

# Structural Virology

Lecture 2

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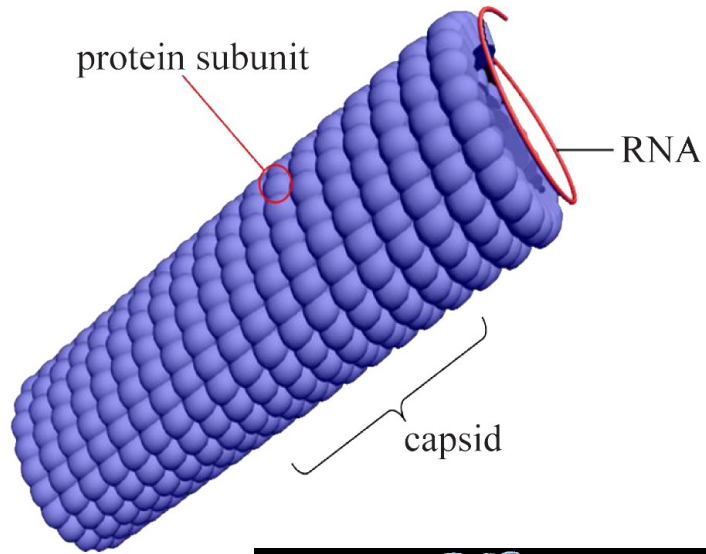
# Infectious virus particle “virion”

Carrier of genetic information from cell to cell:

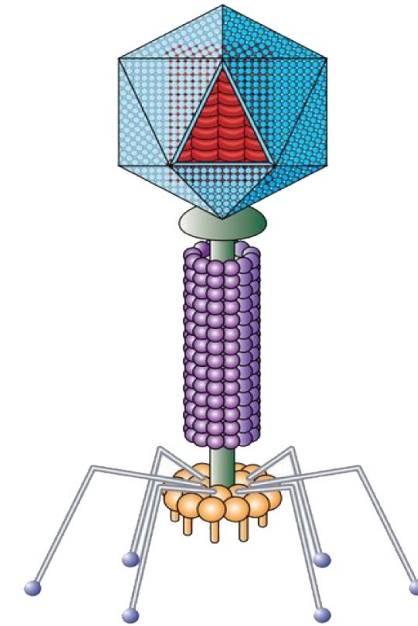
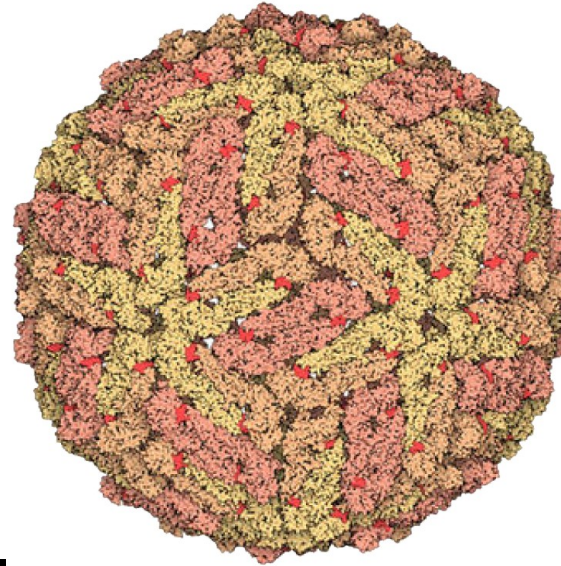
- "extracellular organelle"
- packages viral genome
- escapes from infected cell
- survives transfer from cell to cell
- attaches, penetrates, initiates replication in new host cell

# Virus structures

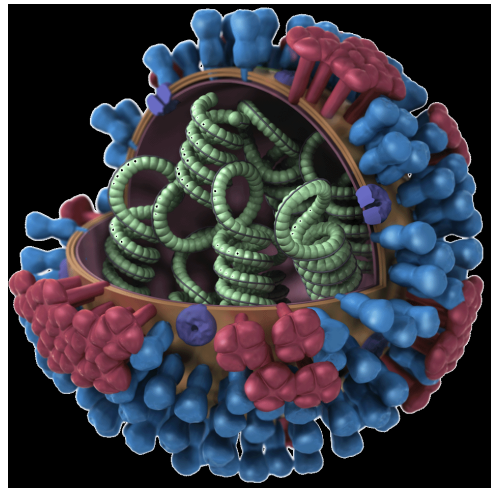
## Helical



## Icosahedral

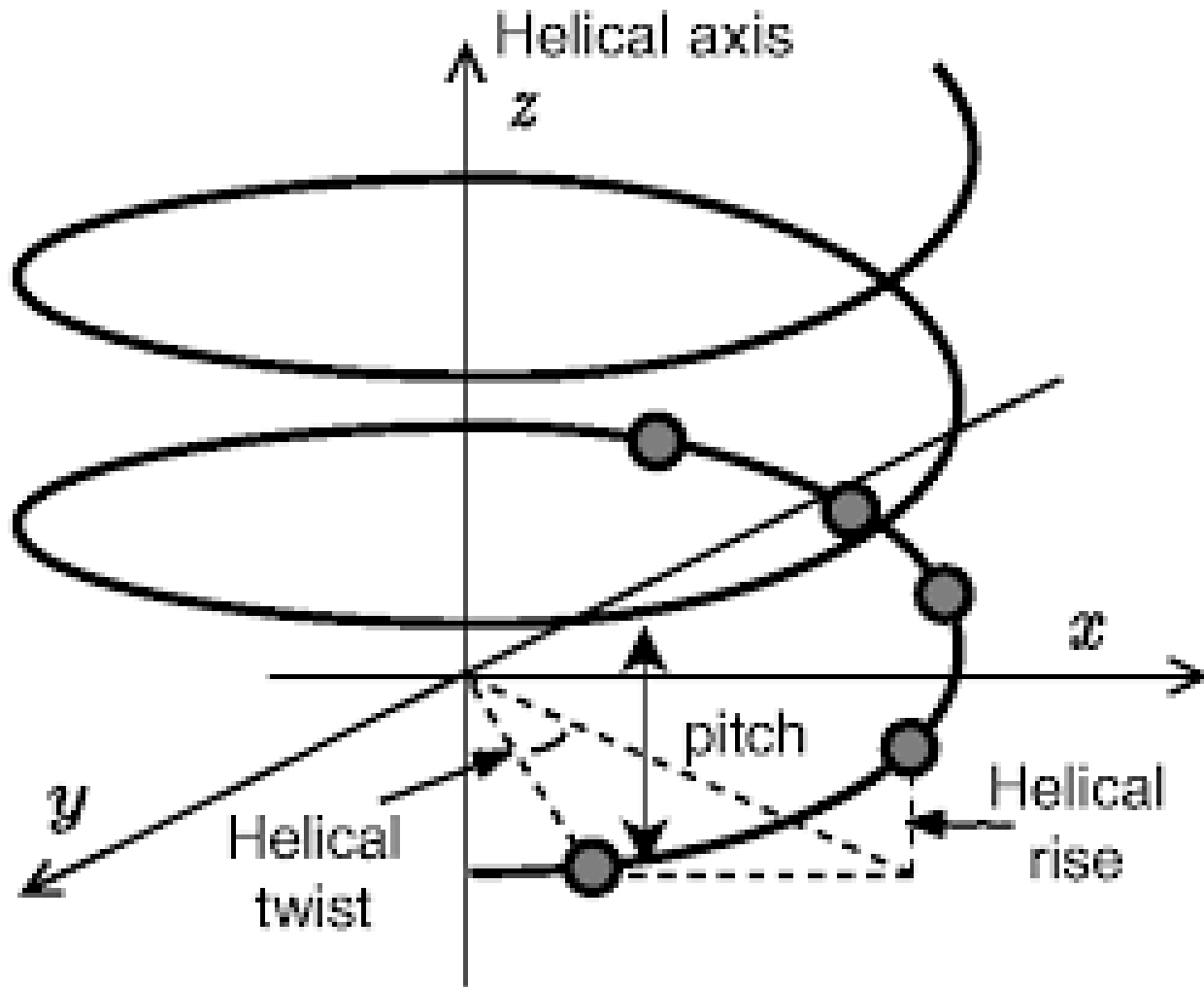


## Complex



## Irregular

# Helical symmetry



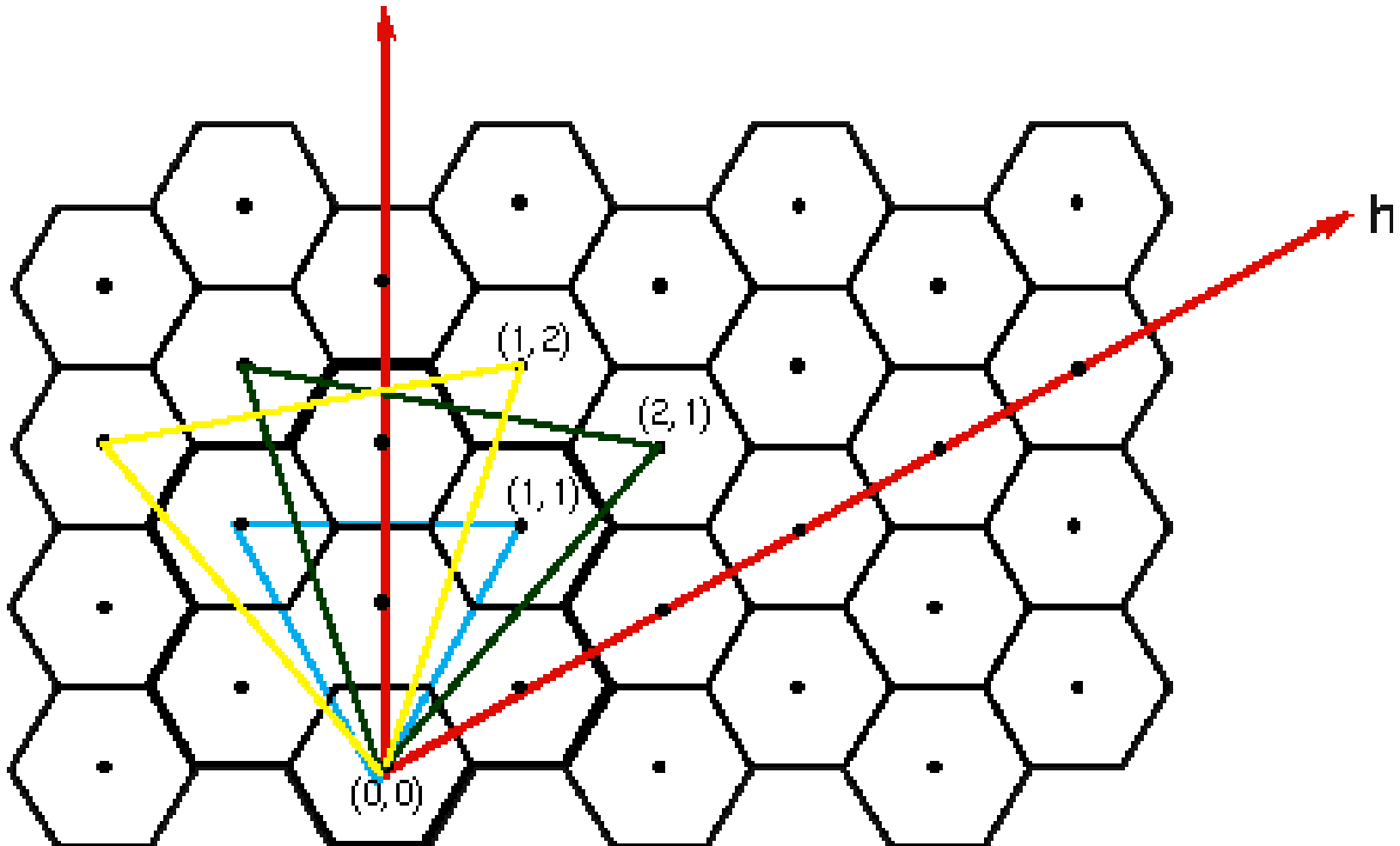
**Pitch** is the distance along the helix axis for one complete helix turn

**Twist** is the rotation between neighboring nucleotides

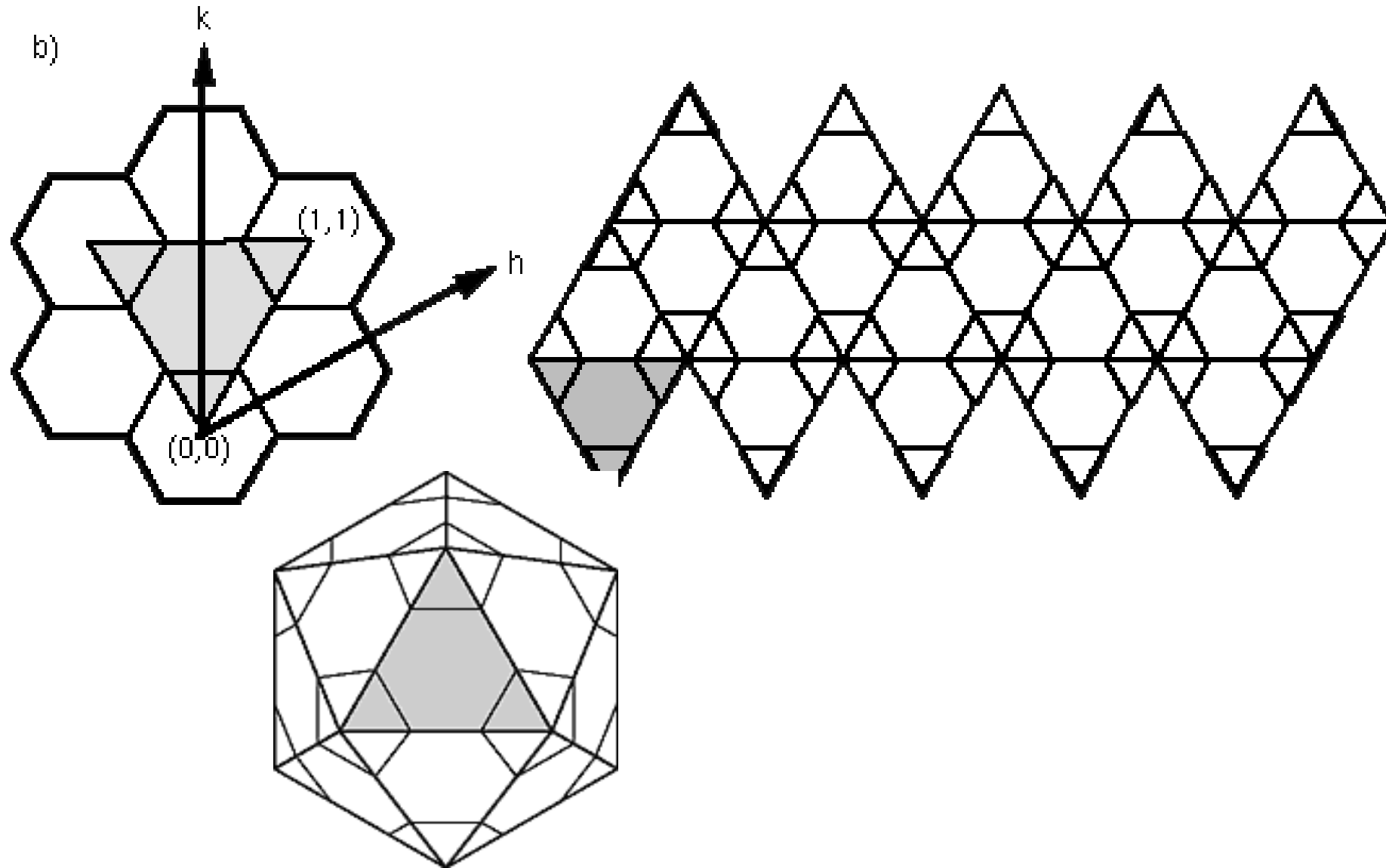
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$$T = h^2 + hk + k^2$$

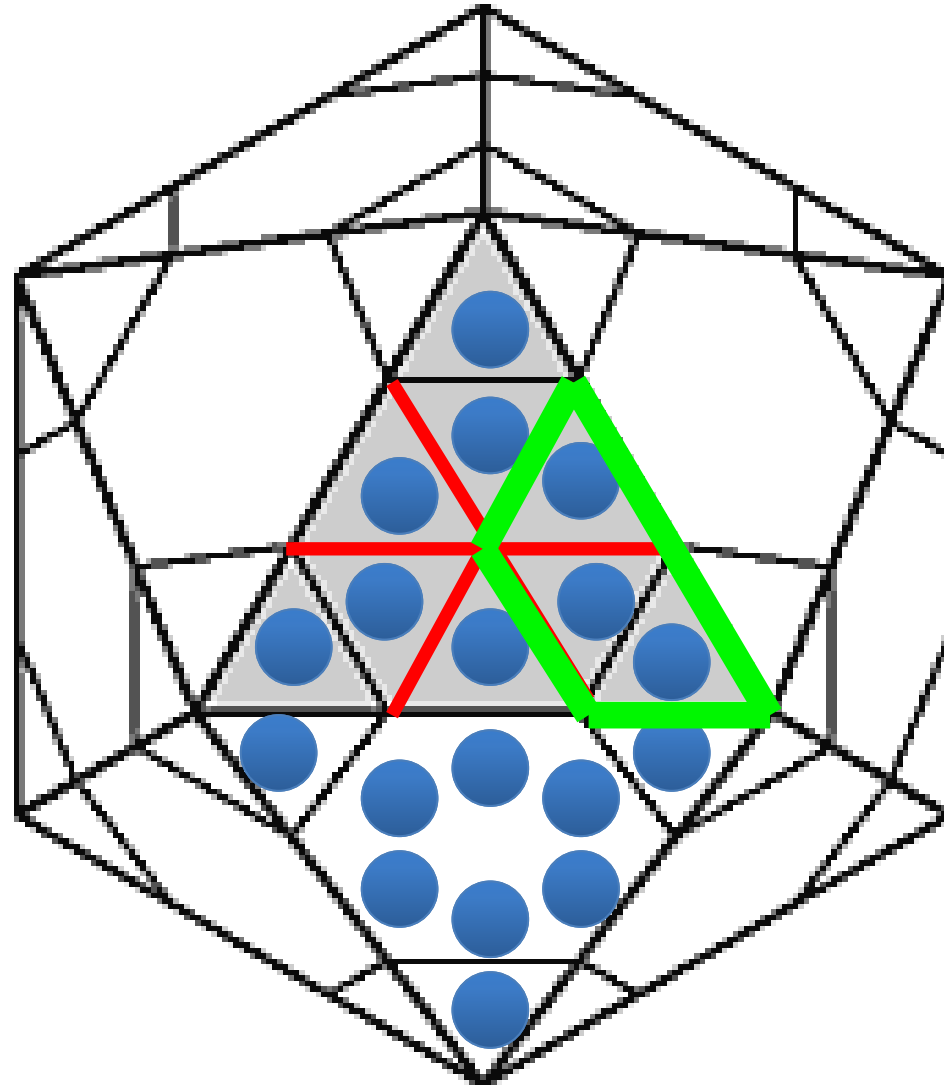
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# Quasi equivalence



# Quasi-equivalence





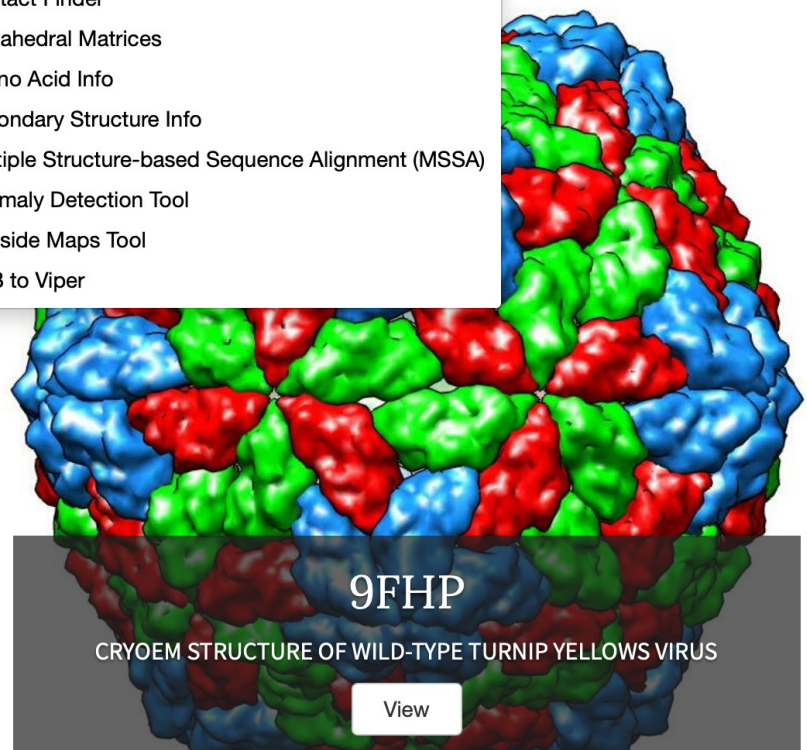
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- Oligomer Generator
- Epitope Analyzer
- Viral Diseases Explorer
- Submit to VIPER
- Web API's
- Family Association Energies
- Reposition a capsid at the center of a box
- Icosahedral Server**
- Gallery Maker
- Contact Finder
- Icosahedral Matrices
- Amino Acid Info
- Secondary Structure Info
- Multiple Structure-based Sequence Alignment (MSSA)
- Anomaly Detection Tool
- Capsid Maps Tool
- PDB to Viper

...s now available @VIPERdb and @Virus World db  
...ent on viral diseases is now included.

75  
Families  
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188  
Genera  
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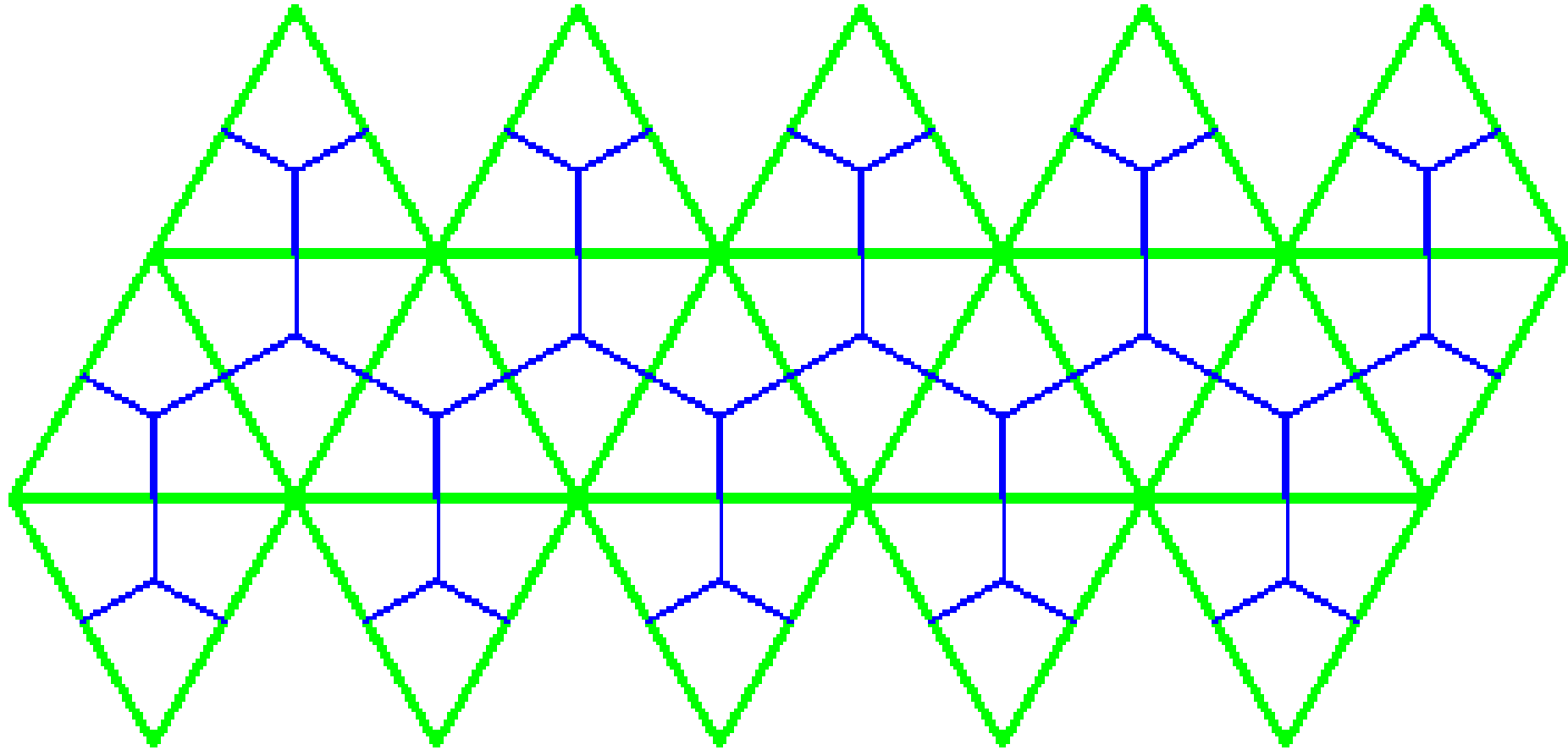


## Latest Entries

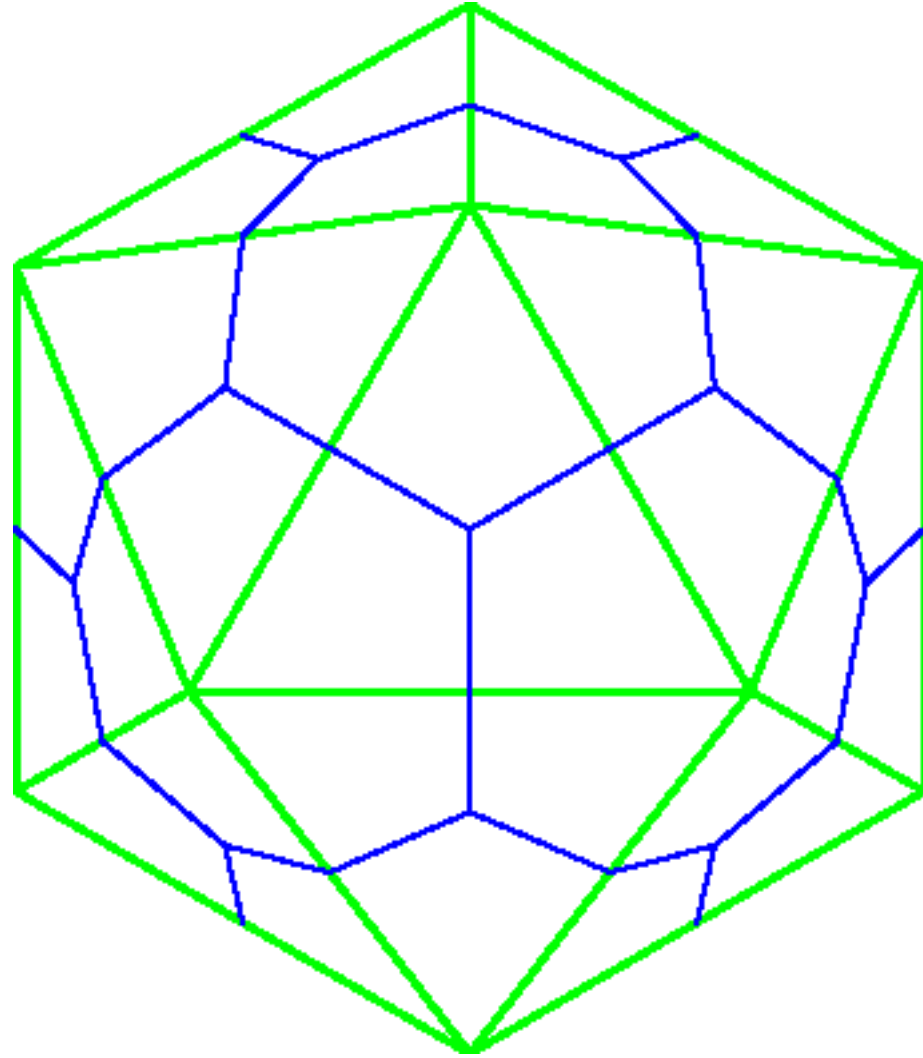
- 9cuz** 2024-07-27  
Bufavirus 1 complexed with 6SLN
- 9g0b** 2024-07-07  
RHINOVIRUS A2 UNCOATING INTERMEDIATE REVEALING THE NATURAL POCKET FACTOR (PH 5.8 AND 4 DEGREES CELSIUS)
- 9cgm** 2024-06-30  
The Structure of Spiroplasma Virus 4
- 9fjc** 2024-05-30  
COMPACT CVB1-VLP (TWEEN80)
- 9fhp** 2024-05-28  
CryoEM structure of wild-type Turnip Yellow Virus
- 9ffg** 2024-05-23  
Empty capsid of Rhodobacter microvirus Ebor computed with I4 symmetry
- 9f5s** 2024-04-30  
EVA71 E096A NATIVE PARTICLE



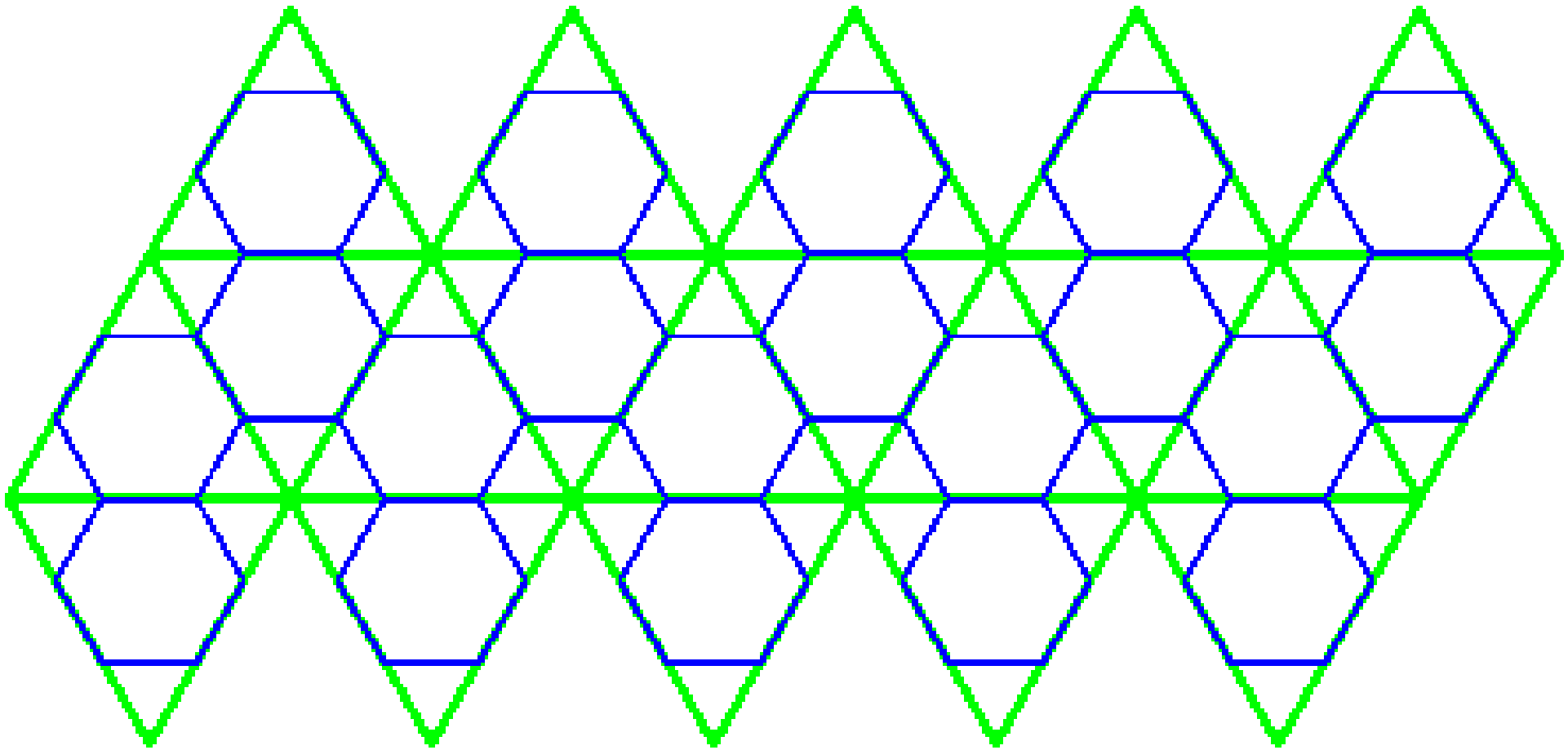
# Equivalence



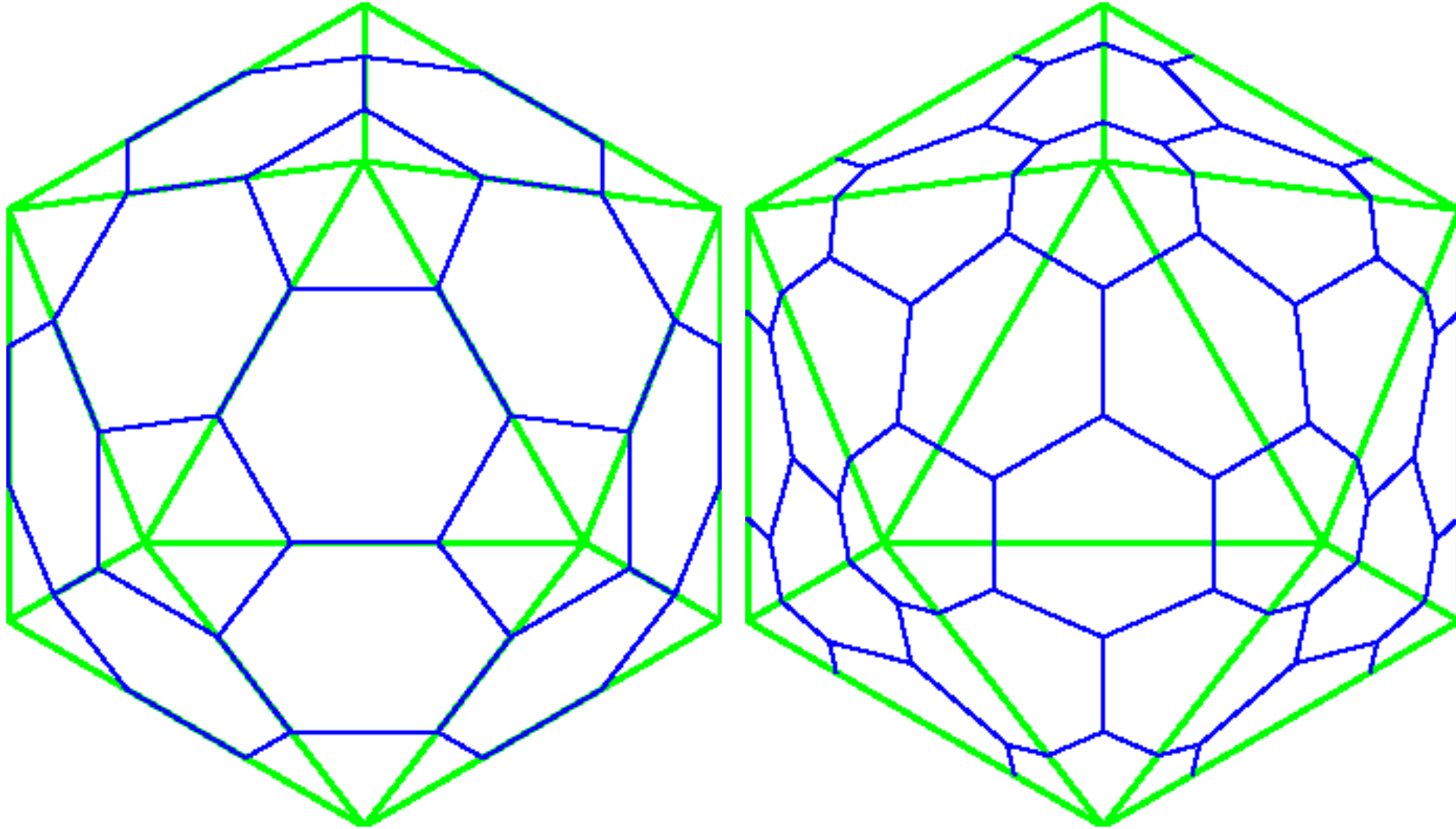
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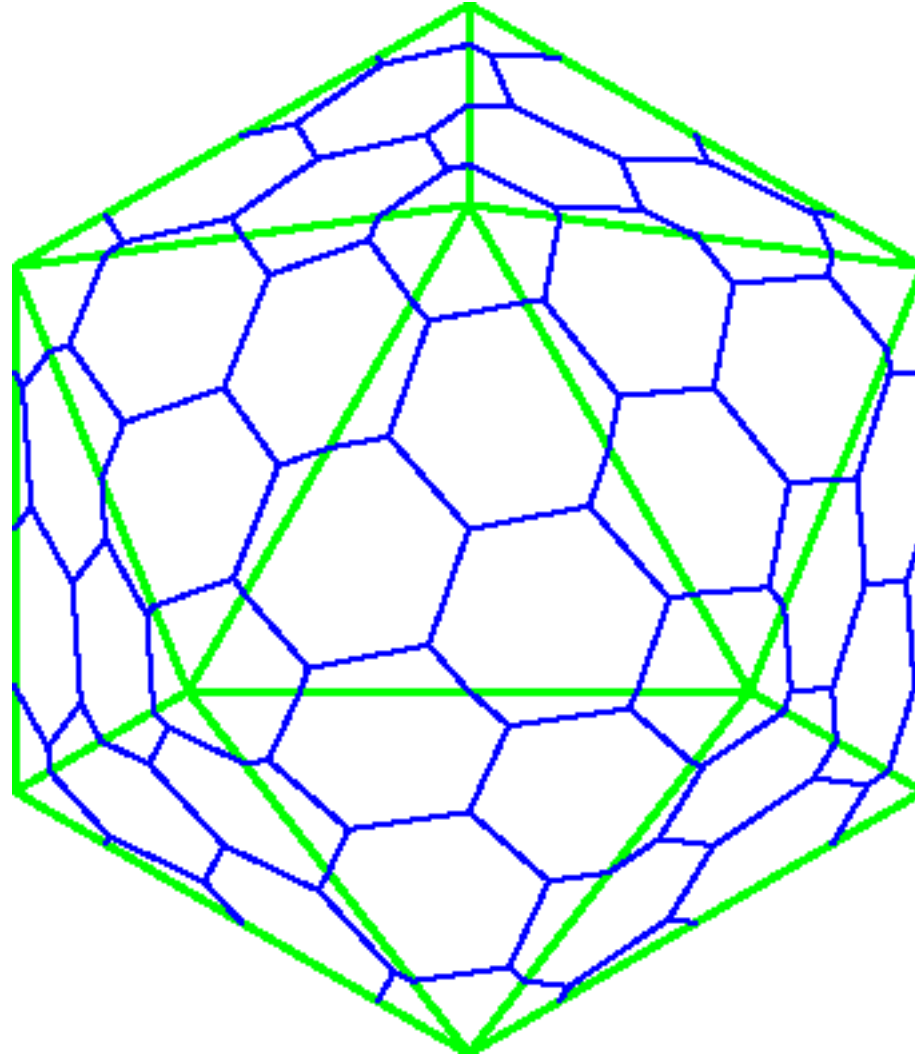
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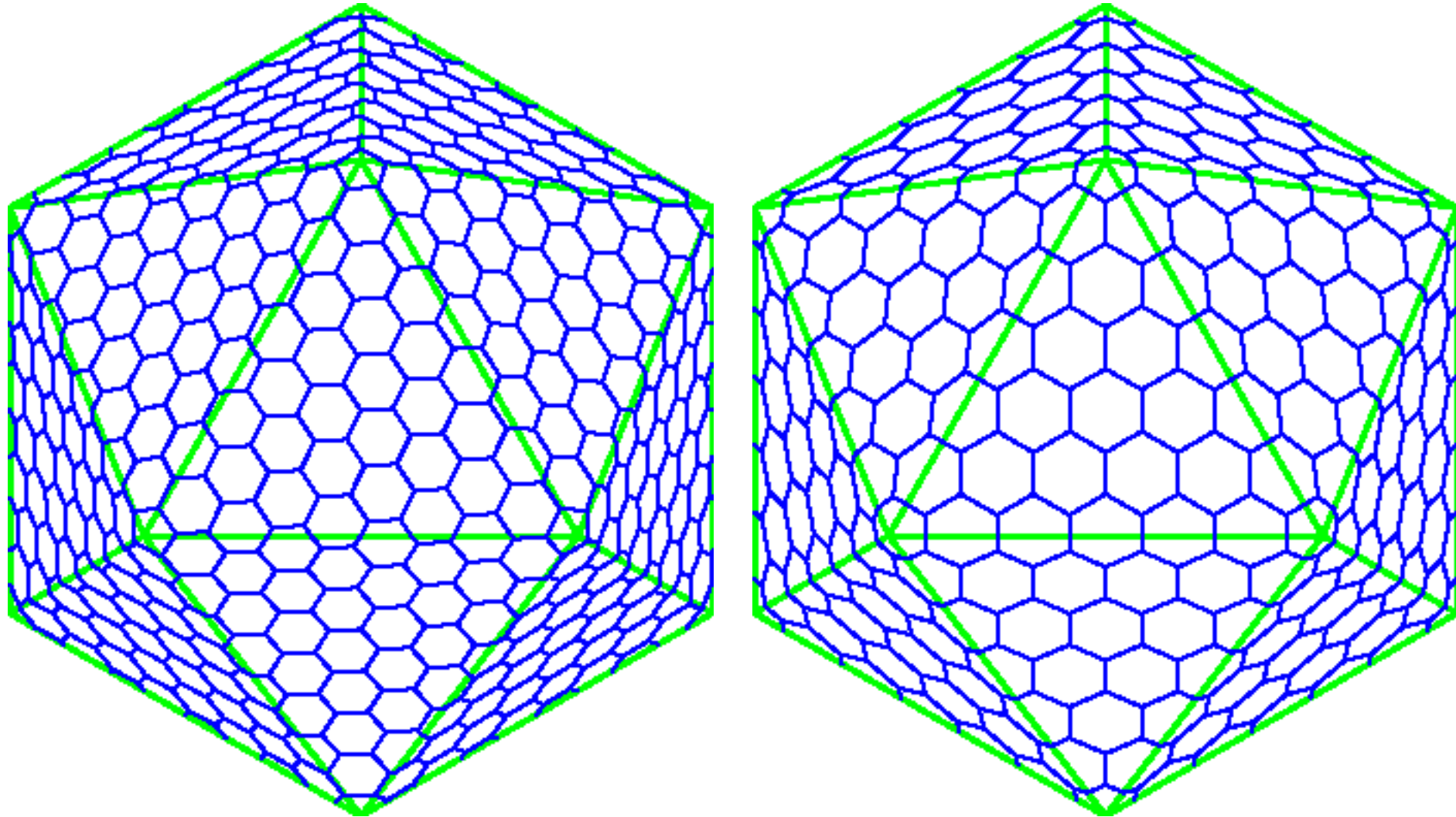
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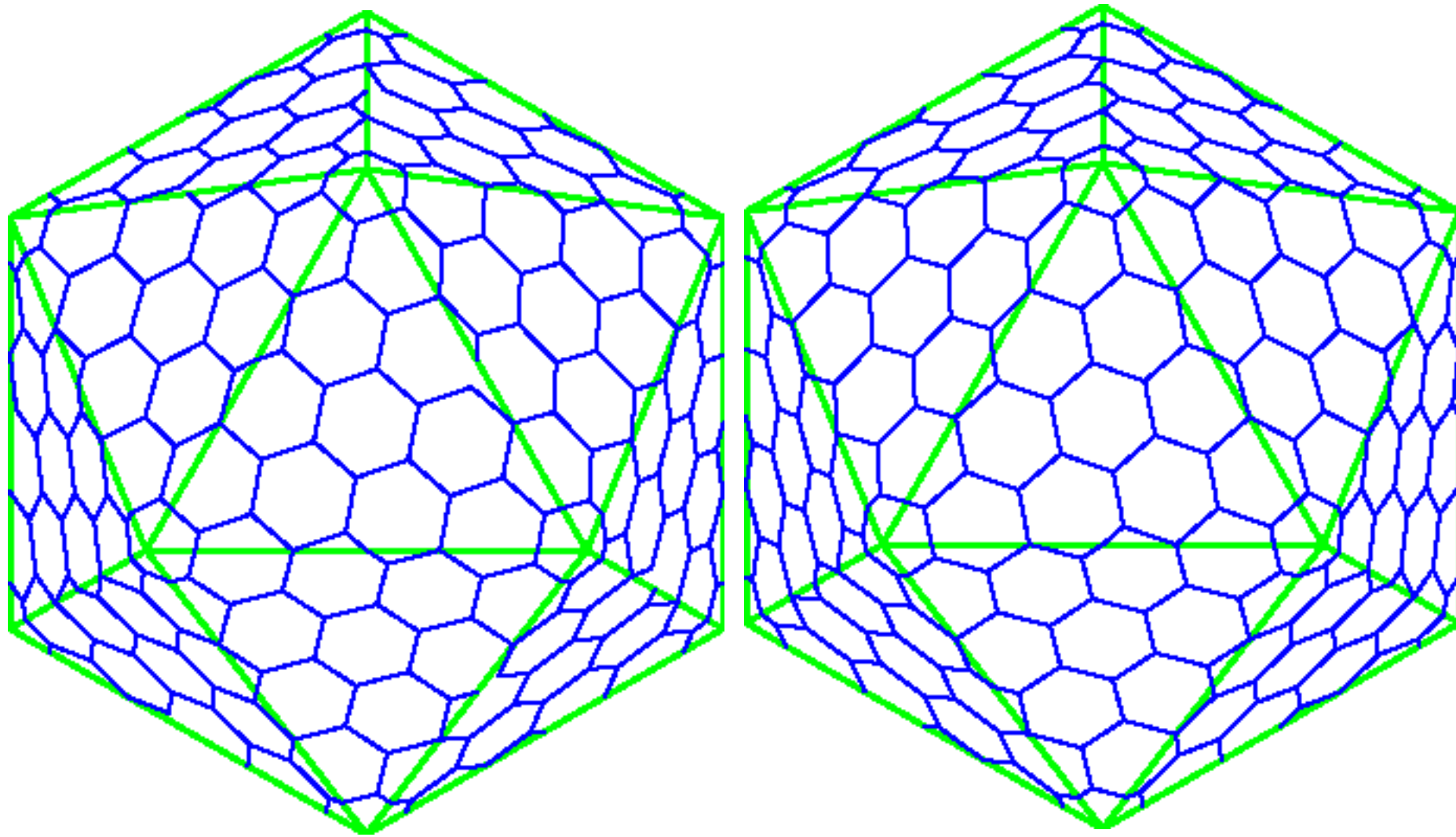
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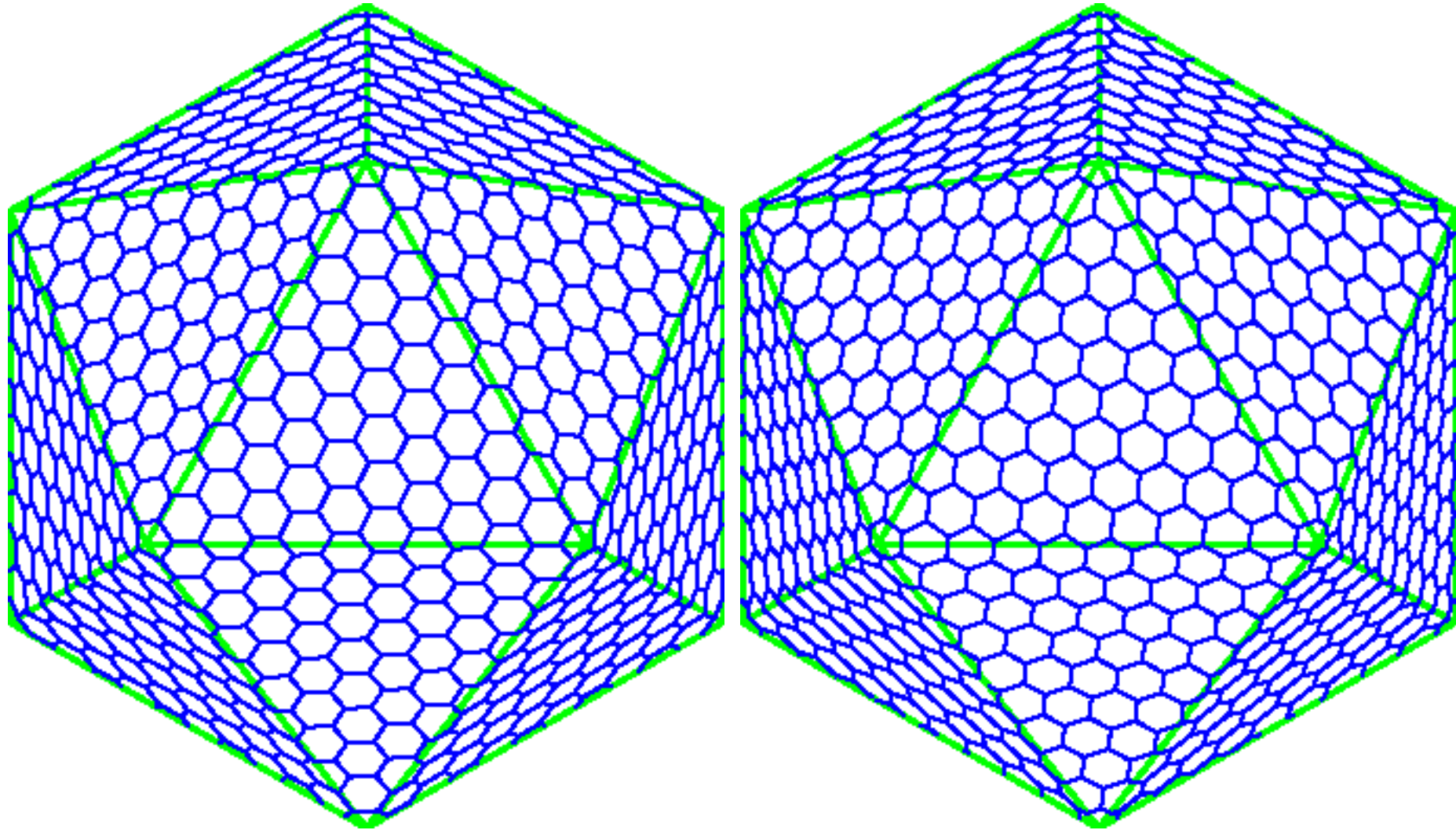
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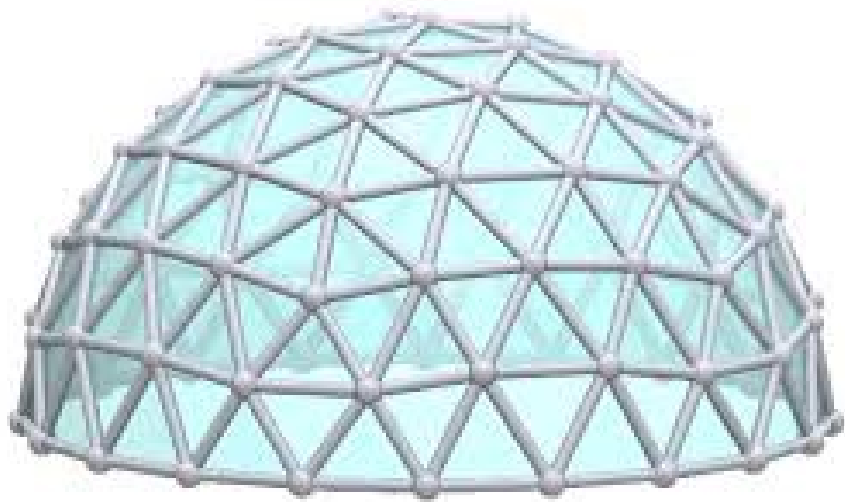
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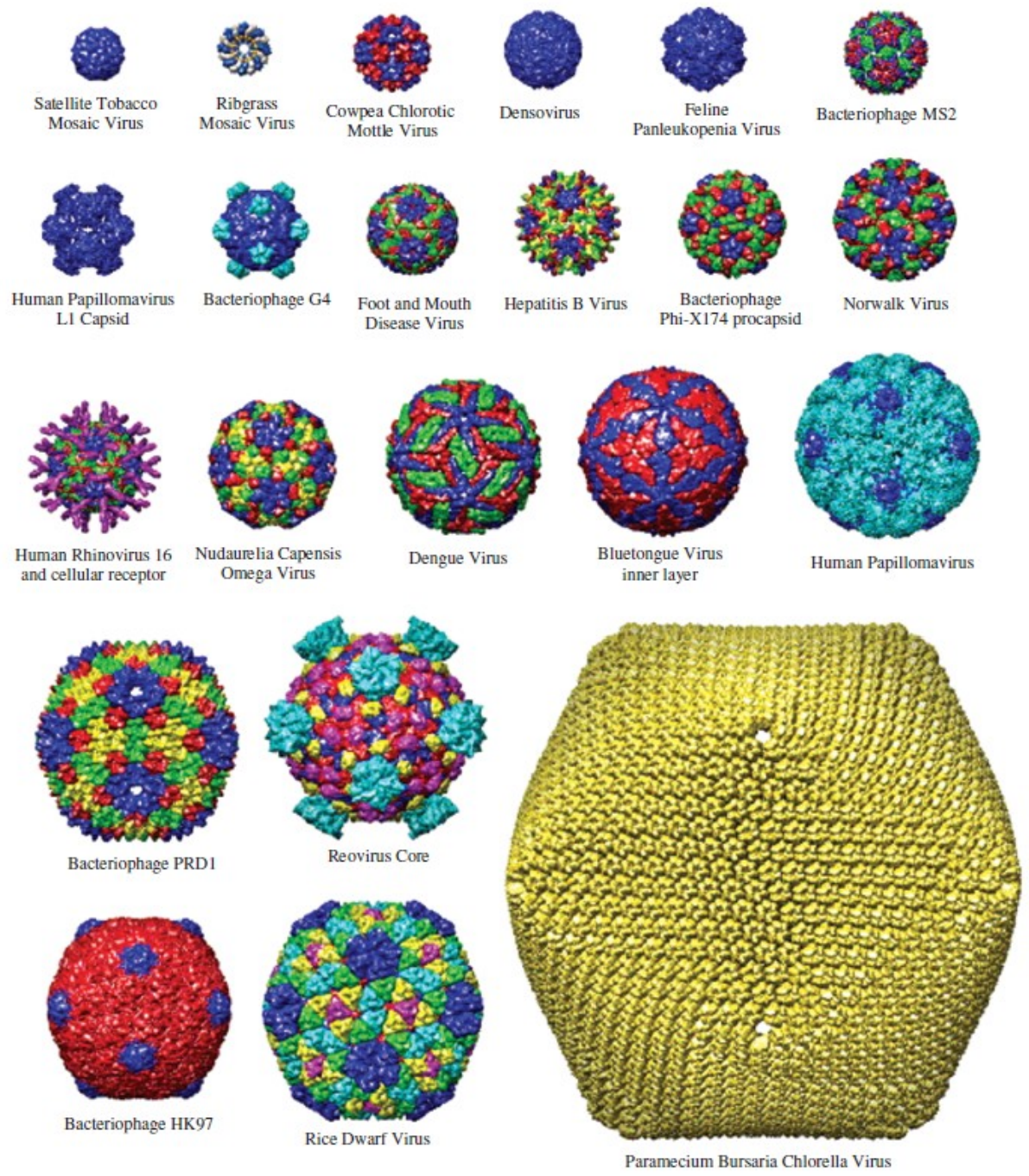


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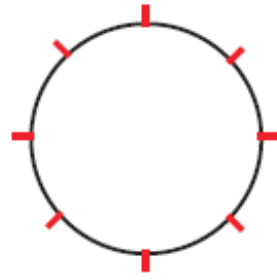




50nm

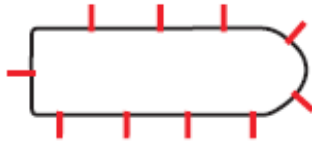
## Enveloped Viruses

Sphere



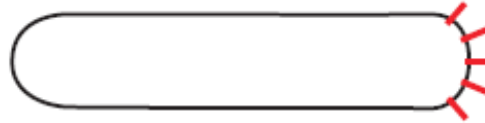
Influenza virus

Bullet



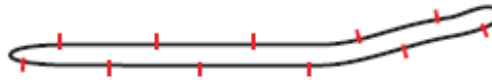
Rabies virus

Rod



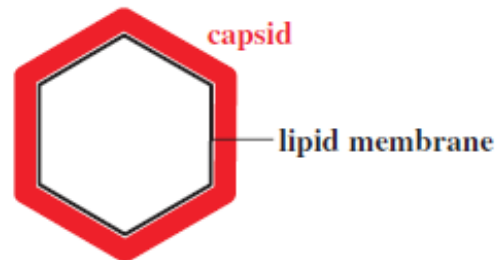
Baculoviruses

Thread



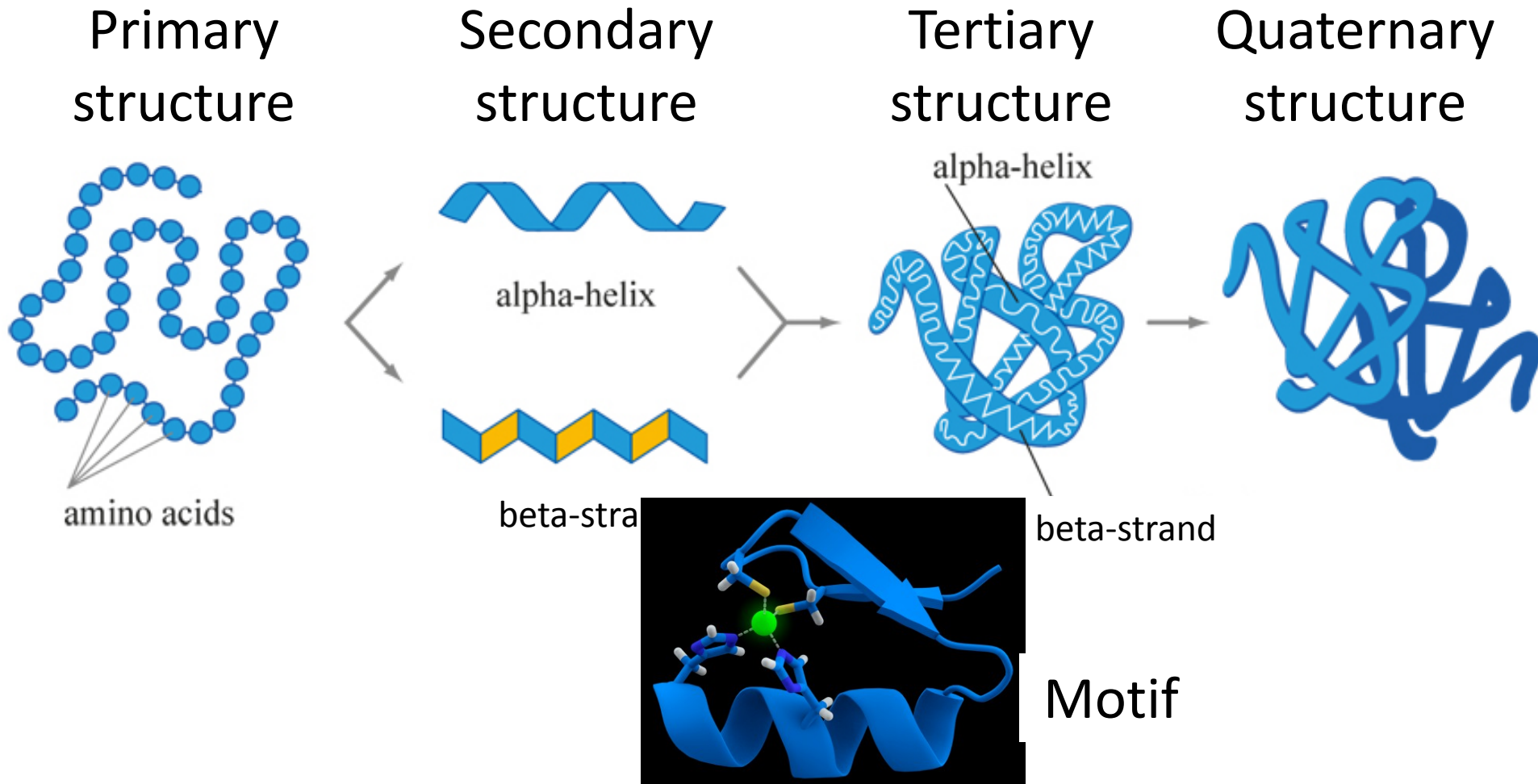
Ebola virus

## Viruses with an Internal Lipid Membrane

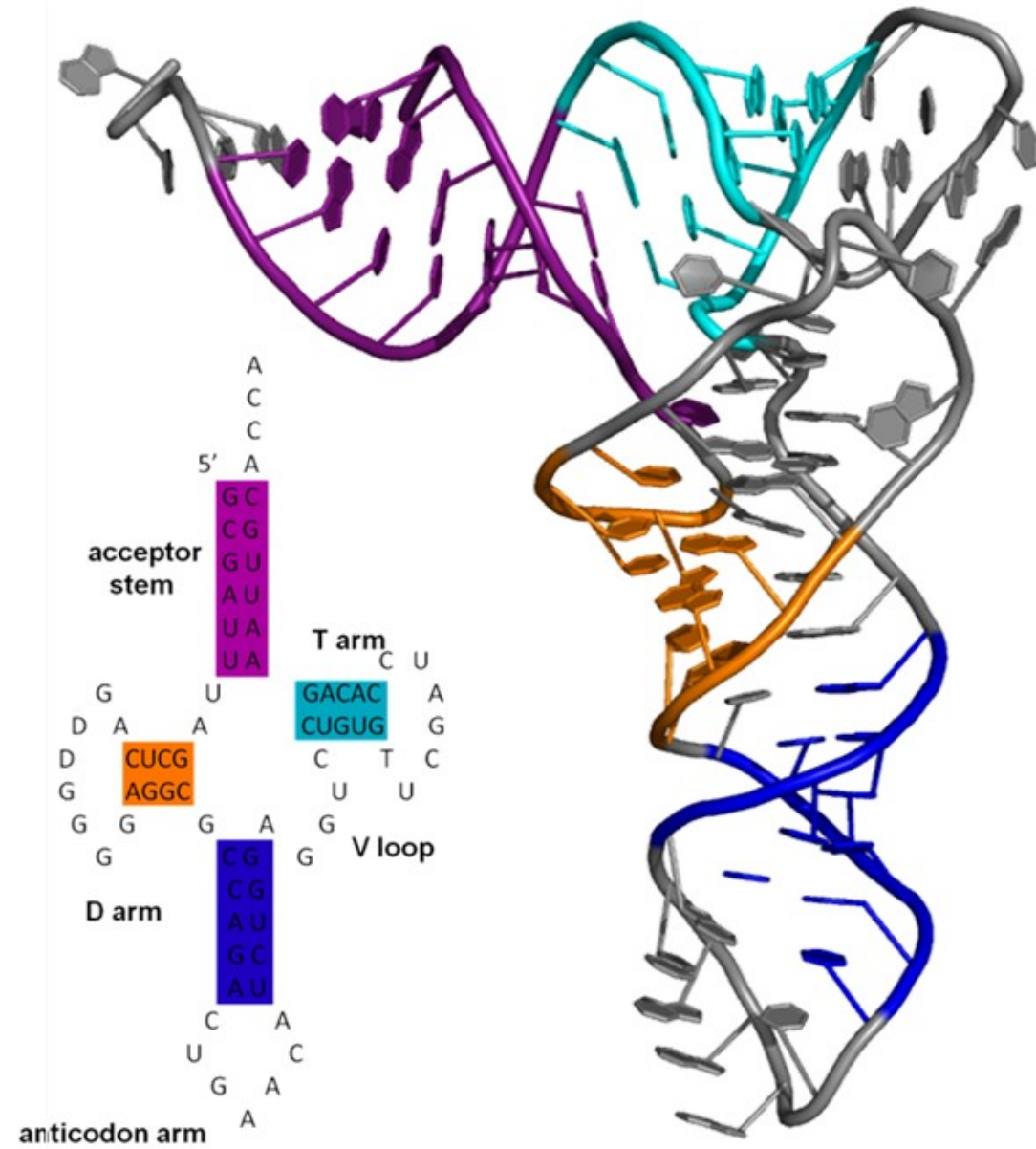


Iridoviruses

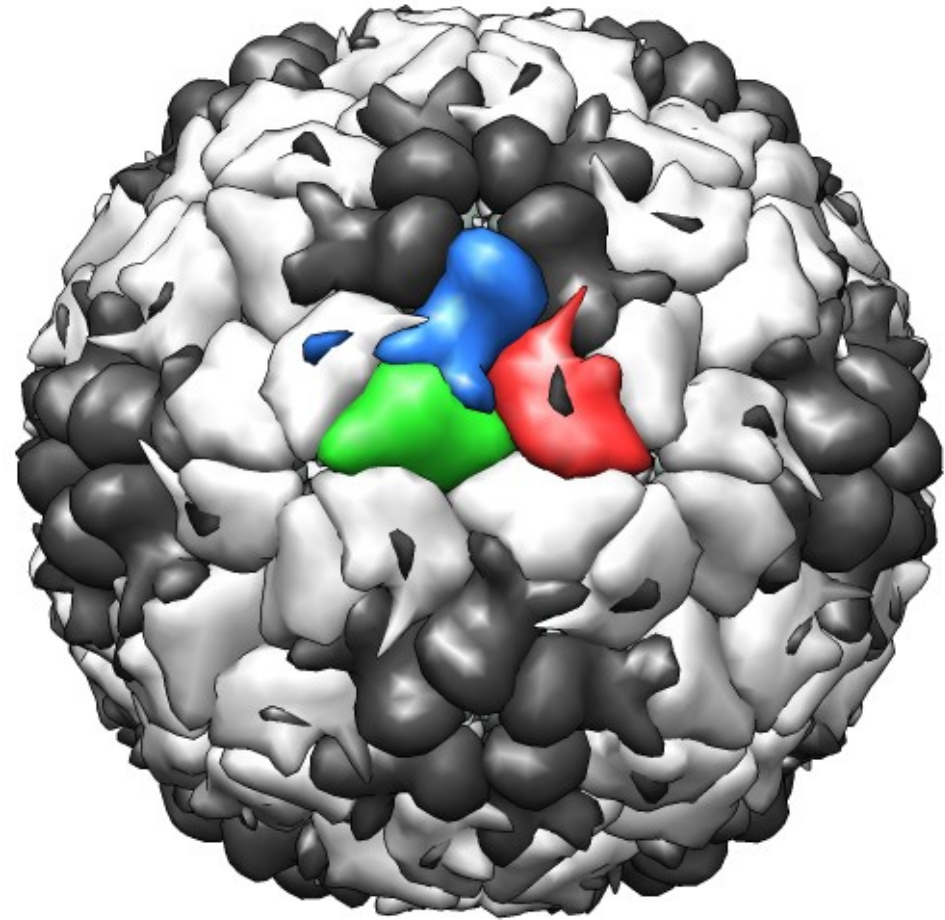
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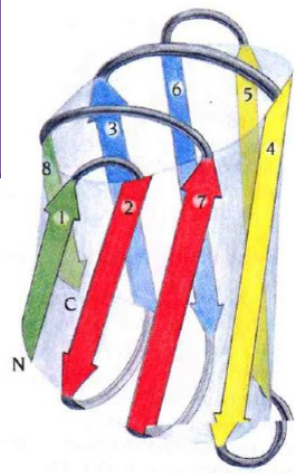


# Levels of description of RNA structures

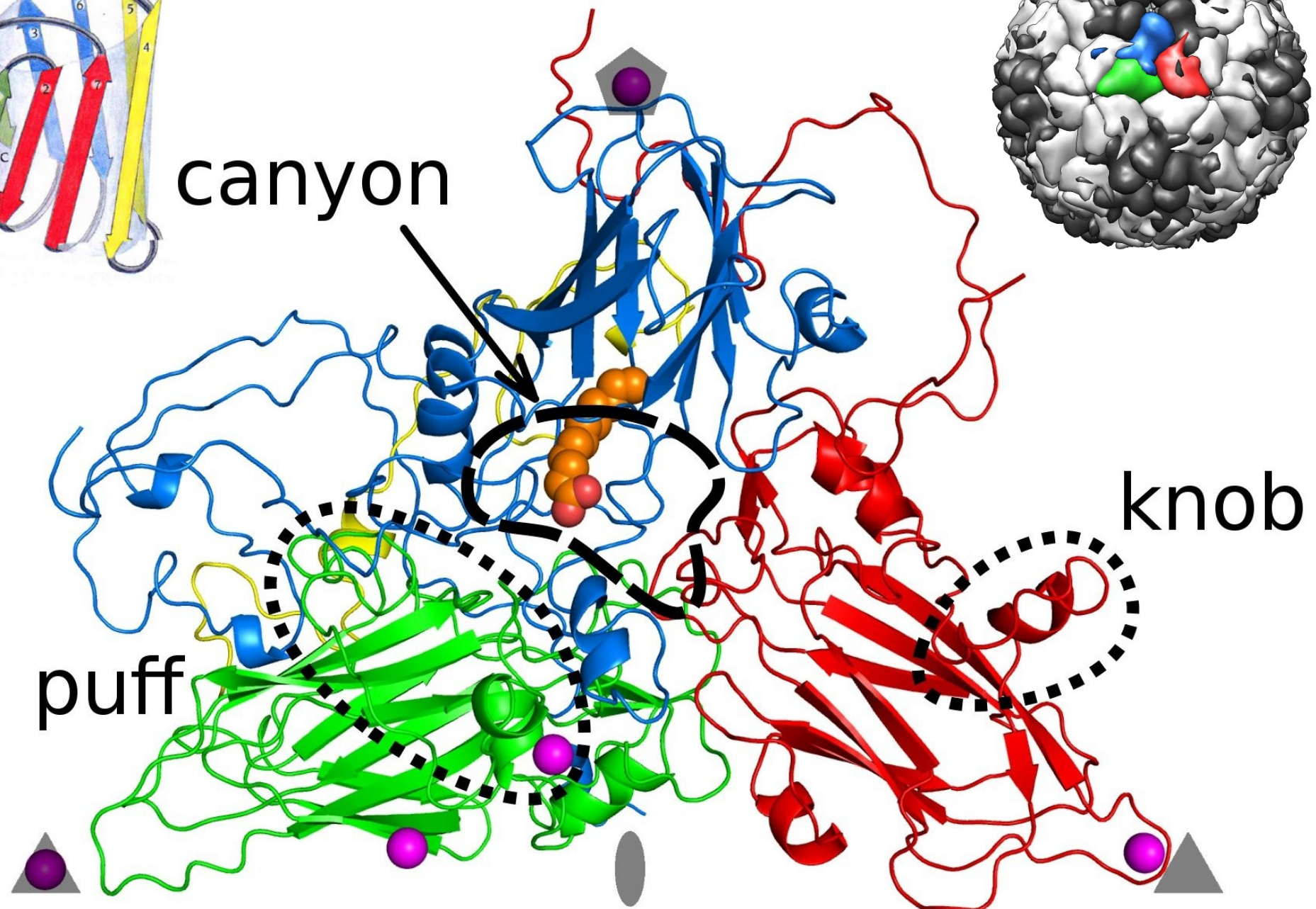
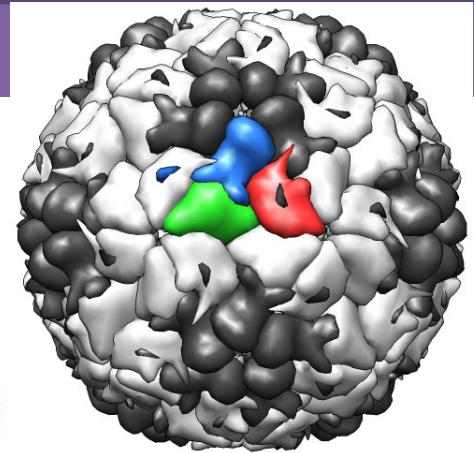


# Picornavirus virion





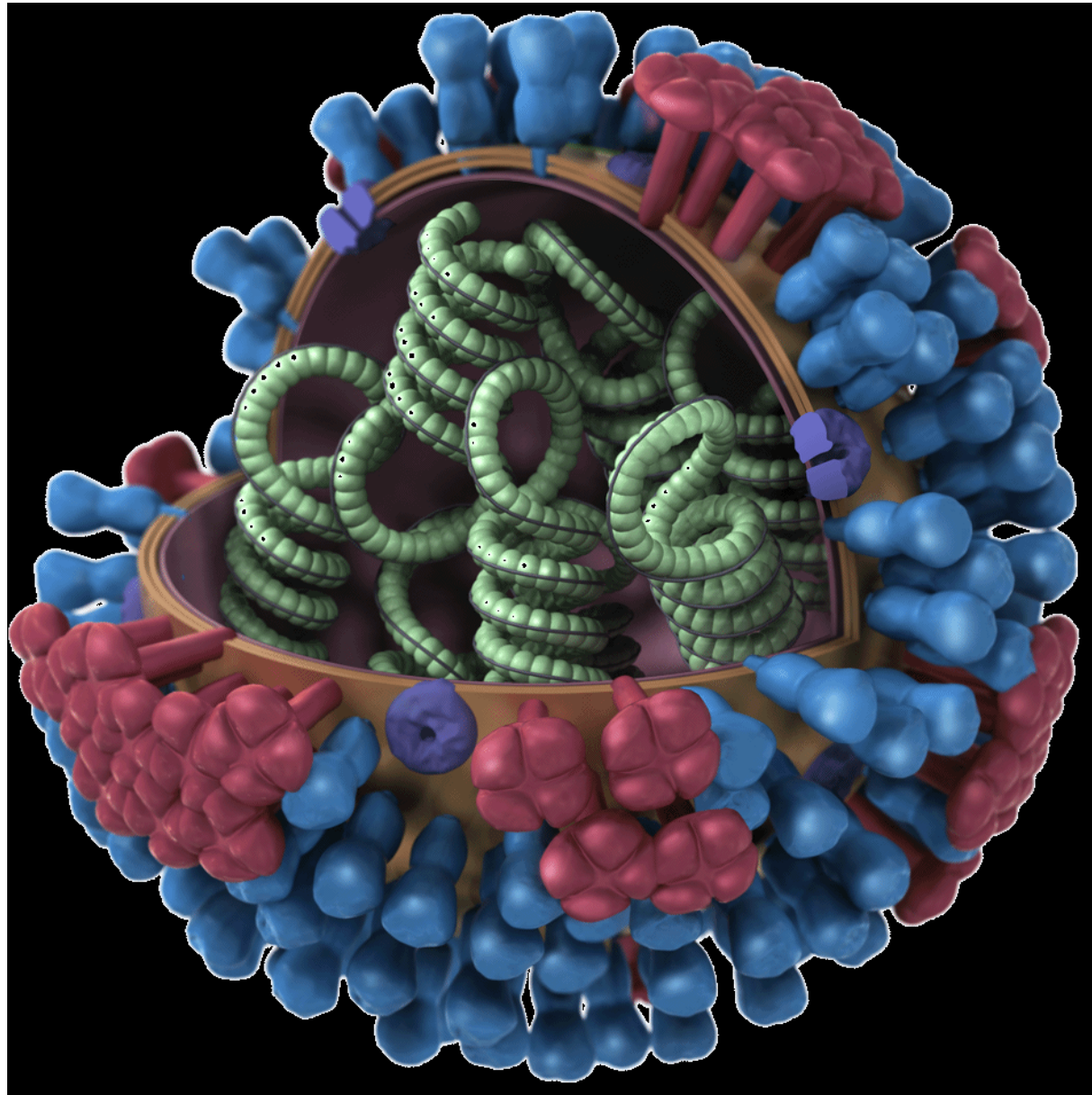
canyon



knob

puff

# Molecular components of virions





# DNA genomes of viruses



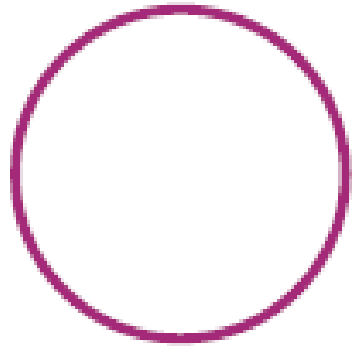
ss, linear

Parvoviruses



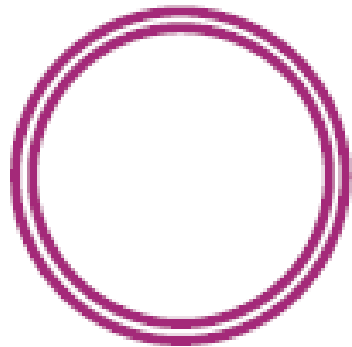
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Poxviruses



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ds, circular

Baculoviruses

# RNA genomes of viruses



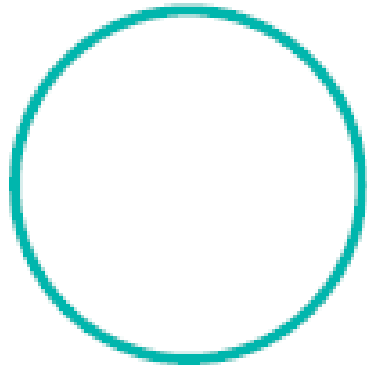
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Tobacco mosaic virus



ds, linear

Reoviruses



ss, circular

Hepatitis delta virus

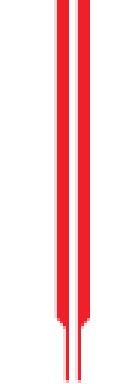
# Sizes of virus genomes



Hepatitis B virus 3.2kB



Phage lambda 48kB



Pandoravirus

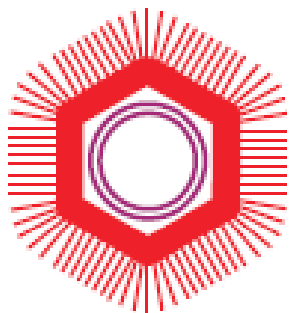
1.1-2.5MB

TNSV

1239B (RNA)

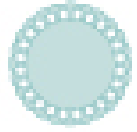
Coronaviruses

33kB (RNA)



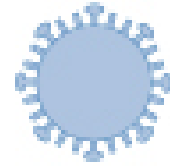
Mimivirus

1.2MB



HIV ~100nm

Flu ~120nm



*Pandoravirus* ~1000nm

Mimivirus ~400nm

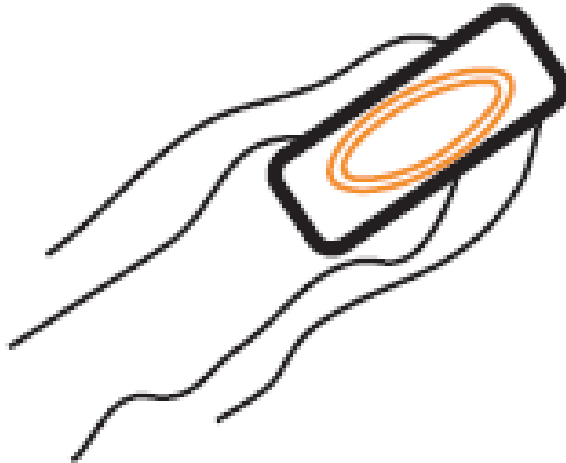
*E. coli* ~2000nm (bacterium)

# Genomes of cellular organisms (kB)



*Mycoplasma genitalium*

580



*Escherichia coli*

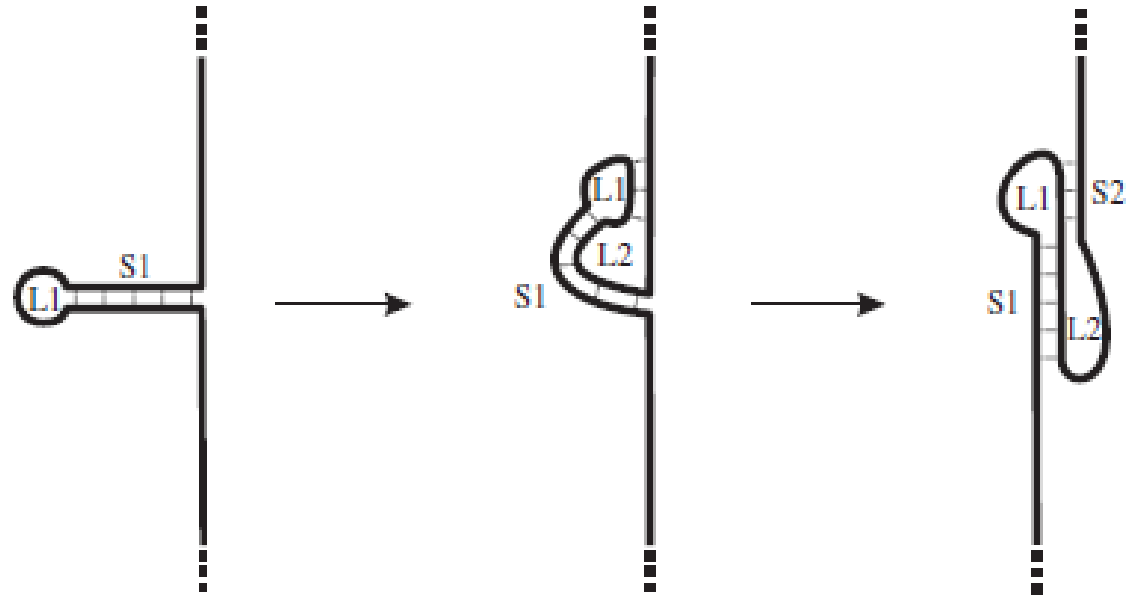
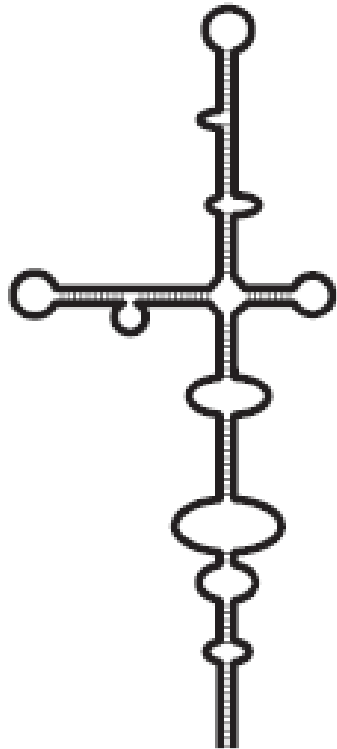
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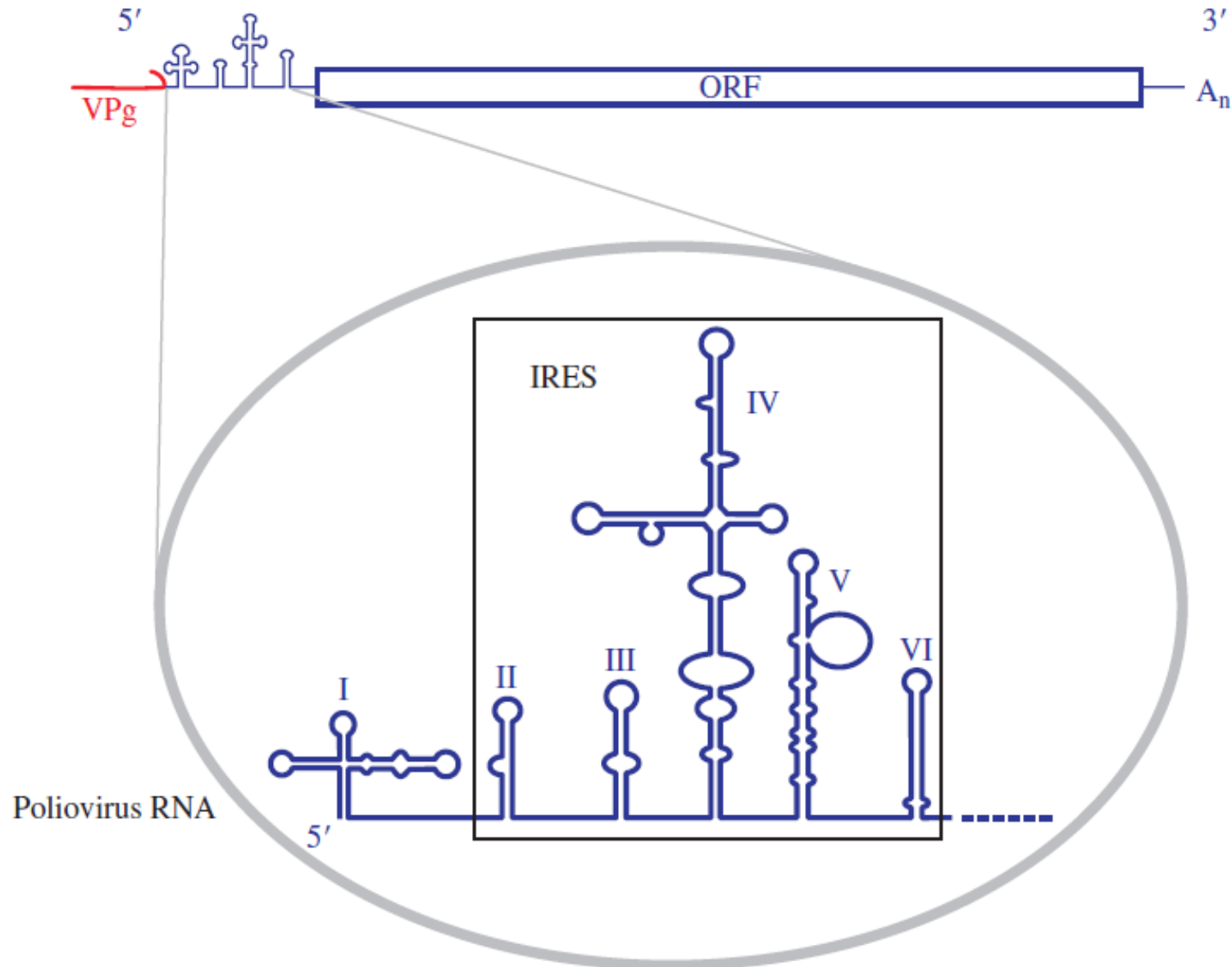
Human

3200000

# Secondary structures in ssRNA genomes



# Internal Ribosome Entry Site in poliovirus

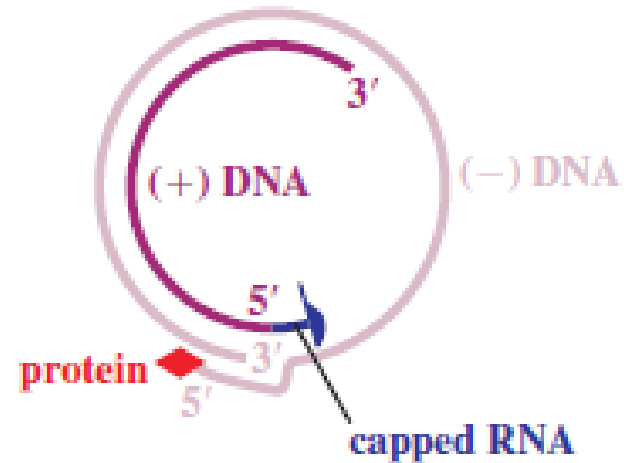


# Modifications of genome ends

dsDNA



Adenoviruses  
Phage PRD1 (*E. coli*)



Hepatitis B virus

ssDNA



Parvoviruses



# More end modifications (ssRNA)



Poliovirus  
Cowpea mosaic virus



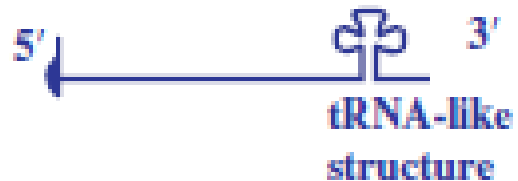
Barley yellow dwarf virus



SARS coronavirus  
Retroviruses



Black beetle virus



Cucumber mosaic virus

# dsRNA genome modifications

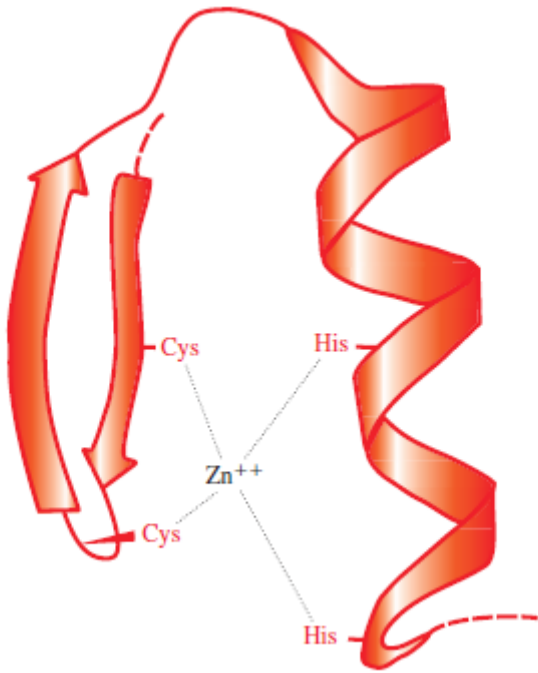


Rotaviruses

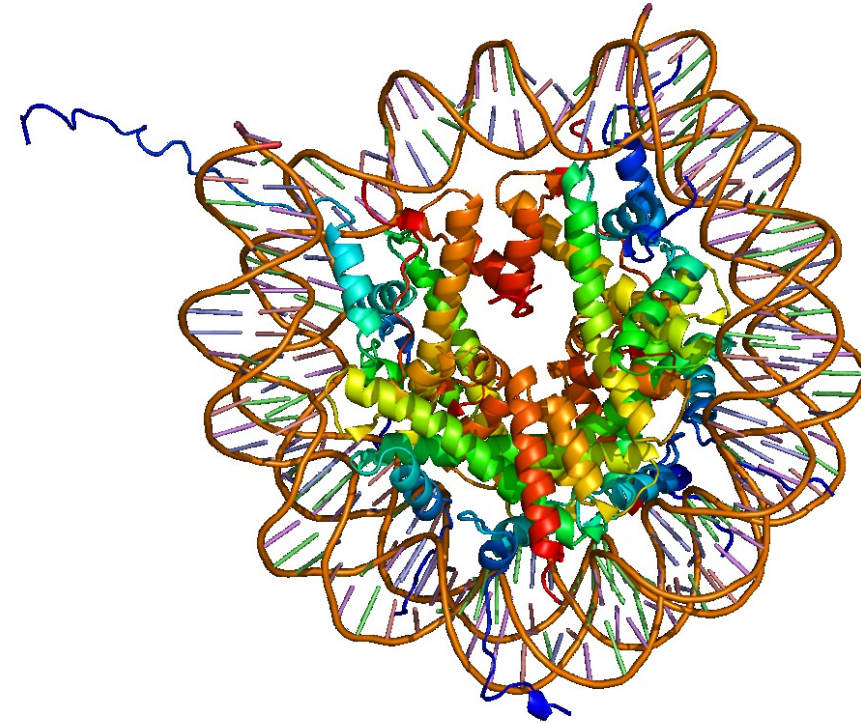


Infectious pancreatic  
necrosis virus

# (Macro)-molecules non-covalently associated with virus genomes



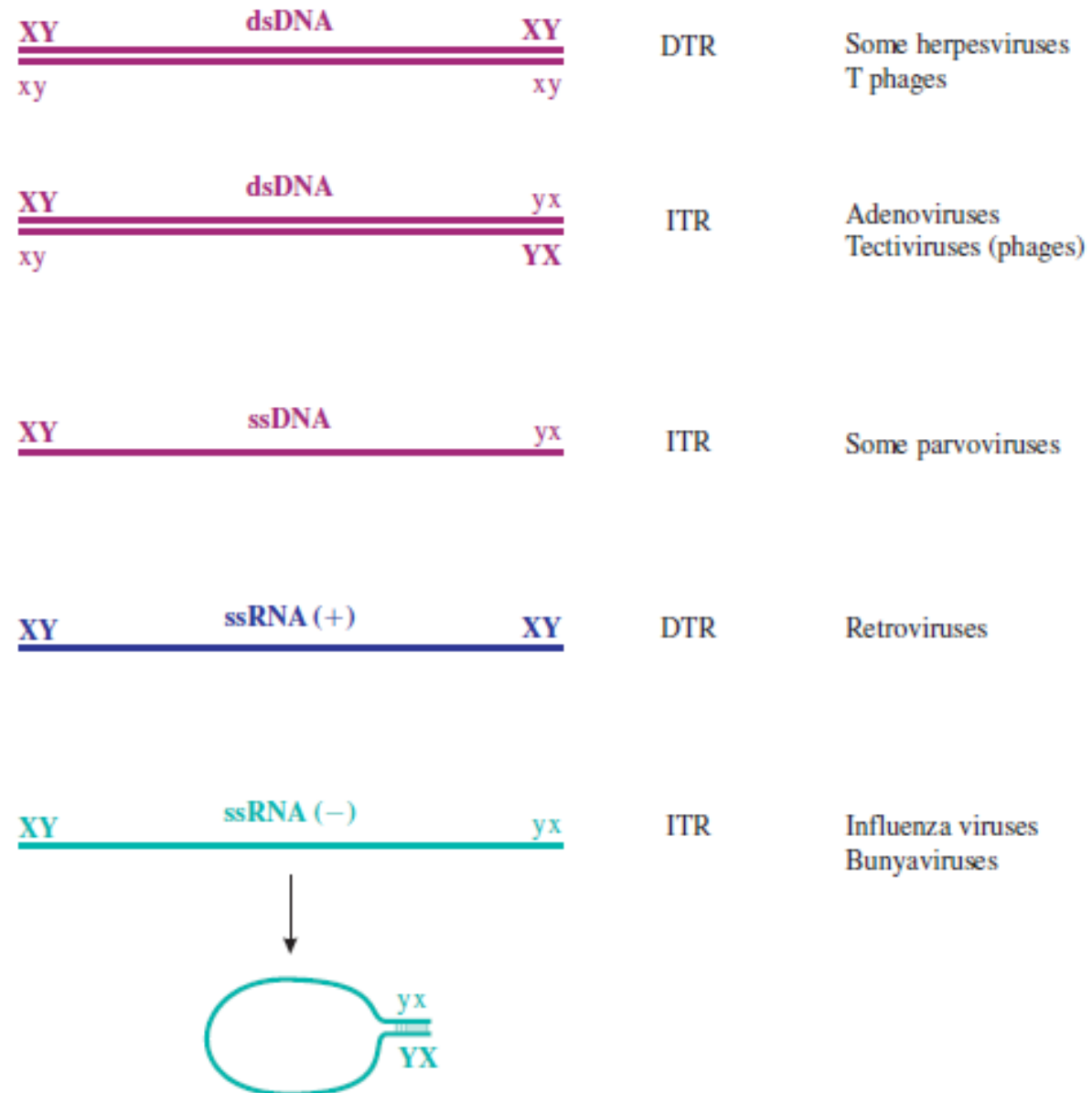
Zinc finger motif



Histone core

Poly amine - putrescine

# Terminal repeats in virus genomes



## Main types of virion structure

## Genomes

dsDNA ssDNA dsRNA ssRNA

Icosahedral,  
naked



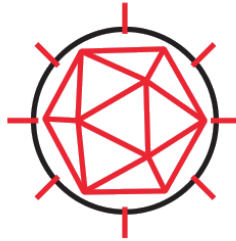
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Icosahedral,  
enveloped



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Helical,  
naked

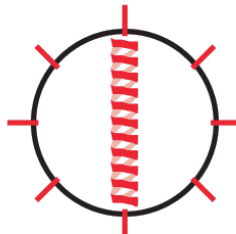


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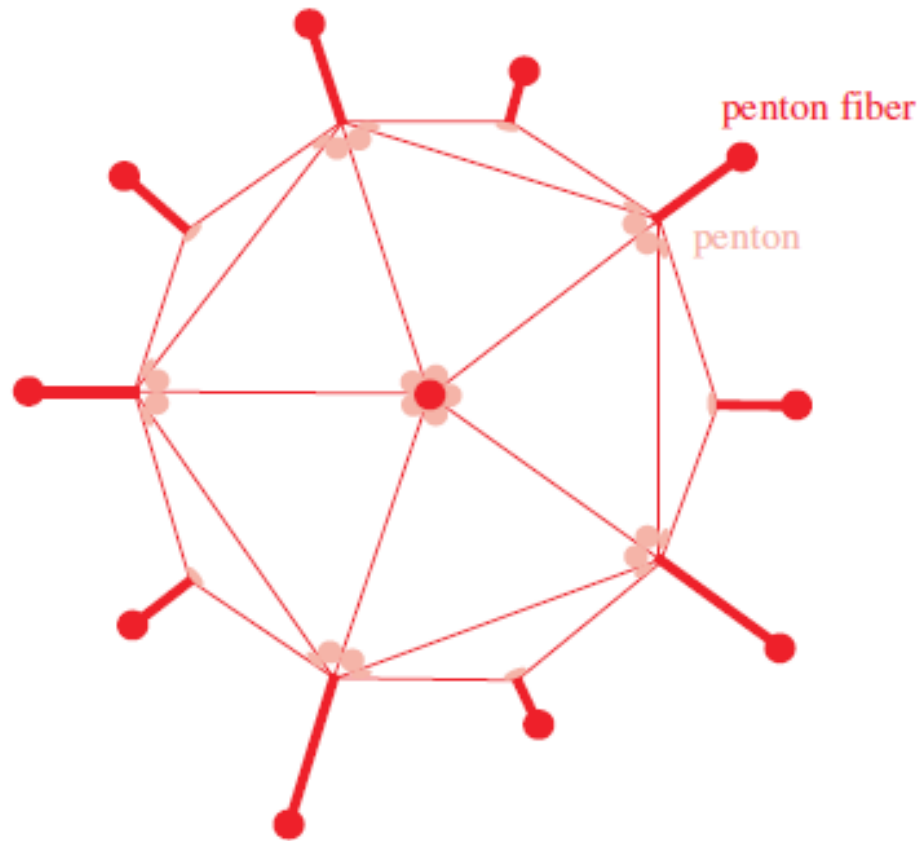
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Helical,  
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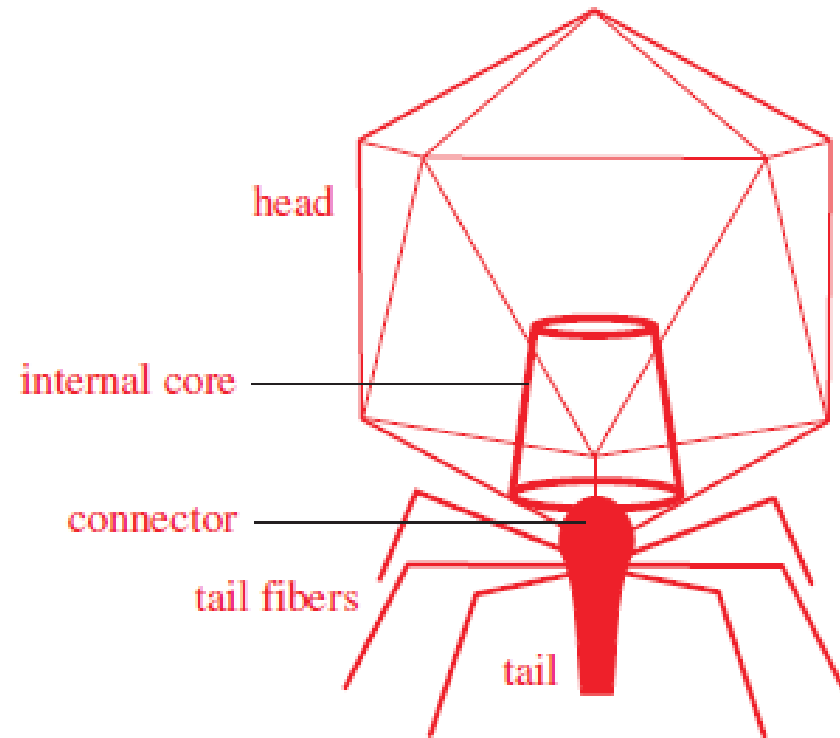


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## Adenovirus virion



## Phage T7



# Learning outcomes

- describe the components of virions
- illustrate the variety of virus genomes
- outline the functions of virus structural proteins
- define the terms 'helical symmetry' and 'icosahedral symmetry'
- explain h and K indices and T number

Why / when / for what are  
structures important?



# Virus transmission

## Plant viruses



- Vectors**
- insects
  - mites
  - nematodes
  - fungi

## Human and animal viruses



- via the air, e.g. influenza virus
- via food and water, e.g. rotaviruses
- sexually, e.g. HIV
- via vectors, e.g. yellow fever virus

# Insects



Potato virus Y  
Cauliflower mosaic virus



Beet yellows virus  
Bean yellow mosaic virus

Leafhoppers



Rice dwarf virus

Whiteflies



Tomato yellow leaf curl virus

Beetles



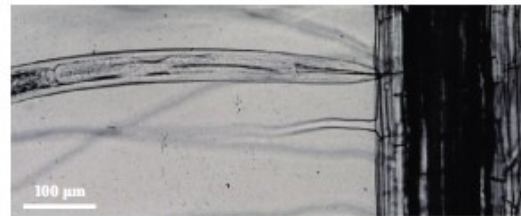
Maize chlorotic mottle virus

Mites



Ryegrass mosaic virus

Nematodes



Grapevine fanleaf virus

Mites

Nematodes

## Living Vectors

Mosquitoes



Yellow fever virus  
West Nile virus  
Chikungunya virus

Humans

Midges



Bluetongue virus

Sheep

Ticks



Louping ill virus

Sheep

## Inanimate Vectors

Syringes and  
Needles



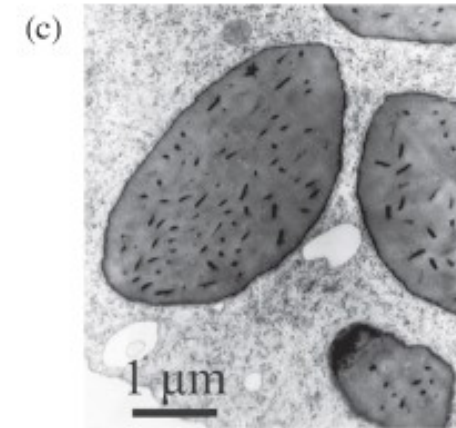
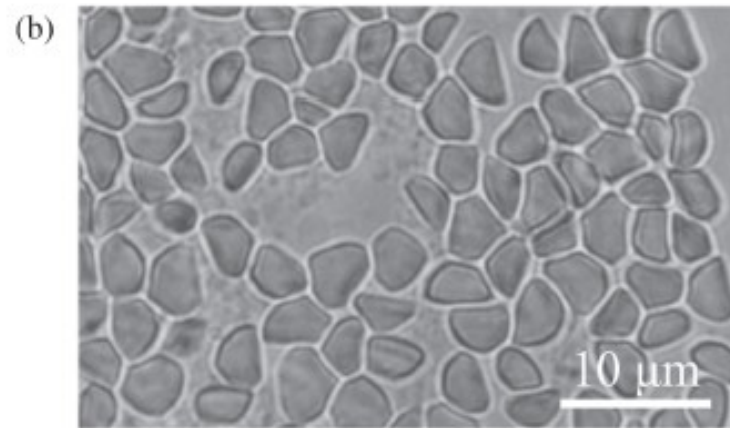
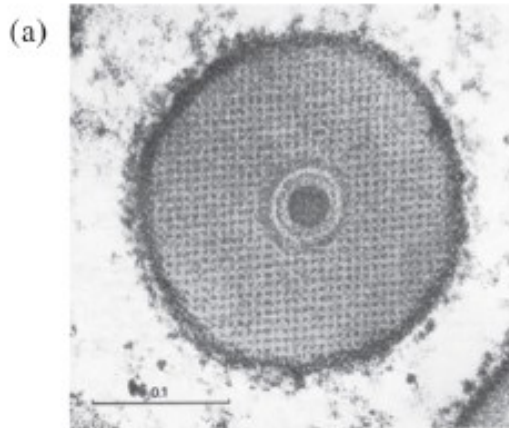
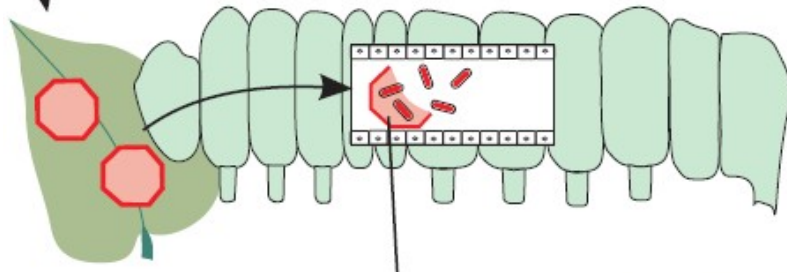
Hepatitis B virus  
HIV

Humans

# Baculovirus transmission



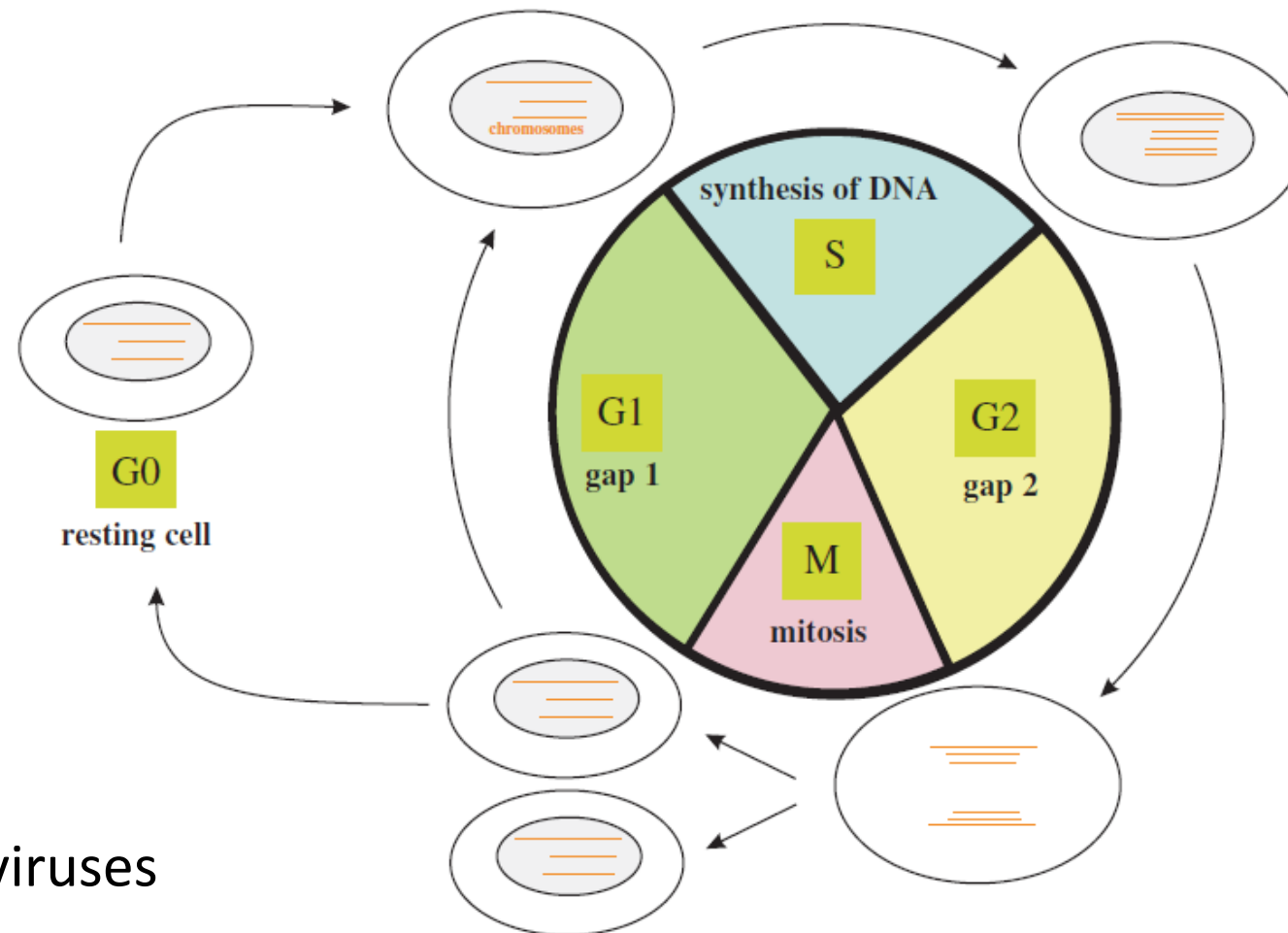
Caterpillar that has died from baculovirus infection



# Non-vector transmission of vertebrate viruses

Transmission route	Examples of viruses transmitted
Horizontal transmission	
Respiratory tract	Influenza viruses (mammals) Common cold viruses Measles virus
Intestinal tract	Influenza viruses (birds) Rotaviruses
Abrasions and wounds	Papillomaviruses Rabies virus
Genital tract	HIV Papillomaviruses
Vertical transmission	
Mother to foetus via the placenta	Rubella virus
Mother to baby via milk	HIV

# Virus infection X cell cycle



Retroviruses

Polyomaviruses, papillomaviruses

Restriction endonucleases

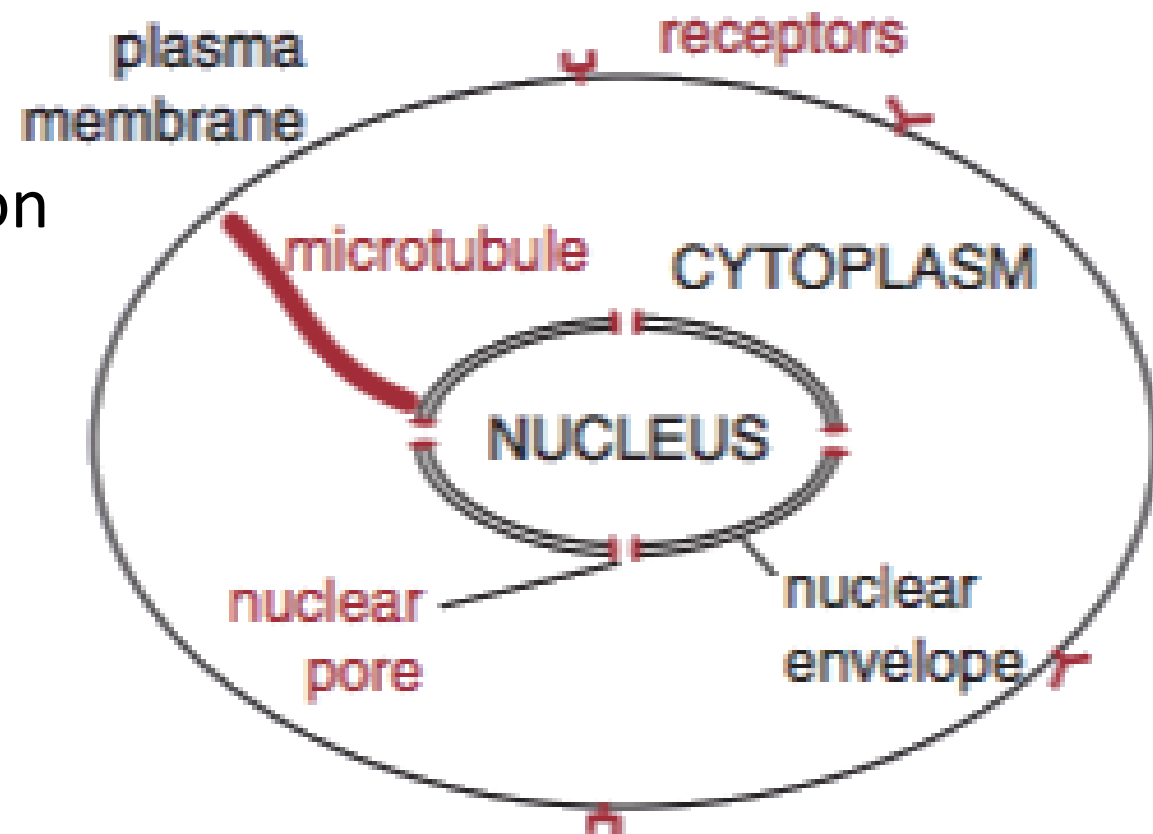
RNAi response, CRISPR / Cas, antibodies, NK cells

# Learning outcomes

- describe the modes of transmission of plant viruses and animal viruses
- describe the roles of vectors in virus transmission

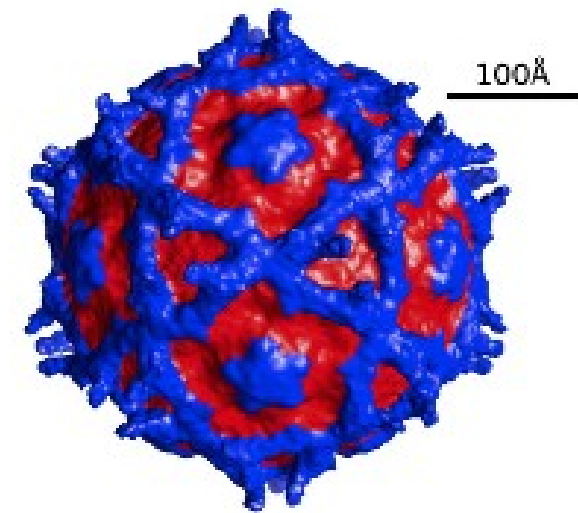
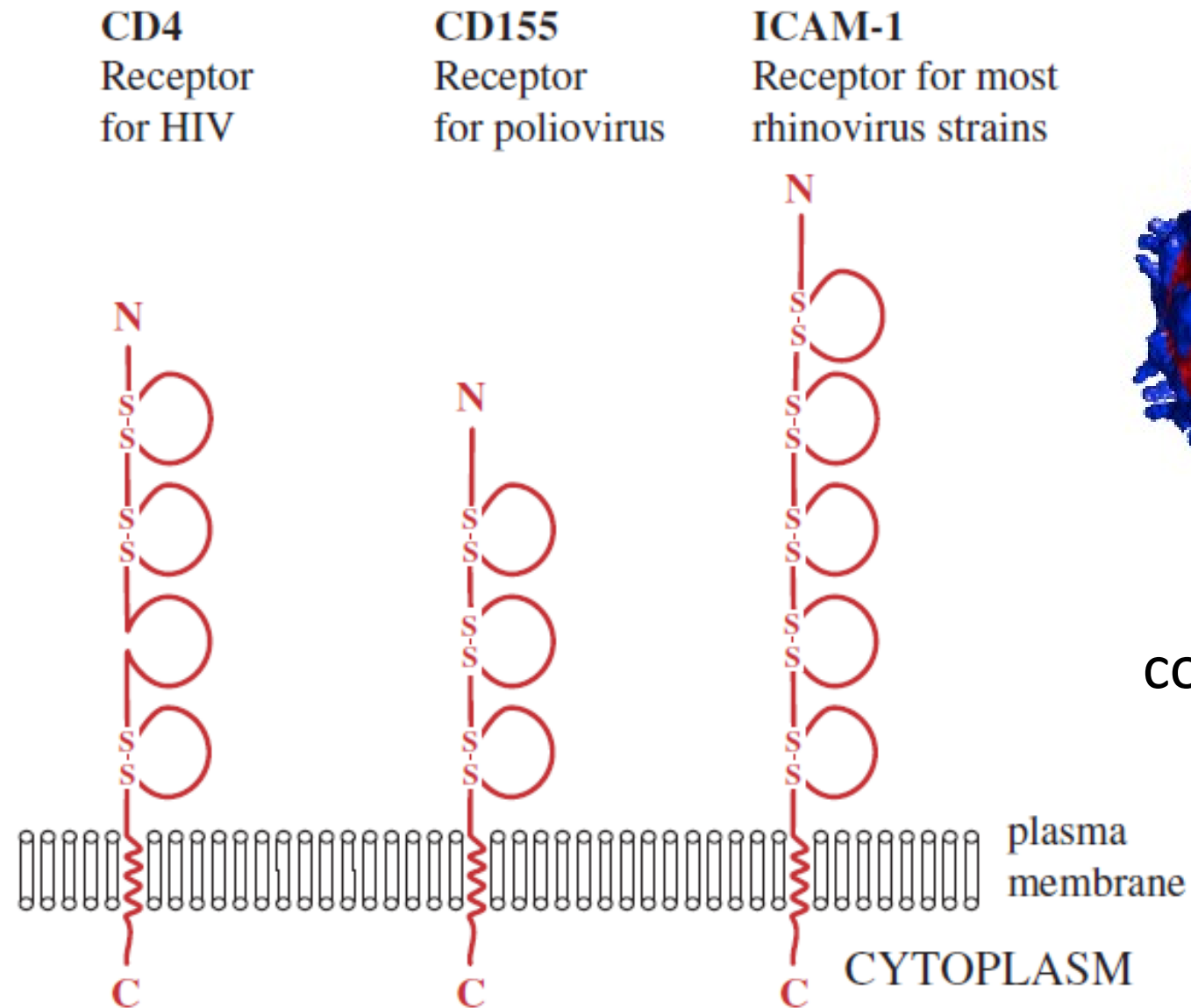
# Attachment and entry of viruses into cells

1. **A**ttachment
2. **E**ntry
3. **T**ranscription
4. **T**ranslation
5. **G**enome replication
6. **A**ssembly
7. **E**xit



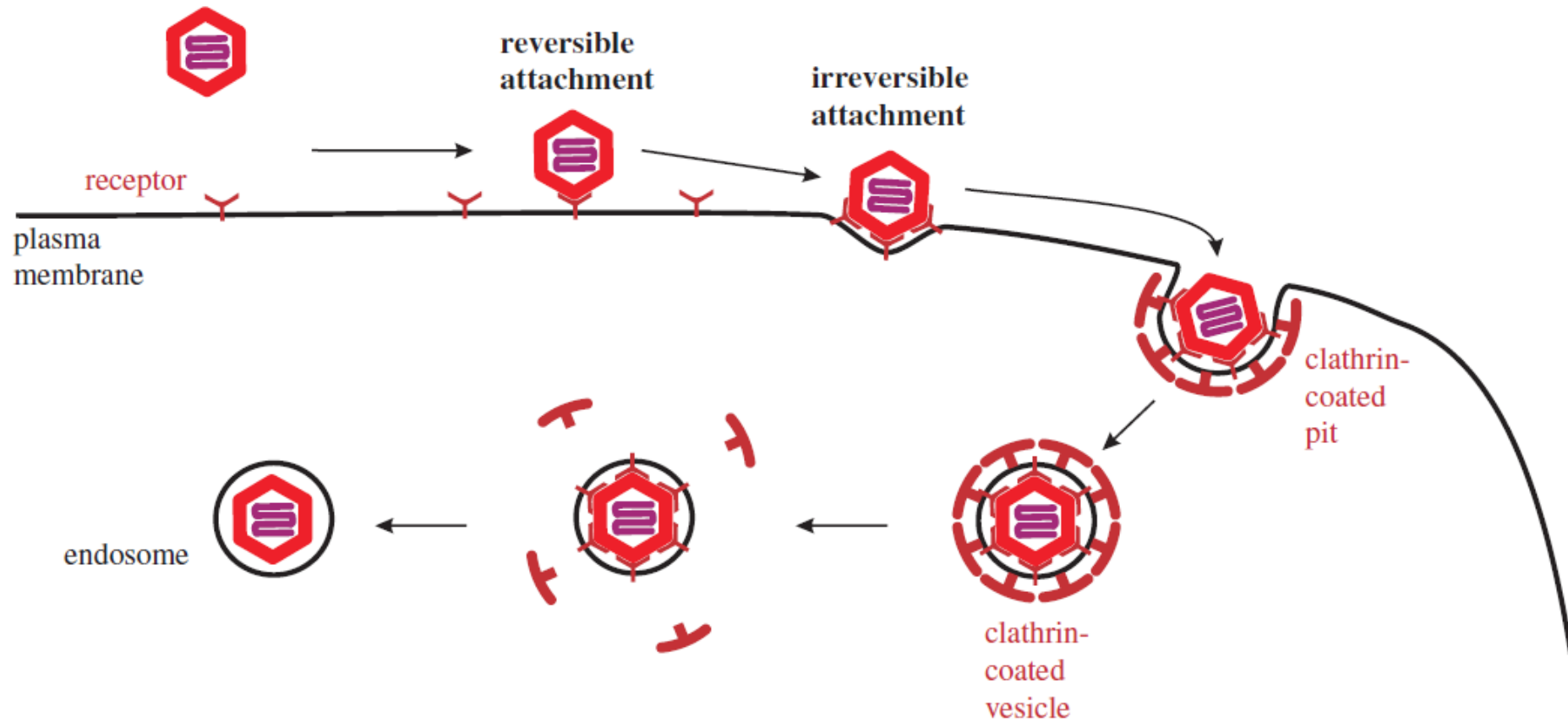


# Virus receptors

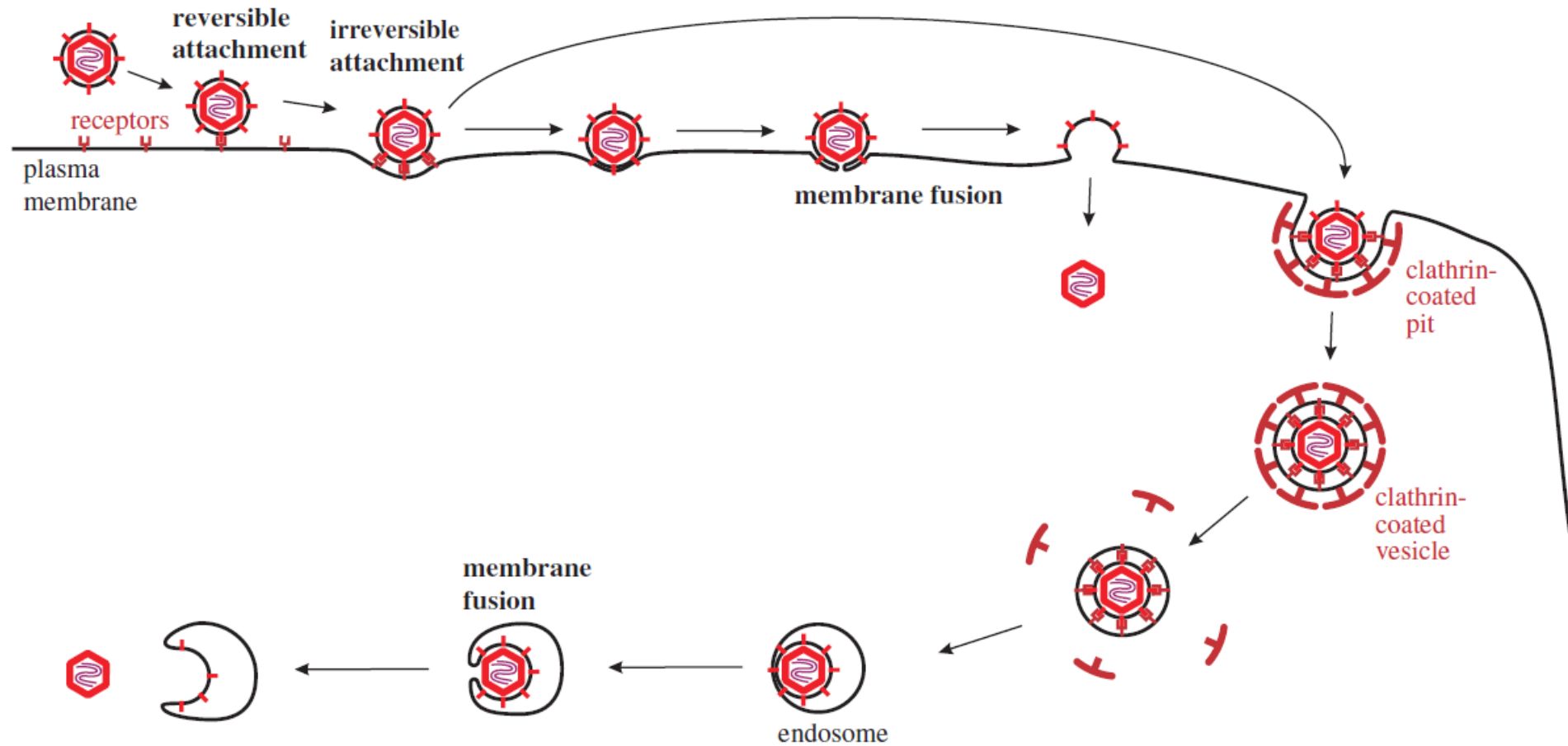


Echovirus 7 in complex with DAF

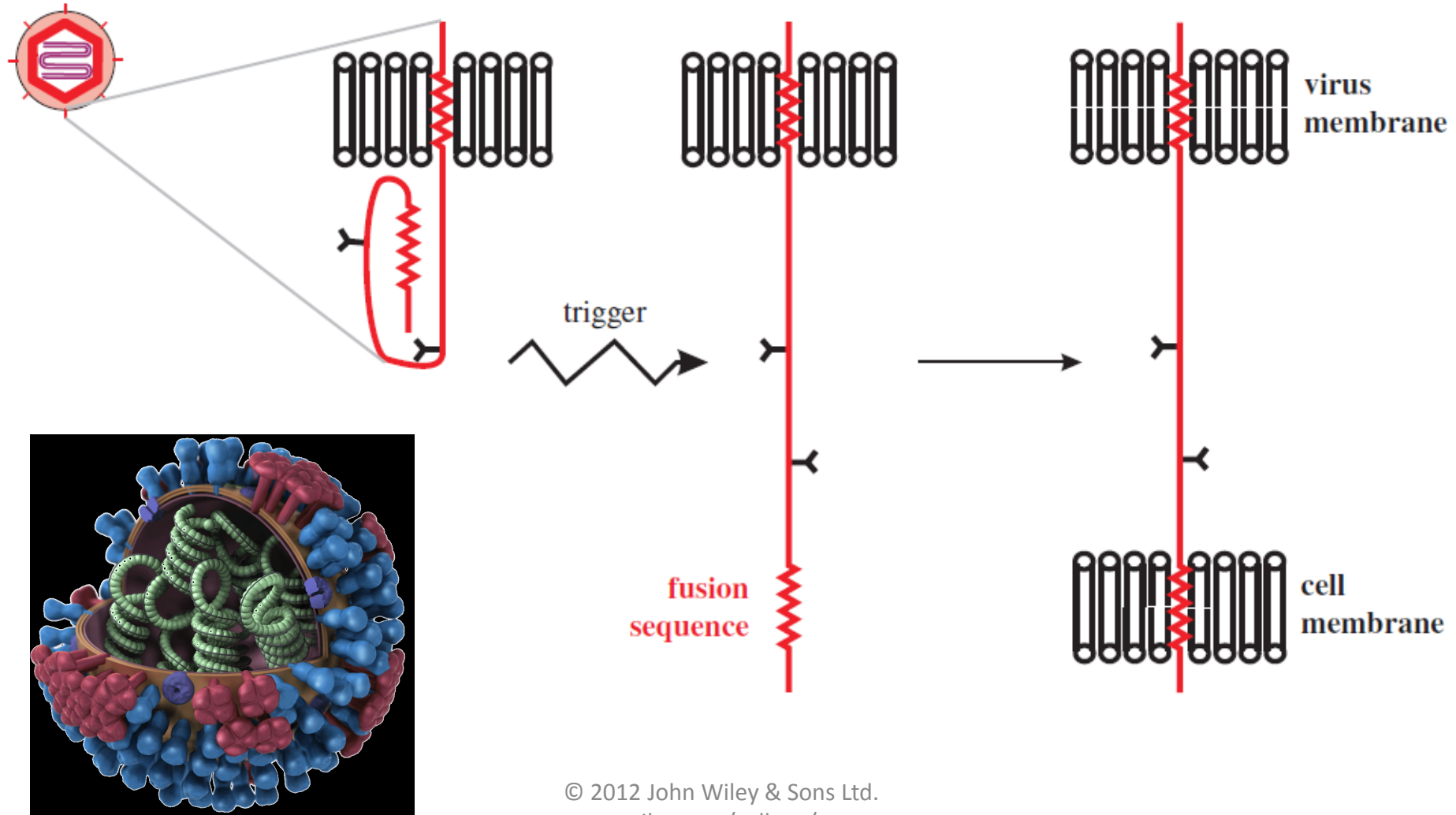
# Attachment and entry of a naked virion



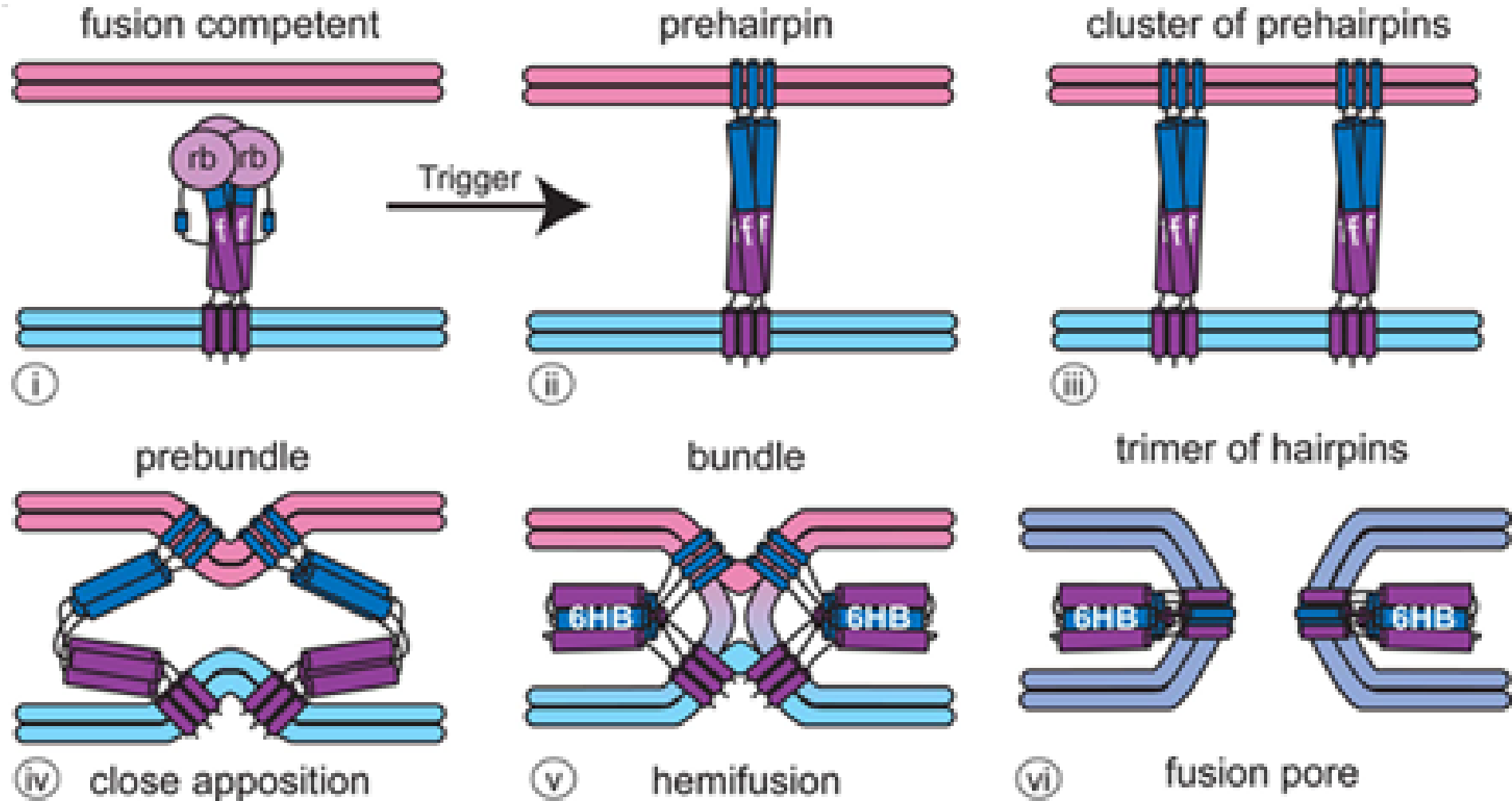
# Attachment and entry of an enveloped virion



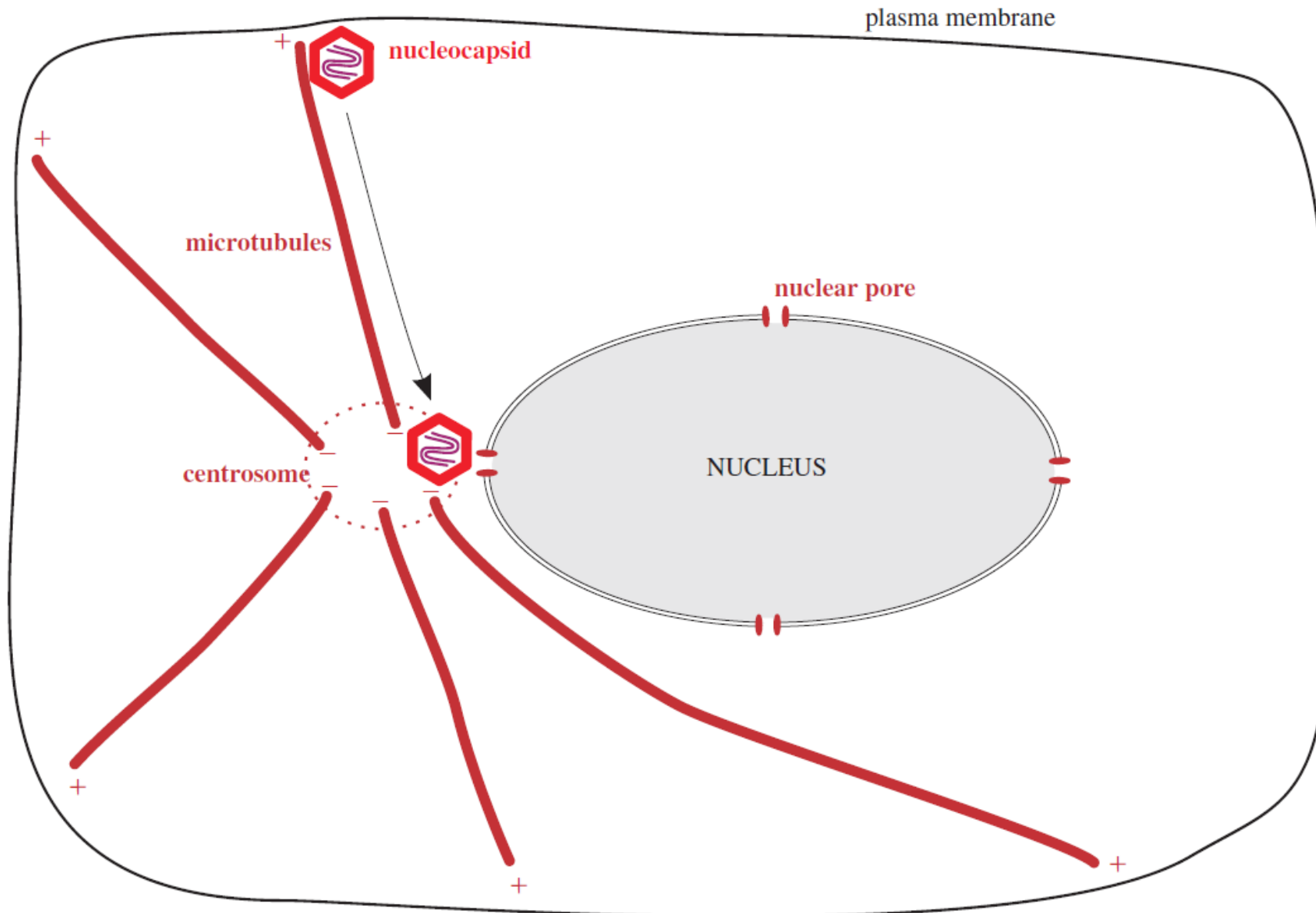
# Virus membrane fusion



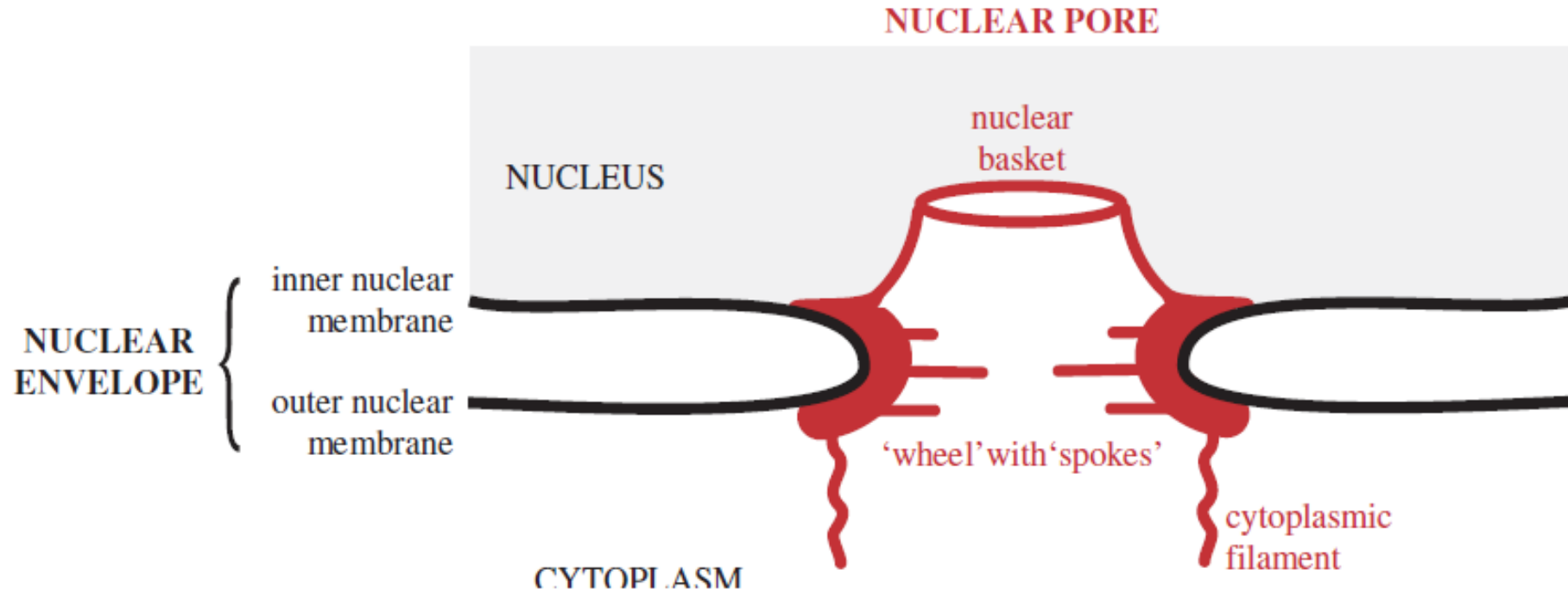
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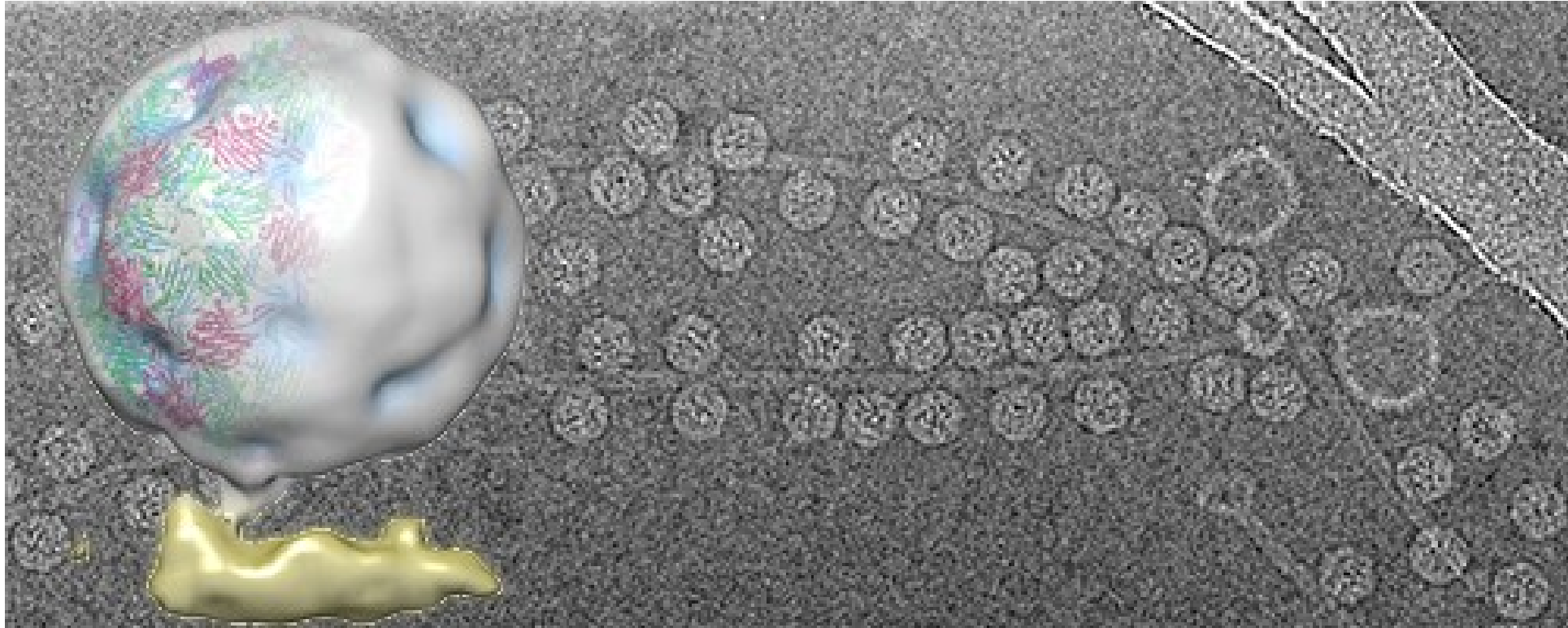
# Intracellular transport of viruses



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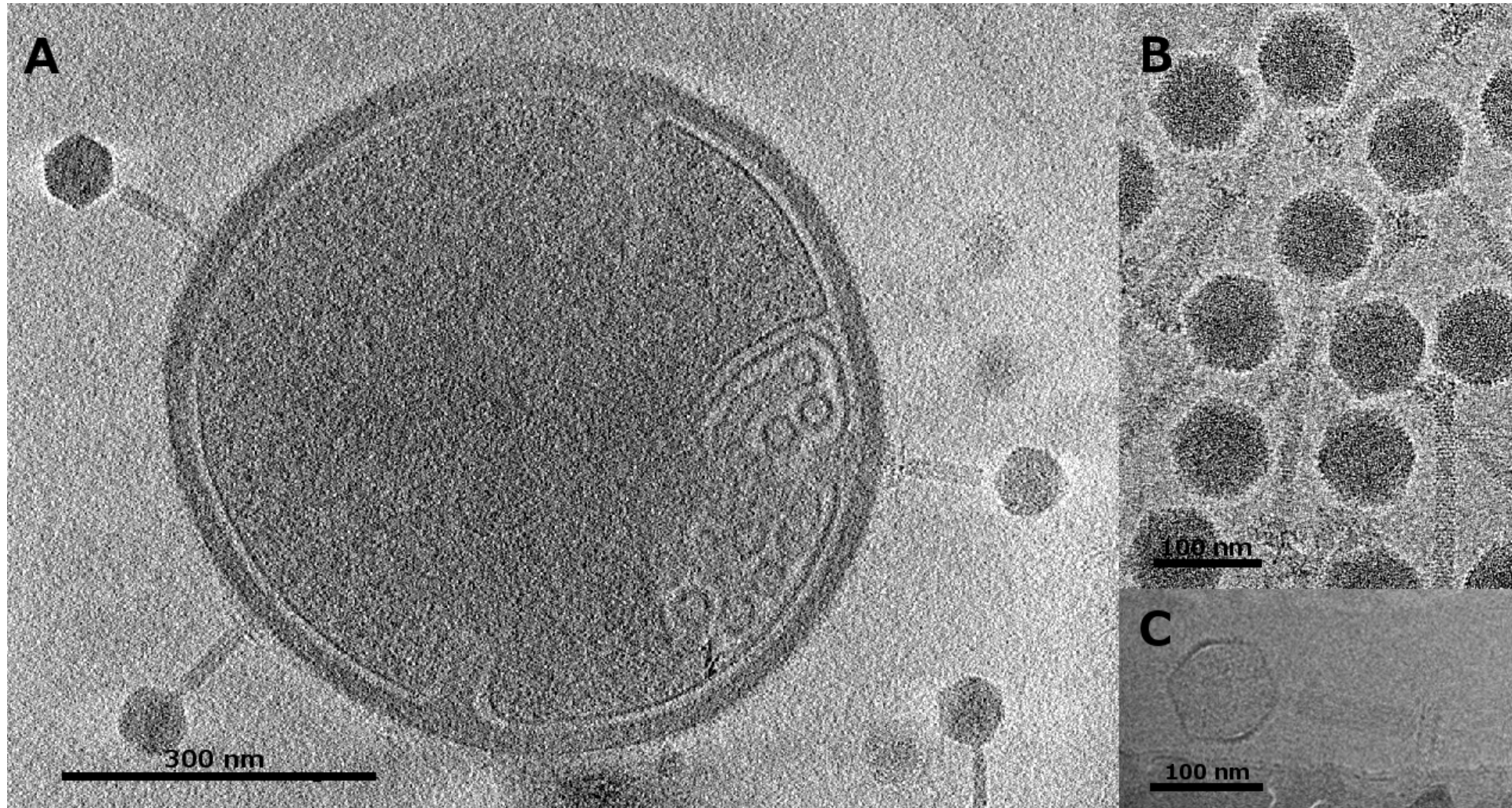


# Phage MS2 infection





# Phage phi812 genome injection



# Learning outcomes

- outline a generalized scheme of virus replication involving seven steps
- describe how animal viruses attach to and enter their host cells
- differentiate between the entry mechanisms of naked and enveloped animal viruses
- describe the roles of cell components in the delivery of viral genomes to the nucleus
- outline the infection mechanisms of phages