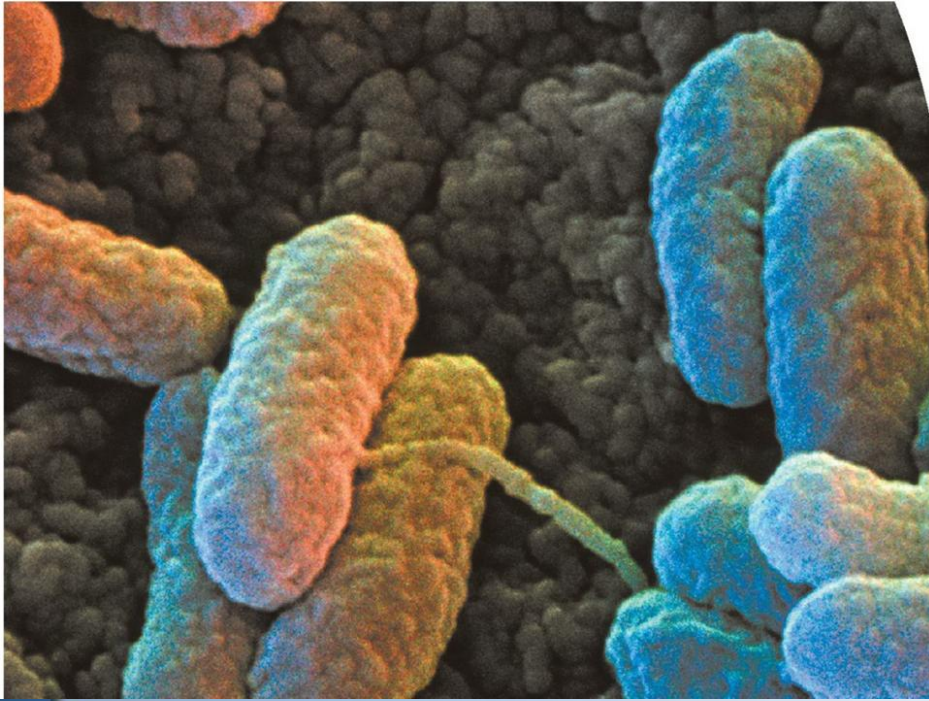


Analisi genetica e mappatura di batteri e batteriofagi



Spostiamo ora la nostra
attenzione sui batteri, e
batteriofagi

Bacteria Mutate Spontaneously and Grow at an Exponential Rate.
Useful for genetics studies, development of genetic engineering

Cellula di *E. coli*
danneggiata

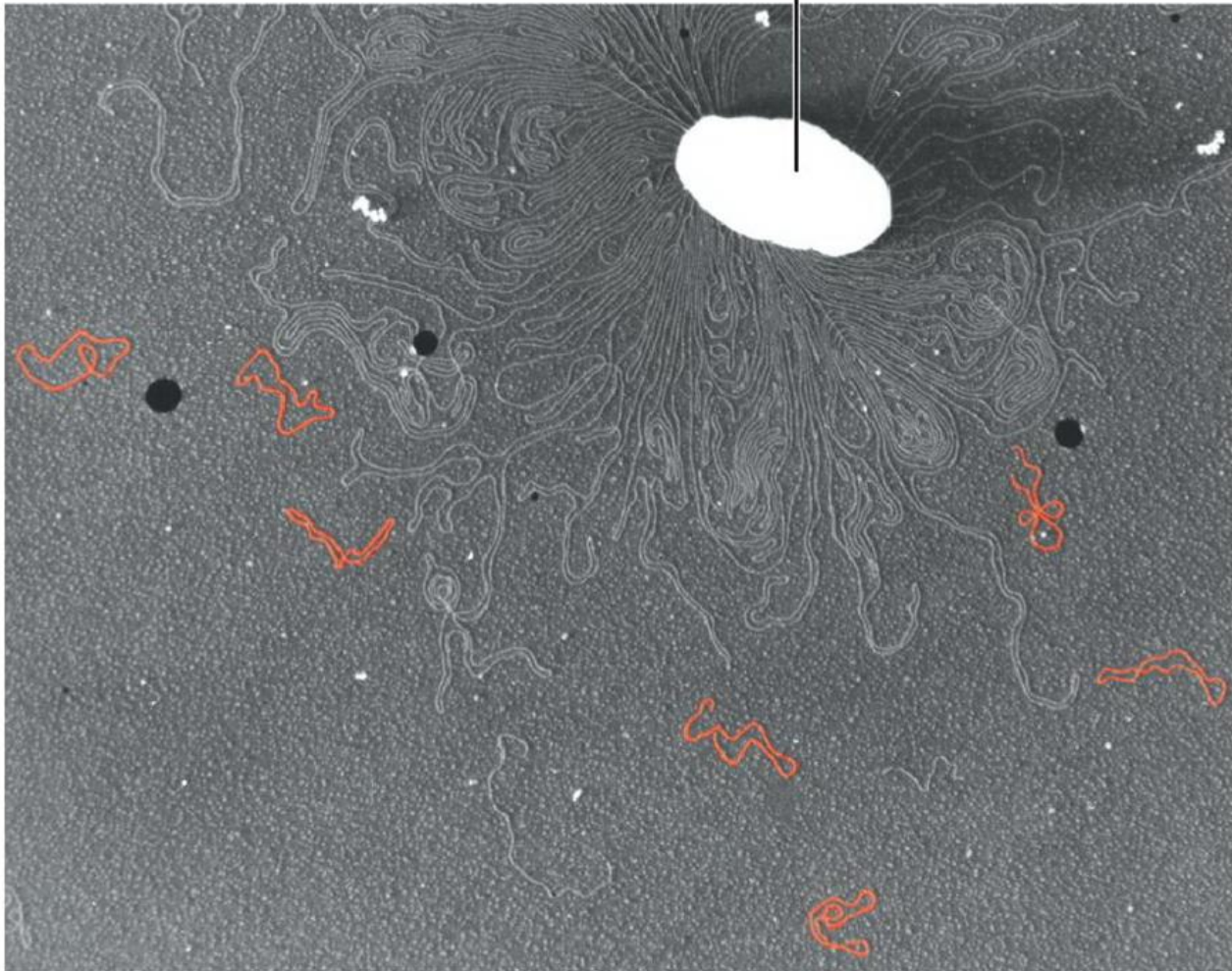


Figura 6.1 Cromosoma batterico e plasmidi. Una cellula di *E. coli* ha rilasciato il DNA cromosomico insieme a diversi plasmidi (rosso).

Teoria dell'adattamento

- The **adaptation hypothesis** proposes that the interaction of bacteriophage and bacterium is essential to the bacterium's acquisition of immunity to the phage. Exposure to the phage “induces” resistance in the bacteria.

• **Spontaneous mutation**, however, which occurs in the presence or absence of phage, is considered the primary source of genetic variation in bacteria.



Max Delbrück
(1906 - 1981)



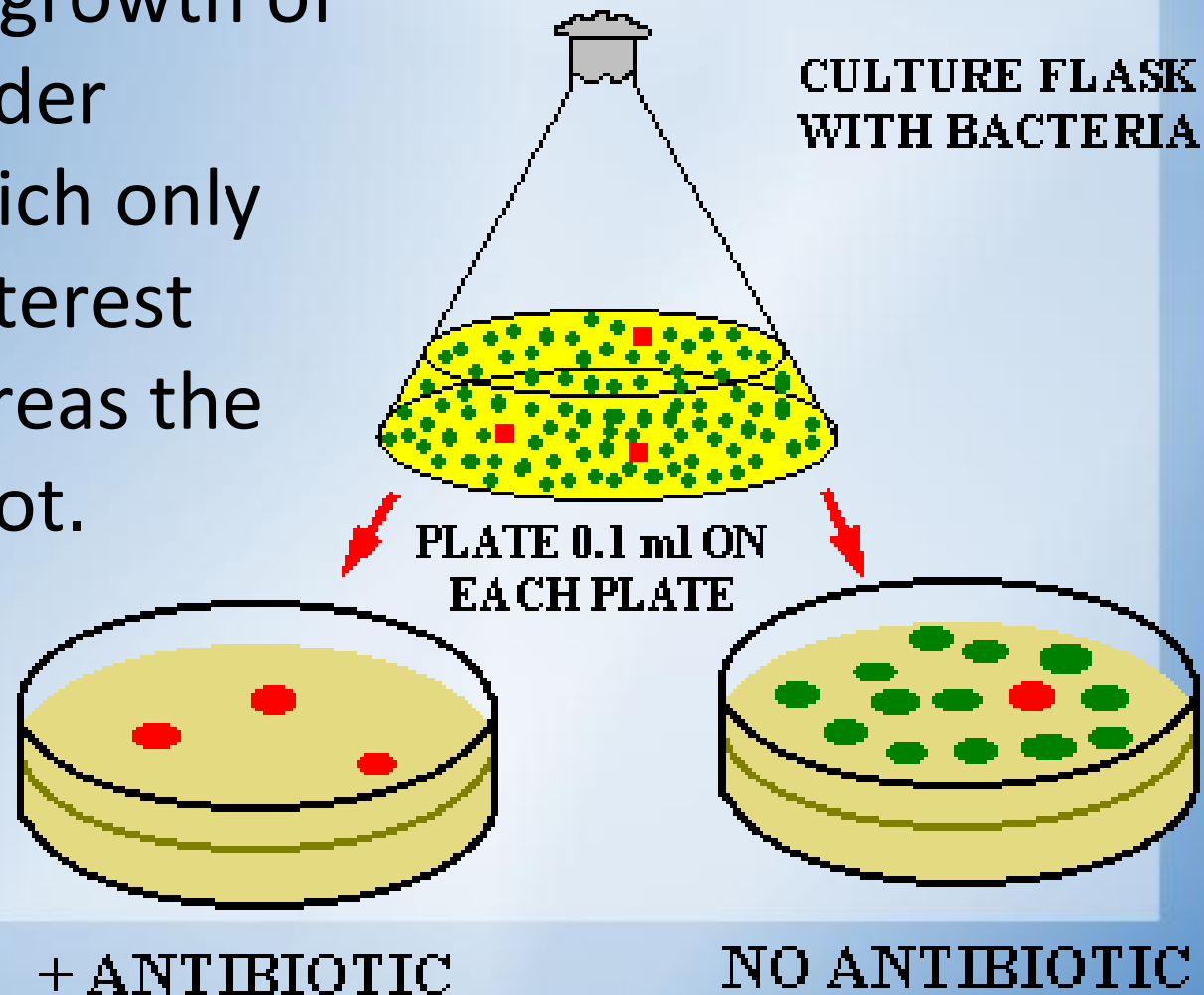
Alfred D. Hershey
(1908 - 1997)



Salvador E. Luria
(1921 - 1991)

Isolation of mutant cells

- Selection is the growth of the organism under conditions in which only the mutant of interest grows well, whereas the wild type does not.

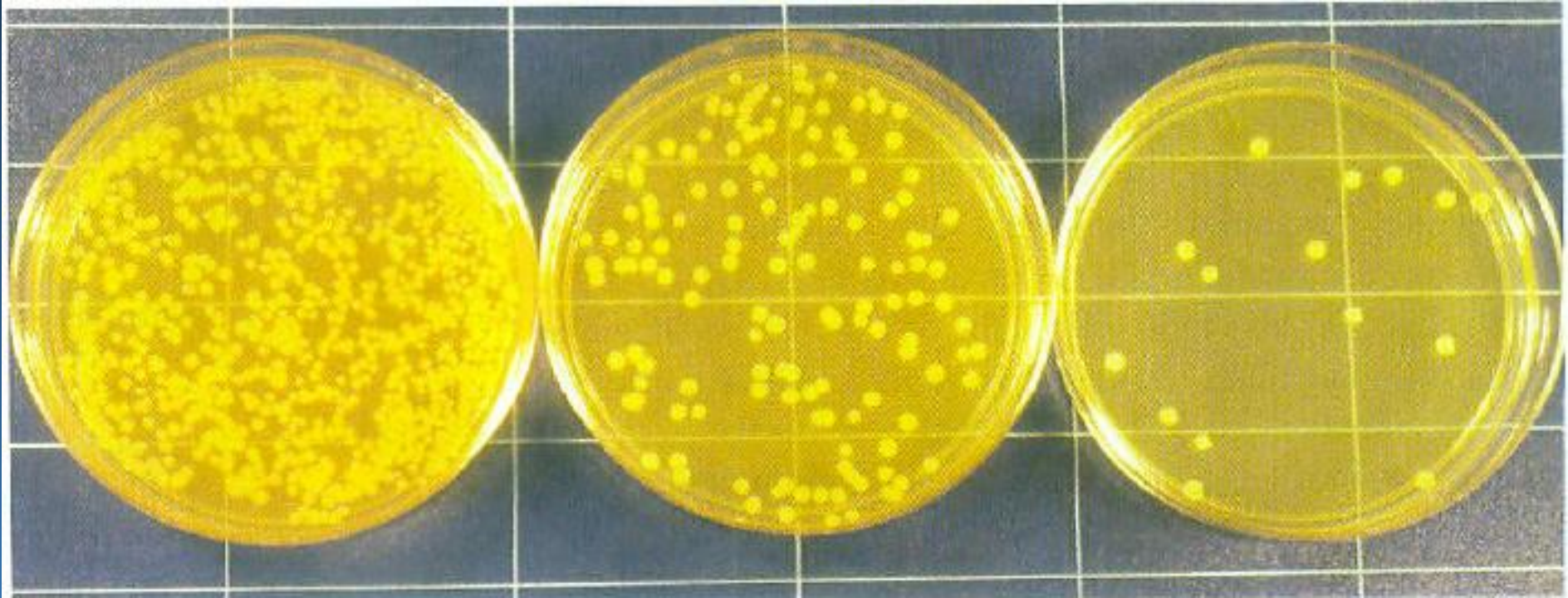


Prototrophy and auxotrophy

- A prototroph can synthesize all essential organic compounds and therefore can be grown on **minimal medium**. **Through mutation**, an auxotroph has lost the ability to synthesize one or more essential compounds and must be provided with them in the medium if it is to grow.

Bacterial growing

- Bacteria have three growth phases: lag phase, log phase (exponential growth), and stationary phase.



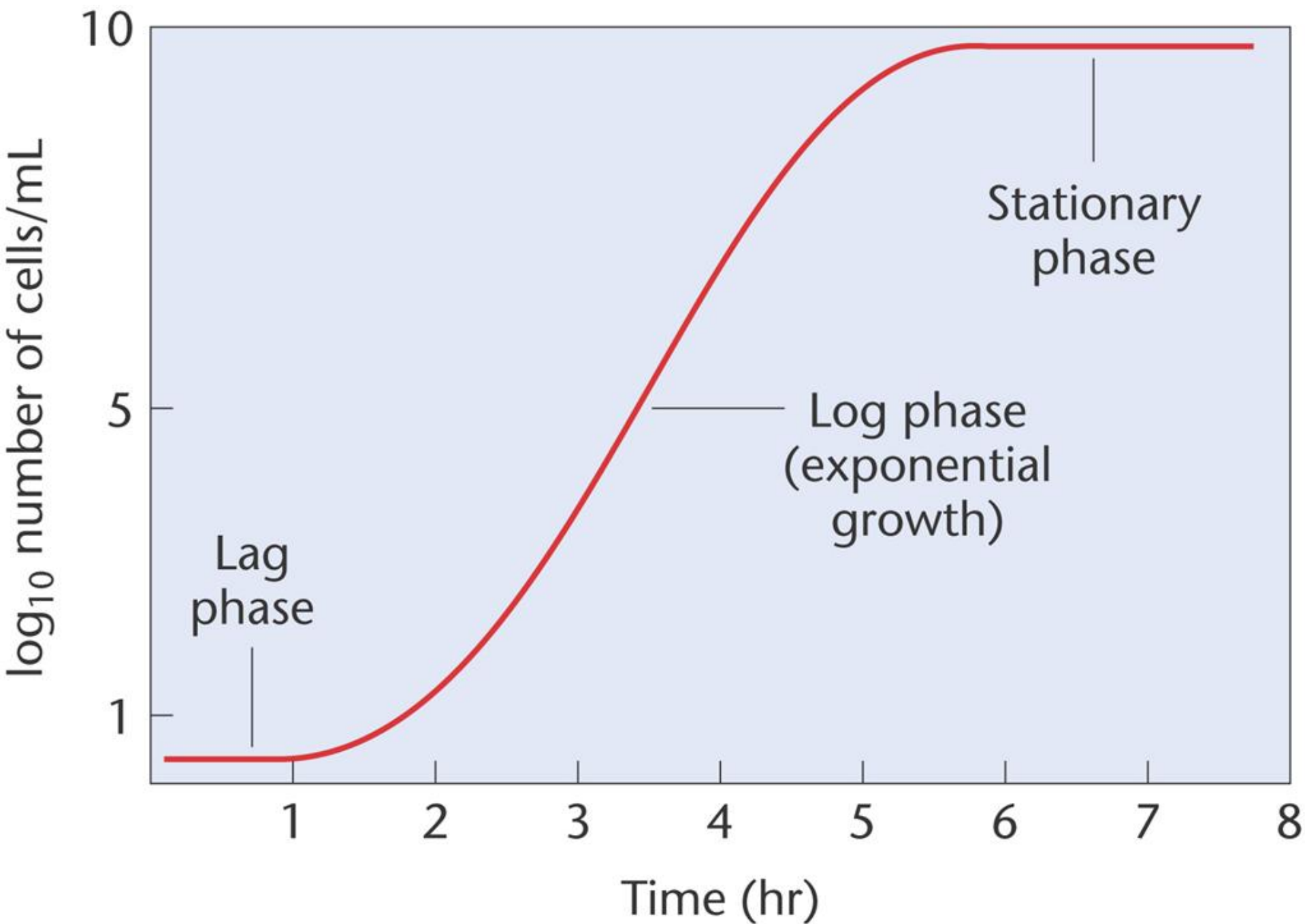
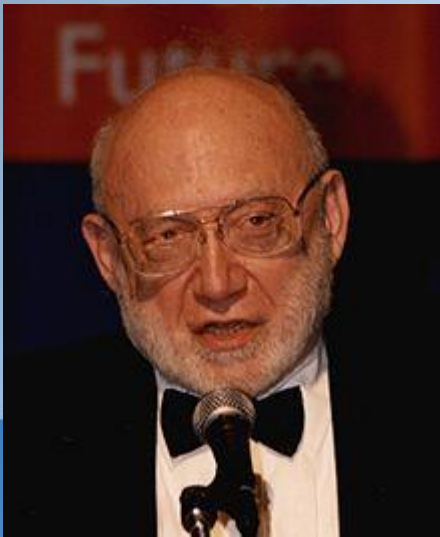
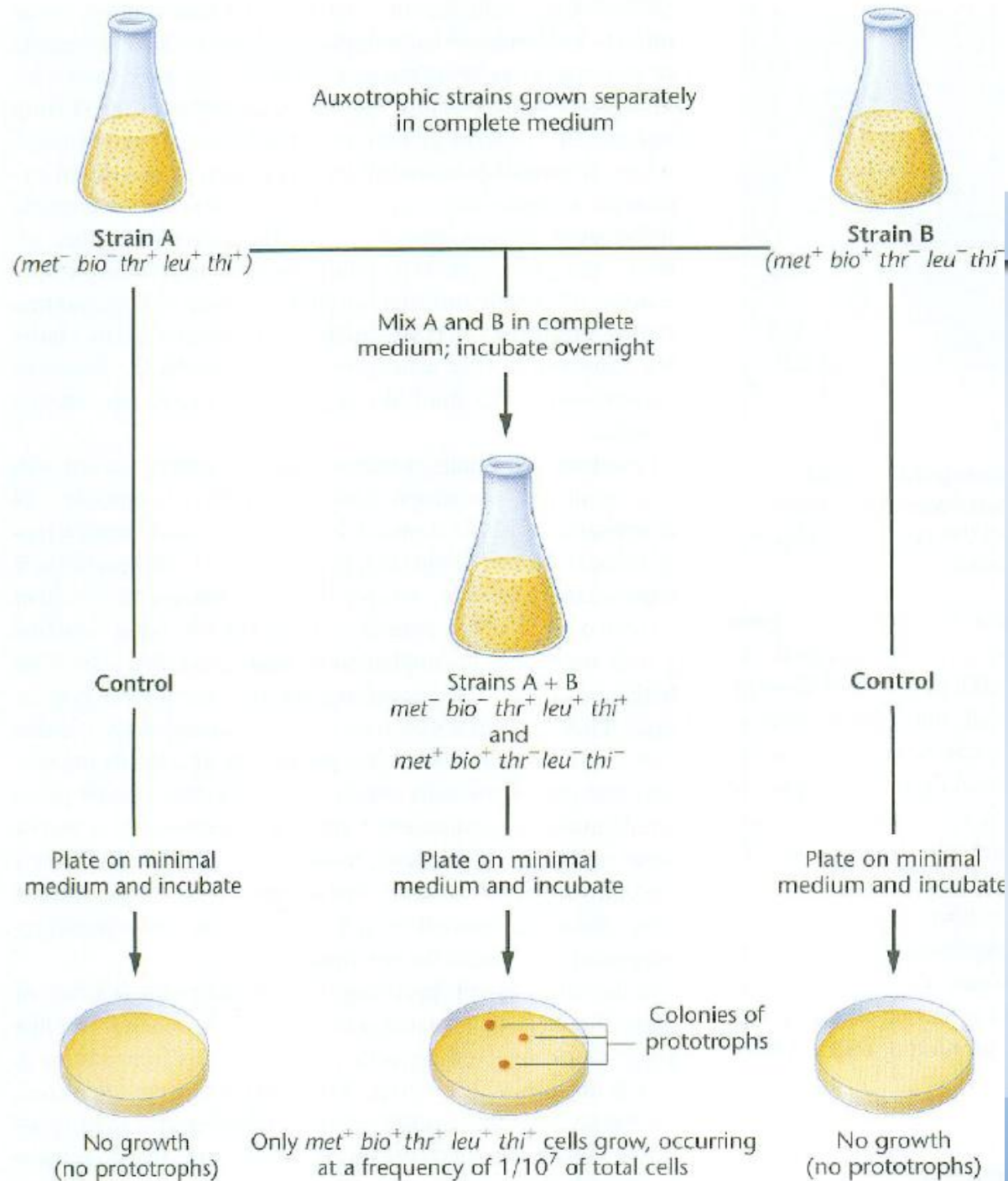


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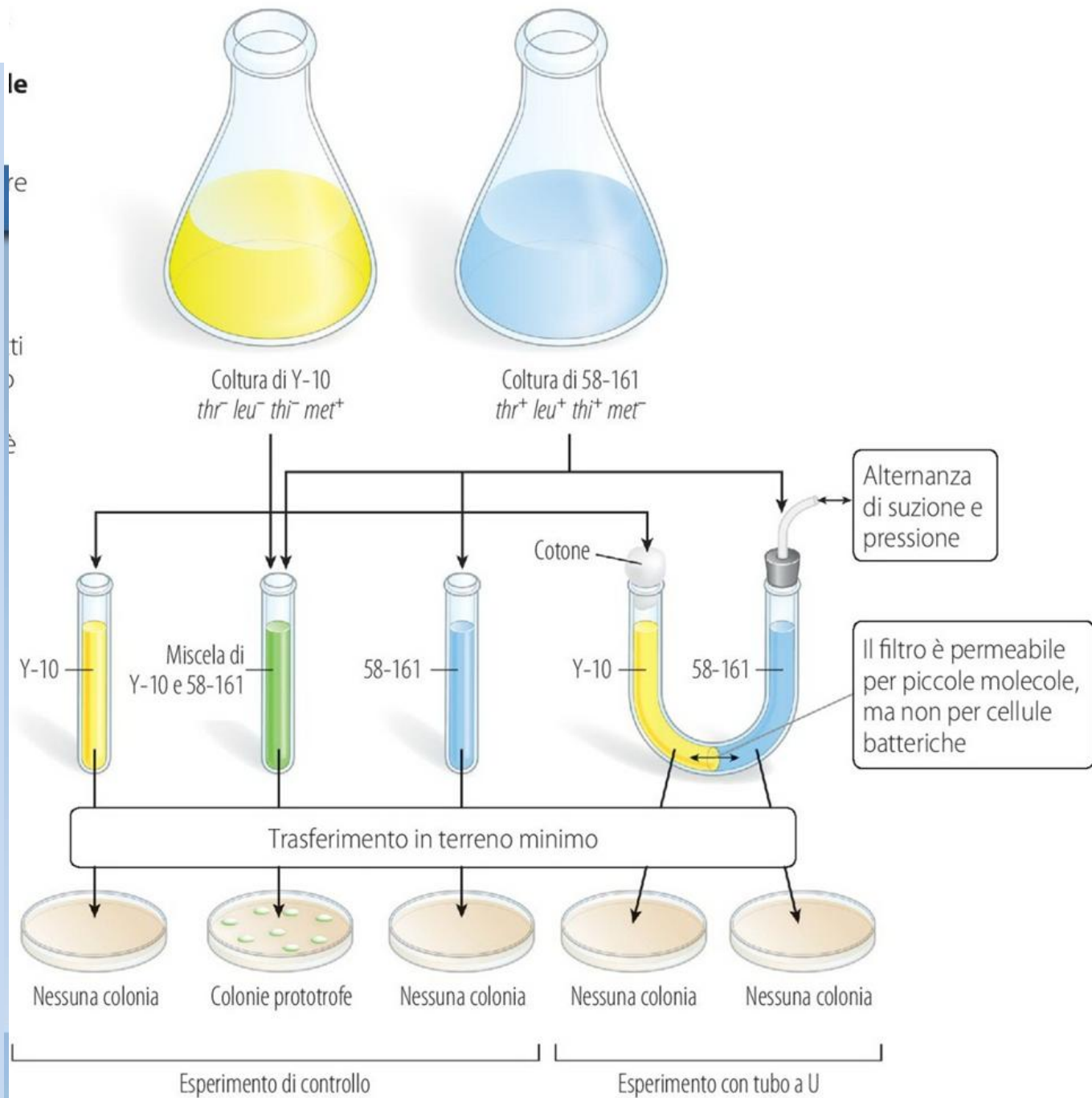
Conjugation Is One Means of
Genetic Recombination in
Bacteria

- Bacteria undergo conjugation, in which genetic information from one bacterium is transferred to another and recombines with the second bacterium's DNA.
- Lederberg and Tatum 1946





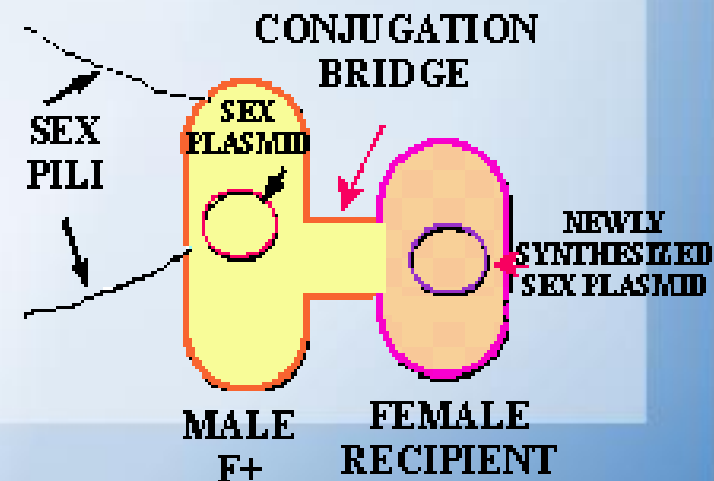
When strain A and strain B auxotrophs are grown in a common medium, but separated by a filter, no genetic recombination occurs and no prototrophs are produced. The apparatus shown is a Davis U-tube.



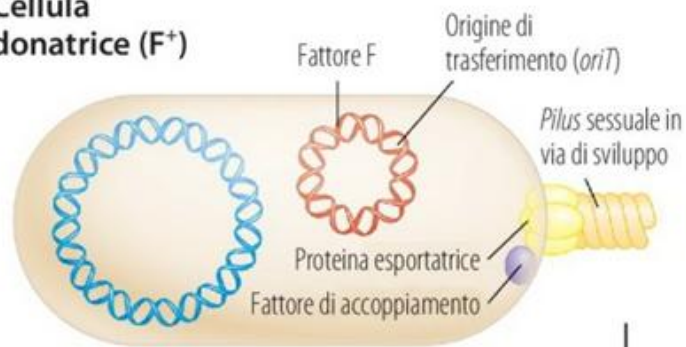
- In bacterial conjugation in *E. coli*, F^+ cells serve as DNA donors and F^- cells are the recipients. F^+ cells contain a **fertility factor** (F factor) that confers the ability to donate DNA during conjugation. Recipient cells are converted to F^+ .

- Davis U-tube

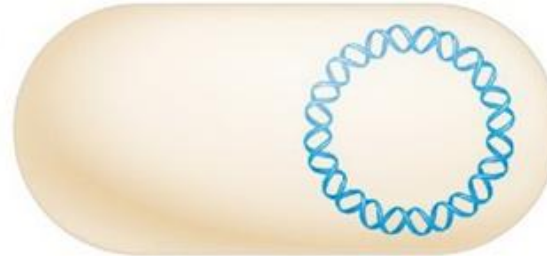
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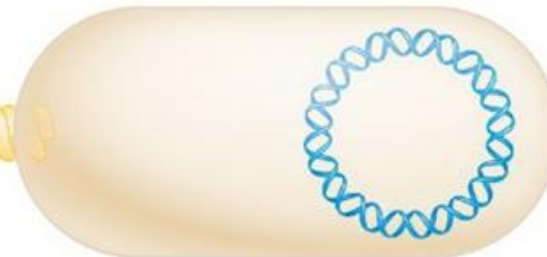
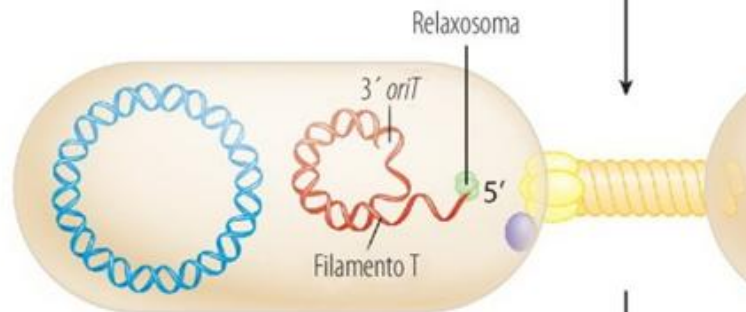
Cellula donatrice (F⁺)



Cellula ricevente (F⁻)



La cellula donatrice (F⁺) assembla un *pilus* sessuale per porsi in contatto con la cellula ricevente (F⁻).

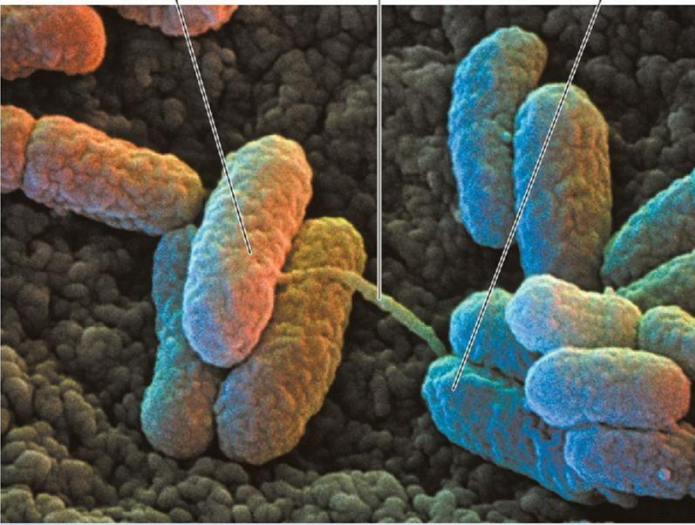


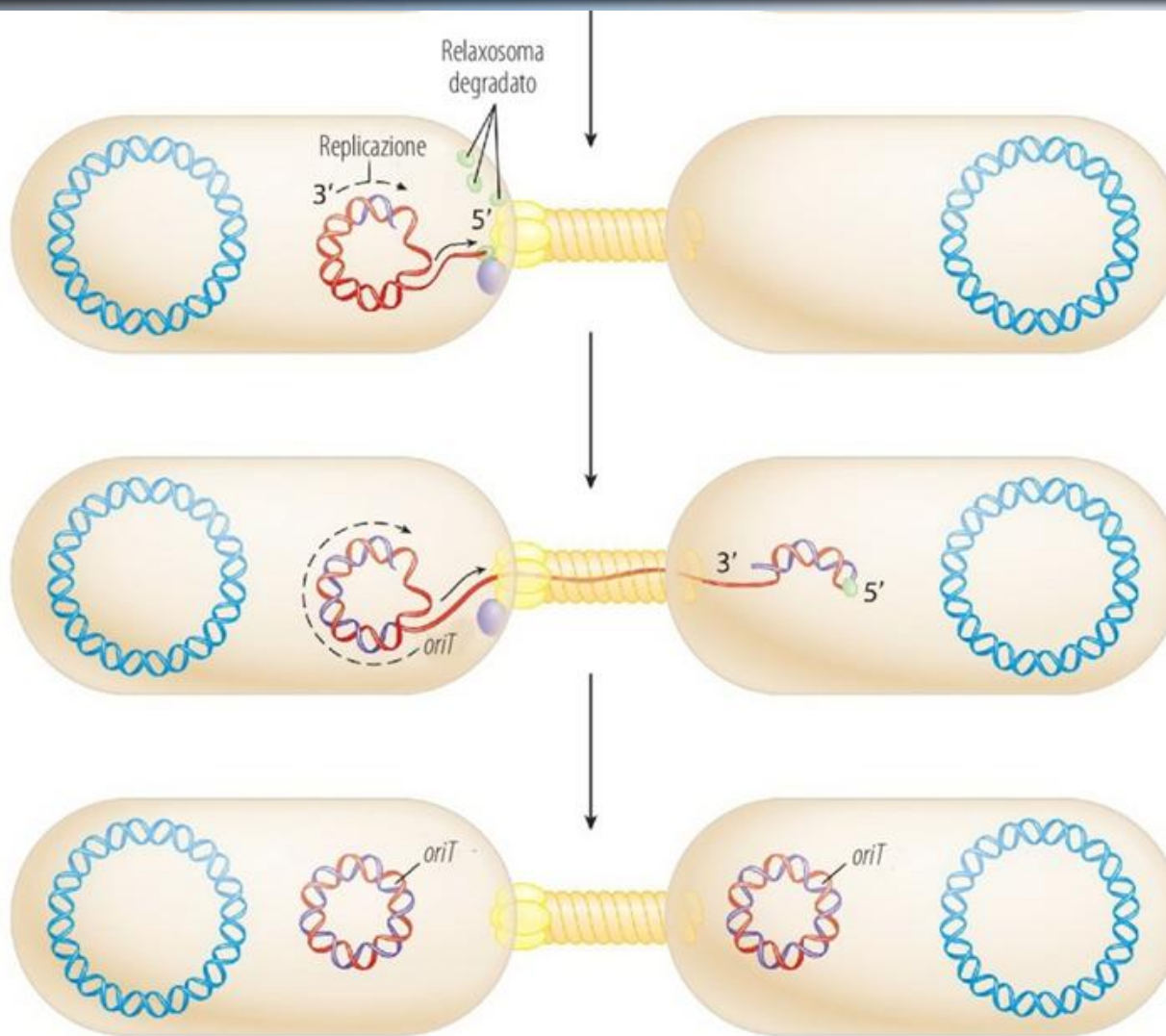
Il complesso del relaxosoma si lega al fattore F e taglia il filamento T del DNA.

Cellula donatrice

Pilus sessuale

Cellula ricevente



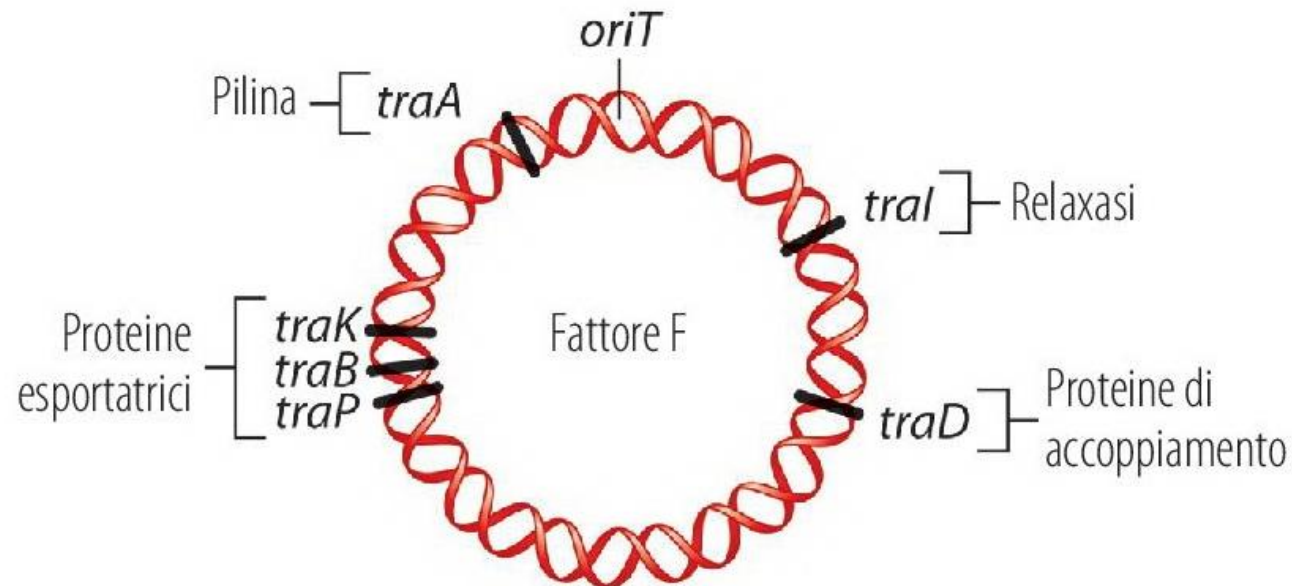


Il relaxosoma si degrada parzialmente, lasciando la relaxasi legata alle estremità 5' del filamento T. Il complesso relaxasi-filamento T si lega a un fattore di accoppiamento per prepararsi all'esportazione. Comincia la replicazione a cerchio rotante del DNA del donatore.

La proteina esportatrice muove il complesso relaxasi-filamento T nella cellula ricevente. La replicazione a cerchio rotante nel donatore svolge il filamento T nel ricevente, dove agisce da stampo per la replicazione del DNA

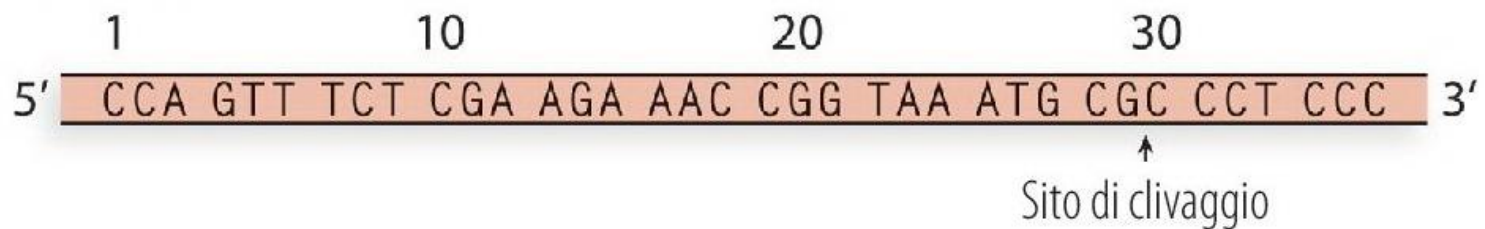
Il completamento della replicazione in entrambe le cellule lascia il donatore (F^+) immutato e converte la cellula ricevente in donatore F^+ .

(a) Geni importanti nel trasferimento del fattore F



(b) Sequenza *oriT*

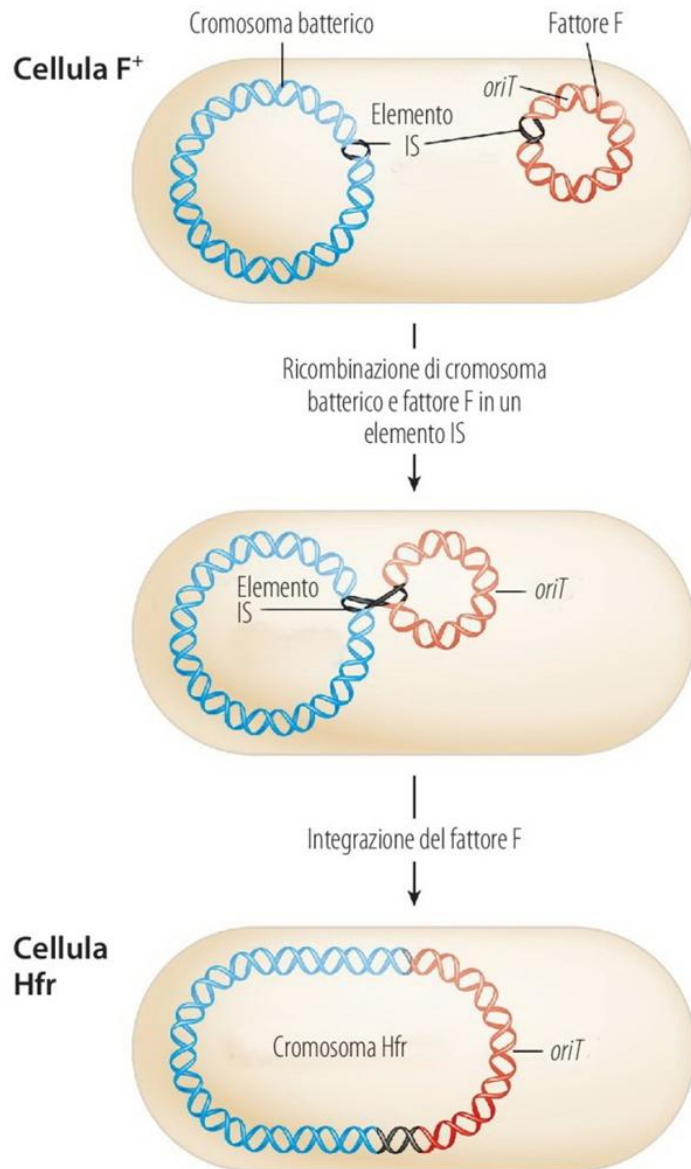
Paia di basi



•Hfr bacteria and chromosome mapping

- An Hfr (high-frequency recombination) strain has the F factor integrated. An Hfr strain can donate genetic information to an F^- cell, but the recipient does not become F^+ .
- Cavalli-Sforza 1950
- Wollmann and Jacob

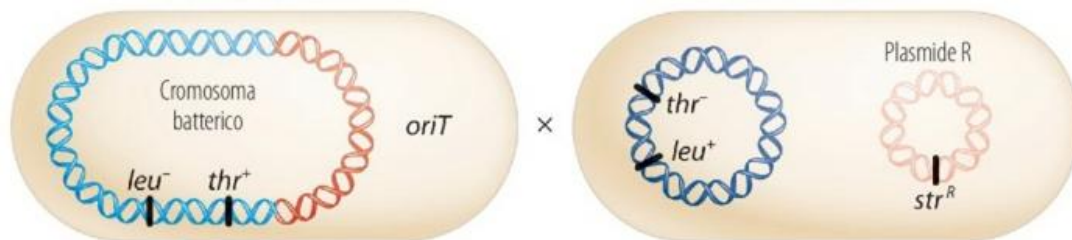
•Ceppi hfr



Miscela nella coltura di coniugazione

Donatore Hfr $thr^+ leu^- str^S$

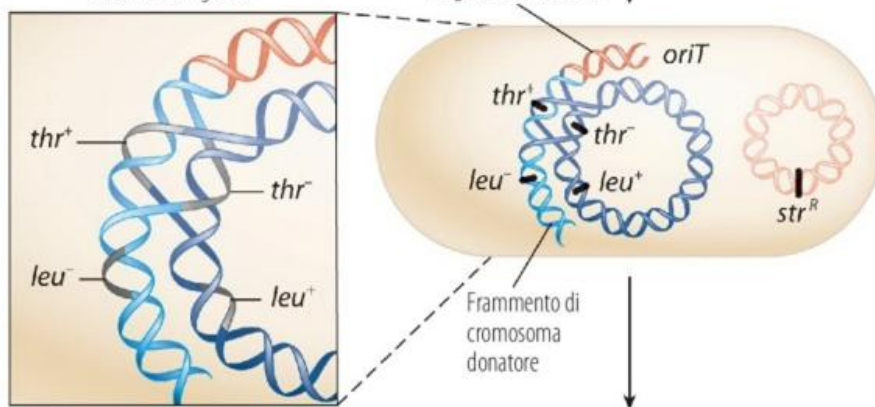
Ricevente $F^- thr^- leu^+ str^R$



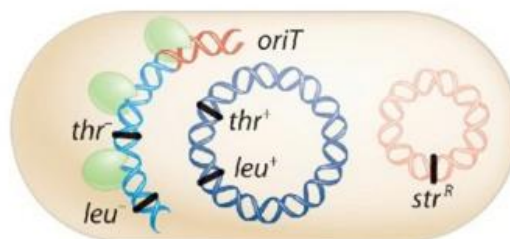
Coniugazione e parziale trasferimento del filamento T conseguenza dell'accoppiamento interrotto

Sito di crossing-over

Segmento di fattore F



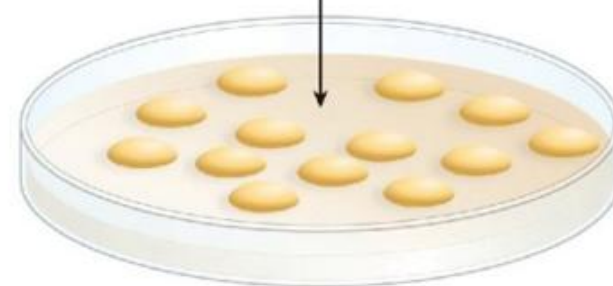
Degradazione enzimatica



Un tipo di cellula exconiugante $thr^+ leu^+ str^R$



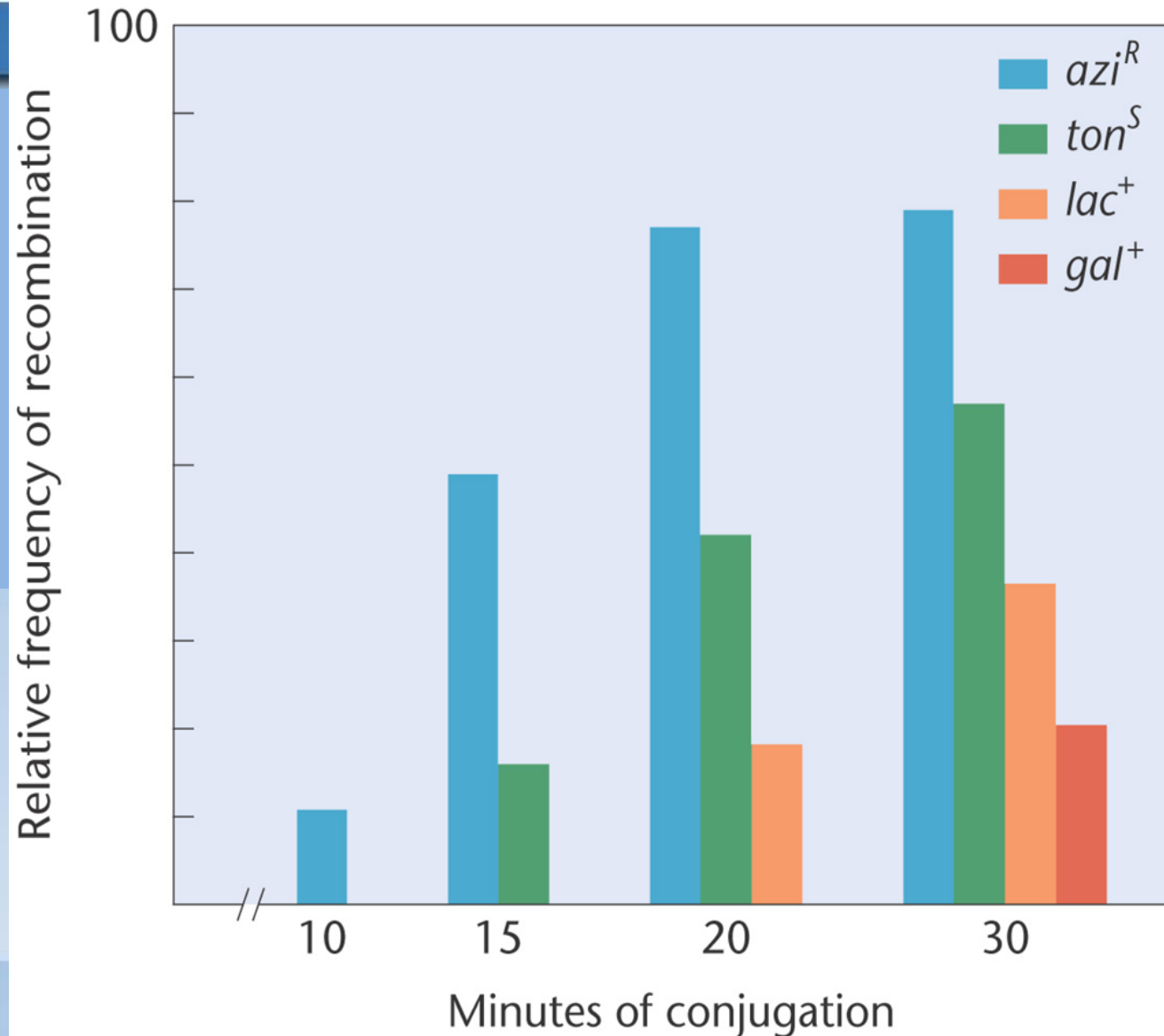
Terreno minimo più streptomicina



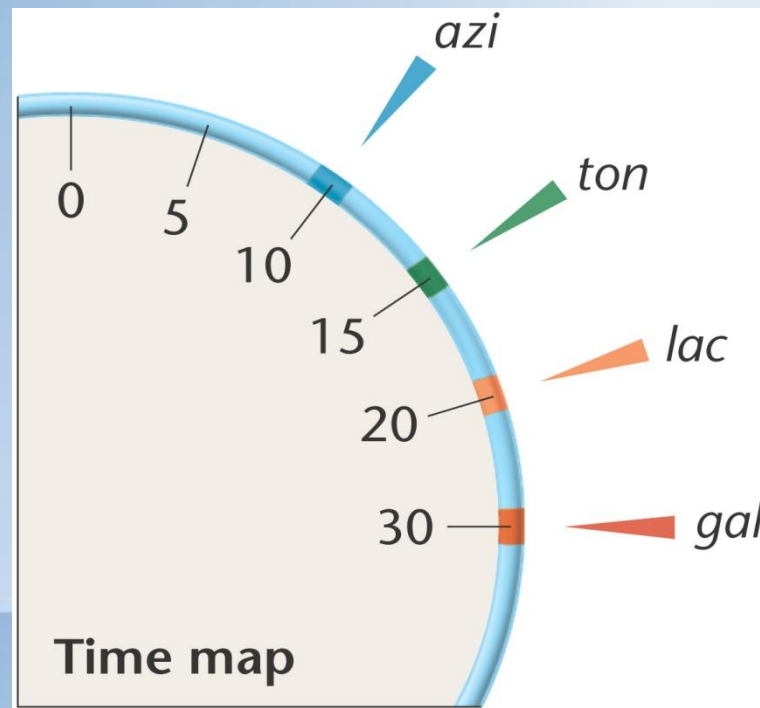
Solo gli exconiuganti $thr^+ leu^+ str^R$ crescono

Hfr H (*thr*⁺ *leu*⁺ *azi*^R *ton*^S *lac*⁺ *gal*⁺)
 ×
 F⁻ (*thr*⁻ *leu*⁻ *azi*^S *ton*^R *lac*⁻ *gal*⁻)

• Interrupted matings demonstrated that specific genes in an Hfr strain are transferred and recombined sooner than others.



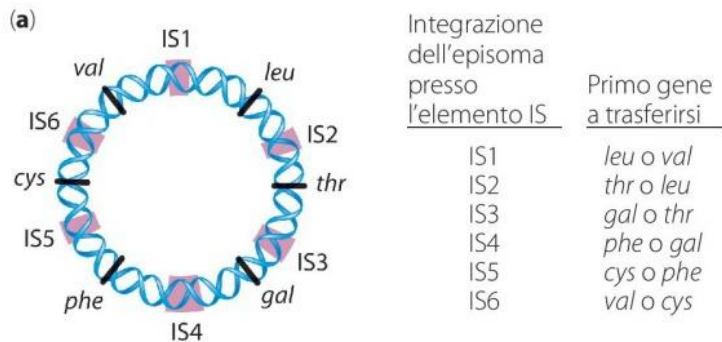
- The chromosome of an Hfr strain is transferred linearly, and the gene order and distance between genes can be predicted.



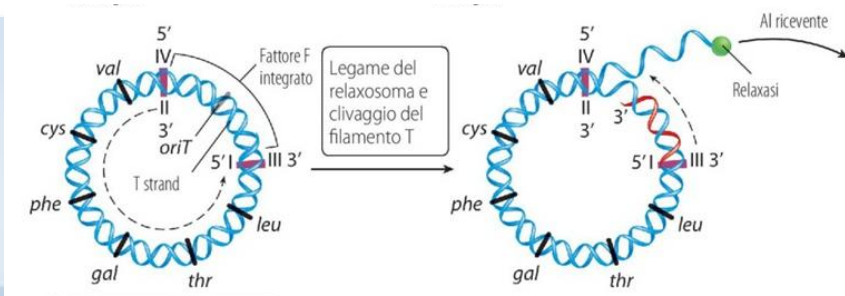
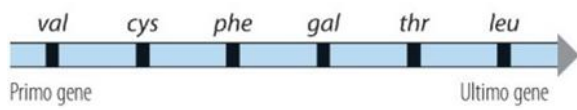
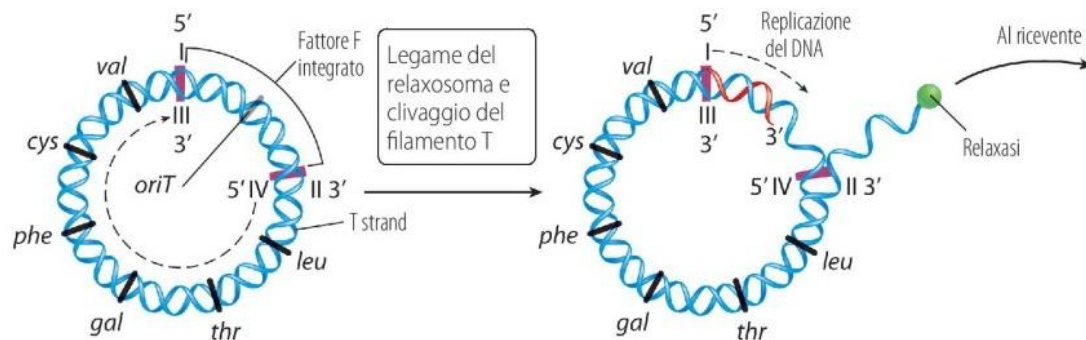
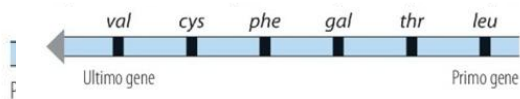
- Gene transfer by Hfr strains led to the understanding that **the *E. coli* chromosome is circular**. F⁺ cells contain a fertility factor (F factor) that confers the ability to donate DNA during conjugation. Recipient cells are converted to F⁺.

(a)

Hfr strain	Order of transfer														
	(earliest) (latest)														
H	thr	–	leu	–	azi	–	ton	–	pro	–	lac	–	gal	–	thi
1	leu	–	thr	–	thi	–	gal	–	lac	–	pro	–	ton	–	azi
2	pro	–	ton	–	azi	–	leu	–	thr	–	thi	–	gal	–	lac
7	ton	–	azi	–	leu	–	thr	–	thi	–	gal	–	lac	–	pro

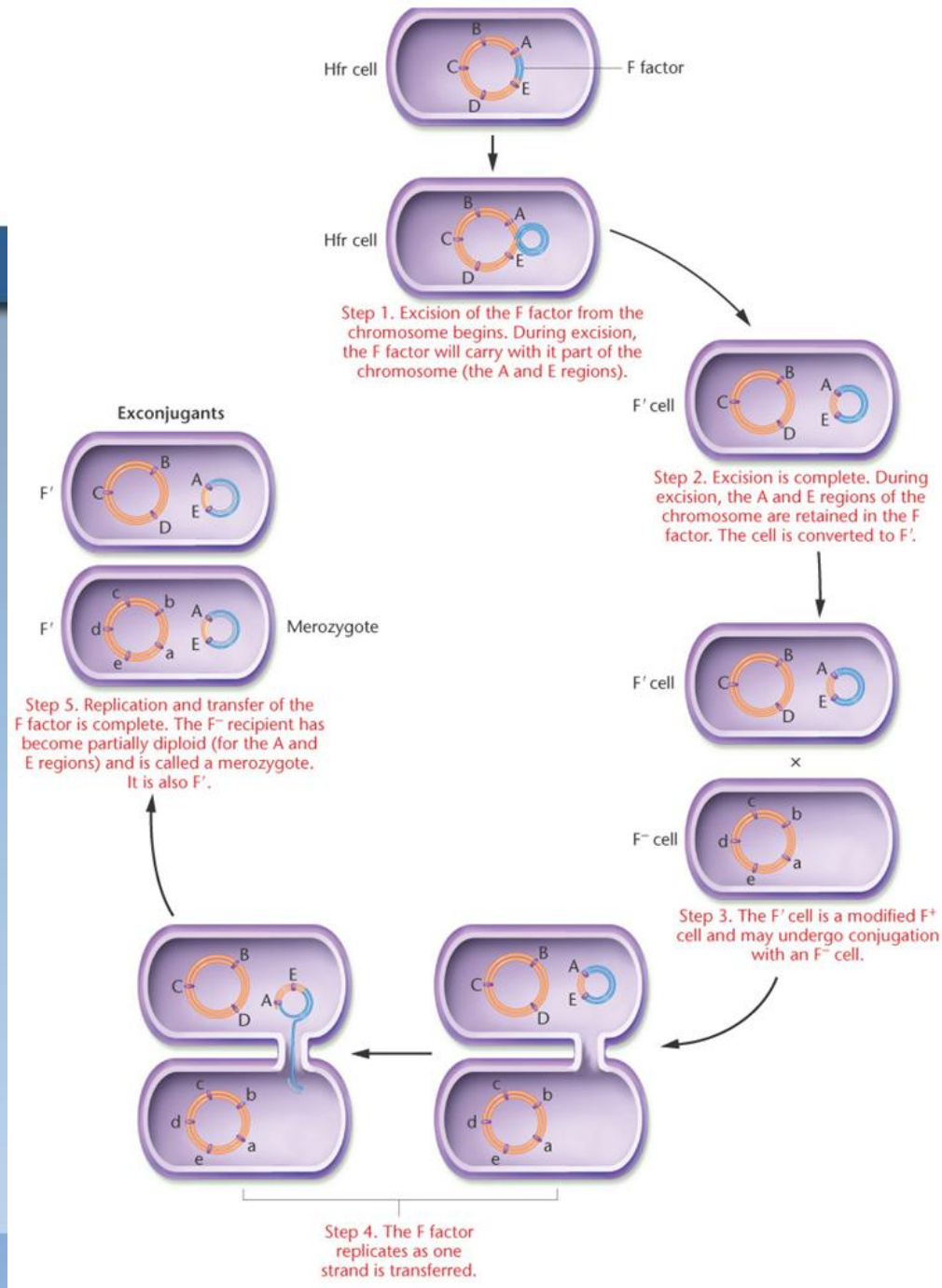


(b) Orientamento 1



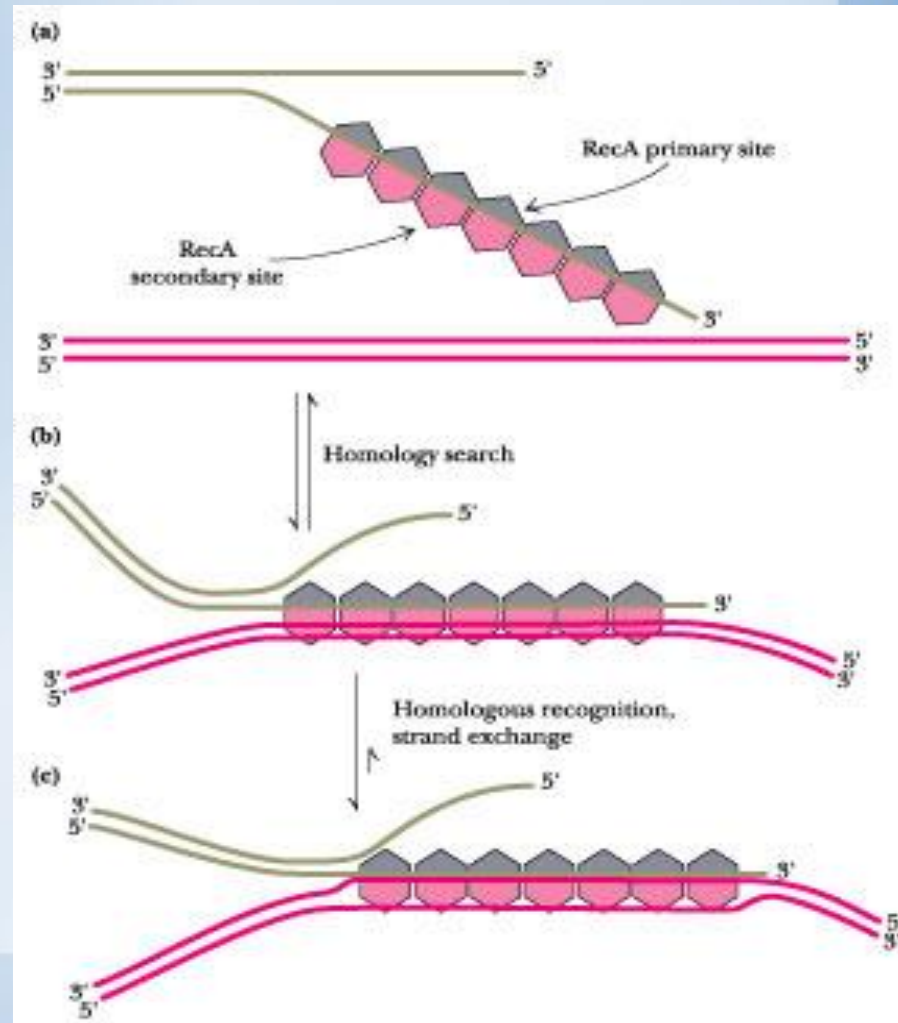
Nell'orientamento 2, *oriT* e il filamento T hanno estremità identificate con III e IV

- In some cases, an F factor is excised from the chromosome of an Hfr strain. In the process, the F factor (referred to as F') often brings several adjoining genes with it. Transfer of an F' to an F⁻ cell results in a partially diploid cell called a **merozygote**.



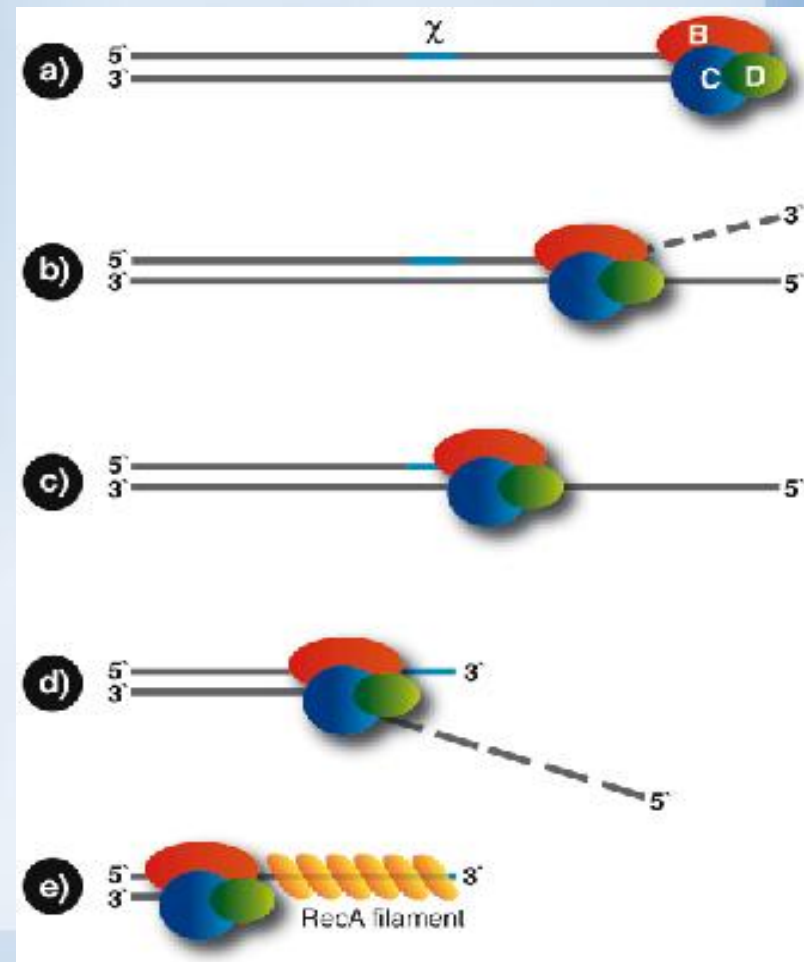
Mutational Analysis Led to the Discovery of the Rec Proteins Essential to Bacterial Recombination

- The RecA protein plays an important role in recombination involving single-strand displacement.



RecA is a 38 kilodalton Escherichia coli protein essential for the repair and maintenance of DNA. A RecA structural and functional homolog has been found in every species in which one has been seriously sought and serves as an archetype for this class of homologous DNA repair proteins. The homologous protein in Homo sapiens is called RAD51.

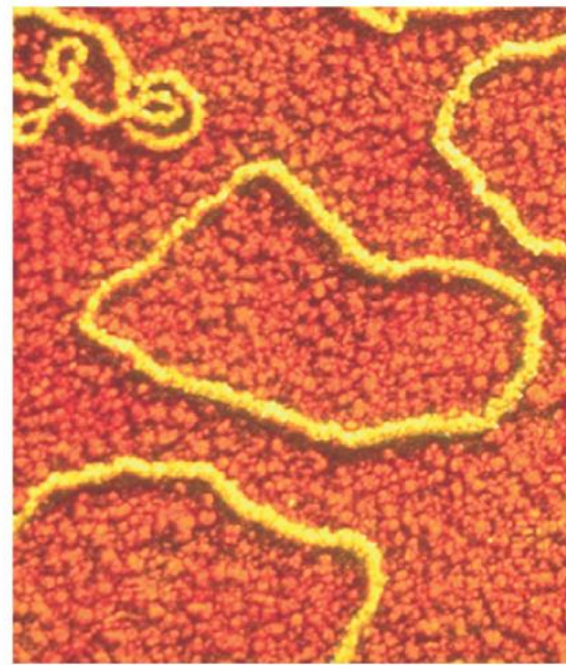
- The RecBCD protein is important for unwinding a double-stranded DNA molecule that serves as the source for genetic recombination. RecA then facilitates recombination.



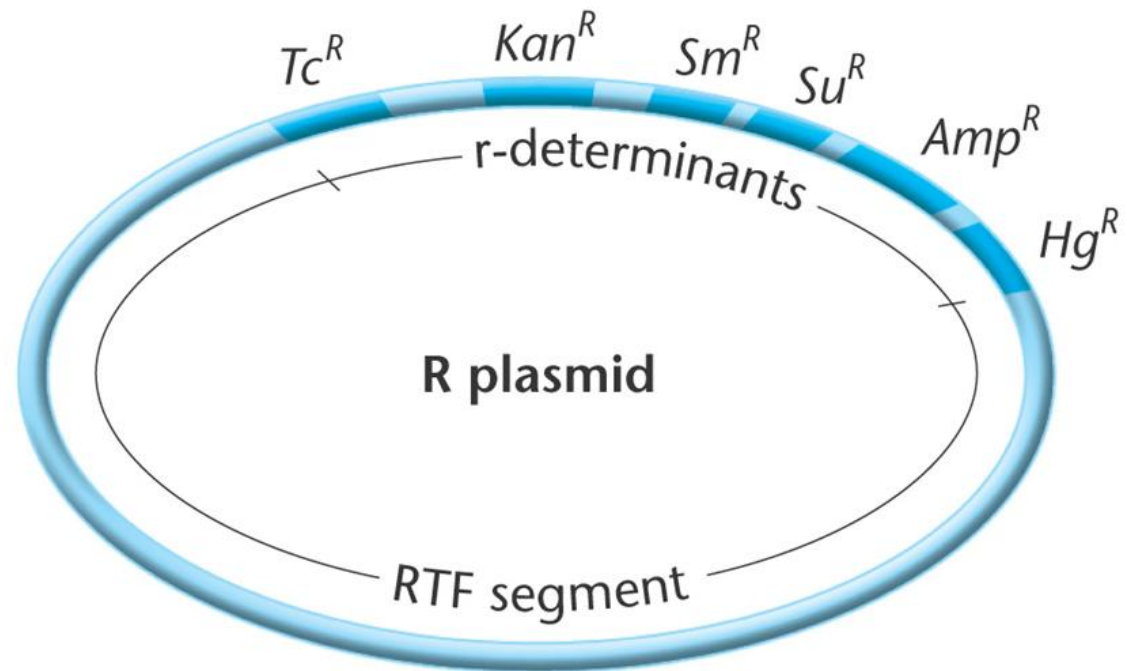
Plasmids

- Plasmids contain one or more genes and replicate independently of the bacterial chromosome.

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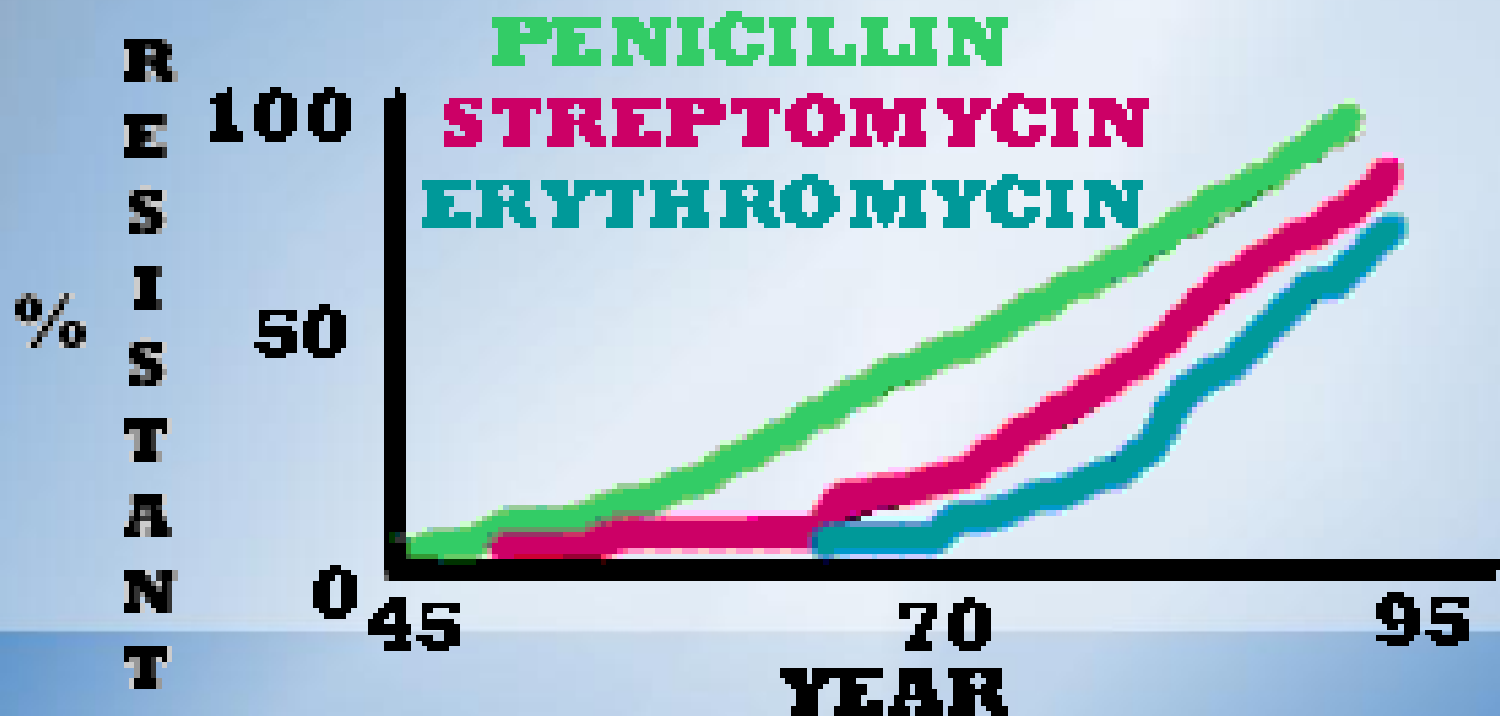


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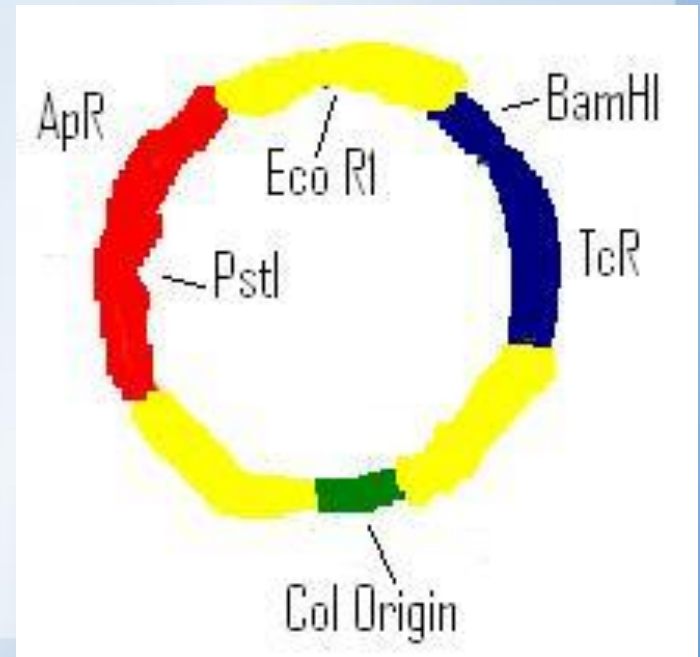


The conjugative transfer of antibiotic resistant plasmids between bacteria is a major problem facing the medical profession today



•Some examples

- F factors confer fertility, R plasmids confer antibiotic resistance, and Col plasmids encode colicins that can kill neighboring bacteria.

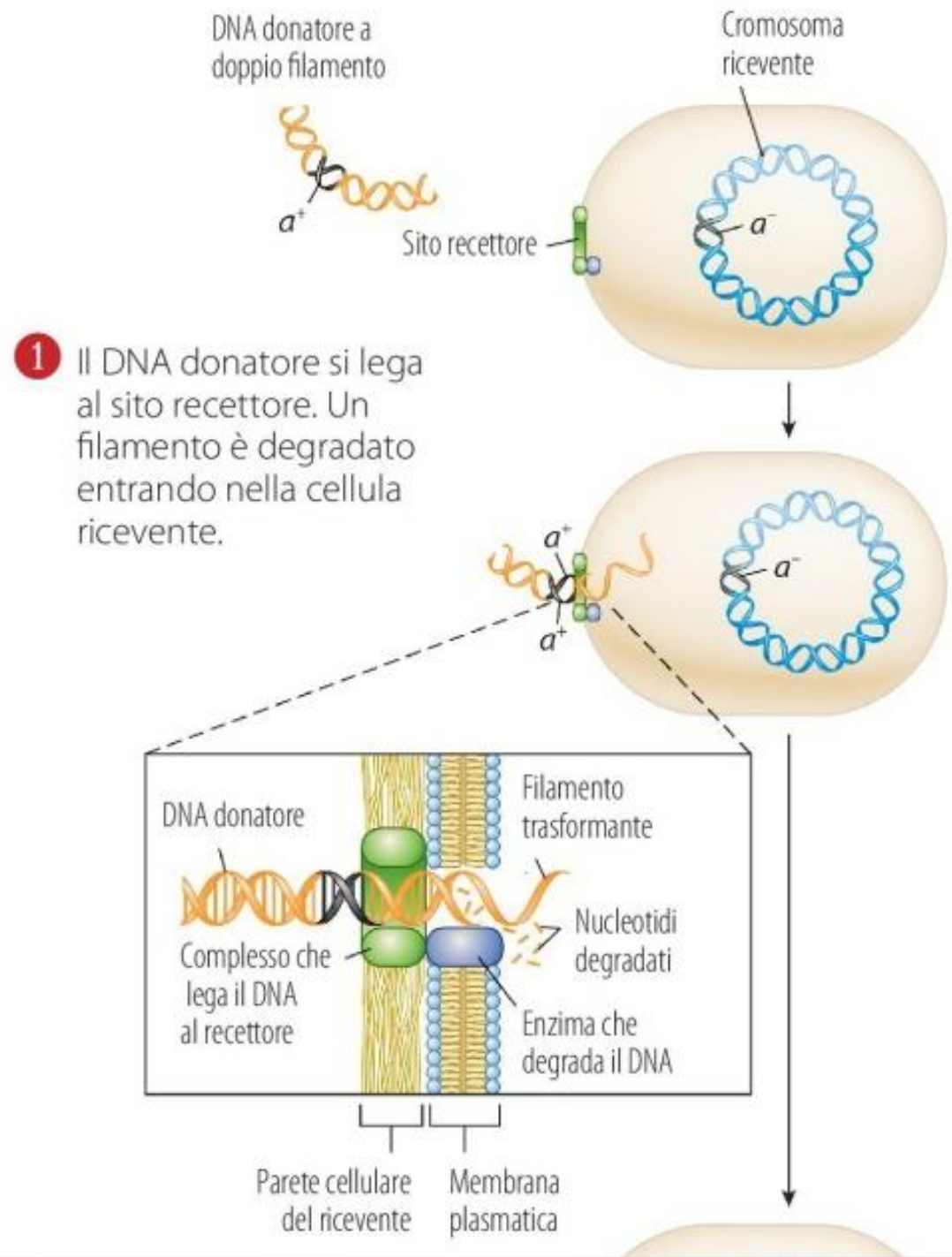


Transformation Is Another
Process Leading to Genetic
Recombination in Bacteria

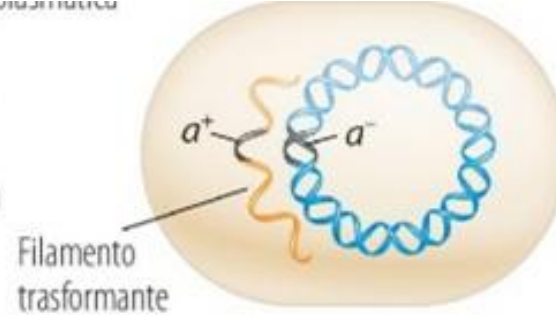
- In transformation, small pieces of extracellular DNA are taken up by a living bacterial cell and integrated stably into the chromosome.

- Griffith

- Avery, McLeod, McCarthy

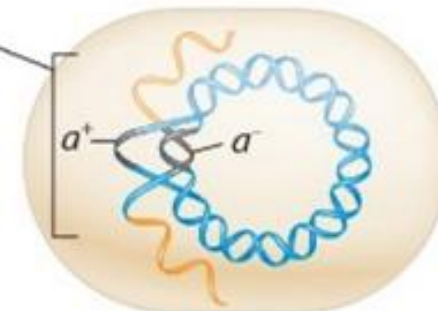


- 2 Il filamento trasformatore si appaia con la regione omologa del cromosoma ricevente.

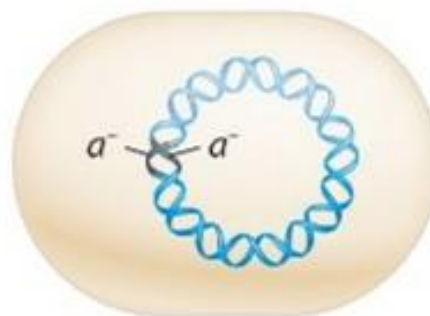


- 3 Il filamento trasformatore sposta il filamento ricevente formando un eteroduplex di DNA complementare (a^-/a^+). Il rimanente filamento si degrada.

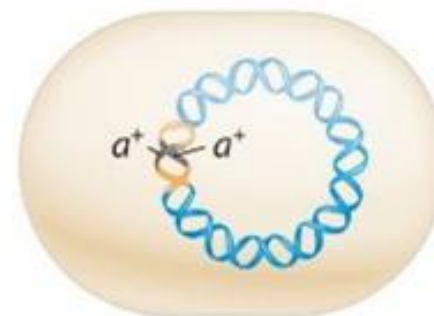
Eteroduplex di DNA



Replicazione del DNA e divisione cellulare



Non trasformatore

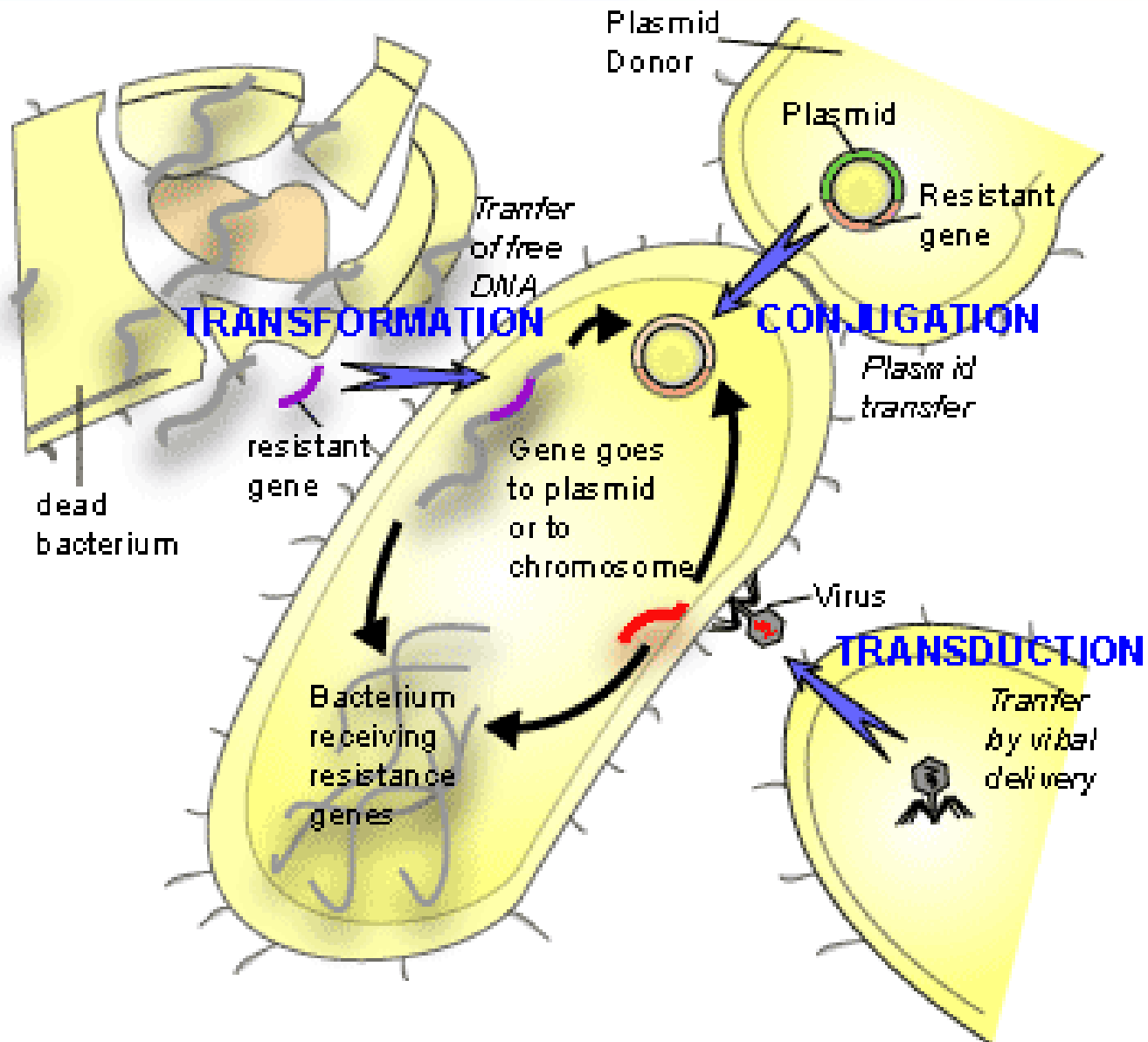


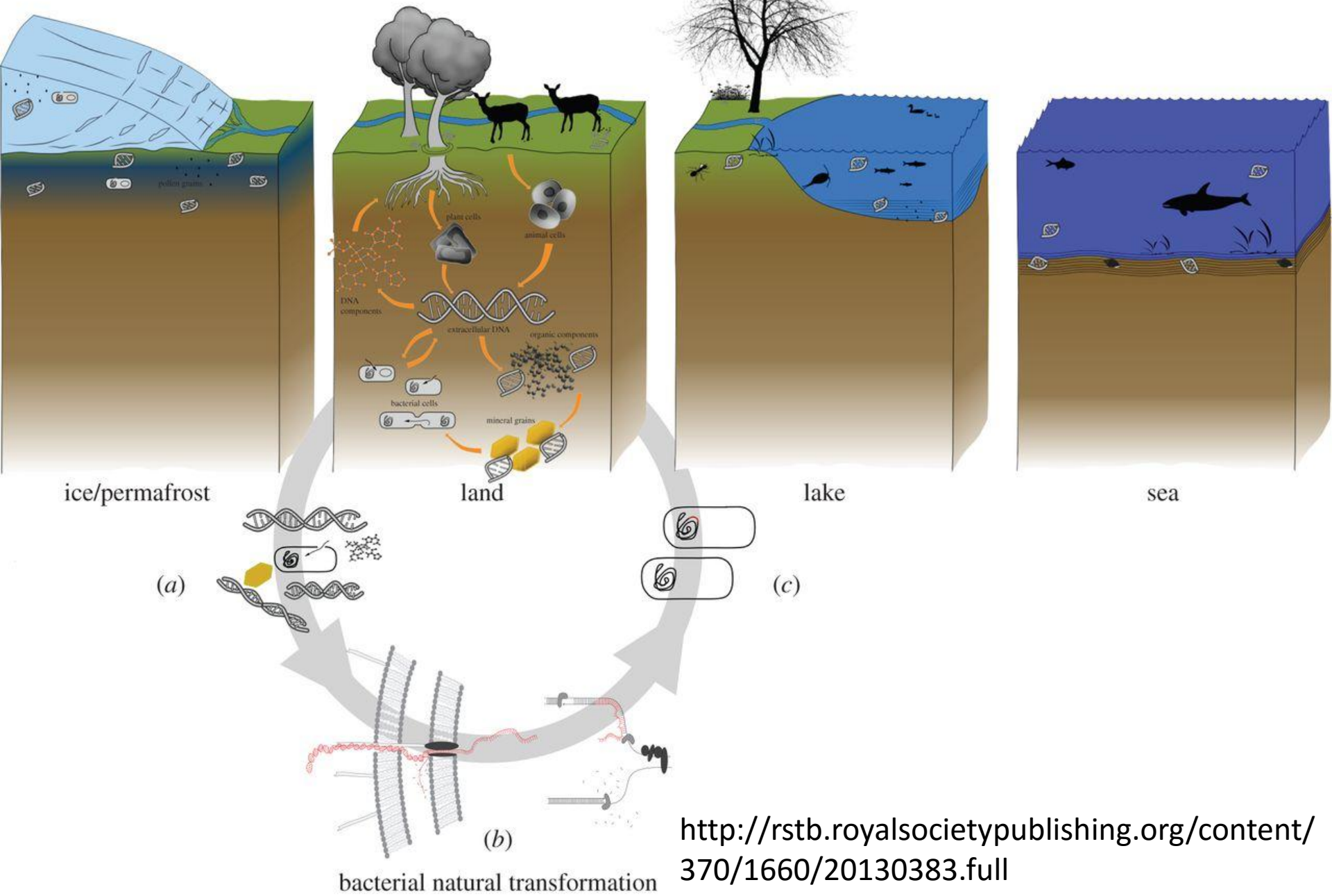
Trasformatore

- 4 La replicazione del DNA e la divisione cellulare producono una cellula trasformatore e una non trasformatore.

- Once it is integrated into the chromosome, the recombinant region contains one host strand (present originally) and one mutant strand. Because these strands are from different sources, this region is referred to as a heteroduplex, and the two strands of DNA are not perfectly complementary in this region.

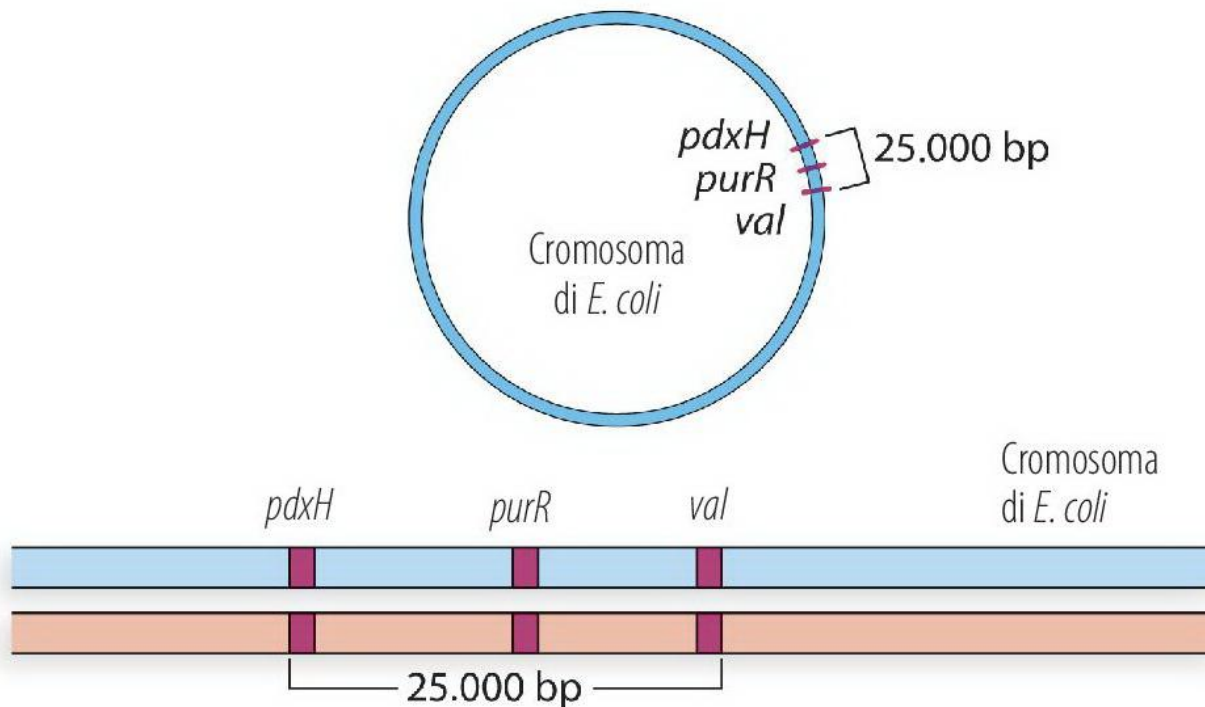
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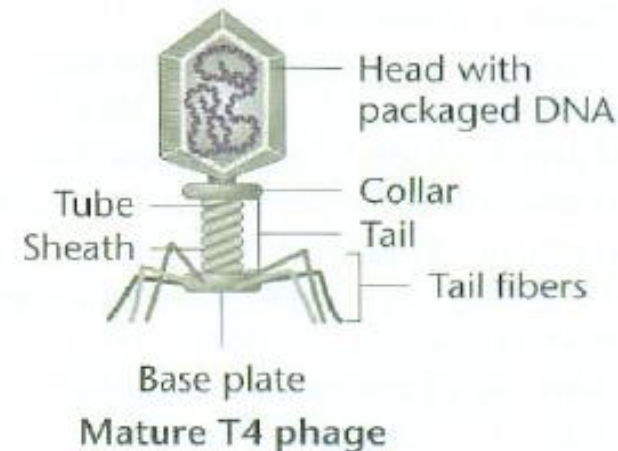
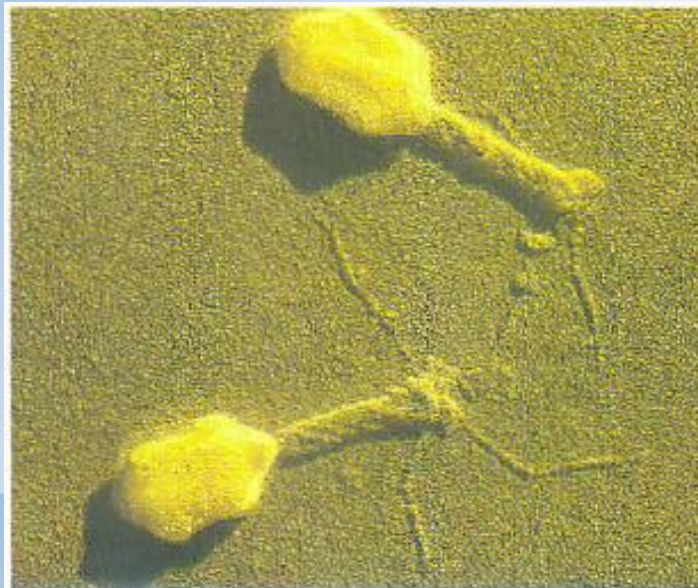
MAPPATURA PER CO-COTRASFORMAZIONE

Esperimento	Geni co-trasformanti	Frequenza di co-trasformazione
1	<i>pdxH</i> e <i>val</i>	0,08
2	<i>purR</i> e <i>val</i>	0,81
3	<i>purR</i> e <i>pdxH</i>	0,68

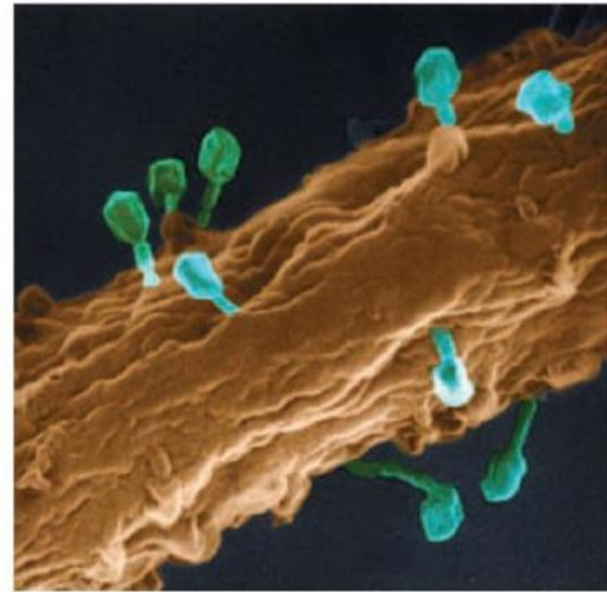
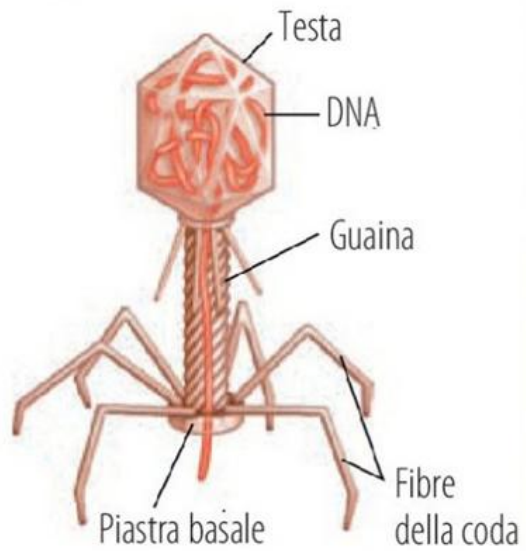


Bacteriophages Are Bacterial Viruses

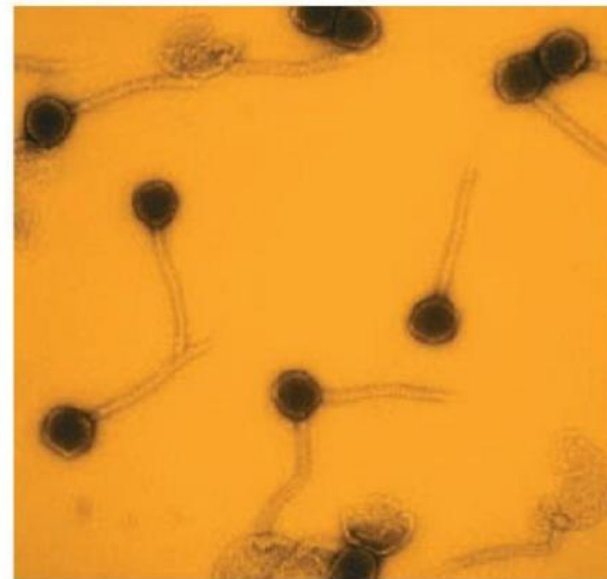
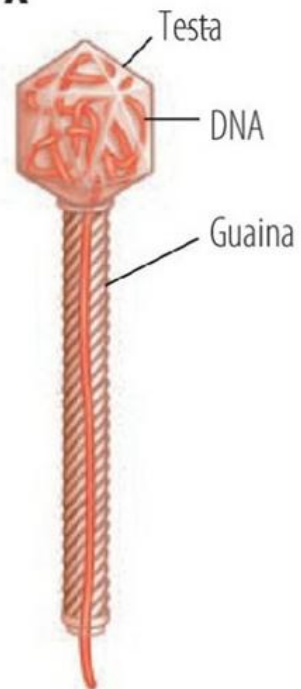
- Bacteriophages can infect a host bacterium and inject their DNA into its chromosome. The infected bacterium then produces more phage particles, which are released when the host cell is lysed.



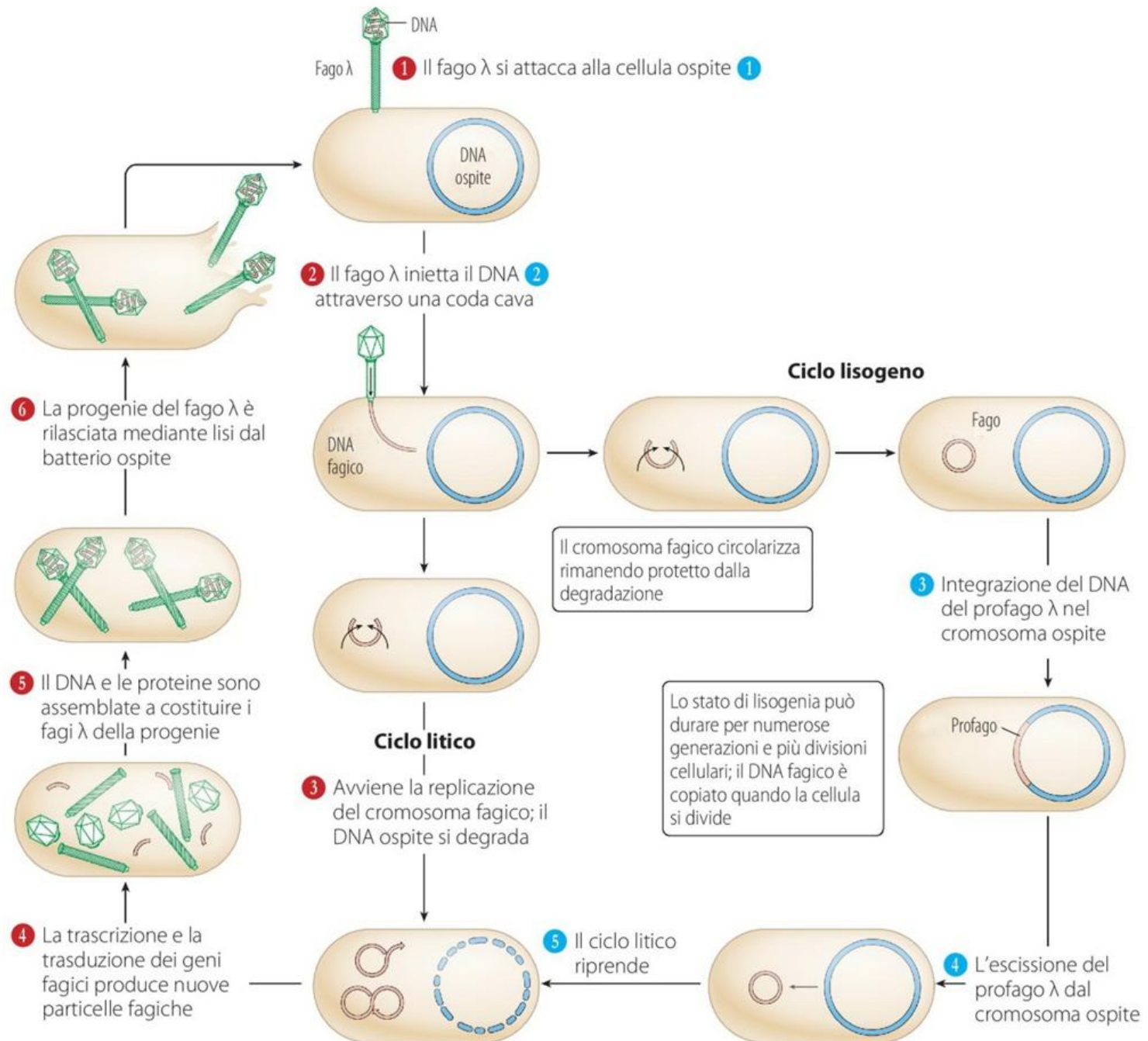
Fago T4



Fago λ

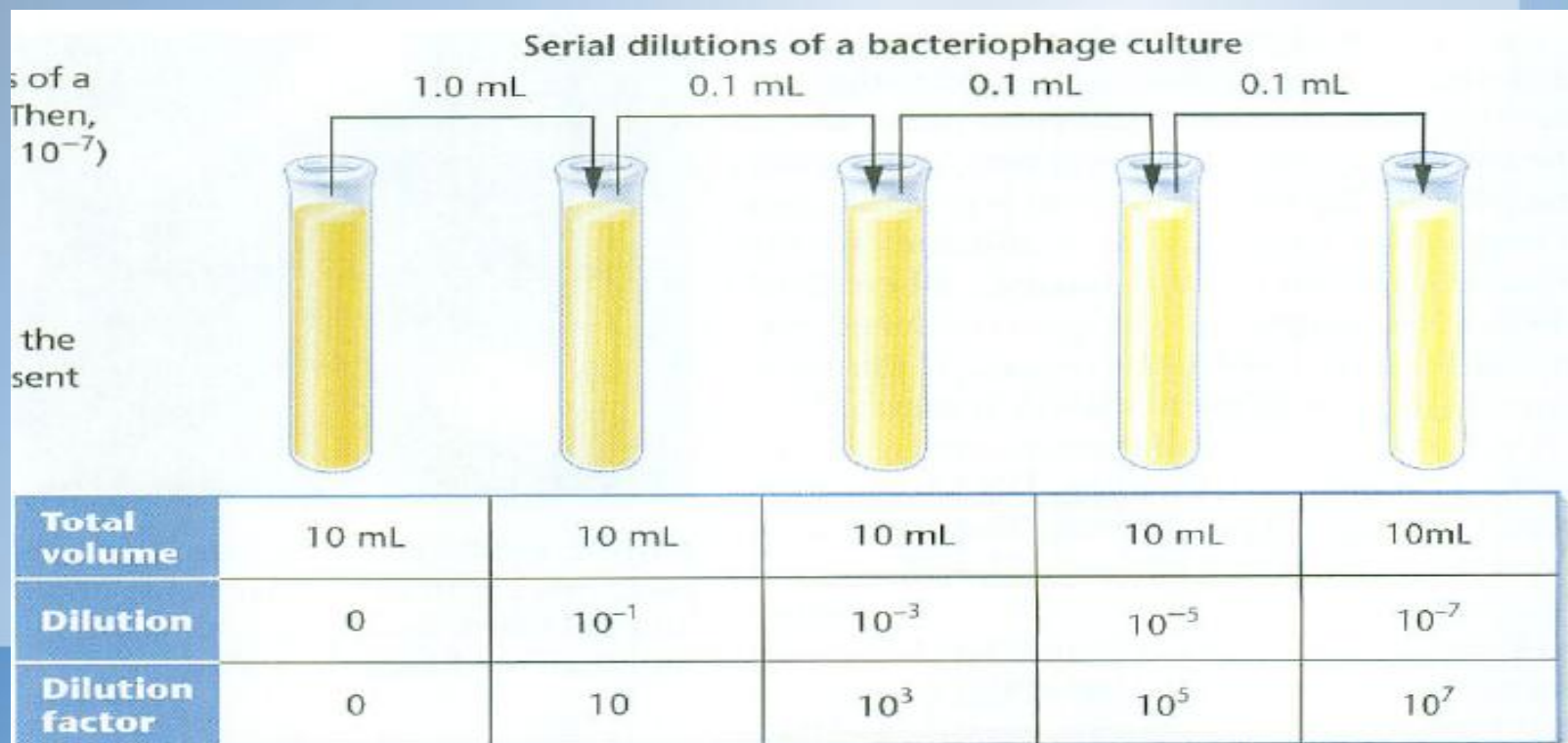


Ciclo litico ← **Infezione** → **Ciclo lisogeno**



- The number of phages produced following the infection of bacteria can be determined by the **plaque assay**. This technique entails performing serial dilutions of virally infected bacteria, which are then poured onto agar plates.

- By counting the number of plaques (areas clear of bacteria) on the plates, the number of phages in the original culture can be determined.



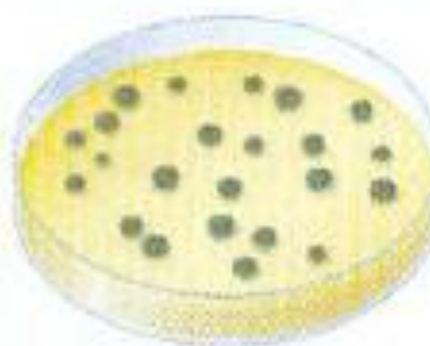
0.1 mL

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10^{-3} dilution
All bacteria lysed
(plaques fused)



10^{-5} dilution
23 plaques



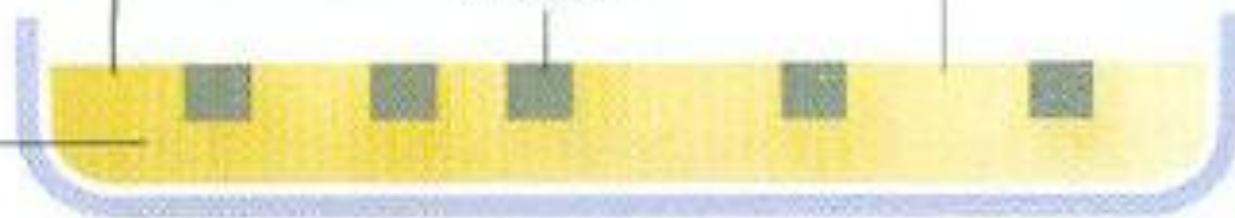
10^{-7} dilution
Lawn of bacteria
(no plaques)

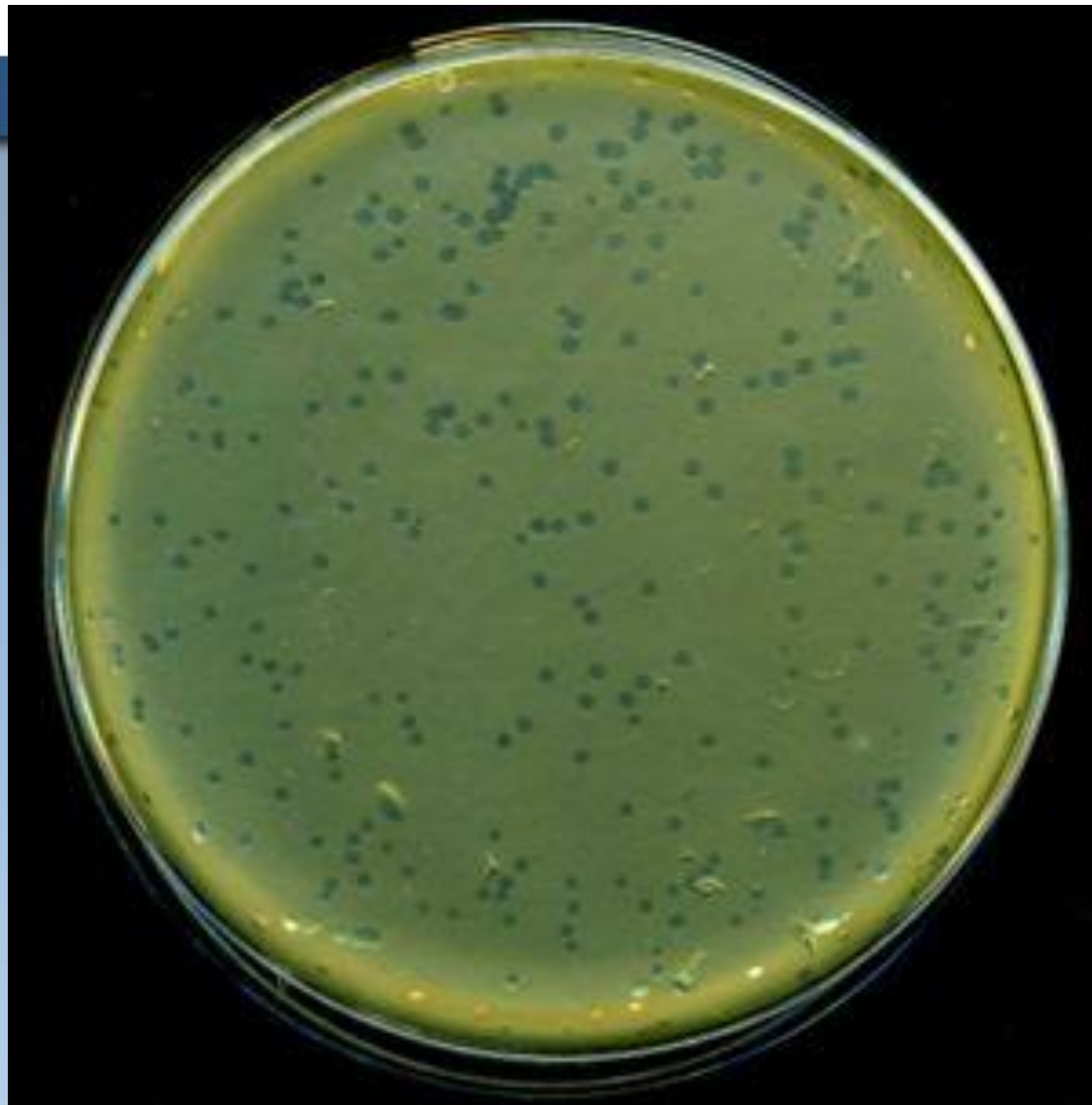
Layer of nutrient agar
plus bacteria

Uninfected
bacterial growth

Plaque

Base of
agar

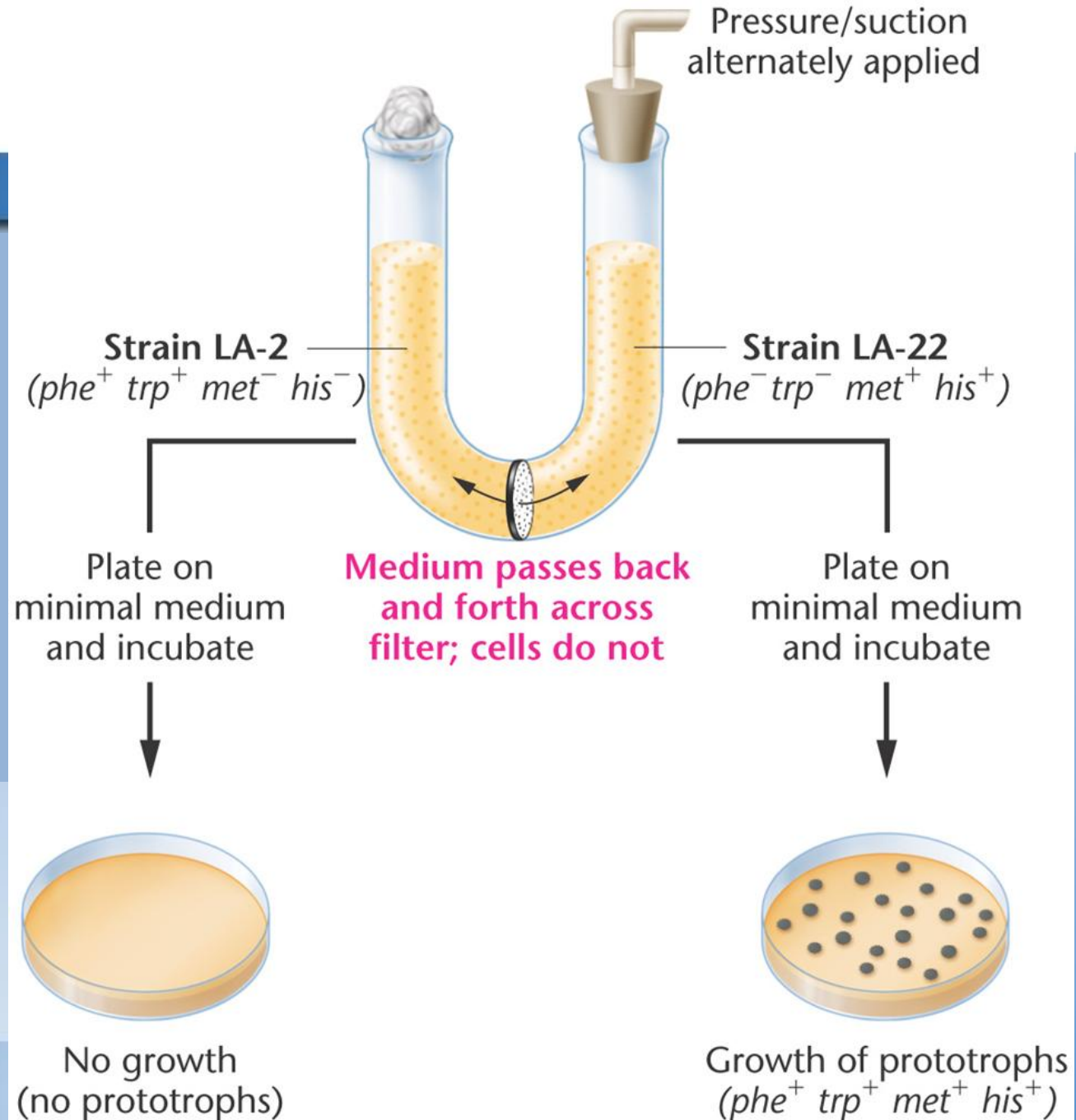




Transduction Is Virus-Mediated Bacterial DNA Transfer

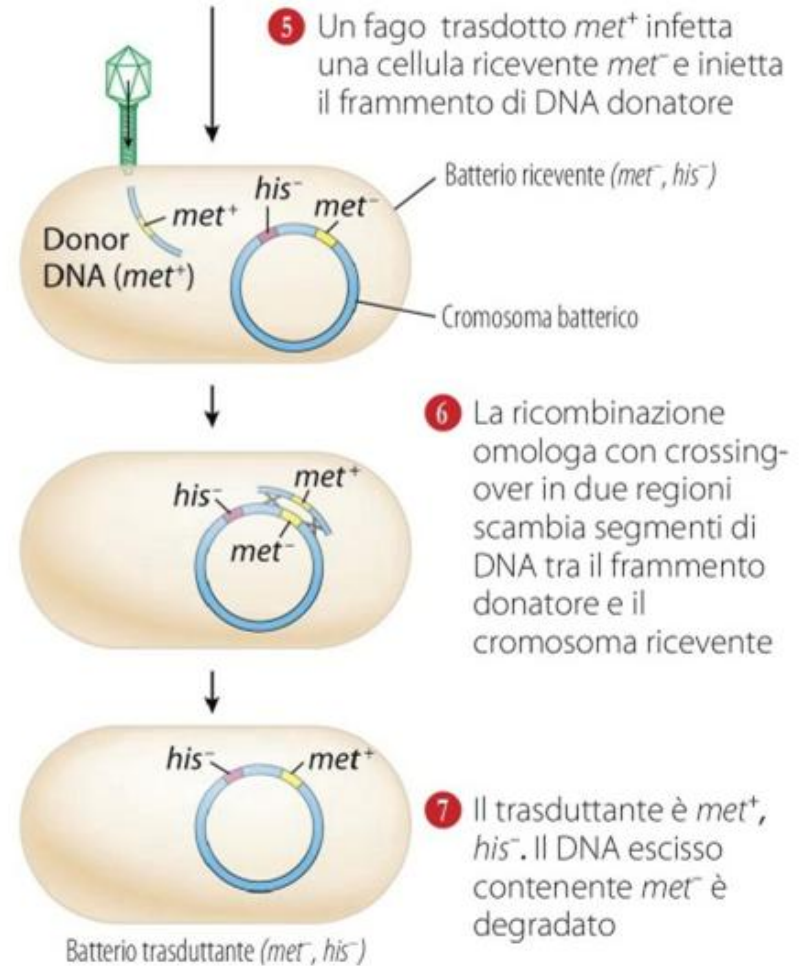
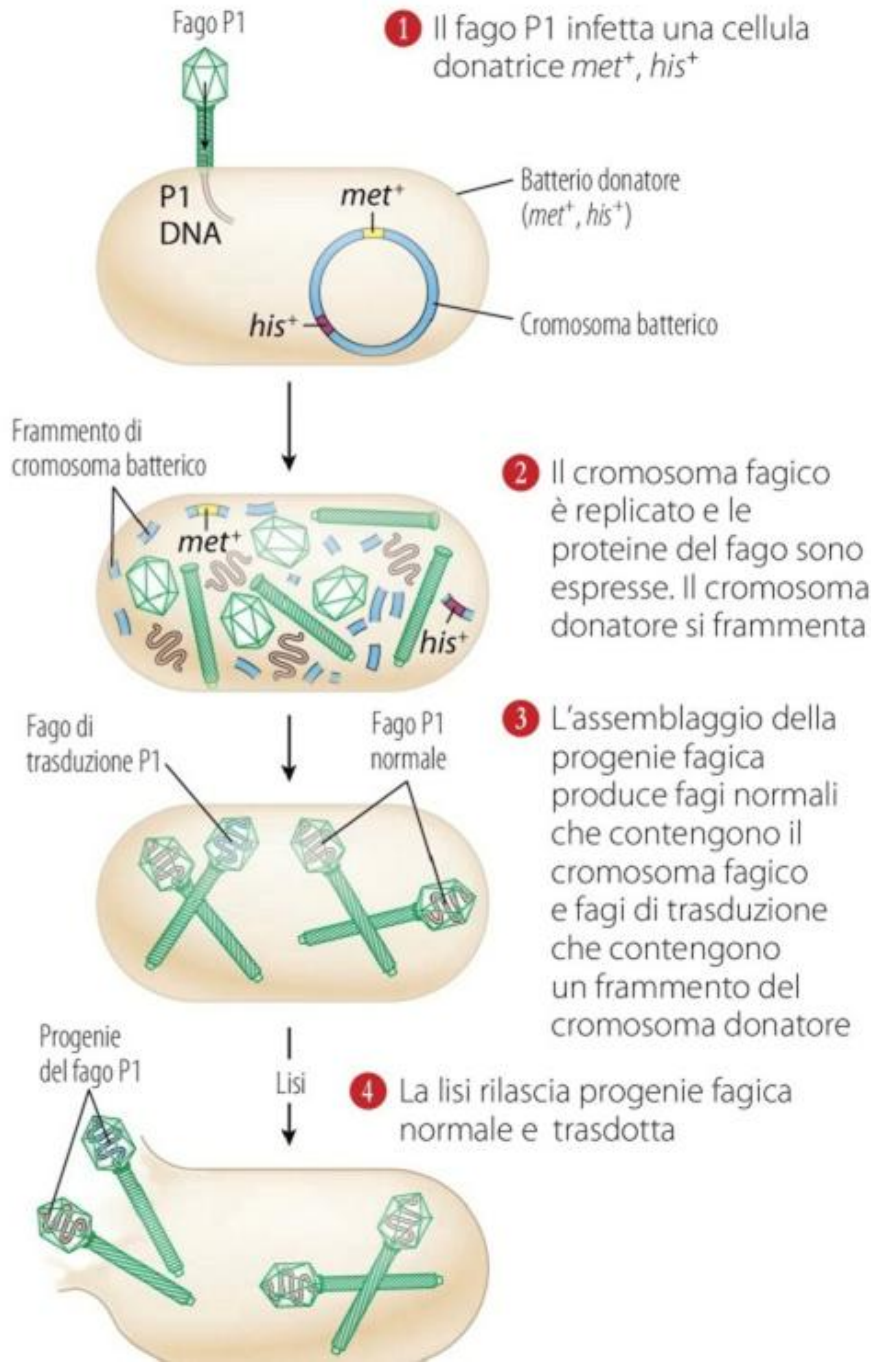
- Bacteriophages, which can themselves undergo genetic recombination, can be involved in a mode of bacterial genetic recombination called **transduction**.

- The Lederberg-Zinder experiment led to the discovery of phage transduction in bacteria .



- In **generalized transduction**, bacterial DNA instead of phage DNA is packaged in a phage particle and is transferred to a recipient host. In **specialized transduction**, a small piece of bacterial DNA is packaged along with the phage DNA.

Trasduzione generalizzata



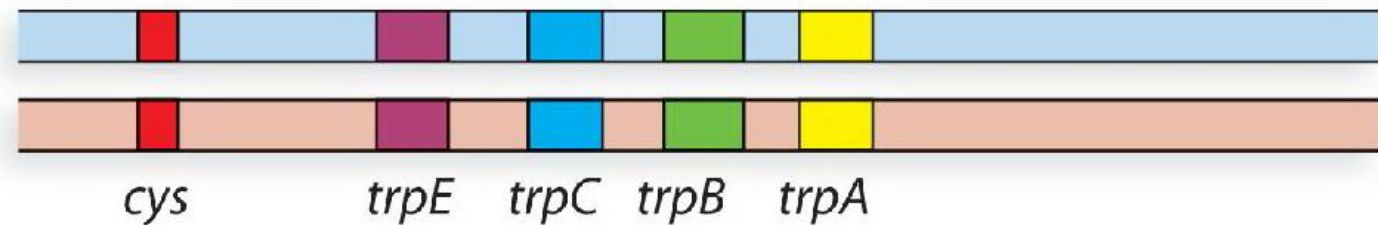
- Generalized transduction results in transfer of a large number of bacterial genes, whereas specialized transduction results in transfer of only a few bacterial genes.

Like transformation, generalized transduction can be used in linkage and chromosomal mapping (cotrasduzione).

(a) Frequenze di co-trasduzione

Genotipo del donatore	Genotipo del ricevente	Marcatore selezionato	Marcatore non selezionato	Percentuale di co-trasduzione del marcatore non selezionato con cys^+
$cys^+ trpE^+$	$cys^- trpE^-$	cys^+	$trpE^+$	63
$cys^+ trpC^+$	$cys^- trpC^-$	cys^+	$trpC^+$	53
$cys^+ trpB^+$	$cys^- trpB^-$	cys^+	$trpB^+$	47
$cys^+ trpA^+$	$cys^- trpA^-$	cys^+	$trpA^+$	46

(b) Mappa dell'operone *trp*



(a) La frequenza di co-trasduzione del gene cys^+ con ciascuno dei geni dell'operone *trp* è determinata in esperimenti separati con marcatore selezionato e non selezionato. **(b)** Mappa dell'operone *trp* proposta da Yanofsky.