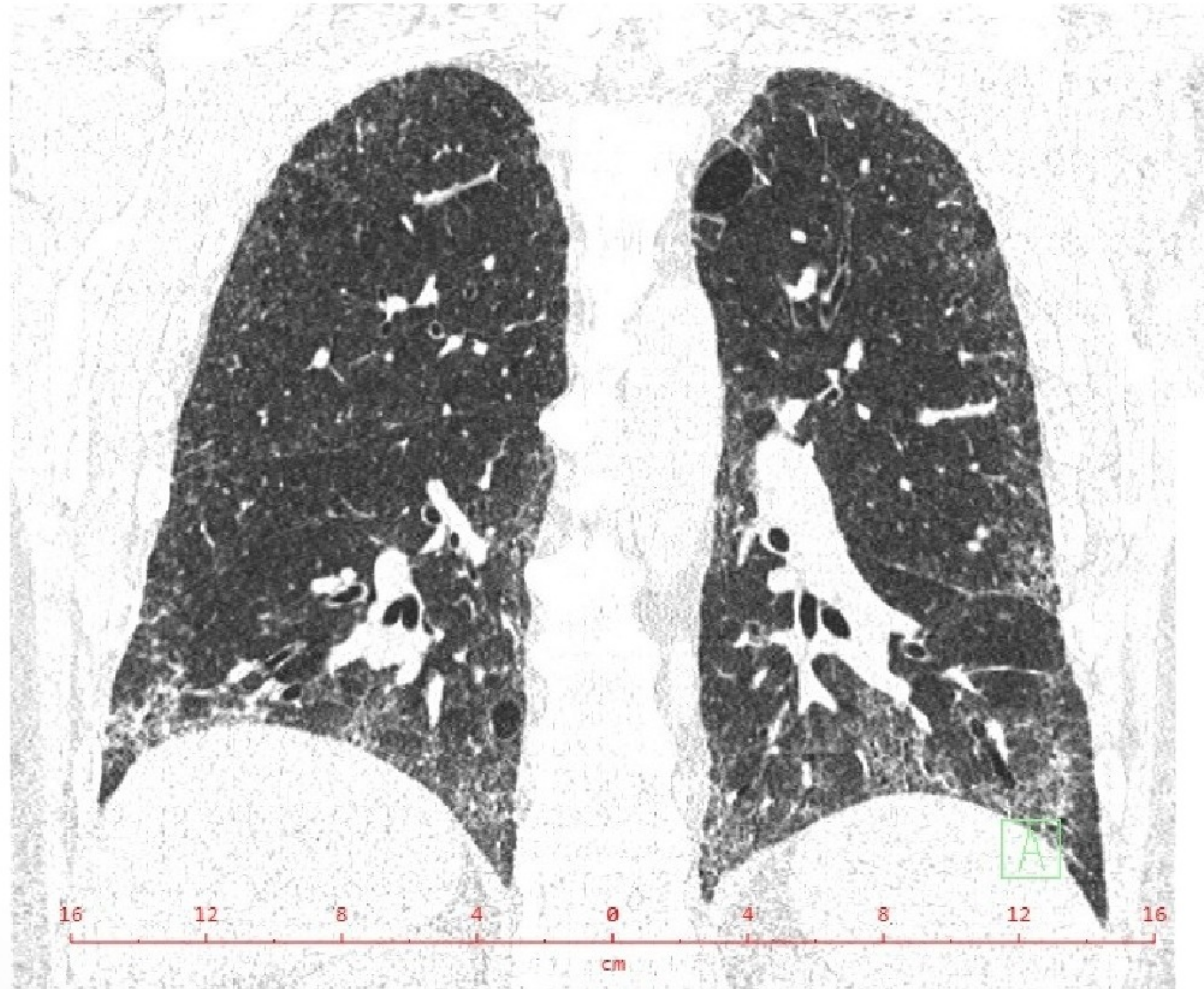


Pathology of the lungs 1

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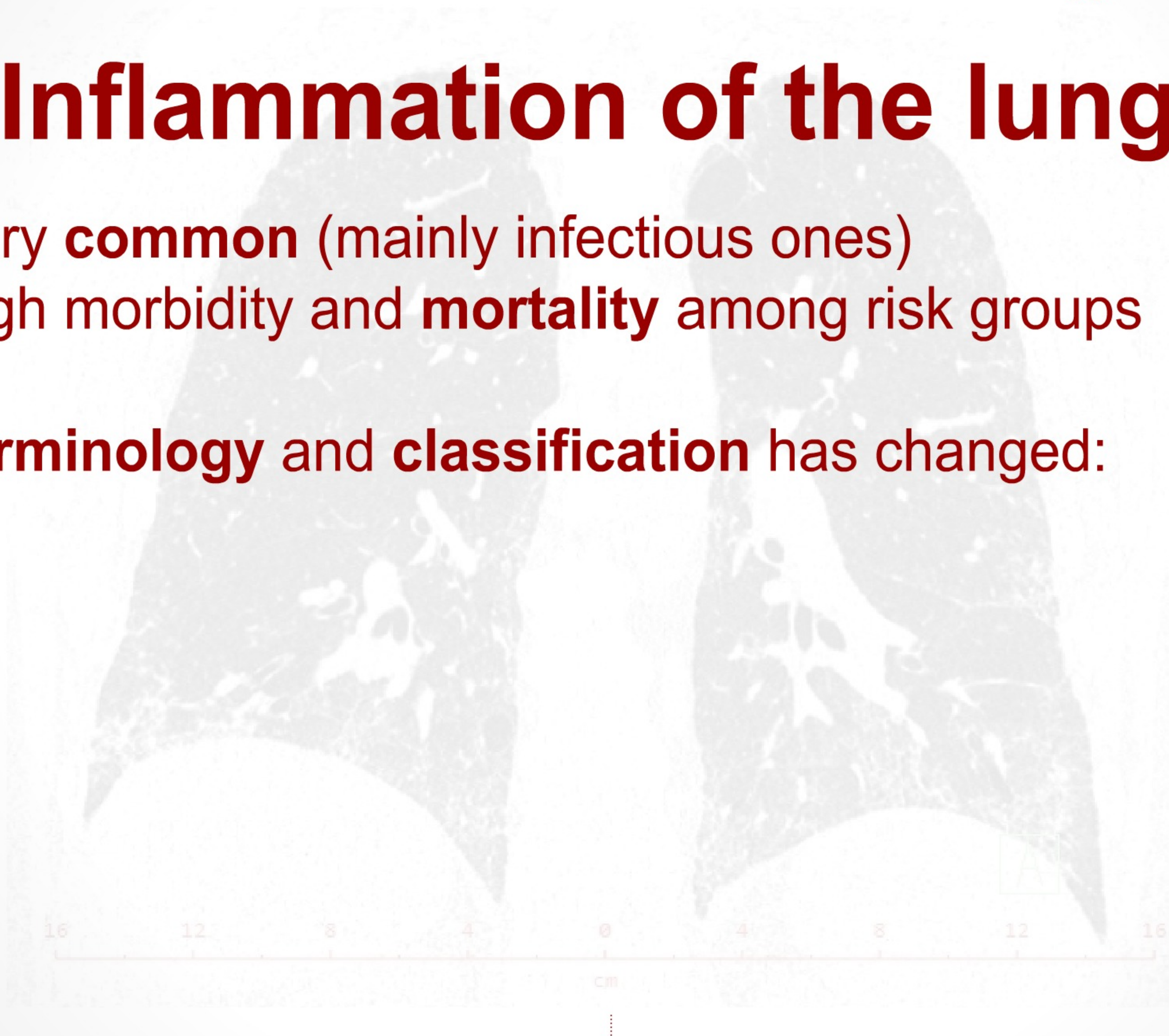
Diseases of the lungs

- 1) malformations
- 2) inflammations
- 3) tumours
- 4) obstructive lung diseases
- 5) restrictive lung diseases
- 6) vascular lung diseases

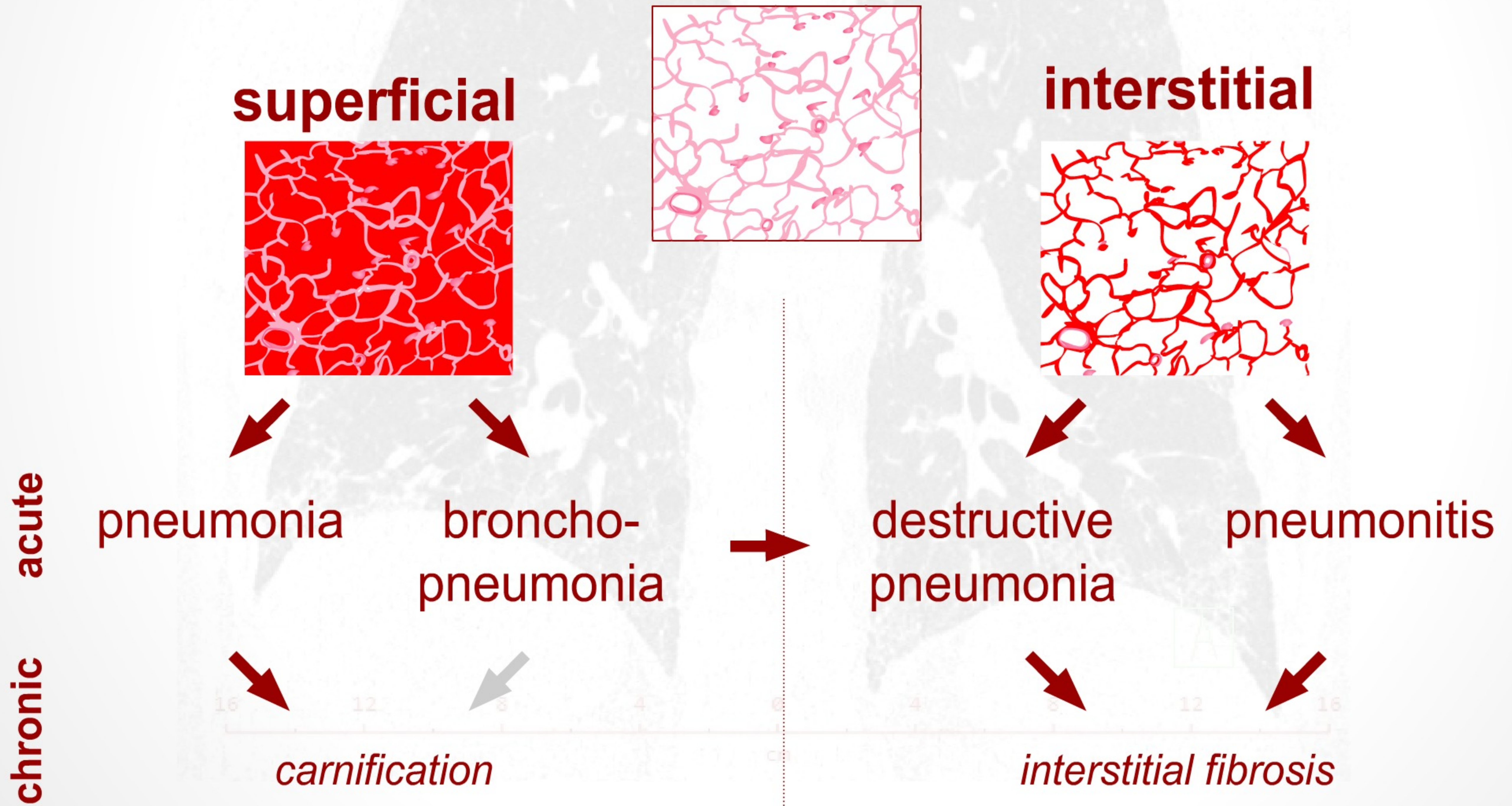
Inflammation of the lungs

Inflammation of the lungs

- very **common** (mainly infectious ones)
- high morbidity and **mortality** among risk groups
- **terminology** and **classification** has changed:



Hlava classification (pathological-radiological):



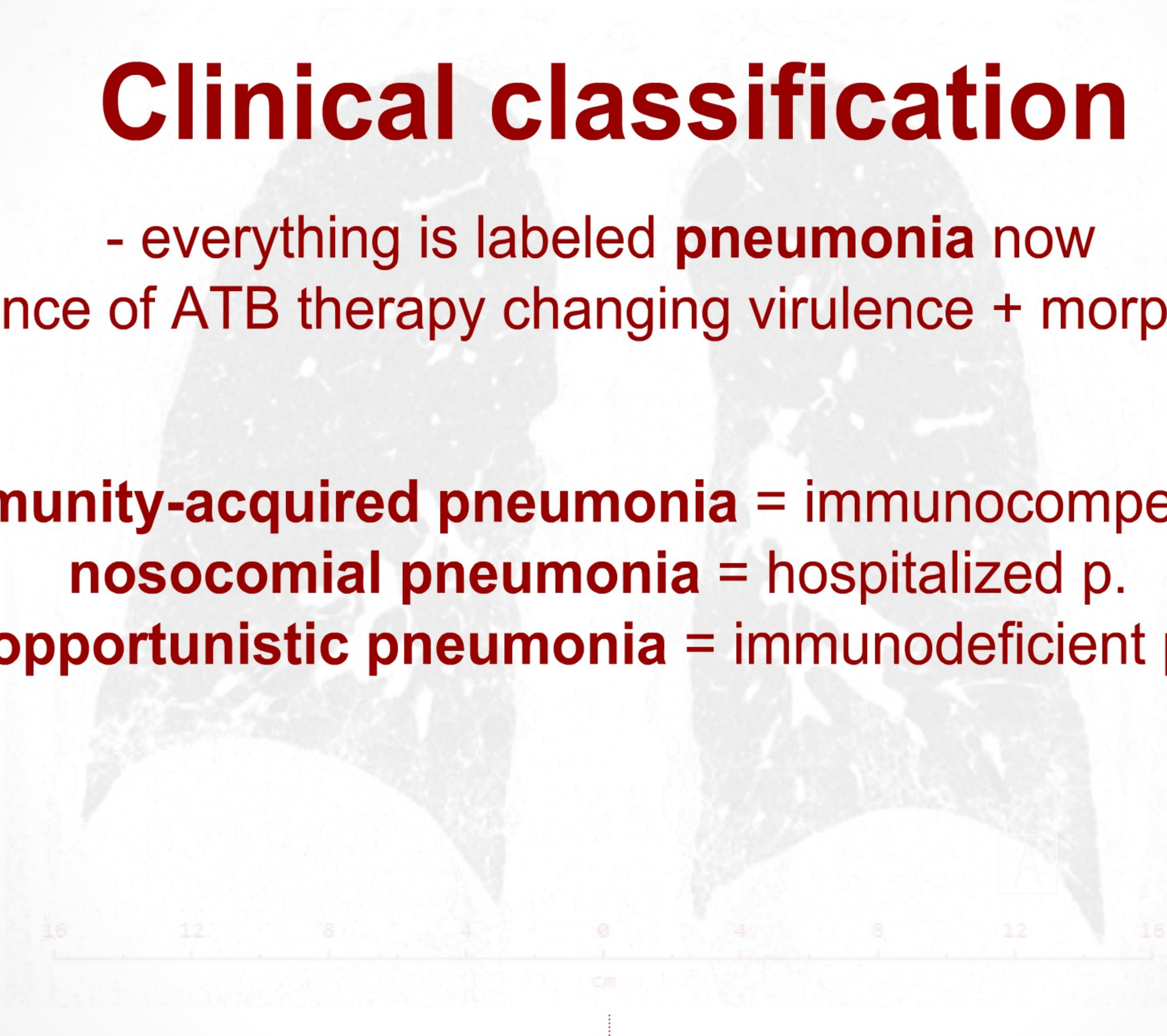
Clinical classification

- everything is labeled **pneumonia** now
(influence of ATB therapy changing virulence + morphology)

community-acquired pneumonia = immunocompetent p.

nosocomial pneumonia = hospitalized p.

opportunistic pneumonia = immunodeficient p.



Pneumonia

Definition

- *pneumonia fibrinoso-purulenta acuta*
- **pathology** = croupous
 - fibrinous-purulent inflammation
- **radiology** = lobar / alar
 - affects pulmonary lobe / whole lung diffusely
- rare nowadays
 - thanks to ATB therapy
- commonly led to death in the past
 - nowadays it represents **community-acquired pneumonia** (healthy p.)

Pneumonia

🔑 Causes (etiology)

- **bacterial** infection

- *Streptococcus pneumoniae* ("pneumococcus", α -hemolytic)
- *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (hemorrhagic Friedländer's pneumonia)

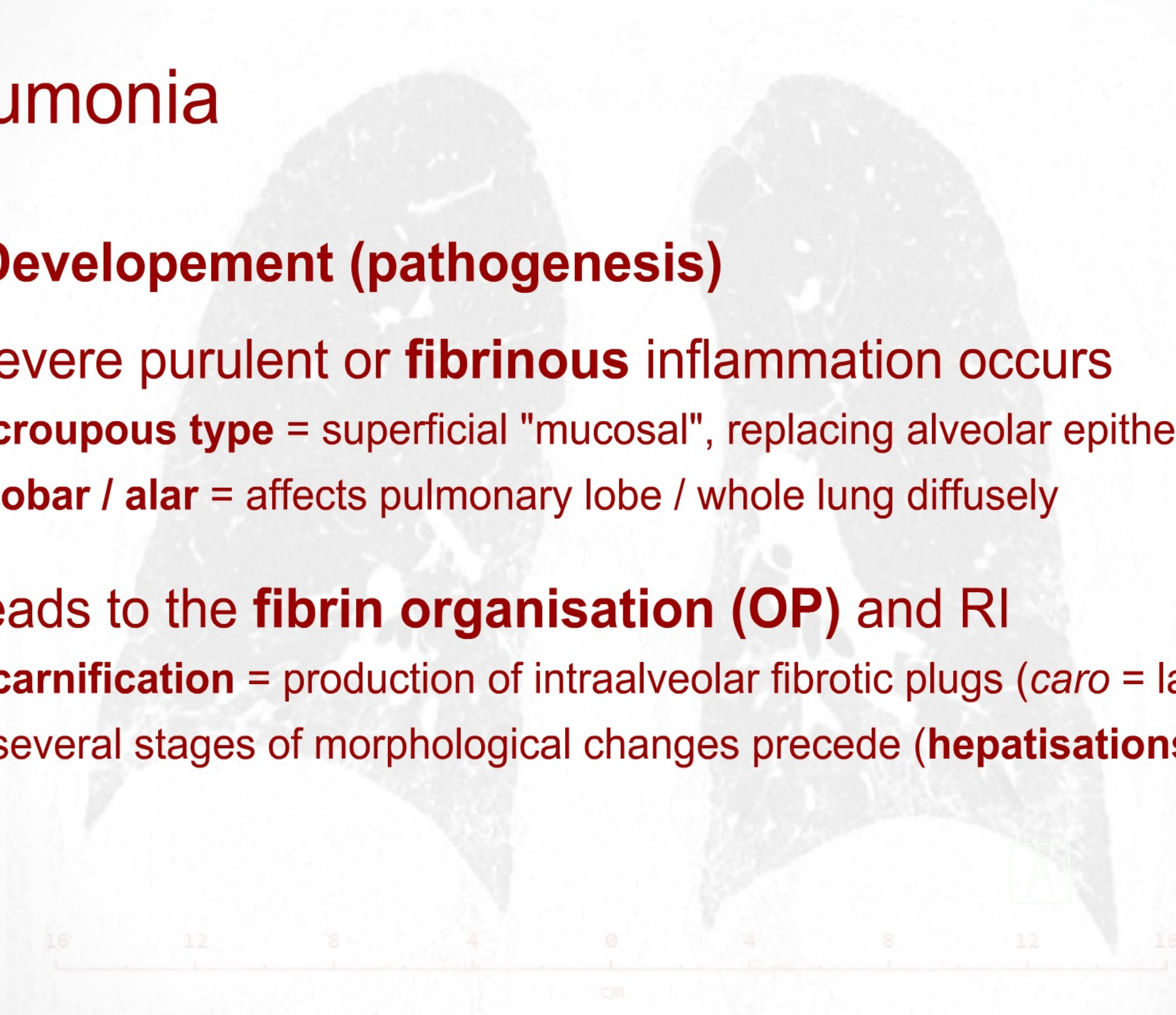


Pneumonia



Development (pathogenesis)

- severe purulent or **fibrinous** inflammation occurs
 - **croupous type** = superficial "mucosal", replacing alveolar epithelium
 - **lobar / alar** = affects pulmonary lobe / whole lung diffusely
- leads to the **fibrin organisation (OP)** and RI
 - **carnification** = production of intraalveolar fibrotic plugs (*caro* = lat. meat)
 - several stages of morphological changes precede (**hepatisations**):



Pneumonia

Morphology

- **macroscopically** a lobe / whole lobe is congested
 - bronchial mucosa is hyperemic with mucus on surface
 - **red hepatisation** = red colour + liver consistency
 - **grey hepatisation** = grey to brown colour + liver consistency
 - **carnification** = firm meat-like areas



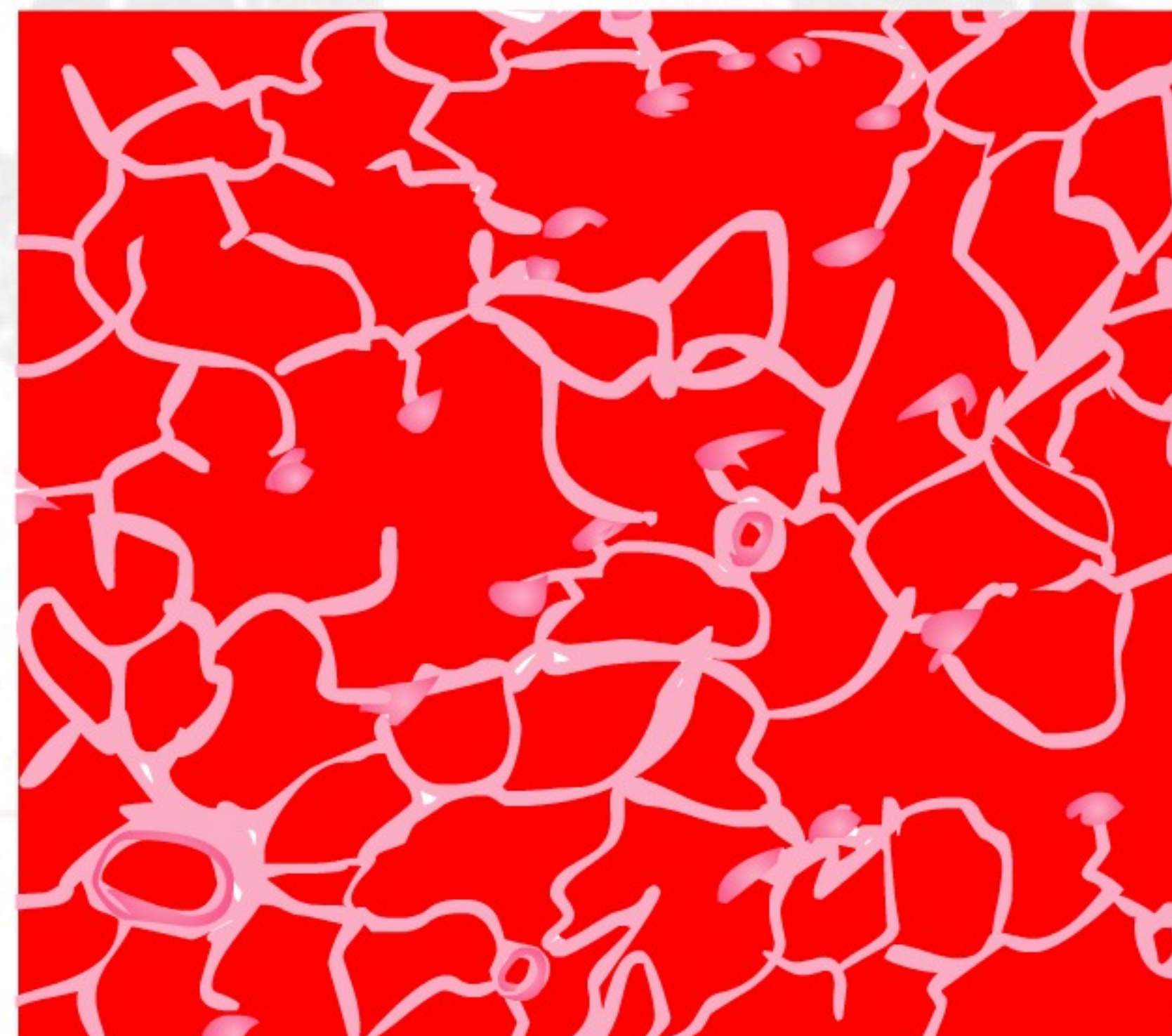
lobar

alar

Pneumonia

Morphology

- **microscopically** croupous inflammation in alveoli is detected
 - **red hepatisation** = exudation of oedema, extravasation of erythrocytes
 - **grey hepatisation** = exudation of fibrin, vessel compression, macrophages
 - **carnifications** = ns. gr. tissue to fibrotic plugs within alveolar tree



Pneumonia

⊕ Clinical manifestations

- **children** (infants) or **adults** (elderly)
 - attenuation of immunity
- suddenly "paralyses" the respiration = **severe symptoms**
 - dyspnoea, fever (rigor), exhaustion, dry to productive cough
 - auscultatory phenomena (dulled percussion, tubular breathing, crackles)
- **fulminant course** and **fatal complications**
 - sepsis, *cor pulmonale chronicum*, suffocation
 - **pleura** = hydrothorax or fibrinous-purulent pleuritis / pyothorax (empyema)
 - nowadays rare thanks to the ATB therapy and pneumococcus vaccine

Bronchopneumonia

Definition

- *bronchopneumonia catrrhalis acuta*
- **pathology** = catarrhal-purulent
 - catarrhal to purulent exsudate (without abscess formation)
- **radiology** = lobular
 - affects pulmonary lobules (bronchus and connected alveoli)
- common disease
 - usually immobile patients (**nosocomial pneumonia**)
- may have fatal outcome
 - mainly among elderly and immunodeficient p. (**opportunistic pneumonia**)

Bronchopneumonia

🔑 Causes (etiology)

- **bacterial** infection / superinfection of viruses = flu etc.
 - mainly **streptococci** (β -hemolytic), **staphylococci**, **G- rods**, **haemophilus**
 - + **nosocomial** (resistant) = MRSA, pseudomonas, burkholderia...
 - + **opportunistic** (saprophytic) = *E. coli*, legionela...
- several **predispositions** exist:
 - **hypostatic** = within terrain of oedema / mucostasis
 - **bronchostenotic** = beneath obstruction (foreign bodies, tumours, aspiration)
 - **concomitant** = secondary / associated to other diseases

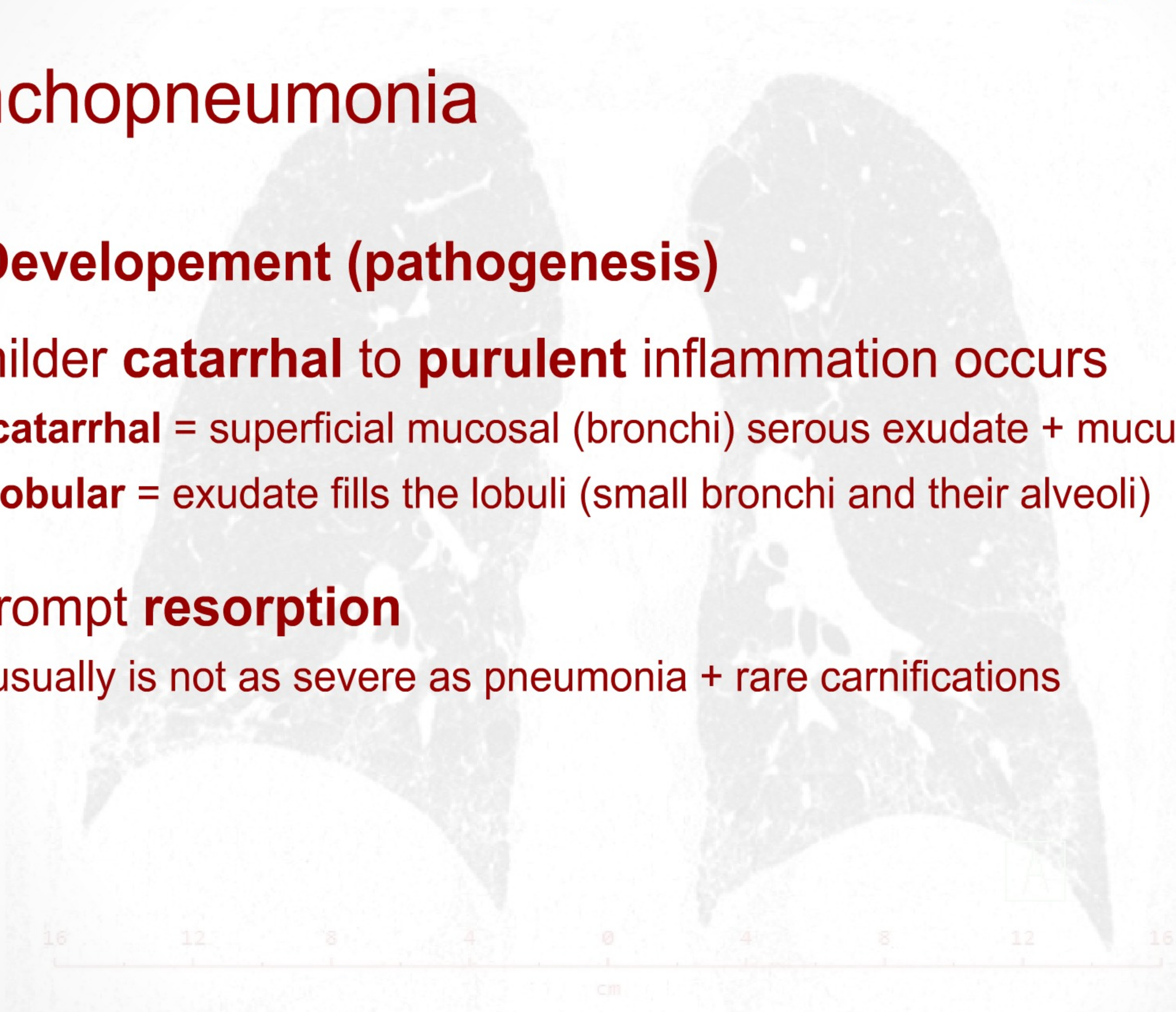


Bronchopneumonia



Development (pathogenesis)

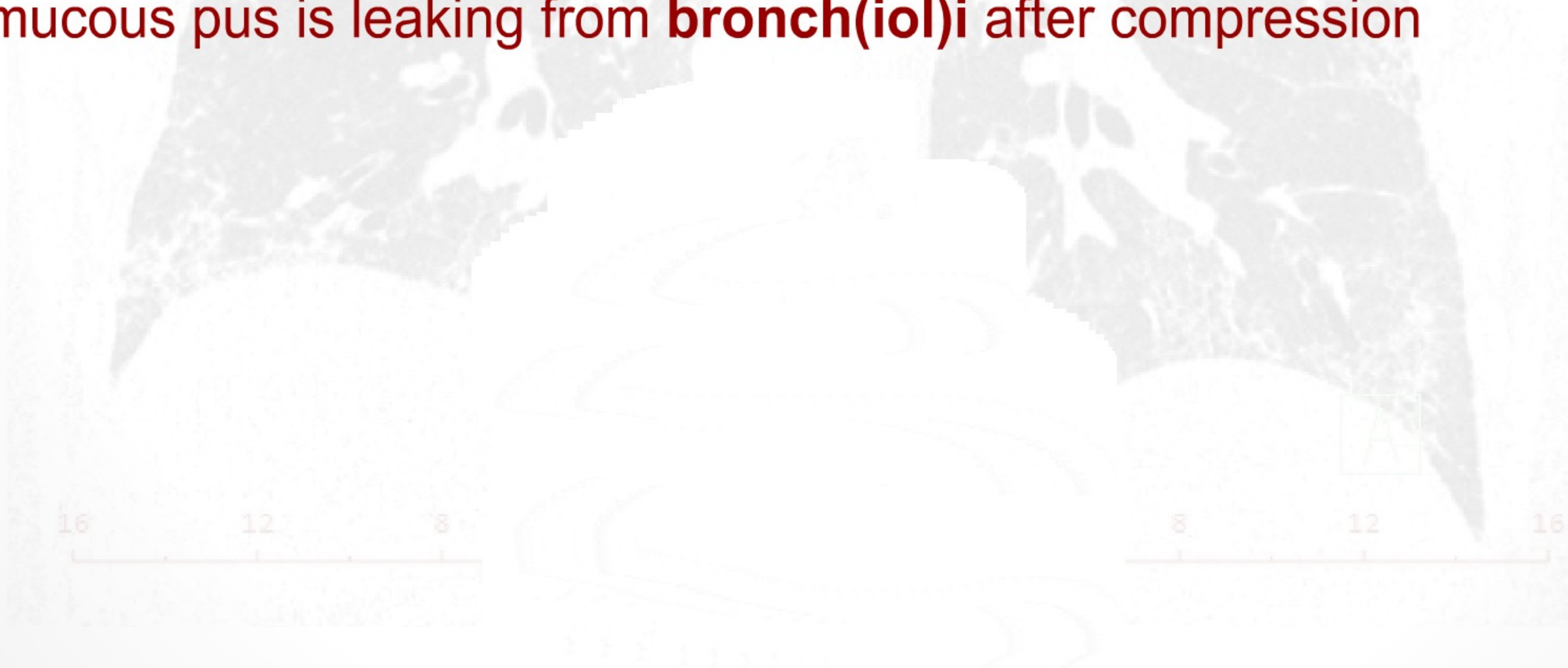
- milder **catarrhal** to **purulent** inflammation occurs
 - **catarrhal** = superficial mucosal (bronchi) serous exudate + mucus
 - **lobular** = exudate fills the lobuli (small bronchi and their alveoli)
- prompt **resorption**
 - usually is not as severe as pneumonia + rare carnifications



Bronchopneumonia

Morphology

- **macroscopically** lobuli are consolidated and congested
 - **foci** shaped as "cat's footsteps" (may fuse giving "pseudolobar" appearance)
 - **hypostasis** mainly in D lobes / **aspiration** R inferior lobe / beneath **stenosis**
 - mucous pus is leaking from **bronch(iol)i** after compression

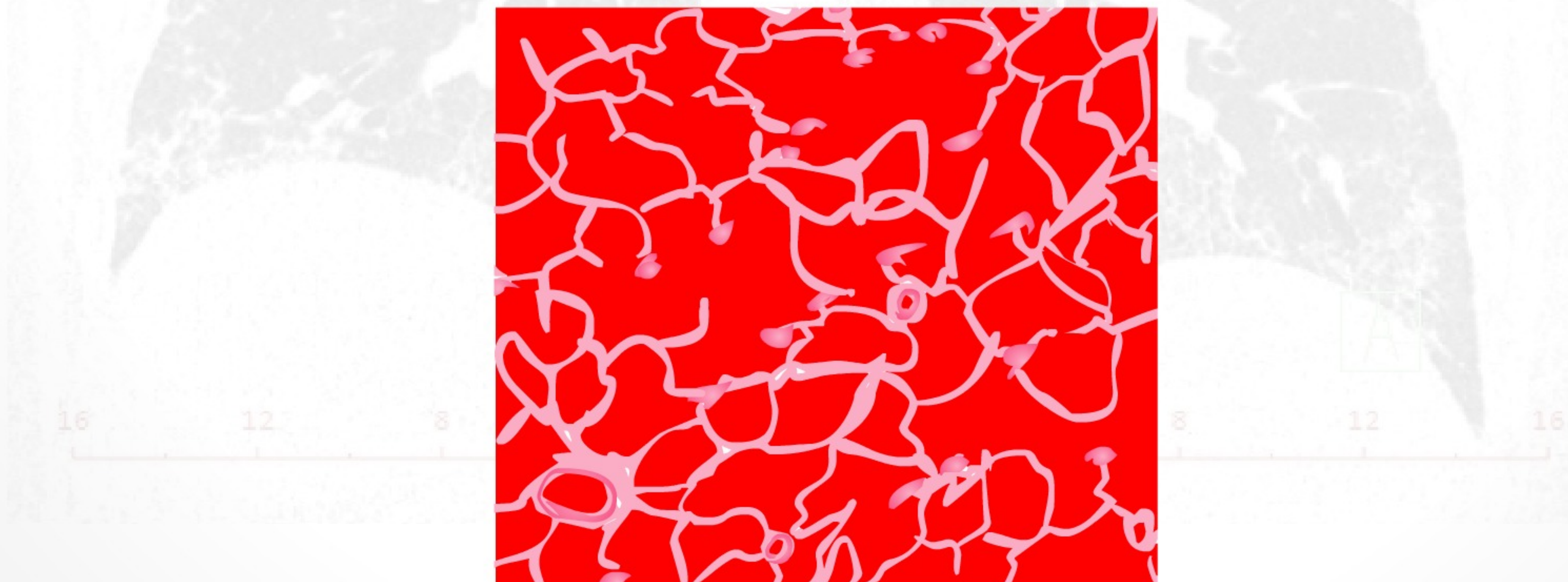


lobular

Bronchopneumonia

Morphology

- **microscopically** catarrhal-purulent intraalveolar exsudate
- **broncho-** = starts within small bronchi and spreads into connected alveoli
- aspiration can also lead to the developement of granulomas
- immunodeficient patients may show modified inflammatory response



Bronchopneumonia

⊕ Clinical manifestations

- **children or adults** (of any age)
 - previous attenduance / hypostasis, aspiration or stenosis (recurrence)
 - **nosocomial** = hospital / healthcare-acquired (ventilation support)
 - **opportunistic** = imunodeficient (AIDS, chemotherapy, Tx...)
- usually **mild symptoms** and good prognosis
 - subfebrilia or fever, productive cough (expectoration), fatigue
 - auscultatory phenomena (dulled percussion, alveolar breathing, crackles)
- immunodeficient = **severe / chr. course and complications**
 - developement of **DAD** / **destructive pneumonia** (abscess) / bronchiectasis

Destructive pneumonia

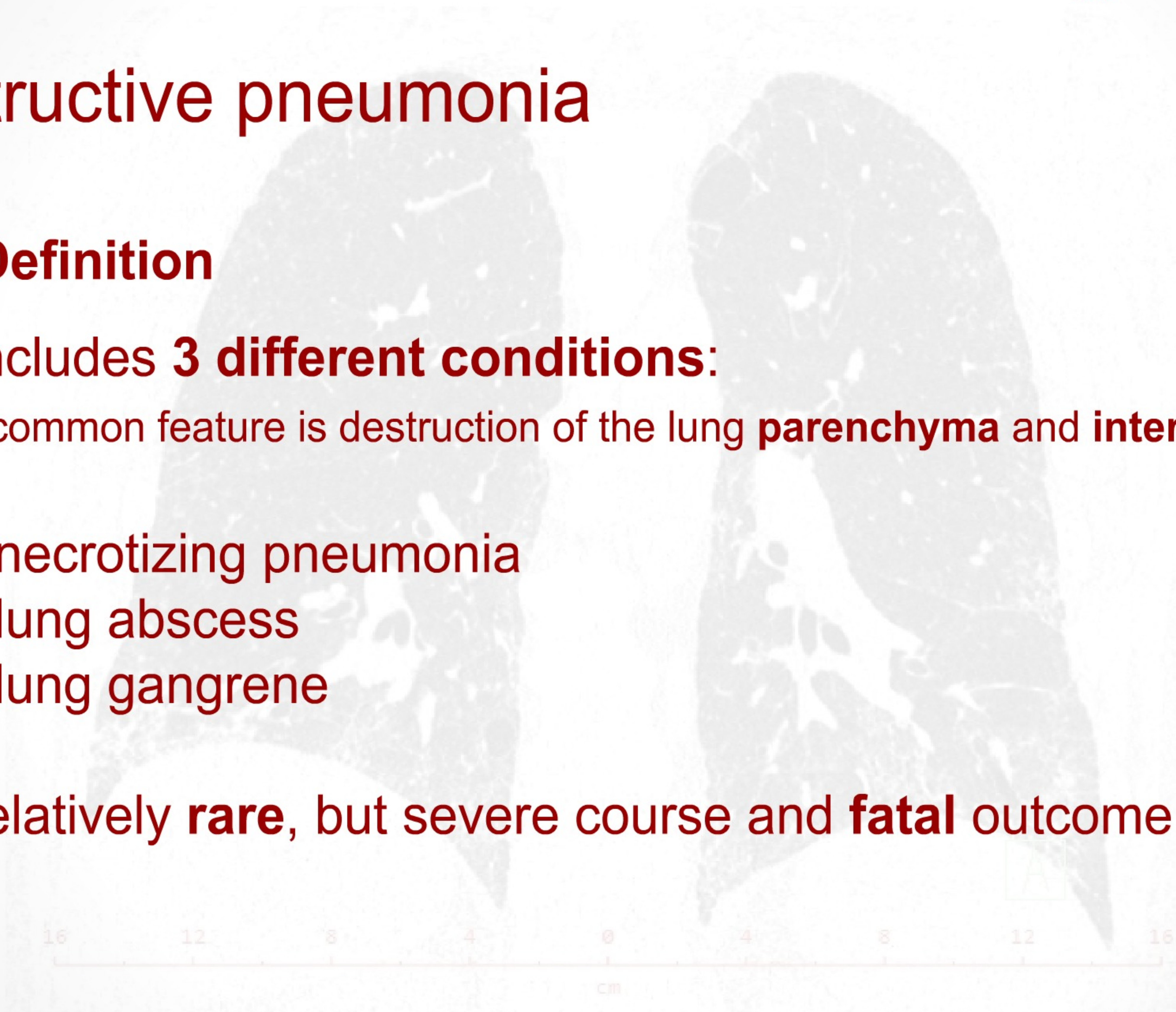
Definition

- includes **3 different conditions**:

- common feature is destruction of the lung **parenchyma** and **interstitium**

- 1) necrotizing pneumonia
- 2) lung abscess
- 3) lung gangrene

- relatively **rare**, but severe course and **fatal** outcome



Destructive pneumonia

🔑 Causes (etiology)

- **bacterial** infection (primary / progression of superficial inf.)
 - **primary** pneumonic plague (*Y. pestis*), anthrax (*Bacillus anth.*)
 - **secondary** mainly anaerobic saprophytic fusobacteria, *Bacteroides supp.* (alcoholics, poor dental hygiene, epilepsy, swallowing disorders...)
- **mycotic** infection (opportunistic pneumonia)
 - **invasive mycoses** = aspergilosis, histoplasmosis, coccidioidomycosis, cryptococcosis, blastomycosis, pneumocystosis
 - **non-invasive mycoses** = mycetoma (aspergiloma), progression of candida



Destructive pneumonia

Developement (pathogenesis)

1) necrotizing pneumonia

- developement of venous thrombosis and infarzation leading to **hemorrhagic necrosis** of the lung

2) lung abscess

- interstitial delineated **purulent** inflammation (+ bronchial fistula)
- inhalation / aspiration / hematogenous origin
- healing leads to **cavitation** / **pneumatoceles** (numerous small cysts)

3) lung gangrene

- necrosis mofied by bacterias (**wet gangrene**)
- tumour decay, cesspit aspiration...

Destructive pneumonia

Morphology

- **macroscopically** there is a focus of destruction
 - hemorrhagic necrosis / abscess / gangrene
 - may be multiple (*pneumonia abscondens*)

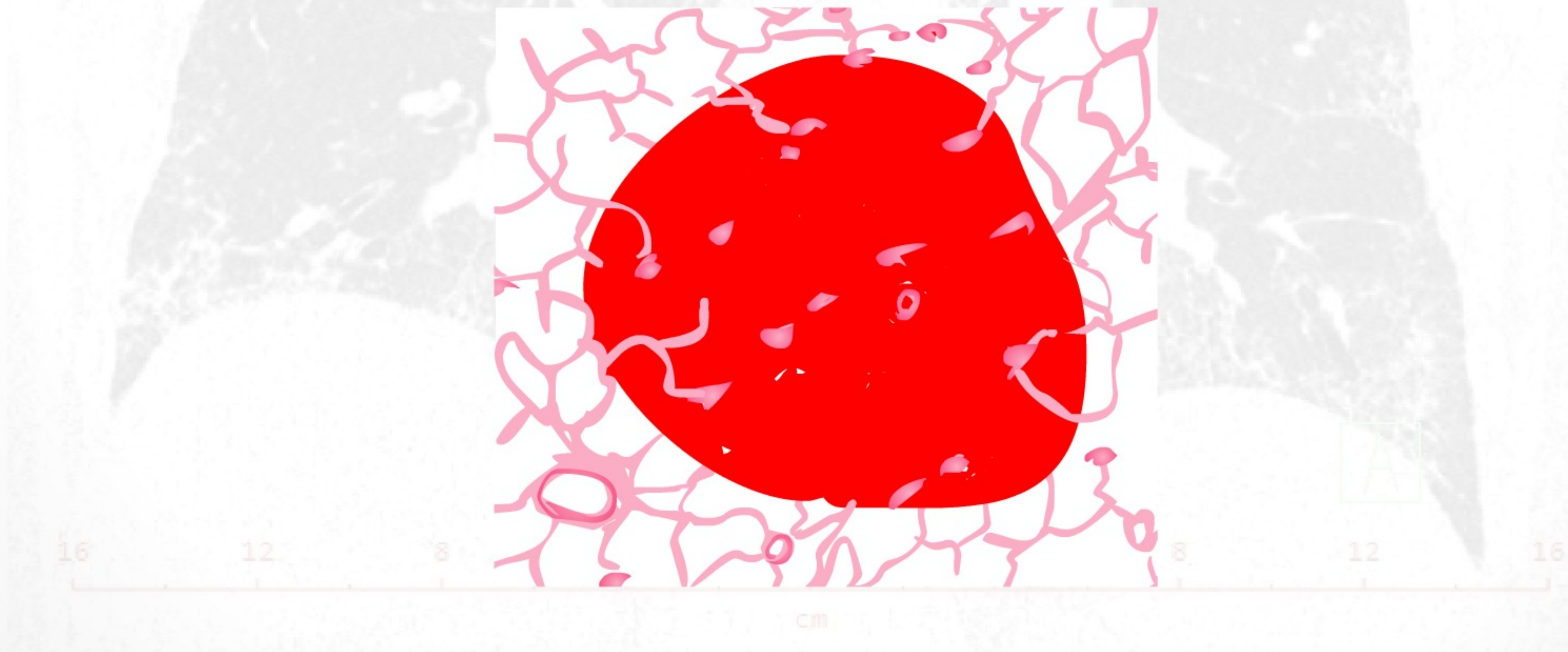


focus of destruction

Destructive pneumonia

Morphology

- **microscopically** destruction of the parenchyma + interstitium
 - replacement of the tissue with hemorrhagic necrosis / abscess / gangrene



Destructive pneumonia

⊕ Clinical manifestations

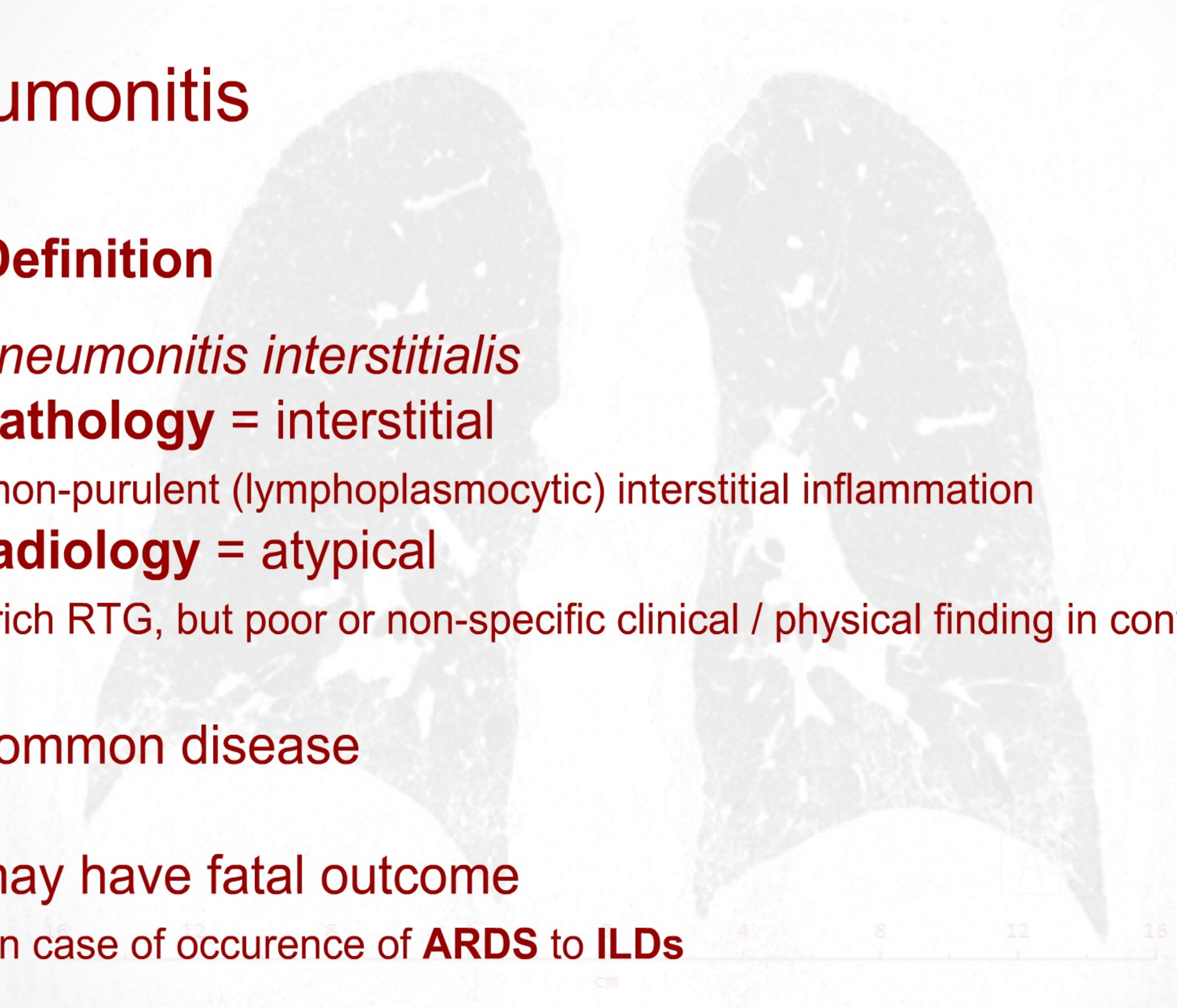
- **children or adults** (of any age)
 - **opportunistic pneumonia** = usually immunodeficient, *casus socialis*...
- **severe symptoms** similar to pneumonia
 - fatigue, fever, productive cough (expectoration) + **hemoptysis** to **hemoptoe**, vomiting if lung abscess is present
- **always severe course** and high **mortality**
 - **complications** = pleuritis, pyemia, sepsis, pyopneumothorax (empyema), mediastinitis, amyloidosis



Pneumonitis

Definition

- *pneumonitis interstitialis*
- **pathology** = interstitial
 - non-purulent (lymphoplasmocytic) interstitial inflammation
- **radiology** = atypical
 - rich RTG, but poor or non-specific clinical / physical finding in contrast
- common disease
- may have fatal outcome
 - in case of occurrence of **ARDS** to **ILDs**



Pneumonitis

🔑 Causes (etiology)

- **bacterial** infection (usually intracellular pathogens)
 - *chlamydophila* (psittacosis / ornitosis), *mycoplasma*, *rickettsia*
- **viral** infection (the most common)
 - flu, parainfluenza, COVID-19, adenoviruses, RSV, CMV, HSV, measles, pox
- **non-infectious** (overlaps with secondary chronic ILDs)
 - **inhalation** (toxic gases), **aspiration** (vomit, lipoid substances), **drugs** (busulfan...), **immune disorders** (SLE, sclerodermia...)

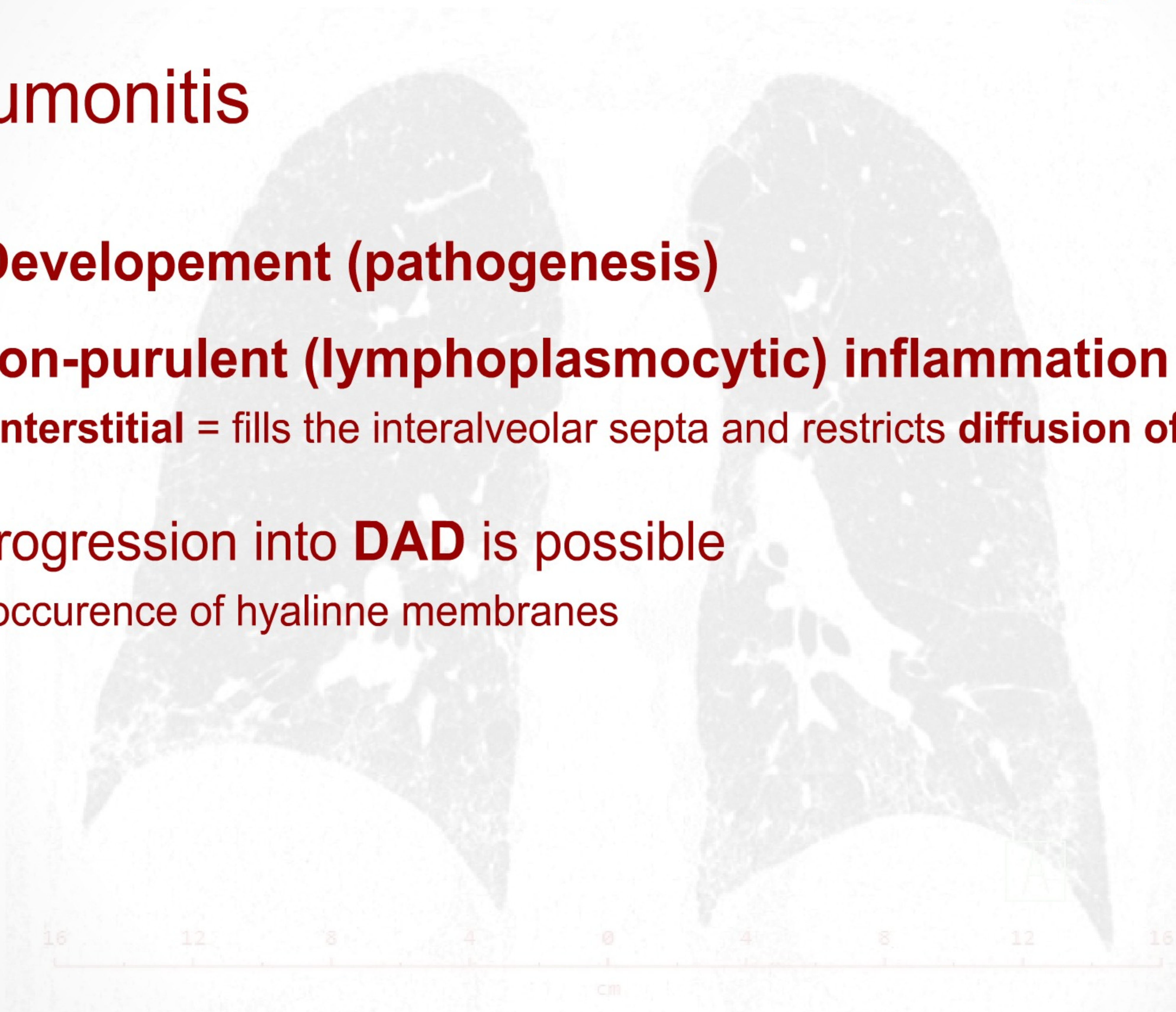


Pneumonitis



Development (pathogenesis)

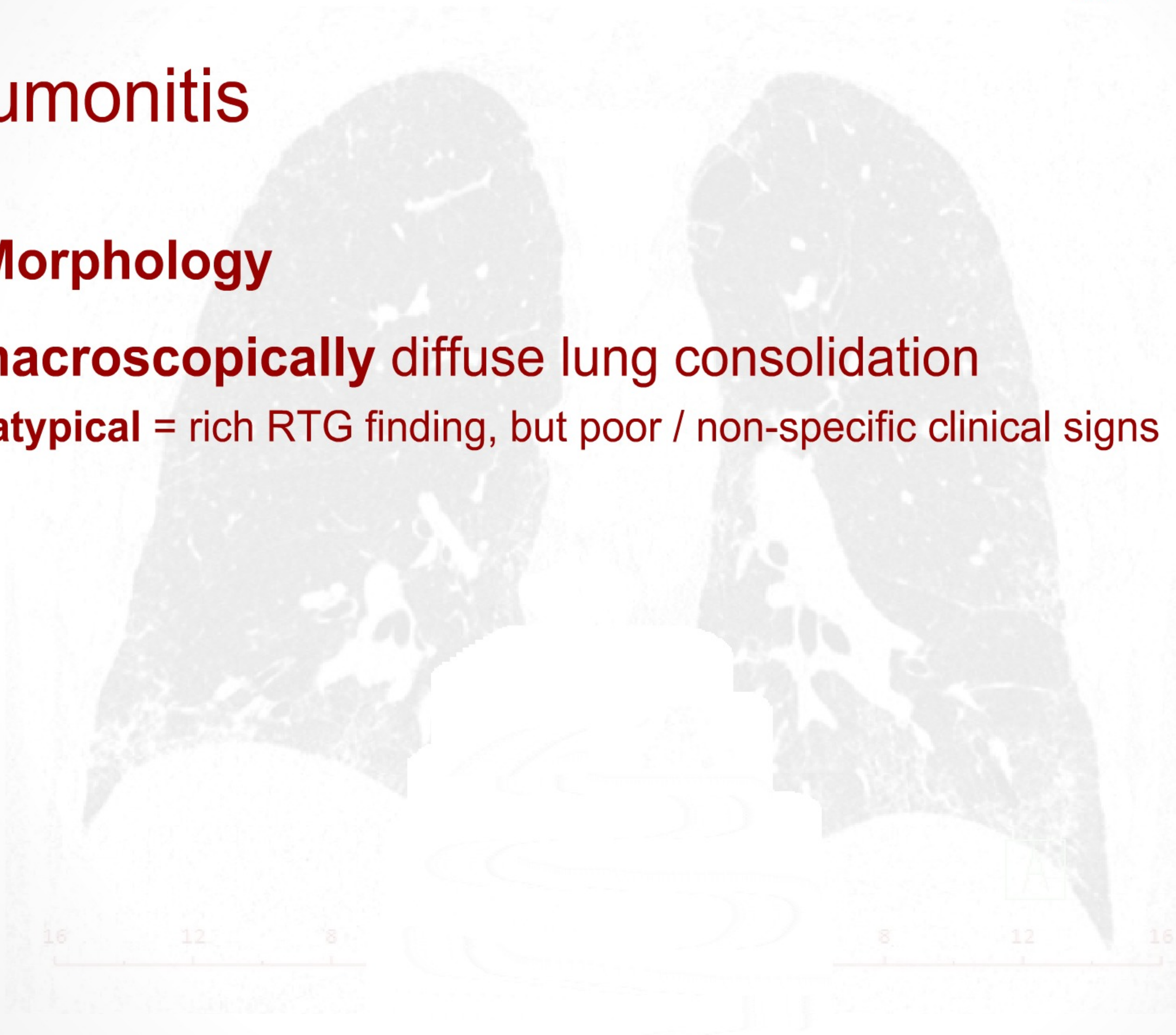
- **non-purulent (lymphoplasmocytic) inflammation**
 - **interstitial** = fills the interalveolar septa and restricts **diffusion of gases**
- progression into **DAD** is possible
 - occurrence of hyaline membranes



Pneumonitis

Morphology

- **macroscopically** diffuse lung consolidation
 - **atypical** = rich RTG finding, but poor / non-specific clinical signs

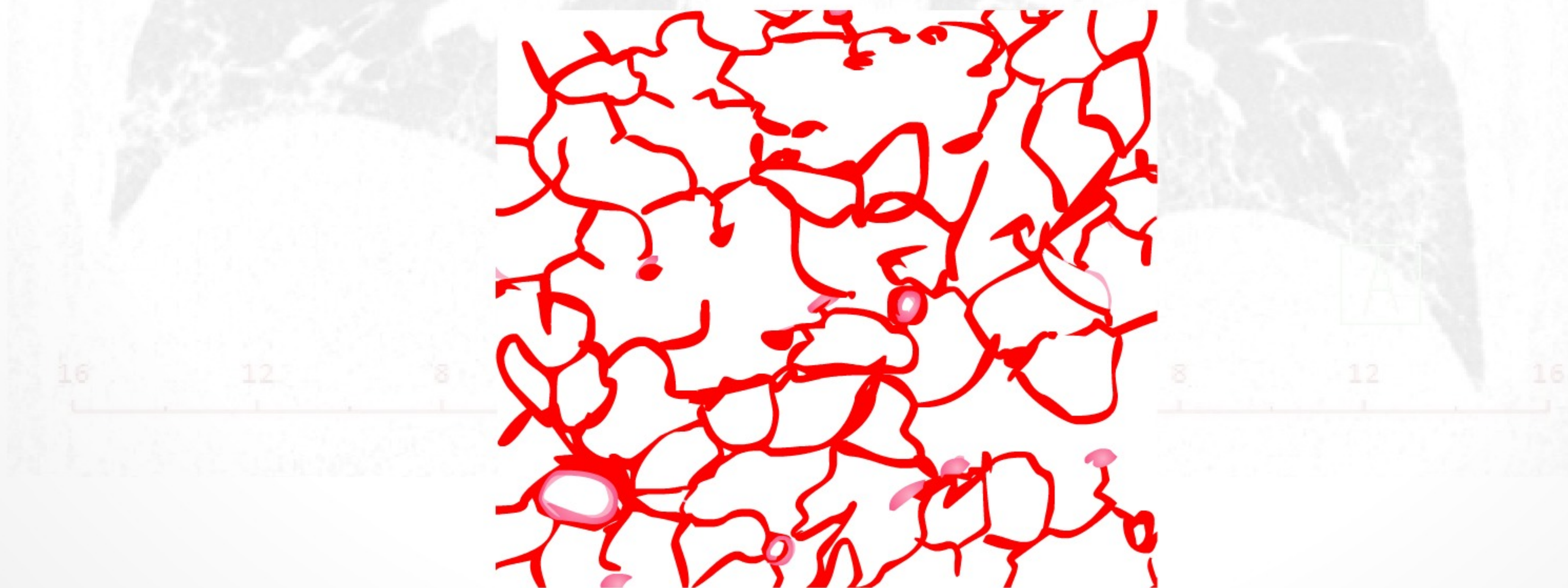


atypical pneumonia

Pneumonitis

Morphology

- **microscopically** non-purulent interstitial inflammation
 - **interalveolar septa** widened, filled with lymphocytes, macrophages, plasma cells
 - **viruses** = virions can create inclusions (CMV...) and mucosal **necrosis** of airways (trachea, bronch(iol)i) with *bronchiolitis obliterans*



Pneumonitis

⊕ Clinical manifestations

- **children** (infants) or **adults** (elderly)
 - **opportunistic pneumonia** = usually immunodeficient
- variable **symptoms**
 - **pulmonary** (dyspnoea, dry cough), **others** ("flu-like" = fatigue, muscle and joint pain, fever)
 - **atypical pneumonia** = mild pulmonary symptoms in contrast with RTG
 - "**walking pneumonia**" = mild form of atypical pneumonia
- may lead to fatal **complications** in immunodeficiency
 - **DAD** progression, bacterial **superinfection**, *bronchiolitis obliterans*

Pulmonary TBC

Pulmonary TBC

Definition

- *tuberculosis*
- infectious multisystemic disease
 - rich pathogenesis and morphological finding
- worldwide ↑ spread disease (but in CZ just 500 cases)
 - ↓ thanks to **antituberculous drugs** and **vaccine** (5 cases/year)
 - thread to **immunodeficient** and **socially deprived** p. (role of migration)
- may have **fatal** outcome
 - historically important factor of mortality (Europe = developed resistance)

Pulmonary TBC

🔑 Causes (etiology)

- **bacterial** = "Koch's bacteria" (*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*)
 - acidoresistent aerobic non-sporulating rods (**intracellular** occurrence)
 - "**waxy**" coating from lipids within membranes (Gram-; **Ziehl-Neelsen** st.)
 - **resistant** (pH, disinfection) and **hard to destroy**
- **spread** through air droplets / alimentary / inoculation / transplacental
 - ↓ **infectious dose** (10 bacteria)
- **other mycobacteria** = atypical mycobacteriosis
 - mimics of TBC

Pulmonary TBC

Developement (pathogenesis)

- hard to destroy = **IV. type of immunopathological reaction**
 - specific = **granulomatous** inflammation

TBC granuloma

- tuberculous nodule (**macroscopically** resembles millet = lat. *milium*)
 - 1) central caseification = necrotizing granuloma (caseous necrosis)
 - 2) epitheloid histiocytes
 - 3) Langhans giant cells
 - 4) reticular fibres
 - 5) rim of lymphocytes at the priphery
- **avascular** = no vessels

Pulmonary TBC

Developement (pathogenesis)

- specific inflammation has **2 forms**:

- determined by the level of host immunity

1) proliferative (granulomatous)

- ↑ **resistance** = mycobacteria isolated by **granulomas** (better option)
- **tubercles** = firm (< 2 mm, grey-white) / soft (> 2 mm, yellow, necrotic)

2) exudative (granulomatous-necrotizing, caseous)

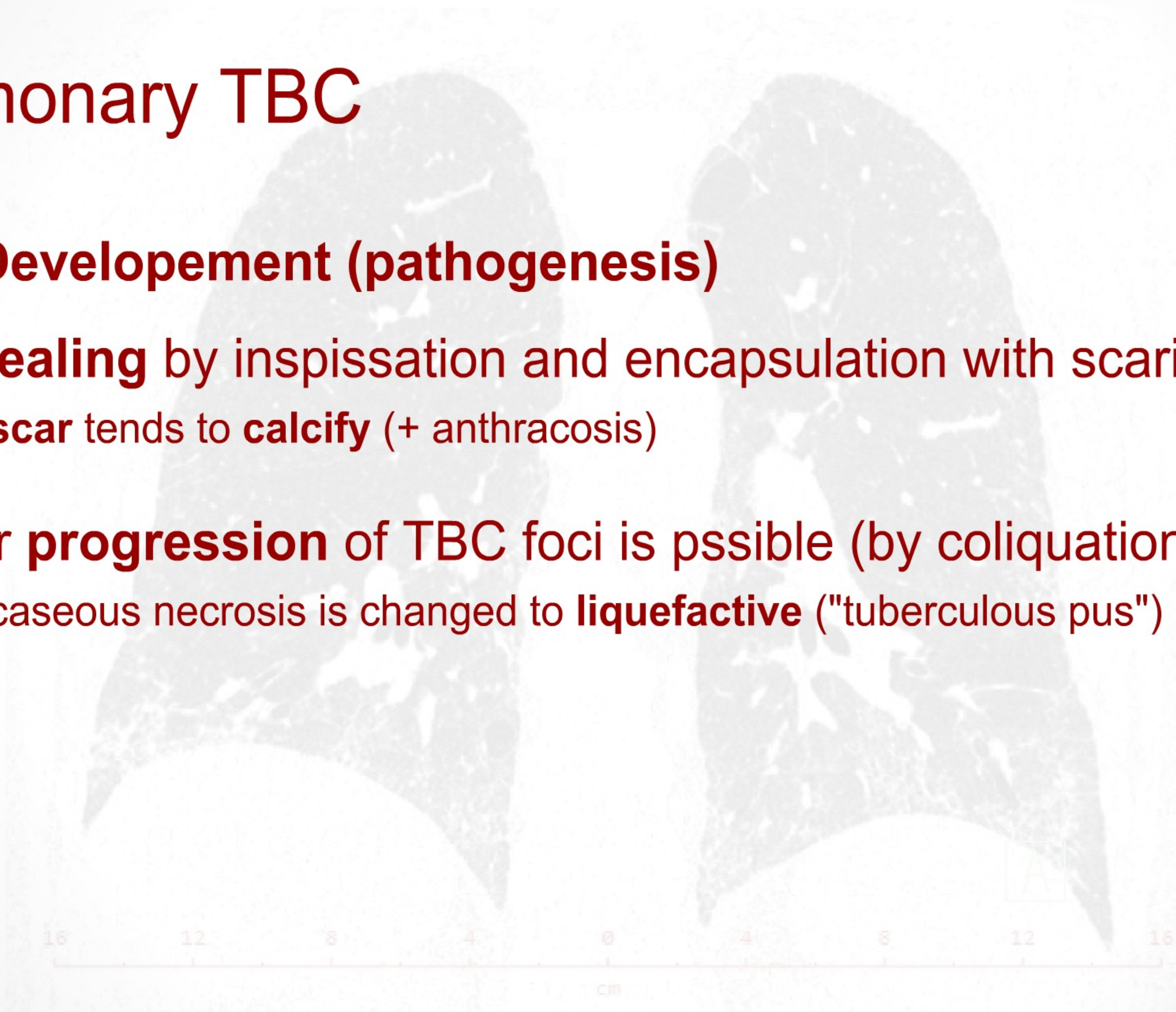
- ↓ **resistance** = mycobacteria not isolated, **caseification** dominates (worse)
- **caseous necrosis** = caseification / cheese-like (macro) / typical microscopy (inhibition of proteases within debris with leftovers of nuclear chromatin)
- Orths cells within exudate

Pulmonary TBC



Development (pathogenesis)

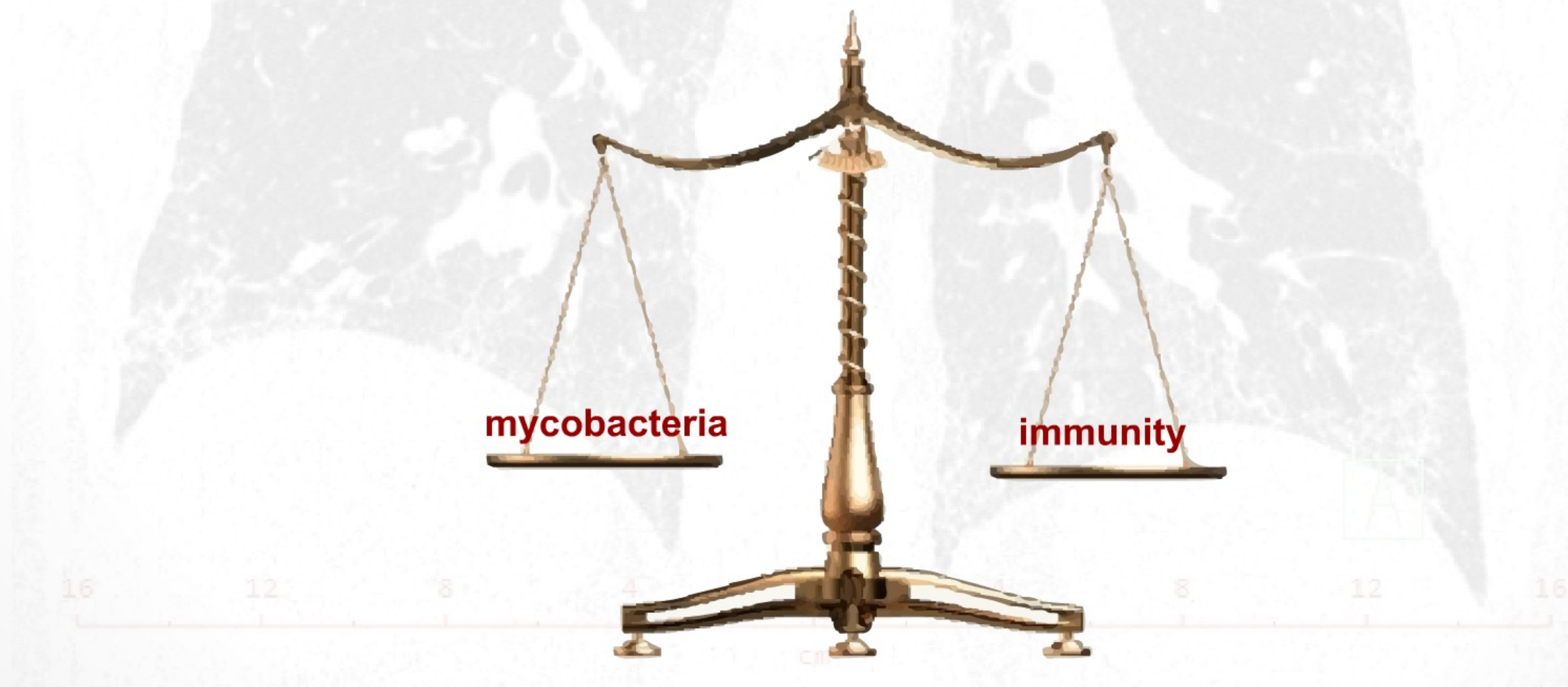
- **healing** by inspissation and encapsulation with scarring
 - **scar** tends to **calcify** (+ anthracosis)
- or **progression** of TBC foci is possible (by coliquation)
 - caseous necrosis is changed to **liquefactive** ("tuberculous pus")



Pulmonary TBC

Morphology

- organ manifestation determined by **portal of entry + host immunity**



Pulmonary TBC

Morphology

- portal of entry (**primoinfection**) + regional LN (**primocomplex**):

1) inhalation

- **primoinfection** = superior part of inferior lobe of the R lung
- **primocomplex** = hilar / mediastinal LN

2) ingestion

- **primoinfection** = ileocaecum / *tonsilla pharyngea*
- **primocomplex** = mesenterial / cervical LN

3) inoculation

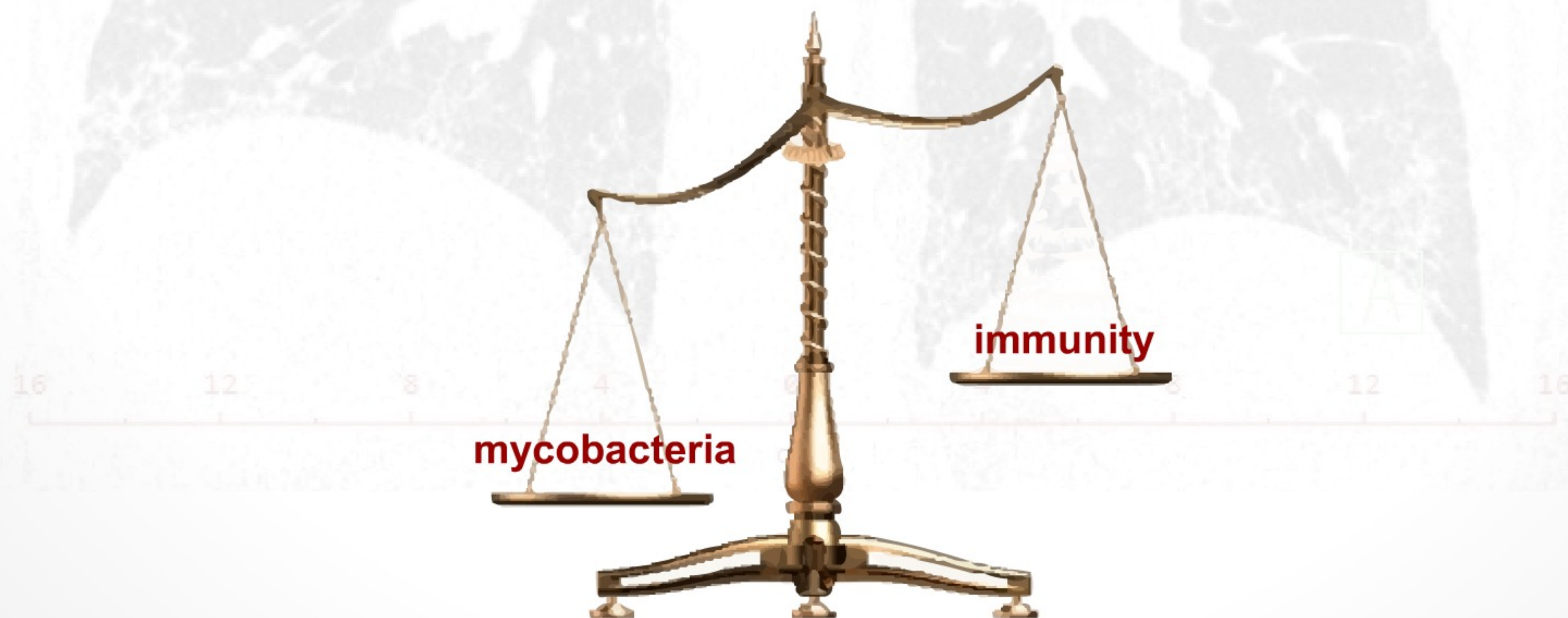
- **primoinfection** = skin defect
- **primocomplex** = regional LN

Pulmonary TBC

Morphology

1) Primary TBC (preimmune, "infantile")

- cases with **domination** of **mycobacteria** over immunity
 - naive "virgin" terrain (children, non-immunized adults = native Americans...)
- severe course with **dissemination** (generalisation)



Pulmonary TBC

Morphology

1) Primary TBC (preimmune, "infantile")

- rise of **primoinfection** (primary / Ghon focus)

- initial infectious focus (**granuloma** within portal of entry)

- followed by **primocomplex** (primary / Ghon complex)

- regional **lymphangitis** and **lymphadenitis** by lymphogenic spreading

- **3 different options** can develop:

1) recovery = calcified scar (cca 90%, so called Ranke complex)

2) latency = asymptomatic form

3) primary progressive TBC = variable **continuous spreading** (↓ immunity)

Pulmonary TBC

Morphology

1) Primary TBC (preimmune, "infantile")

- **porogenous** spreading:

- **TBC / caseous (broncho)pneumonia** (enlargement of the primoinfection)

- **lymphogenous** spreading::

- **scrofula** (from primocomplex into cervical LN; +/- fistula)

- **hematogenous** spreading (mycobacteremia / Landouzy sepsis):

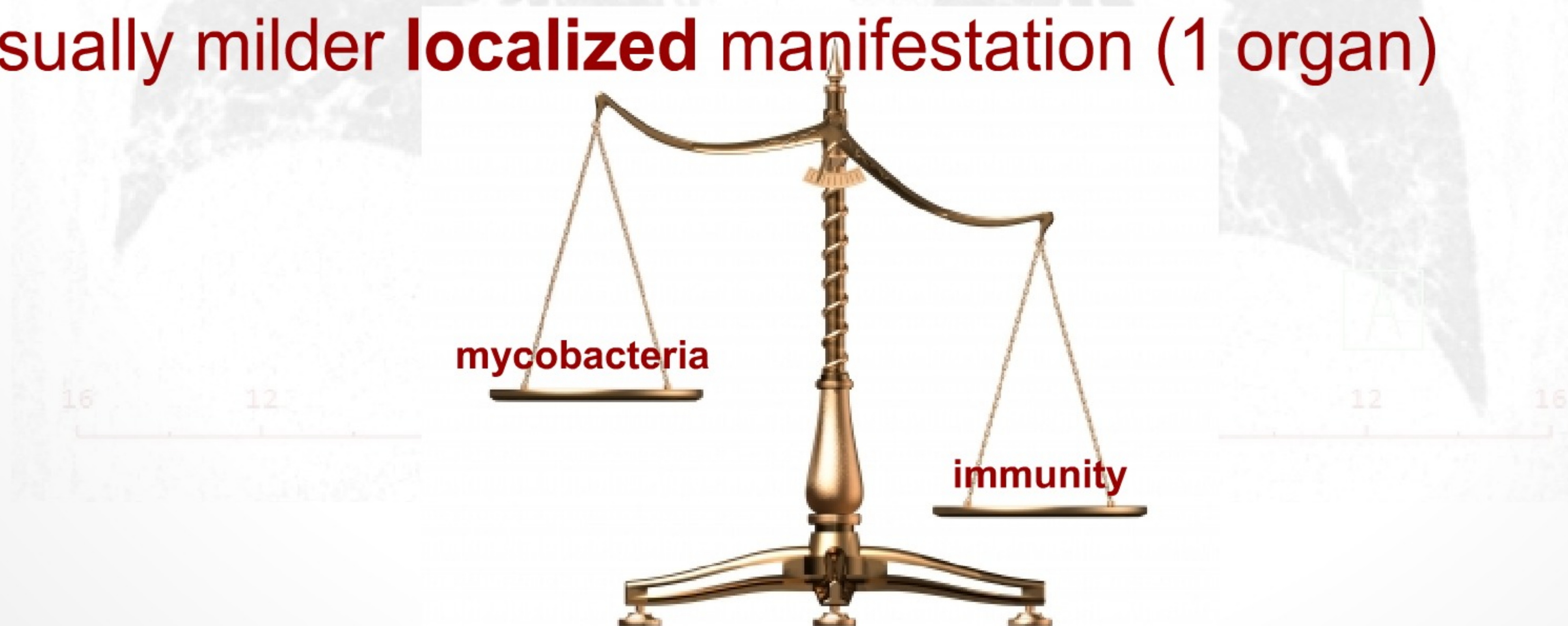
- **pneumonic** = mainly pulmonary manifestation (**miliary TBC** of the lungs)
- **typhoid** = abdominal manifestation (miliary TBC of the spleen and liver)
- **meningitis** = neurologic manifestation (basilar meningitis)

Pulmonary TBC

Morphology

2) Secondary TBC (postprimary, "adult")

- **immunity** dominates over mycobacteria (immunized p.)
 - **reactivation / reinfection** after vaccine / primary TBC (after latency)
 - **attenuation** ("miserable disease" = elderly, alcoholics, malnutrition, stress...)
- usually milder **localized** manifestation (1 organ)



Pulmonary TBC

Morphology

2) Secondary TBC (postprimary, "adult")

- development of **apical TBC** (Simon focus / nodule)
 - secondary TBC tends to occur in **apex of superior lobe of the lungs**
 - **reinfection / reactivation** (hematogenous metastasis from primocomplex)
= tropism caused by ↑ airiness of the apex and aerophilia of mycobacteria)
 - RTG term **Assmann infraclavicular infiltrate**
 - if reactivation appeared there is a primocomplex scar present too
- **isolated metastases** can occur
 - memory cells usually prevent dissemination (mainly **porogenous** spreading)

Pulmonary TBC

Morphology

2) Secondary TBC (postprimary, "adult")

- **porogenous** spreading:

- **TBC / caseous (broncho)pneumonia** (spreads within lungs)
- **cavern** = post-colliquative pseudocysts (fibrotic capsule; aspergilloma)
- **"opened" TBC** (bronchial destruction and coughing / swallowing)
- **bronchopleural fistula** (TBC pleuritis + pneumothorax + empyema)
- **adenobronchial fistula** (reactivation of primocomplex within LN)

- **lymphogenous** and **hematogenous** spread (isolated):

- **destruction of the vessels** = anywhere (lungs, adrenal glands, kidneys, LN, bones, skin...)
- **dissemination** rare (miliary TBC)

Pulmonary TBC

⊕ Clinical manifestation

- **children** (primary TBC usually) or **adults** (secondary TBC)

• *habitus phtisicus* = usually asthenia and narrow chest

1) primary

• **resistent terrain** = asympt. / weakness, fever, inappetence, fatigue, erythema

• **naive terrain** = multioragn dissemination

2) secondary

• **latency** = asymptomatic

• **manifestation** = cachexia (phtisis), night sweats, fever, cough (variable), hemoptysis (anemia, fatal Rasmussen's arterial anerysm)

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+ rich symptoms among other organs, AA amyloidosis...

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