

# HEPATITIS A VIRUS CAPSID

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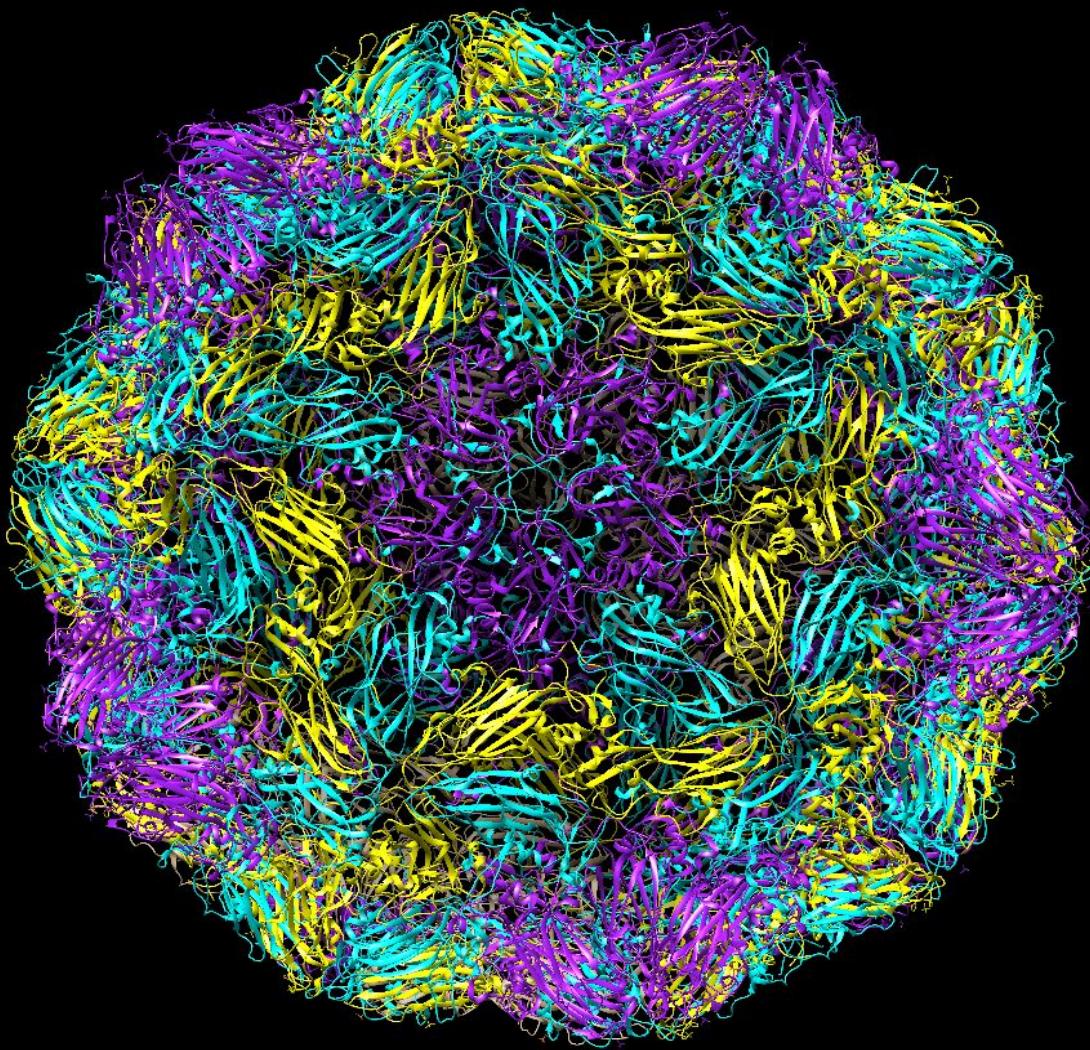
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## BACKGROUND

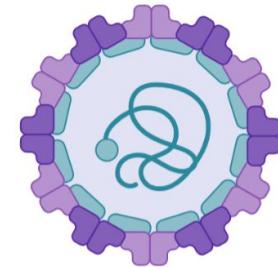


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MILLION CASES WORLDWIDE

# Picornavirus characteristics

- Small viruses
- Naked 30nm **icosahedral capsid** → 60 identical packed protomers
- Single-stranded RNA-positive viruses



Examples: poliovirus, rhinovirus, and hepatitis A virus

# Reproductive cycle

Virus attachment (1)

Cell entry: Endocytosis (2)

Viral genome released into the cytoplasm (3)

Synthesis of viral proteins (4)

Capsid assembly (5) and maturation (6)

Virus release by cell lysis or budding (7)

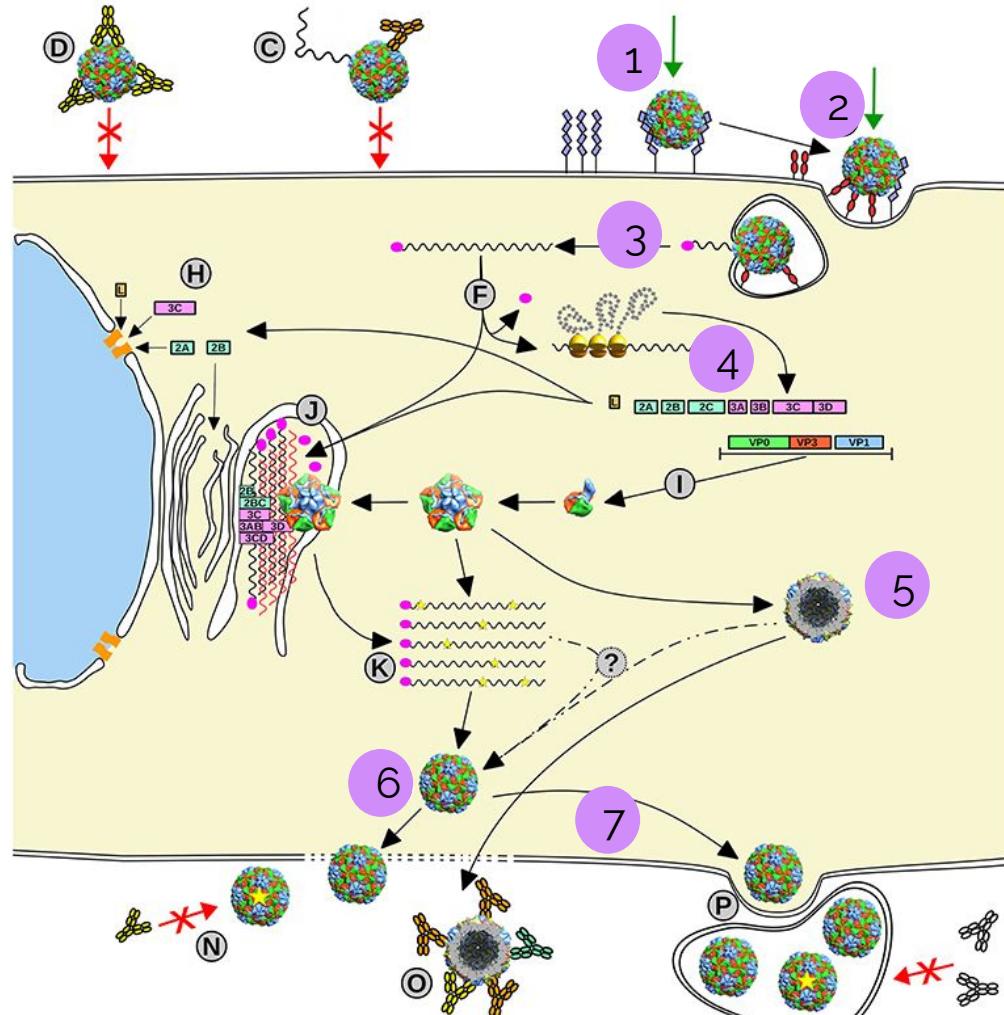


Figure 1. Life cycle of the Picornavirus life cycle. Adapted from Cifuentes J, Moratorio G (2019).

# Phylogeny

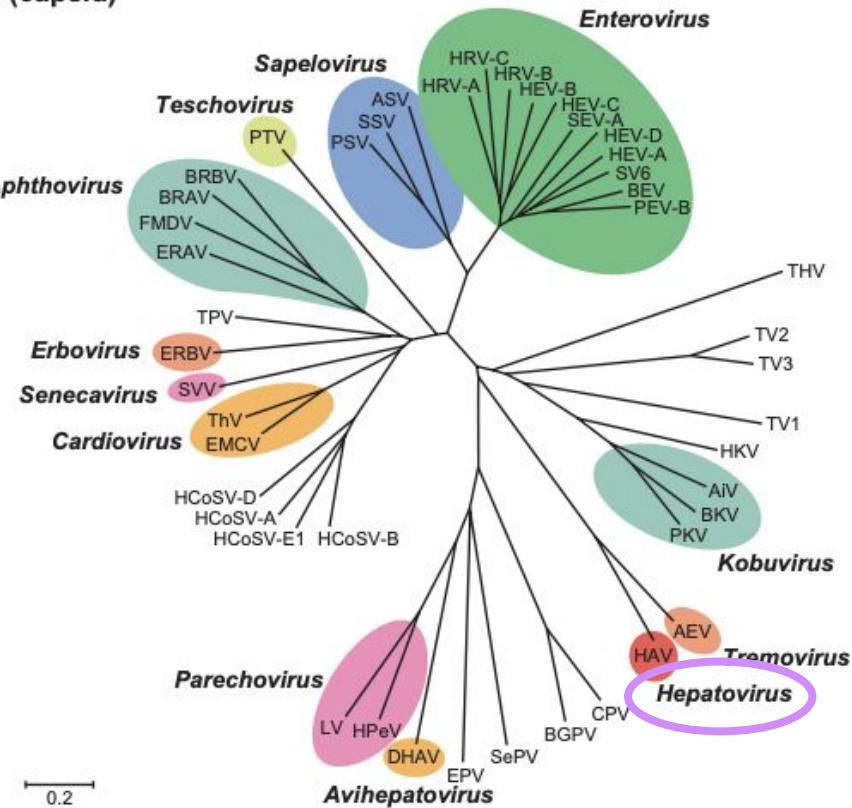
Family

*Picornaviridae*

Genus

*Enterovirus*  
*Cardiovirus*  
*Aphthovirus*  
***Hepatovirus***  
*Parechovirus*  
*Erbovirus*  
*Kobuvirus*  
*Teschovirus*  
*Senecavirus*  
*Tremovirus*  
*Avihepatovirus*

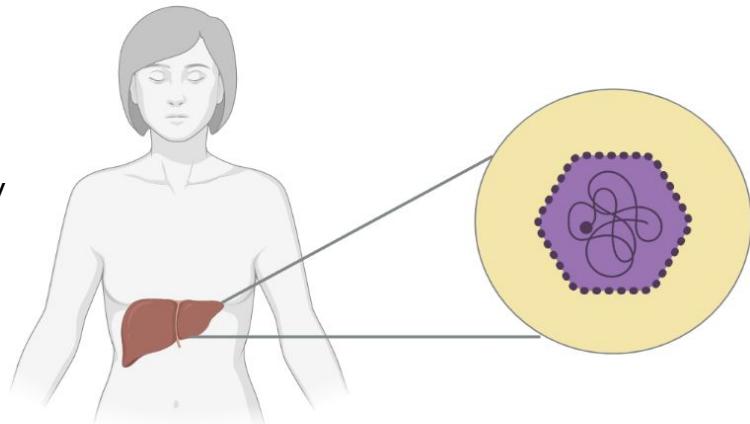
## A. P1 (capsid)



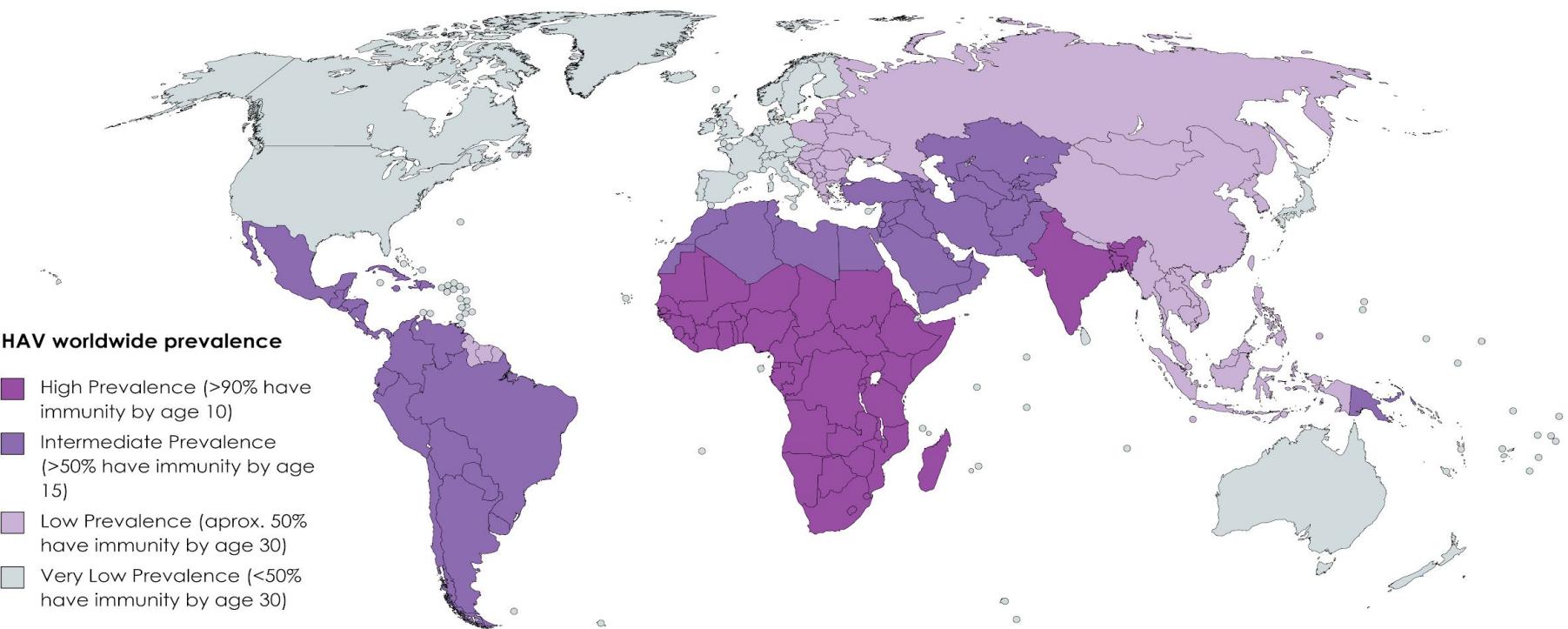
**Figure 2.** Phylogenetic trees showing the relationships between the genera, species and unclassified members of the family Picornaviridae regarding protein P1. Adapted from King, Lefkowitz, Adams & Carstens, 2011.

# Clinical manifestations of Hepatitis A

- Liver disease caused by HAV (hepatitis A virus).
- Symptoms include: fever, loss of appetite, diarrhea, jaundice...
- Not chronic, rarely fatal
- Transmitted by contaminated food and water (by faeces of an infected individual) or oral-anal sex.



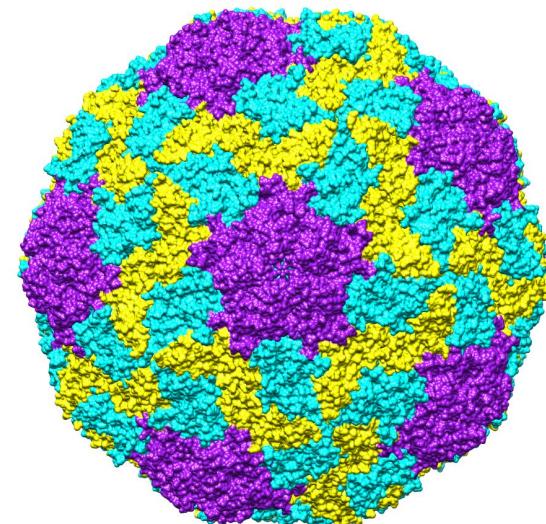
# Worldwide distribution of Hepatitis A



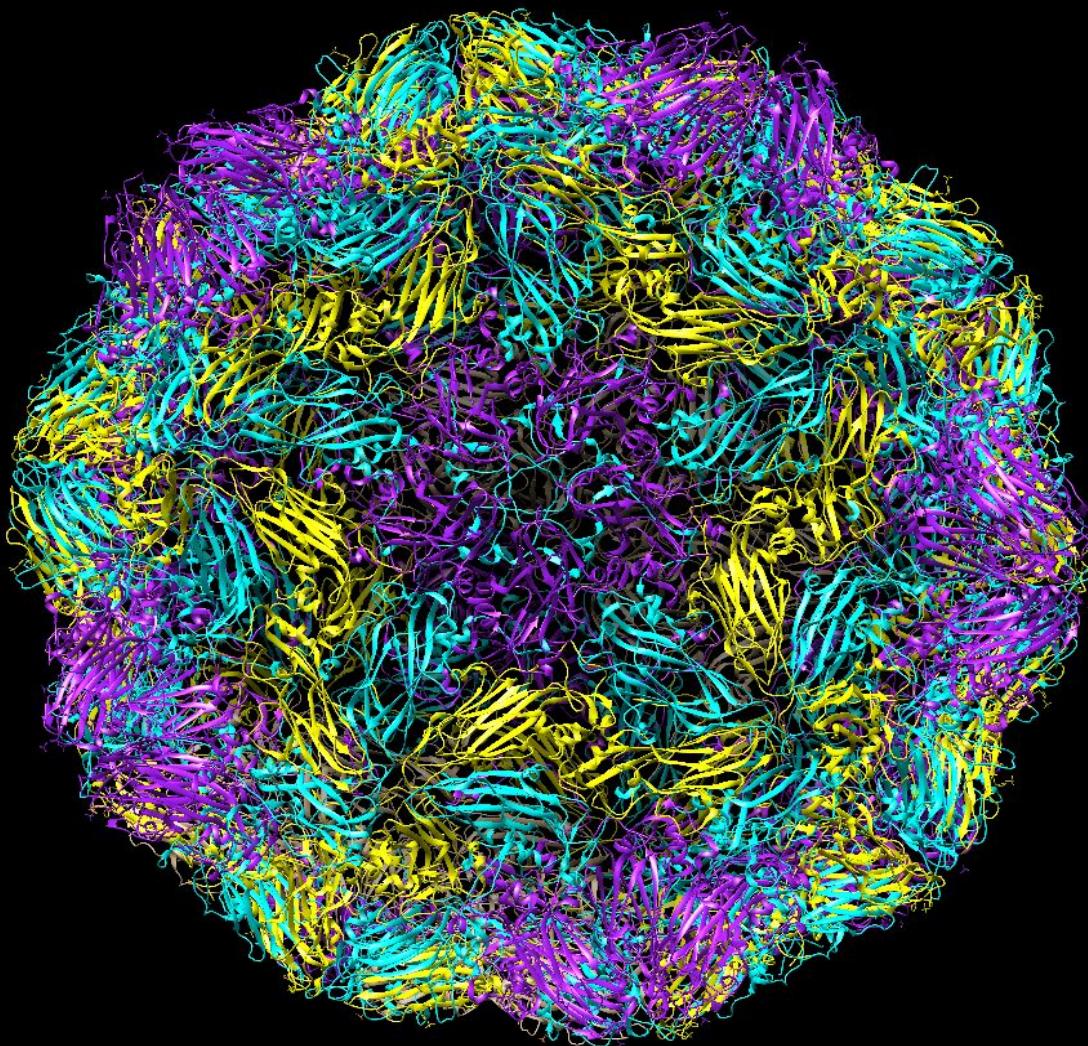
**Figure 3.** Hepatitis A (HAV) worldwide prevalence map. Adapted from Jacobsen K (2018) with MapChart.

# HAV general characteristics

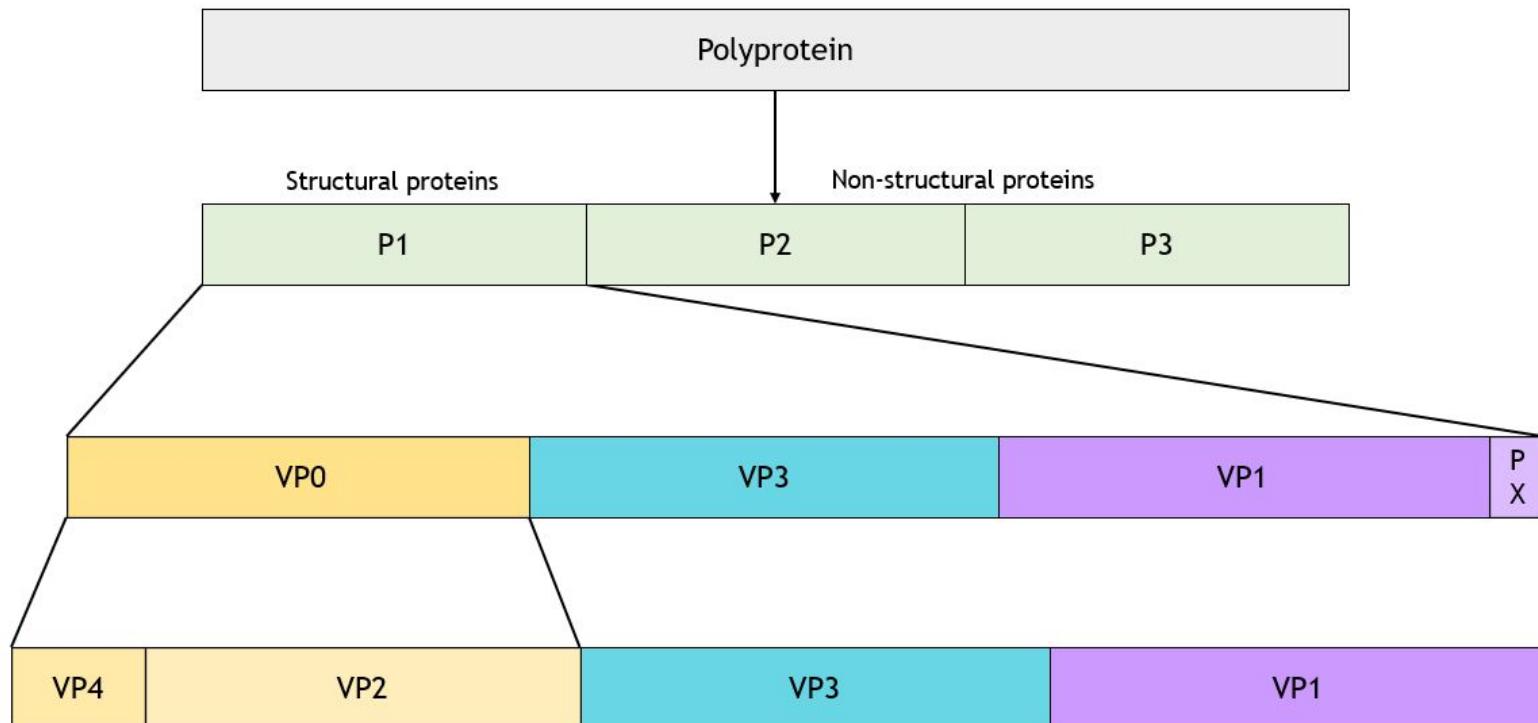
- Different properties than other picornaviruses
- It also exists in a quasi-enveloped form
- Can perform transcytosis (primitive-like)
- Highly stable
  - $T = 80 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$
  - $\text{pH} = \text{as low as } 2$



# CAPSID ASSEMBLY



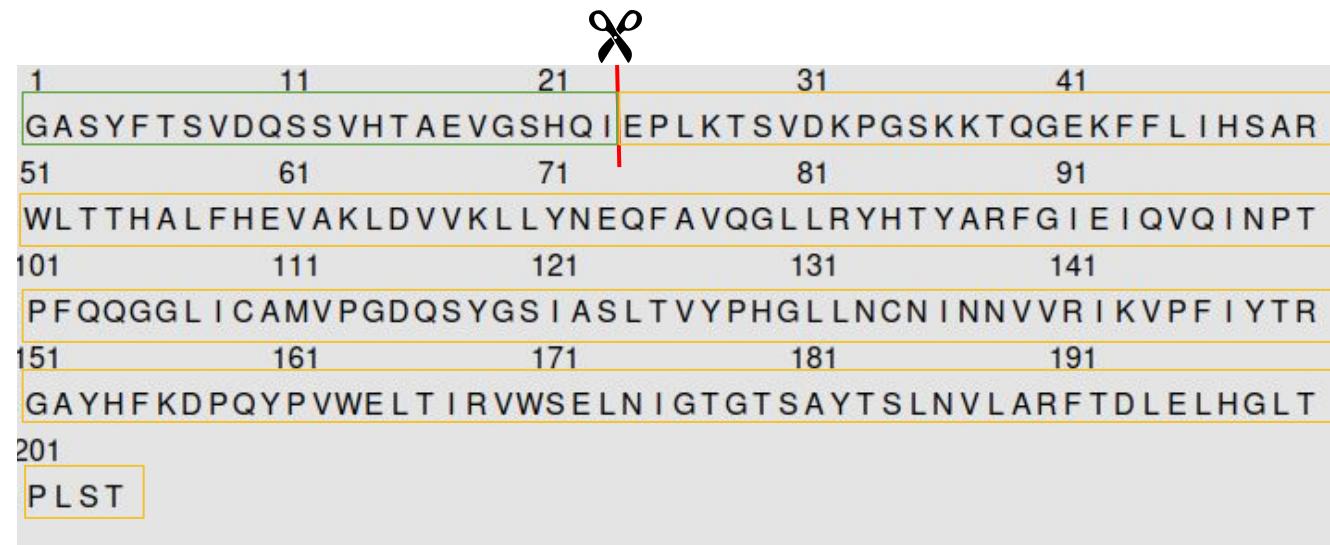
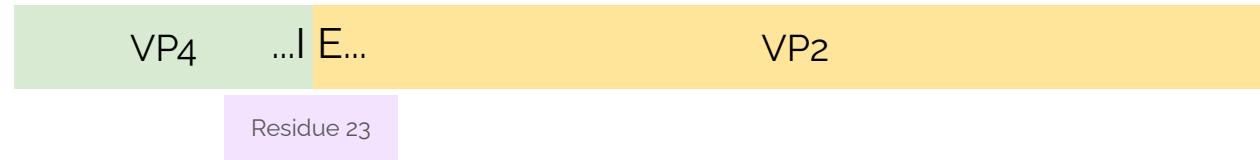
# Genomic organization of HAV



**Figure 4.** Organization of the hepatitis A virus (HAV) RNA genome and processing of the polyprotein. Adapted from McKnight et al, 2018.

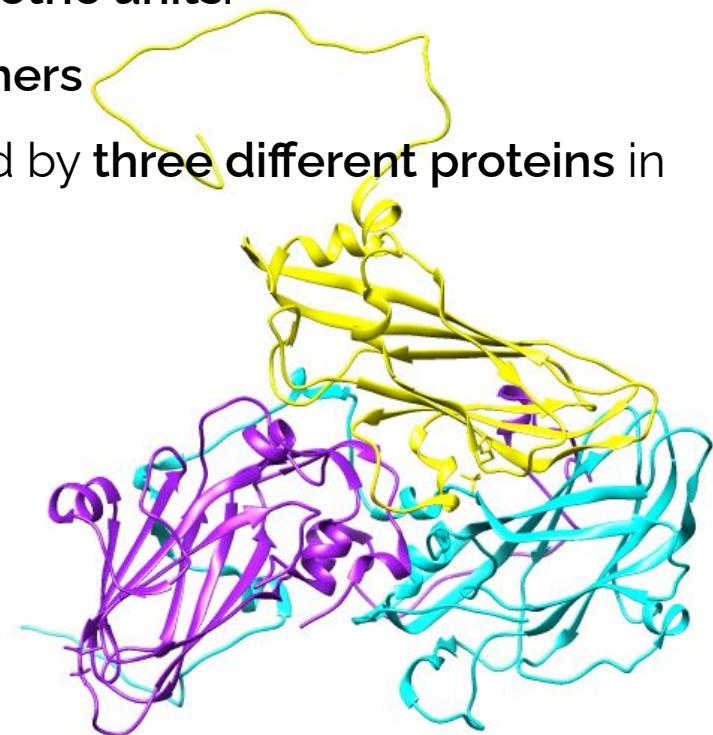
VP0 cleavage → VP2, VP4

{ Autocatalytic cleavage  
RNA-dependent (?)

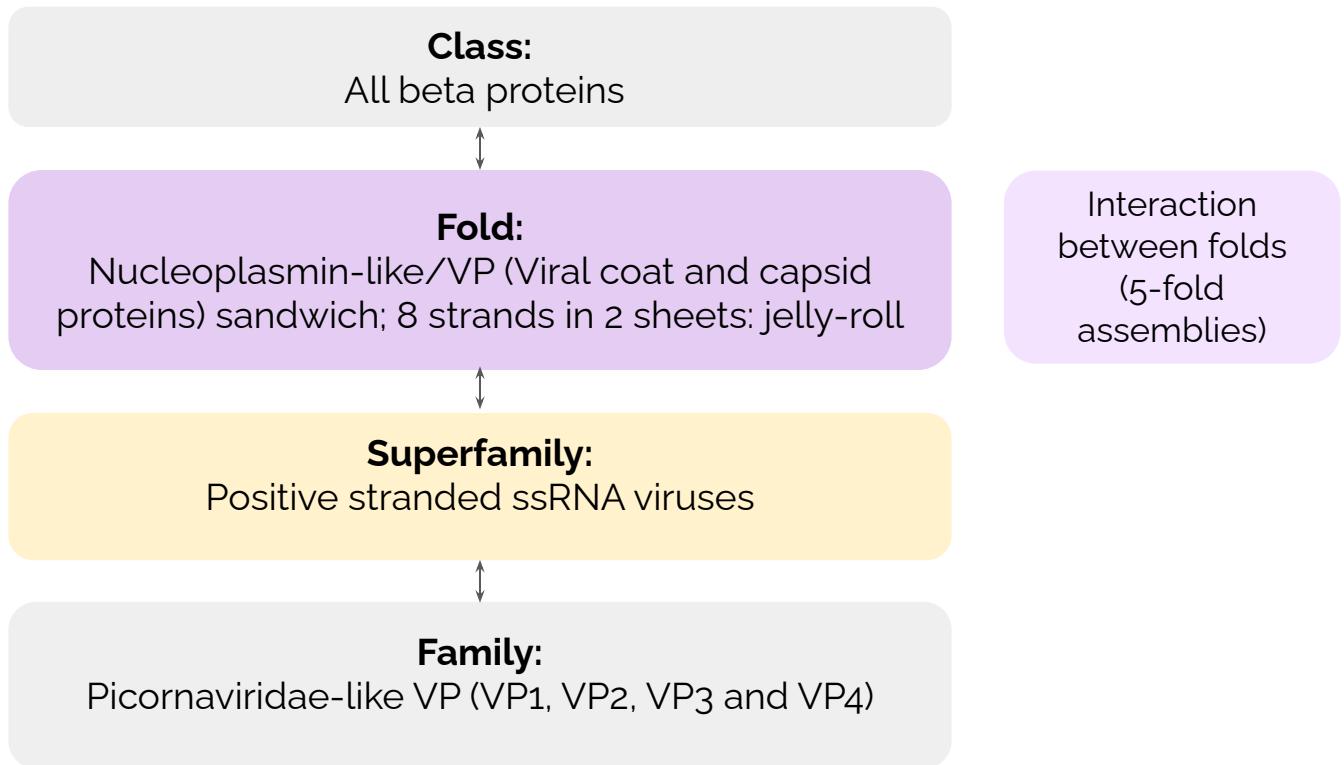


# HAV Capsid

- Icosahedral capsid formed by **60 asymmetric units**.
- These units assemble forming **12 pentamers**
- The asymmetric unit (protomer) is formed by **three different proteins** in the mature capsid:
  - Viral protein 1: **VP1 (225 residues)**
  - Viral protein 2: **VP2 (204 residues)**
  - Viral protein 3: **VP3 (246 residues)**
- **Pseudo T** = 3 arrangement.



# SCOP Classification



# Viral Protein 1 (VP1)

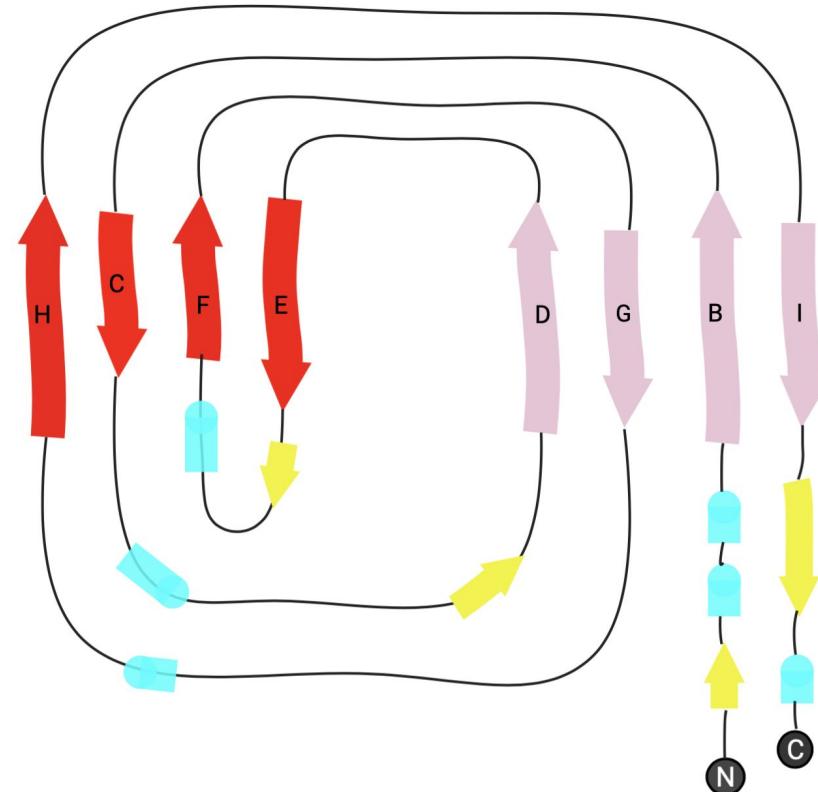
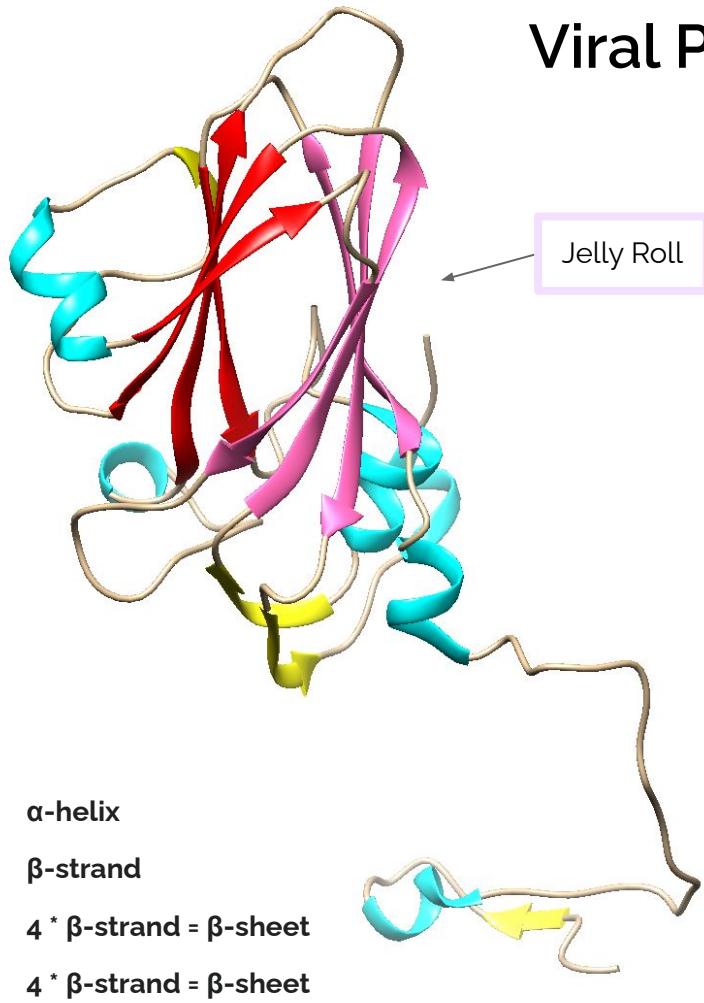
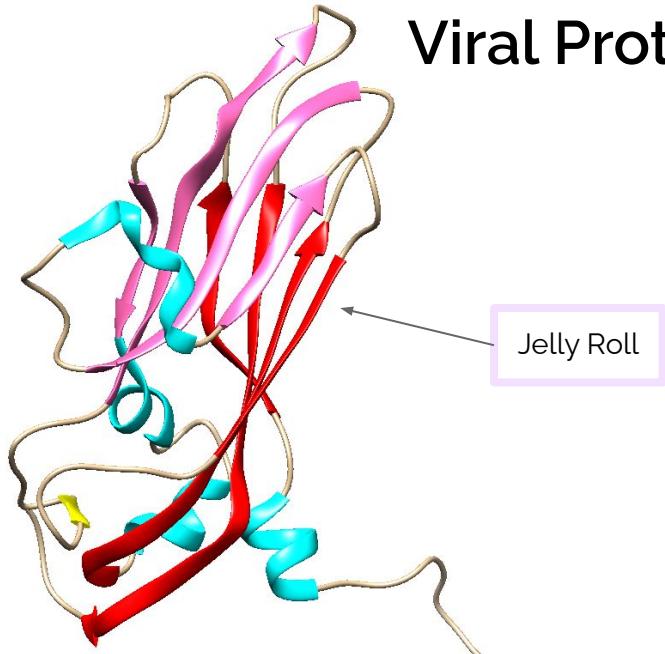


Figure 5. Topological diagram of VP1 from HAV.

# Viral Protein o (VPO = VP4+VP2)



Legend:

- Blue arrow:  $\alpha$ -helix
- Yellow arrow:  $\beta$ -strand
- Magenta arrow:  $4 * \beta$ -strand =  $\beta$ -sheet
- Red arrow:  $4 * \beta$ -strand =  $\beta$ -sheet

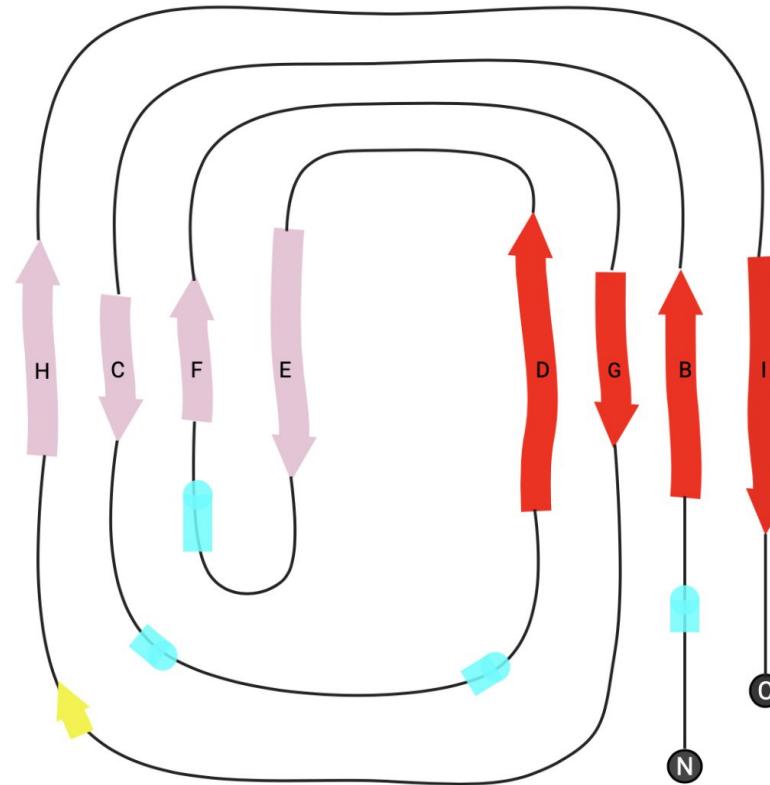
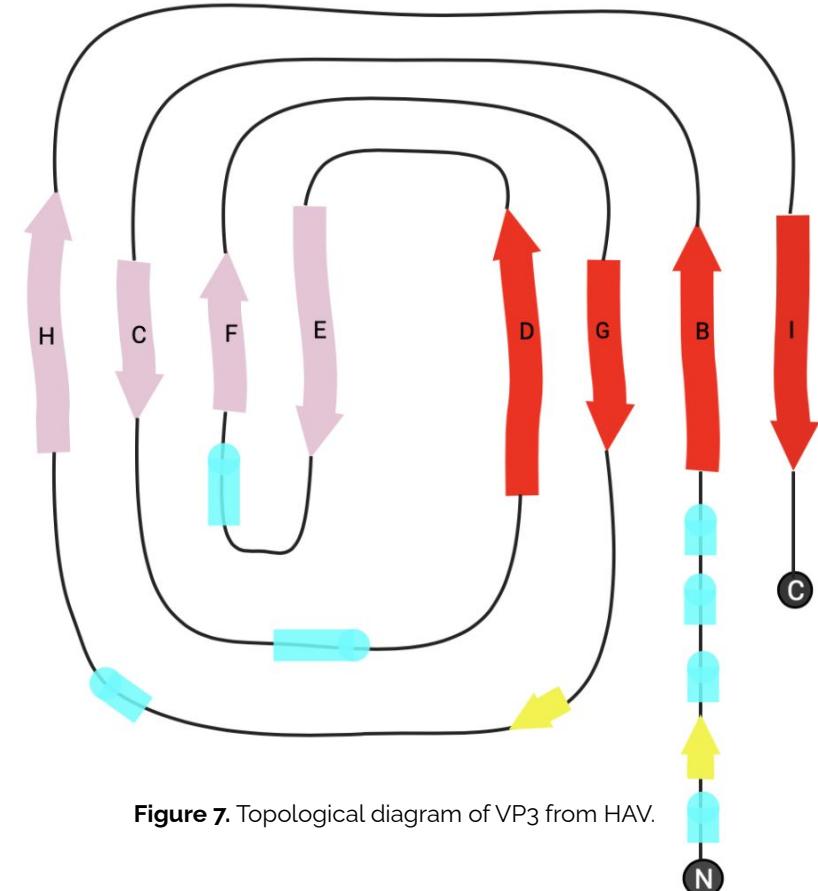
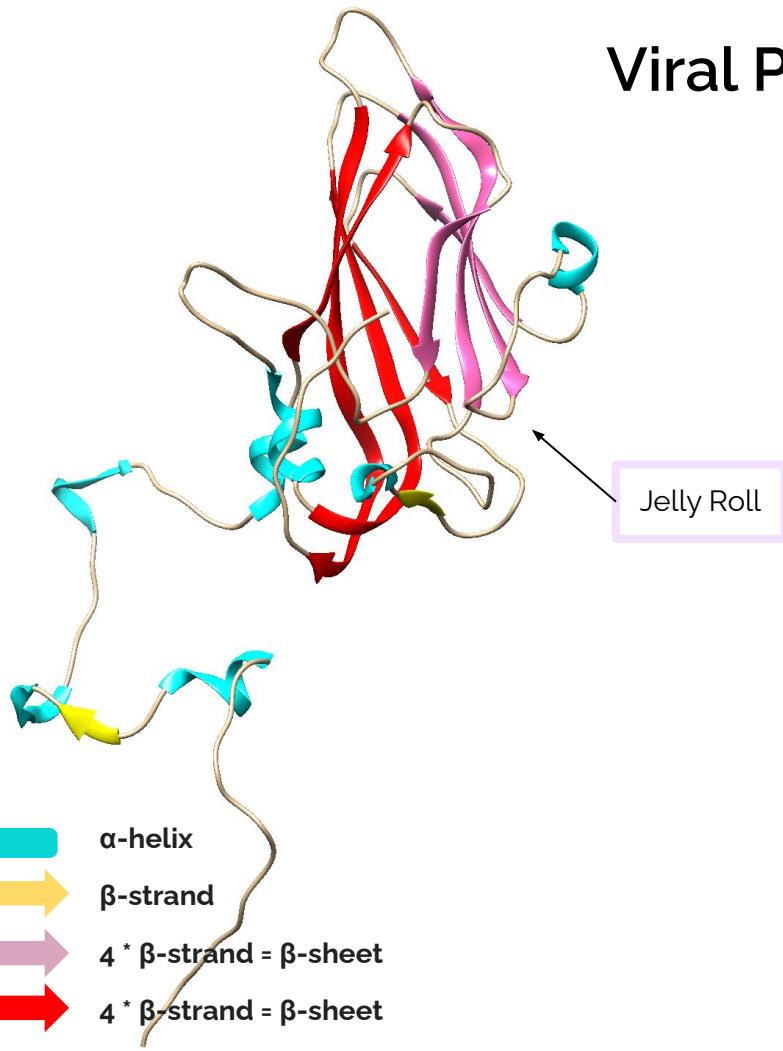


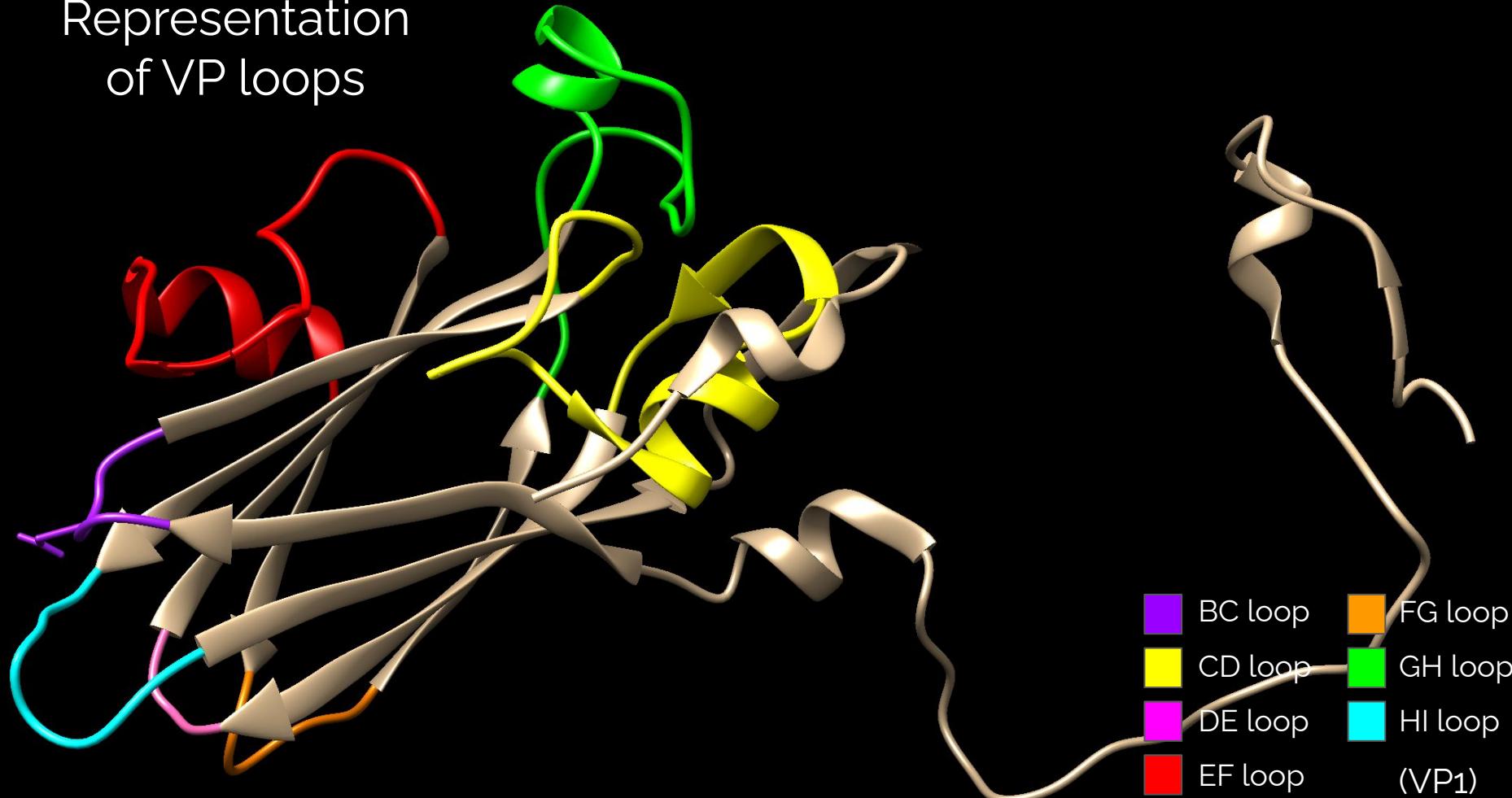
Figure 6. Topological diagram of VPO from HAV.

# Viral Protein 3 (VP3)

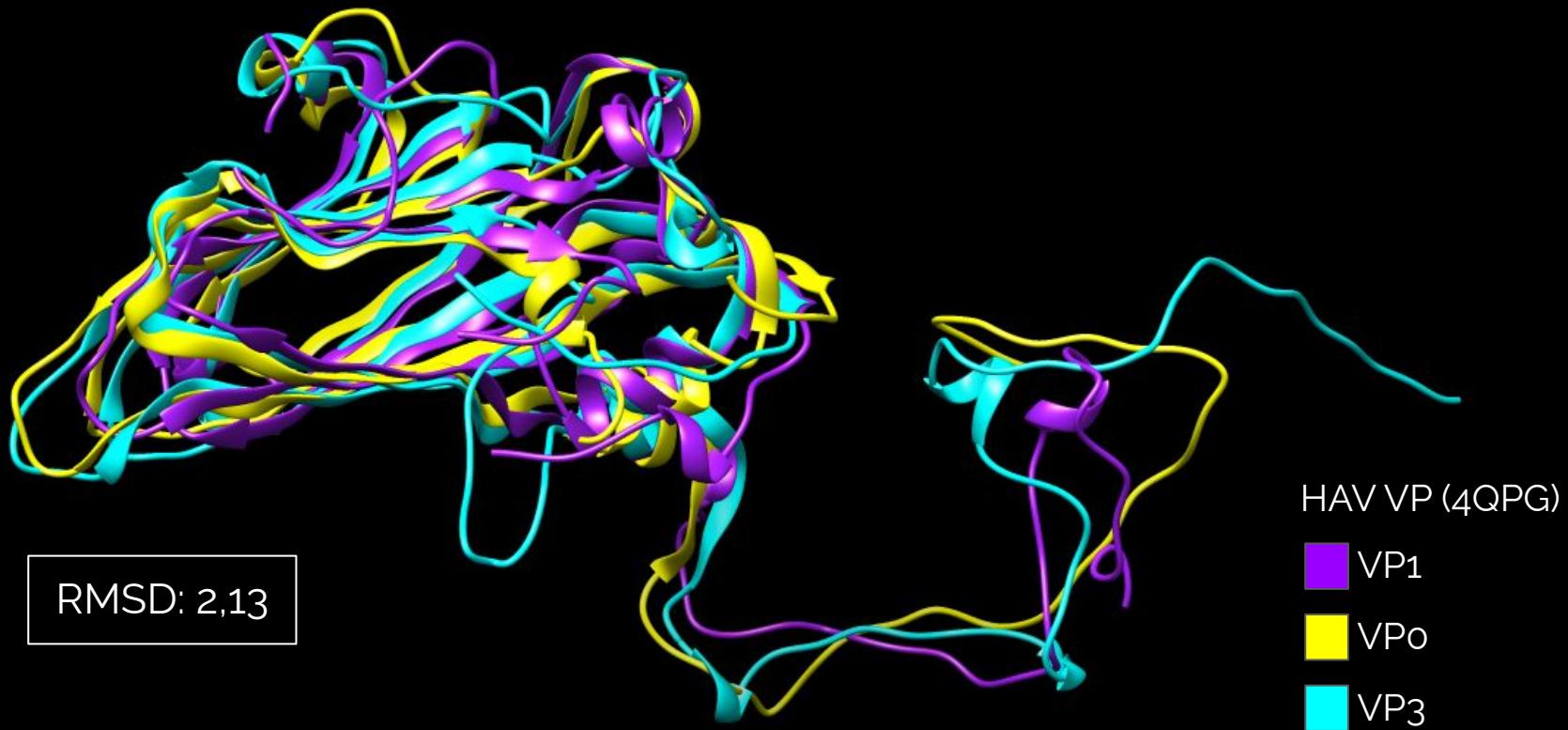


**Figure 7.** Topological diagram of VP3 from HAV.

# Representation of VP loops



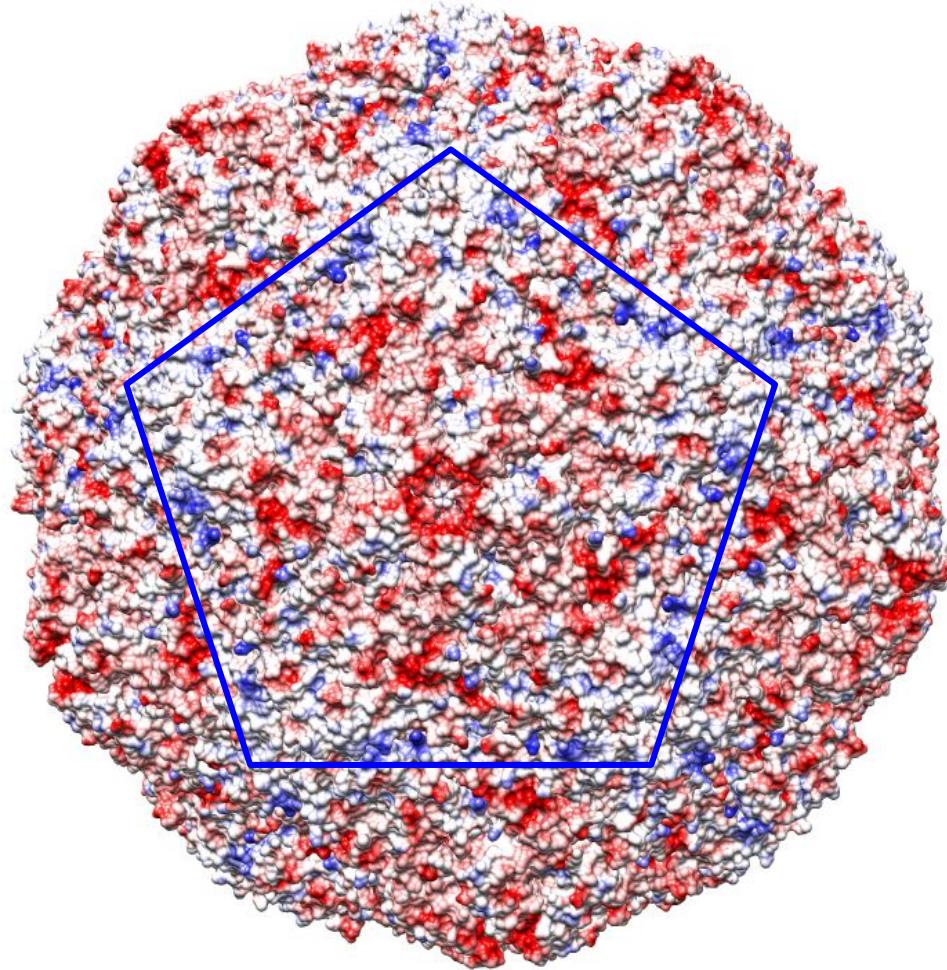
# Viral Proteins Superimposition



# Electrostatic potential

HAV surface appears to be more negatively charged, but the fringes between pentamers have positive charge.

- Negative charges
- Positive charges



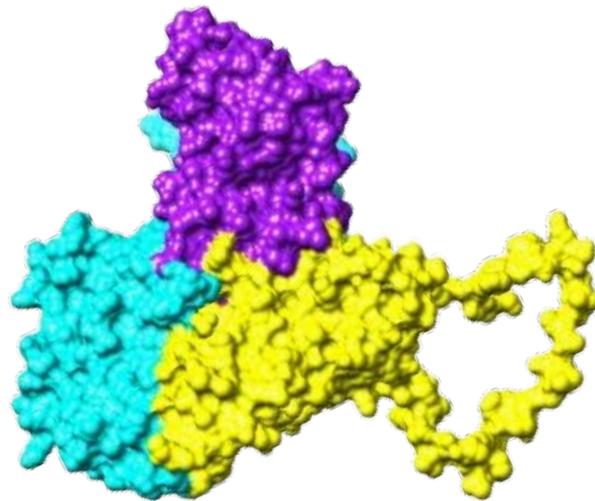
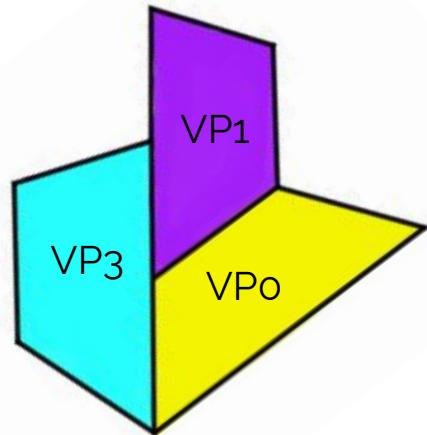
Electrostatic potential, Coulombic Surface Coloring

# Capsid assembly: global vision

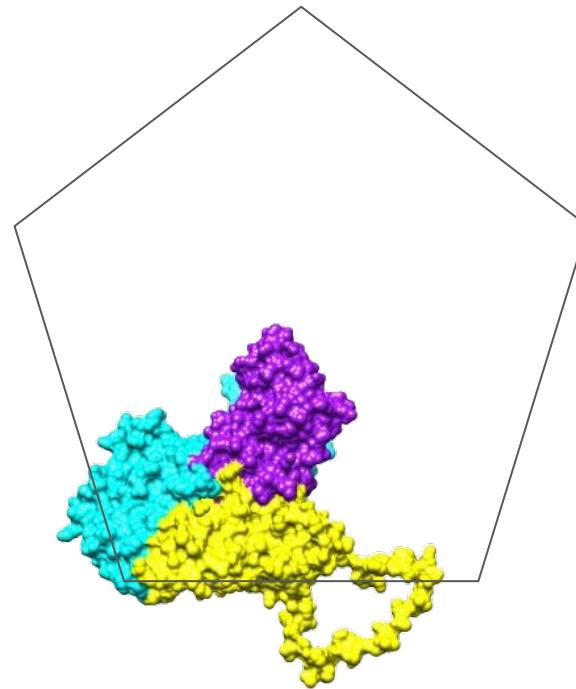
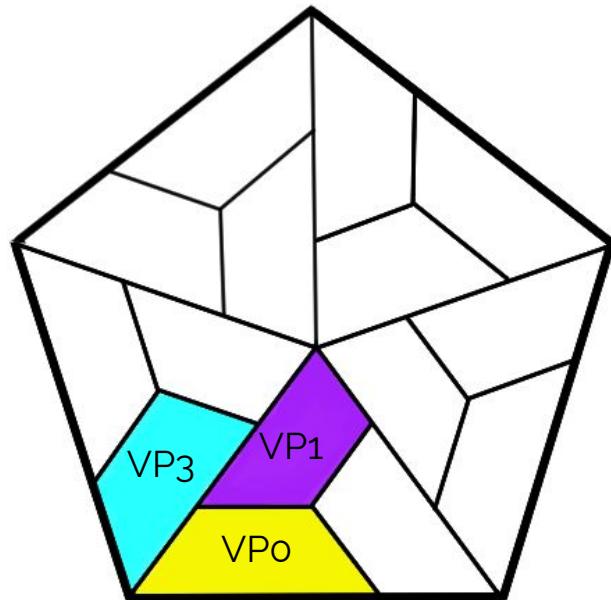
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- 2) 14S Pentamer: (**VP<sub>0</sub>**, **VP<sub>1</sub>**, **VP<sub>3</sub>**)<sub>5</sub>
- 3) **75S Empty Capsid**: [(**VP<sub>0</sub>**, **VP<sub>1</sub>**, **VP<sub>3</sub>**)<sub>5</sub>]<sub>12</sub>
- 4) *Preprovirion* [(**VP<sub>0</sub>**, **VP<sub>3</sub>**, **VP<sub>1</sub>**-pX)<sub>5</sub>]<sub>12</sub>RNA
- 5) *Provirion*: [(**VP<sub>0</sub>**, **VP<sub>1</sub>**, **VP<sub>3</sub>**)<sub>5</sub>]<sub>12</sub>RNA
- 6) *Mature Virions*: [(**VP<sub>4</sub>**, **VP<sub>2</sub>**, **VP<sub>3</sub>**, **VP<sub>1</sub>**)<sub>5</sub>]<sub>12</sub>RNA

Capsid assembly likely follows a **dodecahedral pathway**

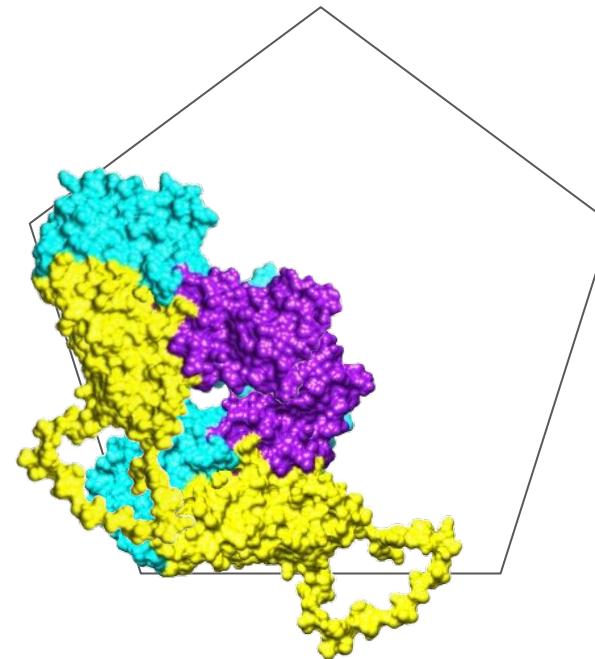
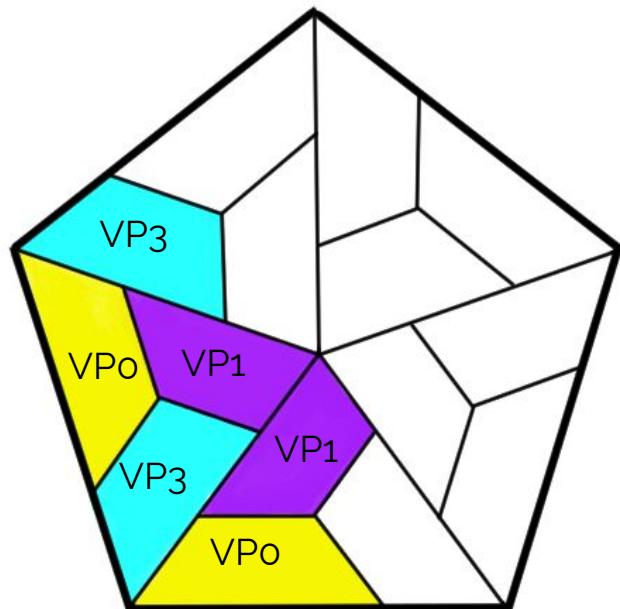
Capsid assembly: **5S Protomer: (VPO, VP1, VP3)**



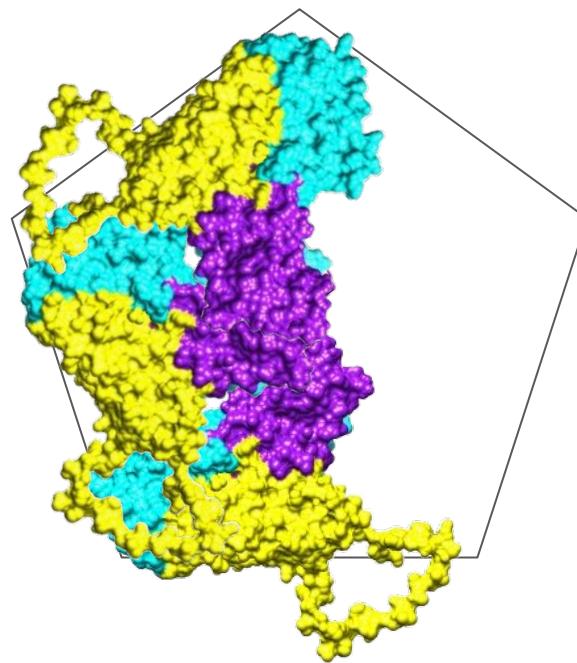
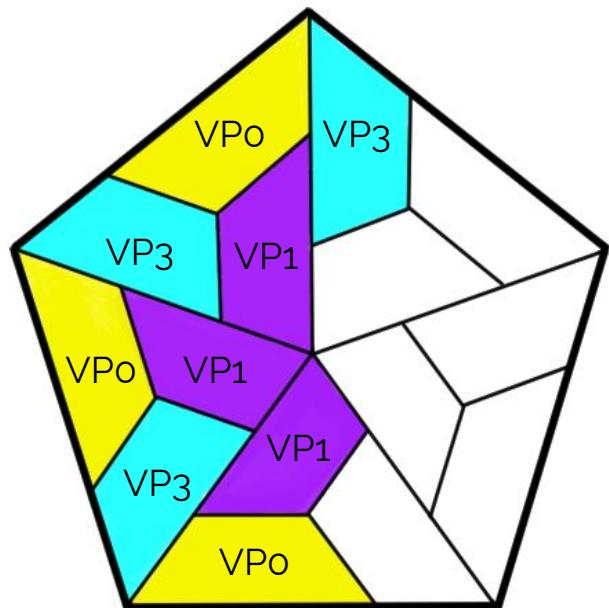
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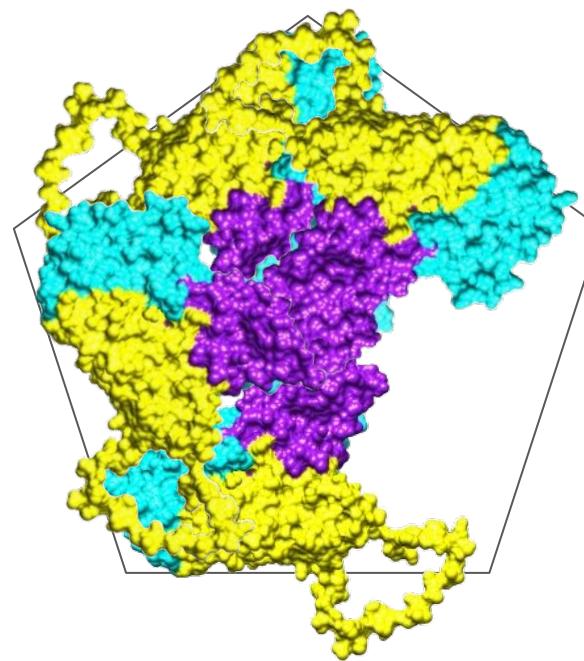
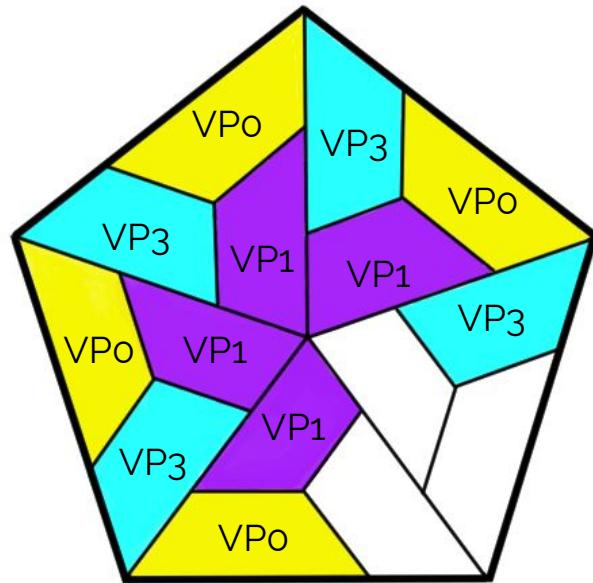
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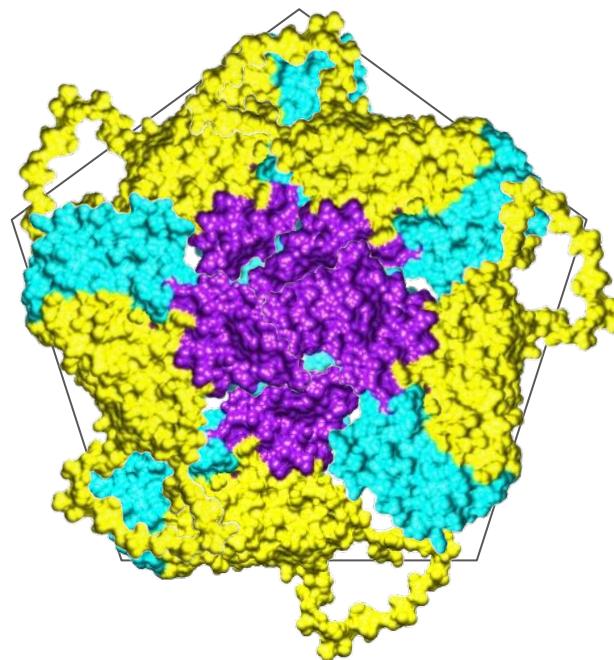
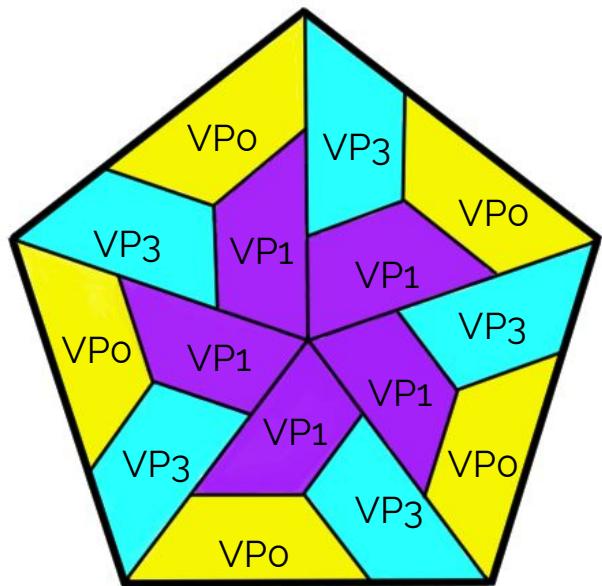
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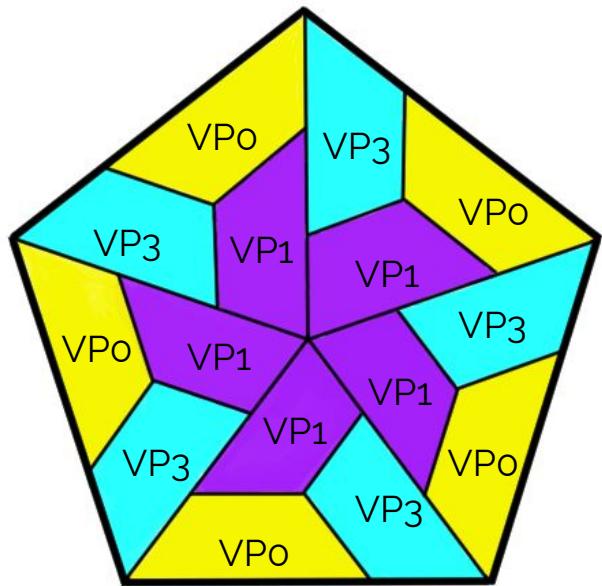
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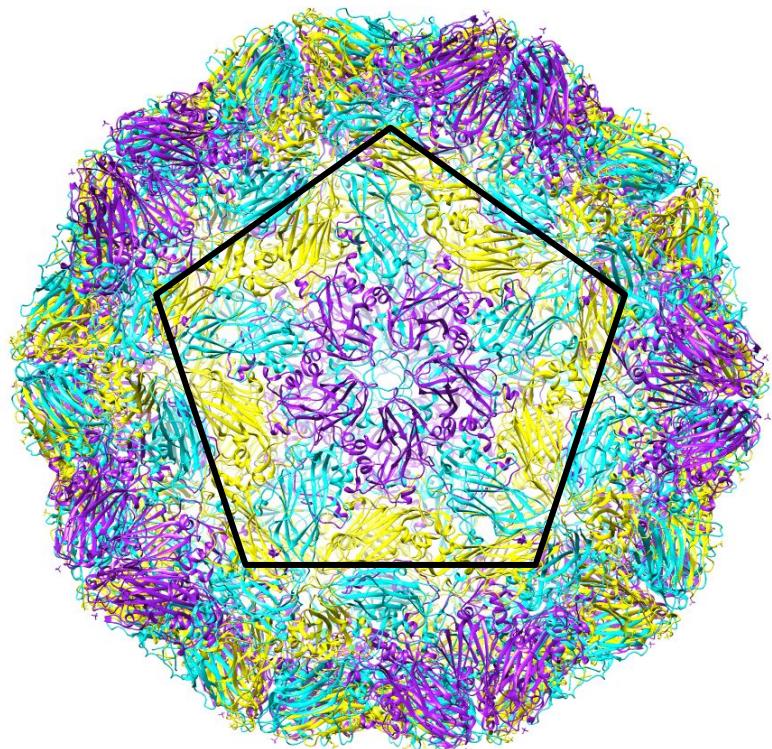
# Capsid assembly: 14S Pentamer: (VPO, VP1, VP3)5



Capsid assembly: 75S Empty Capsid:  $[(VPo, VP1, VP3)_5]_{12}$



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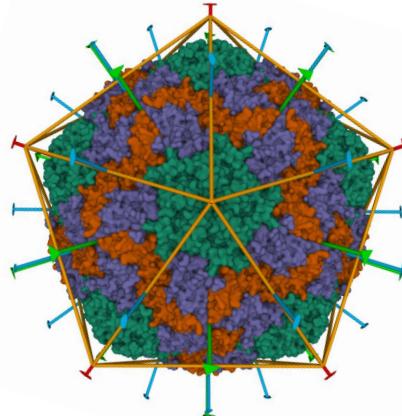


12 pentamers form the capsid

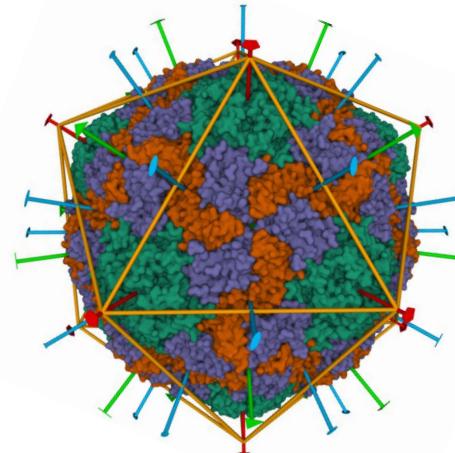
# Capsid Symmetry

The association of protomers to form the icosahedral particle defines **3 symmetry axes**

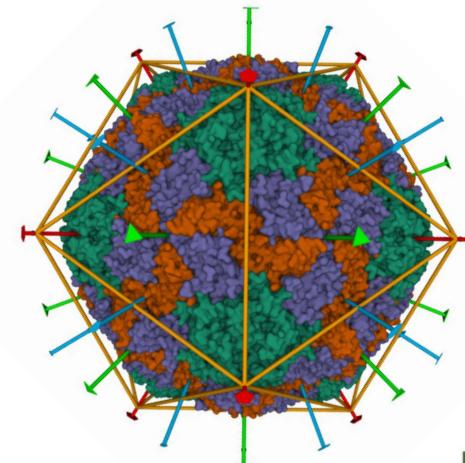
5-fold axis



3-fold axis



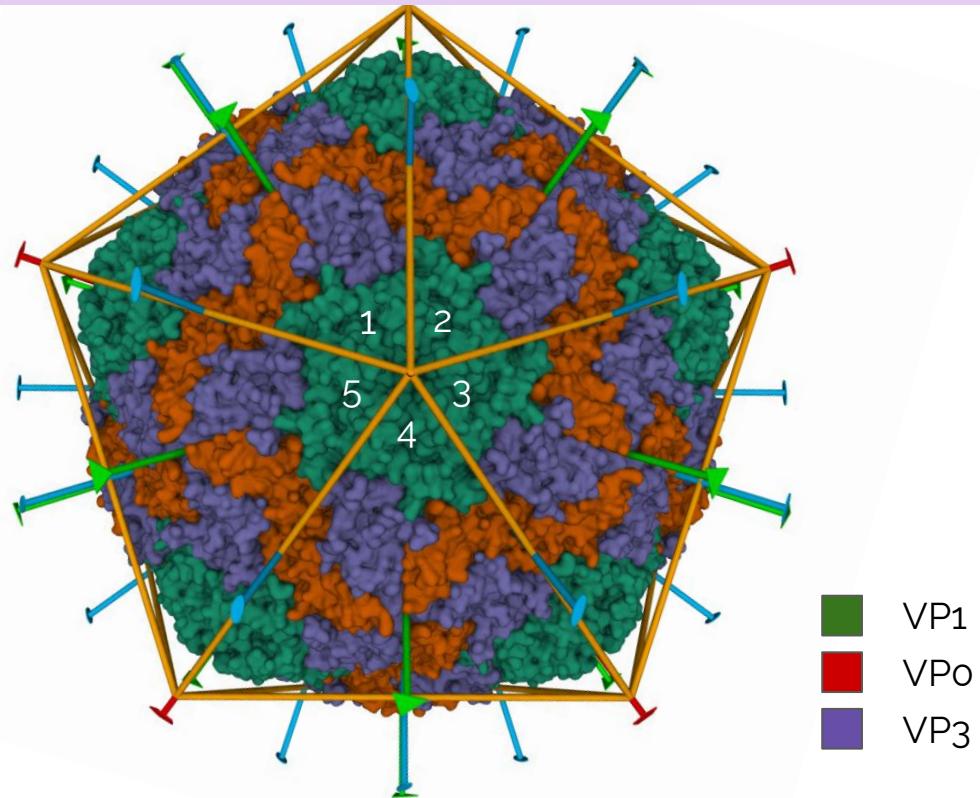
2-fold axis



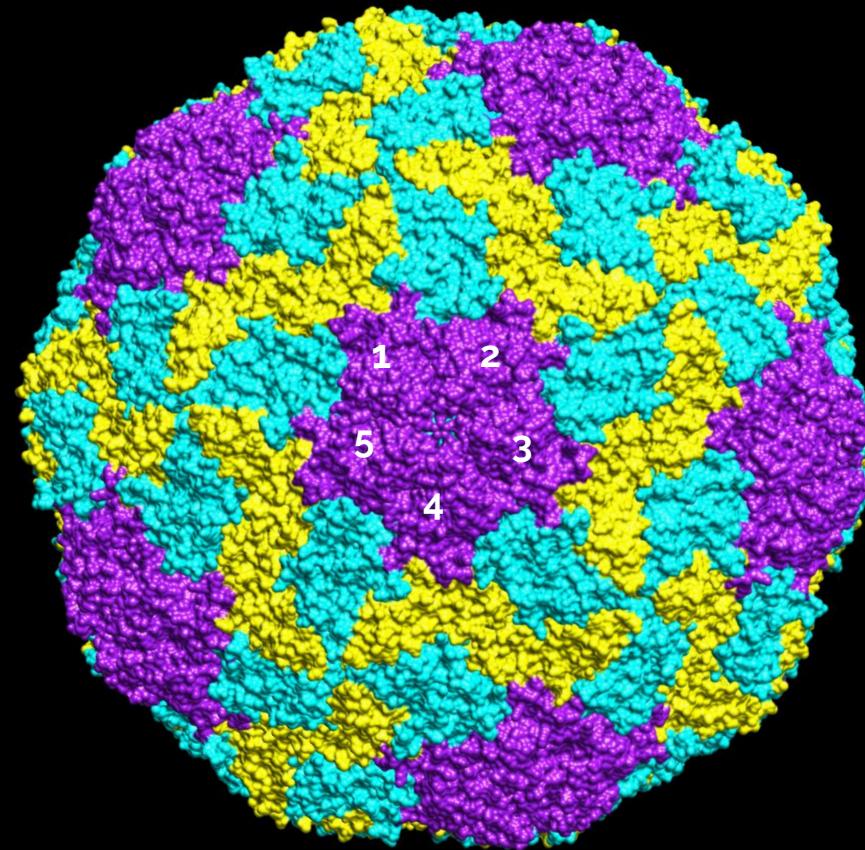
VP1  
VP0  
VP3

# Capsid Symmetry: 5-fold axis

5 copies of **VP1** assemble in the five-fold axis



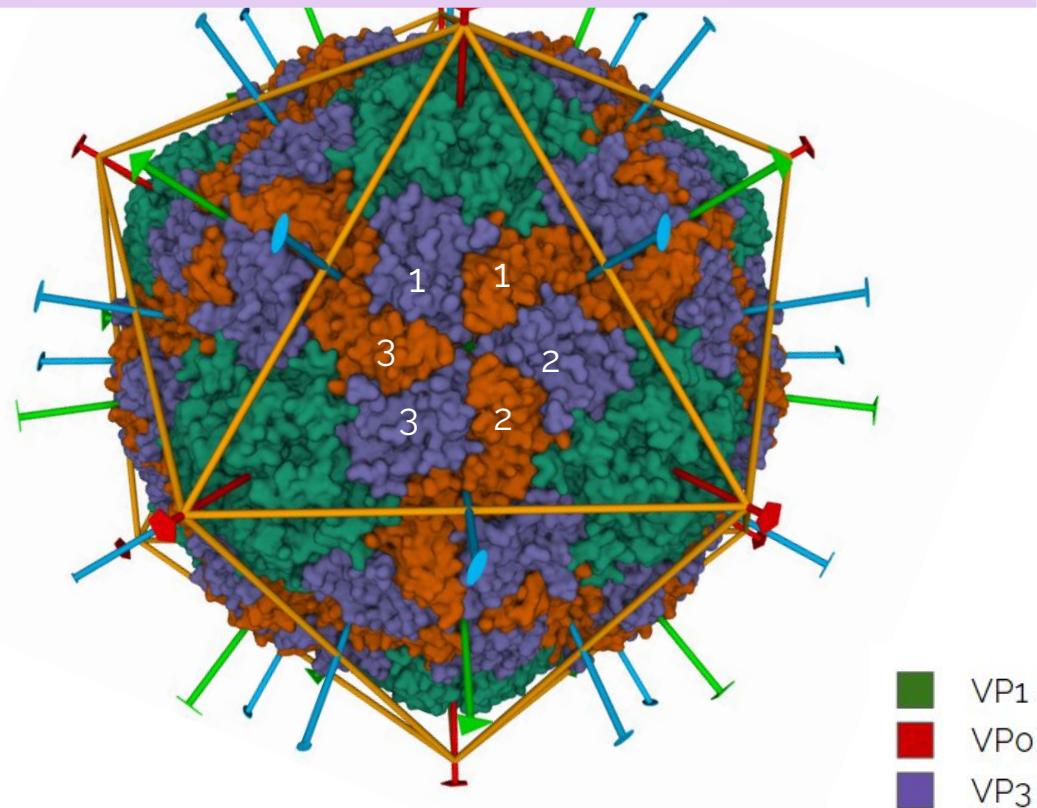
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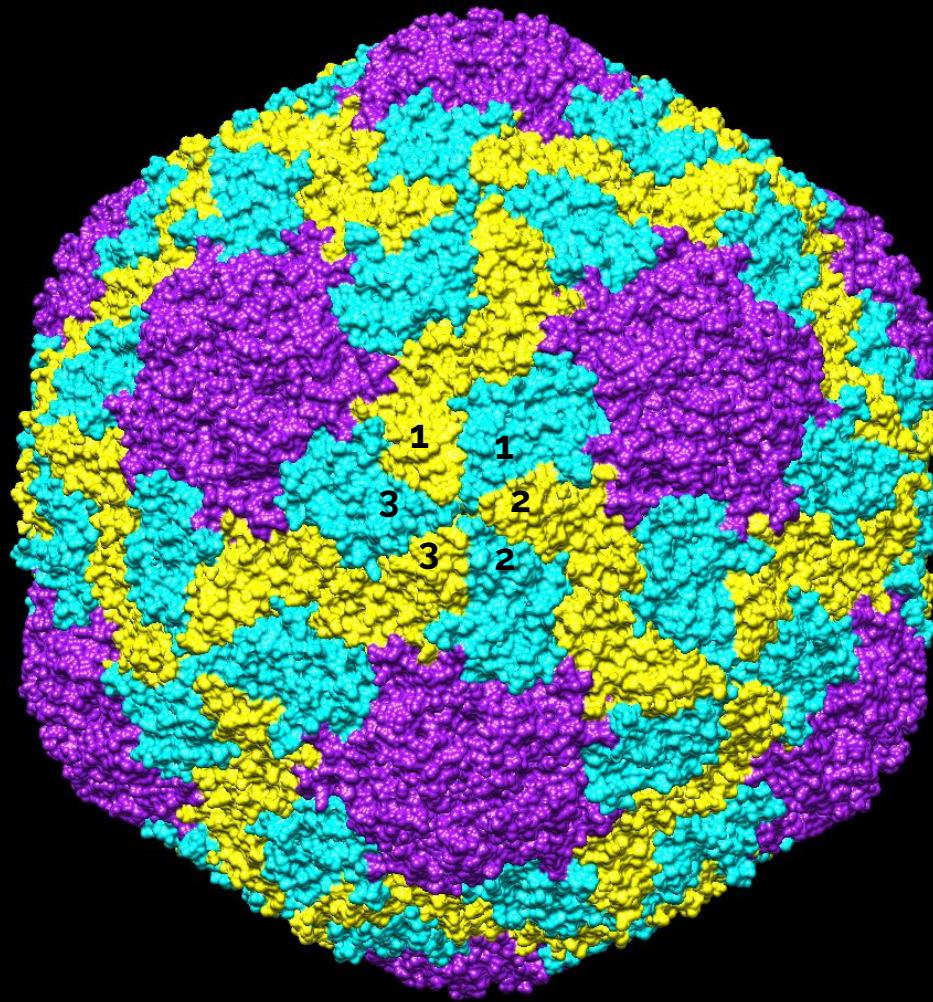
VP1  
VPo  
VP3

# Capsid Symmetry: 3-fold axis

**3 alternate copies** of **VPo (VP2)**  
and **VP3** assemble in the 3 fold  
axis



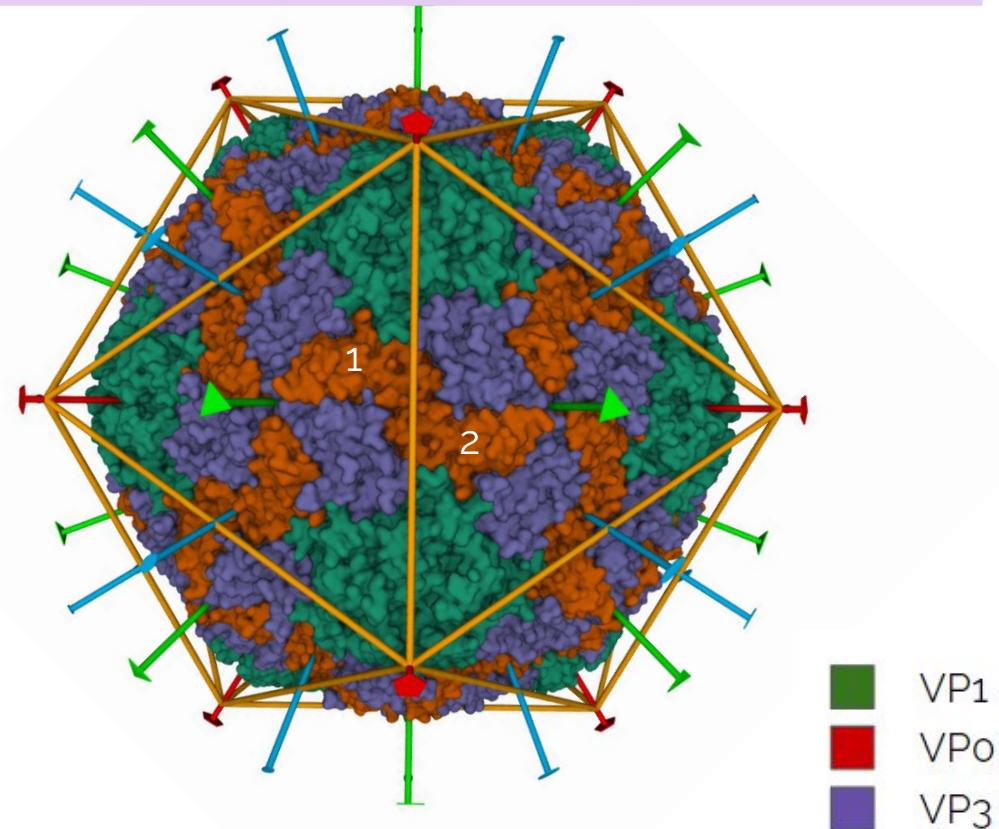
3-fold axis



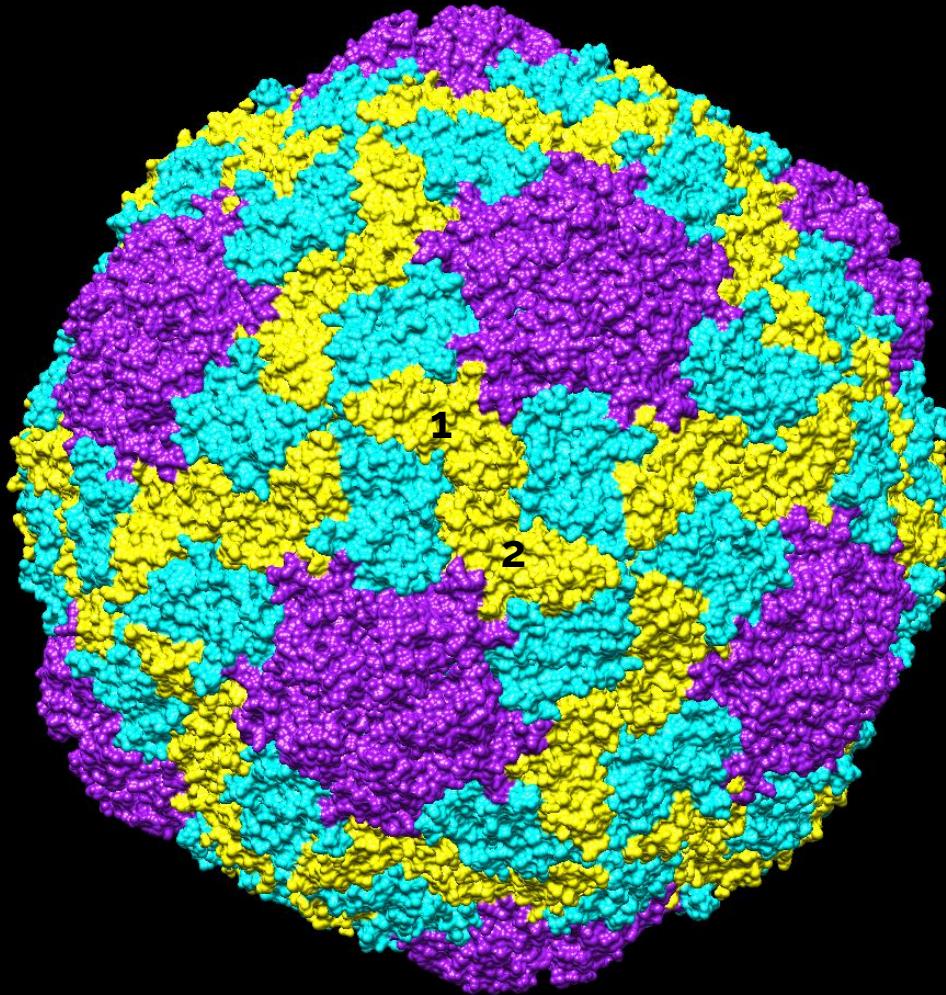
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# Capsid Symmetry: 2-fold axis

**2 copies of VPo (VP2) lean on each other in the 2-fold axis assembly**

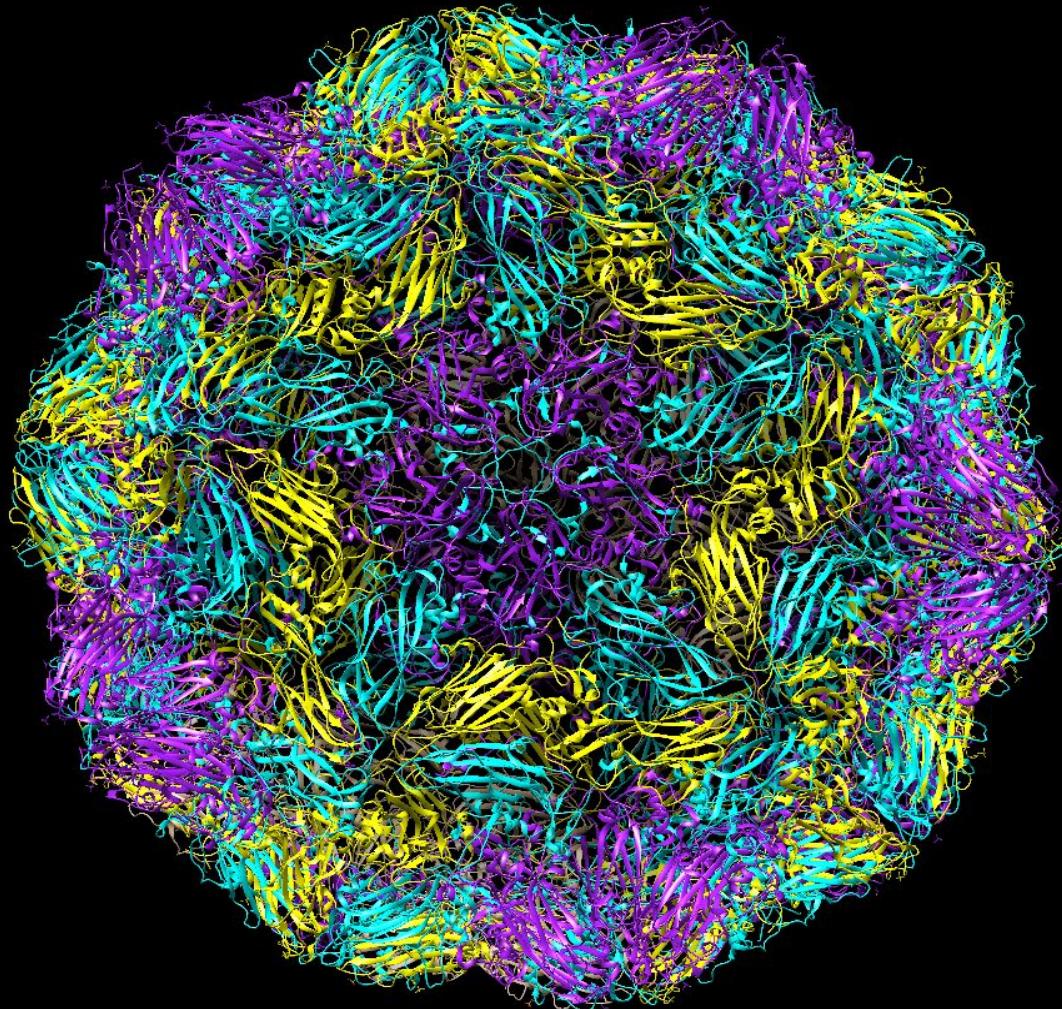


2-fold axis



VP1  
VP0  
VP3

## CAPSID FEATURES



# General features of picornavirus capsid

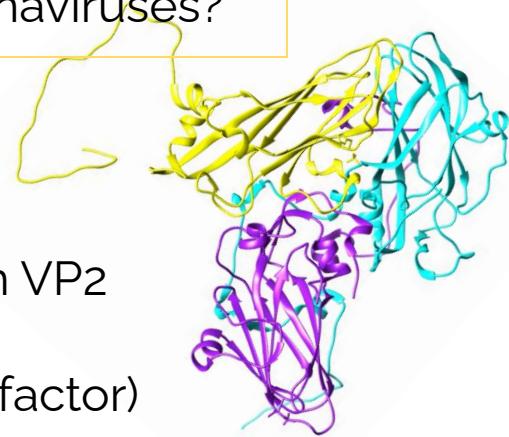
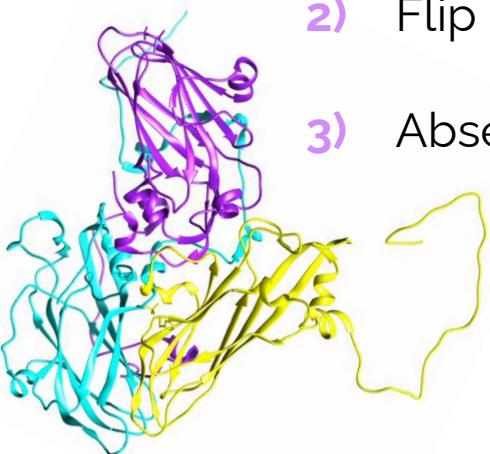
Main characteristics of picornavirus capsid	Does HAV share these characteristics?
VP1–3 adopt an eight-stranded antiparallel “ $\beta$ -barrel” fold.	✓
Some picornavirus have a depression called ‘canyon’	✗
Some picornavirus have a hydrophobic pocket in VP1.	✗
They present several loops in their structure	✓

The differences in the loops are what distinguishes the several picornaviruses

# Characteristic features of HAV

What distinguishes HAV from the other picornaviruses?

- 1) Absence of canyon
- 2) Flip in the  $\psi$  torsion angle of residue 53 in VP2
- 3) Absence of hydrophobic pocket (pocket factor)



# Absence of canyon

The surface of HAV capsid has **no canyon** compared with other picornavirus.

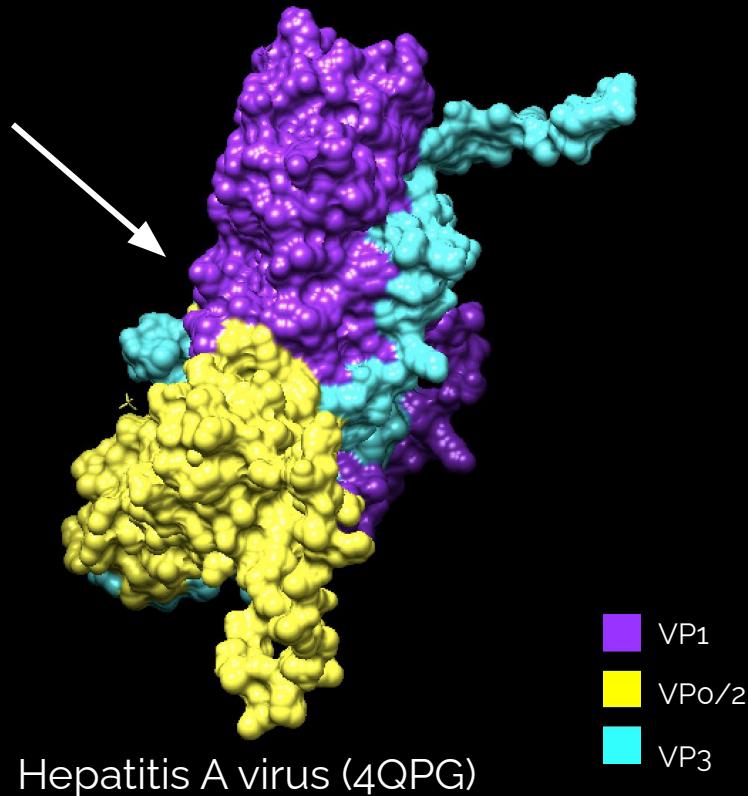
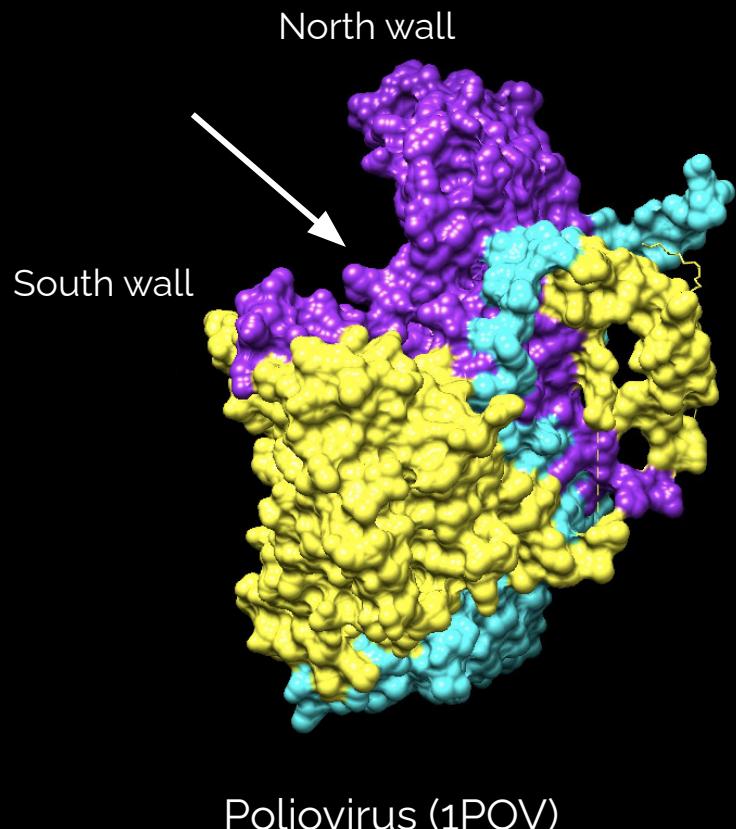


Why is that?

North wall lowers → BC loop of VP1 shortens

South wall disappears → EF VP2 loop and GH VP1 loop get reduced

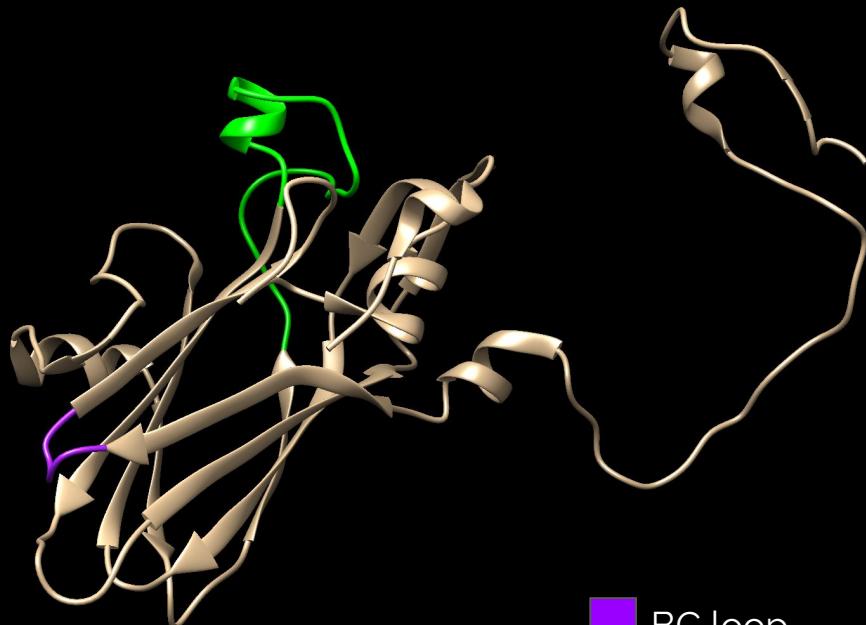
# HAV presents no canyon



# VP1 BC and GH loops



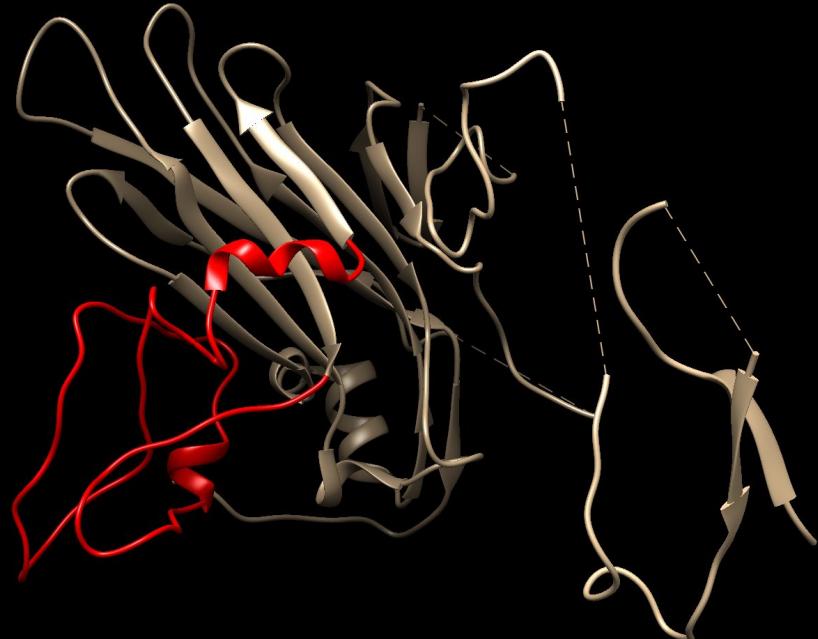
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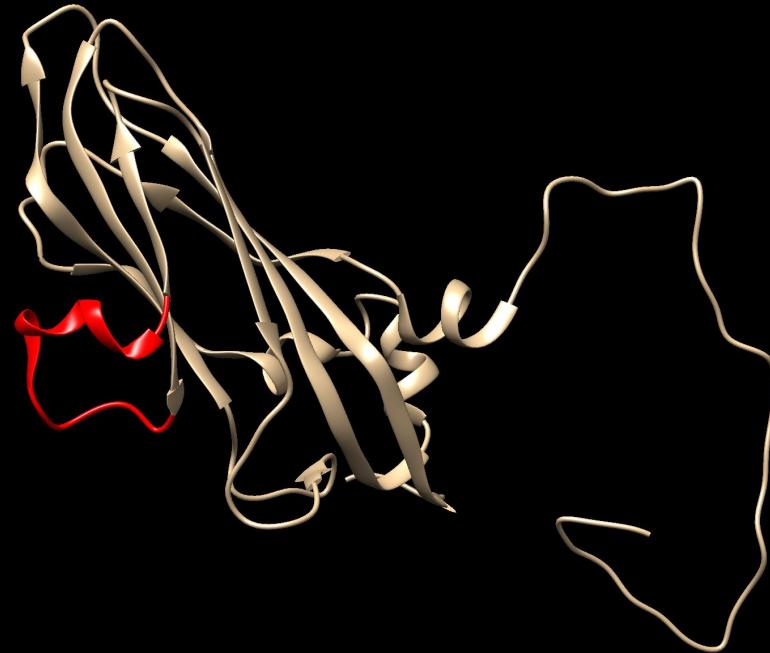
Hepatitis A virus (4QPG)

- BC loop
- GH loop

# VP2 EF loop



Poliovirus (1POV)

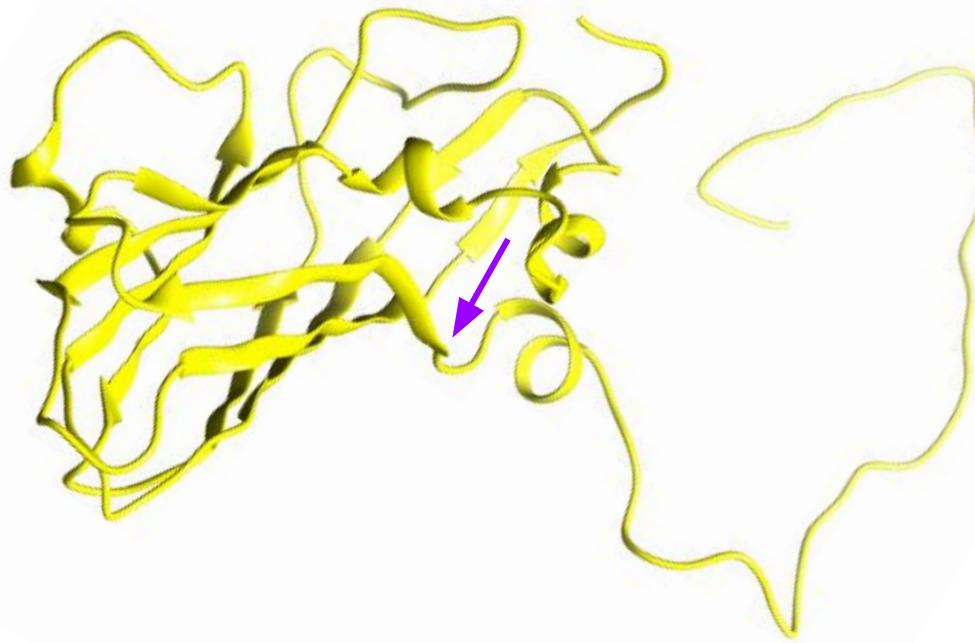


Hepatitis A virus (4QPG)

■ EF loop

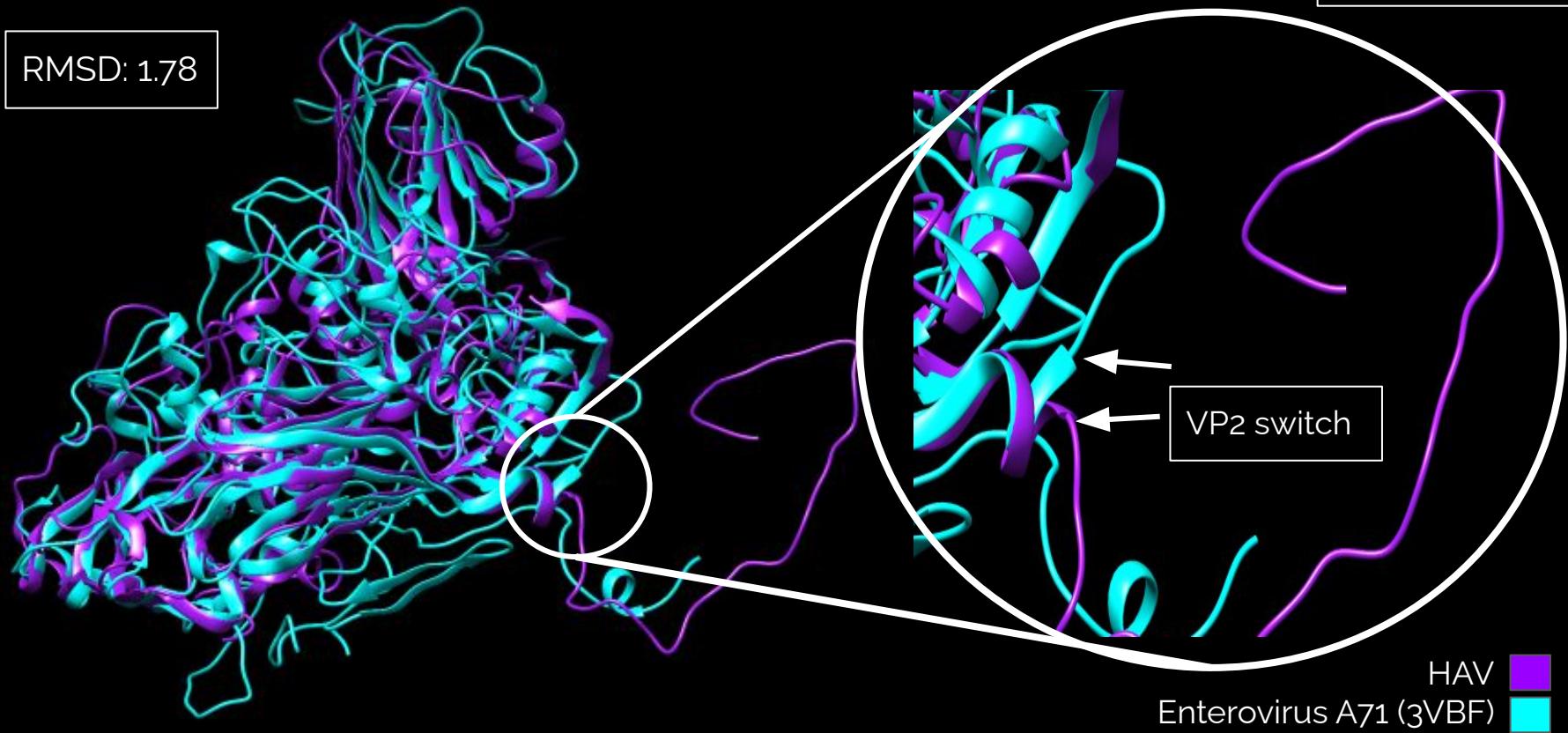
# VP2 $\psi$ angle flip

Flip in the  $\psi$  torsion angle of residue 53 (alanine) in VP2



# EV-A71 and HAV superimposition

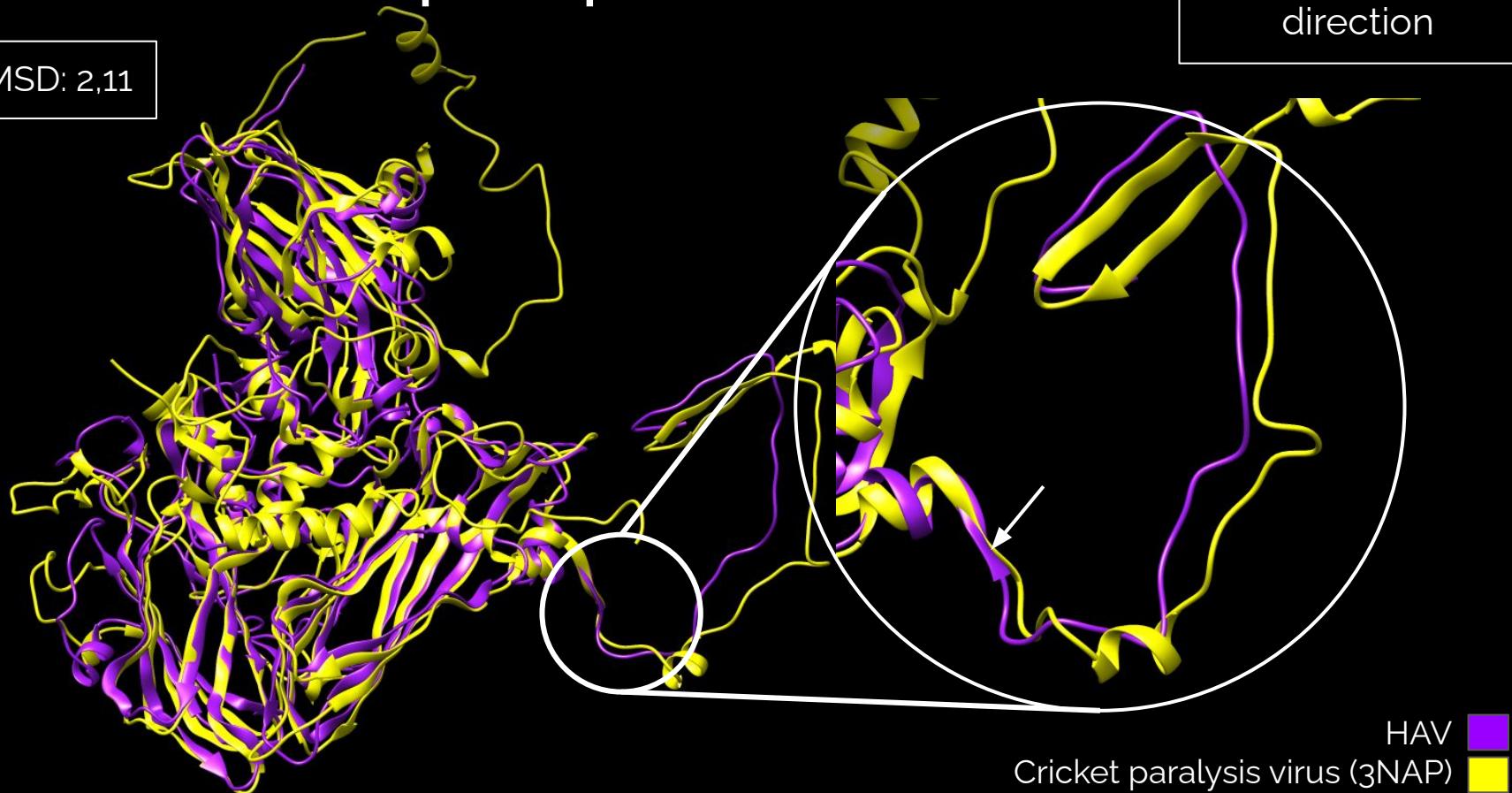
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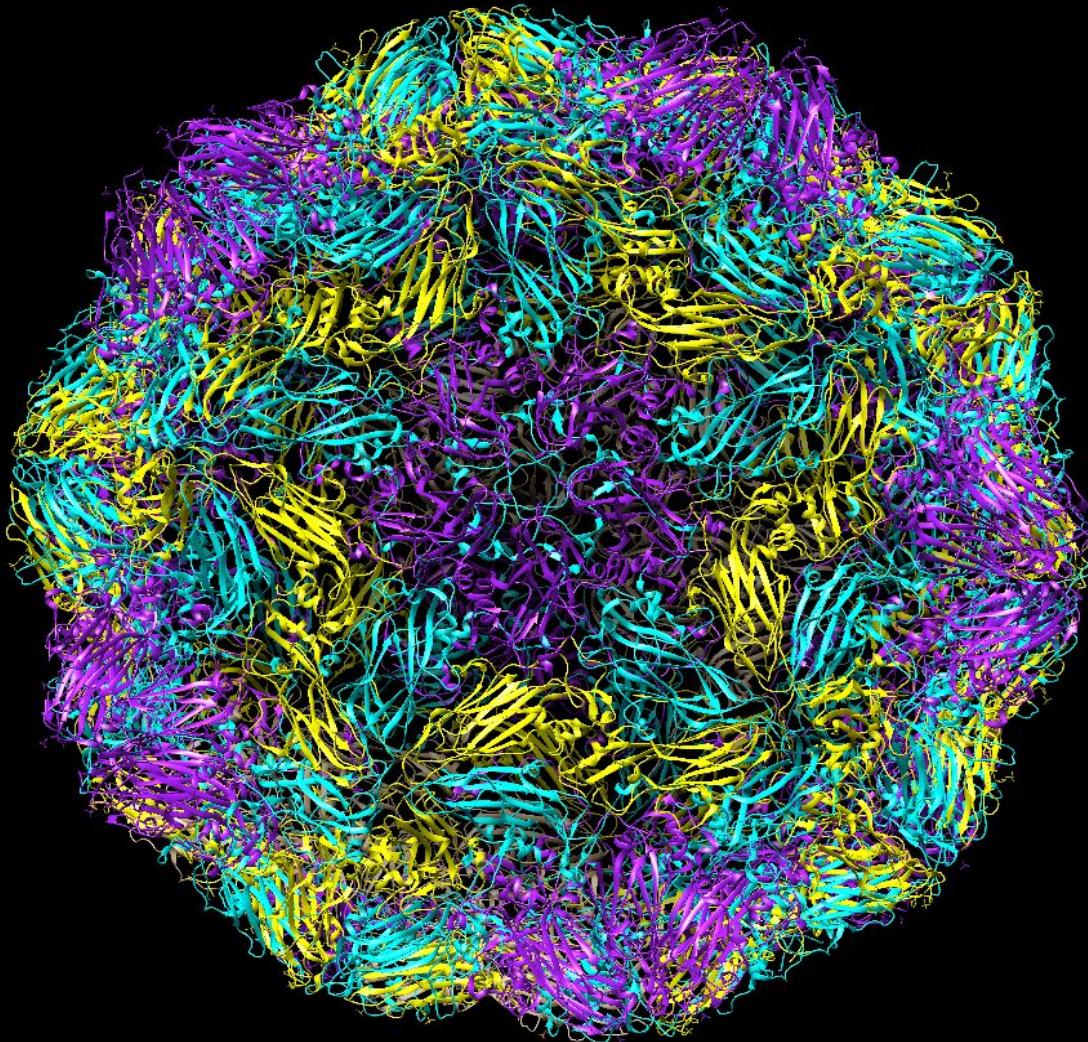
# CrPV and HAV superimposition

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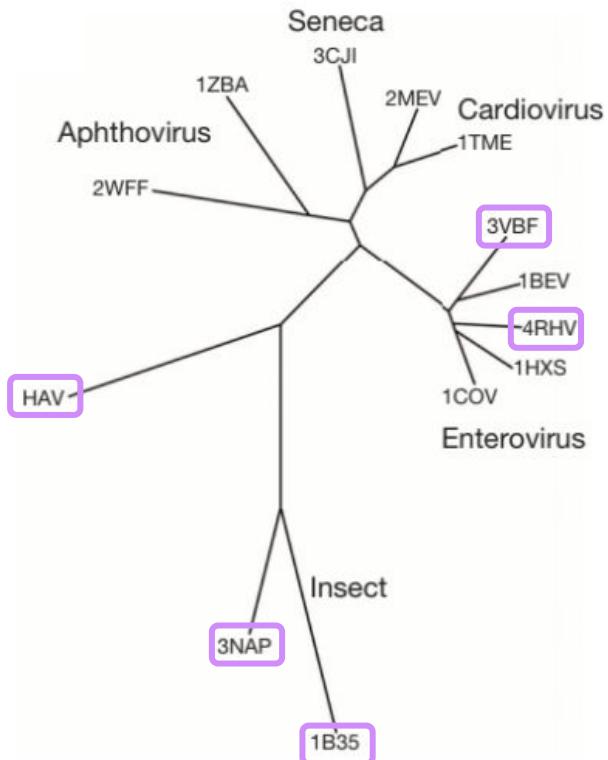
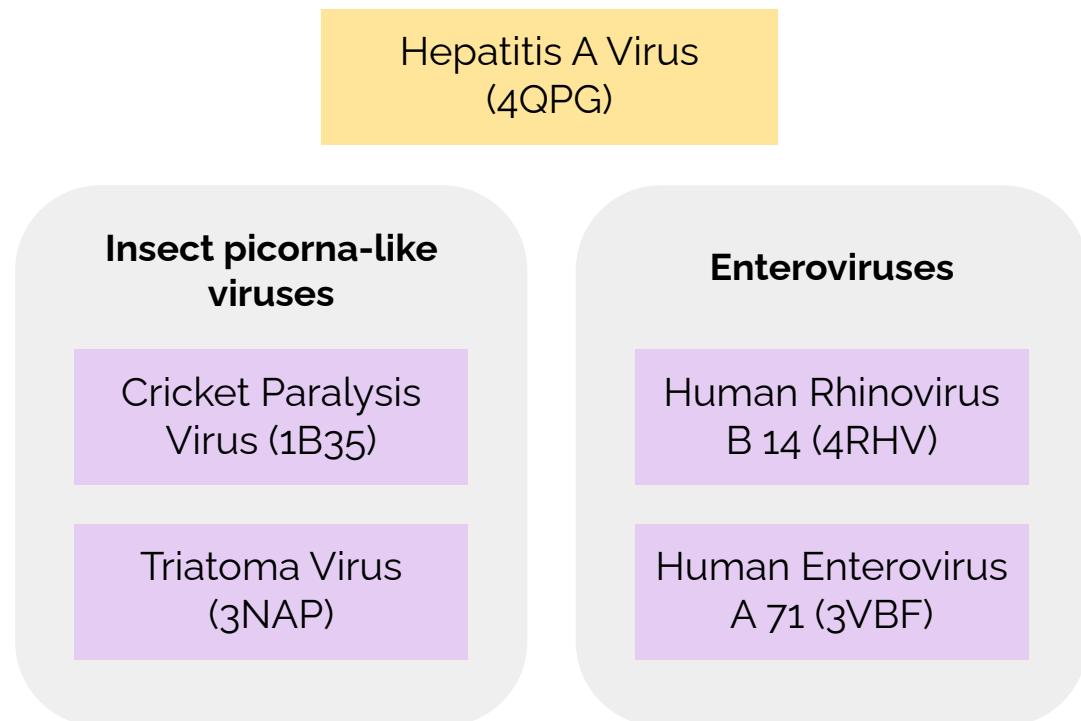
Both viruses "go" in the same direction



# CONSERVATION STUDY



# Conservation Analysis (VP1, VP2 and VP3)



**Figure 8.** Structure-based phylogenetic tree of representative picornaviruses and cripaviruses (Adapted from Wang et al, 2014).

# Conservation study: MSA of VP1

3vbf_VP1	GDRVADVISSIGDSVSRALTHALPAPTGQNTQVSSHRLDTGKVPALQAAEIGASSNASD	3vbf_VP1
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4rvh_VP1	SDSIETRRTYMHFNGSETDVECFGLGRAACVHVTETIQNKDATGIDNREAKLFNDWKINLS	4rvh_VP1
* 4qpg_VP1	ETFPPELKGESRHTSDHMSIYKFMGRSHFLCTFTFNNSNNKEYTFP---ITLSSTSNNPPHG	4qpg_VP1
3nap_VP1	SQECIGERILSFSSELIKRNSWRVVSDEKSLTYPAYAFDNPAAAMYTAADKLPVWTLTPRSG	3nap_VP1
1b35_VP1	QAMCIGEKVVSIRQLIKR--FGIFGDANTLQADGSSFVVAPFTVTS---PTKTLTSTRN	1b35_VP1
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 .

TGASRTAITTL  
 IKKRKGDIKSY  
 -----  
 SLPTFSNFYLS  
 GVPPLVNVARA

3VBF: Human Enterovirus A71  
 4RVH: Human Rhinovirus B14  
 4QPG: Human Hepatitis A Virus  
 3NAP: Triatoma Virus  
 1B35: Cricket Paralysis Virus

- Examples of residues conserved among all picornavirus
- Examples of residues conserved among enteroviruses
- Examples of residues conserved among insect picorna-like virus

# VP1 Sequence identity

	3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	3NAP (Triatoma Virus)	1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)
3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	100%				
4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	<b>34,8%</b>	100%			
4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	<b>15,11%</b>	<b>15,56%</b>	100%		
3NAP (Triatoma virus)	6,44%	9,47%	<b>12,98%</b>	100%	
1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)	10,77%	6,92%	<b>9,78%</b>	<b>19,62%</b>	100%

# Superimposition: VP1

RMSD: 2.24



- Human Hepatitis A Virus
- Human Enterovirus A71
- Human Rhinovirus B14
- Cricket Paralysis Virus
- Triatoma Virus

# Conservation study, MSA: VPo (VP4 + VP2)

4rvb_VP0	-----INYKDAASTSSAGSQLSMDPSKFTPEVKDLMLKGAPALNGY	4rvb_VP0
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4qpg_VP0	-----	4qpg_VP0
3nap_VP0	-----KQMVNSSQDTTFEQRSQEKVQAGEINESIEF	3nap_VP0
1b35_VP0	-----ENSHIENEDKRLTSEQK-----	1b35_VP0

4rvb_VP0	SDRVQQITLGNSTTTQEAANAVCYAEWPEYLP--DVDASDWNTSKPDTSTVCRFYTLDD	4rvb_VP0
3vbf_VP0	SDRVAQLTIGNSTTTQEAANIIVGYEWPVSCS--DSDATAWDKPTPRDPSVNRFYTLDD	3vbf_VP0
4qpg_VP0	-----GASYITSVVDQS--SVHTAEGVSHQI--EPLKTSVDPKGSKKTTQGEKFFLIIH	4qpg_VP0
3nap_VP0	RNQITTFVHDNPITQLIGDSPQPSDVRVSD--ARTHSDIILERPQFIGS--FLWN	3nap_VP0
1b35_VP0	--EIVHFVESEGVTSTALPDIVLNSTYLDKNTREDRHSIHLDSRPIIIATLNWWSV	1b35_VP0

4rvh_VP0	SKTTWTGSKGWCWKLPDAKLDGMGVFGQN-----MFFHSLGRSGYTV	HVQCNCATKFHSGC	4rvh_VP0
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4pgp_VP0	SARWLT-THALFHEVAKLDVVKLLYNEQFAVQGLLRYHTYARFGIEI	QVQINPPTFQGGG	4pgp_VP0
3nap_VP0	TSDIEN-KEIFSLKLPLDAMSPMIREKLS-----GFTSFS-ASTVF	HQVQNAHFPQCGR	3nap_VP0
1b35_VP0	DP---VEKQLYTANFPEVILISNAMYQDKLK-----GFVGLR-ATLVV	KVQVNQSFPQFQGR	1b35_VP0

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LGNLLIFPHOF1NURNTNTATIV[**P**]INSVPIDSMTR - HNNVSLIVIPIAFLTVPTG-  
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IASLTVYPHGLLNCNNINNNVVRK[**P**]FIYTRGAYHFHKDQPVYPWELTIRVWSLEINIGT-  
VSNVITLPHQYDLSKETEVLKK[**P**]VSPFVQYDLVTKFTPWAFLAHVYQALNTPSA-  
LQGRSGCPRTDLELSVGETEVEMR[**P**]VSPHLYYNNLITGGSGFSIVVVYVSOLHQVSST-  
:: \*; :; : . : . : \*; :; :; : \*; :; : .

ATPSLPITVTIAPMCTEFGIRSKSIVPQ-----  
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ASLQVNVFHFAFEDIKLGFPTSAIAVQ-----  
GSIEYTVMWAHLEDVVOYOPTGANIFTGNEAYIKGTSRYDAAKAHAA

- Examples of residues conserved among all picornavirus
- Examples of residues conserved among enteroviruses
- Examples of residues conserved among insect picorna-like virus
- Sequence highly conserved among picornavirus

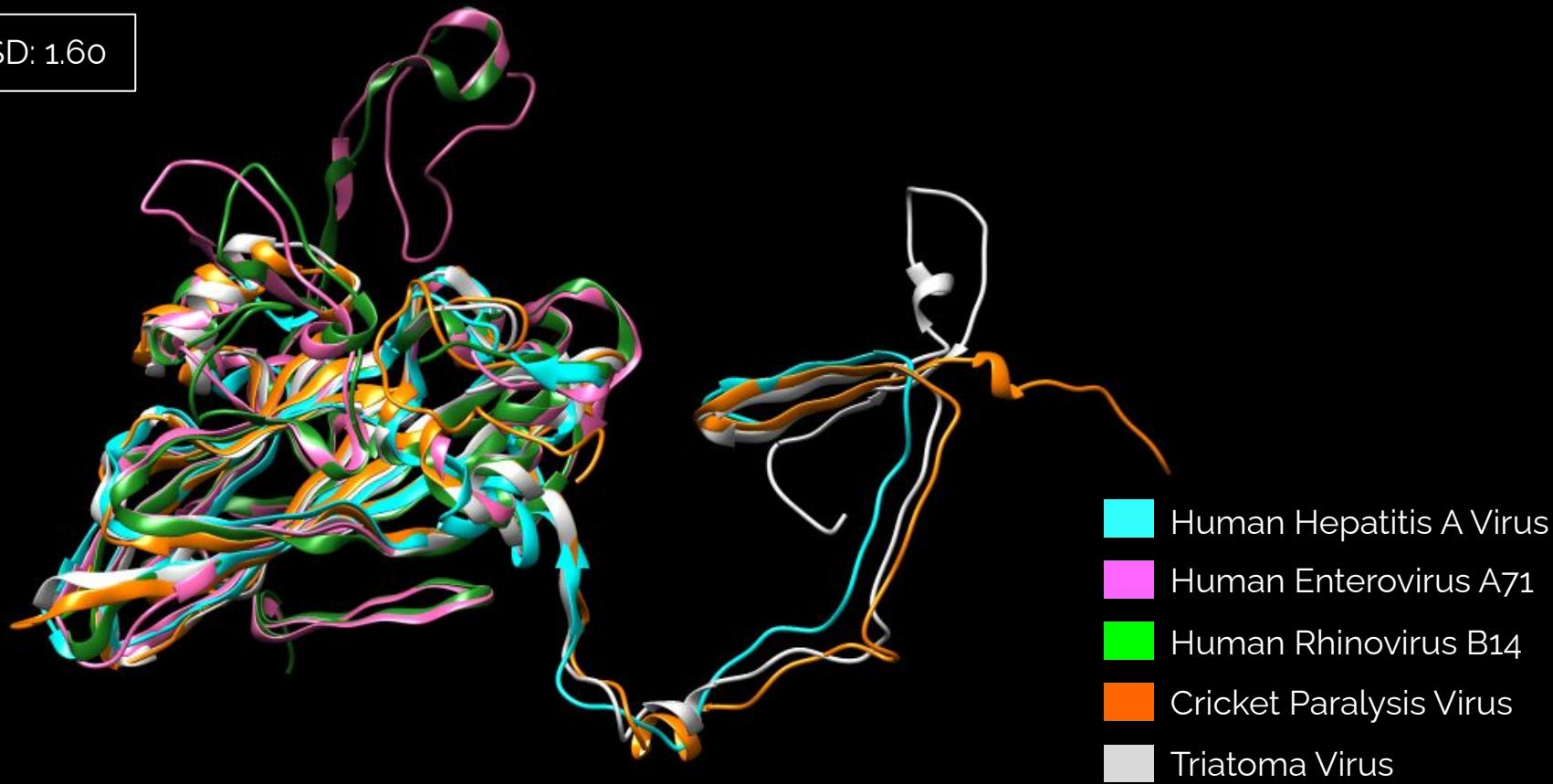
- 3VBF: Human Enterovirus A71
- 4RHV: Human Rhinovirus B14
- 4QPG: Human Hepatitis A Virus
- 3NAP: Triatoma Virus
- 1B35: Cricket Paralysis Virus

# VPo Sequence identity

	3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	3NAP (Triatoma Virus)	1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)
3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	100%				
4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	<b>52,54%</b>	100%			
4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	<b>22,55%</b>	<b>20,59%</b>	100%		
3NAP (Triatoma virus)	15,38%	15,38%	<b>14,71%</b>	100%	
1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)	13,33%	12,94%	<b>12,25%</b>	<b>25,10%</b>	100%

# Phylogenetic Analysis: VPo (VP4 + VP2)

RMSD: 1.60



## Conservation study, MSA: VP3

- Examples of residues conserved among all picornavirus
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- Examples of residues conserved among insect picorna-like viruses

3VBF: Human Enterovirus A71  
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4QPG: Human Hepatitis A Virus  
3NAP: Triatoma Virus  
1B35: Cricket Paralysis Virus

# VP3 Sequence identity

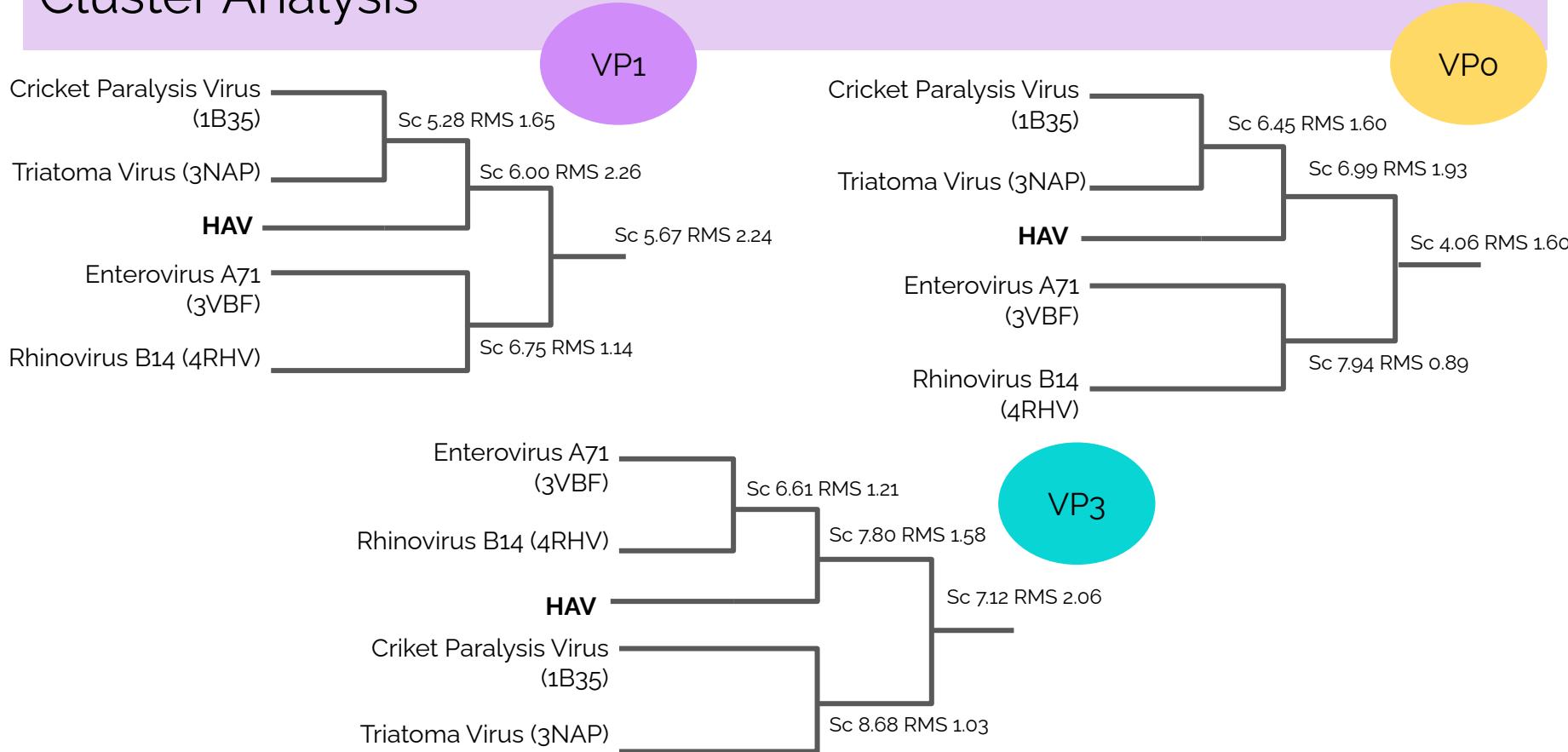
	3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	3NAP (Triatoma Virus)	1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)
3VBF (Enterovirus A71)	100%				
4RHV (Rhinovirus B14)	<b>42,37%</b>	100%			
4QPG (Hepatitis A virus)	<b>15,29%</b>	<b>17,80%</b>	100%		
3NAP (Triatoma virus)	15,70%	11,86%	<b>23,17%</b>	100%	
1B35 (Cricket paralysis virus)	12,81%	11,44%	<b>19,92%</b>	<b>29,71%</b>	100%

# Phylogenetic Analysis: VP3

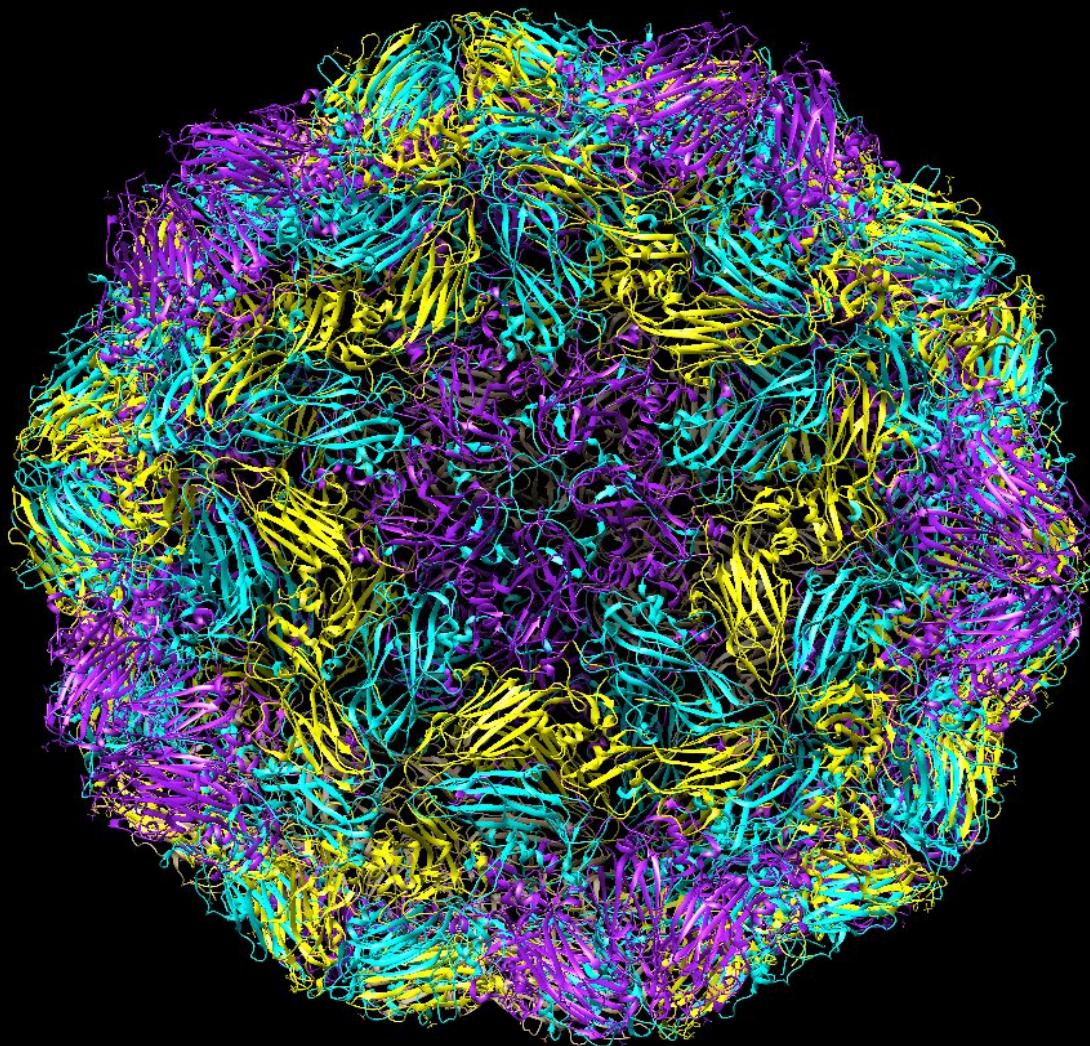
RMSD: 1.97



# Cluster Analysis

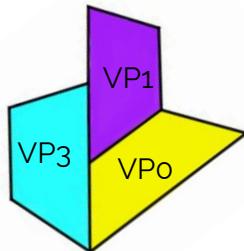


## CAPSID INTERACTIONS



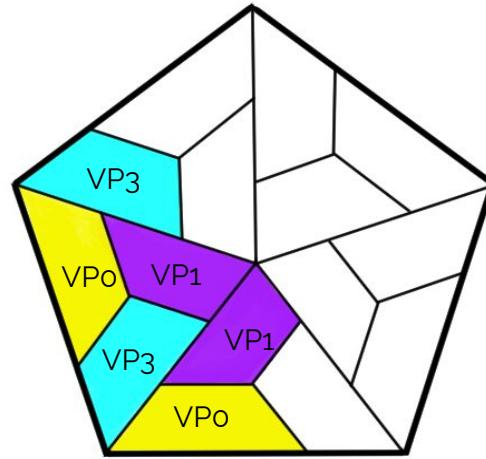
# Types of capsid interactions

## INTRAPROTOMERIC



VPo-VP1  
VPo-VP3  
VP3-VP1

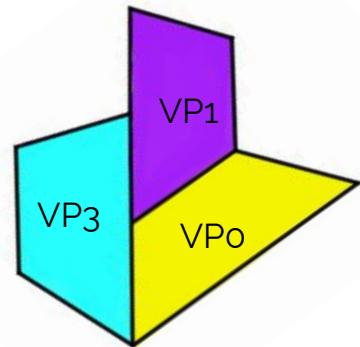
## INTERPROTOMERIC



VP1-VP1  
VPo-VP3  
VP1-VP3

# Types of capsid interactions

## INTRAPROTOMERIC



VPo-VP1

VPo-VP3

VP3-VP1

# Interactions between VPo-VP1

## Hydrogen bonds

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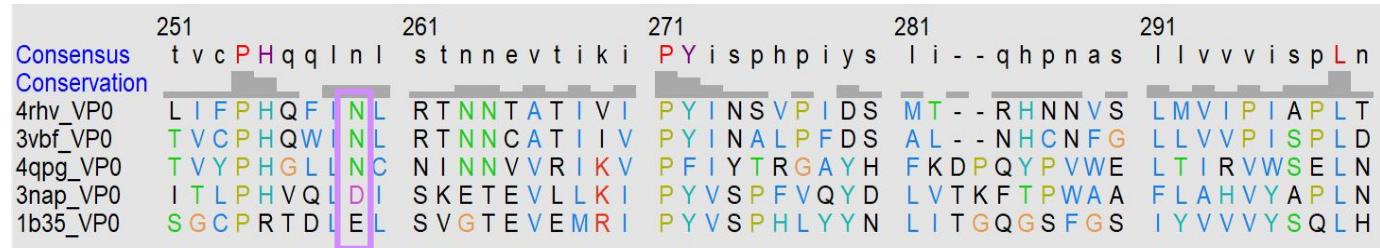
##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
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2	B:ARG 190[ NH2]	3.17	A:TYR 207[ OH ]
3	B:ARG 190[ NH1]	2.57	A:ASP 223[ OD1]
4	B:THR 189[ OG1]	2.61	A:ASP 223[ OD2]
5	B:ARG 190[ NH1]	2.51	A:ASP 223[ OD2]
6	B:SER 160[ N ]	2.98	A:PRO 263[ O ]
7	B:PRO 153[ O ]	3.46	A:ARG 261[ NH2]
8	B:ASP 155[ O ]	2.89	A:ARG 261[ NH1]
9	B:TYR 158[ O ]	3.15	A:ASN 265[ N ]
10	B:THR 189[ O ]	2.90	A:TYR 209[ N ]
11	B:THR 189[ O ]	3.20	A:ALA 210[ N ]
12	B:GLN 199[ O ]	3.79	A:GLY 219[ N ]
13	B:GLN 199[ OE1]	3.24	A:THR 222[ OG1]

## Salt bridges

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##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
1	B:ARG 190[ NH2]	3.66	A:ASP 223[ OD1]
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3	B:ARG 190[ NH1]	2.51	A:ASP 223[ OD2]

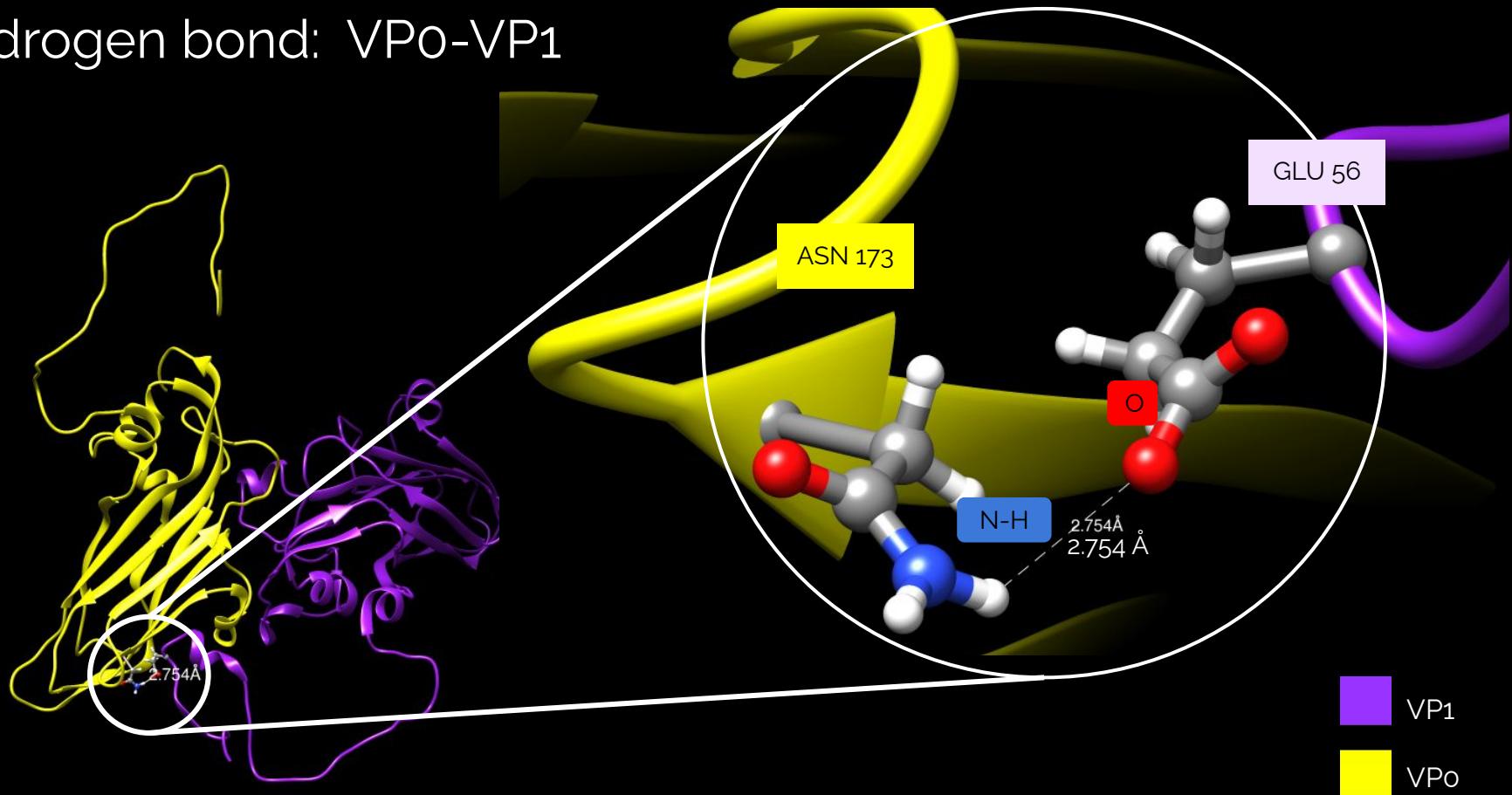
# Interactions between VPo-VP1



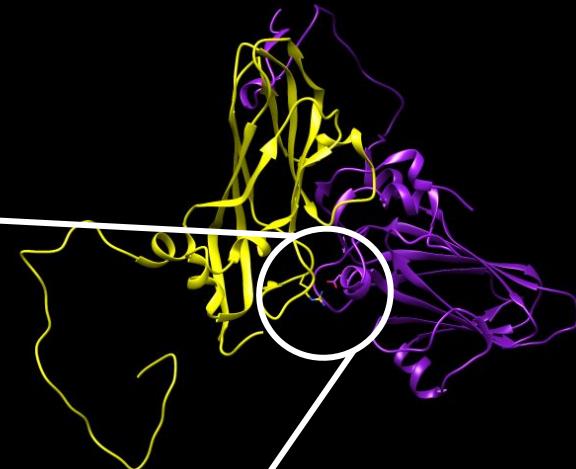
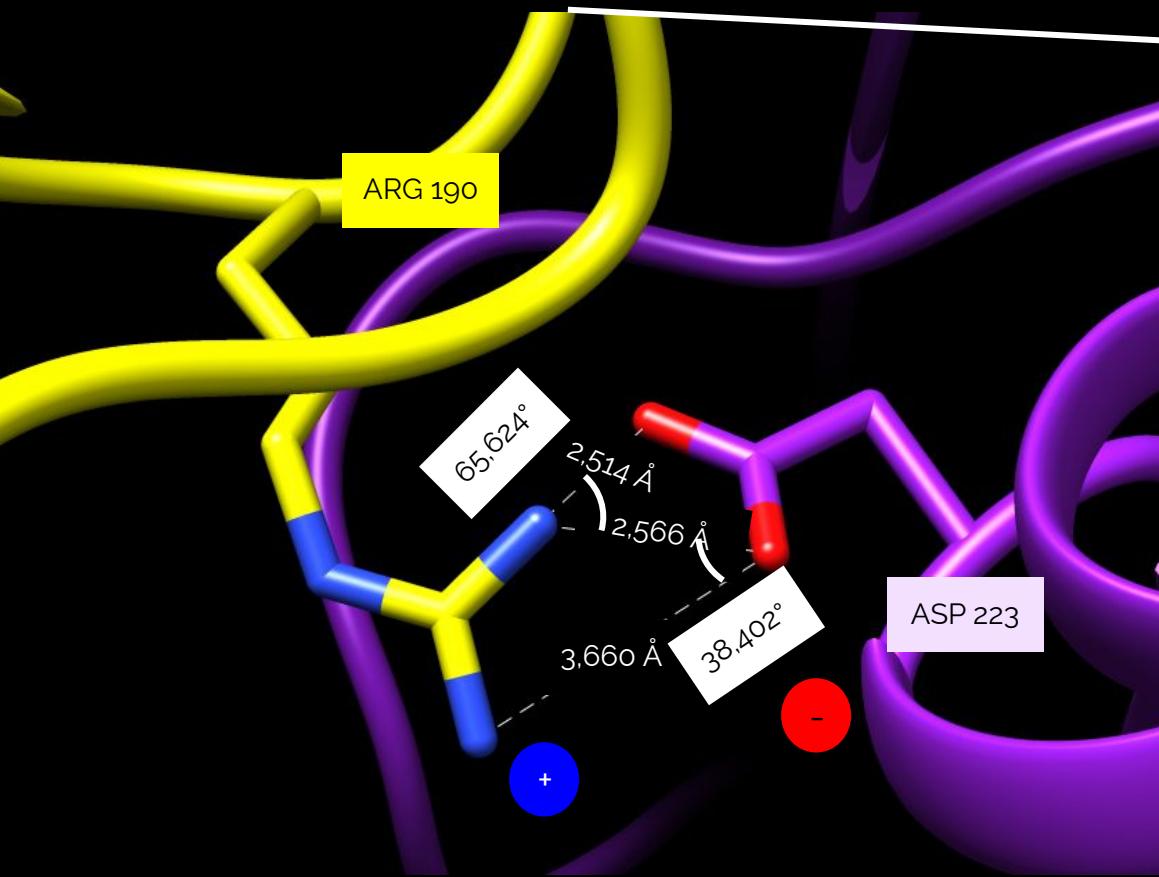
Asparagine (N) is conserved among Human Hepatitis A Virus, Human Enterovirus A71 and Human Rhinovirus B14

3VBF: Human Enterovirus A71  
4RHV: Human Rhinovirus B14  
4QPG: Human Hepatitis A Virus  
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1B35: Cricket Paralysis Virus

# Hydrogen bond: VPo-VP1



# Salt bridge: VPo-VP1



# Interactions between VP3 and VP1

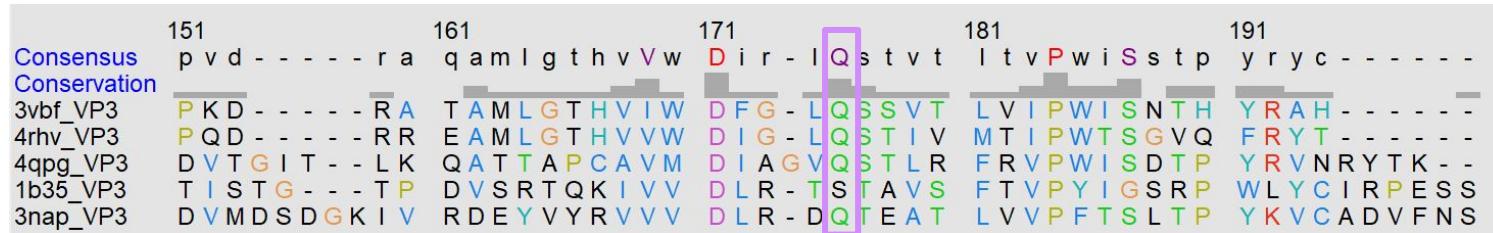
## Hydrogen bonds

XML

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##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2	26	C:SER	38[ OG ]	2.54	A:GLU 256[ OE2]	53	C:ARG	170[ O ]	2.78	A:THR	67[ OG1 ]
1	C:ARG 170[ N ]	2.91	A:ALA 51[ O ]	27	C:ILE	48[ N ]	2.69	A:PHE 257[ O ]	54	C:GLU	232[ OE2 ]	3.03	A:SER	76[ OG ]
2	C:GLN 120[ NE2 ]	2.64	A:GLU 56[ OE1 ]	28	C:SER	38[ OG ]	3.74	A:TYR 258[ OH ]	55	C:GLU	232[ OE2 ]	3.42	A:HIS	78[ NE2 ]
3	C:SER 167[ OG ]	2.69	A:GLU 56[ OE2 ]	29	C:ASP	39[ N ]	3.75	A:TYR 258[ OH ]	56	C:PRO	236[ O ]	3.57	A:ARG	91[ NH1 ]
4	C:ARG 170[ NH1 ]	3.11	A:ALA 61[ O ]	30	C:TRP	54[ NE1 ]	3.20	A:ARG 261[ O ]	57	C:MET	241[ O ]	2.73	A:SER	266[ OG ]
5	C:ARG 170[ NH1 ]	2.80	A:LYS 63[ O ]	31	C:LYS	96[ N ]	3.47	A:ASN 267[ OD1 ]						
6	C:ARG 172[ NH2 ]	3.05	A:PRO 65[ O ]	32	C:TYR	238[ OH ]	3.06	A:LEU 270[ O ]						
7	C:ARG 172[ N ]	2.75	A:THR 67[ OG1 ]	33	C:ASN	13[ O ]	2.95	A:ASN 197[ ND2 ]						
8	C:ARG 172[ NH1 ]	3.65	A:GLU 70[ OE2 ]	34	C:ASN	13[ OD1 ]	3.65	A:THR 195[ OG1 ]						
9	C:TYR 181[ OH ]	3.23	A:SER 76[ OG ]	35	C:LEU	17[ O ]	3.58	A:SER 92[ N ]						
10	C:HIS 50[ NE2 ]	2.55	A:ASP 81[ OD1 ]	36	C:SER	18[ O ]	2.70	A:ARG 91[ NE ]						
11	C:PHE 51[ N ]	3.10	A:MET 83[ O ]	37	C:TYR	20[ OH ]	3.50	A:ARG 201[ NH2 ]						
12	C:HIS 50[ ND1 ]	3.07	A:MET 83[ O ]	38	C:ASP	22[ O ]	2.84	A:GLN 199[ NE2 ]						
13	C:CYS 233[ N ]	3.61	A:MET 83[ SD ]	39	C:ALA	23[ O ]	2.95	A:GLN 199[ NE2 ]						
14	C:TYR 20[ OH ]	2.73	A:ASP 142[ OD2 ]	40	C:MET	27[ O ]	2.82	A:ARG 201[ N ]						
15	C:ASN 13[ ND2 ]	2.91	A:THR 195[ O ]	41	C:GLU	34[ OE1 ]	2.77	A:TYR 205[ OH ]						
16	C:LYS 26[ N ]	2.72	A:GLN 199[ O ]	42	C:ASP	35[ OD1 ]	2.91	A:GLN 254[ NE2 ]						
17	C:MET 27[ N ]	3.42	A:GLN 199[ O ]	43	C:LYS	37[ O ]	2.49	A:ARG 138[ NH2 ]						
18	C:PHE 29[ N ]	3.20	A:ARG 201[ O ]	44	C:ASP	39[ O ]	3.75	A:ARG 138[ NE ]						
19	C:TRP 36[ NE1 ]	3.37	A:TRP 204[ O ]	45	C:ASP	39[ O ]	2.47	A:TYR 209[ OH ]						
20	C:LEU 31[ N ]	3.03	A:TYR 205[ OH ]	46	C:ILE	46[ O ]	3.03	A:PHE 259[ N ]						
21	C:SER 41[ N ]	3.30	A:TYR 209[ OH ]	47	C:THR	49[ O ]	3.18	A:ILE 85[ N ]						
22	C:GLY 43[ N ]	3.15	A:TYR 209[ OH ]	48	C:LYS	96[ O ]	3.35	A:SER 266[ N ]						
23	C:TYR 20[ OH ]	3.23	A:GLU 253[ OE1 ]	49	C:SER	103[ OG ]	2.92	A:TRP 129[ NE1 ]						
24	C:TRP 36[ N ]	2.62	A:GLN 254[ OE1 ]	50	C:GLN	166[ OE1 ]	2.67	A:THR 54[ OG1 ]						

Data from PDBePISA

# Interactions between VP3-VP1



Glutamine (Q) is conserved among Human Hepatitis A Virus, Human Enterovirus A71, Human Rhinovirus B14 and Cricket Paralysis virus

3VBF: Human Enterovirus A71

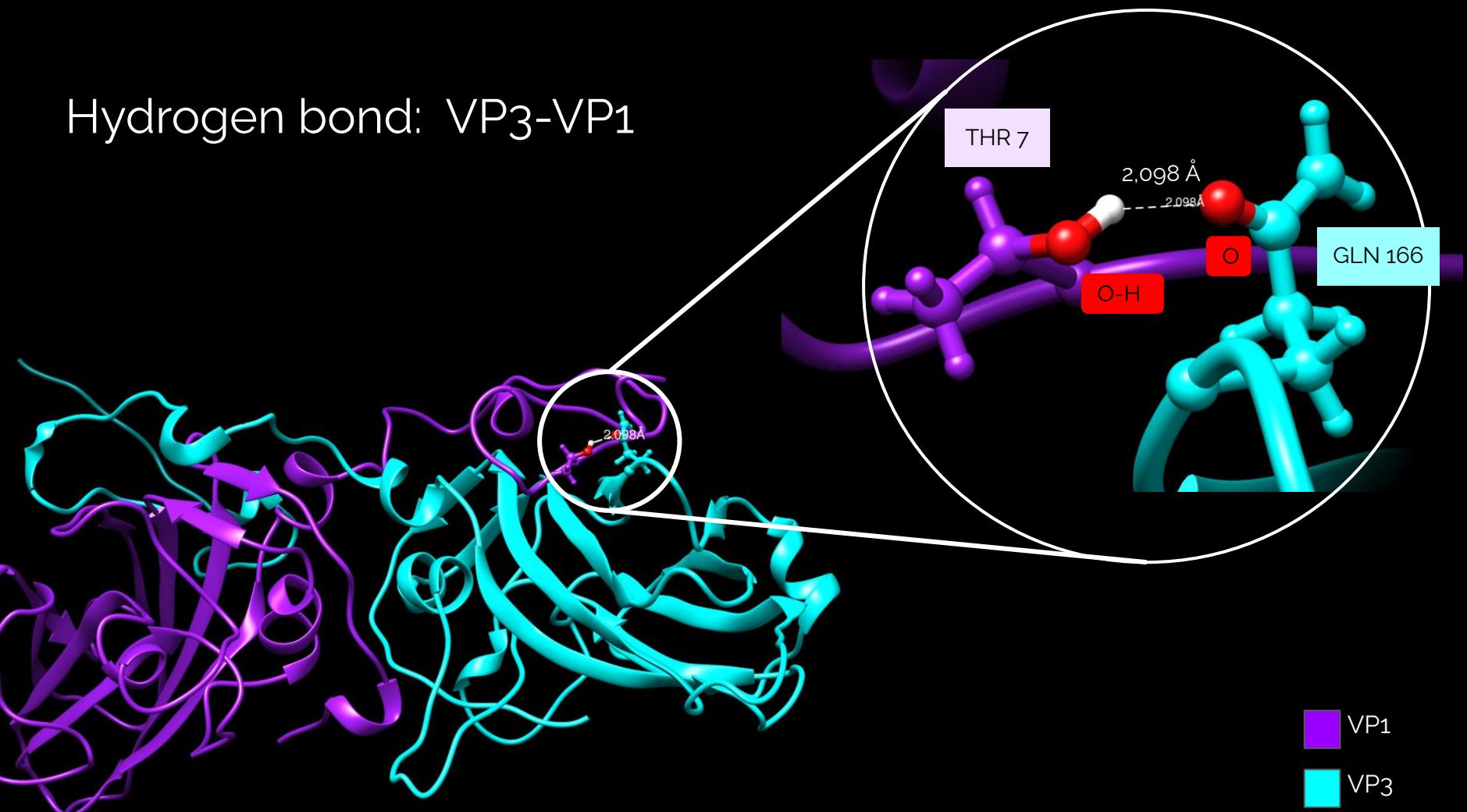
4RHV: Human Rhinovirus B14

4QPG: Human Hepatitis A Virus

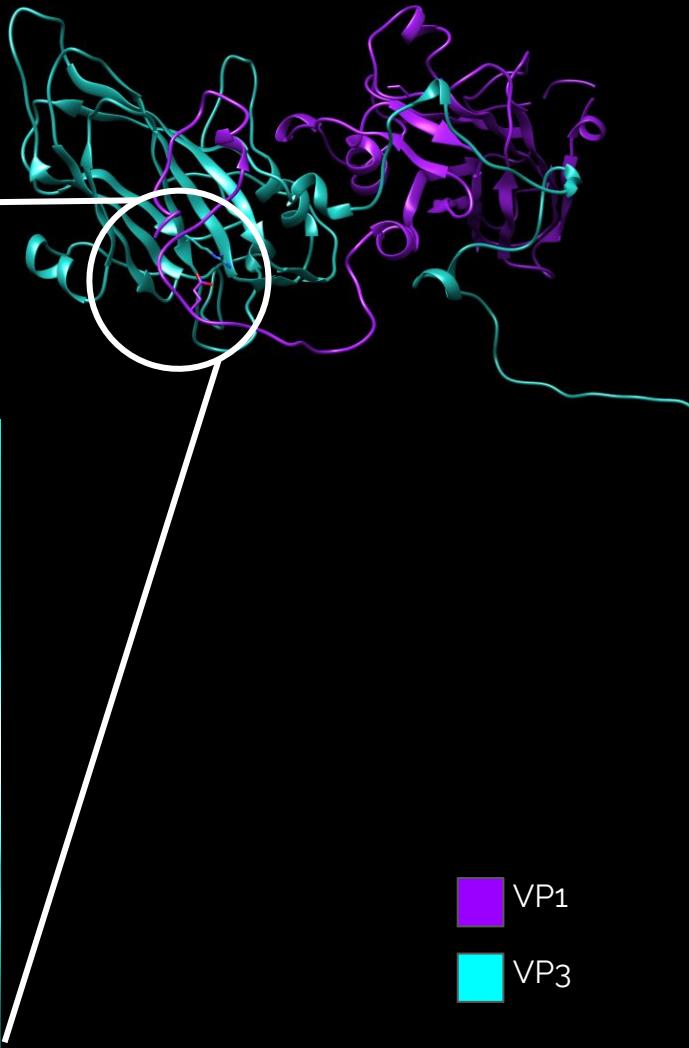
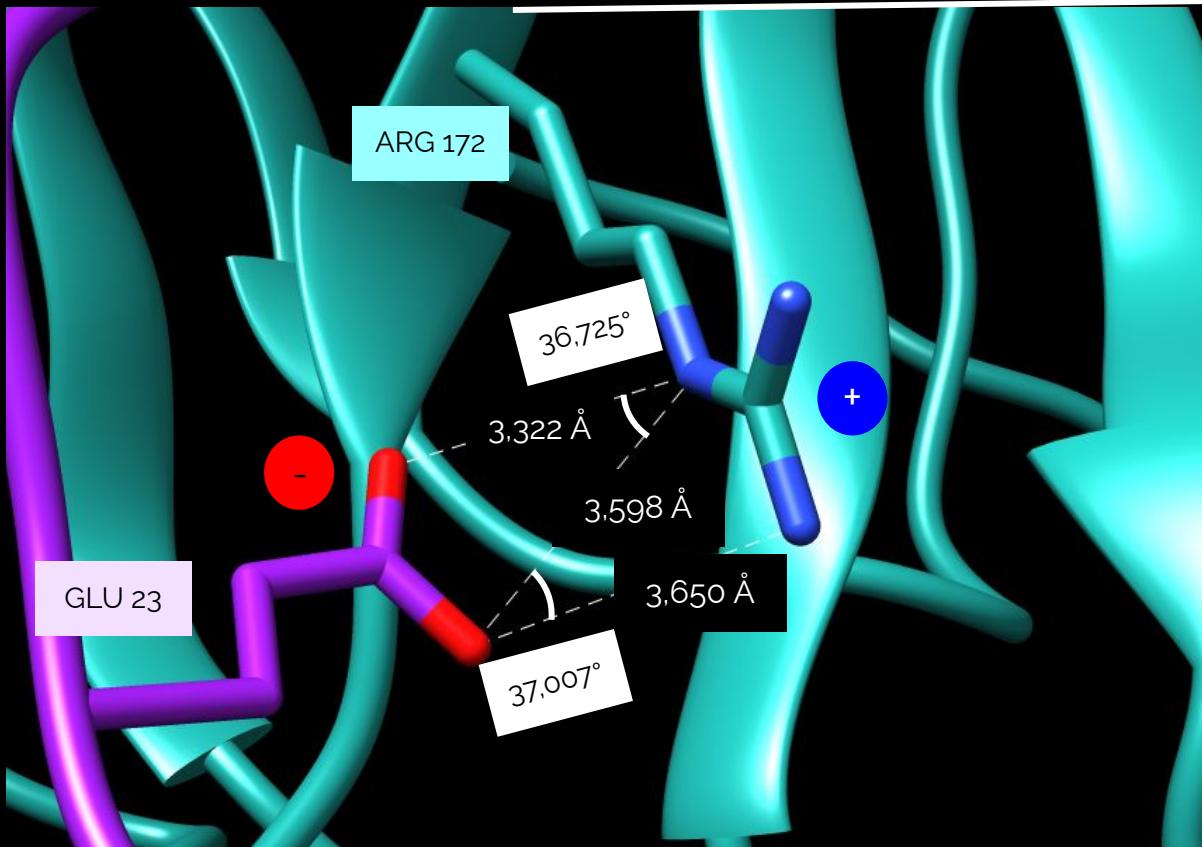
3NAP: Triatoma Virus

1B35: Cricket Paralysis Virus

# Hydrogen bond: VP3-VP1



## Salt bridge: VP3-VP1



# Interactions between VP3 and VPO

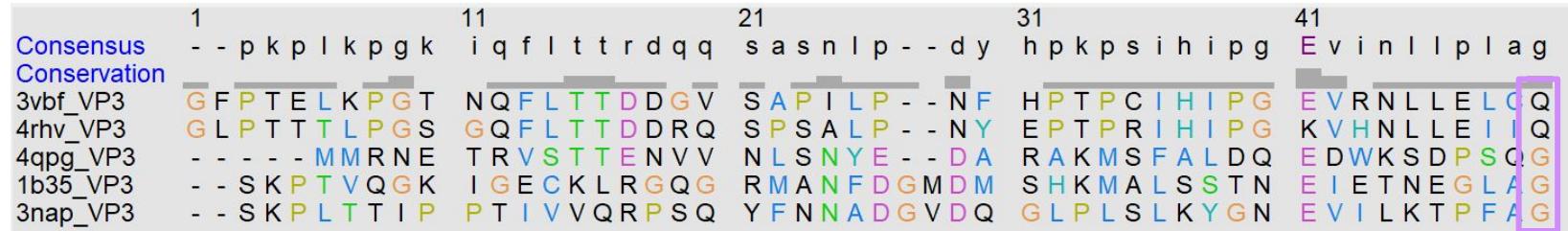
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3	C:LEU 60[ N ]	2.92	B:ALA 162[ O ]	
4	C:ALA 100[ N ]	3.16	B:SER 163[ OG ]	
5	C:LYS 125[ NZ ]	3.27	B:ASN 175[ O ]	
6	C:GLY 43[ N ]	3.84	R:PHF 186[ O ]	
7	C:GLY 44[ N ]	3.49	B:PHE 186[ O ]	
8	C:ASN 223[ ND2]	3.15	B:TRP 210[ O ]	
9	C:ARG 221[ NH2]	3.52	B:ASN 214[ OD1]	
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11	C:GLN 42[ O ]	3.29	B:TYR 188[ N ]	
12	C:GLN 42[ OE1]	2.99	B:ARG 128[ NH1]	
13	C:GLN 42[ OE1]	3.23	B:ARG 128[ NE ]	
14	C:PRO 58[ O ]	2.90	B:THR 165[ OG1]	
15	C:ILE 98[ O ]	2.55	B:SER 160[ OG ]	
16	C:ILE 98[ O ]	3.27	B:SER 163[ OG ]	
17	C:VAL 121[ O ]	2.70	B:ASN 173[ ND2]	
18	C:PHE 122[ O ]	3.51	B:GLN 144[ NE2]	
19	C:GLY 164[ O ]	3.26	B:ASN 175[ ND2]	
20	C:ASN 215[ O ]	3.54	B:THR 219[ OG1]	
21	C:HIS 219[ O ]	2.98	B:GLN 144[ NE2]	
22	C:TYR 225[ OH ]	2.49	B:TRP 210[ NE1]	

Salt bridges				XML
##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2	
1	C:ARG 221[ NH1]	3.80	B:GLU 212[ OE1]	
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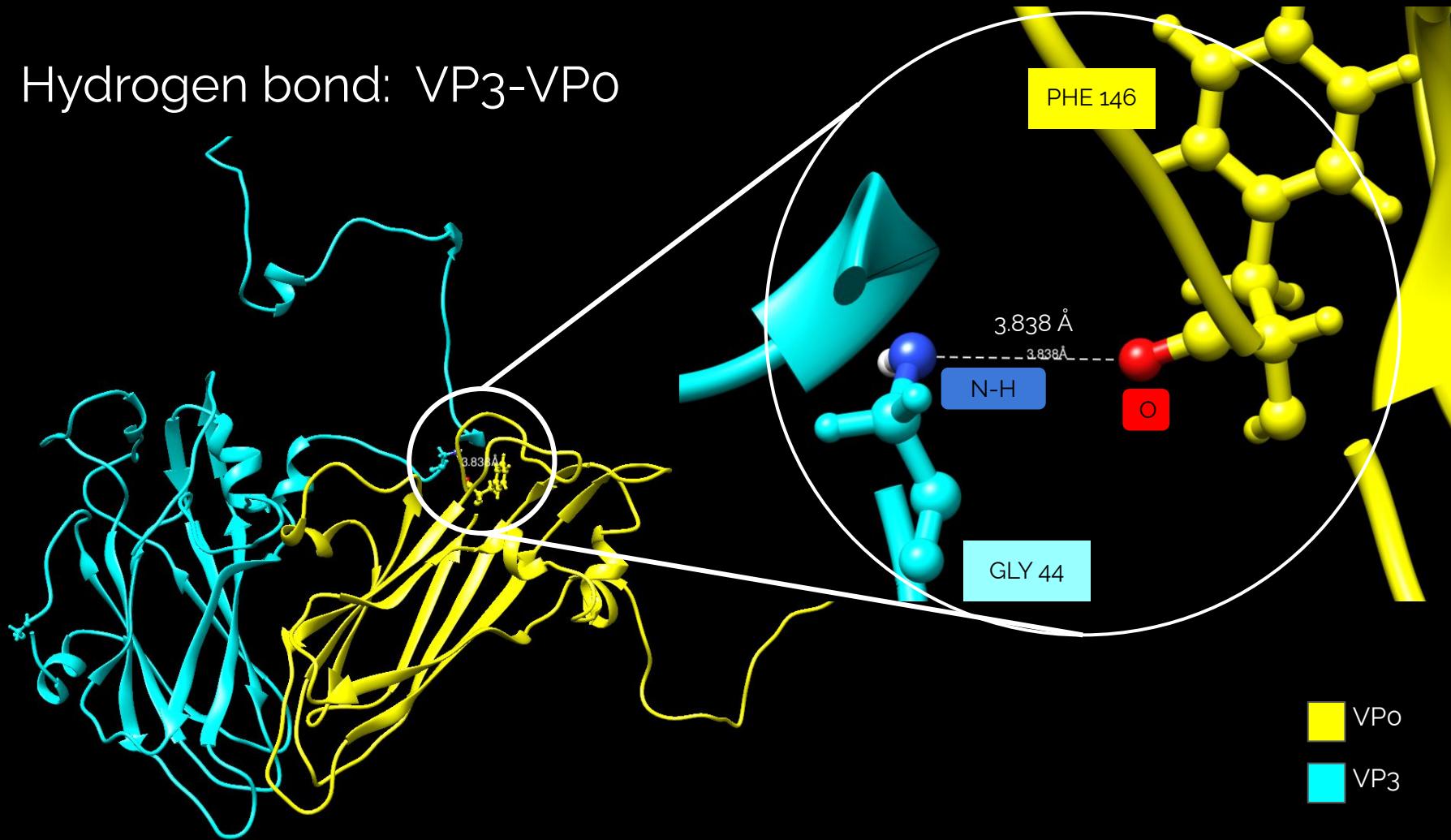
# Interactions between VP3 and VPO



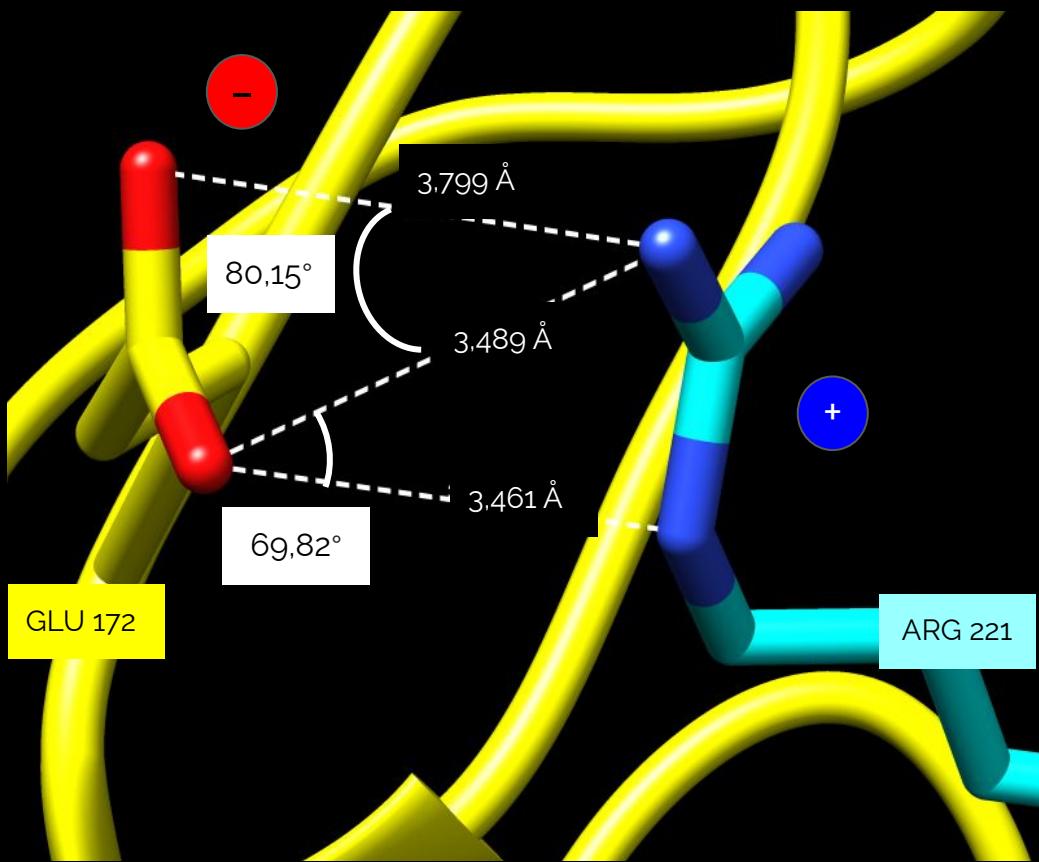
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## Hydrogen bond: VP3-VPo



## Salt bridge: VP3-VP0

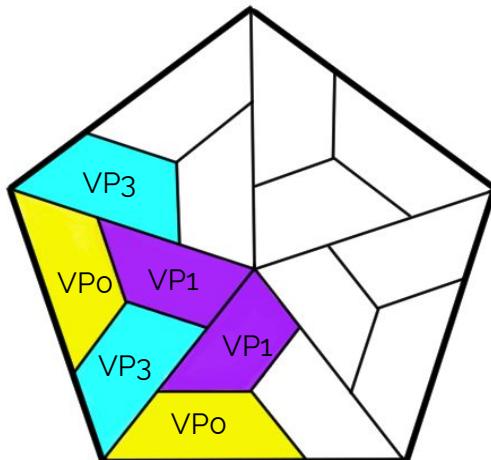


VP0

VP3

# Types of capsid interactions

INTERPROTOMERIC



VP1-VP3  
VPo-VP3  
VP1-VP1

# Interactions between VP1 and VP3

Hydrogen bonds				XML
#	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2	
1	C:LEU 17[ N ]	3.18	A:ALA 187[ O ]	
2	C:SER 18[ OG ]	3.67	A:ALA 187[ O ]	
3	C:VAL 15[ N ]	2.96	A:ARG 189[ O ]	
4	C:THR 11[ N ]	2.86	A:ASN 197[ OD1]	
5	C:THR 10[ OG1]	2.62	A:GLN 199[ OE1]	
6	C:TYR 181[ N ]	3.76	A:TYR 207[ O ]	
7	C:THR 187[ OG1]	3.24	A:ALA 165[ N ]	
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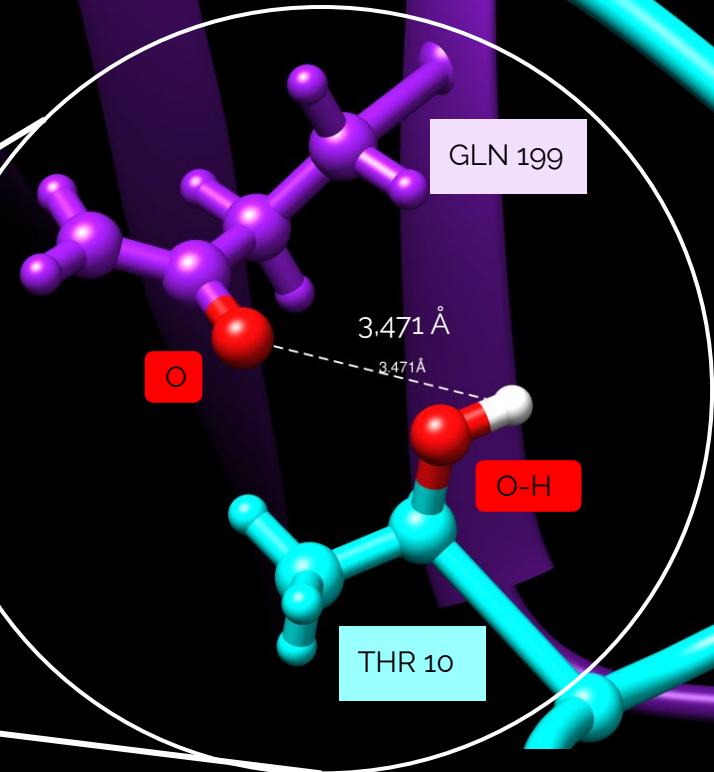
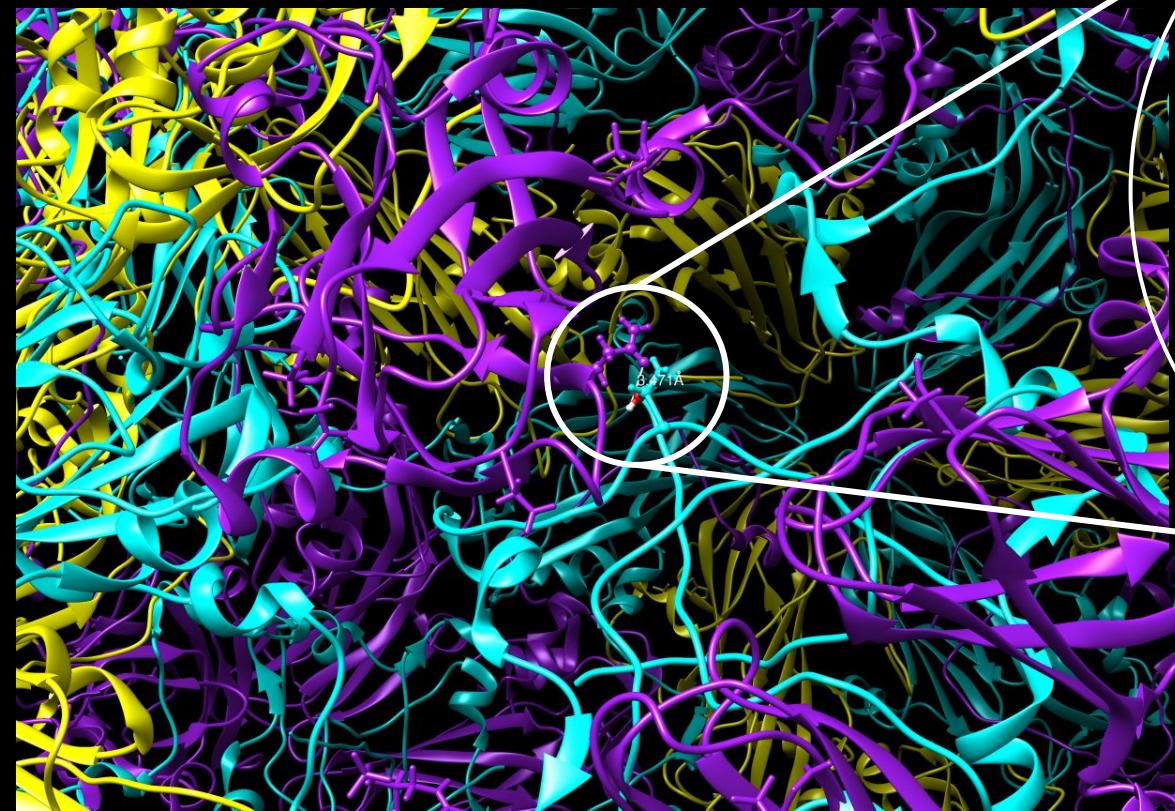
# Interactions between VP1 and VP3

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Conservation					
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4rhv_VP1	S R F S V P Y V G L	A S A Y N C F Y D G	Y S - - - - - H D D	A E T Q Y G I T V L	N H M G S M A F R I
4qpg_VP1	I Q I R L P W Y S Y	L Y A V S G A L D G	L G - - - - -	- - - - - D K T D	S T F G L V S I Q I
3nap_VP1	A E V Q T P Y Y S R	V N T S V V S A P V	L Y - - - - -	- - - - - N A	G N I S P L M P N V
1b35_VP1	T Q V I D P T V E G	L I E V E V P Y Y N	I S - - - - -	- - - - - H I T P A	V T I D D G T P S M

Glutamine (Q) is conserved among Human Hepatitis A Virus, Human Enterovirus A71 and Cricket Paralysis virus

3VBF: Human Enterovirus A71  
4RHV: Human Rhinovirus B14  
4QPG: Human Hepatitis A Virus  
3NAP: Triatoma Virus  
1B35: Cricket Paralysis Virus

# Hydrogen bond: VP1-VP3



VP1 (chain #1)  
VP3 (chain #2)

# Interactions between VP3 and VPO

Hydrogen bonds				XML
##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2	
1	C:VAL 159[ N ]	3.45	B:THR 46[ O ]	
2	C:ASP 161[ N ]	3.40	B:VAL 48[ O ]	
3	C:ARG 130[ NH2]	3.67	B:VAL 48[ O ]	
4	C:ARG 130[ NH1]	3.20	B:ASP 49[ OD2]	
5	C:ARG 130[ NH2]	3.15	B:ASP 49[ OD2]	
6	C:ARG 182[ NH2]	3.24	B:TYR 126[ OH ]	
7	C:LYS 193[ NZ ]	3.29	B:ASP 197[ OD1]	
8	C:TYR 196[ OH ]	3.79	B:ASP 197[ OD2]	
9	C:CYS 157[ O ]	3.14	B:THR 46[ N ]	
10	C:VAL 159[ O ]	3.13	B:VAL 48[ N ]	
11	C:GLN 166[ O ]	2.93	B:GLN 50[ NE2]	
12	C:PRO 137[ O ]	3.69	B:THR 125[ OG1]	
13	C:GLY 138[ O ]	3.13	B:TYR 126[ OH ]	
14	C:GLY 194[ O ]	3.53	B:ARG 190[ NH2]	
15	C:ASP 178[ O ]	2.72	B:GLY 191[ N ]	
16	C:ASP 178[ O ]	3.25	B:ALA 192[ N ]	

Salt bridges				XML
##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2	
1	C:ARG 130[ NH1]	3.20	B:ASP 49[ OD2]	
2	C:ARG 130[ NH2]	3.15	B:ASP 49[ OD2]	
3	C:LYS 193[ NZ ]	3.29	B:ASP 197[ OD1]	
4	C:LYS 193[ NZ ]	3.43	B:ASP 197[ OD2]	
5	C:ASP 178[ OD2]	3.04	B:ARG 190[ NE ]	

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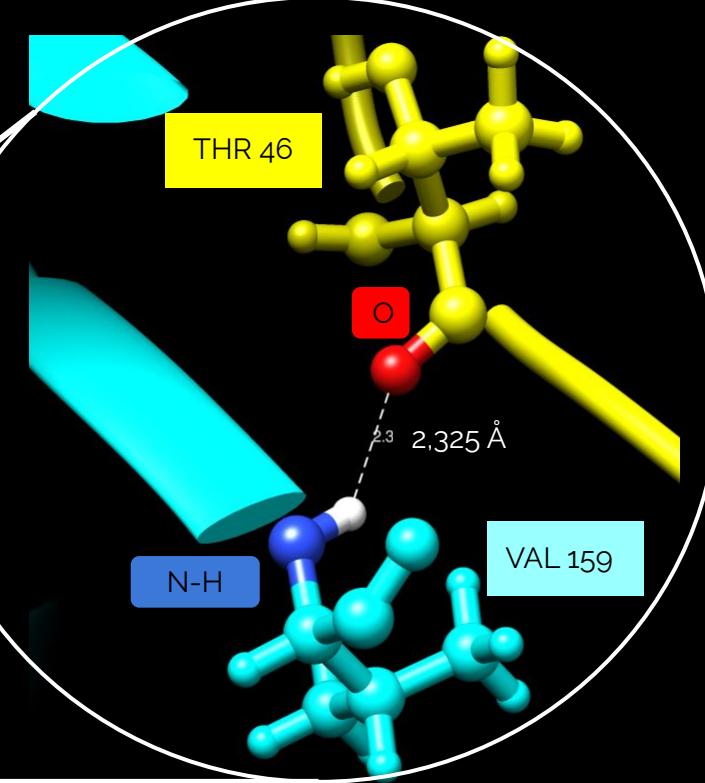
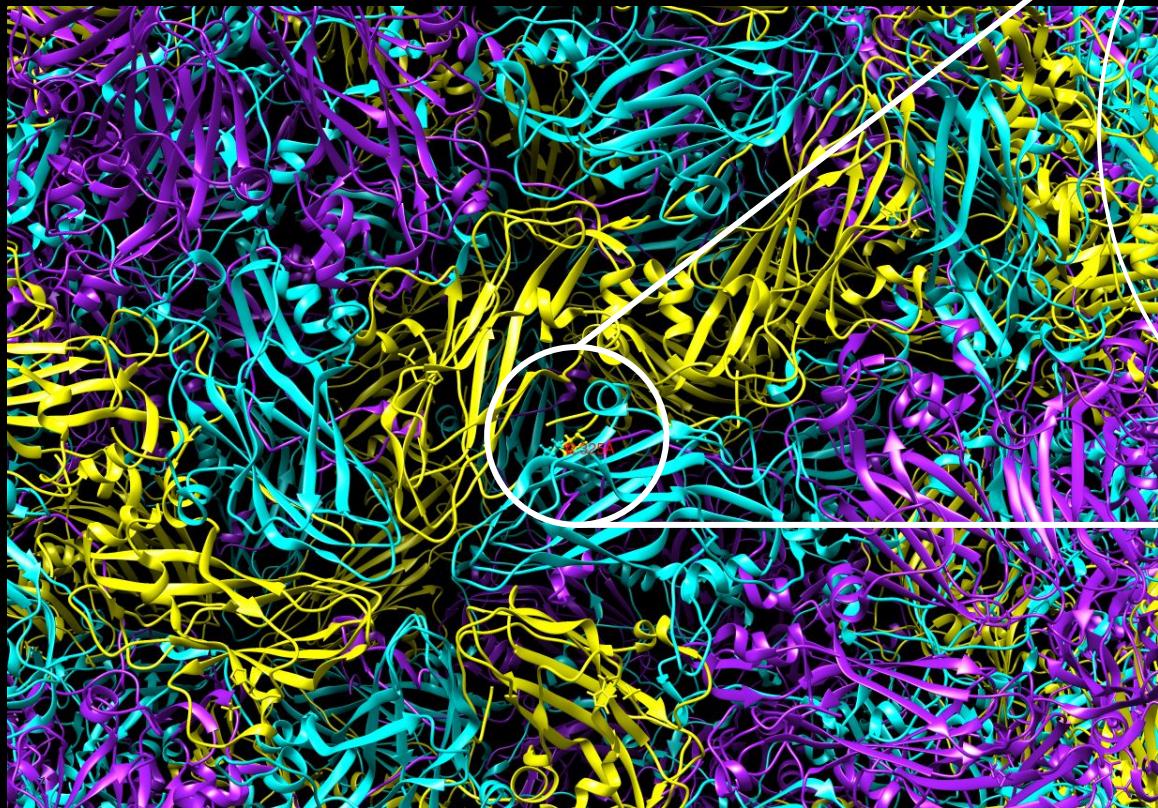
# Interactions between VP3 and VPO

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Conservation					
3vbf_VP3	P K D - - - - R A	T A M L G T <b>H</b> V I W	D F G - L Q S S V T	L V I P W I S N T H	Y R A H - - - - -
4rhv_VP3	P Q D - - - - R R	E A M L G T <b>H</b> V V W	D I G - L Q S T I V	M T I P W T S G V Q	F R Y T - - - - -
4qpg_VP3	D V T G I T - - L K	Q A T T A P C A V M	D I A G V Q S T L R	F R V P W I S D T P	Y R V N R Y T K - -
1b35_VP3	T I S T G - - - T P	D V S R T Q K I V V	D L R - T S T A V S	F T V P Y I G S R P	W L Y C I R P E S S
3nap_VP3	D V M D S D G K I V	R D E Y V Y R V V V	D L R - D Q T E A T	L V V P F T S L T P	Y K V C A D V F N S

Valine (V) is conserved among Human Hepatitis A Virus, Human Rhinovirus B14, Triatoma Virus and Cricket Paralysis virus

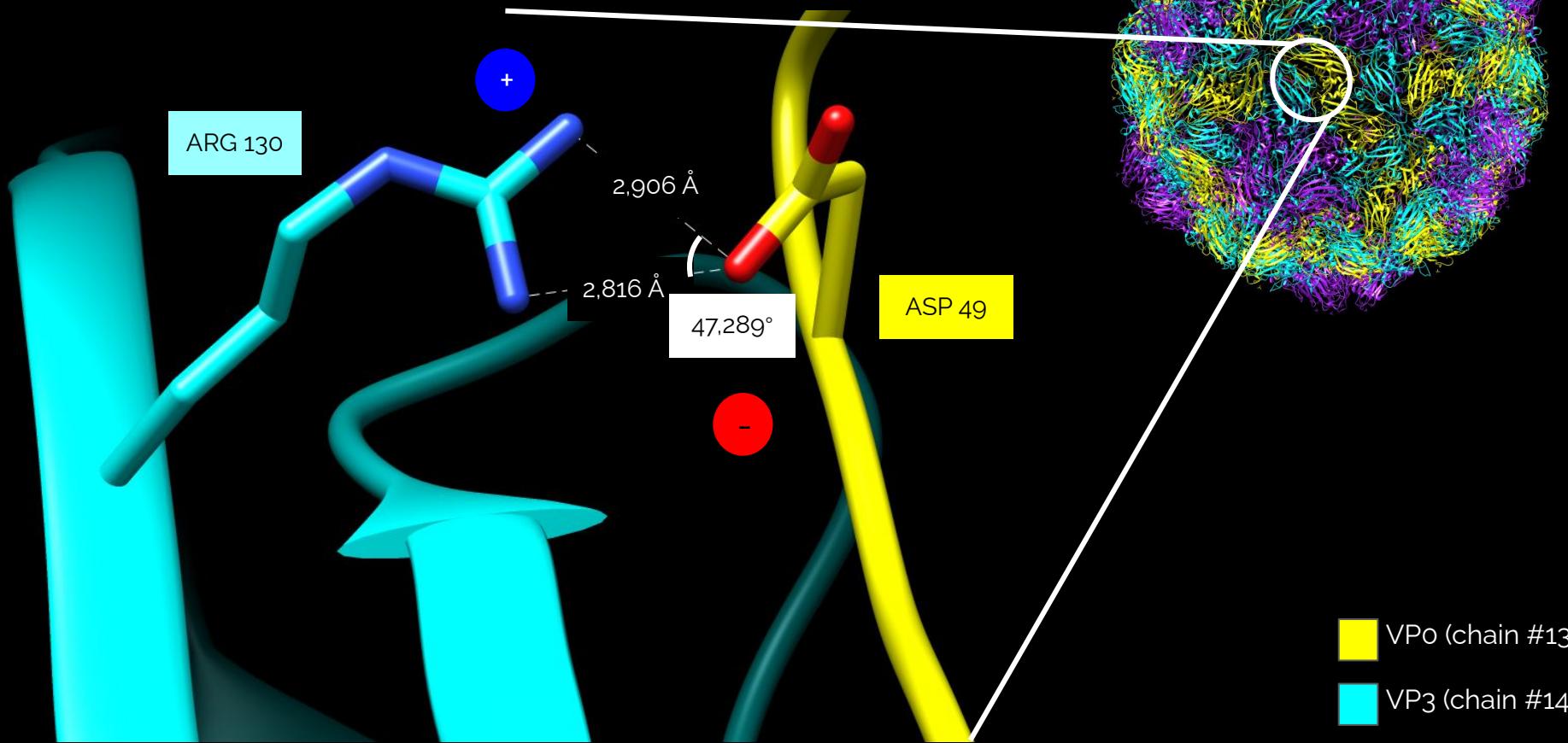
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# Hydrogen bond: VP3-VPo



■ VPo (chain #13)  
■ VP3 (chain #14)

# Salt bridge: VP3-VPo

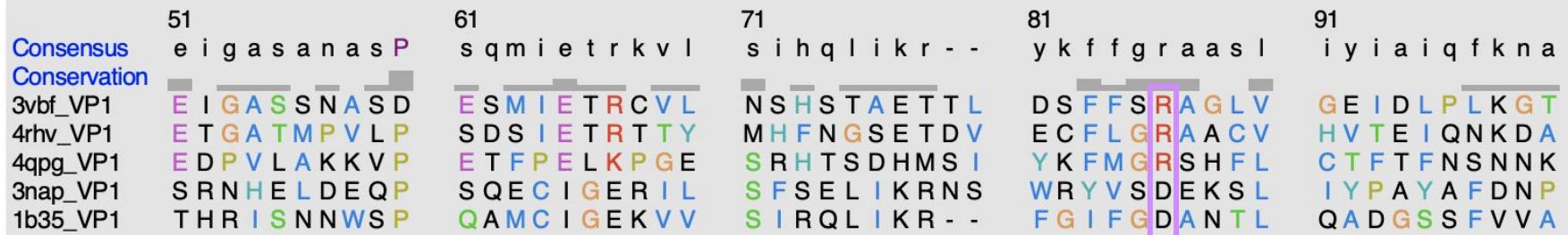


# Interactions between VP1 and VP1

Hydrogen bonds			
##	Structure 1	Dist. [Å]	Structure 2
1	A:TYR 242[ OH ]	3.73	A:ASN 104[ OD1]
2	A:THR 148[ OG1]	3.00	A:ASP 154[ OD2]
3	A:THR 272[ OG1]	3.27	A:ASP 180[ OD1]
4	A:THR 272[ N ]	3.19	A:ASP 180[ OD2]
5	A:ARG 91[ NH1]	2.68	A:ALA 184[ O ]
6	A:SER 271[ OG ]	2.98	A:GLN 178[ NE2]
7	A:TYR 248[ OH ]	3.20	A:ARG 189[ NH1]
8	A:THR 148[ OG1]	3.05	A:ARG 189[ NH2]
9	A:SER 246[ OG ]	2.82	A:ARG 189[ NH2]
10	A:ARG 193[ O ]	3.55	A:ARG 194[ NE ]
11	A:THR 192[ O ]	2.43	A:ARG 194[ NH2]
12	A:TYR 242[ OH ]	3.60	A:ASN 235[ N ]
13	A:GLU 241[ OE2]	3.41	A:ASN 235[ ND2]
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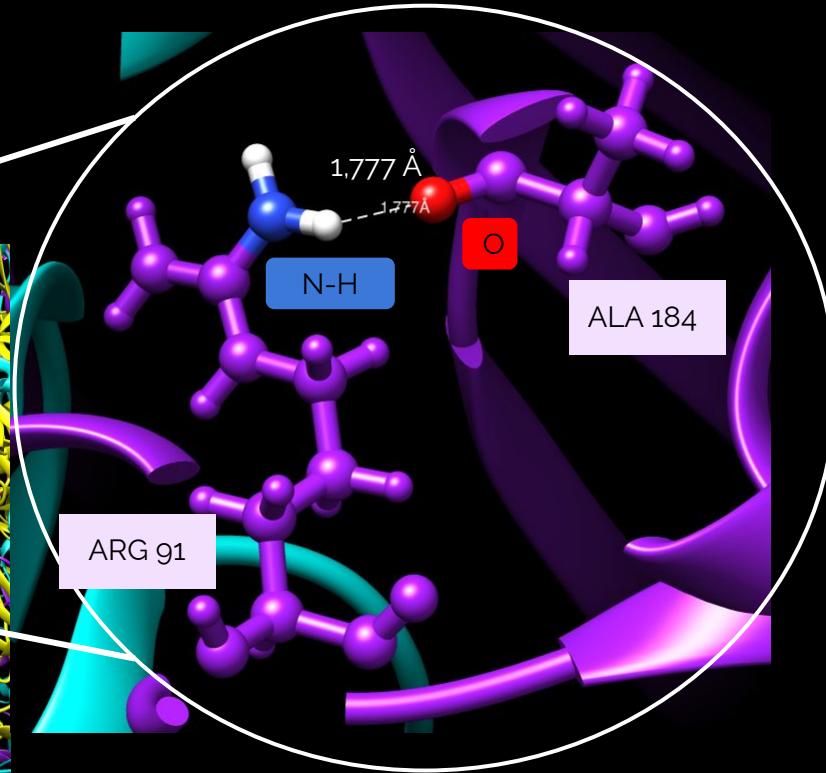
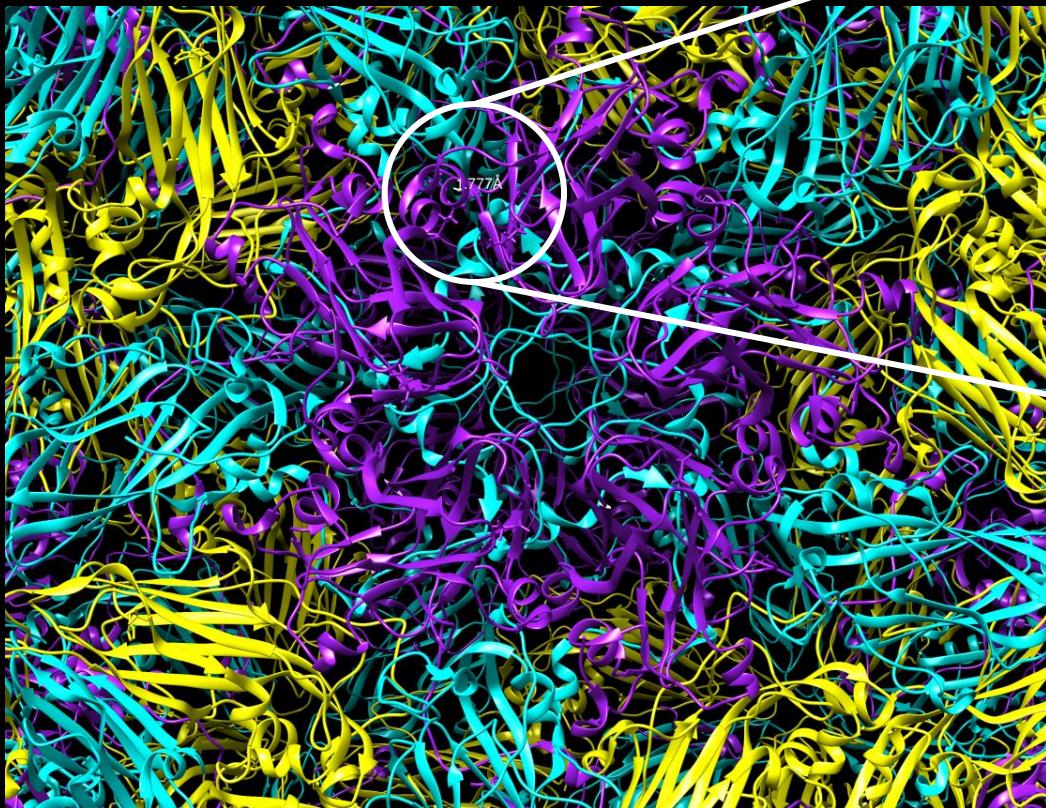
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Arginine (R) is conserved among Human Hepatitis A Virus, Human Enterovirus A71 and Human Rhinovirus B14

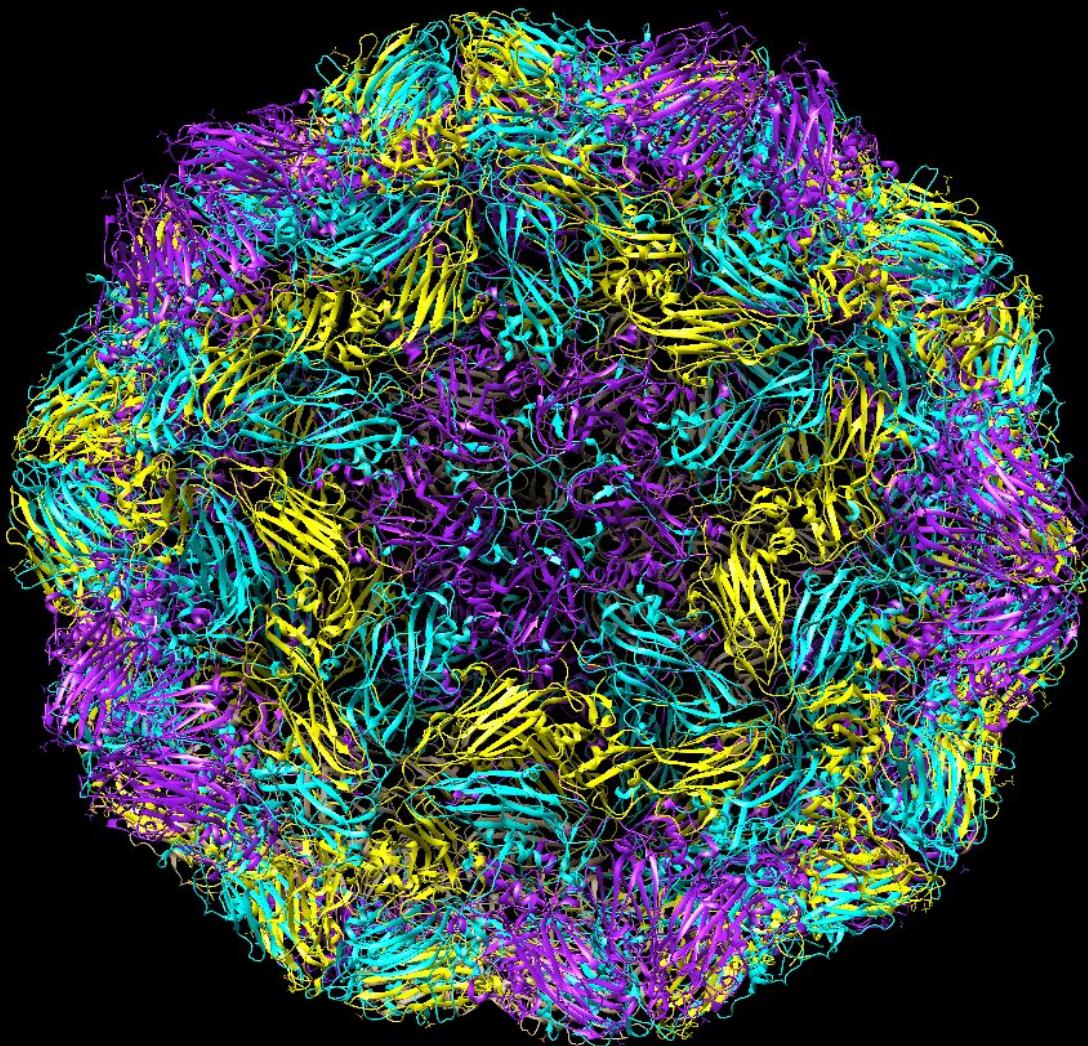
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# Hydrogen bond: VP1-VP1



■ VP1 (chain #47)  
■ VP1 (chain #48)

STUDY CASE: R10  
ANTIBODY AND HAV



# Hepatitis A issue

HAV infects 1,4 million people annually

There is a vaccine



But there are **no** licensed therapeutic drugs



What problems does HAV imply?

It is unusually stable, making disinfection difficult.

Lack of information

NEWS

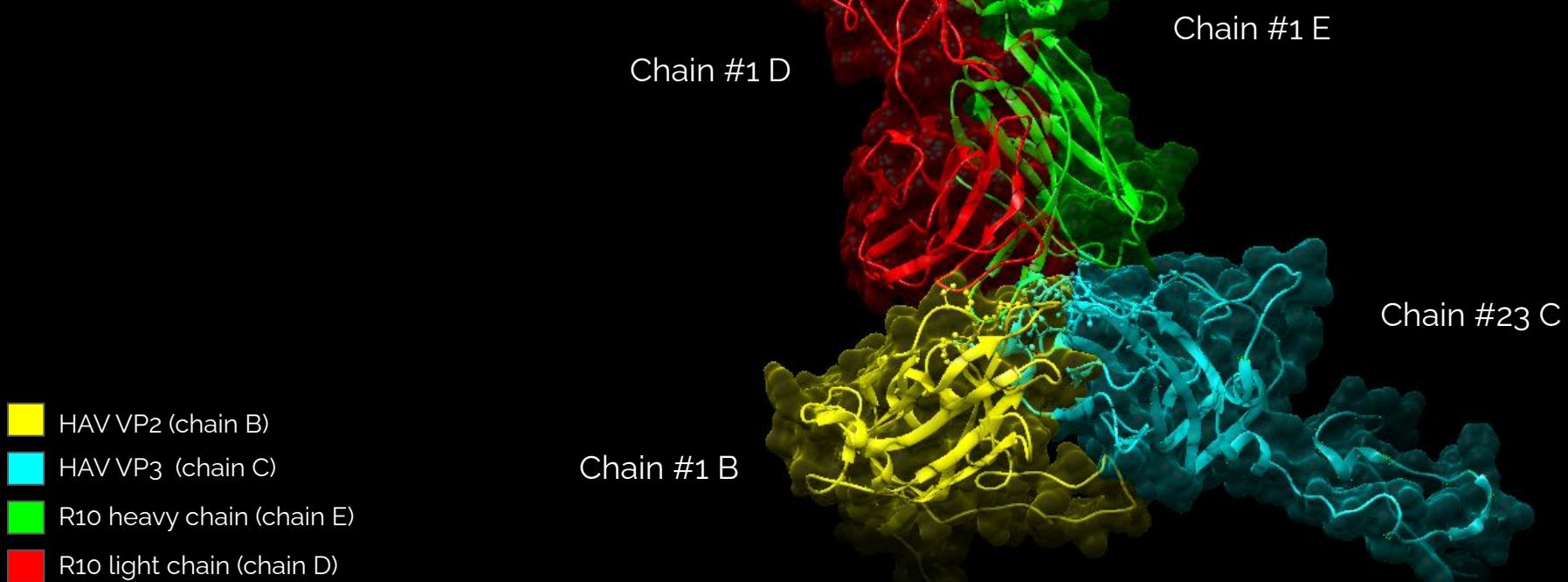
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CDC Issues Health Alert Over Hepatitis A Outbreaks



Public health issue

# R10 NAb - HAV interaction



# R10 CDRs

Interaction surface comprises four of the six complementary determining regions (CDRs):

- H1 (residues 28–32)
- H2 (residues 52–57)
- H3 (residues 100–106)
- L1 (residues 30–31)

- R10 heavy chain (chain E)
- R10 light chain (chain D)



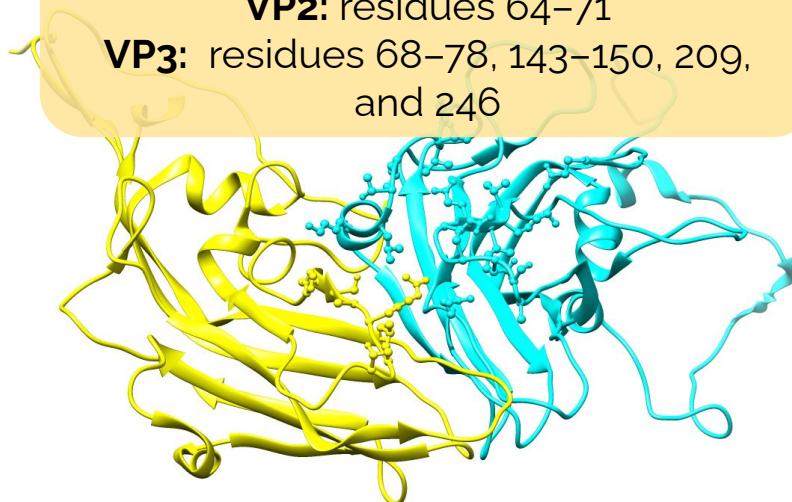
# HAV Epitope: Strain Analysis

Conservation analysis of the R10 epitope on HAV capsids of 6 human strains.

## HAV R10 Epitope

**VP2:** residues 64–71

**VP3:** residues 68–78, 143–150, 209, and 246



## HAV strains analysed

IA → Germany (Q67825)

IB → Australia (Po8617)

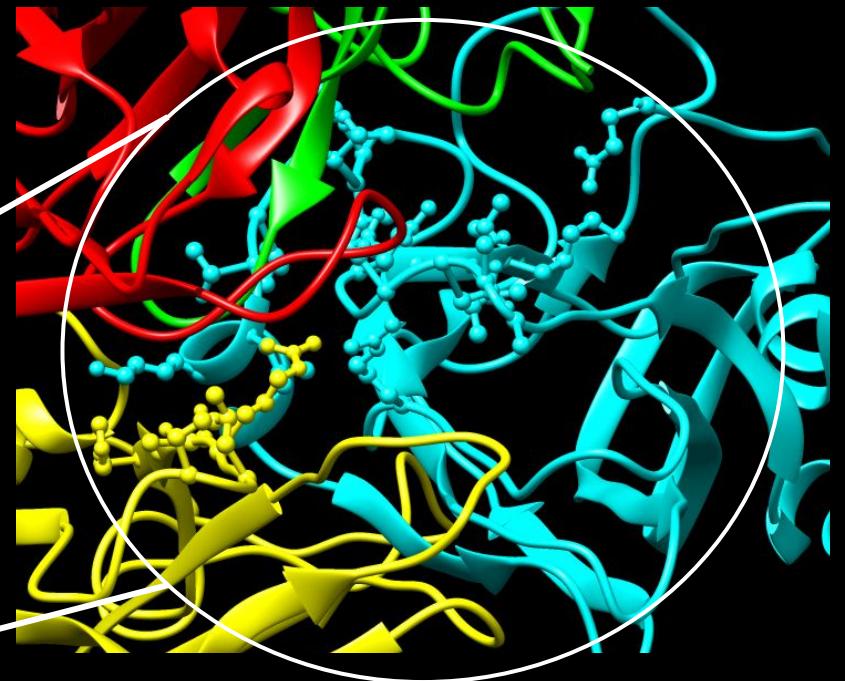
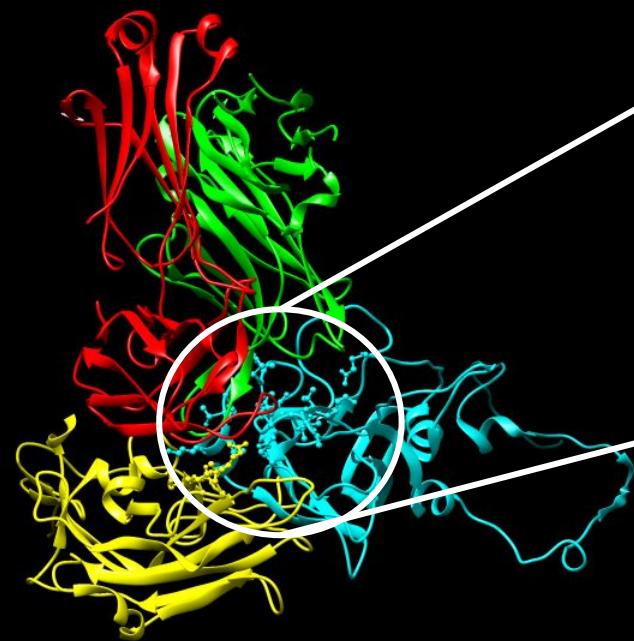
IIA → France (Q5Y944)

IIB → Sierra Leone (Q8VoN6)

IIIA → Norway (Q9DWR1)

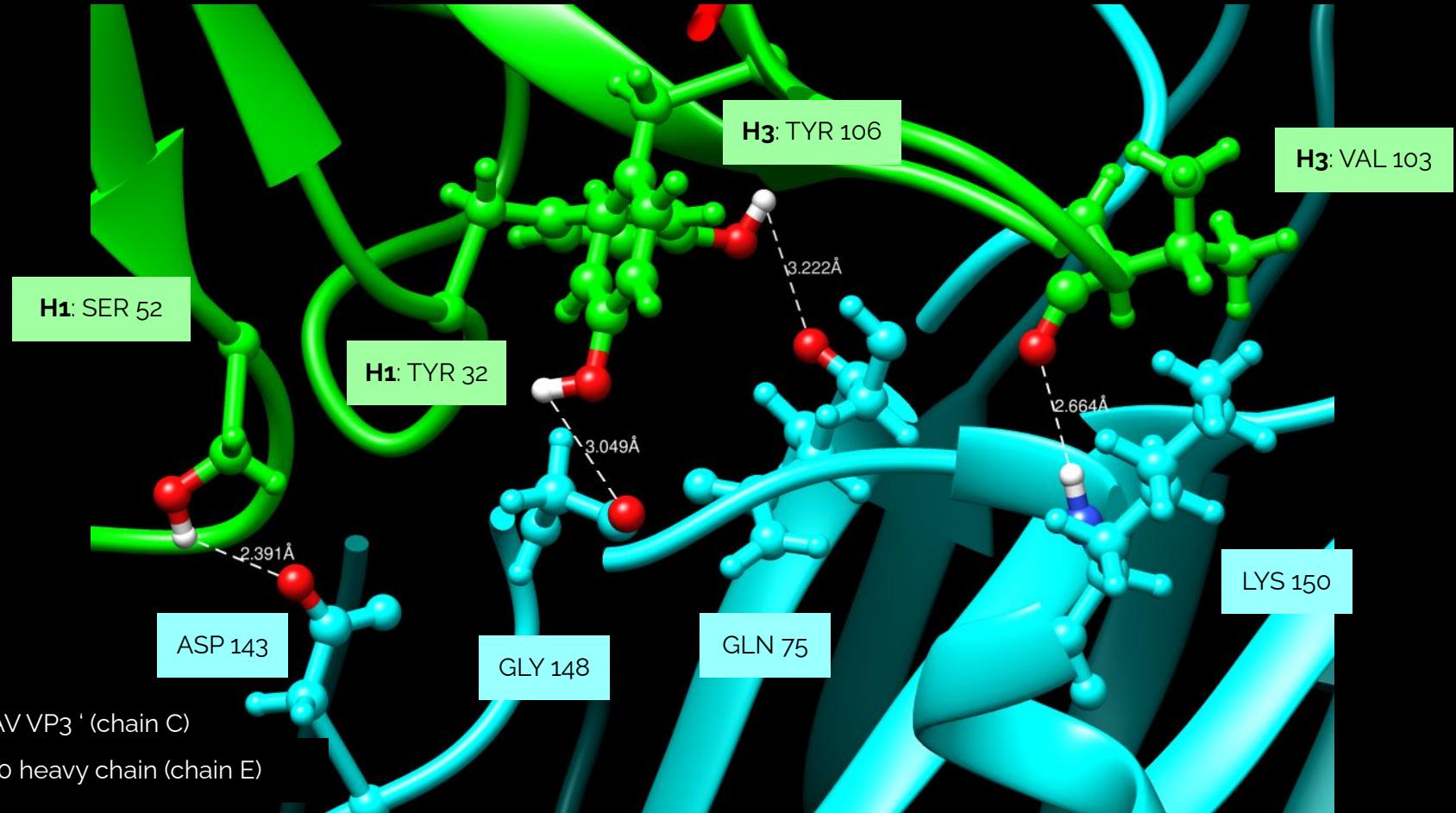
IIIB → Japan (A5LGW7)

# HAV Epitope: Strain Analysis



- HAV VP2 (chain B)
- HAV VP3' (chain C)
- R10 heavy chain (chain E)
- R10 light chain (chain D)

# Some hydrogen bonds between R10 and HAV



## HAV Epitope: Strain Analysis (MSA)

VP2

	64	71	91
IA	HQIEPLKTSVDKPGSKKTQGEKFFLIHSADWLTTHALFHEVAKLDVVKLLYNEQFAVQGL		
IB	HQVEPLRTSVDKPGSKKTQGEKFFLIHSADWLTTHALFHEVAKLDVVKLLYNEQFAVQGL		
IIA	HQIEPLKTSVDKPGSKKTQGEKFFLIHSADWLTTHALFHEVAKLDVVKLLYNEQFAVQGL		
IIB	HQVEPLKTSVDKPGSKKTQGEKFFLIHSADWLTTHALFHEVAKLDVVKLLYNEQFAVQGL		
IIIA	HQPEPLKTSVDKPGSKRTQGEKFFLIHSADWLTTHALFHEVAKLDVVKLLYNEQFAVQGL		
IIIB	HQSEPLKTSVDKPGSKRTQGEKFFLIHSADWLTTHALFHEVAKLDVVKLLYNEQFAVQGL		
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VP3

	68	78	143	150	209	246
IA	PFNASDSVGQQIKV	IPVD	LIDVTGITALKQAT	IVYCYNRLTSP	DVTTQ/GDD	
IB	PFNASDSVGQQIKV	IPVD	LIDVSGITALKQAT	IVYCYNRLTSP	DVTTQ/GDD	
IIA	PFNASDSVGQQIKV	IPVD	LIDVSGITALKQAT	IVYCYNRLTSP	DVTTQ/GDD	
IIB	PFNASDSVGQQIKV	IPVD	LIDVSGITALKQAT	IVYCYNRLTSP	DVTTQ/GDD	
IIIA	PFNASDSVGQQIKV	IPVD	LIDVSHITALKQAT	IVYCYNRLTSP	DVTTQ/GDD	
IIIB	PFNASDSVGQQIKV	IPVD	LIDVSHITALKQAT	IVYCYNRLTSP	DVTTQ/GDD	
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**IA:** Germany (Q67825) **IB:** Australia (Po8617) **IIA:** France (Q5Y944) **IIIB:** Sierra Leone (Q8VoN6) **IIIA:** Norway (Q9DWR1) **IIIB:** Japan (A5LGW7)

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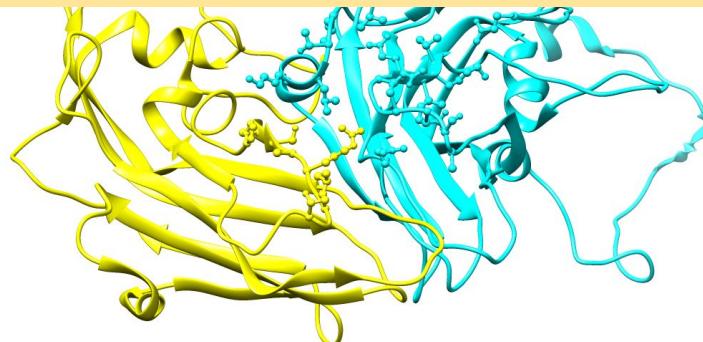
### Epitope residues location

# HAV Epitope: Strain Analysis

The R10 epitope is **highly conserved** among the six strains



R10 antibody is likely to strongly bind to most human HAVs strains, so it is able to destabilize the capsid and neutralize virus infection.



## Final remarks

HAV shares characteristics from both "classical" mammalian picornaviruses and insect picorna-like viruses.



HAV may represent a **link** between them

Further research is needed to explain more of its unique biology:

- Structural analyses of the capsid
- Capture of assembly states

Thank you for your  
attention!

Do you have any  
questions?



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# Questions ?

**1. HAV belongs to the family of:**

- a) Coronaviridae
- b) Onaviridae
- c) Circoviridae
- d) Picornaviridae**
- e) Retroviridae

**2. HAV capsid has:**

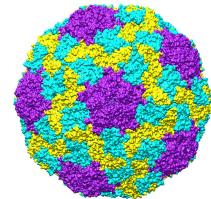
- a) 6-fold axis of symmetry
- b) 5-fold axis of symmetry
- c) 3-fold axis of symmetry
- d) 2-fold axis of symmetry
- e) B, C and D are correct**

**3. Choose the false statement. HAV has...**

- a) An icosahedral capsid
- b) A jelly roll supersecondary structure
- c) A canyon**
- d) An angle switch at VP2
- e) No hydrophobic pocket

**4. How many pentamers form the HAV capsid?**

- a) 160
- b) 10
- c) 5
- d) 12**
- e) 26



# Questions ?

**5. VP2 angle switch makes HAV more similar to:**

- a) Classical mammalian picornavirus
- b) Insect picornavirus**
- c) Enterovirus
- d) All are correct
- e) None are correct

**6. SCOP classifies HAV viral proteins as:**

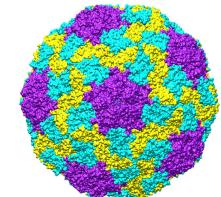
- a) Alpha and Beta proteins (a/b)
- b) Small proteins
- c) All-alpha proteins
- d) Alpha and Beta proteins (a+b)
- e) All-beta proteins**

**7. VP0 cleaves into:**

- a) VP1 and VP3
- b) VP1 and VP2
- c) VP2 and VP3
- d) VP3 and VP4
- e) VP2 and VP4**

**8. Which interactions can be found in the HAV capsid?**

- a) Hydrogen bonds
- b) Salt bridges
- c) a and b are correct**
- d) Disulfide bonds
- e) No hydrophobic pocket



# Questions ?

## 9. Choose the true statement about the study case:

- a) R10 Antibody interacts with VP1
- b) R10 Antibody neutralizes the HAV
- c) Six CDRs of R10 Antibody are involved in the interaction with the epitope
- d) The R10 epitope is not highly conserved
- e) R10 Antibody is not able to destabilize the HAV capsid.

## 10. Choose the true statement:

- a) HAV is a single-stranded RNA-positive virus
- b) HAV is chronic and highly fatal
- c) HAV infects the gastrointestinal-tract
- d) HAV is transmitted mainly by air
- e) All the above are incorrect

