Next few lectures are on *plant form and function* Today: Plant Structure Exam II is on F March 31



Outline – Plant structure

I. Plant Cells – structure & different types
 II. Types of meristems
 Apical meristems: primary growth
 Lateral meristems: secondary growth

III. Tissues in cross sectionsIV. Leaves: regulation of gas exchange and water loss

Plant Cells: Distinguishing features (Ch. 4 – refresher)

• Chloroplasts

- photosynthesis

- sacs of liquid

- Vacuoles
- Cellulose cell wall



Plant Cell Walls

- Neighboring cells are glued together: middle lamella
- Primary cell wall cellulose as the cell grows

 Secondary cell wall – cellulose impregnated with <u>lignin</u> or <u>suberin</u>:



Secondary Cell Walls

Some cells produce a thick secondary wall. Contains:

Lignin - is hard and woody.



• Or **suberin**, which is **corky** and **waterproof**.



Plant Cell Walls

- Plasmodesmata: thin spots where strands of cytoplasm pass through the cell walls
- Allows direct communication between neighboring cytoplasms.

Fig 35.7



Plant Cell Walls

• **Pits** - interruptions of the secondary wall for plasmodesmata



There's several types of plant cells – each with different structures and functions

Parenchyma
 Collenchyma
 Sclerenchyma

4. Xylem (tissues)5. Phloem

(1) Parenchyma cells have thin cellulose walls with no secondary wall.

- Green cells photosynthesis in leaves.
- Function when **alive**





Parenchyma

- Photosynthetic
- Storage (starch or lipids.)
- Some bulk/structure



(2) Chollenchyma cells:

have primary walls with thick corners (no secondary wall).

- Usually long and narrow.
- Function when alive



Chollenchyma

- "Flexible support", e.g., leaf stalks, non-woody stems
- Support for young growing organs
 E.g., Celery "strings"



(3) Sclerenchyma cells:

have thick, often lignified secondary walls.

- Greek skleros = "hard"
- Usually dead at maturity when functioning
- Rigid support



Sclerenchyma

- Strengthen tissues that have ceased growing.
- Two kinds:
 - ◆ Fibers- long thin, e.g., flax or hemp fiber, bark

Sclereids- shorter, may be branched, e.g., shells of nuts, peach pit, grit in pears



Vascular plants have specialized conducting tissues:

(4) Xylem for water transport

(5) Phloem for sugar and nutrient transport

(4) Xylem for water transport

- Move water roots \rightarrow aboveground
- Function when <u>dead</u>

2 kinds:

• Tracheids and vessel elements







Tracheids and vessel elements lignified secondary walls.
Tracheids connected with pits
found in all vascular plants

Vessel elements have big holes.
restricted to angiosperms.







Vessel elements:

- stack to form long open tubes
- A bubble will ruin the whole tube

Tracheids:

- pits block even the smallest bubble
- damage is localized to only one cell.



(5) Phloem for moving sugars around.

- Transport carbohydrates and nutrients
- Function when living:

Sieve tube elements



Plant Cells (5) Phloem • Sieve tubes stack end to end forming a long tube. Companion cells regulate it: Linked by plasmodermata **Retain organelles**



Review of Plant Cells

Which of the following is most correct?

a. Only the primary cell walls are made of celluloseb. Only the secondary cell walls are made of cellulosec. Only the primary cell walls contain lignin or suberind. Only the secondary cell walls contain lignin or suberin

Review of Plant Cells

• Which cells function when dead?

• Which cells provide flexible support?

Parenchyma
Chollenchyma
Sclerenchyma

Plant Tissues and Tissue Systems

- 3 tissue systems in plants:
- vascular tissue
- dermal tissue
- ground tissue



Plant Tissues and Tissue Systems

• Vascular tissue:

conducts water, minerals, and the products of photosynthesis.

- Dermal tissue: protects the body surface.
- Ground tissue: produces and stores food



Forming the Plant Body

Plants grow from localized regions: **meristems** where cells divide.

 apical meristems
 Growth of the primary plant body

lateral meristems

Growth of the **secondary plant** body



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Forming the Plant Body

 Root and shoot apical meristems give rise to the <u>entire plant body</u> of herbaceous plants.

 <u>Woody plants</u> show secondary growth. Secondary 'body' is wood and bark



Apical meristems

- Plants grow only vertically from these growing tips:
 - Hammer a nail 5 feet from the ground into a 10 ft. sequoia sapling.
 - In a thousand years when the tree is 300 ft., how high will the nail be?

Apical meristems

Give rise to:

- Roots
- Shoots
- Plant organs

Roots

- Root cap
- Root hairs
- Epidermis
- Mycorrhizae are associated with epidermis and root hairs



Roots

• The cortex – food storage

• Endodermis – waterproof layer keeps water from moving inside without passing through the cytoplasm.

Fig 35.17

• Xylem and phloem



Roots – Water uptake **Casparian strip** – Suberin Makes waterproof ring • Water cannot go between cells Osmotic Regulation **Casparian strip** transverse cell wall Plasma membranes Fig 36.5 radial cell wall

Shoots

The **shoot apical meristem** gives rise to **leaf primordia:**

- Leaves and
- buds



Shoots

Vascular tissue: Roots - the center

Young stems – <u>bundles in a ring or</u> <u>scattered</u>.



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Monocot



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Vascular tissue is in bundles in a ring or scattered. (Fig 35.18)



Monocot



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Rest is parenchyma with some strengthening collenchyma around the outside.
 Epidermis secretes a waxy cuticle



- Vascular <u>bundle</u> of a young eudicot stem
- **<u>Primary growth</u>**: growth from apical meristems

Lateral Meristems \rightarrow secondary growth of stems

- Thicken to wood and bark
- This is <u>secondary</u> <u>growth</u> resulting from the two lateral meristems:
 vascular and cork cambium.



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- Vascular cambium in the vascular bundles becomes a continuous cylinder
- **secondary xylem** to the inside
- secondary phloem to the outside

- Secondary xylem: mostly vessel elements, fibers and parenchyma
 WOOD
- Secondary phloem: mostly sieve tubes members, companion cells, fibers and parenchyma part of <u>BARK</u>



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Annual rings:

Plants growing in <u>seasonal</u> <u>environments</u> often produce

- wide, thin-walled vessels or tracheids in the spring
- and narrower, thickwalled cells in the summer.



Lenticels



Bark

- Tissues outside the phloem
- The cork cambium produces new protective tissue: Cork suberized

Leaves

- Where photosynthesis occurs
- Bring together the precursors: H₂O, CO₂.
- Export the products: sugar, O₂.



Leaves

Conflicting needs:1. Avoid desiccation.2. Obtain CO2.



- Epidermis Flat cells covered by a waxy cuticle. Good at 1. but not 2.
- Stomata Regulated pores that let CO₂ in



Mesophyll –

Green parenchyma where photosynthesis occurs.

Open - easy access for CO₂.



Review of Structure

Which meristem causes elongation? Which meristem causes thickening?

How to leaves balance the conflicting need for CO2 and the negative effects of desiccation?