

4V003 - Interface système immunitaire microorganismes environnement

Microbiote et les maladies immunitaires

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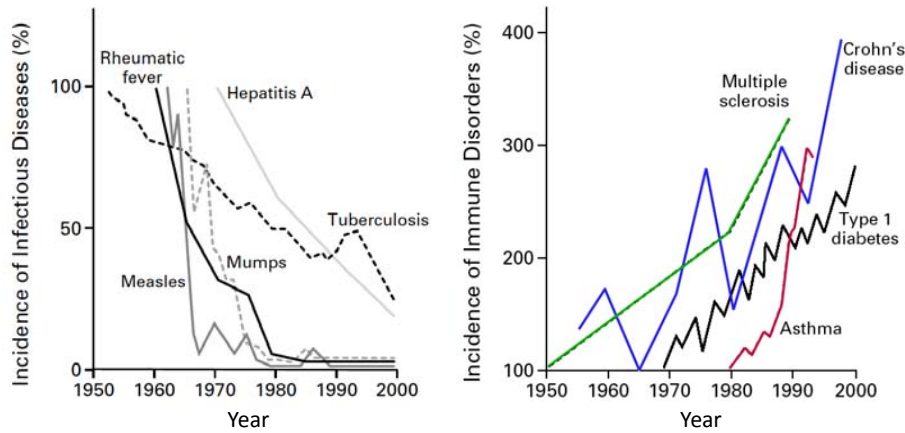
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Outline

1. Hygiene theory and environmental factors
2. The gut microbiota and our digestive system
3. Gut microbiota and host immunity
4. Gut microbiota in early life
5. Self-non-self versus the danger model.
6. Gut microbiota and its role in disease
7. Solutions

Hygiene theory and chronic inflammatory diseases

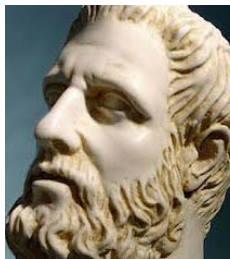


Disappearance of prototypic infectious diseases inversely correlate with occurrence of chronic inflammatory diseases.

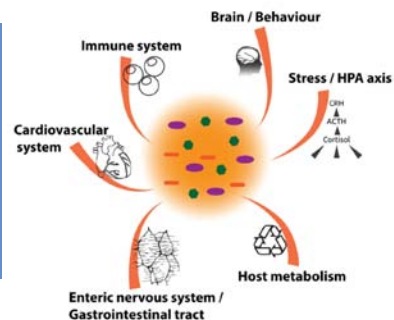
Bach *et al.* NEJM 2002

Hygiene theory and chronic inflammatory diseases

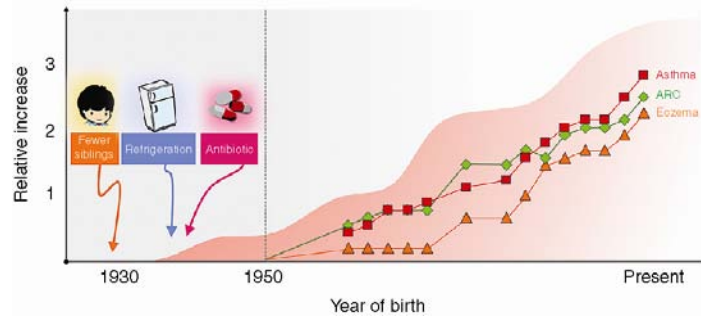
- Massive increase in prevalence of chronic inflammatory diseases in Westernized countries.
- Most chronic inflammatory diseases are attributed to both genetic predisposition and environmental factors
- Genetic drift over such a short period of time cannot explain increased incidence of disease
- Westernized life-style has introduced several environmental risk factors, some of which may disturb the homeostatic balance of gut microbiota



"ALL DISEASE
BEGINS IN
THE GUT!"
-HIPPOCRATES
460-370 BC



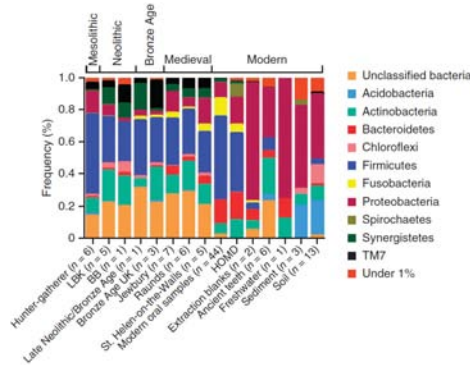
Lifestyle changes affecting Gut Microbiota



- Westernized life-style has introduced several environmental risk factors that disturb the homeostatic balance of gut microbiota
- Excessive antibiotic use, especially during early life (or even during pregnancy)
- Shift towards more formula-fed babies
- Shift towards greater numbers of babies born by Caesarean section
- Western diet

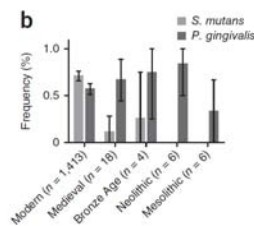
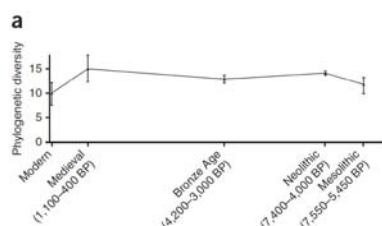
Abrahamsson *et al.* JACI 2015

Oral microbiota shifts through history of mankind



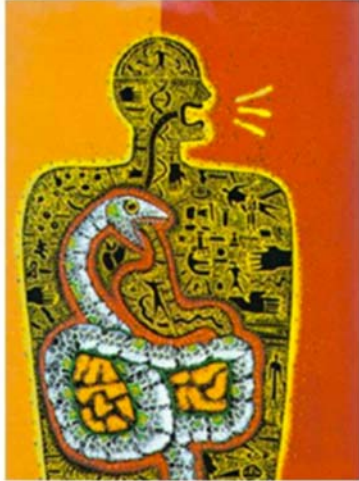
Two of the greatest dietary shifts in human evolution involved :

- Adoption of carbohydrate-rich Neolithic (farming) diets (beginning ~10,000 years before the present)
 - *P. gingivalis* augments.
- Industrially processed flour and sugar (in ~1850)
 - *Streptococcus mutans* augments (associated with caries).
- Reduced oral microbiota diversity in the modern human.



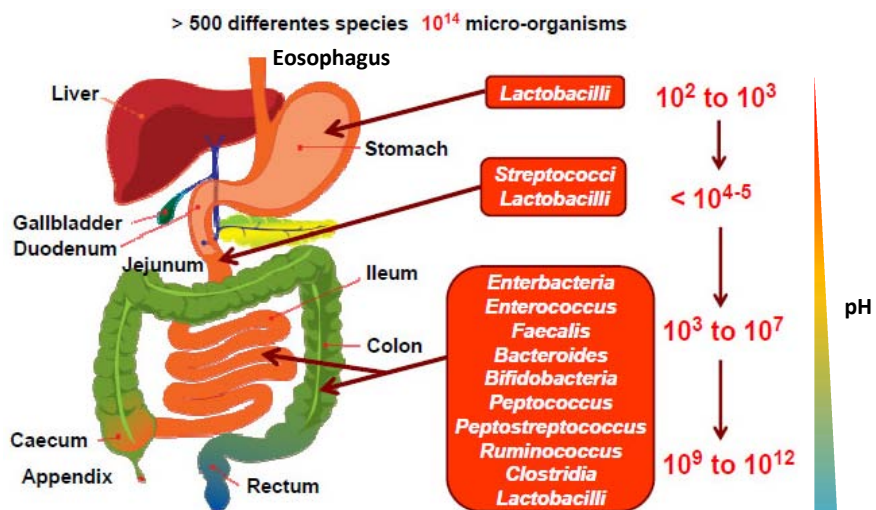
Adler *et al.* Nat Genetics 2013

The human Gut and its inhabitants in numbers



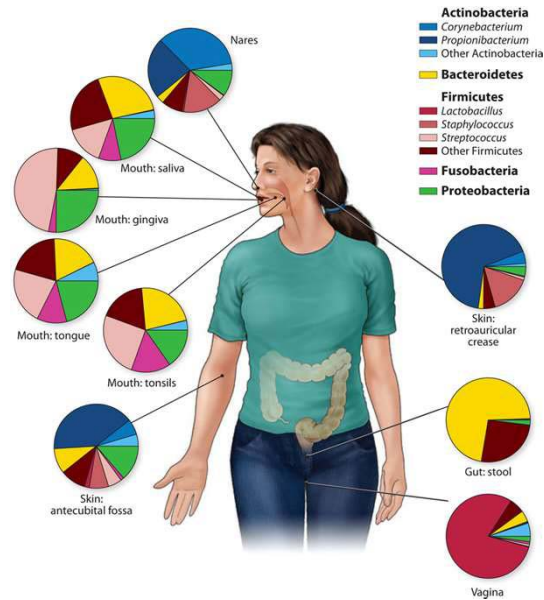
- 30 tons of food and 50.000 L during a lifetime
- Huge mucosal surface: 150-200 m²
- >50 billions of new bacteria every day
- 70-80% of all immune cells are located in the Gut.
- 1-2g secretory IgA per day
- 100 millions of neurons (as many as in the spinal cord).
- 5×10^{13} bacteria: 3x number of cells in the entire body, i.e. 1-2 kg.
- 100 times more bacterial genes than human genes.

Spatial distribution of gut microbiota



http://www.jpp.krakow.pl/journal/archive/08_15/articles/02_article.html

Human body sites harbor distinct microbiota



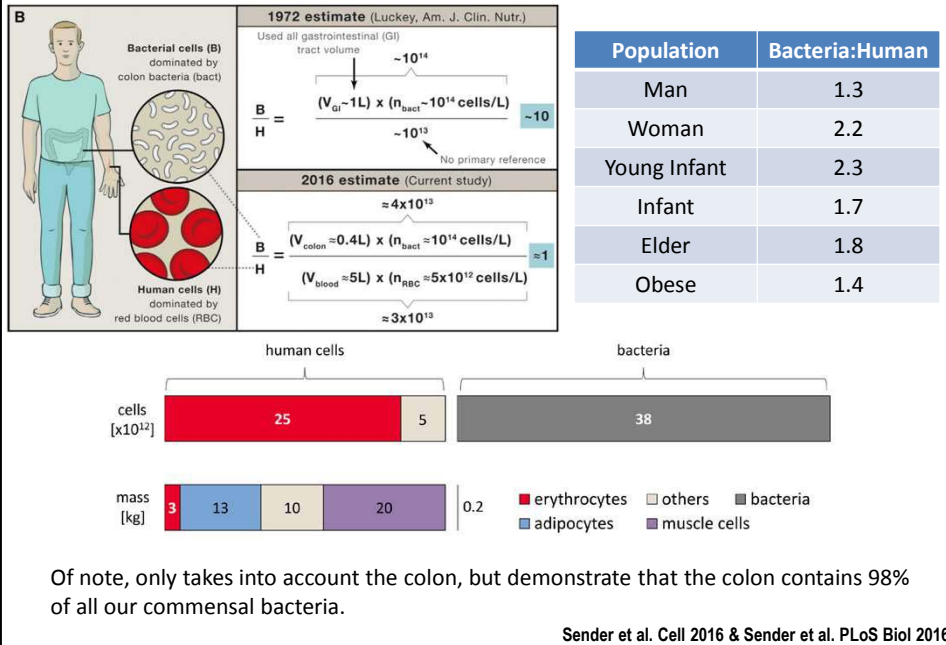
Grice et al. Ann Rev Gen Hum Genet 2012

The digestive system - A trip through the GI tract



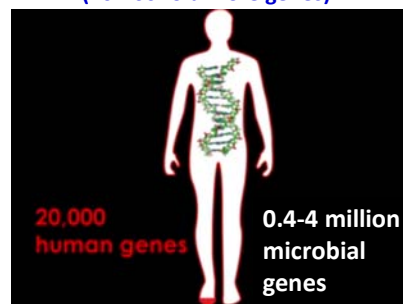
- Mouth (cheewing + saliva containing enzymes)
- Esophagus
- Stomach (very acidic, proteases, few microbes)
- Small intestine (somewhat acidic, microbes (degrade otherwise none-degradable plant fibers).
- Large intestine (Final digestion and return of water to host)
- You all know what happens then.....**COLLECTION TIME!**

We are outnumbered and outsmarted



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Outsmarted
(20-200 fold more genes)



Each bacterial species has its own genomic DNA (all human cells have almost identical genomic DNA).

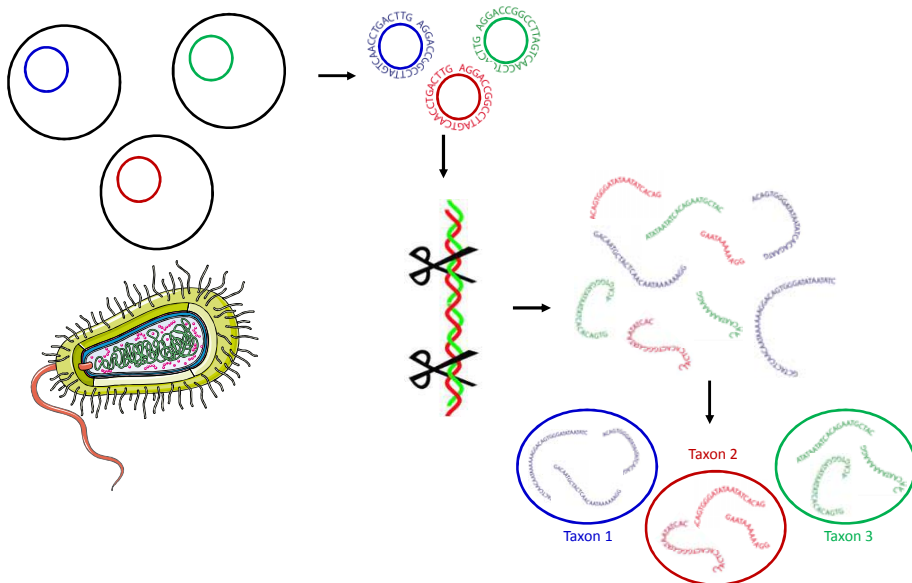
Bacterial genome ($2-10 \times 10^6$ bps) versus human genome (3×10^9 bps)

Bacterial DNA is much more compact than human DNA in terms of gene content.

How to study the gut microbiota

- Culture dependent (classic microbiology – aerobiosis/anaerobiosis, medium)
 - Microscopy
 - Metabolism of substrates
 - Co-culture with host cells (epithelium, immune cells etc.)
 - Genetic modifications
 - Select single-cell culture – strain isolation (FACS)
 - Antibody titers to microbes (ELISA, flow cytometry)
- Culture independent
 - Mass spectrometry
 - Flow cytometry (FISH, immuno-microbiota)
 - Metabolomics
 - Metagenomics (microbiome and immuno-microbiome)
 - Metatranscriptomics

Next Generation Sequencing - like reading a threaded book



Microbial whole genome sequencing



assembly

- One microbe is fully sequenced and assembled.



One microbial genome puzzle

Microbial whole genome sequencing



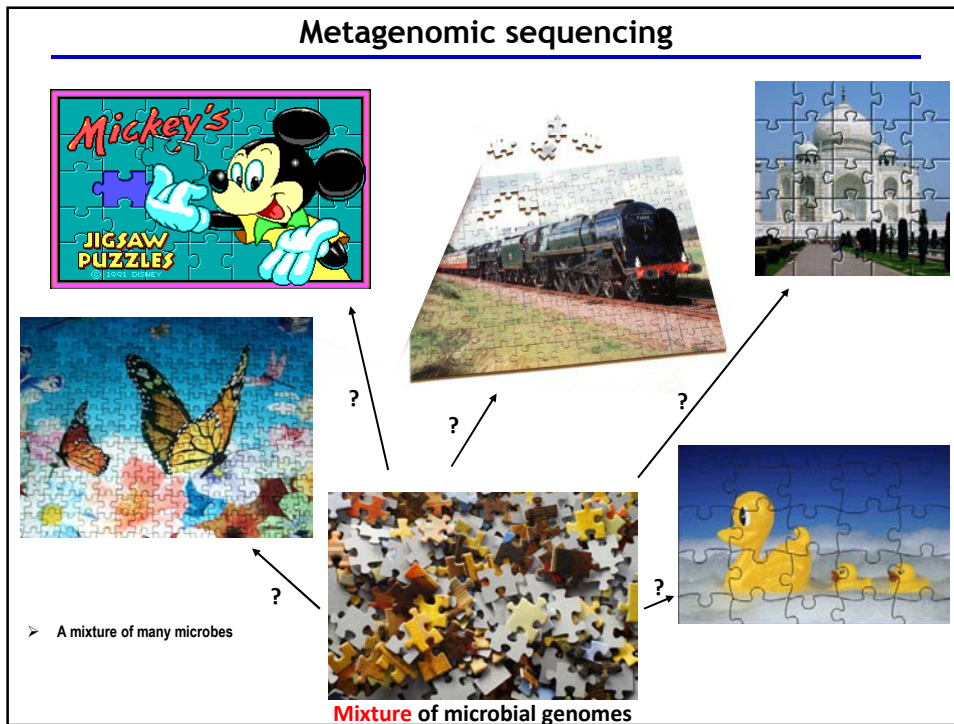
mapping

- Using the reference lid jigsaw genes derived from the reference may be identified.

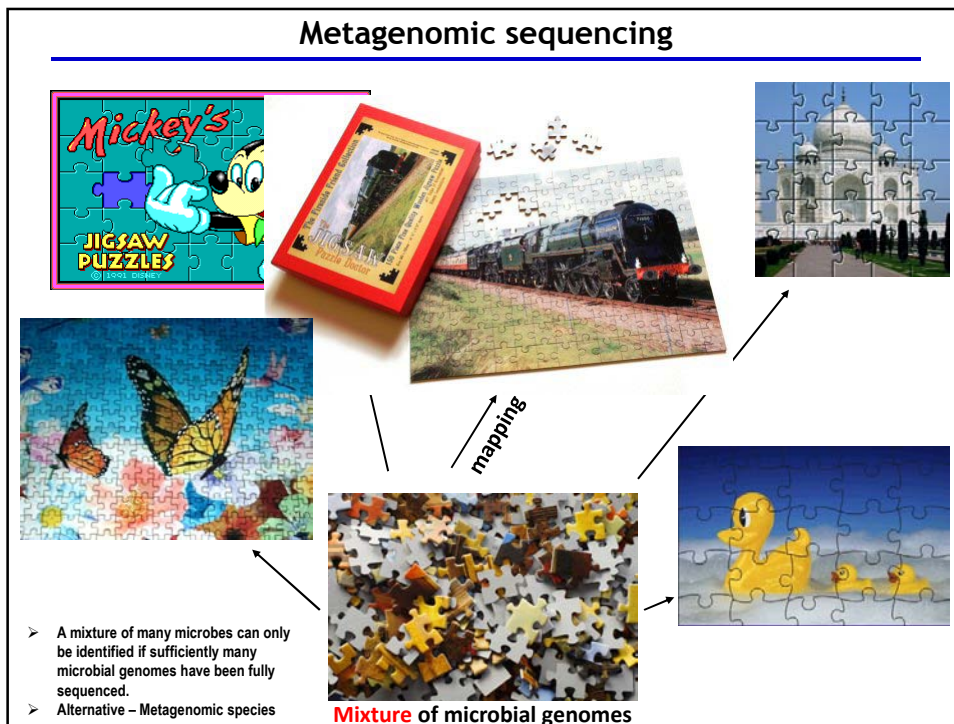


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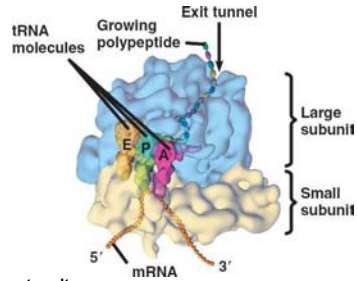
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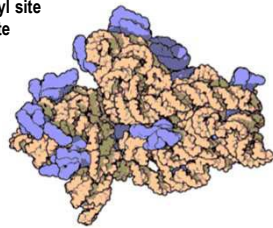
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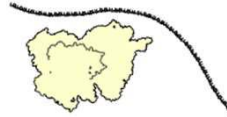
16S rRNA sequencing



A = Acceptor site
P = Peptidyl site
E = Exit site

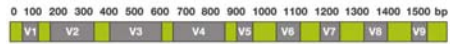


- 16S rRNA in orange
- Associated protein subunits in blue

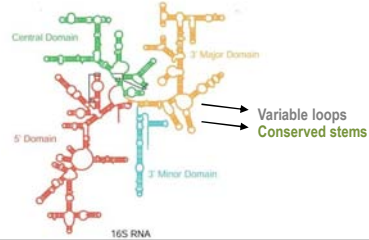


Protein synthesis in the
1. Cytosol
2. Endoplasmic reticulum
ER-docking via signal-recognition particle

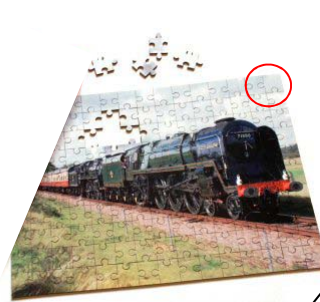
16S rRNA primary and secondary structures



CONSERVED REGIONS: unspecific applications
VARIABLE REGIONS: group or species-specific applications



16S rRNA sequencing

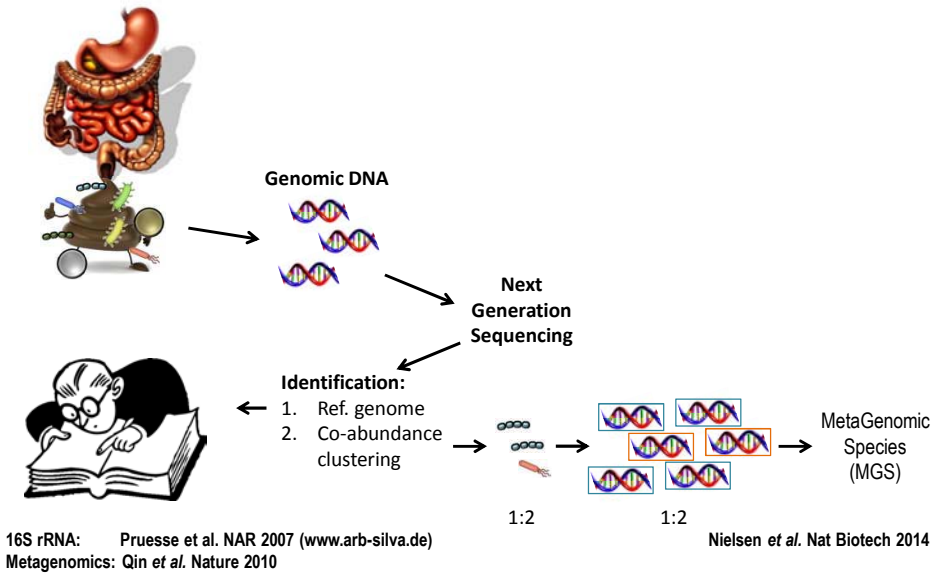


- 16S rRNA gene is highly variable and functional as a phylogenetic marker.
- Limitation – species from same genus may be undistinguishable (blue sky jigsaws may be hard to distinguish).

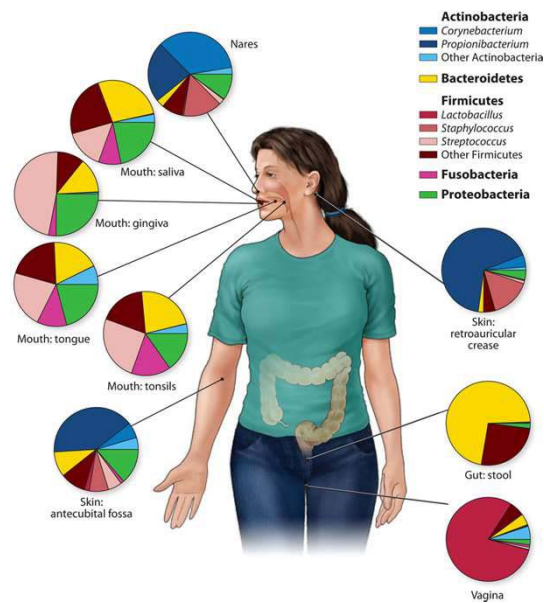
Mixture of microbial 16S rRNA genes

Big data in Microbiology

Intestinal tract



How to describe and compare complex microbiota compositions



Grice et al. Ann Rev Gen Hum Genet 2012

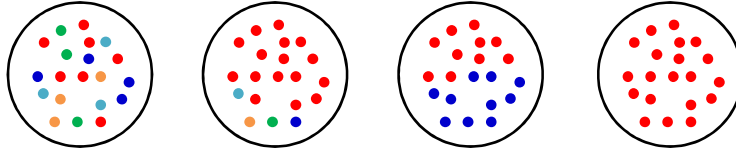
Alpha-diversity

Quantitative
Biomass (g)



- A community's biodiversity correlates with its size and location
- Ecologists measure biodiversity as heterogeneity, which considers both diversity factors: richness and relative abundance.
- $H = -\sum_{i=1}^k p_i \log(p_i)$; p =abundance
- $E_H = \frac{1}{\log(k)}$; [Normalized]

Qualitative
Richness
Diversity



Species richness	5	5	2	1
Shannon entropy [normalized]	$p_i=1/5$ $H=\log(5)$ $[E_H=1]$	$p_{red} \sim 1$ $p_{NOT\ red} \sim 0$ $H \sim -0$ $[E_H \sim -0]$	$p_i=1/2$ $H=\log(2)$ $[E_H=1]$	$p_i=1$ $H=0$ $[E_H=0]$

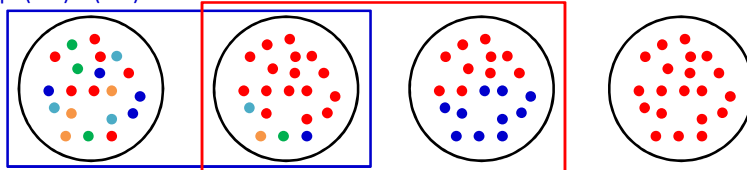
- Scores of alpha-diversity: Richness, Shannon, Simpson, Chao1 and Chao2
- Chao1 and Chao2 often used in microbiota research. Used when certain species are rare (based on expected rather than observed number of species in a sample).

Beta-diversity

- Total species diversity (γ) is determined by the mean species diversity of a habitat (α) plus the differentiation among habitats (β). **Robert Whittaker, 1960**
- Pair-wise beta-diversity is measured as similarity or dissimilarity between two samples.
- Beta-diversity is also referred to as species turn-over.
- Absolute species turn-over: $\beta=(R_1-c_{12}) + (R_2-c_{12})$, R =Richness, c =common species

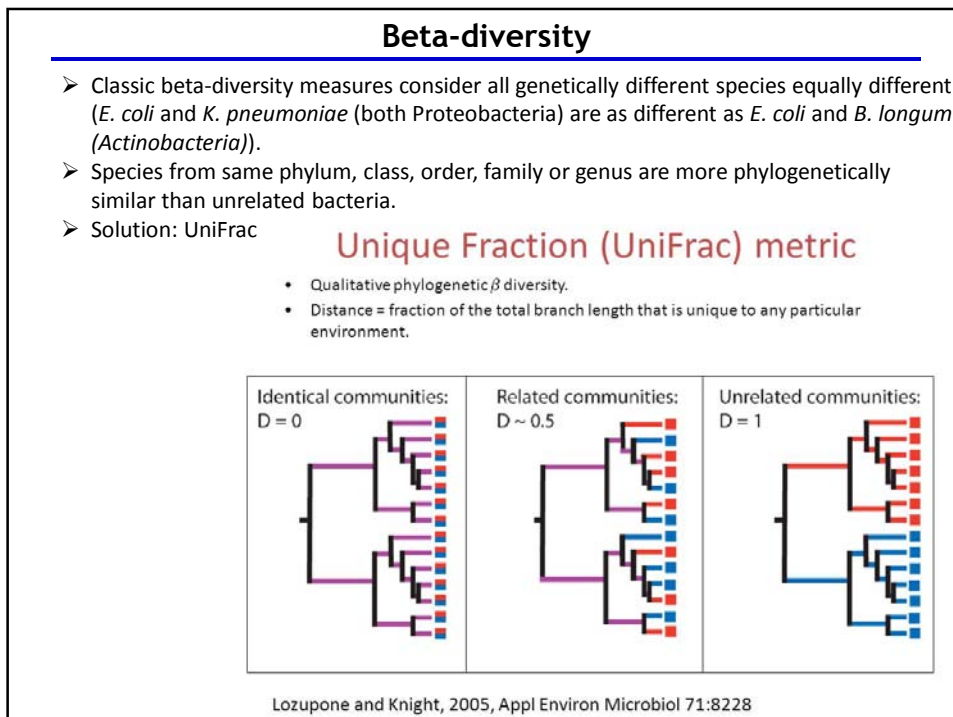
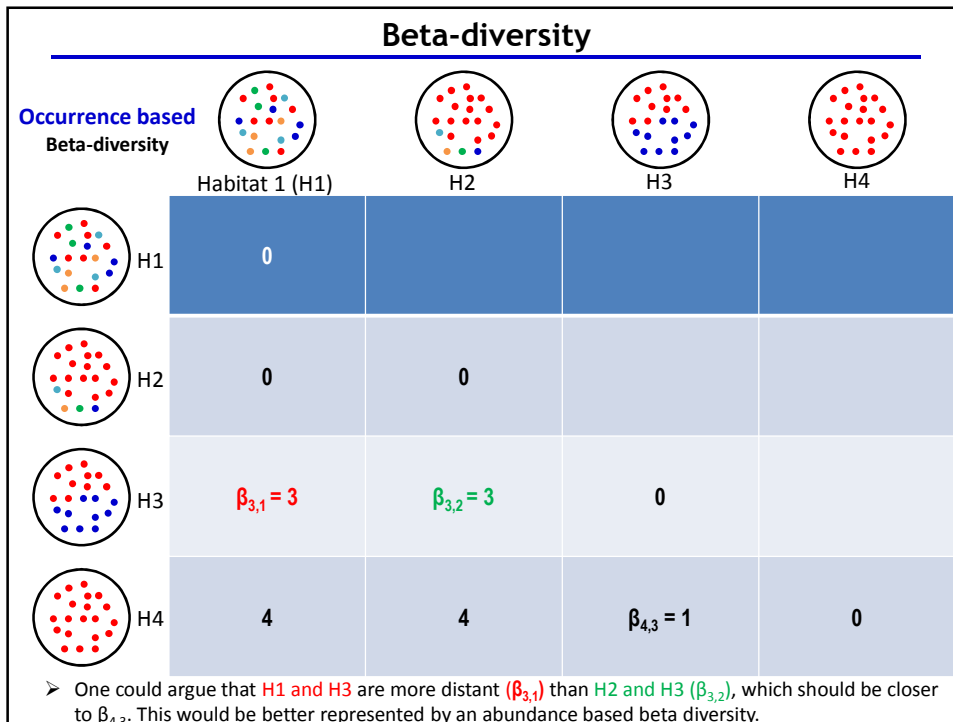
$$\beta=(5-5) + (5-5) = 0$$

$$\beta=(5-2) + (2-2) = 3$$

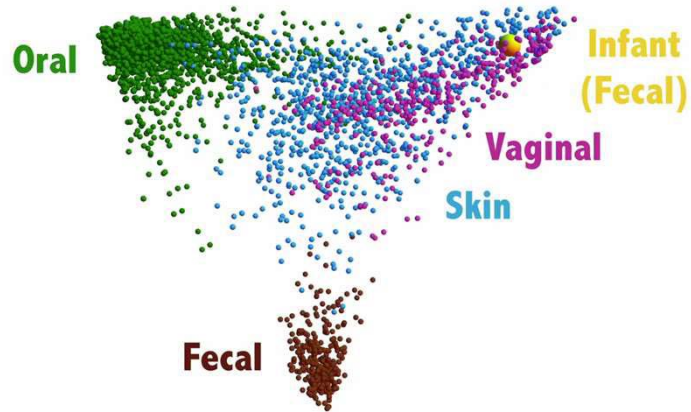


Species richness	5	5	2	1
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- Absolute species turn-over is problematic when working with rare species, whose occurrence is associated with random sampling efficiency. Abundance based measures are therefore more appropriate for microbiota work.
- Scores of beta-diversity:
- Occurrence based: Absolute species turn-over, Whittaker species turn-over (special case of Sørensen similarity index) and Proportional species turn-over (Jaccard similarity index).
- Abundance based: Bray-Curtis dissimilarity index, Morisita-Horn overlap index.

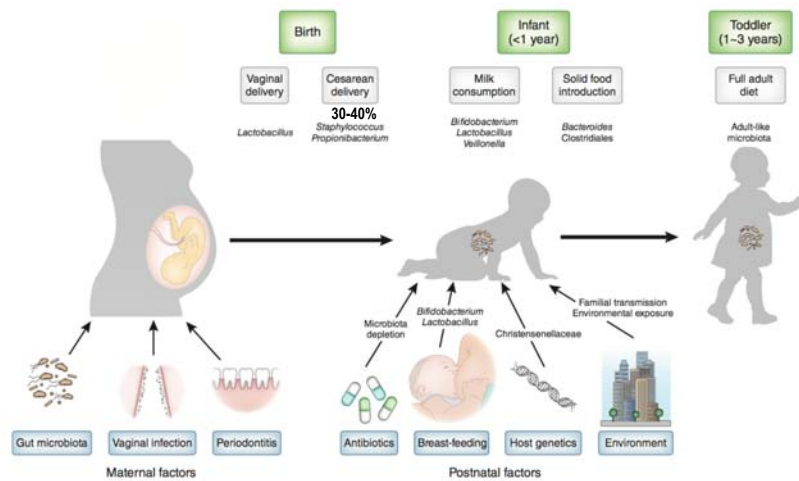


Gut microbiota maturation during first 2 years of life



Dr. Rob Knight

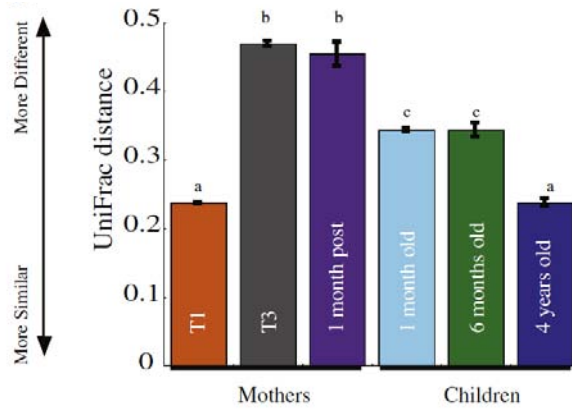
Early-life factors affecting infant gut microbiota



- Both maternal and environmental factors influence early-life gut microbiota colonization.

Tamburini et al. Nat Med 2016

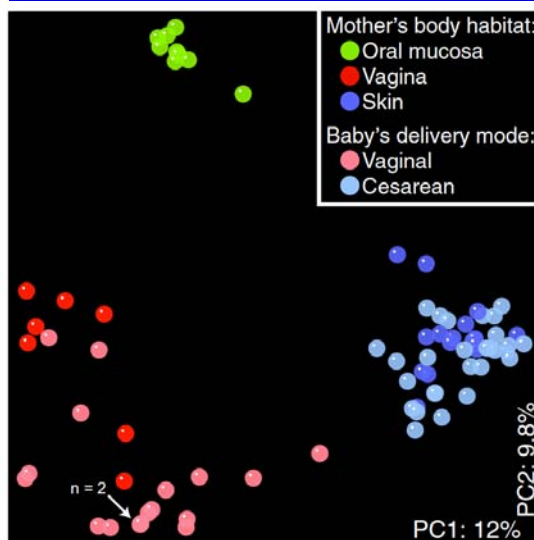
Microbiota alterations during pregnancy and early life



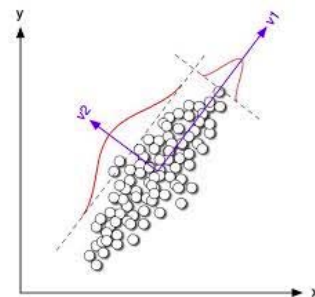
- Maternal microbiota changes between 1st and 3rd trimester and remains altered until at least 1 month post birth.
- Infant microbiota is different from initial T1 maternal gut microbiota.
- Children approaches the maternal microbiota at 4 years of age.

Koren et al. Cell 2012

Delivery mode shape early life gut microbiote colonization



Principal component analysis
Define axis representing maximal data variance!!



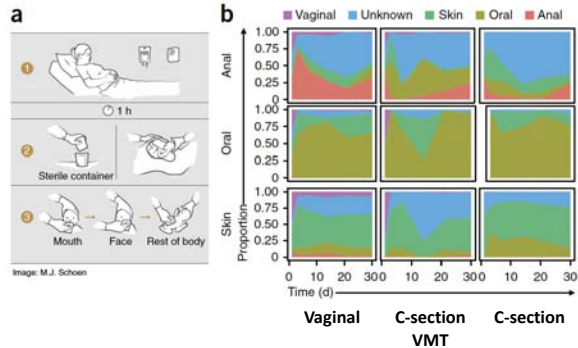
Dominguez-Bello et al PNAS 2010

Vaginal Microbial Transfer (VMT) rescue microbiota post c-section.

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Partial restoration of the microbiota of cesarean-born infants via vaginal microbial transfer

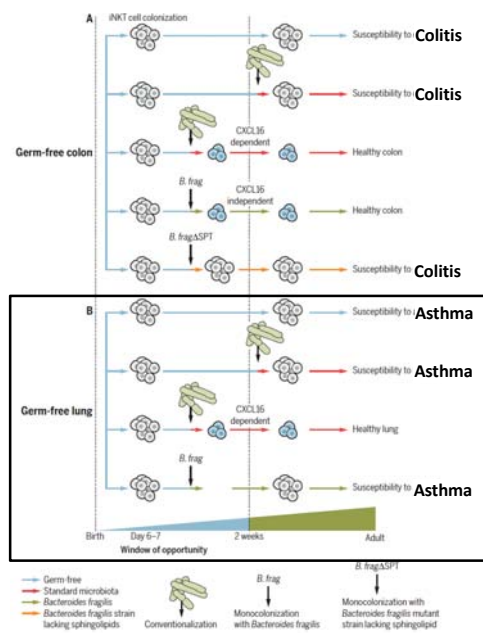
Maria G Dominguez-Bello^{1,2}, Kassandra M De Jesus-Laboy², Nani Shen³, Laura M Cox¹, Amnon Amir⁴, Antonio Gonzalez⁴, Nicholas A Bokulich¹, Se Jin Song^{4,5}, Marina Hoashi^{1,6}, Juana I Rivera-Vinas⁷, Keimari Mendez⁷, Rob Knight^{1,8} & Jose C Clemente^{1,9}



- Vaginal Microbial Transfer (VMT) partly rescue gut microbiota composition of children born by C-section.
- Would primarily be maternal vaginal microbiota (mother/baby paired).
- However, in the case of mothers treated with antibiotics (such as HIV infected mothers) allogenic microbiota may be of interest – even for children born vaginally.

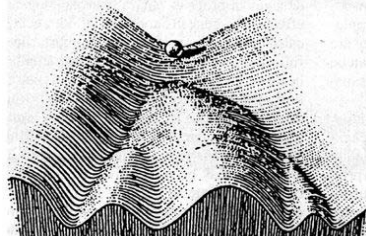
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Primo-colonization - window of opportunity



Gensollen *et al.* Science 2016

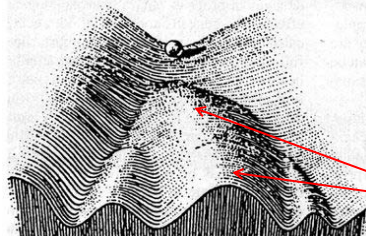
Waddington's landscape & intervention



A B C D

Phenotype

Waddington's landscape & intervention

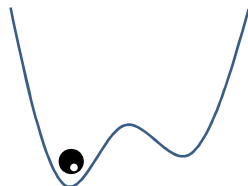


Early intervention = Less resistance to change

A B C D

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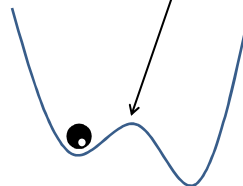
← Symbiosis ↔ Dysbiosis →



Environmental exposures

Life style
Infectious events
Antibiotics
Dietary habits

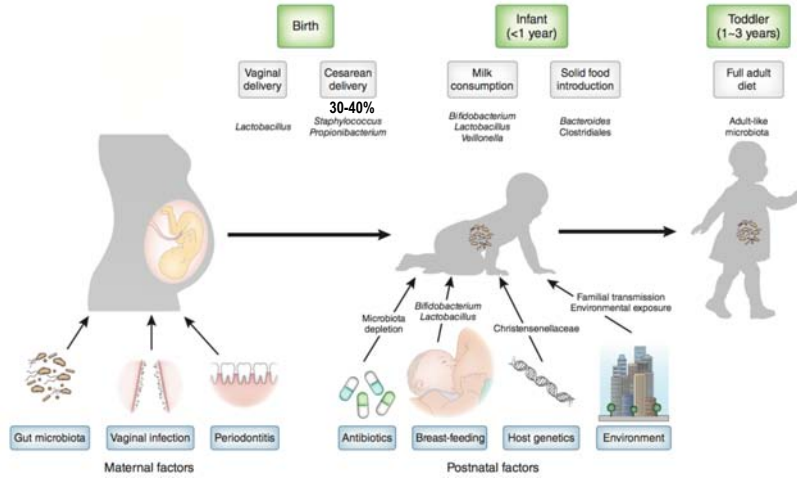
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Therapy

Alter life style
Fecal transplants
Pro/pre-biotics

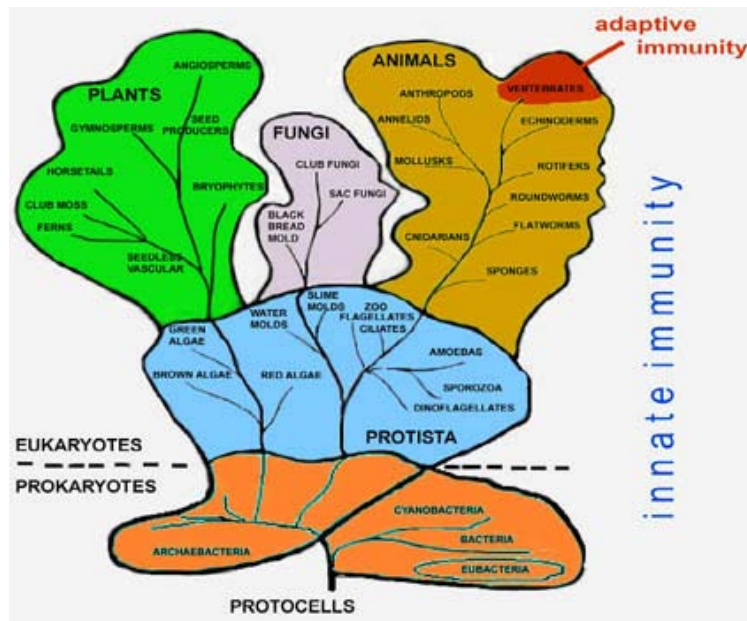
Early-life factors affect infant gut microbiota temporarily



- But at 1-3 years of age the child acquire an adult like gut microbiota, which is identical for all “healthy” children, independent of birth route and breastfeeding.
- If global gut microbiota is unaltered, but disease risk elevated – what can be the cause.
 - Minor persistent alterations in gut microbiota?
 - Long-term immunological memory to gut microbiota? Etc.

Tamburini et al. Nat Med 2016

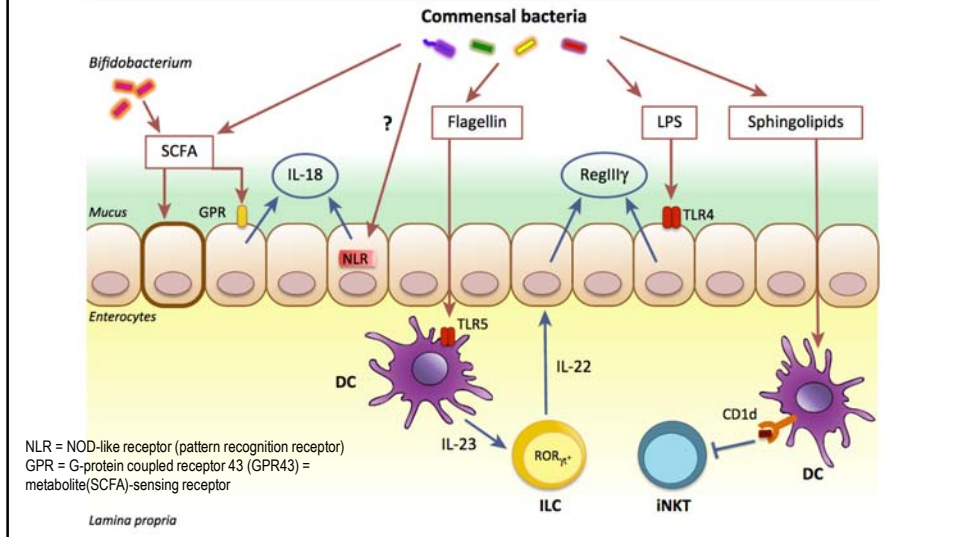
Evolution of Innate and Adaptive immunity



<http://bio1510.biology.gatech.edu/module-5-integrative-health/03-adaptive-immunity/>

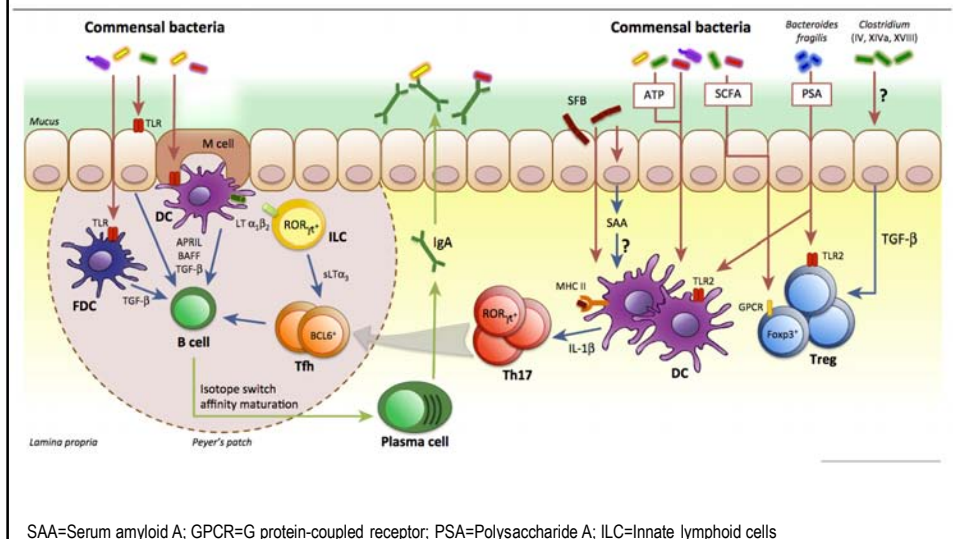
Gut Microbiota in health - Innate immunity

- Microbiota influences intestinal immune responses primarily through the expression of pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) and metabolic by-products.

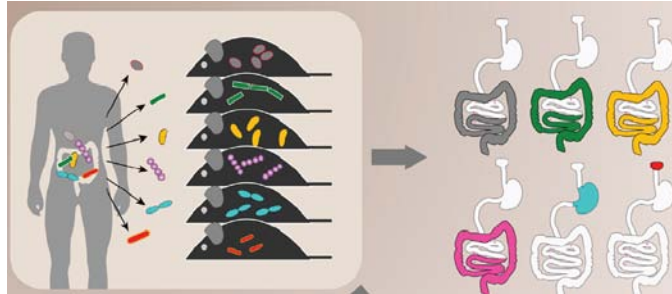


Gut Microbiota in health - adaptive immunity

- Microbiota stimulation leads to B cell switch to IgA, regulatory T cell induction, T cell differentiation to Th17



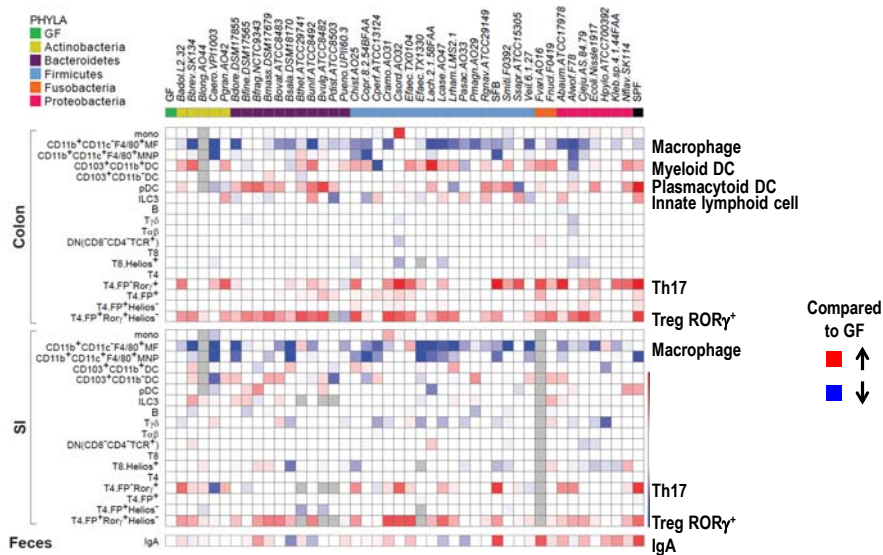
Microbes stimulate cellular immunity



- Monocolonization of GF mice with 53 bacterial strains.
- Extensive immune phenotyping

Geva-Zatorsky et al. Cell 2017

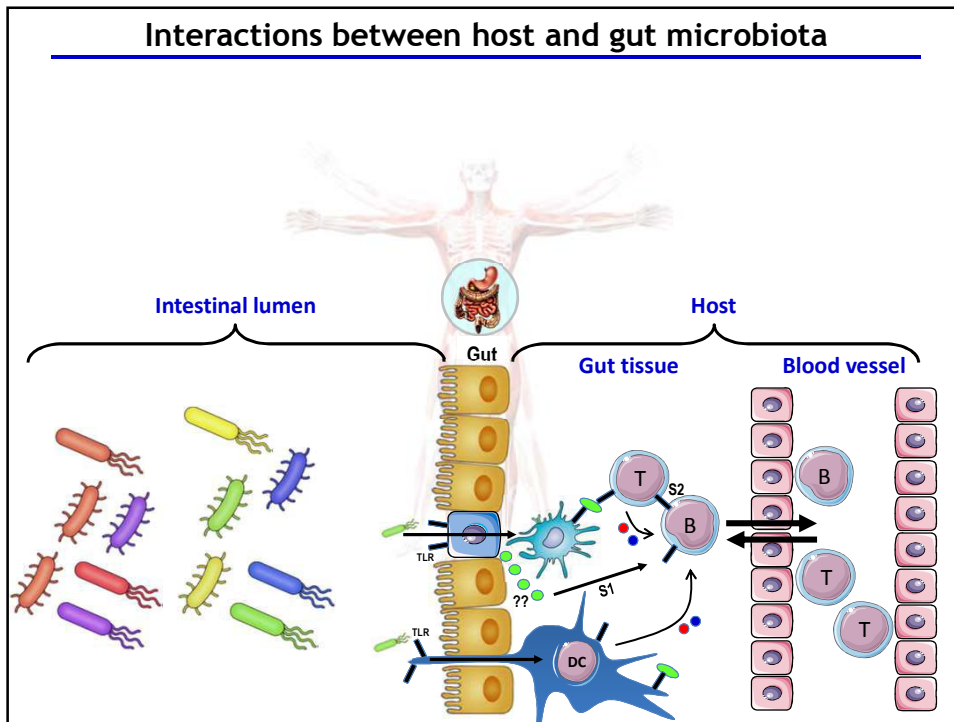
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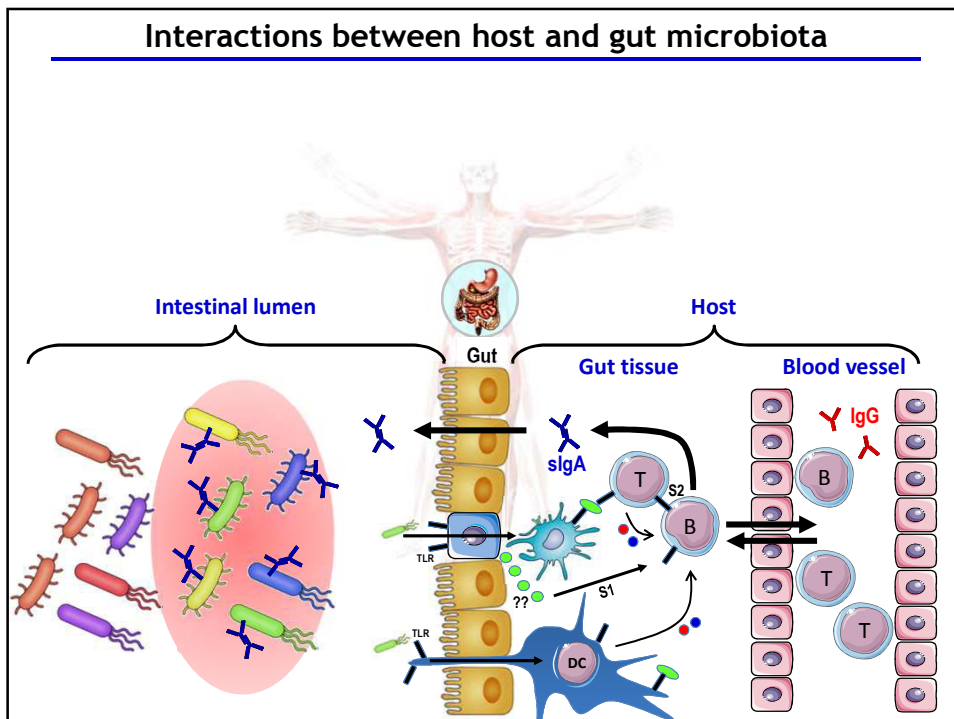
- APCs shifts from macrophages to DCs (more professional antigen presentation)
- Commensals increase gut residing Th17 and Treg cells.
- Phylum independent strain specific effects (e.g. free IgA in feces).

Geva-Zatorsky et al. Cell 2017

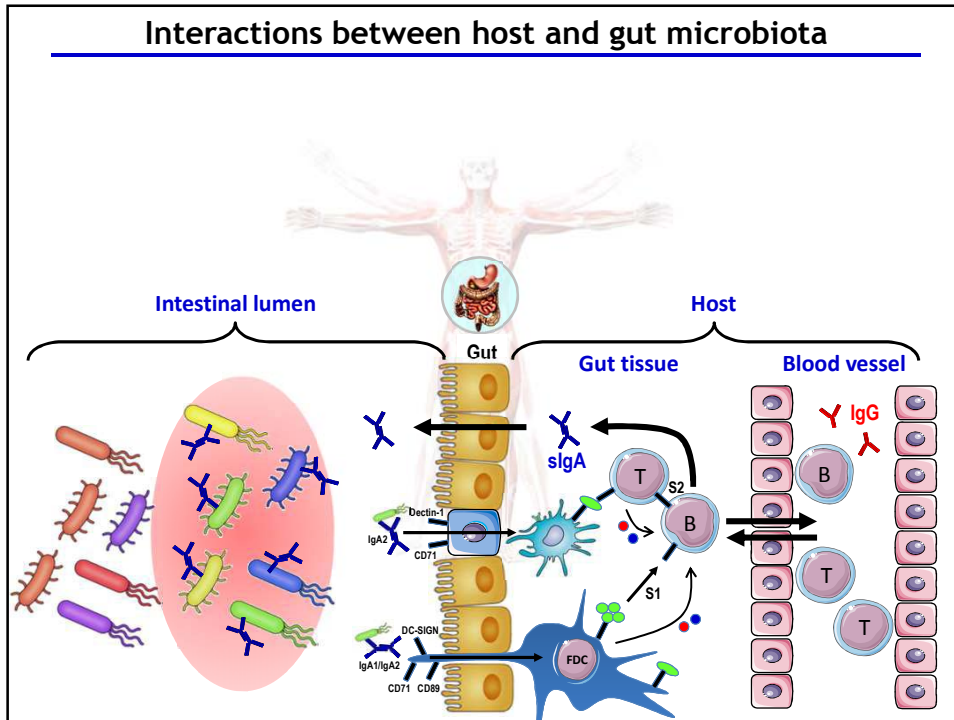
Interactions between host and gut microbiota



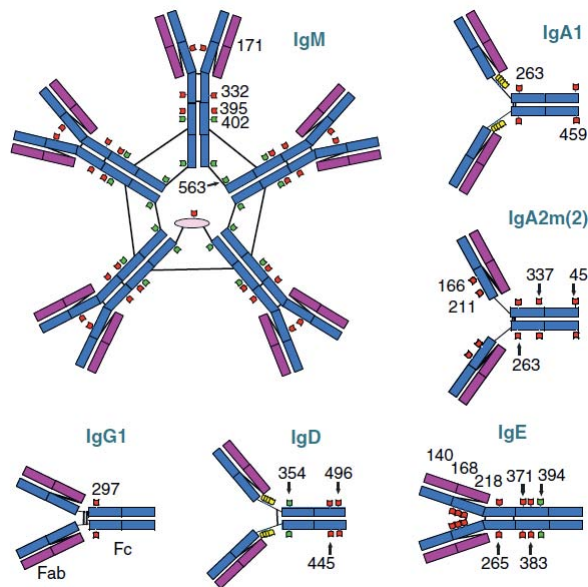
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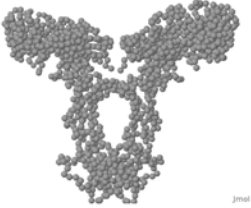
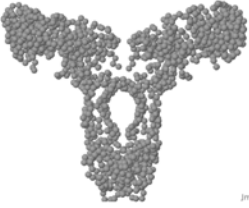
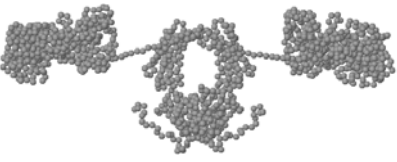


Antibody characteristics

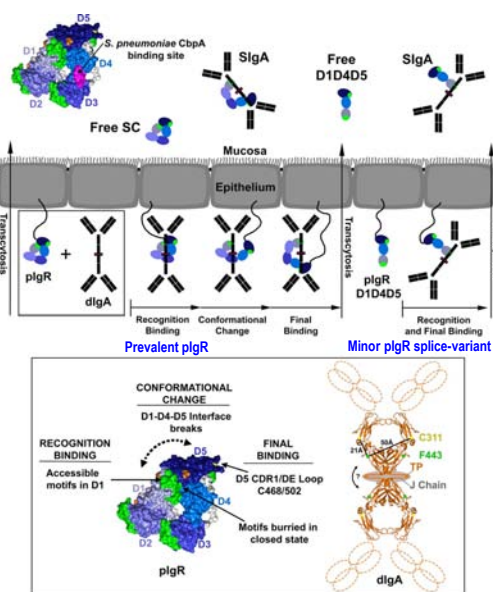


Arnold et al Ann Rev Immunol 2007

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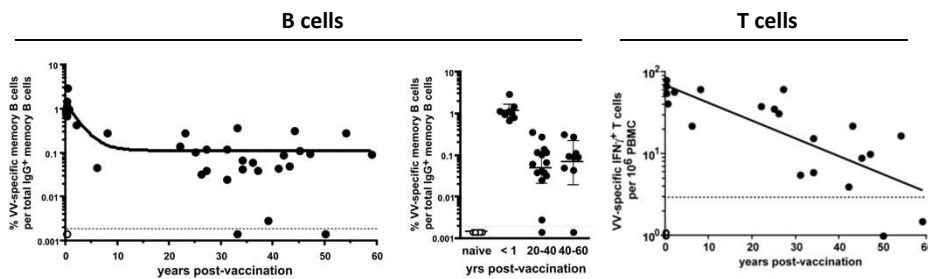
		
IgG	IgA2	IgA1
Small mammals Higher monkeys	Small mammals Higher monkeys	Not found in Small mammals Higher monkeys
Y-shape Sensitive to proteases	Y-shape Non-Sensitive to proteases	T-shape Less-Sensitive to proteases
Non-Secretory	Secretory : non-planar (fab fragment not aligned with Fc portion)	Secretory : planar (fab fragments aligned with Fc portion)
	Binds to Peyer's Patch M cells to undergo transcytosis thereby delivering antigens to GALT Mantis NJ <i>et al.</i> JI 2002	No binding to Peyer's Patch M cells. Warning! Assay used mouse M cells. Rochereau N <i>et al.</i> PLoS Biol 2013

Poly Ig Receptor (pIgR), Secretory component (SC) and plgs



Stadtmueller *et al.* eLife 2016

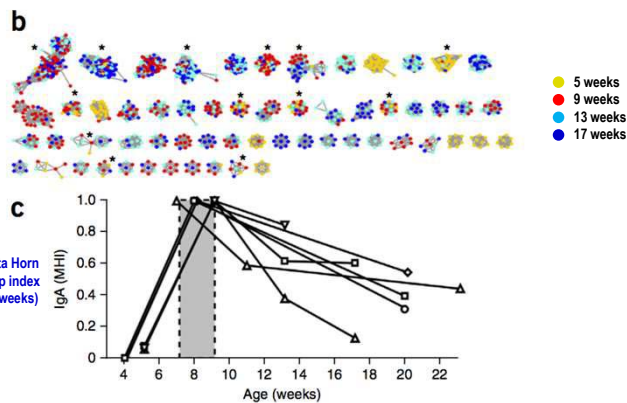
Temporal changes of antibody immunity



- B cell retraction phase is followed by long-term (+50 years) stable maintenance of B cell memory.
- T cells continue to retract, but remain detectable for more than 50 years.

Crotty *et al.* JI 2003

Temporal changes of antibody immunity

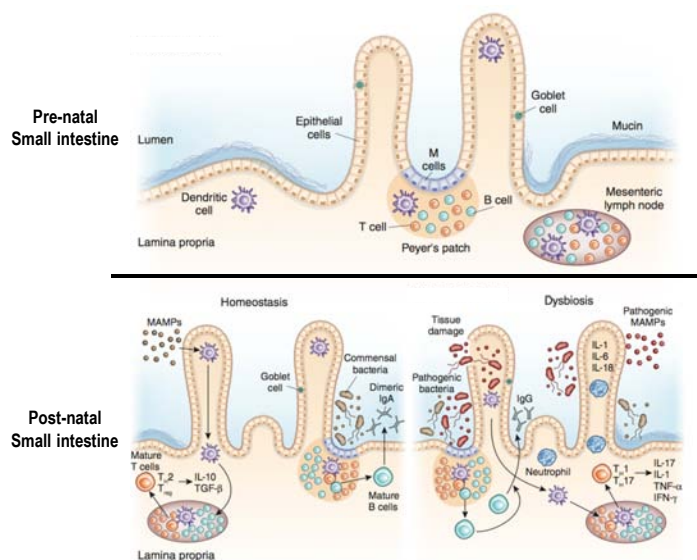


- 5 weeks CDR3 sequences cluster apart from the rest (yellow clusters), but from 9 weeks forward mice tend to have persisting CDR3 sequences in their IgA B cell repertoire (multi-color mixed clusters).
- The Morisita-Horn Overlap Index (MHI) equally shows more overlap between 9 weeks and later time points compared with earlier time points.

Lindner *et al.* Nat Immunol 2015

What happens to immunity?

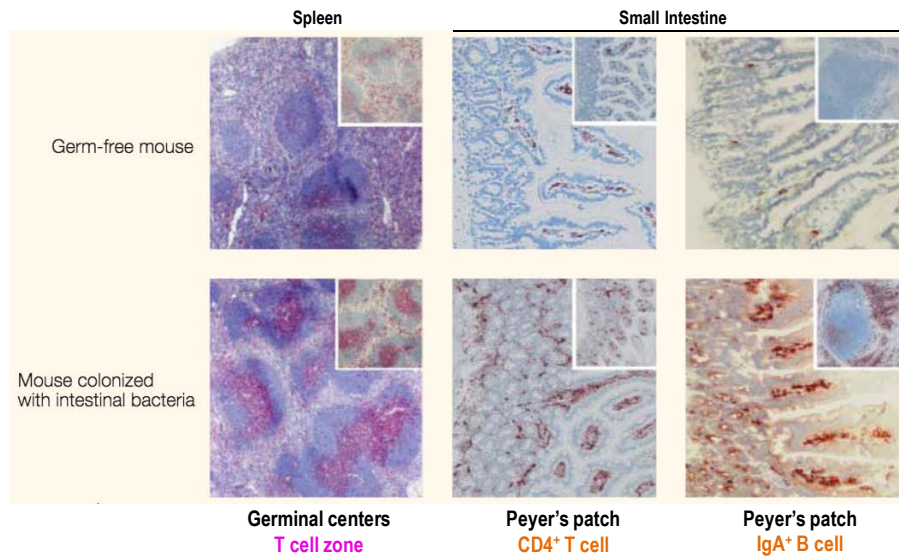
Early-life factors affecting infant gut immunity and health



- Of note, Pre-natal Peyer's patches are still fairly unstructured with weak definition of B and T cell zones of the lymphoid follicle.

Tamburini *et al.* Nat Med 2016

Lymphoid structures and immune cells in GF mice



- Spleen with few germinal centres and poorly formed T cell (pink) and B cell zones.
- Germ-free mice display hypoplastic Peyer's patches, with reduced T cell numbers and IgA-expressing B cells.

Macpherson et al. Nat Rev. Immunol 2004

Temporal changes of antibody immunity

TABLE 12-12 · LEVELS OF IMMUNOGLOBULINS IN SERA OF NORMAL SUBJECTS BY AGE*

Age	IgG		IgM		IgA		Total Immunoglobulin	
	mg/dl	% of Adult Level	mg/dl	% of Adult Level	mg/dl	% of Adult Level	mg/dl	% of Adult Level
Newborn	1031 ± 200 [†]	89 ± 17	11 ± 5	1.1 ± 5	2 ± 3	1 ± 2	1044 ± 201	67 ± 13
1-3 mo	430 ± 119	37 ± 10	30 ± 11	30 ± 11	21 ± 13	11 ± 7	481 ± 127	31 ± 9
4-6 mo	427 ± 186	37 ± 16	43 ± 17	43 ± 17	28 ± 18	14 ± 9	498 ± 204	32 ± 13
7-12 mo	661 ± 219	58 ± 19	54 ± 23	55 ± 23	37 ± 18	19 ± 9	752 ± 242	48 ± 15
13-24 mo	762 ± 209	66 ± 18	58 ± 23	59 ± 23	50 ± 24	25 ± 12	870 ± 258	56 ± 16
25-36 mo	892 ± 183	77 ± 16	61 ± 19	62 ± 19	71 ± 37	36 ± 19	1024 ± 205	65 ± 14
3-5 yr	929 ± 228	80 ± 20	56 ± 18	57 ± 18	93 ± 27	47 ± 14	1078 ± 245	69 ± 17
6-8 yr	923 ± 256	20 ± 22	65 ± 25	66 ± 25	124 ± 45	62 ± 23	1112 ± 293	71 ± 20
9-11 yr	1124 ± 235	97 ± 20	79 ± 33	80 ± 33	131 ± 60	66 ± 30	1334 ± 254	85 ± 17
12-16 yr	946 ± 124	82 ± 11	59 ± 20	60 ± 20	148 ± 63	74 ± 32	1153 ± 169	74 ± 12
Adults	1158 ± 305	100 ± 26	99 ± 27	100 ± 27	200 ± 61	100 ± 31	1457 ± 353	100 ± 24

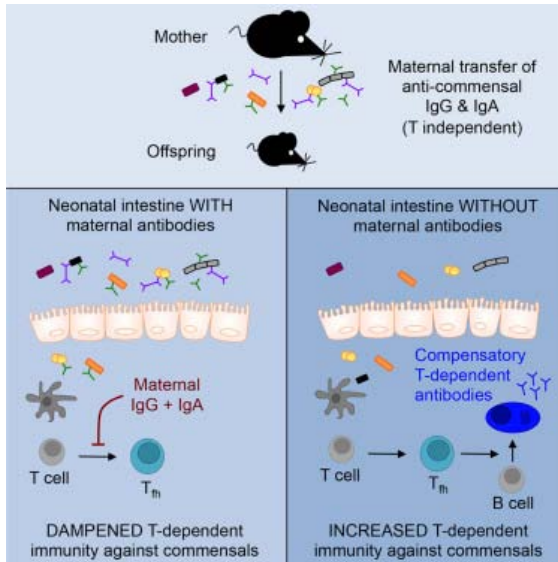
*The values were divided from measurements made in 296 healthy children and 30 adults. Levels were determined by the radial diffusion technique using specific rabbit antisera to human immunoglobulins.

[†]One standard deviation.

From Stiehm ER, Fudenberg HH. Serum levels of immune globulins in health and disease. A survey. Pediatrics 37:715, 1966.

- We are born with maternal IgG antibodies circulating our blood stream.
- IgM and IgA **serum** antibodies are virtually absent at birth and slowly increases during childhood.
- Intestinal antibodies are provided through breastfeeding.

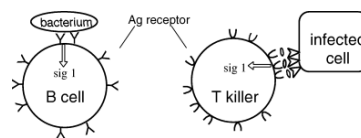
Maternal antibodies dampen offspring immunity



- T-independent production of IgG specific for mucosal bacteria.
- Gut microbes elicit anti-commensal IgG antibodies via TLR signalling on B cells
- Maternal transmission of IgG coordinates with IgA to limit mucosal T cell responses
- Absence of maternal antibodies triggers a compensatory T-dependent immune response in the offspring.

Koch et al. Cell 2016

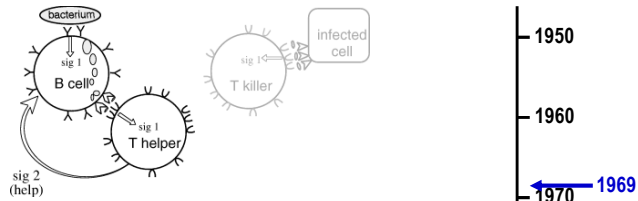
Self/non-self versus Danger model in a historical perspective



- Burnet and Lederberg propose the antigen receptor (BCR and TCR)
- Antigen stimulation (signal 1) induces immunity including class switch and somatic hyper mutation.

Matzinger et al. Scan J Immunol 2003

Self/non-self versus Danger model in a historical perspective

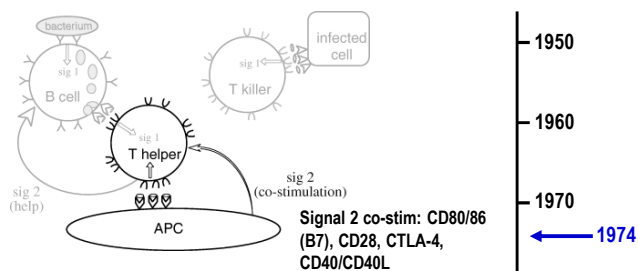


Signal 2: e.g. CD40/CD40L and cytokines

- **Problem:** BCR hypermutation may lead to autoreactive BCRs.
- **Solution:** Cohn add another cell: The T helper cell (only formally proven much later).
- B cells internalize pathogen and present antigens to interact with specific Th cells, which validate that target is non-self.
- Signal 1 alone leads to clonal deletion (both self and non-self reactivity leads to signal 1).
- Signal 1 + 2 lead to activation (non-self rescued by T cells, with TCR which does not hyper mutate).

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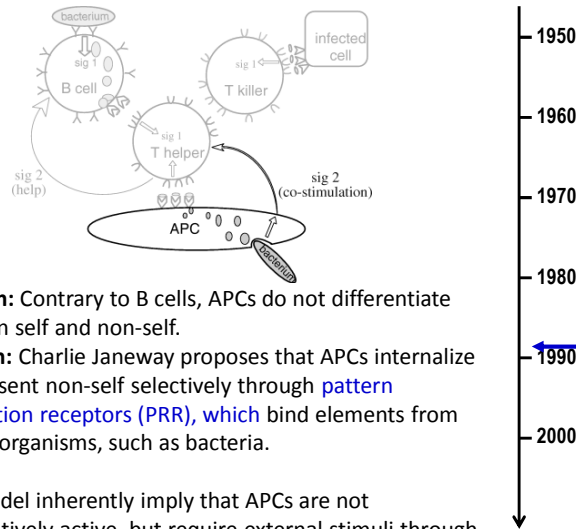


Signal 2 co-stim: CD80/86 (B7), CD28, CTLA-4, CD40/CD40L

- **Problem:** We need a BCR independent manner to capture and present antigens to prime naïve T cells to become T helper cells.
- **Solution:** Lafferty and Cunningham propose that Th cells are primed and activated through APC antigen presentation and co-stimulation.
- Th cells are not constitutive active – feedback regulation upon antigen removal.
- Heavily criticized because APCs do not explain how the immune system distinguish between self and non/self (which BCR dependent antigen selection provided).

Matzinger et al. Scan J Immunol 2003

Self/non-self versus Danger model in a historical perspective



- **Problem:** Contrary to B cells, APCs do not differentiate between self and non-self.
- **Solution:** Charlie Janeway proposes that APCs internalize and present non-self selectively through **pattern recognition receptors (PRR)**, which bind elements from foreign organisms, such as bacteria.
- This model inherently imply that APCs are not constitutively active, but require external stimuli through the PRR signalling pathway.
- Proposes explanation for why vaccines need an adjuvant.

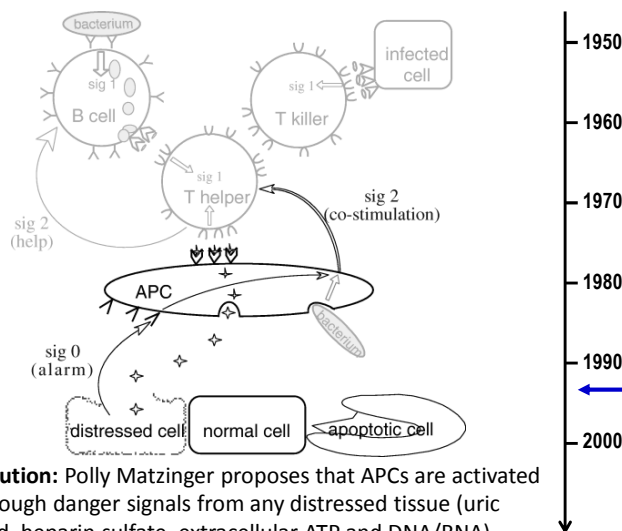
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Self/non-self versus Danger model in a historical perspective

Problem

How to explain:

- Autoimmunity
- Non-reject of tumour with tumour antigen
- DNA therapy versus DNA vaccine
- Why mothers don't reject the fetus.
- Why temporal gene-expression changes doesn't evoke immunity (e.g. breast milk).
- Why can we host tons of microbes?

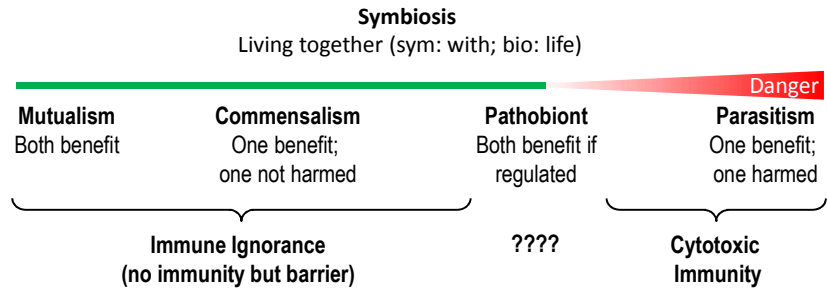


- **Solution:** Polly Matzinger proposes that APCs are activated through danger signals from any distressed tissue (uric acid, heparin sulfate, extracellular ATP and DNA/RNA).
- Advocate that we are a friendly host as long as our visitors are friendly too. Don't push the button first policy.

Matzinger et al. Scan J Immunol 2003

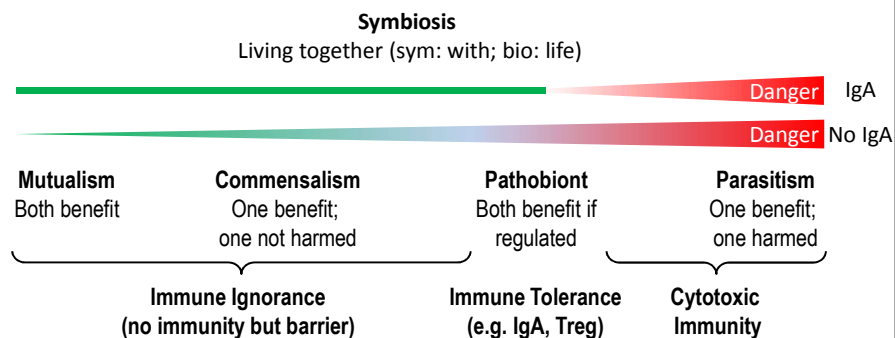
Danger model and gut microbiota symbiosis

- The danger model would suggest that we do not respond to non-harmful bacteria colonizing our gut (Mutualism and Commensalism allowed).



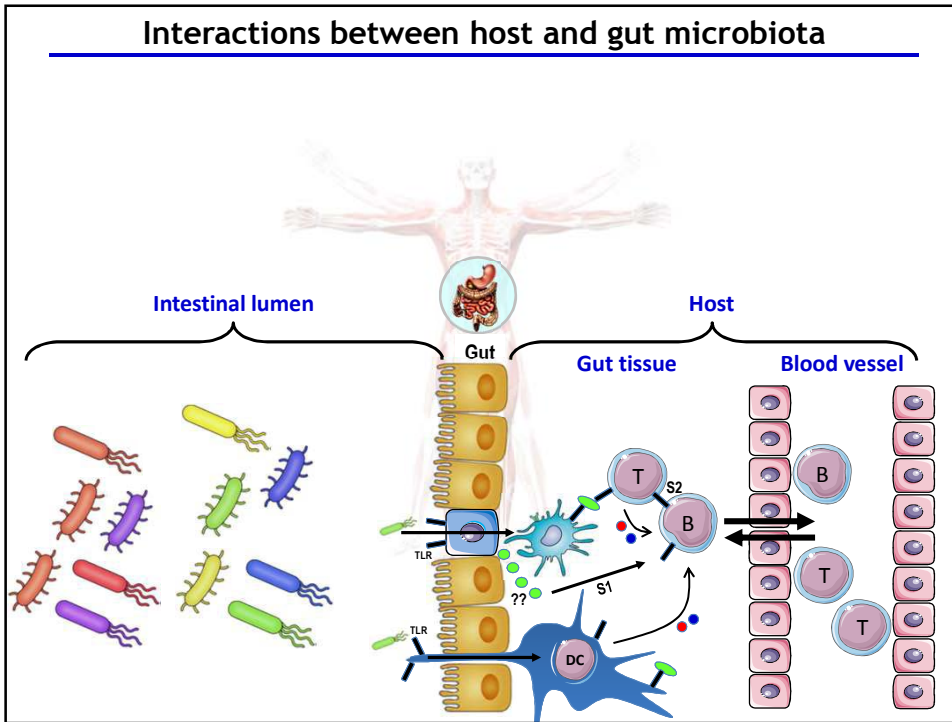
Danger model and IgA responses

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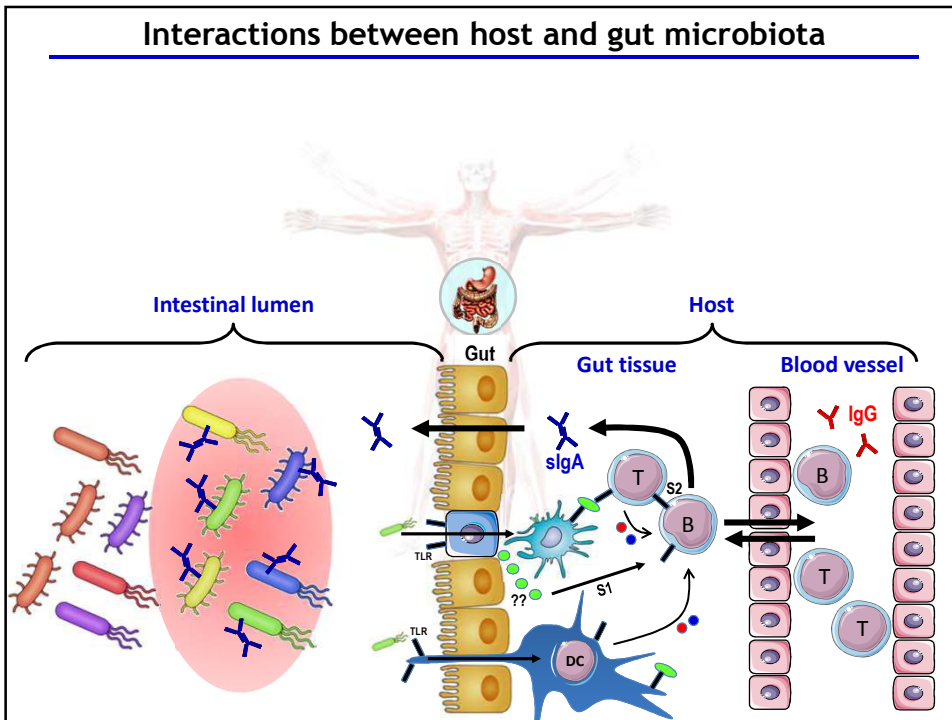


- In reality microbes cannot be categorized discretely, but rather represents a continuum from Mutualism to parasitism.
- How to retain tolerance to commensals, while pathogens are attacked?
- The range of host-microbe interactions evokes ignorance to non-harmful microbes, tolerogenic immunity to beneficial microbes (harmful if not regulated) and cytotoxic immunity to harmful microbes.

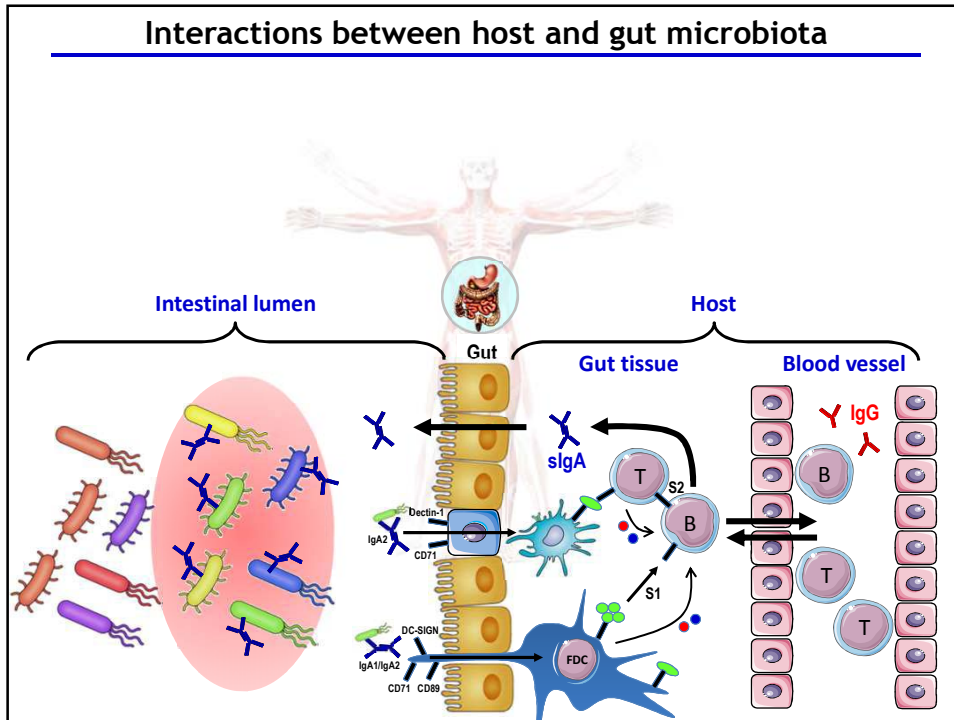
Interactions between host and gut microbiota



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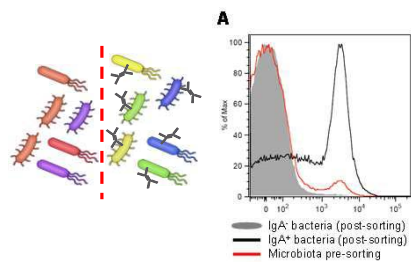


Interactions between host and gut microbiota



Gut microbiota specificity of gut Ig immunity

Gut microbiota sorting (IgA^+ / IgA^-)

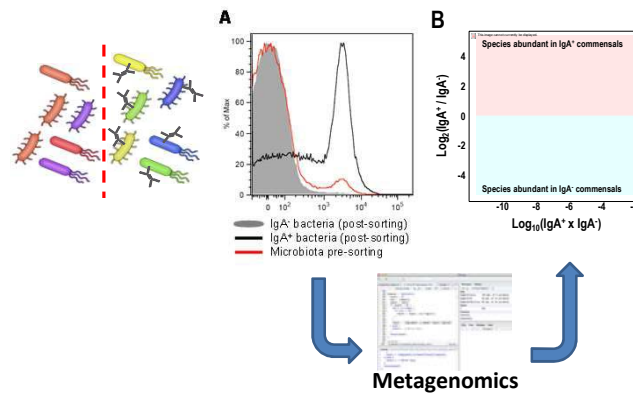


Moor ... Larsen. Nature Prot 2016

Gut microbiota specificity of gut Ig immunity

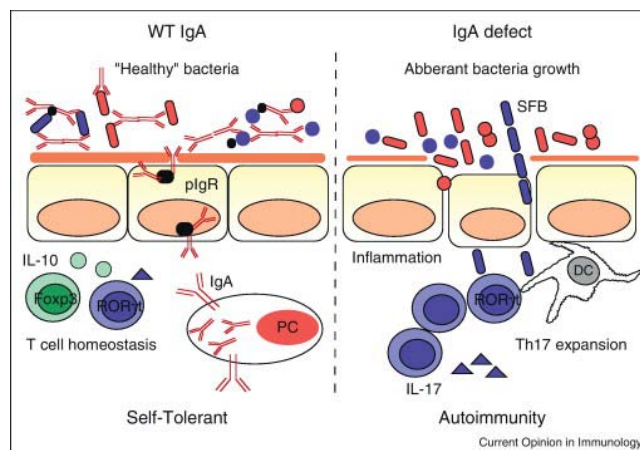
Gut microbiota sorting (IgA⁺ / IgA⁻)

Paired metagenomic analysis



Fadlallah, El-Kafsi, Larsen. STM 2018

IgA regulates gut microbiota homeostasis



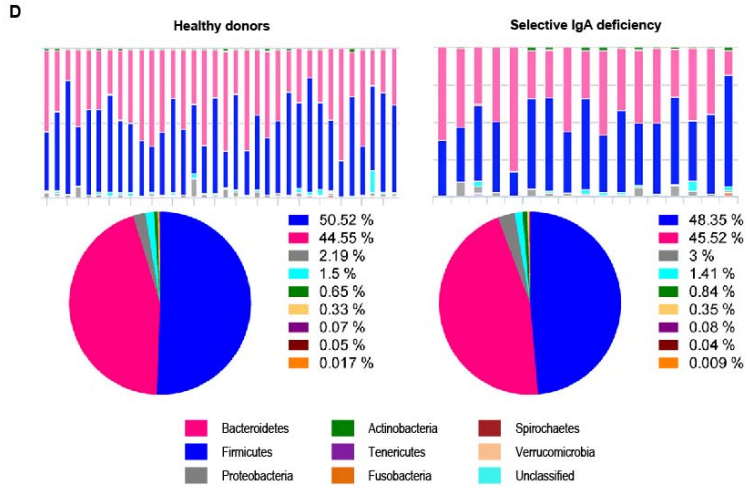
➤ **Mouse model of IgA deficiency : Dysbiosis and auto-immunity**

➤ **Human selective IgA deficiency (1 in 500 individuals) :**

Mild phenotype, but respiratory infections, atopy and autoimmunity (Celiac disease, SLE etc.) are more frequent.

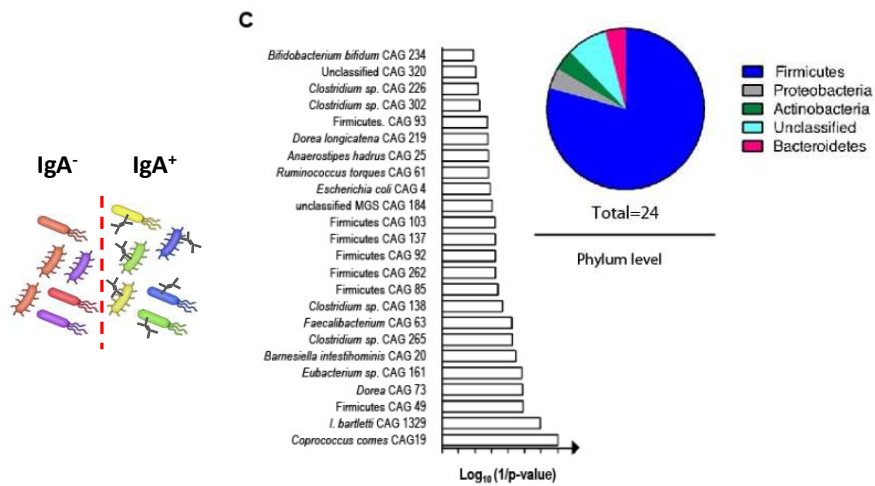
Sutherland and Fagarasan, *Current opinion in Immunology* 2012, Ludvigsson *JCI* 2014

Disease specific gut microbiota composition



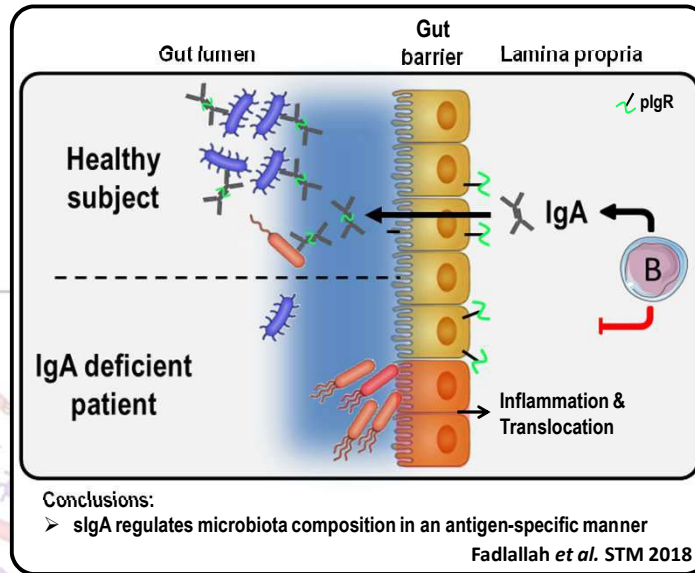
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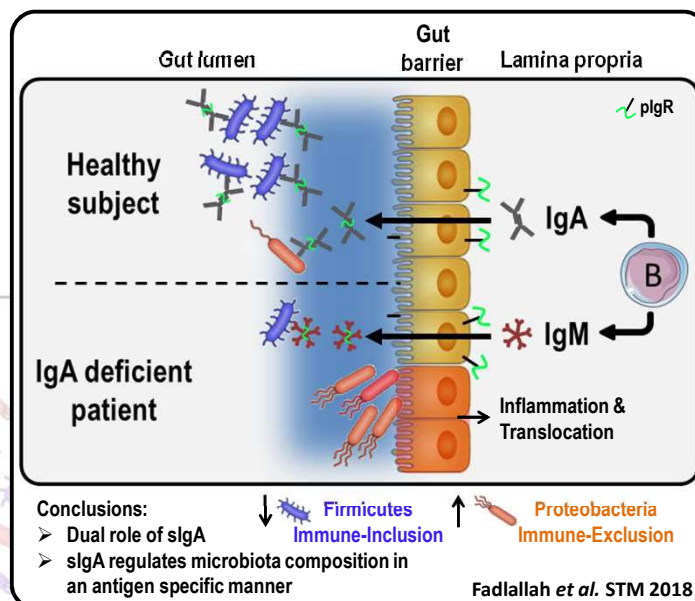


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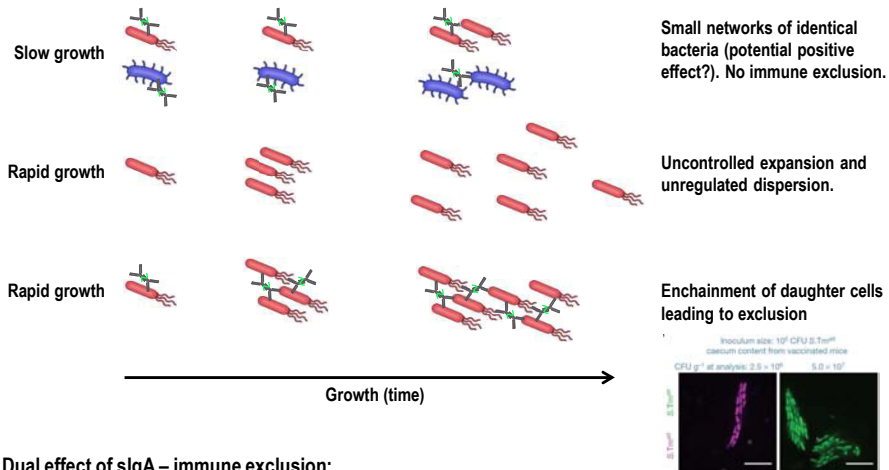
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slgA enchainment of growing bacteria (immune-exclusion)



Dual effect of slgA – immune exclusion:

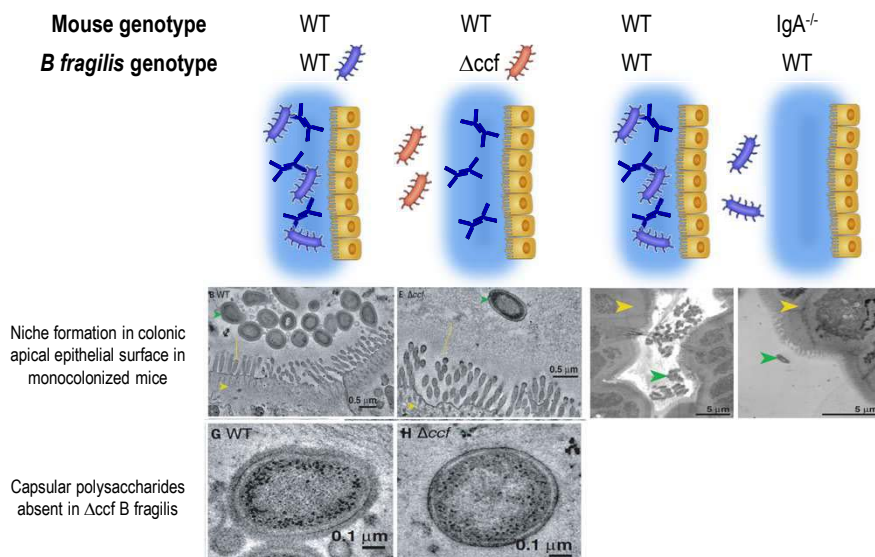
- Pathogenic and commensal microbial strains from the same species/genus (e.g. *E. coli*) could be targeted by the same slgA, but immune exclusion would be specific to the pathogenic rapidly growing microbe
- Enchainment blocks genetic communication between non-related bacteria, because related bacteria clusterizes.

Moor et al. Nature 2017

- Positive effects of microbial communication could be promoted by slgA for slow growing microbes.

Donaldson et al. Science 2018, Fadlallah et al. STM 2018

Bacterial niche formation by mucosal slgA (immune-inclusion)



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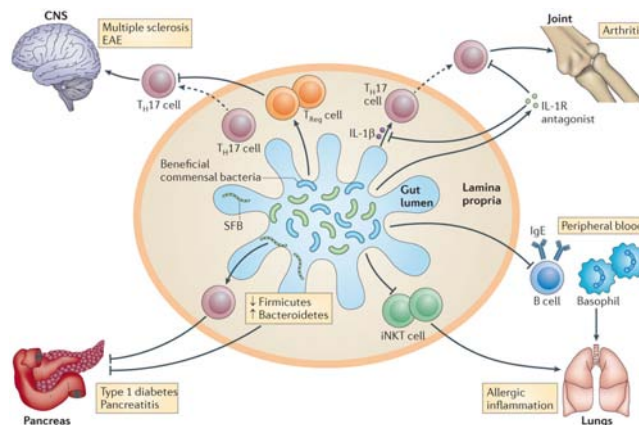
- Gut colonization by *B fragilis* regulated by slgA : Absence of antibody and/or Absence of the antibody binding site (Capsular Polysaccharides) prohibit colonization.

Donaldson et al. Science 2018

Examples of gut microbiota associations with pathology

Gut microbiota and immune pathology

Autoimmune and allergic diseases associated with gut microbiota



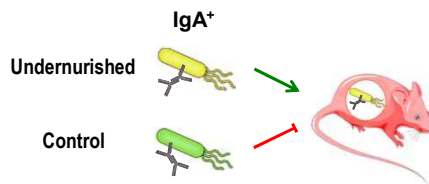
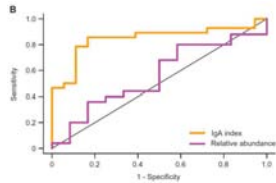
- IBD (Arumugam *et al.* Nature 2011, Juste *et al.* Gut 2014, Palm *et al.* Cell 2014)
- Type-1 Diabetes (Qin *et al.* Nature 2012, Markle *et al.* Science 2013)
- Arthritis (Scher *et al.* Nat Rev Rheumatol 2011, Scher *et al.* eLife 2013)
- Allergy (Russell *et al.* EMBO Rep 2012)
- EAE / Multiple sclerosis (Berer *et al.* Nature 2011, Miyake *et al.* PLoS One 2015)

Kamada *et al.* Nat Immunol Rev 2013

IgA targets bacteria involved in human pathology

➤ Undernourished Malawian children produce diet-dependent enteropathy.

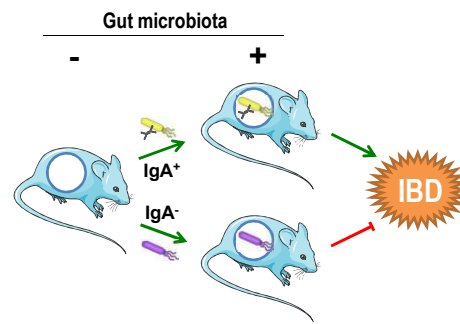
➤ IgA coated gut microbiota from children is predictive of nutritional status and enteropathy.



Kau *et al.* STM 2015

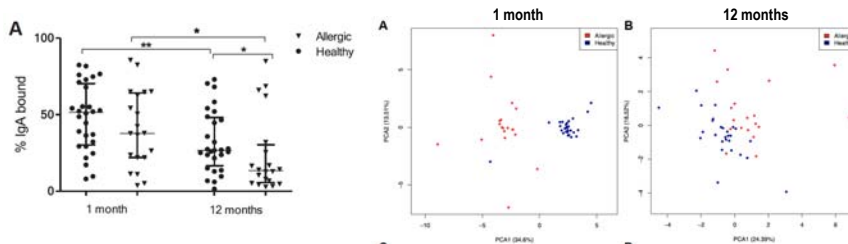
➤ Mouse model of microbiota-driven colitis.

➤ Human IgA coated gut microbiota from IBD patients confer susceptibility to colitis in germ-free mice.



Palm *et al.* Cell 2014

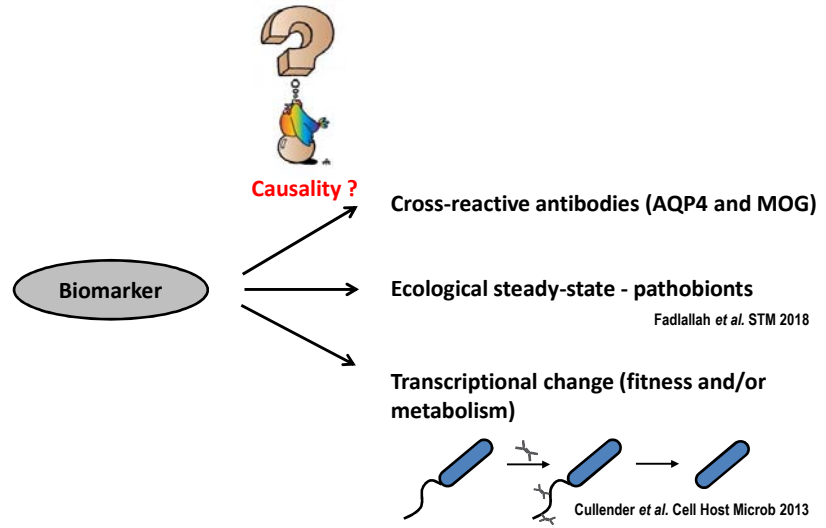
Gut Immuno-Microbiome - allergic disease



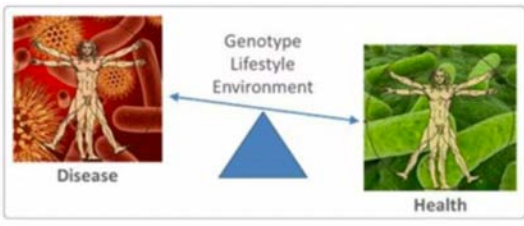
- Allergy is associated with reduced sIgA-opsonization levels of gut microbiota in 12 months-old children (tendency already at 1 month).
- Fecal sIgA levels are unaltered.
- Gut bacterial load is reduced at 12 months of age in allergic children
- A unique immuno-microbiome signature precedes allergy already at 1 month of age.
- sIgA-opsonization and immuno-microbiome signature are similar when stratified for birth route and breastfeeding (Of note, breastfeeding is assessed at 12 months – practically all Swedish children are breastfed in the first months of life)

Dzidic *et al.* JACI 2016

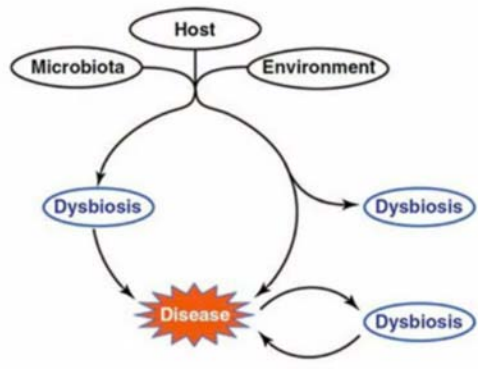
Immuno-microbiota - biomarker or causality



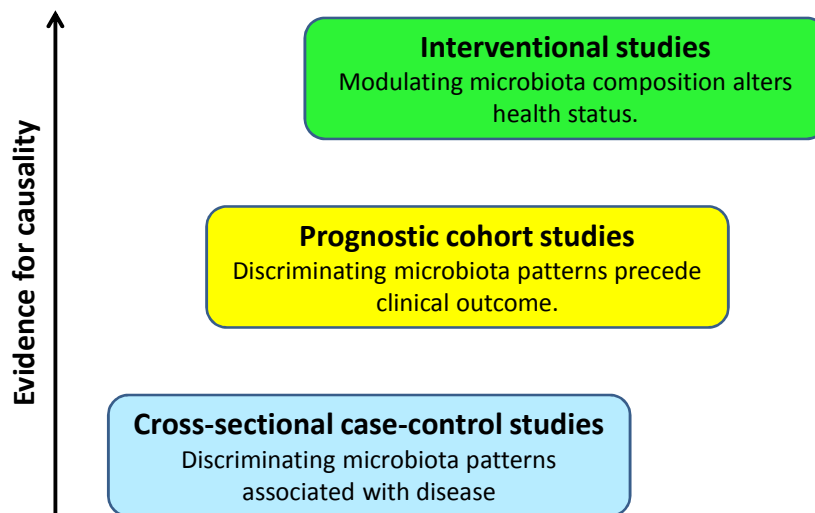
Dysbiosis - cause or consequence of disease?



- Genetic or environmental factors may lead to dysbiosis
- Dysbiosis may lead to disease
- Genetic or environmental factors may lead to disease irrespective of dysbiosis.
- Disease may lead to dysbiosis



Study design defines the ability to determine causality



Take home message

- Gut microbiota influence host immunity (Tolerance versus inflammation)
- Gut microbiota is regulated by host immunity (innate and adaptive (e.g. IgA))
- **Altered lifestyle** influence our gut microbiota composition and is temporally (but maybe not causally) associated with a rapid increase in chronic inflammatory diseases, including allergy (since 1950 forward).
- **Hygiene theory:** Reduced exposure to microbes result in a skewed host immunity, which is insufficiently schooled to regulate inflammatory responses.
- **Save our microbiota:** Vaginal microbiota transplantation (C-section birth), reduce antibiotics use (or use of new treatments, such as DAV132 co-therapy).
- **Save our immunity:** Probiotics (do not colonize), helminths (worms), immune therapy (allergy), promote breast feeding.