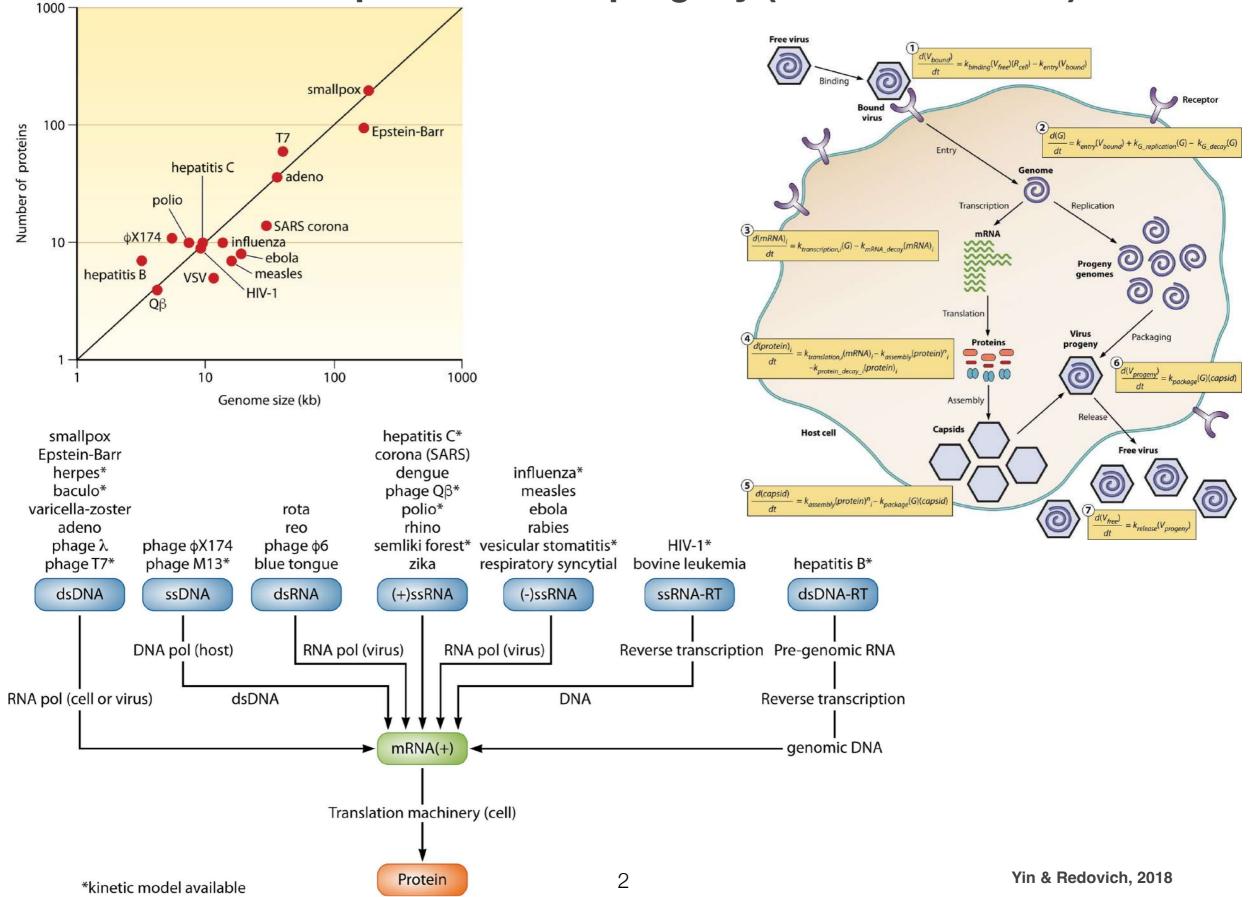
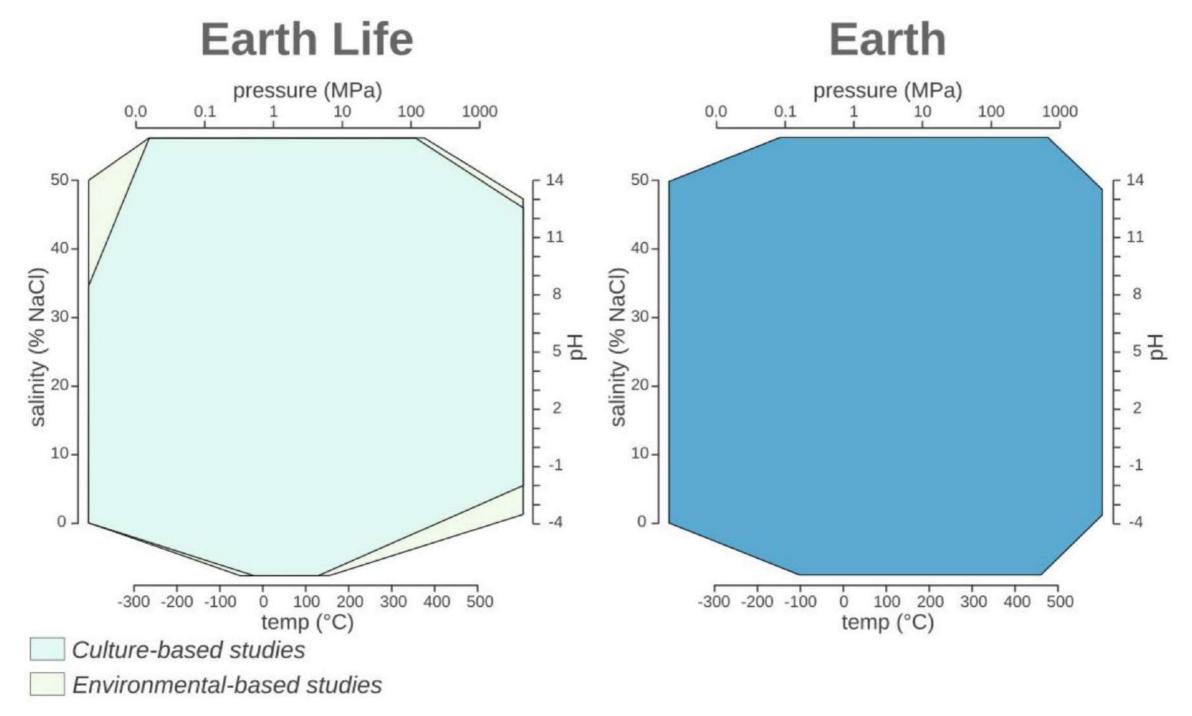
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### When a virus infects a host cell, it hijacks the biosynthetic capacity of the cell to produce virus progeny (< 1 hr and > wks)

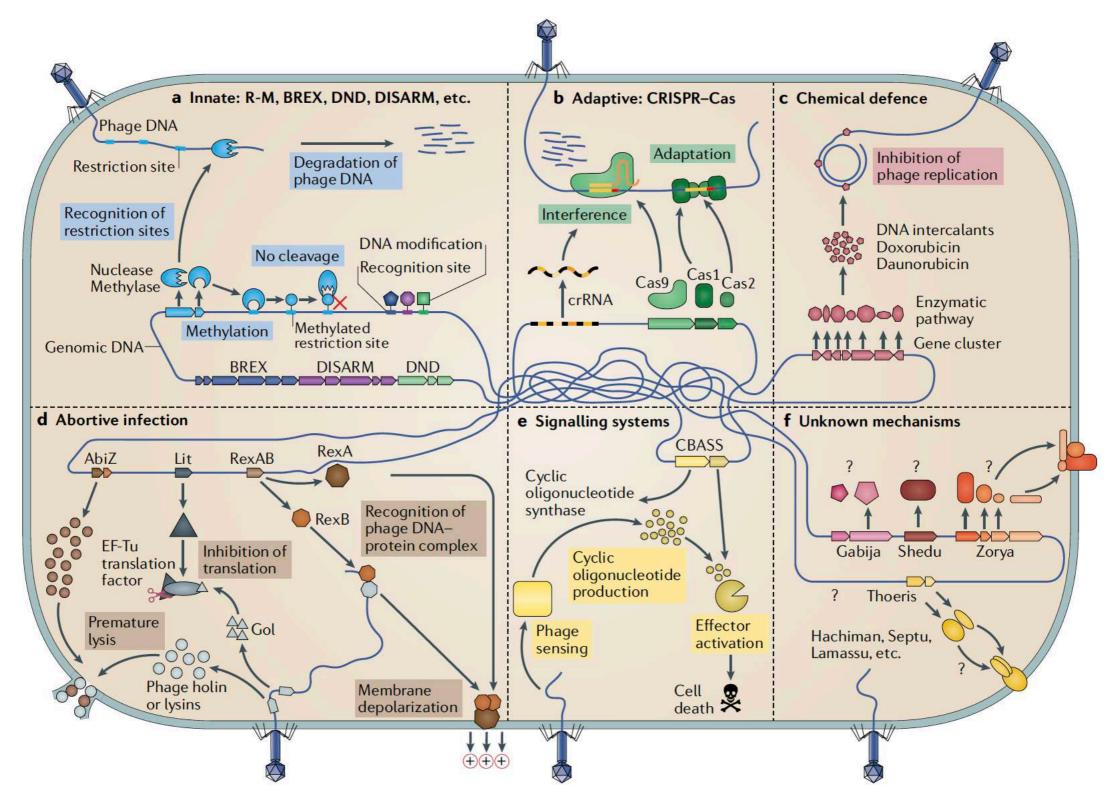


# Archaeal viruses

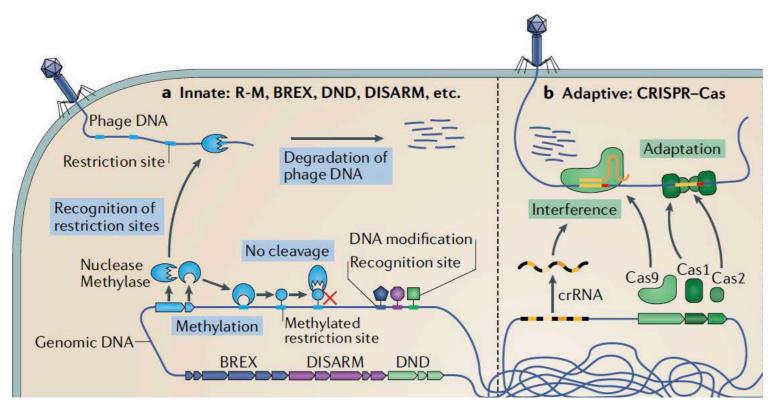


#### Common, not much known, in extreme environments

# Prey-Predator interaction



Bernheim & Sorek, 2020



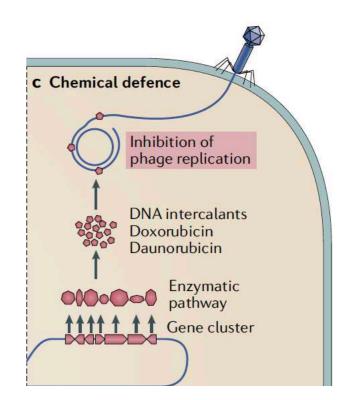
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### Defence systems that target nucleic acids encompass both innate and adaptive immunity

a | Restriction-modification (R-M) and other related systems modify specific sequence motifs in the host genome and cleave or degrade unmodified foreign DNA

b | CRISPR–Cas systems work in two main phases: adaptation, where a complex of Cas proteins guides the acquisition of new bacteriophage (phage)-derived spacers; and interference, where Cas proteins in a complex with a spacer-derived CRISPR RNA (crRNA) target and degrade phage nucleic acids

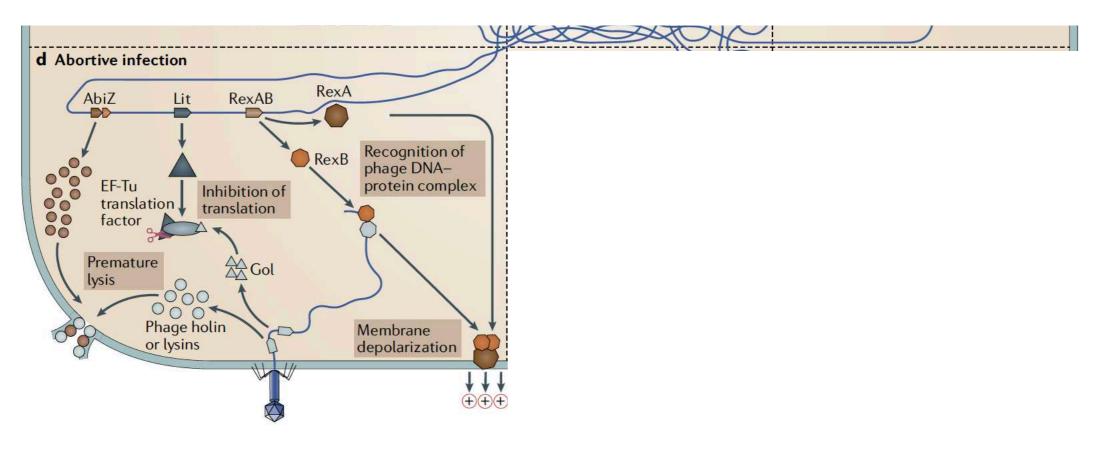
C, Chemical defence has been described in *Streptomyces* app. In which bacteria produce a small anti-phage molecule that intercalates into phage DNA and inhibits its replication



Abortive infection mechanisms are diverse. In concert with phage-encoded holins and lysins of phage Phi31, AbiZ from *Lactococcus lactis* accelerates lysis before phage assembly is completed.

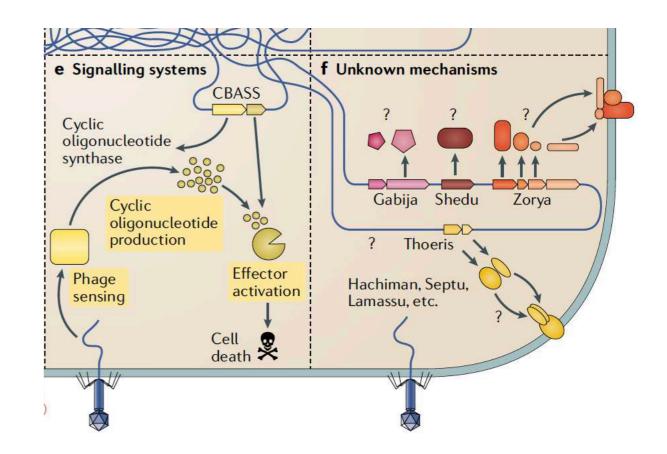
Upon expression of the T4 phage protein Gol, the *Escherichia coli* Lit protein inhibits translation through cleavage of the EF-Tu elongation factor

The *E. coli* protein RexA recognizes a specific DNA–protein complex formed by the  $\lambda$  phage, and activates RexB, an ion channel that depolarizes the membrane, leading to cell death.



#### CBASS

(cyclic oligonucleotide-based anti-phage signalling system) senses the prespresence of phage and generates a cyclic oligonucleotide smallmolecule signal that activates an effector leading to cell death



Bernheim & Sorek, 2020

# **CRISPR**, the clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats

#### Nobel Prize in Chemistry

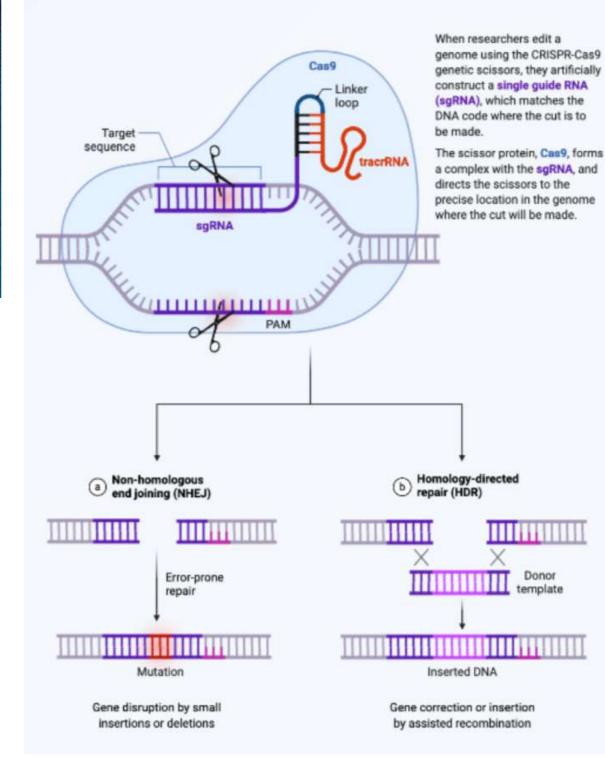
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Emmanuelle Charpentier (FRA, left), and Jennifer Doudna (USA, right), share the Nobel Prize for developing the tools to edit DNA

CRISPR is the simplest and most versatile method for editing the genome sequence in living organisms to date

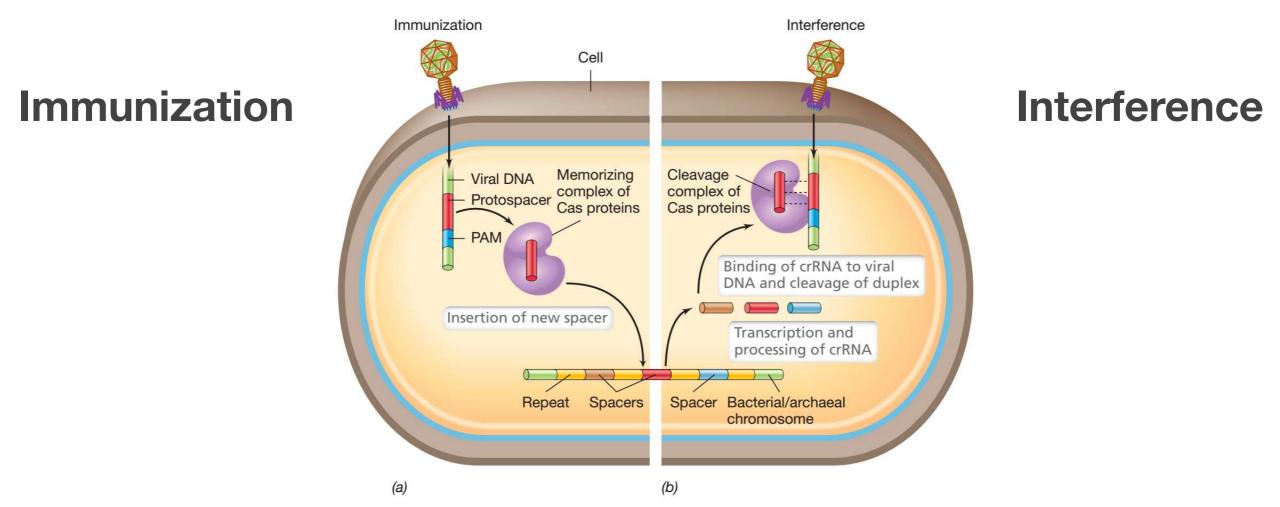
#### The CRISPR-Cas9 Genetic Scissors



A Nobel Prize for genetic scissors. Nat. Mater. 20, 1 (2021). https://doi.org/10.1038/s41563-020-00895-z

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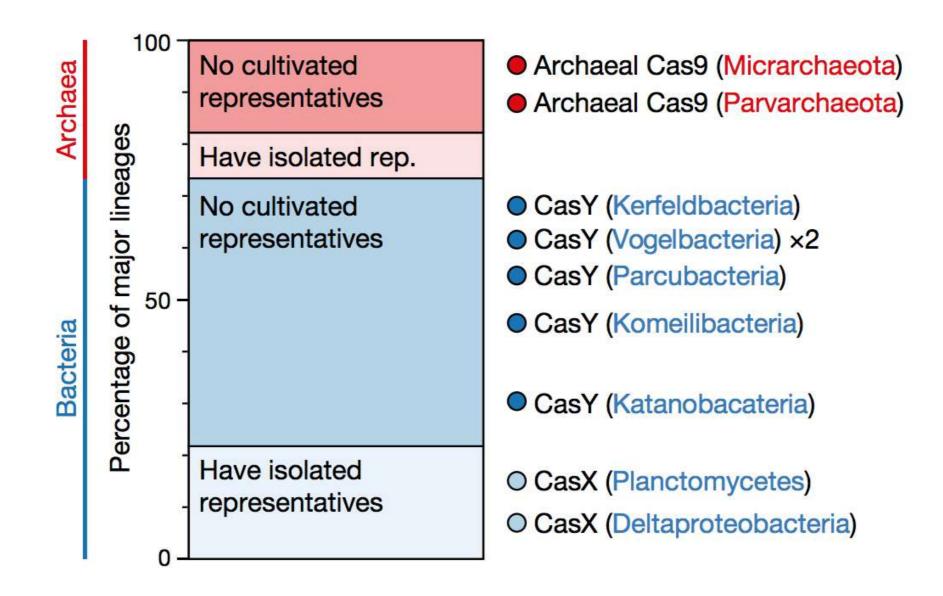
# CRISPR, the clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats, I



- Antiviral system in Bacteria & Archaea
- CRISPR contains short repeats of constant DNA sequence alternating with short variable DNA sequences, spacers
- Spacers are pieces of viral or other foreign DNA and function as "memory bank" of past viral encounters
- Cas (CRISPR-associated) proteins have endonuclease activity for the defense against foreign DNA and incorporate new spacer regions into CRISPR region

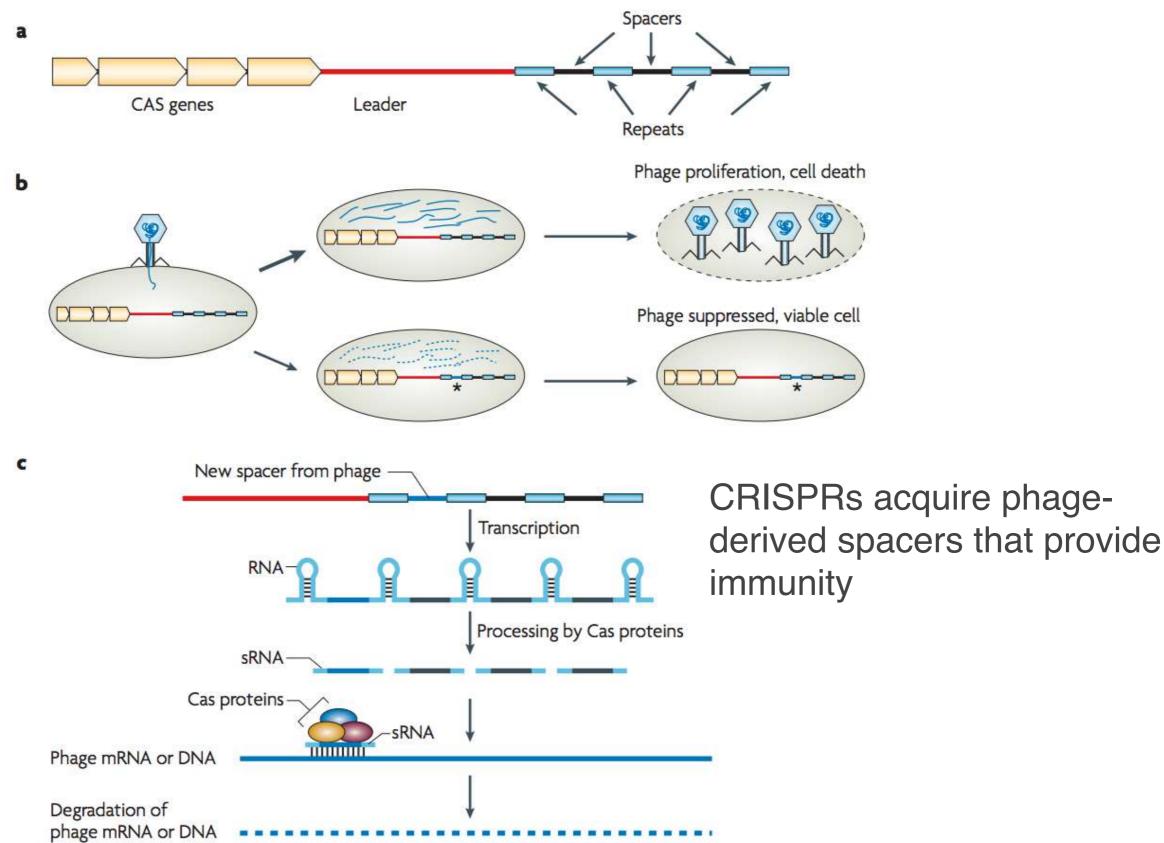
# CRISPR–Cas systems identified in uncultivated organisms

#### Only 1% of the microbes are cultivable



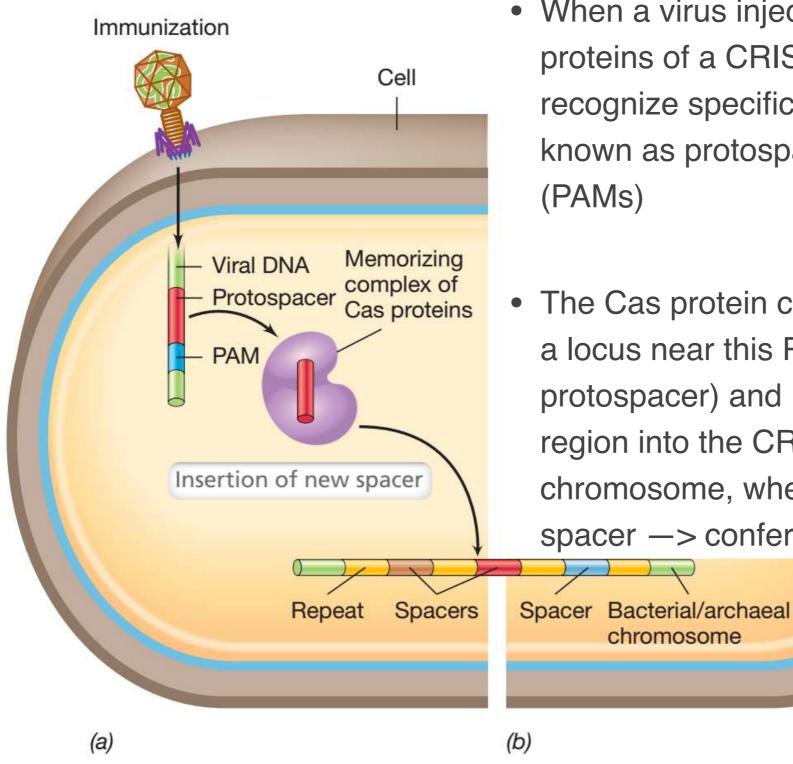
Burstein et al., 2017

#### Simplified model for CRISPR action



Sorek et al., 2008

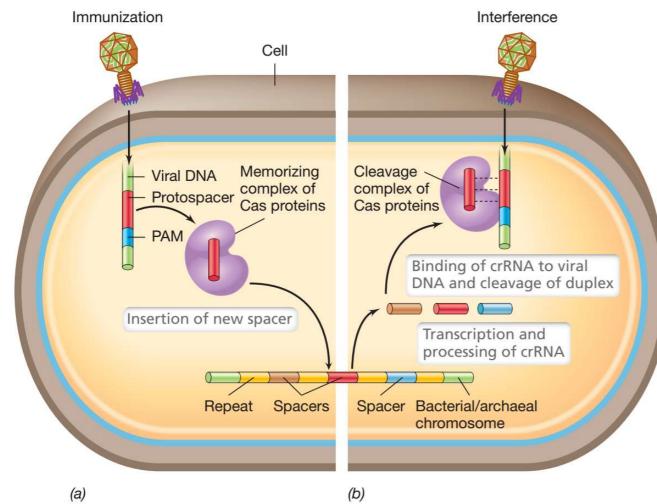
# CRISPR, the clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats, II



- When a virus injects its DNA, the Cas proteins of a CRISPR region may recognize specific DNA sequences known as protospacer adjacent motifs (PAMs)
- The Cas protein cleaves the viral DNA at a locus near this PAM (termed the protospacer) and inserts the short DNA region into the CRISPR region of the chromosome, where it becomes a spacer —> confers "genetic memory"

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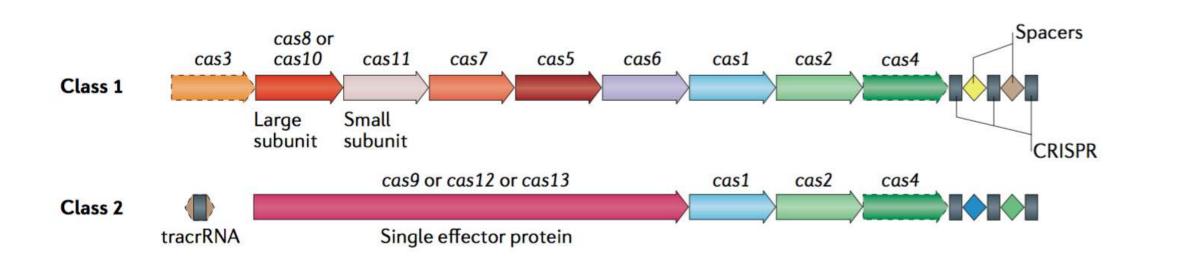
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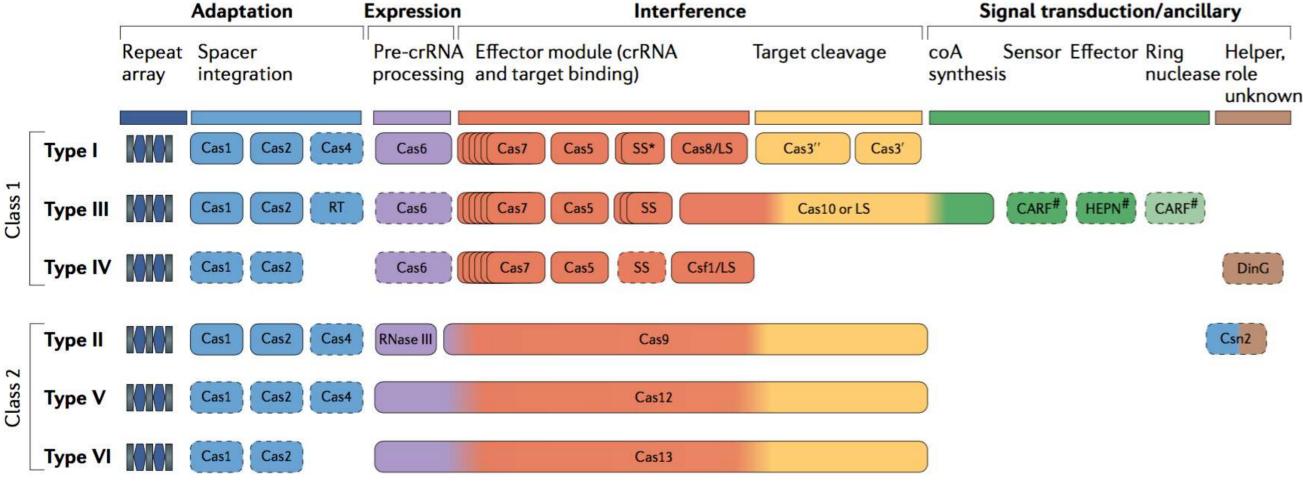


- Transcription of Pre-CRISPR RNA (precrRNA) contains an array of RNA sequences complementary to repeat and spacer regions
- Cas proteins process the transcript into individual spacer RNAs by targeting the repeat regions
- crRNAs+Cas surveillance for complementary incoming viral DNAs
- Any viral DNA:crRNA duplexes formed are cleaved by Cas endonuclease activity
- Invading DNA is degraded in a process called interference
- With part of its genome destroyed an invading virus cannot proceed to replicate
- Immunization when virus has been inactivated by environmental factors (e.g. UV radiation) or when the host's restriction enzyme system cleaves the invading DNA prior infection's begin

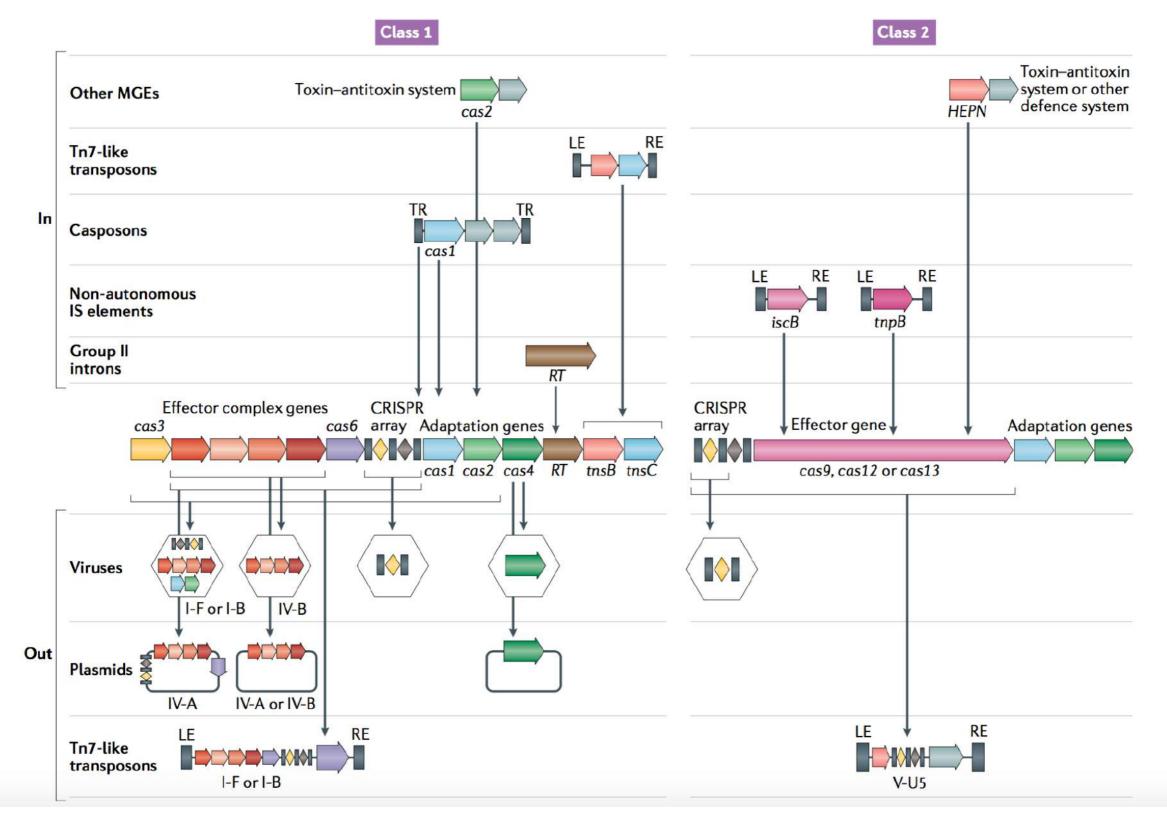
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# 2 CRISPR classes and 6 types





# **Evolution within the continuum**



#### Faure et al., 2019

# Distribution of the six types of CRISPR–Cas system in the major archaeal and bacterial phyla

	Type I	Type III	Type IV	Type II	Type V	Type VI	Partial or unknown	None
Euryarchaeota								
Crenarchaeota								
Thaumarchaeota								
Other Archaea								
Acidobacteria								
Aquificae								
Bacteroidetes								
Chlorobi								
Fusobacteria								
Chlamydiae								
Planctomycetes								
Verrucomicrobia								
Alphaproteobacteria								
Betaproteobacteria								
Gammaproteobacteria								
Oligoflexia								
Deltaproteobacteria								
Epsilonproteobacteria								
Other Proteobacteria								
Spirochaetes								
Actinobacteria								
Chloroflexi								
Cyanobacteria								
Deinococcus-Thermus								
Bacilli								
Clostridia								
Erysipelotrichia								
Negativicutes								
Tissierellia								
Tenericutes								
Thermotogae								
Other Bacteria								
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Makarova et al., 2020

#### CRISPR-cas

Archaeal and bacterial system of adaptive immunity that consists of a CRISPR array and *cas* genes.

#### pre-crRNA

Long transcript of a CRISPR locus that is processed to yield the crRNA CRISPR–Cas system, where it is incorporated as a spacer.

#### crRNAs

Short RNA molecules containing the spacer sequence and parts of the CRISPR, used as the guide to target and cleave cognate foreign DNA or RNA.

#### **CRISPR** adaptation module

A group of *cas* genes dedicated to the selection and insertion of new spacers into CRISPR arrays.

#### Transposon

A mobile genetic element, typically flanked by inverted terminal repeats, that changes its location in the host genome by inserting into new sites with the help of a transposonencoded enzyme known as transposase, integrase or recombinase.

#### **CRISPR** effector module

A suite of Cas proteins (Class 1 CRISPR–Cas systems) or a single large protein (Class 2 CRISPR–Cas systems) that are responsible for maturation of the CRISPR RNA and interference.

#### Protospacer

A piece of DNA, typically from a mobile genetic element genome, that is inserted into a CRISPR array by the CRISPR adaptation complex, to become a spacer.

#### Interference

Final stage of the CRISPR–Cas response, which involves recognition and cleavage of the target DNA or RNA.

#### Protospacer-adjacent motif

(PAM). A short nucleotide sequence next to the protospacer that is required for target recognition by the crRNA effector.

#### Protospacer

Segment of DNA (typically, from a virus or plasmid) that is acquired by CRISPR–Cas systems via the activity of the adaptation complex.

#### **CRISPR** array

Genomic locus containing multiple, tandem CRISPR.

#### Spacer

Unique segment of DNA inserted between CRISPR units.

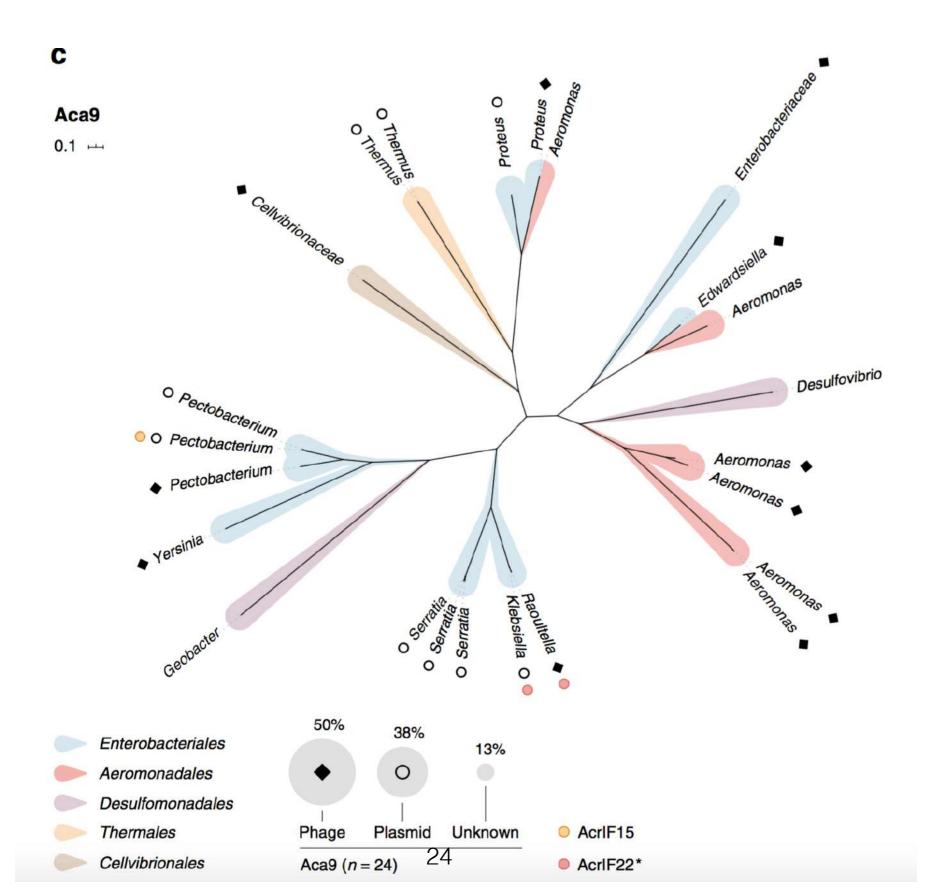
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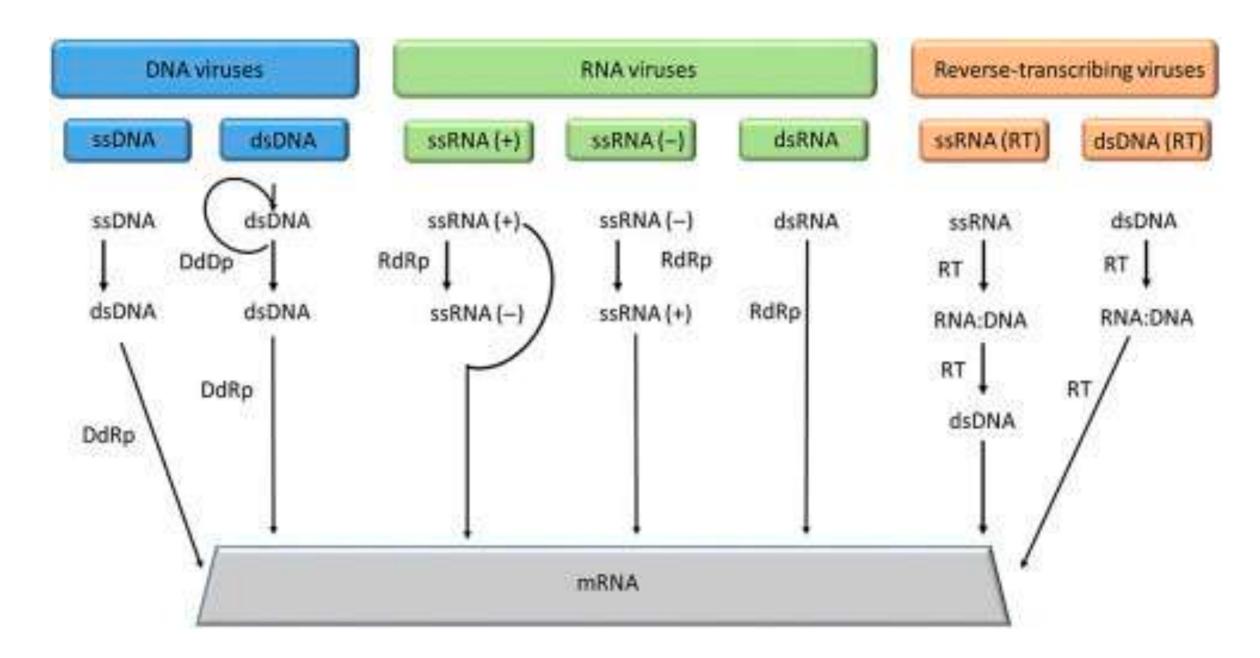
# Multiple anti-CRISPRs

- Over evolution time scale, at the microbial level the war continues to act and react to invaders
- Mobile Genetic Elements (MGEs) have developed inhibitors of CRISPR–Cas function called anti-CRISPR (Acr) proteins
- The first acr genes were discovered in phages that inhibit the type I–F CRISPR–Cas system of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- Acr proteins has revealed a diverse range of inhibitory activities, including interference with crRNA loading, inhibition of target DNA recognition, and inhibition of DNA cleavage

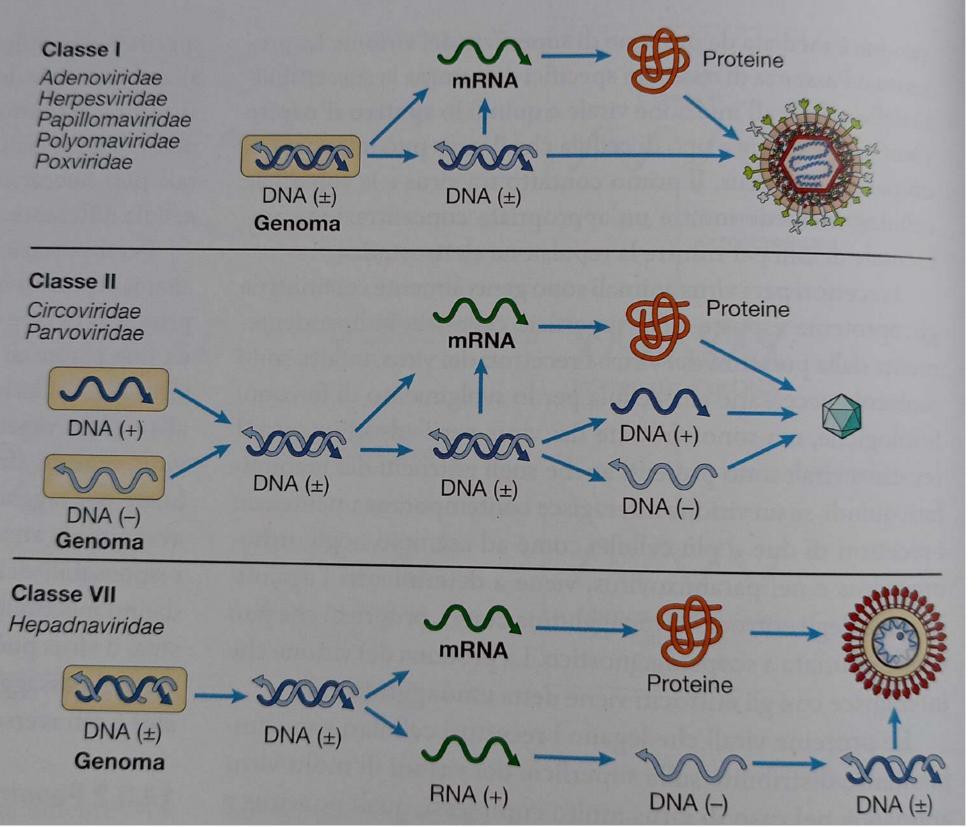
# Phylogenetic diversity of Aca9



#### Summary of replication and transcription modes of different classes of viruses



DdDp, DNA-dependent DNA polymerase; DdRp, DNA-dependent RNA polymerase; RdRP, RNA- dependent RNA polymerase; RT, reverse transcriptase. The ssRNA(+) can serve as the template for translation and does not undergo any modification prior to translation.

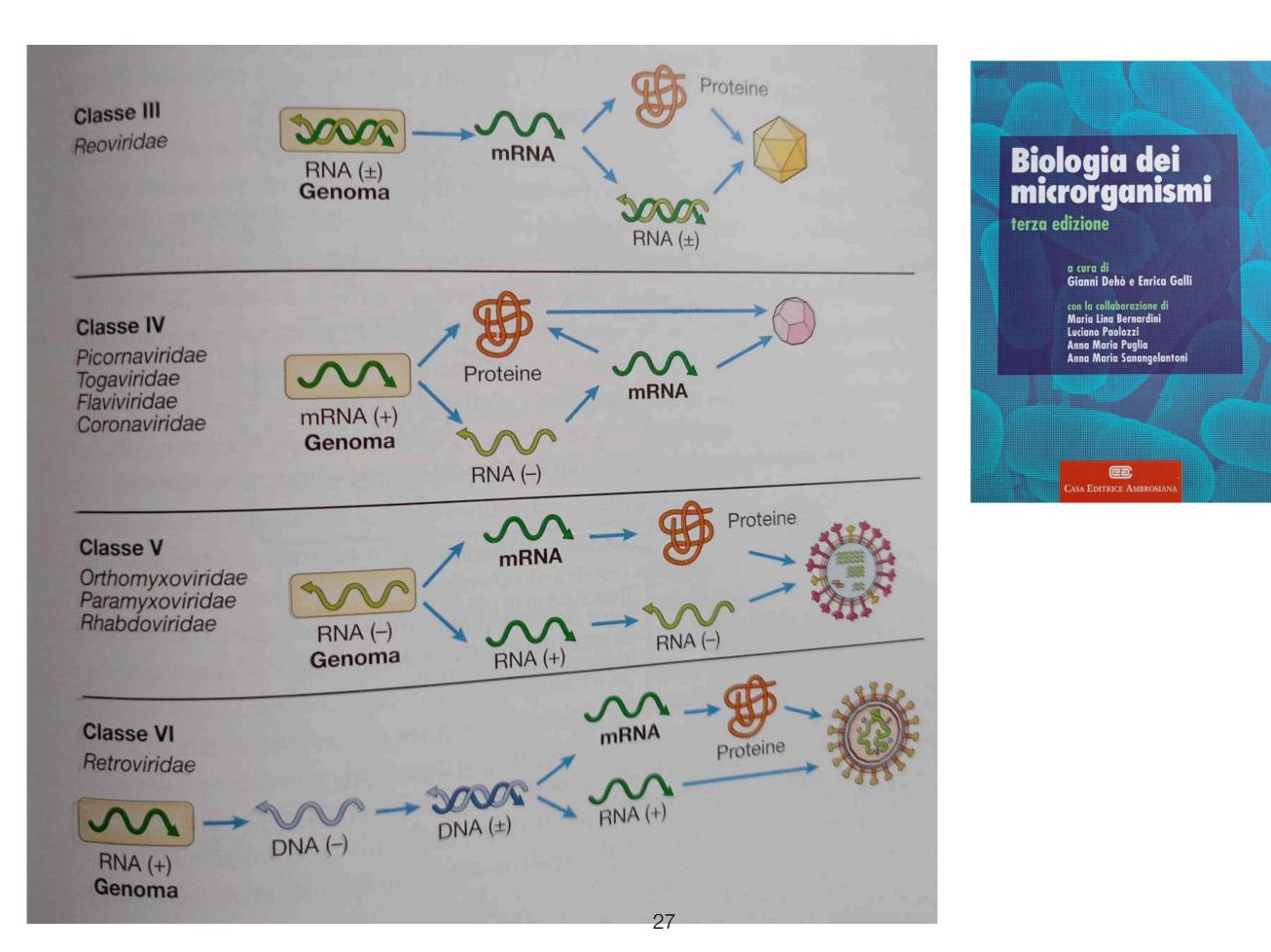




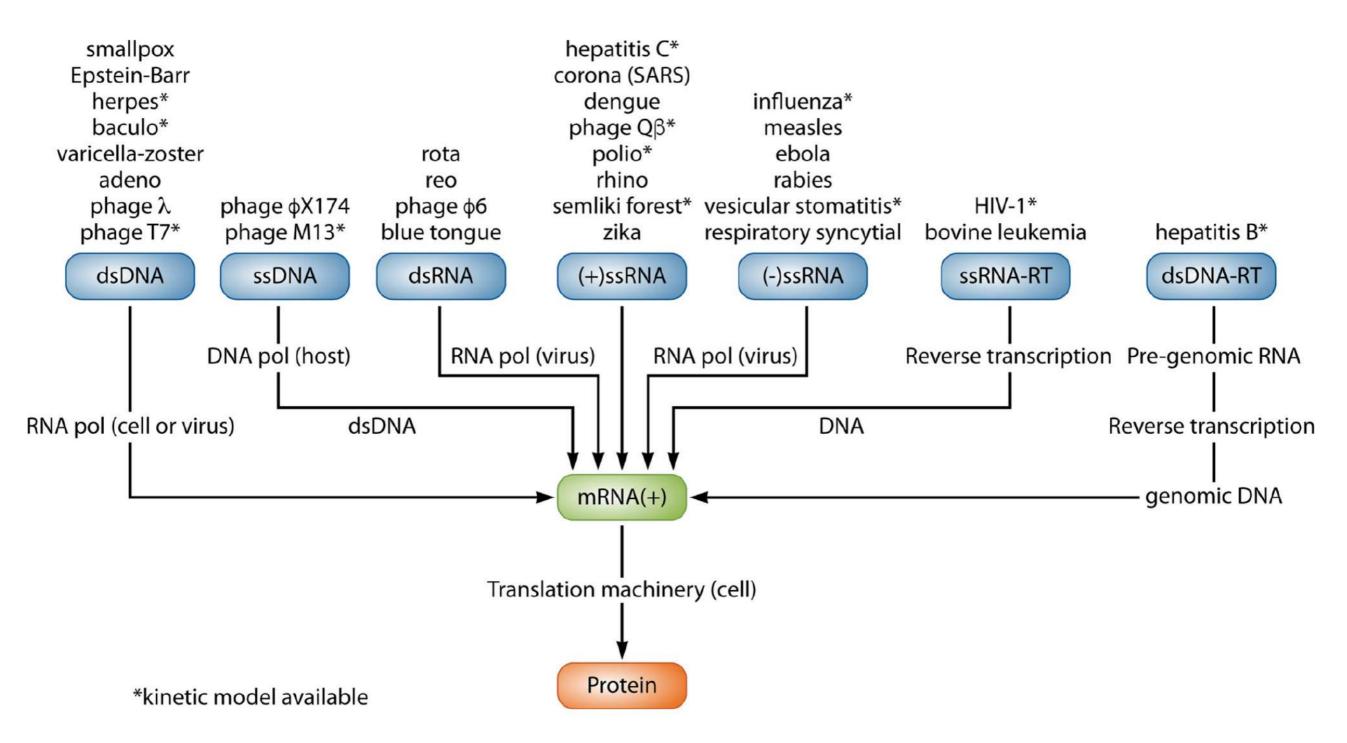
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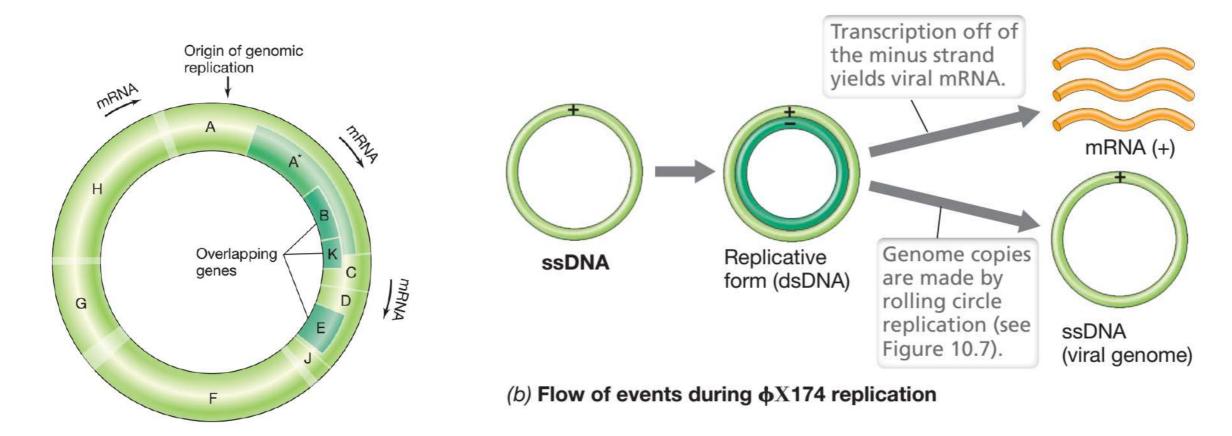


# Hijacking host metabolism



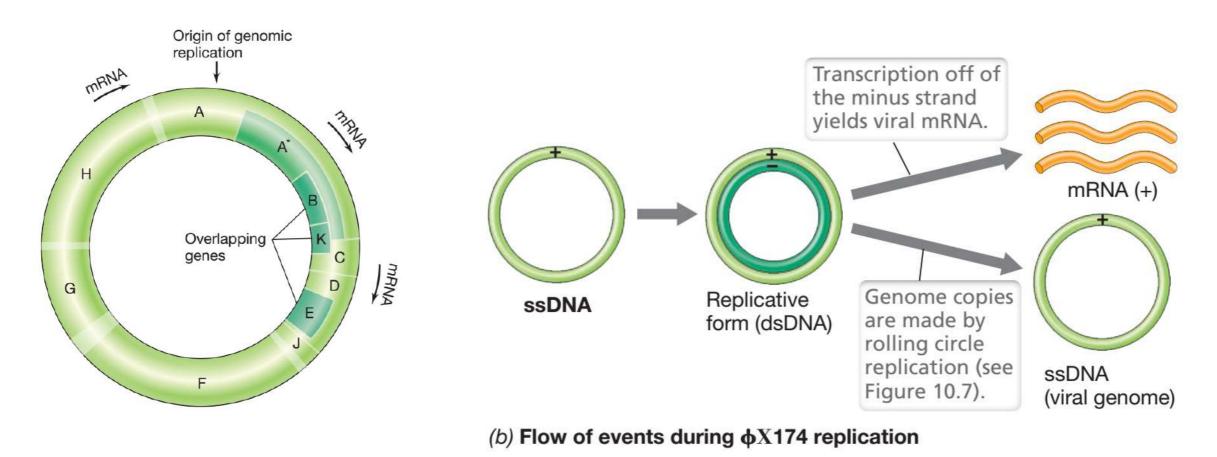
### Bacteriophage fX174 (E. coli host)

- Bacteriophage fX174, ssDNA —> overlapping genes, a condition in which there is insufficient DNA to encode all viral-specific proteins unless parts of the genome are read more than once in different reading frames
- The distinct gene products from overlapping genes are made by reinitiating transcription in a different reading frame within a gene to yield a second (and distinct) transcript



# Bacteriophage fX174 (E. coli host)

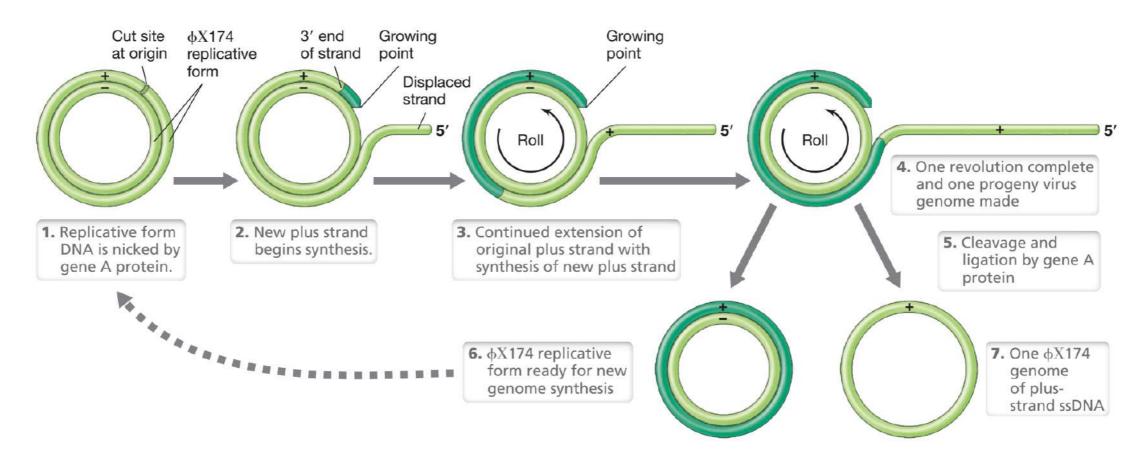
 Before a single-stranded DNA genome (ssDNA +) can be transcribed, a complementary strand of DNA must be synthesized, forming a double-stranded molecule called the replicative form for producing both mRNA and genome copies



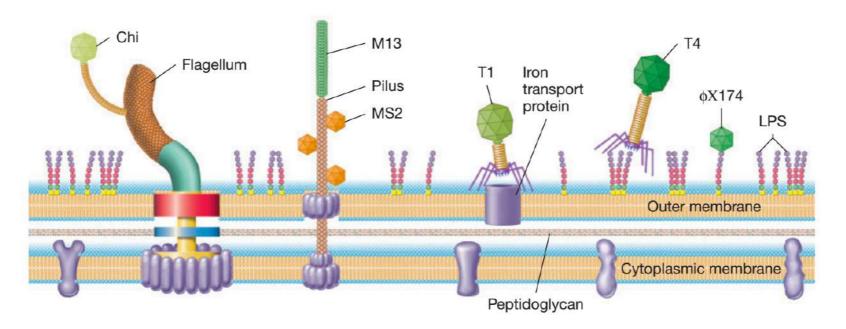
# Bacteriophage fX174 (E. coli host)

Rolling circle replication facilitates the continuous production of positive strands from the replicative form

Note that rolling circle synthesis differs from semiconservative replication because **only the negative strand serves as a template** 



### Bacteriophage M13 (E. coli host)



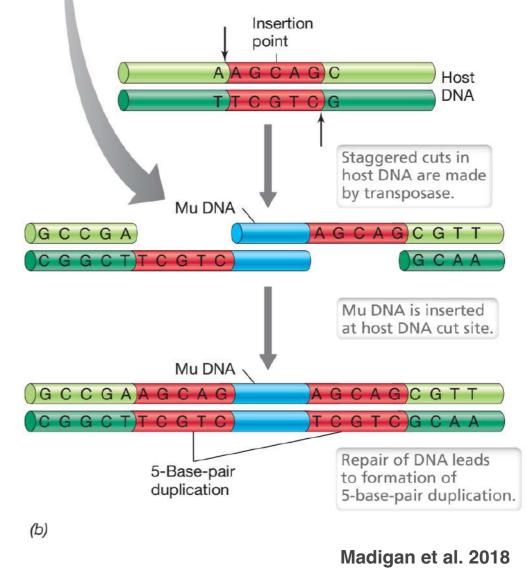
• M13, **ssDNA**, have the unusual property of being **released** from the host cell **without** the cell undergoing **lysis** infected cells continue to grow

#### Chronic infection

- M13 DNA is **covered** with **coat proteins** as it exits across the cell
- No intracellular accumulation of mature virions as in typical lytic cycle
- A double-stranded form of genomic DNA essential for cloning purposes is produced naturally when M13 produces its **replicative form**

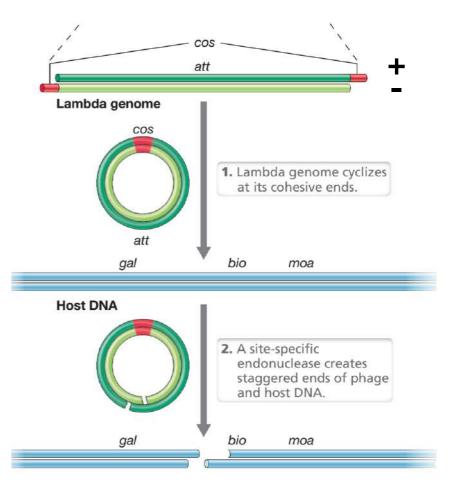
## Bacteriophage Mu (E. coli host)

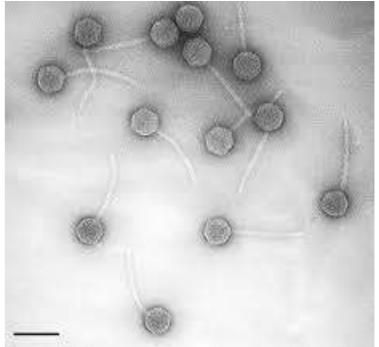
- Bacteriophage Mu, ds DNA is a temperate phage
- Replicating by transposition
- Transposable elements are sequences of DNA that can move within their host genome from one location to another as discrete genetic units
- Transposition is facilitated by **transposase**
- Mu is named because it generates mutations when it integrates into the host cell chromosome
- Integration of Mu DNA into host genome
- Integration requires the activity of Mu transposes and a 5base-pair fragment of host DNA is duplicated at the target site where Mu DNA is integrated
- This host DNA duplication arises because staggered cuts are made at the point in the host genome where Mu DNA is inserted



### Bacteriophage lambda (E. coli, host)

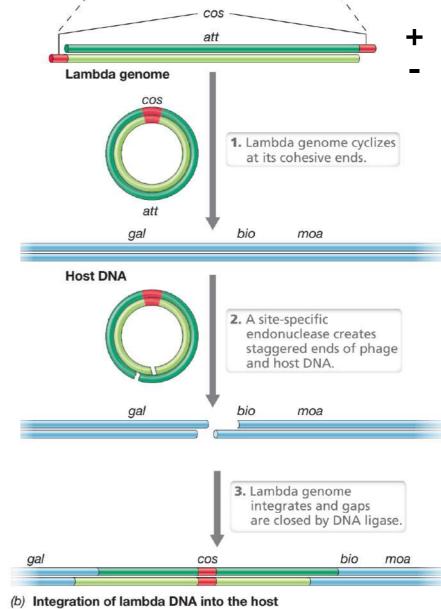
- ds DNA -> E. coli
- Lysogenic cycle, due to host DNA damage
- Lambda integrase produced by phage
- Integrase recognizes sites on phage and host genomes (att)
- att within in the two cohesive ends (cos)
- Endonuclease cuts are different
  (staggered ends) on + and strands

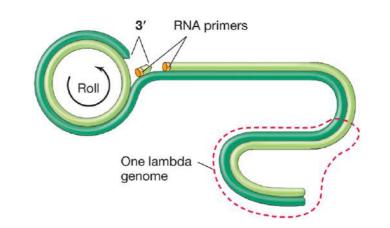




# Integration of viral DNA and rolling circle replication

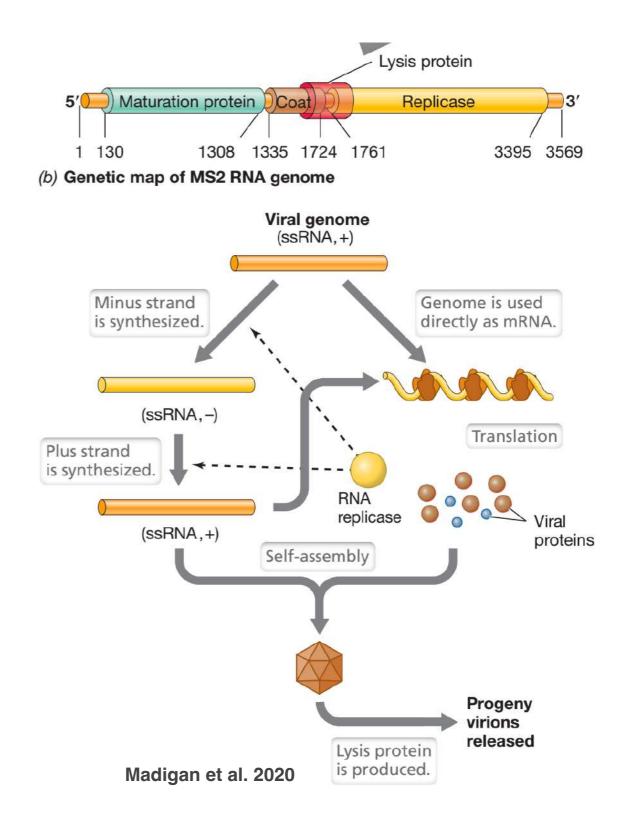
- At 5' is a single stranded region 12 nucleotides long- "cohesive" ends are complementary in base sequence (cos)
- When lambda DNA enters host cell: from linear to circle genome at the cos sites
- Lytic pathway, long, linear concatemers of genomic DNA by rolling circle replication
- One strand in circular lambda genome is nicked and is "rolled out" as a template for synthesis of the complementary strand
- Cut of concatamer at cos sites on double strands





# Bacteriophage MS2 (E. coli host)

- Positive ssRNA
- RNA replicase, enzyme that replicates viral RNA
- Host RNA polymerase translate RNA+
- RNA replicase begins synthesis of (-) RNA using (+) strands as template
- RNA replicase begins synthesis of (+) RNA using (-) strands as template
- As (-) sense RNA copies accumulate, more (+)-sense RNA is made using the (-)-sense strands as templates —> are translated for continued viral protein synthesis



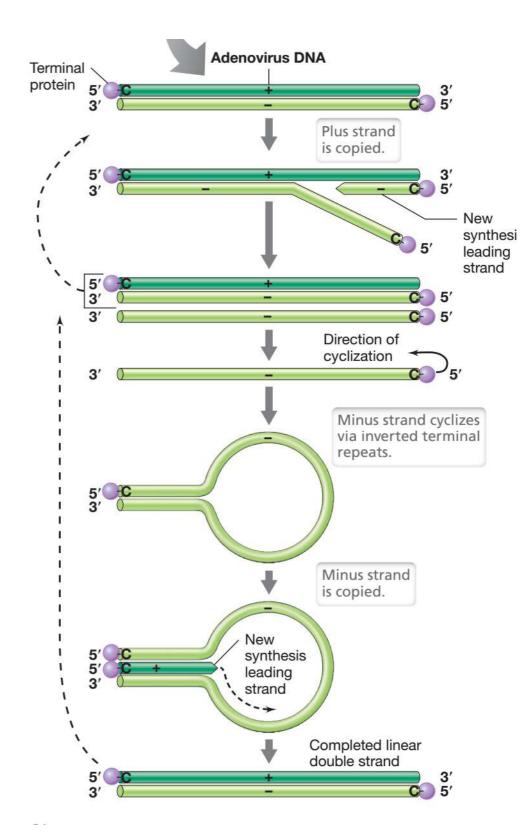
# dsDNA (Euk)

**Pox viruses**—> all replication events, including DNA replication, occur in the **host cytoplasm** instead of the nucleus

Adenoviruses —> the replication of their genome proceeds in a leading fashion on both DNA template strands

The single minus DNA strand cyclizes by means of its inverted terminal repeats, and a complementary (plus-sense) DNA strand is synthesized beginning from its 5' end

This mechanism is unique because double-stranded DNA is replicated **without** the formation of a **lagging strand**, as occurs in conventional semiconservative DNA replication



# dsDNA (Euk)

- A. Polyomavirus SV40 small genome
- If integrated in host DNA —> cancer

- B. Herpesvirus different disease
- Latent for long time
- Replication in the nucleus
- C. Cytomegalovirus (CMV) very common
- For healthy individuals —> no symptoms
- CMV can cause pneumonia, retinitis certain gastrointestinal disorders

