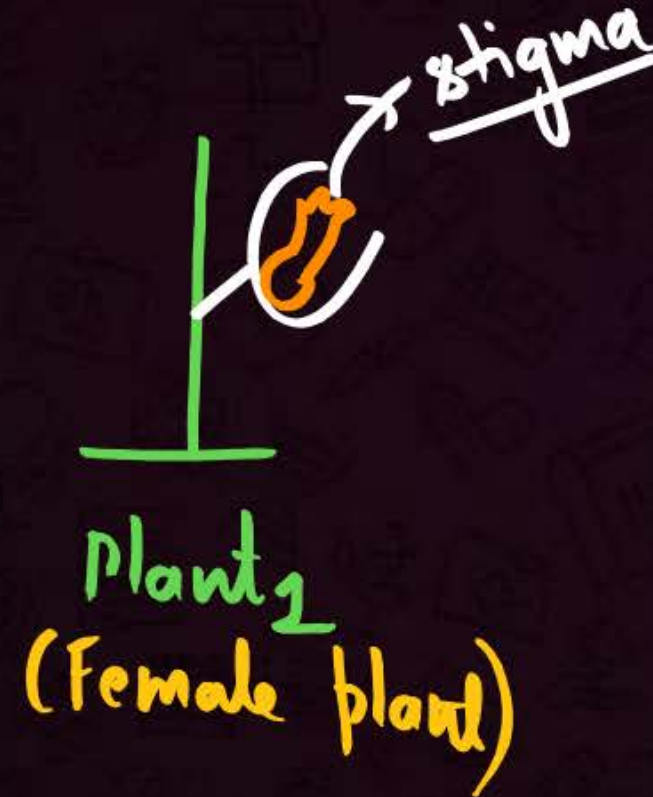
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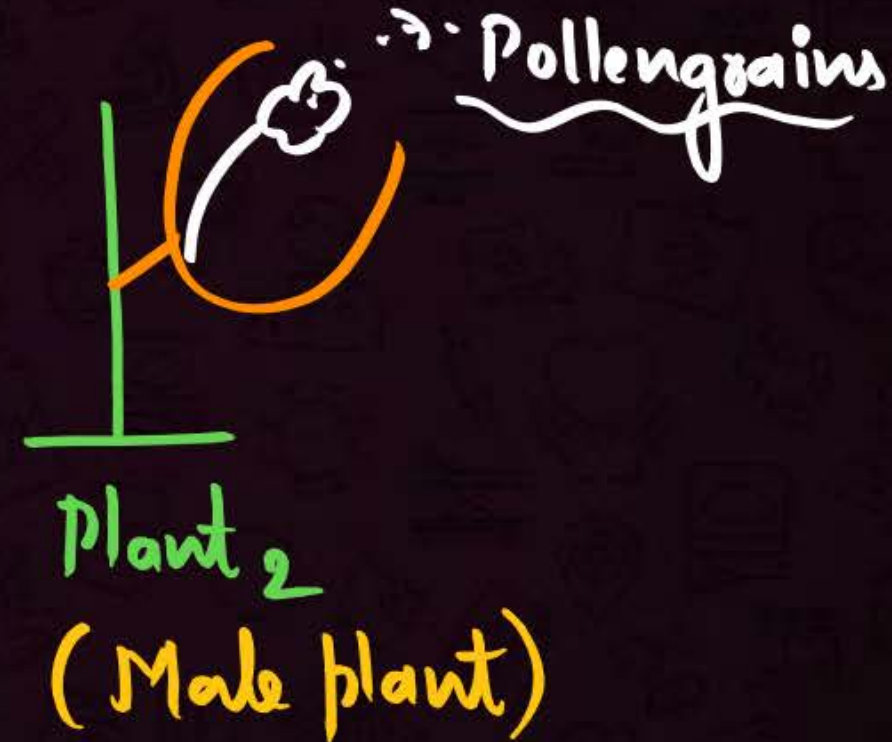
Artificial Cross-pollination.

## 1. Selection of Parents

Flower can be unisexual flower or bisexual flower



Female plant (where stigma is used)



Male Plant (where pollen grains are taken)





# Artificial Hybridisation



2.

## Emasculation



Female Plant

If female plant has bisexual flower

Anthers are removed from flower before maturation called as Emasculation



Female plant

If female plant has Unisexual flower than Emasculation is not needed



## Artificial Hybridisation



3. **Bagging** of female flower

(Emasculated flower)

(Polythene, Butter paper)  
(To prevent unwanted  
pollengrains)

4. **Debagging**

5. Dusting of desired pollengrain on stigma

6. Artificial hybridization / **Cross pollination**

7. **Re-bagging**

(For proper formation of seed and fruit)





## Post Fertilisation Event



Ovule  $\xrightarrow{\text{After fertilisation}}$  Seed

Zygote ( $2n$ )  $\longrightarrow$  Embryo ( $2n$ )

Integuments  $\xrightarrow{\text{After fertilisation}}$  Seed coat

PEC ( $3n$ )  $\longrightarrow$  Endosperm ( $3n$ )

Ovary  $\xrightarrow{\text{After fertilisation}}$  Fruit

Ovary wall  $\xrightarrow{\text{After fertilisation}}$  Pericarp | Fruit wall



Ques : Angiosperm  $\rightarrow$  Leaf ( $2n$ )  $\rightarrow$  "24 Chromosomes"

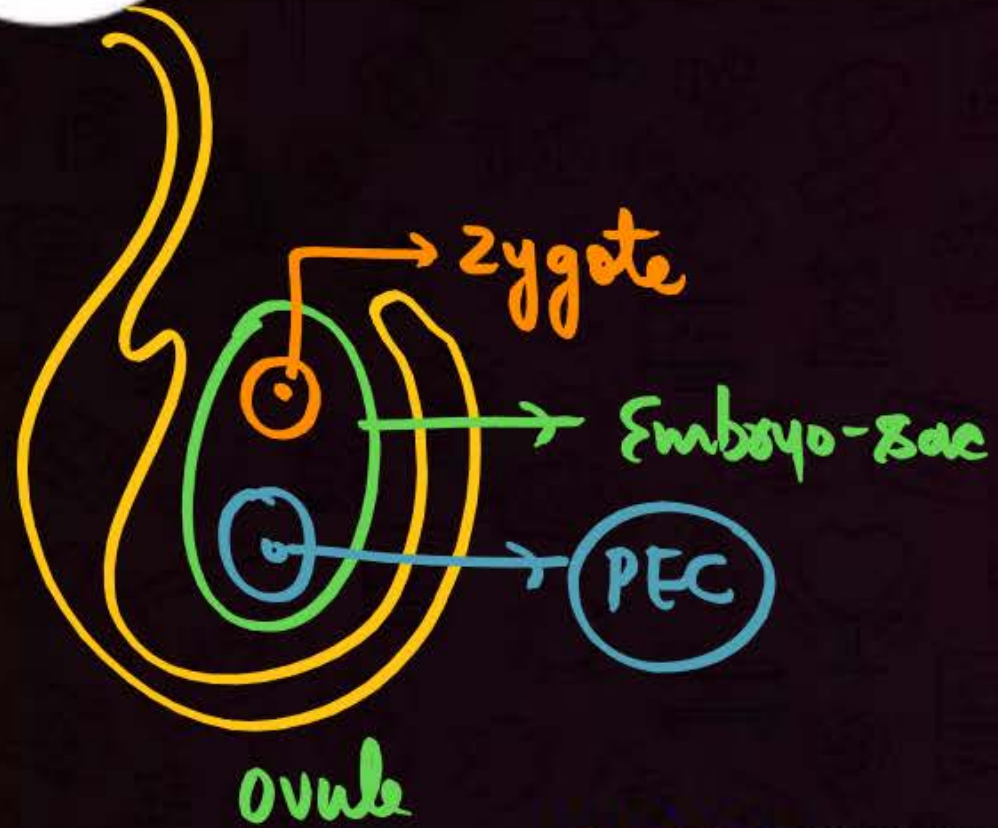
Endosperm = Chromosomes ? =  
zygote = Chromosomes? =

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## Endosperm Development



**NOTE :** Division in PEC always precedes division in zygote (Imp)

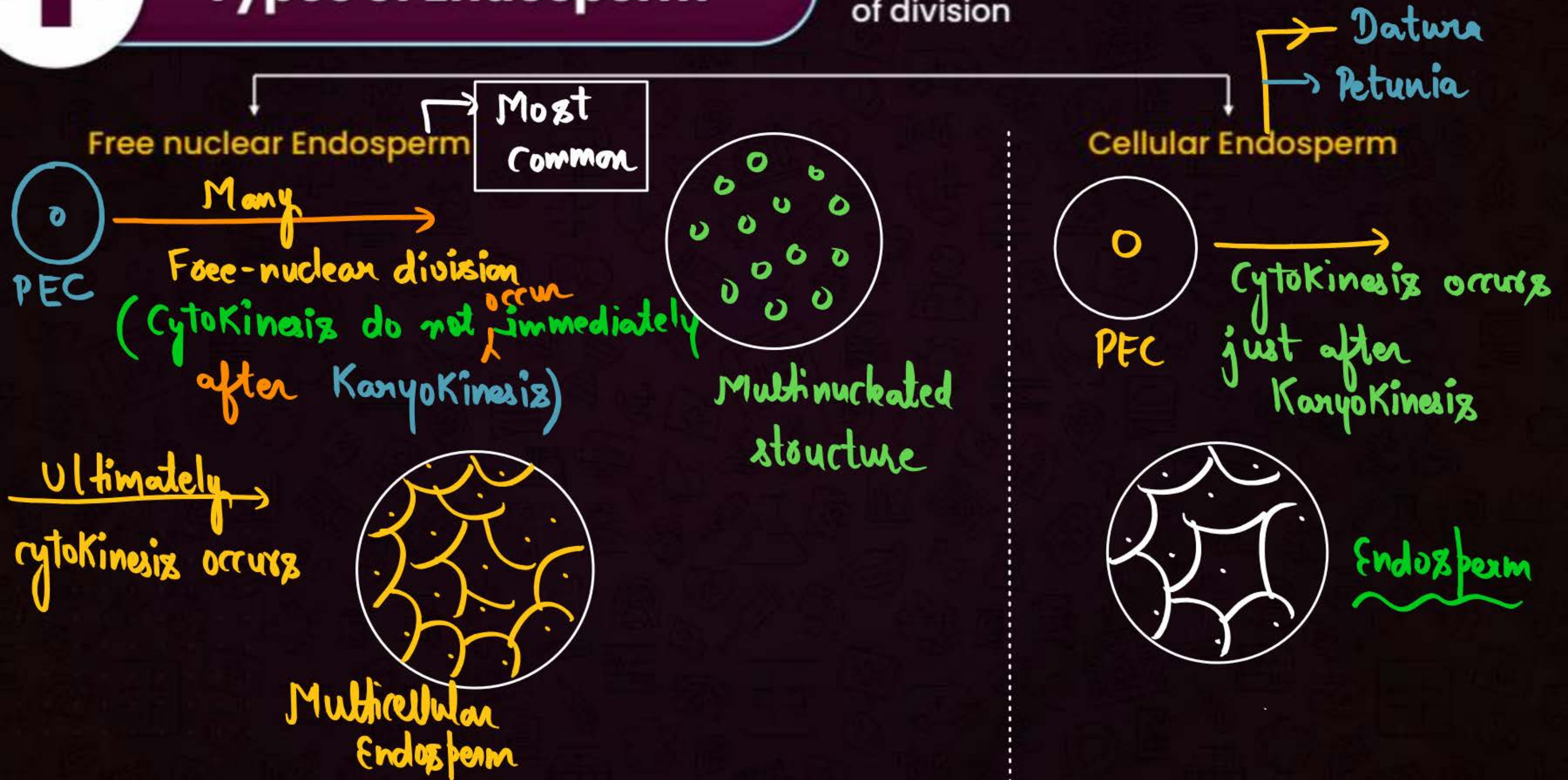
**Reason:** Division in PEC occurs first so that some amount of Endosperm is formed before embryo-development to give nourishment to Embryo.



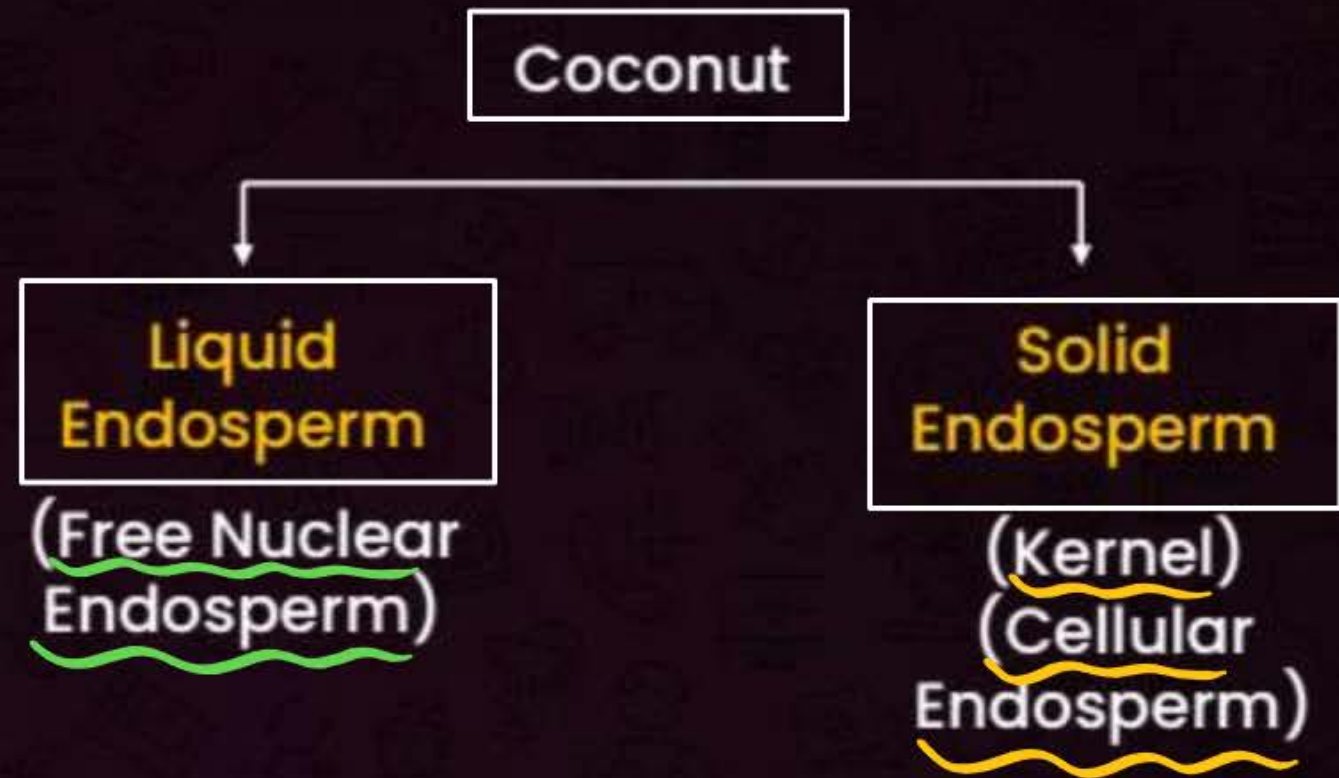


# Types of Endosperm

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of division

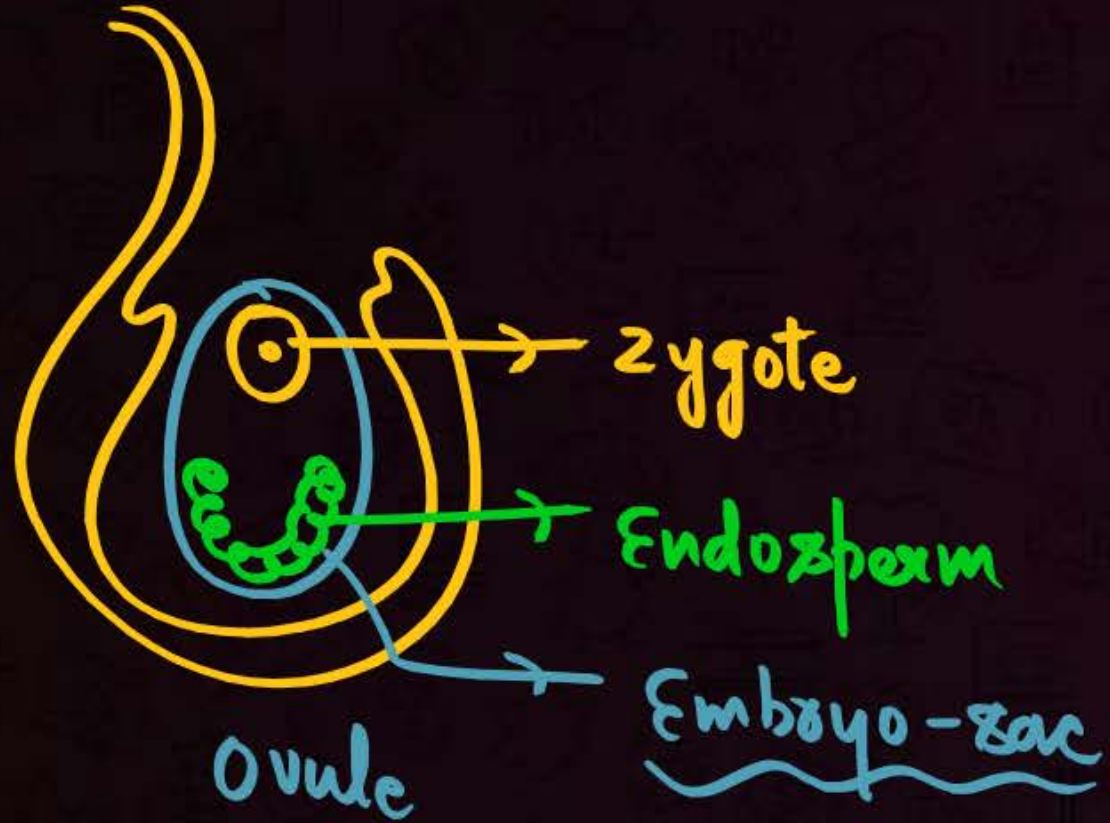








## Embryo-Development



Zygote development into Embryo occurs at Microphyllar end

- Zygote gets nourishment from "Endosperm"





# Embryo-Development



Zygote(2n)

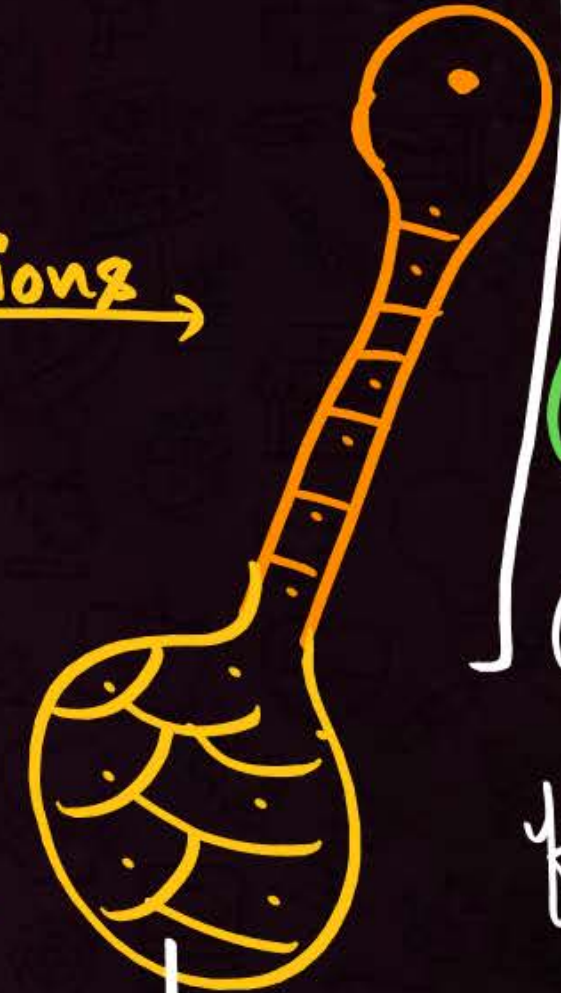
Unequal  
mitosis



Suspensor  
cell

Embryonal  
cell

Divisions



Suspensor  
(6-10  
celled)  
(derive  
nourishment  
from Endosperm)

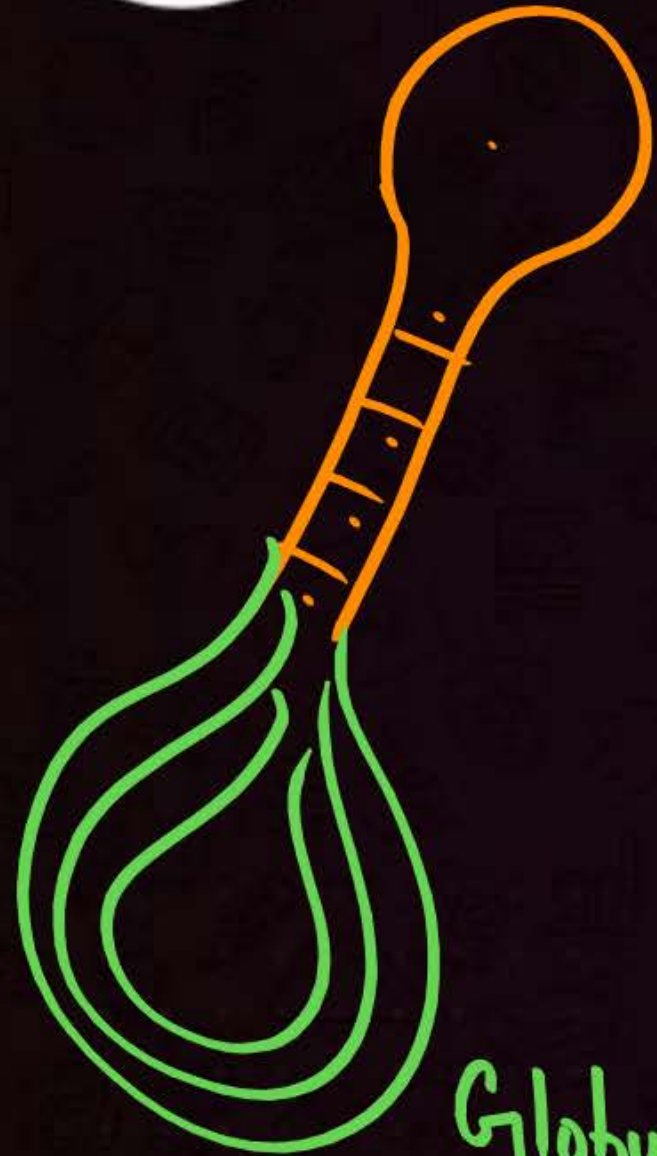
Mitosis  
↓  
2-celled Embryo  
↓  
4-celled Embryo  
↓  
8-celled Embryo

PROEMBRYO





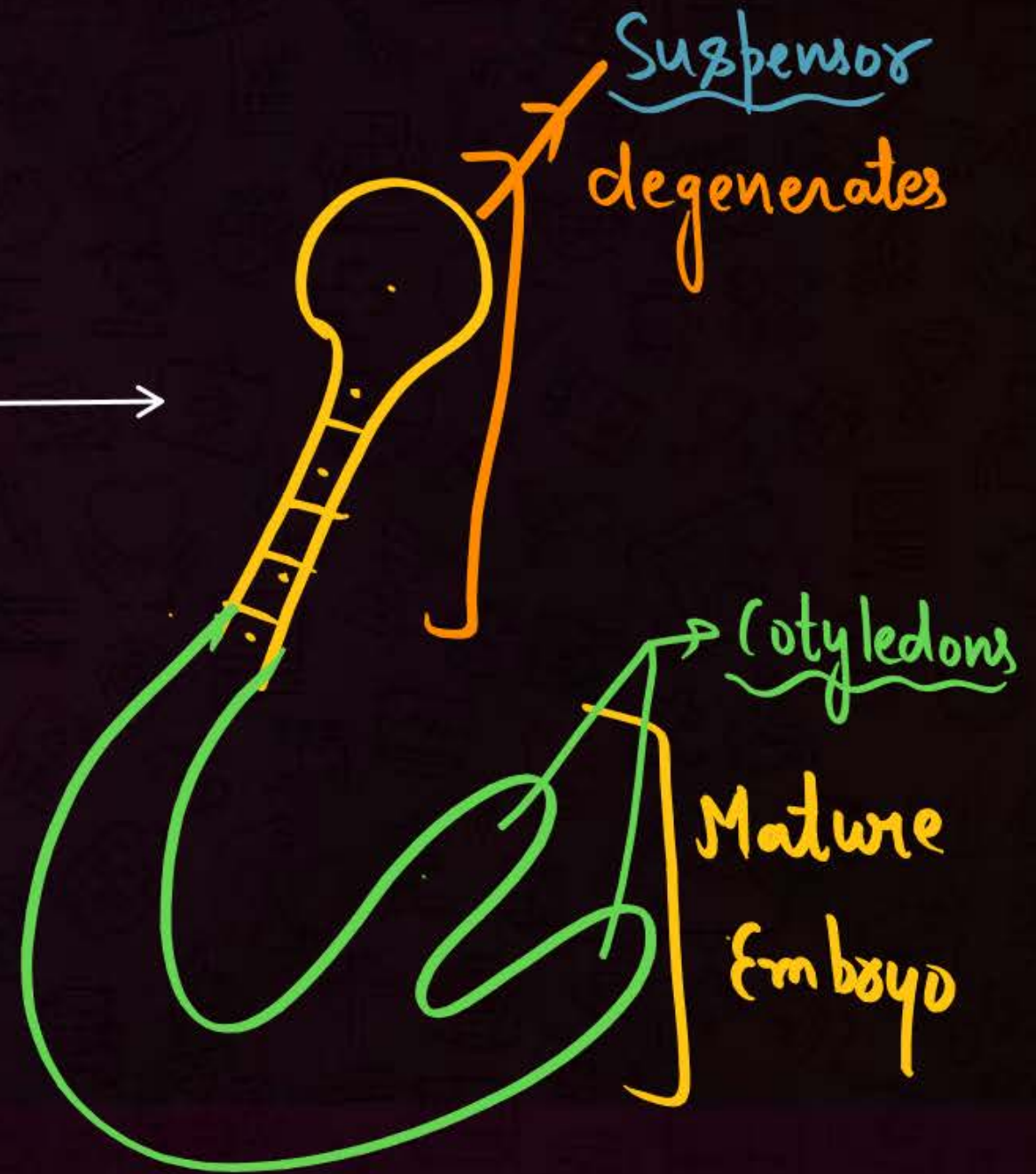
## Embryo-Development



Globular Embryo



Heart-shaped Embryo



Mature Embryo





## Embryo-Development



Stages of Embryo-development

Proembryo



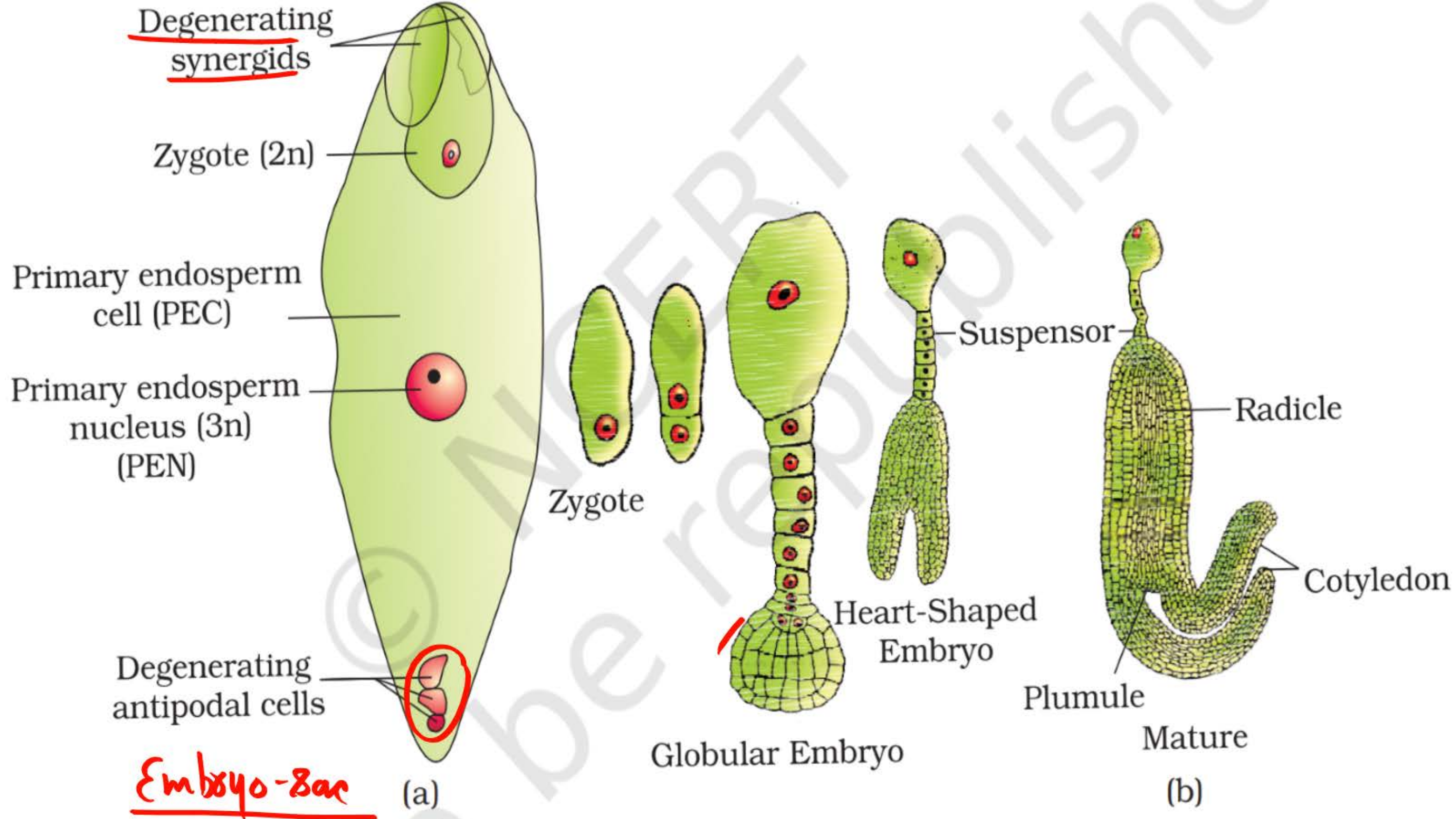
Globular embryo



Heart shaped embryo



Mature Embryo





Embryogeny in Dicots and Monocots is almost similar with following differences

### Dicot Embryogeny

- Suspensor (6-10 celled)
- 2 Cotyledons

### Monocot Embryogeny

- Suspensor (Single celled)
- **Single** Cotyledon called as SCUTELLUM

(imp) (lateral in Position)

Epiblast → 2<sup>nd</sup> reduced cotyledon  
or  
Rudimentary cotyledon

## Dicot Embryogeny

Coleoptile and Coleorrhiza

Absent

## Monocot Embryogeny

**COLEOPTILE** – Leaf like protective structure around Plumule

**COLEORRHIZA** – Leaf like protective structure around Radicle

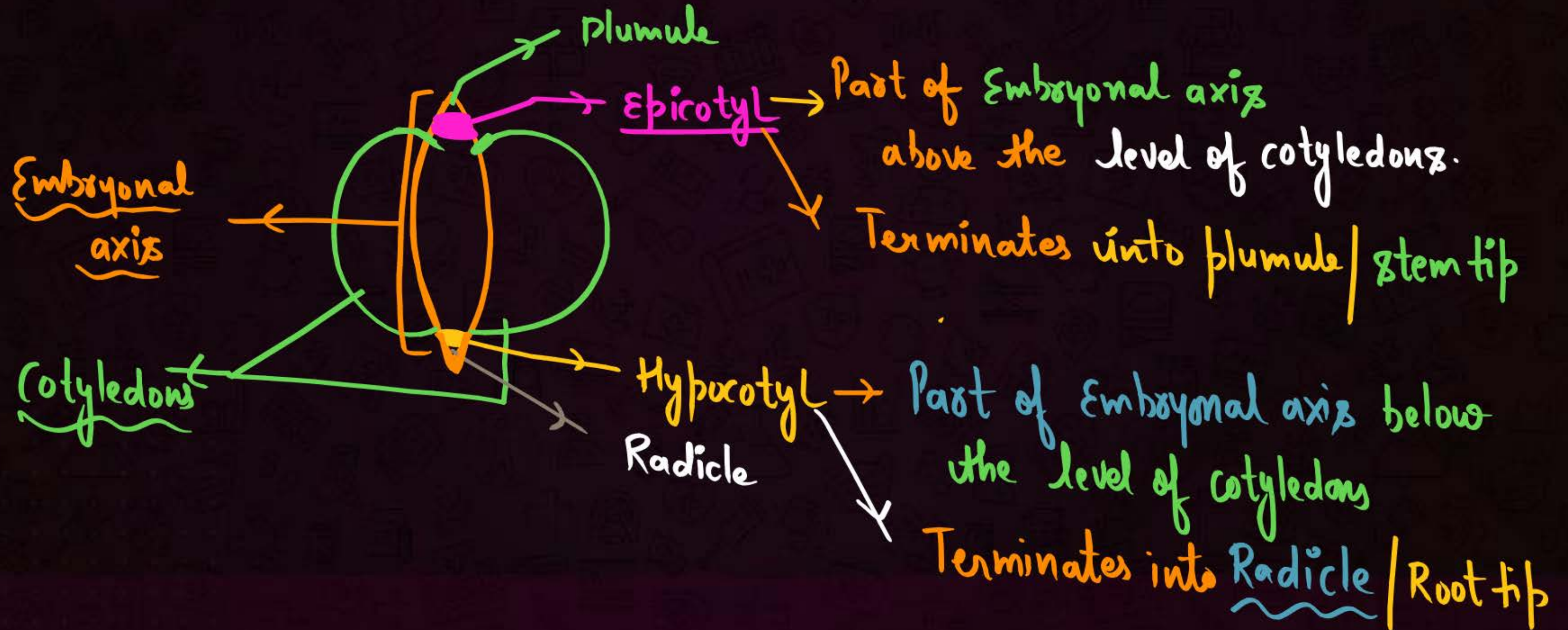




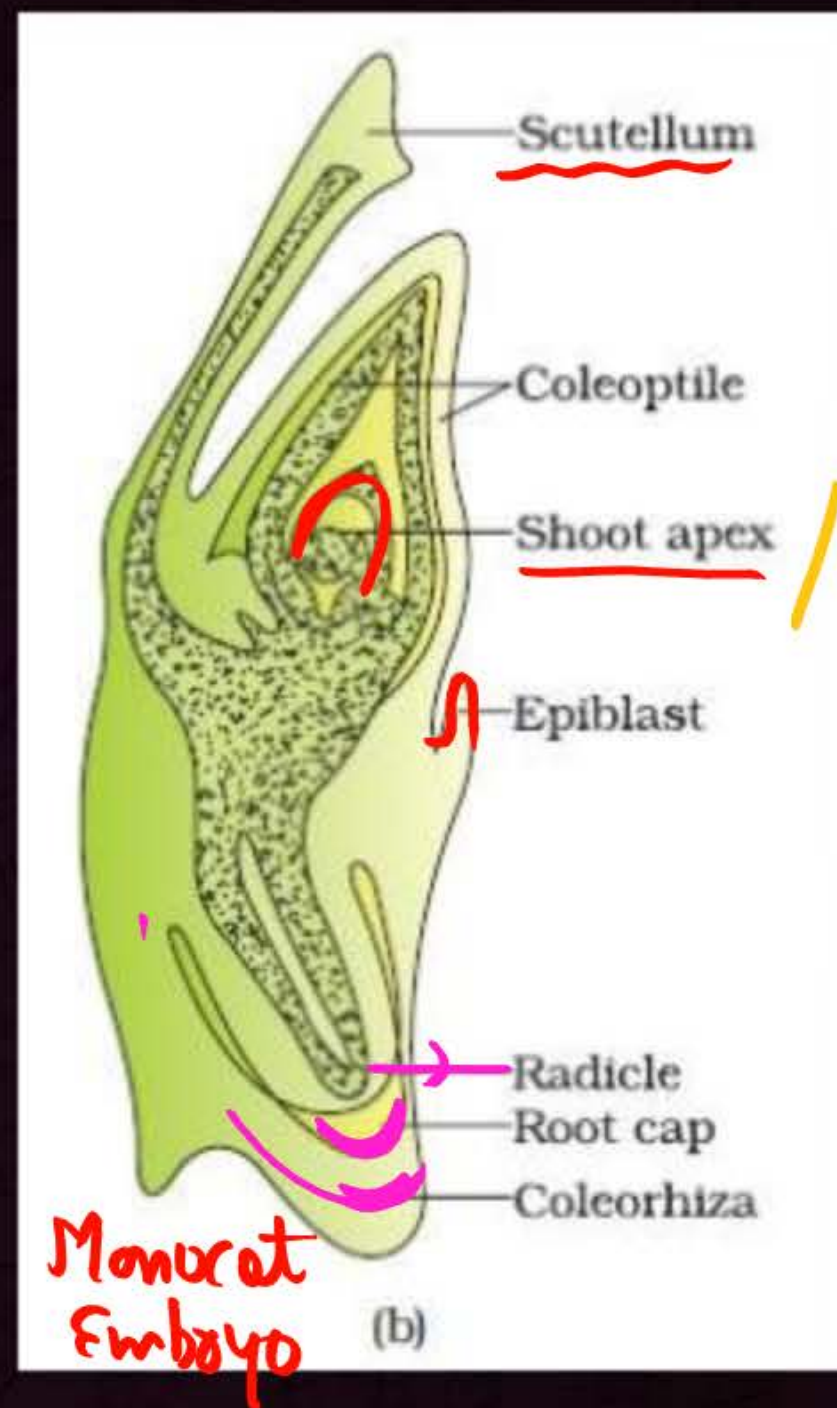
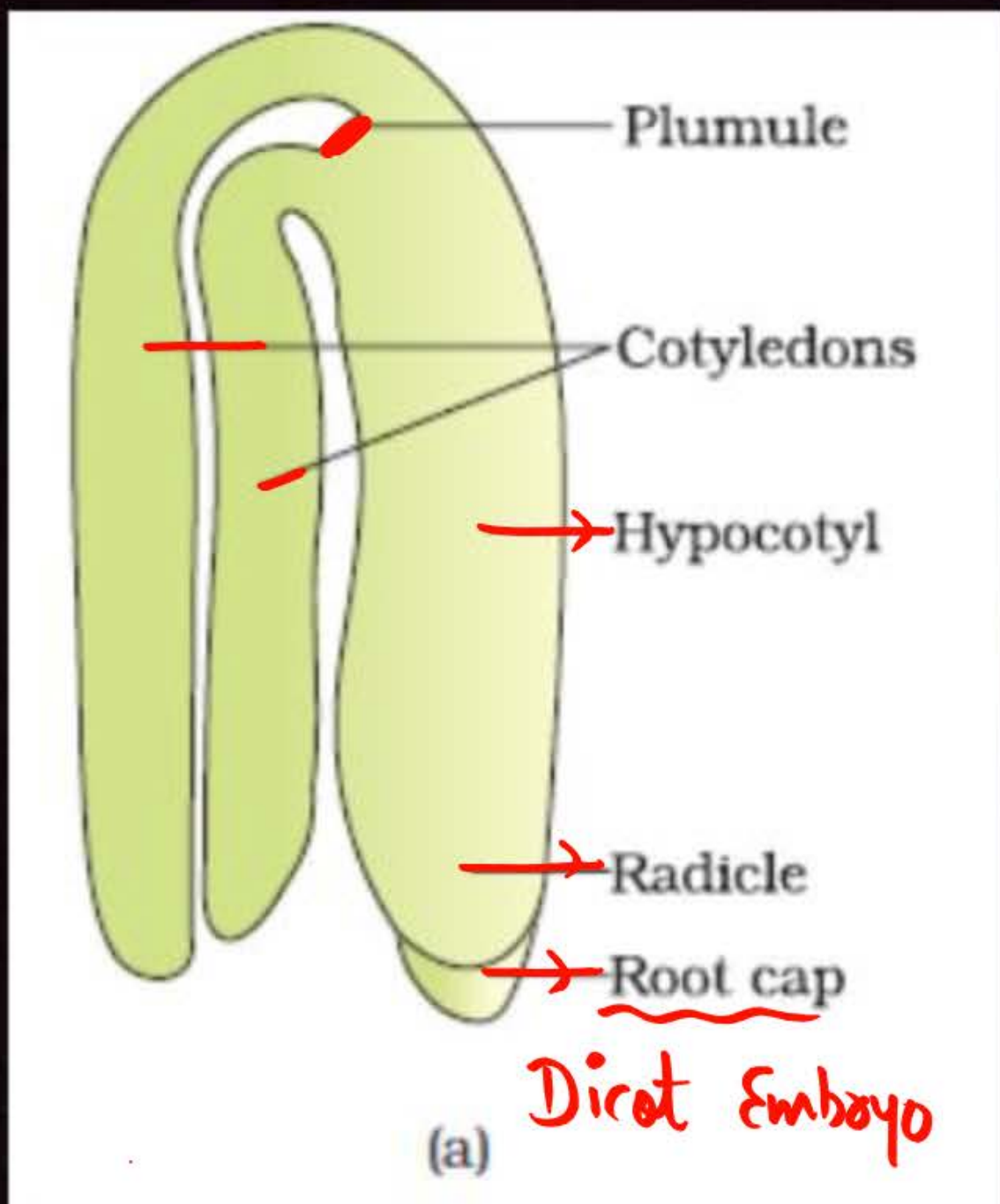
## Dicot Embryo



\* Root-tip surrounded by Root-cap.







Plumule



## QUESTION



In embryogeny of dicot plants, the suspensor cell undergoes transverse divisions forming suspensor which is

☒ **A** 6-10 celled

☐ **B** 1-5 celled

☐ **C** 11-15 celled

☐ **D** 16-21 celled

## QUESTION



The remains of second cotyledon occur in some grasses. It is called monocots

**A** Scutellum

**B** Hypocotyl

**C** Epicotyl

**D** Epiblast



## QUESTION

The portion of the embryonal axis above the level of cotyledons is

- ☐ A Hypocotyl
- ☒ B Epicotyl
- ☐ C Coleorhiza
- ☐ D Radicle

## QUESTION



Which of the following change does not occur in ovary as a result of sexual reproduction?

- A** Ovary wall → Pericarp
- B** Ovary → Fruit
- C** Ovule → Fruit wall
- D** Integument → Seed coat



## QUESTION

The central cell after triple fusion becomes the

- ☒ **A** PEC
- ☐ **B** PEN
- ☐ **C** Endosperm
- ☐ **D** Embryo

## QUESTION



Hydrophily is limited to 30 genera which are mostly

- ☐ A Gymnosperms
- ☒ B Monocots
- ☐ C Dicots
- ☐ D More than one option is correct



# Seed



Seed is a fertilised ovule.

Ovule  $\xrightarrow{\text{fertilisation}}$  Forms Seed

Integuments (2)  $\xrightarrow{\text{fertilisation}}$  Forms Seed coat

Number of seeds  $\leq$  Number of ovule

*No. of seeds*  
Either less than  
or equal to *number of ovules*

Number of seeds in  
never more than  
number of ovules

Orchid  
(Monocot)

Orobanche  
Striga

} Parasitic plants

(Thousands  
of tiny seeds)

Many tiny seeds

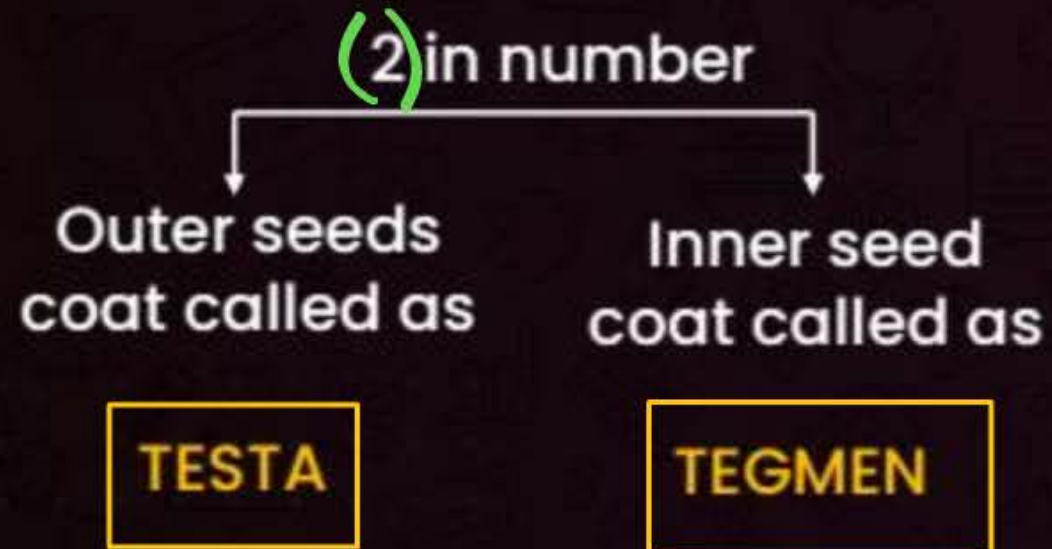




## Parts of a Seed



1. Embryo
2. Endosperm
3. Seed coat
4. Micropyle  
Opening from where water and  $O_2$  enters into Seed
5. Hilum  
is present are a scar.



## Properties of Seed

### Dehydration

when a seed matures it dehydrates and only 10-15% water (by mass) remains.

### Dormancy

Inactive State

during unfavourable conditions

### Germination

During favourable conditions

(Water, O<sub>2</sub>, light)

seed germinates to give rise to plant.



## Properties of Seed (useful for agriculture)

Dehydration

Dormancy

Due to there (2)  
properties a farmer  
can store seeds

## Advantages of Seed to Angiosperms

- Seeds have adaptive strategies for dispersal.
- Seed coat protects the embryo.
- Seed has large amount of reserve food material.
- Seed is a product of Sexual reproduction, thus helps in Variation and evolution.





## Seed Viability



The duration upto which a seed is capable of giving rise to new plant.

1. Oxalis → Few months
2. Lupinus (Lupine) → 10,000 years → Excavated from Arctic tundra
3. Date Palm (Phoenix) → 2,000 years → Excavated from King Herod's Palace near Dead Sea



## Types of Seed



### Non-Endospermic/Exalbuminous Seed

During embryo development, if embryo consumes whole endosperm and endosperm is not left in seed

Ex →

In Dicots

Exception: Orchid (monocot)

### Endospermic/Albuminous Seed

Embryo do not consume whole endosperm and endosperm remain in seed

Ex →

In Monocots

Exception: In some dicots

- Castor
- Sunflower
- Some members of Solanaceae family.





## Perispermic Seed



Seed in which **Perisperm** is present is Perispermic Seed.

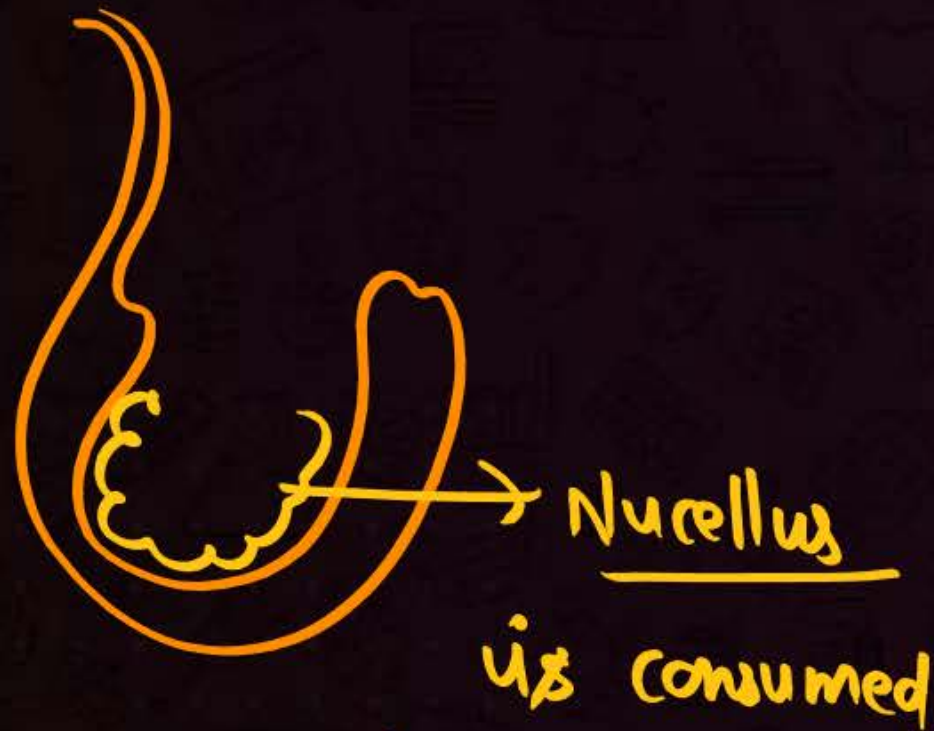
- Perisperm → **Remains of Nucellus**

Ex →

\* Beet

\* Piper nigrum (Black-pepper)

\* Castor



## QUESTION



Choose the correct option from the following

- I. Dehydration and dormancy of mature seed are crucial for seed storage. ✓
- II. Seed of *Lupinus arcticus* is the oldest one which germinated after 2000 year. ✗
- III. Orchid seed is one of largest seed in plant Kingdom. ✗
- IV. Seeds of parasitic plants *Orobanche* and *Striga* are tiny seeds. ✓

1 I, II are correct but III, IV are incorrect

2 ✓ I, IV are correct but II, III are incorrect

3 III, IV are correct but I, II are incorrect

4 II, III are correct but I, IV are incorrect



# Fruit



A fertilised ovary is called as fruit.

Ovary  $\xrightarrow{\text{fertilisation}}$  Fruit

Ovary wall  $\xrightarrow{\text{fertilisation}}$  Fruit wall / Pericarp





# Types of Fruit



## True Fruit

Fruit in which  
— only ovary —  
participates is true  
fruit

Ex → Most common  
Guava  
water-melon  
Papaya

## False Fruit

when along with ovary  
other parts of flower such  
as thalamus participates  
in the formation of fruit

Ex → Apple  
Pear  
strawberry

## Parthenocarpic Fruit

when ovary forms fruit  
without fertilization

Ex → Banana  
Grapes



- Parthenocarpic fruits can be formed with help of **Auxin Hormone**
- Parthenocarpy is useless in Pomegranate.

## True Fruit

### Dry Fruit

Pericarp is not  
differentiated

### Fleshy Fruit

Pericarp is  
differentiated

- Epicarp
- Mesocarp
- Endocarp

Ex → **Drupe**

Mango

(Mesocarp)

(Edible) Coconut

(Endosperm)



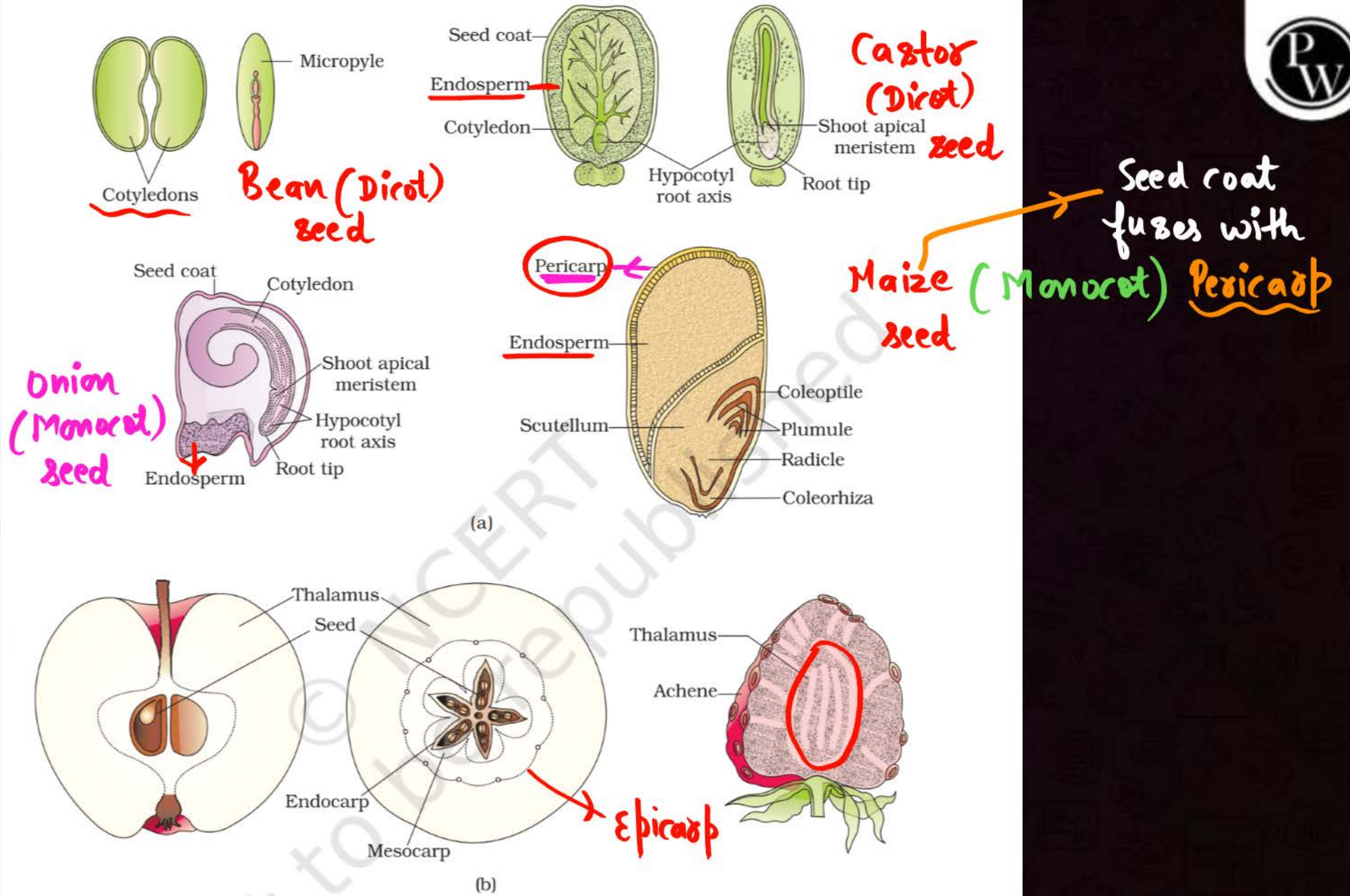


Figure 1.15 (a) Structure of some seeds. (b) False fruits of apple and strawberry





# Apomixis



- Formation of Seed → without fertilization.
- Apomixis is a type of Asexual reproduction. which mimics Sexual reproduction.
- Reason of Apomixis  
Expression of **Apomictic genes**

Cells of Nucellus

Cell of Integuments

} Due to expression of Apomictic genes, behave directly as Embryo



Found in



## Types of Apomixis / Agamospermy

Adventive Embryony / Sporophytic Apomixis

Nucellus / Integument

Directly forms  
Embryo

**Gametophytic Apomixis**

Nucellus

Megaspore-mother cell

No meiosis  
(Reductional division)

Diploid Embryo-sac

Diploid Egg cell

Embryo.

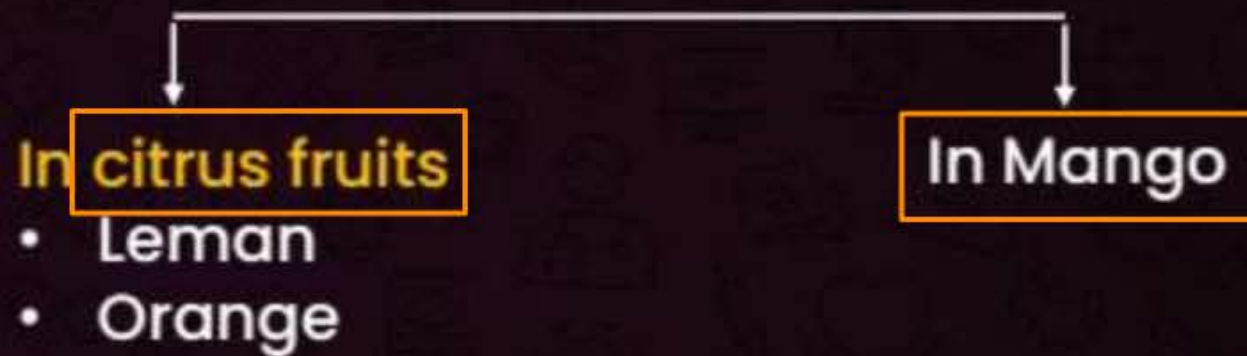


- Generally  
A seed has one Embryo

## Polyembryony



Phenomenon where a seed has more than one Embryo



Polyembryony : was discovered by Anton Van Leeuwenhoek in Citrus fruits.

## Parthenocarpy

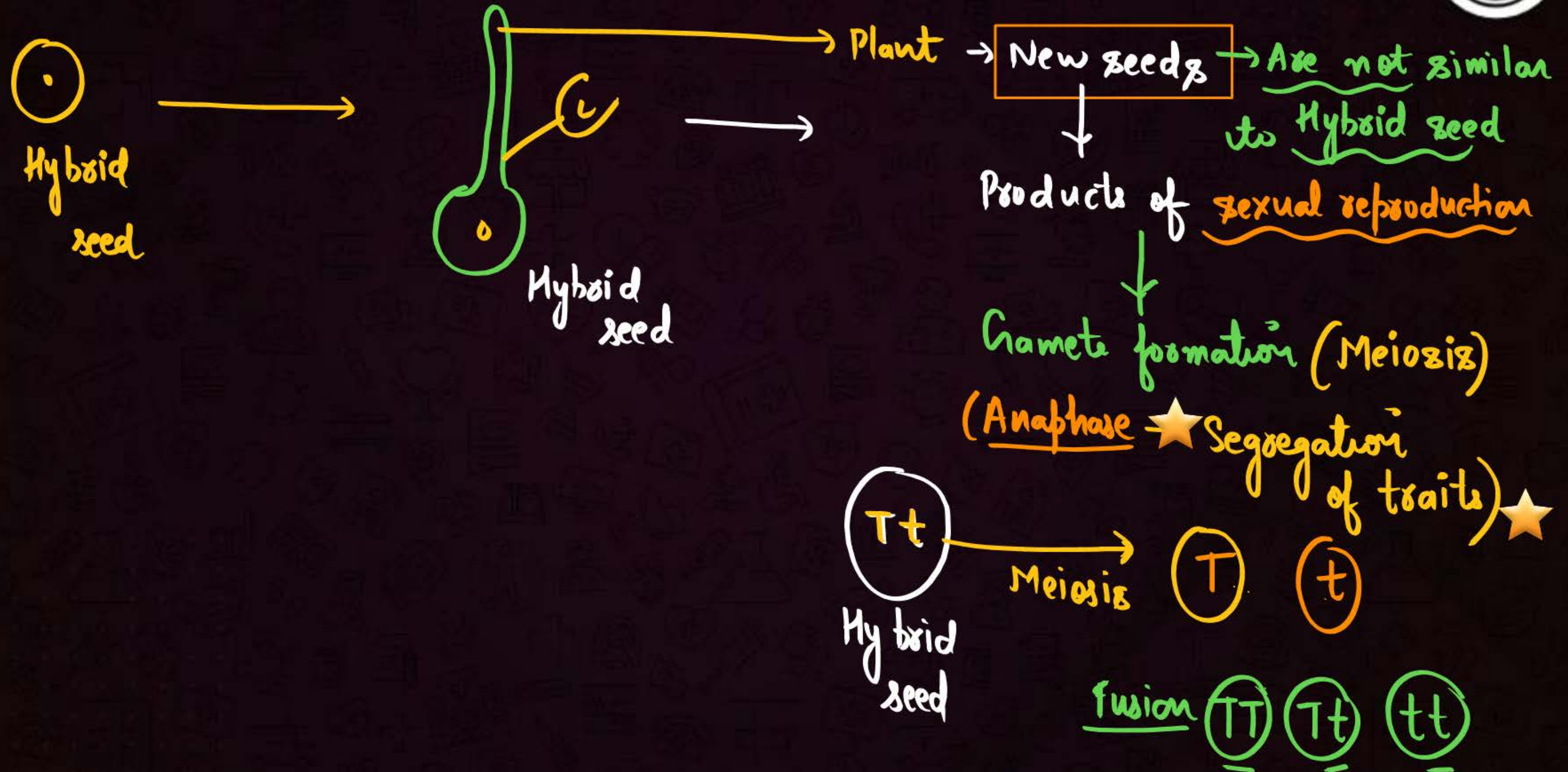
Formation of fruit without fertilisation

## Apomixis / Parthenogenesis

Formation of Seed without fertilisation



## Advantage of Apomixis in Agriculture

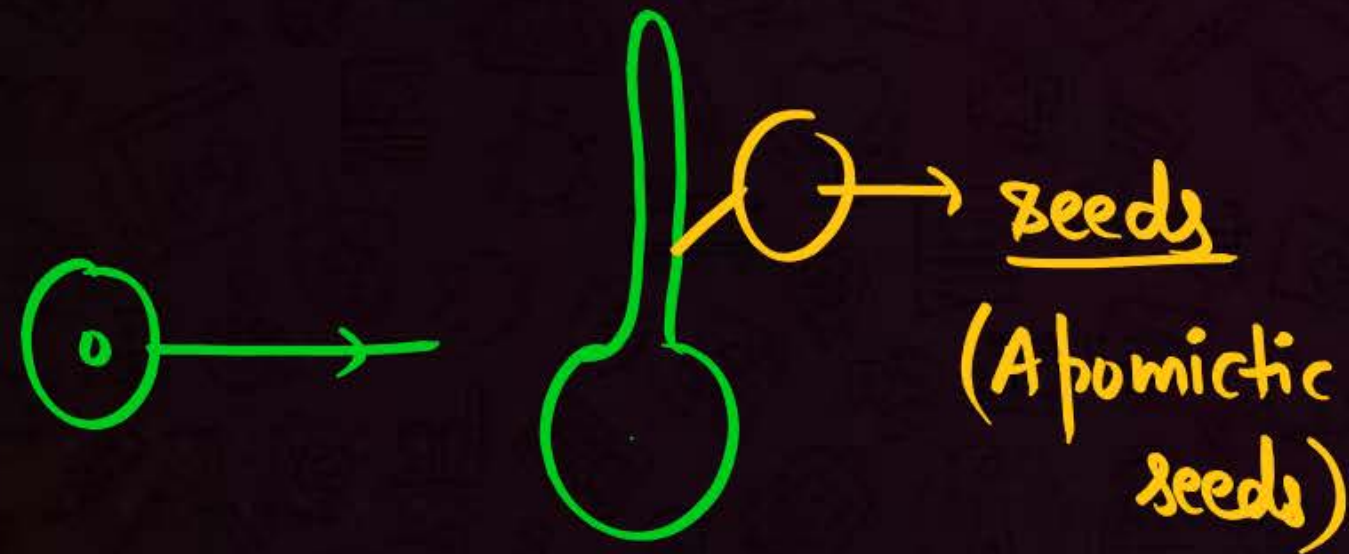


If Apomictic genes

Are discovered

Then by Genetic Engineering

Seed has Apomictic genes



- These Apomictic seeds will be **clone** to **Parent seed**
- Farmer will not have to buy new seeds again.
- During Apomixis there is **no segregation of traits** (No meiosis)







During Sexual Reproduction



There is Segregation of traits  
during gamete formation

Seed on this plants are product of  
sexual reproduction which are not  
similar to parent hybrid seed.  
So, due to this Farmer has to buy  
hybrid seeds every year.

## QUESTION



Choose the correct option from the following statements.

- I. Apomixis is form of asexual reproduction which mimics sexual reproduction. ✓
- II. In Apomixis seeds develop either from diploid egg cell or from cells of nucellus. ✓
- III. Seeds collected from hybrids plant maintain hybrid character for a longer times. ✓
- IV. In Apomixis, there is segregation of characters. ✓

- 1 All are correct
- 2 All are incorrect
- 3 Only I and II are correct ✓
- 4 Only II, IV are correct



## QUESTION



**Assertion:** Apomictic embryo is asexual mode of reproduction. ✓

**Reason:** It prevents the segregation of traits. ✓

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- 1 Both Assertion & Reason are true and the Reason is a correct explanation of the Assertion.
- 2 Both Assertion & Reason are true but Reason is not a correct explanation of the Assertion.
- 3 Assertion is true but Reason is false.
- 4 Assertion is false but the Reason is true.



# THANK YOU

