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GUNS, GERMS
AND STEEL

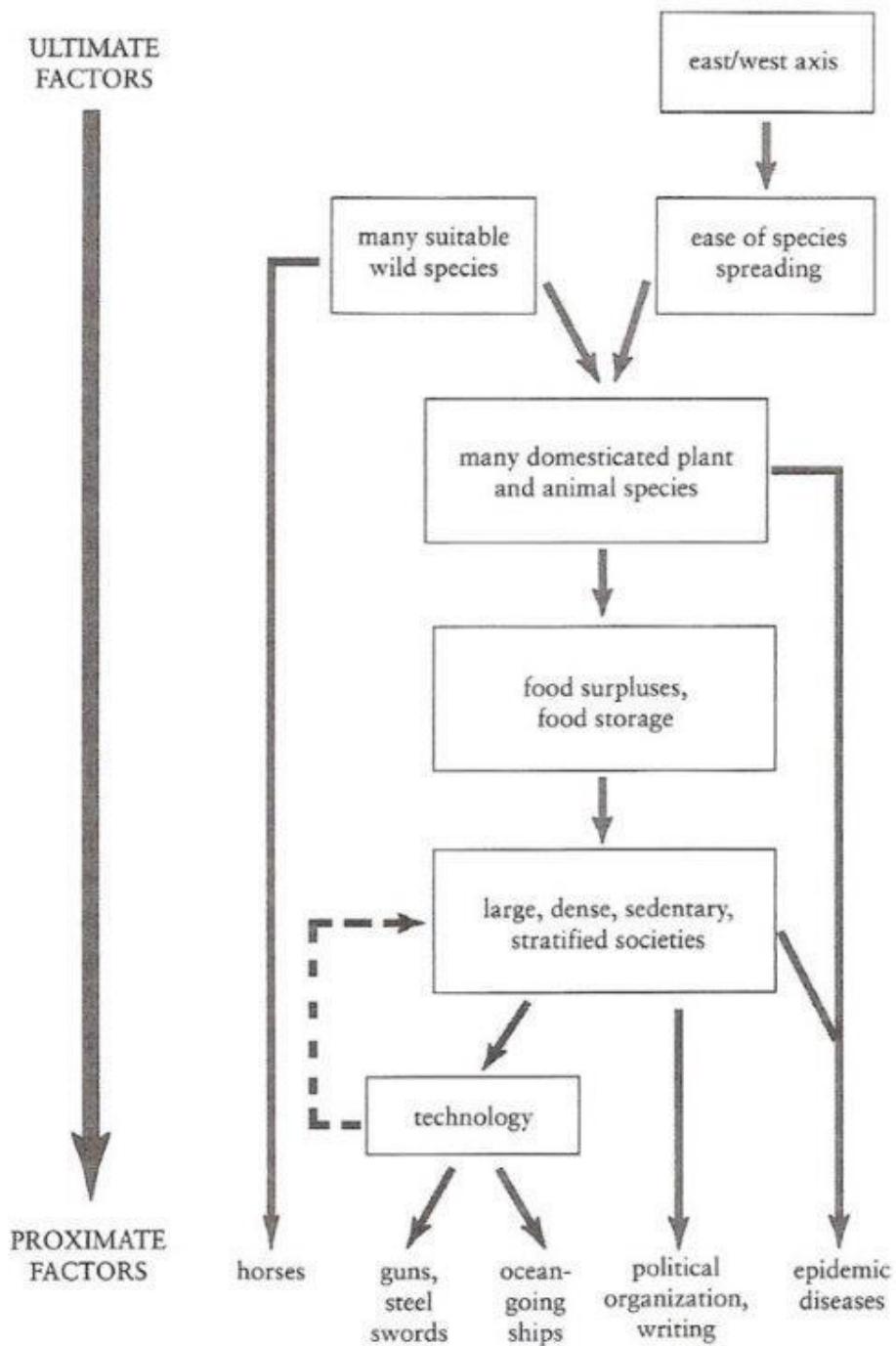
JARED DIAMOND



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Factors Underlying the Broadest Pattern of History



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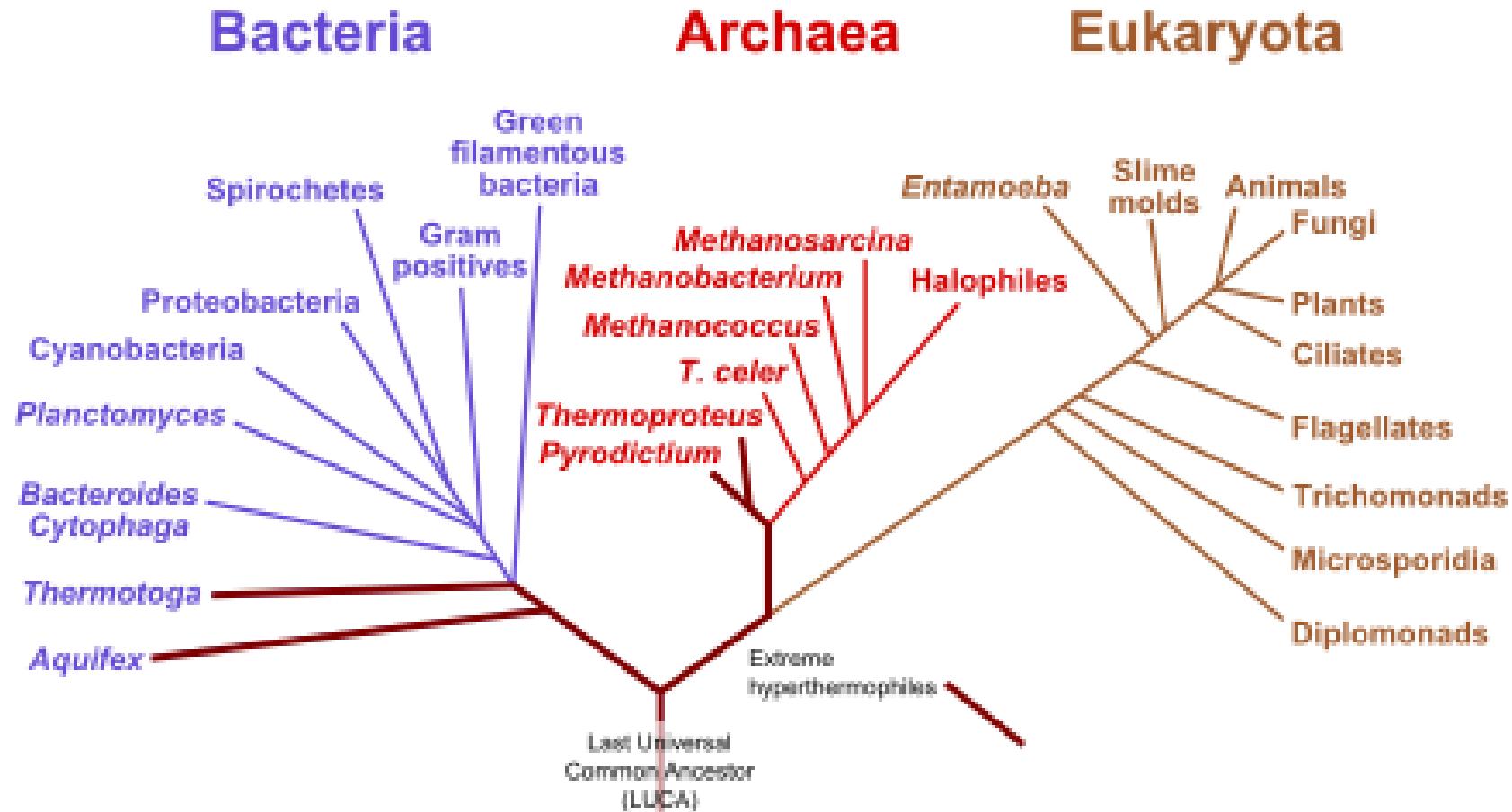
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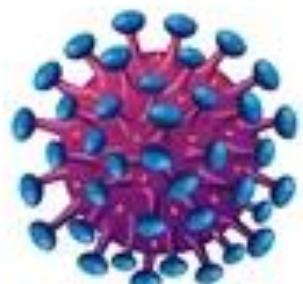


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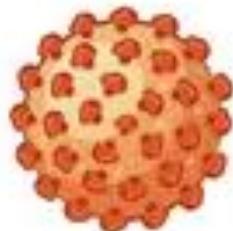


Phylogenetic Tree of Life





HIV



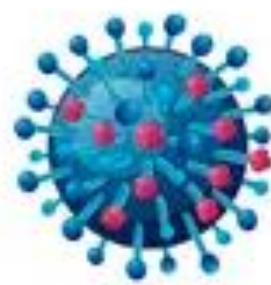
Hepatitis B



Ebola Virus



Adenovirus



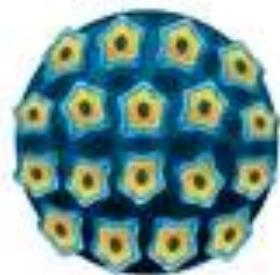
Influenza



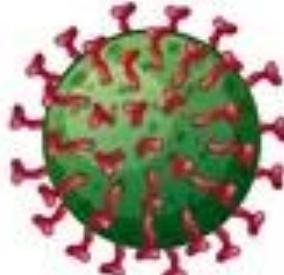
Rabies Virus



Bacteriophage



PaPillomavirus

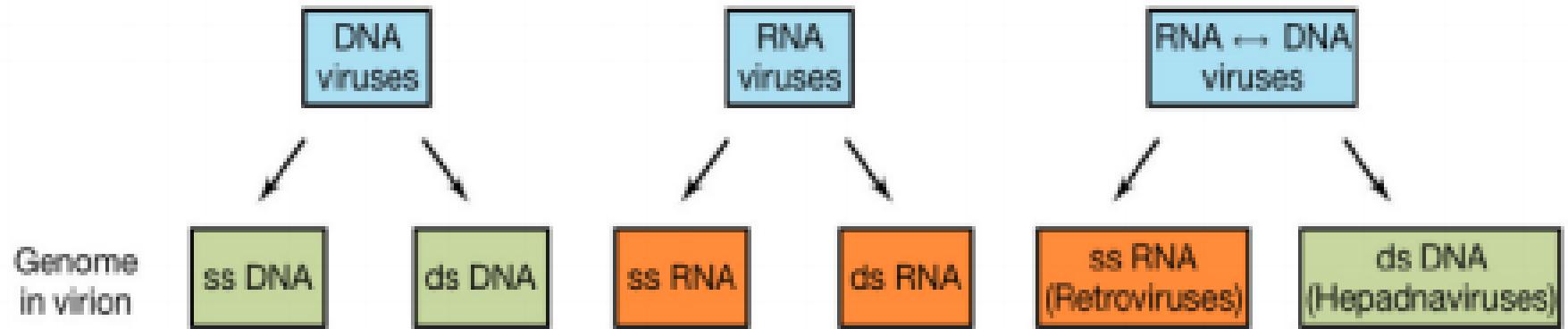


Rotavirus



Herpes Virus

ss = single strands = filamento singolo
ds = double strand = filamento doppio



Il genoma più grande - batteriofago G - con $6,7 \cdot 10^5$ basi
simile a quello di batteri endocellulari



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A history of notable pandemics



The
Plague
Doctor

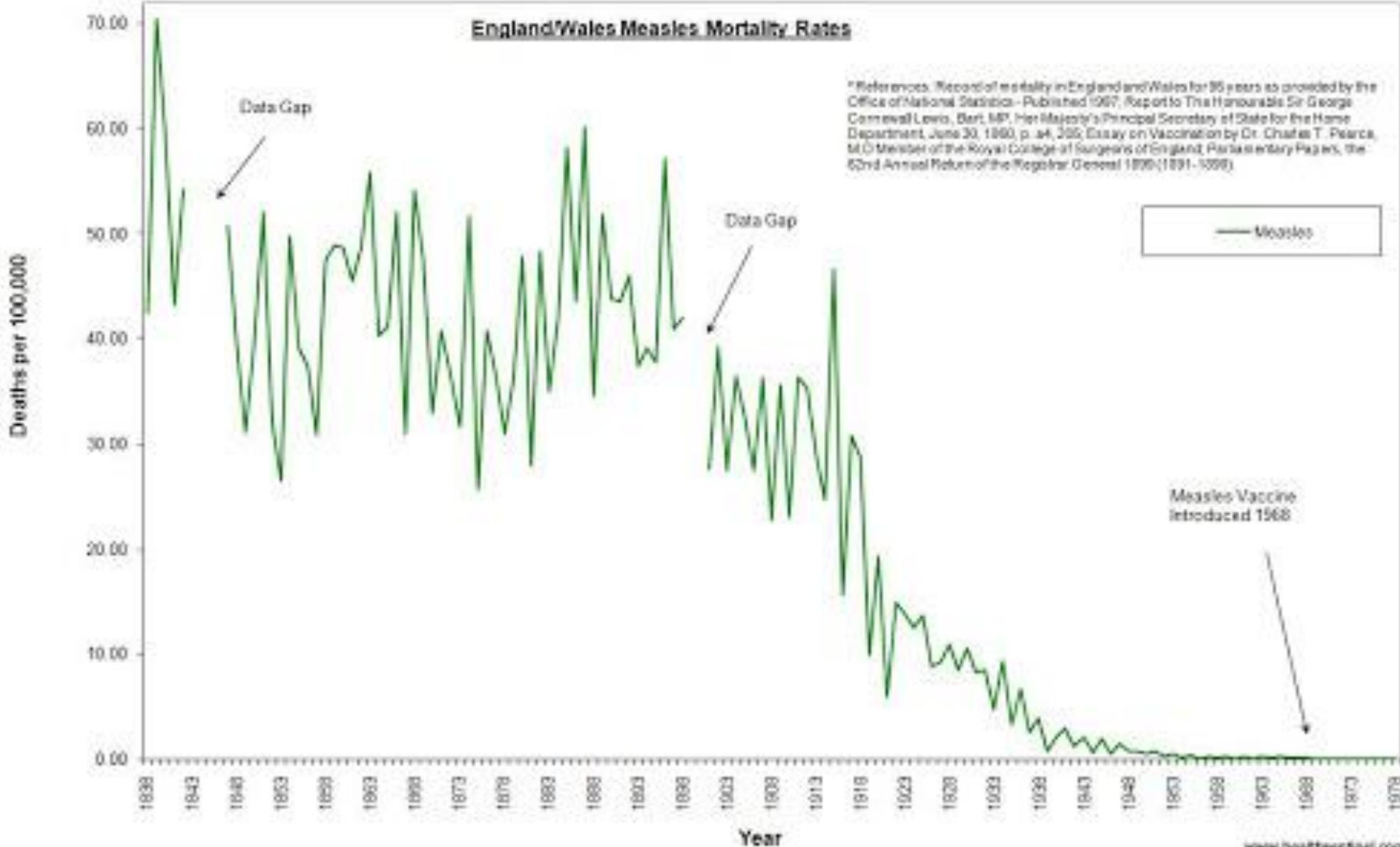
Dr. Doctor Sidna-
-lei von Xonr



Wer credet al die fabel
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dann kommt eigentlich die Sypu

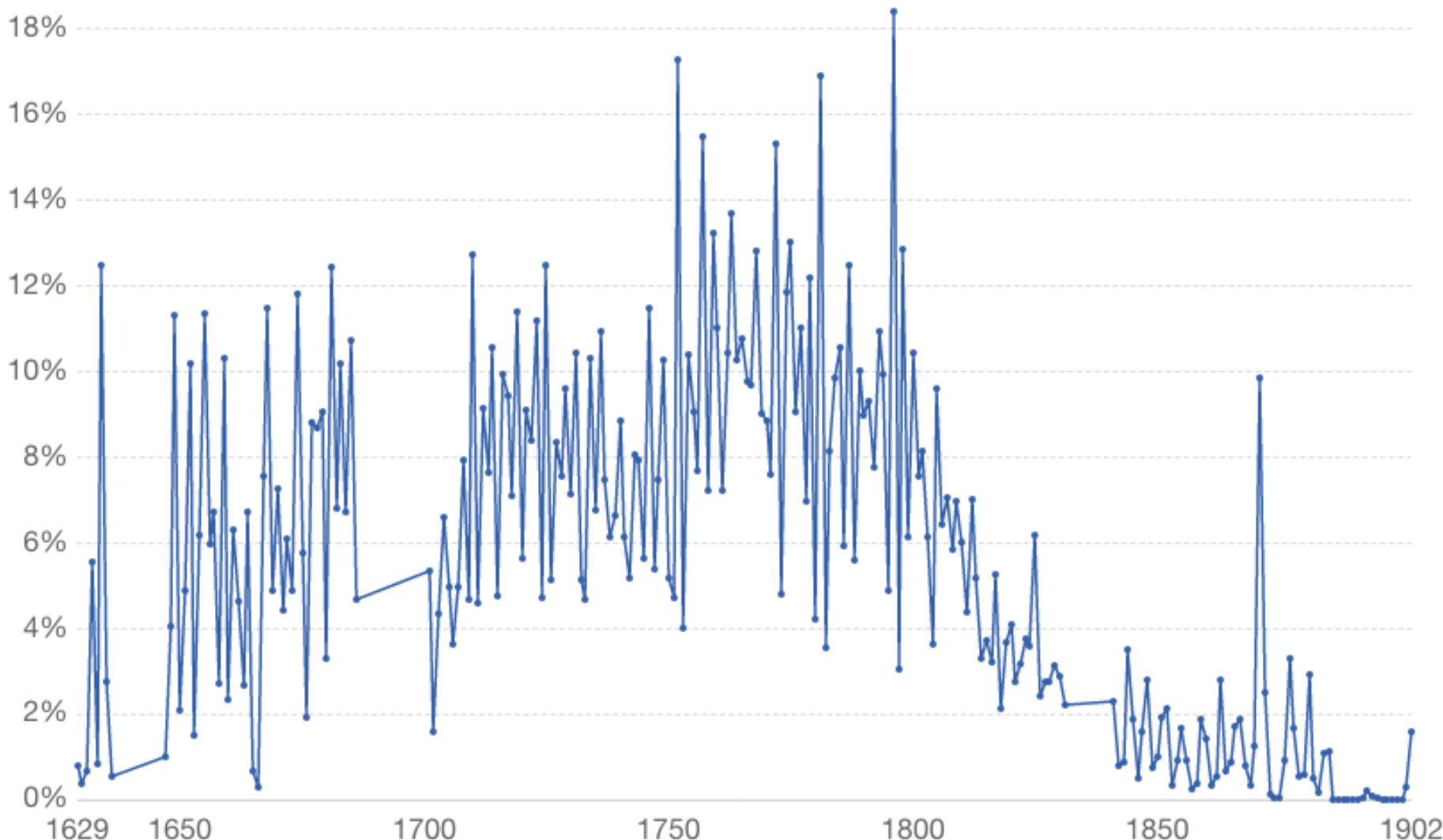
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und auctorum die gehabt p

England/Wales Measles Mortality Rates



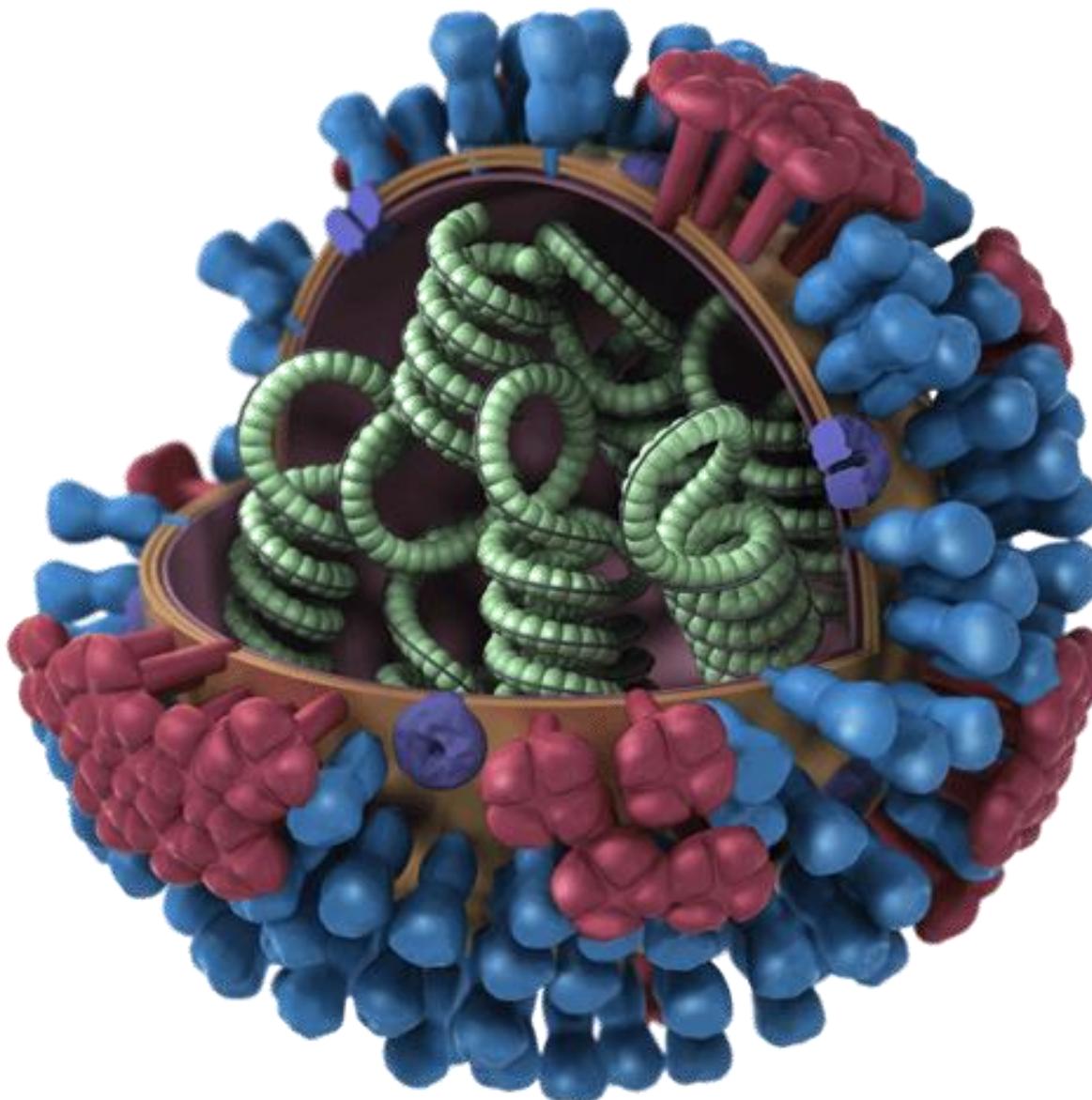
Deaths caused by smallpox as a share of all deaths in London

In London in the 18th century around 1 in every 13 deaths was caused by smallpox, the majority of which were young children.





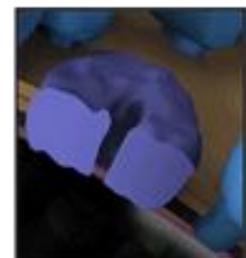
INFLUENZA A VIRUS



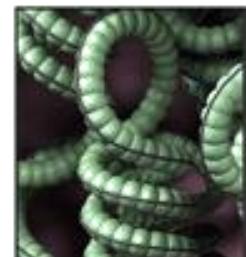
Hemagglutinin



Neuraminidase



M2 Ion Channel



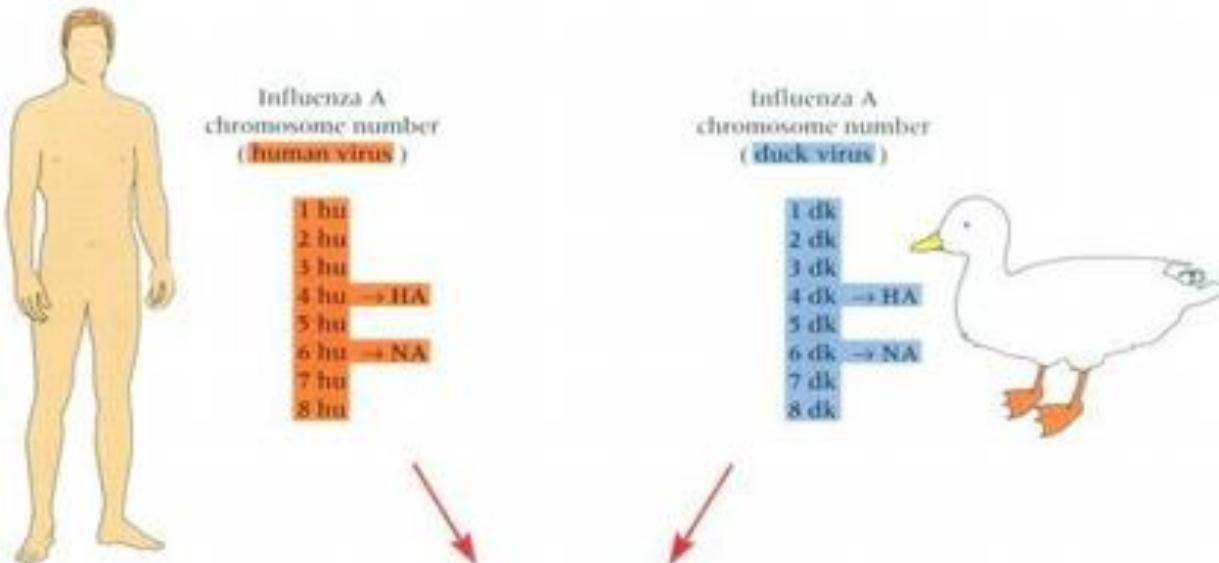
RNP

Hemagglutinin and Neuraminidase Subtypes of Influenza A Virus

Subtype	Species of origin			
	Human	Swine	Horse	Bird species
H1	PR/8/34	Sw/la/15/30		Dk/Alb/35/76
H2	Sing/1/57			Dk/Ger/1213/73
H3	HK/1/68	Sw/Taiwan/70	Eq/Miami/1/63	Dk/Ukr/1/63
H4				Dk/Cz/56
H5				Tern/S.A./61
H6				Ty/Mass/3740/65
H7			Eq/Prague/1/56	FPV/Dutch/27
H8				Ty/Ont/6118/68
H9				Ty/Wis/1/66
H10				Ck/Ger/N/49
H11				Dk/Eng/56
H12				Dk/Alb/60/76
H13				Gull/Md/704/77
H14				Mall/Gurjev/263/82
N1	PR/8/34	Sw/la/15/30		Ck/Scot/59
N2	Sing/1/57	Sw/Taiwan/70		Ty/Mass/3740/65
N3				Tern/S.A./61
N4				Ty/Ont/6118/68
N5				Sh/Austral/1/72
N6				Dk/Cz/56
N7			Eq/Prague/1/56	FPV/Dutch/27
N8			El/Miami/1/63	Dk/Ukr/1/63
N9				Dk/Mcm/546/74



ANTIGENIC SHIFT



Infection of the same cells
by human and duck
influenza A viruses

Progeny influenza A viruses can
contain up to 256 combinations
of different chromosomes from the
human or duck viral RNA genomes

An example of an influenza A virus selected
for growth in nonimmunized humans
(pandemic strain)

1 hu
2 hu
3 hu
4 dk → HA
5 hu
6 dk → NA
7 hu
8 hu

Le altre pandemie causate nella popolazione umana dai virus dell'influenza.

- **1968 Hong Kong:** 750.000 vittime
- **1957 Asiatica:** 1 milione di vittime
- **1997-2006 aviaria ?:** le vittime sono state poco più di un centinaio, prevalentemente nel Sudest asiatico.