

Antibiotics

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Outline

- The spectrum of infectious agents and the global problem of human infections
- Classification of bacteria
- Intro to antibiotic classes, drug targets and resistance
- Three antibiotics in detail
 - Sulfonamides
 - Penicillin
 - Streptomycin

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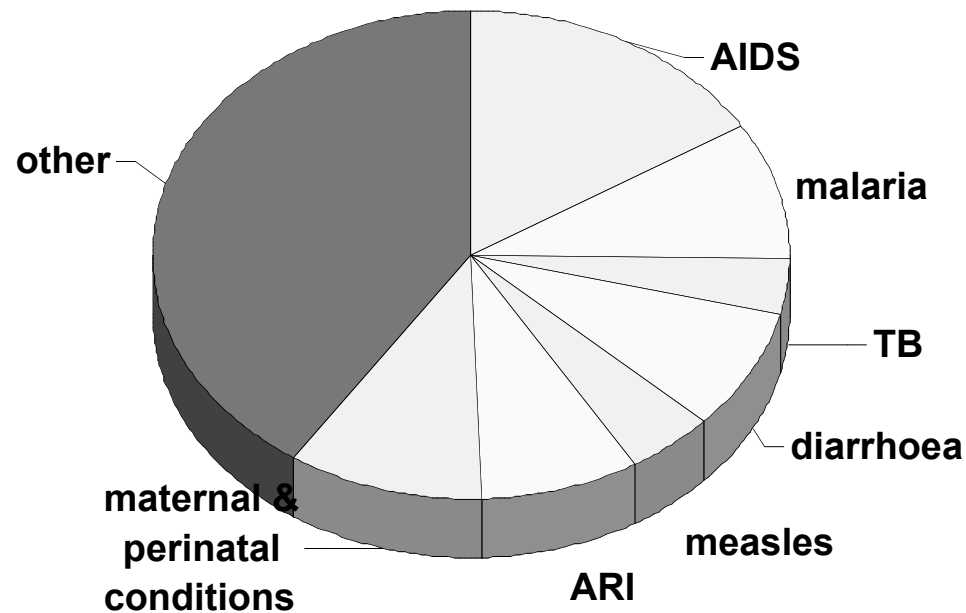
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**“The Urgency of a Massive Effort
Against Infectious Diseases”**

Most deaths among young people in developing countries are caused by just a few illnesses

Ages 0 - 44 in South-East Asia and Africa

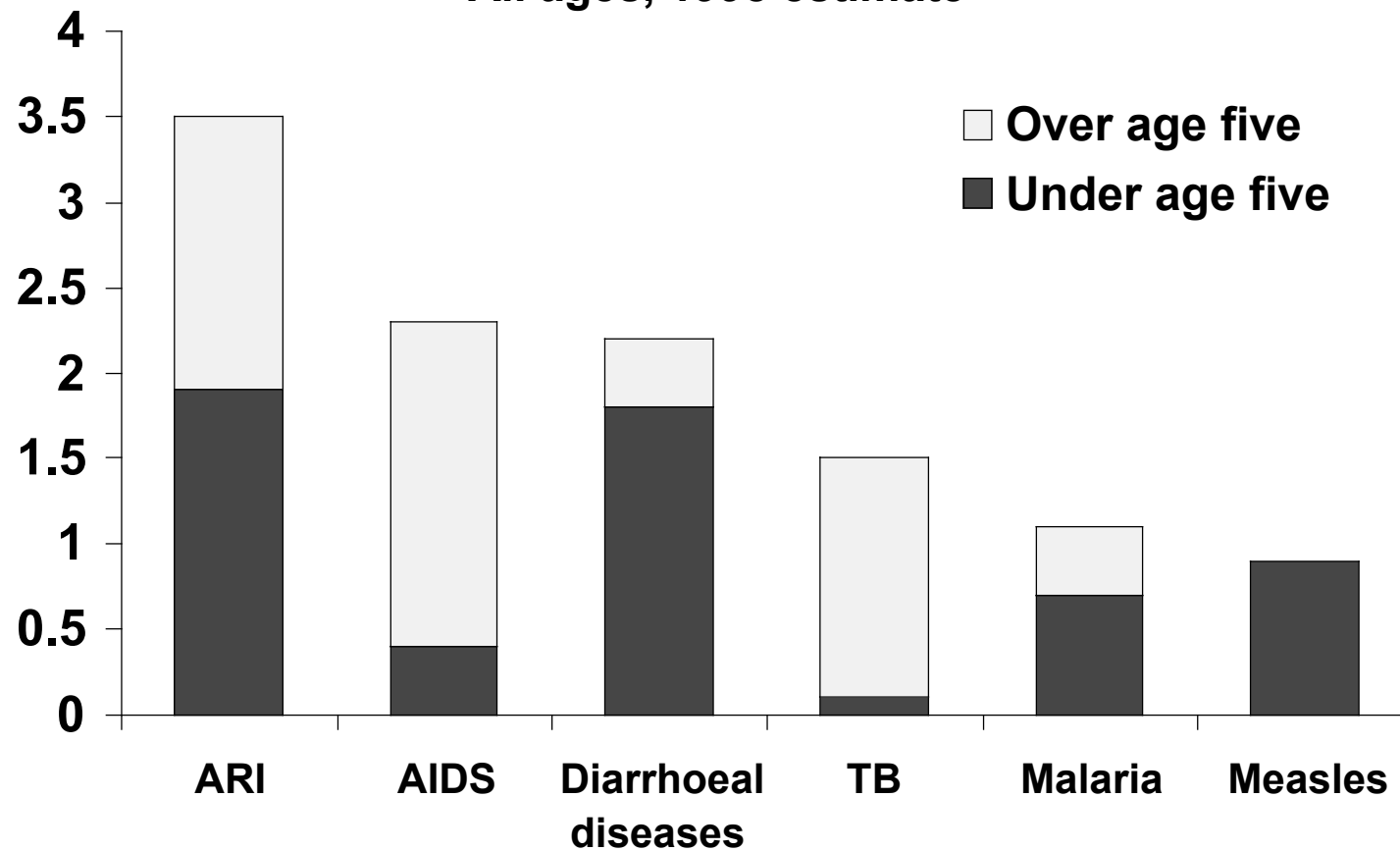


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Leading Infectious Killers

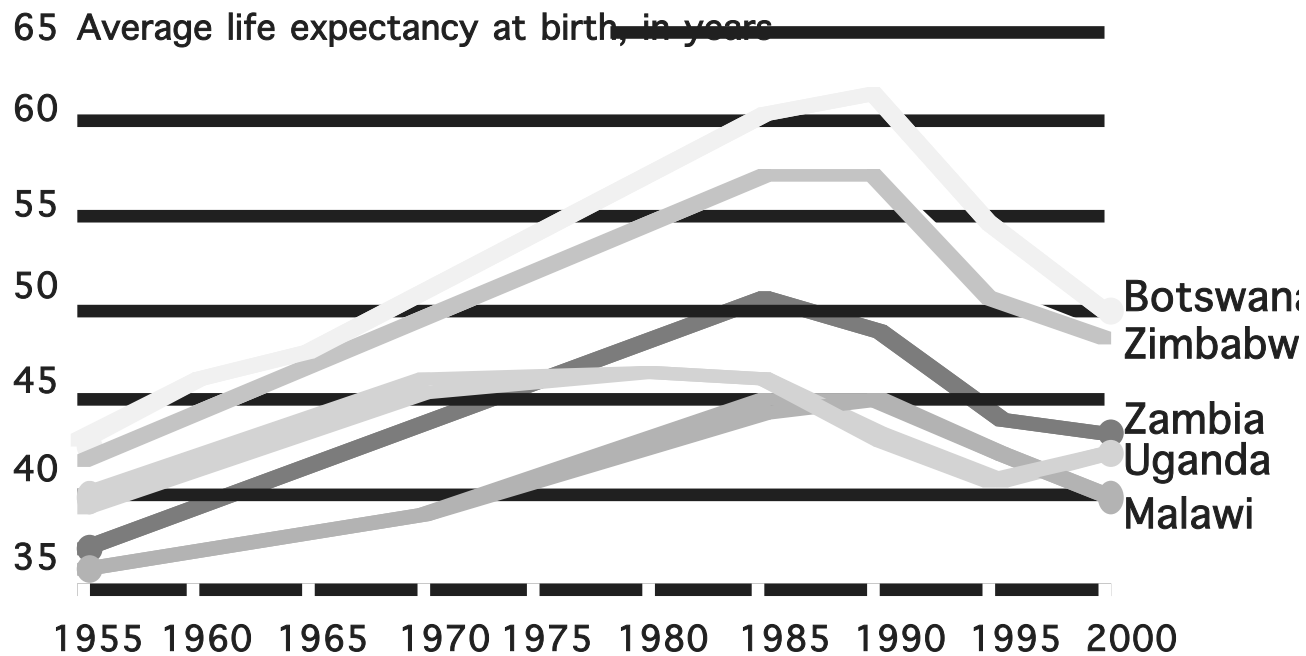
Millions of deaths, worldwide

All ages, 1998 estimate



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Projected changes in life expectancy in African countries with high HIV prevalence 1995-2000

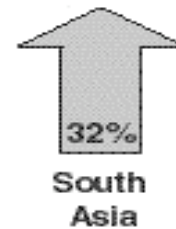
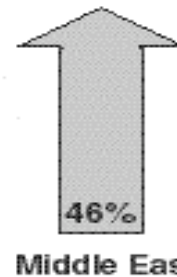
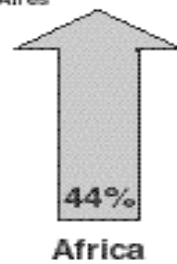
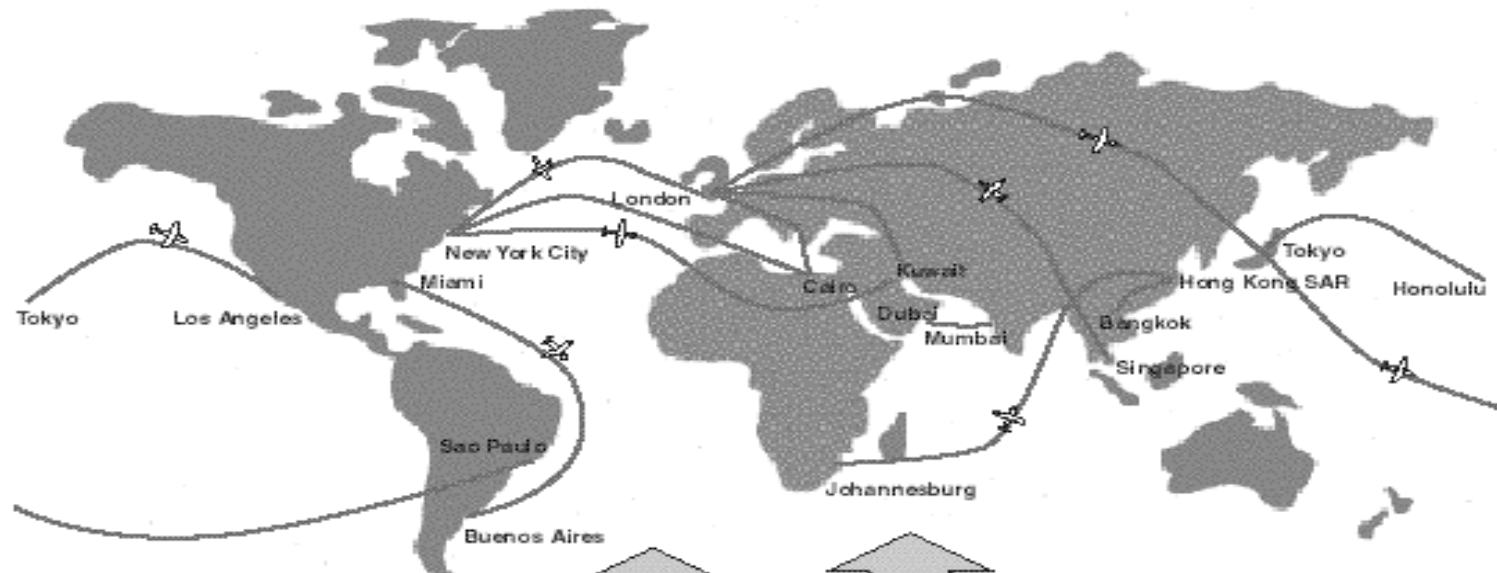


Source: United Nations Population Division

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Frequent Flyers

Most Popular Air Routes Between Countries, 1997

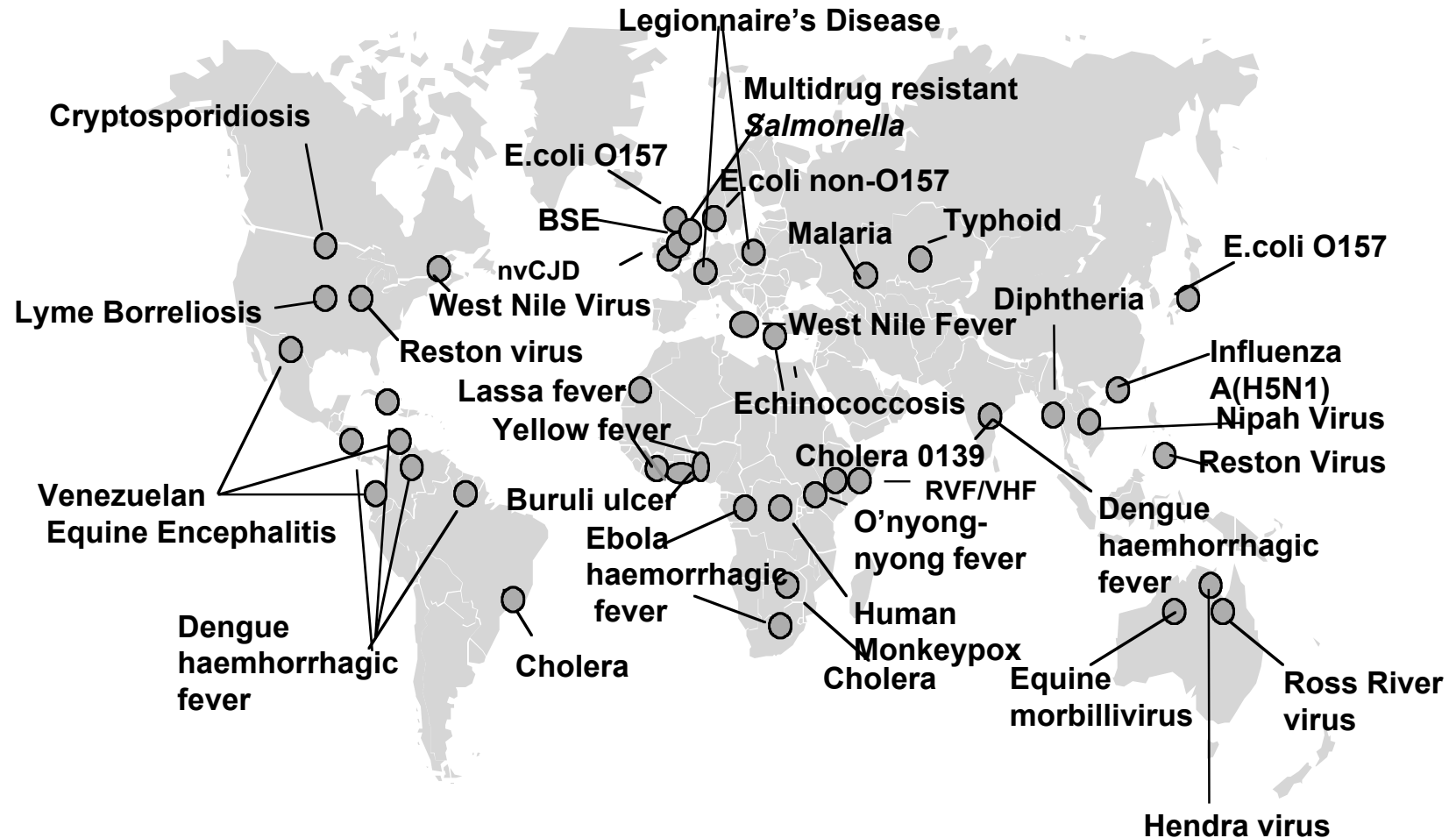


Percentage increase in international arrivals, 1993 to 1997

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Emerging, re-emerging infectious diseases

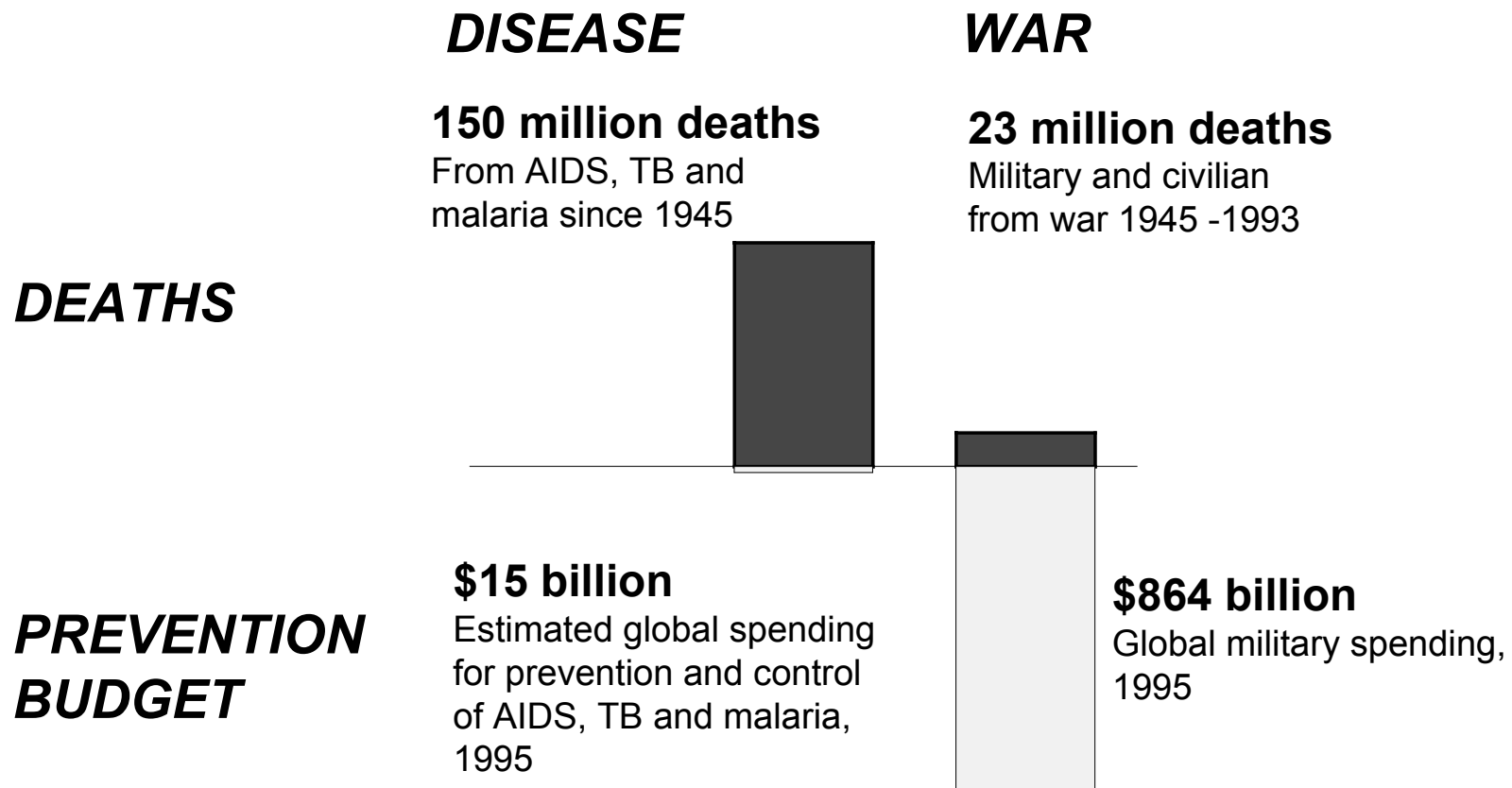
1996 to 2000



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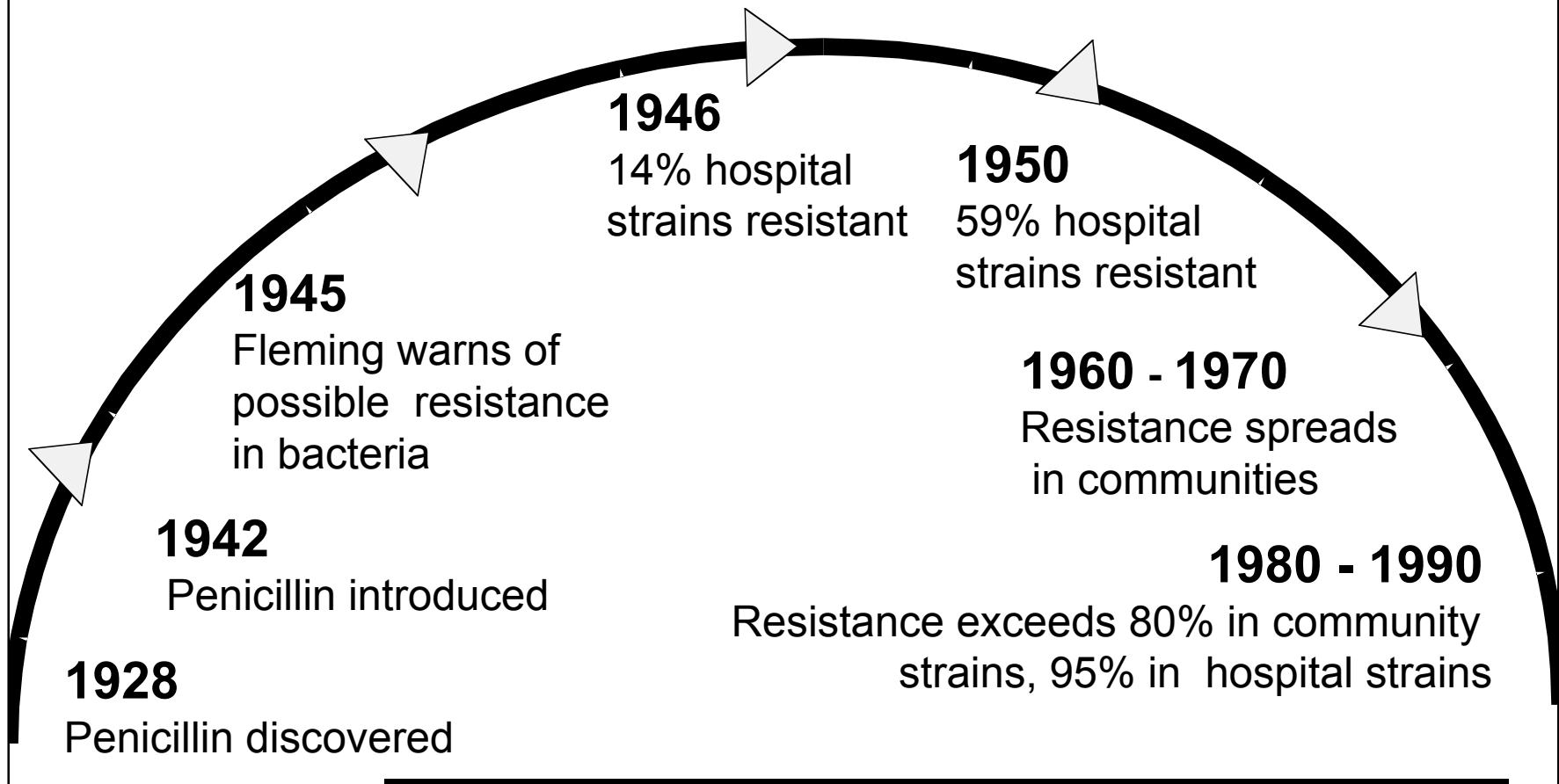
Defending national borders

A strong defense must include protecting the population from microbial invaders



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The Discovery and Loss of Penicillin in treating *Staphylococcus aureus*



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The New York Times Magazine

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The highly unnatural journey
of No. 534,
from calf to steak.

This Steer's Life

By Michael Pollan

“The highly
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Magazine,
March 31,
2002, p51

“Tylosin is a macrolide, bacteriostatic antibiotic. It is similar in structure, mechanism of action, and spectrum as that of erythromycin”
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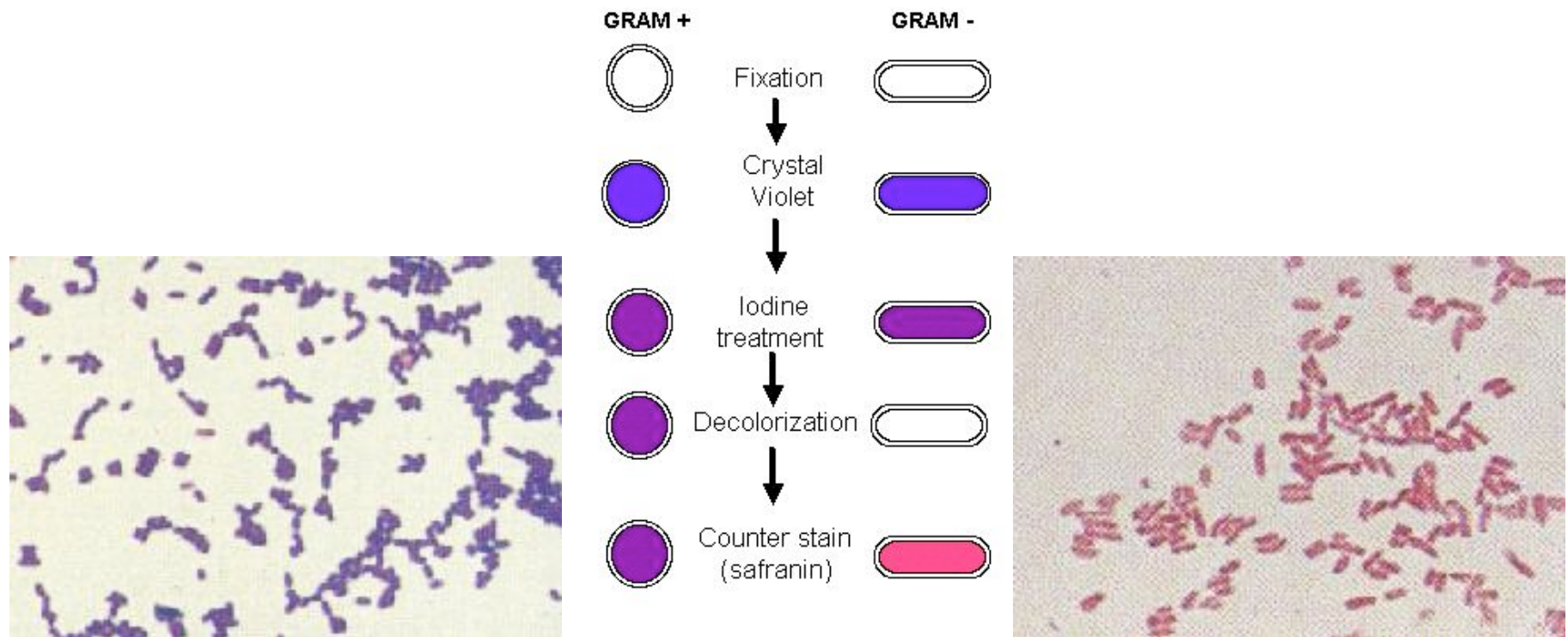
Drug Resistance *ca.* 2006

- Half the time, prescriptions for antibiotics are inappropriate. Antibiotic use promotes outgrowth of resistant organisms!
- Antibiotics in cattle feeds account for ~ 50% of use; cross-resistance occurs. Antibiotics are ubiquitous in the environment.
- Until very recently, no classes of antimicrobial drugs have been developed since 1970. Big Pharma is reluctant to get involved! Resistance has developed to ALL these classes of antibiotics.

Classes of Bacteria

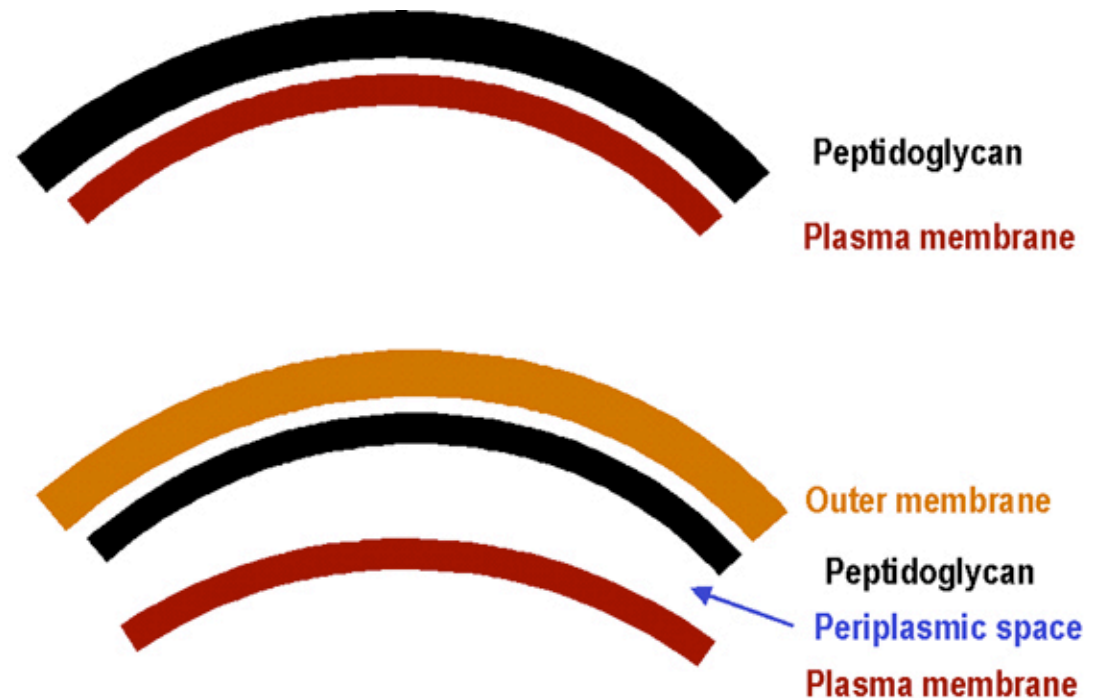
Classes of Bacteria

- Gram stain distinguishes two classes



Gram stain stains cell wall

- Gram positive bacteria have exposed cell wall (peptidoglycan)
- Gram negative bacteria have an outer membrane that surrounds the cell wall



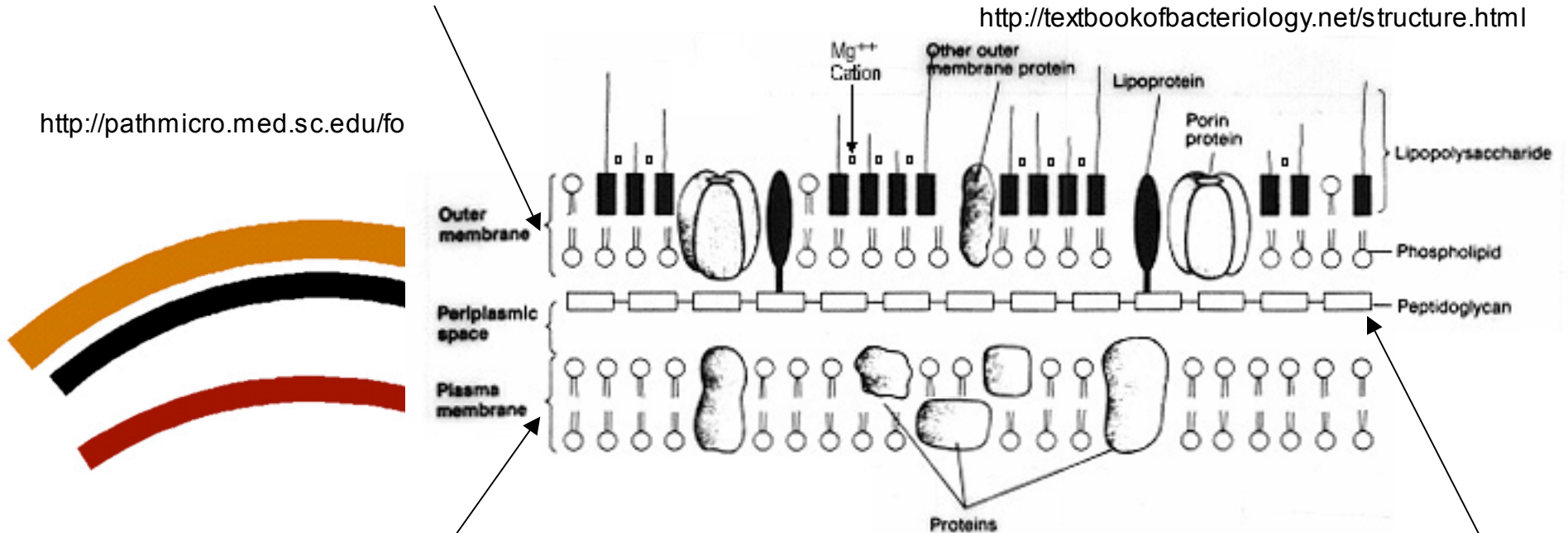
Function of envelope

Protects cells from toxic substances

Keeps important proteins concentrated in periplasm

<http://textbookofbacteriology.net/structure.html>

<http://pathmicro.med.sc.edu/fo>



Maintains integrity of cytoplasm

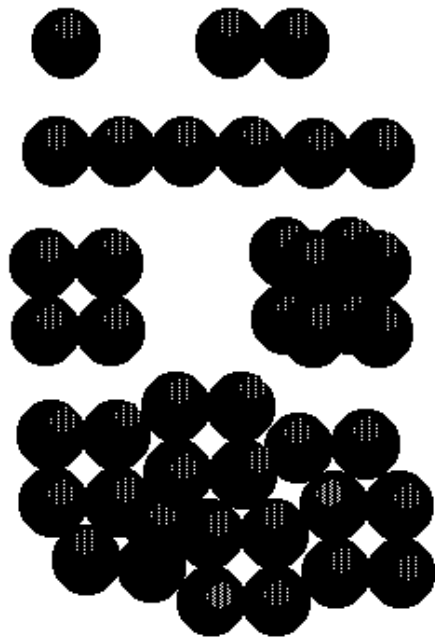
Generates a proton gradient and ATP

Osmoprotection

Maintains cell

shape

Shapes of Bacteria

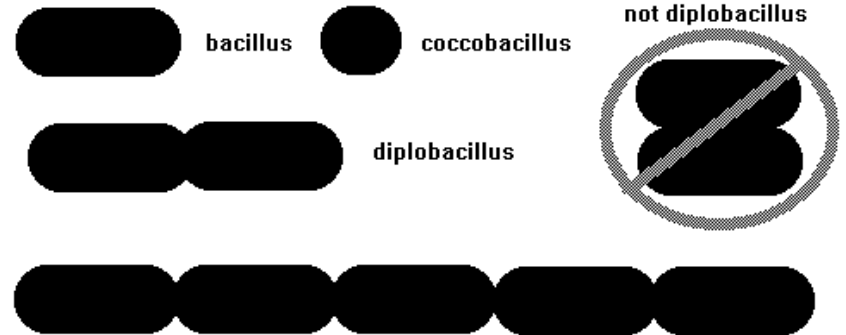


cocci, diplococci

streptococci

tetrad, sarcinae

staphylococci



bacillus

coccobacillus

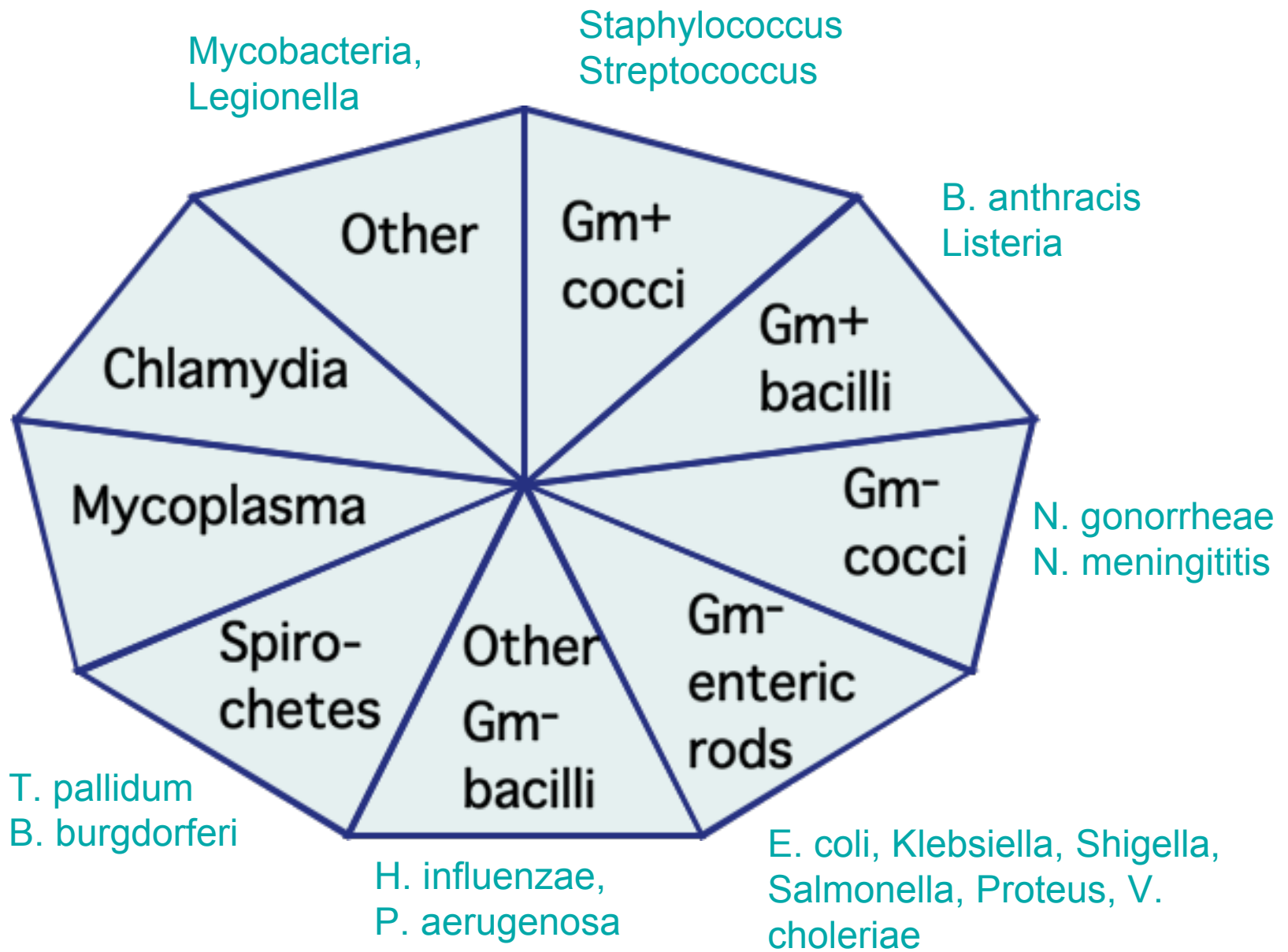
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spirochete

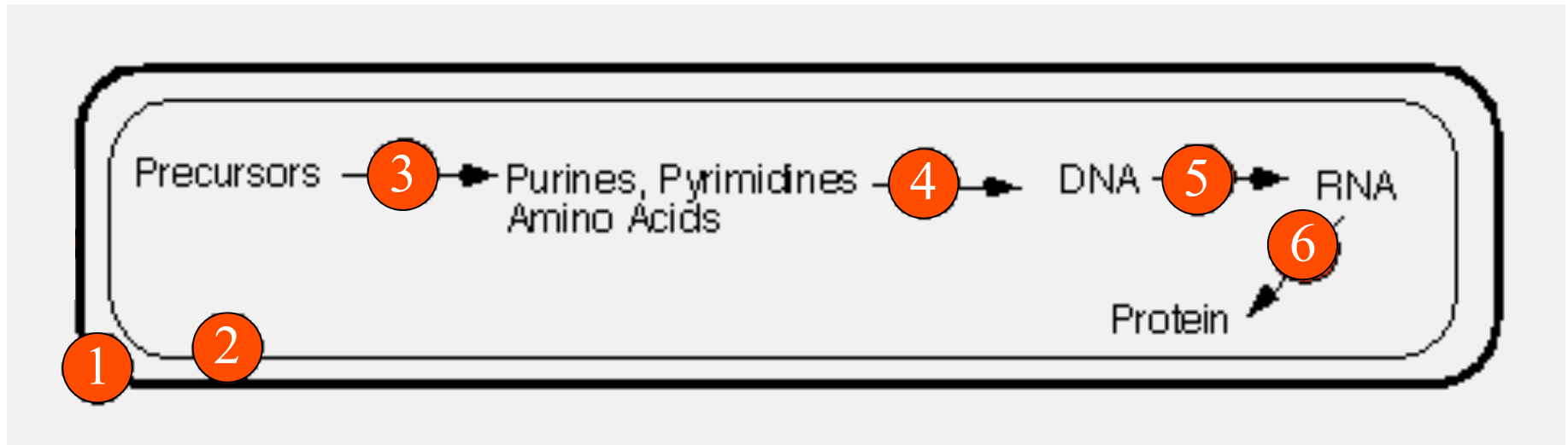


How do you treat all these
bugs??

Dawn of the Antibiotic Age

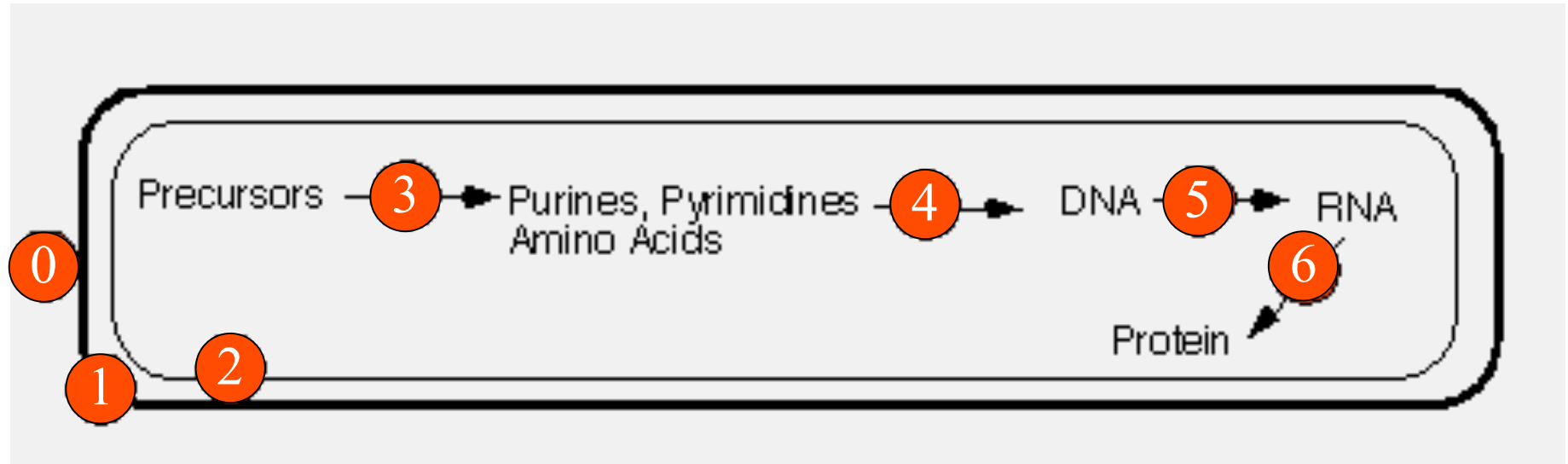
- 1870s - Robert Koch - discovered the anthrax bacterium.
- 1877 - Louis Pasteur - discovered that common bacteria can prevent anthrax from growing in culture.
- 1890s - Paul Ehrlich - chemicals can be “magic bullets”. Development of Salvarsan.
- 1908 - Paul Gelmo - textile azo dyes can kill bacteria; led to sulfonamides in 1930s.
- 1928 - Alexander Fleming - discovery of penicillin. First patient cured in 1941.

Sites of Drug Action (1)



- 1 Cell wall: Beta-lactams (Penicillins, Cephalosporins), Glycopeptides, Bacitracin
- 2 Plasma membrane: Daptomycin
- 3 C₁ transfer: Sulfonamides, Trimethoprim (Bactrim)

Sites of Action (2)



- ④ DNA synthesis: Fluoroquinolones (ex. Ciprofloxacin)
- ⑤ RNA synthesis: Rifampin, fluoroquinolones
- ⑥ Translation: Aminoglycosides (ex. streptomycin), Tetracyclines, Chloramphenicol, MLSK drugs, Linezolid, Streptogramins

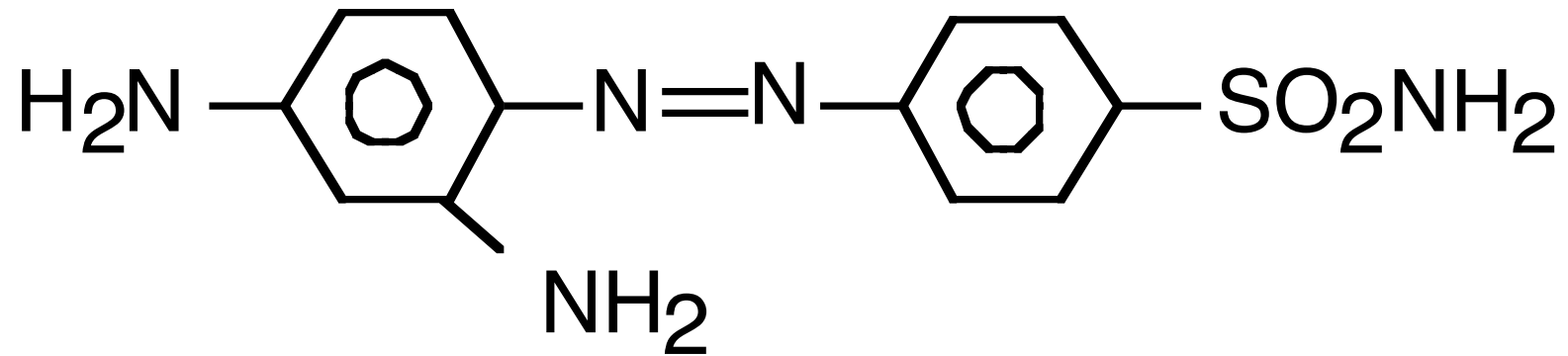
Sulfonamides

IG Farbenindustrie AG ~1940



<http://www.us-israel.org/jsource/Holocaust/farben.html>

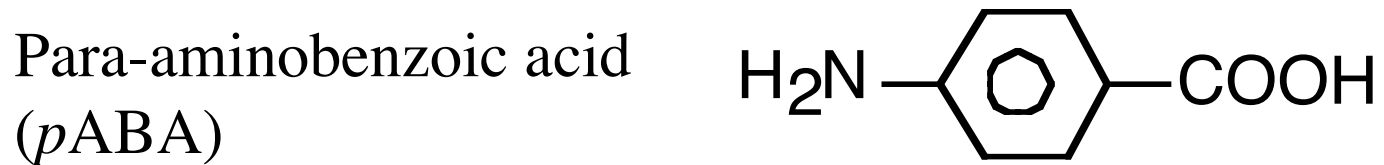
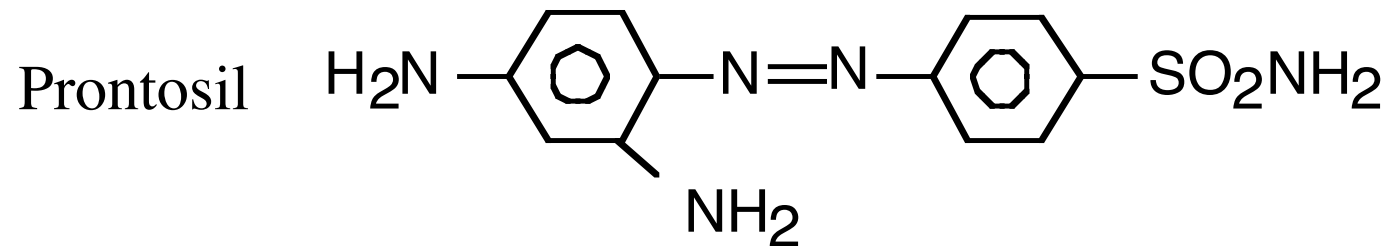
Prontosil



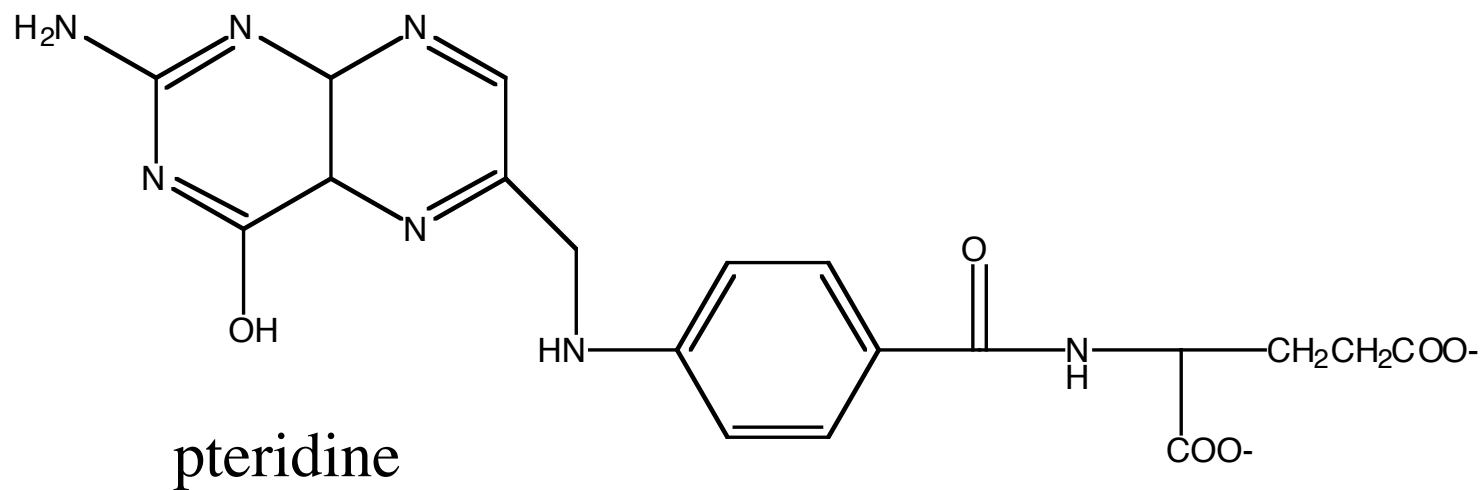
Gerhard
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Sulfanilamide, the active drug



Folic Acid



Folic acid carries methyls for. .

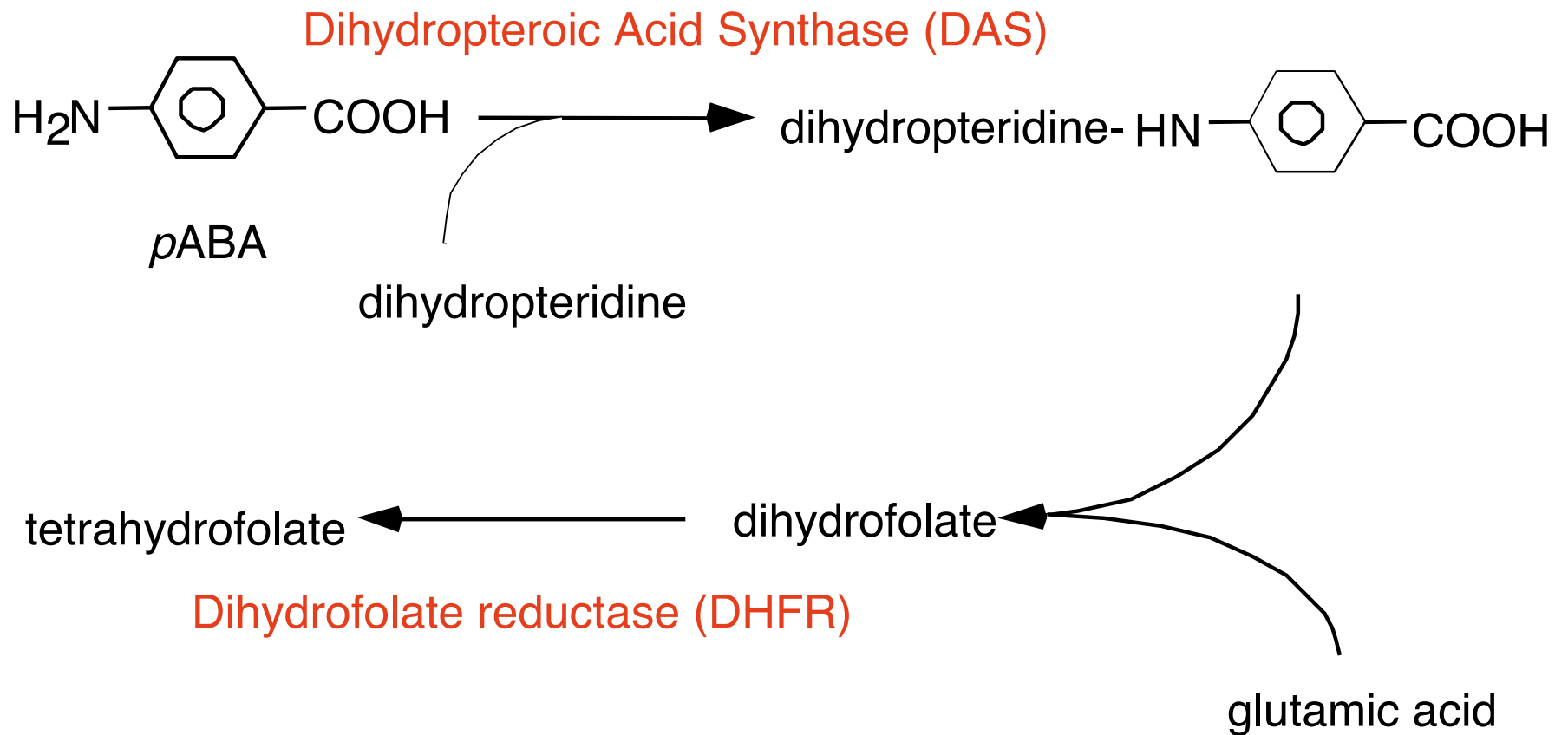
- Purine biosynthesis
 - C2 and C8 carbons are delivered by THF
- Thymidylate synthesis
 - Catalyzed by thymidylate synthetase
- Amino acid synthesis
 - Serine (from glycine)
 - Methionine (from homocysteine)

We can import folic acid.

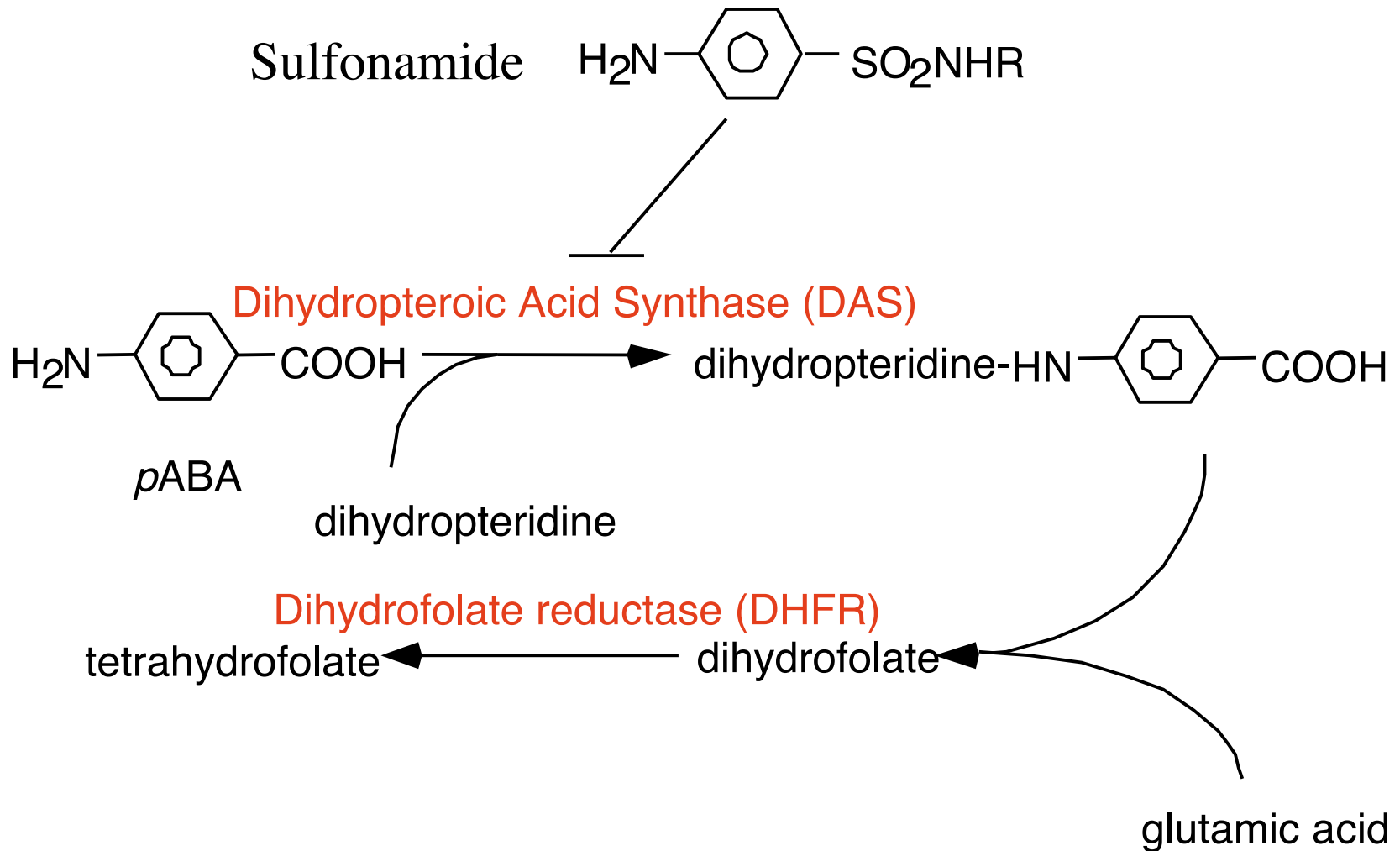
Many bacteria cannot. . .

They must synthesize it.

Folate synthesis (bacteria)



Sulfonamides are Competitive Inhibitors of **DAS**



Selective action of sulfa

- Mammals cannot make folic acid; they must import it. We do not possess DAS, the drug target. Instead we have a folic acid transporter.
- Bacteria cannot import folic acid (no transporter); they must synthesize it.

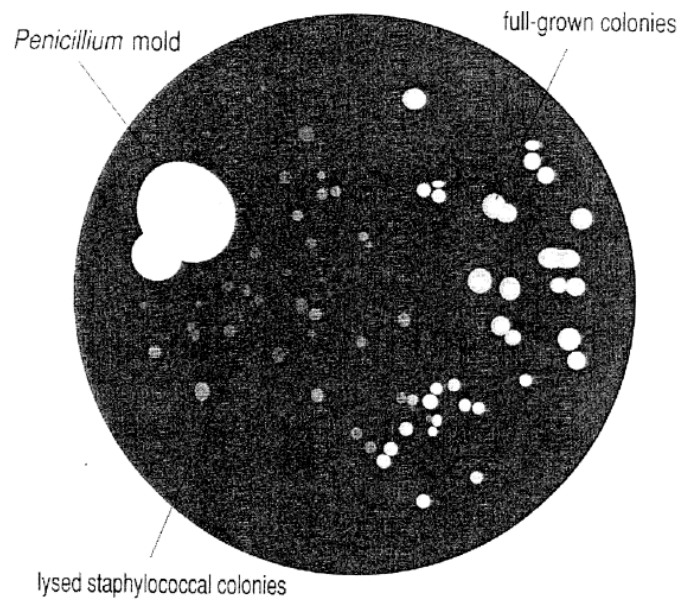
Sulfa facts

- Usually administered as a combination of sulfamethoxazole and trimethoprim (Bactrim)
- Broad spectrum, but bacteriostatic
- Usually safe, but many suffer GI distress or rashes
- Commonly used for urinary tract infections

Beta-lactams

History

- Fleming discovered penicillin (1928)



History

- Fleming discovered penicillin (1928)
- Florey, Chain and Abraham isolated it and determined structure (1940)
- First cure in human (1941)
- Critically important on the field in WWII
- Park & Strominger deduced mechanism (1965)

The Oxford Group



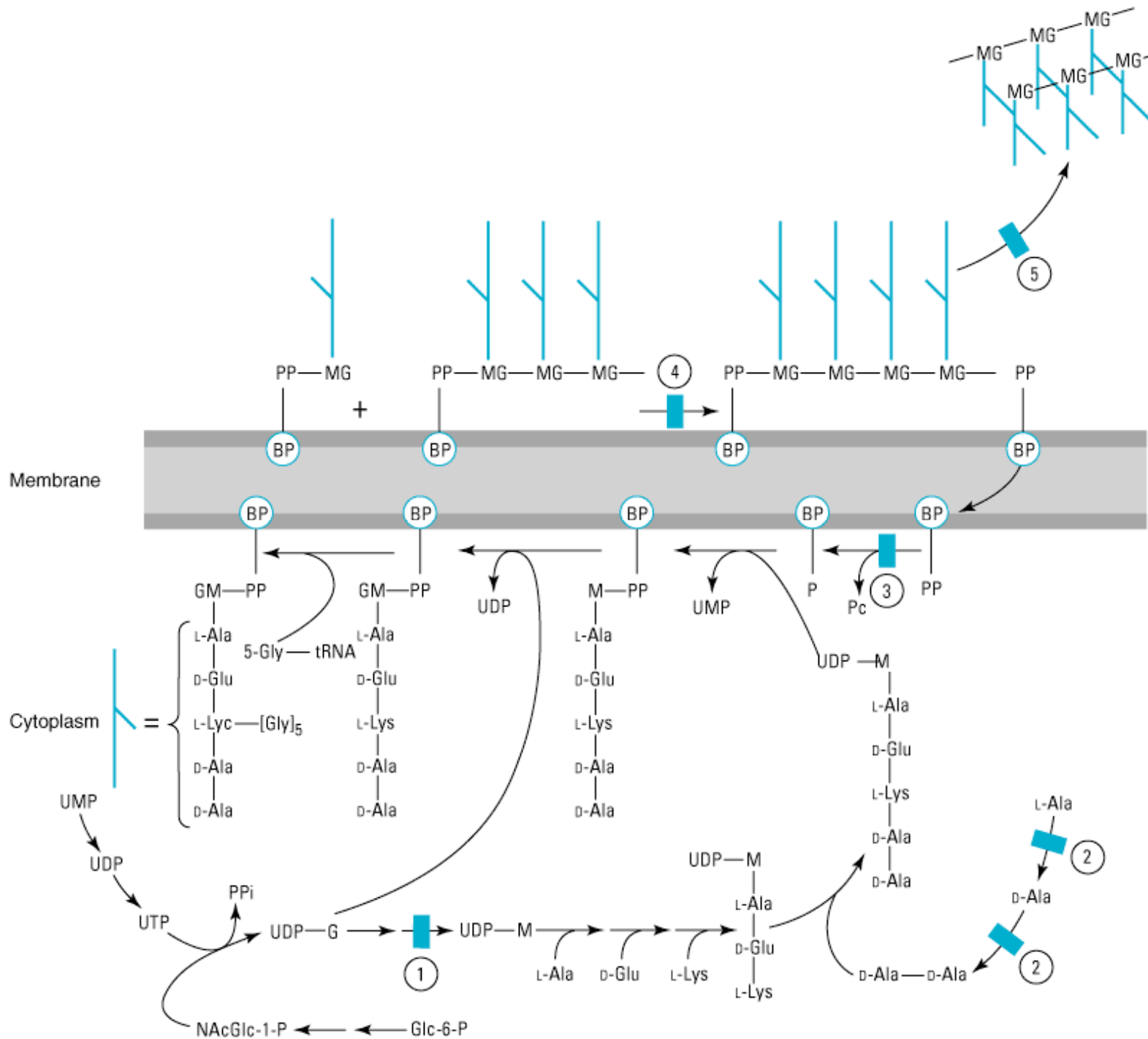
Ernst Chain
1906-1979



Howard Walter Florey
1898-1968



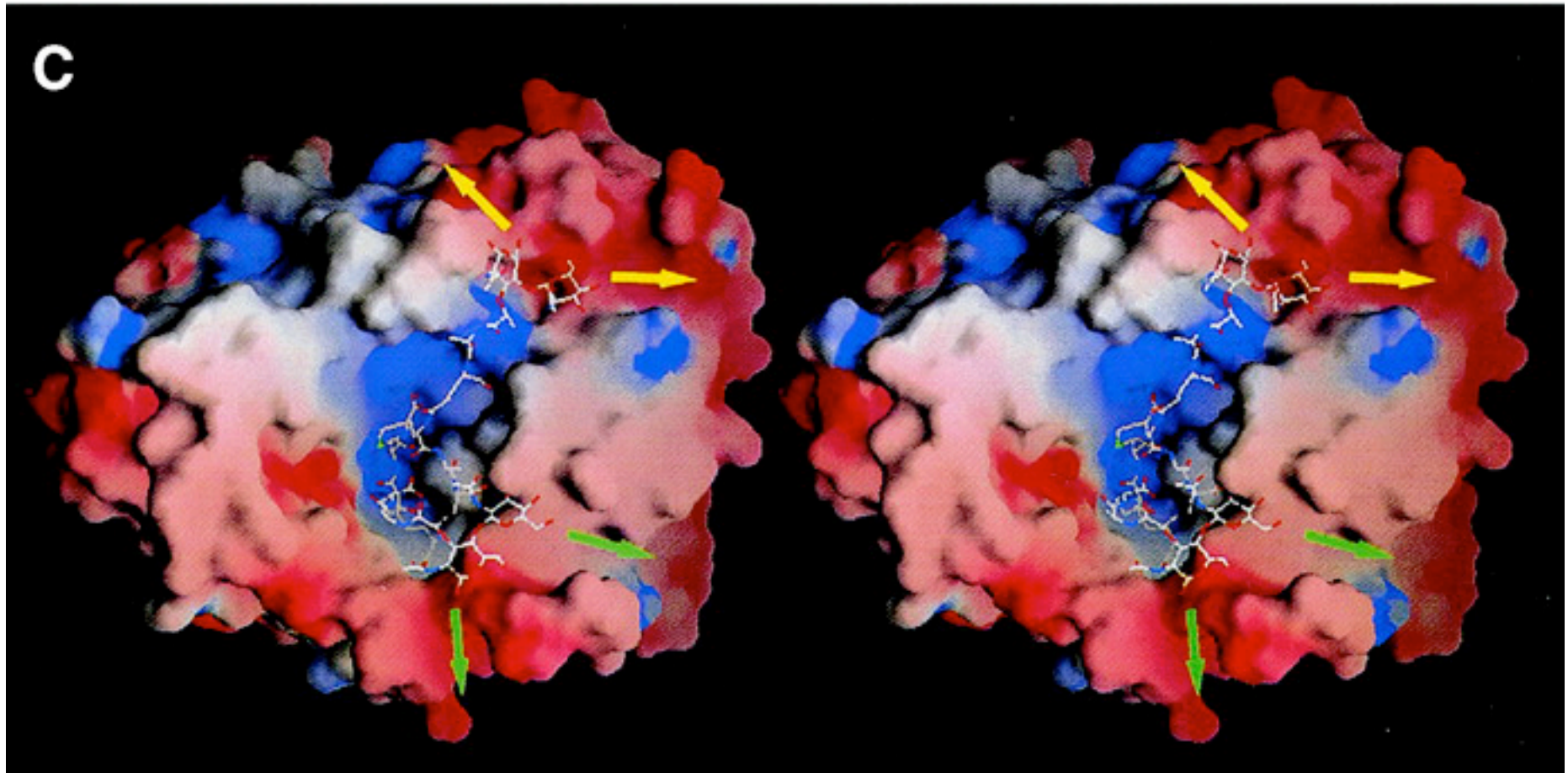
Dorothy Hodgkin
1910-1994



The biosynthesis of cell wall peptidoglycan, showing the sites of action of five antibiotics (shaded bars; 1 = fosfomycin, 2 = cycloserine, 3 = bacitracin, 4 = vancomycin, 5 = β -lactam antibiotics). Bactoprenol (BP) is the lipid membrane carrier that transports building blocks across the cytoplasmic membrane; M = N-acetylmuramic acid; Glc = glucose; NAcGlc or G = N-acetylglucosamine

Katzung, 9th ed.

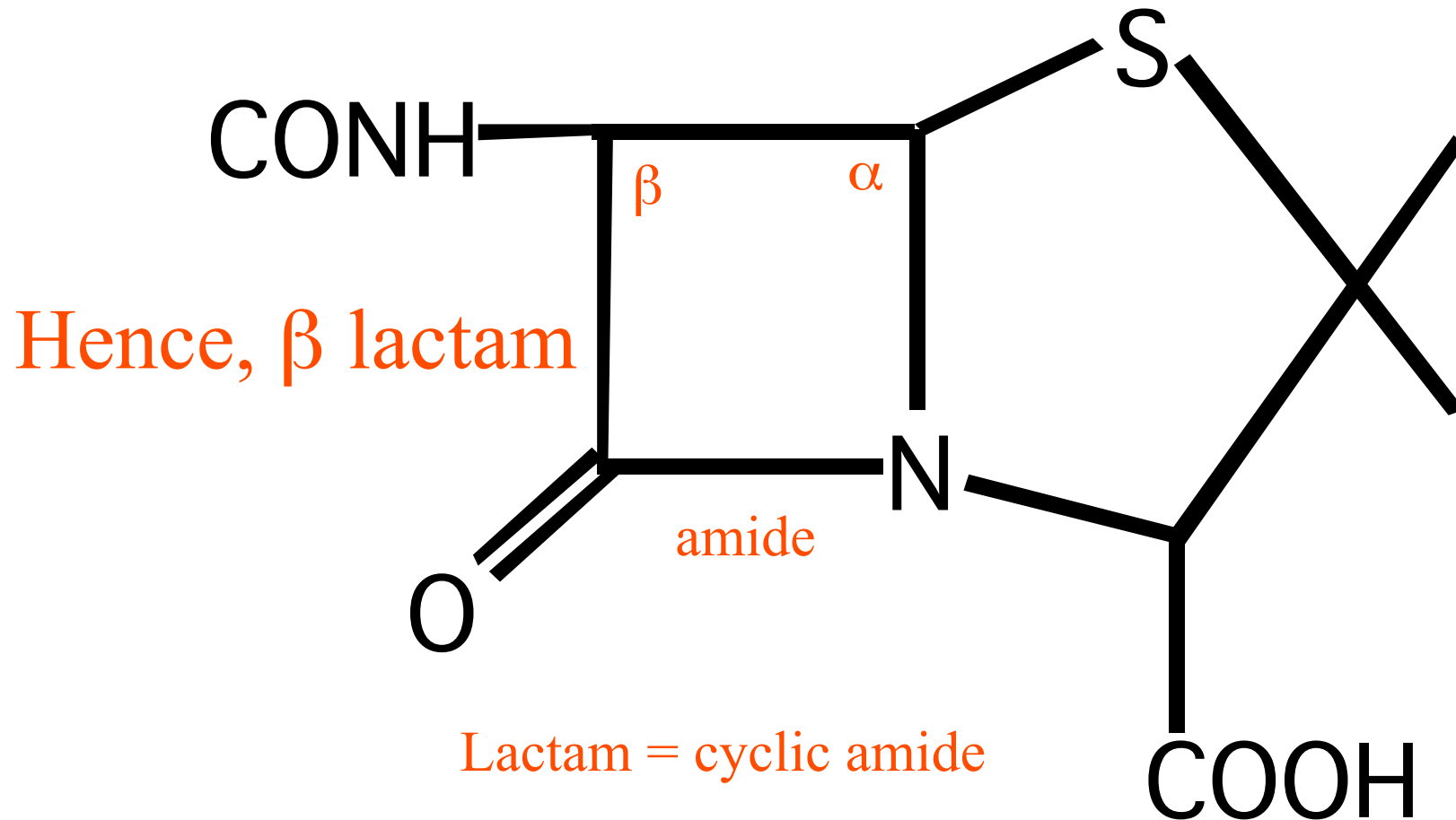
Grooves in carboxypeptidase/transpeptidase, complexed with Cephalosporin I



Green - first strand
Yellow, second strand

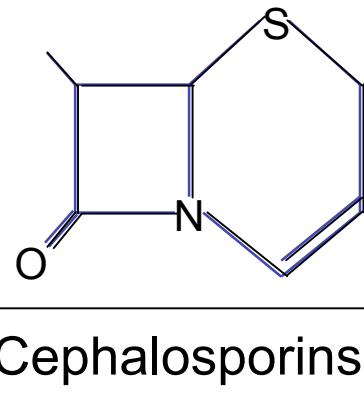
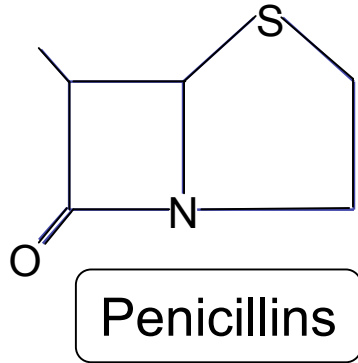
Lee et al., (2001) :PNAS
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Penicillin Structure



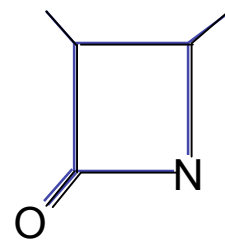
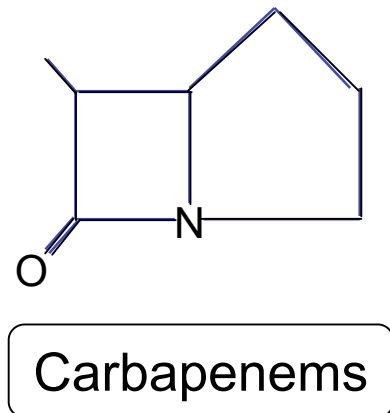
Classes of β -lactams

PenG
Ampicillin
Ticarcillin
Piperacillin



Cephalothin
Cefaclor
Ceftriaxone
Cefepime

Imipenem



Aztreonam

Penicillin and other beta-lactams

- Very active against gram positive organisms (MICs as low as 0.01 $\mu\text{g/ml}$)
- Inhibits crosslinking of the peptidoglycan
- Releases autolysins -> cell death
- Side effects: ALLERGY!!
- Resistance: bacteria make beta lactamases, which destroy penicillin

Ribosome Binders

- 30S binders
 - Aminoglycosides
 - Tetracyclines
- 50S binders
 - MLSK family
 - Macrolides
 - Lincosamides
 - Streptogramins
 - Ketolides
 - Chloramphenicol
- Linezolid (binds both subunits)



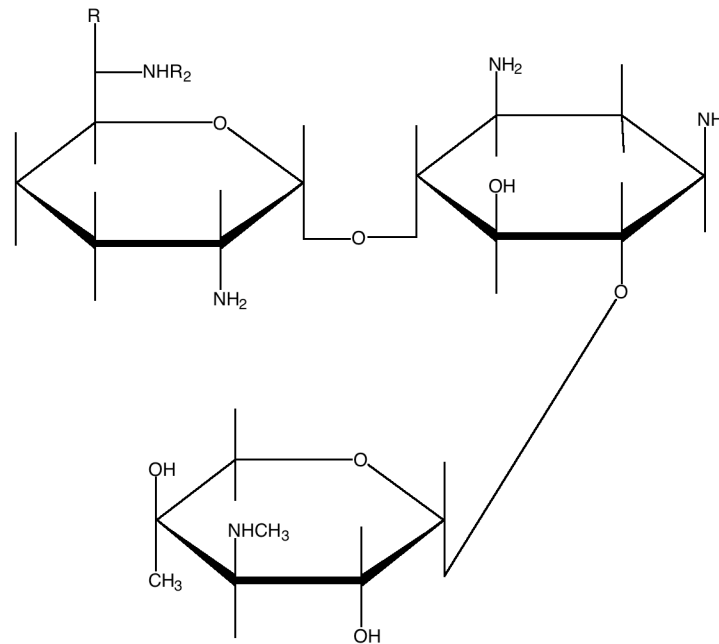
René Dubos



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Aminoglycosides

Gentamycin C



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A NEW PARADIGM FOR MASSAGE BASED ON SUBTLE ENERGY AND QUANTUM SCIENCE

PART 1: SUBTLE ENERGY

Albert Schatz and Mary Brewster

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Binding of streptomycin to 30S

Carter et al. (2000) Nature 407:340

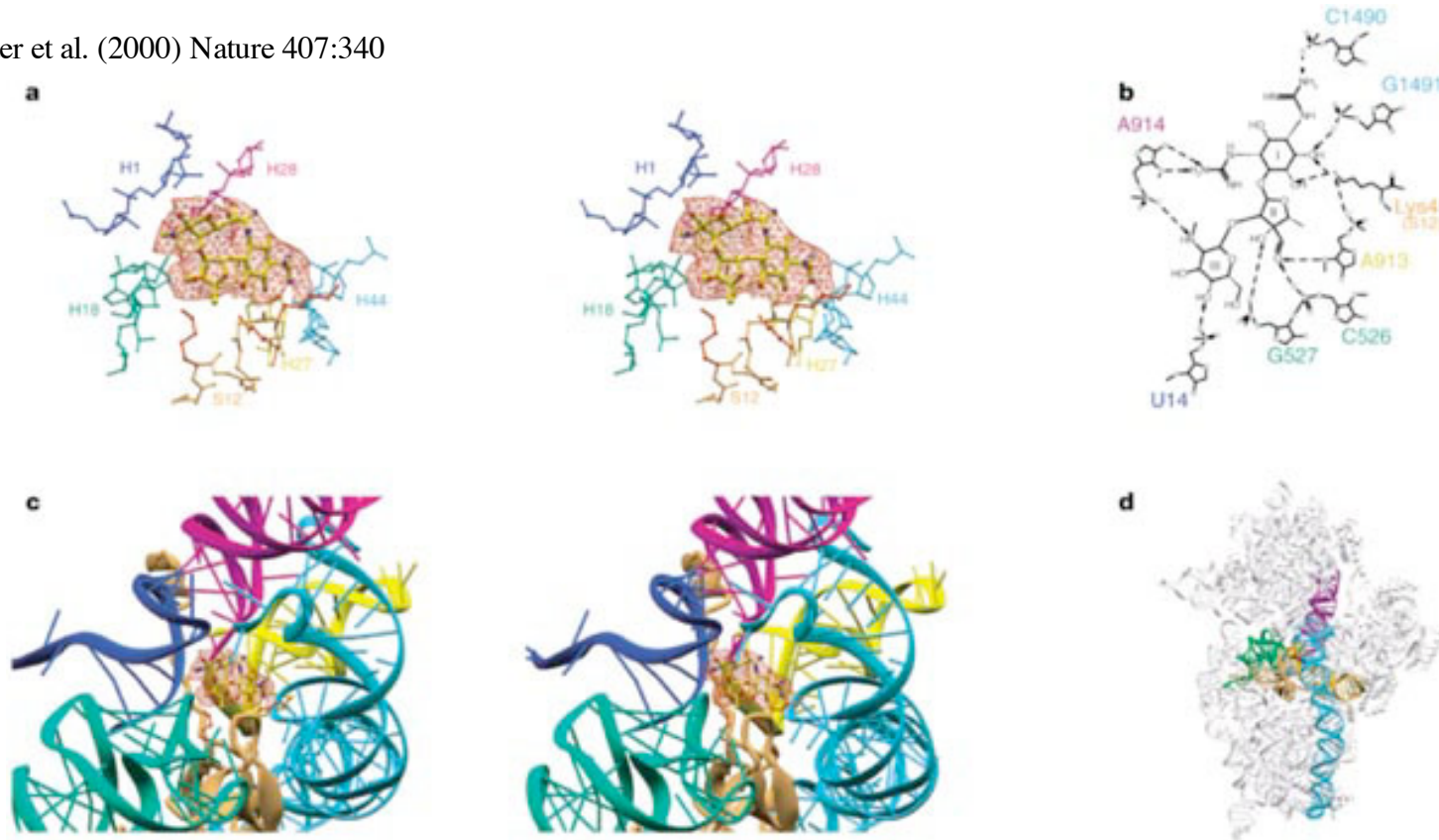


Figure 5 Interaction of streptomycin with the 30S ribosomal subunit. **a**, Difference Fourier maps showing the binding site of streptomycin. Mutations in ribosomal protein S12 that confer resistance are shown in red. **b**, Chemical structure of streptomycin, showing interactions of the various groups with specific residues of the ribosome. **c**, The streptomycin-binding site, showing its interaction with H27, the 530 loop (H18), H44 and ribosomal protein S12. **d**, A view of the 30S showing streptomycin in a space-filling model, and the surrounding RNA and protein elements

Aminoglycosides

- Used for serious gram negative infections
- Binds to ribosomes, inhibits protein synthesis and causes misreading of mRNA
- Resistance: Bugs synthesize transferases that inactivate drugs
- Toxic effects: Ototoxicity (hearing and balance loss) and nephrotoxicity

Mechanisms of resistance

- Drug inactivation
 - Penicillins, aminoglycosides
- Alteration of target sites
 - Beta-lactams, fluoroquinolones
- Decrease in accessibility
 - Tetracyclines
- Increase in competing metabolites
 - Sulfonamides