

Introduction to Botany. Lecture 17

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- Step three: construction sites. Meristems



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Previous final question: the answer

How does epidermis prevent the loss of water?

- Cuticle
- Stomata



More about plants₂ classification

- Mosses (Bryophyta)
- Ferns and allies (Pteridophyta)
- Seed plants (Spermatophyta)
 - Conifers (Pinopsida)
 - Some other classes of seed plants
 - Angiosperms (Magnoliopsida)
 - Monocots (Liliidae)
 - Other subclasses of angiosperms (together: “dicots”)



Tissues

Step two: skeleton.
Supportive tissues

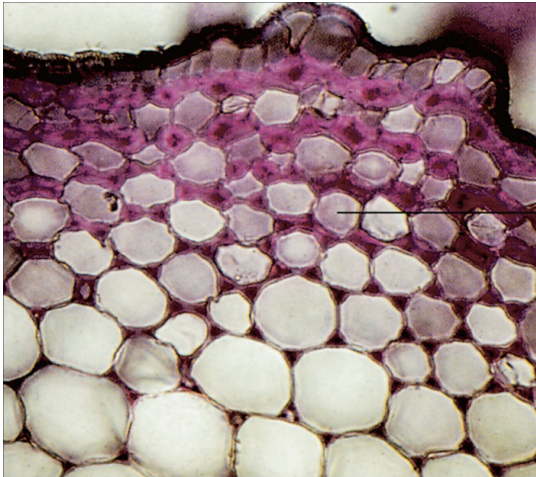


Collenchyma: living supportive tissue

- Elongated cells
- Thick primary cell wall (pectins + cellulose)
- Main functions: mechanical support of young stems and leaves



Angled collenchyma



collenchyma cell

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Collenchyma cells of marigold (*Calendula officinalis*)

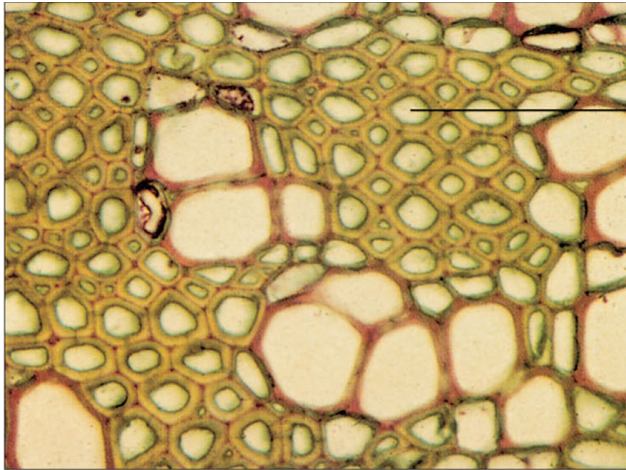


Sclerenchyma: dead supportive tissue

- Long cells (sclerenchyma fibers) or short crystal-like cells (sclereids)
- Dead cells with thick secondary cell wall, rich of lignin
- Supports weight of older plant organs, makes fruits non-edible before they become rip, makes stems firm



Sclerenchyma fibers



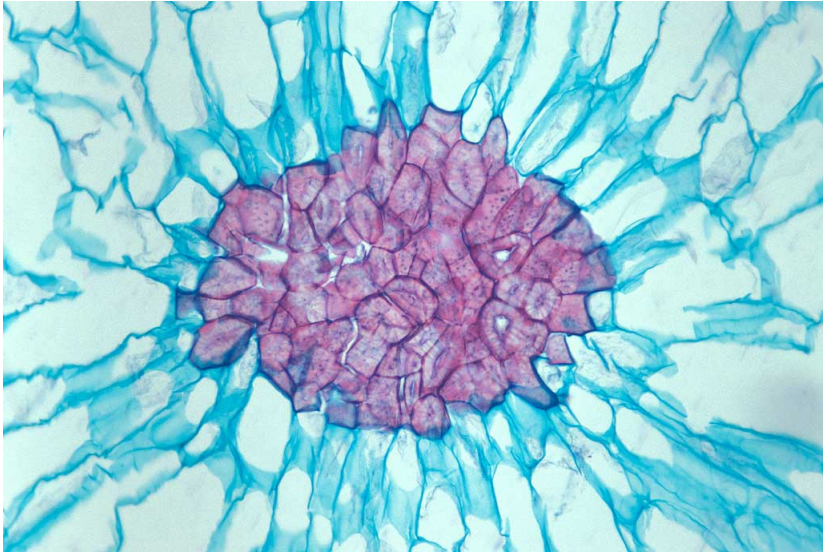
fiber

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Cross-section of sclerenchyma fibers in geranium (*Pelargonium* sp.)



Stone cells



Stone cells (kind of sclereids) in pear fruit (*Pyrus communis*)



Sclereids from cherry pit



Sclereids from cherry (*Prunus* sp.) pit (LM $\times 400$)



Tissues

Step three: construction sites. Meristems

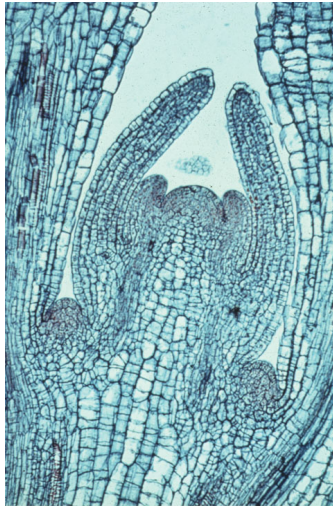


Meristems: apical

- Centers of plant development
- Locate on the very ends of roots (RAM) and shoots (SAM)
- Produce intermediate primary meristems which form all primary tissues



SAM

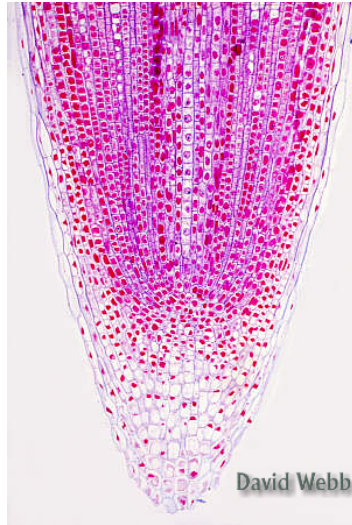


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Coleus sp. stem apical meristem (LM $\times 100$); primordia (embryonic leaves) are visible.



RAM



Corn (*Zea mays*) root apical meristem (© D. Webb)



Lateral meristem: cambium

- Originates from procambium which in turn originates from apical meristems
- Usually arises between two vascular tissues
- Main function: thickening. Produces secondary vascular tissues



Primary and secondary tissues

- Primary tissues originate from stem or root apex through primary meristems
- Secondary tissues originate from lateral meristems



Additional meristems

- **Intercalary** meristems: locate in stems, regulates stem elongation
- **Marginal** meristems are leaf-specific, they regulate leaf shape
- **Repair** meristems help to cure wounds, they form buds and roots in unusual places



Summary

- **Collenchyma** and **sclerenchyma** are simple supportive tissues
- **Secondary tissues** originate from lateral meristems (i.e., cambium)



For Further Reading



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