

- **RNA virus cycles**

Including viruses with:

- single-stranded (+)RNA genomes,

- Single stranded (-)RNA genomes (segmented and i non-segmented),

- dsRNA genomes

Viruses with reverse transcriptase in the cycle will be discussed separately.

## **(-) RNA – viruses:**

- all are enveloped with helical nucleocapsids

Order *Mononegavirales* (non-segmented genome)

*Paramyxoviridae* (mumps, measles, RSV)

*Rhabdoviridae* (rabies virus, VSV)

*Filoviridae* (Ebola, Marburg, etc.)

*Bornaviridae* (Borna – fatal neurological disease of mammals)

Other viral families:

*Arenaviridae* (2 segments, vertebrate hosts – LCMV, Lassa virus, all ambisense)

*Bunyviridae* (3 segments, hantaviruses, animal, plant viruses, some ambisense)

*Orthomyxoviridae* (influenza A, B – 8 segments, C, D – 7 segments)

*Rhabdoviridae* – wide host range (mammals, fish, insects, plants)

Many replicate in the cytoplasm, plant and insect viruses in the nucleus.

*Vesicular stomatitis virus* – VSV, important animal pathogen

*Rabies virus* –RV, unique transcription control

Protein L functions:

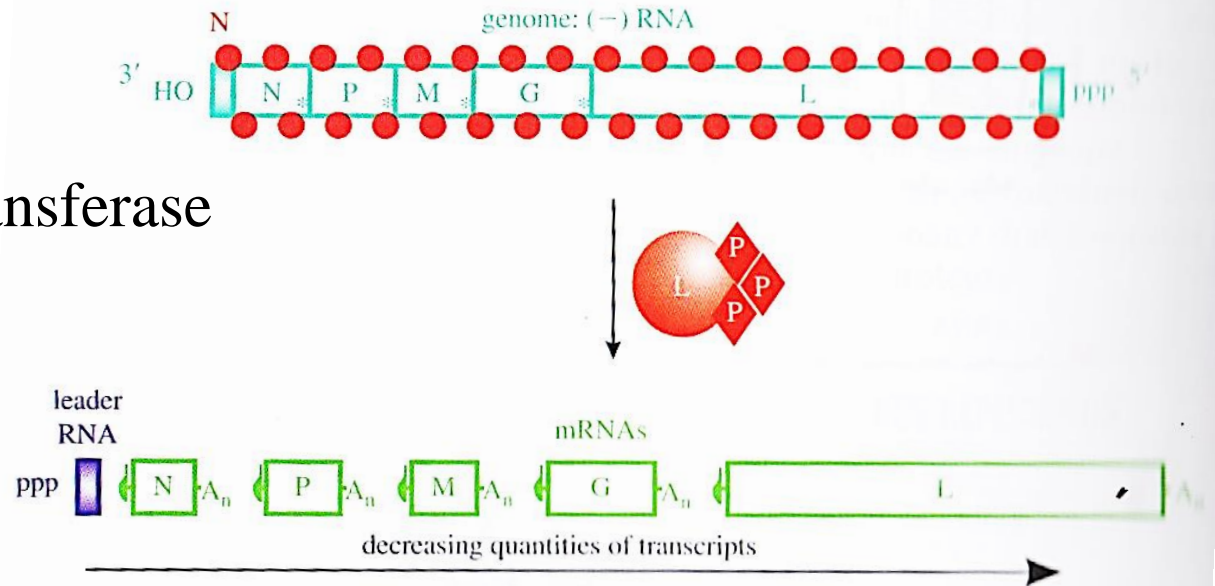
RdRp

polyribonukleotidyl-transferase

methyl-transferase

poliA-polymerase

kinase



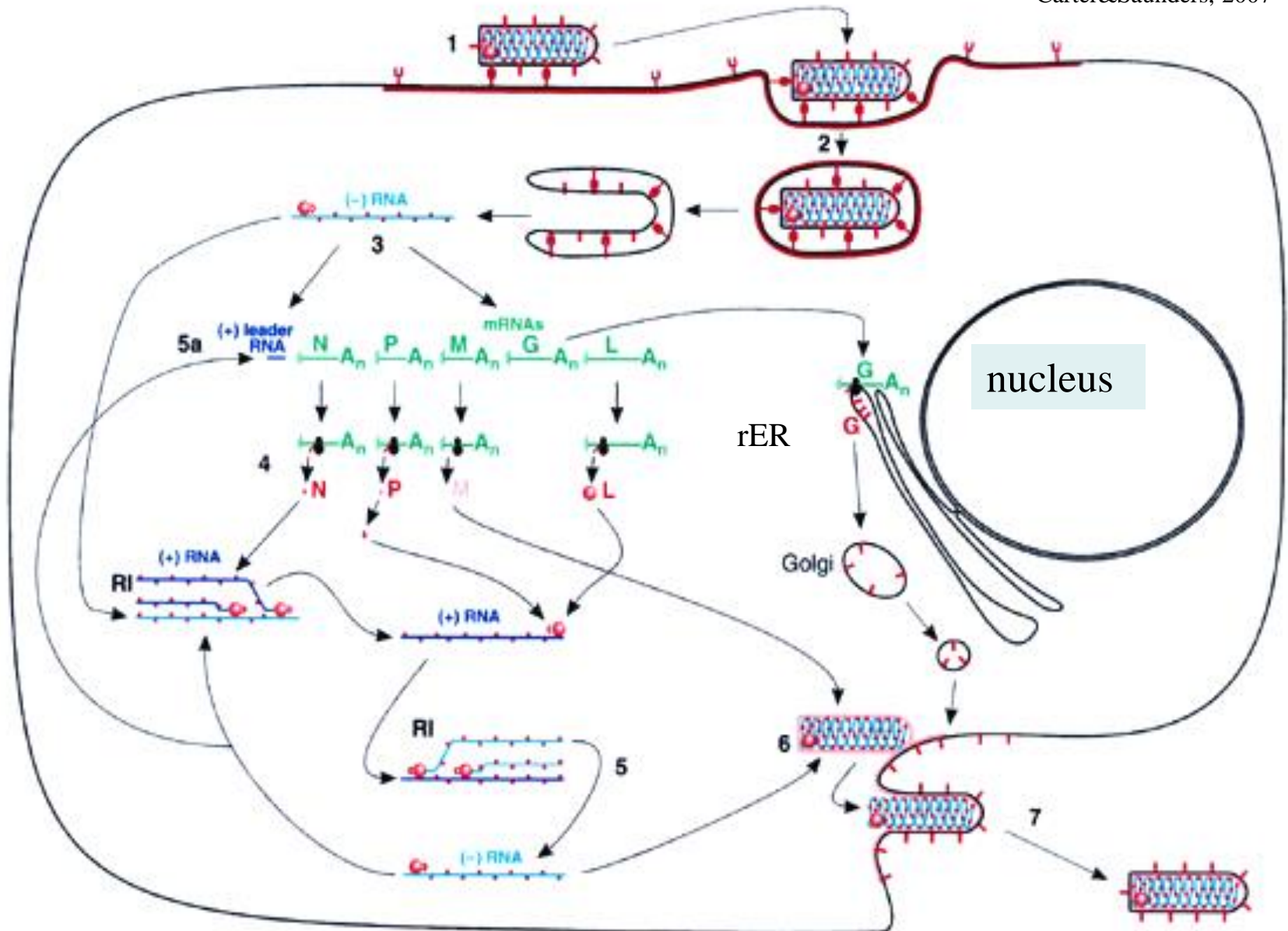
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Key: = UUUUUUUU

A<sub>n</sub> = AAAAAAAAAA ... approx. 130

# Rhabdovirus replication cycle

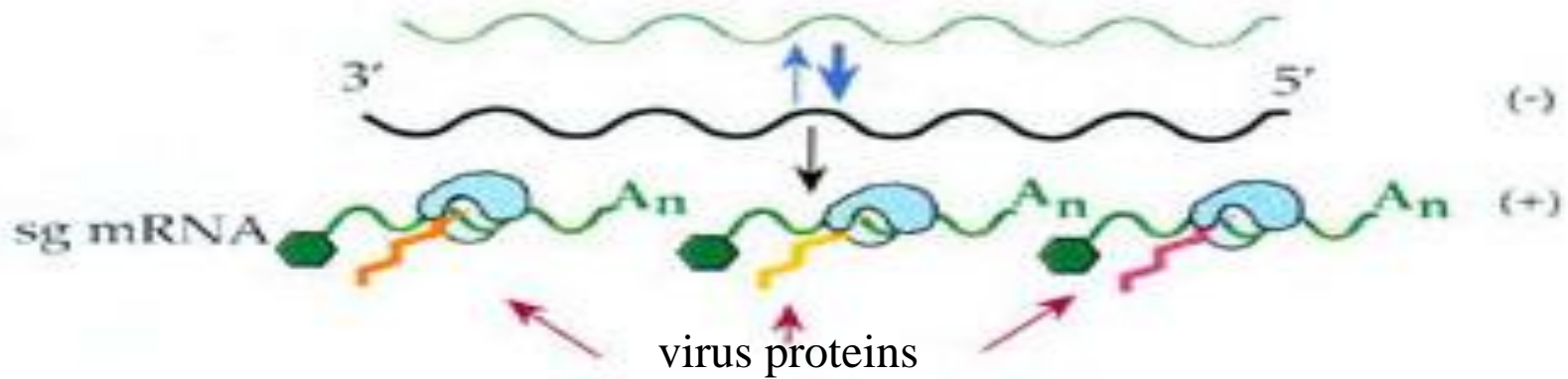
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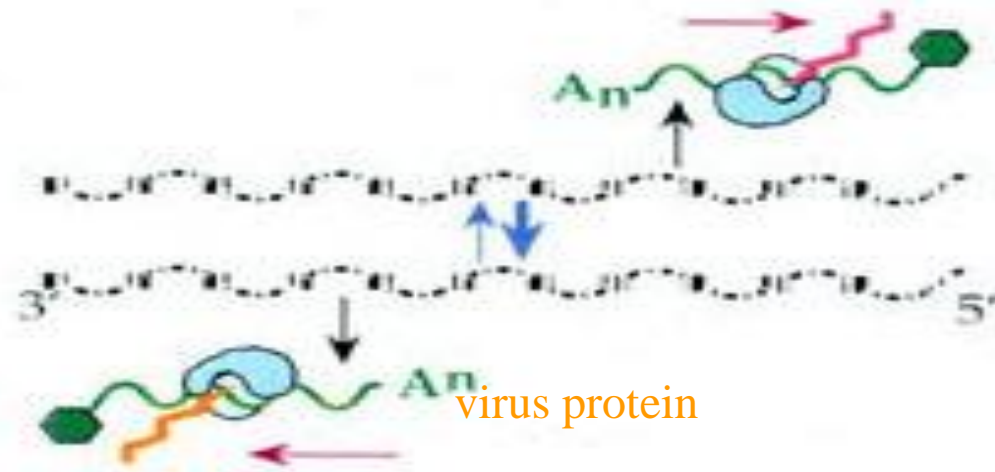
# Ambisense genomes

Adapted from Strauss&Strauss, 2002

## (-)RNA virus transcription and translation strategies



virus protein



"ambisense" -genome

virus protein

ribosome

replication

subgenomic mRNA  
synthesis

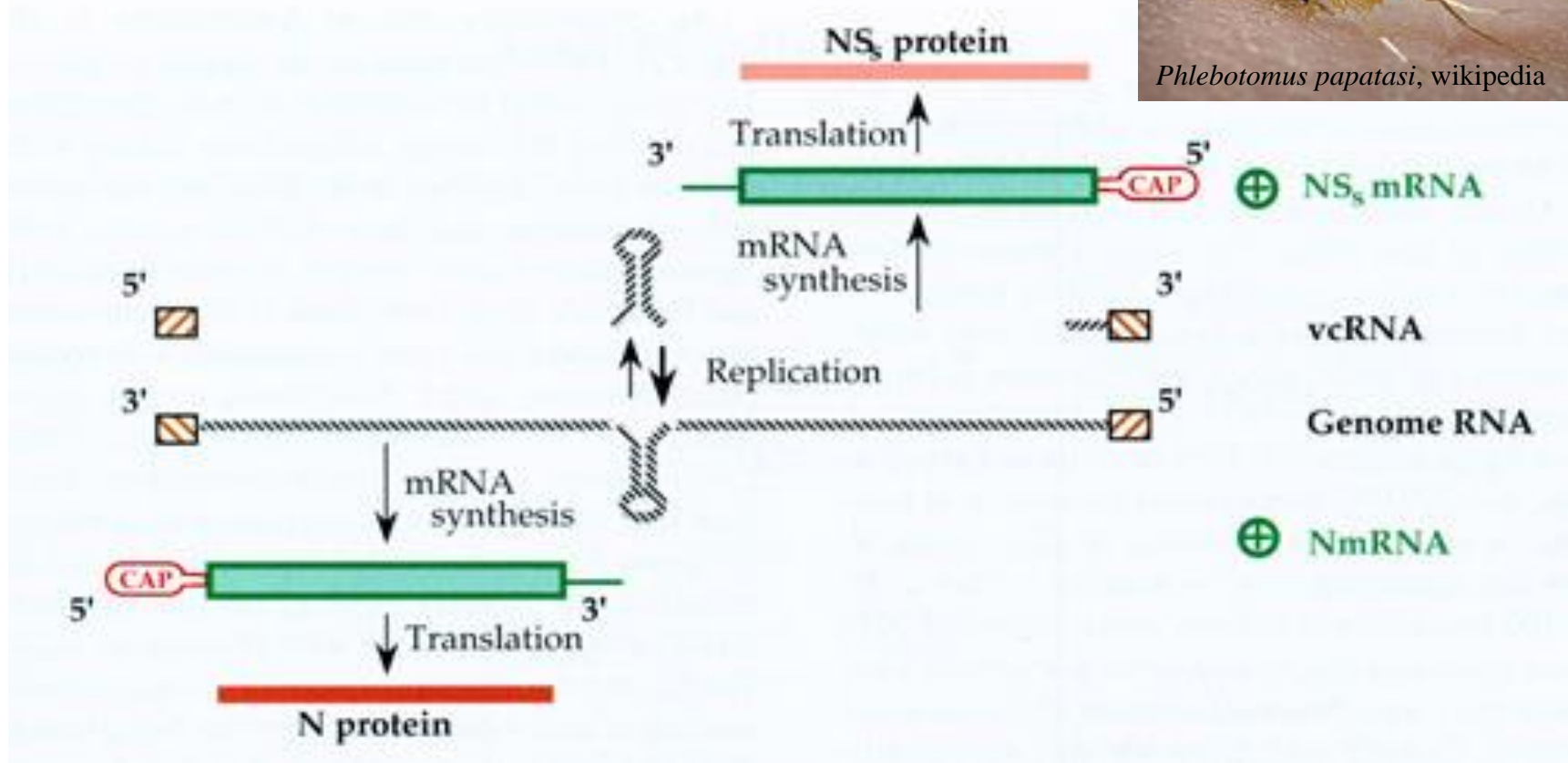
cap or VPg



# Flebovirus (Rift Valley fever, pappatachi fever) *Bunyaviridae*



*Phlebotomus papatasi*, wikipedia



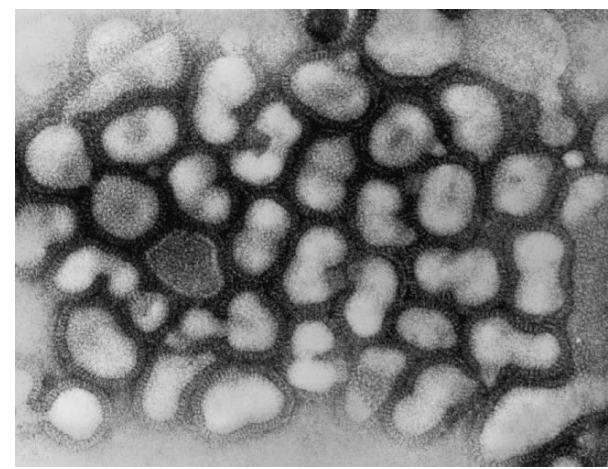
self complementary ends

Avian Flu



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## Flu virus (influenza, *Orthomyxoviridae*)



Four types of influenza:

A – IAV, pandemics, dangerous pathogen of humans, horses, pigs, poultry (“chicken plague”), isolated in 1933.

B – IBV, occasional epidemics, milder pathogen of humans, very young or very old patients are endangered, isolated in 1940.

C – ICV, mild disease, not epidemic, most of us infected as children, separate genus, isolated in 1947, pathogen of humans and pigs, genome with 7 segments.

D – IDV, isolated from pigs in 2011, bovine reservoir host, transmission to humans, small ruminants, no human diseases documented, 7 segments in the genome.



IAV - genome segments (in size order) and functions of their transcripts:

PB2, PB1, PA

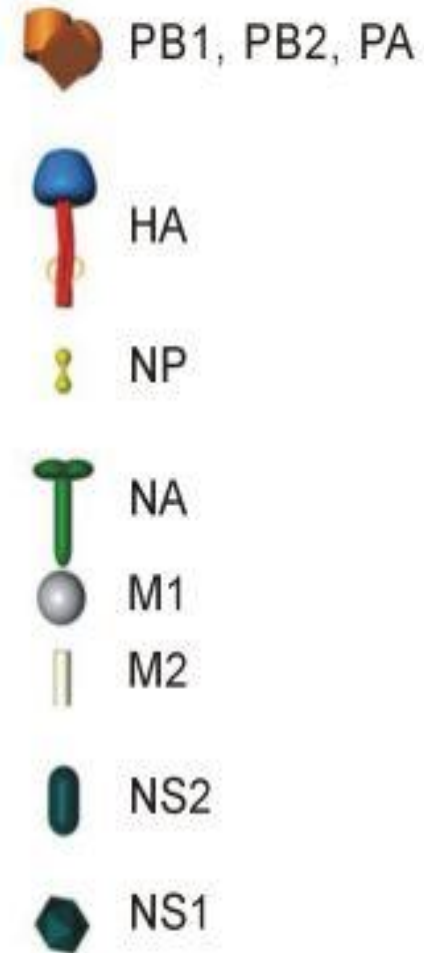
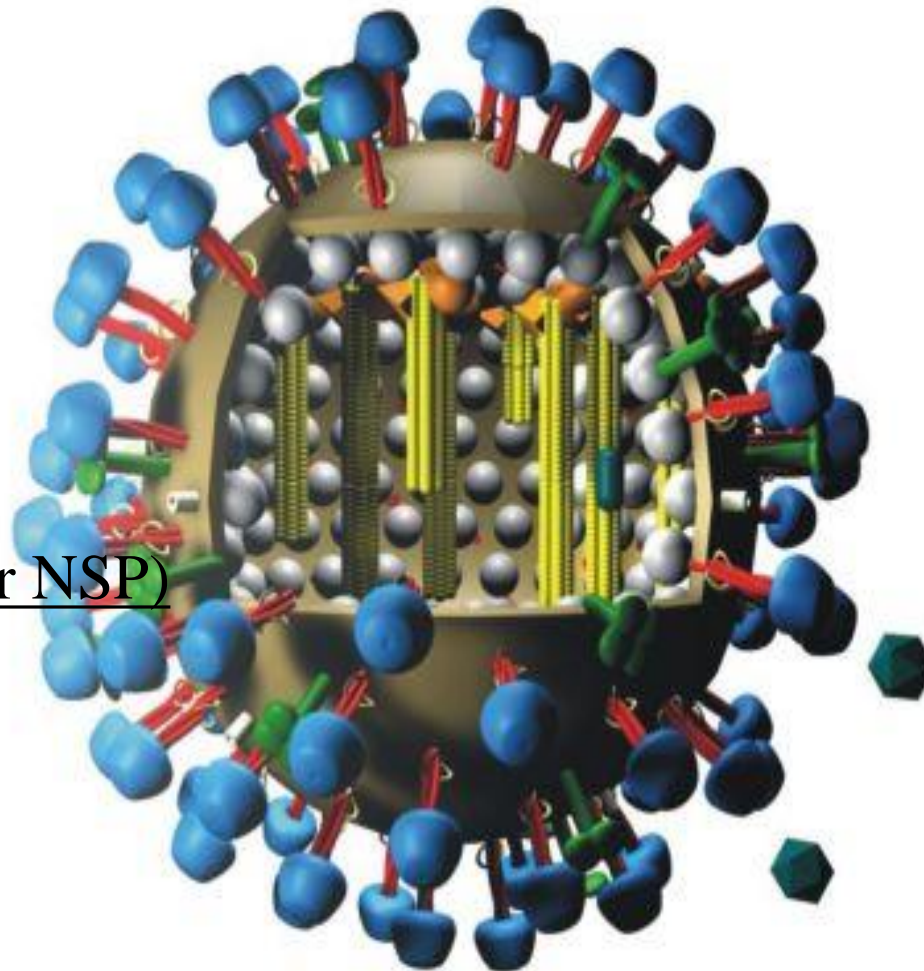
HA (trimer)

NP

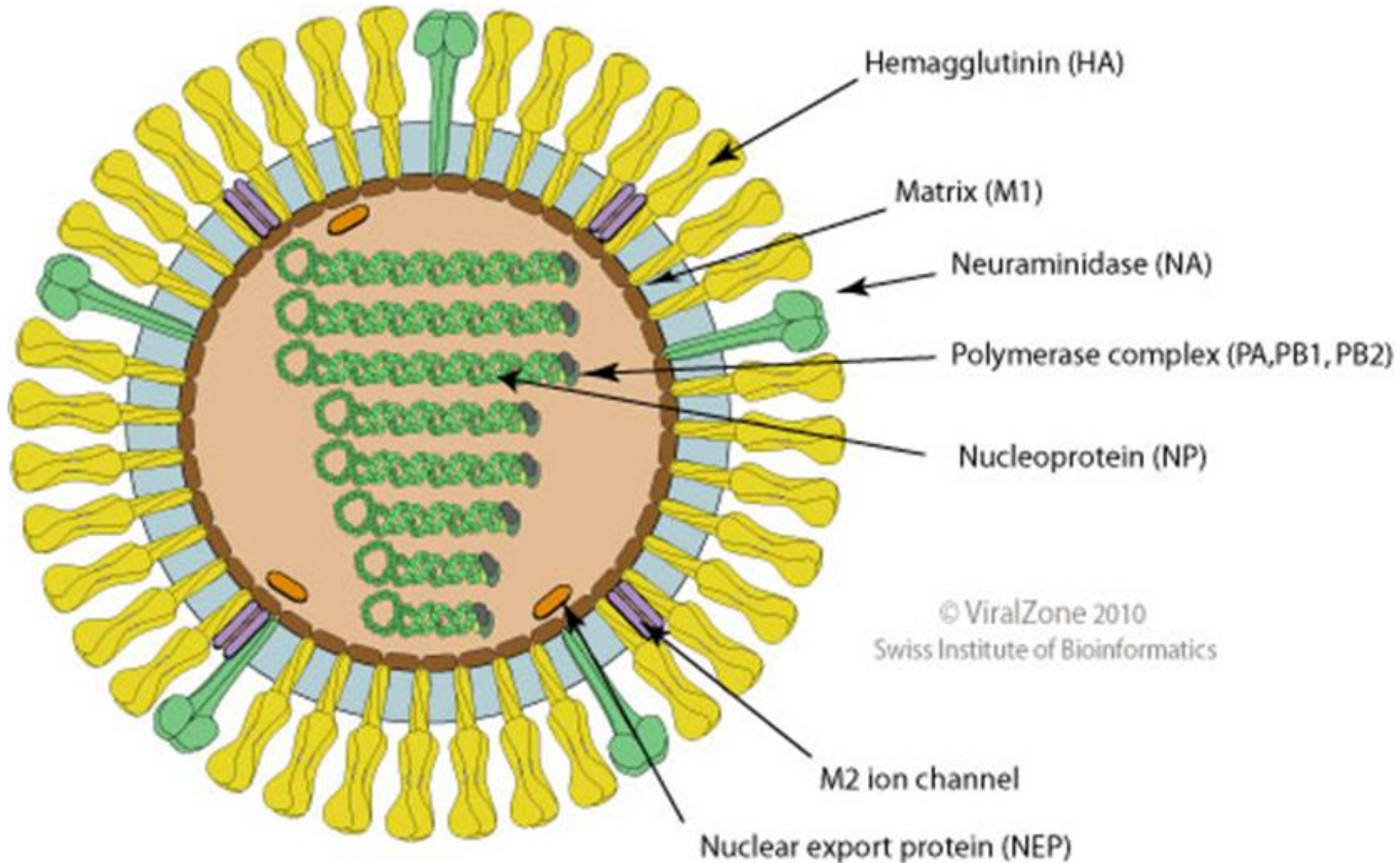
NA (tetramer)

M (M1, M2),

NS (NS1, NS2 or NSP)



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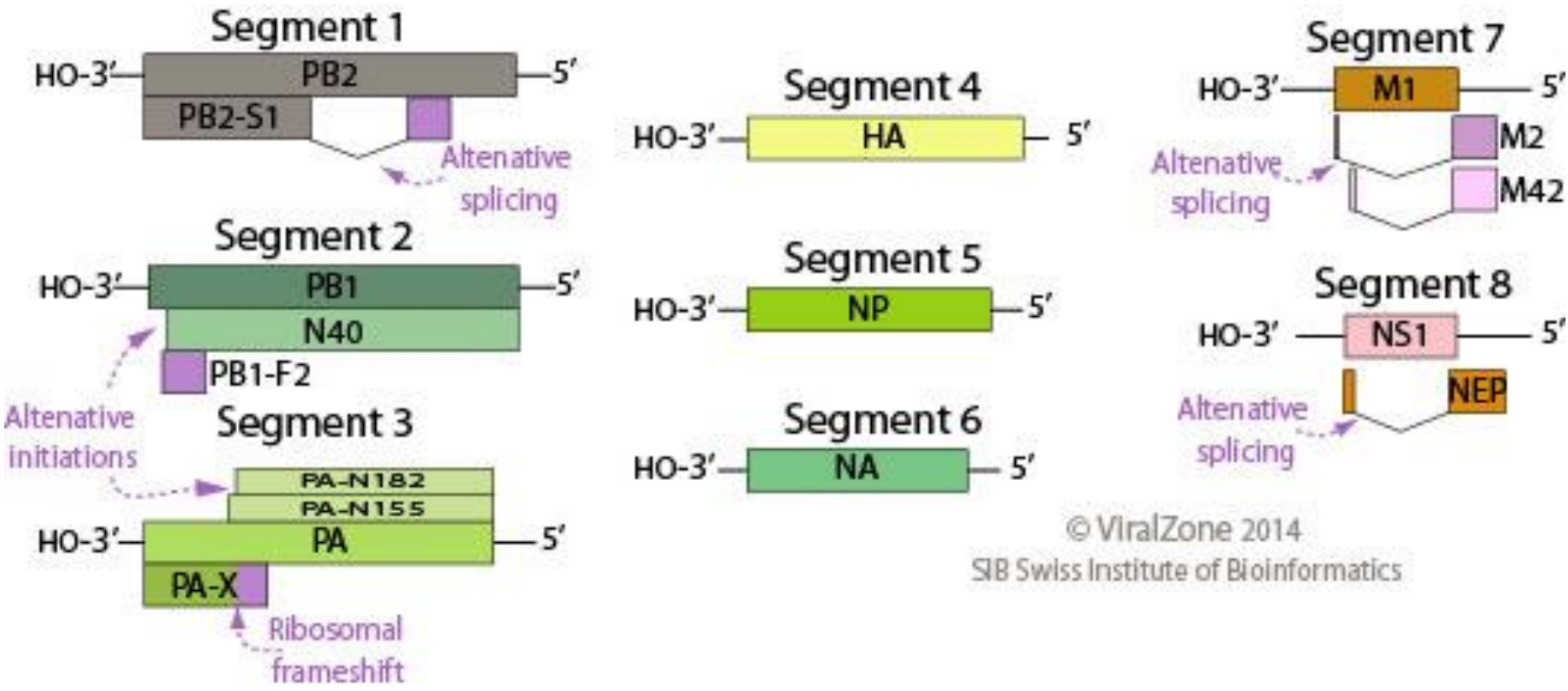


# IAV genome segments translation and functions:

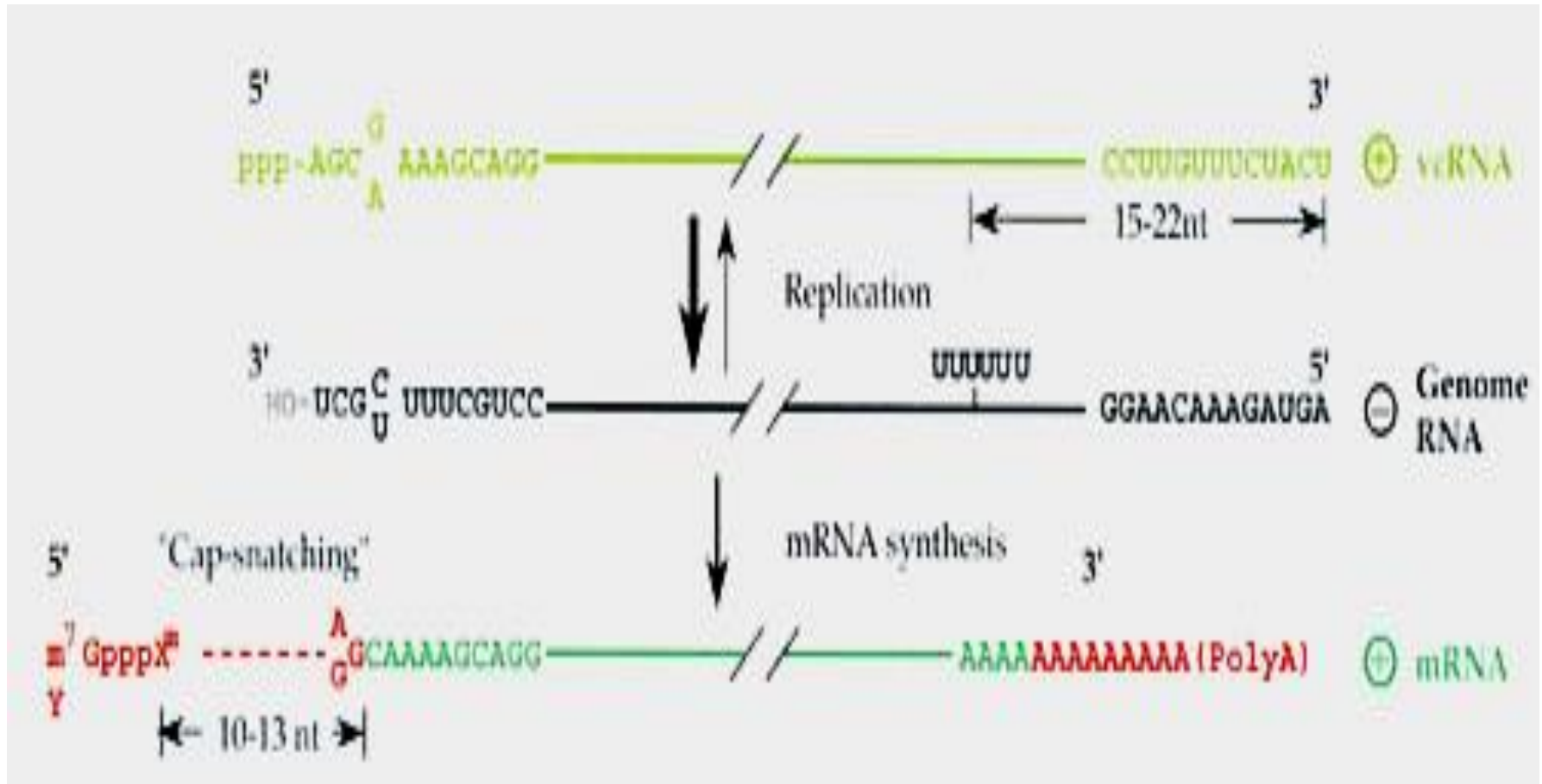
PB2 („cuts and pastes” the cap, pol), PB1 (PB1-N40, PB1-F2, pol), PA - polymerase

HA (trimer, hemagglutinine), NP (nucleoprotein), NA (tetramer, neuraminidase)

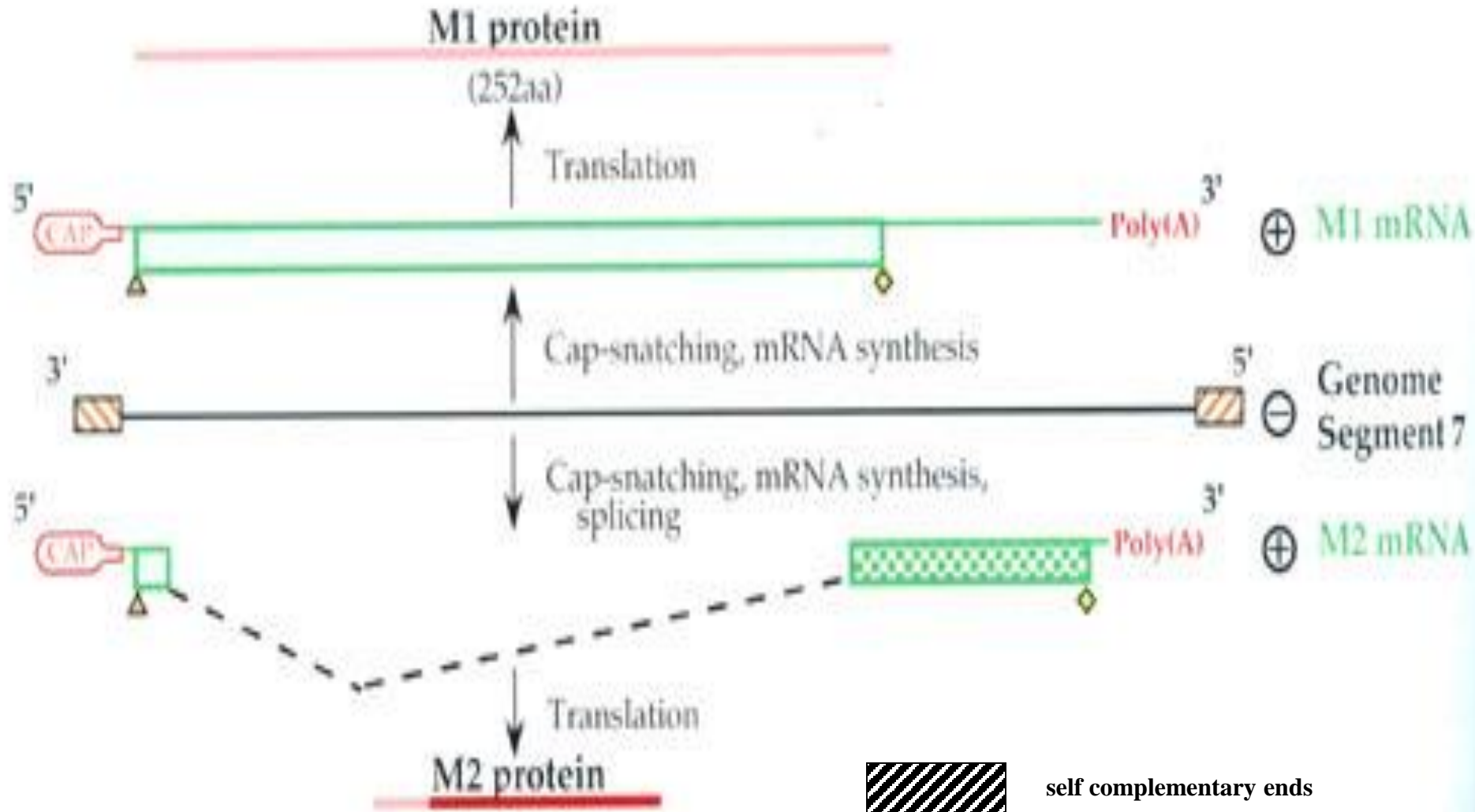
M (membrane proteins: M1- matrix, M2- ion channel), NS (nonstructural protein NS1, recognizes cellular mRNA caps, inhibits processing and mRNA export, interferon response, NS2=NEP nuclear export protein)



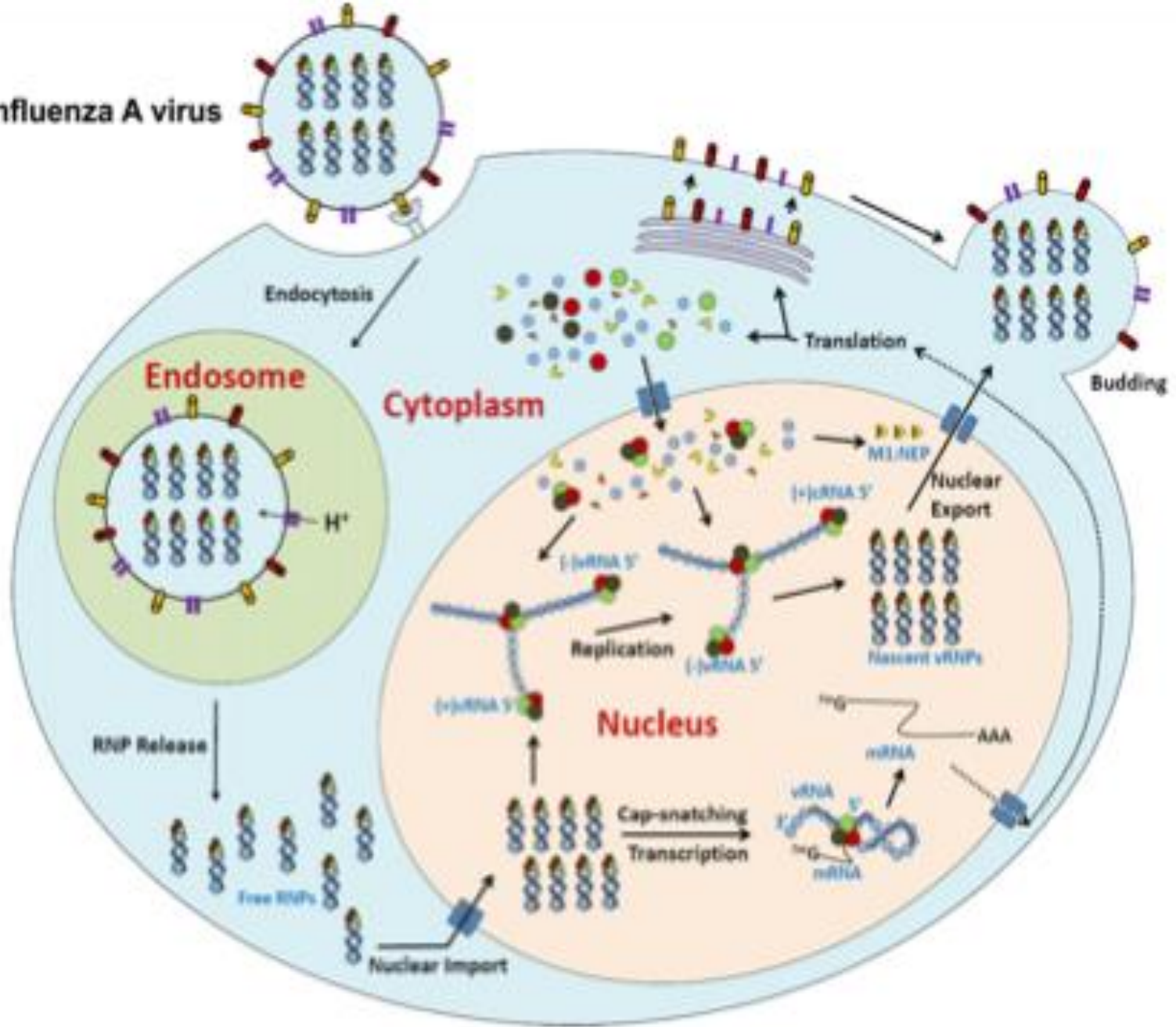
# Influenzavirus – cap snatching and mRNA synthesis

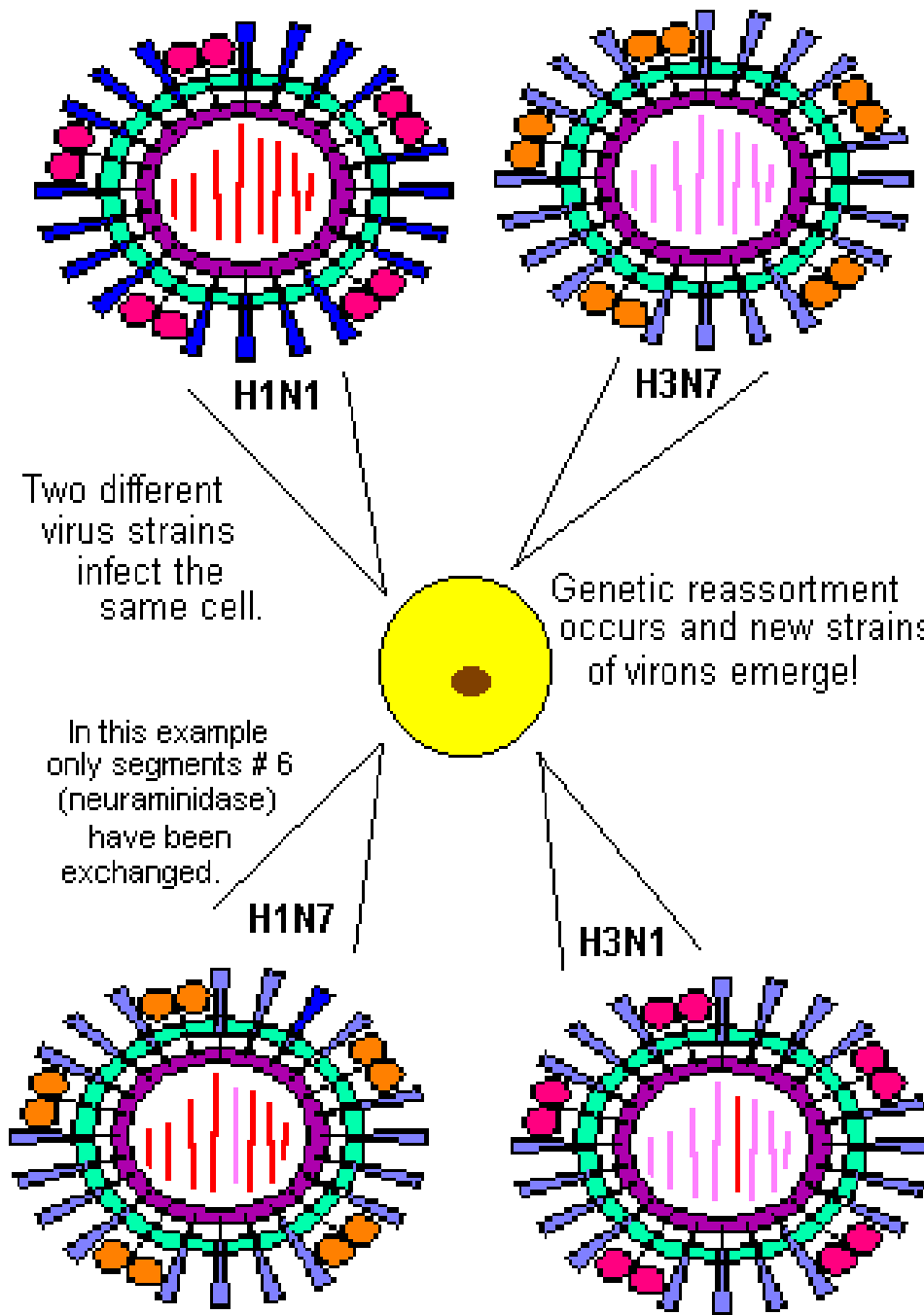


# Post-transcriptional modification (*splicing*) of some IAV proteins



# Influenza A virus





HA:NA= 4-5:1, about 500 spikes, main virulence determinants (the ability to cause a disease).

Influenzavirus A - 18 types of HA and 11 types of NA.

All but bat's H17N10 and H18N11 found in aquatic birds (e.g. ducks).