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# MICROBIOLOGY

## Lecture 4

### Chapter 6

#### **Viruses and Other Acellular Infectious Agents**

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## Review or recall

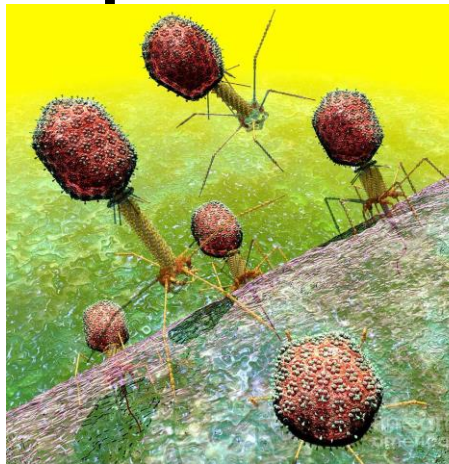
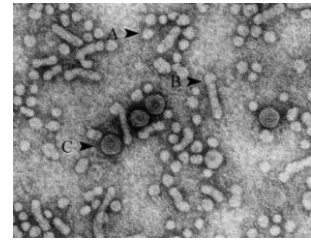
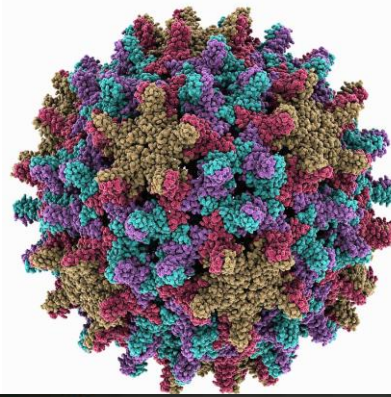
- 4. Provide two examples that illustrate the similarity of archaea to bacteria; list two examples of their similarity to eukaryotes.**
- 5. Identify two other molecules that could be used to determine if a microbe having a typical prokaryotic architecture is a bacterium or an archaeon.**
- 6. Compare and contrast nutrient uptake mechanisms observed in bacteria and archaea**

# **Virus is bad or good?**

- **Typically we think of them as major causes of disease.**
- **Viruses as agents of good will come as a surprise to many.**
- **Important members of aquatic world(move organic matter from particulate to dissolved)**
- **Important in evolution transfer genes between bacteria, others**
- **Important model systems in molecular biology(vector)**
- **Bacterial viruses are being used in some European countries to treat infections caused by bacteria.**

# Outline

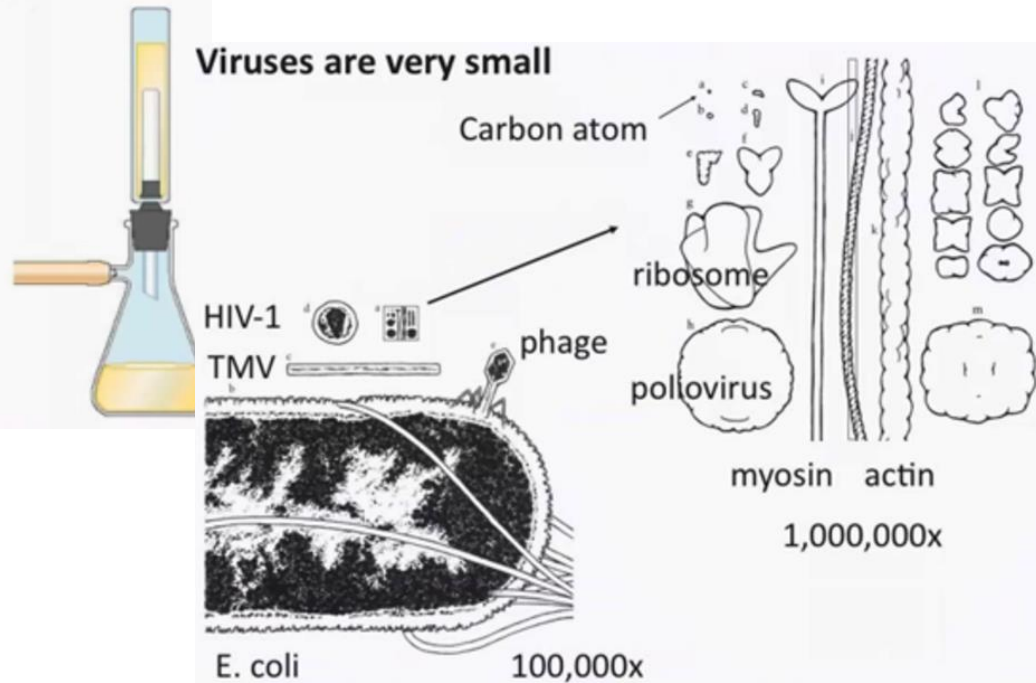
- **Discovery**
- **General features**
- **The structure of viruses**
- **Types of virus**
- **Viral multiplication**



# Discovery Virus

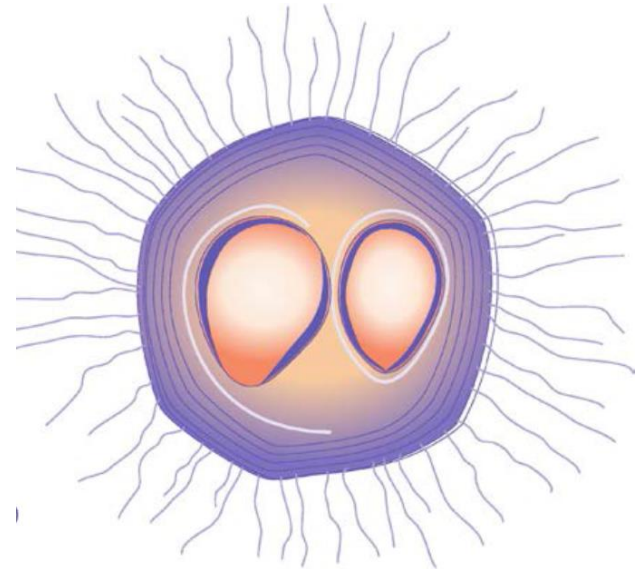
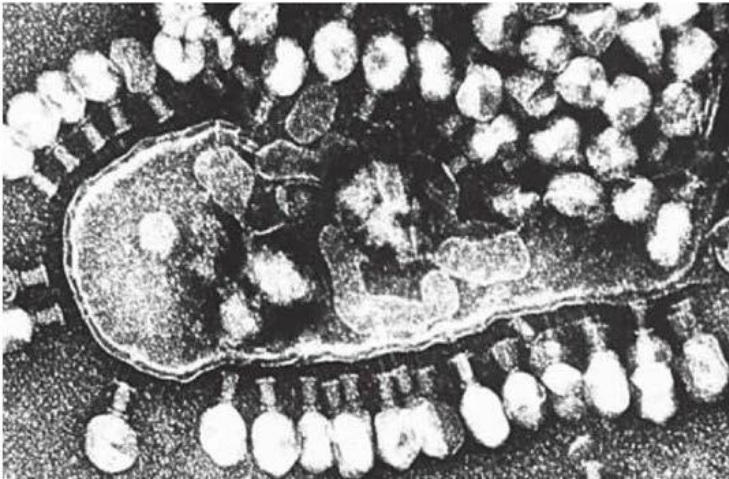
## Virus discovery - filterable agents

- 1892 - Ivanovsky - found the agent of tobacco mosaic disease passes through filters that retain bacteria



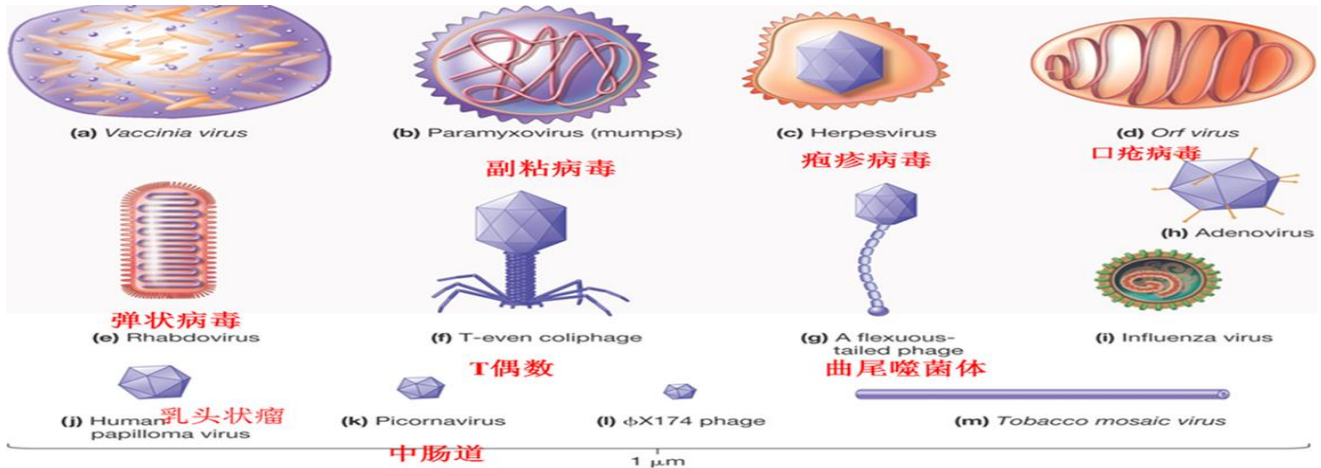
# 6.1 Viruses Concept

- A unique group of **infectious agents** whose distinctiveness resides in their simple, **acellular organization** and **pattern of multiplication**.
- Despite this simplicity, viruses are major causes of disease.
- Viruses can exist either extracellularly (inactive) or intracellularly (active).



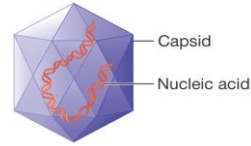
# 6.1 Viruses Types

- Viruses can infect **all cell types**.
- Bacterial viruses called bacteriophages (phages)
- Few archaeal viruses. Most are eukaryotic viruses: plants, animals, protists, and fungi
- Viruses have been classified into numerous families based primarily on genome structure, life cycle, morphology, and genetic relatedness (ICTV)

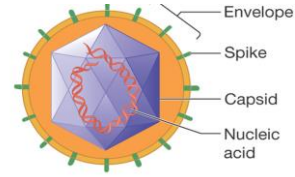


# 6.2 Virion Structure

## What does virus look like?



(a) Nonenveloped virus



(b) Enveloped virus

## How to study the virus?

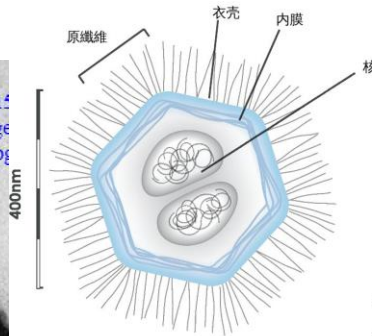
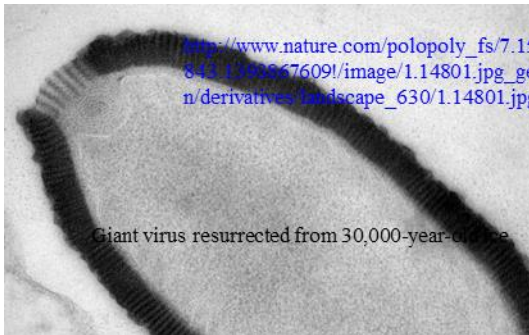
Electron microscopy,  
X-ray diffraction,  
Biochemical analysis,  
Immunology



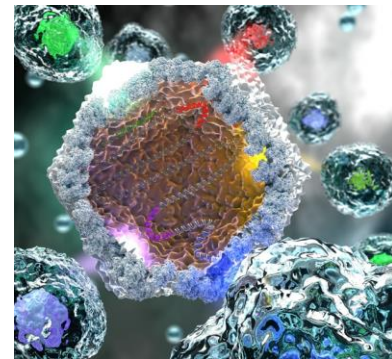
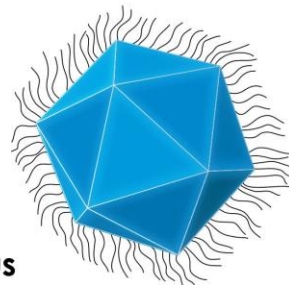


## 6.2.1 General Structural Properties

- A complete virus particle is called a **virion**
- Virions range in size from about 10 to 400 nm in diameter.
- The **smallest** are a little larger than **ribosomes**,
- Whereas **mimiviruses**, the **largest** viruses known, can be seen in the **light microscope**.

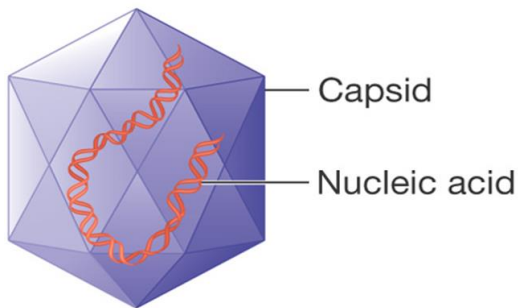


·雙鏈DNA病毒  
·90%有編碼能力  
·10%的垃圾DNA  
·1,200,000對鹼基  
·~911個蛋白質編碼基因  
·額外基因 (包括氨酰tRNA合成酶;  
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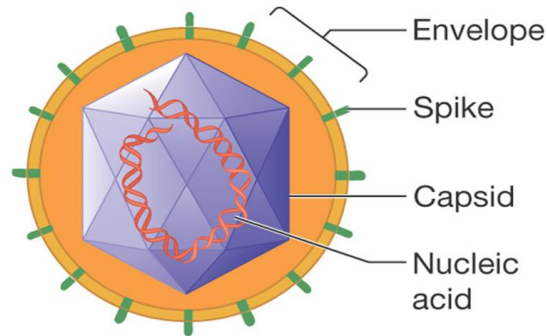


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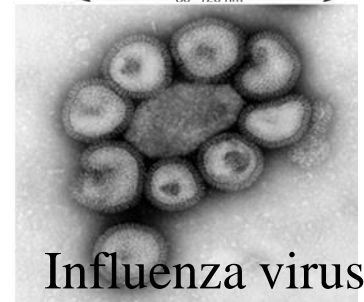
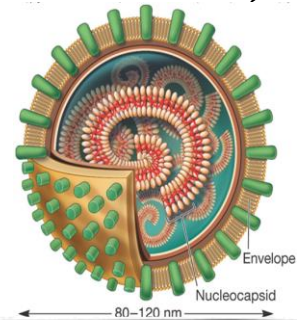
- Virions lacking envelopes- **Naked viruses**(a)
- Virions having envelopes-Enveloped viruses(b)
- The **simplest** virions are constructed of a **nucleocapsid**.
- **Nucleocapsid**= genome+ **capsid** (protein coat, coded by viral genome)
- Envelopes-outside of capsid



(a) Nonenveloped virus



(b) Enveloped virus



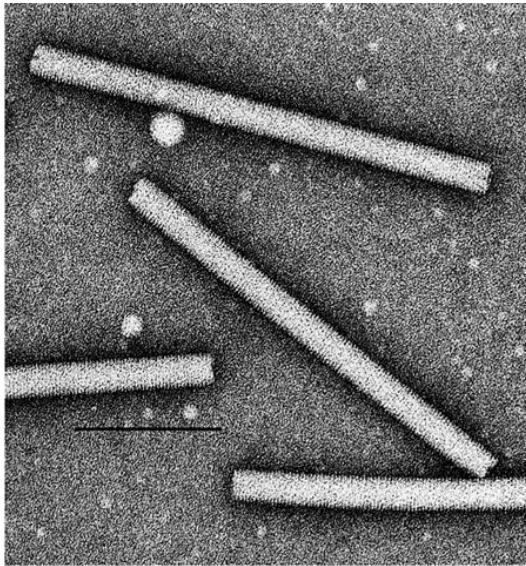
Influenza virus

## 6.2.1 General Structural Properties- Capsids 衣壳

- **Components:** protein, are coded by the viral genome.
- **Function:** protect viral genetic material and aids in its transfer between host cells
- **Arrange:** several **protomers** (protein subunits)-capsomer 壳体-capsomers (ring or knob shape)-capside
- **Virion morphology:** capsids are **helical**, **icosahedral** 二十面体病毒, or **complex**, result from **capsid symmetry** with the presence or absence of an **envelope**.

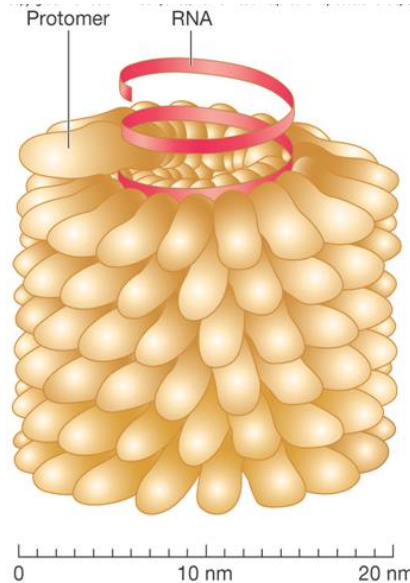
## 6.2.2 Helical Capsids

Helical capsids are shaped like hollow tubes with protein walls. The capsid encloses an **RNA** genome, which is wound in a spiral and lies within a groove formed by the protein subunits.

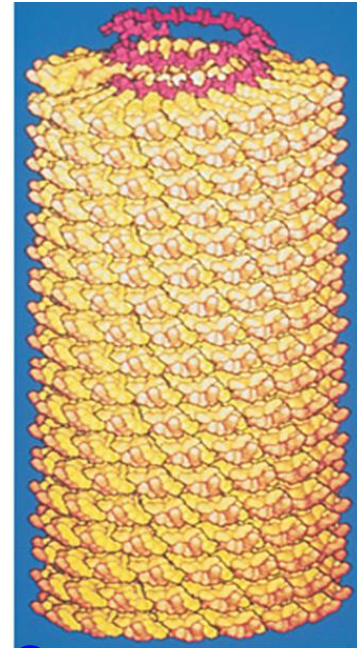


(a)

Robert G. Mills, Plant Virus Institute, National Research Council, Italy



(b)



**Who decided the length and diameter?**

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## 6.2.3 Icosahedral(20) capsids

- An icosahedron is a regular polyhedron<sub>正多面体</sub> with **20 equilateral faces** and **12 vertices**<sub>顶点</sub>
- They are constructed from ring- or knob-shaped **units** called **capsomers**, each usually made of five or six protomers.
- **Capsomer**<sub>壳体</sub>
  - Pentamers (pentons) – 5 protomers(vertices)
  - Hexamers (hexons) – 6 protomers(faces)

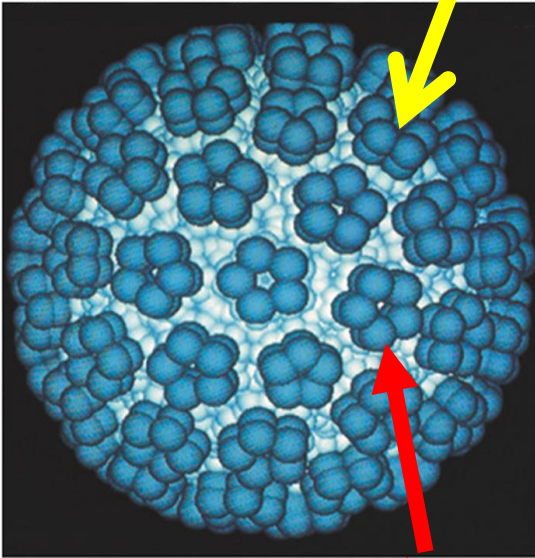
Icosahedral capsids are the most efficient way to enclose a space. Why ?

# 6.2.3 Icosahedral(20) capsids

pentamer

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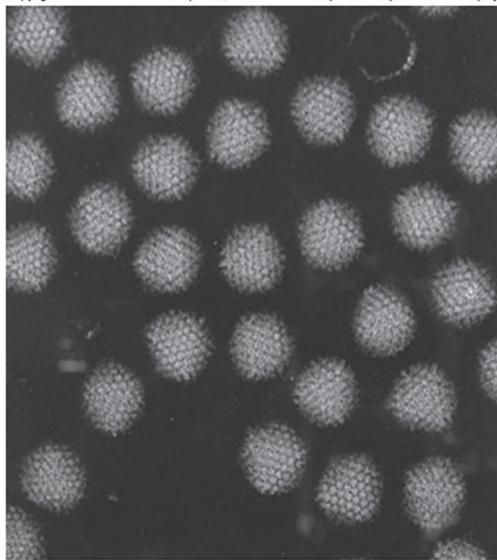
protomer

(a) Polyomavirus

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72 capsomers

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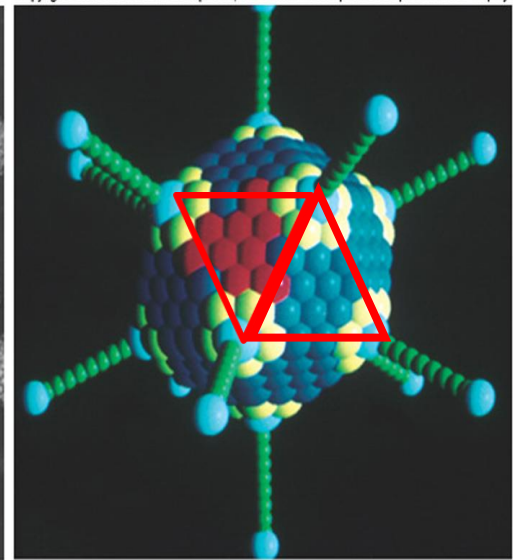


(b) Adenovirus

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252 capsomers

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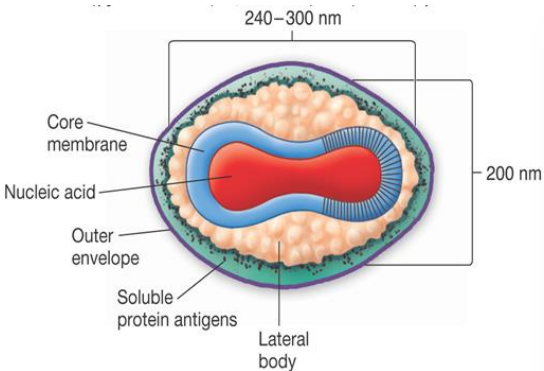
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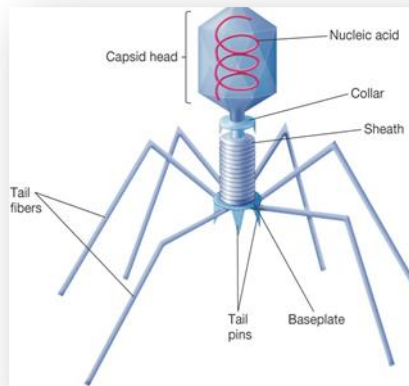
mimic

## 6.2.4 Capsids of Complex Symmetry

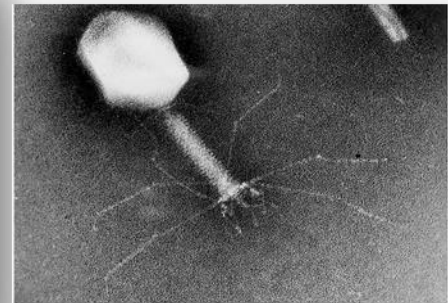
- Some viruses do not fit into the category of having helical or icosahedral capsids
- Examples
  - Poxviruses – largest animal virus
  - Large bacteriophages – binal symmetry head resembles icosahedral, tail is helical



*Vaccinia virus*

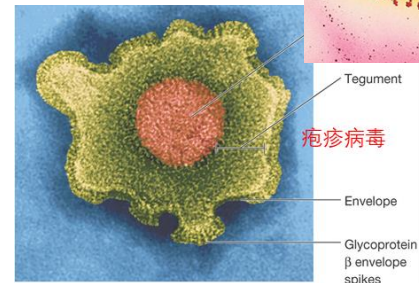
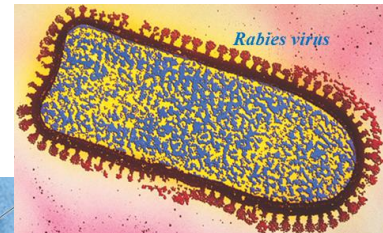


T4 phage



## 6.2.5 Viral Envelopes and Enzymes

- Many viruses are bound by an outer, flexible, membranous layer called the envelope
- Animal virus envelopes (lipids and carbohydrate usually arise from host cell plasma or nuclear membranes.
- Many enveloped viruses are **pleomorphic**(a). However, the bullet-shaped **rabies viruses**(b) are a constant, characteristic shape.



(b) Herpesvirus

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- Where from of the protein?



## 6.2.5 Viral Envelopes and Enzymes

- **Envelope proteins** are coded for by viral genes and may even project from the envelope surface as **spikes** or **peplomers**棒状包膜粒
- Most of its envelope proteins are **glycoproteins**. A **nonglycosylated** protein, the M (matrix) protein, on the inner surface of the envelope and helps stabilize influenza virus.
- Spikes are involved in viral attachment to host cell
  - e.g., hemagglutinin(HA) of influenza virus
  - Used for identification of virus.

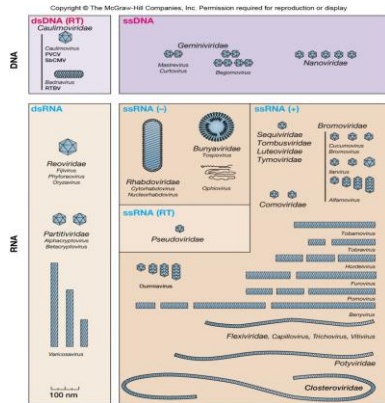
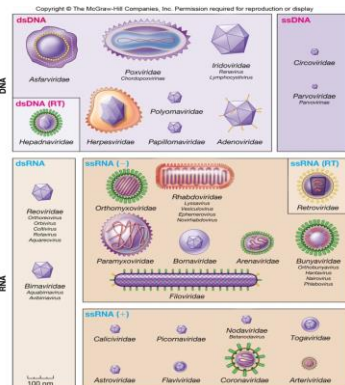
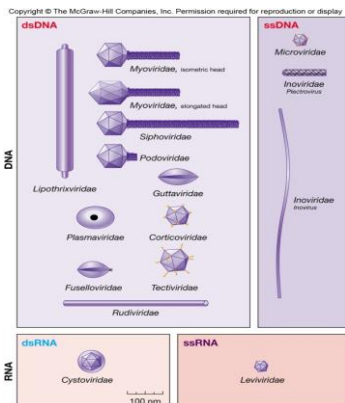
## 6.2.5 Viral Envelopes and Enzymes

### Virion enzymes

- **It was first erroneously thought that all virions lacked enzymes**
- **A variety of virions have enzymes**
  - **some are associated with the envelope or capsid but most are within the capsid**
  - **Influnza virus carry an enzyme that synthesizes RNA**
  - **Can you give an example?**

# 6.2.6 Viral genome

- Cellular genomes are always double-stranded (ds) DNA.
- A virus may have single or double stranded DNA or RNA(ds, ss)(how many?)
- The size of the nucleic acid also varies from virus to virus(4Knt)
- Genomes can be segmented or circular



## 6.2.6 Viral genome and classification

- Focuses on viral genome and process used to synthesize viral mRNA

• (ds) DNA

• (ss) DNA

• dsRNA

• ssRNA (+/-)

• Retrovirus

• Gapped dsDNA

Table 25.1 The Baltimore System	
Group	Description
I	Double-stranded DNA genome genome replication: dsDNA → dsDNA mRNA synthesis: dsDNA → mRNA
II	Single-stranded DNA genome genome replication: ssDNA → dsDNA → ssDNA mRNA synthesis: ssDNA → dsDNA → mRNA
III	Double-stranded RNA genome replication: dsRNA → ssRNA → dsRNA mRNA synthesis: dsRNA → mRNA
IV	Plus-strand RNA genome replication: +RNA → -RNA → +RNA mRNA synthesis: +RNA = mRNA
V	Negative-strand RNA genome replication: -RNA → +RNA → -RNA mRNA synthesis: -RNA → mRNA
VI	Single-stranded RNA genome replication: ssRNA → dsDNA → ssRNA mRNA synthesis: ssRNA → dsDNA → mRNA
VII	Double-stranded gapped DNA genome replication: gapped dsDNA → dsDNA → +RNA → -DNA → gapped dsDNA mRNA synthesis: gapped dsDNA → dsDNA → mRNA

T4phage

Bacteriophages  $\phi$ x174

Rotavirus

Poliovirus

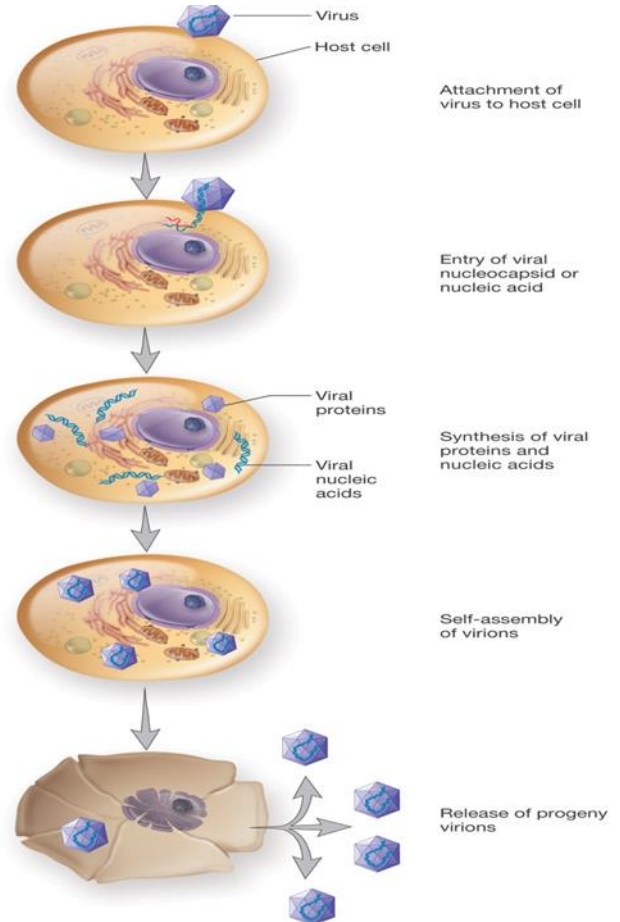
Influenza

Retroviruses(HIV)

HBV

## 6.3 Viral multiplication繁殖

- Mechanism used depends on viral structure and genome
- Steps are similar
- Attachment to host cell
- Entry into host cell
- Synthesis stage
- Assembly
- Release



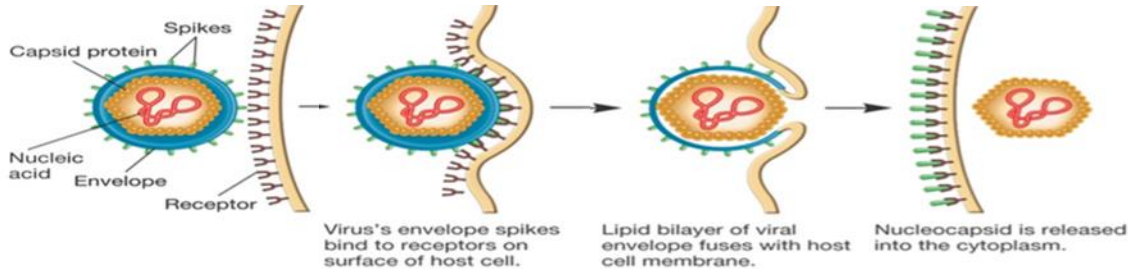
## 6.3.1 Attachment (adsorption)

- All viruses, must associate with a potential host cell long enough to gain entry into the cell (exception of plant viruses). (How?)
- **Attachment** to the host specific receptor(?).
- Bacteriophages attach to the **LPS** or **TA** of host.
- Receptor determines host preference
  - May be specific tissue (tropism - 向性)
  - May be more than one host (rabies virus)
  - May be more than one receptor (CD4, CCR5)
  - May be in vital protein for cellular function (stable)
  - May be in lipid rafts providing entry of virus (HIV and Ebola are concentrated in lipid rafts)

How about of plant viruses?

## 6.3.2 Entry into the Host

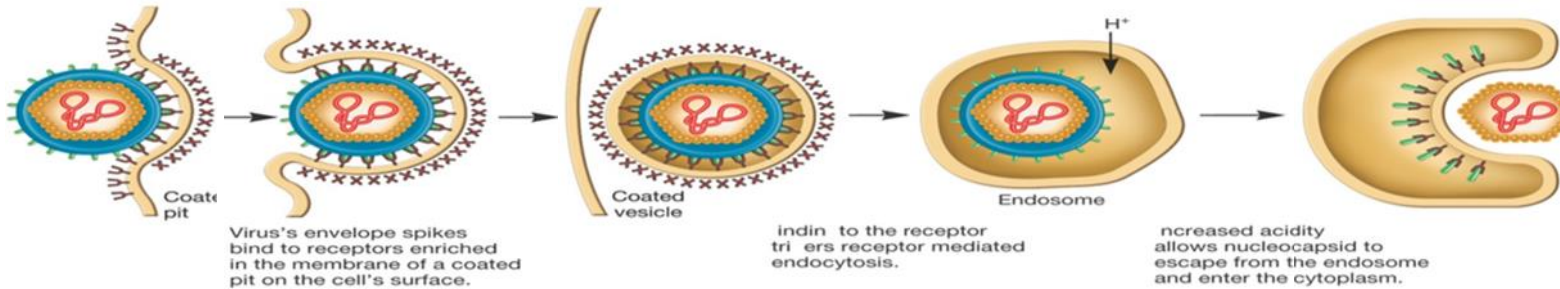
- The **virus's genome** or the entire **nucleocapsid** enters the **cytoplasm**.
- Three methods used
- 1) Fusion of the viral envelope with host membrane; nucleocapsid enters



(a) Entry of enveloped virus by fusion with plasma membrane

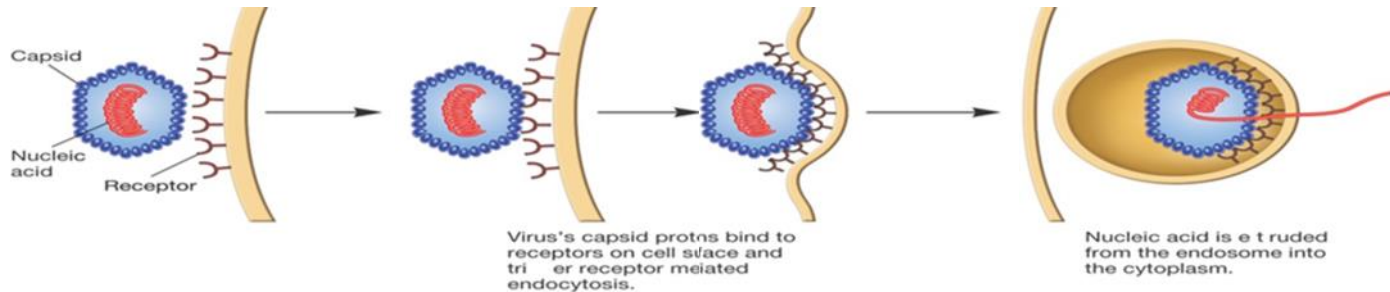
## 6.3.2 Entry into the Host

- 2) Endocytosis in vesicle; endosome aids in viral uncoating. (acidity) low pH



(b) Entry of enveloped virus by endocytosis

- 3) Injection of nucleic acid (phage)



(c) Entry of nonenveloped virus by endocytosis

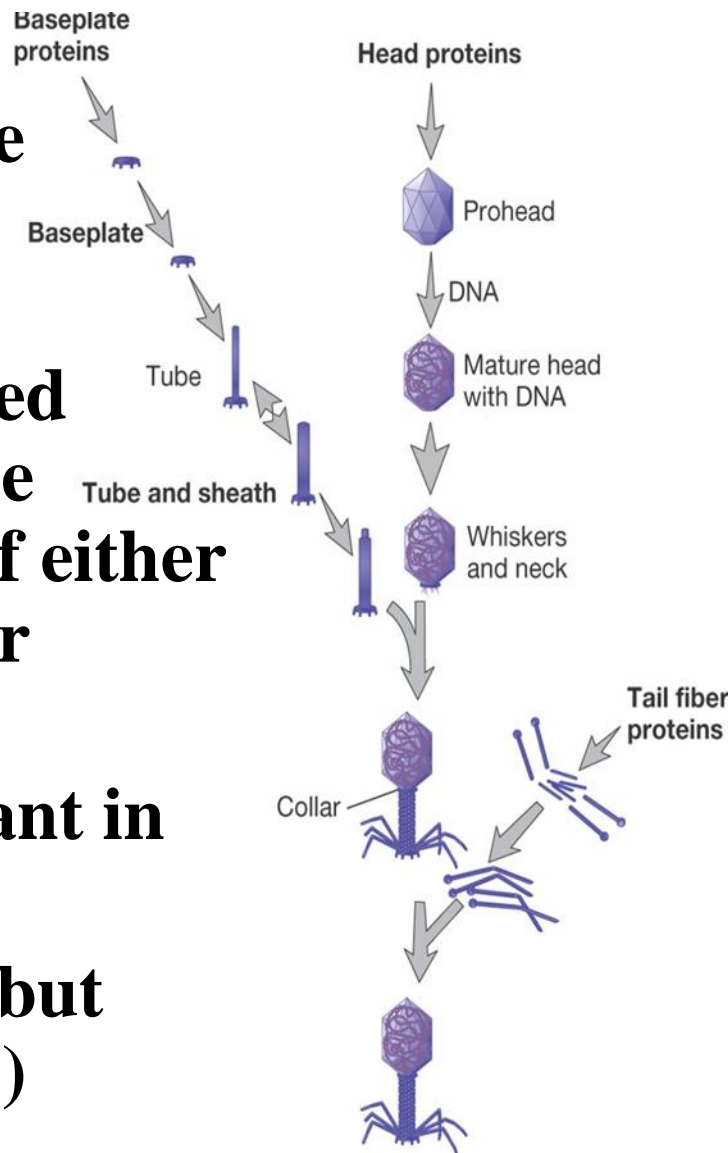


### 6.3.3 Synthesis stage

- This stage differs dramatically among viruses because the genome of a virus dictates the events that occur.
- DNA(ds) typical flow(transcription-translation)
- RNA viruses(+/-RNA)-mRNA
  - Virus must carry in or synthesize the proteins during the infection process.
- Regardless of genome structure, synthesis of viral proteins is tightly regulated.
- **Early proteins** are synthesized **early** (taking over the host cell);
- **Late proteins** are synthesized **later**(capsid and assemble,release)

## 6.3.4 Assembly

- Most are assembled in the cytoplasm, and some are assembled in the nucleus.
- For many viruses, so-called "virus factories" are large paracrystalline clusters of either complete nucleocapsids or procapsids.
- Late proteins are important in assembly.
- Assembly is complicated but varies (e.g. bacteriophages)



## 6.3.5 Virion release.

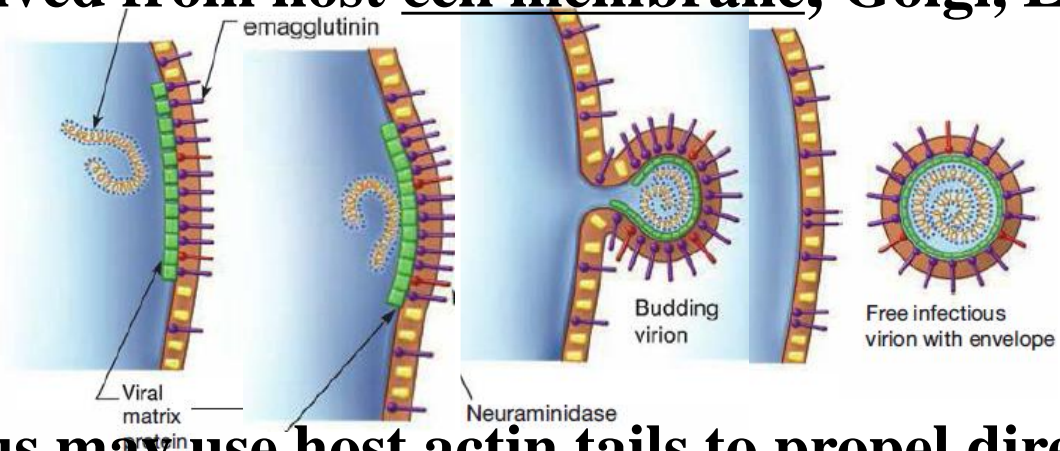
- Naked viruses lyse the host cell(**lysozyme, holin**)
  - T4 phage may attack peptidoglycan(?) or membrane(holin)



## 6.3.5 Virion release.

How about of host?

- Enveloped viruses use **budding**
- Envelope formation and virion release are usually concurrent processes
- **Virus-encoded proteins are incorporated into the membrane.**
- **Nucleocapsid is simultaneously released and the envelope formed by membrane budding**
- Envelop derived from host cell membrane, Golgi, ER, or other

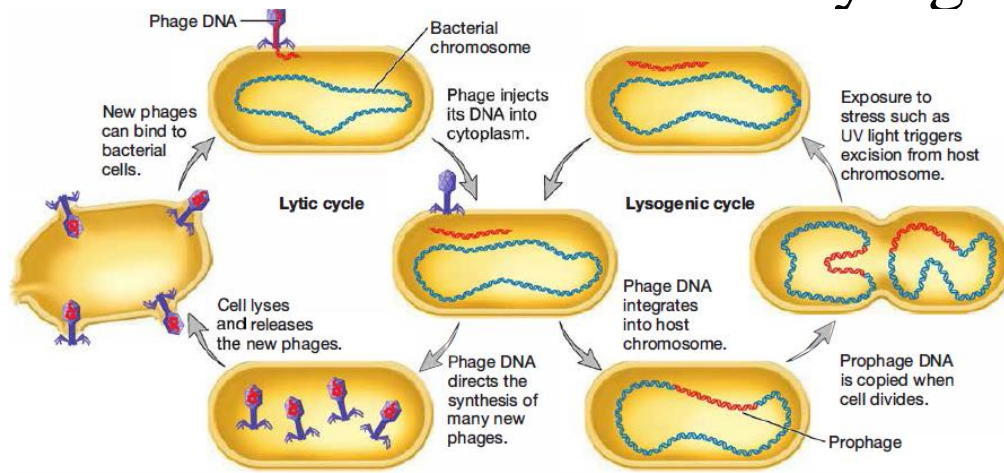


- **Vaccinia virus may use host actin tails to propel directly into an adjacent cell (escape defense).**

# 6.4 Types of Viral Infections

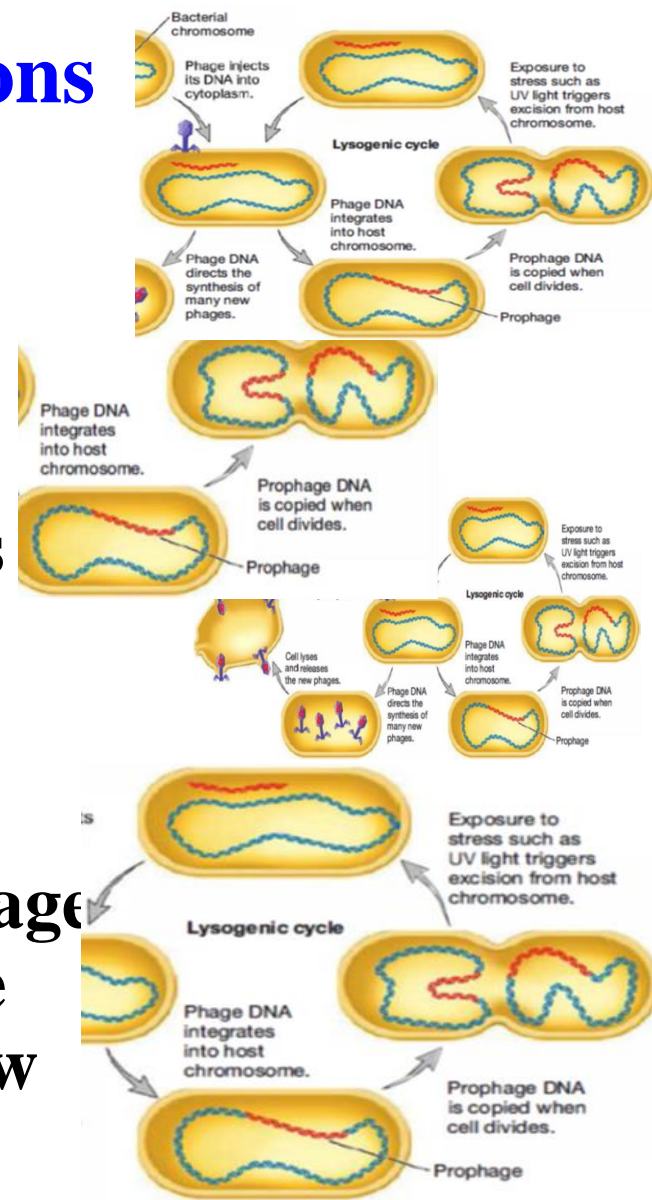
## Lysis and Lysogeny (bacteria and archaea):

- **A virulent phage:** to begin multiplying immediately upon entering its bacterial host, followed by release from the host by lysis.
- **Temperate phages :** upon entry into the host, they can multiply and **lyse the host cell**, or they can **remain** within the host without destroying it.



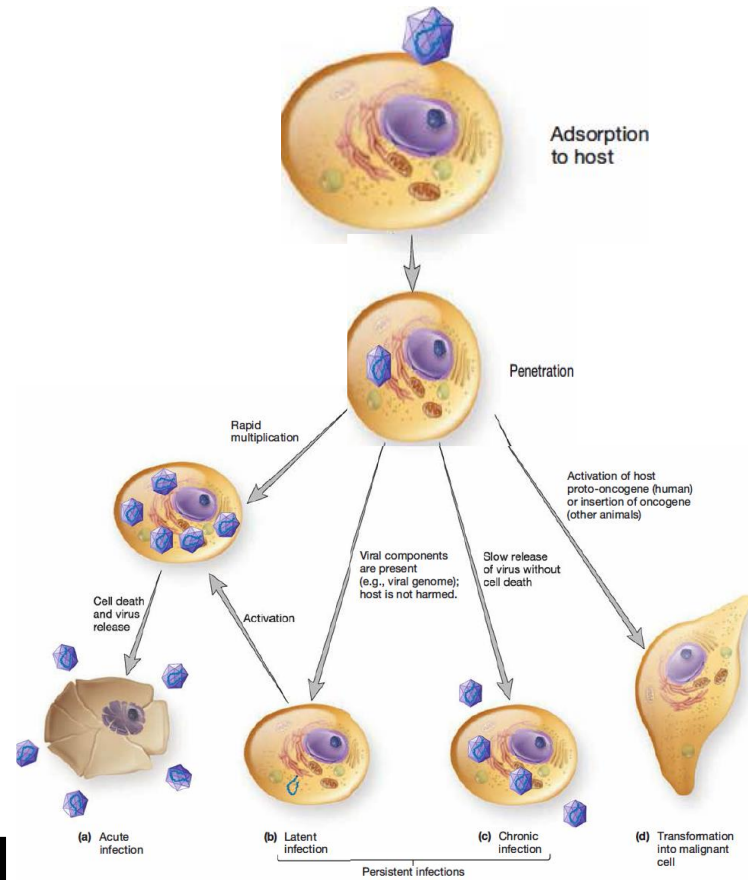
# 6.4 Types of Viral Infections

- **Lysogeny:** The relationship between a temperate phage and its host.
- **Prophage:** The form of the virus that remains within its host.
- **Lysogens:** The infected bacteria.
- **Induction:** Cause the prophage to initiate synthesis of phage proteins and to assemble new virions.



## 6.4 Types of Viral Infections (Eukaryotic Cells)

- **Cytocidal infection**: An infection that results in cell death.
- **Cytopathic effects**: Eukaryotic viruses can cause degenerative changes or abnormalities in host cells that are distinct from lysis.
- **Outcome**: is the transformation of normal host cells into malignant or cancerous cells.



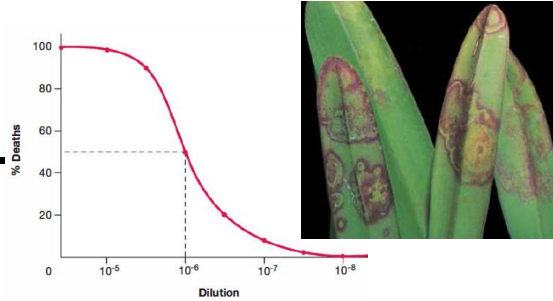
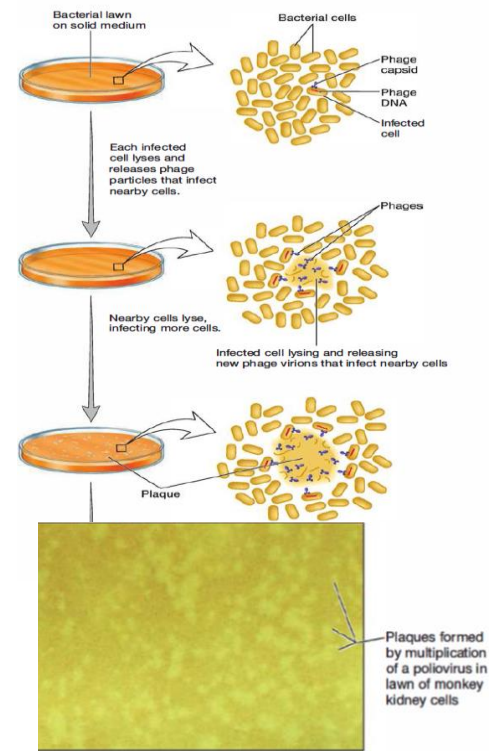
# 6.5 Cultivation and Enumeration of Viruses

- **1) Viruses are cultivated** (using tissue cultures, embryonated eggs, bacterial cultures, and other living hosts).

- **To observe: plaques(bacterial); or pocks and plaques; localized necrotic lesions (plant).**

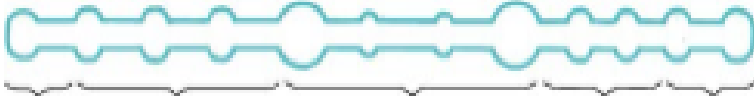
- **2) Virions can be counted directly** with the transmission electron microscope or indirectly by hemagglutination and plaque assays.

- **3) Infectivity assays** can be used to estimate virion numbers in terms of plaque-forming units, lethal dose (LD50), or infectious dose (ID50)



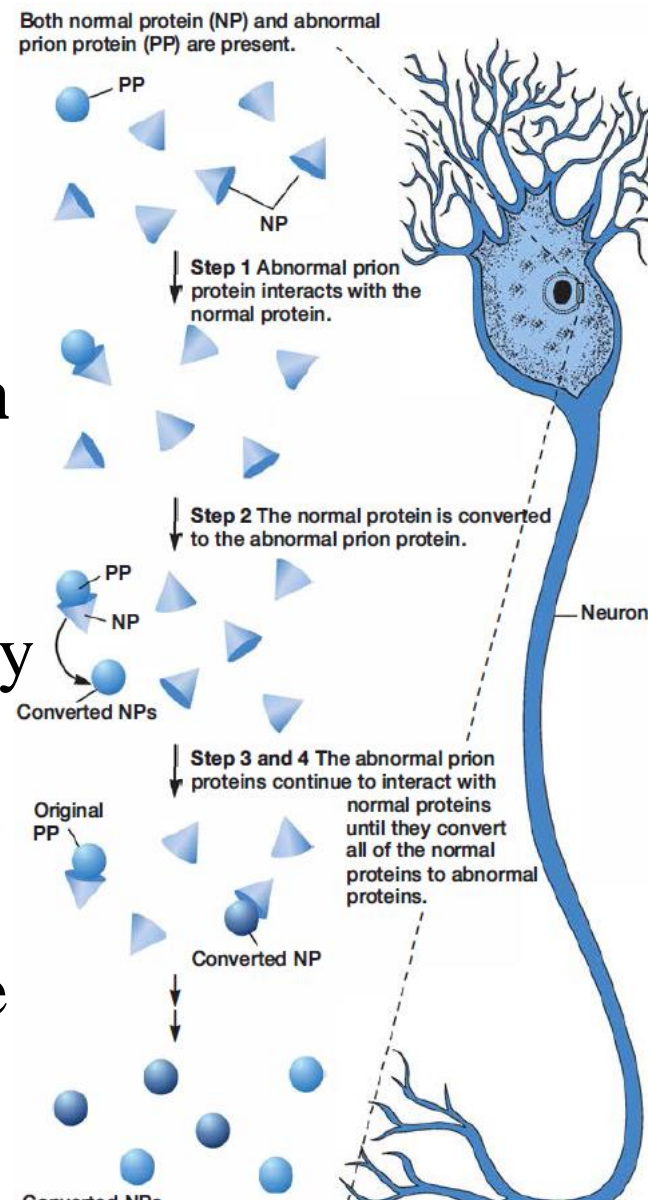


## 6.6 Viroids and Satellites

- **Viroids** are infectious agents that consist only of RNA.  

- Viroids are covalently closed, circular **ssRNAs**, about 250 to 370 nucleotides long, which forms double-stranded regions with single stranded loops.
- Infection mechanism: replication (DNA dependent RNA polymerase and DsRNA silencing).
- **Satellites** are similar to viroids in that they also consist only of a **nucleic acid** (either DNA or RNA). Need a helper virus to replicate and infect host cells.
- Imagination: nc**RNA** as a **viroids** in cell(?)

## 6.7 Prions

- **Prions** are small **proteinaceous agents** associated with at least six **degenerative nervous system disorders**.
- **Hypothesis: prion proteins** exist in **two forms**: abnormally folded form and a normal cellular form.
- The interaction between the **PP** and the **NP** **converts the PP into the NP**.
- ?



# Summary

**Virion structure and components**

**The structure of viruses**

**Types of virus**

**Viral multiplication (lysogeny)**

## **Discussion!**

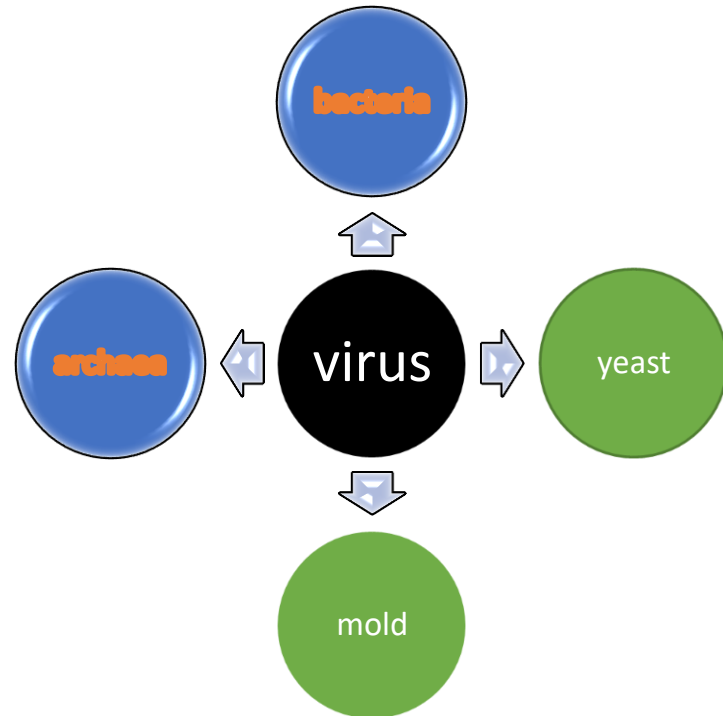
- 1. Discuss whether you think viruses evolved before the first cell or whether they have coevolved and are perhaps still coevolving with their hosts.**
- 2. Discuss the ways that viruses can be cultivated.**
- 3. What advantages might a phage gain by being capable of lysogeny?**
- 4. Explain why the receptors that viruses have evolved to use are host surface proteins that serve very important, and sometimes essential, functions for the host cell?**
- 5. Consider the origin of viral envelopes and suggest why enveloped viruses that infect plants and bacteria are rare.**
- 6. Compare and contrast in general terms viruses, viroids, satellites, and prions**

# 作业和练习

- 1. 请用任意一种文体，介绍细菌的相关知识（形态特征、结构及其功能等）。引力波会对细菌的结构有影响吗？
- 2. 您认为细菌、古菌和真菌最主要的差别是什么？它们的细胞膜的组成或结构有什么异同？您能否举例说明2017年诺贝尔化学奖中的技术用于细胞膜蛋白质的研究，有何显著的特点？
- 3. 根据病毒的组成及结构以及繁殖特点，以乙肝病毒为例设想病毒病的几种治疗策略。
- 同学间互评的翻译练习（不需要交）：第3章（星期二班）；第4章（星期五班）；第6章（星期三班）
- 说明：请在期中考试的前2周前提交作业；请在期中考试前完成翻译练习。

# Summary

- Bacteria, Archaea, Fungi and virus
- Components, Structure and reproduction
- The difference between them
- The significant of them.
- The relative diseases and benefits



**Thanks!**

**Next chapter 7**