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1. SCIENTISTS AND STAINS

SCIENTIST

LOUIS PASTEUR

- Pasteur institute of Paris named after him
- Gave the process of pasteurization of milk
- Gave information about Liquid Media
- Father of Microbiology, nowadays called the Father of Modern Microbiology
- Gave the fermentation principle
- Autoclave
- Theory of abiogenesis - disapproved by him
- Approved Germ Cell Theory
- Discovered vaccines
 - Cholera vaccine
 - Anthrax vaccine
 - Rabies vaccine

MNEMONIC

Louis Pasteur
Father
Car Vaccines

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ROBERT KOCH

- Koch's postulates
- Koch's bacillus (Mycobacterium tuberculosis) → Called the Father of Bacteriology
- Discovered the cholera-causing organism
- Solid culture media
- Use of aniline dyes for staining
- Hanging drop motility



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KOCH POSTULATES (4+1)

- Constant association of causative organisms with diseases
- Isolation in culture media possible
- Culture growth inoculated in animals should produce the same lesion
- Re isolation from the experimental animals is possible
- When an antigen enters the human body, body should produce antibodies in blood or serum

KOCH'S POSTULATES- EXCEPTIONS

- Bacteria that do not follow the postulates (Mnemonic: L P G)
 - Mycobacterium leprae
→ Cannot be grown in culture media, can only be grown in an animal
 - Treponema pallidum: causing Syphilis
 - Gonococci: Causing Sexually Transmitted Diseases

PAUL EHRLICH



- Discovered **Ehrlichia bacteria**
- Father of **chemotherapy**
- **Toxin-antitoxin** standardization (Nobel **Prize**)
- The acid-fast stain was identified by Paul Ehrlich and later modified by Ziehl and Neelsen
(Mnemonic: PAUL EHRLICH)

JOSEPH LISTER



- Father of **antiseptic** surgery, The first chemical he used for antiseptic purposes was **carbolic acid**
(Mnemonic: JOSEPH LISTER)

ANTON VON LEEUWENHOEK



- Father of **light microscopy** as he developed the light microscope (simple microscope)
- Simple microscope → **unioocular microscope**
 - 1st organism seen by him under microscope- named **animalcules**

JANSSEN DUO (Zacharias and Hans Janssen)

- Given credit for developing the compound microscope, used today

ERNST RUSKA



- Father of **electron microscope**

EDWARD JENNER



- First vaccine- **Smallpox**
 - Prepared from cowpox
 - Smallpox eradicated in 1980

KARRY B MULLIS



- PCR- Polymerase Chain Reaction

SANGER

- Gold standard PCR used nowadays

HC GRAM

- Gram staining



KLEINBERGER

- L forms
 - Cell wall deficient forms

ALEXANDER FLEMING



- Penicillin

BARBARA Mc CLINTOCK

- **Transposons** (Jumping genes)



NOBEL PRIZES

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**MICHAEL
HOUGHTON**



**EMMANUELLE
CHARPENTIER**



HARVEY J. ALTER



JENNIFER A .DOUDNA



CHARLES M. RICE



- CRISPR Cas9- Genetic Editing
 - Gave the mechanism of **CRISPR Cas9**

- Gave the details of Hepatitis C virus → mechanism of what all this virus can do in the body

STAINS

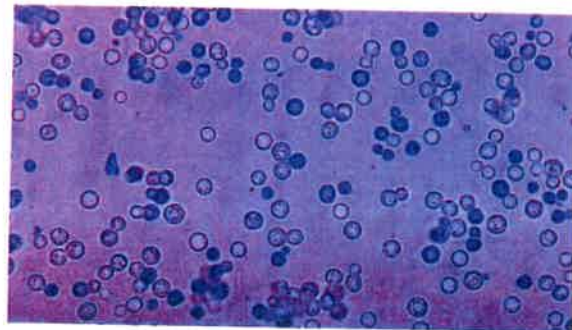
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- Fixation
 - Heat fixation: passing the slide over a flame to fix the specimen
 - Chemical fixation
 - Methanol used

STAINING

SIMPLE STAINS

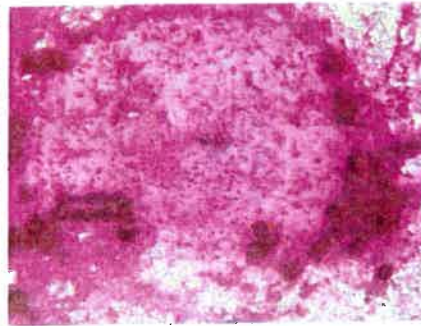
- Methylene blue → gives **blue** color



NEGATIVE STAINS

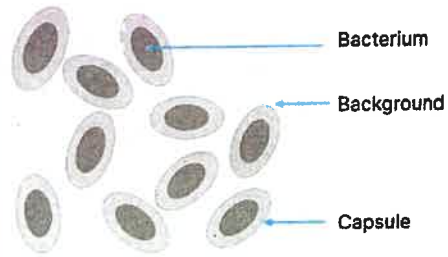
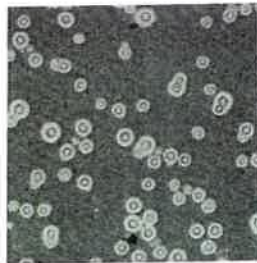


- Basic fuchsin → red color



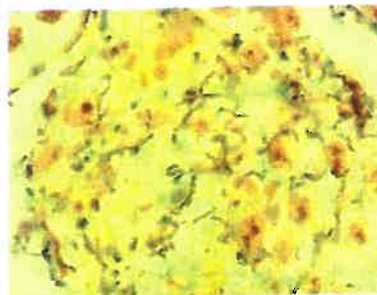
Negative stain

- India ink
- Nigrosine
- In negative stain
 - Background- stained
 - Capsule- unstained
 - Used to detect the fungus *Cryptococcus neoformans*



IMPREGNATION STAIN

- Silver stains
- Deposit stain on the surface of the object to make it look thicker
- Silver stains used in case of thin structure
 - Flagella
 - Spirochetes (causes Syphilis- Genital ulcers)



Spirochetes in silver stain

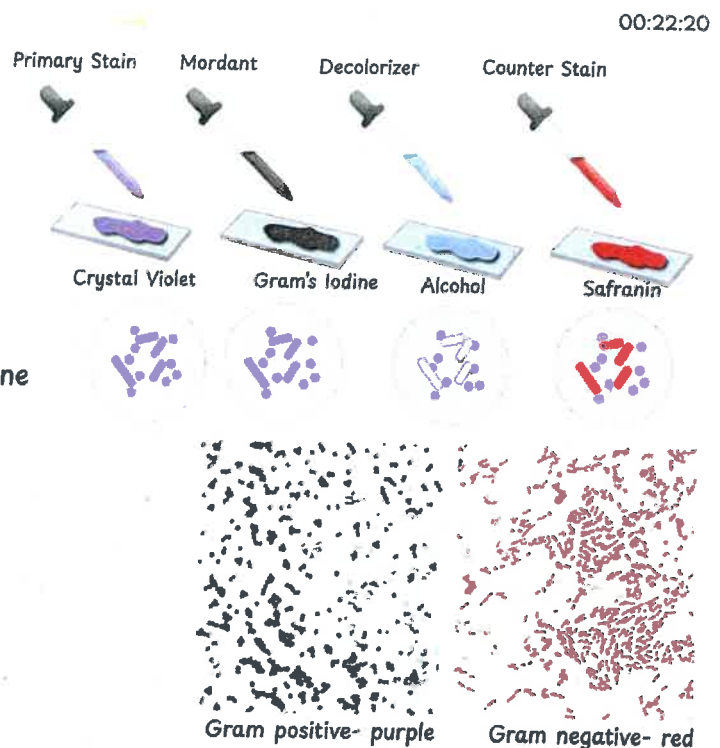
- Silver stains
 - Fontana stain for fluid specimen
 - Levaditi's stain for tissue specimen
- Warthin-Starry silver stain- stains black → used for bacterium *H.pylori*

DIFFERENTIAL STAINS

- Gram stain
 - To differentiate between Gram-positive and Gram-negative organism
- Acid fast stain
 - To differentiate whether organism is acid fast or not
- Albert stain

GRAM STAIN

- 1st stain- **Crystal violet** → primary stain
 - Timing- 1 minute
 - Gram positive organism- purple
 - Gram negative- purple
- Mordant added -fixer → **iodine**
 - Timing- 1 minute
 - Gram positive organism- purple
 - Gram negative organism- purple
- Decolorization- decolorizer added → alcohol/ acetone
 - Timing- few seconds
 - Gram positive- purple
 - Gram negative- colorless
 - Most **crucial step**
- Secondary stain added- Safranin red
 - Timing- 1 minute
 - Gram positive organism- purple
 - Gram negative organism- reddish pinkish
- Final result as shown
- Poorly Gram staining organism: cannot be grouped under any category
 - Mycoplasma (smallest bacteria) → very small so does not take the color
 - Rickettsia } Small and intracellular
 - Chlamydia }
 - Spirochetes → thin and slender so does not take the color

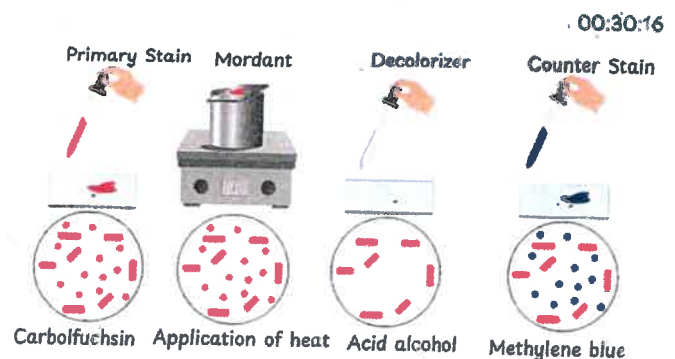
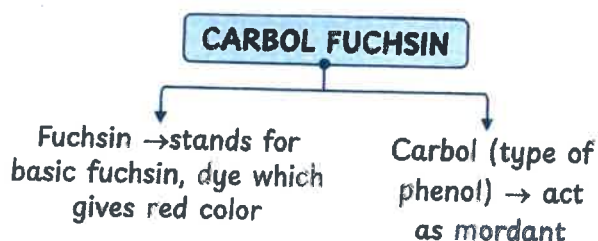


PRINCIPLE OF GRAM STAINING

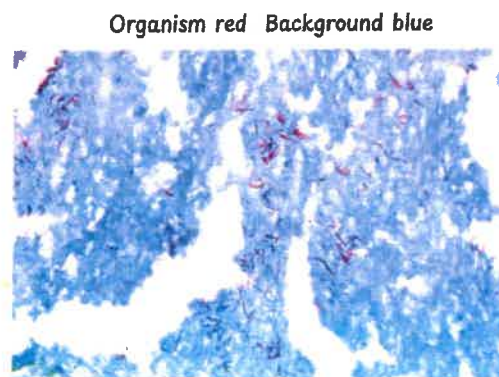
- Gram positive cell wall has more **peptidoglycan** and hence retains primary dye longer
- On adding decolorizer Gram negative becomes colorless as Gram negative cell wall has more **lipopolysaccharide** (lipid content) making it permeable to secondary dye → alcohol solubilizes lipid

ZIEHL NEELSEN STAIN (ACID FAST STAIN)

- 1st stain- **Carbolfuchsin**



- To make sure Carbol fuchsin goes inside the bacterial wall → intermittent heating done
- Adding Carbol fuchsin + intermittent heating done for 5 minutes → imparts red color to organism
- Decolorization → mixture of acid -alcohol used → sulphuric acid
- Secondary stain- **Methylene blue**
- It is called an acid fast stain as → most commonly ZN staining in our country done for Tuberculosis and TB is acid fast
- Acid fast means that even when sulphuric acid is added TB not going to leave its color, meaning it is acid-resistant
- Purpose of heating
 - TB has lipids- **Mycolic acid** → like a barrier, it does not let any color go inside
 - for carbolic acid to enter inside → heating required
- Sulphuric acid percentages for different organisms to be acid fast



Z-N STAINING

Mycobacterium tuberculosis	20-25% H ₂ SO ₄
Mycobacterium lepra, coccidian parasite	5% H ₂ SO ₄
Nocardia, Legionella	1% H ₂ SO ₄
Spores, head of sperm	0.25-0.5% H ₂ SO ₄

Important Information

- Fite Faracco Stain (in dermatology)- 5% H₂SO₄

ACID FAST ORGANISMS

- Mycobacteria
 - TB
 - M. leprae
 - Atypical Mycobacteria
 - TB Vs Mycobacteria
 - TB is acid (20% sulphuric acid) and alcohol fast (95% alcohol)
 - Atypical mycobacteria is only acid fast
- Nocardia
- Legionella micdadei
- Isospora
- Cyclospora
- Cryptosporidium
- Sperm heads
- Spores
- Hooklets of hydatid cyst
- Taenia saginata eggs

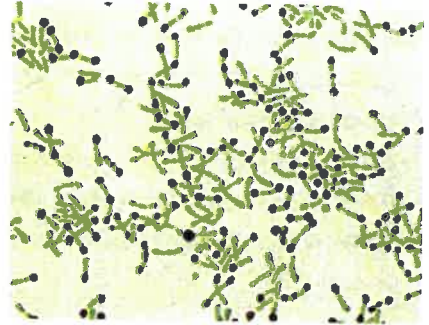
} Coccidian parasites

ZIEHL NEELSEN STAIN MODIFICATION

- Modification
 - **Kinyoun stain** also known as cold ZN stain/ Gabbet's stain
 - No heating done
 - Concentration of phenol is increased- acts as mordant
 - Total 3 steps- add Carbol fuchsin → acid alcohol decolorizer → add methylene blue
 - Used for detecting **Coccidian parasites**

ALBERT STAIN

- Specific to **Corynebacterium diphtheriae** → volutin granules
 - Two granules present at the poles known as the Volutin granules
- Albert solution 1- Toluidine Blue, Malachite Green, Glacial Acetic acid
- Albert solution 2- Iodine
- Due to malachite green - color of *Corynebacterium diphtheria* is green
- Due to Toluidine Blue - purple color of volutin granules
- Toluidine blue- metachromatic stain
- Sequence of Albert staining
 - Toluidine blue → iodine → Malachite green



STAINS FOR VOLUTIN GRANULES

- Ponder's stain
- Loeffler's methylene blue- best for volutin granules
- Albert stain
- Neisser stain

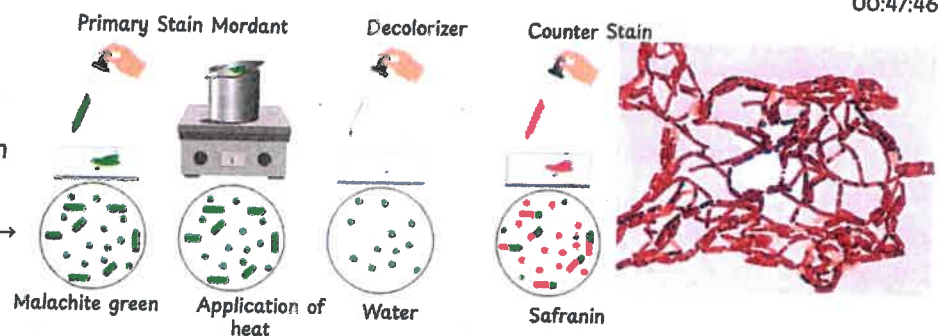
FLAGELLA STAINS

- **Leifson and Ryu stain**
 - Dye- Basic Fuchsin for flagella → red
 - Mordant - **Tannic acid**
 - Dye- Methylene Blue for cell → Blue

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SPORE STAINS

- Spore- dormant stage of bacteria but still capable of causing infection
- Stained by Schaeffer and Fulton stain / Modified Ashby stain
- 1st stain- **Malachite green** stain → gives green color
- 2nd stain- **Safranin red**
- Organism- red color
- Spore - green color



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MCQ's



Q. In Gram-stain the mordant is?

- a. Tannic acid
- b. Loeffler's mordant
- c. Lugol's iodine
- d. Bovine's fixative

Ans. (c)

Q. After the primary stain and mordant has been added but before the decolorizing agent has been used, gram-positive organisms are stained....., and gram-negative organisms are stained.....

- a. Purple, Purple
- b. Purple, colorless
- c. Purple, pink
- d. Pink, pink

Ans. (a)

Q. Metachromatic granules stained by all except?

- a. Albert stain
- b. Neisser
- c. Ponder
- d. Kingoun

Ans. (d)

Q. Silver Impregnation method of staining is used to demonstrate?

- a. Mycobacteria
- b. Spirochaetes
- c. Both of the above
- d. None of the above

Ans. (b)

Q. Which of the following is acid-fast with 20% H₂SO₄ ?

- a. M. avium
- b. M. Leprae
- c. Actinomyces
- d. Nocardia

Ans. (a)

Q. In the ZN staining procedure, the secondary stain is?

- a. Crystal violet
- b. Safranin
- c. Methylene blue
- d. Alcohol

Ans. (c)

Q. Correct order of gram staining?

- a. Carbol fuchsin- Iodine- Acetone- Methyl violet
- b. Crystal violet- Iodine- Acetone- Safranin
- c. Methyl violet- Acetone- Iodine- Safranin
- d. Crystal violet- Carbol fuchsin- Acetone- Iodine

Ans. (b)

2. MICROSCOPES

FEATURES OF MICROSCOPES

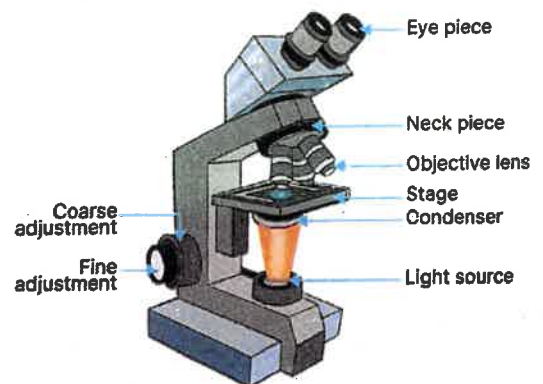
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- Magnification
 - Lens
- Resolution: Ability to differentiate two points as separate
 - Eye: 0.2mm
 - Light Microscope: 0.2 microns
 - Electron Microscope: 0.2-0.5 nm
 - Viruses only seen under electron microscope
- Contrast
 - Dyes

LIGHT MICROSCOPE

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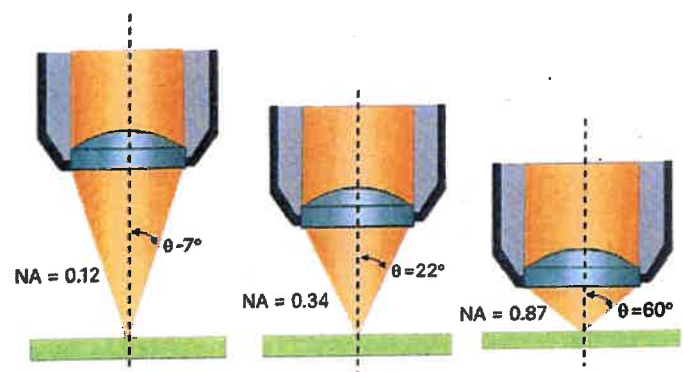
- Source of light: **transmitted** light
- Slides: kept on the stage
- Condenser
 - Location- below the stage
 - Condenses the light onto the slide
 - **Diaphragm** is present inside the condenser to adjust the amount of light entering
- Two lenses
 - Objective lens- near slide/ object
 - Eyepiece- near eye
- Lens revolve around the neck piece
- Two knobs
 - Big knob- **Coarse** adjustment
 - Small knob- **Fine** adjustment



NUMERICAL APERTURE

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- When light is passing through, an angle between the lens and light created → angle divided in half → **half the angle** known as θ → as the magnification of lens ↑ → the value of θ also ↑
- Numerical aperture (NA) = $n (\sin \theta)$ where n = refractive index, θ = half the angle
- Lens magnification ↑ → value of θ ↑ → numerical aperture ↑
- As the lens size/ magnification ↑ → numerical aperture ↑



MAGNIFICATION OF LENS

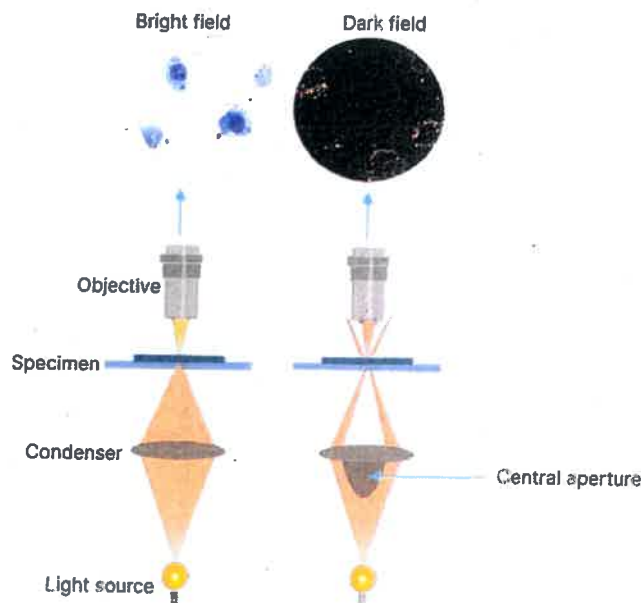
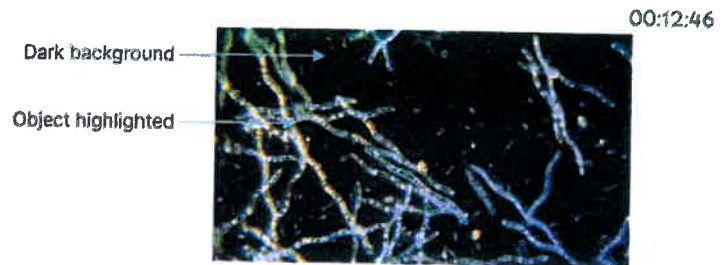
- Eyepiece lens
 - Only one lens and there is no variation, magnification is always 10X
- Objective lens
 - Scanner: 4X
 - Low power: 10X
 - High power: 40X
 - Oil immersion: 100X
- Total magnification = objective \times eyepiece

OBJECTIVE LENS	MAGNIFICATION	EYEPIECE	TOTAL MAGNIFICATION
SCANNER	4X	10X	40X
LOW POWER	10X	10X	100X
HIGH POWER	40X	10X	400X
OIL IMMERSION	100X	10X	1000X

- Maximum magnification of light microscope = 1000X
- Maximum magnification of objective lens = 100X

DARK FIELD MICROSCOPE

- Reflected light which illuminates the object
- Used for thin structures
 - Flagella \rightarrow motility
 - Spirochetes- spiral structures



BRIGHT FIELD (LIGHT MICROSCOPE)

- Light source → light goes via condenser → to stage where slide is present → light to lens system → to objective lens
- Light hits the specimen → light travels via objective and eyepiece lens system → resulting in a bright image
- **Bacterial motility** can be observed

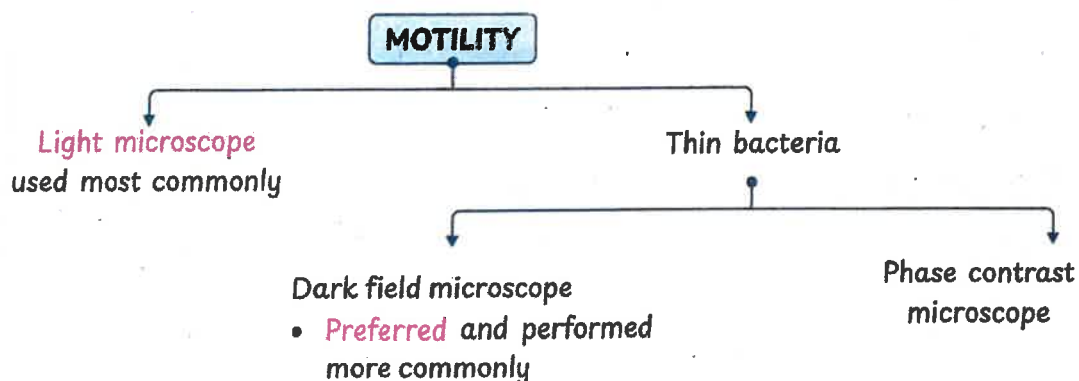
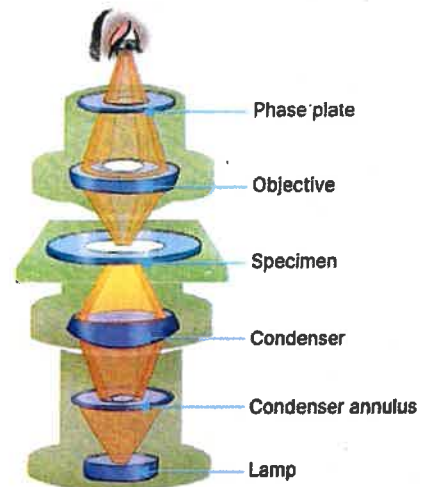
DARK FIELD

- Light source → light goes via condenser → to stage where slide is present → light to lens system → to objective lens
- A stop (central aperture) in the condenser blocks direct light from passing through the center
- This creates a hollow cone of light, which results in a dark background
- Used to visualize the motility of thin bacteria such as spirochetes

PHASE CONTRAST MICROSCOPE

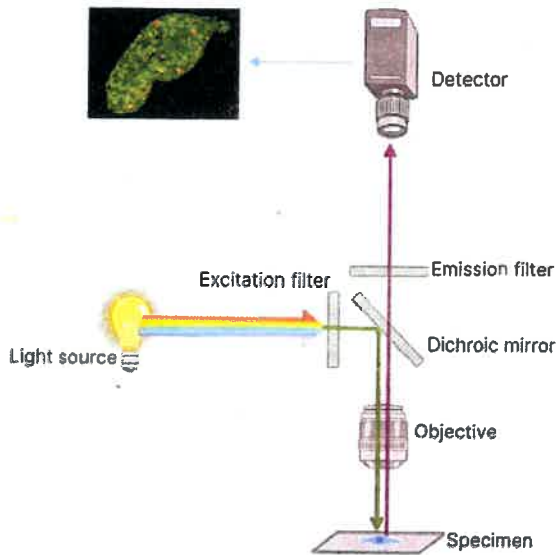
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- Similar to light microscope except for the following
 - **Annular diaphragm** (annular ring) in front of condenser
 - **Annular phase plate**
- Purpose of having different phases is → done when dealing with different refractive indices
- when light switched on → initially all the light waves are in the same phase → as it hits the specimen, having different refractive indices → considerable phase shift in light → light passes through the phase plate → intensity changed → shows different intensities of light
- Phase shift in light happens as specimen has different structures having different refractive indices
- Uses of phase contrast microscope
 - To see **live organisms** (unstained specimen) → as there is no need to add any dye to create contrast, contrast has already been created by the change in the phase of the light
 - To visualize the **internal structure** of the cell



FLUORESCENCE MICROSCOPE

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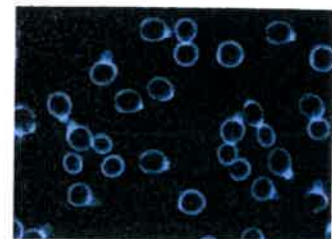
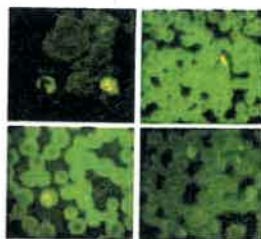
- Light used- **mercury lamp** → create **ultraviolet light** (not in visible range)
- Ultraviolet light passes through → excitation filter
- To decide which excitation filter to use → depends on the kind of dye used in specimen
- Dye → **Fluorophores** added to the specimen
- From excitation filter light strikes onto the **dichroic mirror** → light reflected towards the sample → dye in the sample changes the wavelength of light from shorter to a longer wavelength → longer wavelength of light emitted from the specimen passes through the emission filter → fluorescent picture seen
- **Principle**- shorter wavelength converted to longer wavelength of light

DYES/ FLUOROPHORES

- Mycobacterium tuberculosis- **Auramine, Rhodamine**
 - Binds to mycolic acid of TB
- Malaria- Acridine orange
 - Binds to DNA of malaria
- Fungus- Calcofluor white
 - Binds to chitin of fungus present in outer part of the fungus

Important Information

- Rhodamine is a stain for copper



MTB

- Rod shaped TB organisms seen
- Auramine rhodamine staining
- Ring forms of malaria
- schizont of malaria
- banana shaped gametocytes
- Acridine orange dye used
- Fluorescent dye for flow cytometry - FITC: Fluoro Iso Thio Cyanate

- Calcofluor white used
- Budding seen