ALGAL REPRODUCTION

Ways of Reproduction

- Vegetative
- Asexual
- Sexual

Vegetative Reproduction

- Binary fission in unicellular members
- Fragmentation in filamentous, non-colonial and multicellular forms
- Hormogonia in blue-green algae fragments exhibit gliding movement
- Auto colony formation in coenobic algae (miniature colony produced by a cell of a parent colony)
- Akinete

Asexual Reproduction

- Zoospore by most aquatic forms
- Aplanospores by terrestrial forms
- Autospores by Chorella sp.
- Hypnospores (thickrned aplanospores)
- Endo and exospores in Cyanobacteria
- Monospores and Tetra spores in red algae
- Sporangiospores in brown Algae (unilocular/plurilocular)

Sexual Reproduction

- Plasmogamy
- Karyogamy
- Zygote formation
- Not observed in Cyanobacteria

Life Cycles in Algae

- 1. Haplontic Parent haploid, zygote diploid Ex. Volvox, Oedogonium
- 2. Diplontic Parent diploid, gametes haploid Ex. Xanthophytes, Diatoms
- 3. Haplo-diplontic An alternation of diploid sporophytic and haploid gametophytic phase

Ex. Cladophora

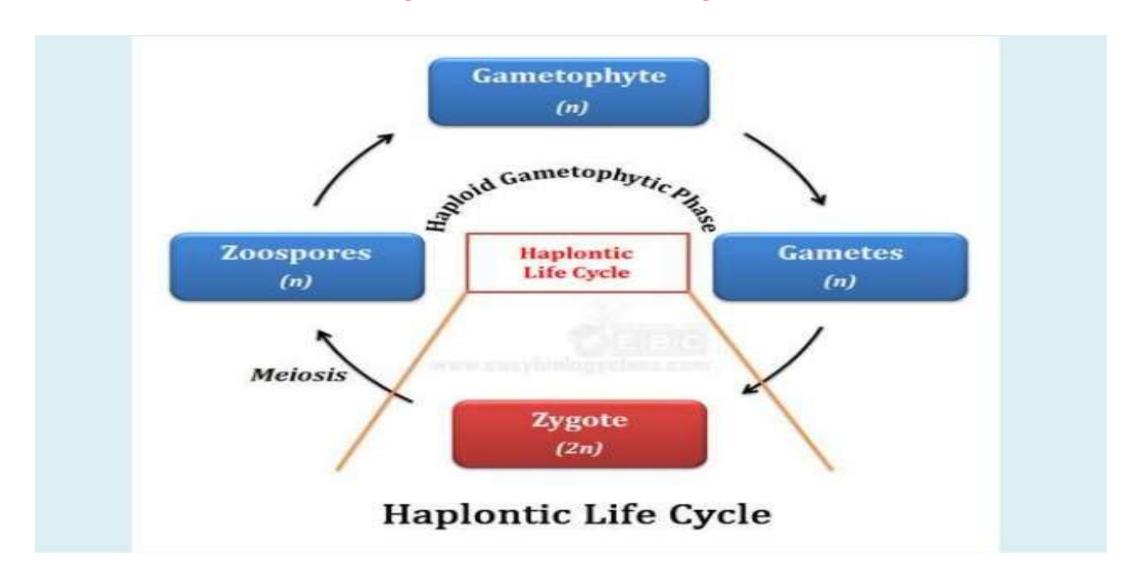
4. Haplo-biontic – Two haploid generations alternating with a diploid one represented by zygote

Ex. Batrachospermum

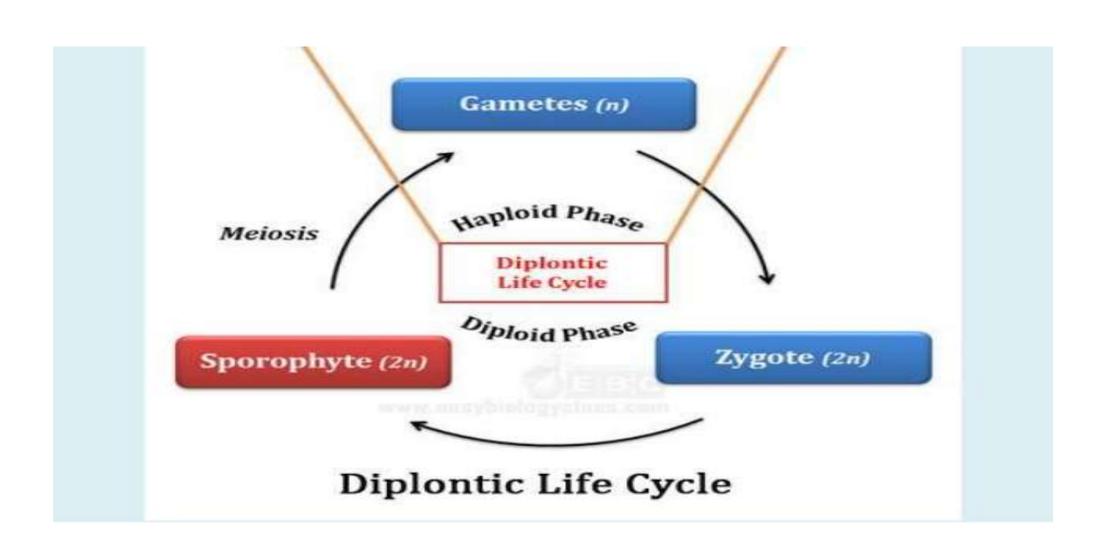
5. Diplo-biontic – two diploid phases and one haploid phase alternating each other

Ex. Polysiphonia

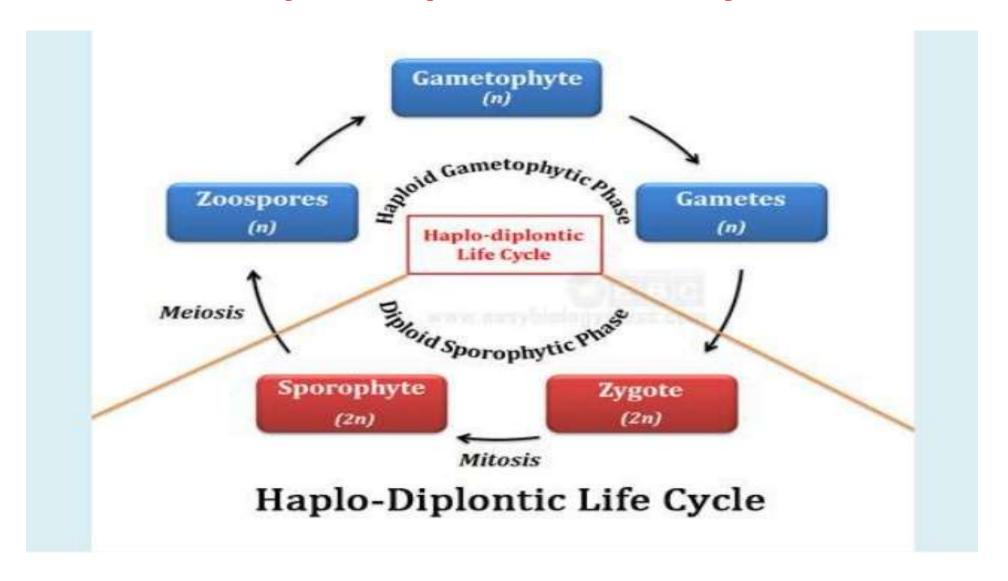
Haplontic life cycle



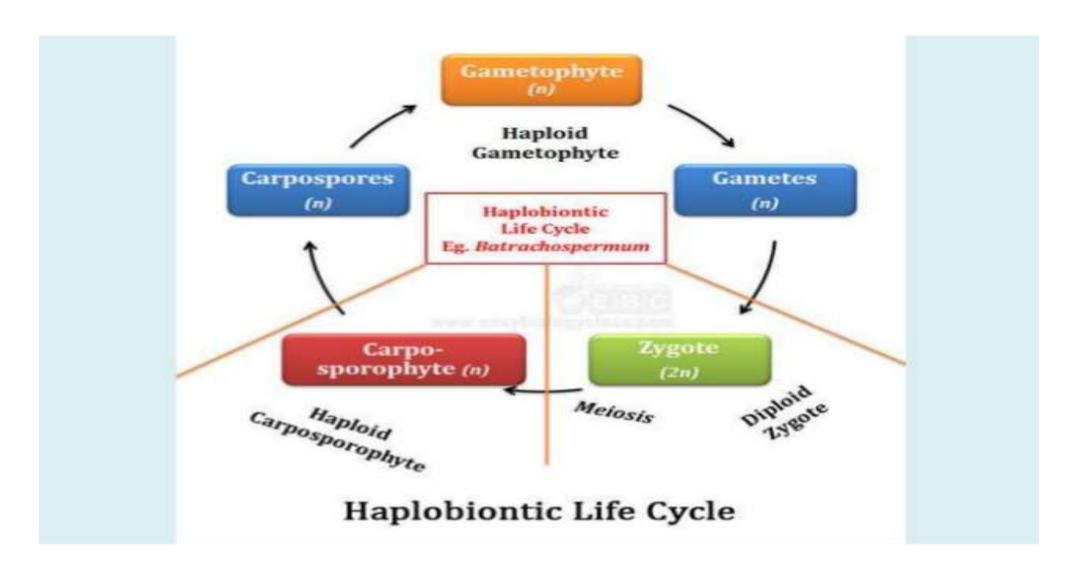
Diplontic life cycle



Haplo-diplontic life cycle



Haplo-biontic life cycle



Diplo-biontic life cycle

