Ultrastructure of a Bacterial Cell

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Introduction to Bacteria.

Bacteria have a straightforward structure.

- **Single-Celled Organisms**: Composed of one cell, lacking a nucleus and organelles.
- **Classification**: Classified as prokaryotic organisms due to the absence of a defined nucleus.

Versatility of Bacteria

- **Survival in Harsh Conditions:**
  - Capable of living in extreme environments.
- **Extremophiles:**
  - Organisms that thrive under extreme conditions.

Types of Extremophiles

- **Thermophiles**: Heat-loving bacteria that thrive in high-temperature environments.
- **Acidophiles**: Bacteria that flourish in acidic environments, often found in highly acidic waters.
- **Alkaliphile**s: Bacteria that thrive in alkaline (basic) conditions, found in soda lakes or alkaline soils.

Unique Adaptations of Bacteria

- **Osmophiles**: Thrive in environments with high solute concentrations, such as sugar-rich solutions.
- **Barophiles**: Adapted to live under high pressure, typically found in deep-sea environments.
- **Cryophiles**: Prefer cold temperatures and thrive in icy habitats

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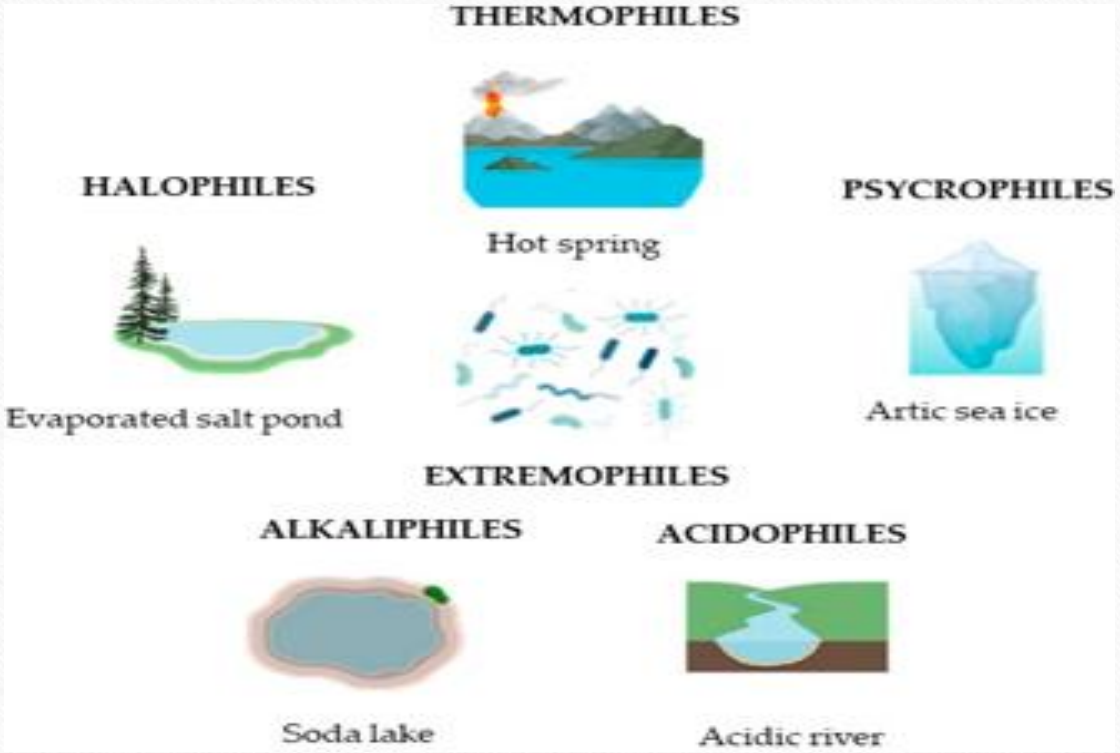

Protective Cell Wall

- **Peptidoglycan Structure:** Unique structural component of bacterial cell walls, vital for their shape and protection.
- **Defining Feature:** The cell wall's composition is critical for distinguishing bacteria from other microorganisms

External Structures

- **Locomotion Organs**: Some bacteria possess flagella or pili, which aid in movement.
- **Pili**: Pili can serve as appendages for movement or attachment to surfaces

Cellular Characteristics:

- **Lack of Organelles**: Bacteria do not contain membrane-bound organelles, unlike eukaryotic cells.
- **Ribosomes**: Sites for protein synthesis, essential for bacterial function and growth.

Genetic Material

- **DNA and Plasmids:** In addition to main DNA, bacteria contain circular DNA called plasmids.
- **Antibiotic Resistance**: Plasmids can carry genes that confer resistance to antibiotics, posing challenges in treatment.

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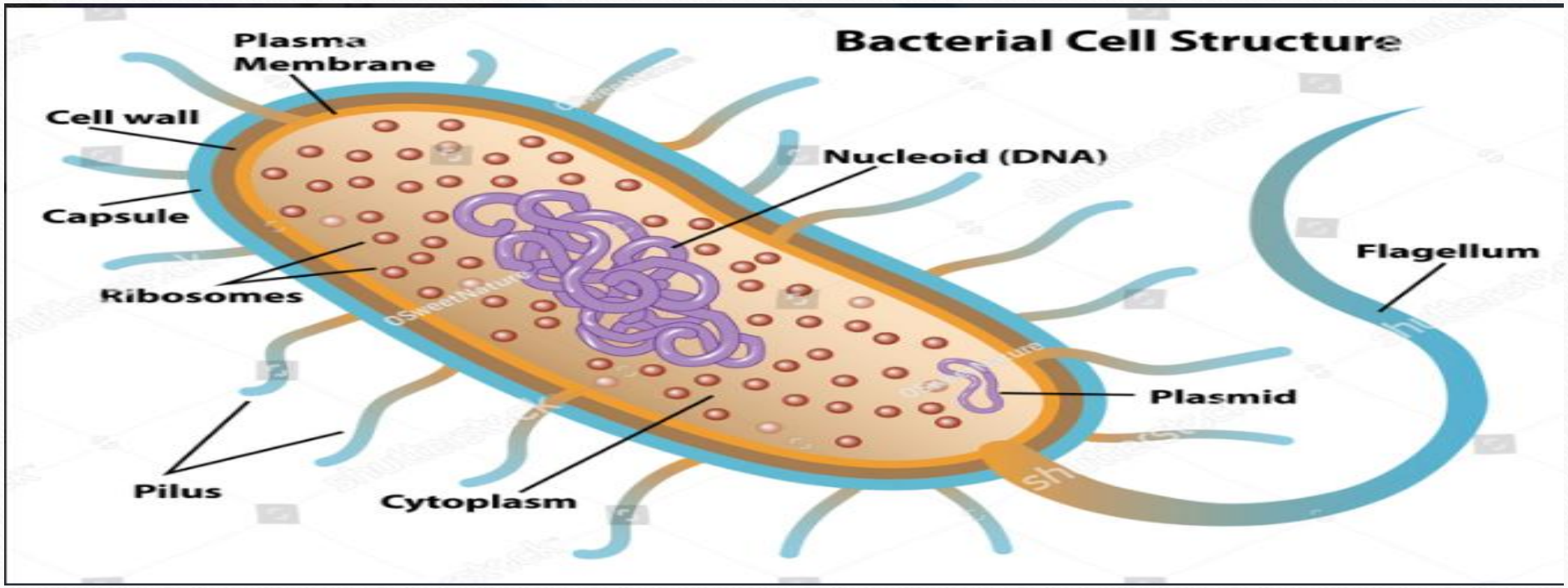

Reproduction in Bacteria

Overview of Bacterial Reproduction:

- **Definition of Reproduction:** The process of producing offspring from parent organisms.
- **Bacterial Reproduction Methods:** Bacteria primarily reproduce asexually, but can also engage in sexual reproduction.

Asexual Reproduction in Bacteria

- Parents produce genetically identical offspring.
- Quick and efficient since no mate is required.
- Single-Celled Entities - Bacteria are unicellular and lack membrane-bound organelles, enabling rapid replication

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