# intracellular S. aureus: what does it mean?

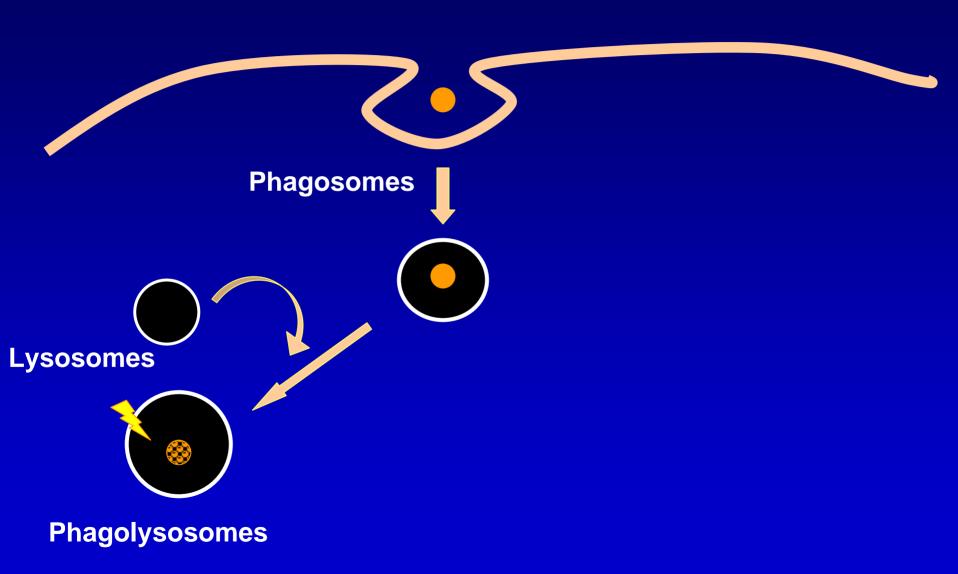
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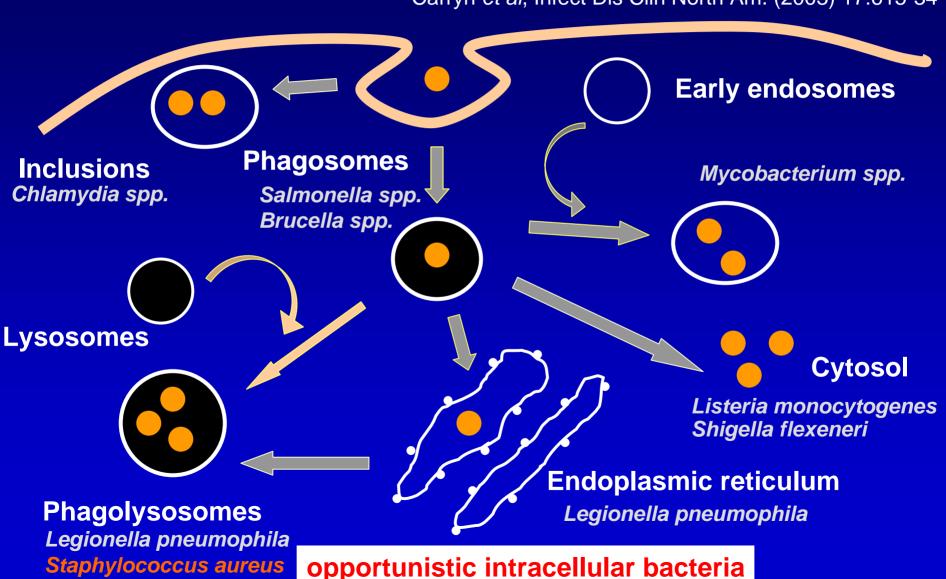


## Intracellular killing of bacteria by host cell defense mechanisms



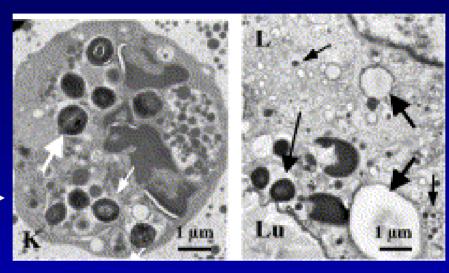
### Some bacteria can escape host cell defense mechanisms

Carryn et al, Infect Dis Clin North Am. (2003) 17:615-34

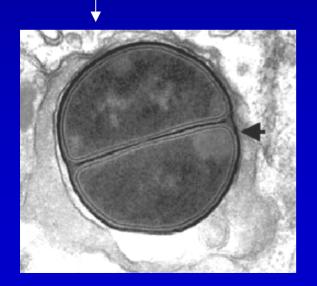


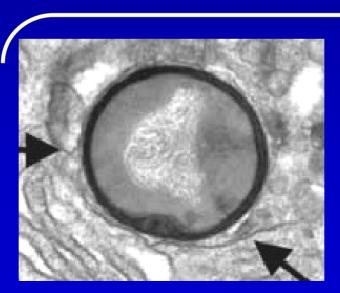
### Evidence for intracellular *S. aureus* in vitro and in vivo – model of mastitis

phagocytic cells PMN, macrophages



non phagocytic cells





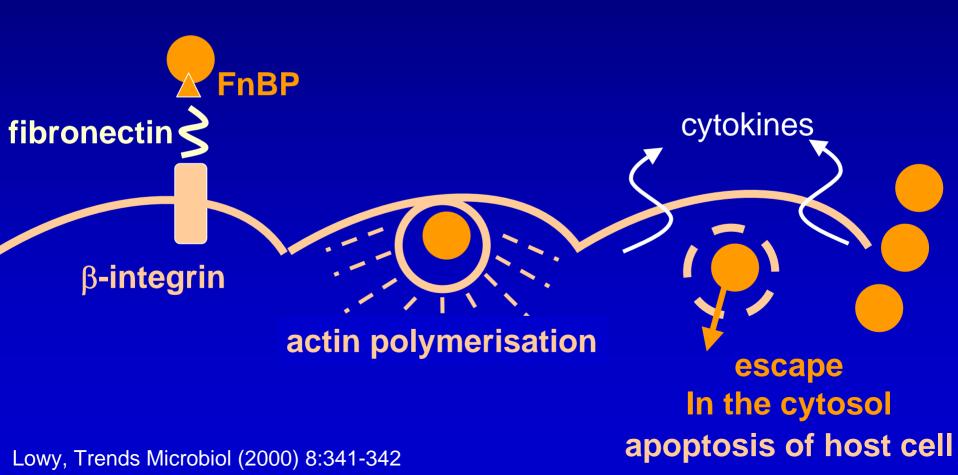


### Intracellular cycle of S. aureus

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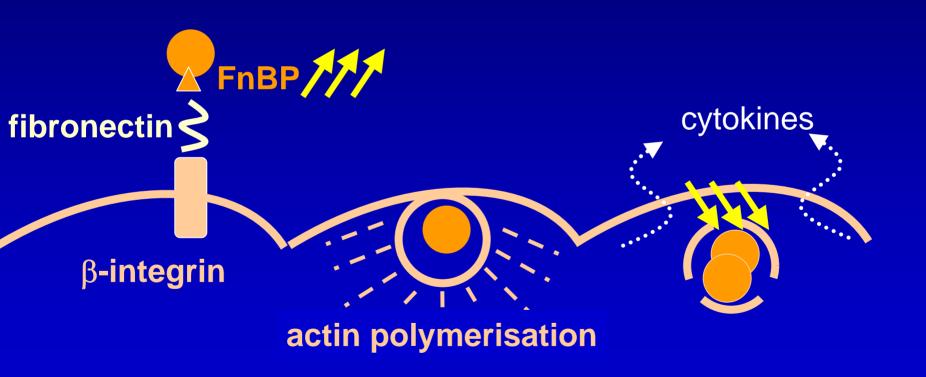


#### Intracellular survival of S. aureus

adhesion

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### In vivo implication remains however a matter of debate

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### S. aureus can survive and multiply in phagocytes and several other cell types

Infect Immun. 2001 May;69(5):2872-7.

Staphylococcus aureus fibronectin binding proteins are essential for internalization by osteoblasts but do not account for differences in intracellular levels of bacteria.

Ahmed S, Meghji S, Williams RJ, Henderson B, Brock JH, Nair SP.

Cellular Microbiology Research Group, Eastman Dental Institute, University College London, United Kingdom.

Br J Dermatol. 2002 Jun; 146(6):943-51.

Invasion of human keratinocytes by Staphylococcus aureus and intracellular bacterial persistence represent haemolysin-independent virulence mechanisms that are followed by features of necrotic and apoptotic keratinocyte cell death.

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Department of Dermatology and Allergy Biederstein, Technical University Munich, Biedersteiner Str. 29, D-80802 Munich, Germany. m.mempel@lrz.tum.de

Infect Immun. 1987 Sep;55(9):2155-63.

Ingestion of Staphylococcus aureus by bovine endothelial cells results in time- and inoculum-dependent damage to endothelial cell monolayers.

Vann JM, Proctor RA.

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Staphylococcus aureus invasion of bovine mammary epithelial cells.

Almeida RA, Matthews KR, Cifrian E, Guidry AJ, Oliver SP.

Department of Animal Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville 37901-1071, USA.

### But is this associated with pathology?

J Bone Joint Surg Br. 2003 Aug;85(6):918-21.

Intracellular Staphylococcus aureus. A mechanism for the indolence of osteomyelitis.



Ellington JK, Harris M, Webb L, Smith B, Smith T, Tan K, Hudson M.

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Intracellular persistence of Staphylococcus aureus small-colony variants within keratinocytes: a cause for antibiotic treatment failure in a patient with darier's disease.



von Eiff C, Becker K, Metze D, Lubritz G, Hockmann J, Schwarz T, Peters G.

Institu Infect Immun. 1986 Dec; 54(3):833-6.

Germ Phagocytosis of Staphylococcus aureus by cultured bovine aortic endothelial model for postadherence events in endovascular infections.



FEMS Microbiol Lett. 2000 Dec 1;193(1):57-62.



Demonstration of intracellular Staphylococcus aureus in bovine mastitis alveolar cells and macrophages isolated from naturally infected cow milk.

Hebert A, Sayasith K, Senechal S, Dubreuil P, Lagace J.

Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Montreal, Centre-Ville, Montreal, Que., Canada.

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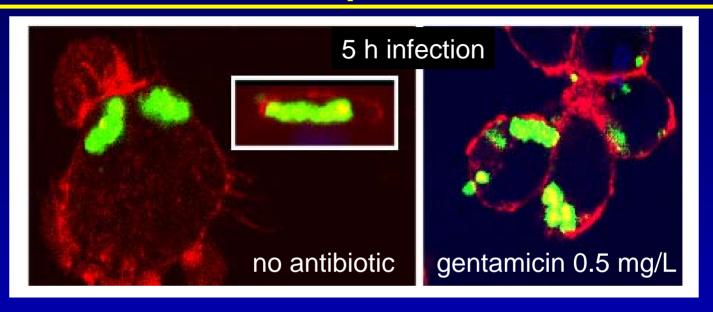
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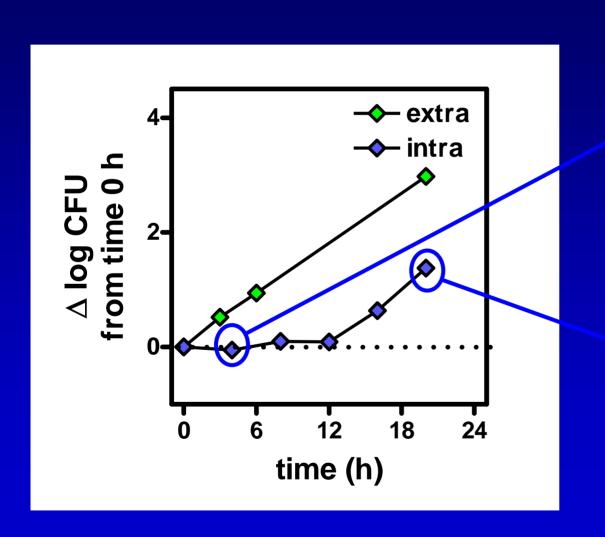
Useful to study to understand pathogenesis and explore therapeutic options

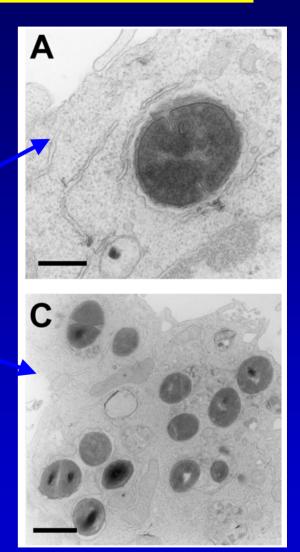
### Setting up a model of intracellular infection over a 24 h period of time



- infection of macrophages (with opsonized bacteria)
  - Mouse (J774; 5 bact/cell)
  - Human (THP-1; 4 bact/cell)
- washing with GEN 50 μg/ml to eliminate extracellular bacteria
- incubation for up to 24 h with
  - GEN 0.5 µg/ml (MIC)
  - antibiotic under study

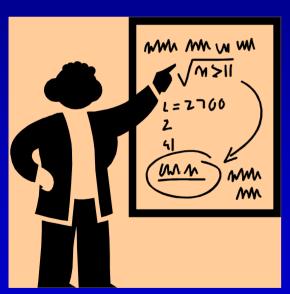
### Description of the model: how does *S. aureus* grow intracellularly?





### intracellular vs extracellular activity of antibiotics: is it easily predictible?





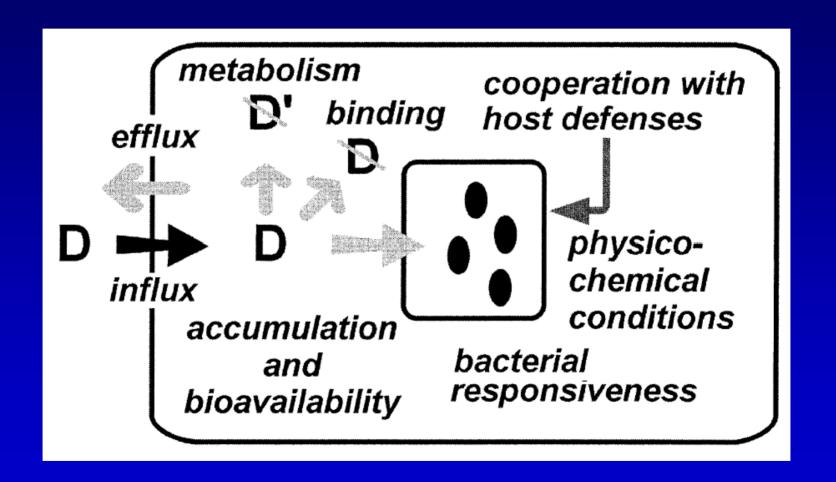
Intracellular activity

MIC. X accumulation

or very complicated a

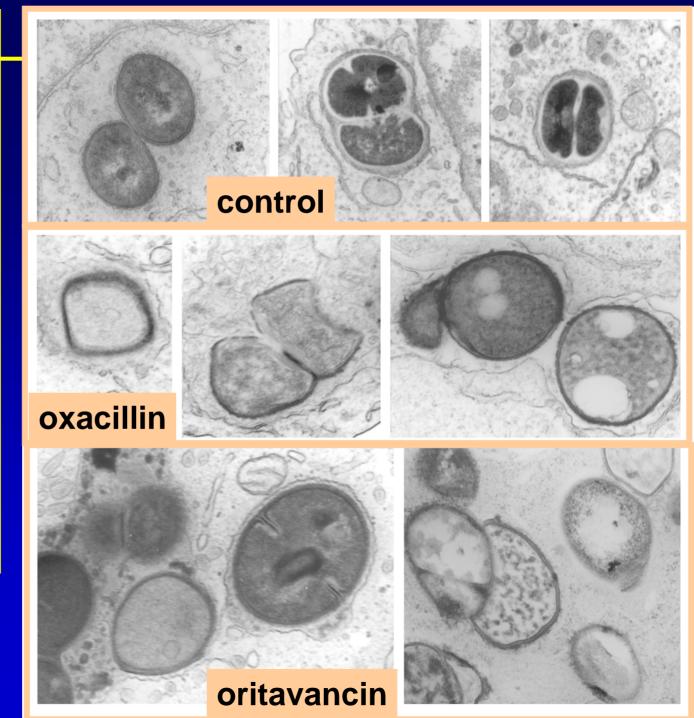


### intracellular vs extracellular activity of antibiotics: PK – PD in action

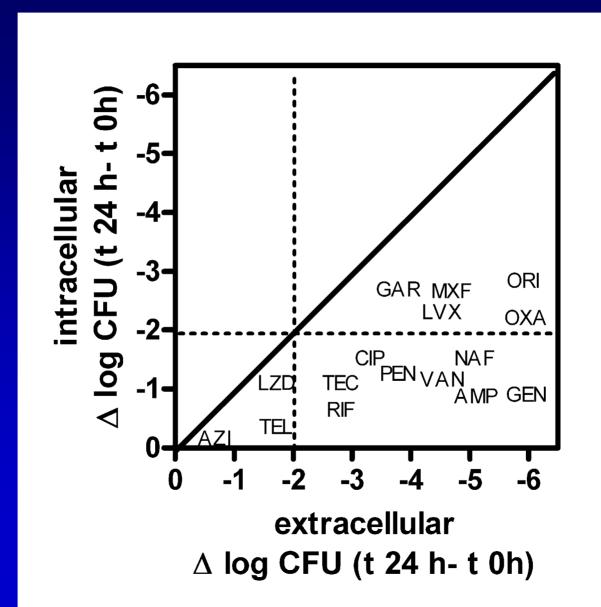


Intracellular killing is visible for antibiotics working on cell wall





### Smart choice of antibiotics based on balanced extra- / intra- activity



## Intracellular activity: possible reasons for loss of activity



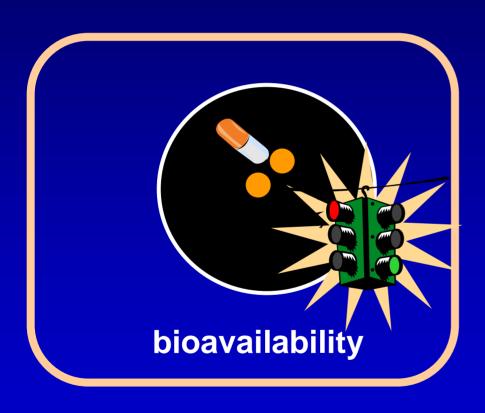
AB	Cc/Ce	Max. activity
ОХА	< 4	-1.6
GEN	4	-2.5
MXF	8	-2.8
AZM	38	-0.2
ORI	148	-3.2

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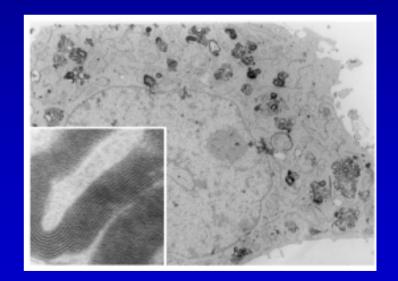


AB	MIC	
	pH 7.4	pH 5.4
AZM	0.5	512
GEN	0.5	16
MXF	0.06	0.25
ORI	0.25	0.25
ОХА	0.125	0.06

### Intracellular activity: possible reasons for loss of activity



macrophages exposed to oritavancin



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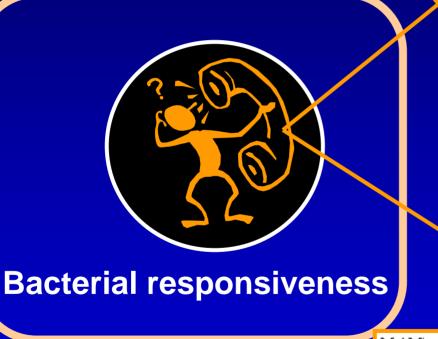


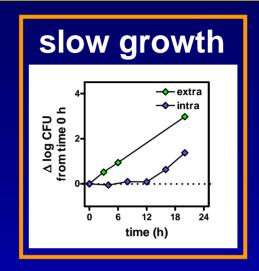
Rapid equilibration by diffusion quinolones

beta-lactams

slow accumulation by endocytosis aminoglycosides glycopeptides

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metabolic changes involved in invasion and toxicity

Mol Microbiol. 2003 Aug;49(4):919-27.

Biphasic intracellular expression of Staphylococcus aureus virulence factors and evidence for Agr-mediated diffusion sensing.

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Department of Microbiology, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Ag-Biotech Bldg. Laboratory 222, University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83844 USA.

### Take home message

identify your target
 choose the right weapon



you may avoid serious problems ...

#### Thanks to ...









