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Obiettivi dell'insegnamento:

Conoscenza degli organismi patogeni (batteri, funghi, virus, protozoi, elminti e artropodi) per l'uomo e loro classificazione. Conoscenza delle differenze tra i vari organismi in termini di: struttura e morfologia, metabolismo, meccanismi patogenetici, riproduzione e replicazione, epidemiologia.

Conoscenza dei rapporti che si stabiliscono tra ospite e patogeni nelle infezioni umane e delle possibilità di trattamento, controllo e diagnosi delle infezioni.

Libri di testo (consigliati):

- **G. Antonelli**, M. Clementi, G. Pozzi G. M. Rossolini - Principi di Microbiologia Medica. Casa Editrice Ambrosiana (CEA) – edizione 2022
- **M. La Placa** Principi di microbiologia medica- | 2014 Società Editrice Esculapio - EdiSes
- **Patrick R. Murray**, Ken S. Rosenthal, Michael A. Pfaller Microbiologia medica Editore: Edra - A cura di: P. Di Francesco Data di Pubblicazione: febbraio 2021
- G. Cancrini - Parassitologia medica illustrata. Casa editrice EDRA - edizione 2017 Casa Editrice Ambrosiana CEA

Modalità di valutazione: ESAME ORALE

Evaluation methods: ...ORAL EXAM

Prof. G. ANTONELLI - Modulo: VIROLOGIA

Obiettivi del modulo: Comprendere come vengono classificati i virus animali, come funziona il loro apparato genetico e come interagiscono e influenzano l'ospite. I suddetti meccanismi molecolari e cellulari devono combinarsi con il concetto di patogenesi virale, epidemiologia, evoluzione e controllo.

Programma del modulo: Struttura e classificazione dei virus animali - Replicazione dei virus - Effetto del virus sulla cellula ospite - Patogenesi delle infezioni virali - Oncogenesi da virus – Meccanismi difensivi dell'ospite alle infezioni virali - Controllo delle infezioni virali - Principi di diagnosi virologica - Farmaci antiretrovirali - Sistema interferon - Vaccini antivirali. Struttura e caratteristiche morfologiche, patogenesi, controllo, epidemiologia, e diagnosi dei principali virus e infezioni virali importanti in patologia umana**.

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Specific virus families: Picornaviridae, Caliciviridae, Astroviridae, Bunyaviridae, Filoviridae, Hepeviridae (HEV), Coronaviridae (SARS), Togaviridae, Flaviridae (HCV), Rabdoviridae, Paramyxoviridae, Orthomyxoviridae, Arenaviridae, Reoviridae, Retroviridae (HIV, HTLV-1), Polyomaviridae, Papillomaviridae, Adenoviridae, Parvoviridae (B19), Herpesviridae, Hepadnaviridae (HBV), Viroids (HDV), Prions.

- **MICROBIOLOGY** → Biology of microorganisms
- **MICROORGANISMS** → Organisms not visible to the naked eye
- **MEDICAL/CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY** → Microbiology of microorganisms responsible for some human pathologies

Medical microbiology

- **Virus**
 - **Bacteria**
 - **Fungi**
 - **Protozoa**
 - **Helminths and arthropods**
- *Virology*
 - *Bacteriology*
 - *Mycology*
 - *Parasitology*

VIROLOGY

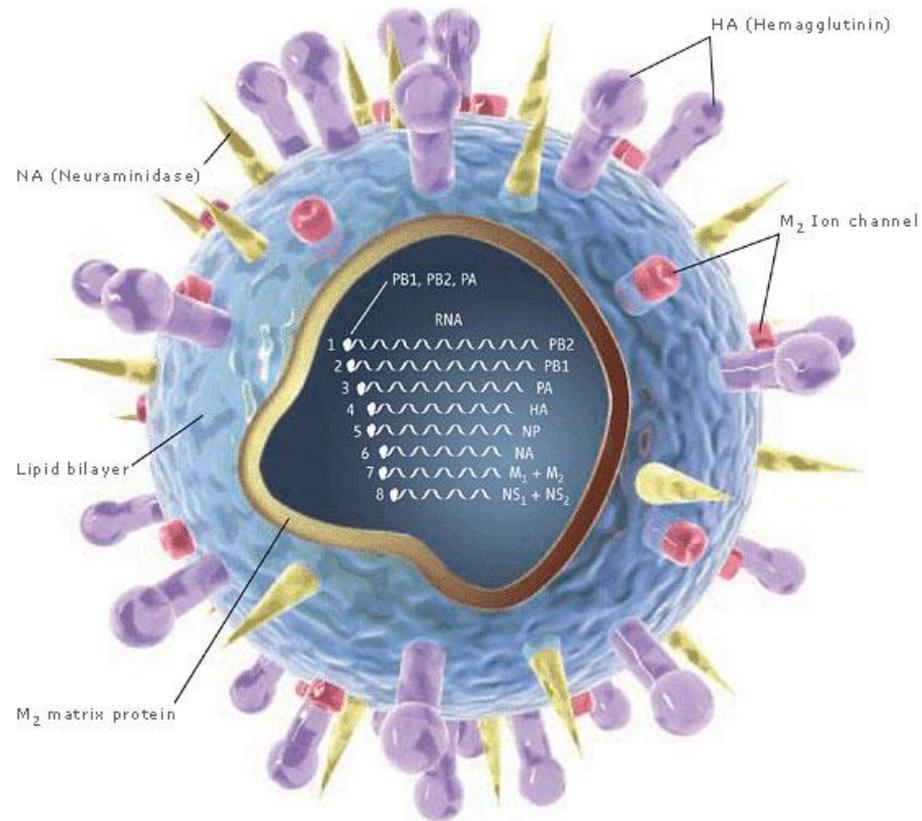


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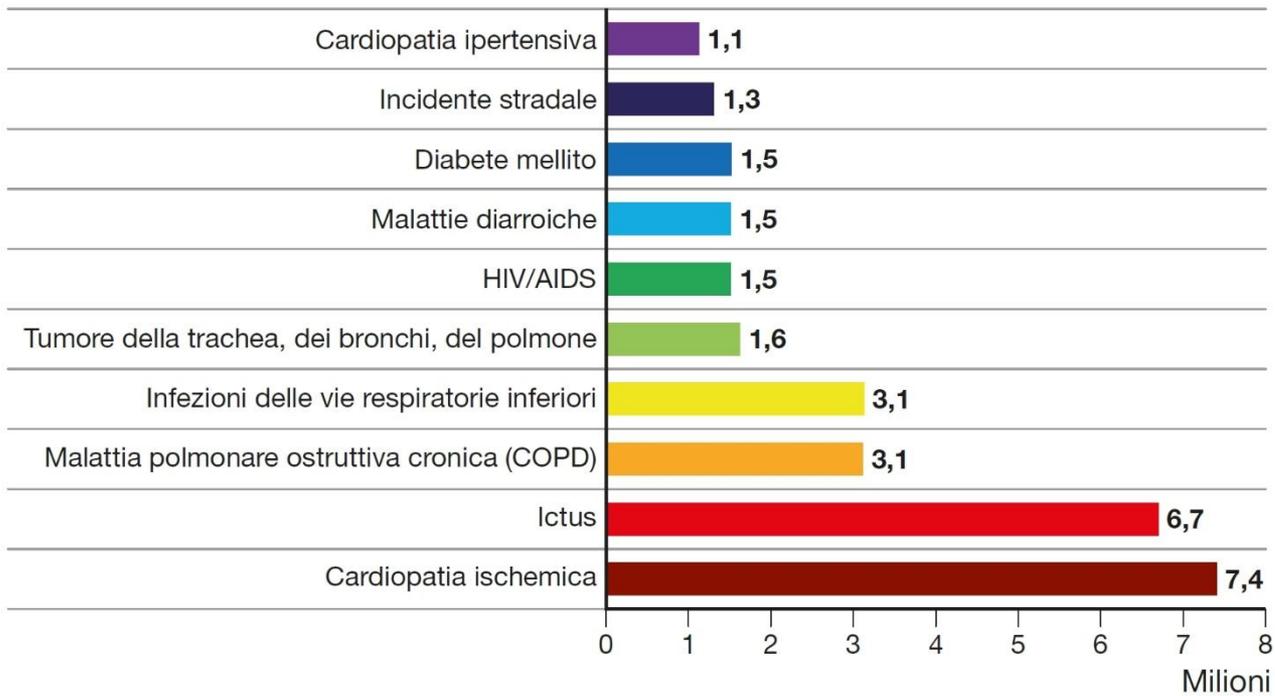


Figura 77.1 Le 10 principali cause di morte nel mondo nel 2012 (fonte OMS, 2016).

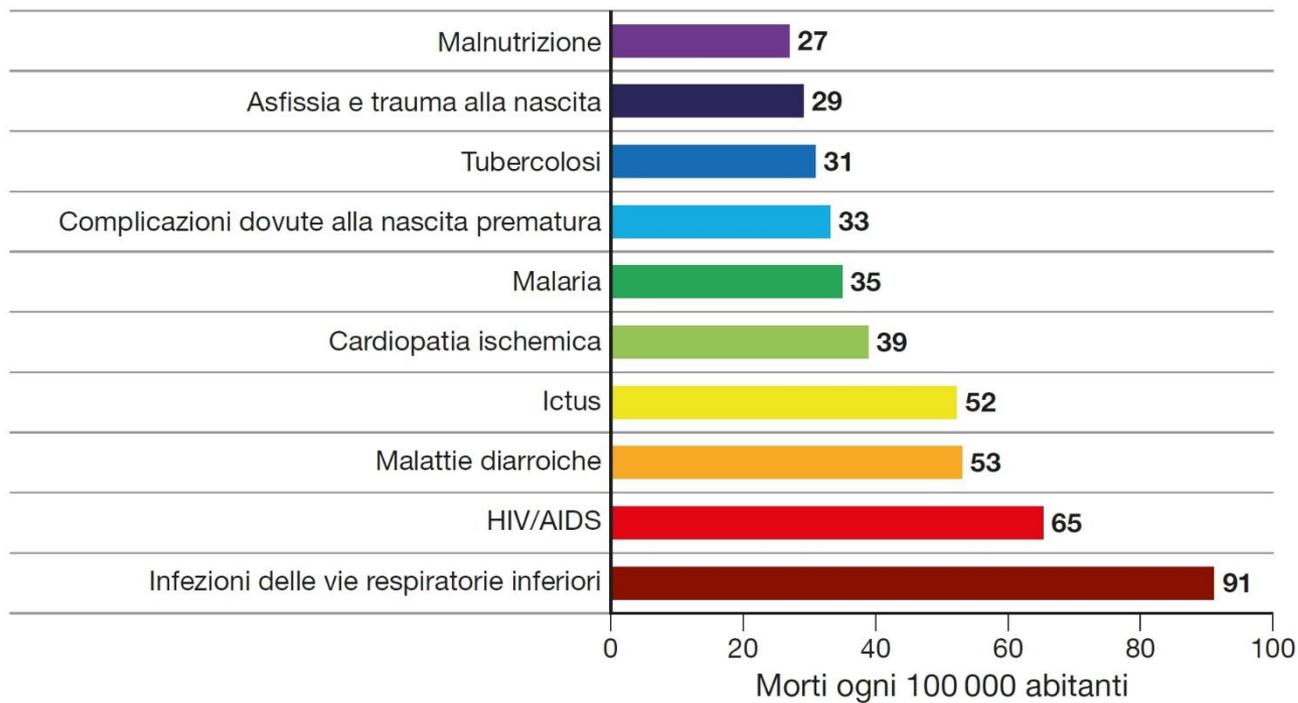


Figura 77.2 Principali cause di morte nel 2012 nei Paesi a basso reddito (fonte OMS, 2016).

JHU Has Stopped Collecting Data As Of
03 / 10 / 2023

 **COVID-19 Dashboard** by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU)

JHU Ceased Updates at:
10/3/2023, 14:21
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Total Cases
676.609.955

Total Deaths
6.881.955

Total Vaccine Doses Administered
13.338.833.198

Cases | Deaths by
Country/Region/Sovereignty

28-Day Cases
4.035.254

28-Day Deaths
28.018

28-Day Vaccine Doses Administered
28.156.730

Brazil
28-Day: **170.852** | **1.613**
Totals: **37.085.675** | **699.310**

Austria
28-Day: **148.431** | **197**
Totals: **5.961.143** | **21.970**

Italy
28-Day: **115.344** | **1.050**
Totals: **25.603.510** | **188.322**

United Kingdom
28-Day: **109.608** | **70**
Totals: **24.658.705** | **220.721**

France
28-Day: **106.042** | **618**
Totals: **39.866.718** | **166.176**



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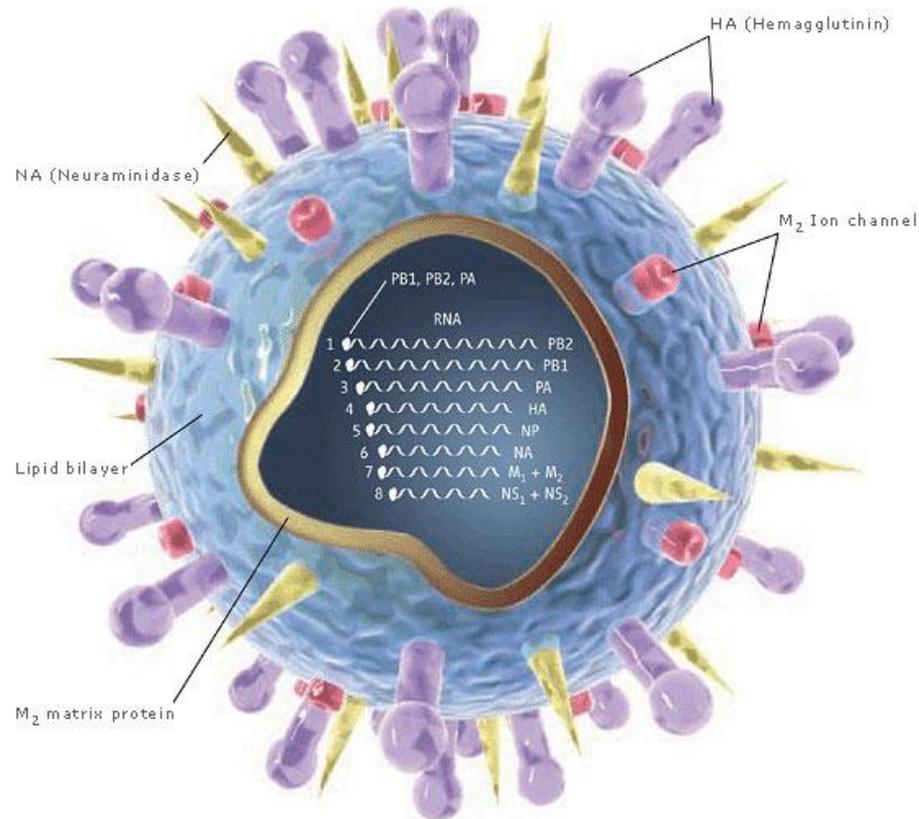


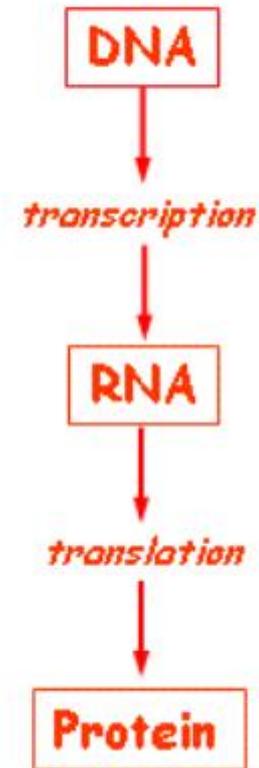
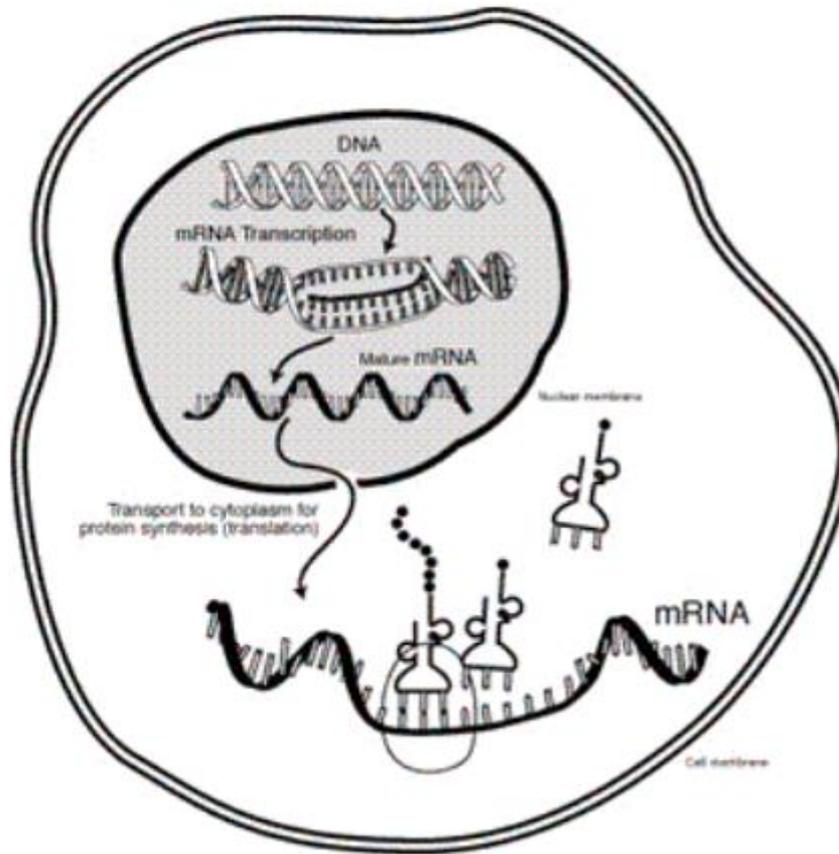
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Redifining determinants of viral
complexity:
lesson from RNA

Organism	Genome size
<i>Protopterus aethiopicus</i> (lung fish)	139,000,000,000
<i>Fritillaria assyriaca</i>	124,900,000,000
<i>Lilium longiflorum</i>	90,000,000,000
<i>Necturus maculosus</i> (salamander)	50,000,000,000
<i>Triturus cristatus</i> (newt)	18,600,000,000
<i>Zea mays</i>	5,000,000,000
<i>Xenopus laevis</i> (frog)	3,000,000,000
<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	3,000,000,000
<i>Mus musculus</i>	3,000,000,000
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	3,000,000,000
<i>Bos Taurus</i>	3,000,000,000
<i>Gallus gallus</i>	1,200,000,000
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	400,000,000
<i>Fugu rubripes</i> (puffer fish)	400,000,000
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	165,000,000
<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i>	100,000,000
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	100,000,000
<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i>	89,000,000
<i>Plasmodium falciparum</i>	25,000,000
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	12,067,280
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	4,639,221
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	4,397,000
<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	4,170,000
<i>Synechocystis</i> sp. strain PCC6803	3,573,470
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	1,830,137
<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>	816,394
<i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i>	580,000
Human immunodeficiency virus type 1	9,750

Redifining determinants of host-virus
interaction complexity:
lesson from human genome

Central Dogma of Biology: Classic View



Reverse transcriptase (RT)

5' ————— 3' ssRNA template

Polymerization

dNTPs

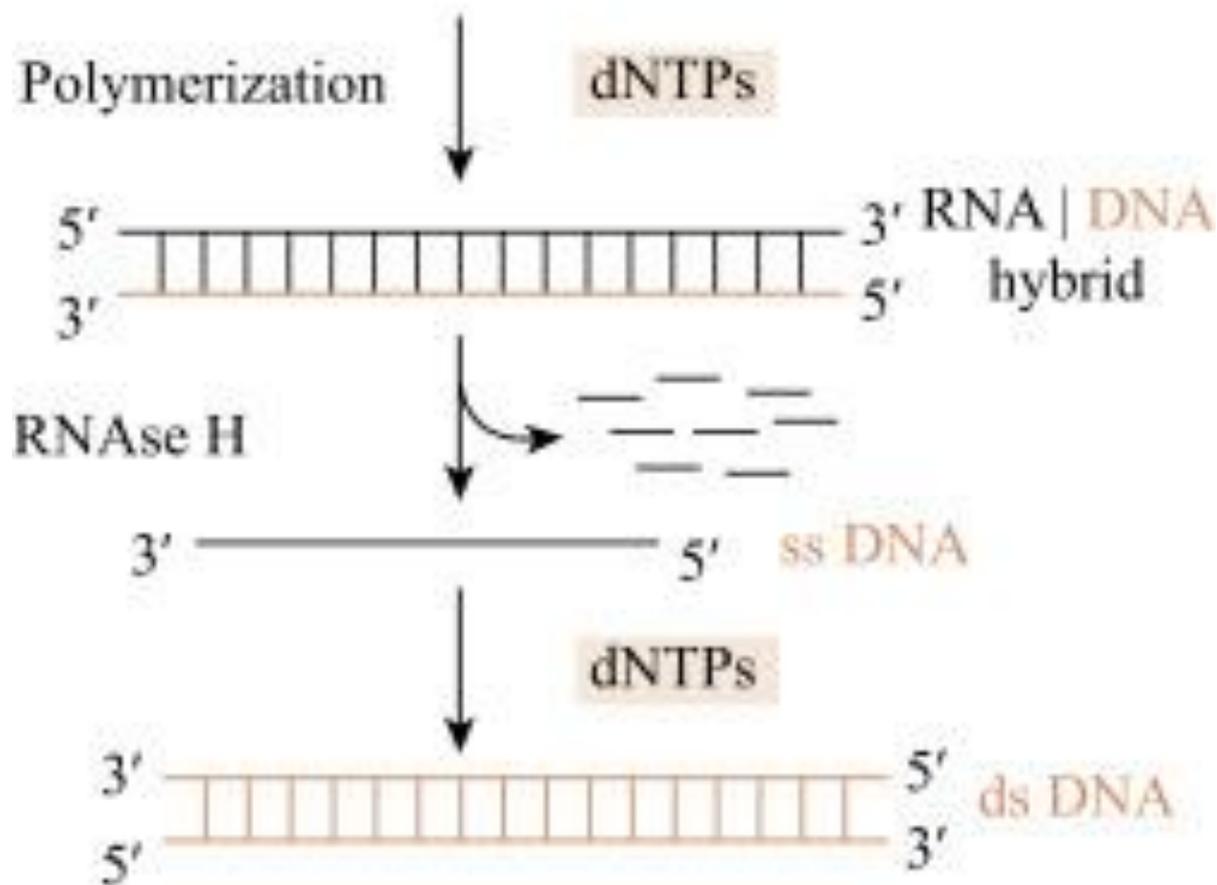
5' ————— 3' RNA | DNA
3' ————— 5' hybrid

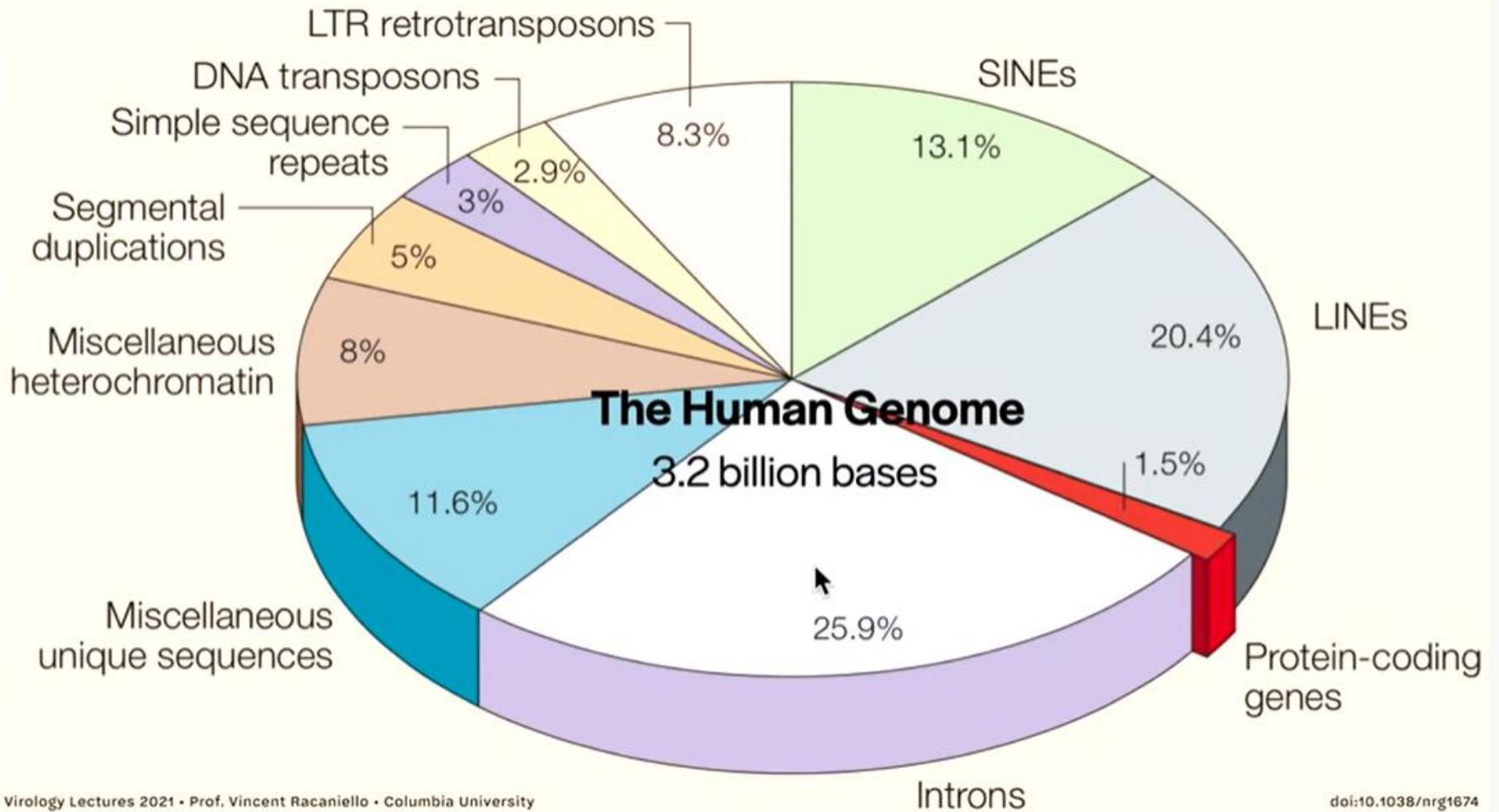
RNAse H

3' ————— 5' ss DNA

dNTPs

3' ————— 5' ds DNA
5' ————— 3'







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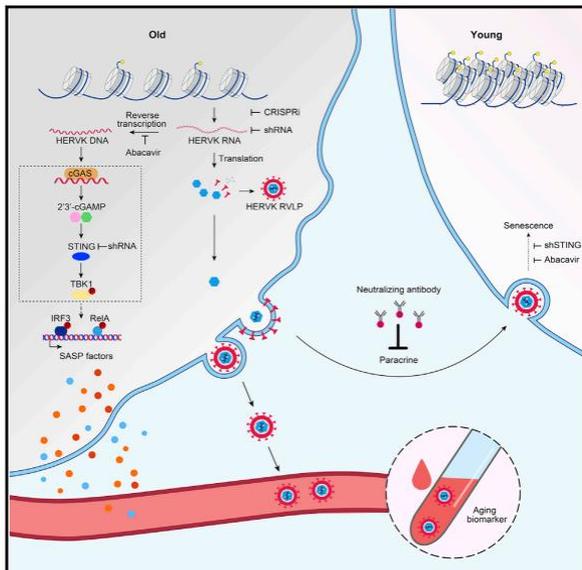
Cell senescence

Younger endogenous retroviruses make us older

Eytan Zlotorynski

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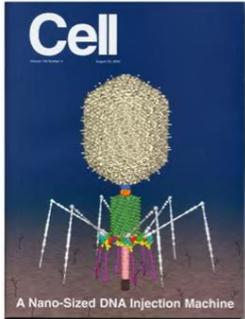


Highlights

- Derepression of the endogenous retrovirus contributes to programmed aging
- Upregulation of HERVK triggers the innate immune response and cellular senescence
- Extracellular HERVK retrovirus-like particles induce senescence in young cells
- Endogenous retrovirus serves as a potential target to alleviate aging

Redefining determinants of host-virus
interaction complexity:
lesson from virome

The number of viruses on Earth is staggering



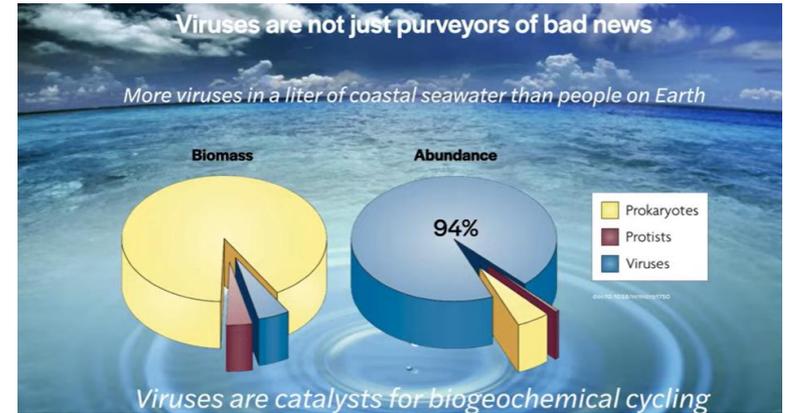
More than 10^{30} bacteriophage particles in the world's waters!



• A bacteriophage particle weighs about a femtogram (10^{-15} grams)

$10^{30} \times 10^{-15}$ = the biomass on the planet of BACTERIAL VIRUSES ALONE exceeds the biomass of elephants by more than 1000-fold!

• The length of a head to tail line of 10^{30} phages is 100 million light years!

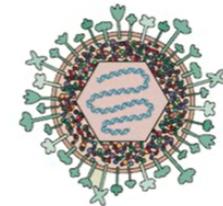


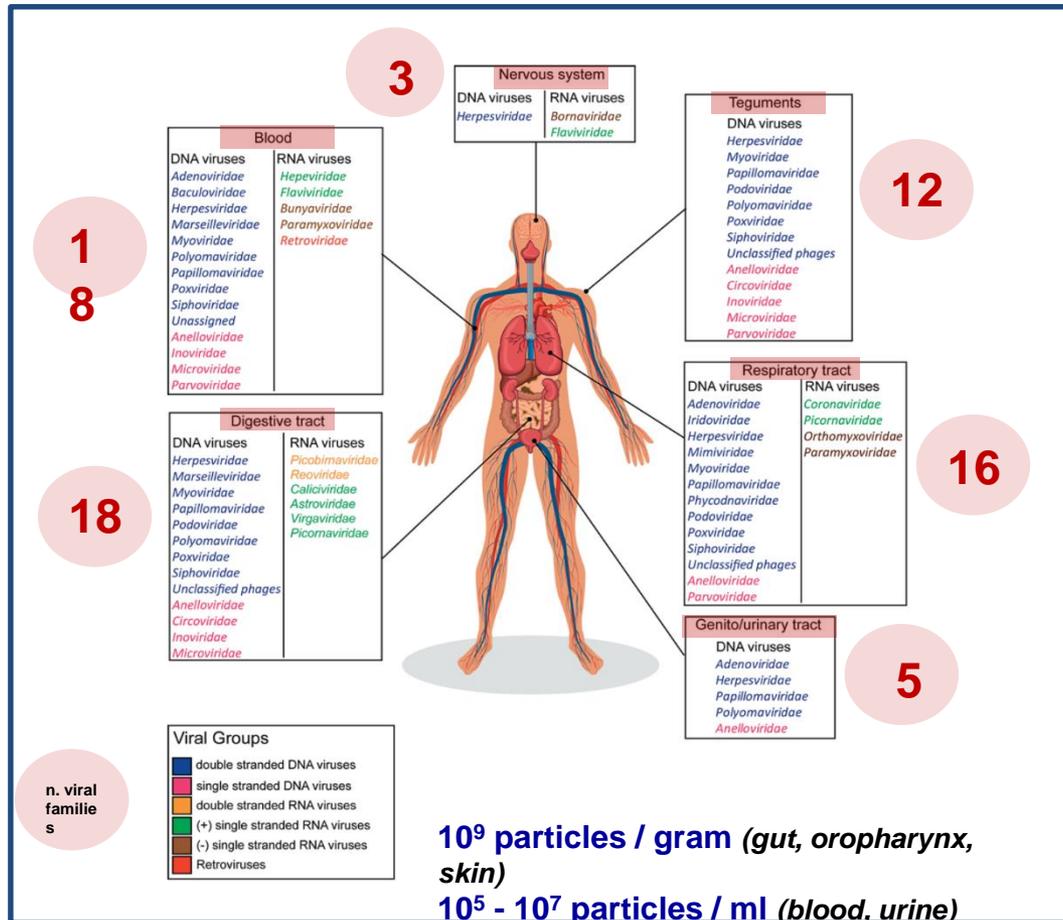
There are $\sim 10^{16}$ HIV genomes on the planet today



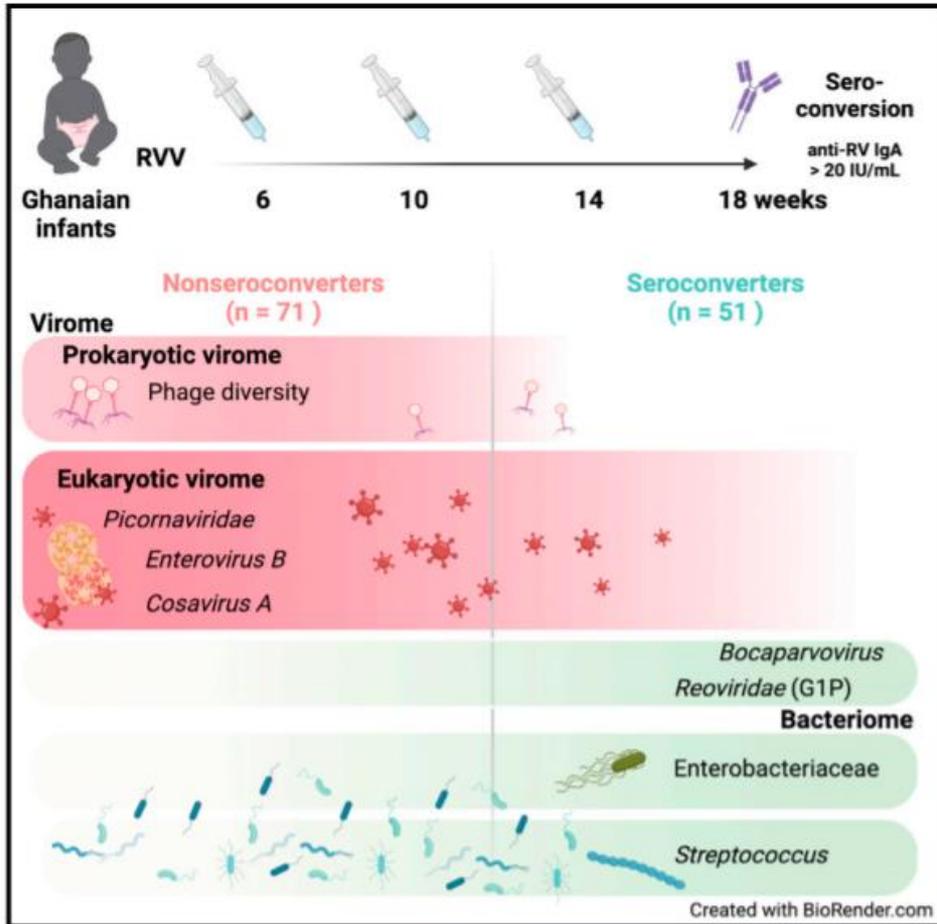
How 'infected' are we?

- HSV-1, HSV-2, VZV, HCMV
EBV, HHV-6, HHV-7, HHV-8
- Once infected, it is for life





Modified from Rascovan *et al.* Annu Rev Microbiol 2016



Clinical and Translational Report
Cell Host & Microbe

Enteric virome negatively affects seroconversion following oral rotavirus vaccination in a longitudinally sampled cohort of Ghanaian infants

Kim et al., 2022, Cell Host & Microbe 30, 110–123
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Longitudinal analysis of microbiota of Ghanaian infants receiving rotavirus vaccine

- *Streptococcus* and Enterobacteriaceae taxa positively associate with RVV seroconversion
- *Enterovirus B*, *Cosavirus A*, and phage richness negatively associate with RVV serostatus

Virome composition may affect vaccine efficacy



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Editorial

Virology: a scientific discipline facing new challenges

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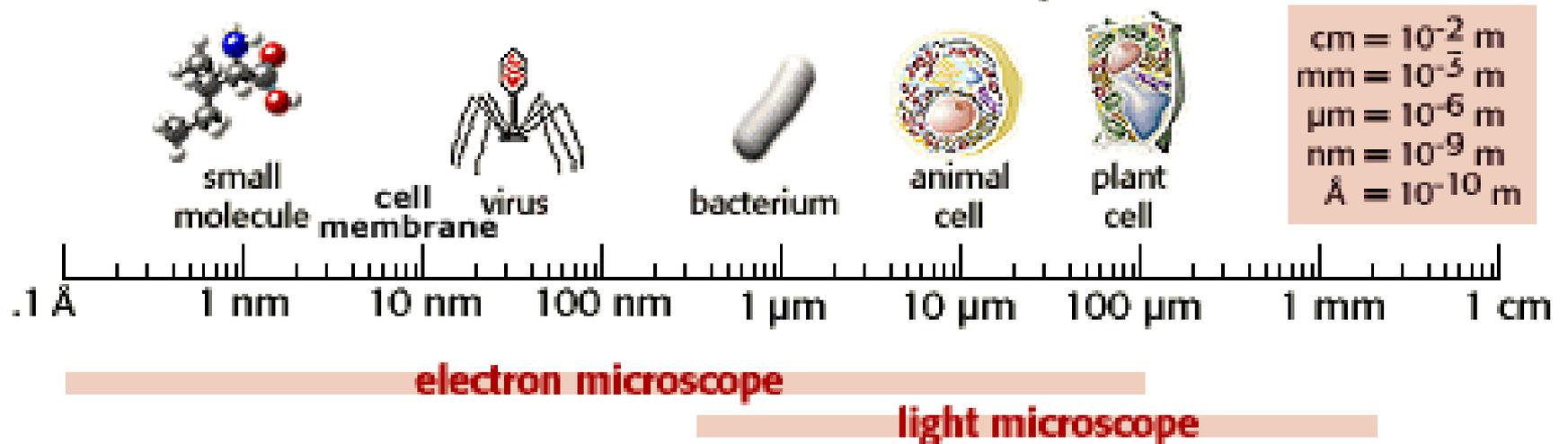
- Together with viral pathogens able to cause symptomatic chronic infections, there are viruses which constitute a stable (and little-recognized) part of our virome.

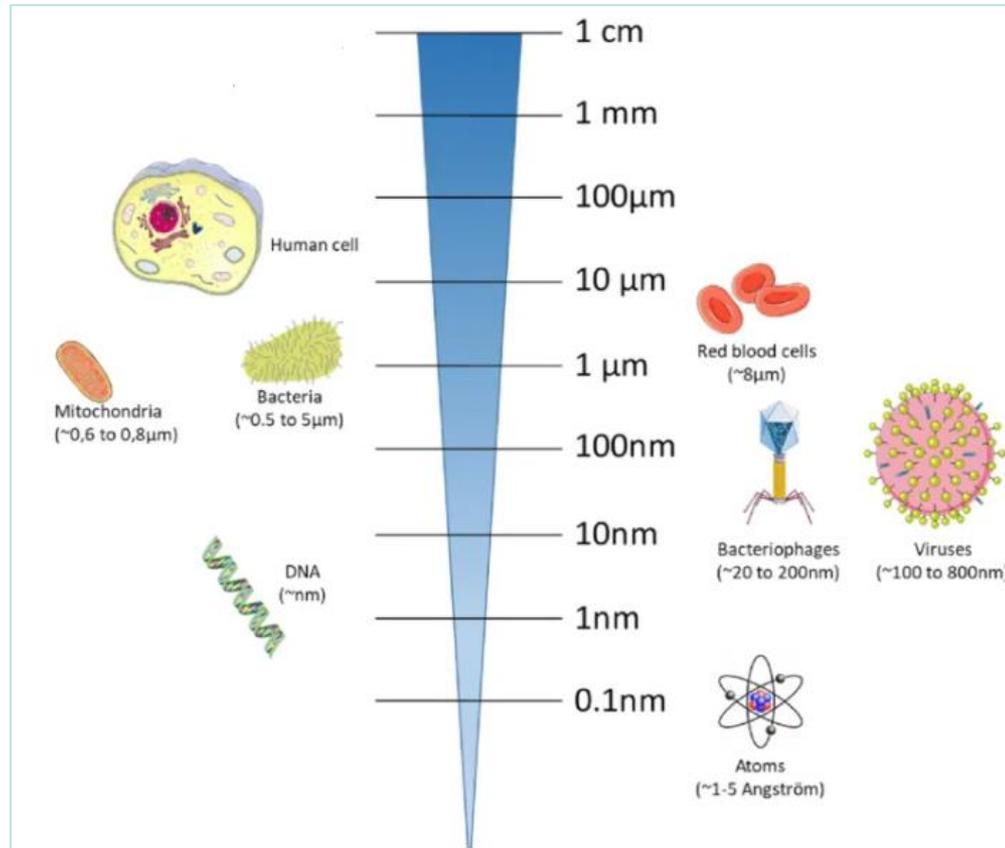
Among the many advancements and the progress we have achieved in past decades, the findings that, to our opinion, have most blurred the fundamentals of traditional virology are the following:

- can be considered as the set of all viruses, eukaryotic and prokaryotic, present in the human body. The virome includes viruses that infect host cells, viruses that infect the majority of other types of microorganisms harboured by the body, and virus-related genetic elements in our chromosomes [1]. Viruses, which can no longer be invariably considered pathogens, interact with the host and other members of the microbial communities (Archaea, bacteria and eukaryotes) in a variety of complex and meaningful ways. These complex interactions have just begun to be investigated but it is common opinion that they profoundly affect health status [2]. Due to the existence of commensal viruses, we should probably redefine chronic viral infections and focus our attention on the host rather than on infectious agents to dissect disease determinants. From a policy point of view, we must conclude that the integration of 'different' disciplines (virology, bacteriology, mycology, immunology, genetics, molecular biology) is essential for a more complete understanding of the role of the virome and its trans-kingdom interactions in the modulation of health and disease status.

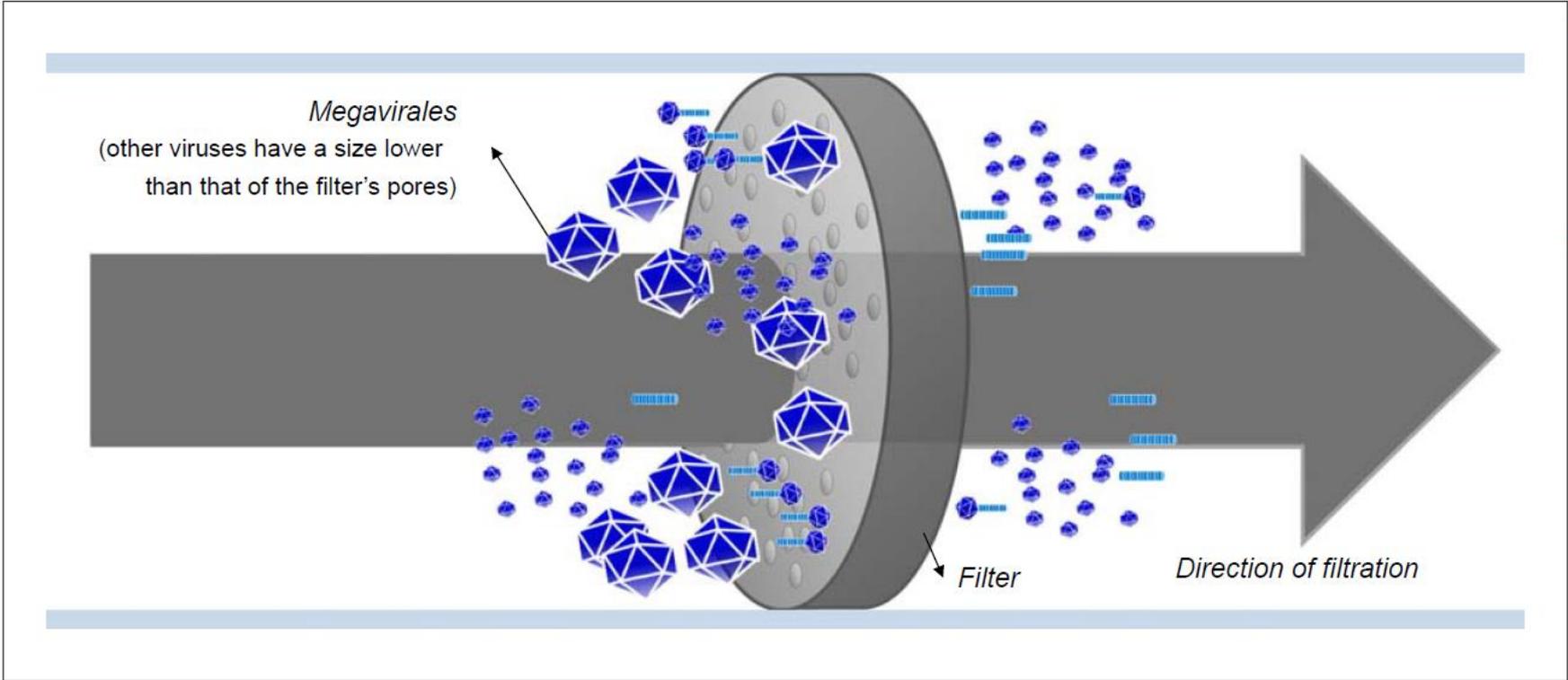
Redifining the size of the viruses: lesson from Mimivirus

Relative sizes of cells and their components





The selection of filters for sterilization must account for the size range of the contaminants to be excluded. The most commonly used filter is composed of nitrocellulose and has a pore size of 0.22 μm. The size of the bacteria ranges from 0.3 to 0.5 μm whereas the size of the viruses ranges from 20 nm to 0.36 μm. Thus a filter of 0.22 μm retains all bacteria and **spores** but not all viruses.

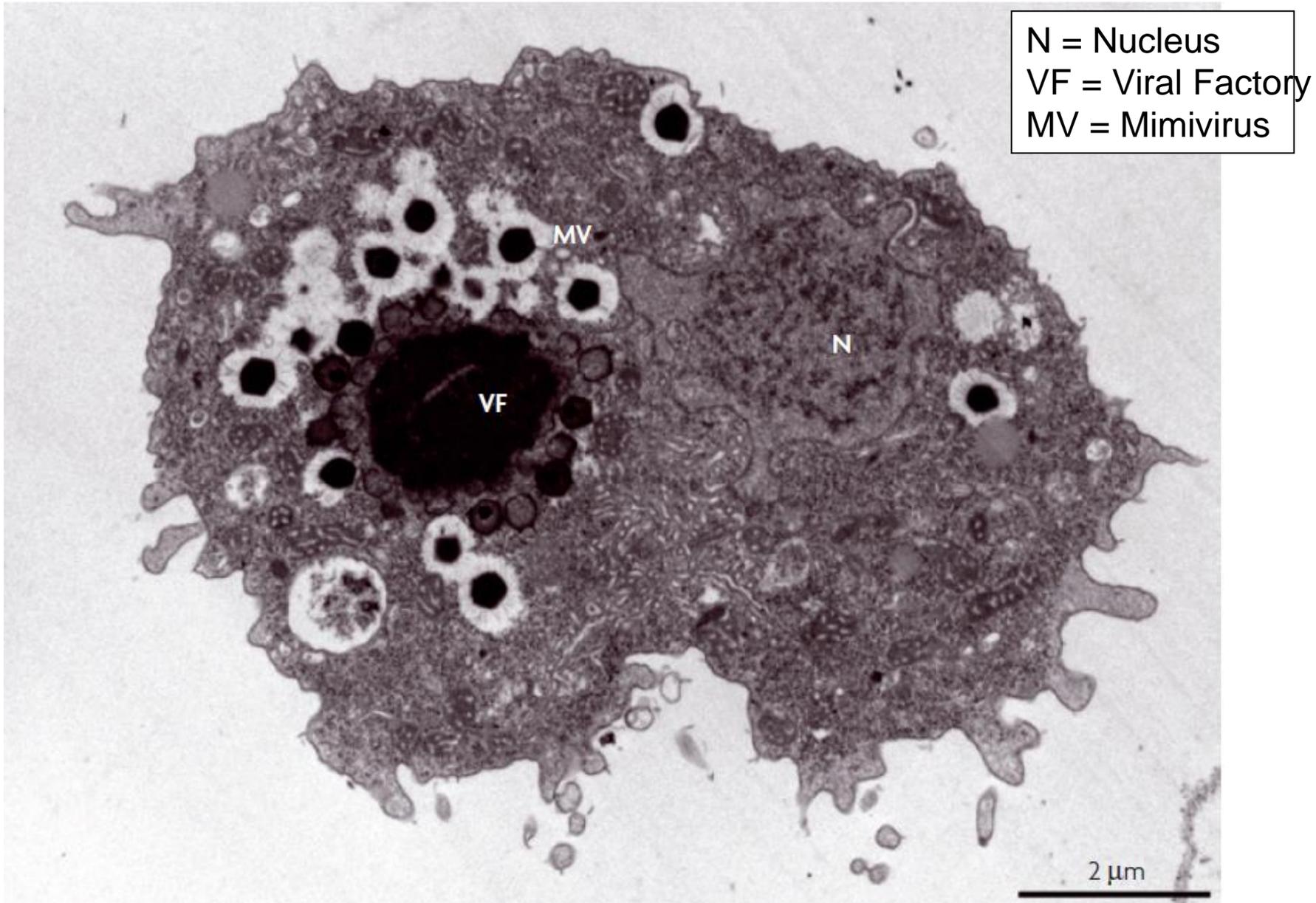


A Giant Virus in Amoebae

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Study of this microorganism within *Acanthamoeba polyphaga* (2) revealed a characteristic viral morphology with mature particles of 400 nm in diameter and surrounded by an icosahedral capsid. This structure is consistent with the finding that Mimivirus is not filterable through 0.2- μm pore size filters. No envelope was observed, but 80-nm fibrils attached to the capsid were visible (fig. S1). A typical virus developmental cycle, including an eclipse phase, was observed

Mimivirus - NCLDV (NucleoCytoplasmic Large DNA Virus)

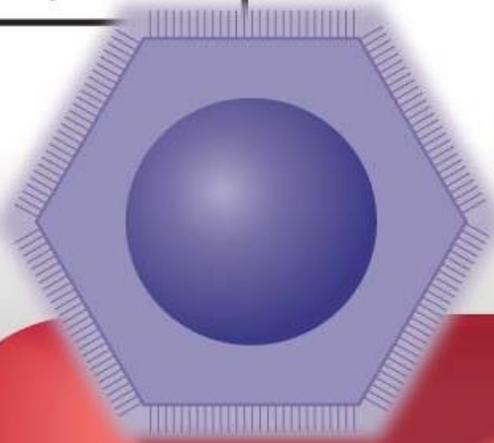


NCLDV (NucleoCytoplasmic Large DNA Virus)

The giant virus Mimivirus is bigger than some bacteria and archaeans

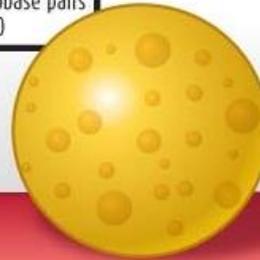
MIMIVIRUS

Genome size: 1200 kilobase pairs
Number of genes: 911



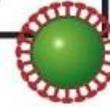
MYCOPLASMA GENITALIUM (smallest known bacterium)

Genome size: 580 kilobase pairs
Number of genes: 480



HIV (typical virus)

Genome size: 10 kilobase pairs
Number of genes: 9



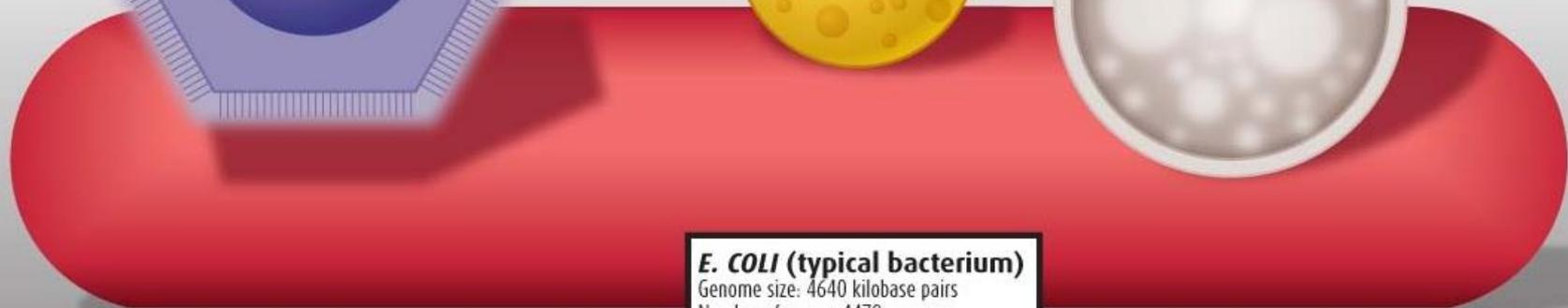
NANOARCHAEUM EQUITANS (smallest known archaean)

Genome size: 491 kilobase pairs
Number of genes: 552



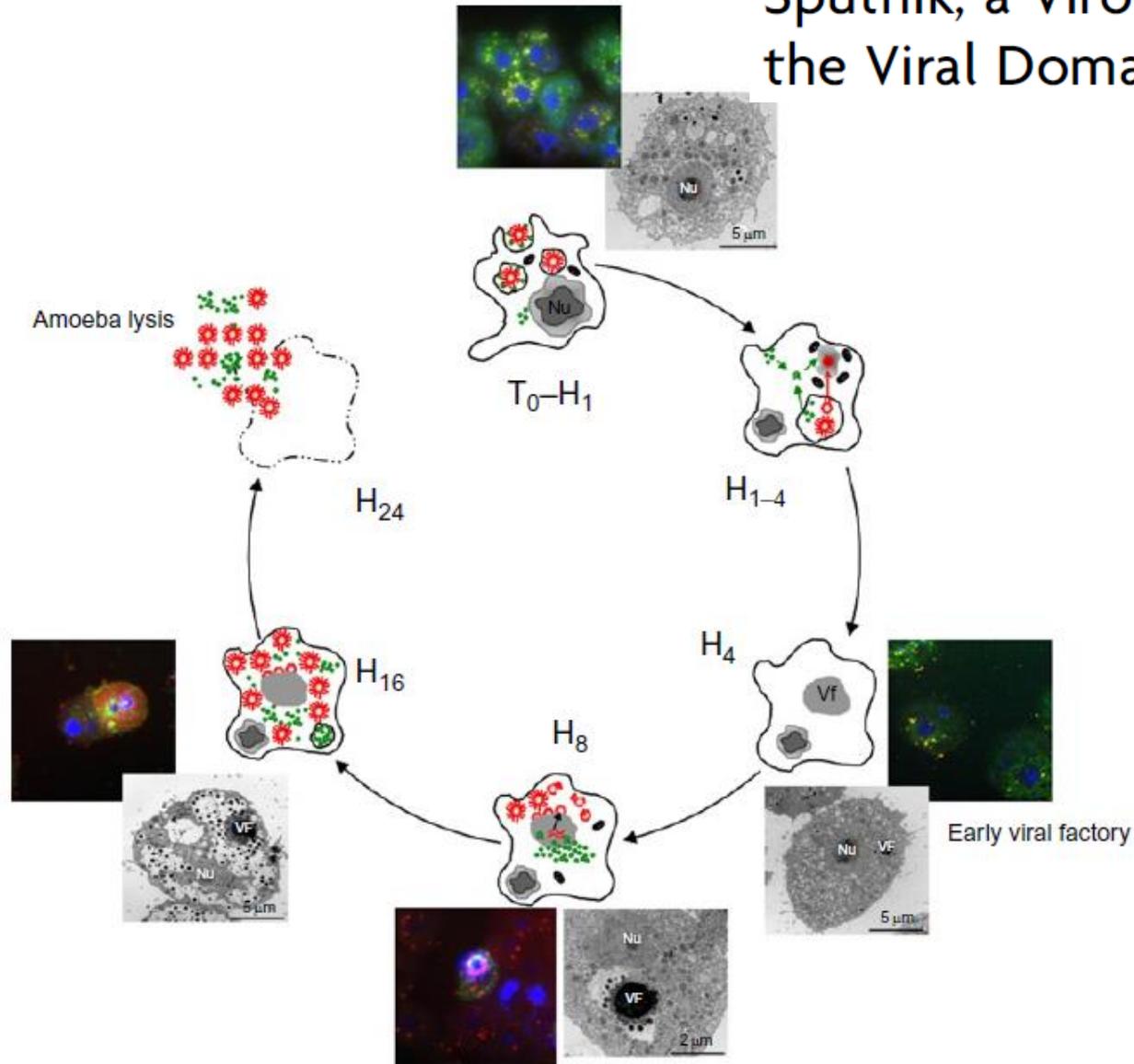
E. COLI (typical bacterium)

Genome size: 4640 kilobase pairs
Number of genes: 4478

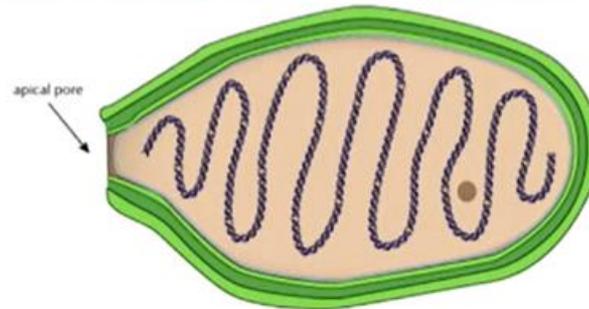
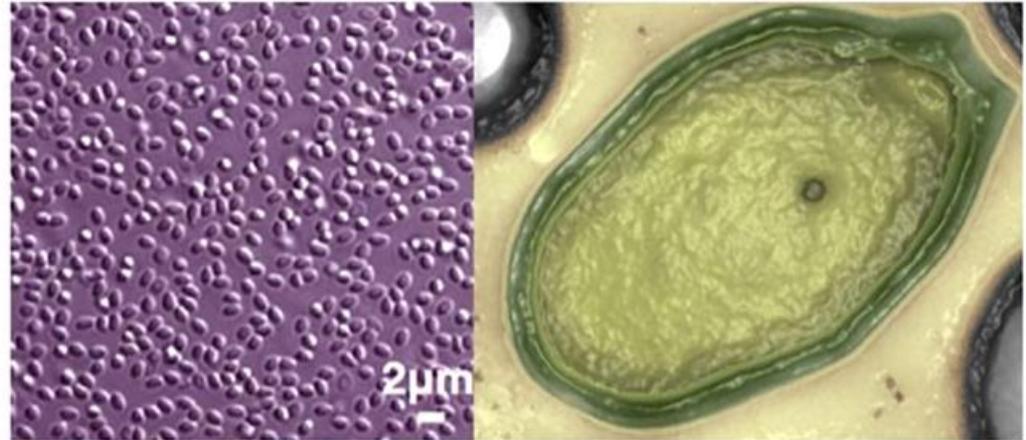
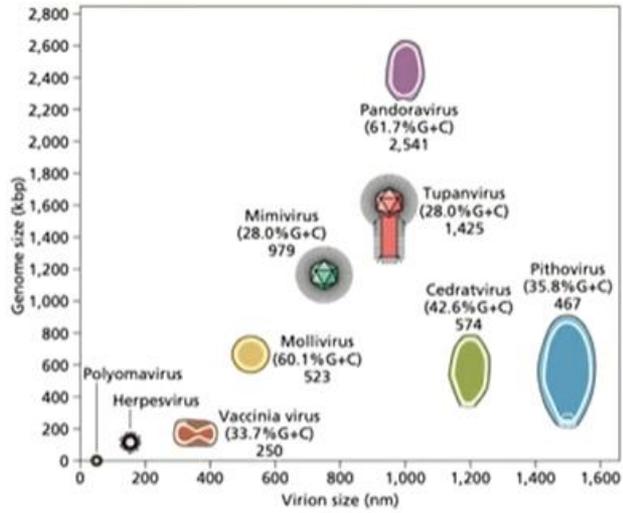


100 nm

Sputnik, a Virophage Infecting the Viral Domain of Life

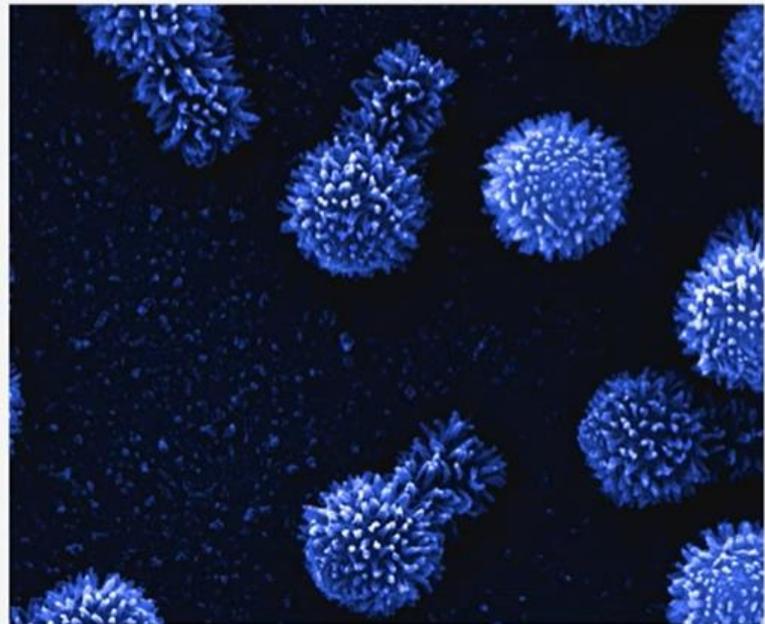


Pandoravirus



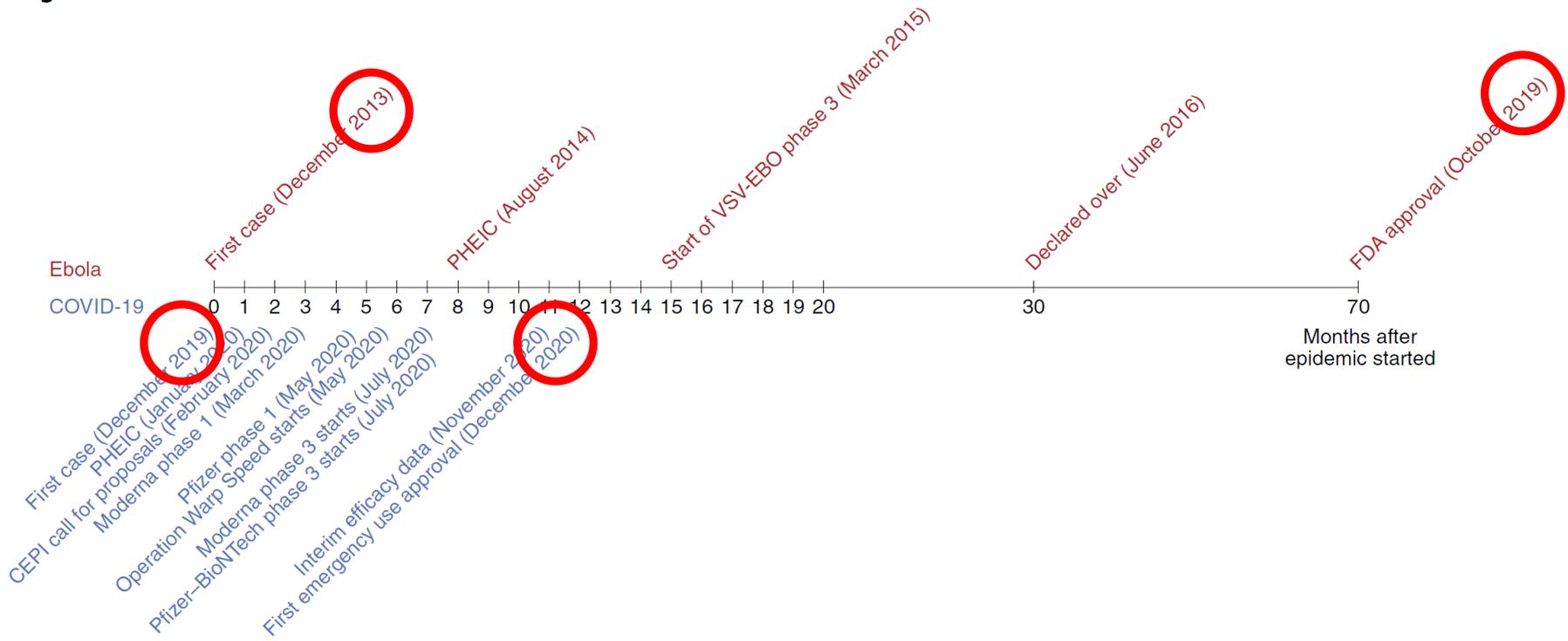
Tupanvirus - Only the ribosome is lacking

- 20 aminoacyl tRNA synthetases
- 70 tRNAs
- Multiple translation initiation and elongation proteins
- Multiple translation related genes e.g. for tRNA, mRNA maturation
- Most complete translational apparatus of the virosphere

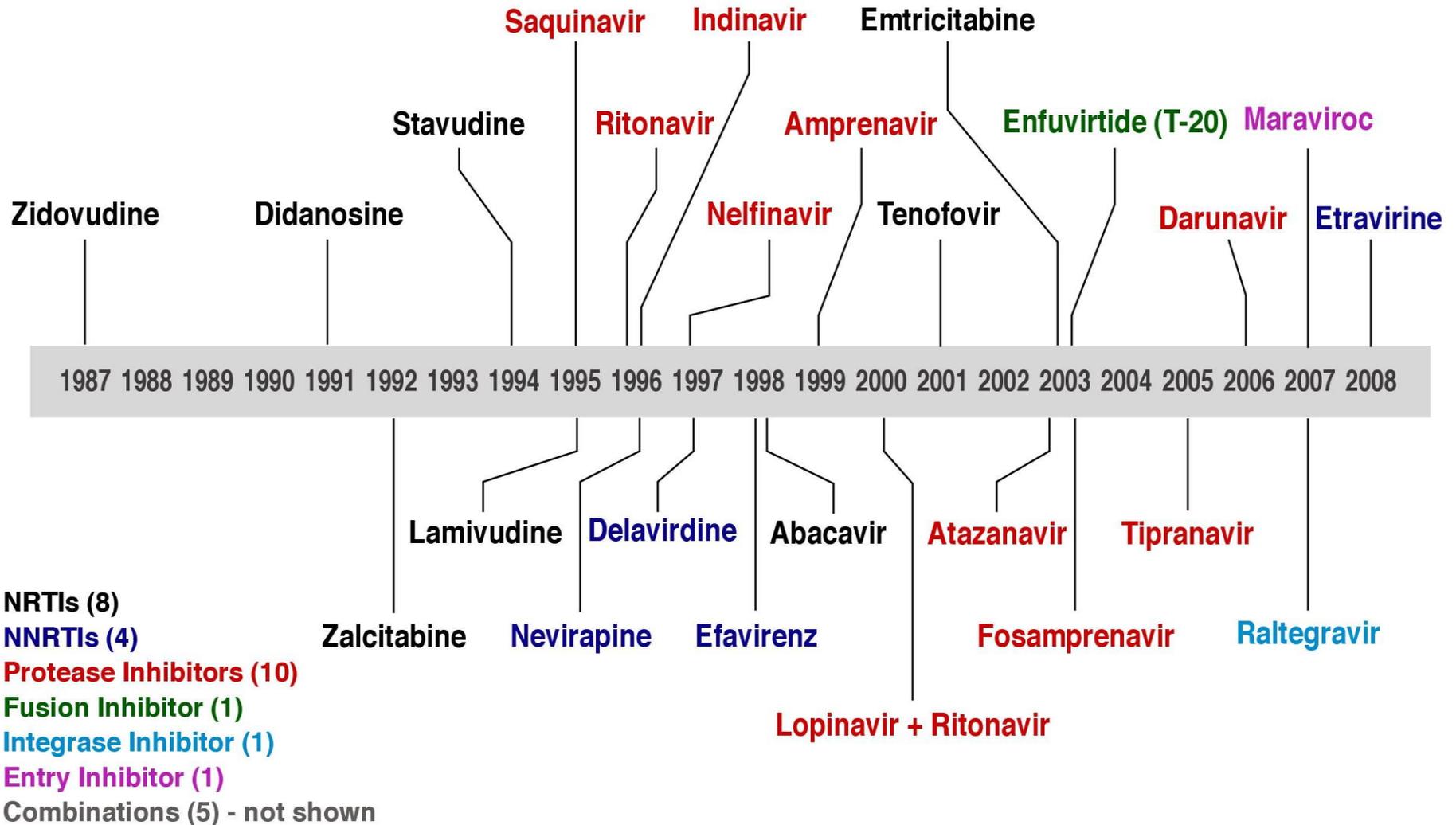


Redefining the medical intervention to
fight viral diseases :
lesson from HIV, HCV and SARS-CoV-2

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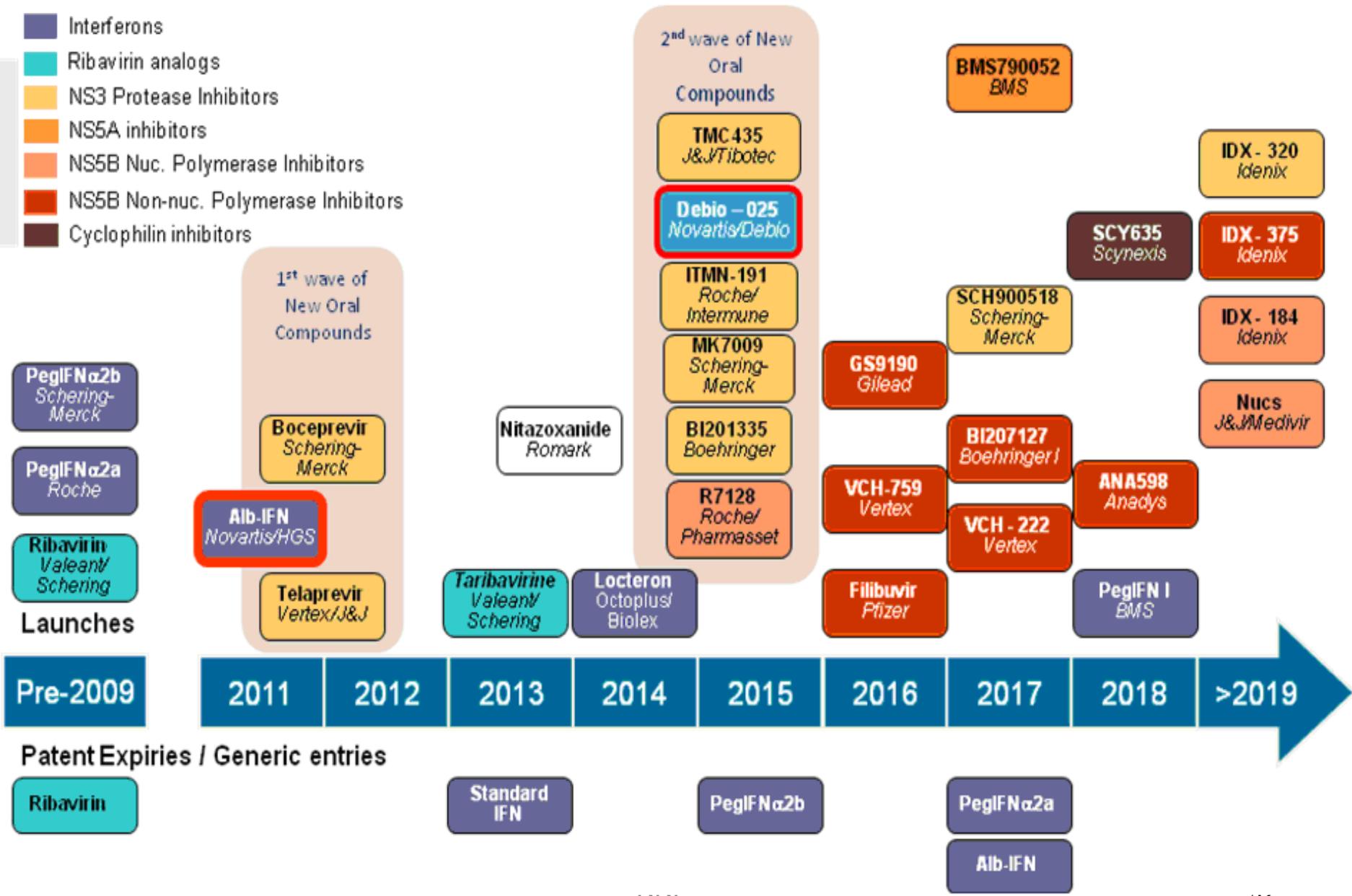
30 FDA-Approved Antiretroviral Drugs



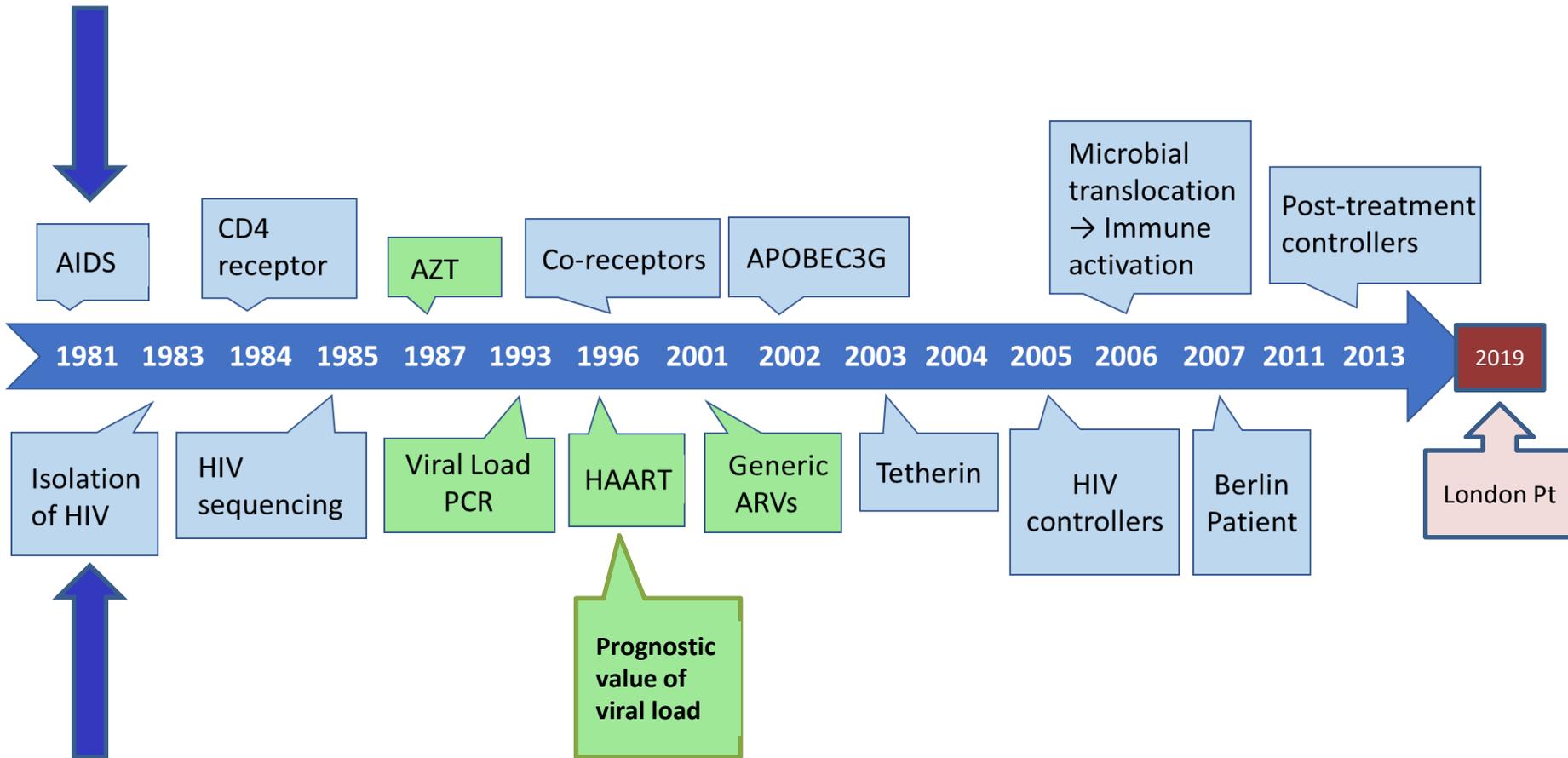


Oral Antivirals

- Interferons
- Ribavirin analogs
- NS3 Protease Inhibitors
- NS5A inhibitors
- NS5B Nuc. Polymerase Inhibitors
- NS5B Non-nuc. Polymerase Inhibitors
- Cyclophilin inhibitors



MILESTONES IN HIV-AIDS RESEARCH (VIROLOGICAL, DIAGNOSTIC AND PATHOGENETIC ISSUES)



HIV Cure

Timothy Ray Brown (Berlin patient) and the “London patient” shared similar medical circumstances.

They were both HIV-1-positive and receiving ART therapy. They both eventually developed a blood cancer (acute myeloid leukemia and Hodgkin’s lymphoma, respectively), which was treated with chemotherapy and various other therapeutics.

Both ultimately required a bone marrow transplant to replenish the blood stem cells that had been destroyed during chemotherapy.

In both cases, doctors used bone marrow cells from a donor who was homozygous for a mutation in the gene encoding the HIV co-receptor CCR5 (CCR5 $\Delta 32/\Delta 32$), because this genotype confers resistance to HIV-1 infection. Both patients were cured of their cancer.

Both patients were also cured of their HIV infection, as evidenced by the absence of virus in their blood many months after termination of ART.

Brief Communication | [Open Access](#) | [Published: 20 February 2023](#)

In-depth virological and immunological characterization of HIV-1 cure after CCR5Δ32/Δ32 allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplantation

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Third person free of HIV after transplant

A 53-year-old man in Germany has become at least the third person with HIV to be declared cleared of the virus after undergoing a procedure that replaced his bone marrow cells with HIV-resistant stem cells from a donor. The man, who is being referred to as the ‘Düsseldorf patient’, received the treatment after being diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia. Stem-cell transplants are not suitable for people who don’t need them to treat blood cancer because they are risky and difficult: the man called his treatment a “very rocky road”.

VIROLOGY

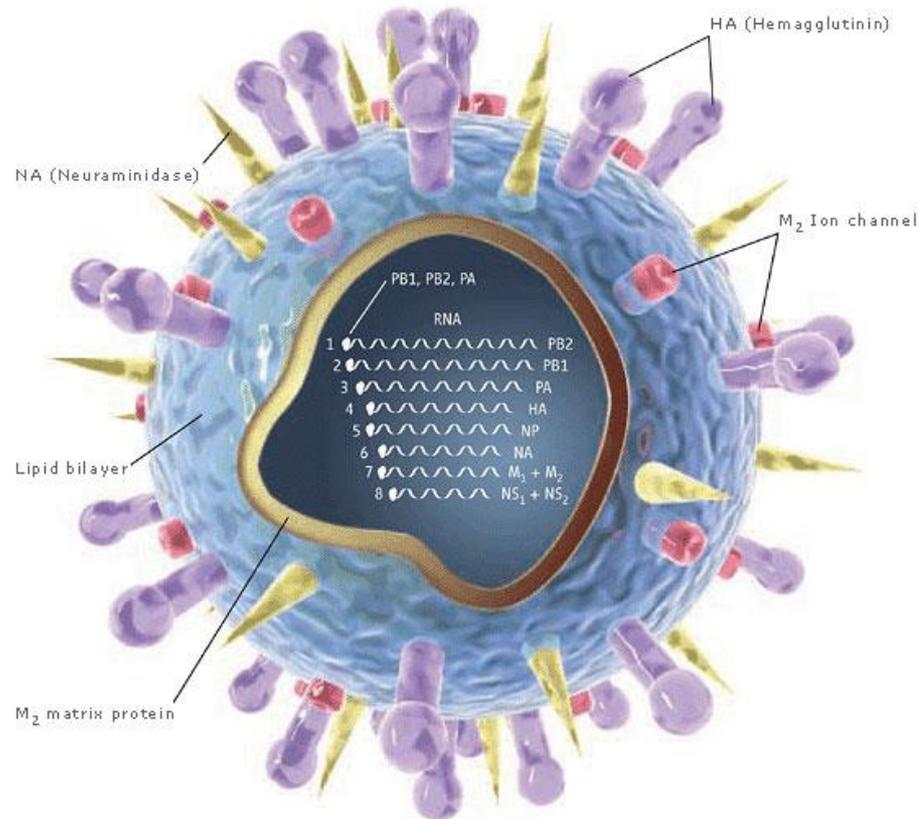
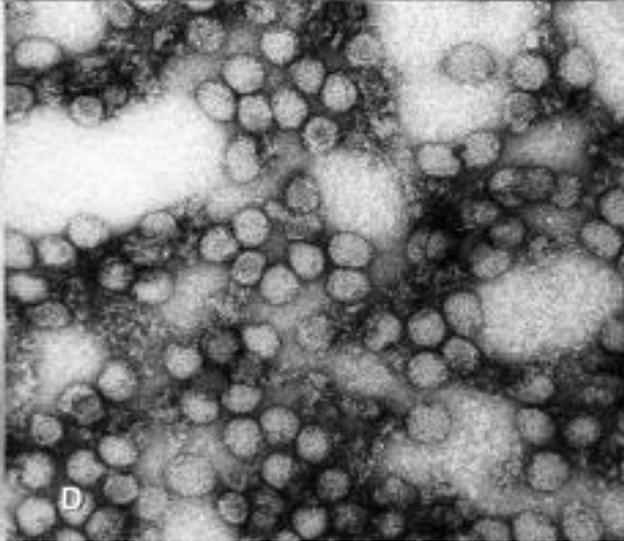
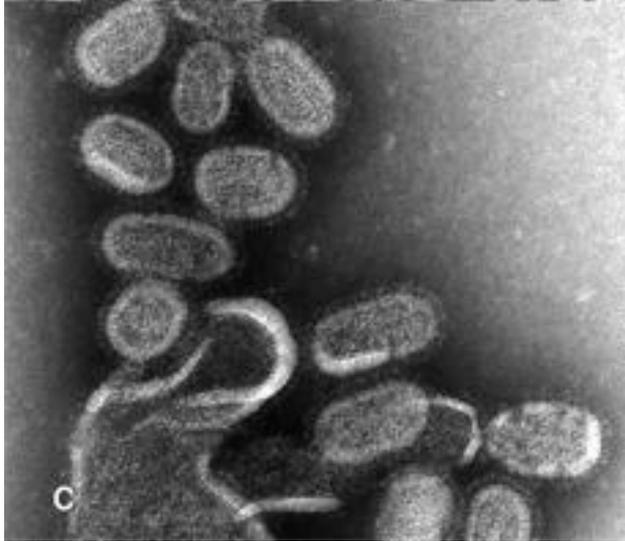
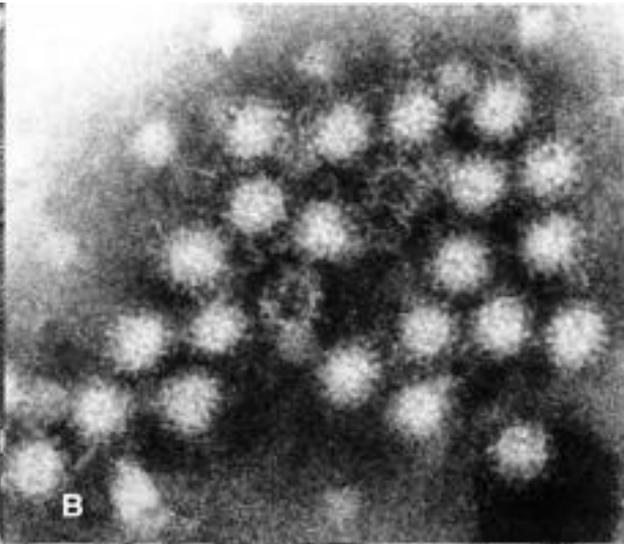
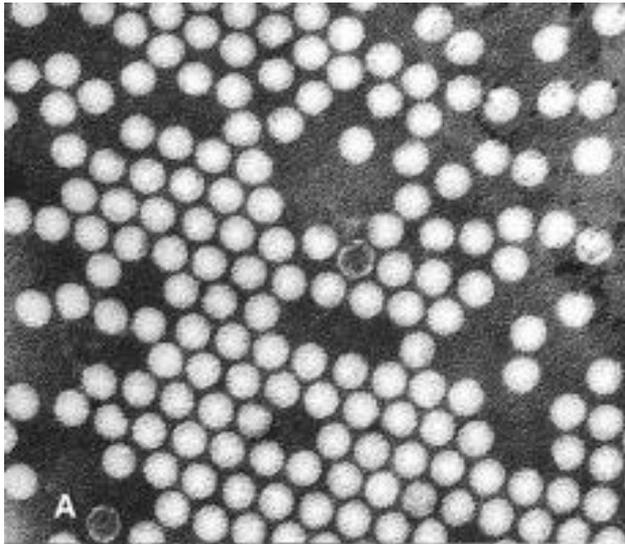


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General characteristics of virus

- Viruses are unique in nature.
- They are the smallest of all **self-replicating organisms**, historically characterized by their ability to pass through filters that retain even the smallest bacteria.
- In their basic form, viruses consist solely of a small segment of **nucleic acid** encased in a simple **protein** shell.
- Viruses **have no metabolism of their own**, but rather are obliged to invade cells and parasitize subcellular machinery, subverting it to their own purposes.



VIRUS STRUCTURE

Definitions:

Virion - physical particle of the virus

Core - nucleic acid and tightly associated proteins within the virion

Capsid - protein shell around NA or core

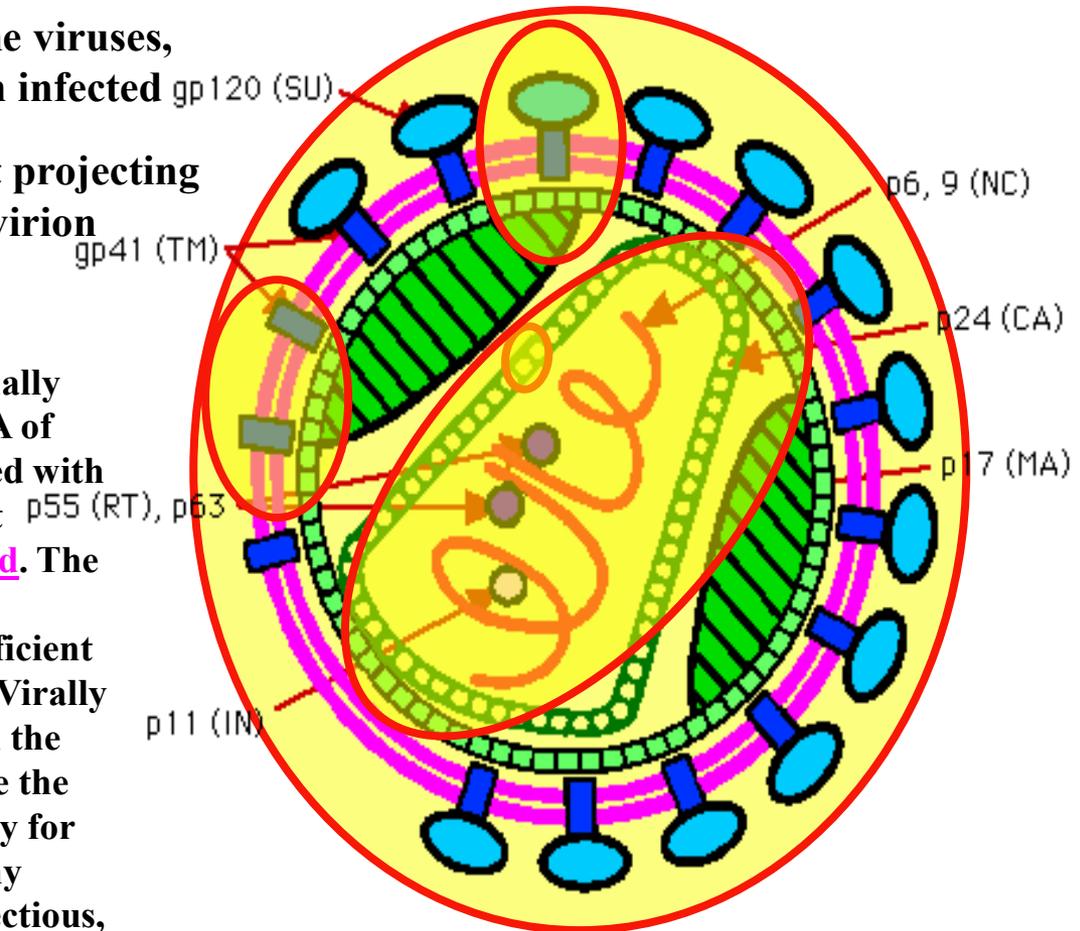
Capsomere - protein subunit making up the capsid

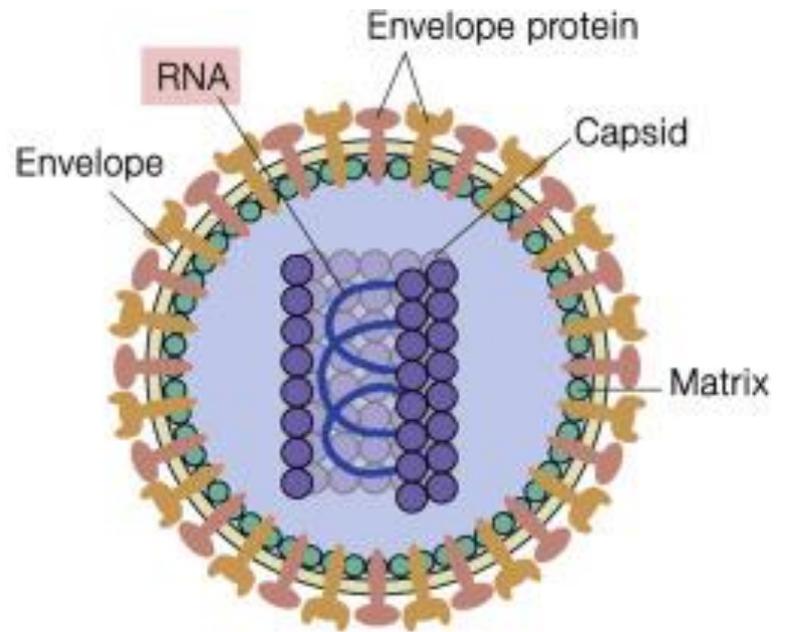
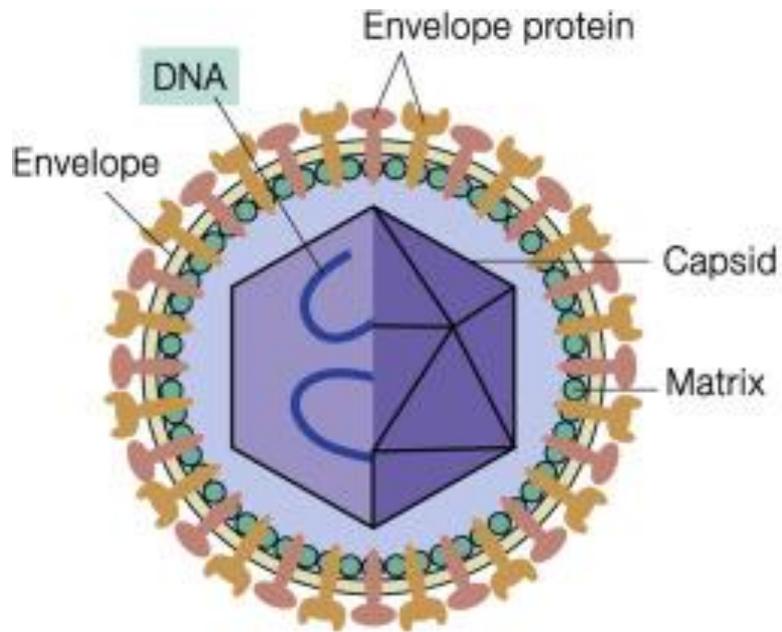
Nucleocapsid - core and capsid

Envelope - lipid membrane found on some viruses, often derived by budding from infected cells.

Peplomer - ("spike")- morphological unit projecting from the envelope or surface of a naked virion

Definition Usage: **Viruses** outside of cells are usually metabolically inert. **Virions** consist of either DNA or RNA (constituting the genome) usually complexed with protein into a **core**, surrounded by a protein coat called the **capsid**, altogether called a **nucleocapsid**. The **capsid** is composed of identical subunits called **capsomeres**. It serves to protect and to ensure efficient delivery of the nucleic acid genome to new cells. Virally encoded **peplomer** spikes found protruding from the envelope or at the surface of a naked virion serve the critical function of receptor recognition necessary for binding and entry into susceptible cells. For many viruses, isolated viral nucleic acid is by itself infectious, albeit less so than when it is encapsidated.





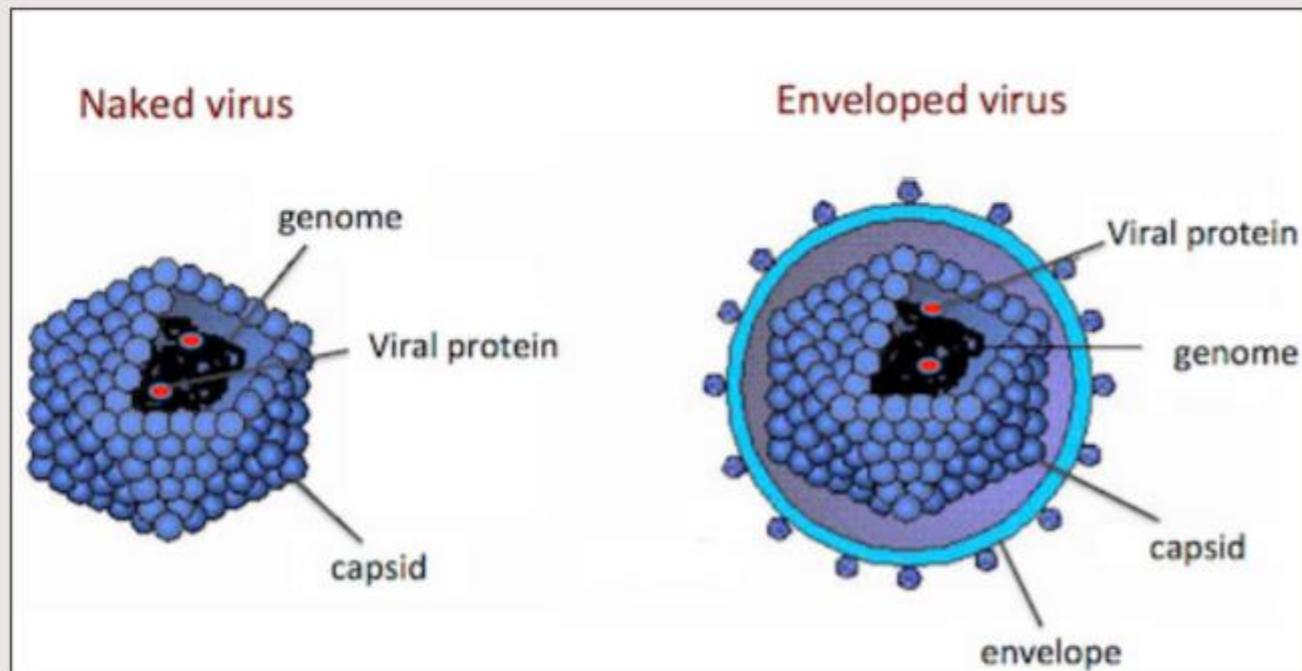
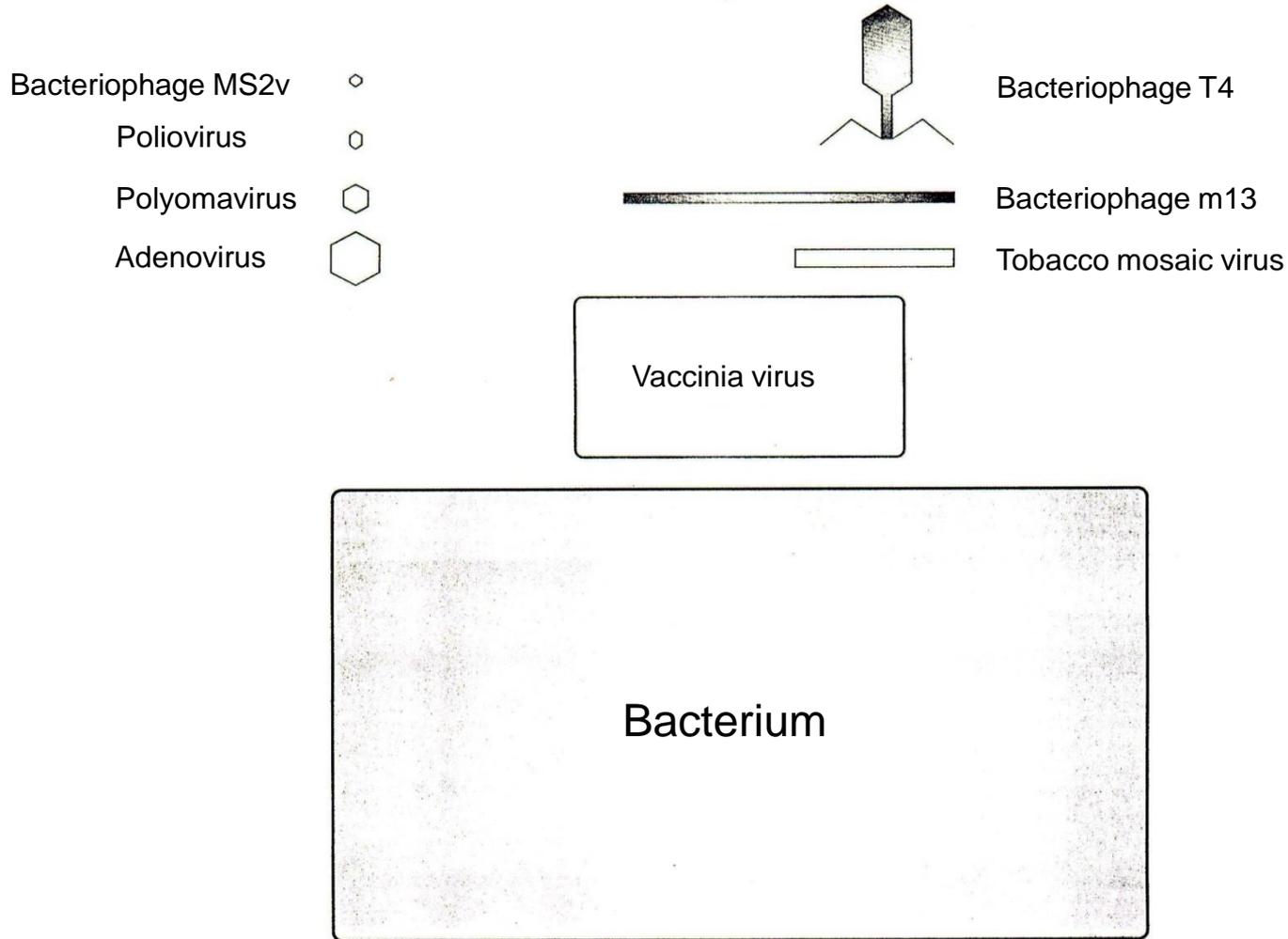


Figure 1: There are two types of viruses: Naked and Enveloped. Both have a capsid, but only the enveloped viruses have an envelope. All viruses also have a genome (RNA or DNA), and a few viral proteins that they need for replication — these are proteins that the host cells lack.

Viruses come in many shapes and sizes

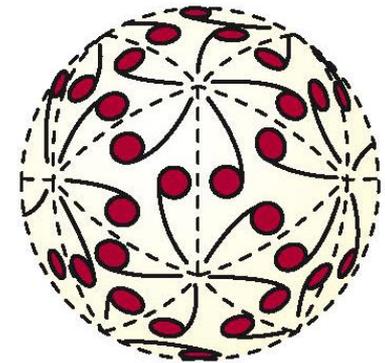
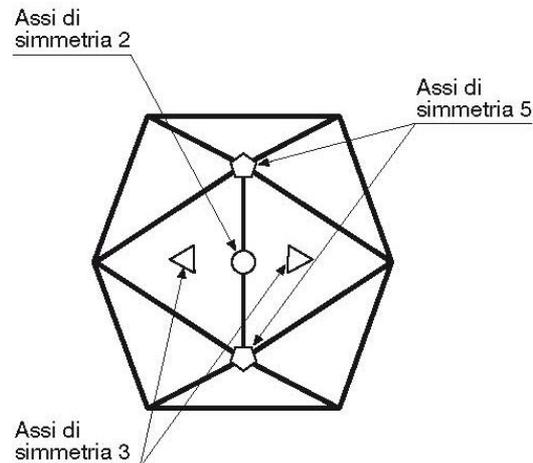
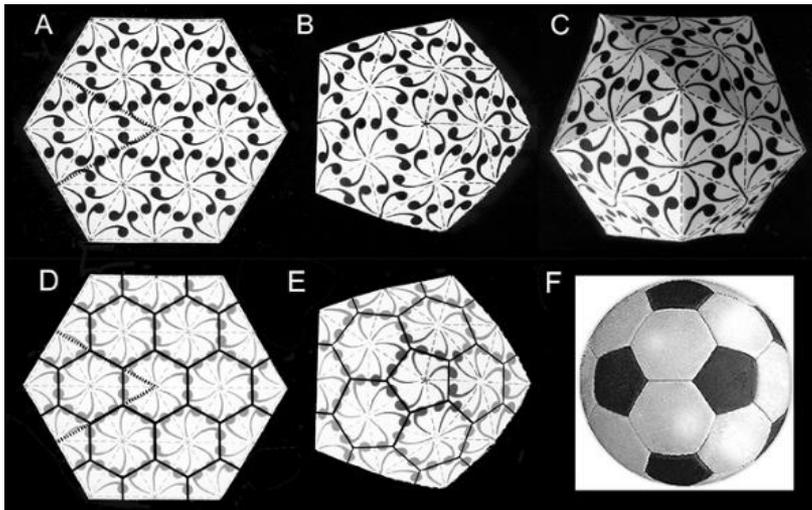


Virus classification

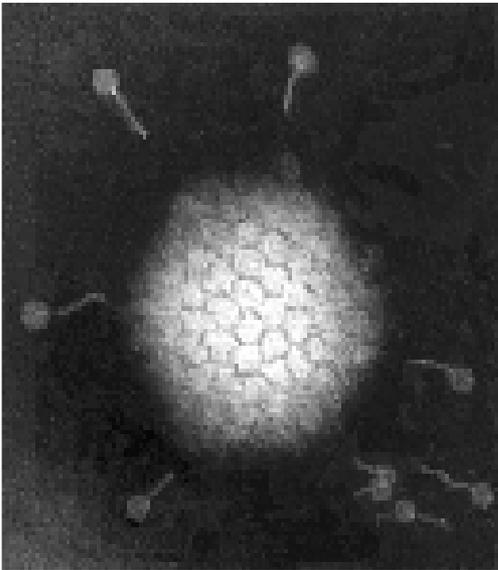
- Nature and sequence of nucleic acid in virus particle
- Symmetry of protein shell (capsid)
- Presence or absence of lipid membrane (envelope)
- Dimensions of virus particle

Icosahedral symmetry

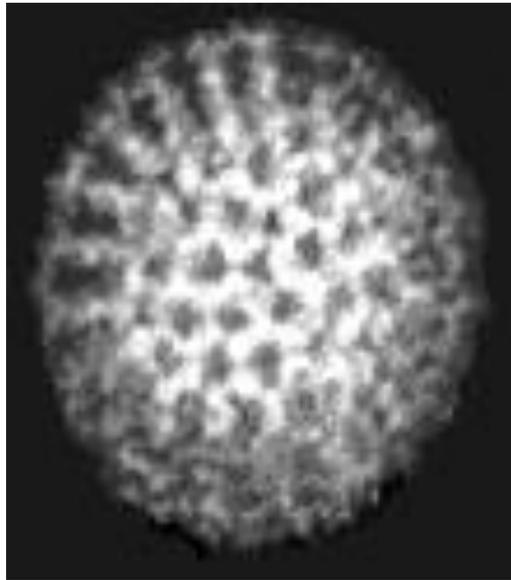
- An icosahedron is composed of 20 facets, each an equilateral triangle, and 12 vertices; because of the axes of rotational symmetry is said to have 5:3:2 symmetry.
- STRUCTURE UNITS are the smallest functional equivalent building units of the capsid, thus individual proteins.
- CAPSOMERS are morphological units seen on the surface of particles and represent clusters of structure units
- For icosahedral viruses, there are two kinds of capsomers called pentamers and hexamers



Electronmicrographs



Adenovirus



Rotavirus

(courtesy of Linda Stannard, University of Cape Town, S.A.)

Helical symmetry

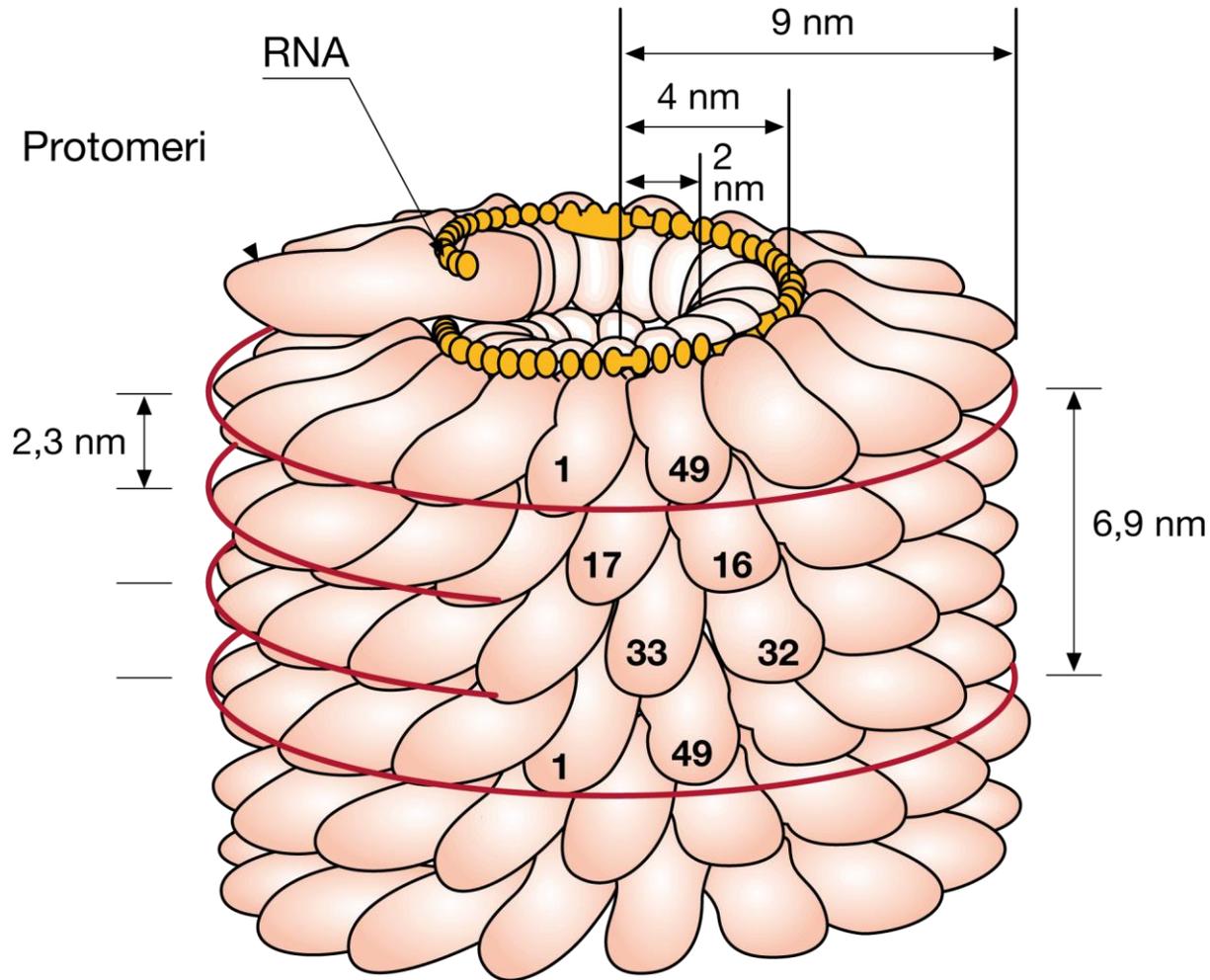


Figura 35.4 Struttura del virus del mosaico del tabacco.

Principles of Virus Structure

- The broadest distinction is between the so-called “enveloped” and “nonenveloped” viruses that is, those that contain or do not contain, respectively, a lipid-bilayer membrane.
- Further categorization of virus structures depends on details of their molecular organization.
- Types of viral particles:
 - Icosahedral symmetry nonenveloped
 - Icosahedral symmetry enveloped
 - Helical symmetry nonenveloped
 - Helical symmetry enveloped

Structures and Organization of Viral Genomes

- Genomes of animal viruses differ greatly in size, from as small as 3 kb to as large as 250-280 kb and the consequent differences in genetic capacity mean that viruses from different families vary widely in terms of how many of the functions necessary for virus replication they can encode for themselves
- Types of viral genome:
 - double stranded DNA(dsDNA)
 - single stranded DNA(ssDNA)
 - single stranded positive-sense (+) RNA
 - single stranded negative-sense (-) RNA
 - double stranded RNA

DNA VIRUS

- **Single strand DNA (ssDNA)**
- **Double strand DNA (dsDNA):**
 - linear
 - circular
 - partially double strand circular

RNA VIRUS

- **Single strand RNA (ssRNA):**
 - Nonsegmented Genomes
 - Segmented
- **Double strand RNA (dsRNA):**
 - Segmented

Virus Properties and Their Use in Taxonomy

- **Genome structure**
 - **Nature of the viral genome (DNA or RNA)**
 - **Strandedness**
 - **Size kb/kbb**
 - **Conformation (linear, circular)**
 - **Polarity (positive sense, negative sense, ambisense)**
 - **Number of segments**

Virus Properties and Their Use in Taxonomy

- **Replication strategy**
 - mechanisms of transcription
 - mechanisms of translation
 - post-transcriptional modifications
 - protein localization
 - intracellular targeting and assembly of virion components
 - post-assembly modifications and virus release



Virus Properties and Their Use in Taxonomy

- **Virion morphology:**
 - size
 - shape
 - capsid symmetry
 - presence or absence of an envelope
- **Virion physical properties:**
 - genome structure
 - sensitivity to physical or chemical insults
 - specific features of viral lipids, carbohydrates, and structural nonstructural proteins
- **Antigenic properties**
- **Biologic properties:**
 - replication strategy
 - host range
 - mode of transmission
 - pathogenicity
 - geographic distribution
 - tissue tropism
 - histology

ICTV Nomenclature

ORDERS (...-VIRALES)

HERPESVIRALES

FAMILIES (...-VIRIDAE)

HERPESVIRIDAE

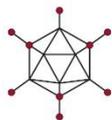
SUBFAMILIES (...-VIRINAE)

BETAHERPESVIRINAE

GENERA (.....VIRUS)

CYTOMEGALOVIRUS

Virus a DNA



Adenoviridae



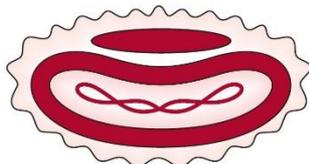
Herpesviridae



Papillomaviridae



Polyomaviridae



Poxviridae



Parvoviridae



Hepadnaviridae

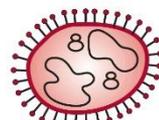
Virus a RNA



Retroviridae



Reoviridae



Arenaviridae



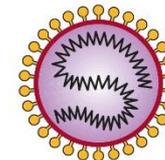
Bunyaviridae



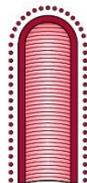
Filoviridae



Orthomyxoviridae



Paramyxoviridae



Rhabdoviridae



Astroviridae



Caliciviridae



Coronaviridae



Flaviviridae



Picornaviridae



Togaviridae

Figura 35.1 Rappresentazione schematica delle diverse famiglie di virus animali.

Tabella 35.1 Classificazione dei virus animali secondo Baltimore.

Gruppo	Nucleocapside	Pericapside	Virione	Genoma
dsDNA (I)				
<i>Adenoviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	No	Icosaedrico	1 lineare, 30-42 kb
<i>Herpesviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	Si	Sferico con tegumento	1 lineare, 120-220 kb
<i>Papillomaviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	No	Icosaedrico	1 circolare, 8 kb
<i>Polyomaviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	No	Icosaedrico	1 circolare, 5 kb
<i>Poxviridae</i>	Complesso	Si	Ovoidale	1 lineare, 130-375 kb
ssDNA (II)				
<i>Parvoviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	No	Icosaedrico	1 lineare, 130-375 kb
<i>Anelloviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	No	Icosaedrico	1 circolare, 3-4 kb
dsRNA (III)				
<i>Reoviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	No	Icosaedrico	10-12 lineare, 18-30 kb
ssRNA + (IV)				
<i>Arteriviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	Si	Sferico	1 lineare, 13 kb
<i>Astroviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	No	Icosaedrico	1 lineare, 7-8 kb
<i>Caliciviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	No	Icosaedrico	1 lineare, 8 kb
<i>Coronaviridae</i>	Elicoidale	Si	Pleiomorfo	1 lineare, 20-33 kb
<i>Flaviviridae</i>	Poliedrico	No	Sferico	1 lineare, 10-12 kb
<i>Picornaviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	No	Icosaedrico	1 lineare, 7-8 kb
<i>Togaviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	Si	Sferico	1 lineare, 10-12 kb
<i>Hepeviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	No	Icosaedrico	
ssRNA - (V)				
<i>Arenaviridae</i>	Elicoidale	Si	Sferico	2 lineare, 5-7 kb
<i>Bornaviridae</i>	n.d.	Si	Sferico	1 lineare, 9 kb
<i>Bunyaviridae</i>	Elicoidale	Si	Sferico	3 lineare, 10-23 kb
<i>Filoviridae</i>	Elicoidale	Si	Pleiomorfo filamentoso	1 lineare, 19 kb
<i>Orthomyxoviridae</i>	Elicoidale	Si	Pleiomorfo sferico	8 lineare, 12-15 kb
<i>Paramyxoviridae</i>	Elicoidale	Si	Pleiomorfo sferico	1 lineare, 15-16 kb
<i>Rhabdoviridae</i>	Elicoidale	Si	A proiettile	1 lineare, 11-15 kb
ssRNA RT (VI)				
<i>Retroviridae</i>	Sferico, troncoideale	Si	Sferico	1 RNA dimerico, 7-11 kb
dsDNA RT (VII)				
<i>Hepadnaviridae</i>	Icosaedrico	Si	Sferico	1 DNA parz. circolare, 3 kb

Abbreviazione: n.d., non determinato.