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Virology – replication and genetics

- **Formation of viral mRNAs**
- Synthesis of mRNA is a crucial step in replication
- ✓ mRNA is transcribed from dsDNA using cellular DNA dependent RNA polymerase (POXVIRUS?)

- ✓ +ve ssRNA recognised as mRNA and translated directly by cellular ribosomes (POLIOVIRUS, FLAVIVIRUS)
- directly infectious to cells by itself

- ✓ -ve ssRNA? antigenome (RABIES, INFLUENZA)

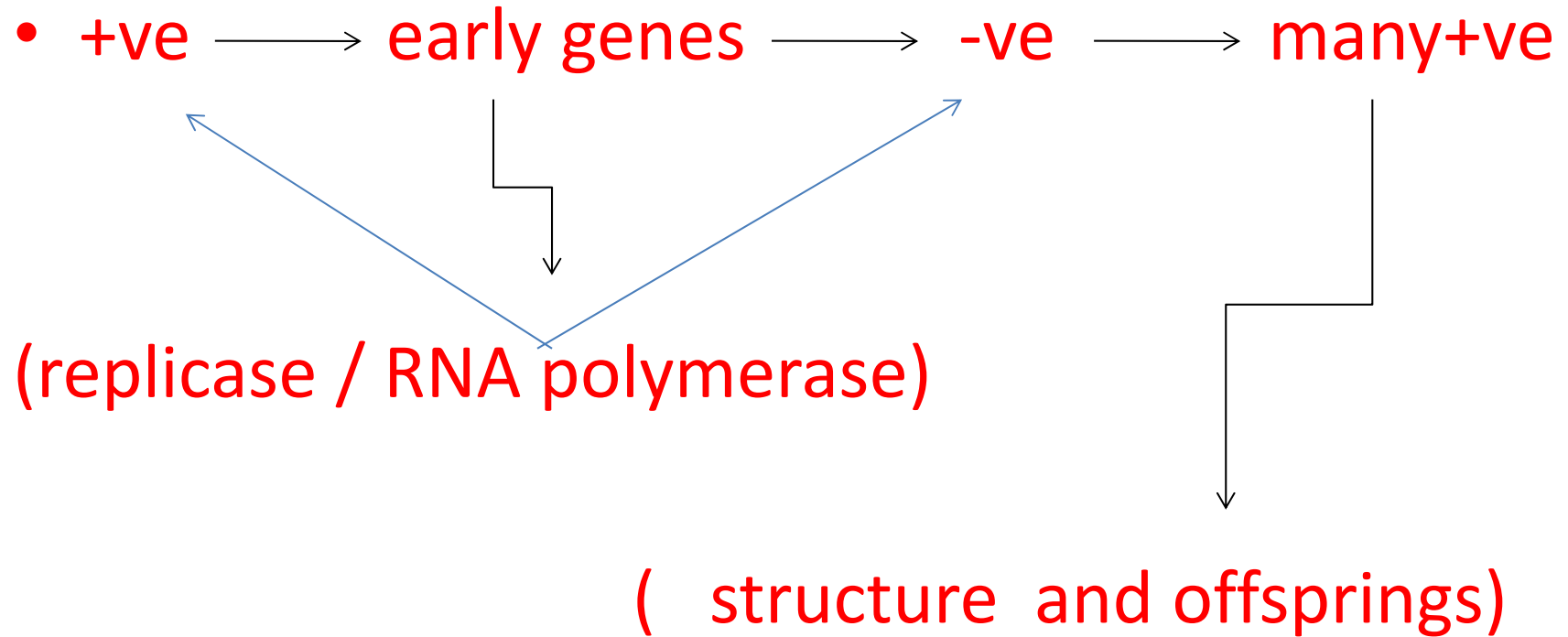
Virology – replication and genetics

- For many other viruses, translation is not straightforward:
 1. Poxviruses replicate in the cytoplasm where no cellular RNA polymerase is available to transcribe the DNA genome > therefore, poxviruses carry its DNA dependent - RNA polymerase with it.
 2. No cellular machinery exists that can use either single-stranded DNA or double-stranded RNA as a template to synthesize mRNA.

Replication

- **+RNA VIRUSES (homologous to mRNA/Baltimore):**
 - Cap and poly A tail
 - +: produce early proteins (RNA polymerase or replicase) THEN:
 - Replicase will synthesize complementary –ve copy (transient replicative intermediates/unstable) from which many +ves copies will be synthesized
 - The +ve copies now used for structural proteins and
 - For the offspring genome
 - **ERRORS MAY HAPPEN DURING TRANSCRIPTION**

What is this?



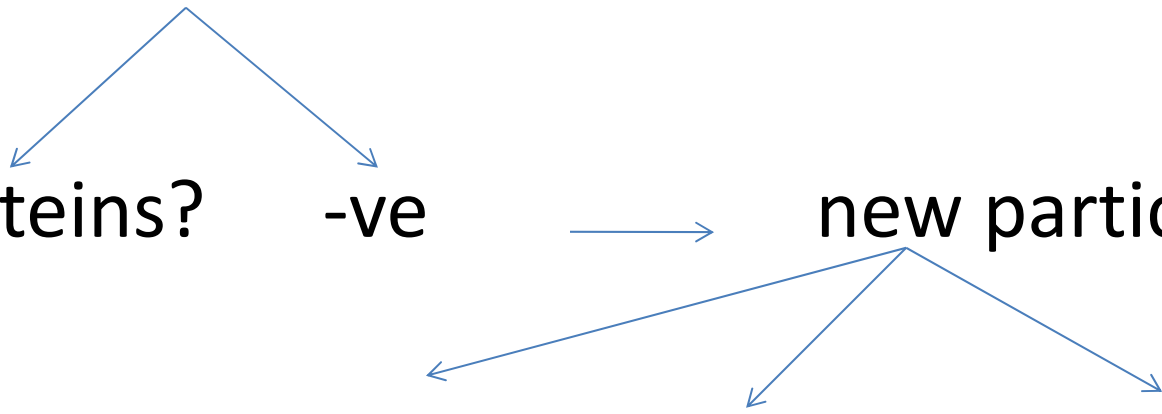
Replication

- -ve RNA viruses

- -ve → +ve

- proteins? -ve → new particles

- Capsid, RNA polymerase, -ve genome



■ DNA viruses

- Use cellular DNA dependent polymerase but poxvirus (has its polymerase)
- Replication fork
- In cases of ssDNA: a transient dsDNA intermediate is synthesized
- Early proteins (from viral DNA copy) late proteins (from newly synthesized copies)

- dsRNA (Reoviruses):

- The viruses carry dsRNA dependent RNA polymerase > mRNA

- +ss Retrovirus RNA:

- ssRNA > dsDNA by the viral reverse transcriptase (RNA-dependent DNA polymerase) > integrated into host genome > then mRNA will be transcribed using the cellular DNA-dependent RNA polymerase

- **Partially ds hepadnaviruses DNA**
- The genome will be completed into complete dsDNA using the viral DNA polymerase (reverse transcriptase) > then the mRNA will be transcribed using the cellular DNA-dependent RNA polymerase

- **Parvovirus:** ? HAIRPIN mechanism.....

Control of viral replication

✓ Transcription:

- Might be virally blocked by M proteins
- Enhanced by some viral signals or structures such as:

Overlapping reading frames or primary RNA transcript splicing

Control of viral replication

✓ Translation:

- Binding to ribosomes (competing the host mRNA) by structural proteins at the Internal ribosome entry sites

E.g poliovirus, hepatitis A and C

- Expressing immediate early proteins that will activates further expression of early and late proteins e.g Adenoviruses

Synthesis of viral proteins

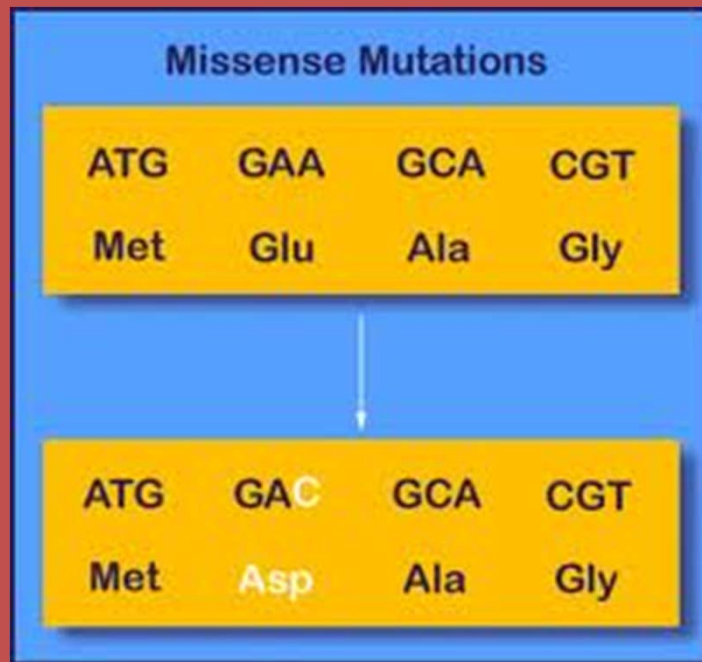
- Start and stop codons
- Mutations:
 - ✓ Silent, nonsense, missense and frame shift

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		U	C	A	G	
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		UUC } Phe	UCC } Ser	UAC } Tyr	UGC } Cys	
		UUA } Leu	UCA } Ser	UAA Stop	UGA Stop	
		UUG } Leu	UCG } Ser	UAG Stop	UGG Trp	
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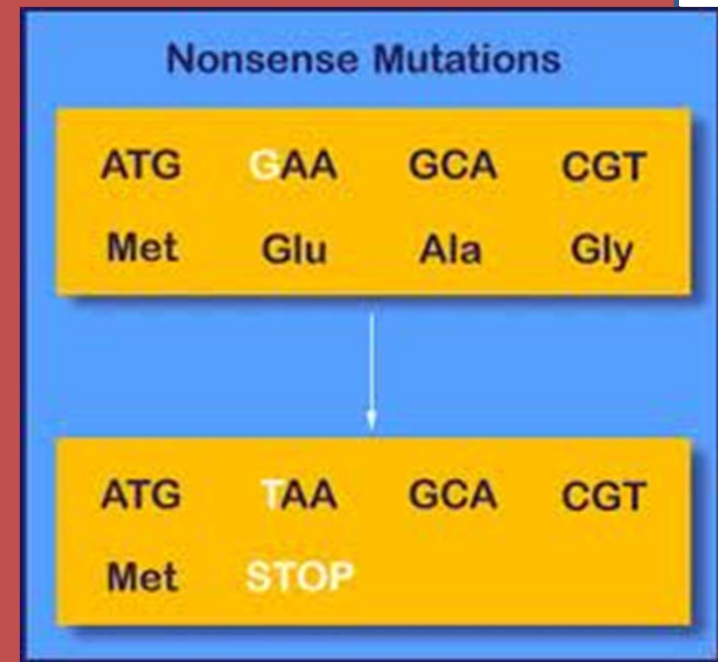
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- Types of mutation:
 1. base substitution:

- DNA polymerase error or due to mutagens
- Missense vs nonsense mutations
- silent



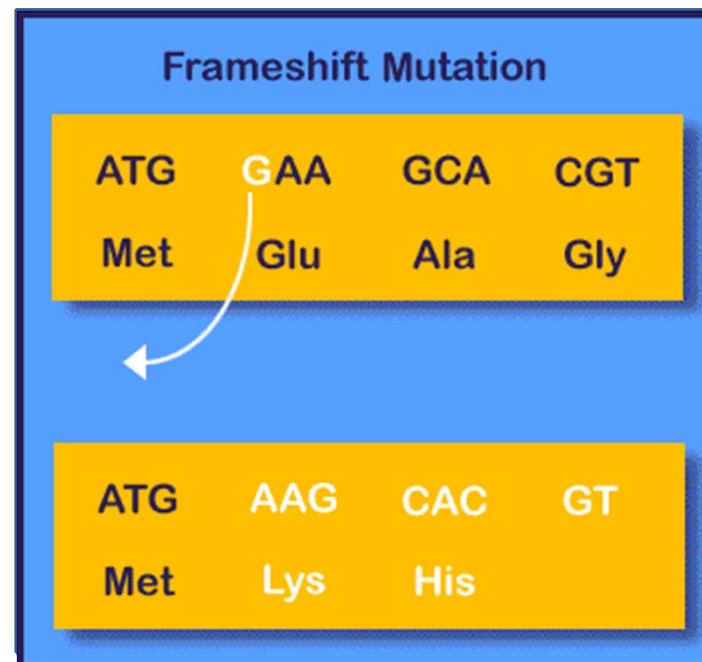
Mis-sense mutation



Non-sense

2. Frame shift mutation:

- One or more base are added or deleted
- Shift in the reading frame
- Corrupting the reading codons downstream mutations leading to inactive protein



post-translation modification of viral proteins

- Necessary for folding and 3 d structure formation
- Removal of initiation amino acid while the polypeptide is still attached to the ribosome.
- Glycosylation
- Covalent attachment of lipoic acid
- Addition of phosphate, sulphate and acyl groups
- Polyprotein splicing by proteolytic enzymes

Assembly, release & maturation

- Self assembly and genomic encapsidation may occur in the cytoplasm (Polio) or nucleus (Adenovirus)
- Release by lysis (polio), budding (Rota from ER; HIV, Influenza and measles from plasma membrane) or contiguous spread via pores/fusion (HIV, Herpes)
- Postrelease maturation: HIV and Influenza

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