

# **BIOL 240: General Microbiology**

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1. **Pre-Lab Writeup #1 due today!**: ALL of Expt. 2. Be sure to prepare before each Monday's labs (for BOTH Mon. & Wed.)!!  
(*What? Why? How? are we doing in the lab?? Hypothesis?*)
2. Pre-lecture slides and study guides available on course website by the night before. (*Print WISELY!! If you choose to do so..*)
3. **Blue Books/Class Journals will begin TODAY!!**
4. **Study Guides/ Lesson Objectives due NEXT Week WED. in Lab!**
5. **SMCCD CANVAS:** Bi-weekly lab quizzes – **Practice Quiz** will be ready soon. Upload reports later on.  
– **<https://smccd.instructure.com/>**

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## **OBJECTIVES:**

**Students should be able to: .....**

1. **Name and describe the 7 major "groups" that include microorganisms.**
2. Diagram and describe how **Louis Pasteur** proved how life truly arises.
3. Describe the work and significance of the discoveries of **van Leeuwenhoek, Pasteur, Jenner, Koch and Fleming.**
4. Diagram & describe **Robert Koch's postulates**, and explain their significance to modern medicine and infectious disease.
5. **Ch. 2:** Describe the 6 "**Elements of Life**", their relative **electron affinities** and bonding properties, and their roles in biomolecules.
6. Describe how the **Octet Rule** affects chemical bonding, and distinguish between the relative strengths of the **3 main chemical bonds** formed in biomolecules.

❖ **These questions are your HOMEWORK between classes!!!**

➤ **DUE (and/or Study Guide questions) NEXT THURS. at the start of Lab!!**

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## 1.2) A Brief History of Microbiology

- Ancestors of bacteria were the first life on Earth.
- The first microbes were observed in 1673.
  - **Van Leeuwenhoek**

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### A. The First Observations

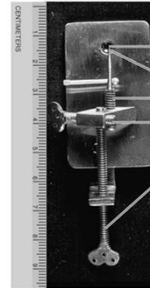
- In 1665, **Robert Hooke** reported that living things were composed of “little boxes” or “cells”.
  - **Matthias Schleiden** (botanist), **Theodor Schwann** (physiologist) -- **1830's-1840's**.....
- In 1858, **Rudolf Virchow** said cells only arise from preexisting cells.
- ❖ **Cell Theory**: All living things are composed of cells, and all cells come from preexisting cells.

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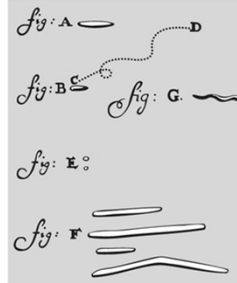
## The First Observations



(a) Van Leeuwenhoek using his microscope



(b) Microscope replica



(c) Drawings of bacteria

Figure 1.2

- 1673-1723 (studies),  
**Antoni van Leeuwenhoek:**
  - described live microorganisms (“*animalcules*”)
  - observed in teeth scrapings, rain water, and peppercorn infusions

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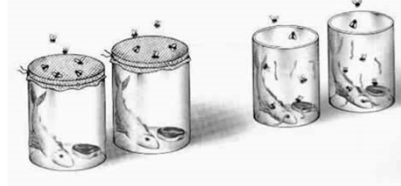
## B. The Debate Over Spontaneous Generation

- ❖ **Spontaneous Generation:** the hypothesis that living organisms arise from nonliving matter is called.
  - a “*Vital Force*” Forms life. (*Élan vital*)
- ❖ **Biogenesis:** Alternative hypothesis, that the living organisms arise from preexisting life.

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## Evidence Pro and Con - 1

- 1) **1668: Francesco Redi**  
filled six jars with  
decaying meat.



<u>Conditions</u>	<u>Results</u>
3 jars covered with fine net	<b>No maggots</b>
3 open jars	Maggots appeared
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From where did the maggots come?</li> <li>• What was the purpose of the sealed jars?</li> <li>• <i>Spontaneous generation or biogenesis?</i></li> </ul>	

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## Evidence Pro and Con - 2

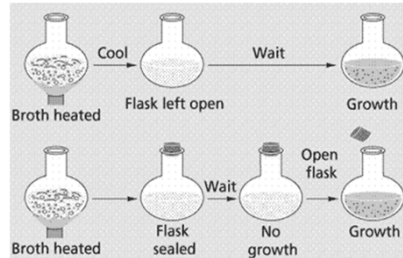
- 2) **1745: John Needham** put boiled nutrient  
broth into covered flasks.

<u>Conditions</u>	<u>Results</u>
Nutrient broth heated, <u>then</u> placed in sealed flask	<u>Microbial growth</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From where did the microbes come?</li> <li>• <i>Spontaneous generation or biogenesis?</i></li> </ul>	

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### Evidence Pro and Con - 3

3) **1765: Lazzaro Spallanzani** boiled nutrient solutions in flasks.



<u>Conditions</u>	<u>Results</u>
Nutrient broth placed in flask, heated, then sealed	<b>No microbial growth</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Spontaneous generation or biogenesis?</i></li> </ul>	

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### Evidence Pro and Con - 4

4) **1861: Louis Pasteur** demonstrated that microorganisms are present in the air.

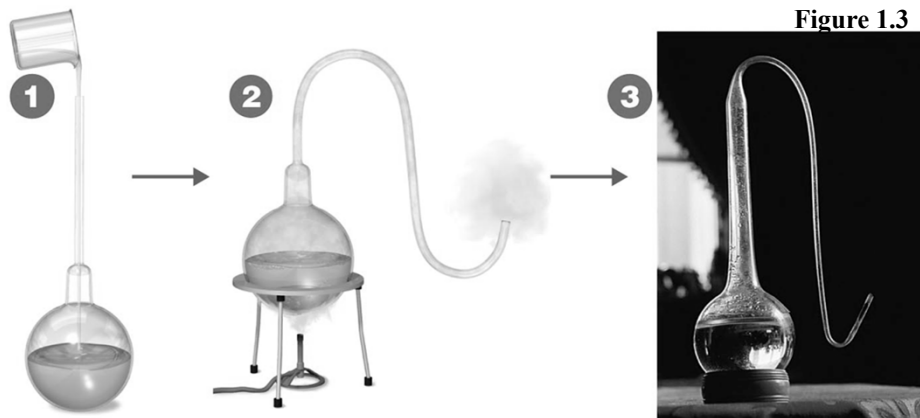
- *The air itself did not create the microbes/life.*

<u>Conditions</u>	<u>Results</u>
Nutrient broth placed in flask, heated, not sealed	Microbial growth
Nutrient broth placed in flask, heated, then sealed	<b>No microbial growth</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Spontaneous generation or biogenesis?</i></b></li> </ul>	

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## C. The Theory of Biogenesis

- (4b.) Pasteur's S-shaped ("goose-necked") flask kept microbes out but let air in.



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❖ What would be a proper CONTROL experiment, to prove these results??

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## 1.3) The Golden Age of Microbiology

### • 1857-1914

- Beginning with Pasteur's work, discoveries included:
  - **Food spoilage** – souring wine and beer
    - Yeast fermentation = causative
  - → the relationship between microbes & disease,
  - **immunity**, and
  - **antimicrobial drugs**



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## A. Fermentation & Pasteurization

- Pasteur showed that microbes are responsible for **fermentation**.
  - Fermentation is the conversion of sugar to alcohol to make beer and wine.
- Microbial growth is also responsible for **spoilage** of food.
  - Bacteria that use alcohol and produce acetic acid spoil wine by turning it to vinegar (acetic acid).

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## Fermentation & Pasteurization

### 1. **Pasteur** demonstrated:

- **spoilage bacteria could be killed by heat**
  - a heat not hot enough to evaporate the alcohol in wine.
- This application of a high heat for a short time is called **Pasteurization**.



**Louis Pasteur (1822-1895)**  
Demonstrated that life did not arise spontaneously from nonliving matter.

Figure 1.4

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## B. The Germ Theory of Disease

2. **1835: Agostino Bassi** showed a silkworm disease was caused by a fungus.
3. **1865: Pasteur** produced evidence that another silkworm disease was caused by a protozoan.
4. **1840s: Ignaz Semmelweis**
- advocated *hand-washing* to prevent transmission of *puerperal fever* from one OB patient (mother) to another.
    - *Streptococcus pyogenes*



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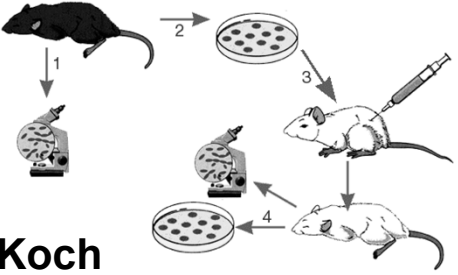
## The Germ Theory of Disease

5. **1860s: Joseph Lister** used a chemical disinfectant to prevent surgical wound infections
- after looking at Pasteur's work showing microbes are in the air, can spoil food, and cause animal diseases.
6. **1876: Robert Koch** provided proof that a bacterium causes anthrax and provided the experimental steps,
- ❖ **Koch's postulates**: used to prove that a specific microbe causes a specific disease.
1. Find microbe present in every case of the disease;
  2. Isolate pure organism from sick host animals;
  3. Inoculate organism into healthy host → get disease;
  4. Reisolate pure organism from newly/expt'l sick animals.



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**Koch**

## C. Vaccination

7. **1796: Edward Jenner** inoculated a person with cowpox virus. The person was then protected from smallpox.


- Called **vaccination** from *vacca* for cow
- The protection is called immunity

[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/smallpox/sp\\_vaccination.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/smallpox/sp_vaccination.html)

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## D. The Birth of Modern Chemotherapy



- Treatment with chemicals is **chemotherapy**.
  - Chemotherapeutic agents used to treat infectious disease can be synthetic drugs or antibiotics.
- **Antibiotics** are chemicals produced by bacteria and fungi that inhibit or kill other microbes.
  - Quinine from tree bark was long used to treat malaria.

8. **1910: Paul Ehrlich** developed a synthetic arsenic drug, salvarsan, to treat **syphilis**.

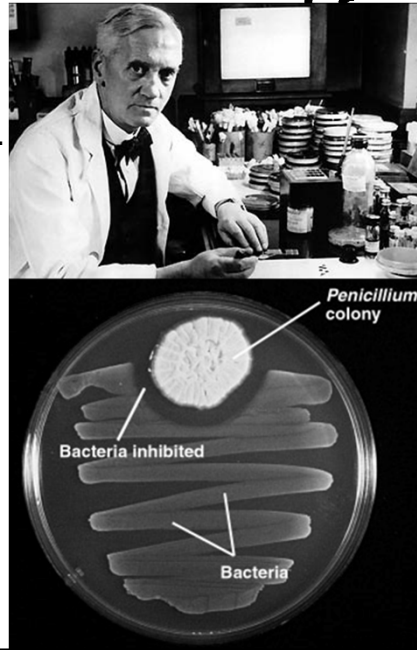
- 1930s: Sulfonamides were synthesized.

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## Birth of Modern Chemotherapy

9. 1928: Alexander Fleming discovered the first antibiotic.

- He observed that *Penicillium* fungus made an antibiotic, penicillin, – killed *S. aureus*.
- 1940s: Penicillin was tested clinically and mass produced! .....



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## 1.4) Modern Developments in Microbiology

- Bacteriology is the study of bacteria.
- Mycology is the study of fungi.
- Parasitology is the study of protozoa and parasitic worms.
- Recent advances in genomics, the study of an organism's genes, have provided new tools for classifying microorganisms.

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## Modern Developments: Immunology & Virology

- **Immunology** is the study of acquired resistance to disease.
  - Vaccines and interferons are being investigated to prevent and cure viral diseases.
- **1933: Rebecca Lancefield** proposed the use of immunology to identify some bacteria according to **serotypes** -
  - (variants within a species = “strains” or “subspecies”).
- **Virology** is the study of viruses.



Figure 1.4

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## 1.5) Microbes and Human Welfare

### ❖ Microbial Ecology

- Bacteria recycle carbon, nitrogen, nutrients, sulfur, and phosphorus that can be used by plants and animals.

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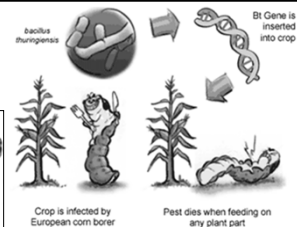
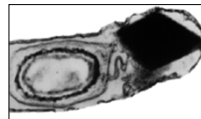
## A. Bioremediation

- Bacteria degrade organic matter in sewage.
- Bacteria degrade or detoxify pollutants such as oil and mercury.

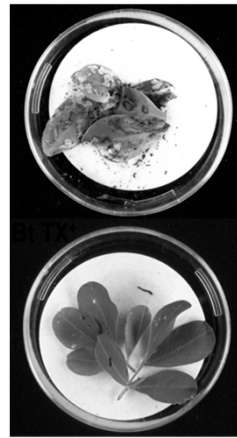


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## B. Biological Insecticides



- Microbes that are pathogenic to insects
  - alternatives to chemical pesticides
  - prevent insect damage to agricultural crops and disease transmission
- ***Bacillus thuringiensis*** infections are fatal in many insects but harmless to other animals including humans and to plants.



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## D. Microbes & Human Disease

- Bacteria were once classified as plants which gave rise to use of the term **flora** for microbes.
- This term has been replaced by **Microbiota**.
  - Microbes normally present in and on the human body are called normal microbiota.

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## Normal & Pathogenic Microbiota

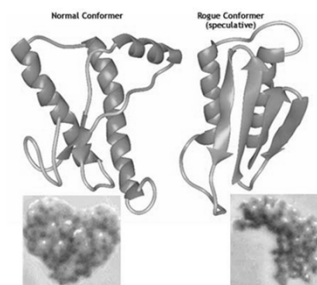
1. **Normal microbiota**: prevent growth of pathogens.
  - Normal microbiota produce growth factors such as folic acid and vitamin K.
2. **Resistance**: is the ability of the body to ward off disease.
  - Resistance factors include skin, stomach acid, and antimicrobial chemicals.
3. **Pathogenesis**: When an infectious microbe overcomes the host's resistance, disease results.
  - **Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID)**: New diseases and diseases increasing in incidence.....

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## E. Emerging Infectious Diseases

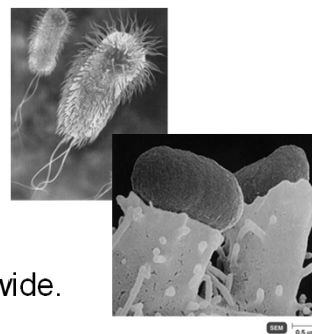
### 1. Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy

- Prion.
- Also causes Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD).
- New-variant **CJD** in humans related to cattle fed sheep offal (entrails) for protein.



### 2. *Escherichia coli* O157:H7

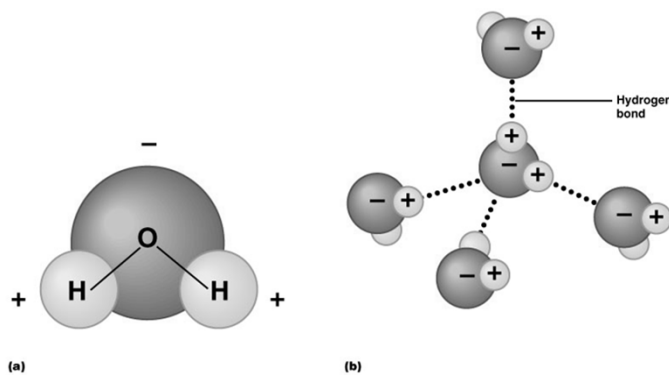
- Toxin-producing strain of *E. coli*.
- First seen in 1982.
- Leading cause of diarrhea worldwide.



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# Chapter 2

## Chemical Principles



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## 2.1) Chemistry

- Chemistry is the study of interactions between atoms and molecules.
- The atom is the smallest unit of matter that enters into chemical reactions.
- Atoms interact to form molecules.

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### A. The Study of Atoms

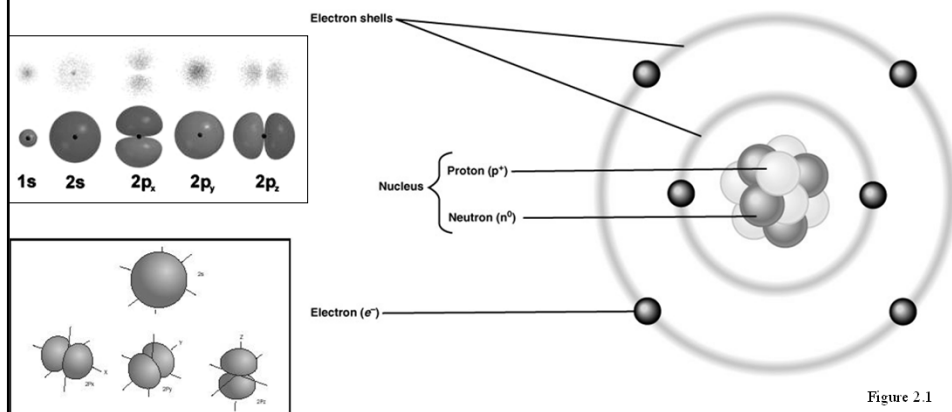
Atoms are composed of

- **Electrons**: negatively charged particles
- **Protons**: positively charged particles
- **Neutrons**: uncharged particles

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## The Study of Atoms

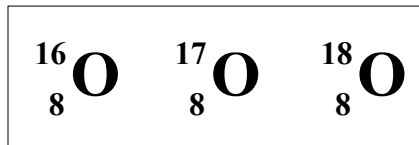
- Protons and neutrons are in the *nucleus*.
- Electrons move around the nucleus.
  - *Electrons carry energy!*
  - *Electron BEHAVIOR drives chemistry.*



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## B. Chemical Elements

- *Each chemical element has a different number of protons.*
- Isotopes of an element are atoms with different numbers of neutrons.
  - Isotopes of oxygen are:



**Mass # = protons + neutrons**  
**Atomic # = protons (identifies element!)**

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# CHNOPS!!

Element	Symbol	Atomic Number	Approximate Atomic Weight
Hydrogen	H	1	1
Carbon	C	6	12
Nitrogen	N	7	14
Oxygen	O	8	16
Sodium	Na	11	23
Magnesium	Mg	12	24
Phosphorus	P	15	31
Sulfur	S	16	32
Chlorine	Cl	17	35
Potassium	K	19	39
Calcium	Ca	20	40
Iron	Fe	26	56
Iodine	I	53	127

\* 6 make up 98% of all living mass

\*Hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen are the most abundant chemical elements in living organisms.

Table 2.1

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## C. Electronic Configurations

- Electrons are arranged in electron shells corresponding to different energy levels.
- **Octet Rule:** past H and He, all other atoms are most stable with an outer electron shell filled with 8 Electrons!!
  - **Closer to 8 = tend to grab electrons!**
    - **HIGH electronegativity/ electron-affinity** .... Tend to become....
  - **Further from 8 = tend to give-up electrons!**
    - **LOW electronegativity/ electron-affinity** .... Tend to become....

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# Electronic Configurations

TABLE 2.2		Electronic Configurations for the Atoms of Some Elements Found in Living Organisms					
Element	First Electron Shell	Second Electron Shell	Third Electron Shell	Diagram	Number of Valence (Outermost) Shell Electrons	Number of Unfilled Spaces	Maximum Number of Bonds Formed
Hydrogen	1	—	—		1	1	1
Carbon	2	4	—		4	4	4
Nitrogen	2	5	—		5	3	3
Oxygen	2	6	—		6	2	2

● electron  
○ unfilled space  
Key: ● atomic nucleus

Table 2.2.1

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# Electronic Configurations

TABLE 2.2		Electronic Configurations for the Atoms of Some Elements Found in Living Organisms (continued)					
Element	First Electron Shell	Second Electron Shell	Third Electron Shell	Diagram	Number of Valence (Outermost) Shell Electrons	Number of Unfilled Spaces	Maximum Number of Bonds Formed
Magnesium	2	8	2		2	6	2
Phosphorus	2	8	5		5	3	5
Sulfur	2	8	6		6	2	2

● electron  
○ unfilled space  
Key: ● atomic nucleus

Table 2.2.2

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