# Algae Microbiological Approach

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### Introduction

- What are algae definition according to you?
- How were they gain their nutrition?
- Why do we should learn this topic ?
- How do algae can provide benefit to us?

- Algae are simple organisms. Many are unicellular, while others are
  - multicellular and more complex, but they all have rudimentary conducting tissues. They also exhibit a wide range of variation from a morphological and reproductive point of view. Algae are biochemically and physiologically very similar to the rest of plants: they essentially have the same metabolic pathways, possess chlorophyll, and produce similar proteins and carbohydrates

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 Algae also lack true roots, stems, and leaves—features they share with the avascular lower plants (e.g., mosses, liverworts, and hornworts).

 Beginning in the 1830s, algae were classified into major groups based on colour—e.g., red, brown, and green

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 he colours are a reflection of different <u>chloroplast</u> pigment s, such as <u>chlorophylls</u>, <u>carotenoids</u>, and phycobiliproteins.



#### Macroalgae



#### Microalgae

Many algae consist of only one cell, while the largest have millions of cells. In large, macroscopic algae, groups of cells are specialized for specific functions, such as anchorage, transport, photosynthesis, and reproduction; such specialization indicates a measure of complexity and evolutionary advancement.

## Algae

#### Classification

#### Classification Scheme of the Different Algal Groups

	Kingdom	Subkingdom	Infrakingdom	Phylum	Class	Representative	Image
Prokaryota	Bacteria	Negibacteria		Cyanobacteria	Cyanophyceae	Arthrospira	1.1a
Eukaryota	Plantae	Biliphyta		Glaucophyta	Glaucophyceae	Cyanophora	1.1b
				Rhodophyta	Bangiophyceae	Porphyra	1.1c
					Compsopogonophyceae	Erythrocladia	1.1d
					Cyanidiophyceae	Cyanodioschyzon	1.1e
					Florideophyceae	Phyllophora	1.1f
					Porphyridiophyceae	Porphyridiam	1.1g
					Rhodellophyceae	Glaucosphaera	1.1h
					Stylonematophyceae	Stylonema	1.li
		Viridiplantae	Chlorophyta	Chlorophyta	Prasinophytes	Pyramimonas	1.11
					Mamiellophyceae	Crustomastix	1.1m
					Nephroselmidophyceae	Nephroselmis	1.1n
					Pedinophyceae	Pedinomonas	1.10
					Chlorodendrophyceae	Tetraselmis	1.1p
					Chlorophyceae	Scenedesmus	1.1q
					Ulvophyceae	Ulva	1.1r
					Trebouxiophyceae	Chlorella	1.1s
					Dasycladophyceae	Acetabularia	1.1t
					Palmophyllales	Palmophyllum	1.1u
			Streptophyta	Charophyta	Mesostigmatophyceae	Mesostigma	1.1v
					Chlorokybophyceae	Chlorokybus	1.1z
					Klebsormidiophyceae	Klebsormidium	1.1aa
					Charophyceae	Nitella	1.1ab
					Coleochaetophyceae	Coleochaete	1.1ac
					Zygnematophyceae	Cosmarium	1.1ad
	Chromista	Hacrobia		Haptophyta	Coccolithophyceae (Prymnesiophyceae)	Umbellosphaera	1.1ae
					Haptophyta incertae sedis	Coronocyclus	1.1af
					Pavlovophyceae	Pavlova	1.1ag
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Kingdom	Subkingdom	Infrakingdom	Phylum	Class	Representative	Image
			Cryptophyta	Cryptophyceae	Rhodomonas	1.1ah
	Harosa	Heterokonta	Ochrophyta	Chrysophyceae	Ochromonas	1.1ai
				Xanthophyceae	Vaucheria	1.1al
				Eustigmatophyceae	Nannochloropsis	1.1am
				Bacillariophyceae	Cylindrotheca	1.1an
				Raphidophyceae	Heterosigma	1.1ao
				Dictyochophyceae	Distephanus	1.1ap
				Phaeophyceae	Ascophyllum	1.1aq
				Pelagophyceae	Chrysophaeum	1.1ar
				Bolidophyceae	Tetraparma	1.1as
				Schizocladiophyceae	Schizocladia	1.1at
				Chrysomerophyceae	Gyraudiopsis	1.1au
				Picophagophyceae	Picophagus	1.1av
				Pinguiophyceae	Pinguiococcus	1.1az
				Placidiophyceae	Placidia	1.1ba
				Phaeothamniophyceae	Phaeothamnion	1.1bb
				Synchromophyceae	Synchroma	1.1bc
				Synurophyceae	Synura	1.1bd
				Aurearenophyceae	Aurearena	1.1be
			Cercozoa	Chlorarachniophyceae	Gymnochlora	1.1bf
Protozoa	Biciliata	Alveolata	Myzozoa	Dinophyceae	Prorocentrum	1.1bg
					Lepidodinium	1.1bh
	Eozoa	Euglenozoa	Euglenozoa	Euglenophyceae	Euglena	1.1bi
					Phacus	1.1bl
					Trachelomonas	1.1bm
					Peranema	1.1bn

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#### **Distribution of Algal Divisions**

		Habitat					
Phylum	Common Name	Marine	Freshwater	Terrestrial	Symbiotic		
Cyanobacteria	Blue-green algae	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Glaucophyta	n.a.	n.d.	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Rhodophyta	Red algae	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Chlorophyta	Green algae	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Charophyta	n.a.	Yes	Yes	Yes	n.d.		
Haptophyta	Coccolithophorids	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Cryptophyta	Cryptomonads	Yes	Yes	n.d.	Yes		
Ochrophyta	Golden algae	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
	Yellow-green algae						
	Diatoms						
	Brown algae						
Cercozoa (Chlorarachniophyceae)	n.a.	Yes	n.d.	n.d.	Yes		
Myzozoa (Dynophyceae)	Dinoflagellates	Yes	Yes	n.d.	Yes		
Euglenozoa (Euglenophyceae)	Euglenoids	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		

Note: n.a., not available; n.d., not detected.

#### Thallus Morphology in the Different Algal Divisions

Phylum	Unicellular and Nonmotile	Unicellular and Motile	Colonial and Nonmotile	Colonial and Motile	Filamentous	Siphonous	Parenchimatous
Cyanobacteria	Synechococcus Prochloron	n.d.	Anacystis	n.d.	Calothrix Prochlorothrix	n.d.	Pleurocapsa
Glaucophyta	Glaucocystis	Cyanophora	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Rhodophyta	Phorphyridium	n.d.	Cyanoderma	n.d.	Goniotricum	n.d.	Palmaria
Chlorophyta	Chlorella	Dunaliella	Pseudo-sphaerocystis	Volvox	Ulothrix	Bryopsis	Ulva
Charophyta							
Haptophyta	n.d.	Chrysochromulina	n.d.	Corymbellus	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Cryptophyta	n.d.	Cryptomonas	n.d.	n.d.	Bjornbergiella	n.d.	n.d.
Ochrophyta	Triceratium	Ochromonas	Chlorobotrys	Synura	Ectocarpus	Vaucheria	Fucus
Cercozoa (Chlorarachniophyceae)	n.d.	Chlorarachnion	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Myzozoa (Dynophyceae)	Dinococcus	Gonyaulax	Gloeodinium	n.d.	Dinoclonium	n.d.	n.d.
Euglenozoa (Euglenophyceae)	Ascoglena	Phacus	Colacium	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.
Note: n.d., not detected.							

	Class	Subphylum	Phylum	Kingdom
	Cyanophyceae		Cyanophyta	Prokaryota eubacteria
	Glaucophyceae		Glaucophyta	Eukaryota
	Cyanidiophyceae	Cyanidiophytina	Rhodophyta	
ae	Compsopogonophyceae	Eurhodophytina		
	Porphyridophyceae			
	Rhodellophyceae			
	Stylonematophyceae			
	Bangiophyceae			
	Florideophyceae			
	Cryptophyceae		Cryptophyta	
	Dinophyceae		Dinophyta	
	Haptophyceae		Haptophyta	
	Bacillariophyceae	Khakista	Ochrophyta	
	Bolidophyceae			
	Chrysophyceae	Phaeista		
	Synurophyceae			
	Eustigmatophyceae			
	Raphidophyceae			
	Dictyochophyceae			
	Pelagophyceae			
	Pinguiophyceae			
2	Phaeothamniophyceae			
	Chrysomerophyceae			
	Xanthophyceae			
	Phaeophyceae			
	Euglenophyceae		Euglenophyta	
	Chlorarachniphyceae		Chlorarachniophyta	
	Prasinophyceae	Prasinophytina	Chlorophyta	
	Chlorophyceae	Tetraphytina		
5	Chlorodendrophyceae			
	Trebouxyophyceae			
	Ulvophyceae			
	Dasycladophyceae			
	Coleochaetophyceae		Charophyta (Streptophyta n. n.)	
	Conjugatophyceae		Construction by by	
	Mesotigmatophyceae			
	Klebsormidiophyceae			
	Champhana			
2	Dictyochophyceae Pelagophyceae Pinguiophyceae Phaeothamniophyceae Chrysomerophyceae Chrysomerophyceae Phaeophyceae Euglenophyceae Chlorarachniphyceae Chlorarachniphyceae Chlorophyceae Chlorophyceae Chlorodendrophyceae Ulvophyceae Dasycladophyceae Coleochaetophyceae Coleochaetophyceae Klebsormidiophyceae	Prasinophytina Tetraphytina	Euglenophyta Chlorarachniophyta Chlorophyta Chlorophyta (Streptophyta p. p.)	

		Pigme			
Phylum	Chlorophylls	Phycobilins	Main Carotenoids	Main Xantophylls	Storage Products
Cyanobacteria	a, b	C-phycoerythrin	β-carotene	Myxoxanthin	Cyanophycin (arginine and aspartic acid)
		C-phycocyanin		Zeaxanthin	Cyanophycean starch (α-1,4-glucan)
		Allophycocyanin			
Glaucophyta	a	Phycoerythrocyanin	β-carotene	Zeaxanthin	Starch (α-1,4-glucan)
		C-phycocyanin			
		Allophycocyanin			
Rhodophyta	a	B-phycoerythrin	α- and β-carotene	Lutein	Floridean starch (α-1,4-glucan)
		R-phycoerythrin			
		R-phycocyanin			
		Allophycocyanin			
Chlorophyta	a, b	Absent	$\alpha$ -, $\beta$ -, and $\gamma$ -carotene	Lutein	Starch ( $\alpha$ -1,4-glucan)
				Prasinoxanthin	
Charophyta	a, b	Absent	$\alpha$ -, $\beta$ -, and $\gamma$ -carotene	Lutein	Starch (α-1,4-glucan)
				Prasinoxanthin	
Haptophyta	$a, c_1, c_2$	Absent	α- and β-carotene	Fucoxanthin	Chrysolaminaran (β-1,3-glucan)
Cryptophyta	$a, c_2$	B-phycoerytrin (545)	$\alpha$ -, $\beta$ -, and $\epsilon$ -carotene	Alloxanthin	Starch ( $\alpha$ -1,4-glucan)
		R-phycocyanin			
		Allophycocyanin			
Ochrophyta	$a, c_1, c_2, c_3$	Absent	$\alpha$ -, $\beta$ -, and $\epsilon$ -carotene	Fucoxanthin, violaxanthin	Chrysolaminaran (β-1,3-glucan)
Cercozoa (Chlorarachniophyceae)	a, b	Absent	Absent	Lutein, neoxanthin, violaxanthin	Paramylon (β-1,3-glucan)
Myzozoa (Dynophyceae)	$a, c_1, c_2$	Absent	β-carotene	Peridinin	Starch (α-1,4-glucan)
				Fucoxanthin	
				Diadinoxanthin	
				Dinoxanthin	
				Gyroxanthin	
Euglenozoa (Euglenophyceae)	a, b	Absent	β- and γ-carotene	Diadinoxanthin	Paramylon (β-1,3-glucan)

#### Main Pigments, Storage Products, and Cell Coverings of the Algal Divisions



Figure 3. Diversity of algal body type. (a) Motile unicellular (*Chrysochromulina* sp., Haptophyceae). (b) Coccoid unicellular (*Cerataulus smithii*, Bacillariophyceae). (c) Colony of coccoid cells (*Sphaeridiothrix compressa*, Chrysophyceae). (d) Motile colony (*Uroglena volvox*, Chrysophyceae). (e) Coenobium (*Gonium pectorale*, Chlorophyceae). (f) Branched filament (*Asterocystis smaragdigna*, Bangiophyceae). (g) Parenchymatous thallus (*Sphacelaria plumula*, Phaeophyceae).



### Nutritional strategies

- Obligate heterotrophic algae: they are primarily heterotrophic, but are capable of sustaining themselves by phototropy when prey concentrations limit heterotrophic growth (e.g., *Gymnodium gracilentum*, Myzozoa);
- Obligate phototrophic algae: their primary mode of nutrition is phototrophy, but they can supplement growth by phagotrophy and/or osmotrophy when light is limiting (e.g., *Dinobryon divergens*, Ochrophyta);
- Facultative mixotrophic algae: they can grow equally well as photoautotrophs and as heterotrophs (e.g., Fragilidium subglobosum, Myzozoa);
- Obligate mixotrophic algae: their primary mode of nutrition is phototrophy, but phagotrophy and/or osmotrophy provide substances essential for growth (in this group, we can include photoautoxotrophic algae) (e.g., *Euglena gracilis*, Euglenozoa).

#### Reproduction

• Binary Fission or Cellular Bisection



Cell division in Euglena sp. Scale bar: 5 µm.

• Zoospore, Aplanospore, and Autospore



Zoospores of Tetraselmis sp. within the parental cell wall. Scale bar: 5 µm.

• Autocolony Formation



Nonmotile coenobium of Pediastrum sp. Scale bar: 100 µm.

• Fragmentation



Spirogyra sp.

• Resting Stages



Dinoflagellate hypnozygote. Scale bar: 10 µm.

Akinetes (arrows) of Anabaena sp. Scale bar: 10 µm.

### Haplontic or Zygotic Life Cycle



FIGURE 1.28 Life cycle of *Chlamydomonas* sp.: 1, mature cell; 2, cell-producing zoospores; 2', cellproducing gametes (strain + and strain -); 3, zoospores; 3', gametes; 4', fertilization; 5', zygote; 6', release of daughter cells. R!: meiosis; a.r.: asexual reproduction; s.r.: sexual reproduction.

### **Diplontic or Gametic Life Cycle**



FIGURE 1.29 Life cycle of a diatom: 1, vegetative cell; 2–3, vegetative cell division; 4, minimum cell size; 5, gametogenesis; 6–7, fertilization; 8, auxospores; 9, initial cells. R!: meiosis.

#### **Diplohaplontic or Sporic Life Cycles**



FIGURE 1.30 Life cycle of *Fucus* sp.: 1, sporophyte; 2, anteridium; 2', oogonium; 3, sperm; 3', egg; 4, zygote; 5, young sporophyte. R!: meiosis.

### Roles

- Oxygen producer
- Carbon cycle
- Bionergy producer
  - Biorefining
  - Biogas
  - Bioethanol
- Food producer
  - Animal
  - Plant
  - Human
  - Other organisms
- Biofertilizer/Biochar
- Bioremidiation
- Bioindicator









#### Algae utilization







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