# Structural Virology

Lecture 9

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#### Bacteriophages



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#### Phages of gram positive and gram negative bacteria



# Phage entry

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#### Viral attachment to host cell pilus

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Host cytoplasm

### Viral attachment to host cell flagellum

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# Degradation of host cell envelope components during virus entry

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#### Phage penetration into host cytoplasm

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#### Genome ejection through host cell envelope

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Myoviridae

Siphoviridae

Podoviridae<sub>10</sub>

# Viral contractile tail ejection system

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# Viral long flexible tail ejection system

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### Viral short tail ejection system

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GRAM +

#### Viral penetration into host cytoplasm via pilus retraction

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#### Fusion of virus membrane with host outer membrane

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Binding the the entry receptor Disintegration of virion capsid . Fusion with host outer membrane. Probable cell wall digestion.

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Release of viral genome into the periplasmic space

#### VIRUSES WITH EXTERNAL MEMBRANE

Fusion of virus external membrane with host outer membrane Probable cell wall digestion. Release of the capsid into the periplasmic space

Host cytoplasm

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#### Cystoviridae

#### Corticoviridae

#### Phage-bacteria interactions

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#### Superinfection exclusion

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#### Modulation of host host virulence by virus

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# Degradation of host chromosome by phage

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#### Phage host transcription shutoff

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#### Inhibition of host DNA replication by virus

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#### Toxin-antitoxin systems as antiviral defense

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#### Restriction-modification system evasion by virus

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#### DNA end degradation evasion by virus

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# Phage genome packaging

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# Tail assembly

#### Tail assembly of Lambda-like visuses

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#### Phage extrusion

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#### Holin/endolysin lysis Pinholin/SAR endolysin lysis

0. Lytic proteins accumulation

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1. Inner membrane disruption

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2. Peptidoglycan disruption

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3. Outer membrane fusion with inner membrane

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#### Holin/endolysin/spanin cell lysis by phage

# Phage budding

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#### Plasmaviridae

#### Bacteriophage MS2

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![](_page_31_Picture_2.jpeg)

26 nm →

#### Enterobacteria phage MS2

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### MS2 life-cycle

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# Leviviridae gene expression regulation

#### Enterobacteria phage MS2

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The gene for the most abundant protein, the coat protein, can be immediately translated.

The translation start of the replicase gene is normally hidden within RNA secondary structure, but can be transiently opened as ribosomes pass through the coat protein gene.

Replicase translation is also shut down once large amounts of coat protein have been made; coat protein dimers bind and stabilize the RNA "operator hairpin", blocking the replicase start.

The start of the maturation protein gene is accessible in RNA being replicated but hidden within RNA secondary structure in the completed MS2 RNA; this ensures translation of only a very few copies of maturation protein per RNA. The lysis protein gene can only be initiated by ribosomes that have completed translation of the coat protein gene and "slip back" to the start of the lysis protein gene, at about a 5% frequency.

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#### Leviviridae replication

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# phiX174

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#### phiX174 genome

ssDNA(+) genome of 4.4 to 6.1kb

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# phiX174 rolling circle genome replication

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#### Innoviridae – M13

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Non-enveloped, rod of filaments of 7nm in diameter and 700 to 2000nm in length. Helical capsid with adsorption proteins on one end.

#### Viral penetration into host cytoplasm via pilus retraction

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#### Innoviridae – gene product III

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#### M13 genome (rolling circle replication)

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#### Myoviridae – T4

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#### T4 – genome

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### Podoviridae – phage T7

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direction of gene expression

#### Siphoviridae – theta replication

#### **Bidirectional DNA replication: initiation**

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# Siphoviridae – rolling circle replication

#### **Rolling circel dsDNA replication: initiation**

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### Learning outcomes

- discuss the replication cycle and control of gene expression in ssRNA coliphages
- outline the infection process of dsRNA phages
- review the biology of the filamentous and icosahedral ssDNA phages
- describe the structure and replication cycle of dsDNA phages

#### **CRISPR-cas genome editing**

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### Virus origins

Possible Virus Origins:
RNA molecules that existed before cells
cell components
micro-organisms.

Viruses evolve as a result of:

errors during nucleic acid replication;
recombination between virus strains;
reassortment between virus strains;
acquisition of cell genes.

Evolution of viruses can be monitored by sequencing their genomes and creating phylogenetic trees:

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New viruses may evolve as a result of viruses infecting new host species, e.g. HIV-1 and HIV-2.

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#### Scale: billion years before present

#### Potential virus precursors

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#### Gene transfer agents

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#### Polymerase error rates

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#### Quasispecies

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Quasispecies genomes

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#### Recombination

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# Copy-choice recombination

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# Genome fragment re-assortment

#### LTR retrotransposons

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- Progressive hypothesis
- Regressive hypothesis
- Virus-first hypothesis
- Nucleocytoplasmic large DNA viruses as precursors of nuclei in eukaryotes

### Learning outcomes

- evaluate theories on the origins of viruses
- explain how virus evolution occurs through mutation, recombination and re-assortment
- assess the value of virus genome sequencing in studies of virus origins and evolution
- assess the threats posed to man and animals by rapid virus evolution
- discuss the co-evolution of viruses and their hosts