

Introduction;  
Basics of bacterial genetics

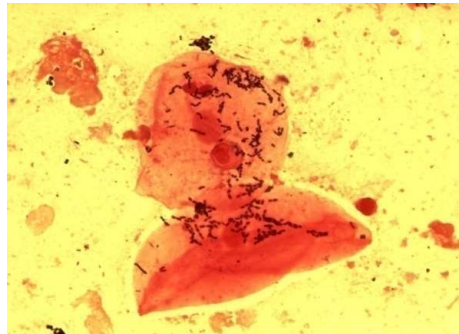
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# WELCOME



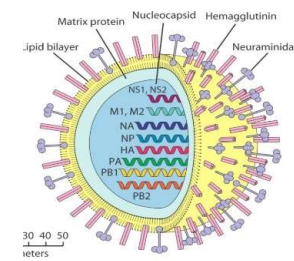
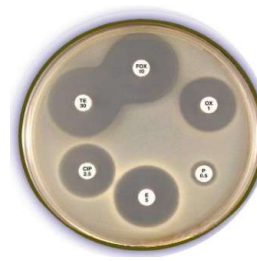
## Human body:

- $10^{13}$  human cells
- $10^{14}$  bacterial cells (100 trillions)  
~ 2 kg



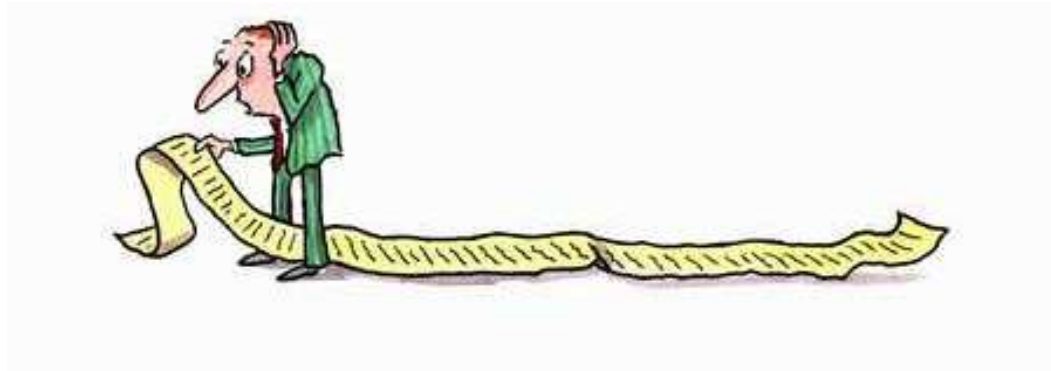
## Earth:

- $10^{30}$  microbial cells



# The Subject of Medical Microbiology

- General microbiology  
properties of microorganisms, their pathogenicity, their interaction with a host, pathogenesis of infectious diseases, residential microbiota (flora), antibiotics
- Special microbiology  
individual microorganisms:
  - bacteria
  - viruses
  - fungi
  - parasites
- Clinical microbiology  
microbiological examination, diagnostics of infectious agents in relation to clinical picture, antimicrobial therapy



# Lectures summer semester

Molecular microbiology
Bacterial cell structure. Pathogenicity.
Antimicrobial therapy I.
Antimicrobial therapy II.
Staphylococci.
Streptococci and enterococci.
Corynebacteria, listeria, clostridia.
Enterobacteria. Pseudomonads and other G- nonferementers.
Bordetella. Legionella. Meningococci. Haemophilus.
Campylobacter and helicobacter. Anaerobic bacteria.
Atypical bacteria (rickettsia, bartonella, chlamydia, mycoplasma).
Mycobacteria. Spirochetes.

# Lectures winter semester

CAVE!

no longer  
practicals/seminars  
during winter  
semester

Medical mycology
General virology
Viral exanthem rash
Herpesviruses
Protosoa
Helminths
Alimentary infections
Respiratory infections
Respiratory viruses
Haemorrhagic fevers
Bloodstream infections. Sepsis.
Healthcare associated infections

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Neuroinfections
Infections in pregnancy.
Sexually transmitted infections.
Urinary tract infections.
Virus HIV and hepatitis viruses
Bone and joint infections
Soft tissue infections
Microbiota
Clostridioides difficile infections
MDR bacteria
Vaccination

# How to not get lost in bacterial classification?

## Gram staining:

- Gram positive
- Gram negative

## Bacterial cell shape:

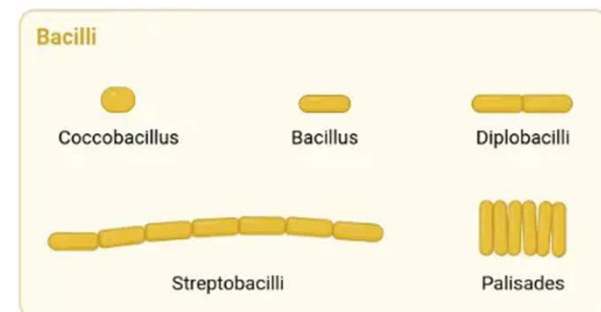
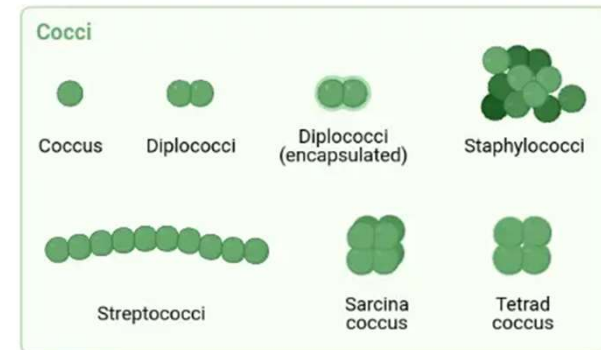
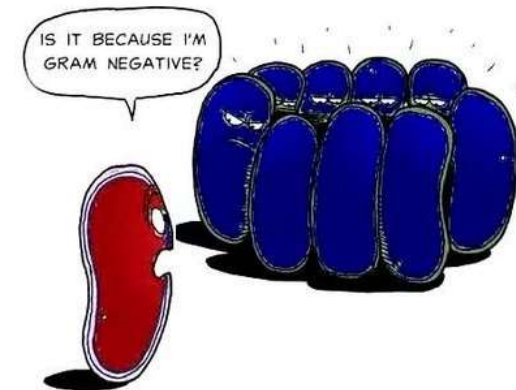
- cocci
- rods (bacilli)

## Relation to oxygen:

- aerobes
- anaerobes



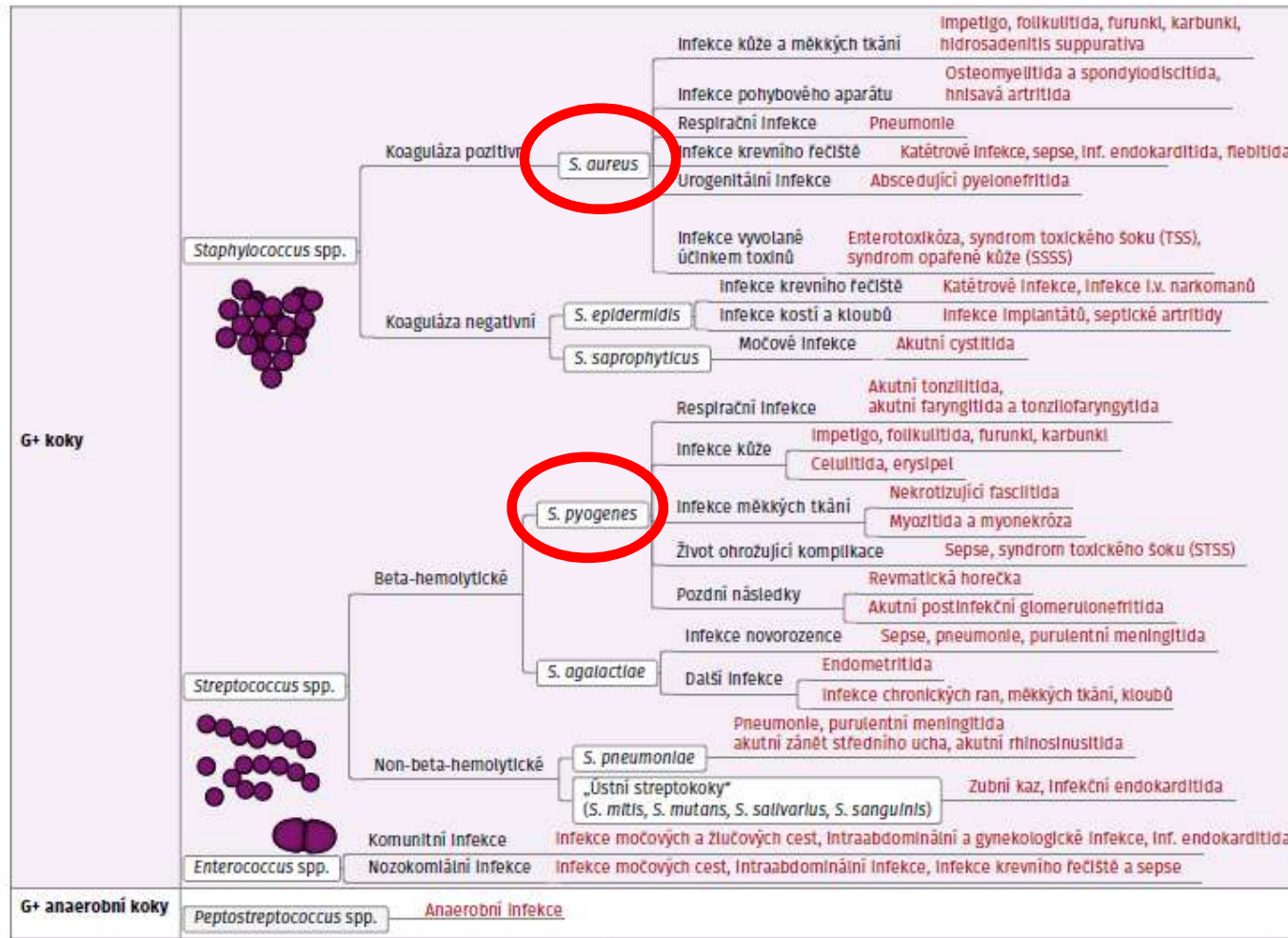
Hans Christian Gram  
1853 - 1938



... always a grey zone can be found

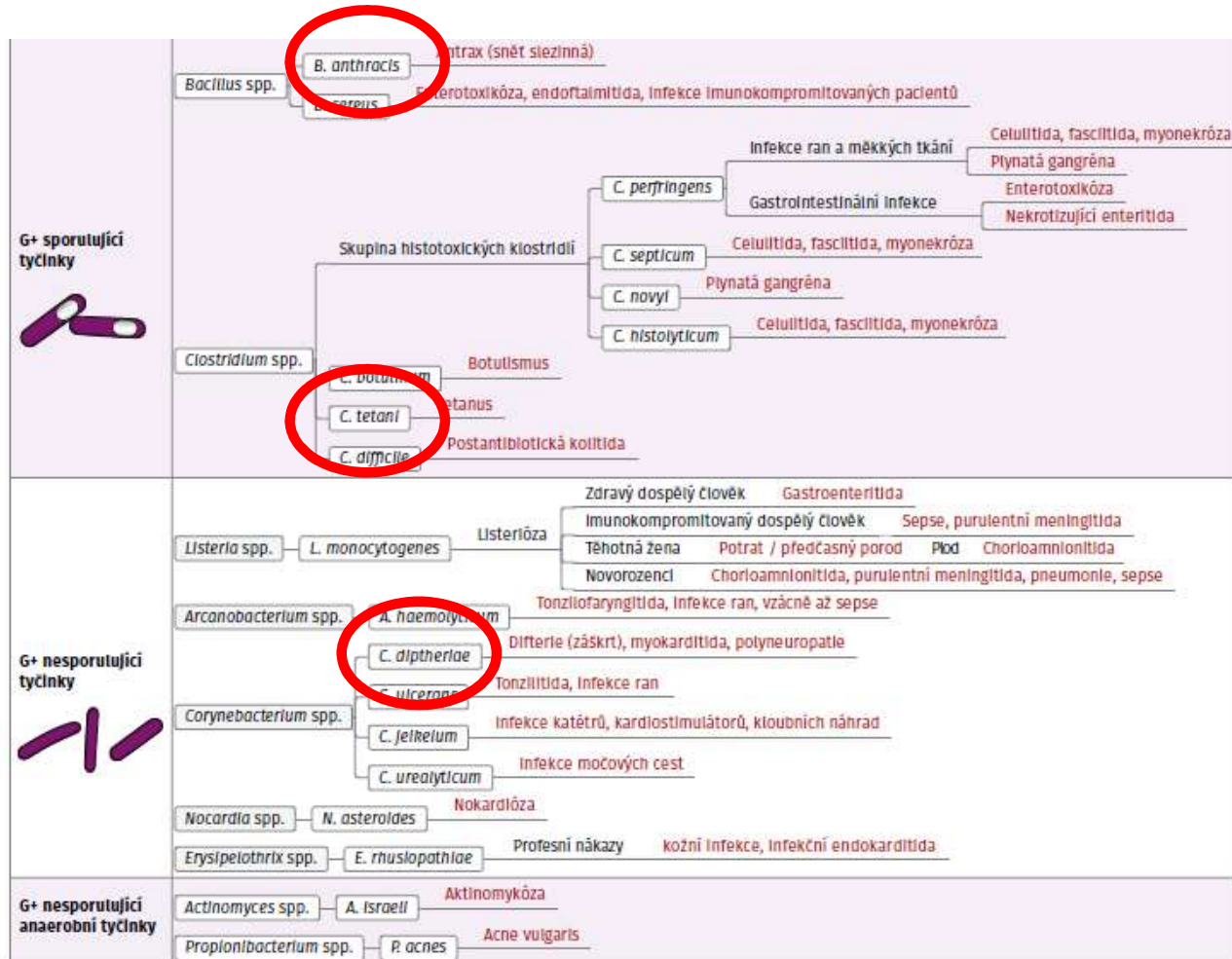
- not stainable with Gram
- coccobacilli and other shapes
- facultative anaerobes

# G+ cocci

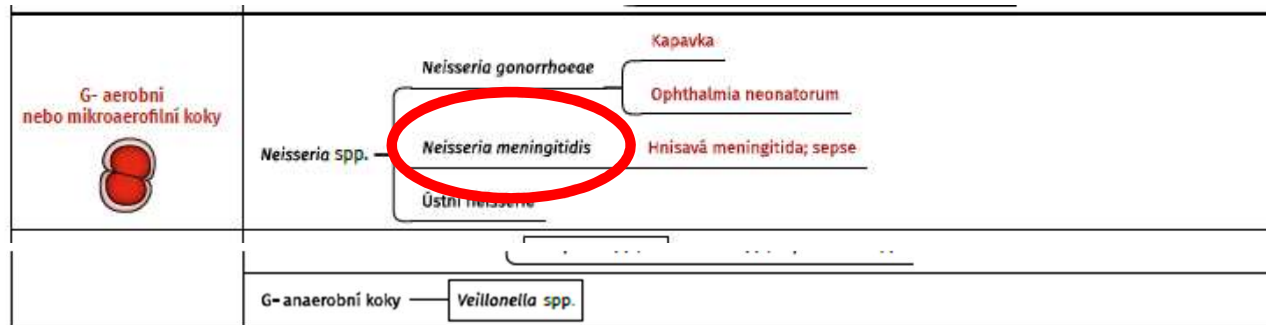






## G+ rods (spore forming yes or no)



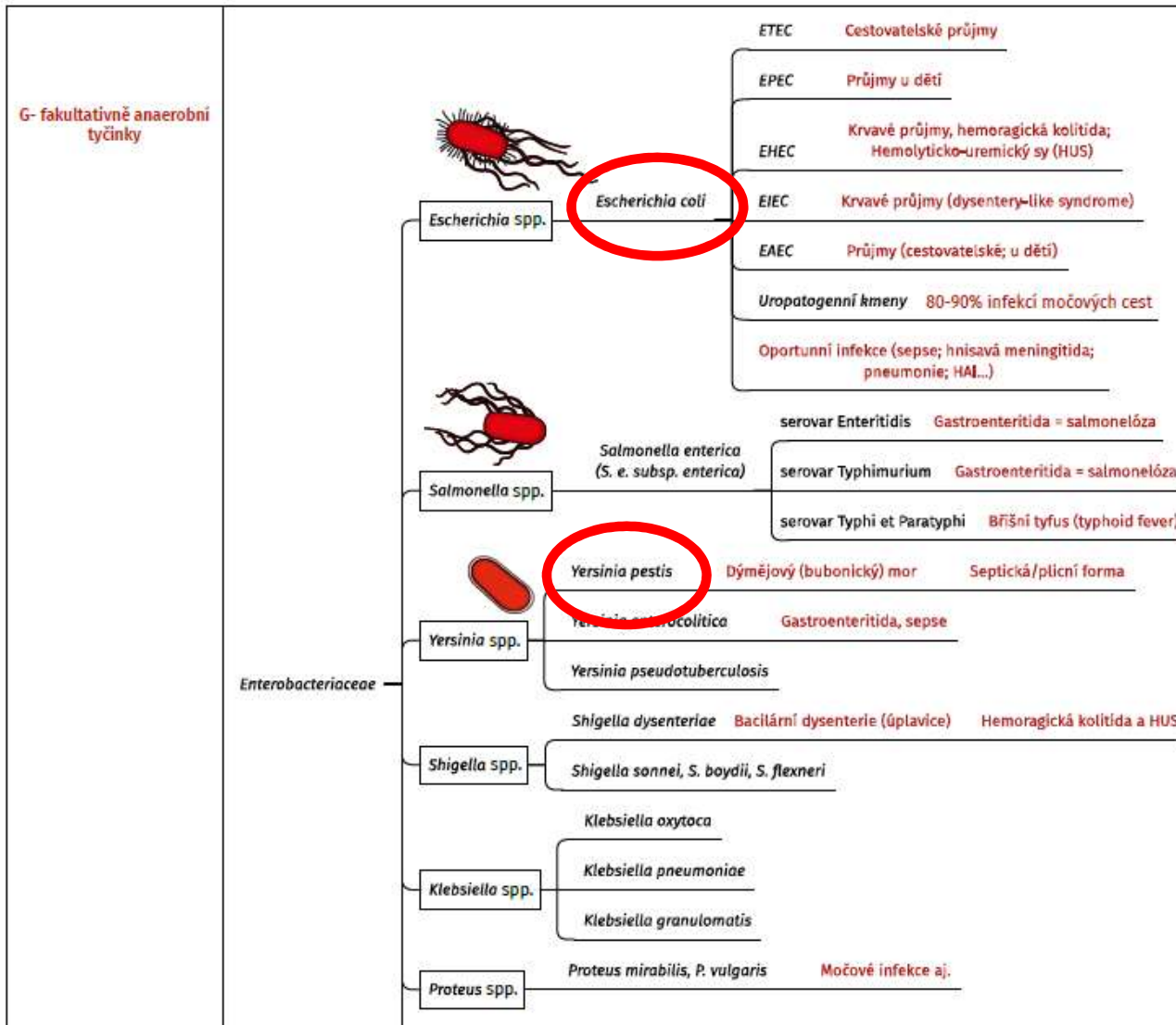
# G- cocci



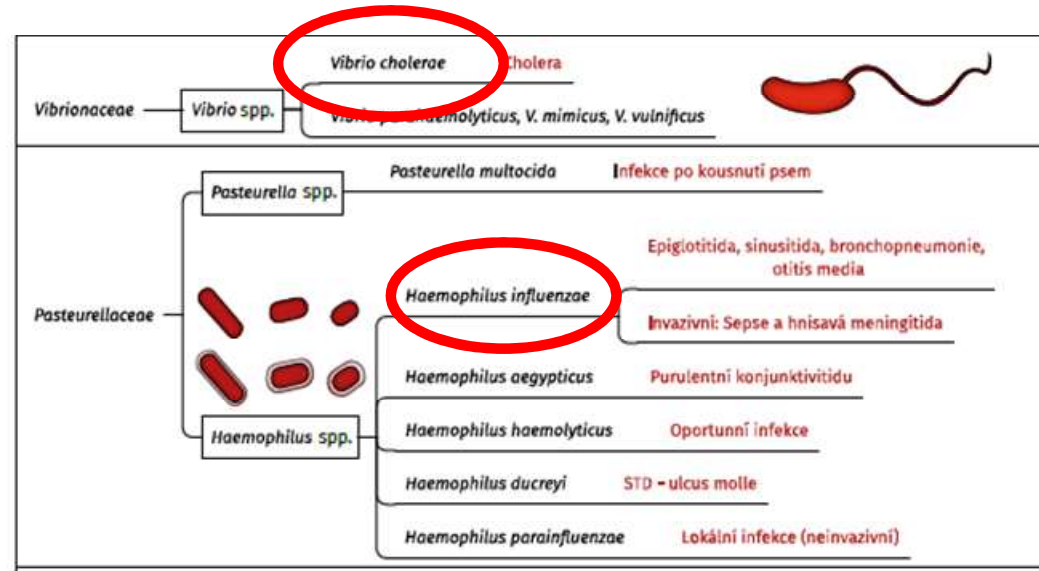
# G- rods (part I)

<p>G- nefermentující tyčinky</p>	<p><i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> Pneumonie (pacienti s CF), HAI</p> <p><i>Burkholderia</i> spp. — <i>Burkholderia mallei</i>, <i>B. pseudomallei</i></p>
	<p><i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> HAI (sepsis, ventilátorové pneumonie, infekce ran), oportunní inf.</p> <p><i>Pseudomonas</i> spp. — Ostatní pseudomonády</p>
	<p><i>Stenotrophomonas</i> spp.</p>
	<p><i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> HAI, infekce popálenin, inf. imunokompromitovaných</p> <p><i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.</p>
<p>Bez pevného zařazení</p>	<p><i>Moraxella (Branhamella) catarrhalis</i> Respirační infekce</p> <p><i>Moraxella</i> spp.</p>
	<p><i>Bordetella pertussis</i> Pertussis (dávivý kašel, černý kašel)</p> <p><i>Bordetella</i> spp. — <i>Bordetella pertussis</i> Parapertussis</p>
	<p><i>Brucella abortus</i>, <i>B. melitensis</i>, <i>B. suis</i> et <i>B. canis</i> Brucelóza Undulující horečka...</p> <p><i>Brucella</i> spp.</p>
	<p><i>Francisella tularensis</i> Tularémie</p> <p><i>Francisella</i> spp.</p>
<p>G- kultivačně náročně aerobní tyčinky</p> 	<p><i>Legionella pneumophila</i> Pontiacká horečka, legionářská nemoc</p> <p><i>Legionella</i> spp.</p>
	<p><i>Gardnerella</i> spp.</p>
	<p><i>Campylobacter jejuni</i> Enteritida, někdy s krvavým průjmem; cestovatelské průjmy; pseudoapendicitida</p> <p><i>Campylobacter</i> spp. — <i>Campylobacter coli</i>, <i>C. fetus</i></p>
	<p><i>Helicobacter pylori</i> Chronická gastritida a gastro-duodenální vředy</p> <p><i>Helicobacter</i> spp. — Riziko MALT lymfomu, adenokarcinomu žaludku</p> 

## G- rods (part II)



## G- rods (part III)



G- anerobní bakterie

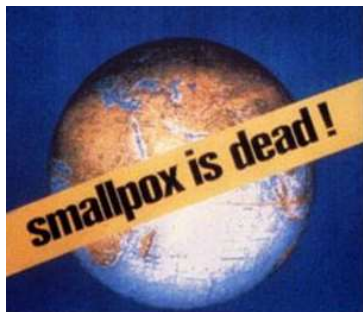
G- anerobní tyčinky a vlákna

- Bacteroides spp.
- Fusobacterium spp.
- Porphyromonas spp.
- Prevotella spp.

## Other big names



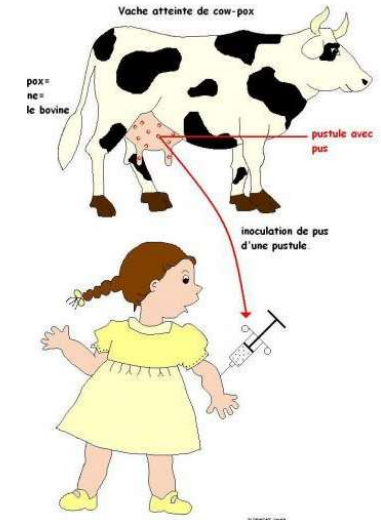
Edward Jenner  
1749 – 1823



eradication 1980



smallpox



vaccination 1796

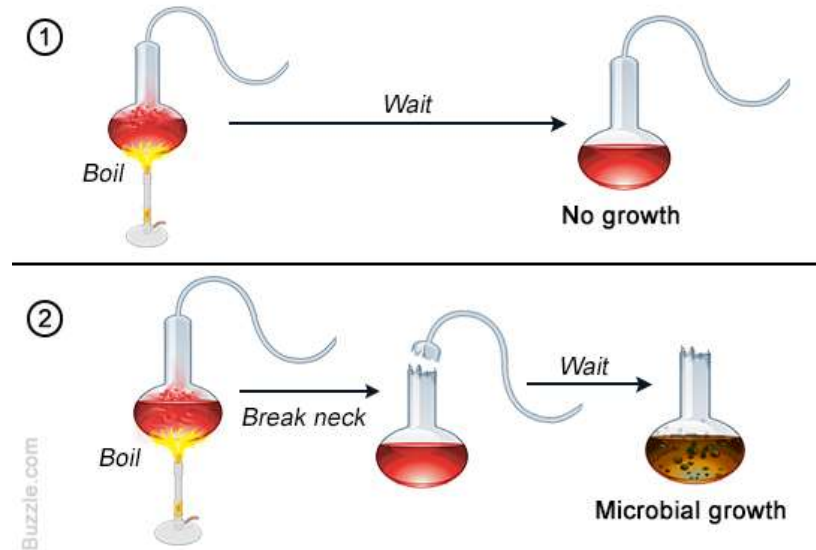




"Greatpox" = Syphilis; one of signs of secondary stage  
(ultrarare today)



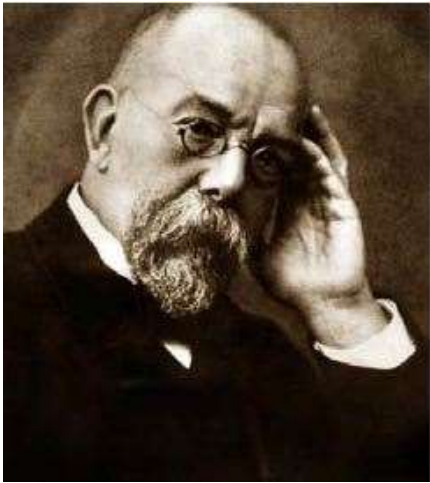
Louis Pasteur  
1822 - 1895



~~Spontaneous generation, miasma~~

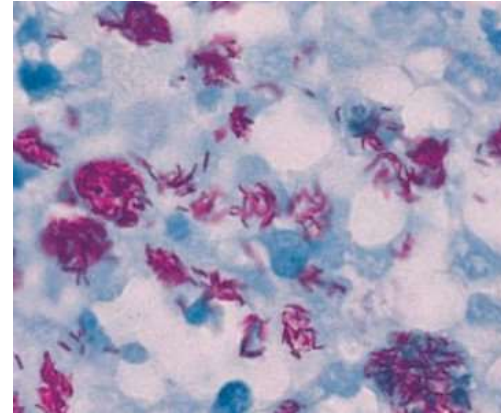
Vaccine against anthrax (in animals) and rabies



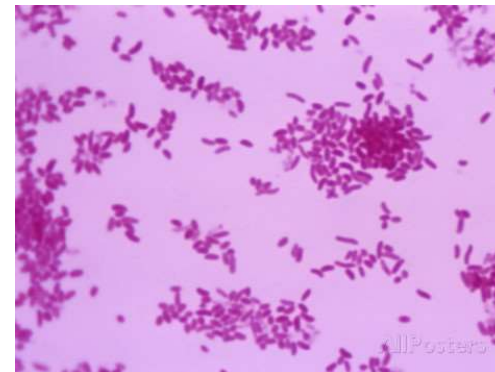


Robert Koch  
1843 - 1910

*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

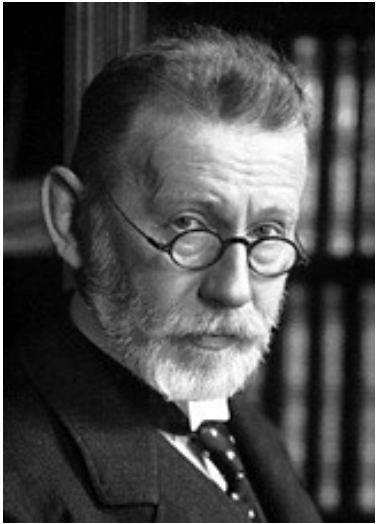


*Vibrio cholerae*



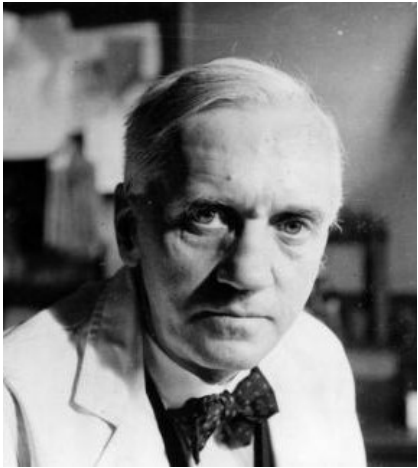
*Bacillus anthracis*  
and its spores





Paul Ehrlich  
1854 - 1915

- "Magic bullet"
- dawn of chemotherapy era
- Salvarsan: drug against syphilis



ON THE ANTIBACTERIAL ACTION OF CULTURES OF A  
PENICILLIUM, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THEIR  
USE IN THE ISOLATION OF *B. INFLUENZÆ*.

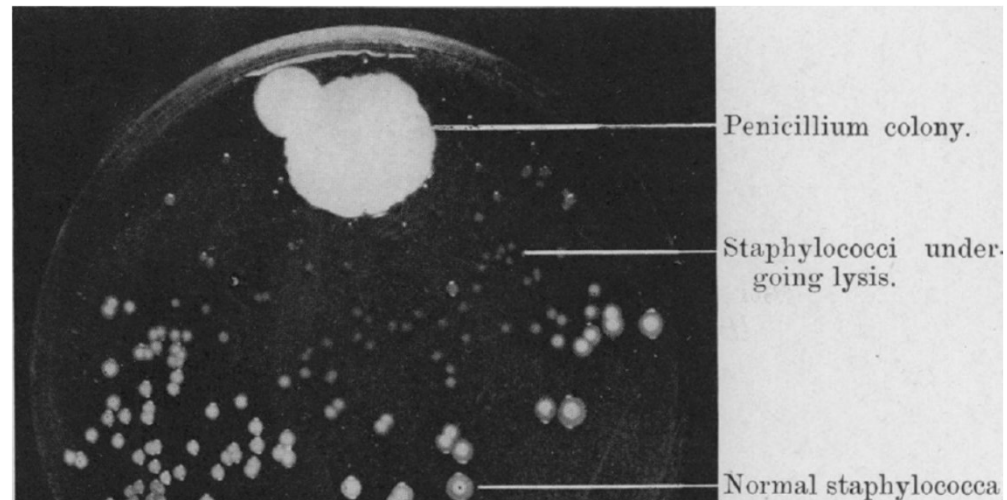
ALEXANDER FLEMING, F.R.C.S.

*From the Laboratories of the Inoculation Department, St Mary's Hospital, London.*

Received for publication May 10th, 1929.

Alexander Fleming  
1881 - 1955

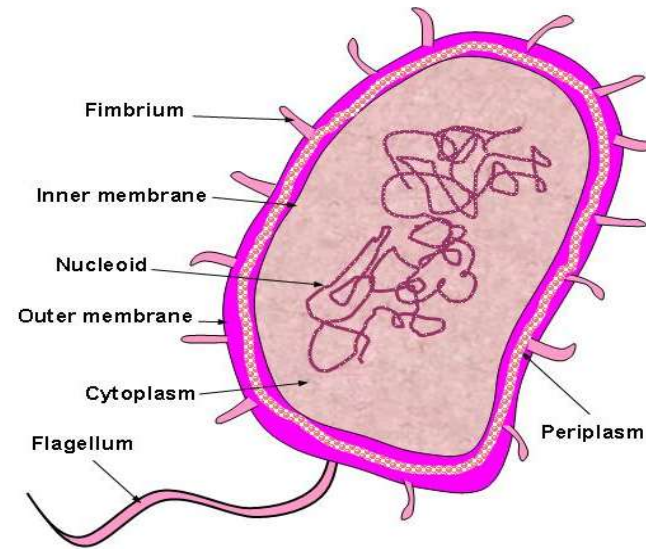
- Discovery of penicillin in 1928
- Go into therapy in 1941  
(Walter Florey, Ernst Chain)



"That's funny"

# Bacterial genome

- Its organization
- Its evolution



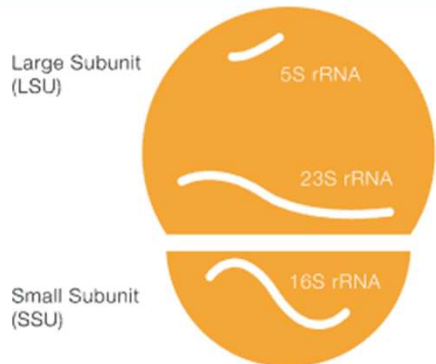
- chromosomal DNA (Mb units)
- extrachromosomal DNA (plasmid - hundreds kb)

# Individual genes

- **structural** (protein coding)

a gene length ~ 1 kb  
structural genes ~ 90% of genome !

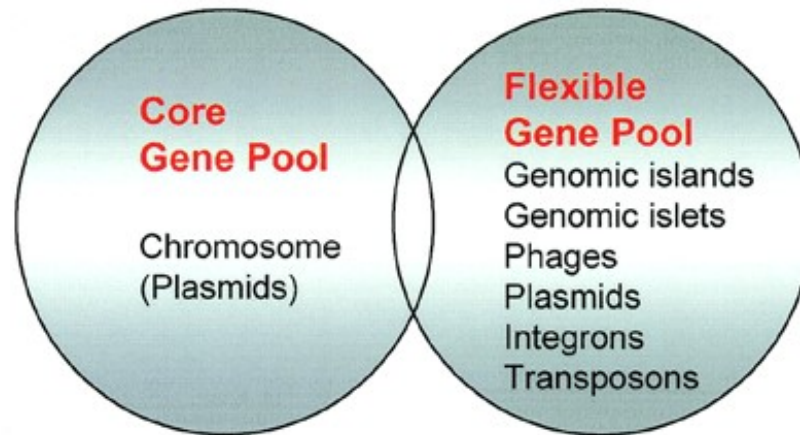
## Prokaryotic Ribosome



- **genes for rRNA** (16S rRNA, 23S rRNA, 5S rRNA)
- **genes for tRNA**
- additional non coding RNA (small RNA)

} not translated

# Genome structure



## Housekeeping genes:

encoding

- ribosomes
- Cell wall
- Metabolic pathways
- DNA replication
- ...

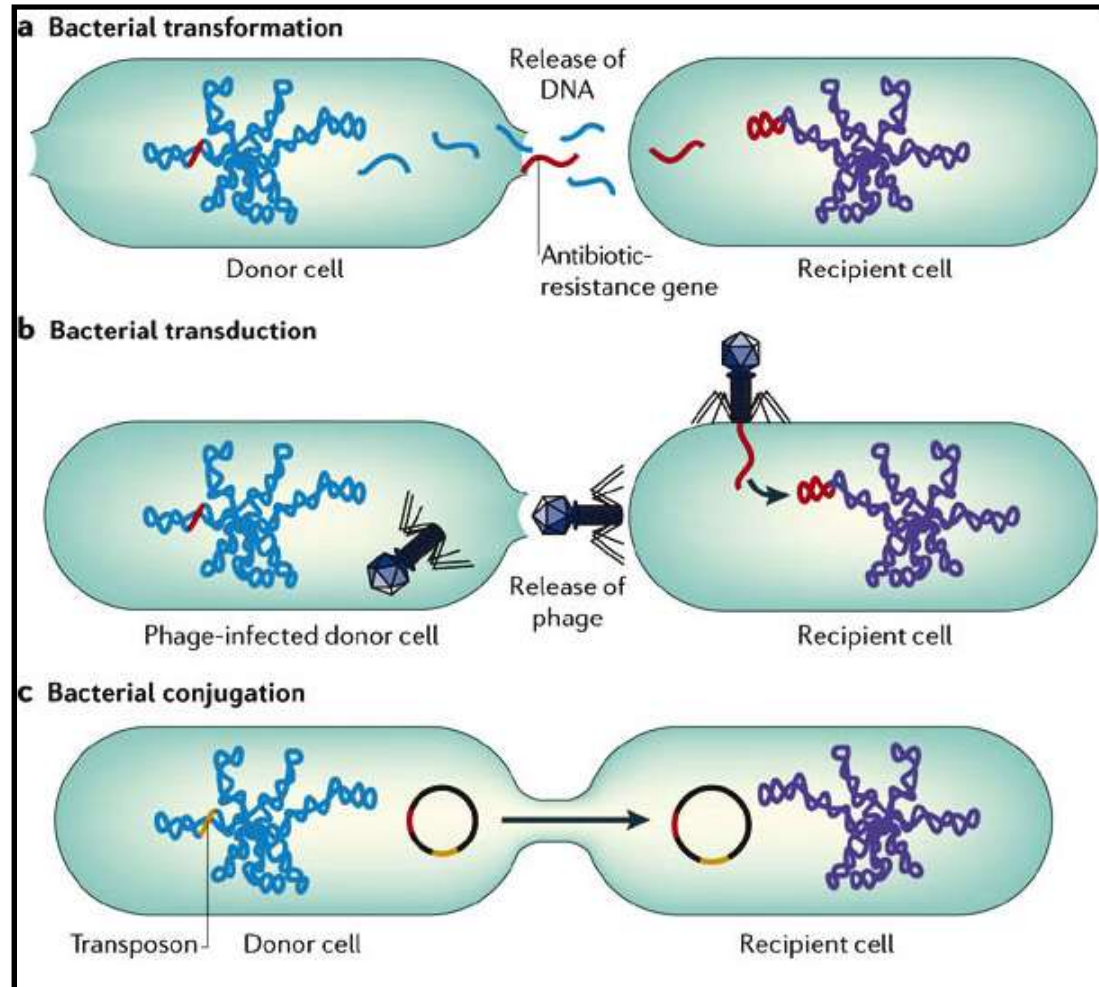
## Additional genes:

encoding

- Pathogenicity
- AB resistance
- Mobile genetic elements
- ...

—————> genome plasticity

Transformation



Transduction

Conjugation

# Mobile genetic elements

**Inter bacteria:**

Bacteriophages →

Plasmids →

transformation

transduction

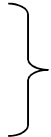
conjugation

horizontal  
gene  
transfer

**Intra bacteria:**

Insertion sequence  
transposon

....



transposition

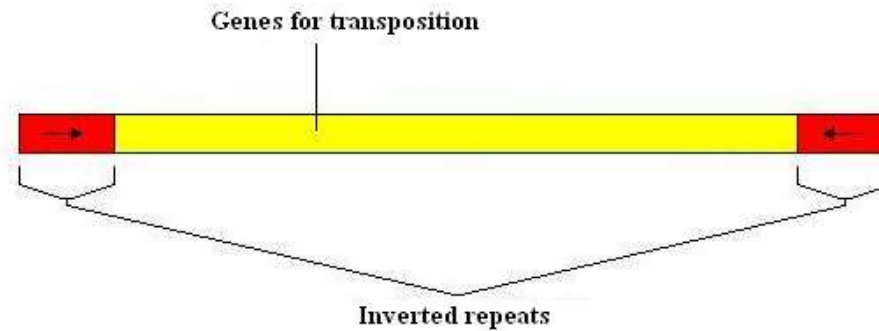




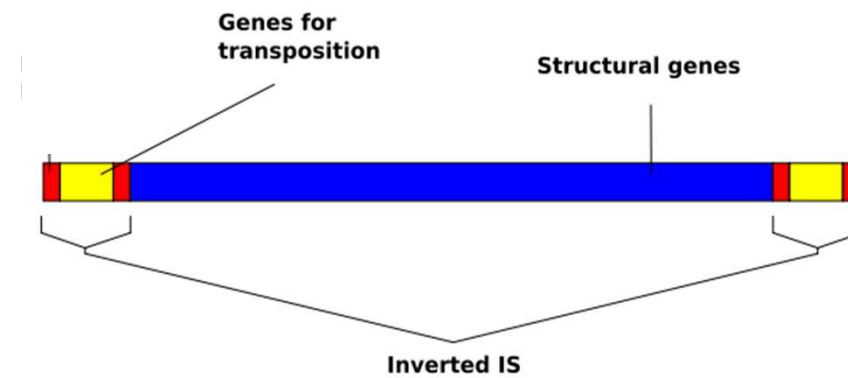
# Transposable elements

DNA that is capable of movement within the genome

Insertion sequence  
(0,8 - 2,5 kb)



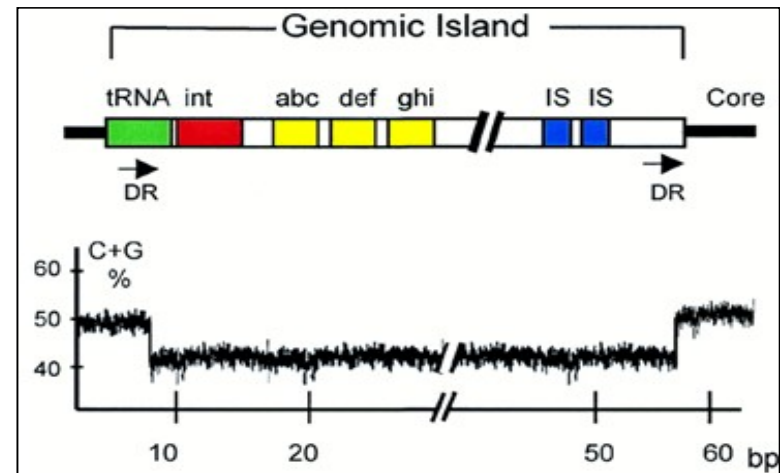
Transposons  
(3 - 30 kb)



# Genomic islands

transposition can end up  
with the creation of genomic islands  
(10 - 200 kb)

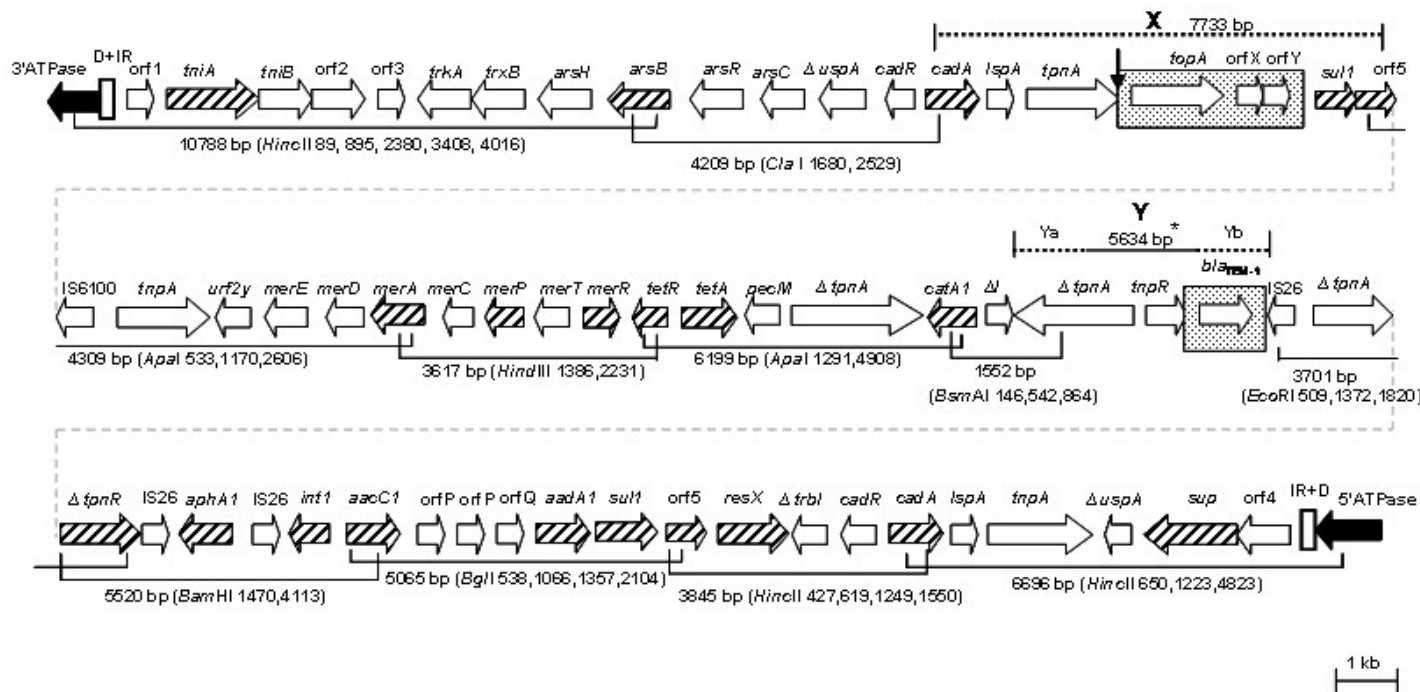
- resistance islands (RI)
- pathogenicity island (PAI)  
(not present on avirulent strains of the same species)



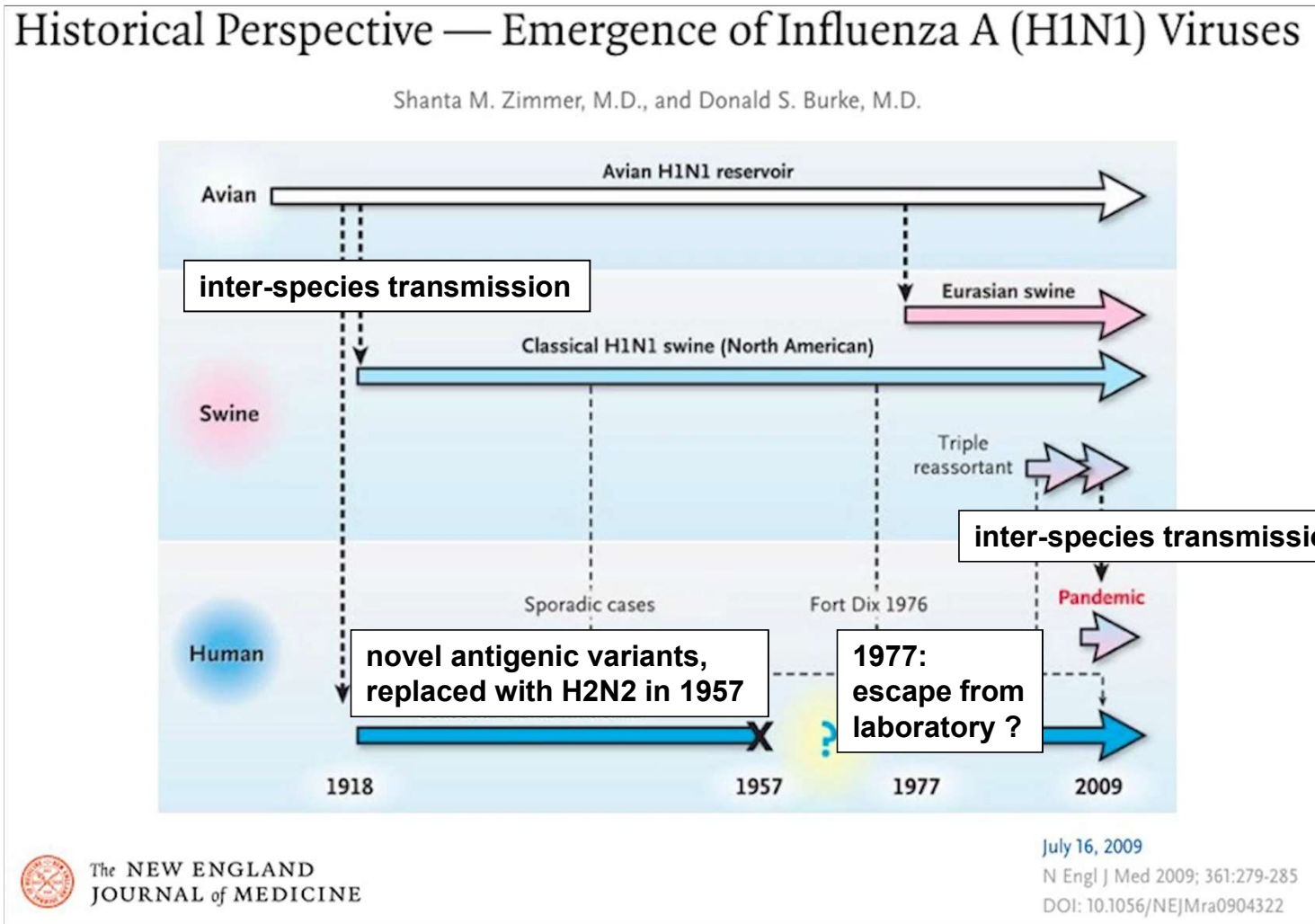
# Resistance island and *Acinetobacter baumannii*

64 kb in length

23 genes of resistance on various transposable elements disruption of a gene for ATPase clone of *A. baumannii* with a **multiresistant phenotype**



just a note: Spanish flu H1N1 and its fate



Pathogenicity island and ...

# Black death

1. the Justinian plague (542 - 757)
2. Black Death (Europe, 1346 - 1352 and till 18<sup>th</sup> century)
3. Third pandemics (China, 1860 – 1890s)

over 200 mil people killed

today endemic in Africa, Asia, N. America  
in 1997: 5500 cases (and 270 deaths)

- bubonic form
- septicemic
- pneumonic



# Black death

1894: Alexandre Yersin – discovered the cause: *Yersinia (Pasteurella) pestis*

1898: Paul-Louis Simond – discovered the route of transmission  
(dead rats as a good hint)

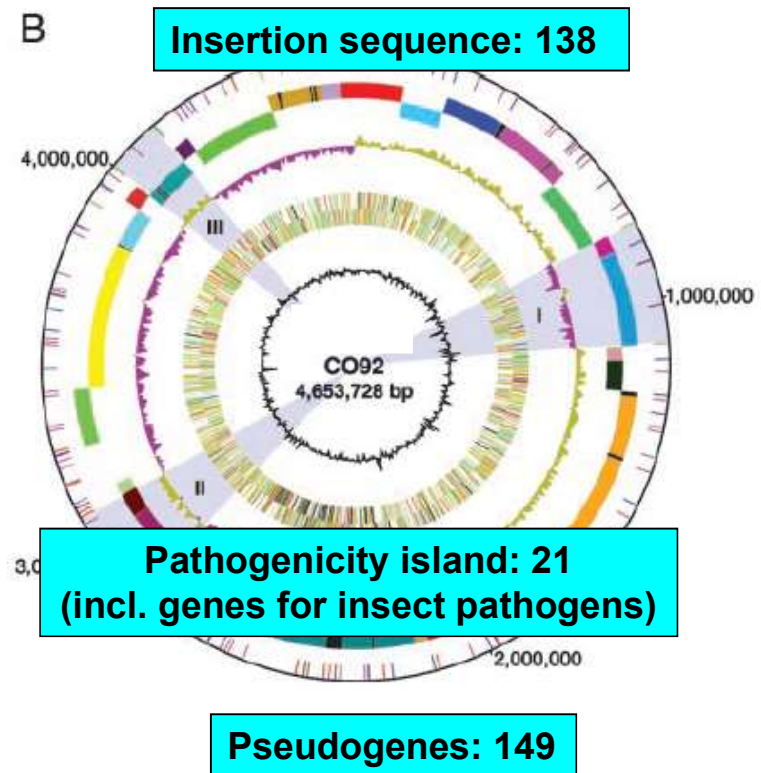
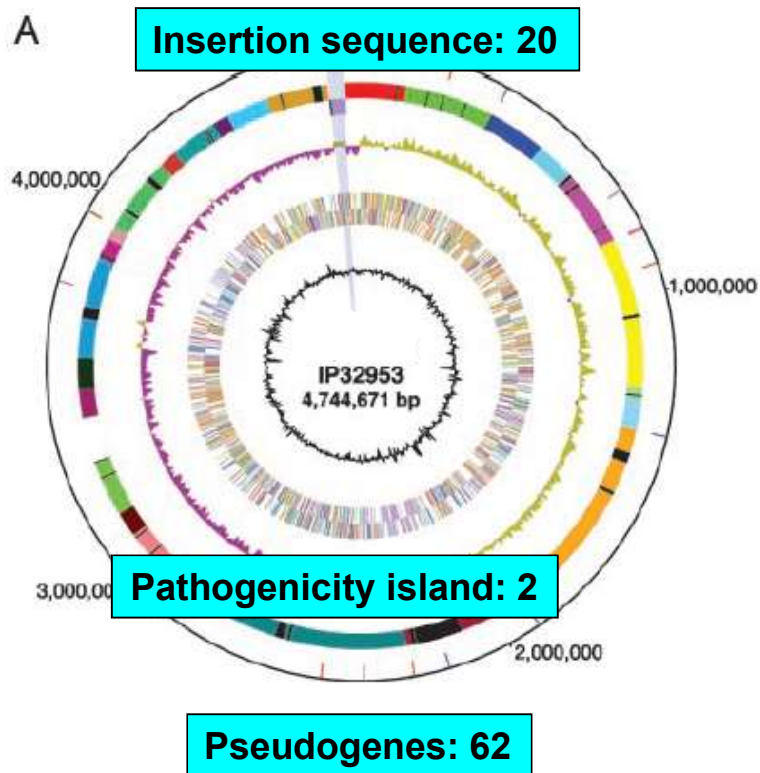
## Why pandemics?

- a dense human population cohabiting with infected rats
- low hygiene standards
- a large and susceptible rat population
- development of pneumonic form
- extremely low infectious dose

# Pathogenicity island and ...

*Yersinia pseudotuberculosis*

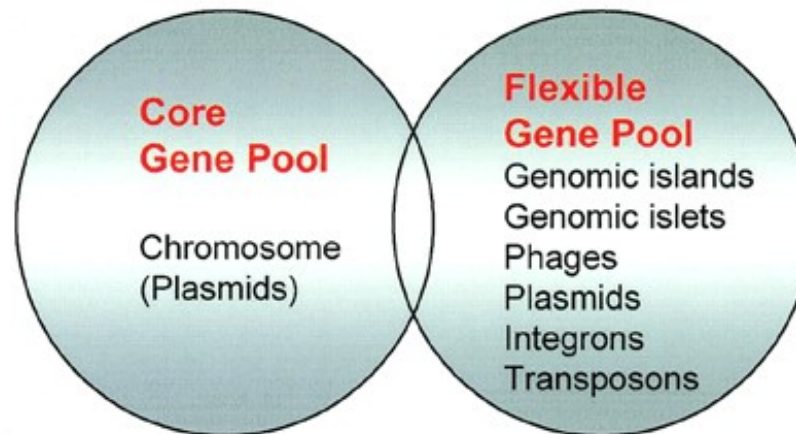
*Yersinia pestis*

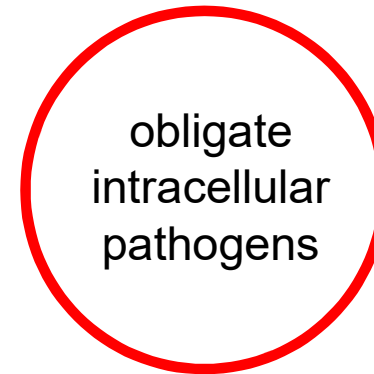
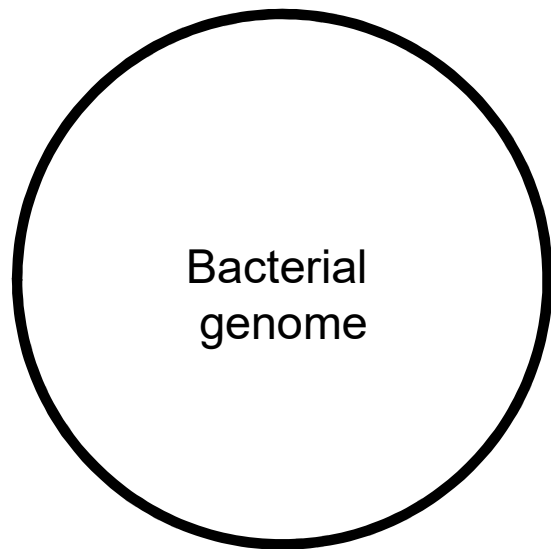




# What happens to bacterial genome

- Its flexible part is really in motion
- adaptability of the organism to new conditions
  - random mutations
  - horizontal gene transfer: acquisition, loss, inactivation/activation
  - intragenomic recombination





- *Yersinia pestis*
- *Salmonella Typhi*



- *Acinetobacter baumannii*

# Typhus

„War Fever“, „Jail Fever“:

- June 1812: Grand Army entering Russia; 500,000 troops
- Sept 7, 1812: battle at Borodino, 130,000 troops
- Sept 14, 1812: seizing Moscow, 90,000 troops
- Dec 1812: on retreat, 20,000 troops, just 1,000 fit for duty

# Typhus

1909: Charles Nicolle - discovered the transmission

1916: Henrique Da Rocha-Lima  
- discovered the cause of the disease:

*Rickettsia prowazekii*

† Howard Ricketts

† Stanislaus Von Prowazek



contaminated faeces

## Why epidemics?

overcrowded places

low hygiene

body lice