

Update in Molecular Biology

Basis and molecular tools used in the study of DNA

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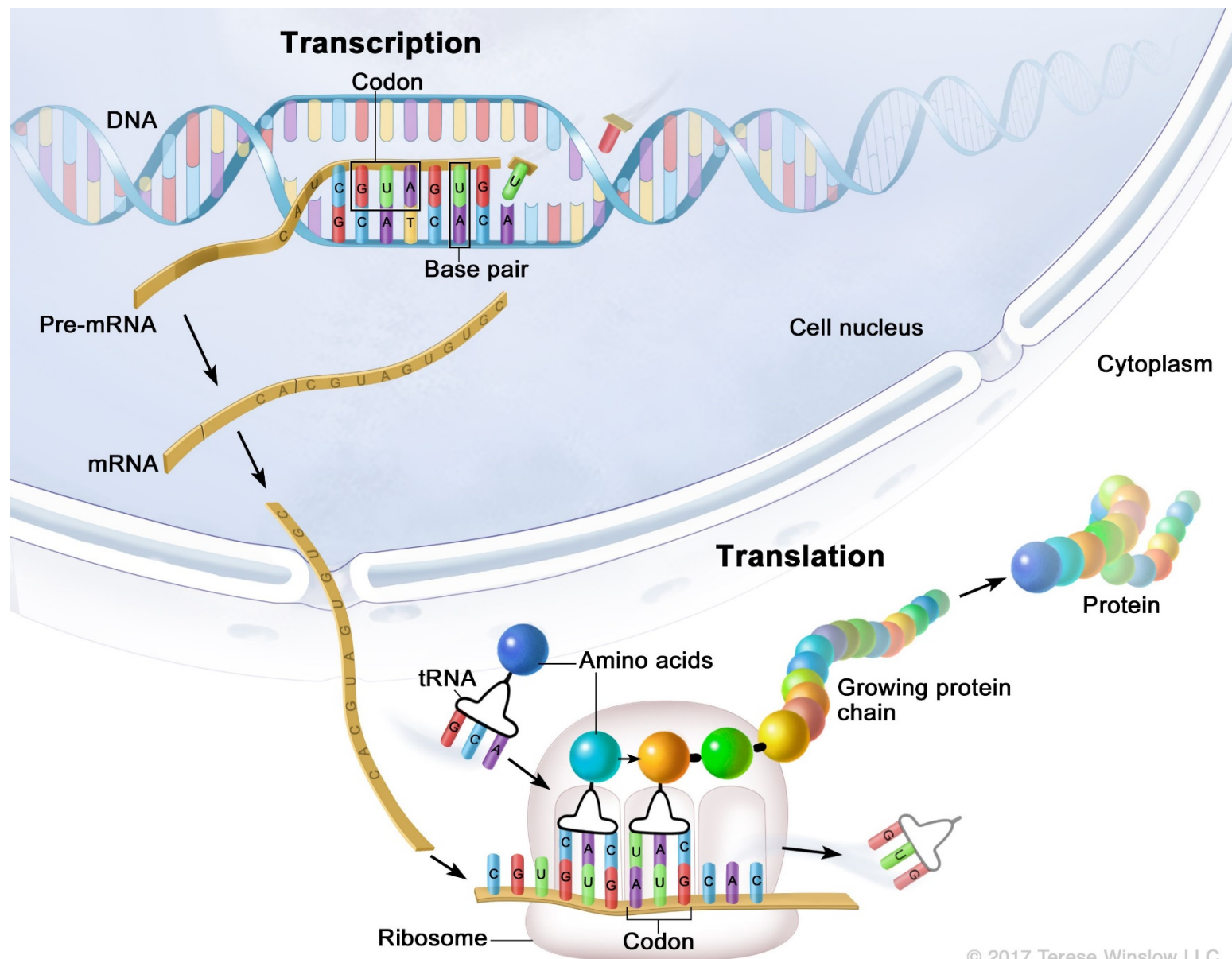


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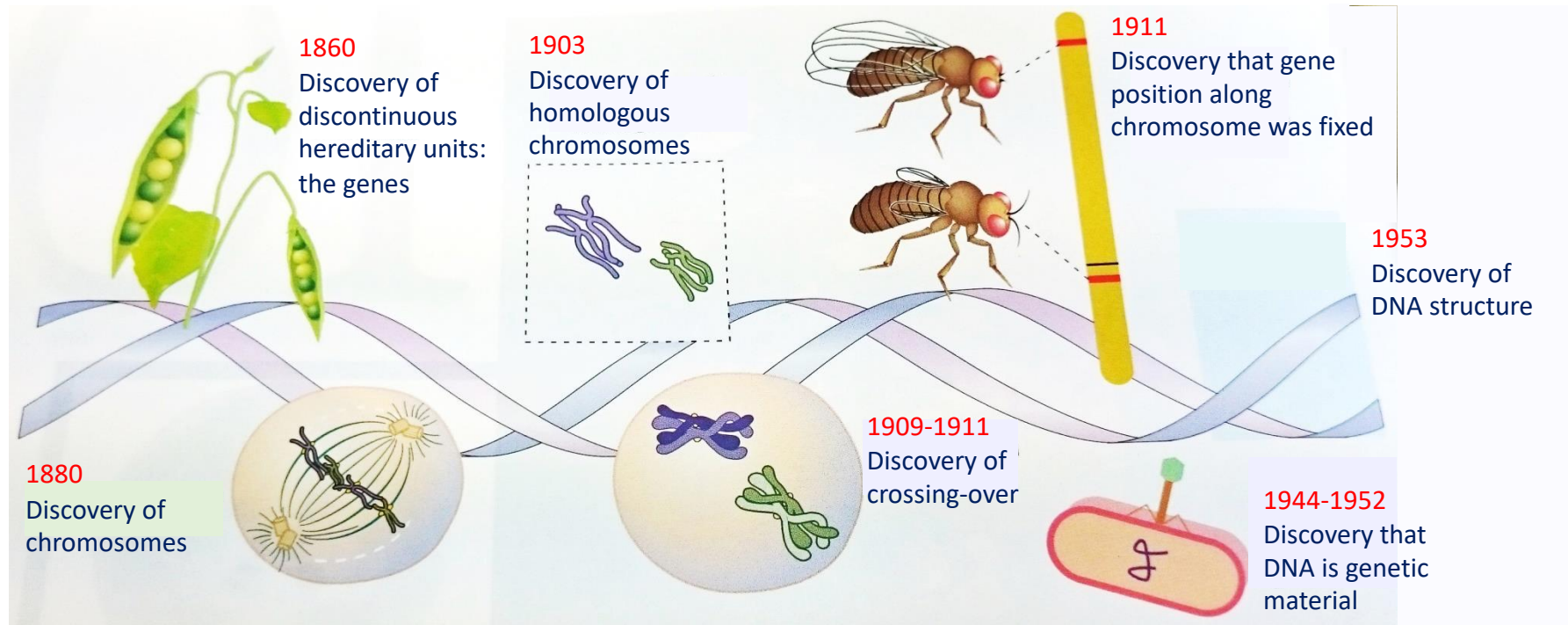
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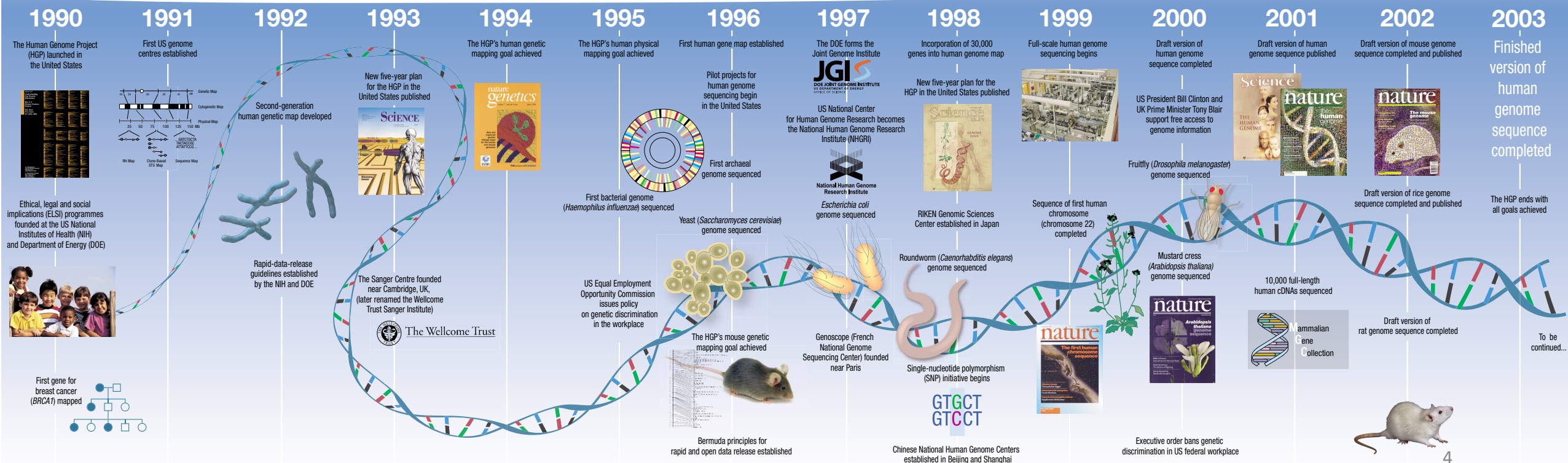
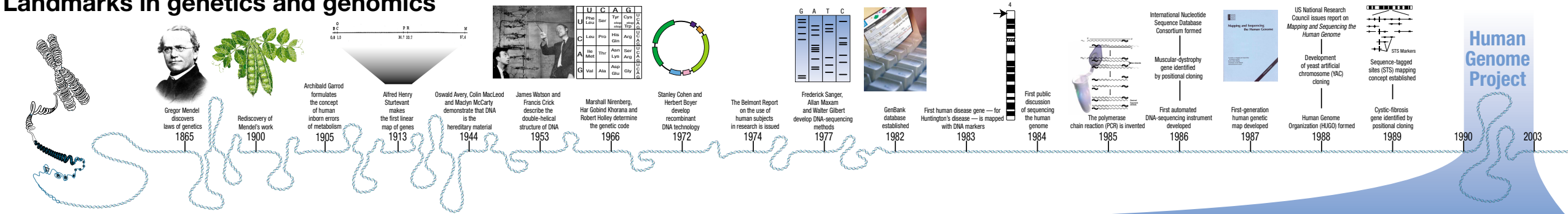
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- DNA sequencing

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Landmarks in genetics and genomics



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2003

The Human Genome Project is completed, confirming humans have approx. 20,000 to 25,000 genes. It read and recorded more than 92% of the genome – as much as was technologically possible at the time.

2005

The first report from HapMap (Map of Human Genetic Variation) is published, which aimed to produce a ‘catalogue’ of common human genetic variations and where they are found in the genome.

The first video is uploaded to YouTube.

2007

A new DNA sequencing technology (microarray hybridisation) is introduced, increasing the output of DNA sequencing by 70-fold.

Apple introduces the iPhone.

2012

The ENCODE study confirms that the human genome contains more than 20,600 protein-coding genes.

The Olympic Games are held in London, UK.

2013

The gene editing tool CRISPR-Cas9 is discovered. Later, Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier win the Nobel prize for its discovery – the first time in history the prize is awarded to two women.

The US Supreme Court rules that naturally occurring DNA cannot be patented.

2017

The first gene editing of human embryos takes place, using CRISPR-Cas9, to remove DNA responsible for a hereditary heart condition.

SpaceX builds and flies the first reusable rocket.

2018

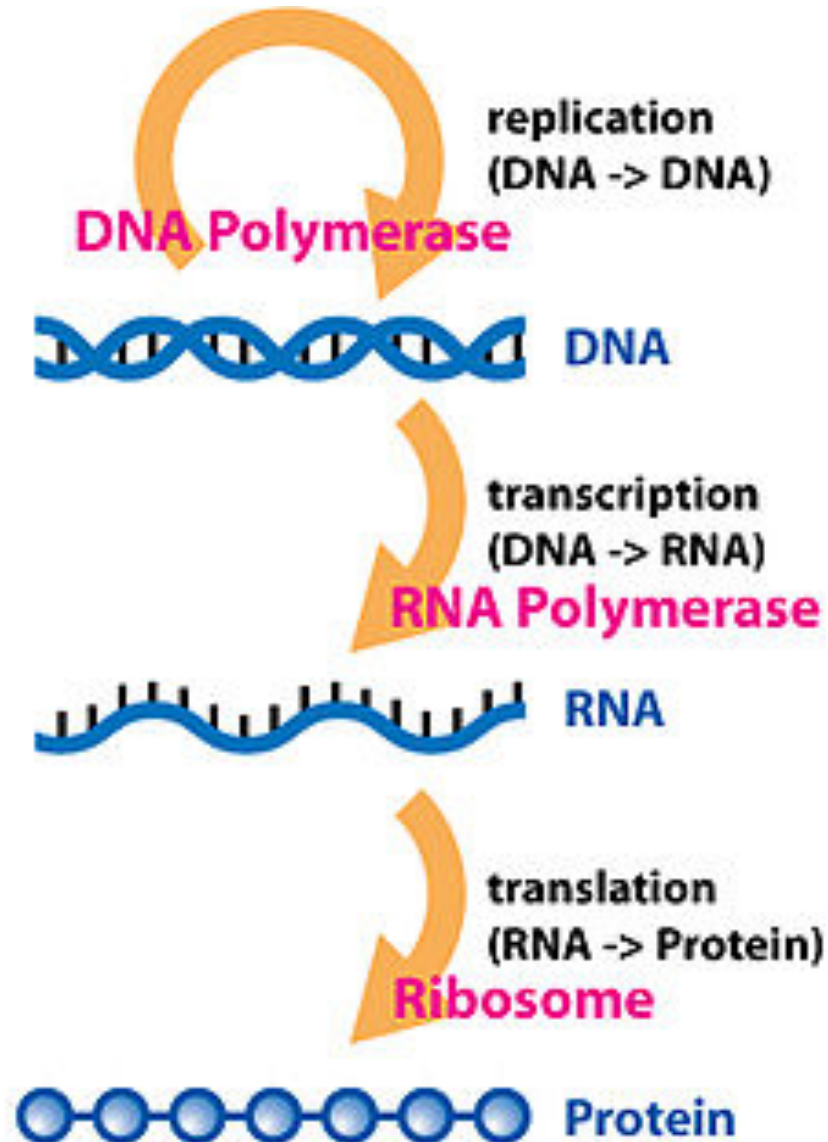
The 100K Genomes project is completed, sequencing 100,000 genomes from people affected by a rare genetic disease or cancer.

NASA launches its first mission to the sun.

2022

The entirety of the human genome sequence is completed. Various project have slowly filled the remaining gaps since the first 92% was published in 2003.

From DNA to proteins in Eukaryotes

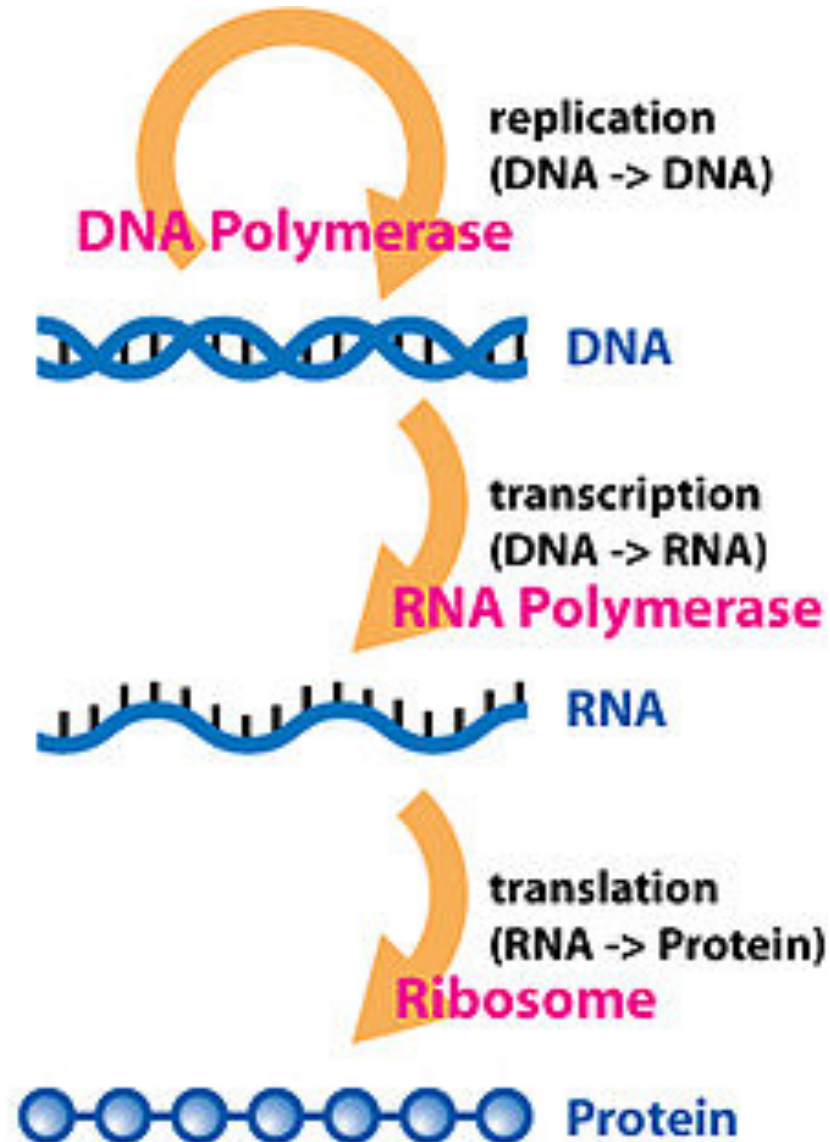


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Storage of genetic information

Expression of the genetic message

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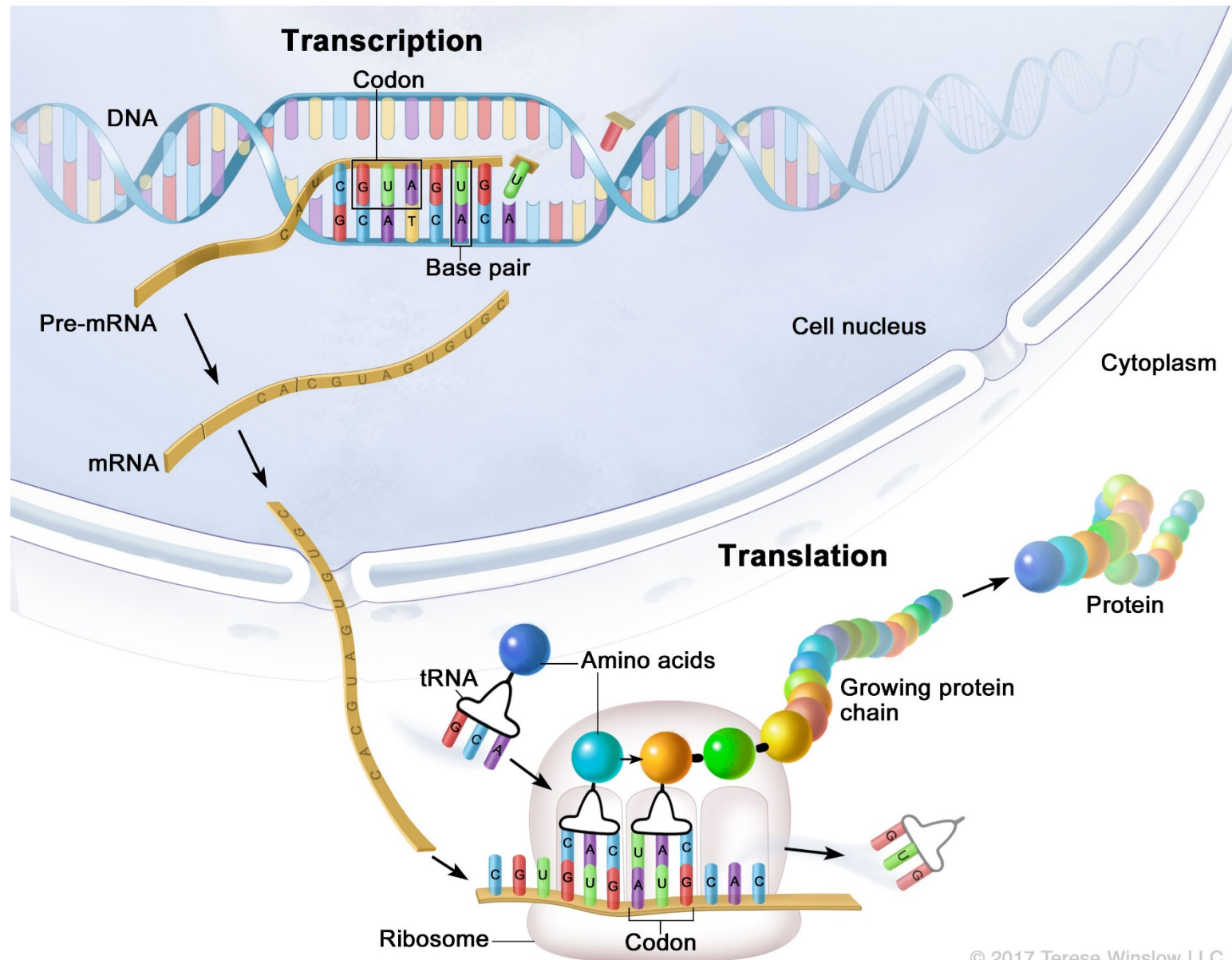
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also non-coding RNA, ...

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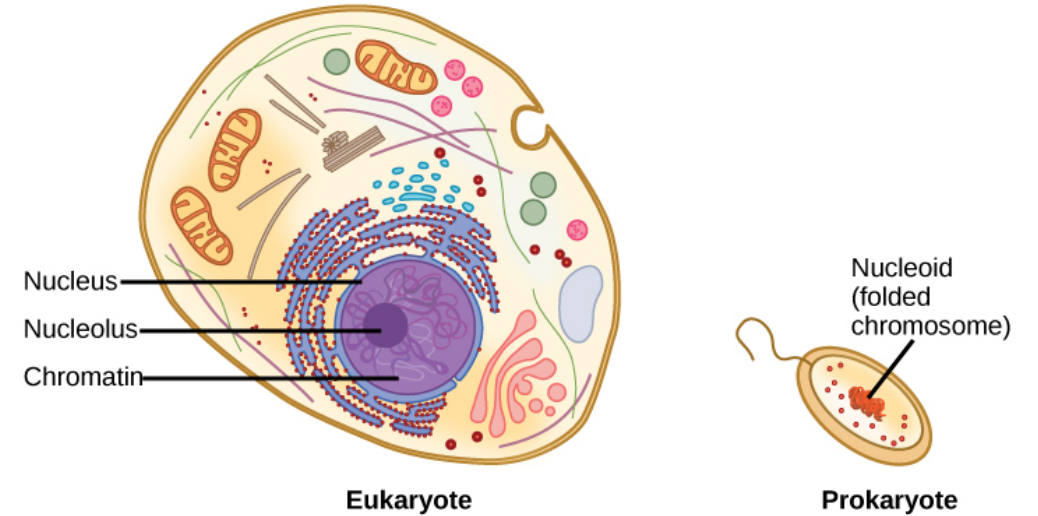
Two types of nucleic acids

DNA = DeoxyriboNucleic Acid

- * Double-stranded structure
- * Location
 - in the nucleus of Eukaryotes
 - in the cytoplasm in Procaryotes
- * It carries the genetic information needed for protein synthesis

RNA = Ribonucleic Acid

- * Single strand structure
- * Several types of RNA
- * They allow the execution of protein synthesis
- * Some regulate gene expression



A eukaryote contains a well-defined nucleus, whereas in prokaryotes, the chromosome lies in the cytoplasm in an area called the nucleoid

Nucleotides

**Nucleotide = elemental component of nucleic acids.
Nucleic acids are polynucleotides**

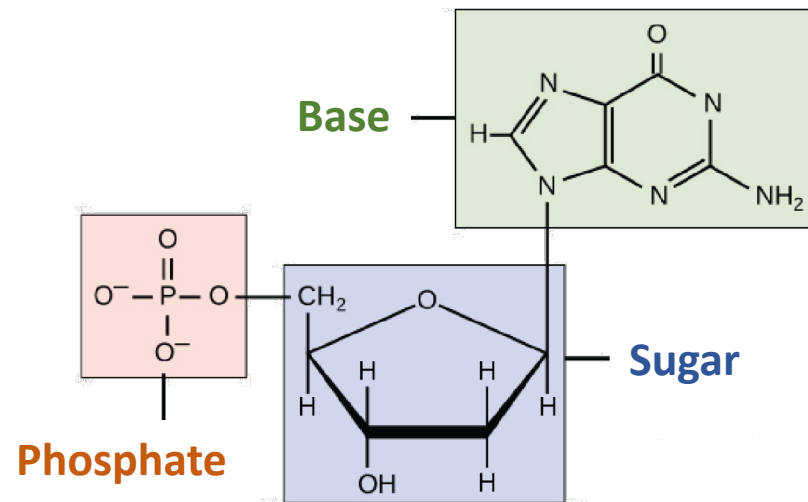
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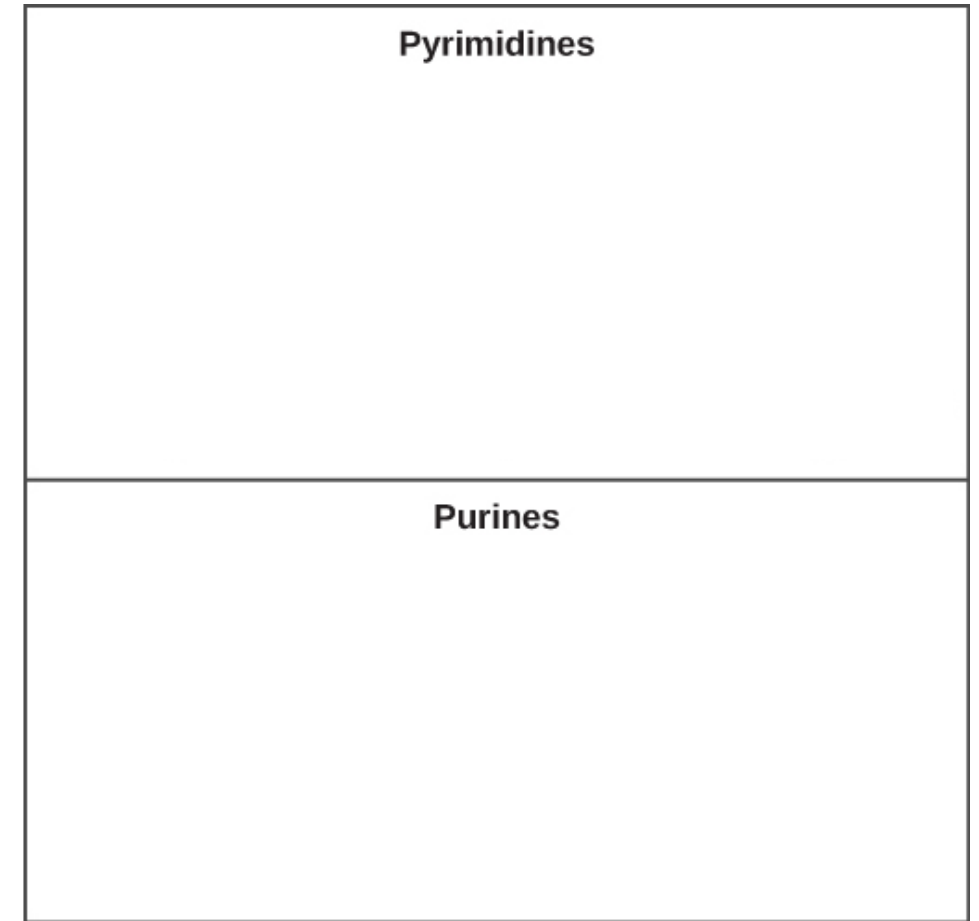
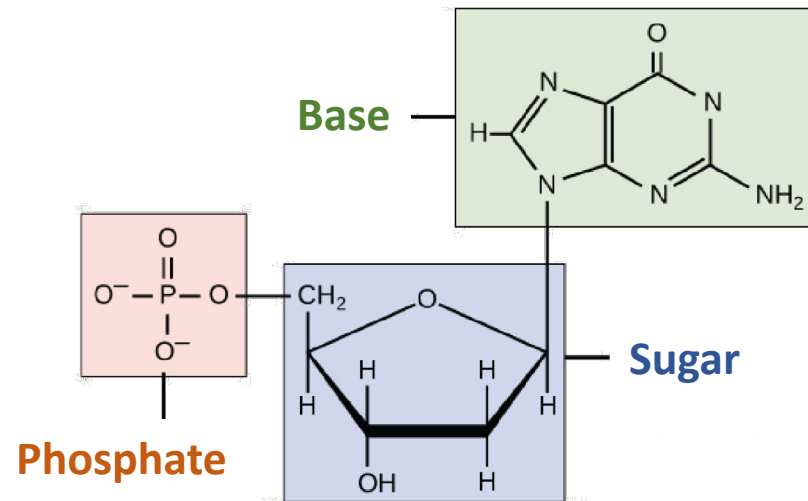
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Two types of base

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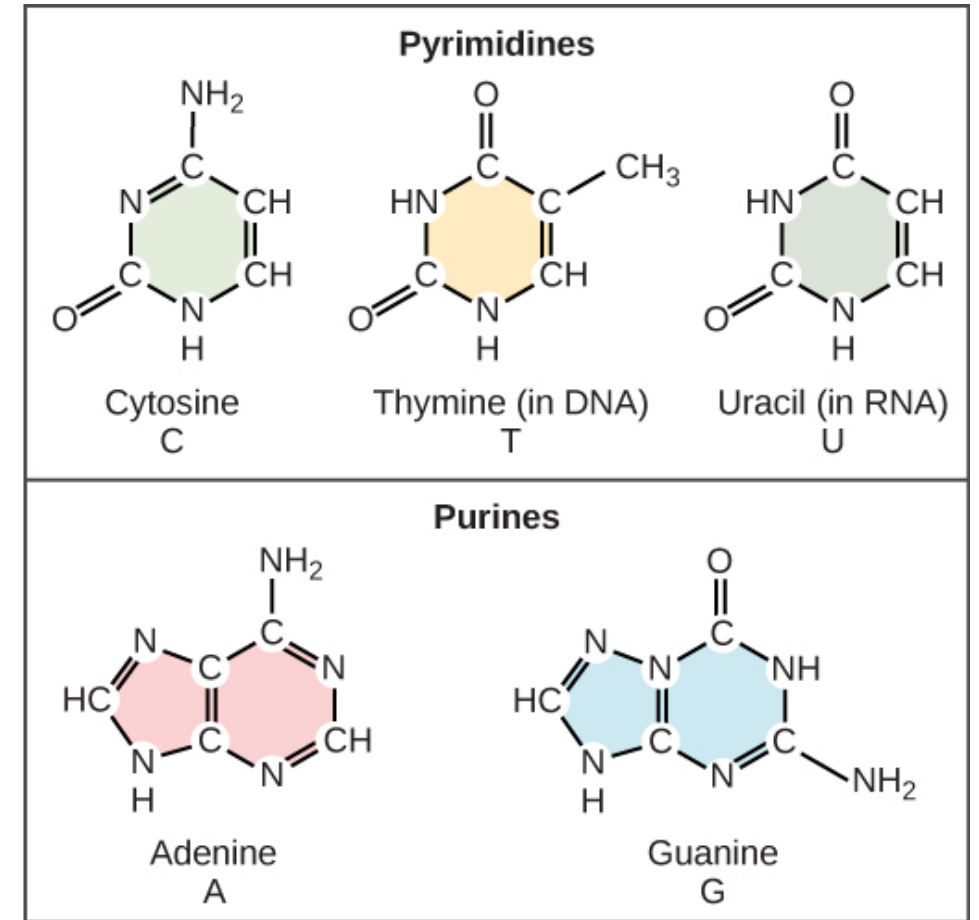
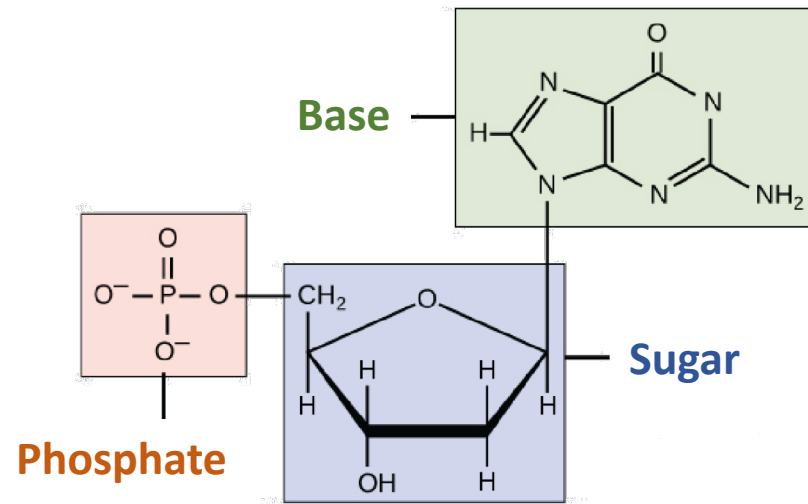
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Two types of base : Pyrimidine and Purine

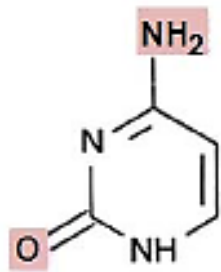
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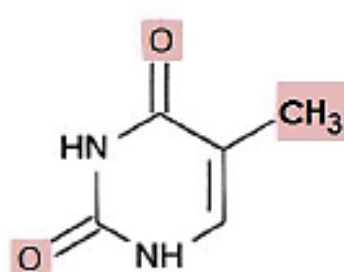


The pyrimidine bases

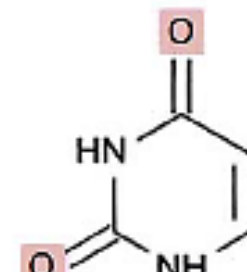
Pyrimidine ring (x6)



Cytosine
C



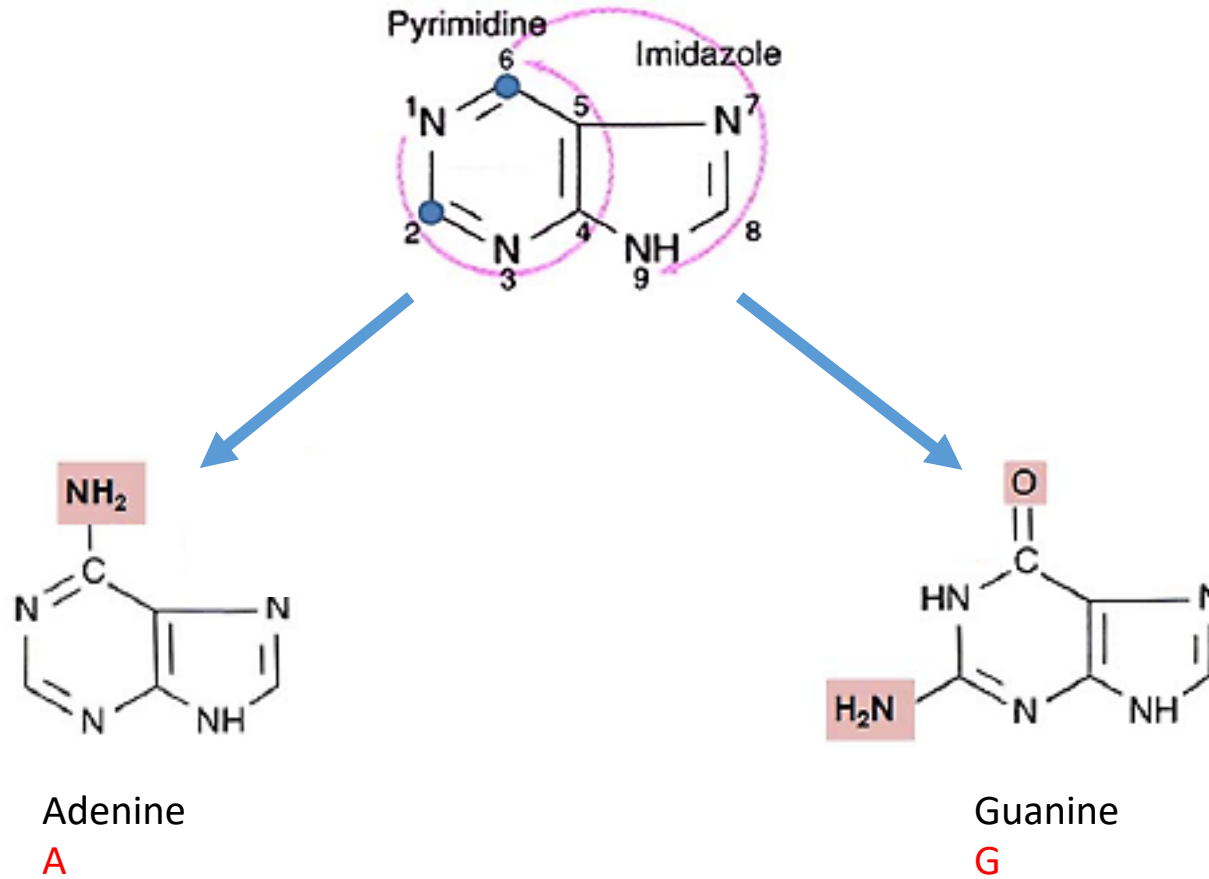
Thymine
T



Uracil
U

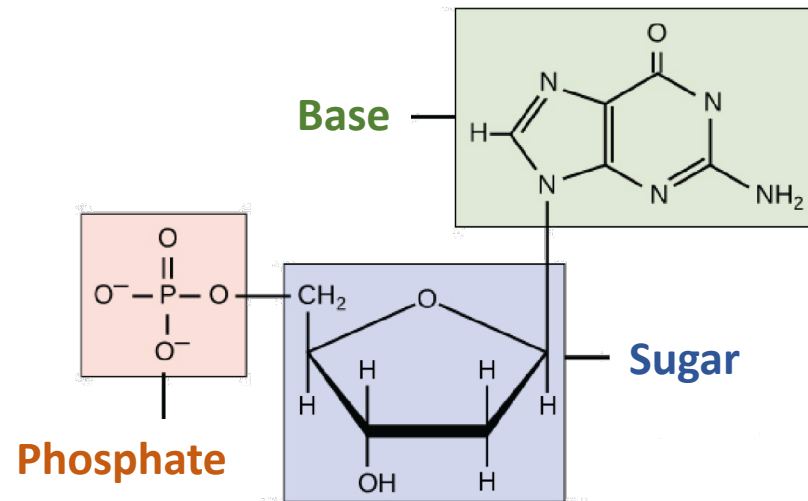
The purine bases

Pyrimidine ring (x6) + Imidazole ring (x5)



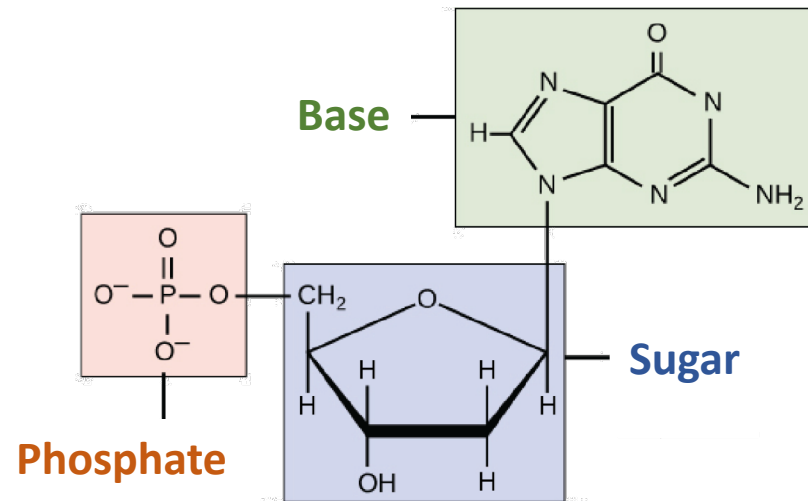
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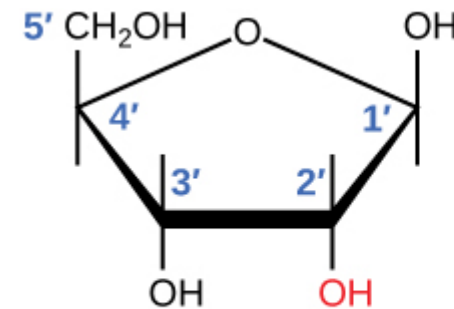
Adenine + Sugar = Adenosine

Guanine + Sugar = Guanosine

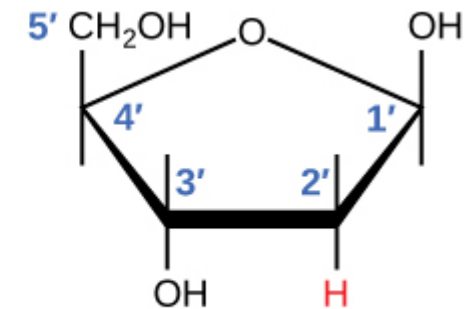
Thymine + Sugar = Thymidine

Cytosine + Sugar = Cytidine

Uracyl + Sugar = Uridine

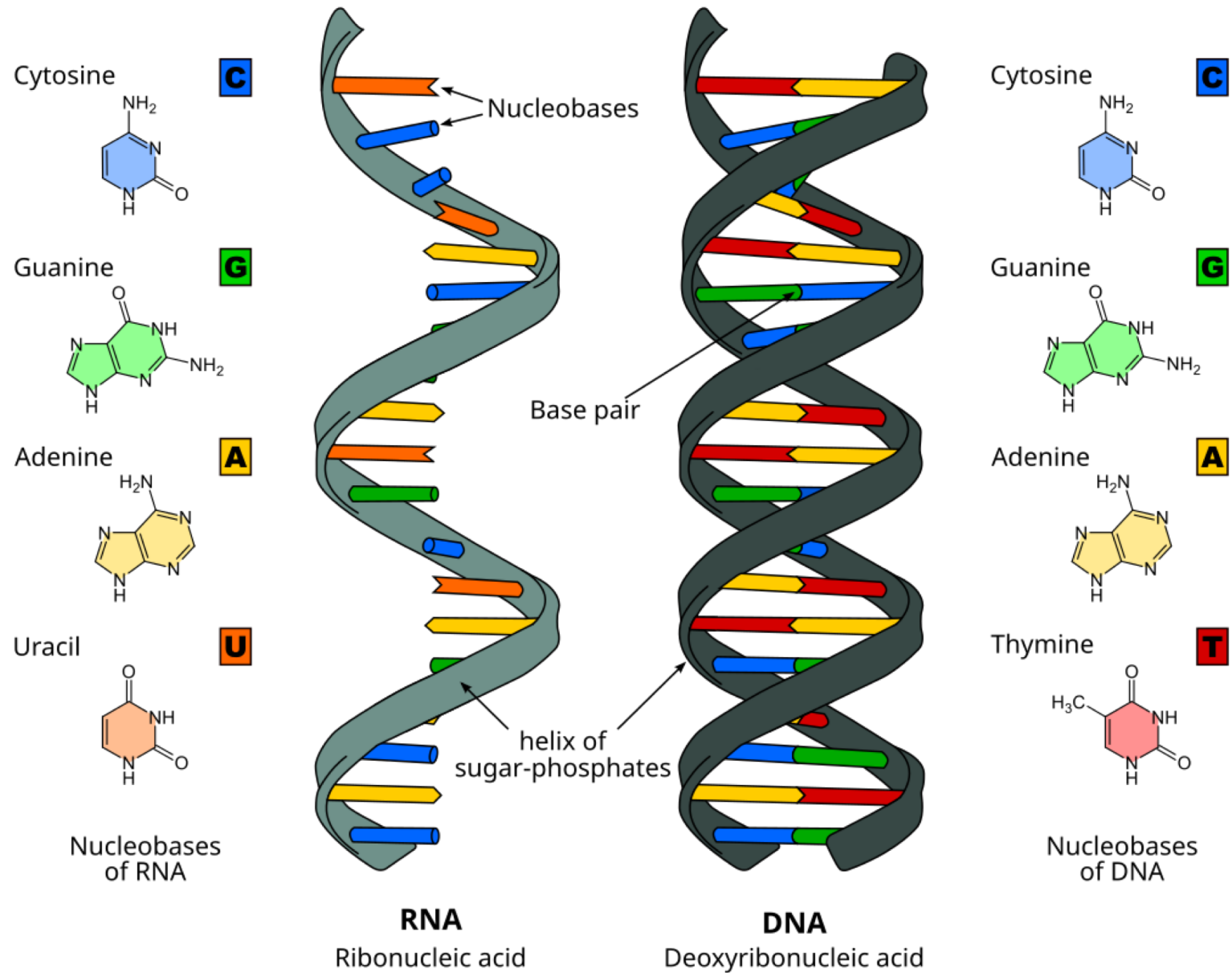


Ribose



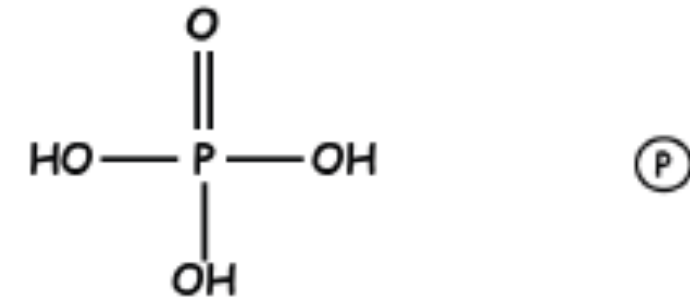
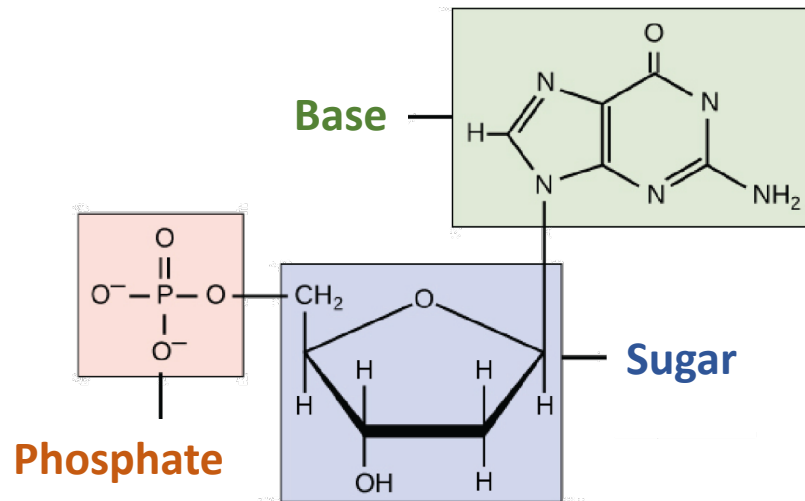
Deoxyribose

RNA vs DNA

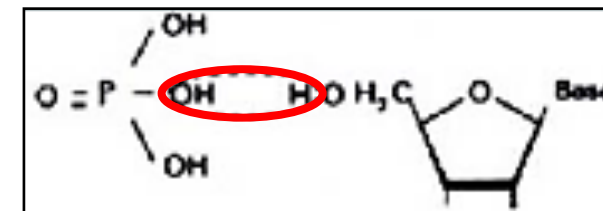


Phosphate group

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- Acid
- Negatively charged
- bound to sugar by removing one H₂O molecule



Nucleotide vs Nucleoside vs Nitrogenous bases

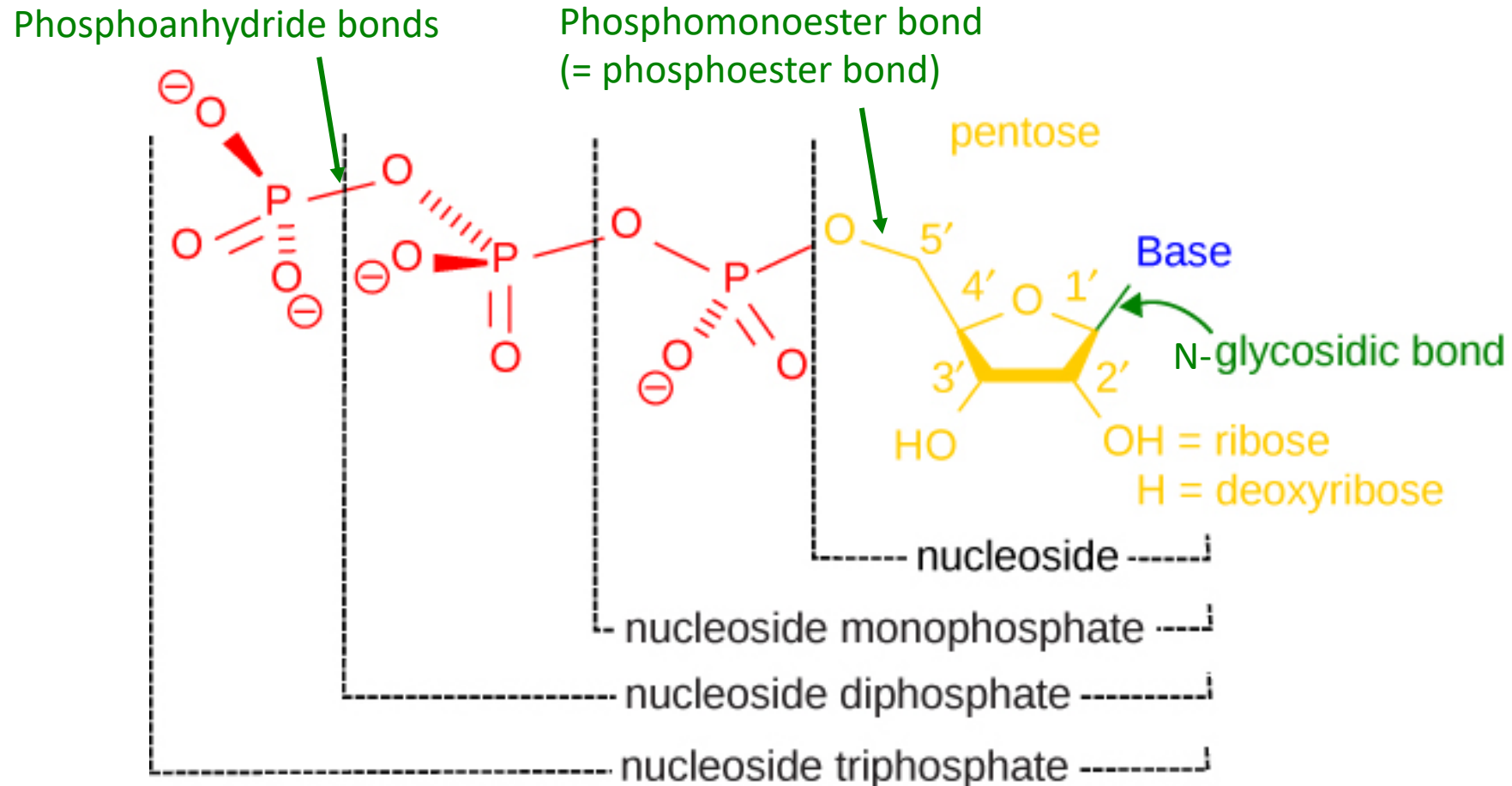
Nucleoside =

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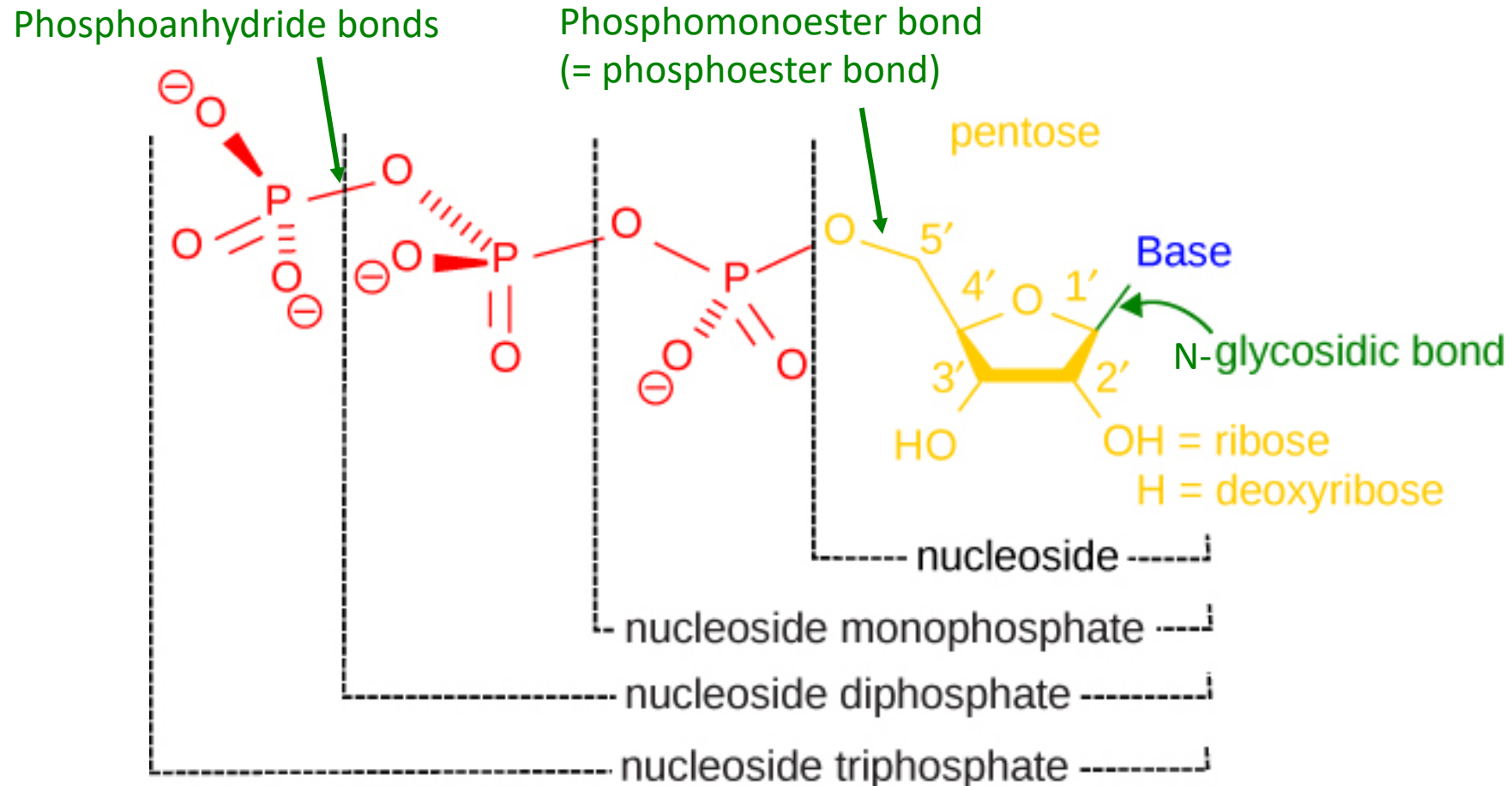
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Adenine

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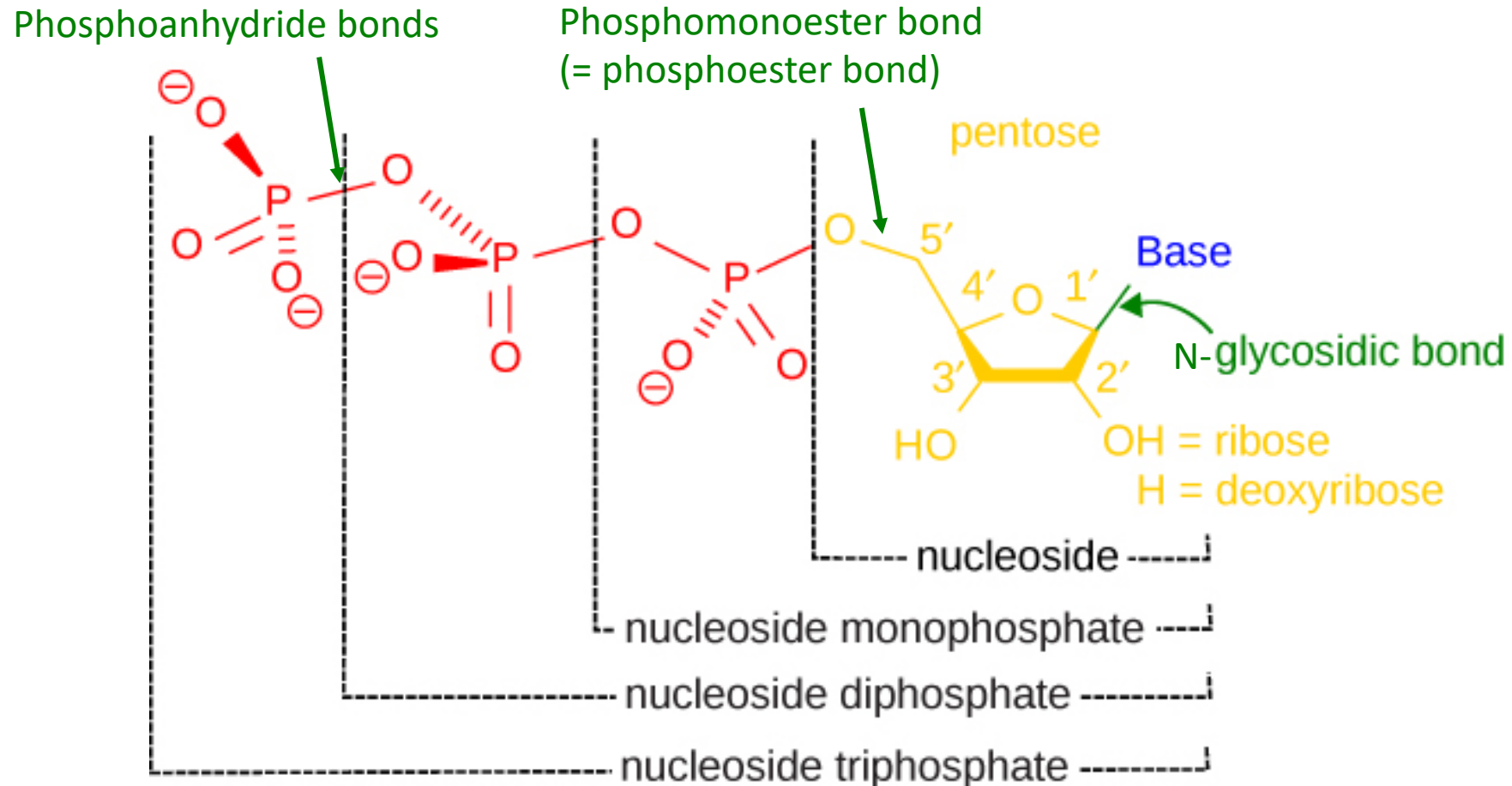
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d-Adenosine

dAMP

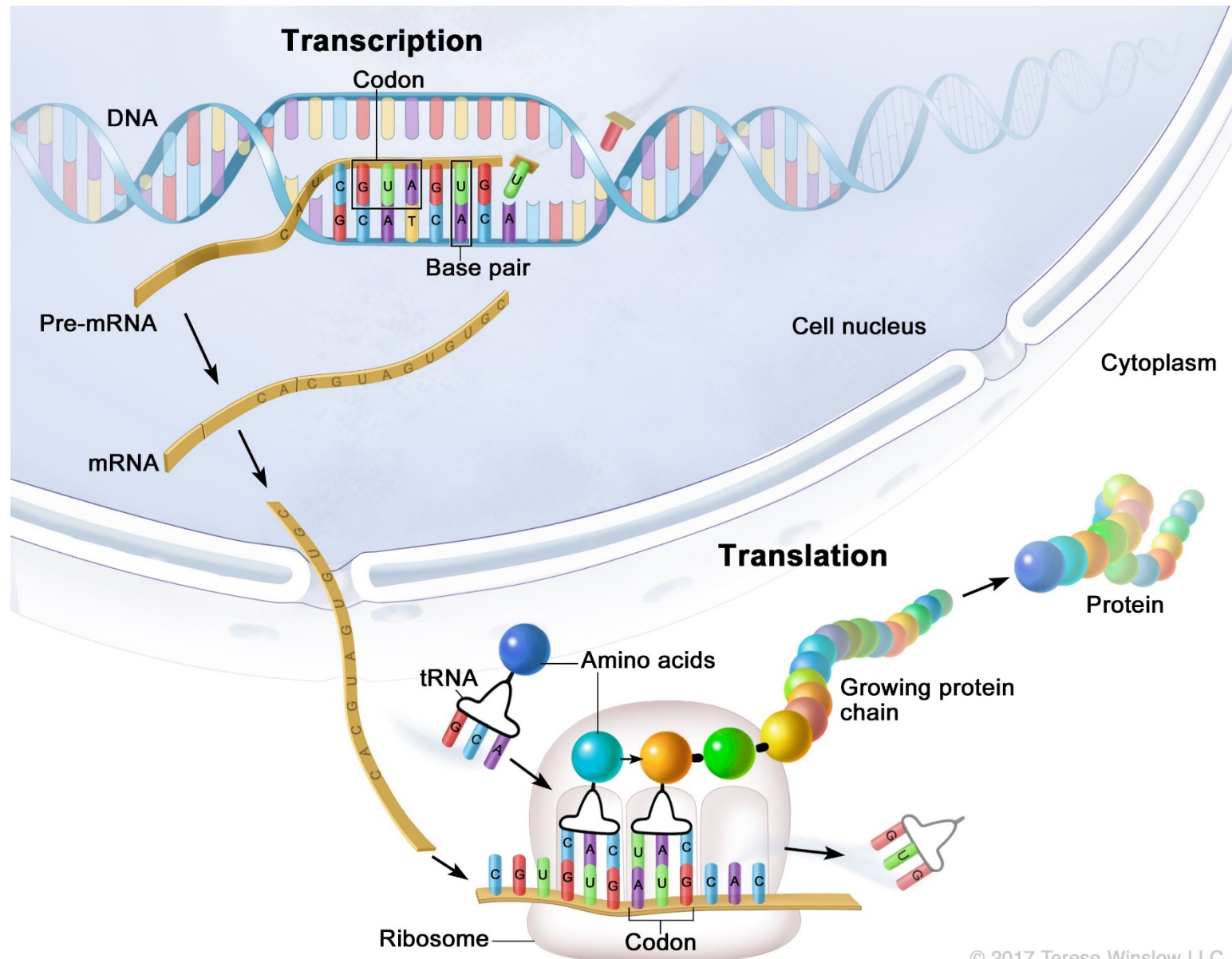
dADP

dATP

Summary on bases, nucleosides and nucleotides

Bases		Ribose		Desoxyribose	
		Nucleosides	Nucleotides	Nucleosides	Nucleotides
Purines	Adenine	Aden osine	AMP	d-Aden osine	dAMP
	Guanine	Guan osine	GMP	d-Guan osine	dGMP
Pyrimidines	Uracil	Urid ine	UMP	-	-
	Thymine	-	-	d-Thym idine	dTMP
	Cytosine	Cyt idine	CMP	d-Cyt idine	dCMP

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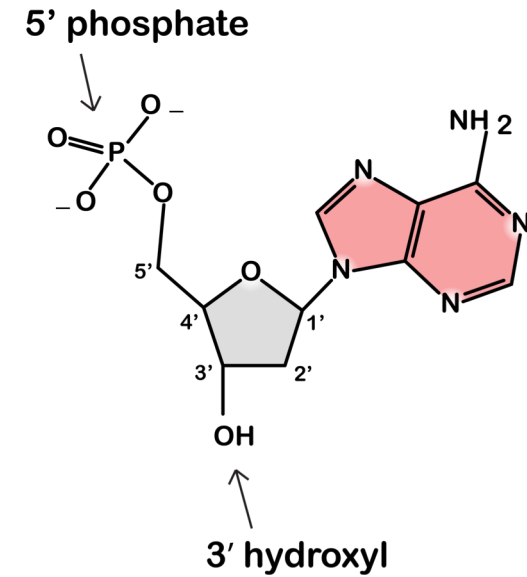
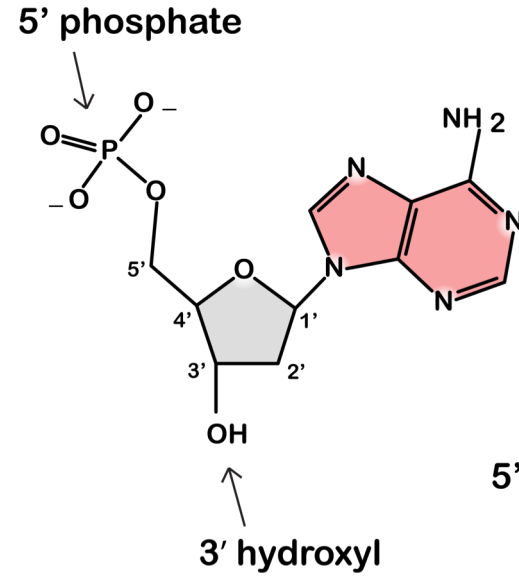
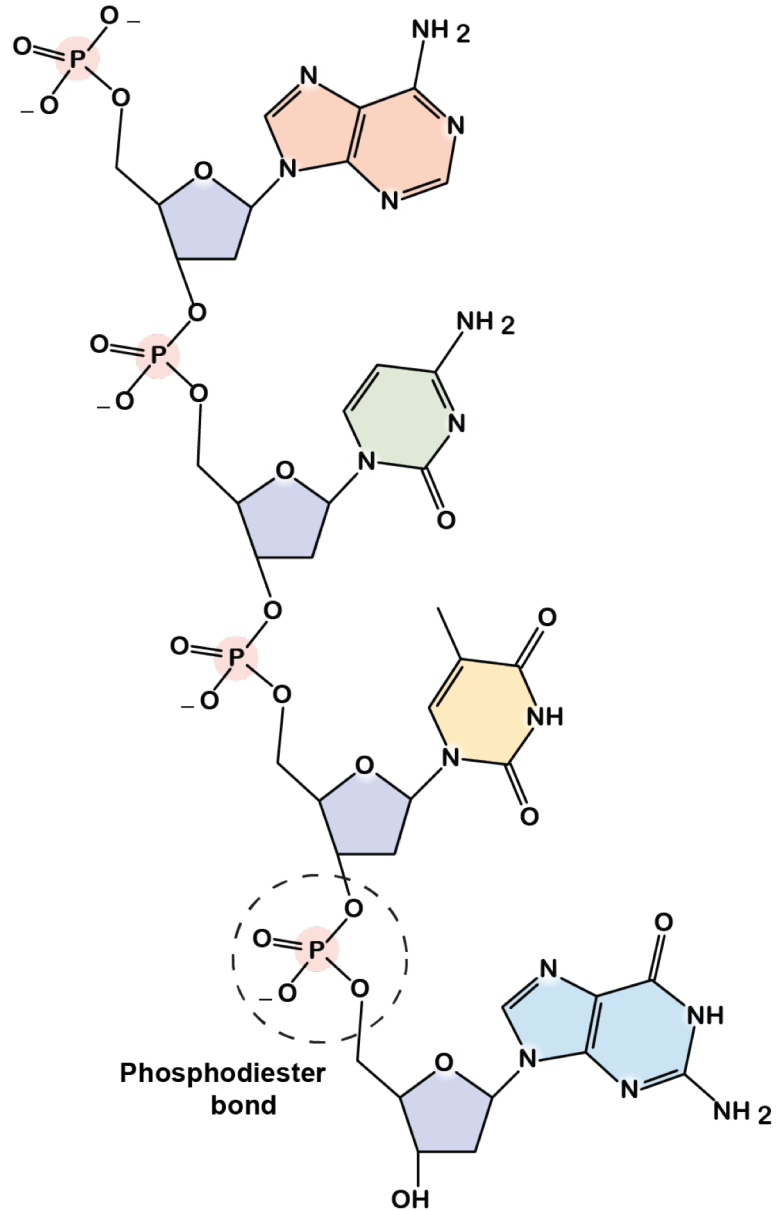
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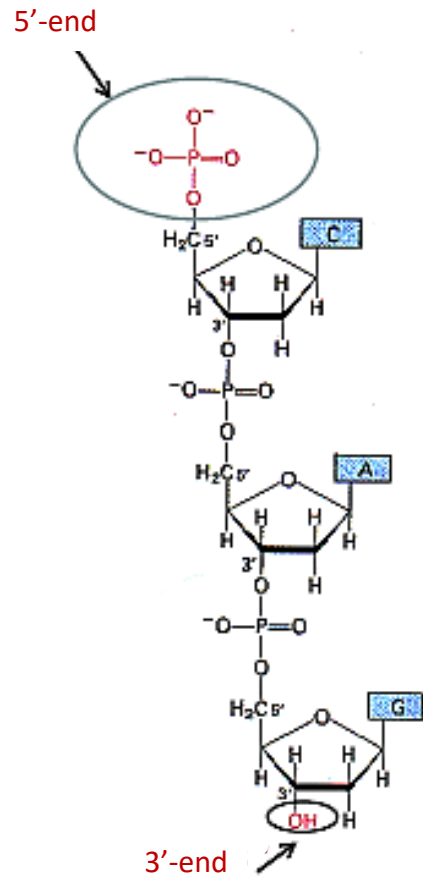
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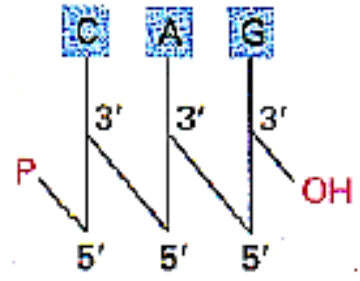
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Representation of polynucleotides



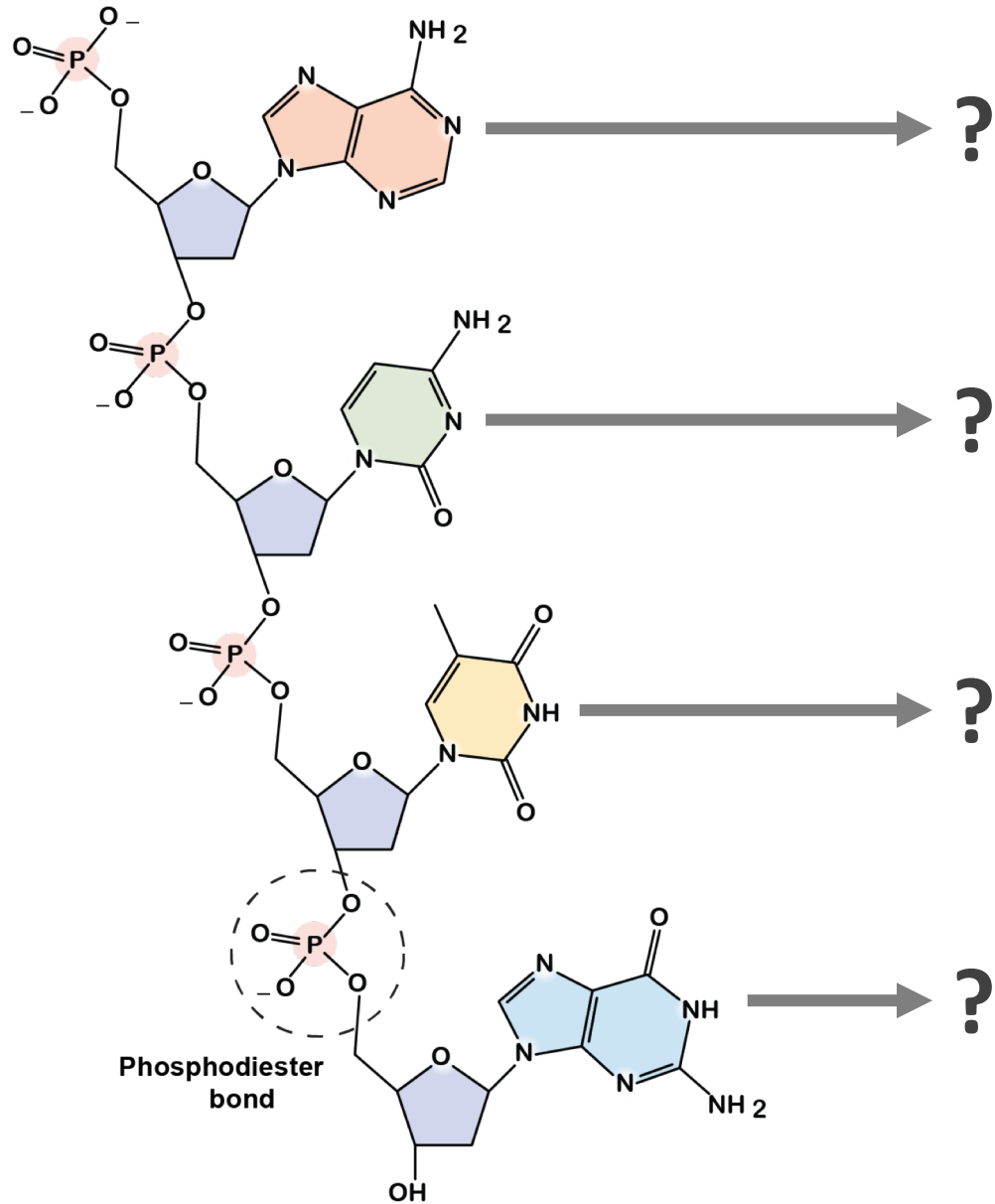
Two common patterns used to represent polynucleotides



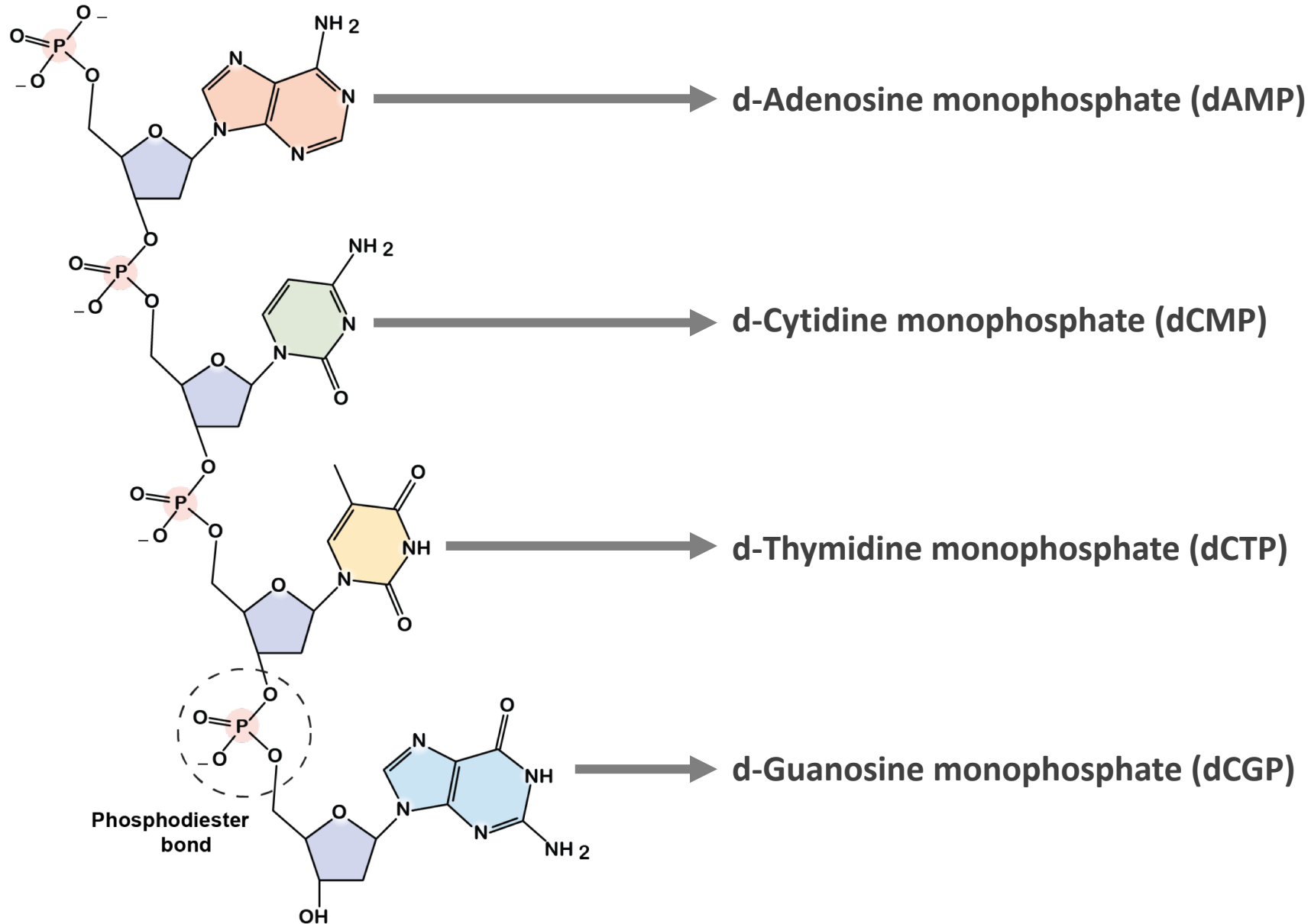
OR

5' C-A-G 3'

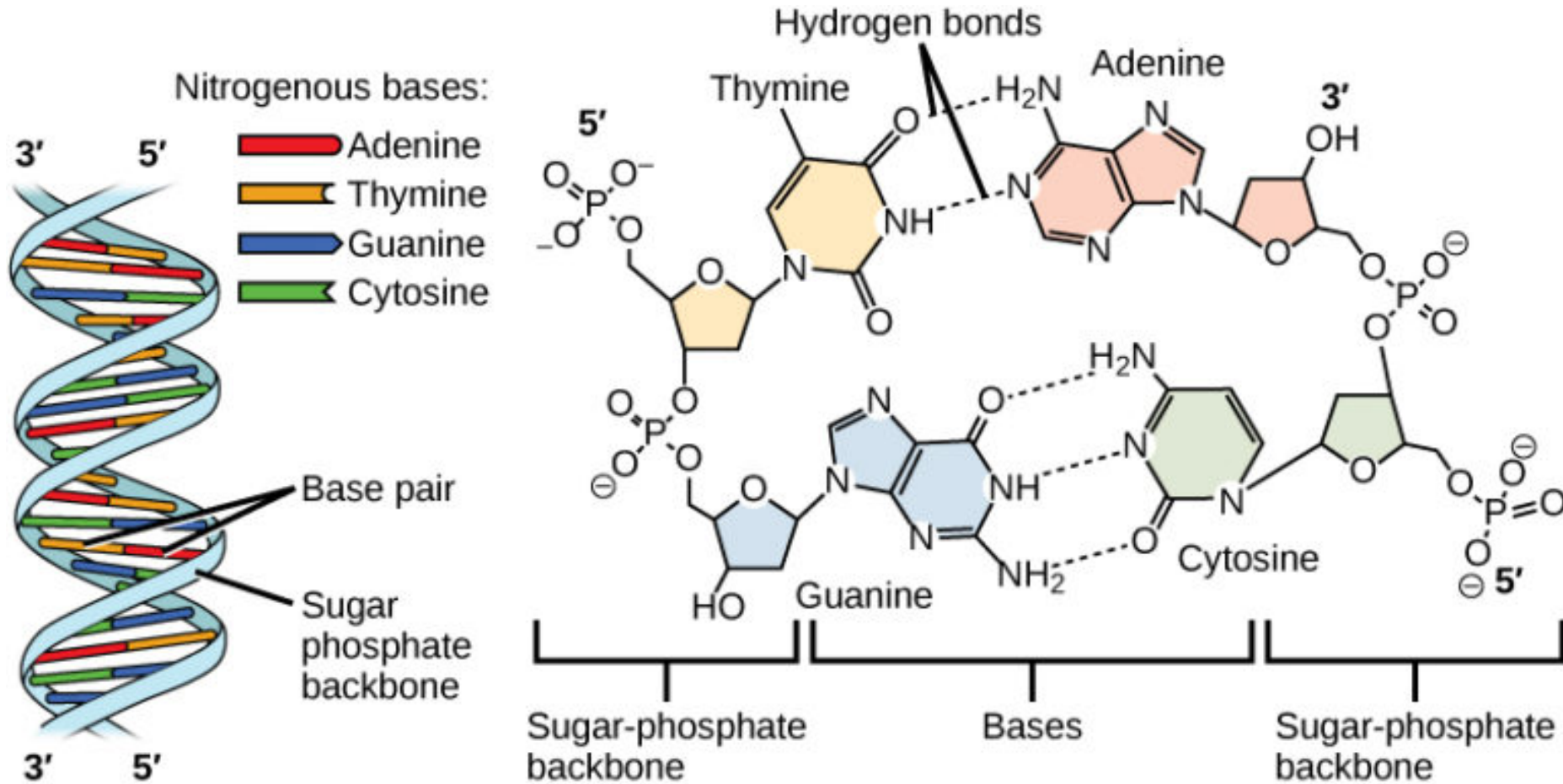
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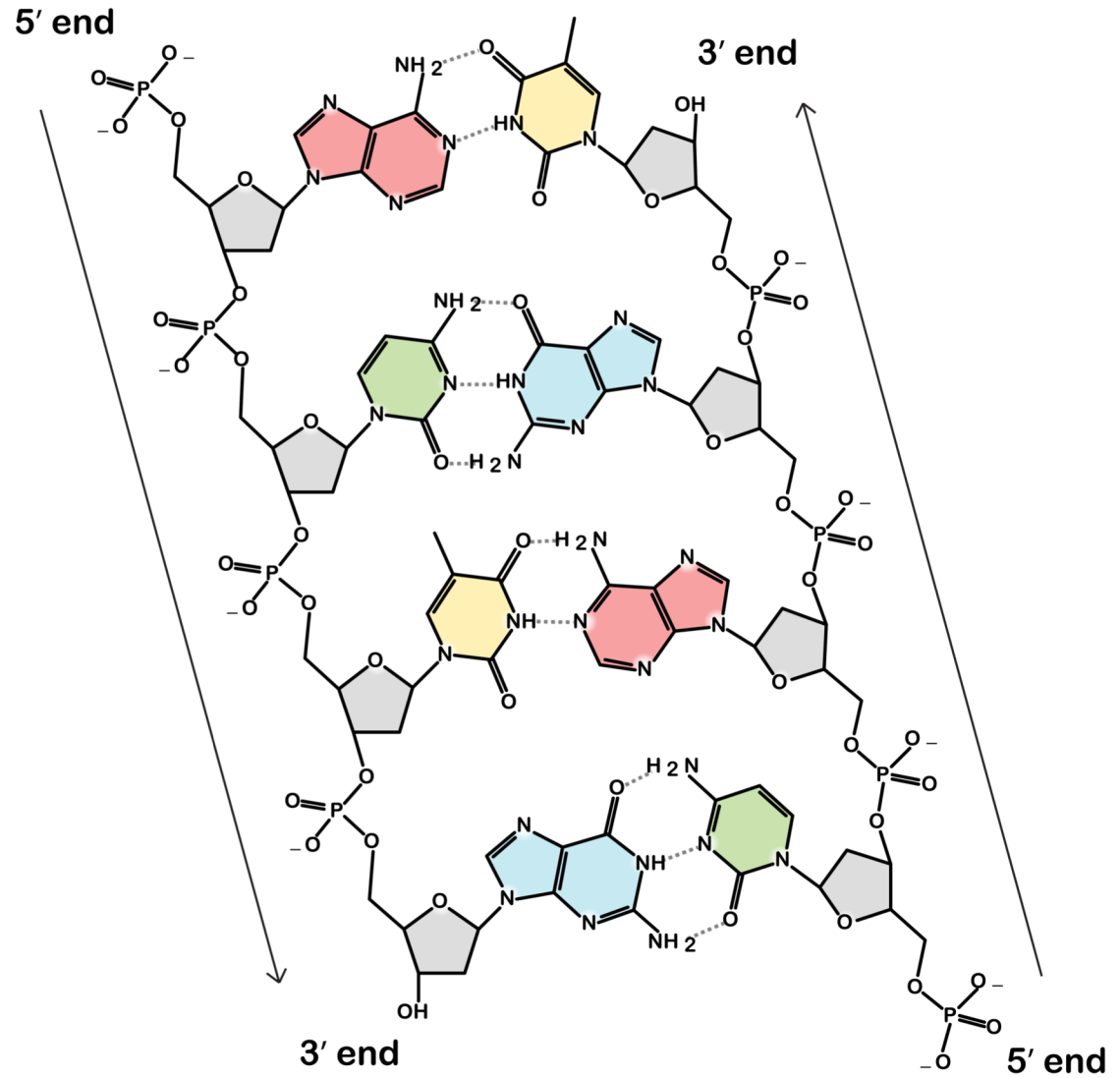
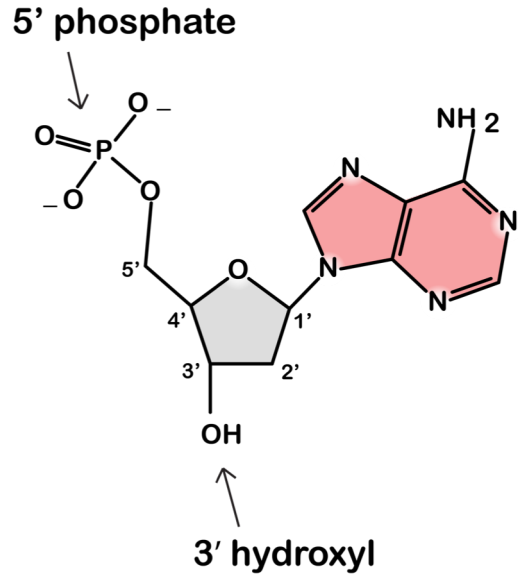
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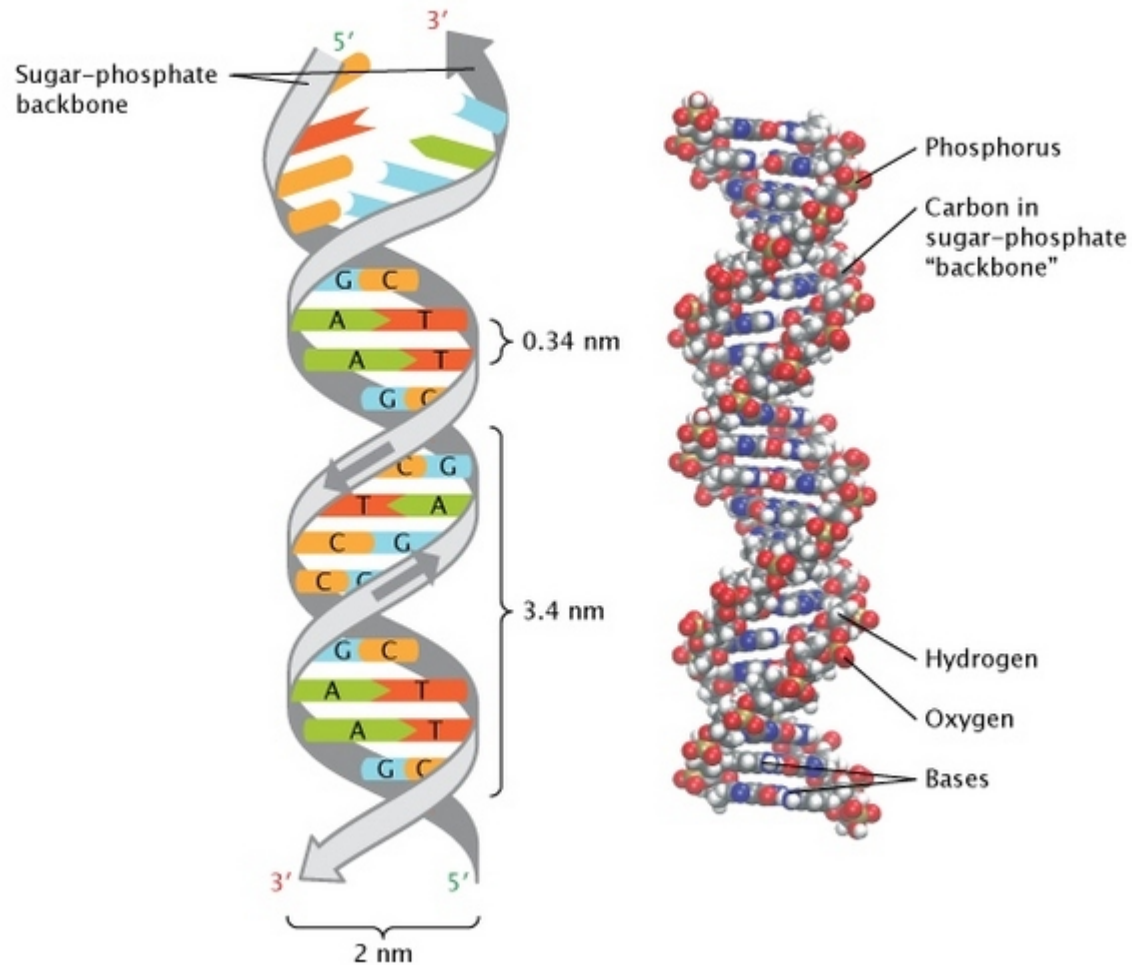
Nucleotide assembly : Hydrogen bonds



5' and 3' ends



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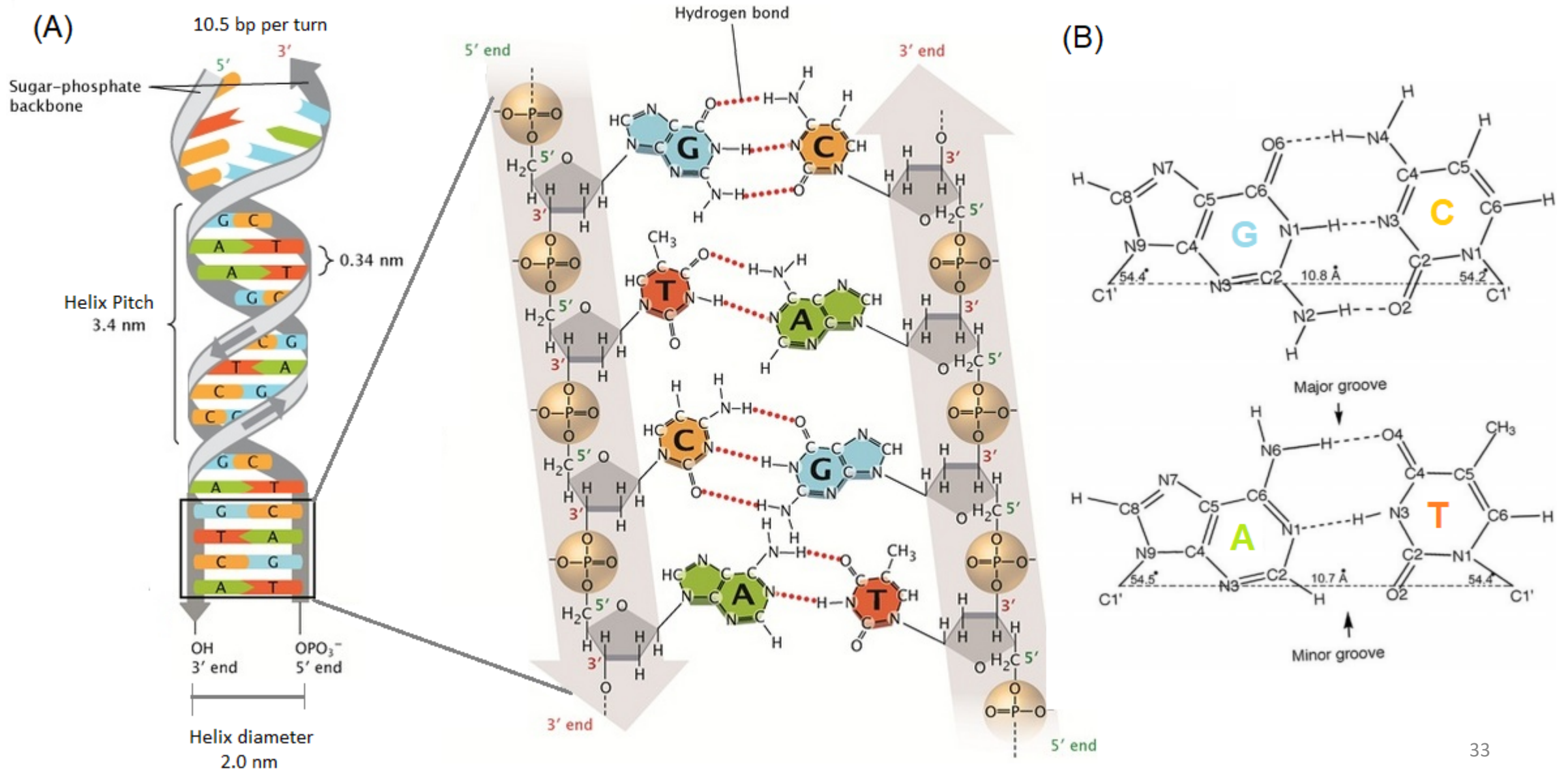


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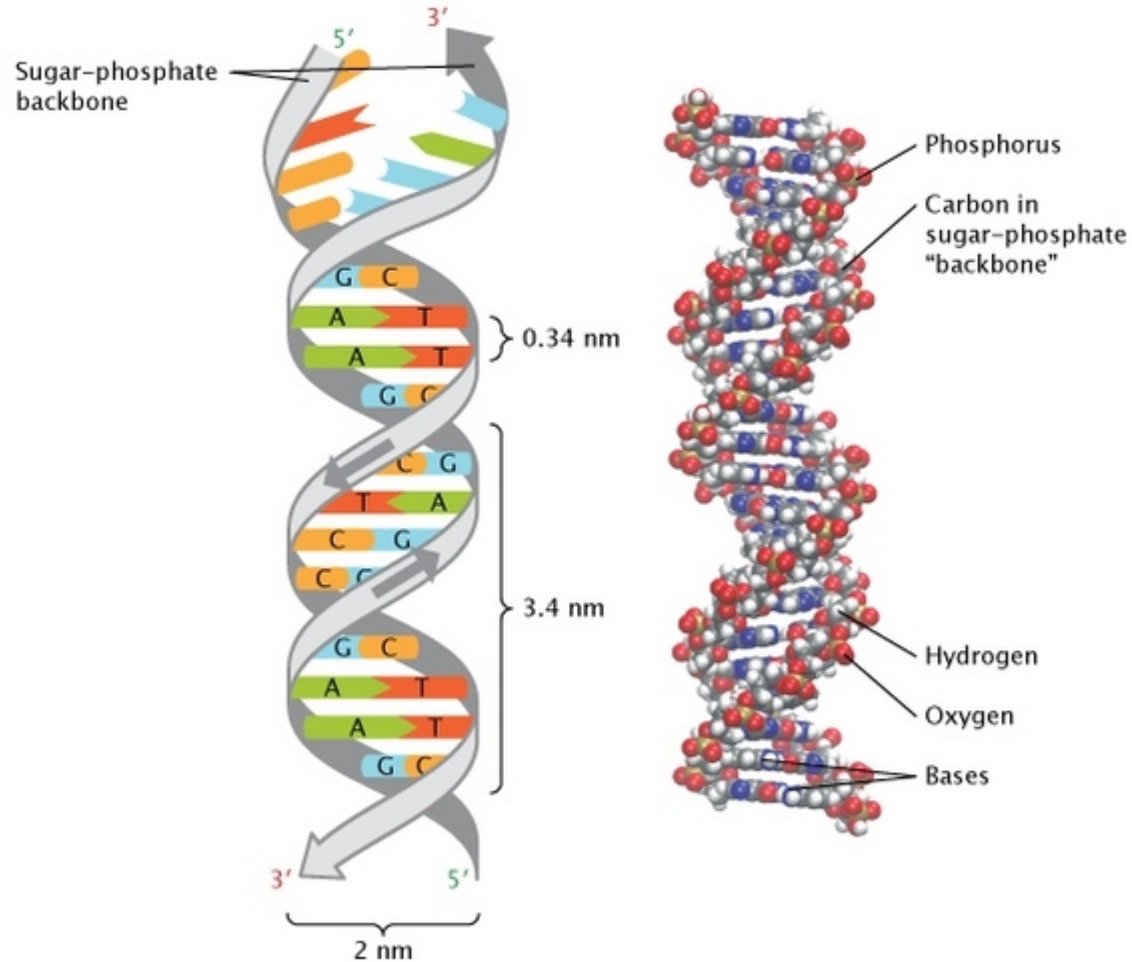
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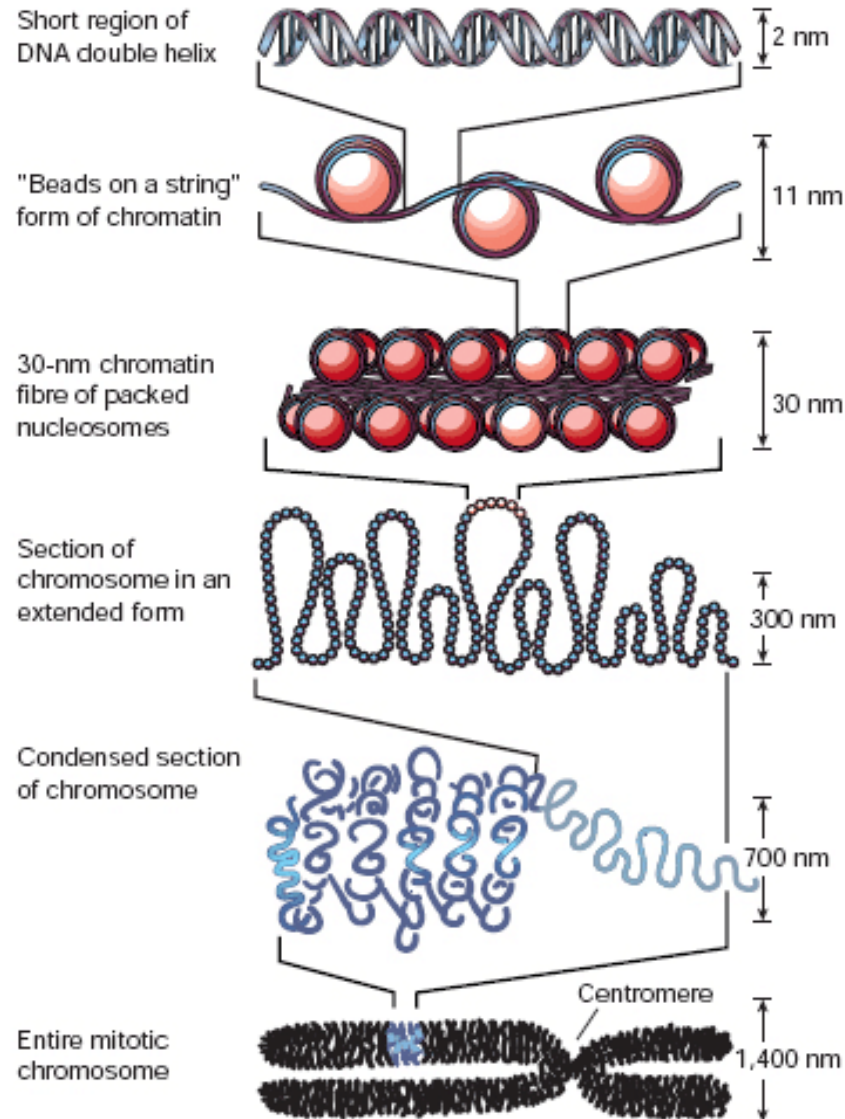


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- 4) The 2 chains are held together by **hydrogen bonds (H)**
- 5) The only possible base pairs are **A-T** and **G-C**
- 6) Both chains are anti-parallel

Necessary DNA compaction in eukaryotic cell



In Human genome

☞ 6.4 billion base pairs

↳ 3.4 Å between each base

↳ ≈ 2 meters long

☞ In each eukaryotic cell

↳ need to fit into an about 6 μm diameter nucleus

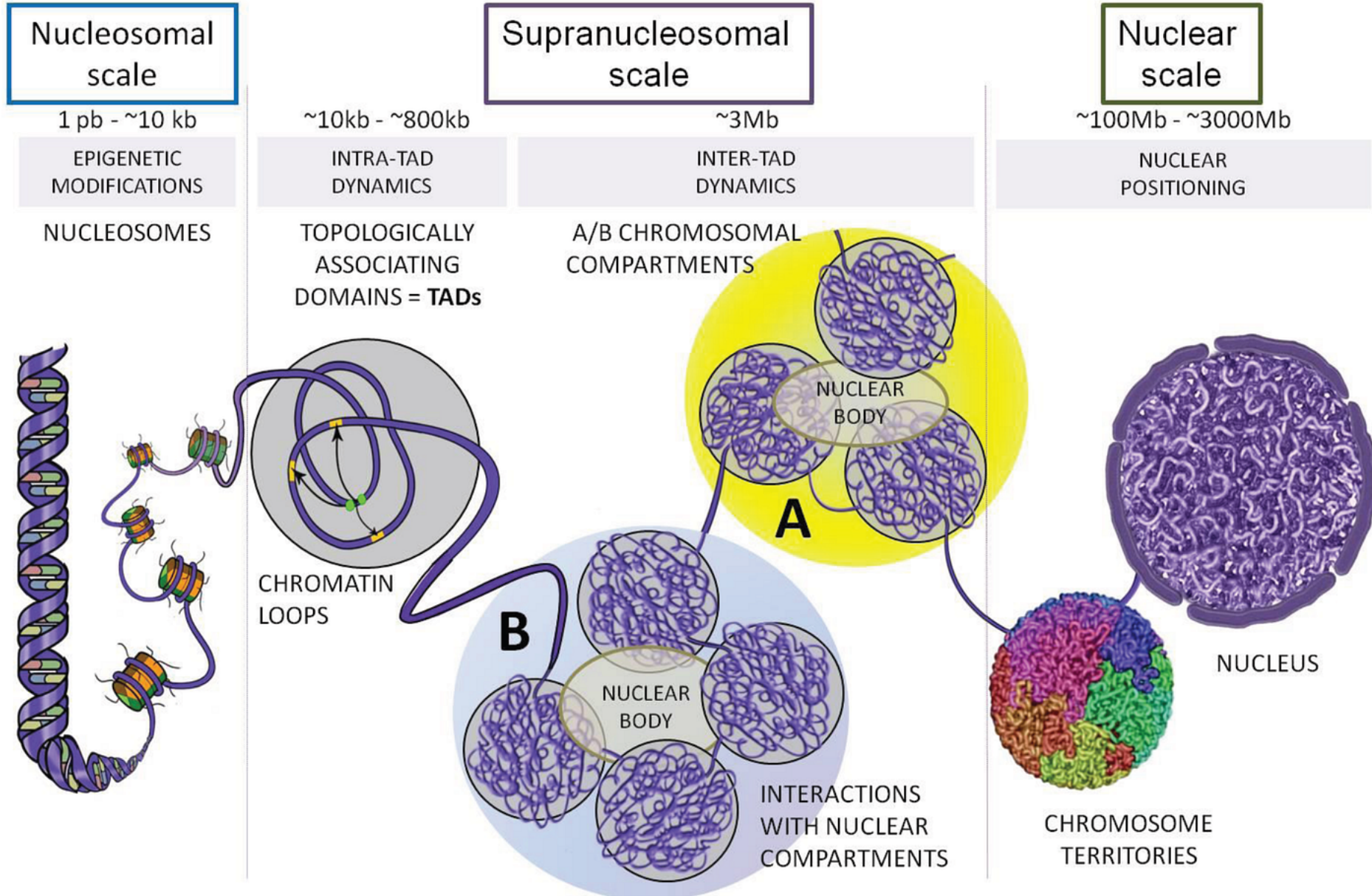
⇒ Possible compaction by proteins (histones, etc.)

If all the DNA in your body was put end to end, it would reach to the sun and back over 600 times

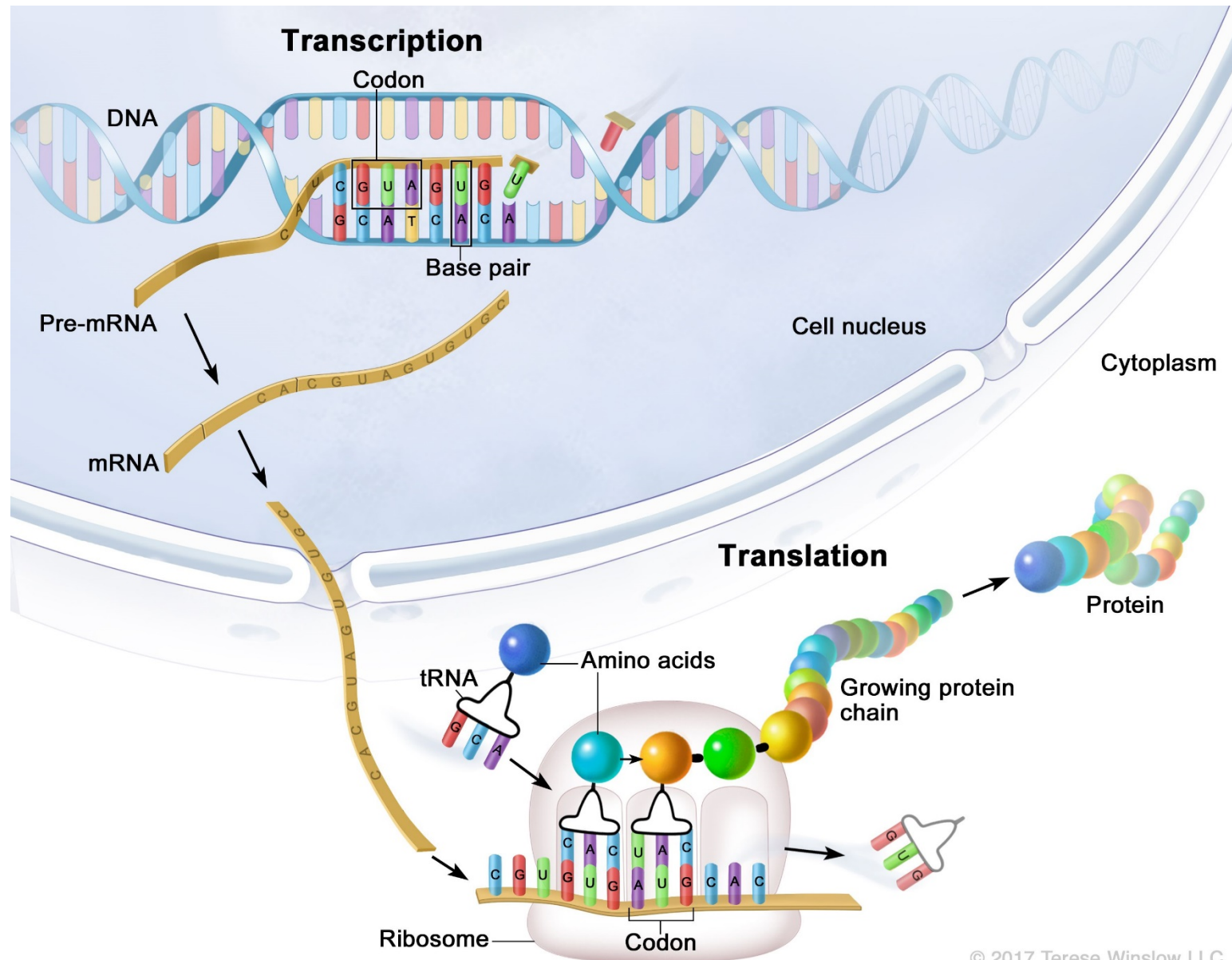
Maximal compaction...



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☞ Each species has a specific set of genetic information stored in chromosomes that forms its genome

- * number of specific chromosomes
- * specific genetic information (DNA sequence)

☞ In **Prokaryotes**

The genome consists of **a single circular chromosome**
+/- extrachromosomal structures: the plasmids

☞ In **Eukaryotes**

The genome is

- * in the nucleus
- * represented by a number of chromosomes specific to each species

Chromosomal structure = DNA + various proteins

+ DNA in cellular organelles

☞ In Eukaryotes

Most genomes are **diploid**

chromosomes are present in pairs

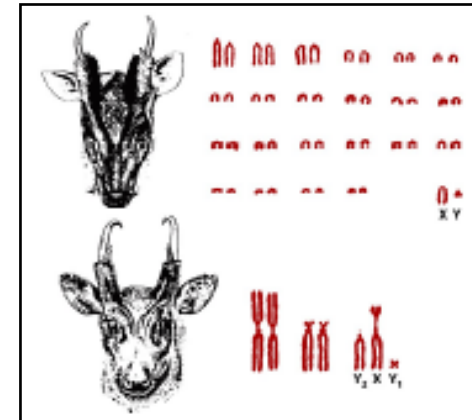
- * several pairs of homologous chromosomes
- * 2 sex chromosomes

No correlation between

the number of chromosomes

the degree of evolution of the species

and the total size of the genome



⇒ The number of genes depends on the complexity of the species

Genome size of some organisms

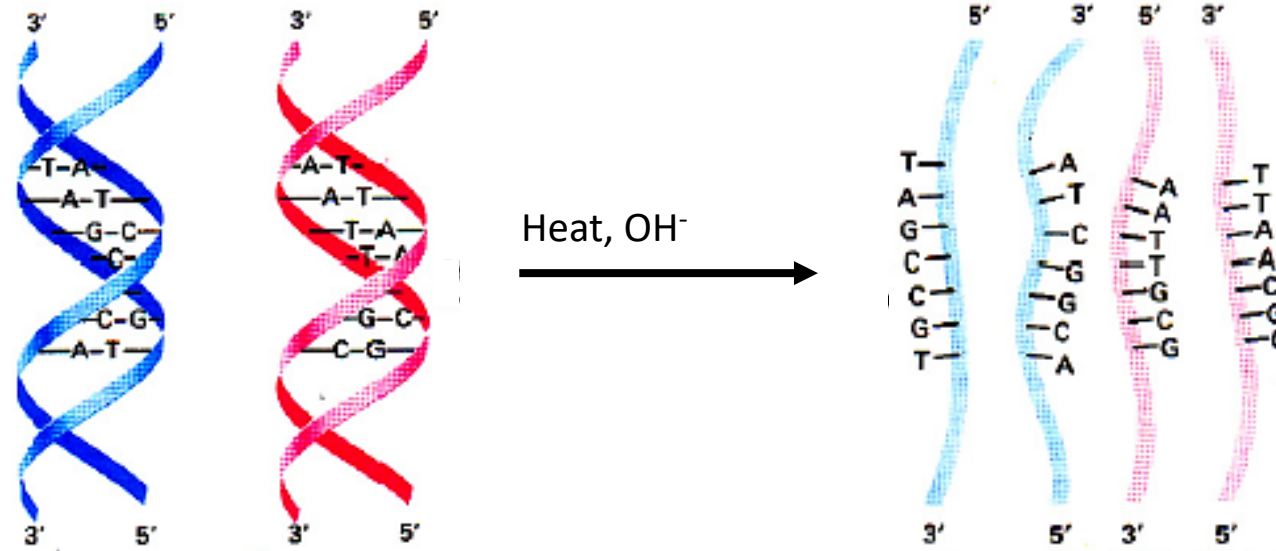
Organisms	Size of the haploid genome (bp)
Viruses	10^3 to 10^6
Bacteria	10^6 to 10^7
Yeasts	5×10^7
Mammals	10^8 to 10^{10}
Human	3×10^9
Plants	10^{10} to 10^{11}
<i>Amoeba dubia</i>	$\approx 10^{11}$

⇒ No direct relationship between the degree of evolution of an organism and the size of its genome

Techniques for studying the complexity of genomes: denaturation of DNA

☞ When heating a DNA solution, the strands of the helix separate

☞ denaturation or melting

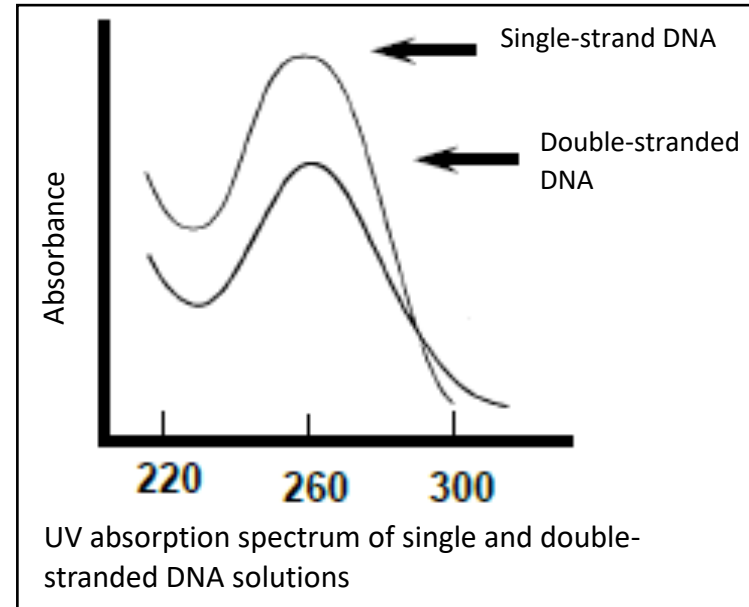


Native state

Single strand shape
= denatured form

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- ☞ Denaturation or fusion of DNA is studied by measuring the OD (absorbance) in **UV (260 nm)**

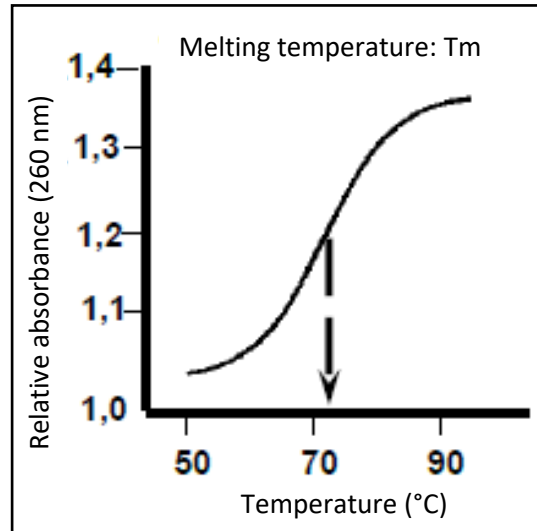


⇒ **Hyperchrome effect**

- ☞ Nitrogen bases absorb UV with **maximum** absorbance at 260 nm
- ☞ As soon as the 2 strands of DNA are separated (denaturation)
 - ☞ there is an increase in absorbance at 260 nm

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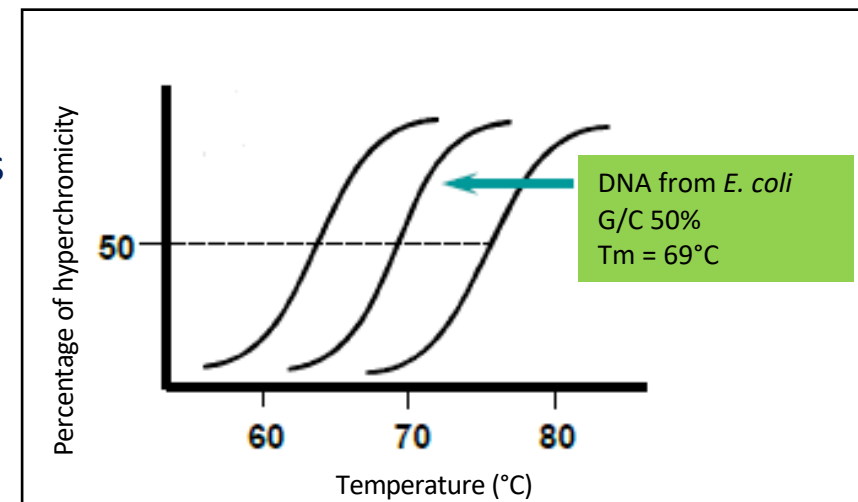
- ☞ The temperature at which the absorbance is increased by half
= **melting temperature** or **T_m**



T_m = temperature at which half of the DNA bases have lost their pairing

☞ 1 base not paired out of 2

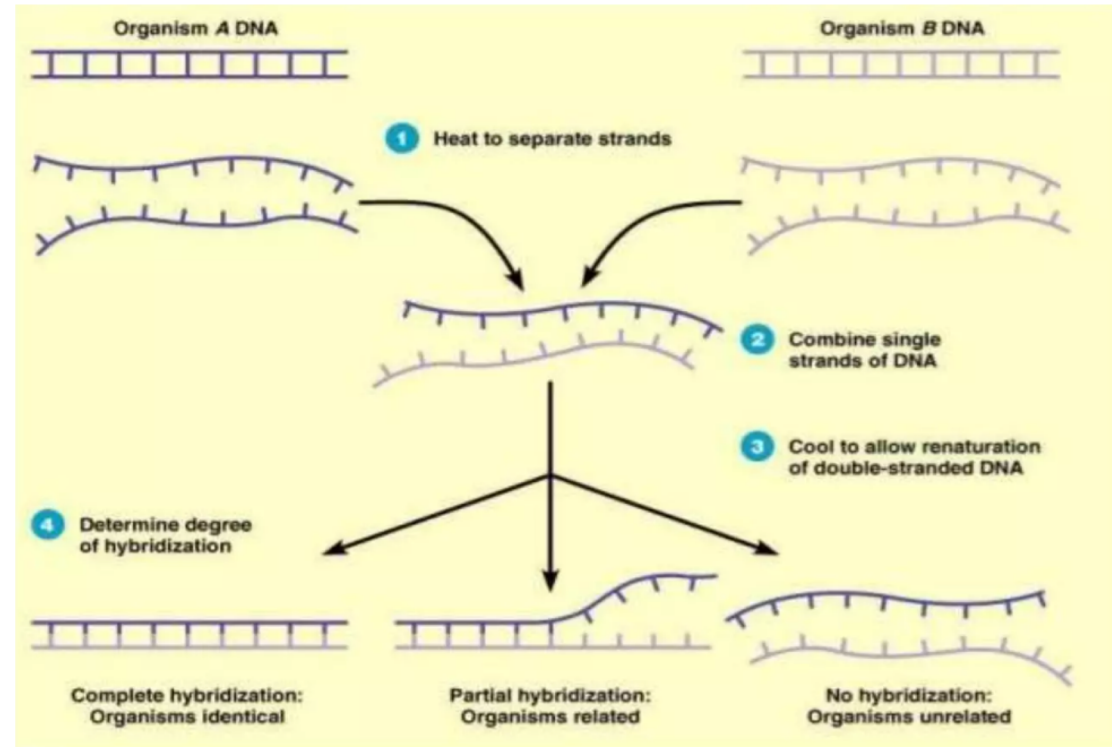
- ☞ The T_m of a genomic DNA extract depends on the **G/C percentage**



Techniques for studying the complexity of genomes: renaturation of DNA

☞ Methodology called “**nucleic acid hybridization**”

↳ estimation of the **relatedness** of 2 DNA (sequence)



☞ The rate of renaturation depends on

* the ionic strength

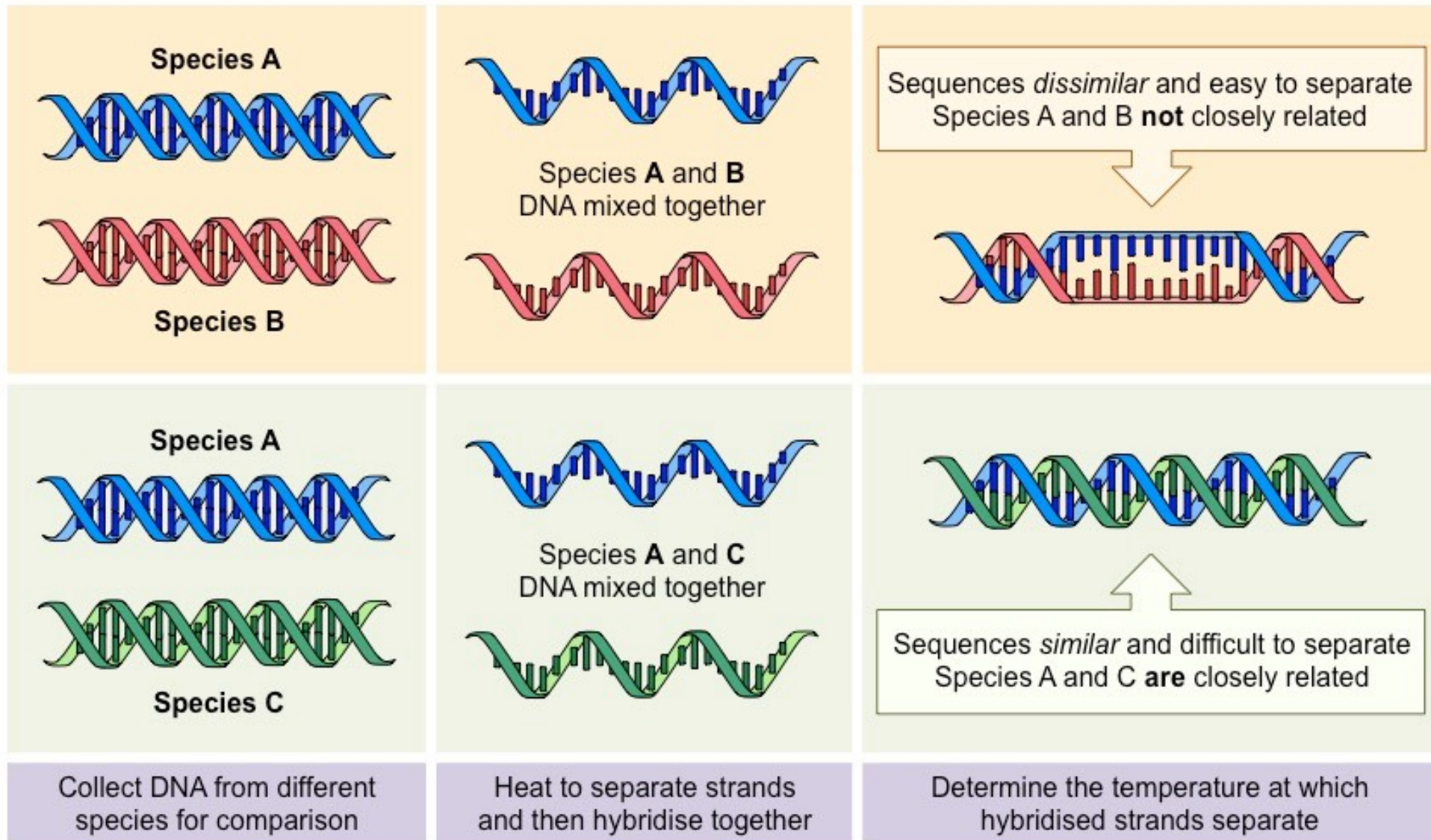
* the incubation period

* the incubation temperature

* the size of the molecules that interact

* the DNA concentration

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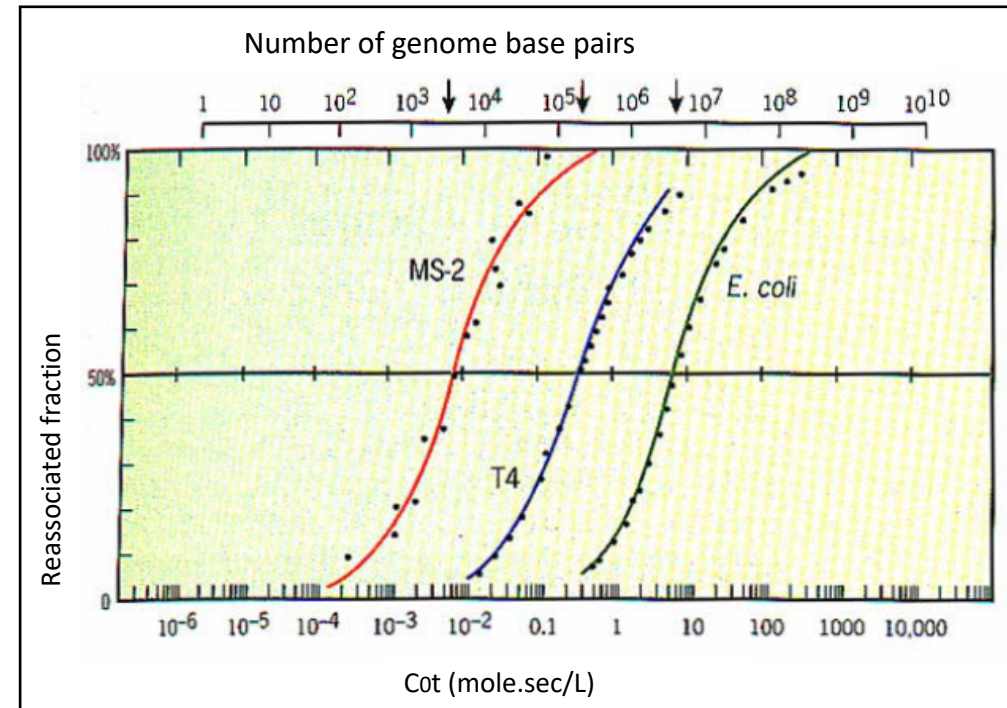
☞ Renaturation parameters C_0t

C_0 = molar concentration of DNA (mol/L)

☞ depends on the size of the genome

t = incubation time (seconds)

Complexity of viral and bacterial genomes



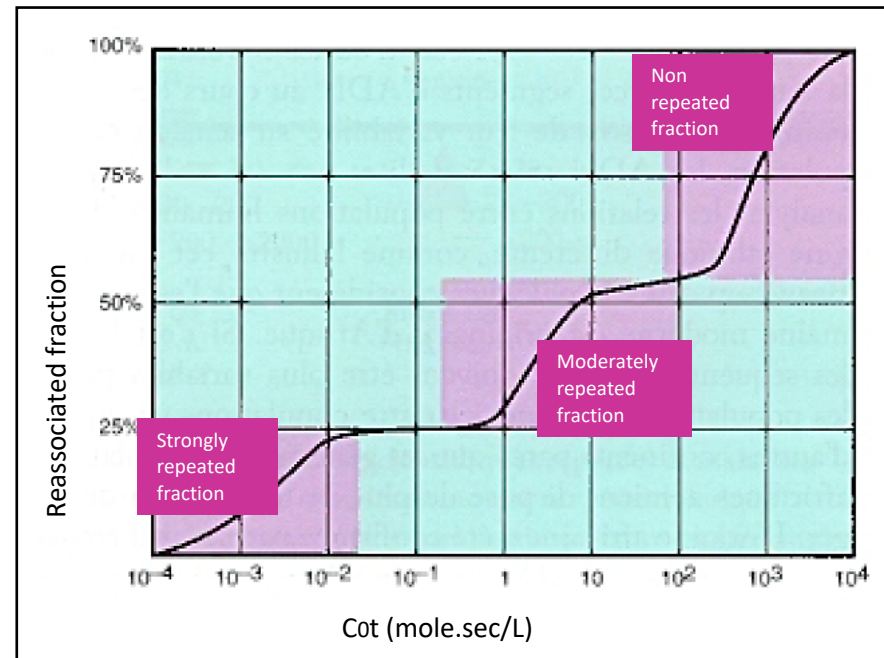
☞ The time required for renaturation depends on the concentration of the complementary fragments

⇒ Renaturation is as faster as the genome is smaller

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☞ C_0t curves : 3 distinct steps for eukaryotic genomes

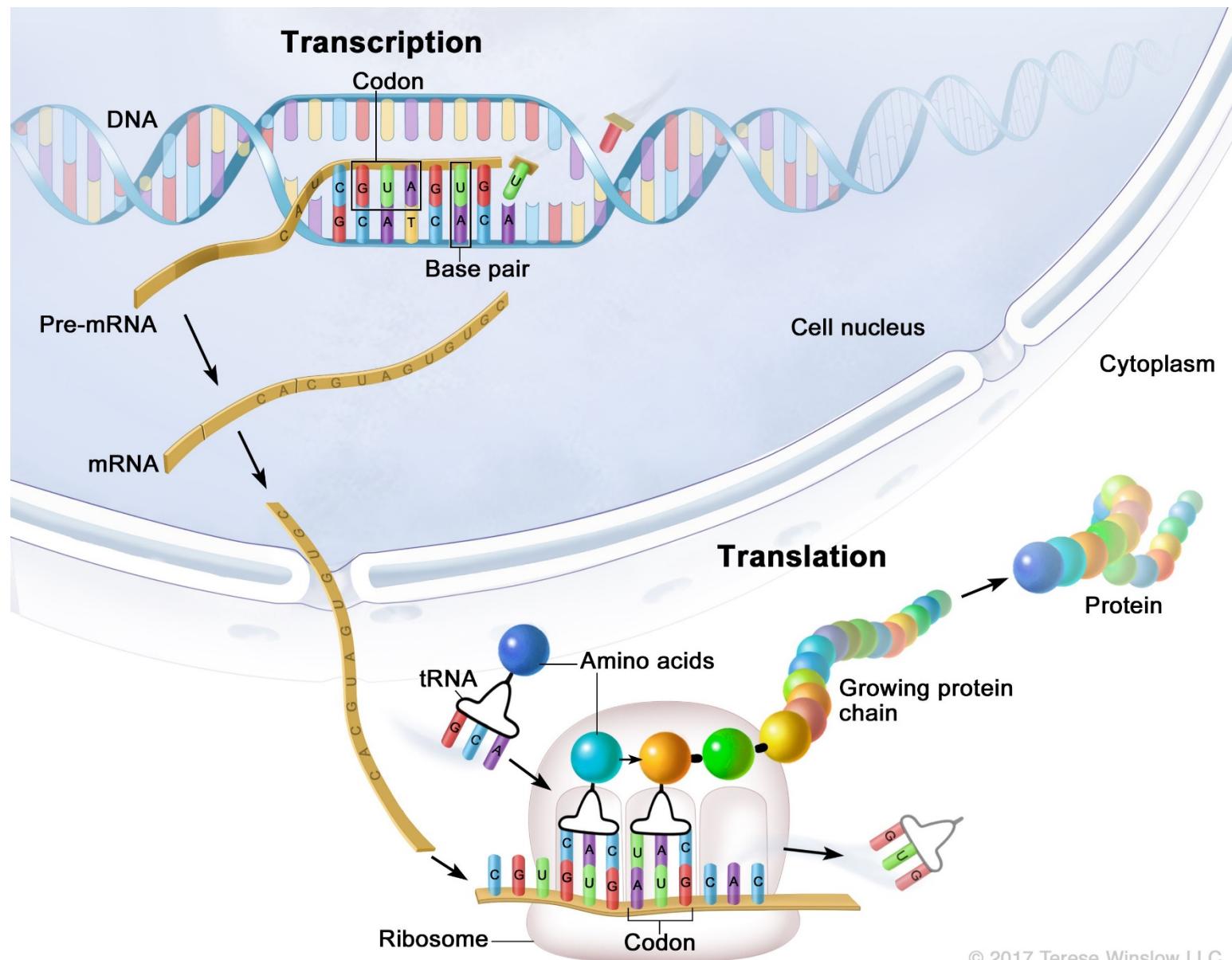
☞ reappearance of the 3 major classes of DNA sequences



☞ The 3 classes/ renaturation speeds

☞ function of the number of repetitions of DNA sequences

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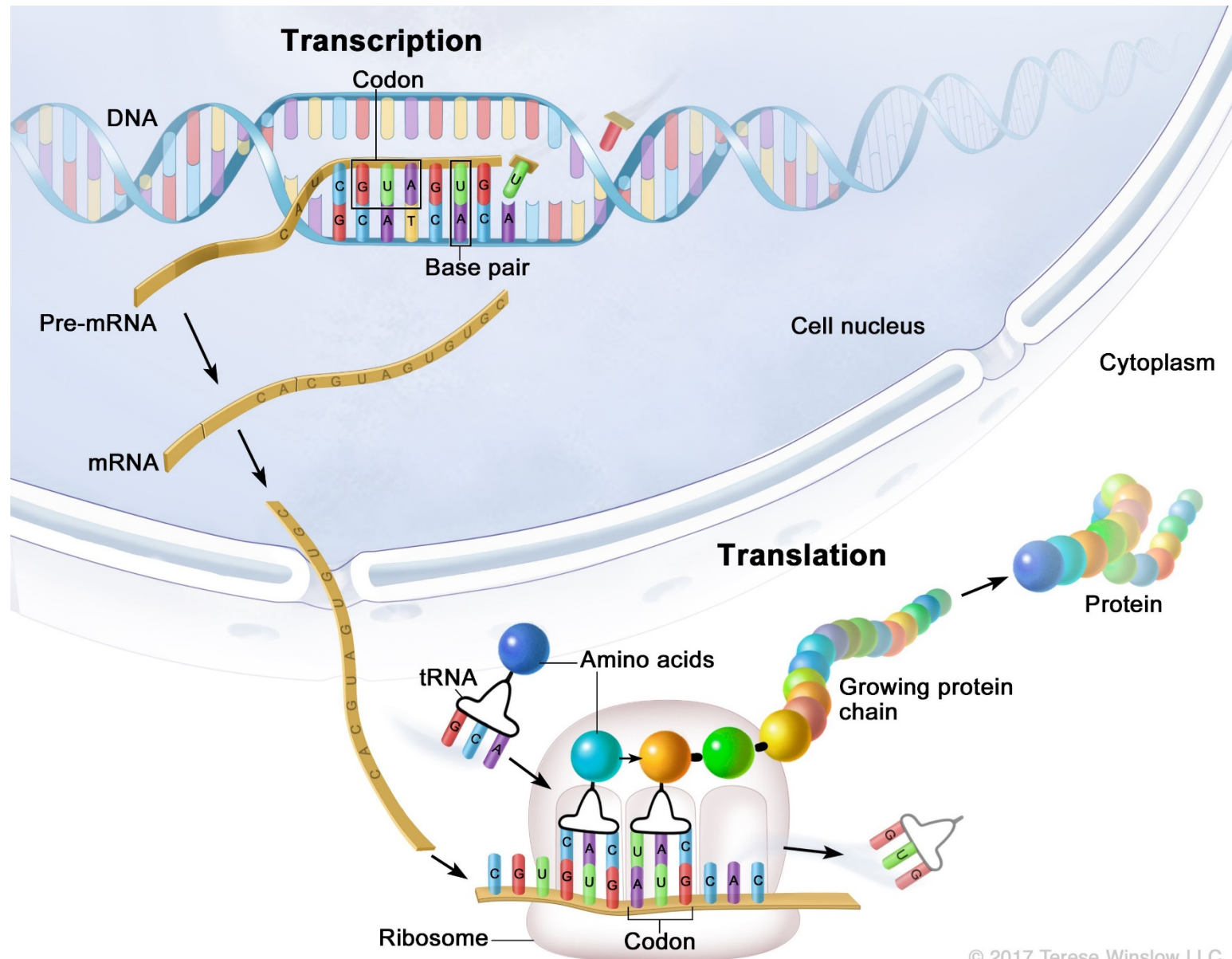
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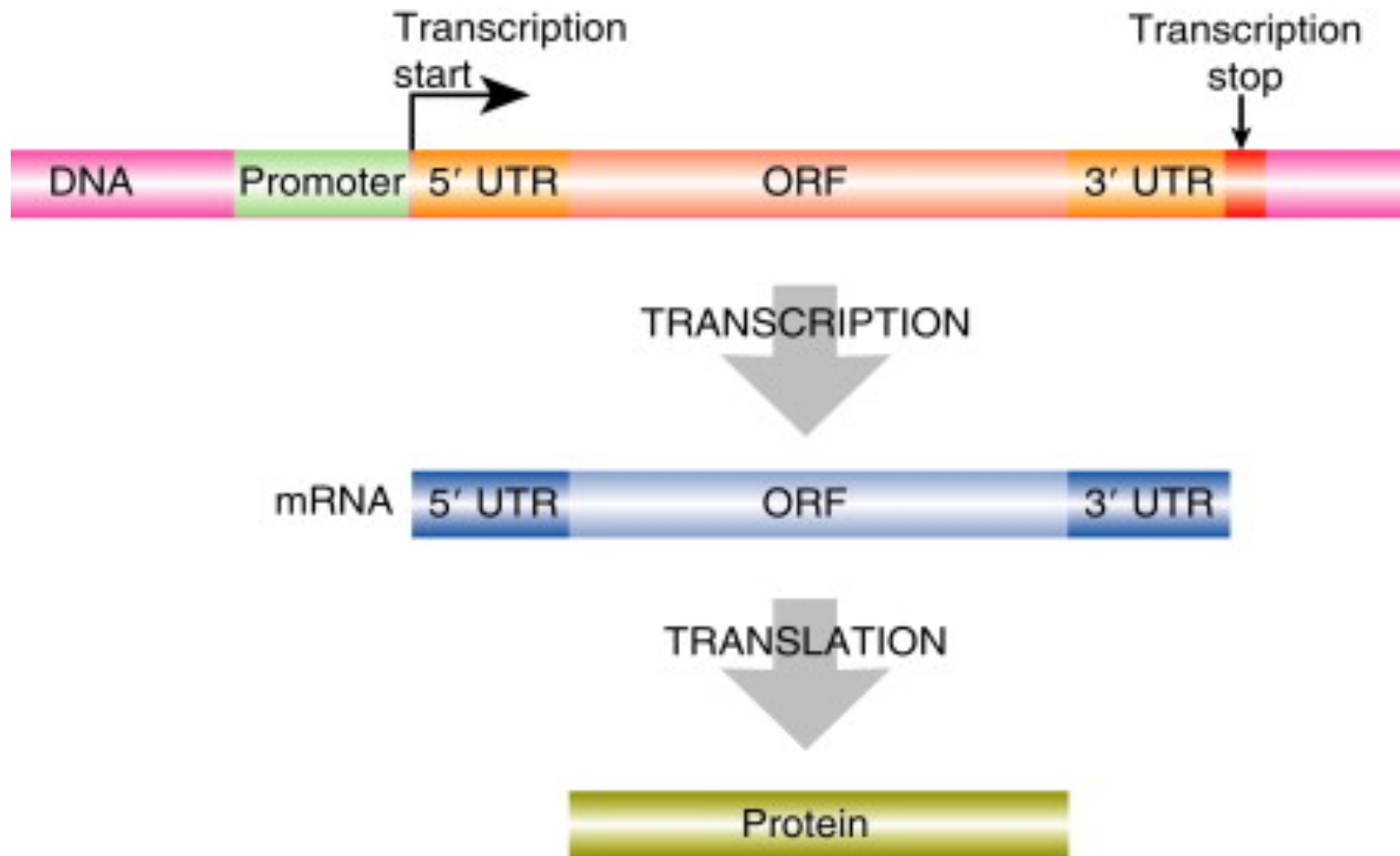
The nucleotide sequence of a gene determines the amino acid sequence of a protein

- 1) **Messenger RNA (mRNA)** = intermediate between a gene (DNA) and its corresponding polypeptide
- 2) **Transcription** = production of mRNA from DNA as a model
- 3) What are the benefits of using a mRNA?
 - separate **hereditary** storage (DNA) from **active** information (mRNA)
 - strongly **amplify** the synthesis activity

Different types of RNA with different functions

RNA	Functions
Messenger RNA = mRNA	Encode the proteins
Ribosomal RNA = rRNA	Form part of the ribosome structure and participate in protein synthesis
Transfer RNA = tRNA	Used in protein synthesis as adapters between mRNA and amino acids
Small nuclear RNA = snRNA	Used in many nuclear processes, including splicing of pre-mRNA
Small nucleolar RNA = snoRNA	Chemically modify rRNAs
microRNA = miRNA	Small inhibitors of mRNA translation with which they are complementary
Small interfering RNA = siRNA	Cause degradation of the mRNA of which they are complementary
Piwi-interacting RNA = piwiRNA	Protect germ cells from mobile elements
Non-coding RNA = ncRNA	Many thousands
Long non-coding RNA = lncRNA	Group of non-coding transcripts larger than 200 nt in size

Gene

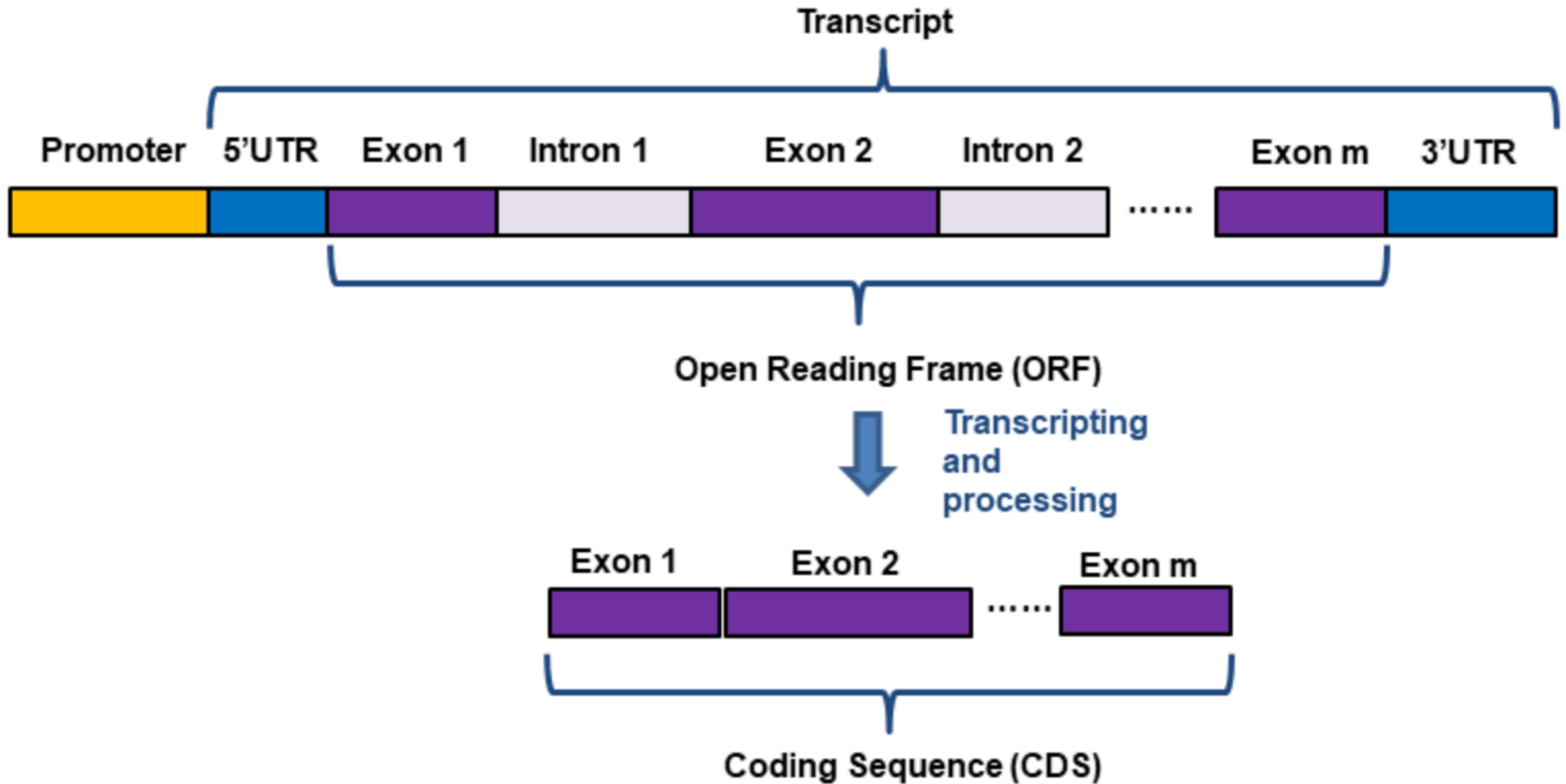


👉 Promoter

- = start site of the DNA transcription
- = site where RNA polymerase binds
- = oriented DNA sequence

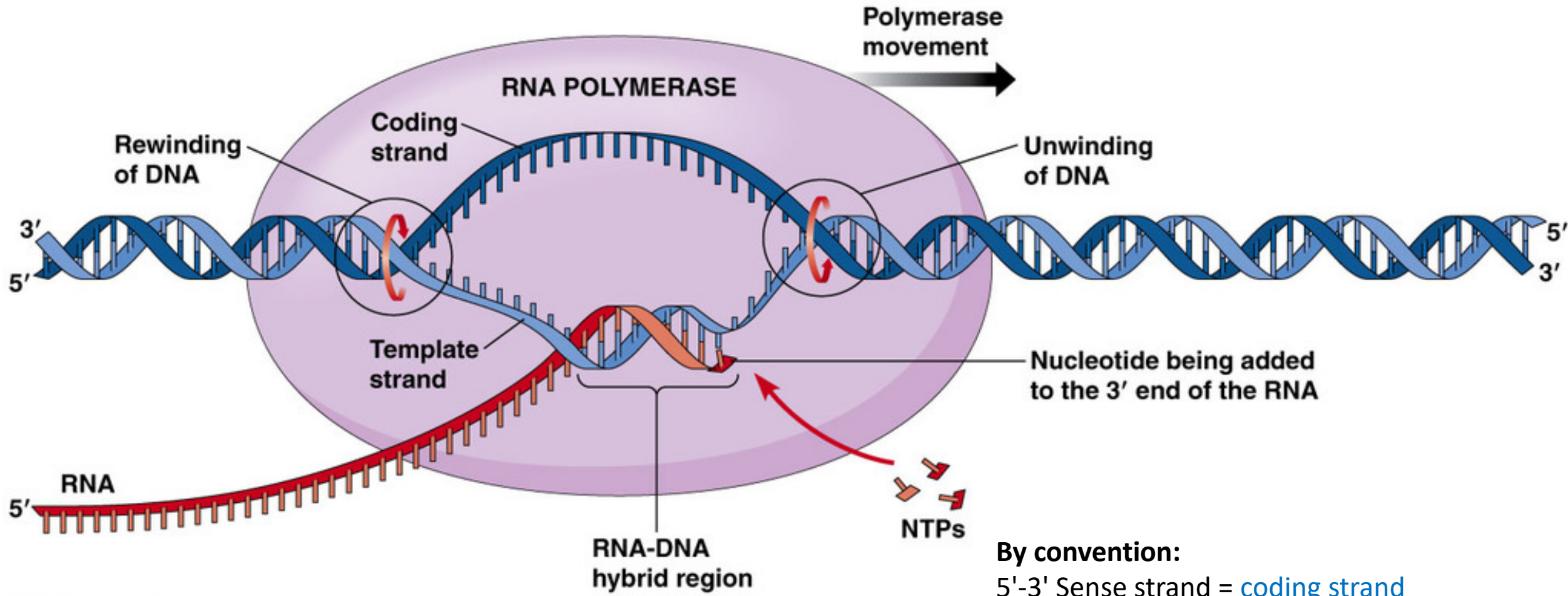
👉 determines the copied DNA strand (strand + or strand -)

Gene vs Transcript vs ORF vs CDS



Mechanism of transcription

Transcription = RNA synthesis from a DNA matrix



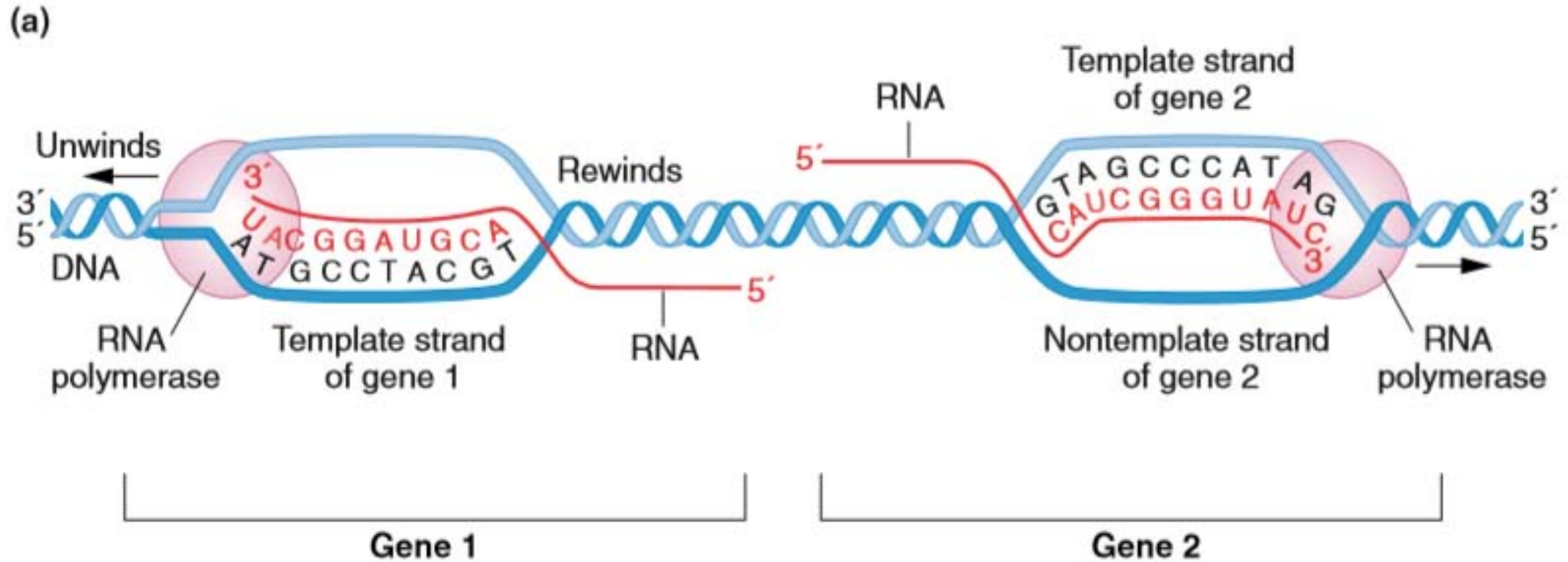
By convention:

5'-3' Sense strand = **coding strand**

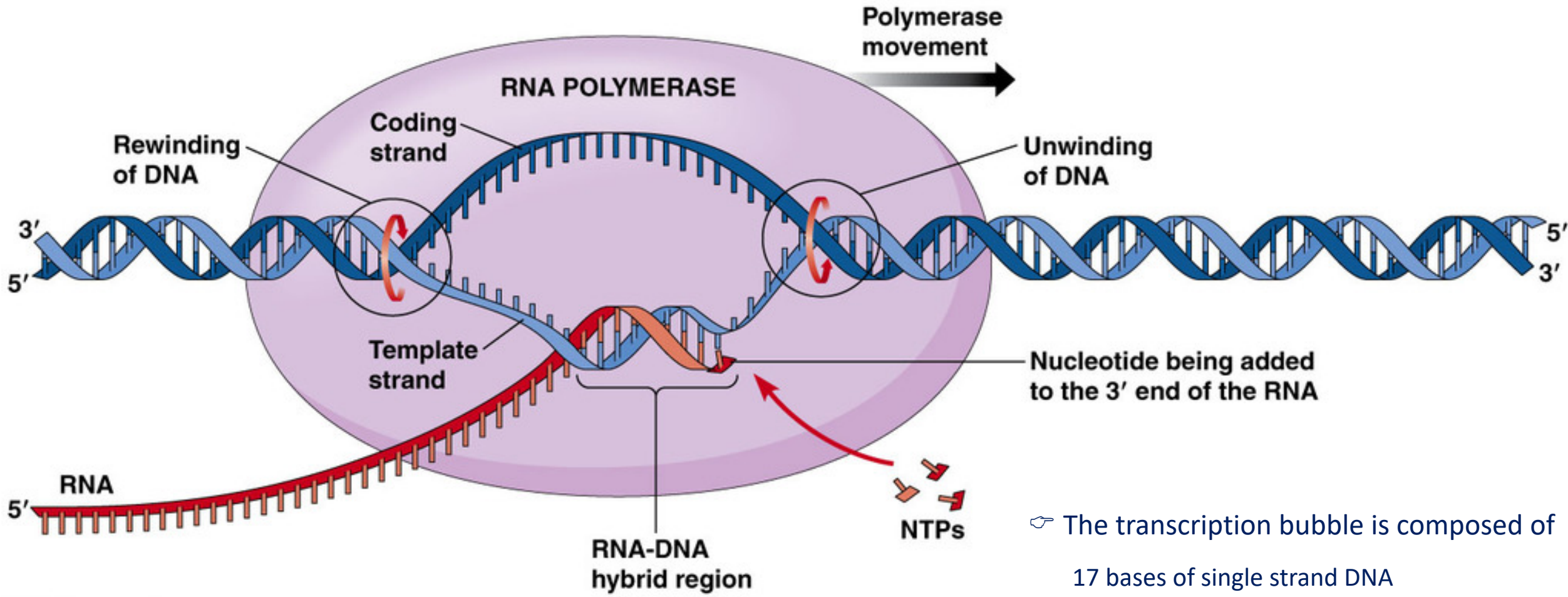
3'-5' Antisense strand = **Template/Matrix strand**

5'-3' **Transcript**

The two strands of DNA can be used as a matrix



Transcription bubble



- ☞ The transcription bubble is composed of
 - 17 bases of single strand DNA
 - 8 bp of DNA-RNA hybrid

Eukaryotic RNA polymerases

- ☞ 3 different RNA polymerases to synthesize RNA in Eukaryotes

Types of RNA polymerase	Transcribed DNA regions
RNA polymerase I	rRNA 5.8S, 18S, 28S
RNA polymerase II	Protein-coding genes, most nuclear RNA (snRNA and snoRNA)
RNA polymerase III	tRNA, rRNA 5S

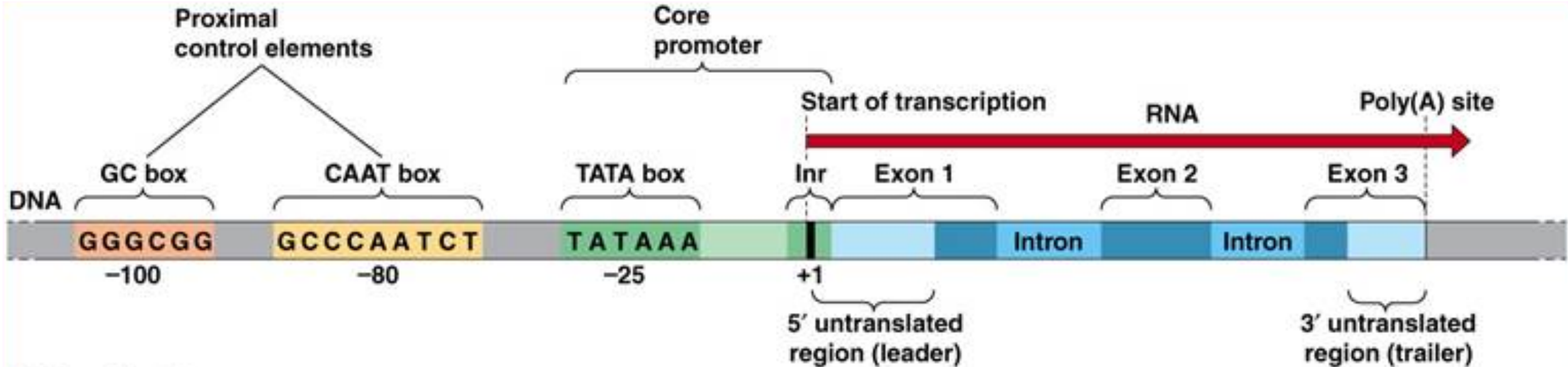
- ☞ RNA polymerases are formed from 8 to 14 distinct polypeptides

- ☞ They need transcription factors for their action

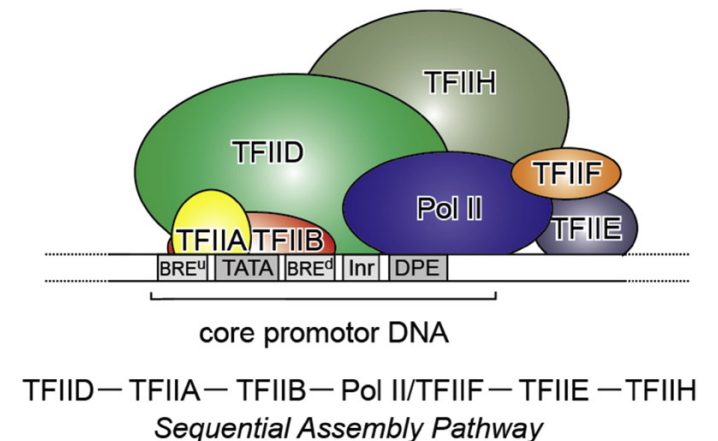
- * General Transcription Factors (GTF)

- * Specific transcription factors or gene regulation proteins

Mechanism for initiation of mRNA transcription

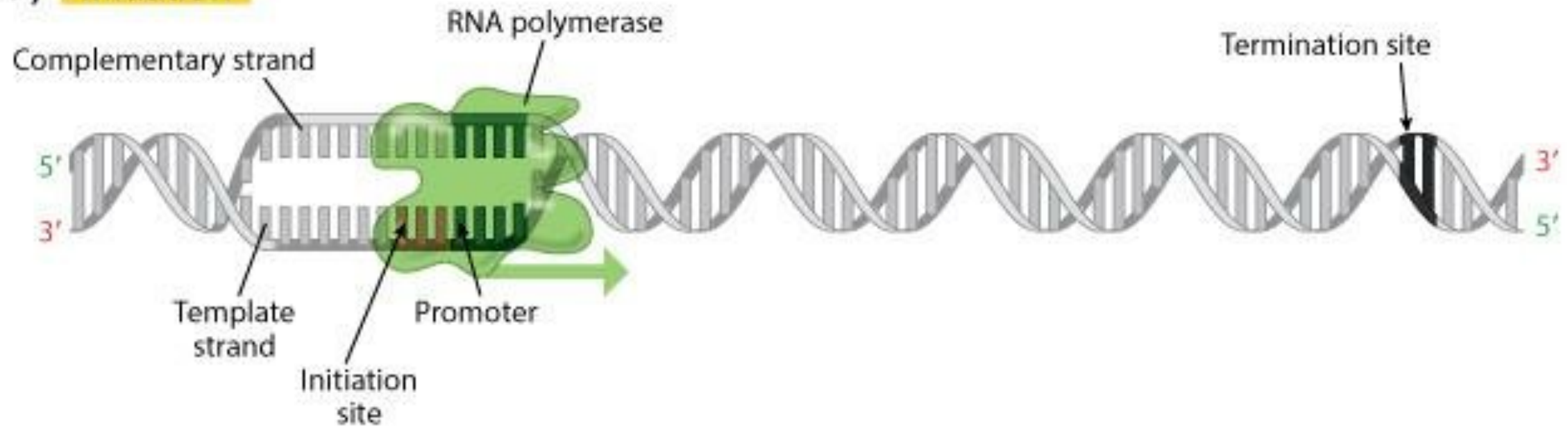


- ↳ Precursors of mRNAs synthesized by **RNA polymerase II**
- ↳ Initiation by **general transcription factors**, including **TFIIA**
- ↳ **Promoter** located in **5'** of **each transcription unit**
- ↳ **TATA box** = «classic» assembly site of the pre-initiation complex



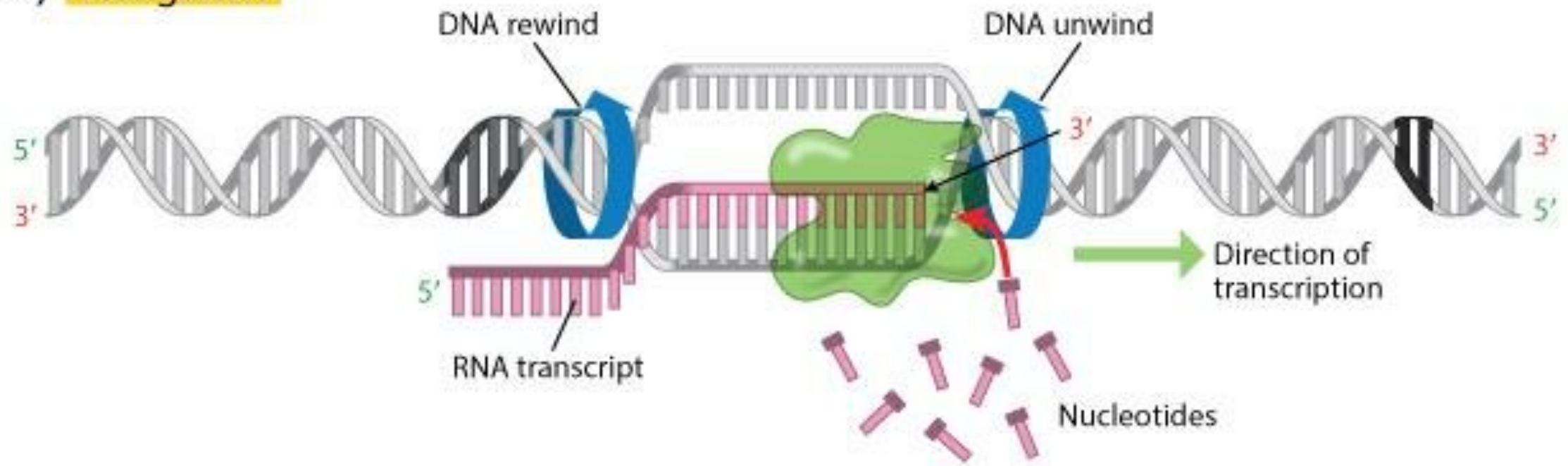
Main steps in transcription

a) Initiation

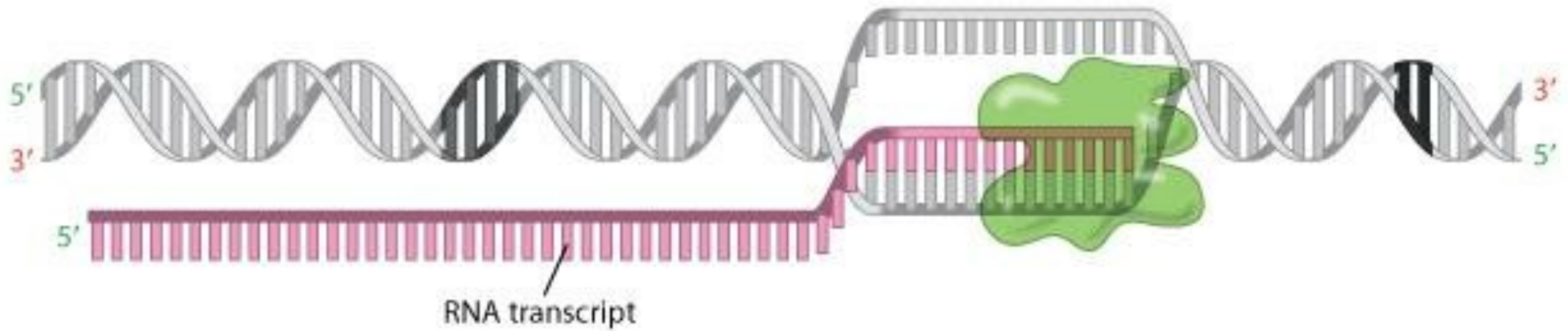


Main steps in transcription

b) Elongation

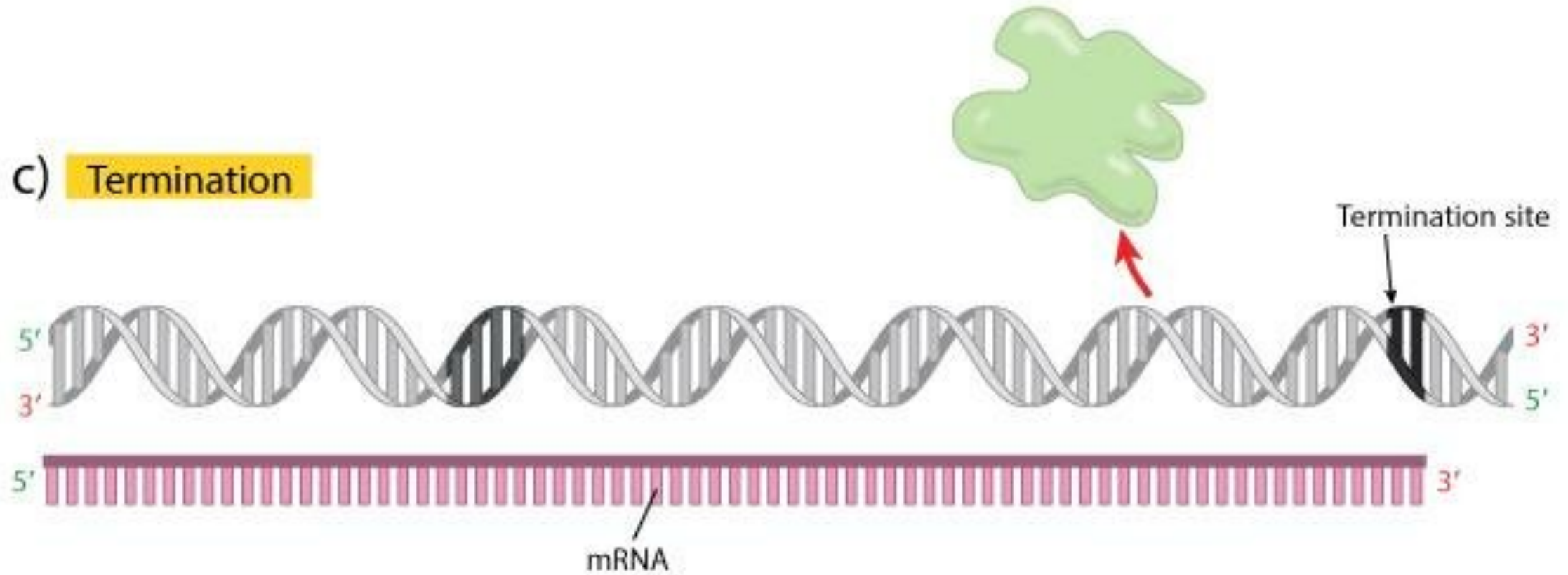


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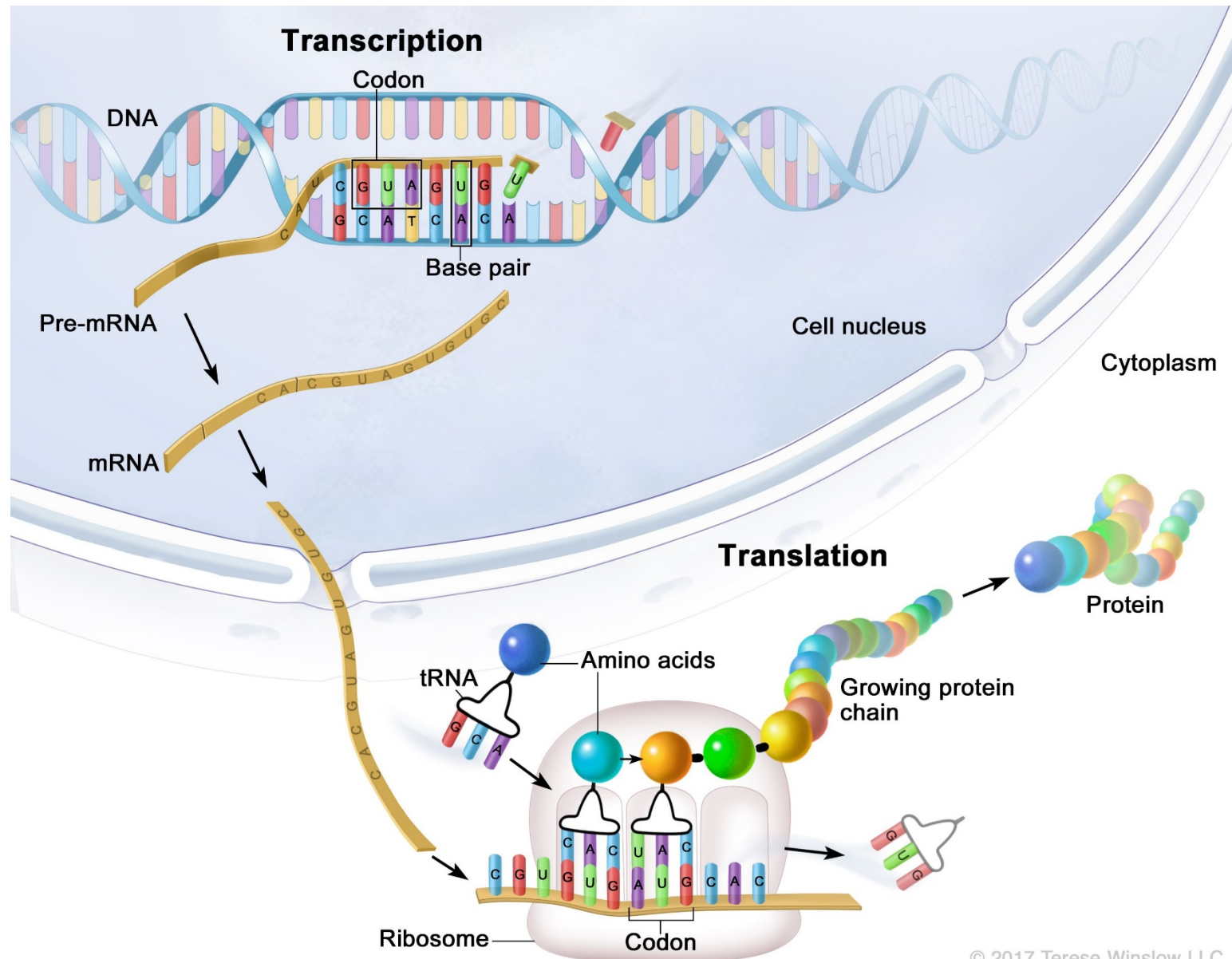


Main steps in transcription

c) Termination



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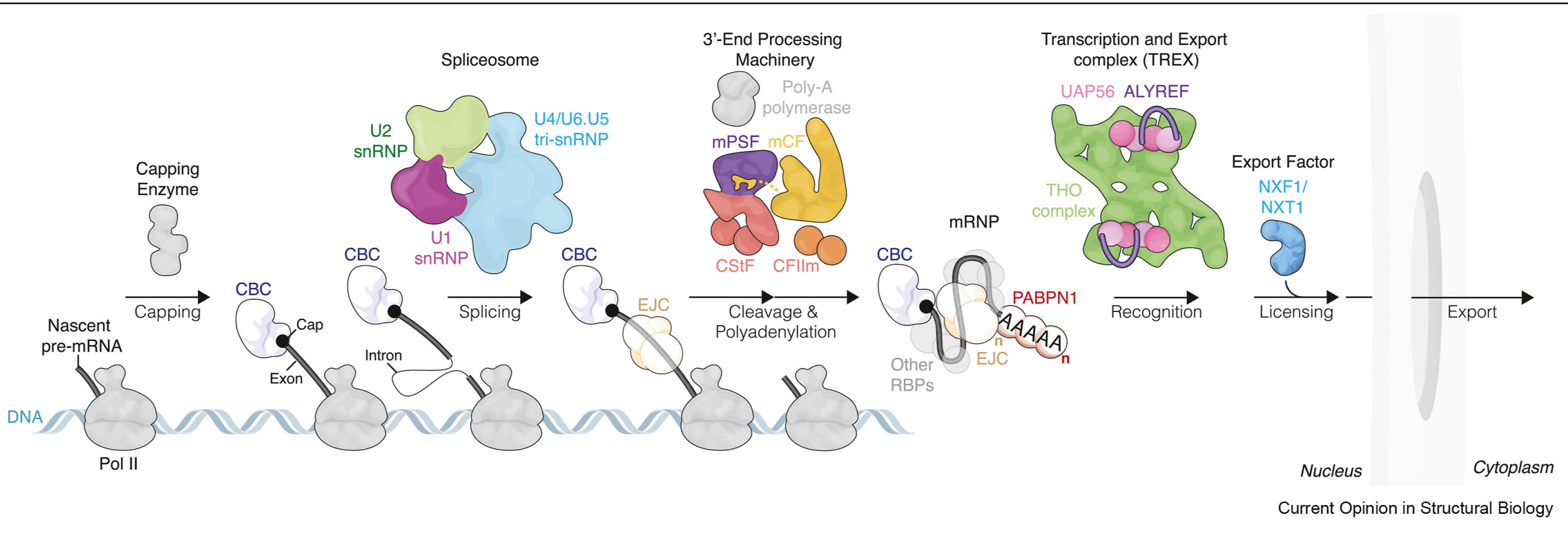
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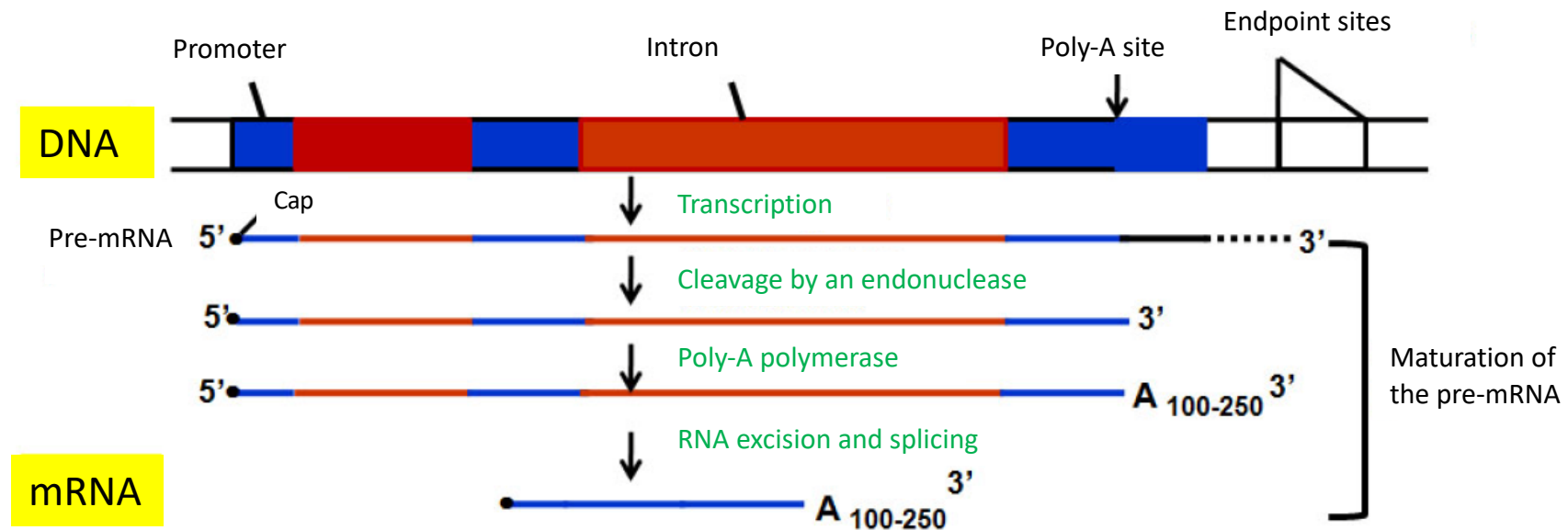
☞ RNA with length = length of transcribed DNA

= **primary transcript** or **pre-mRNA**

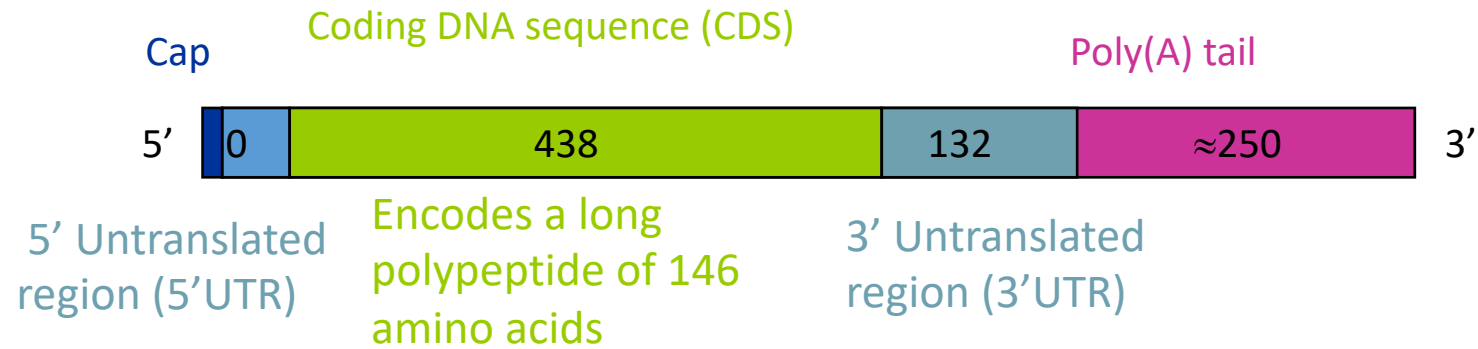
☞ DNA segment that gives the primary transcript

= **transcription unit**

☞ Transcription unit



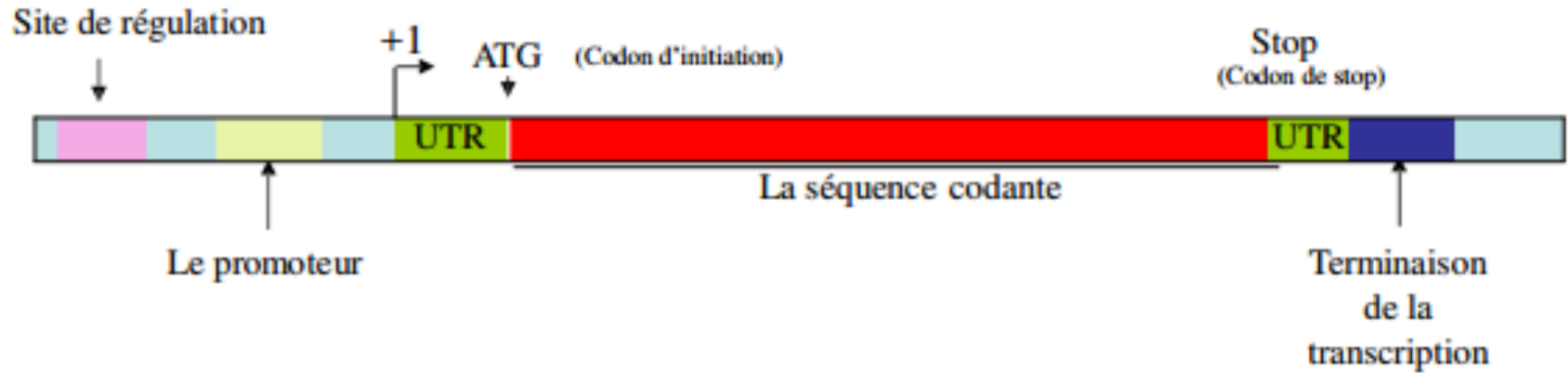
Structure of a eukaryotic mRNA



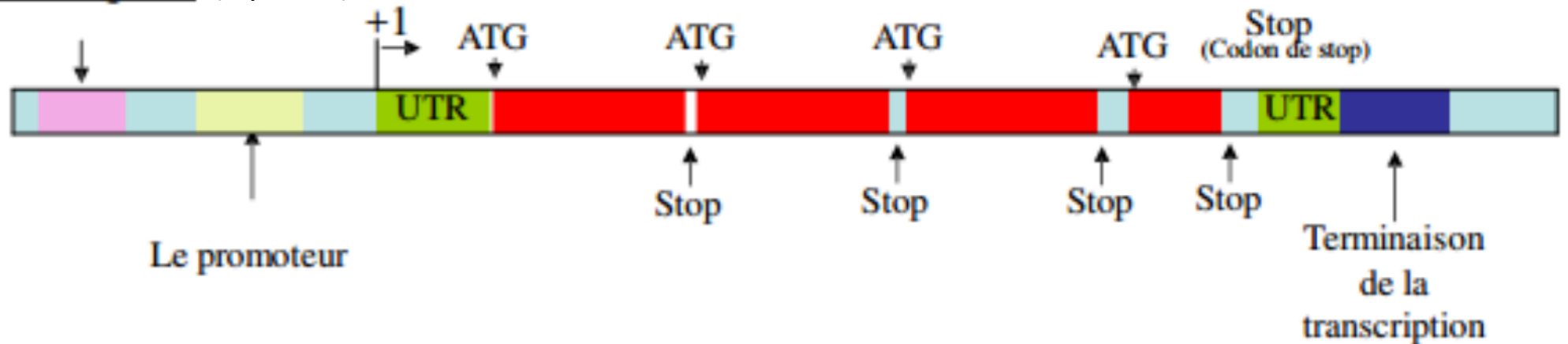
- ☞ Continuous sequence including CDS sequence encoding a specific polypeptide
- ☞ **Non-coding regions** at 5' and 3' ends = 5'UTR and 3'UTR
- ☞ **Cap** at 5' end
- ☞ Presence of 50 - 250 adenosine residues at 3' end = **poly(A) tail**
- ☞ Localized in the **cytoplasm**

Mono- vs Polycistronique RNA (Procaryotes)

Monocistroniques:



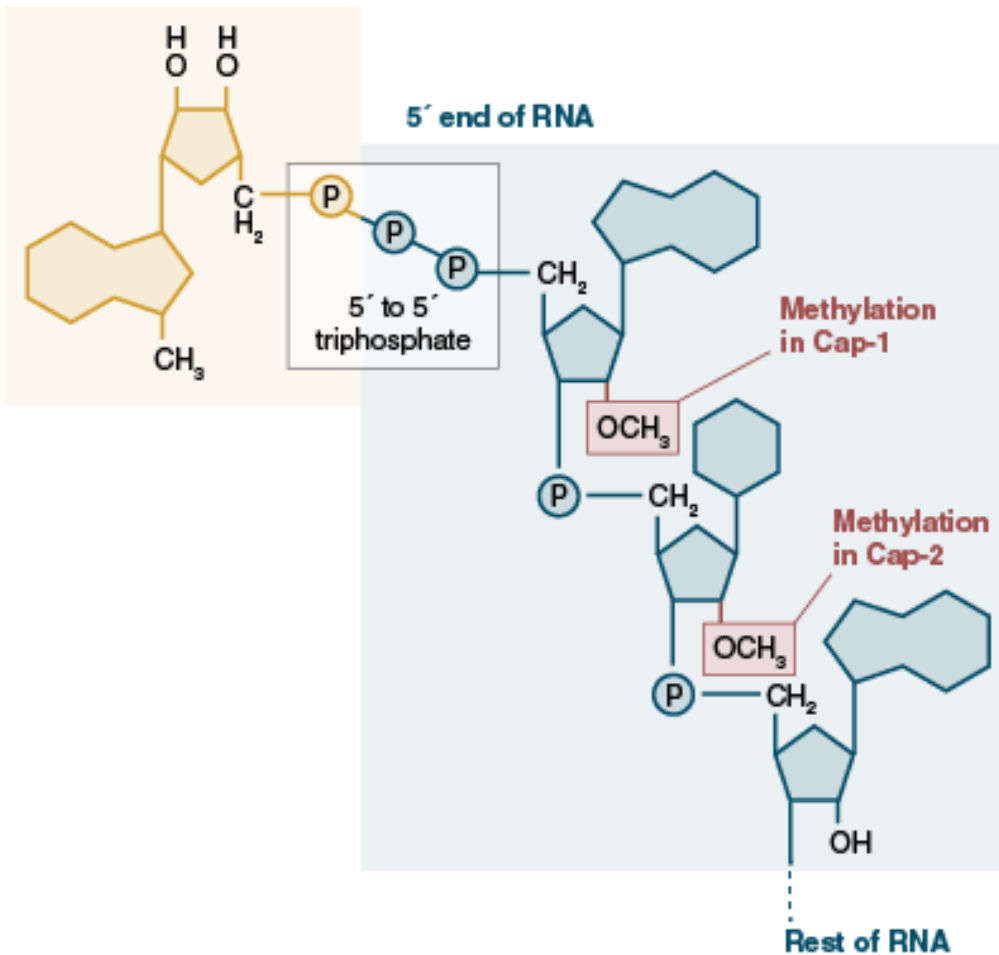
Polycistroniques: (Opéron)



Maturation of the pre-mRNA: cap at 5' end



7-methylguanosine cap

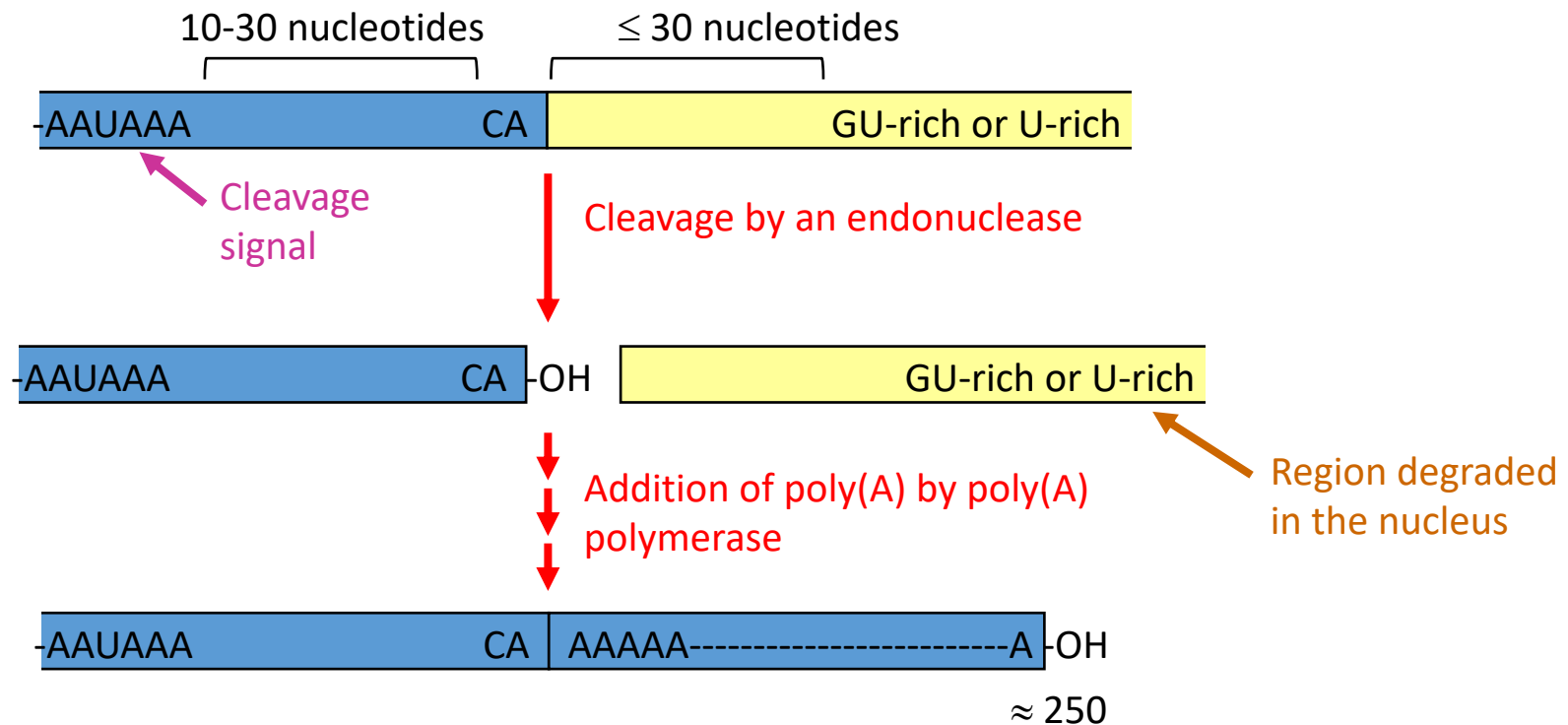


Roles of the cap

- * It prevents the 5' end from being digested by the nucleases
- * It is used to identify mRNA
- * It facilitates transport of mRNA
- * It plays an important role in the initiation of translation

Maturation of the pre-mRNA: Poly(A) tail at 3' end

- ☞ The 3' end is specified by **consensus sequences** present in the transcription unit
- ☞ These signals are recognized by RNA binding proteins and RNA maturation proteins



Maturation of the pre-mRNA: Splicing

☞ The pre-mRNA contains **exons** and **introns**

Introns = sequences present in DNA, absent from mRNA

Exons = unique sequences present in mRNAs

☞ **excision** of the introns of the primary transcript

☞ Coding RNA sequences located on either side of an intron must be linked to each other

= **RNA splicing**

☞ To splice an RNA, cuts occur at the 5' and 3' edges of each intron

= **splicing sites**

Maturation of the pre-mRNA: Splicing

☞ Splicing is done by small nuclear RNA molecules = the ribozymes

= snRNA

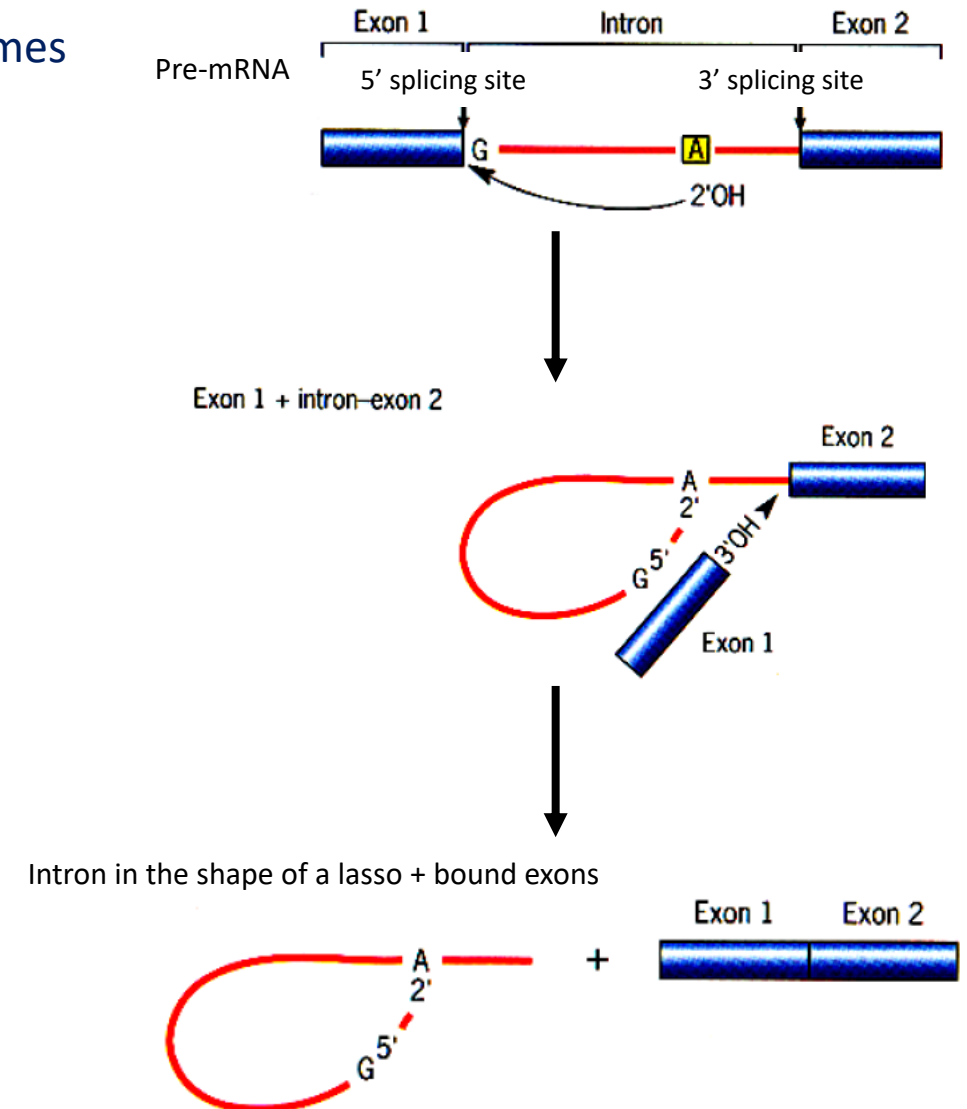
☞ snRNA « ribozymes »

U1, U2, U4, U5, and U6

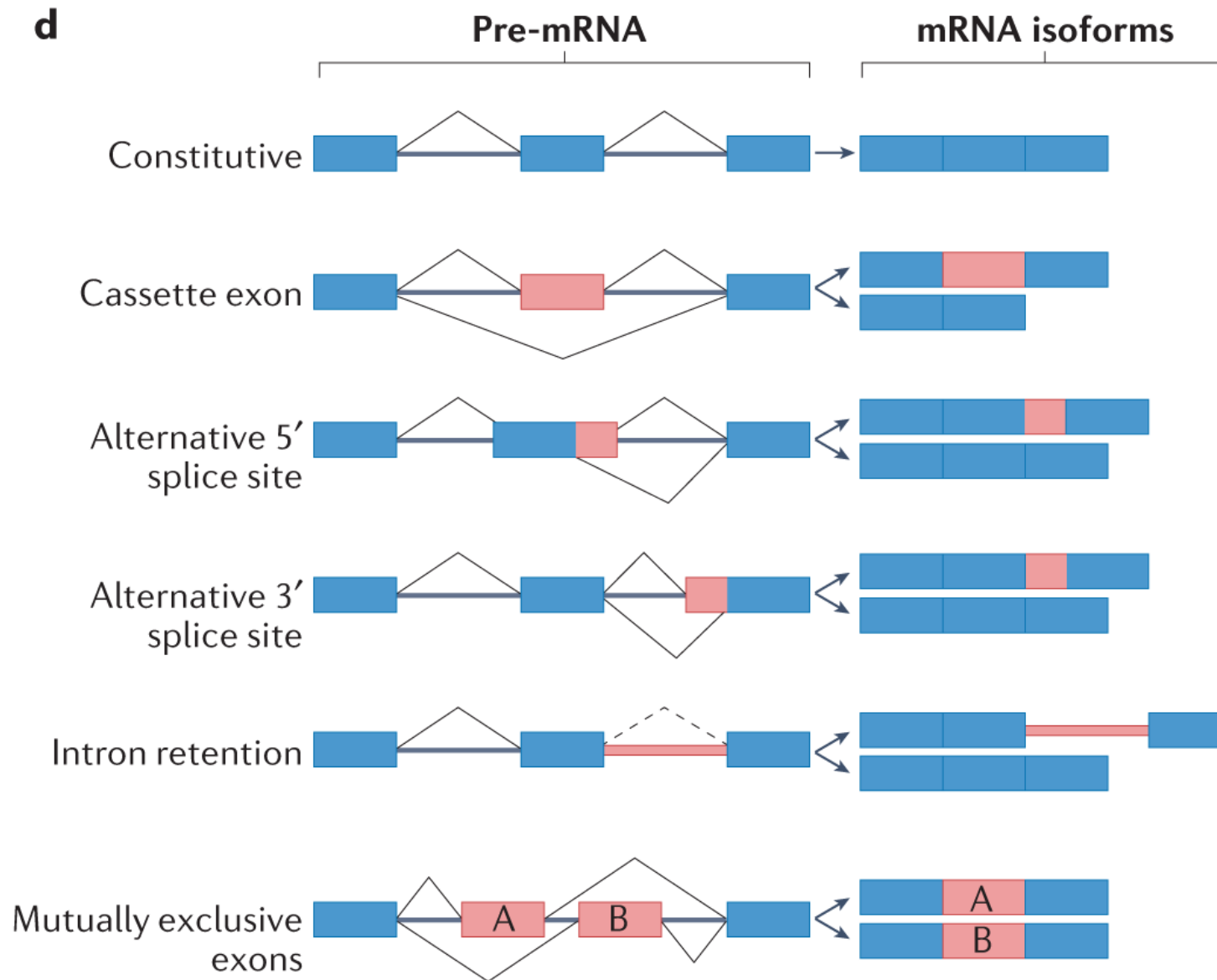
+ macromolecular complex

= Spliceosome

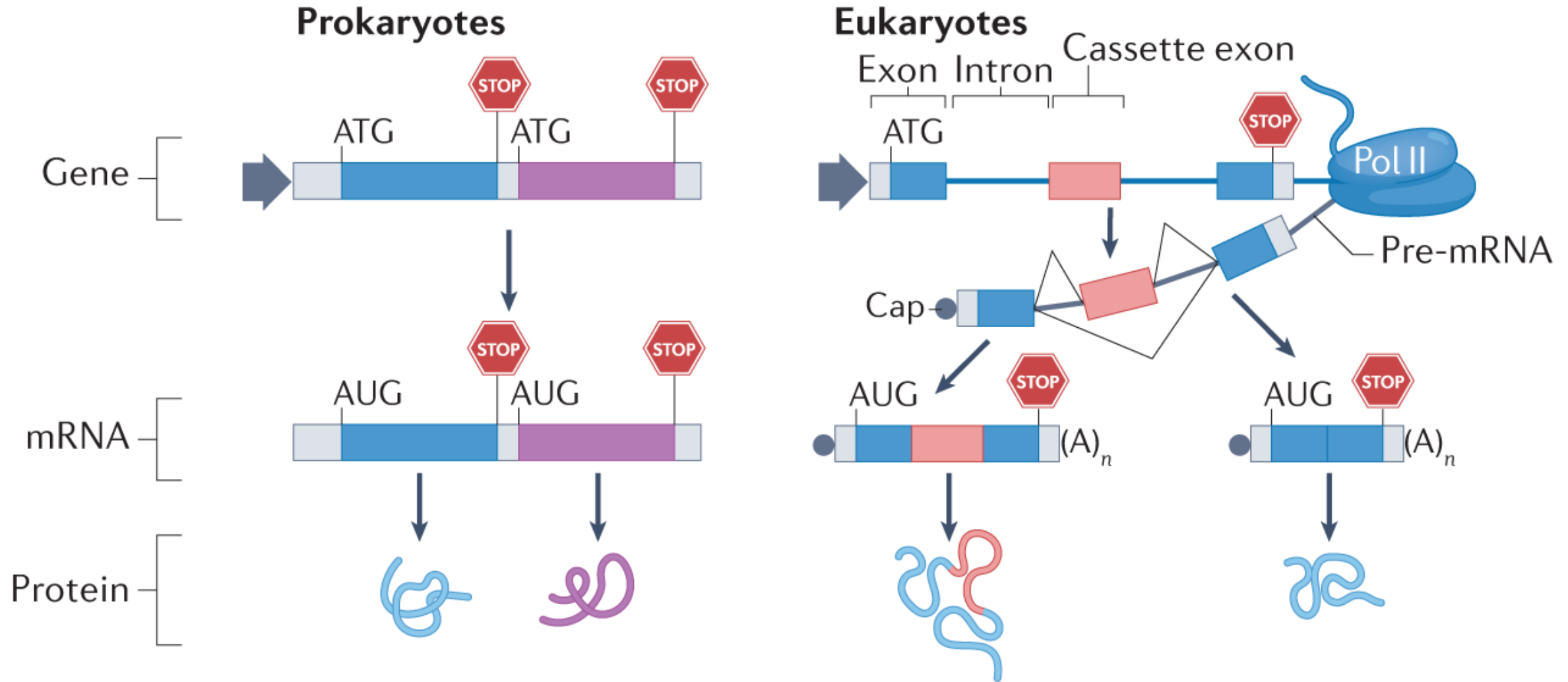
☞ **Three steps** are needed to remove introns from pre-mRNA molecules



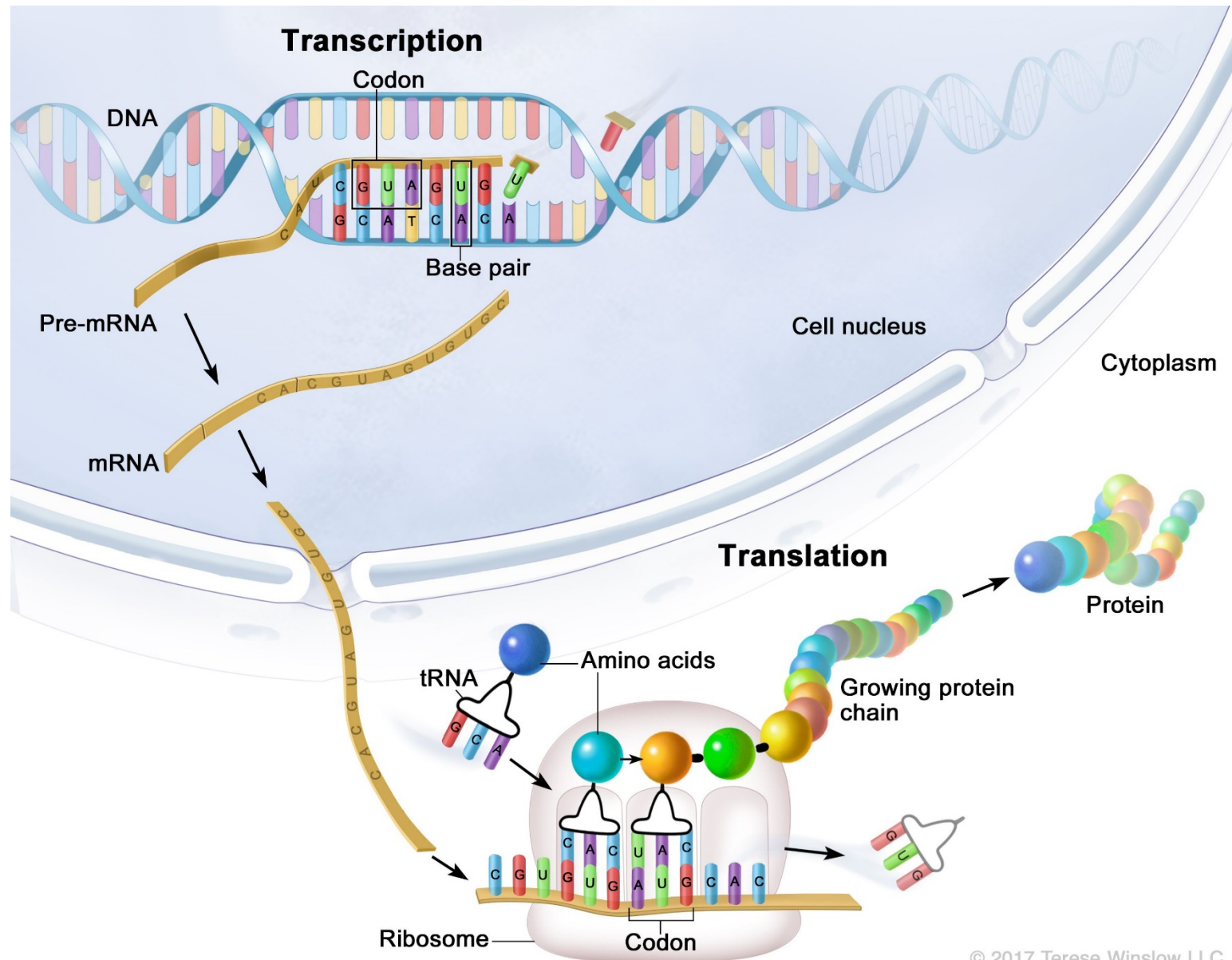
Alternative splicing



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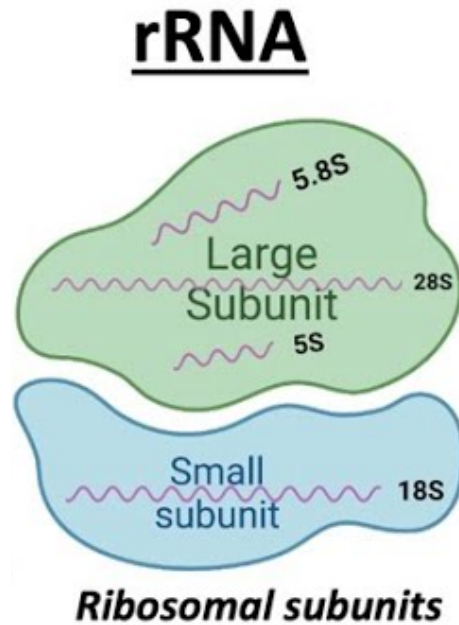
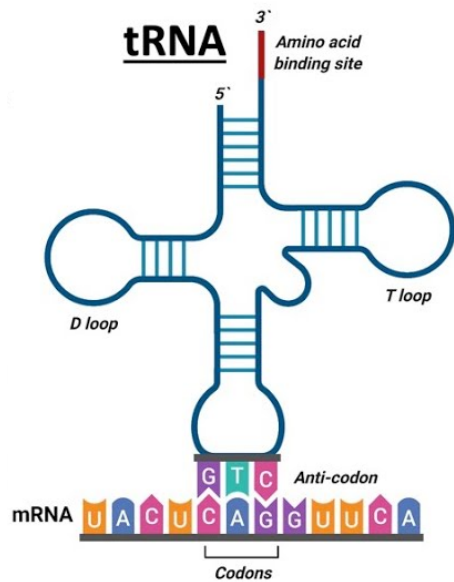
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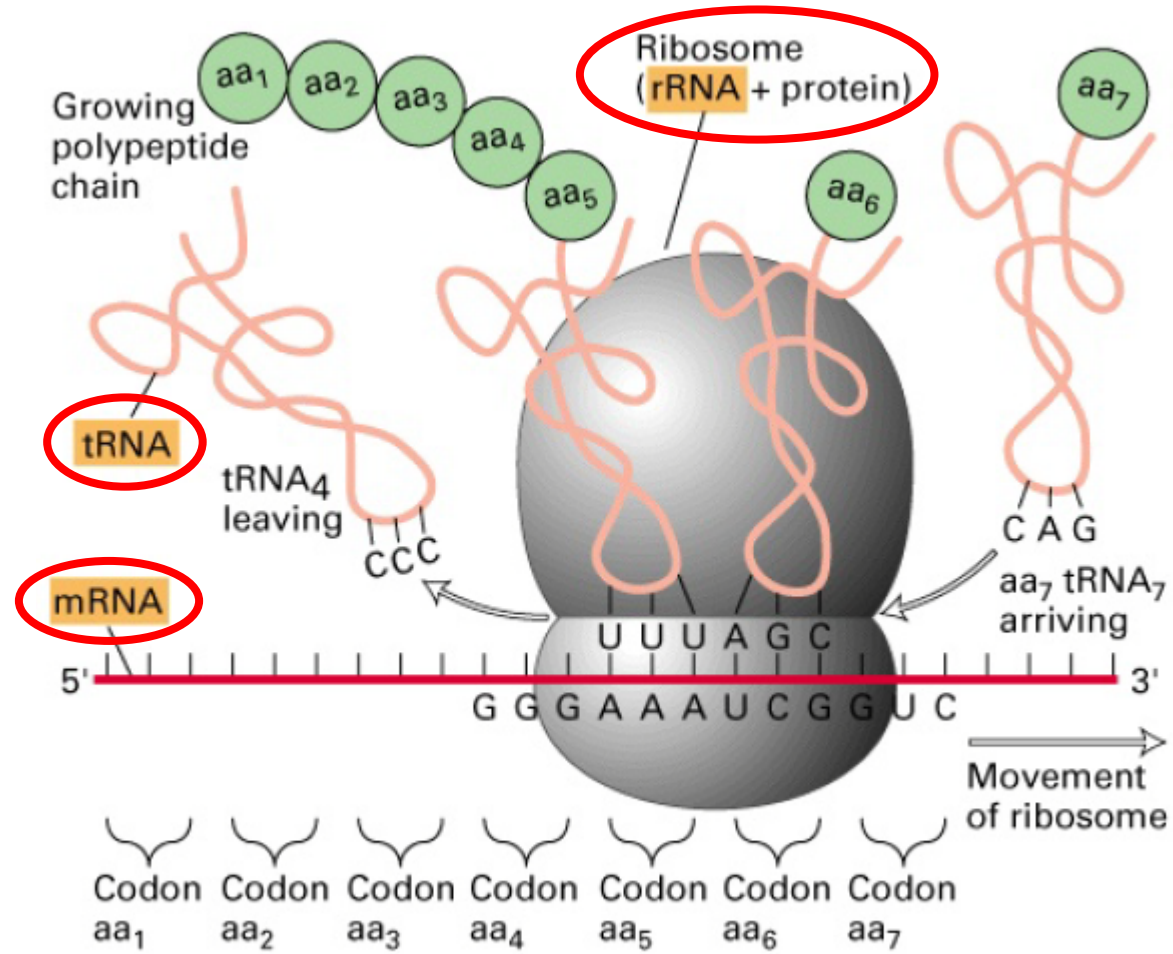
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Different RNA are involved...



- ☞ Translation needs **ribosomes**
 - ↳ composed of **ribosomal RNA (rRNA)** and proteins
- ☞ And **transfer RNA (tRNA)**
 - ↳ reading of the genetic code

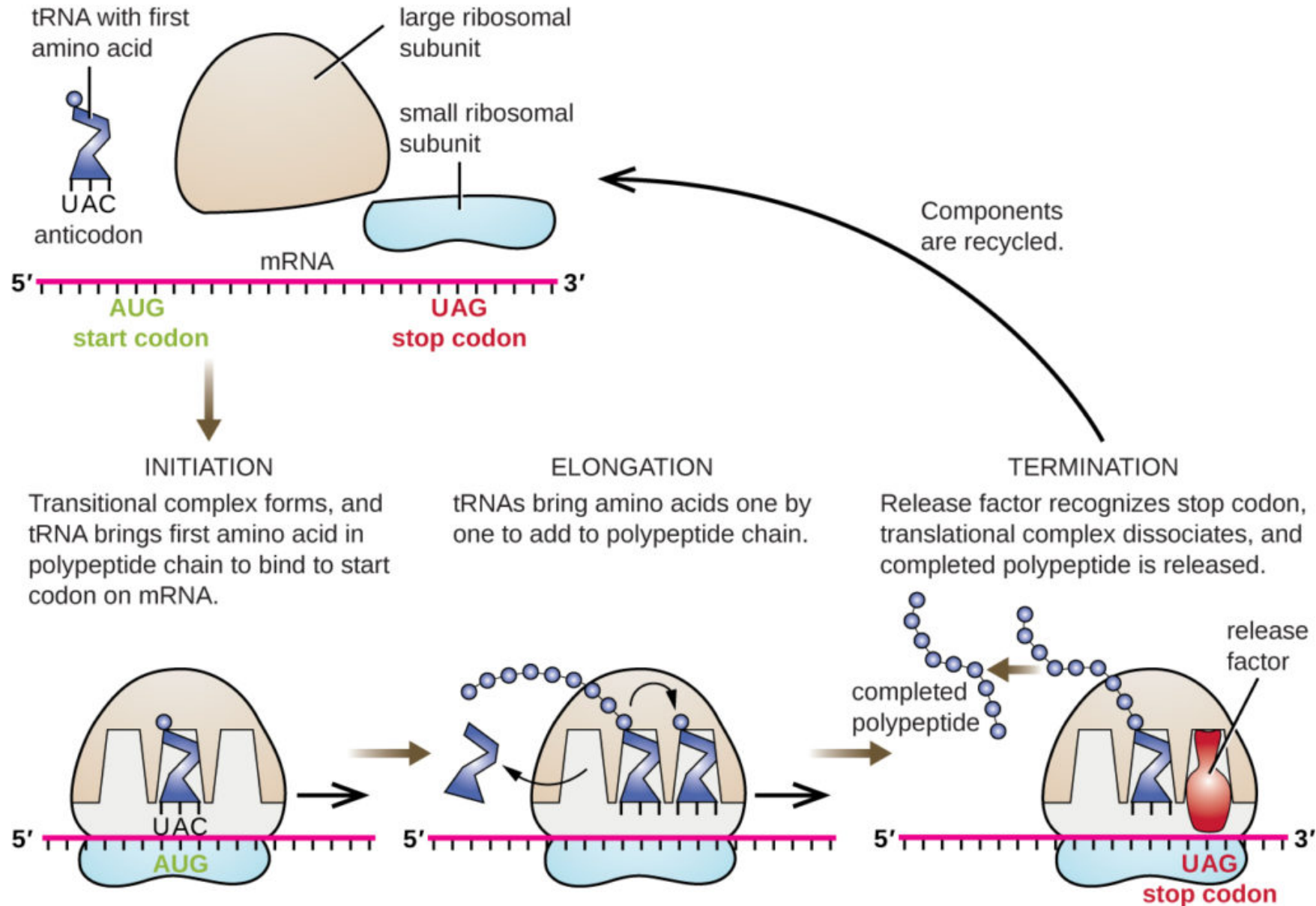
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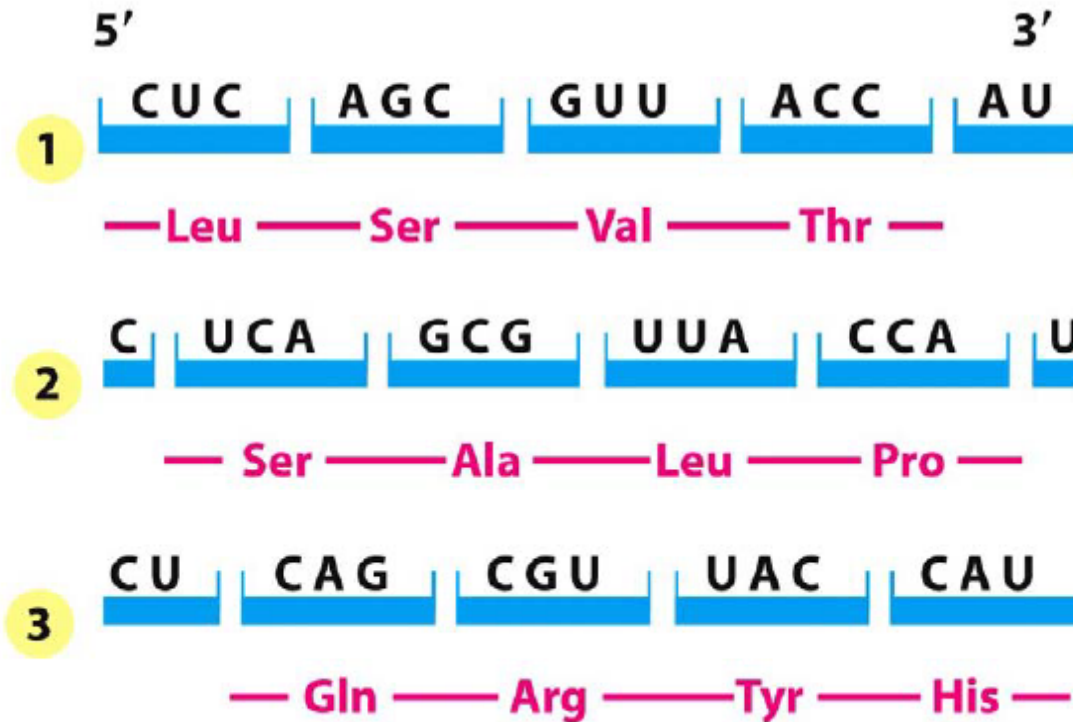
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		U	C	A	G						
U	UUU	Phenylalanine (Phe)	UCU	Serine (Ser)	UAU	Tyrosine (Tyr)	UGU	Cysteine (Cys)	U		
	UUC		UCC		UAC		UGC		C		
	UUA		Leucine (Leu)		UCA		UAA		UGA	Stop	A
	UUG				UCG		UAG		UGG	Tryptophan (Trp)	G
C	CUU	Leucine (Leu)	CCU	Proline (Pro)	CAU	Histidine (His)	CGU	Arginine (Arg)	U		
	CUC		CCC		CAC		CGC		C		
	CUA		CCA		CAA		CGA		A		
	CUG		CCG		CAG		CGG		G		
A	AUU	Isoleucine (Ile)	ACU	Threonine (Thr)	AAU	Asparagine (Asn)	AGU	Serine (Ser)	U		
	AUC		ACC		AAC		AGC		C		
	AUA	Methionine (Met)	ACA		AAA	Lysine (Lys)	AGA	Arginine (Arg)	A		
	AUG		ACG		AAG		AGG		G		
G	GUU	Valine (Val)	GCU	Alanine (Ala)	GAU	Aspartic acid (Asp)	GGU	Glycine (Gly)	U		
	GUC		GCC		GAC		GGC		C		
	GUA		GCA		GAA	GGA	A				
	GUG		GCG		GAG	GGG	G				

Translation



Reading frame

- ☞ The nucleotide sequence is read from the 5' end to the 3' end by group of 3 nucleotides
- ☞ The RNA sequence can be translated into 3 open reading phases

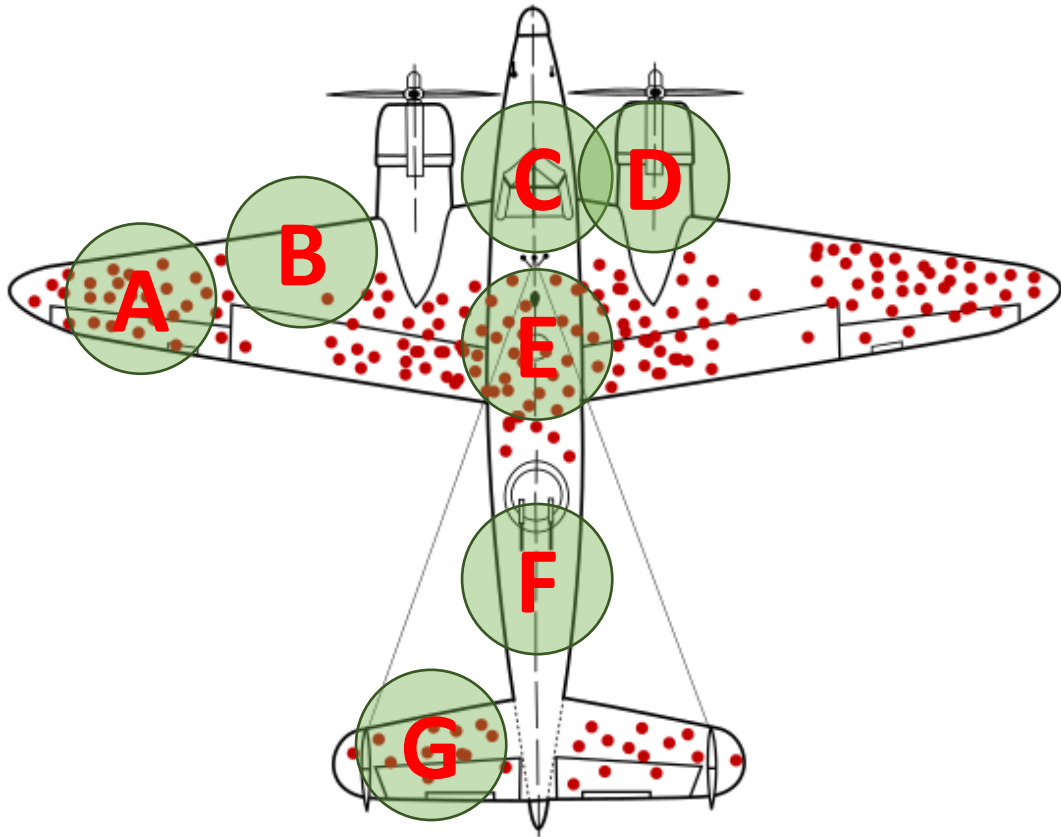


The effective reading frame (1 of 3) is set when the mRNA translation is initiated

☞ Frame-shift

= shift of the reading frame

Pause...



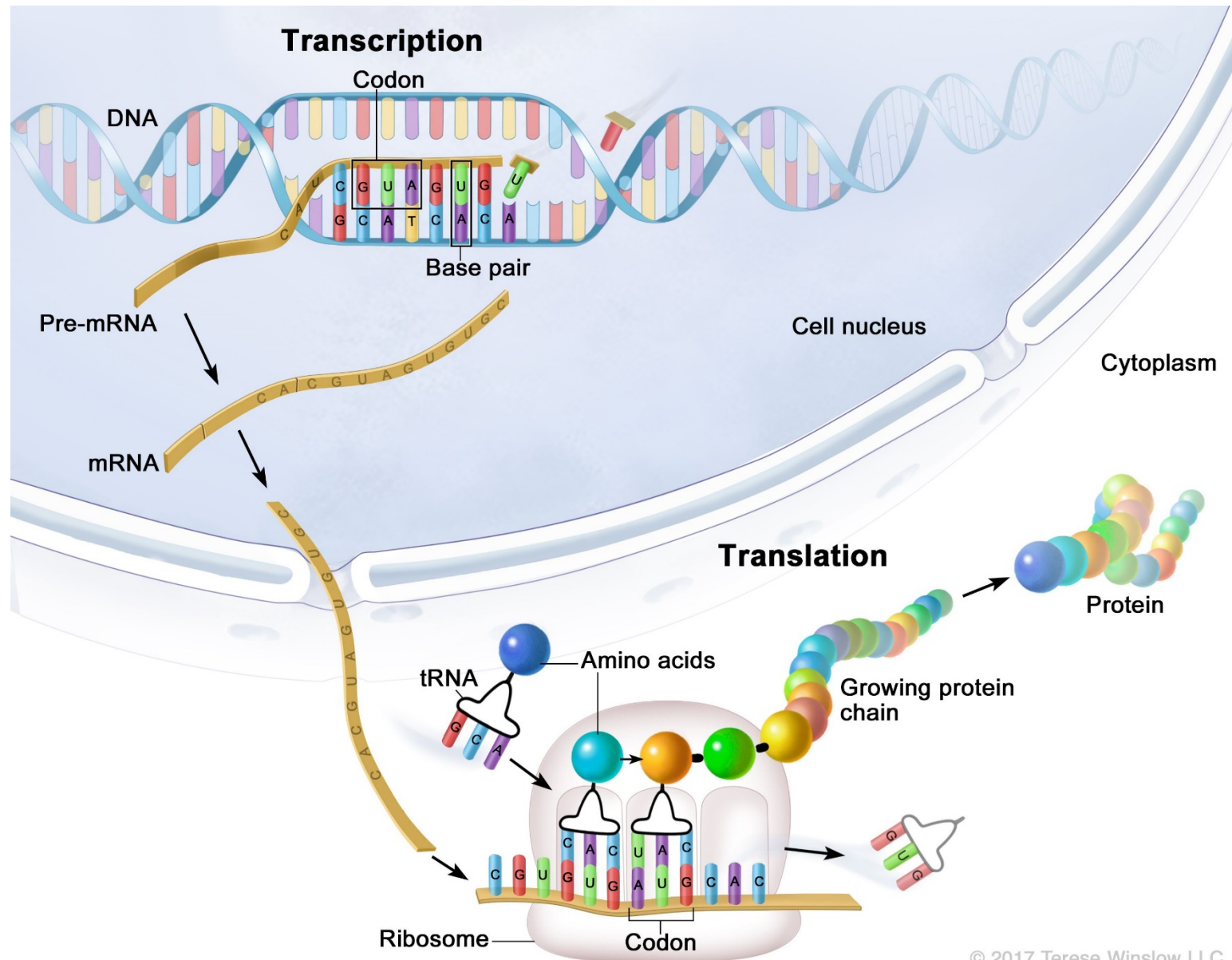
This diagram shows where returning WW2-era planes were hit.

A hunter sees 6 birds in a tree and shot 1. How many birds left?



Which part(s) should be reinforced ?

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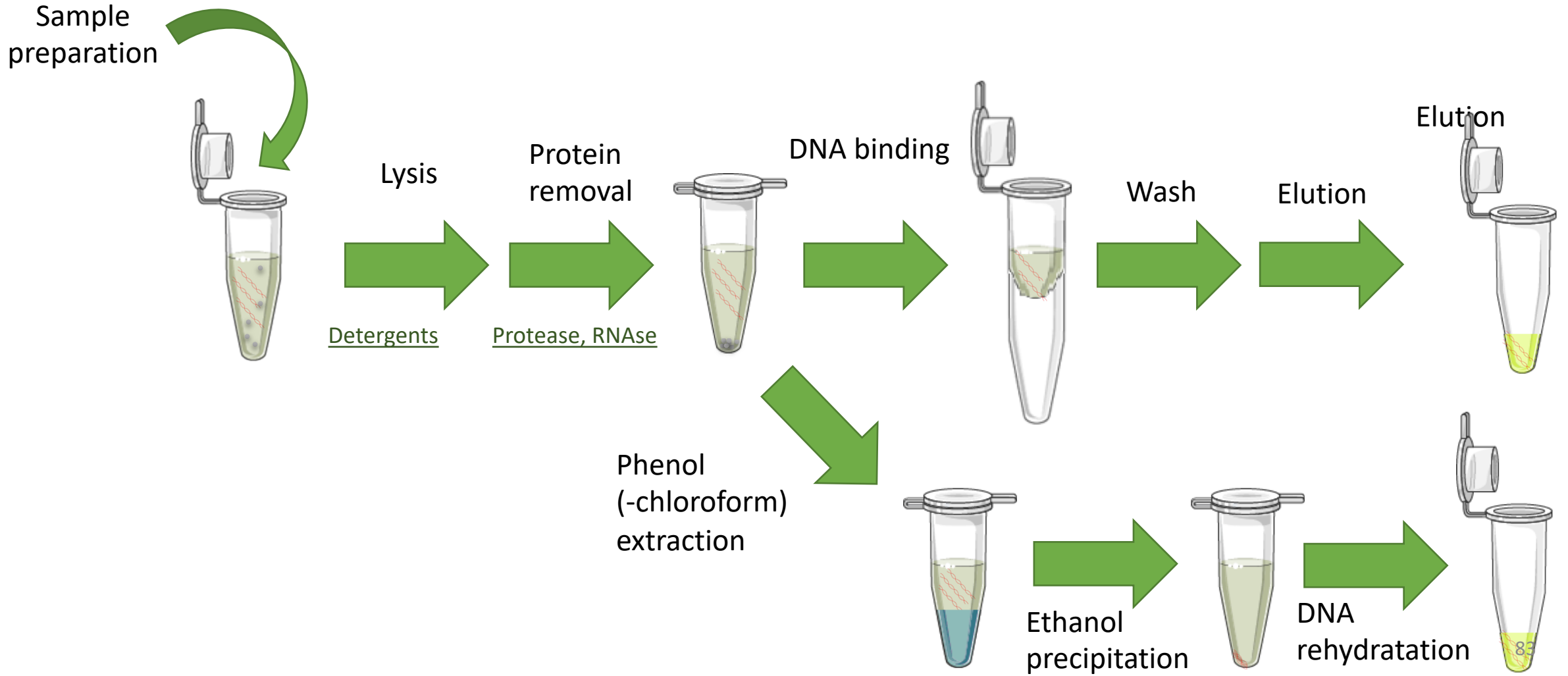
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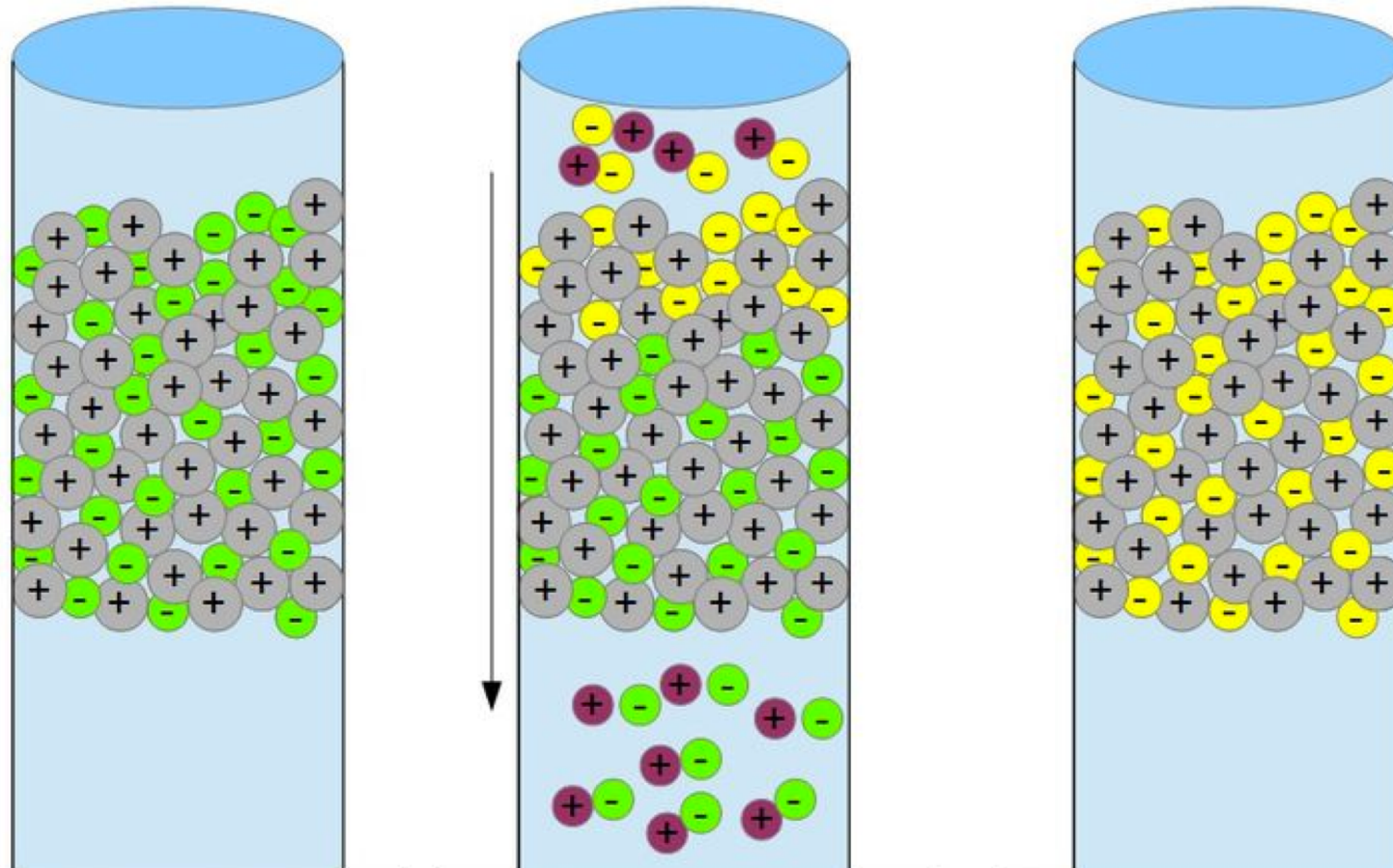
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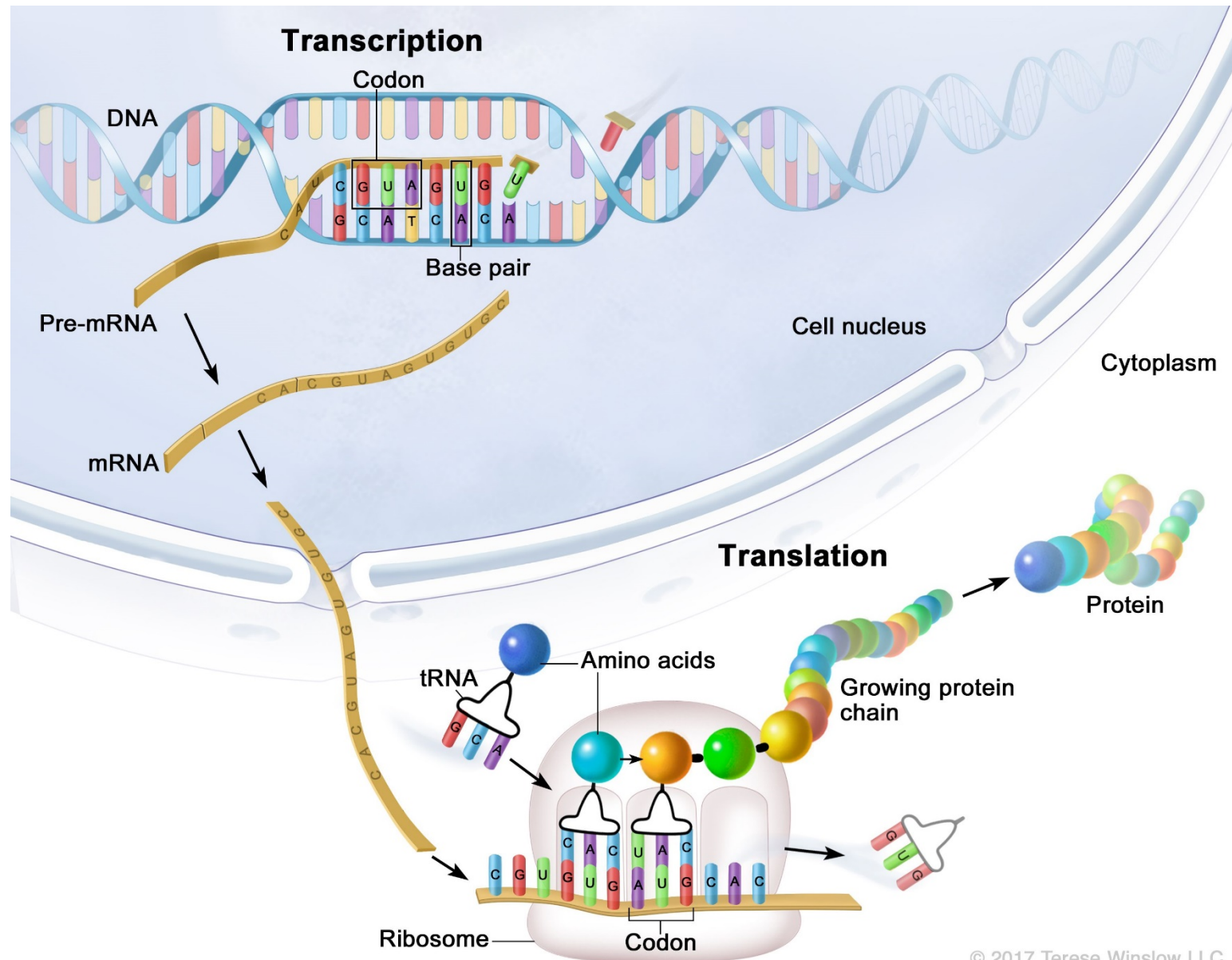
DNA purification



DNA binding on resin



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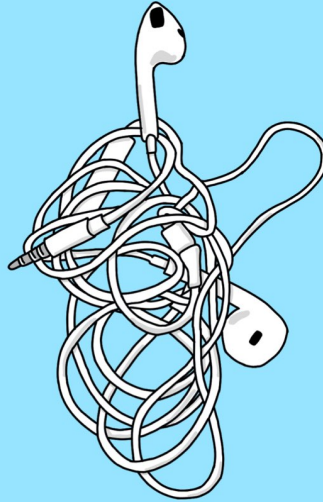
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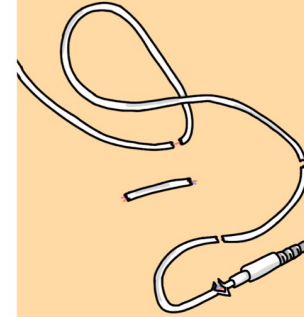
Ligase



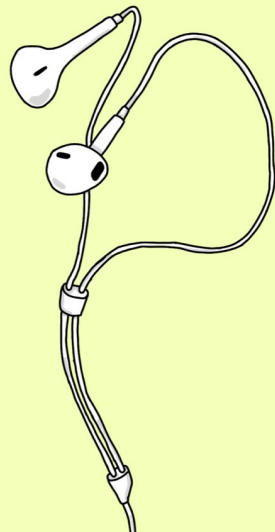
Topoisomerase



Restriction enzyme



Helicase



CRISPR-Cas



DNase

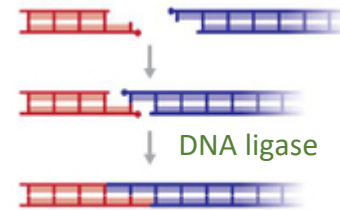
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☞ Nucleases

↳ to digest

☞ Ligases

↳ to ligate

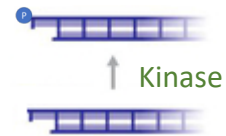


☞ Polymerases

↳ to polymerize

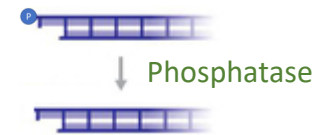
☞ Kinases

↳ to phosphorylate



☞ Phosphatases

↳ to dephosphorylate



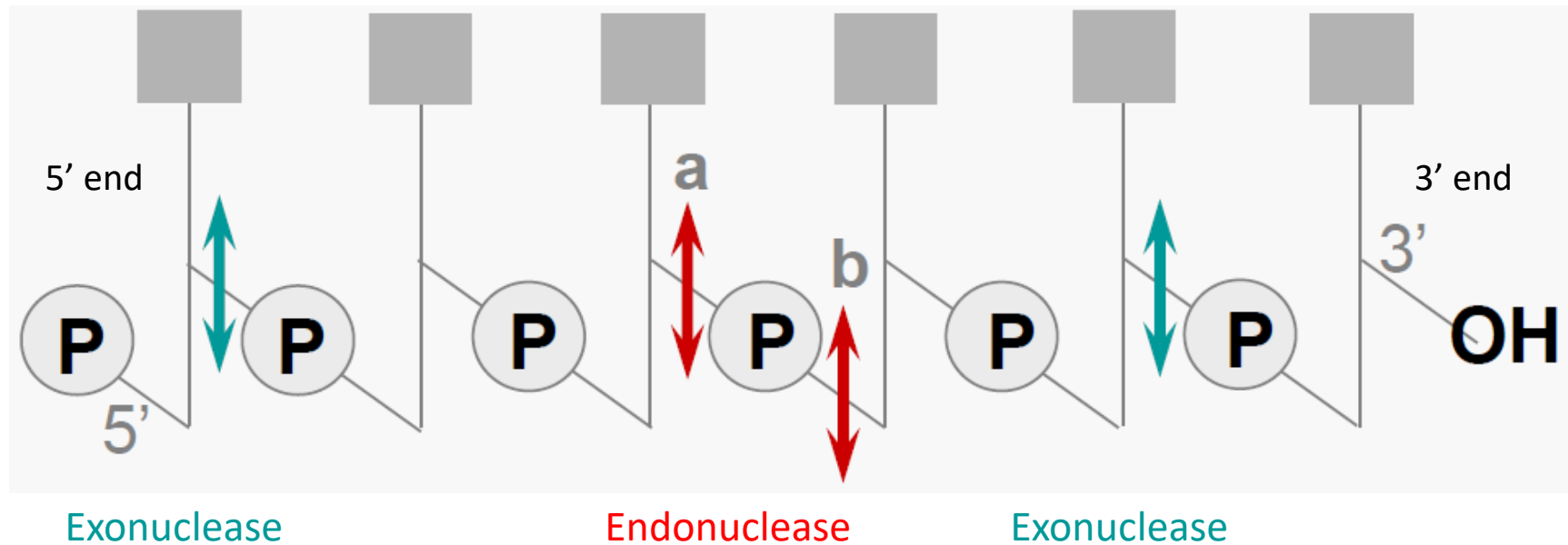
Nucleases

↳ Exonucleases

= they release the nucleotide at the 5' or 3' end

↳ Endonucleases

= they hydrolyse an internal phosphodiester bond



Restriction enzymes

☞ These are **endonucleases**

They recognize a specific base sequence on double-stranded DNA

They cut the 2 strands of the duplex

☞ Names with 3 or 4 letters

↳ origin of the microorganism

Microorganism	Abbreviation	Sequence
<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens H</i>	<i>Bam</i> HI	5' GGATCC 3' 3' CCTAGG 5'



☞ « **Restriction** »

Refers to the function of these enzymes

↳ destroy / restrict foreign DNA

Restriction enzymes

☞ Many restriction enzymes recognize specific sequences

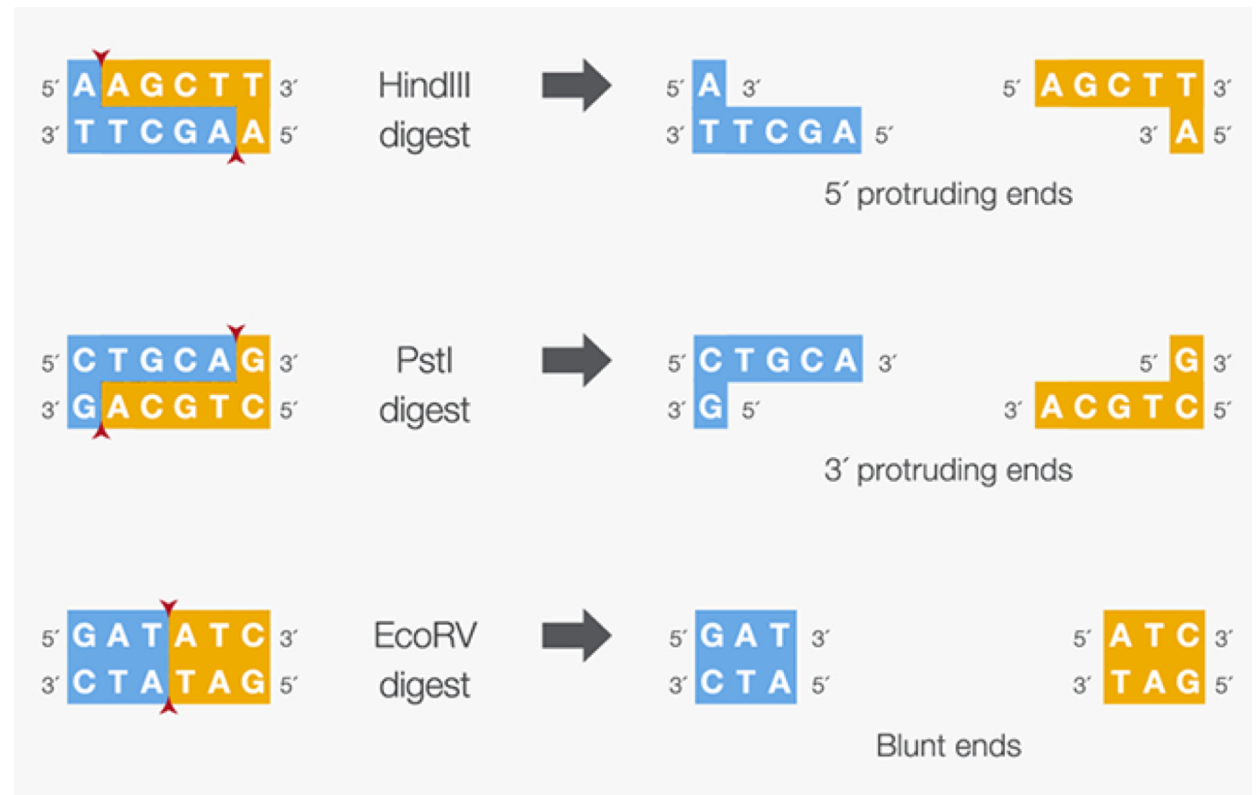
↳ from 4 to 6 base pairs

☞ This sequence has a rotational axis of symmetry

↳ called “palindrome”

☞ Restriction enzymes produce DNA fragments

↳ with **cohesive** or **straight ends**



Restriction enzymes

- ☞ The products of genome digestion by restriction enzymes
= **restriction fragments**
- ☞ A given restriction enzyme cuts a given DNA molecule
always at the same sites = **restriction sites**
- ☞ The frequency of target sequences is **variable**
 - Site of 4 bp \Rightarrow 1 for $4^4 \Rightarrow$ 256 bp
 - Site of 6 bp \Rightarrow 1 for $4^6 \Rightarrow$ 4,096 bp
- ☞ The average size of DNA fragments produced by different restriction enzymes is **variable**

Restriction maps

☞ It is possible

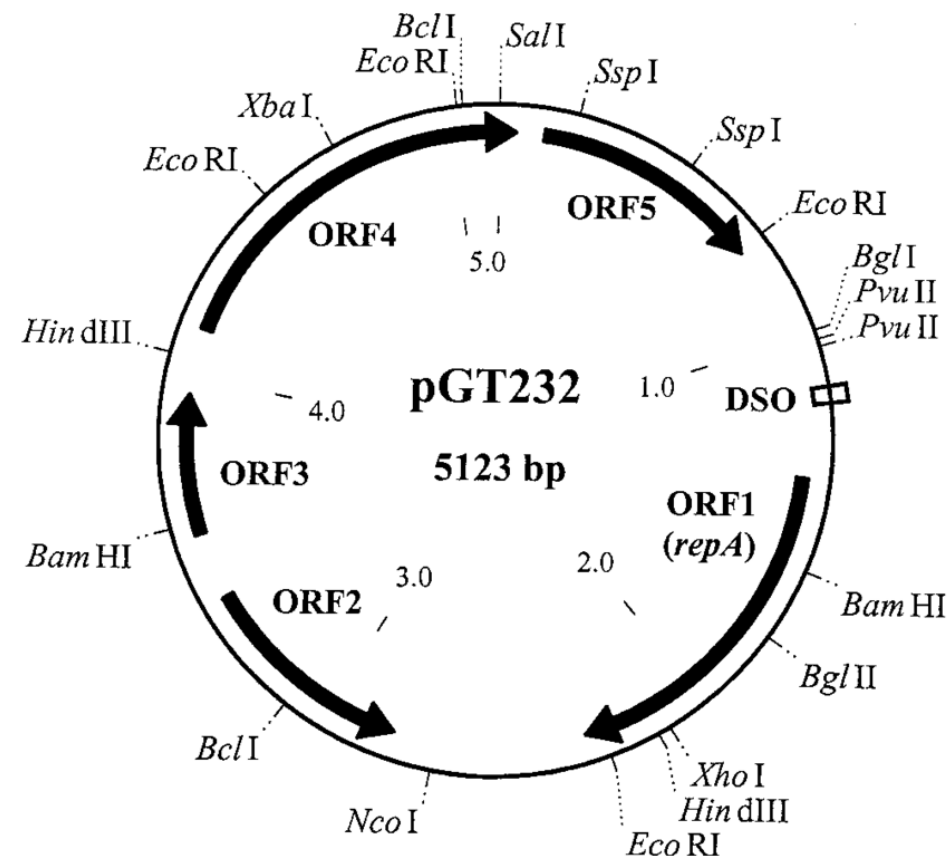
to order the relative position of restriction sites on a DNA molecule

☞ this is the restriction map of a particular genetic region

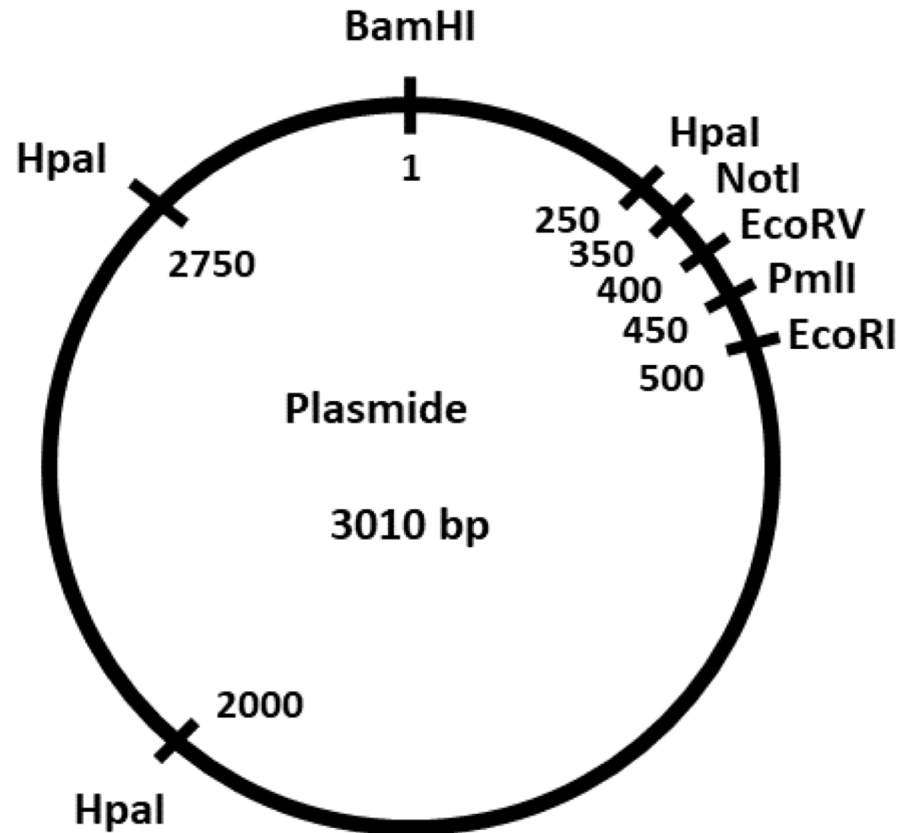
☞ Restriction maps permit the location of a gene and make it easier to clone it

Usefull for Functional analysis of genes

- Directed mutagenesis
- Gene knock-out
- Recombinant proteins
- Two-hybrid screening
- ...



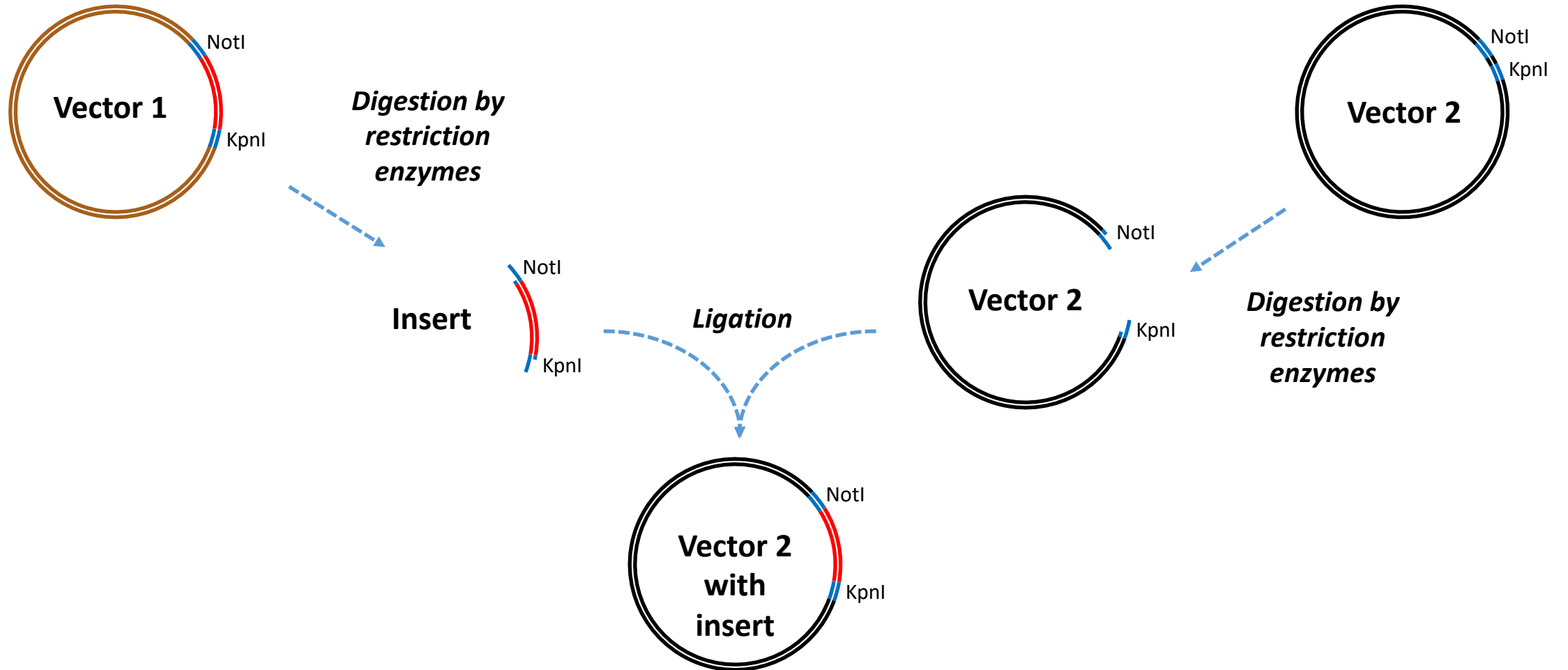
Your turn...



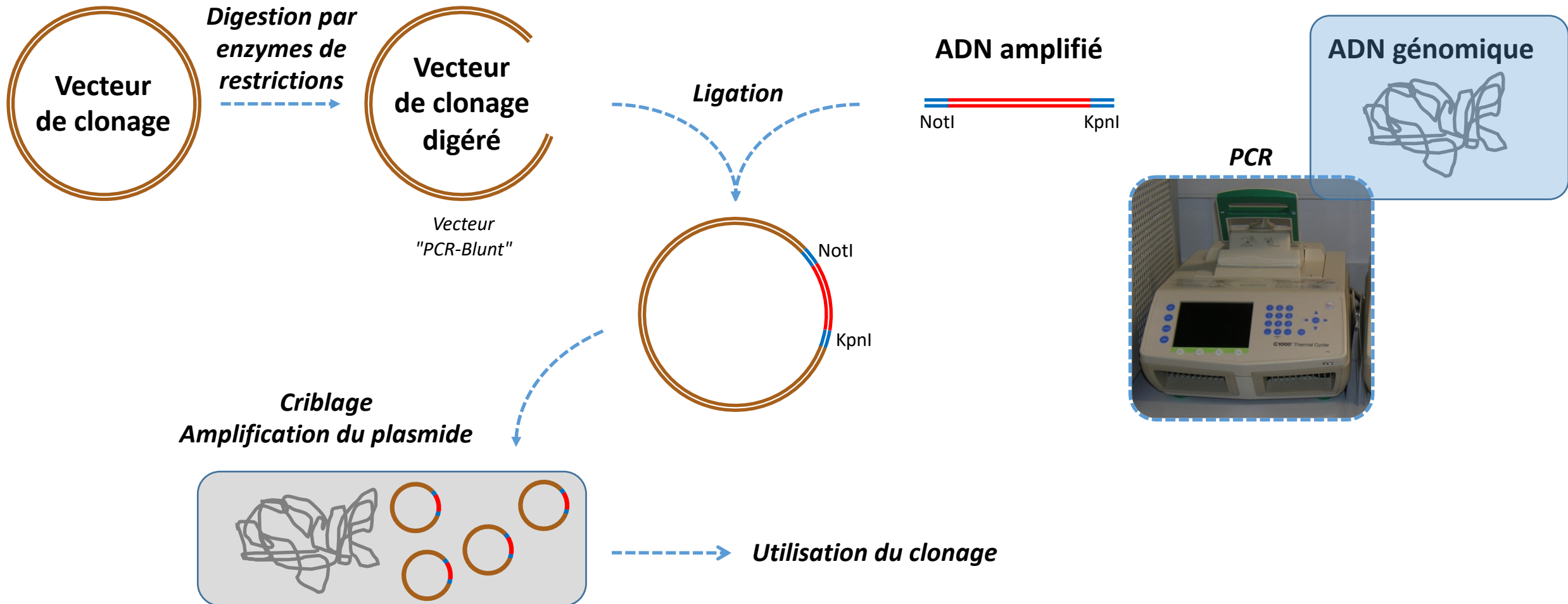
Size of the fragment(s) after digestion by :

- A) EcoRI
- B) EcoRV
- C) BamHI + NotI
- D) HpaI
- E) HpaI + BamHI + EcoRI

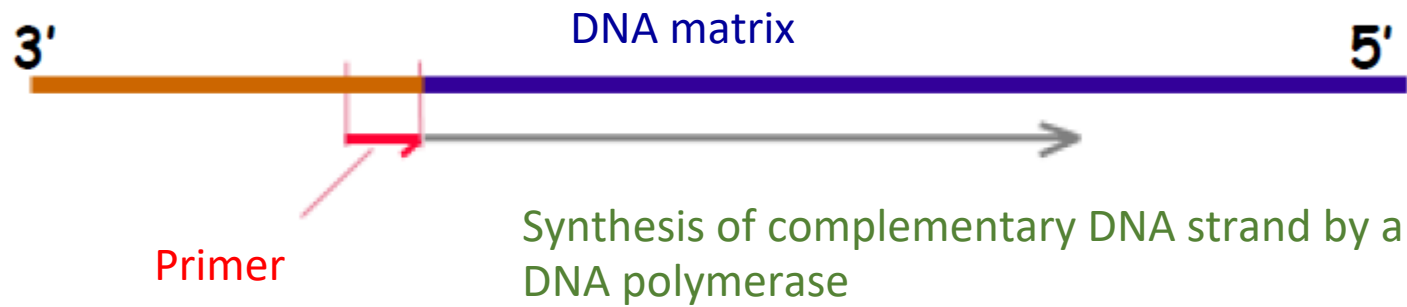
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DNA polymerases



☞ DNA polymerase I (*E. coli*)

DNA dependent

☞ Taq polymerase

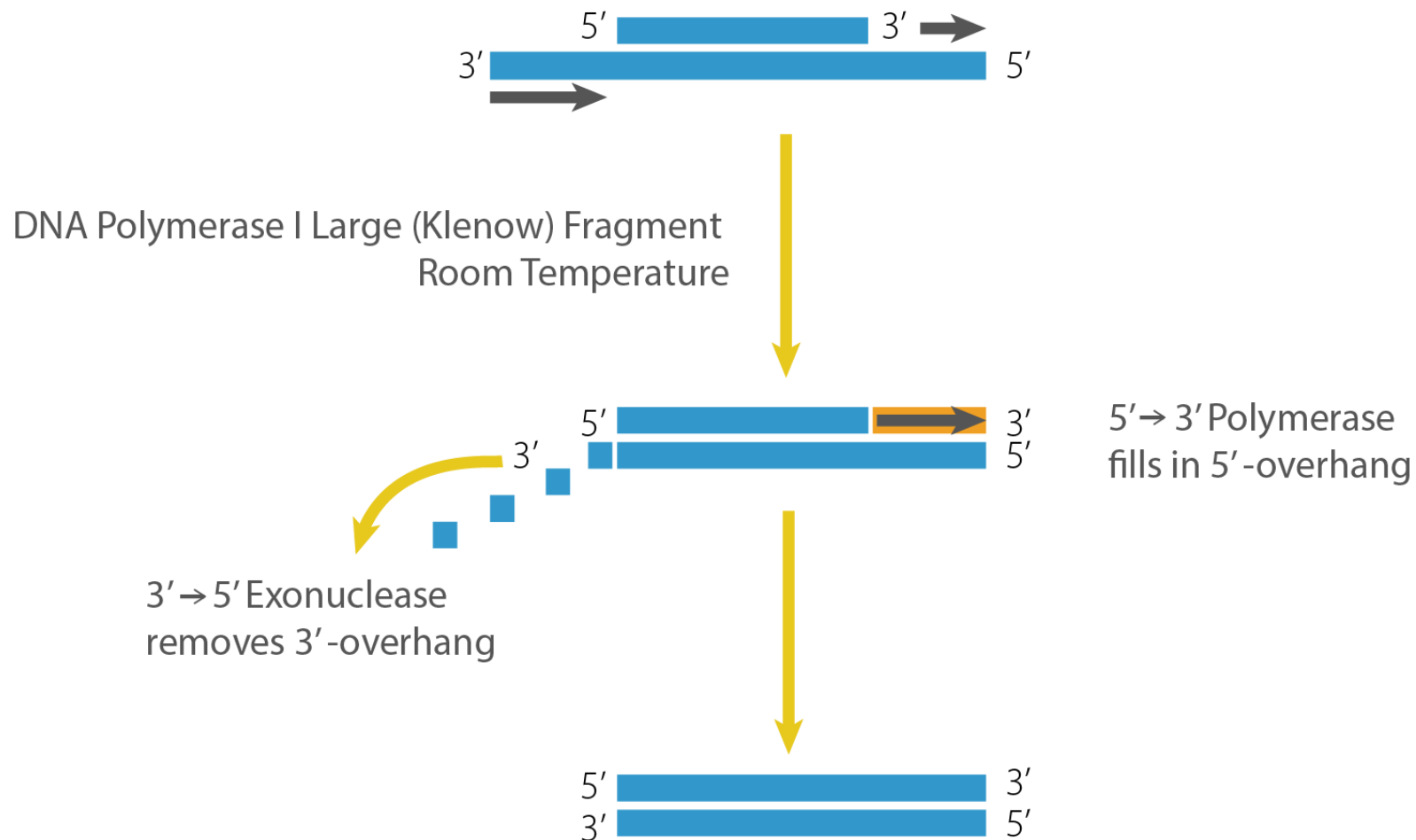
DNA dependent

☞ Reverse transcriptase

RNA dependent

DNA polymerase I / Klenow fragment

- The Klenow fragment is a large protein fragment produced when DNA polymerase I from *E. coli* is enzymatically cleaved
- It retains the 5' → 3' polymerase activity and the 3' → 5' exonuclease activity for removal of precoding nucleotides and proofreading, but loses its 5' → 3' exonuclease activity

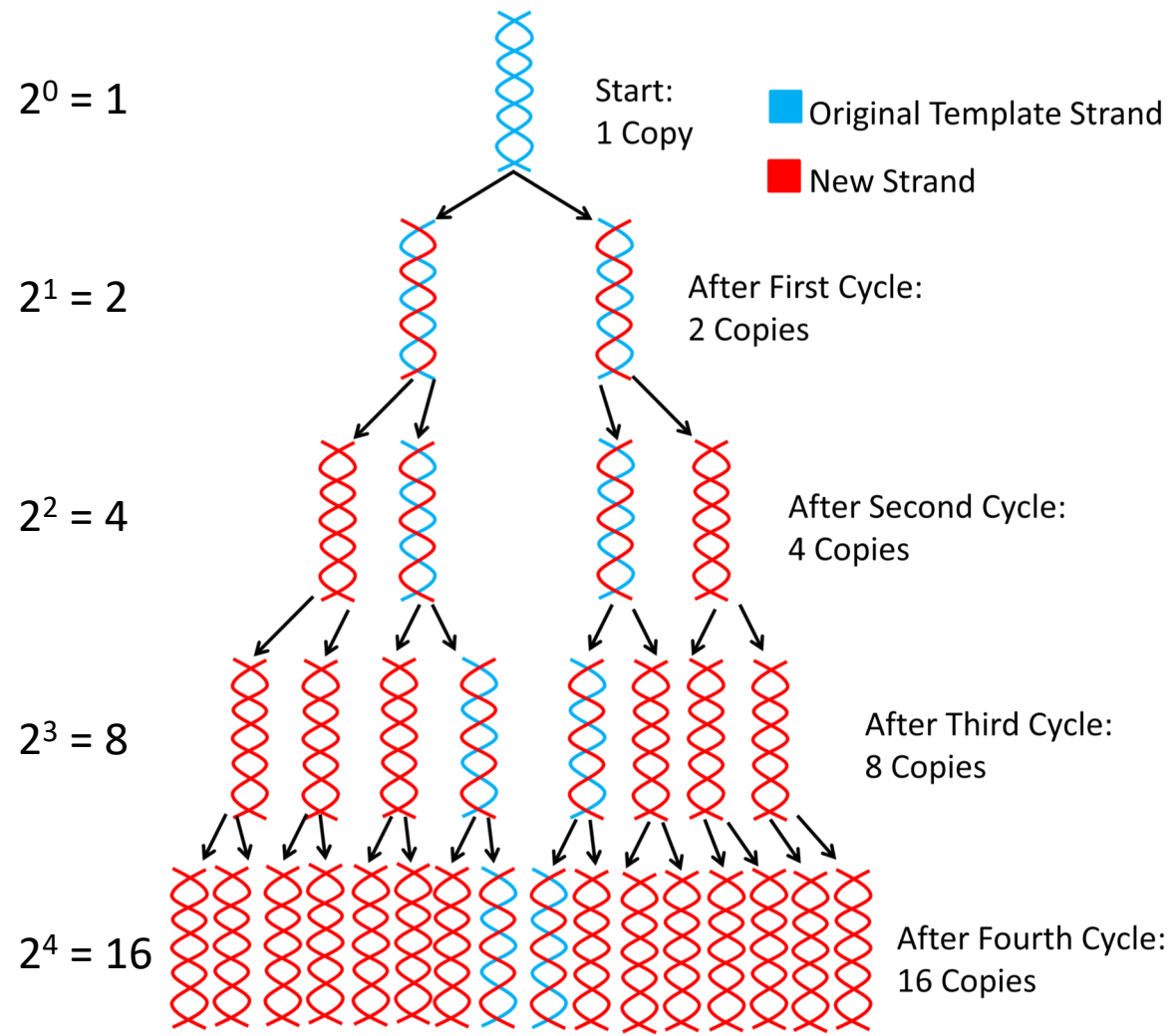


DNA polymerase I / Klenow fragment

- ☞ *In vitro*, the Klenow fragment is used for:
- the synthesis of the second strand, complementary to a cDNA
 - the labeling of the 5' outer ends of the double-stranded DNA
 - the DNA labeling by random primer technique
 - the DNA sequencing by dideoxynucleotide technique
 - the directed mutagenesis from synthetic oligonucleotides

Taq Polymerase and PCR

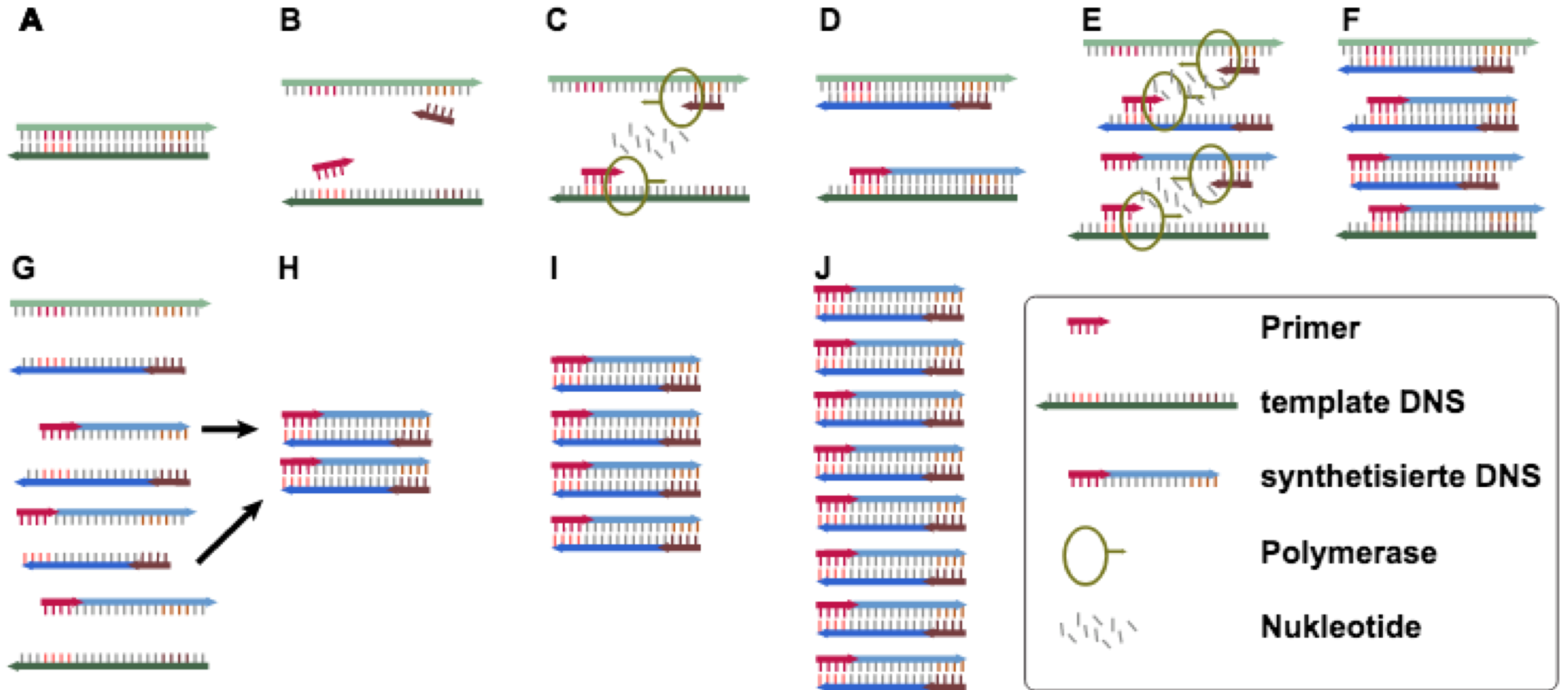
Thermus aquaticus



$2^{20} = 1$ million de copies

$2^{30} = 1$ milliard de copies

PCR : Polymerase Chain reaction



PCR : Polymerase Chain reaction

☞ PCR = Polymerase Chain reaction

☞ production of a large number of copies of a specific DNA sequence

N cycles of PCR

2^N copies of initial DNA

General case: N = 30 cycles

☞ Synthesis in direction 5' to 3'

☞ Reaction mix

Taq polymerase

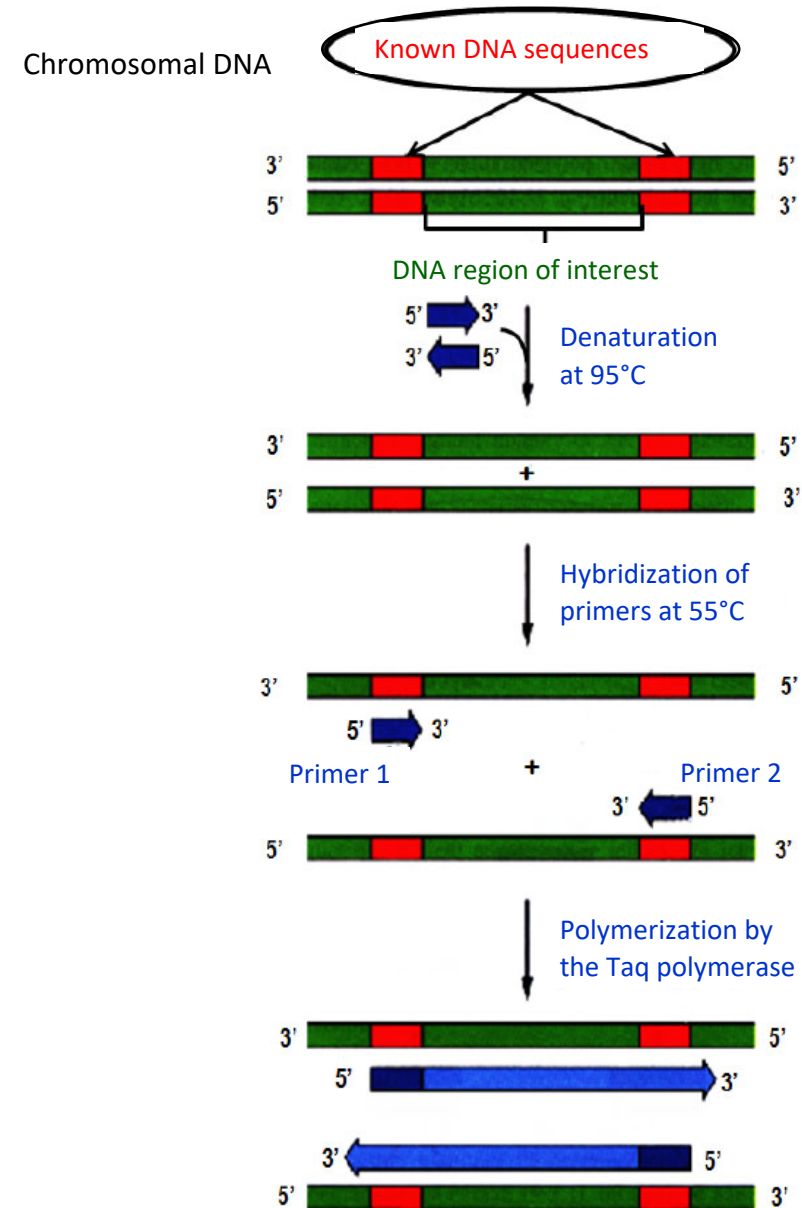
DNA matrix

2 primers forward and reverse

Buffer

dNTPs

MgCl₂

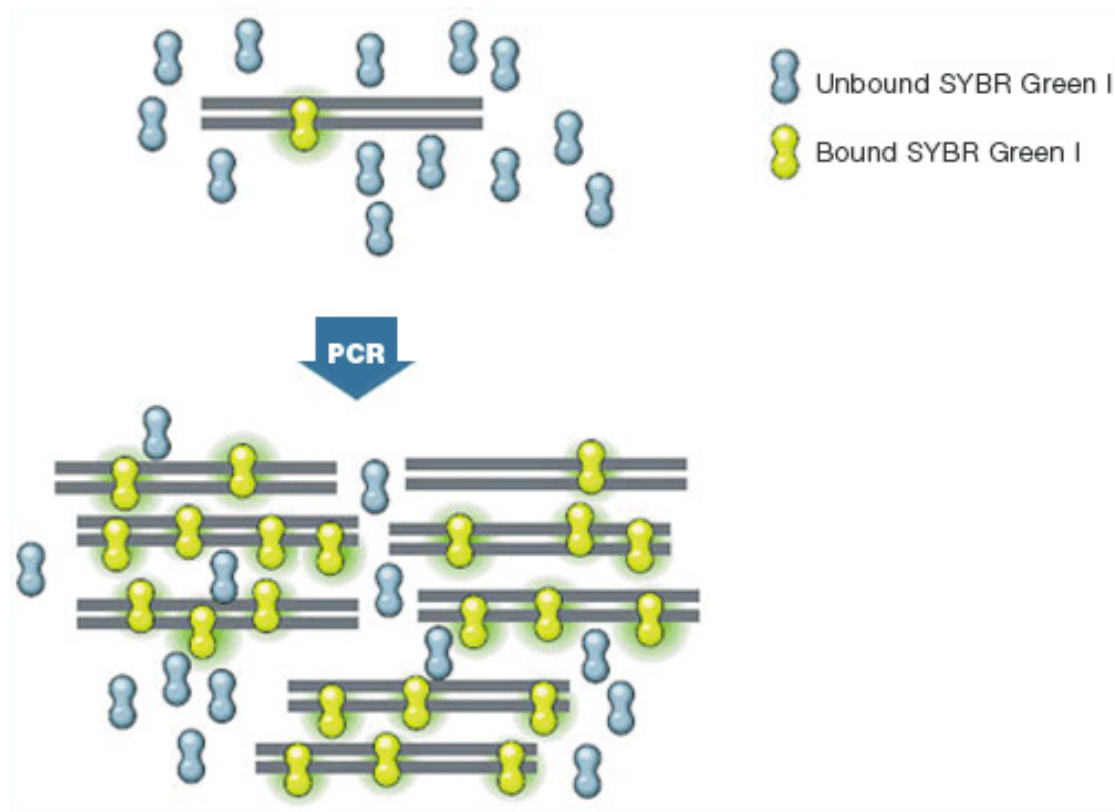


How to detect PCR products?

2 types, depending on DNA interactions

Sequence non-specific:
intercalating agent

SYBR Green



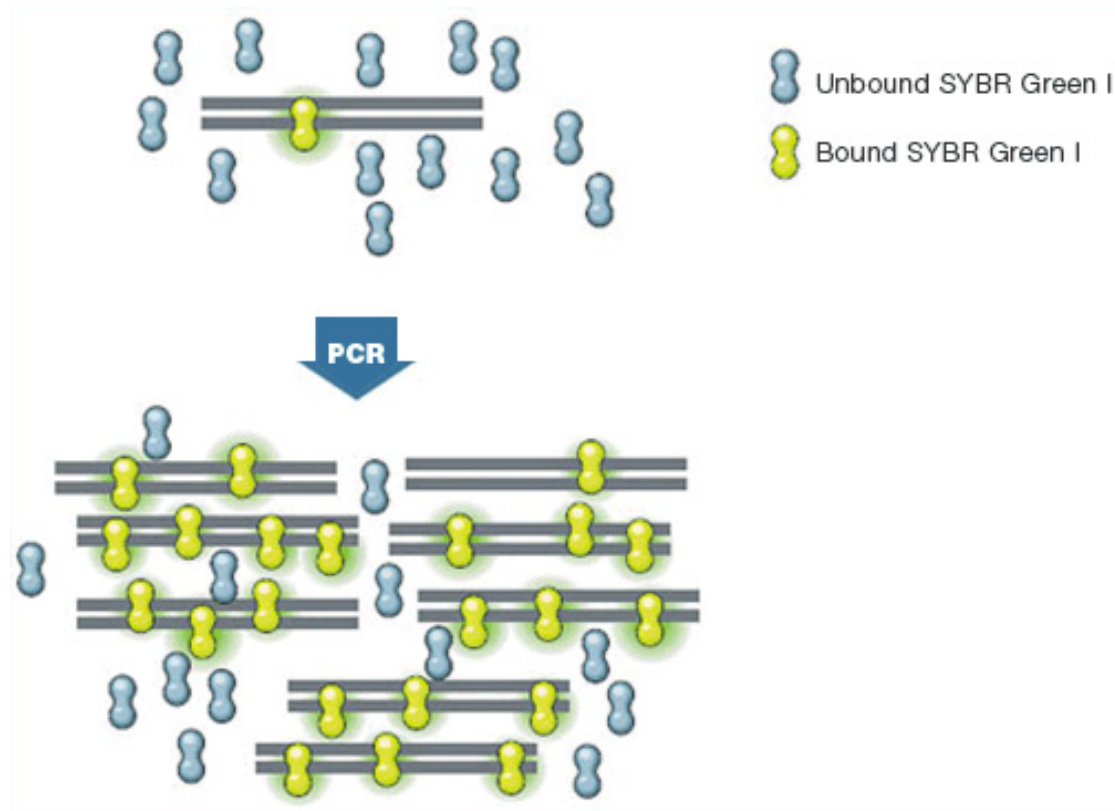
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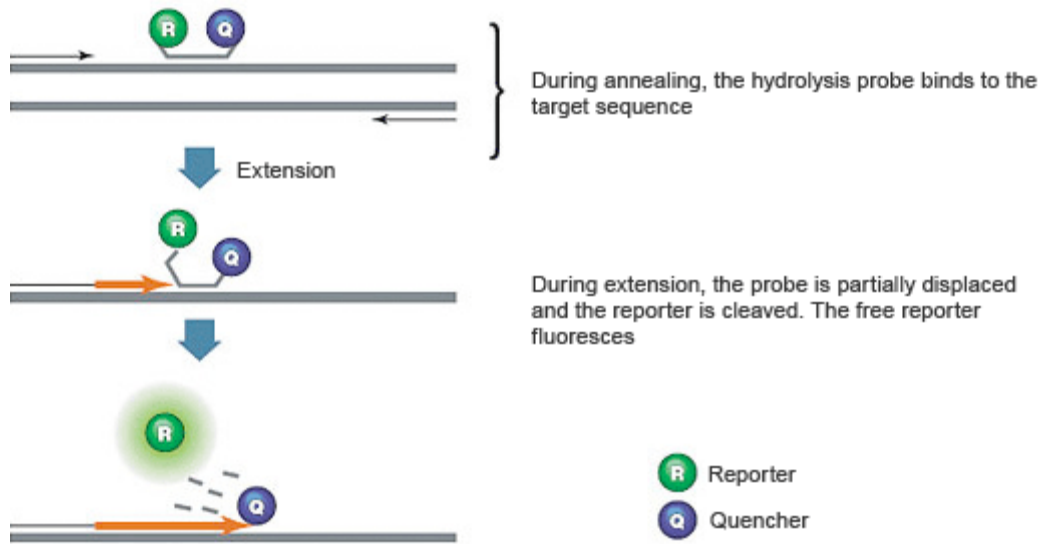
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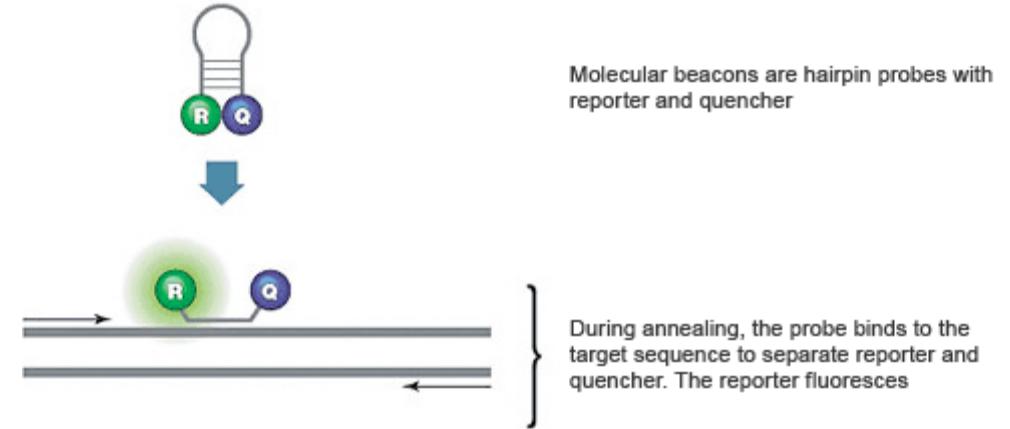


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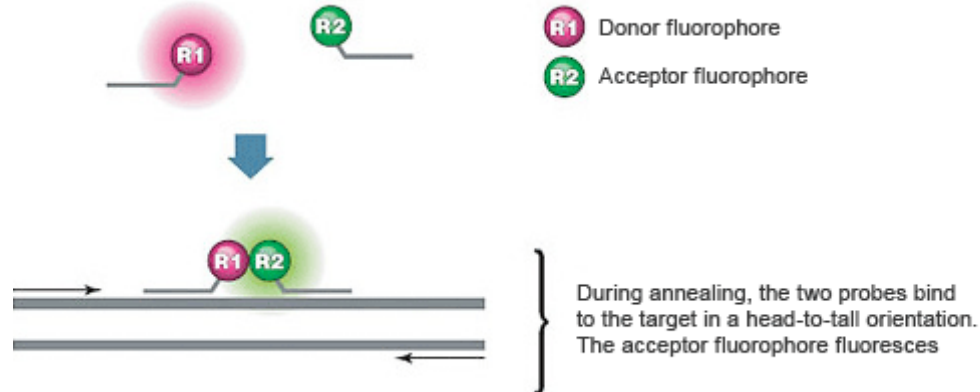
Hydrolysis (TaqMan) Probes



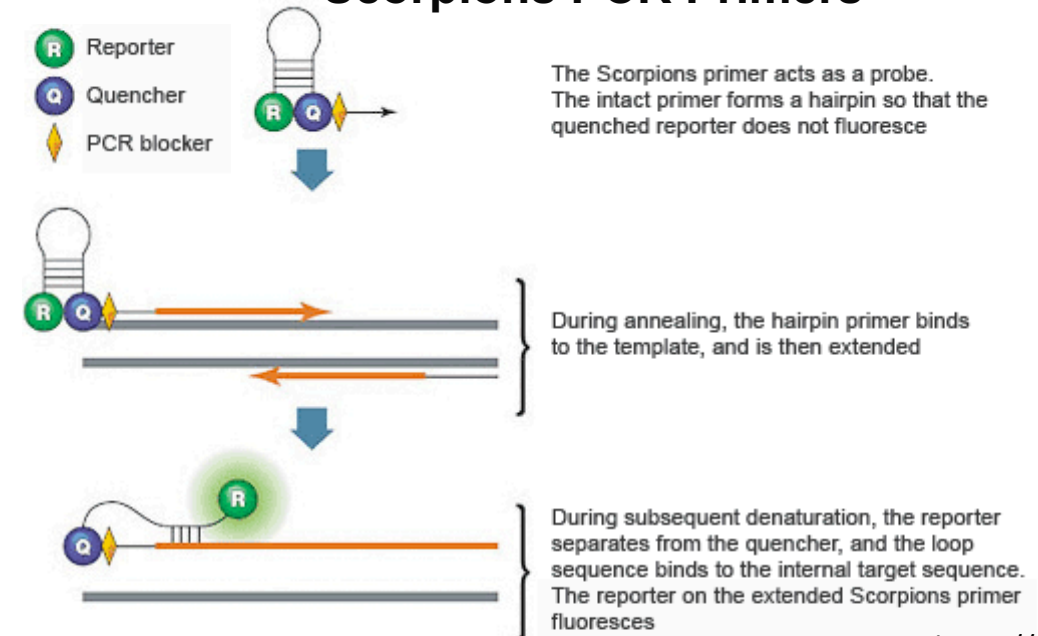
Molecular Beacons



Dual Hybridization Probes



Scorpions PCR Primers



RT-PCR / RT-qPCR

⇨ Reverse transcriptase synthesizes single strand DNA

⇨ using an RNA as a matrix

Retrovirus



1- Reverse transcriptase



RNA



2- The reverse transcriptase synthesizes a single strand DNA molecule = cDNA



3- The single strand DNA molecule is used in turn as a matrix



4- Synthesis of double-stranded DNA

⇨ The complementary DNA (cDNA) is then amplifiable by PCR

A

Reverse transcription-PCR

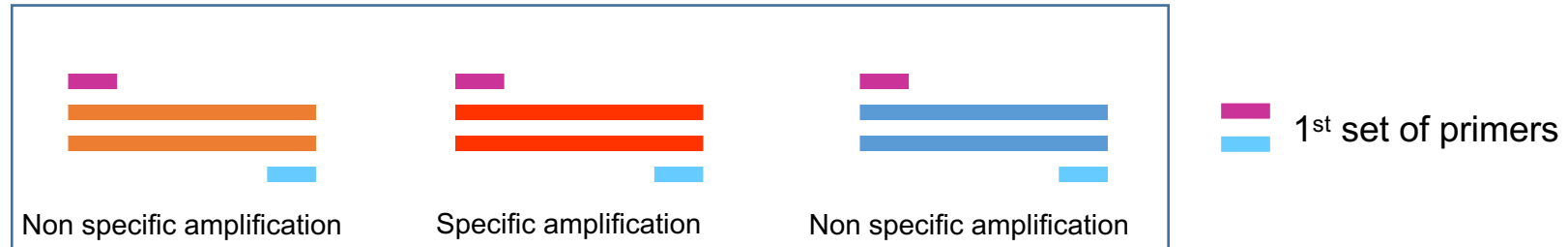
1. Isolate RNA

RNA  AAAA

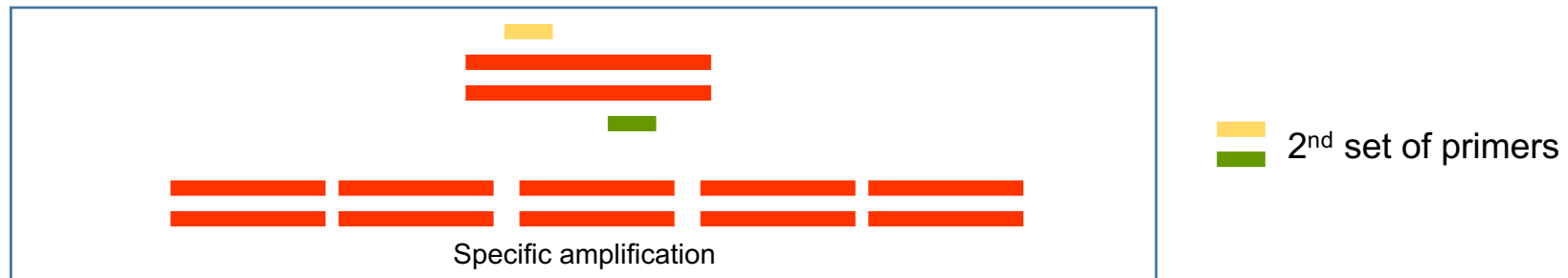
Nested PCR

⇒ 2 successive PCR intended to amplify **specifically** one DNA sequence

1st amplification (10 cycles)



2nd amplification within the amplicon of the 1st amplification (25 cycles)

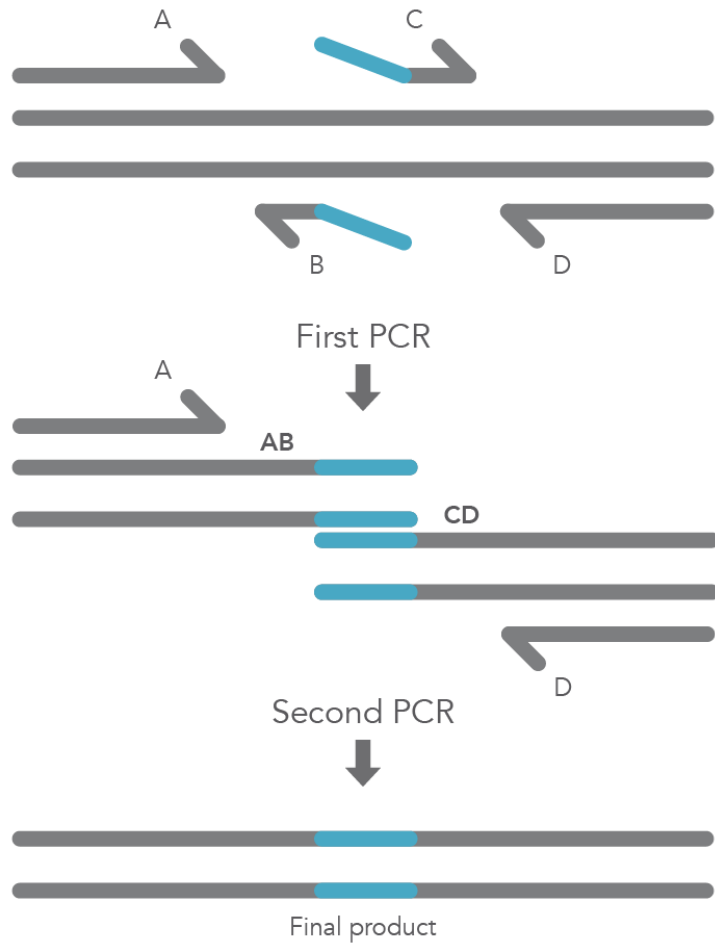


⇒ Possible to detect:

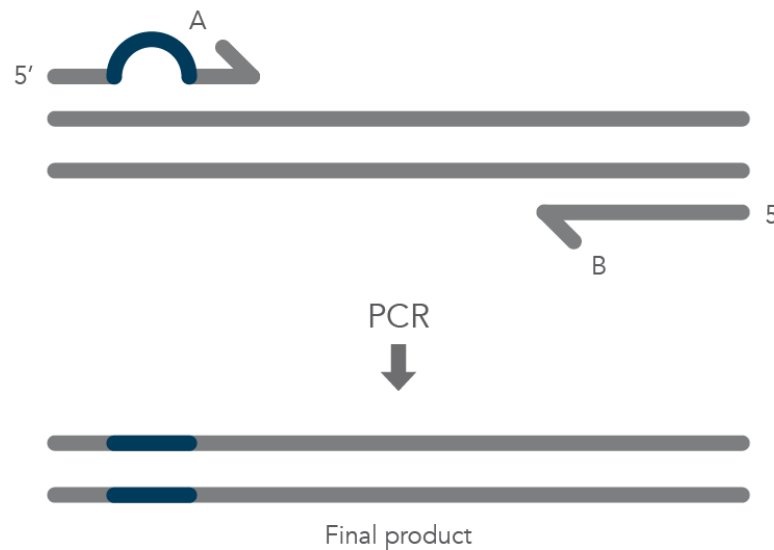
- 1 abnormal cell among 135 normal cells
- up to 3 fg of starting DNA

Site-directed mutagenesis by PCR

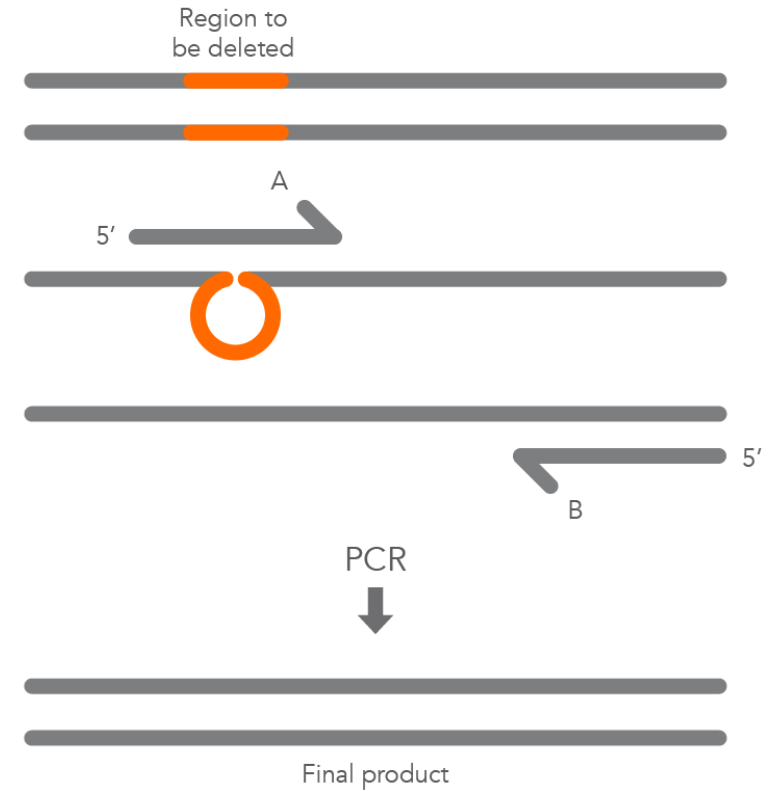
Insertion



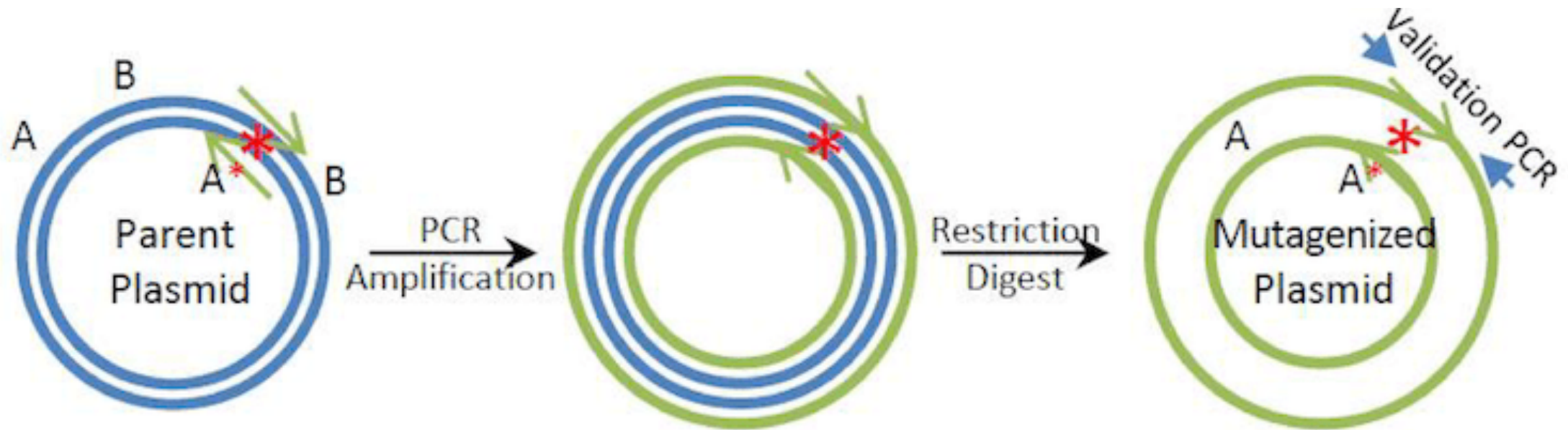
Mutation



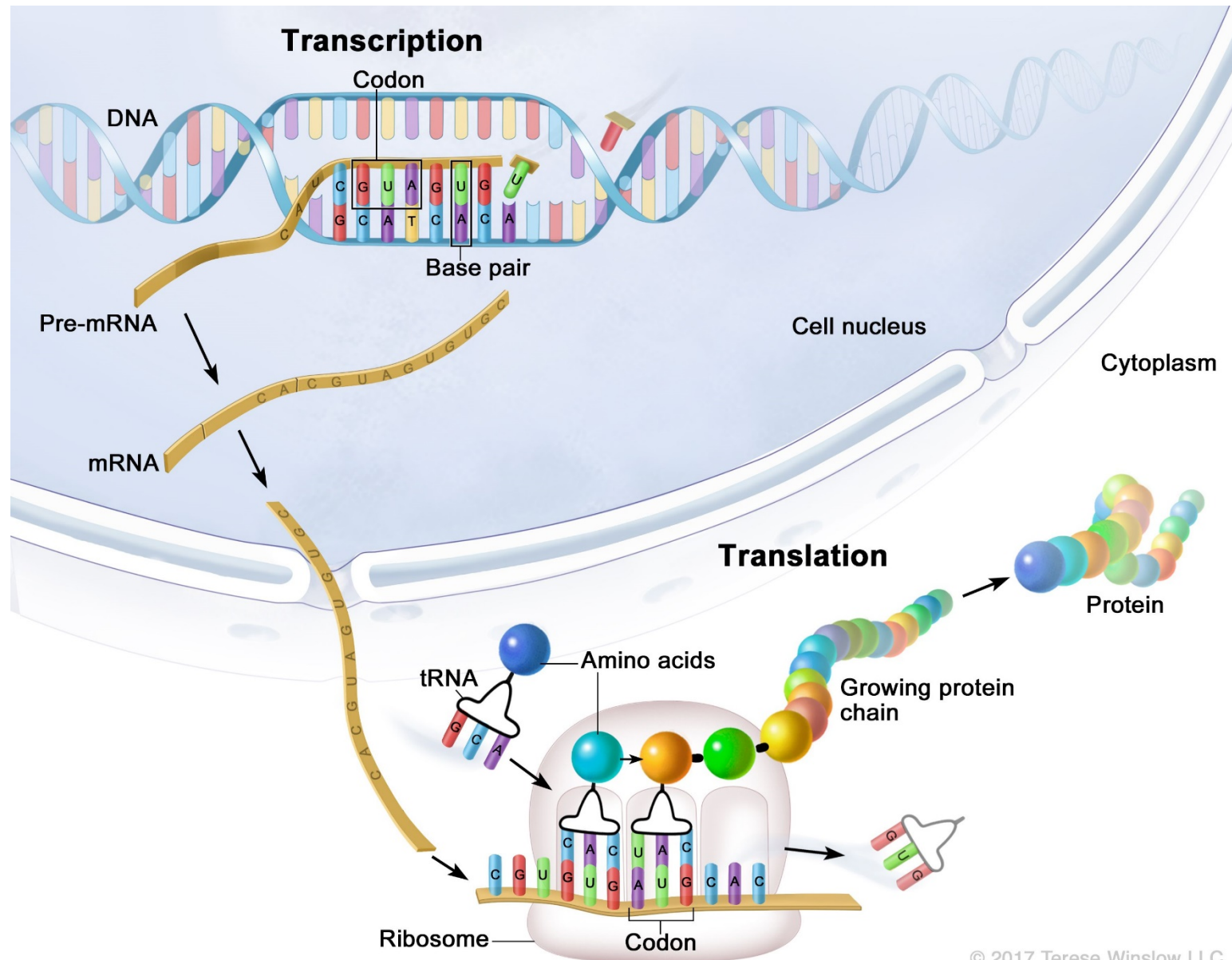
Deletion



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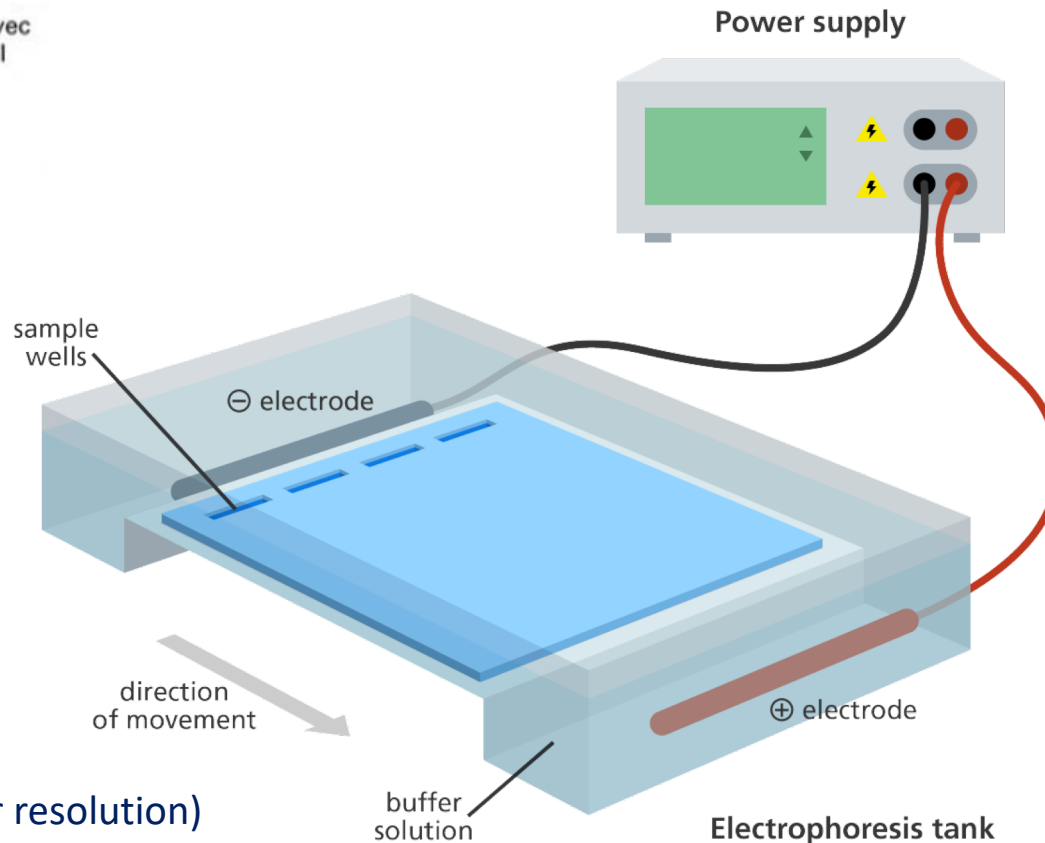
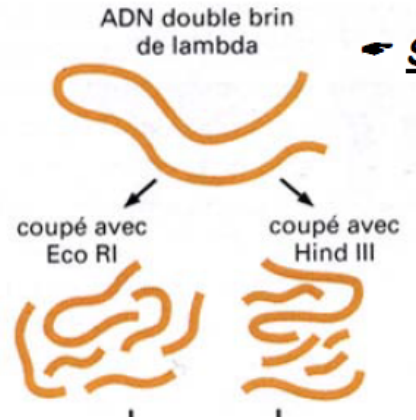
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- DNA sequencing

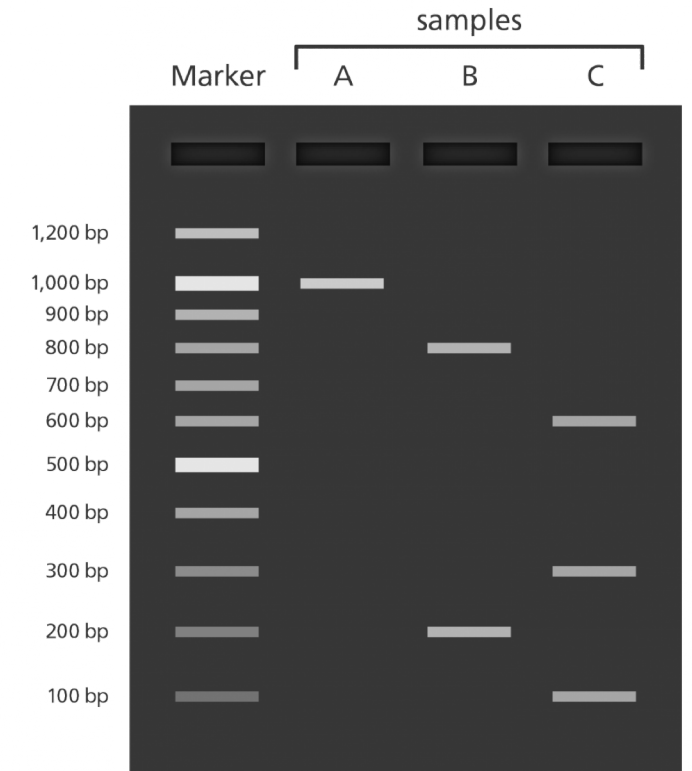
Electrophoresis : Separation and detection of DNA molecules by size

⇒ Phosphate groups of the DNA are ionized and polynucleotide chains are polyanions (-)

⇒ Migration to the positive pole (+)



⇒ Separation on gel
of agarose
of polyacrylamide (better resolution)

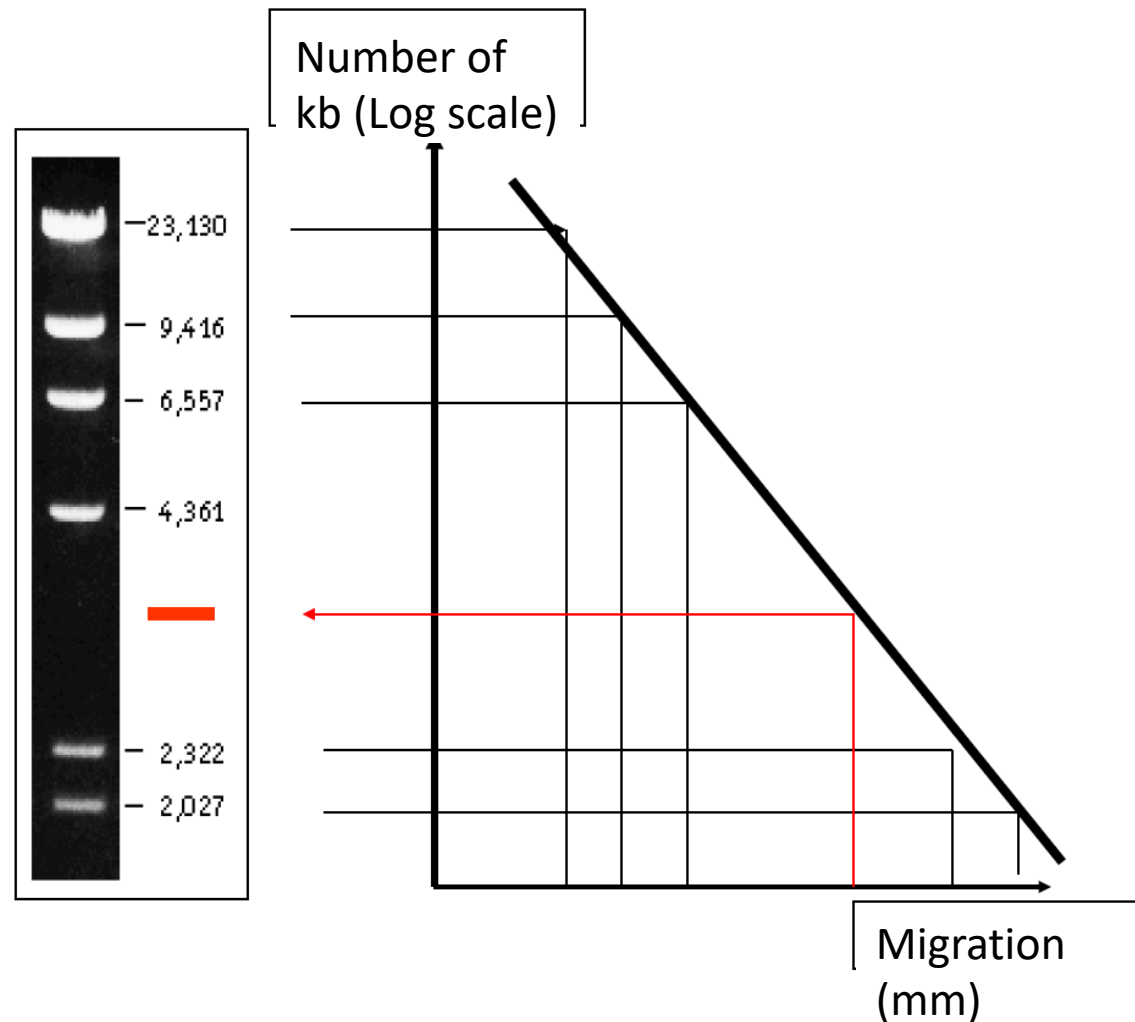


Detection with DNA intercalating agent

Electrophoresis : Separation and detection of DNA molecules by size

☞ The mobility of a DNA fragment

is inversely proportional to the logarithm of the number of base pairs



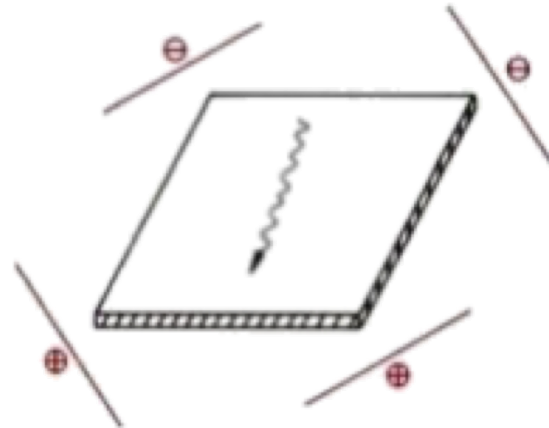
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Examples of resolution depending on the types of gel and migration

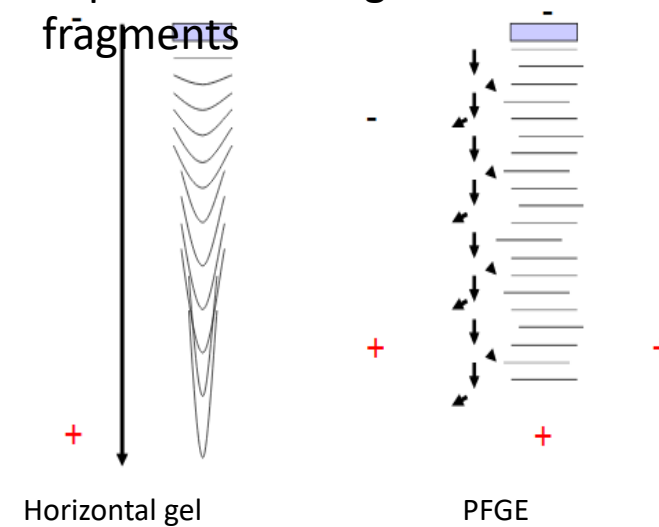
Agarose %	DNA length
0.5	1-30 kb
0.7	0.8-12 kb
1.0	0,5-10 kb
1.2	0.4-7 kb
1.5	0.2-3 kb

Types of electrophoresis	DNA length
Acrylamide gel	1-100 bp
Agarose	0.1-10 kb
PFGE	10 kb-10 Mb

Pulse field gel electrophoresis (PFGE)

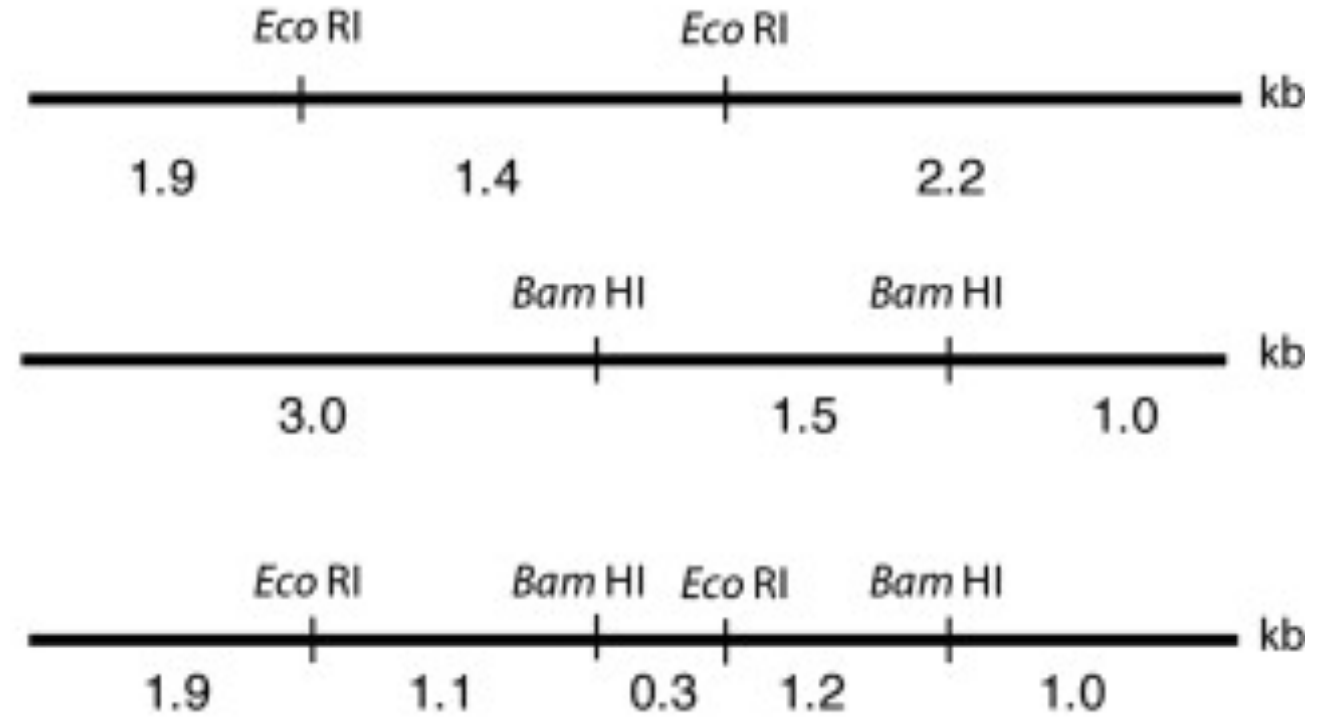
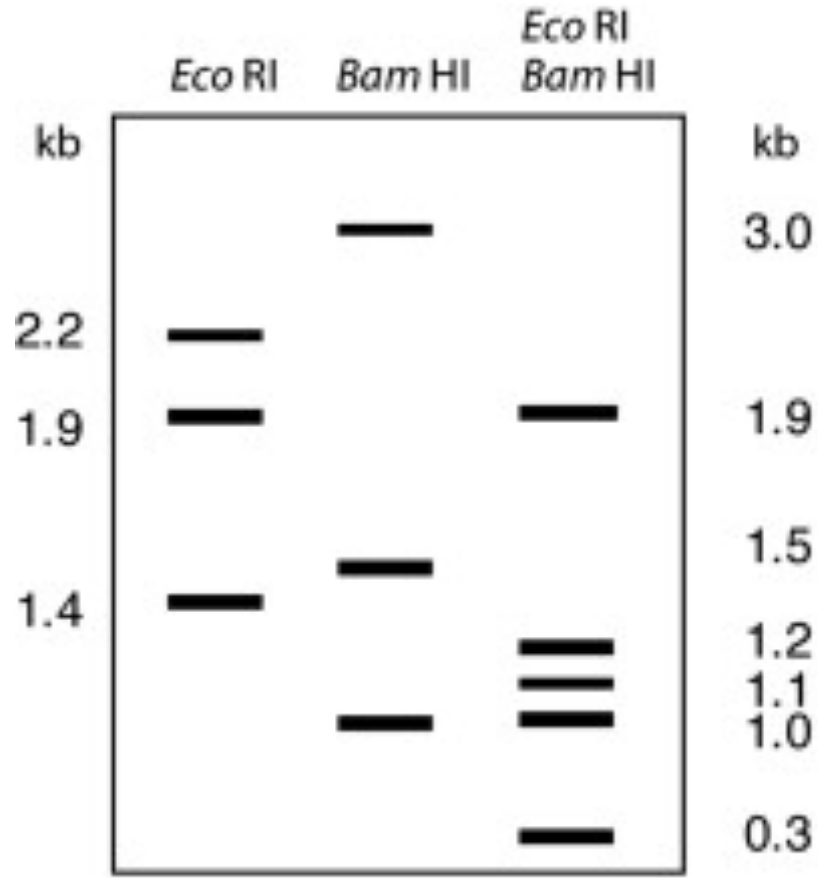


Separation of large DNA fragments



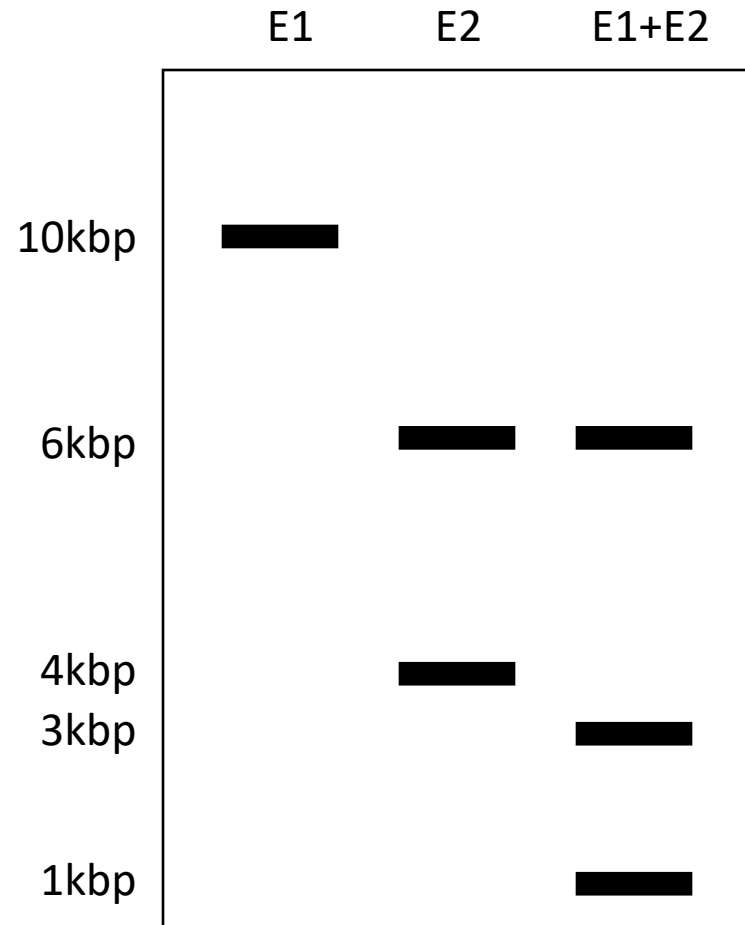
Restriction maps : Linear DNA

Example of establishing a restriction map



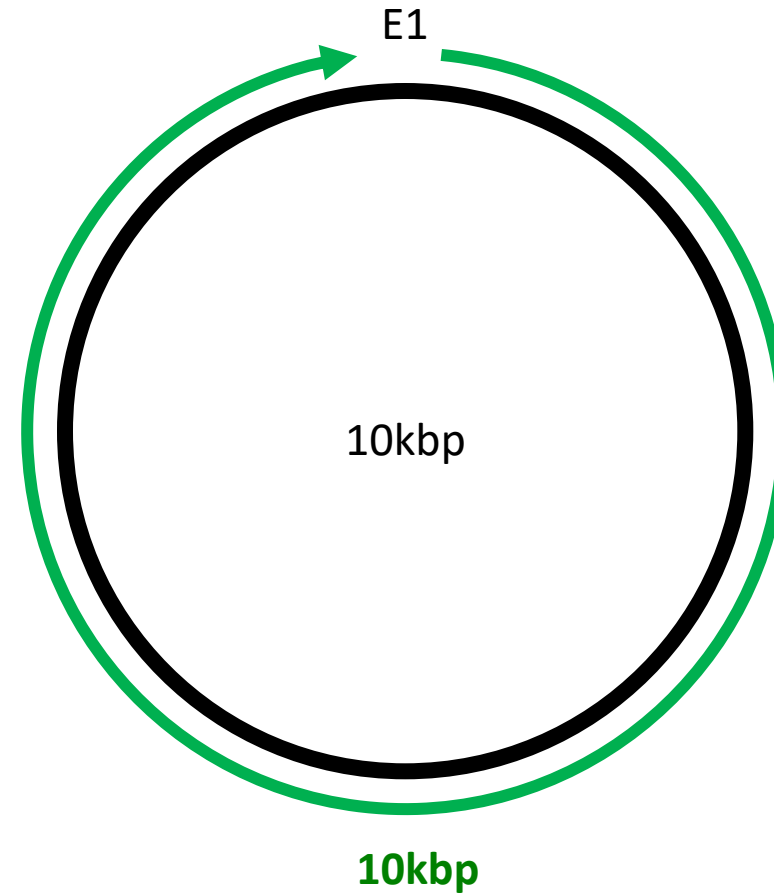
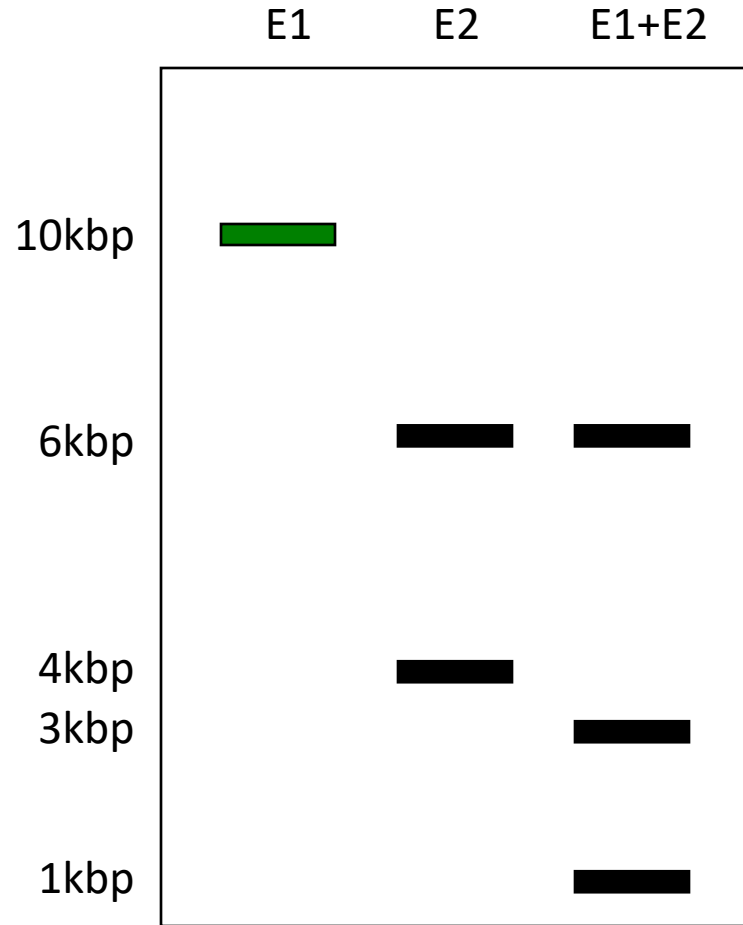
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Plasmid digestion



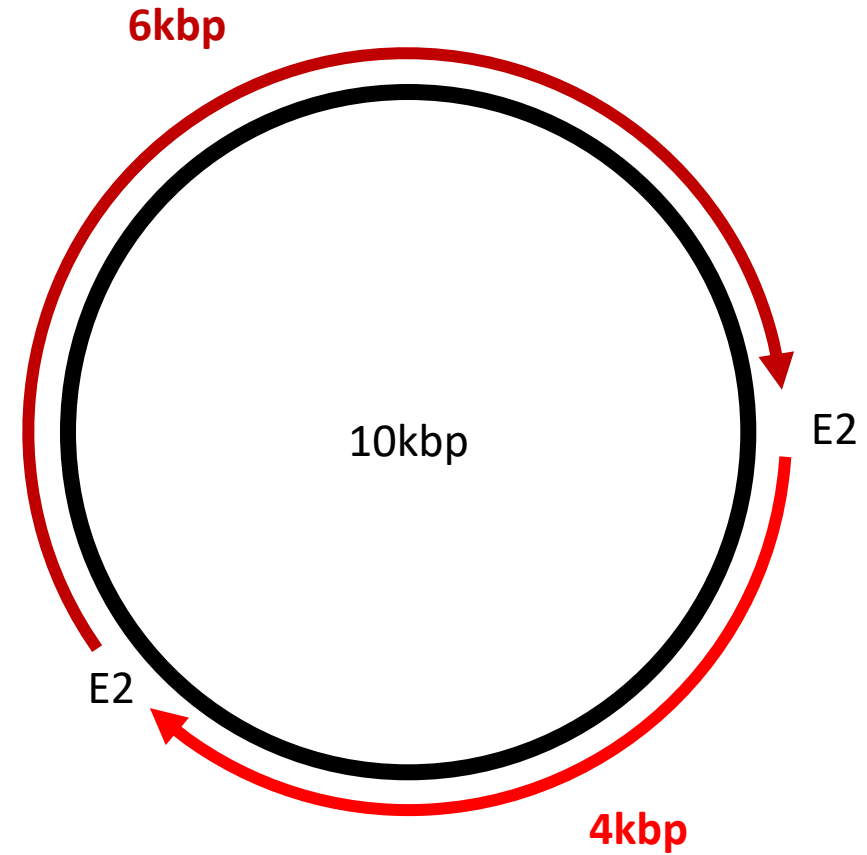
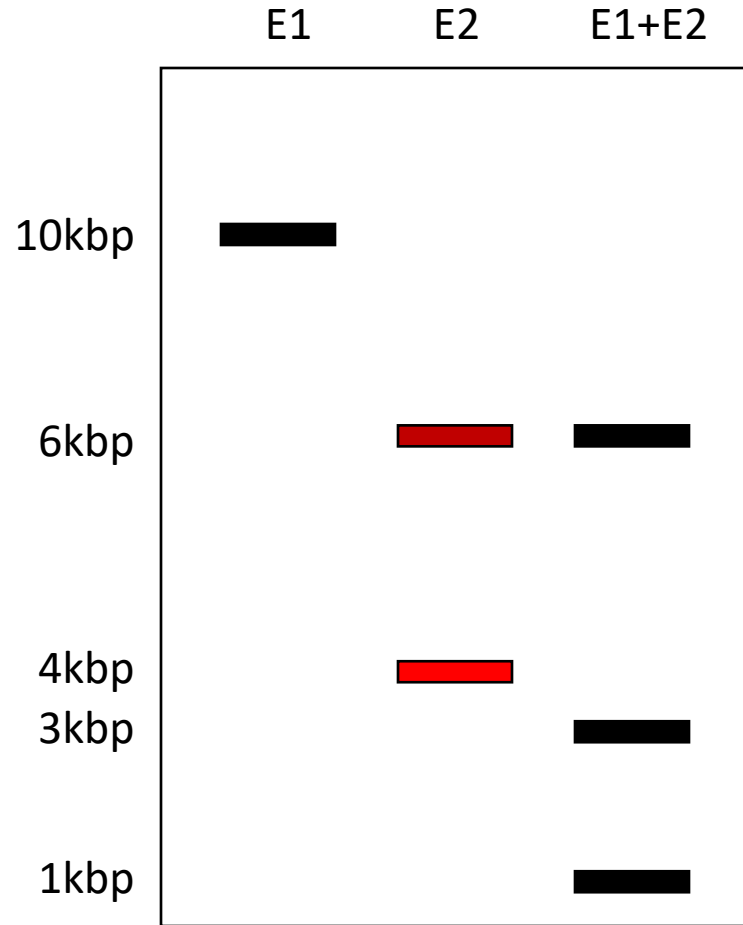
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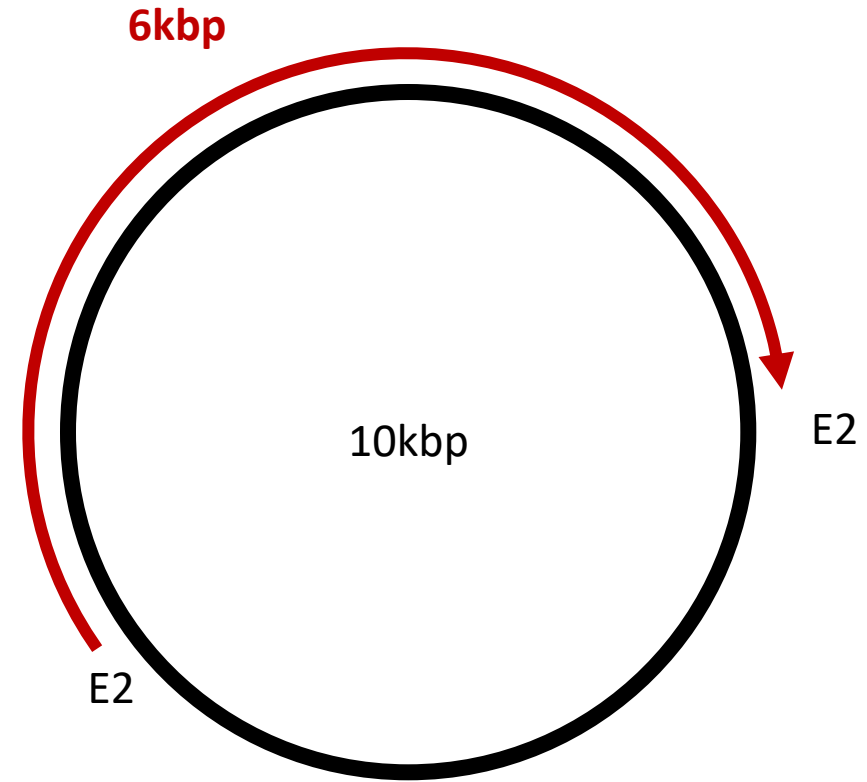
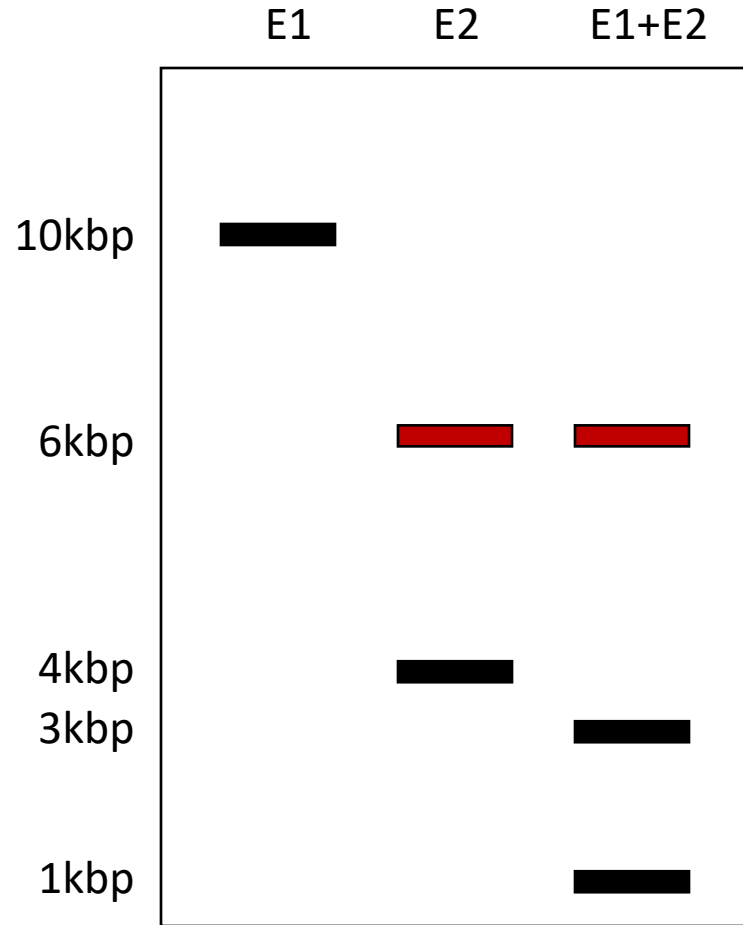
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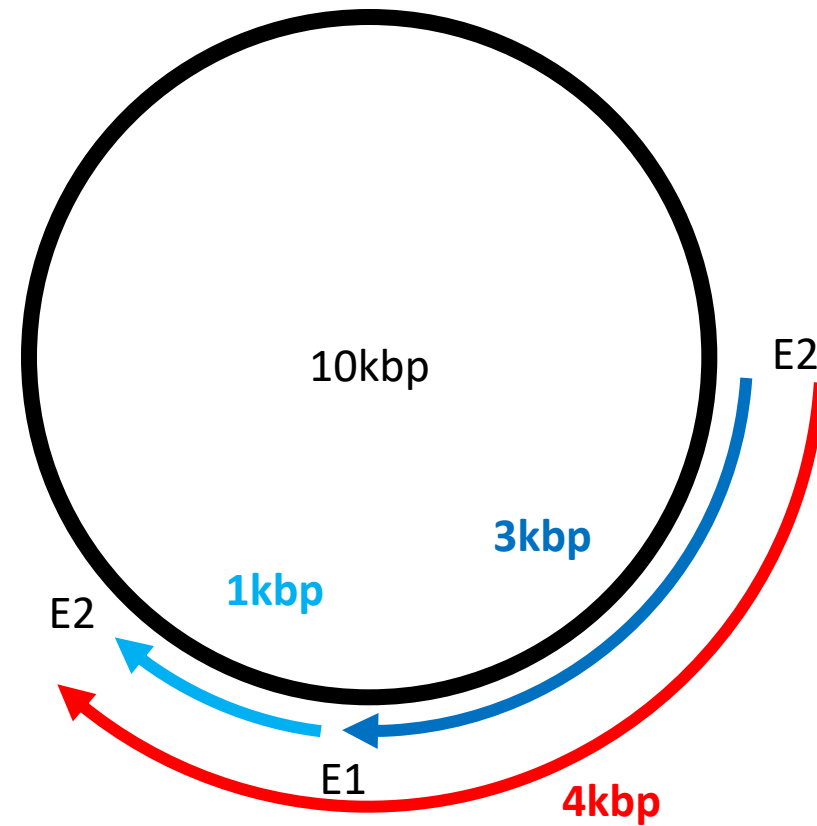
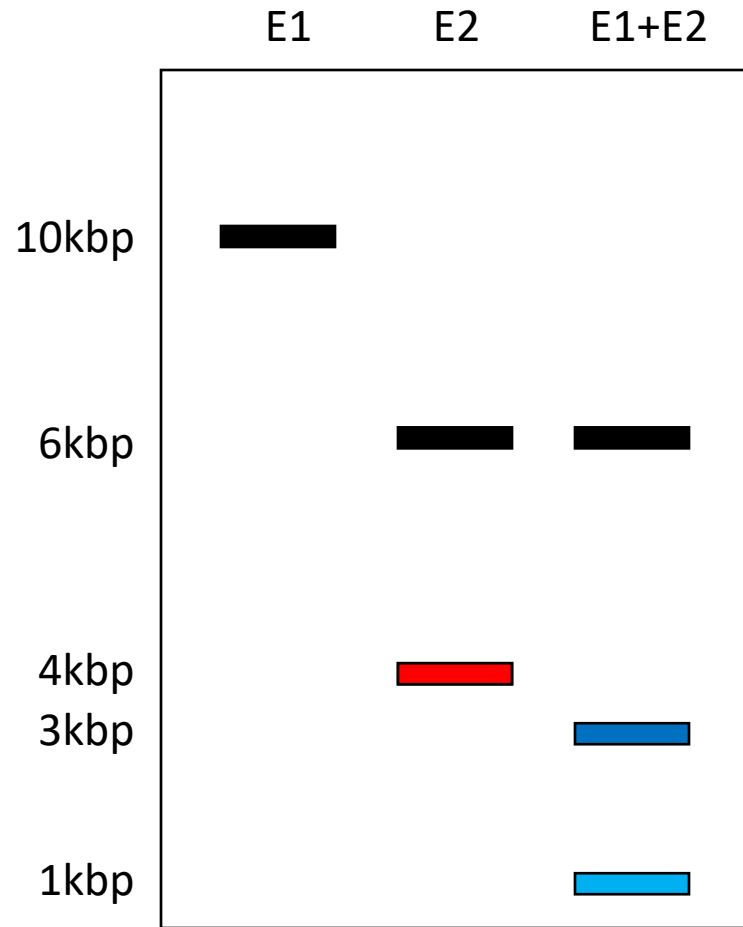
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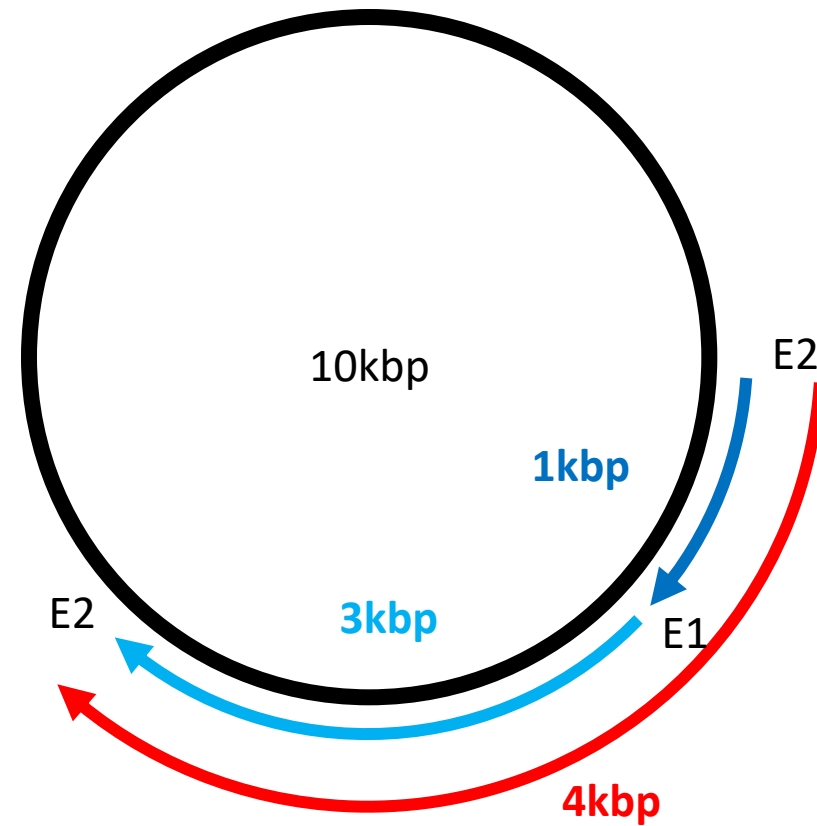
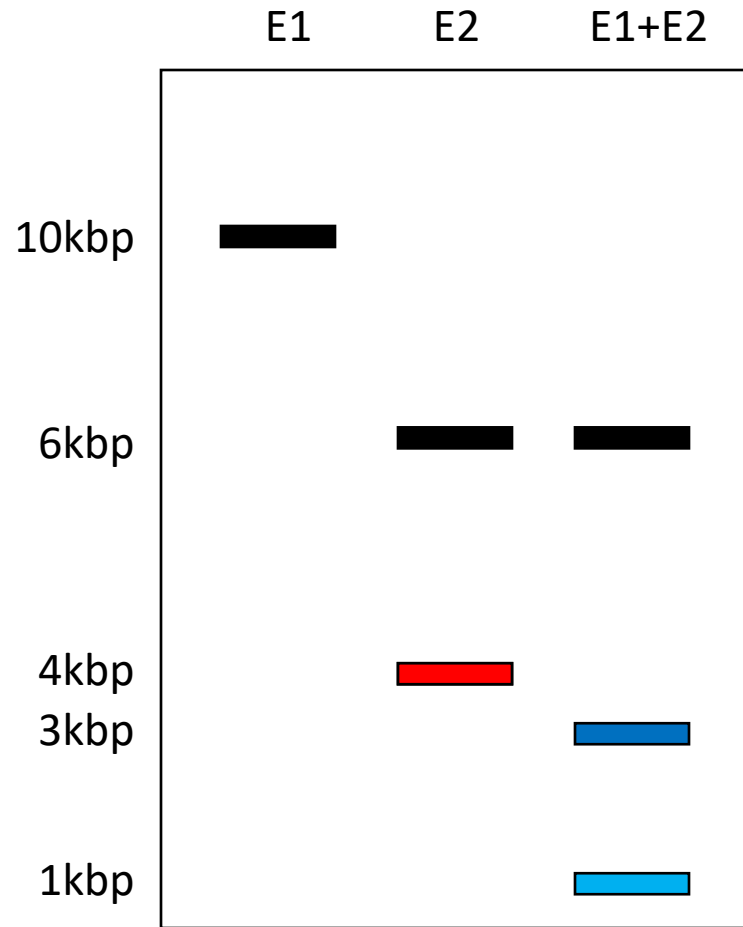
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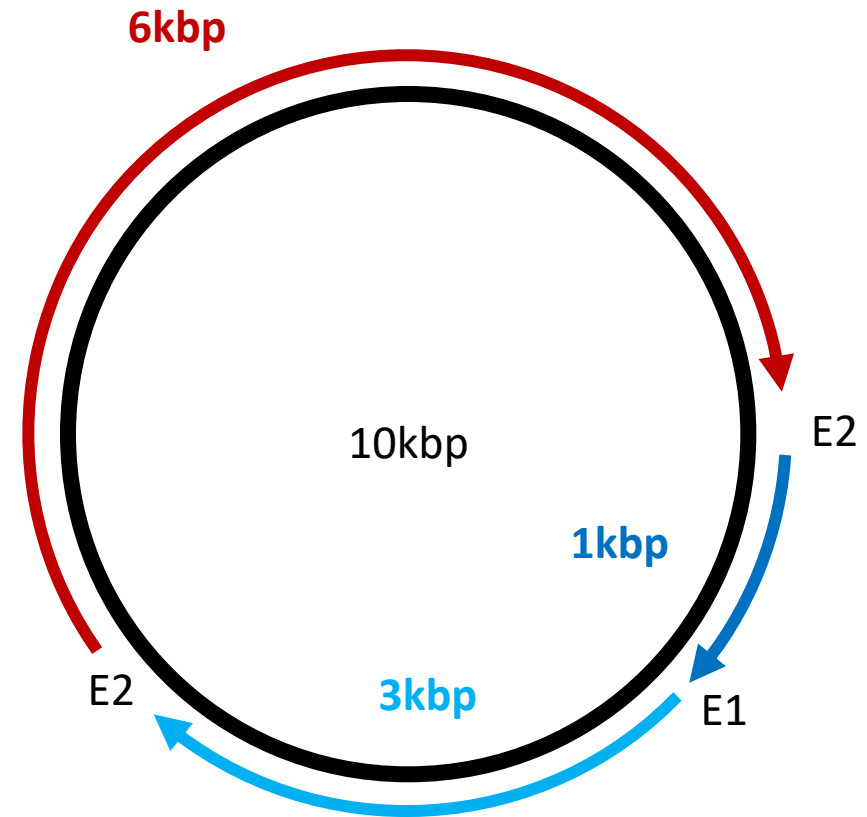
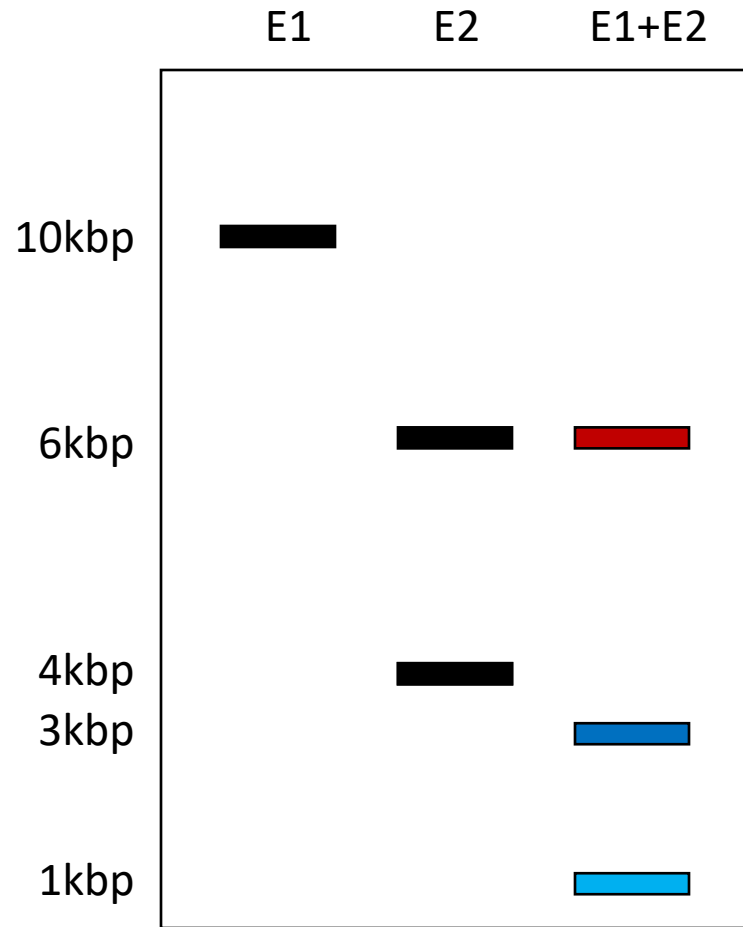
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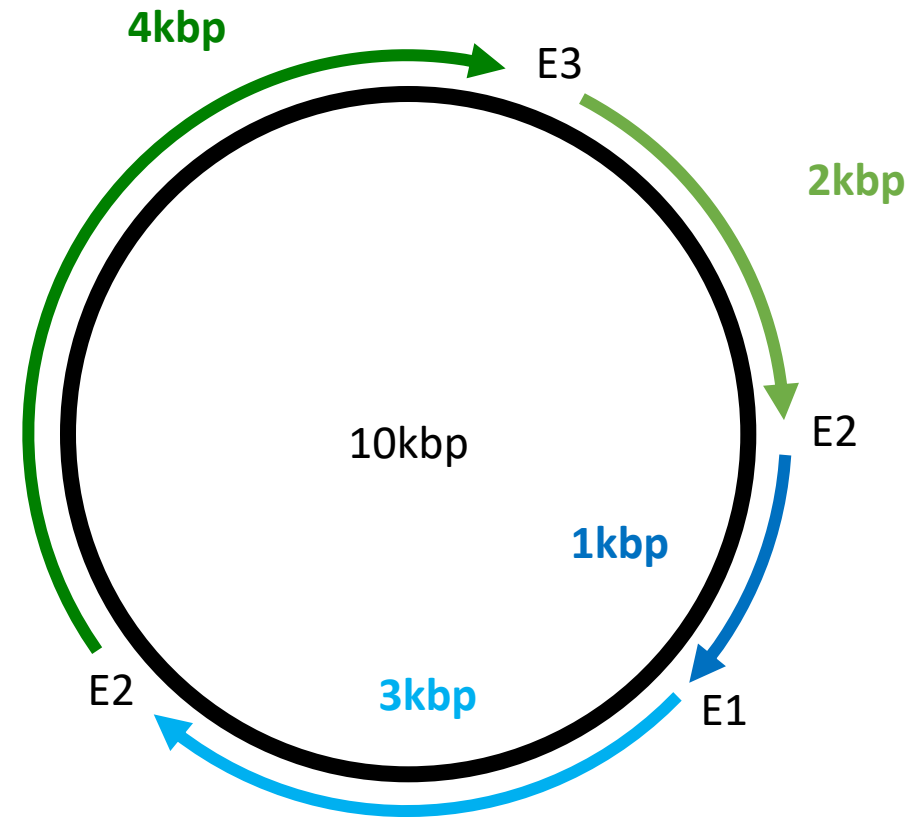
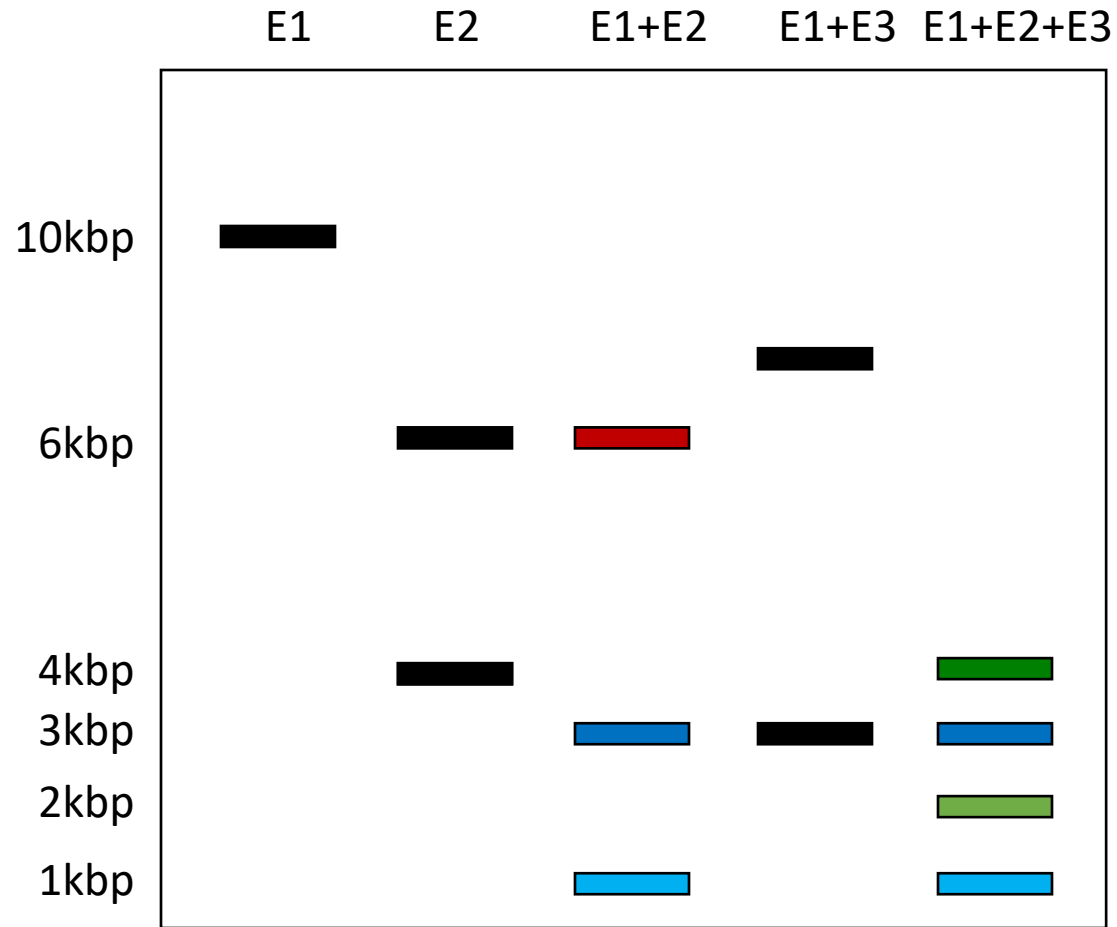
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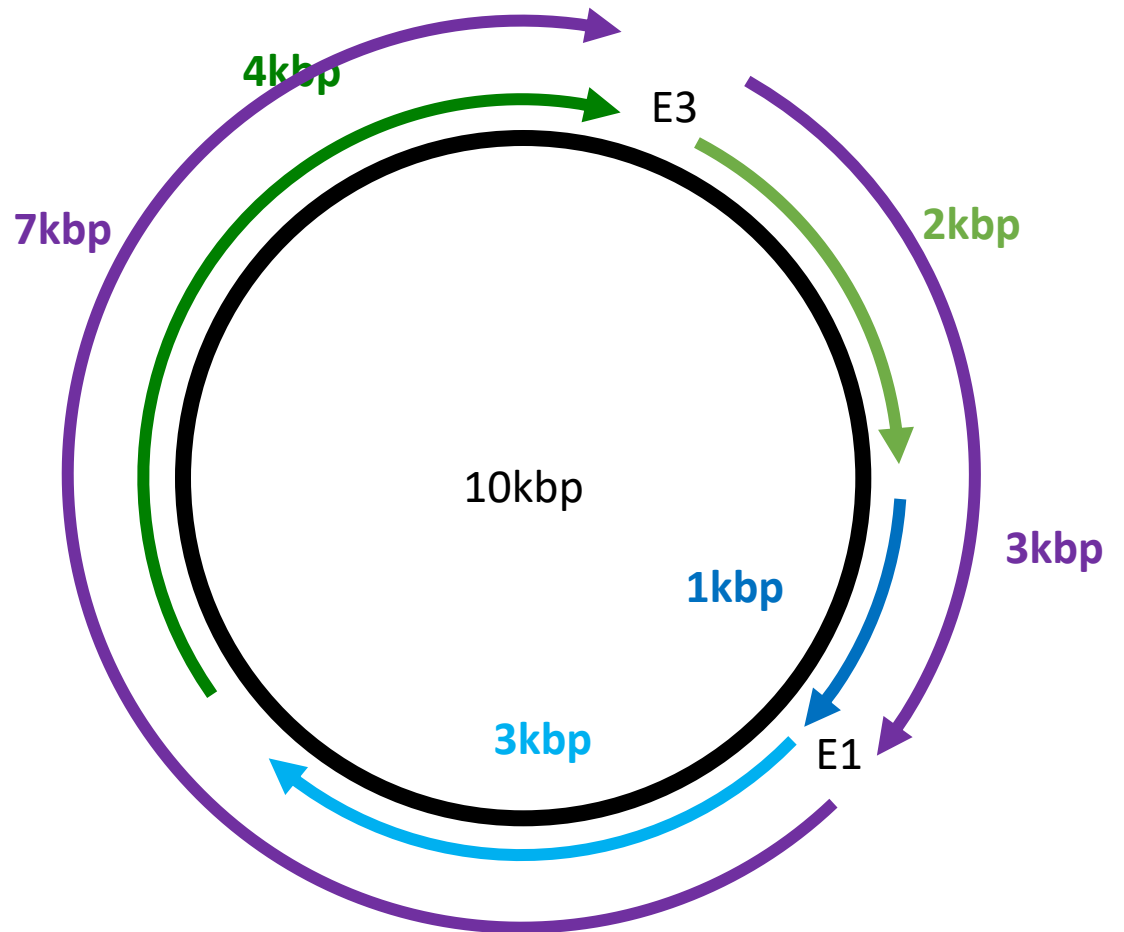
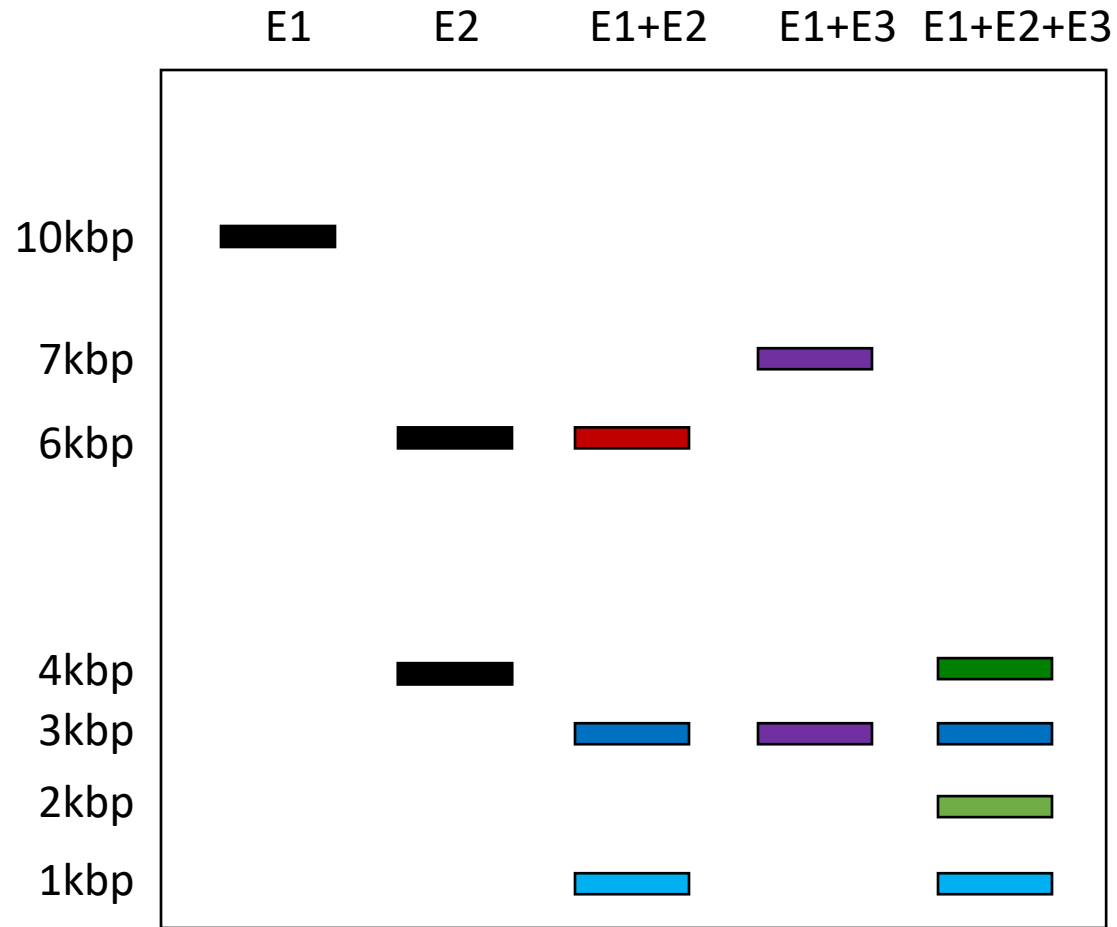
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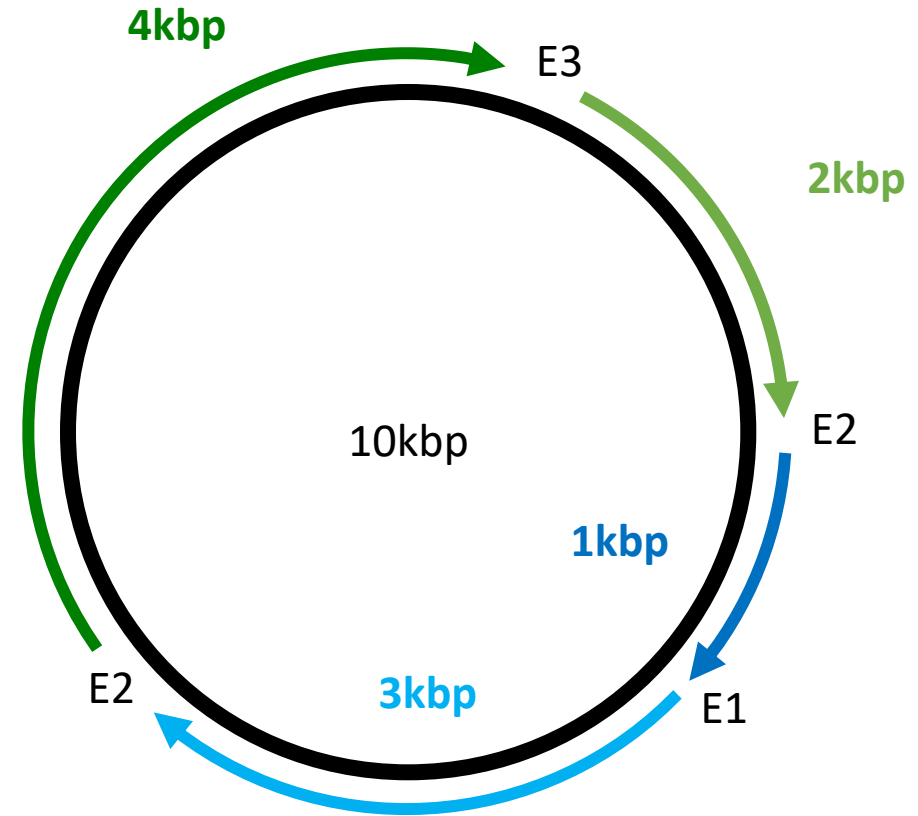
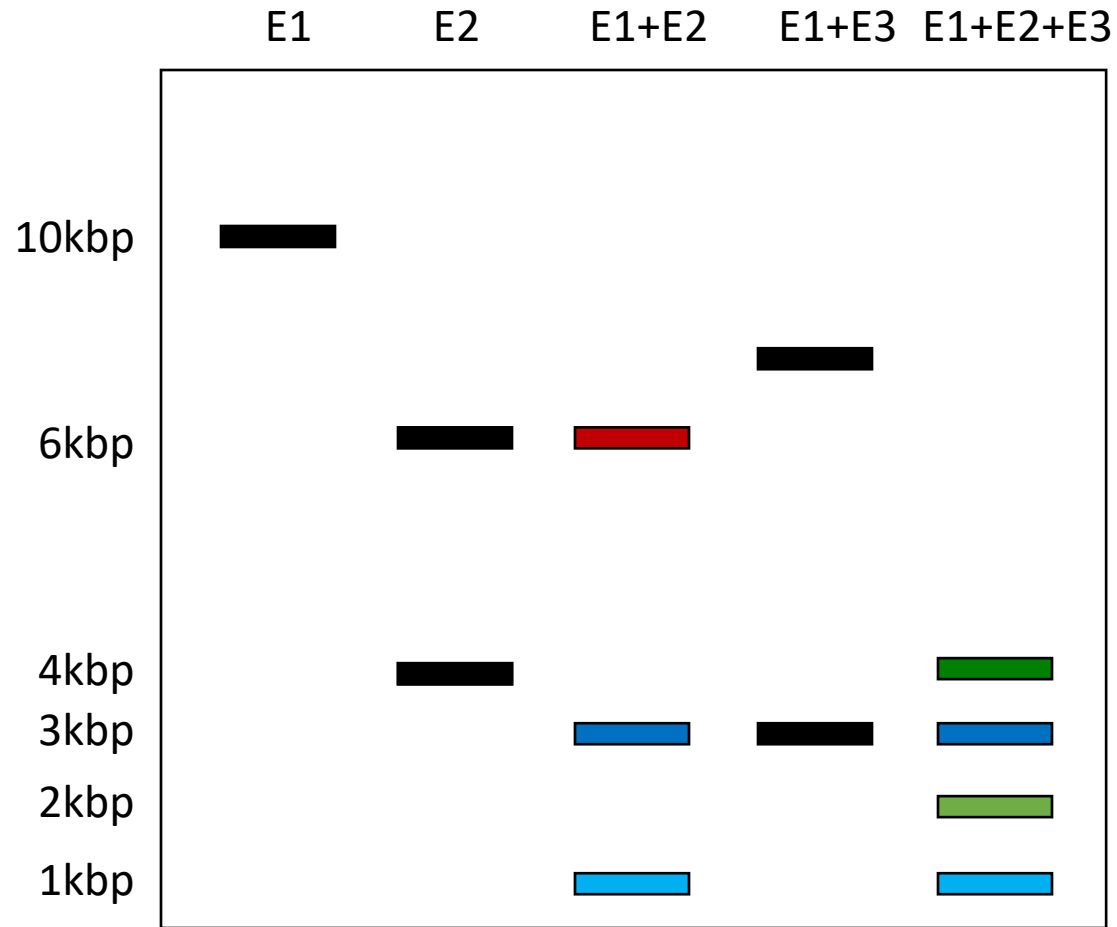
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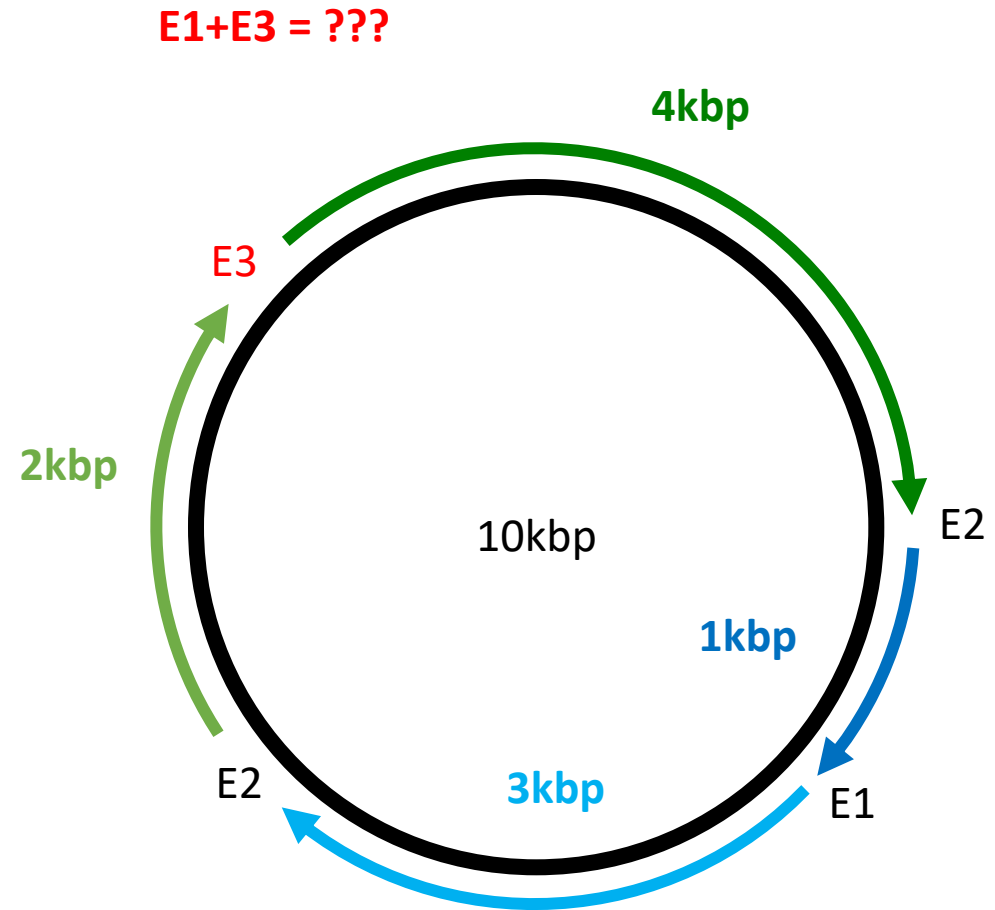
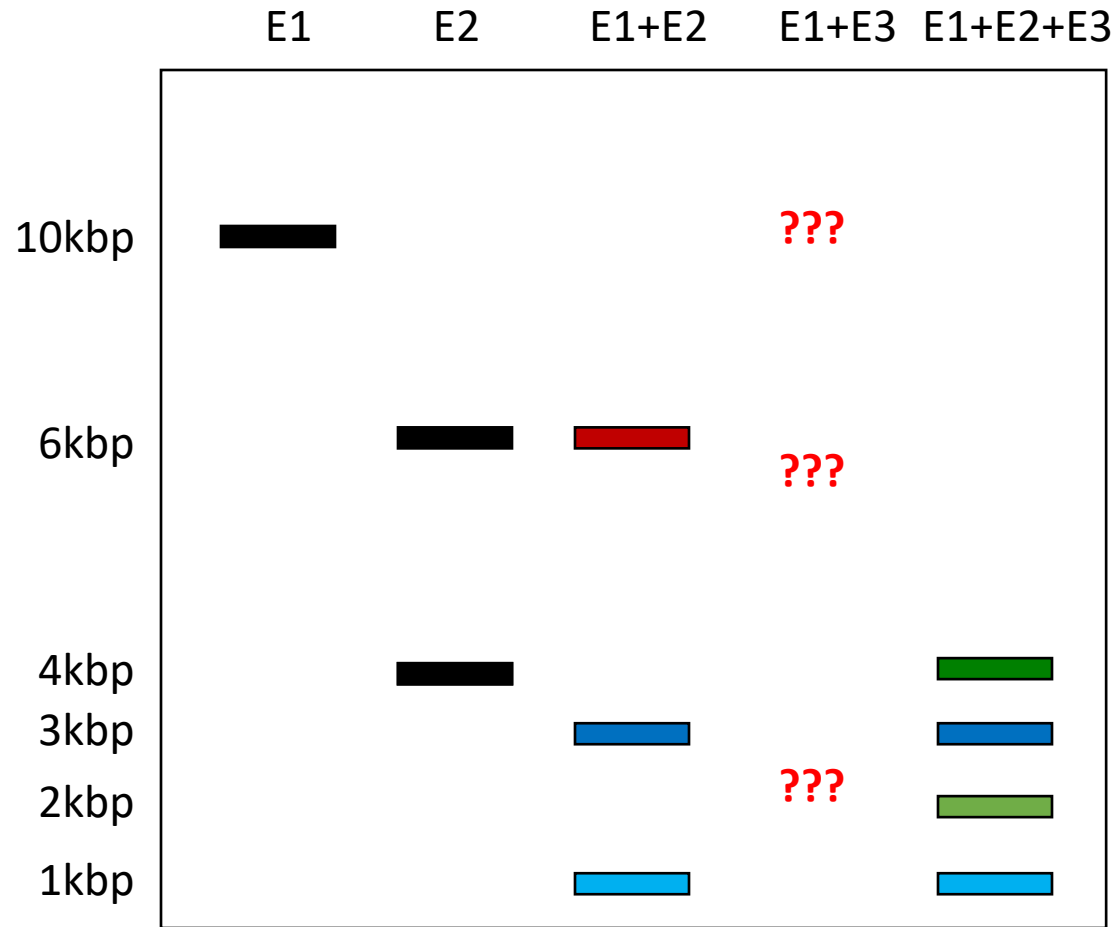
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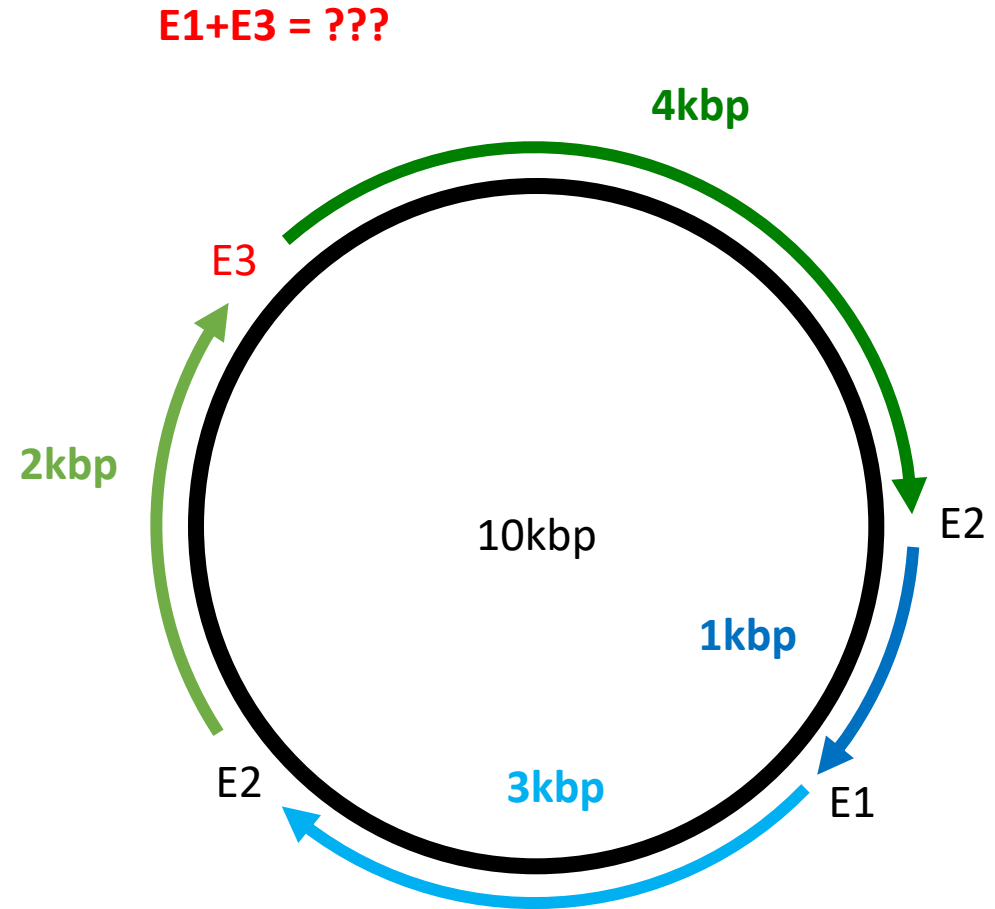
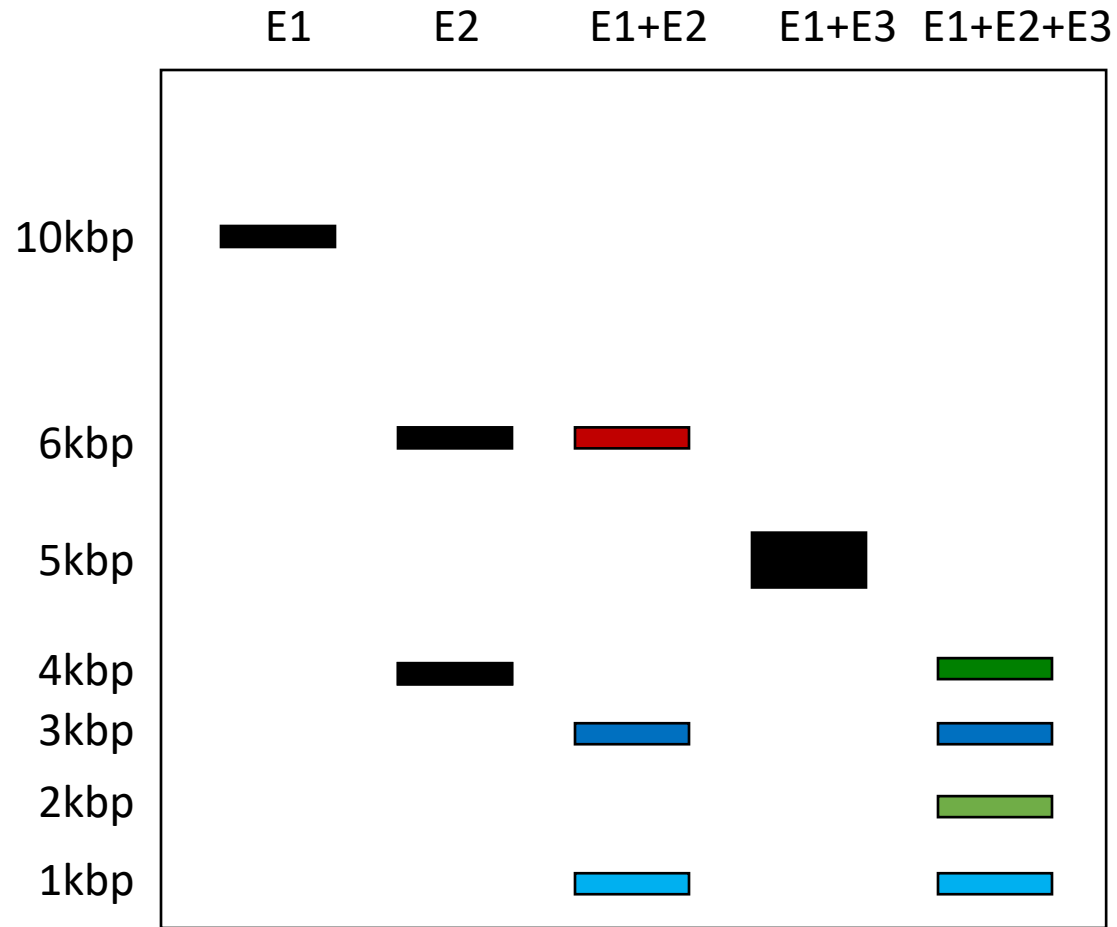
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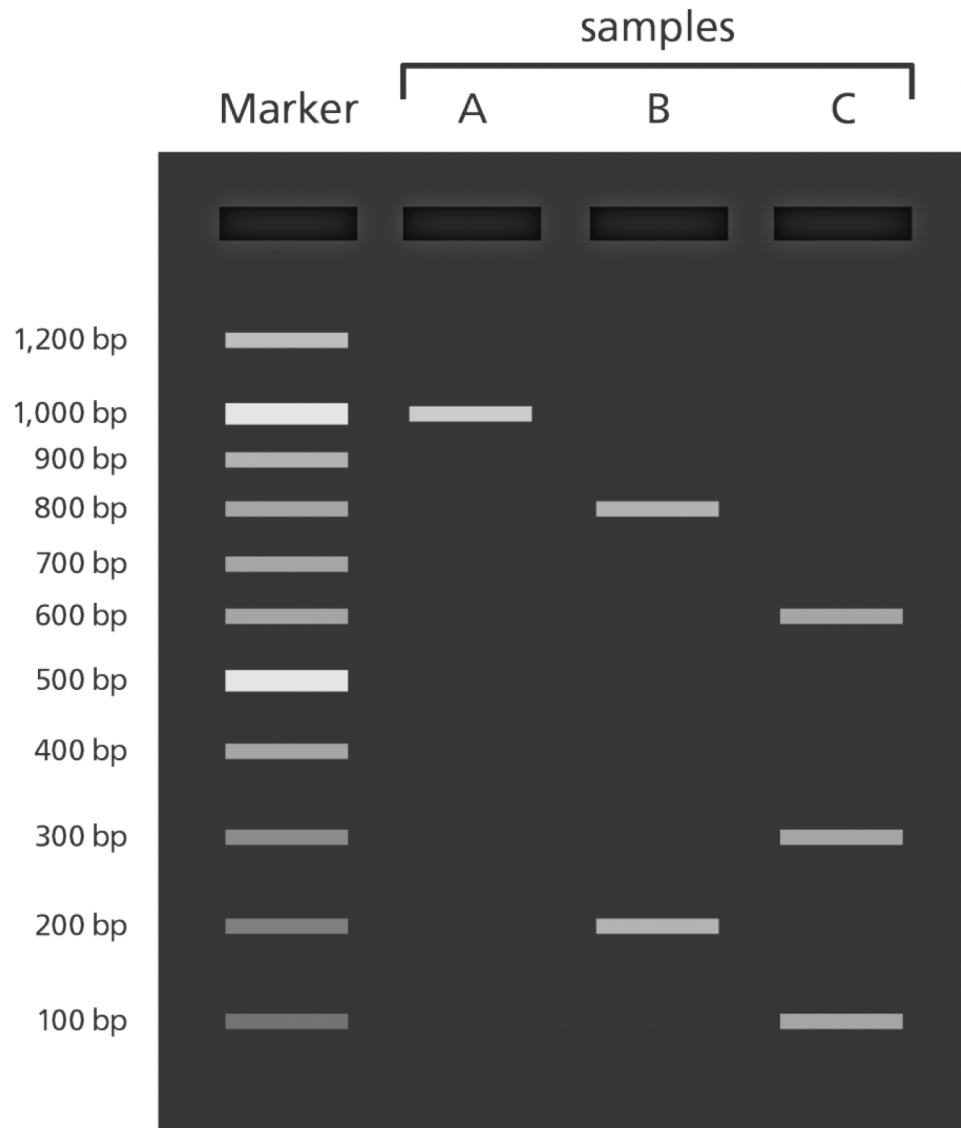


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Pause...

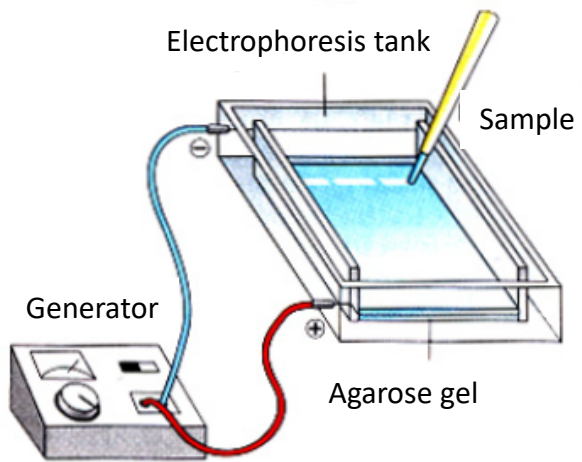
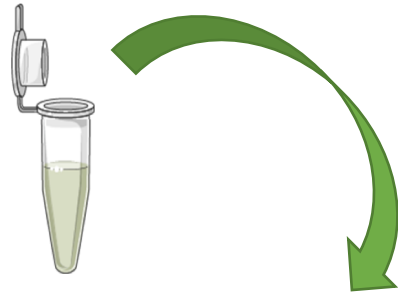


True or False

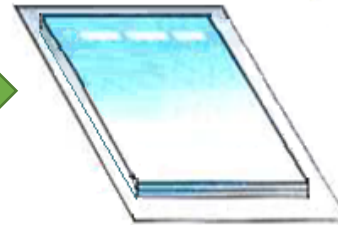
- Condition C can contain only 1 enzymes
- Condition C can be a combination of 2 enzymes
- Condition C can be a combination of 3 enzymes
- Condition C can be a combination of A+B
- The same DNA was potentially used in A, B and C
- The DNA can be circular
- The DNA can be linear
- If the DNA is linear the enzyme in A doesn't cut
- If the DNA is circular, enzymes cut 2 times in B
- If the DNA is circular, enzymes cut 3 times in C

Blotting techniques

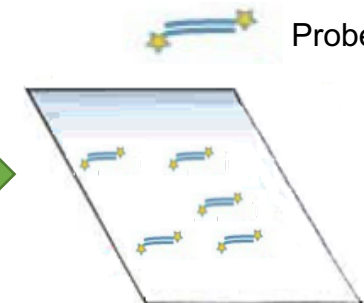
Sample preparation



Electrophoresis

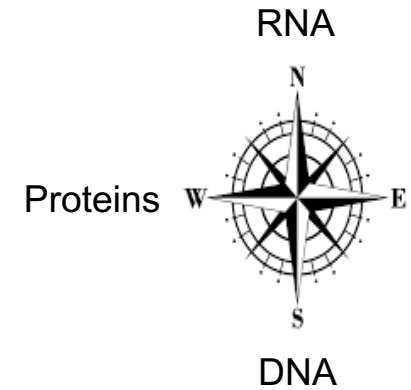


Nylon (nucleic acid)



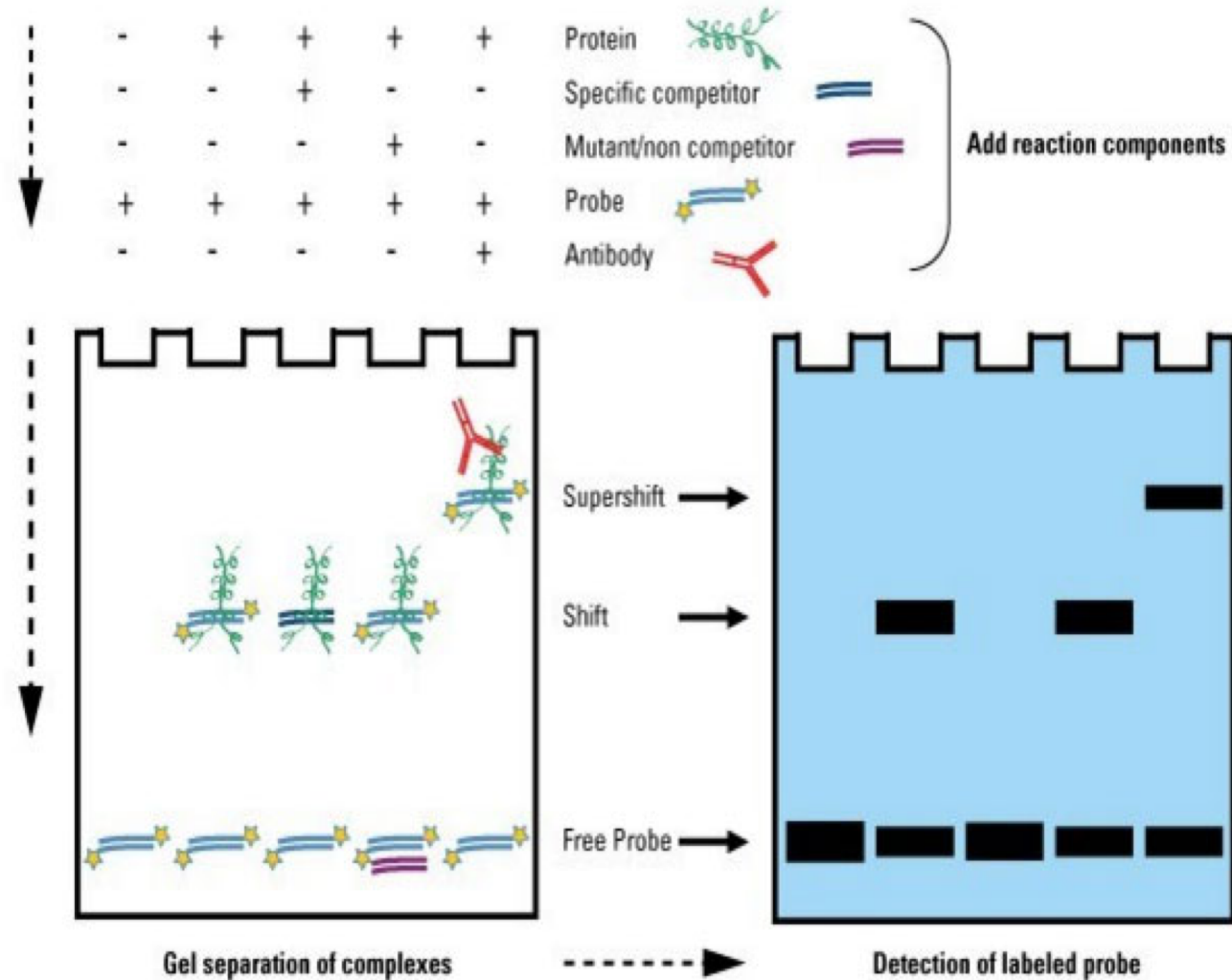
Labeled nucleic acid by probes, antibodies and enzymes

Revelation



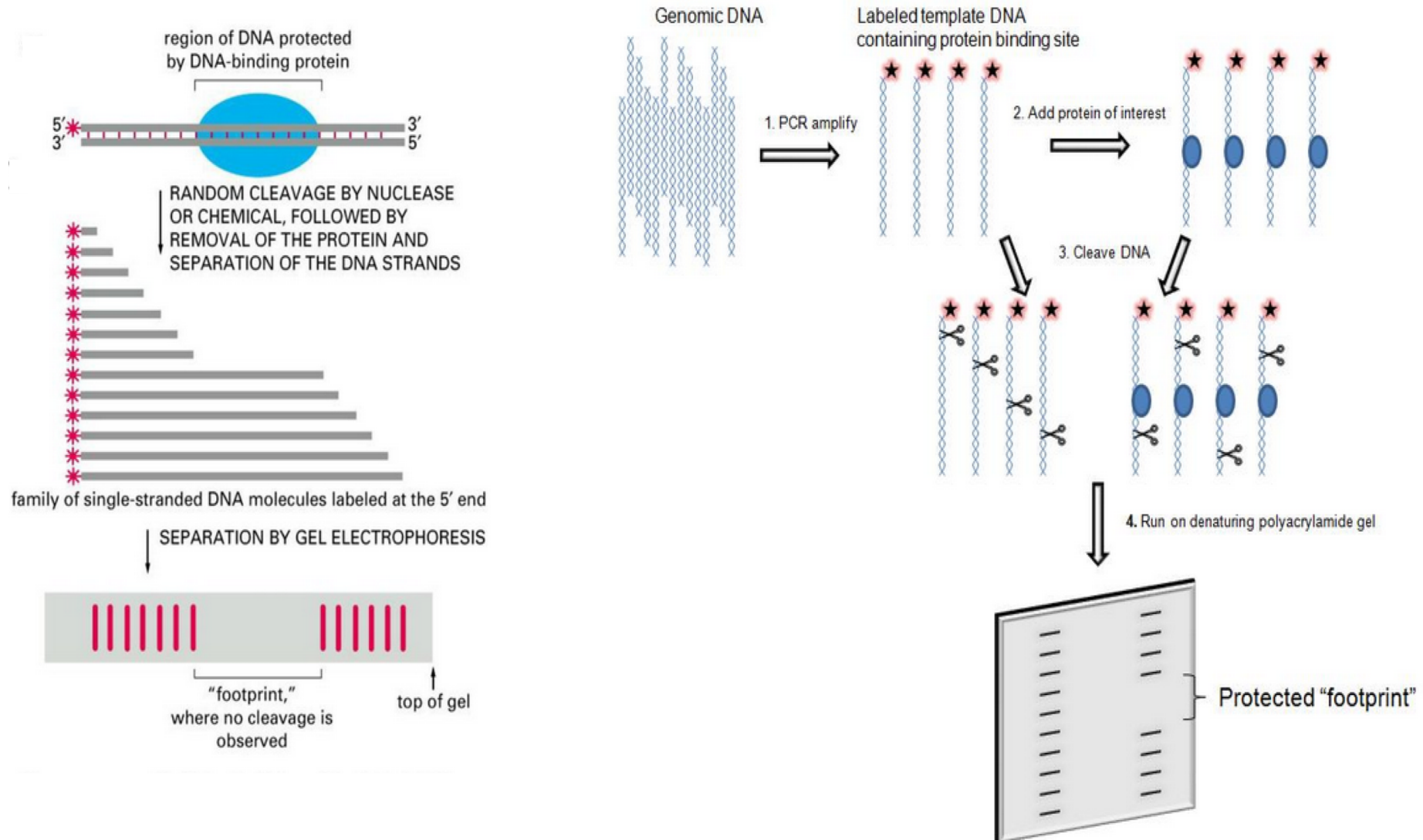
Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assay (EMSA)

🔗 Study of protein-DNA and protein-RNA interactions

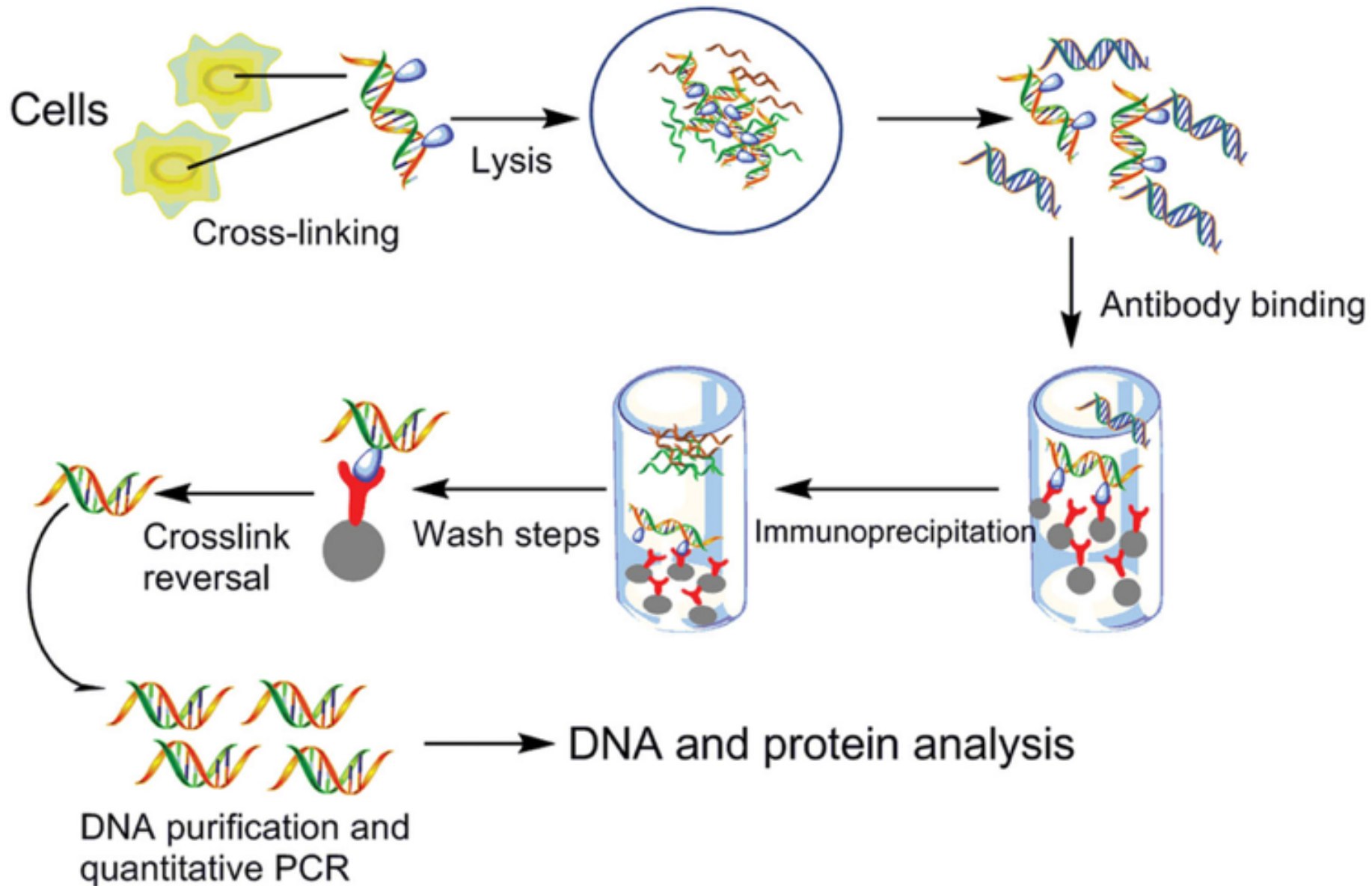


DNA footprinting

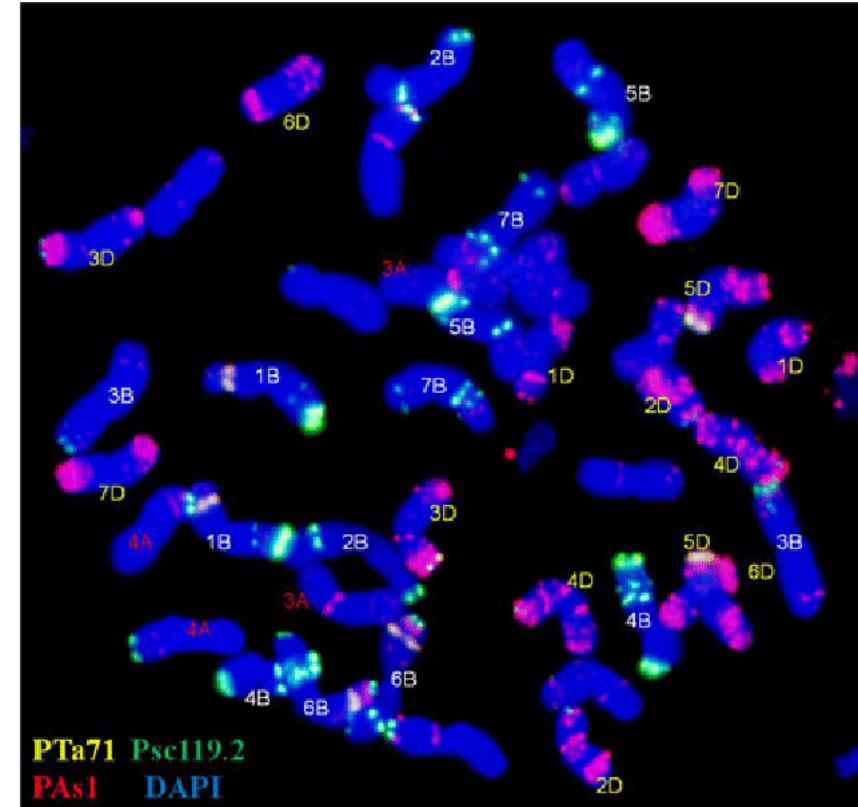
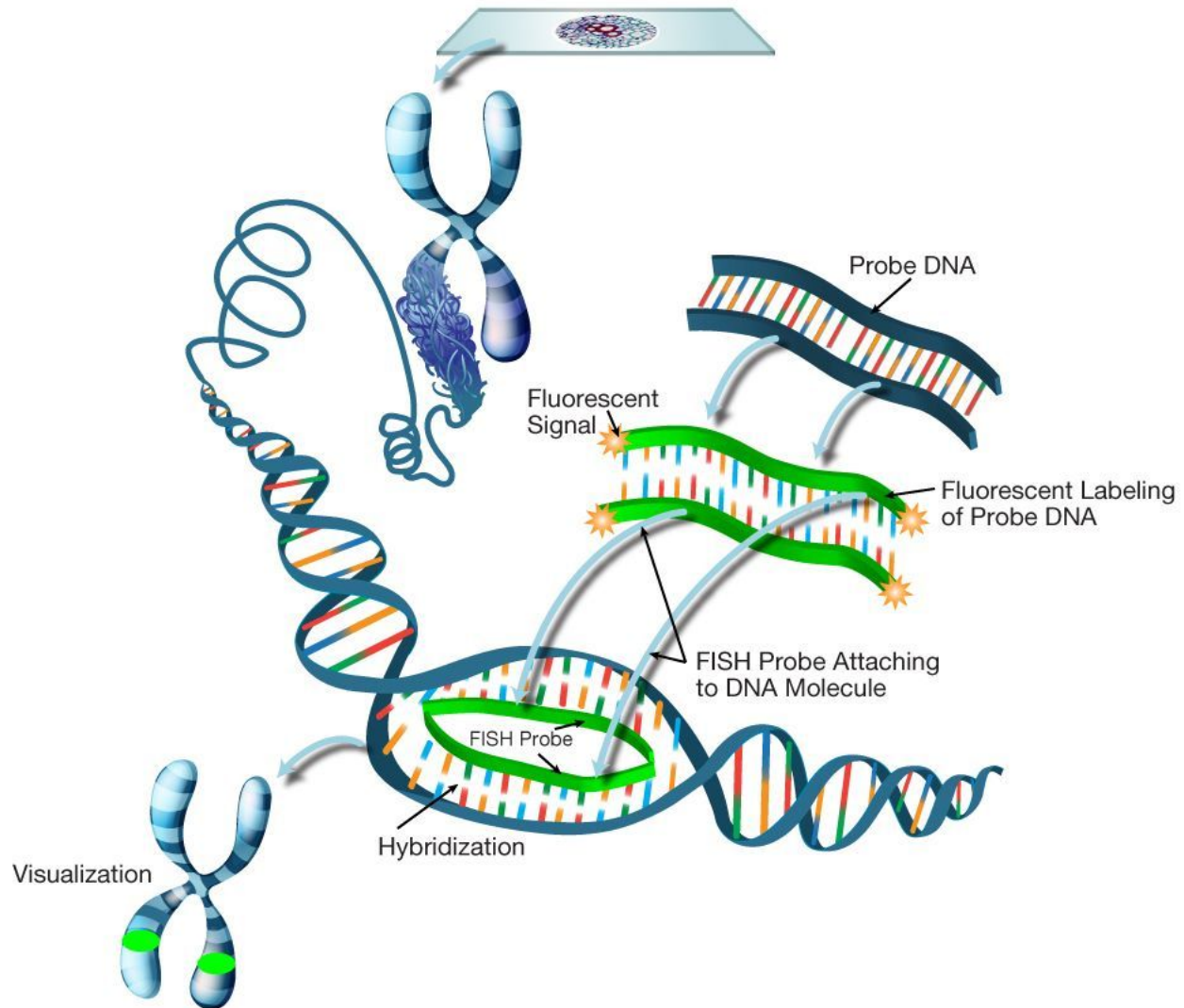
Characterization of cis-acting sequences (DNA-protein interactions)



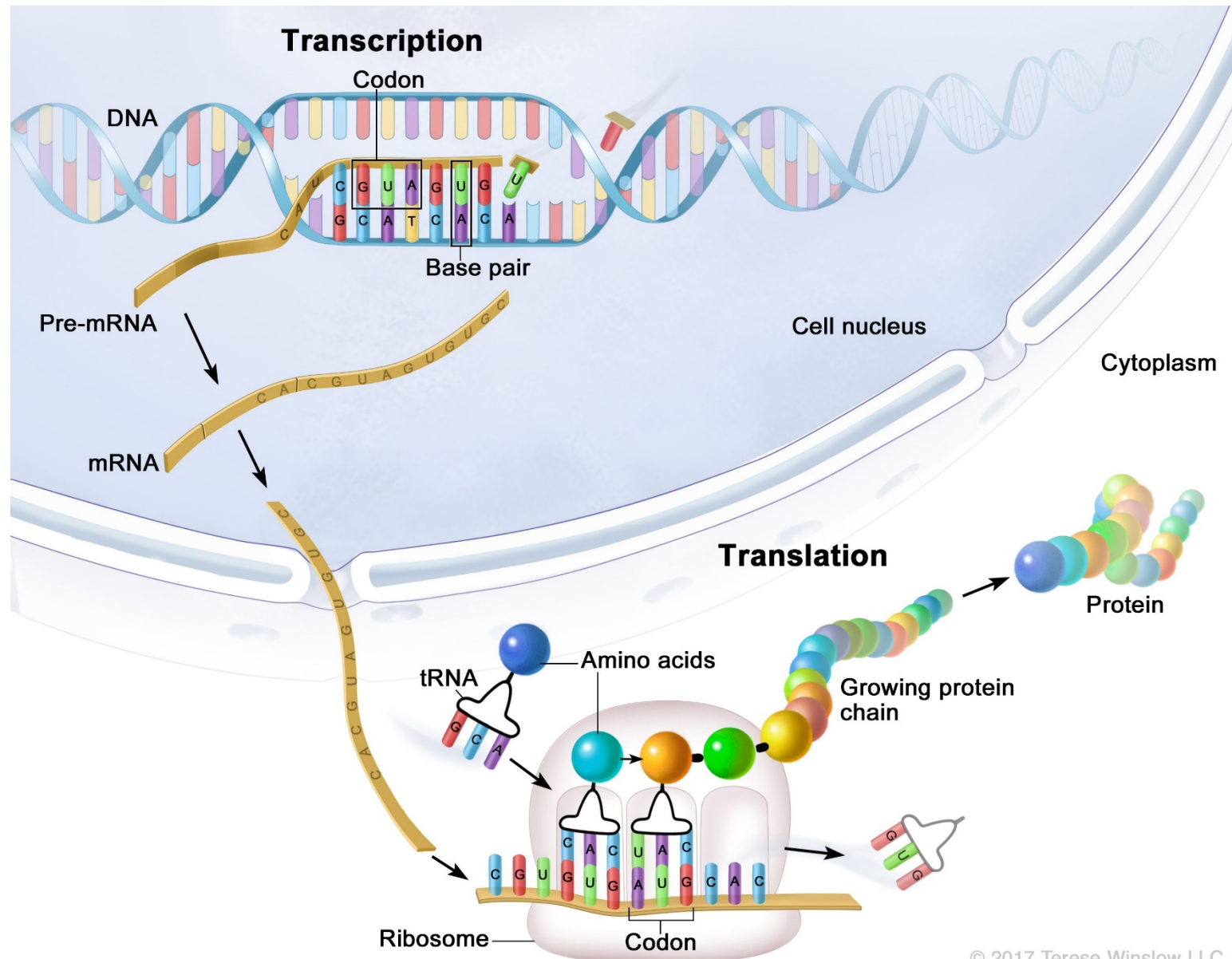
ChIP and ChIP-Seq



FISH : Fluorescence in situ hybridization



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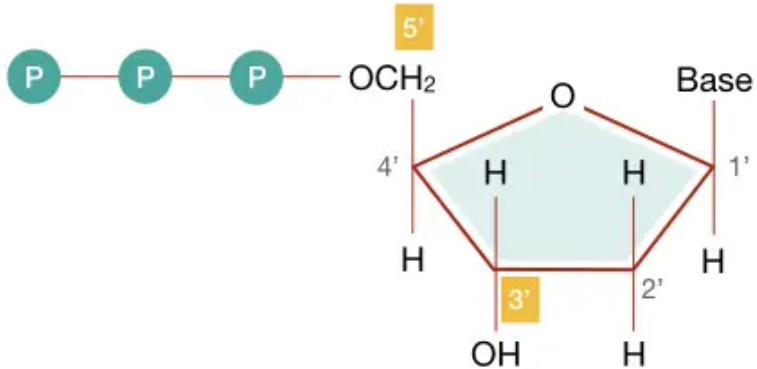
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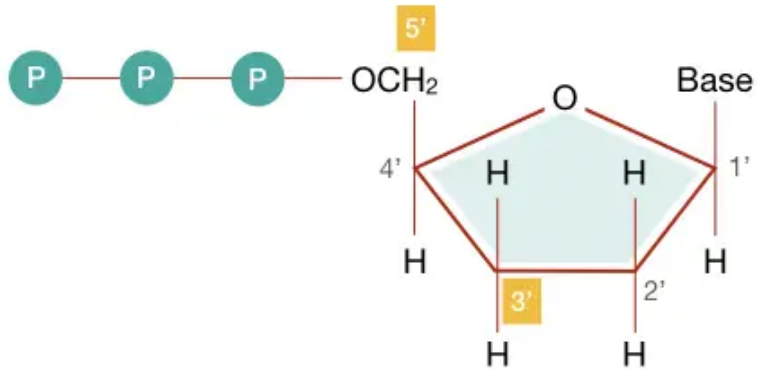
DNA sequencing using the Sanger method

PCR in presence of fluorescent, chain-terminating nucleotides



dNTP- deoxynucleotide

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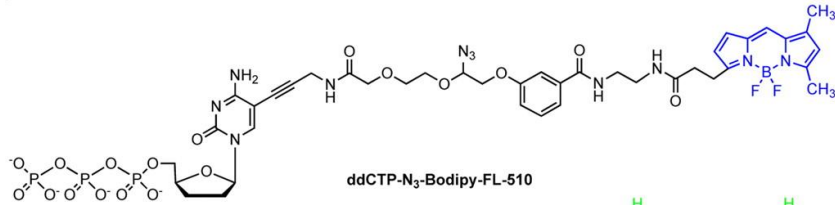
ddNTP- dideoxynucleotide

DNA synthesis in the presence of dideoxynucleotides (= ddNTP)

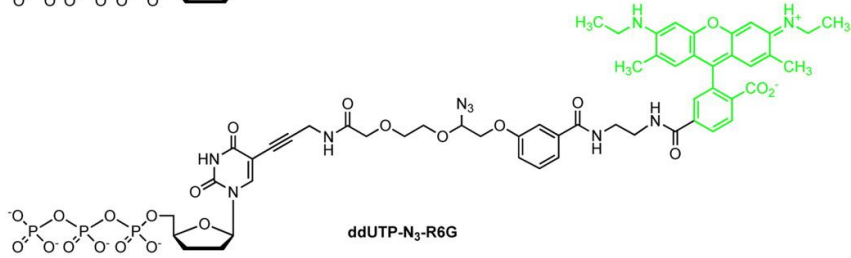
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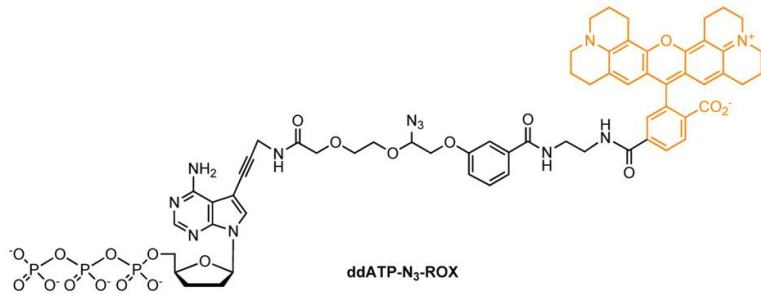
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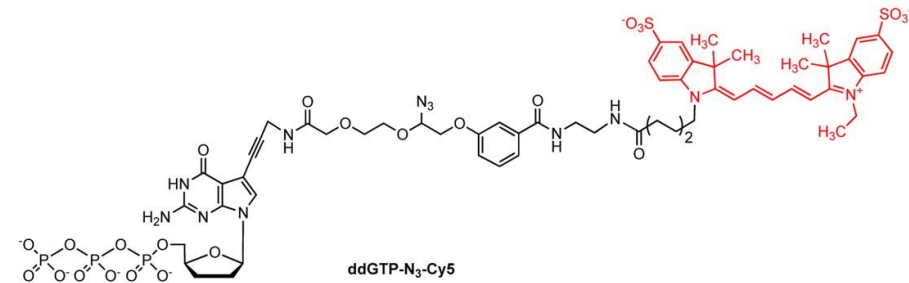
ddCTP-N₃-Bodipy-FL-510



ddUTP-N₃-R6G



ddATP-N₃-ROX



ddGTP-N₃-Cy5

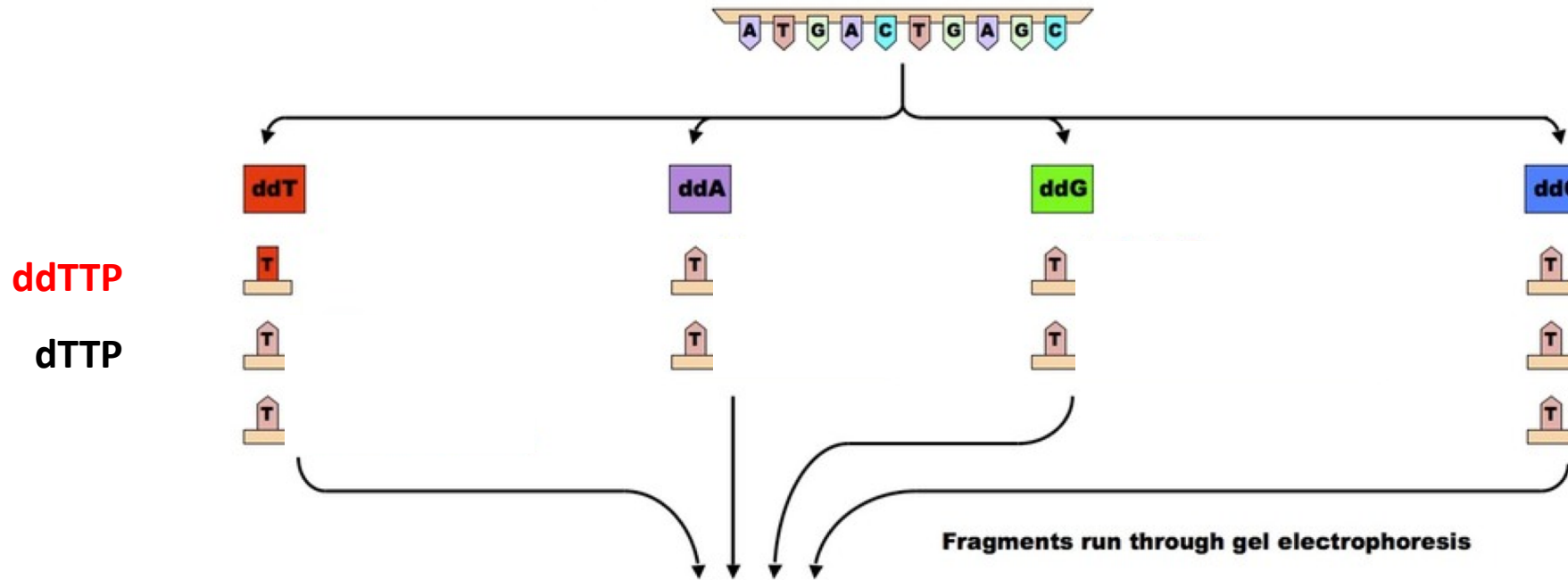
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Fluorescent ddNTP

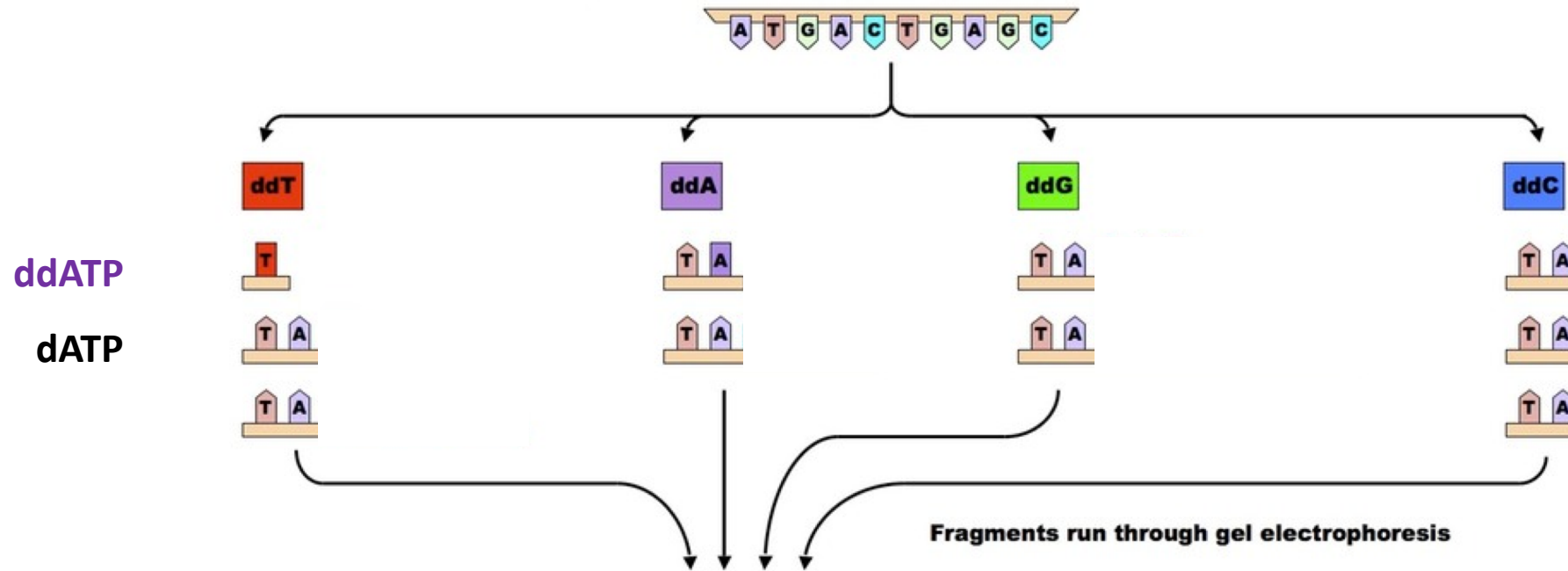
DNA sequencing using the Sanger method (1987)

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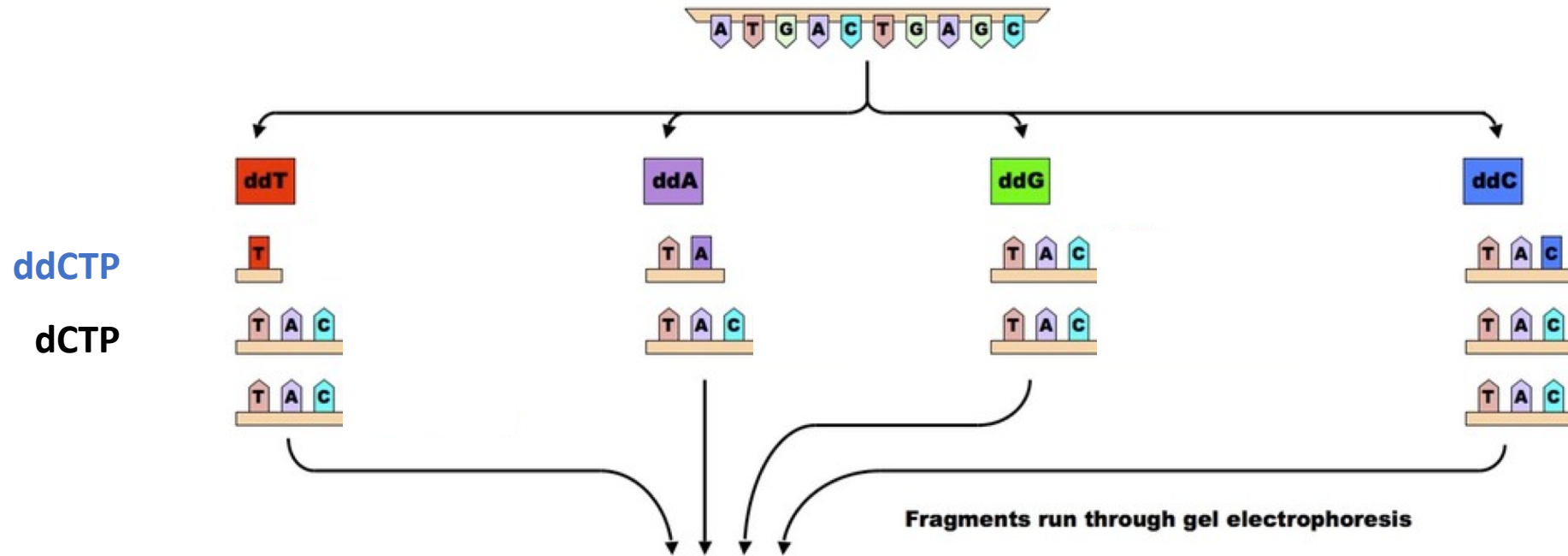
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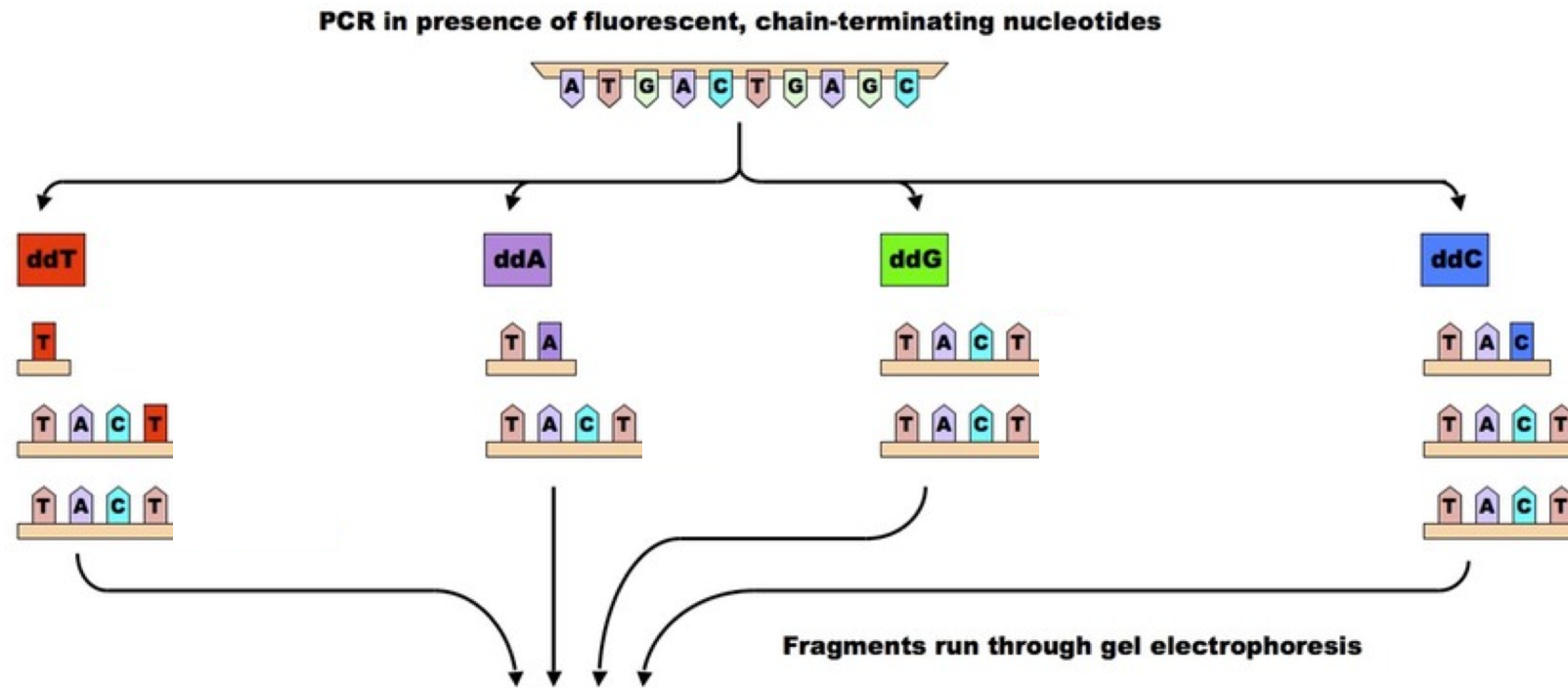


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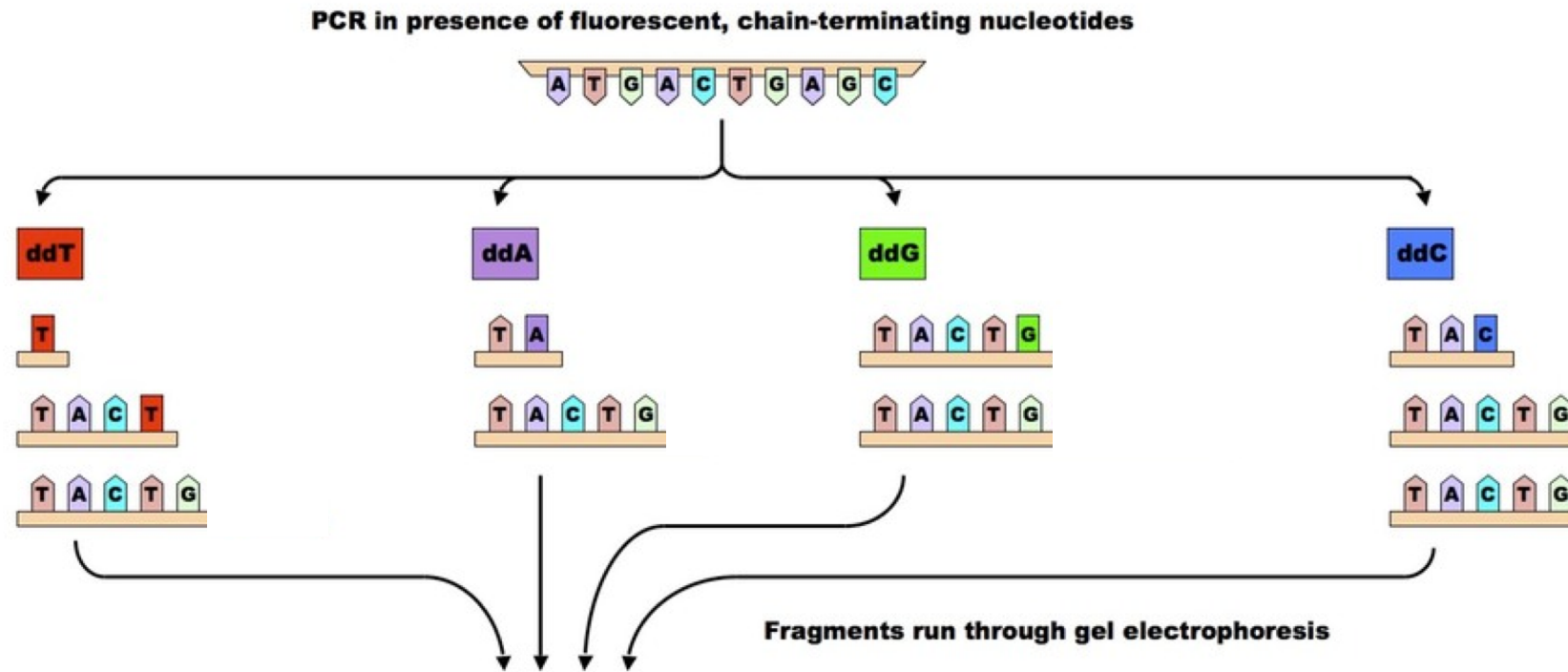
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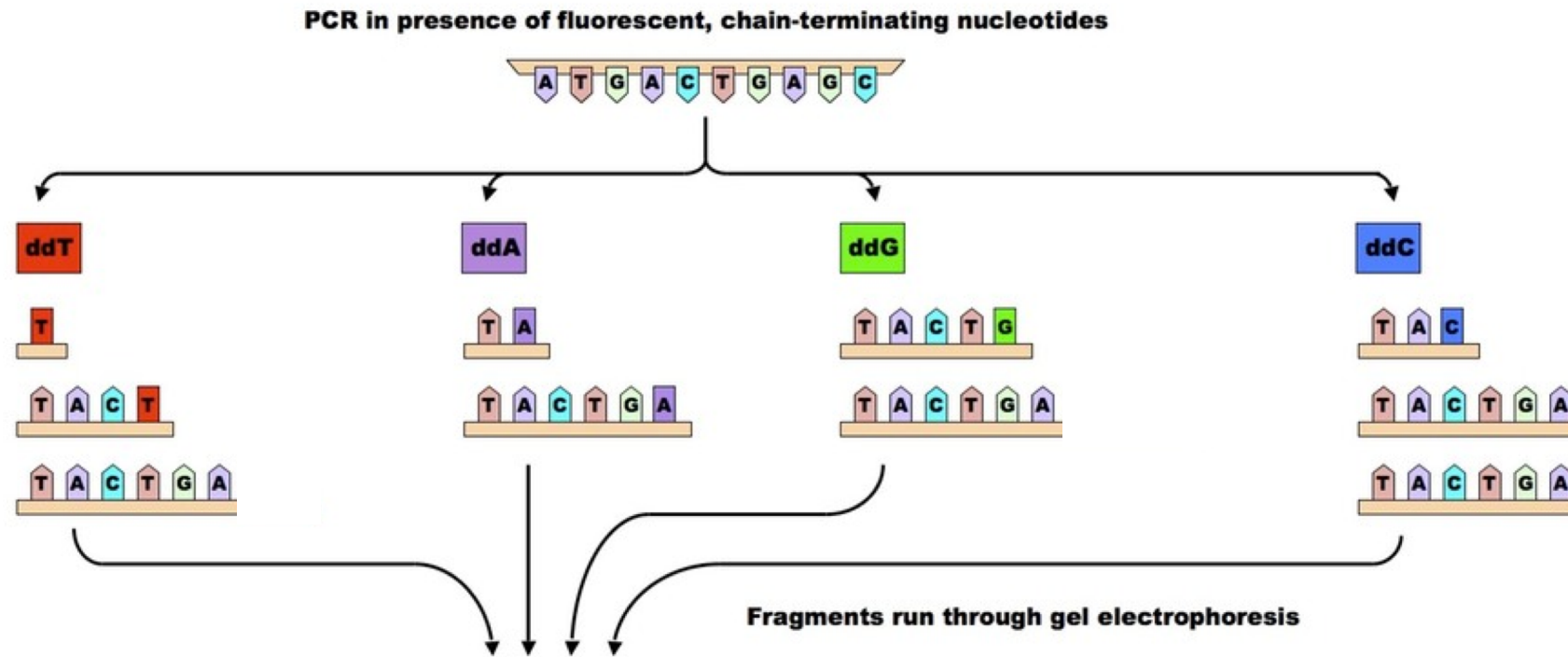
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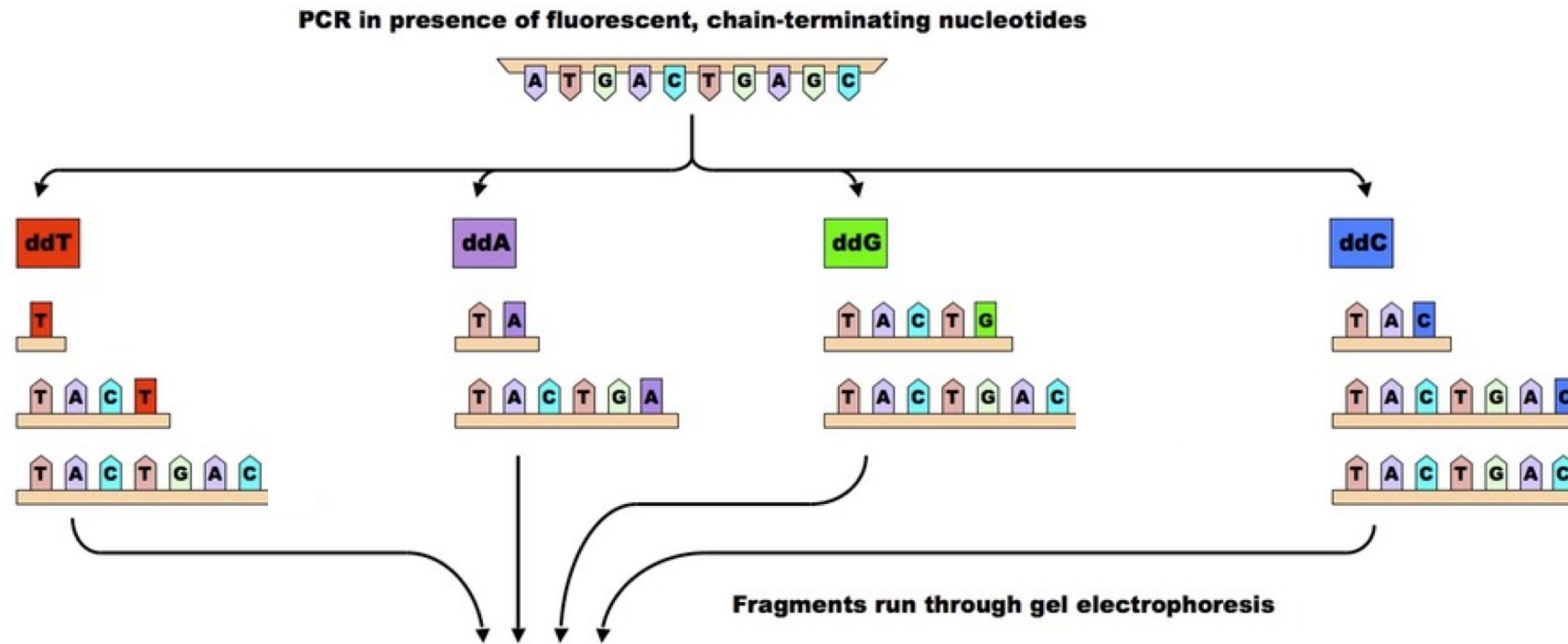
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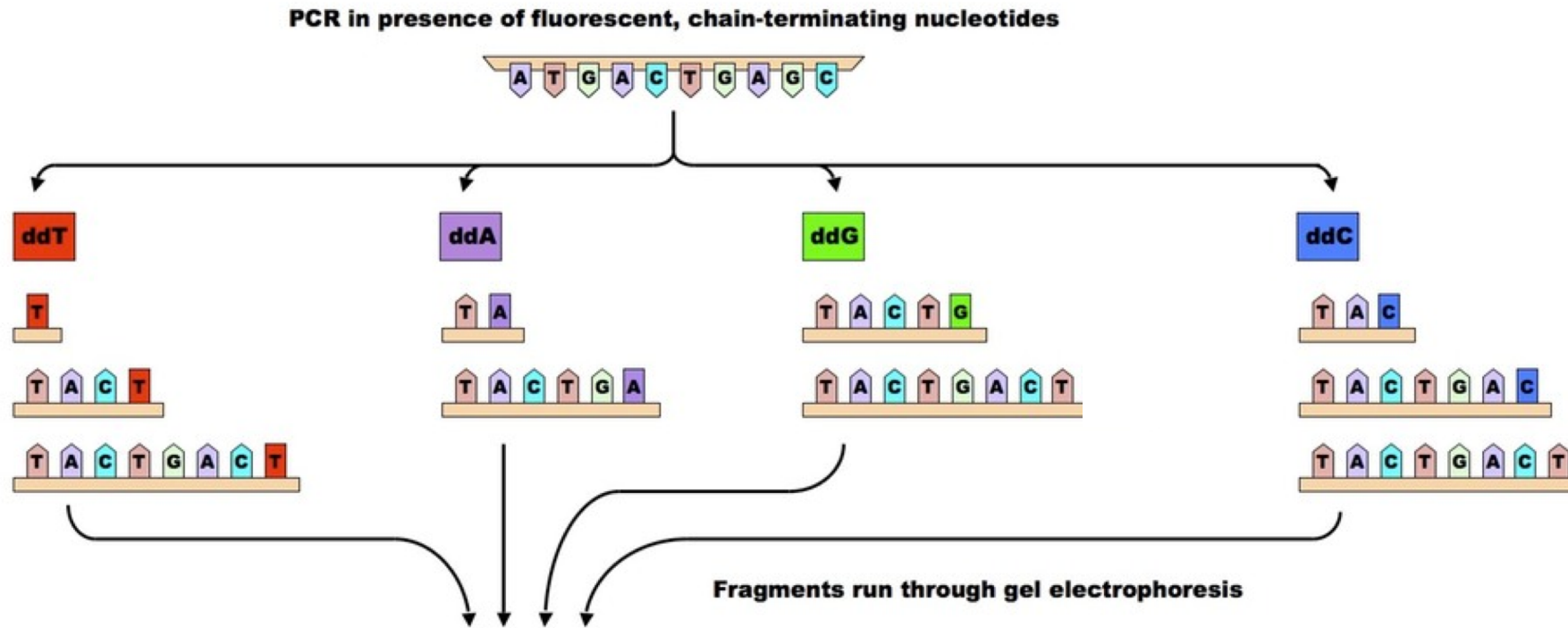
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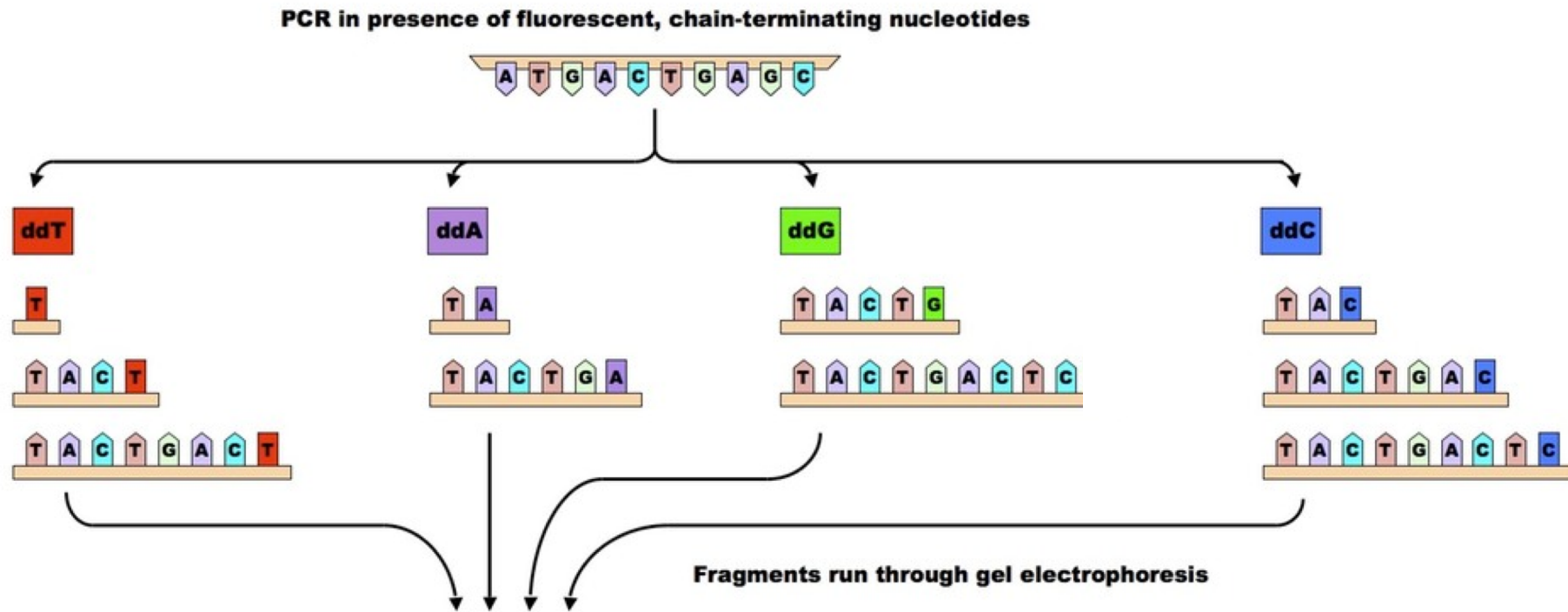
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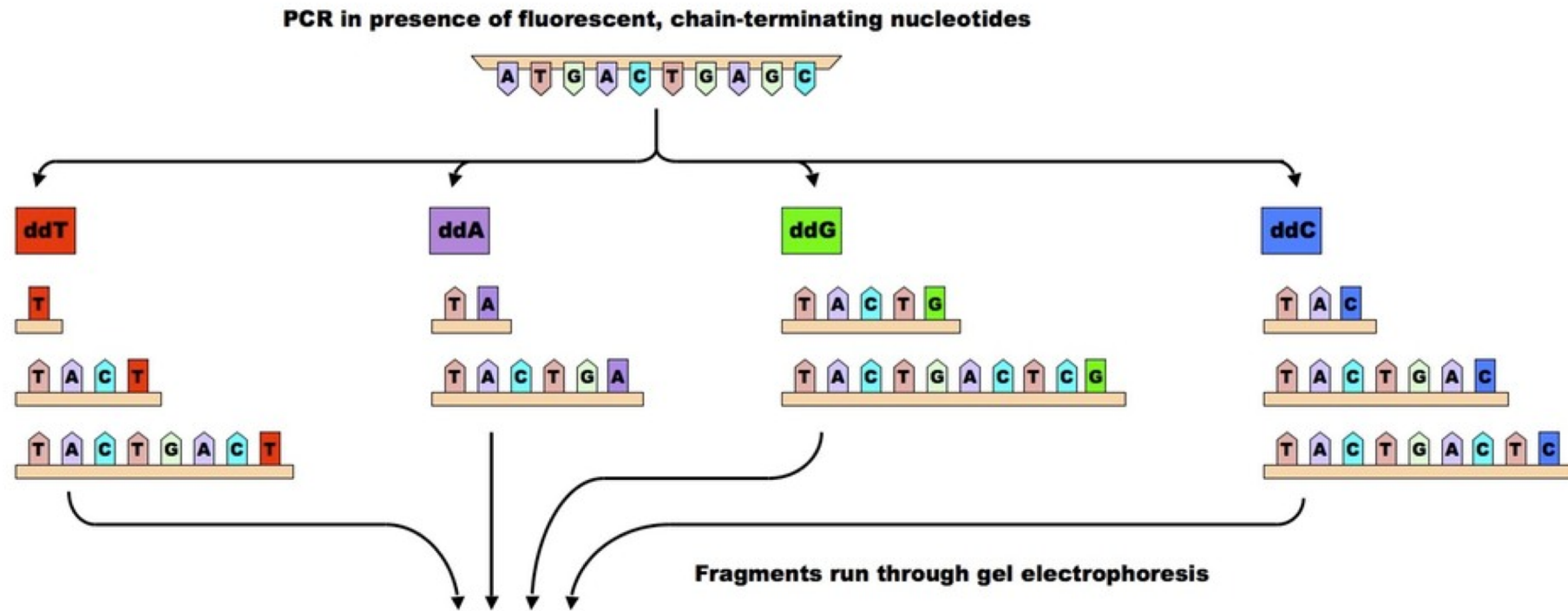
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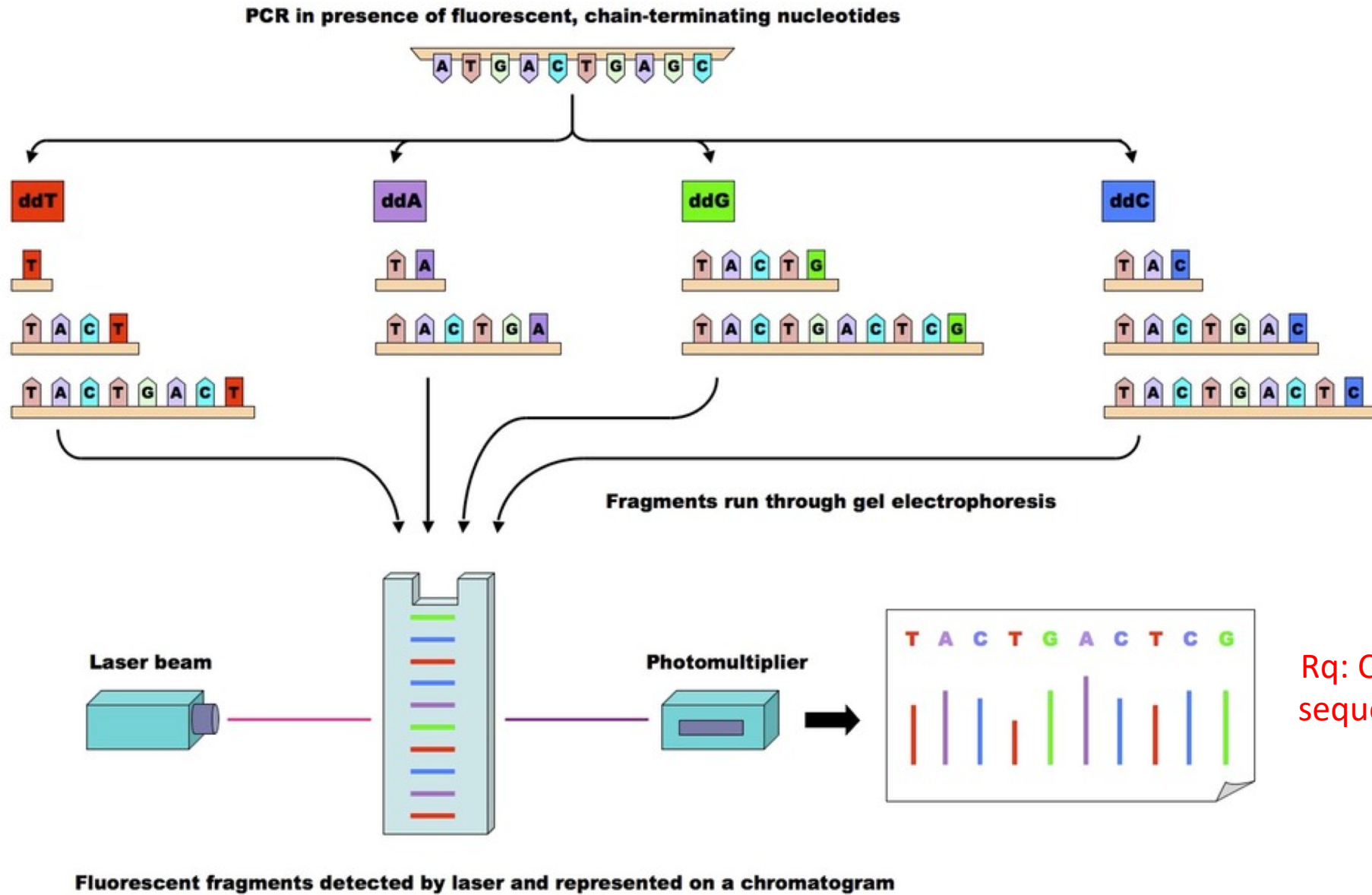
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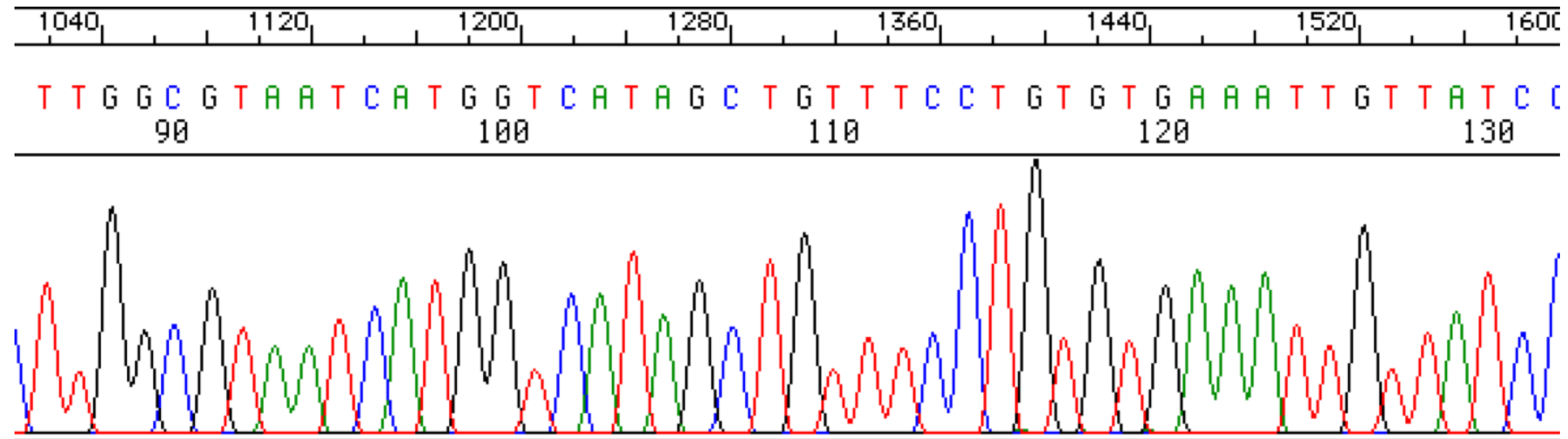


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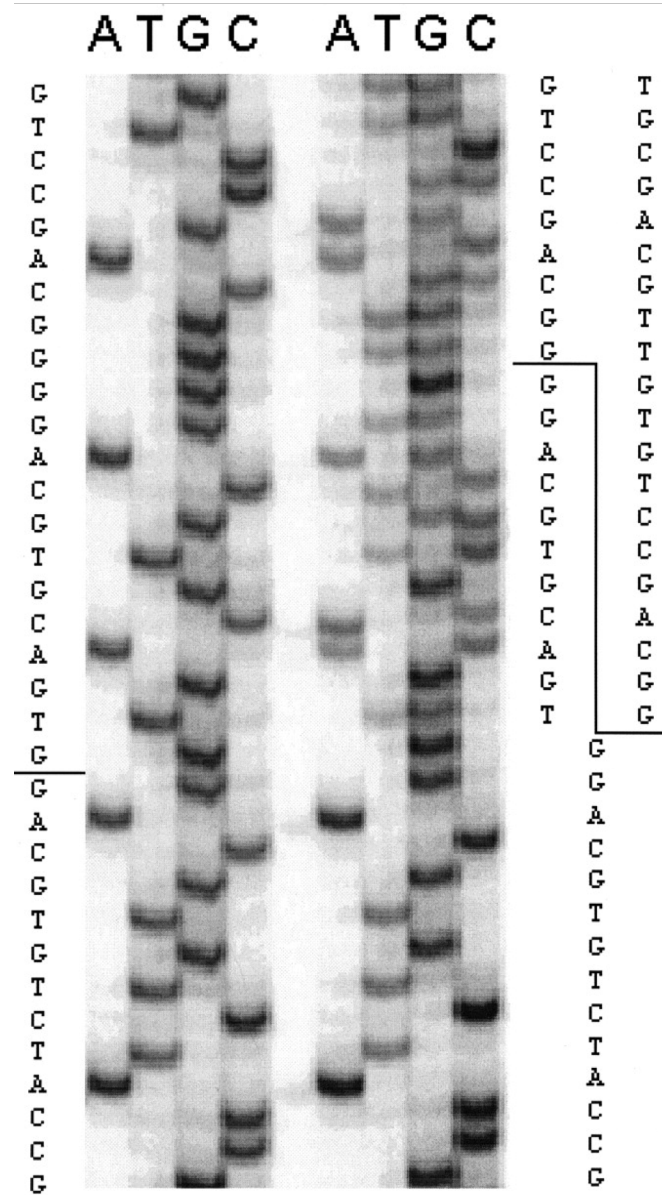
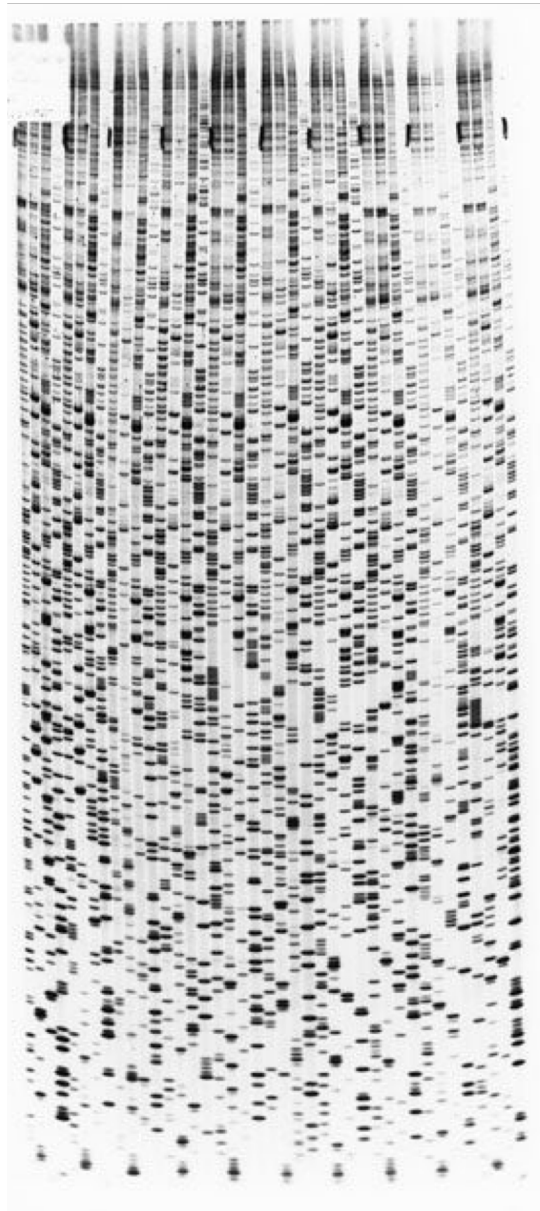
Rq: Complementary sequence compared to matrix

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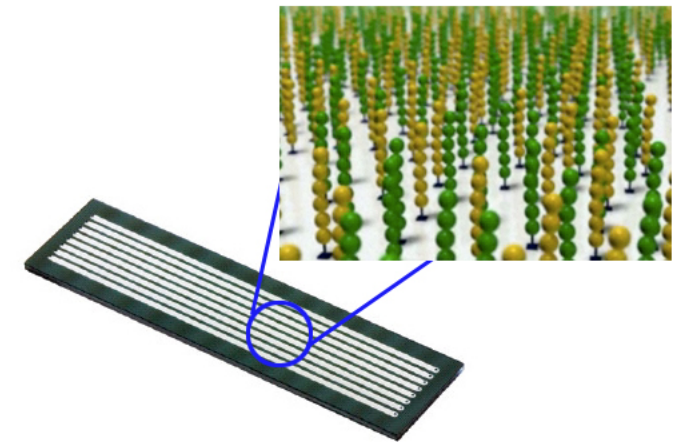
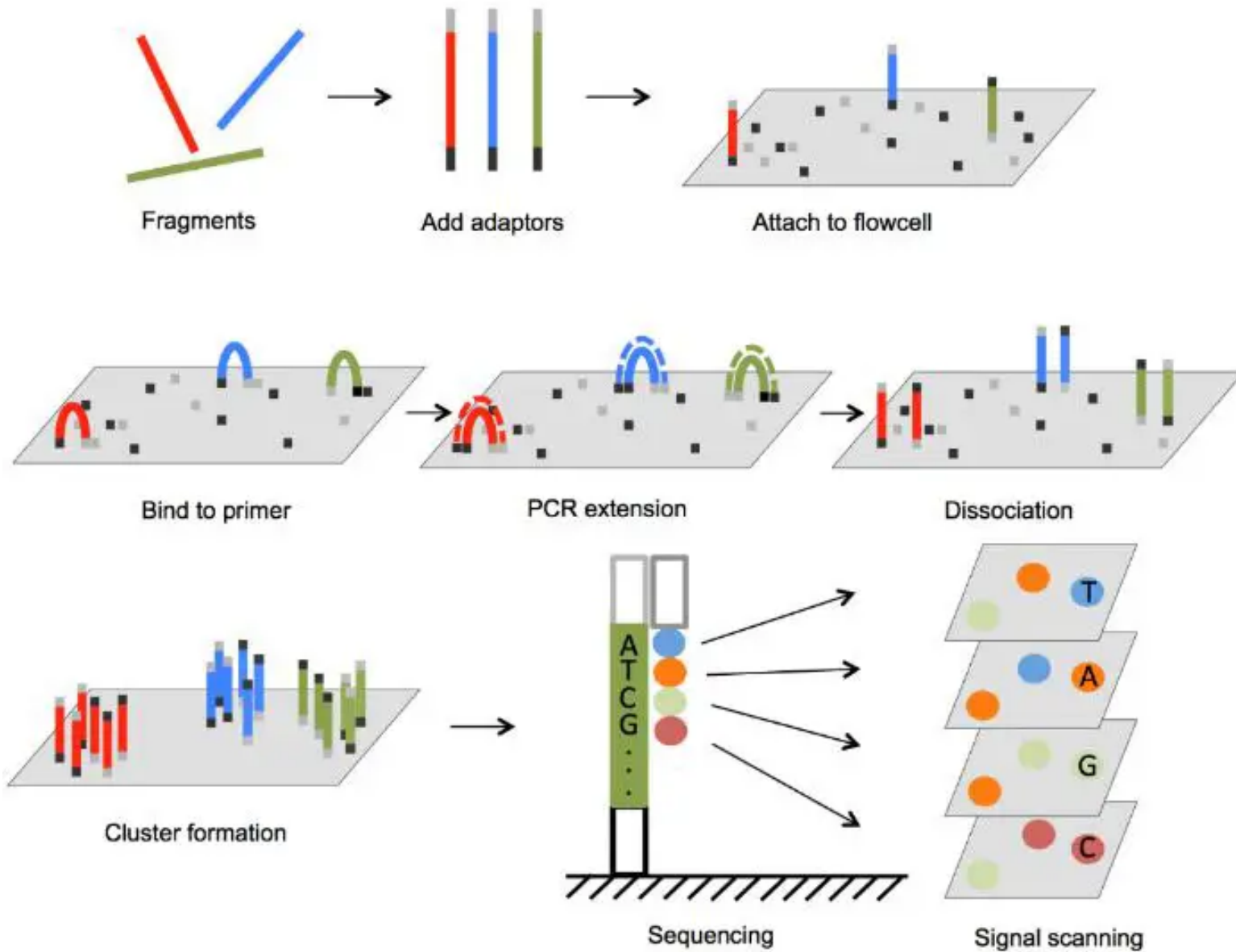


Non fluorescent Sanger method (1977)

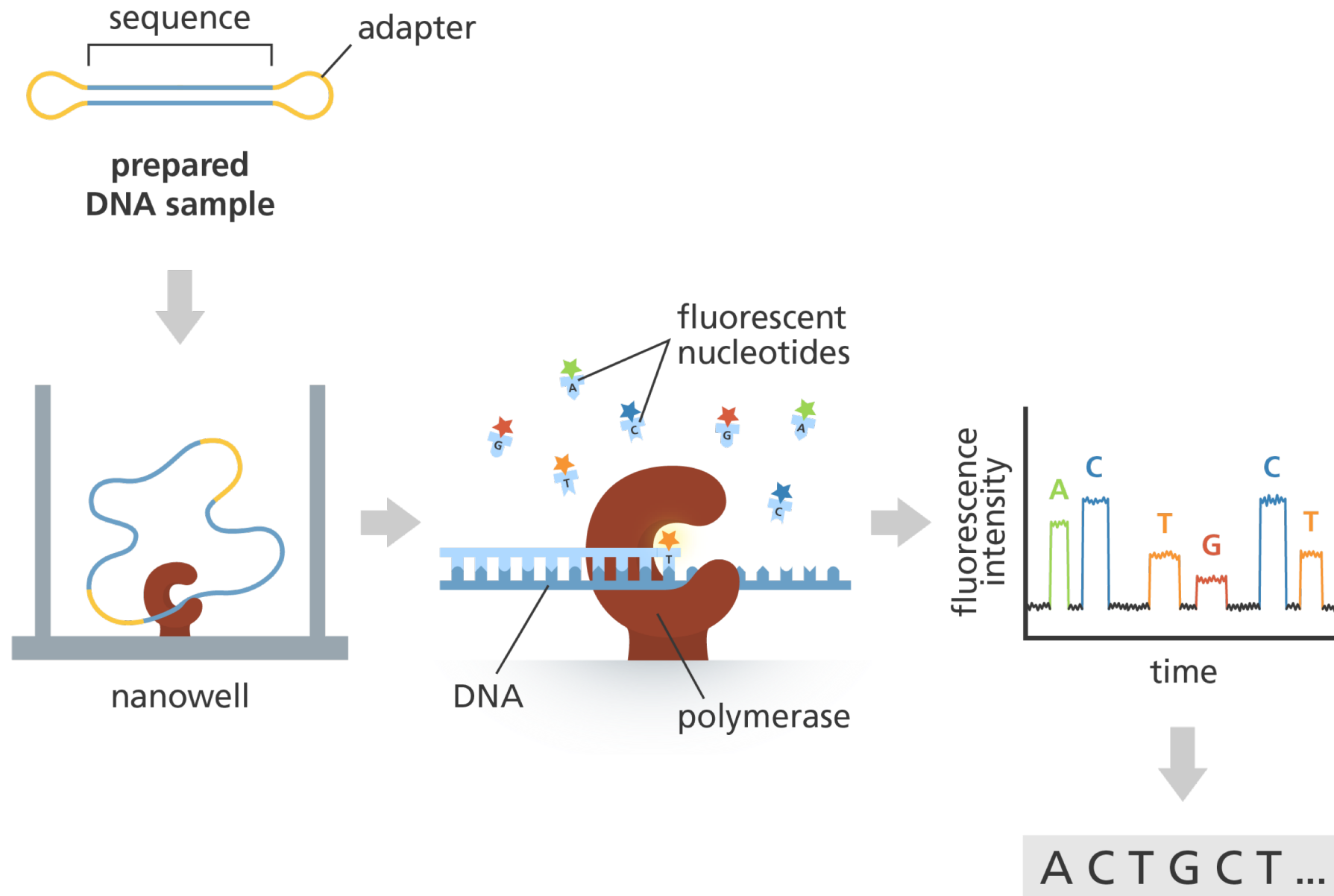
ddNTPs are radioactively labeled



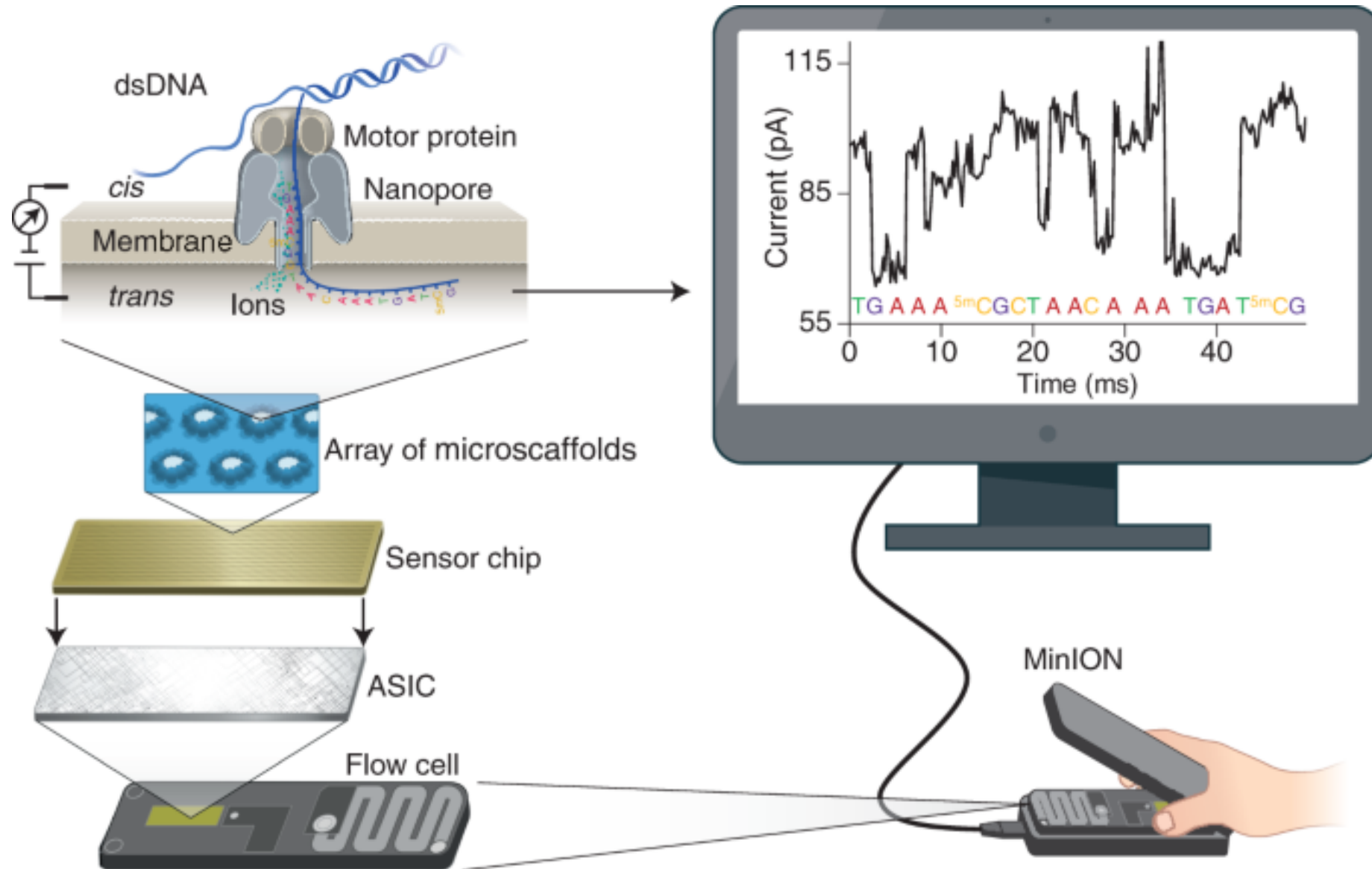
2nd Generation : Illumina technology (2007)



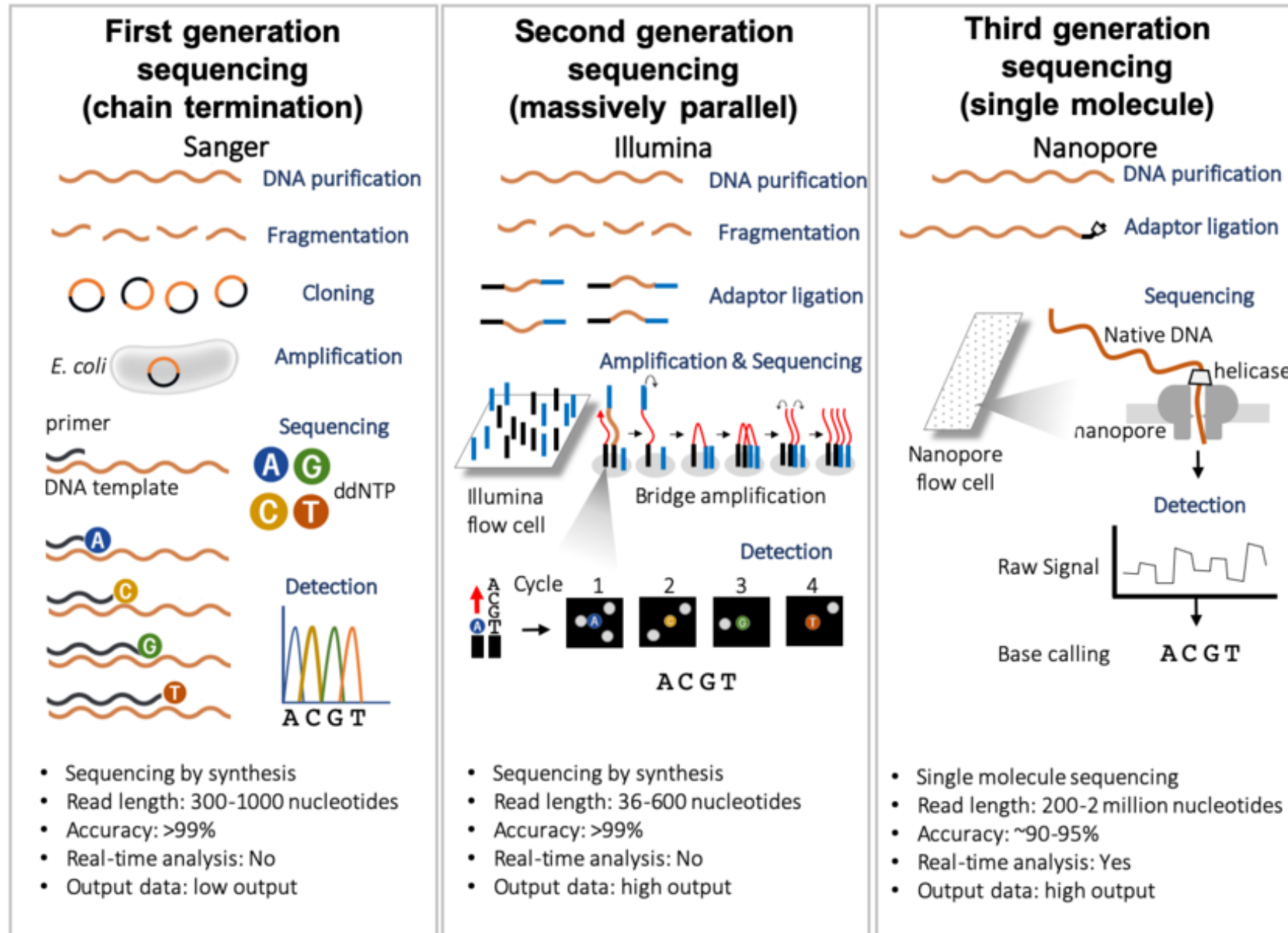
3rd génération : PacBio technology (2011)



3rd génération : Nanopore technology (2014)

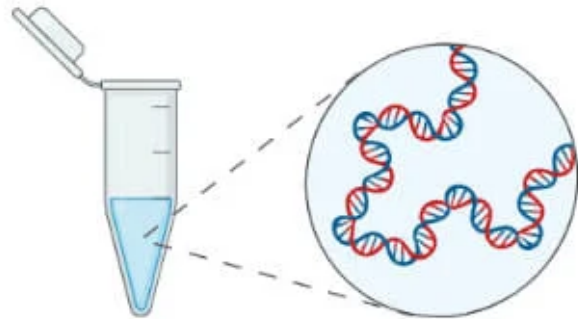


Sanger / Illumina / Nanopore sequencing...

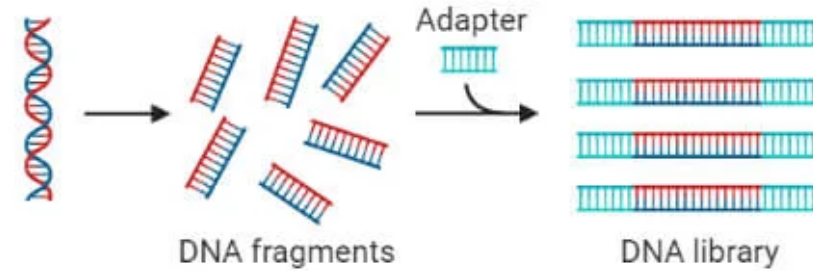


Commun steps...

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DNA extraction

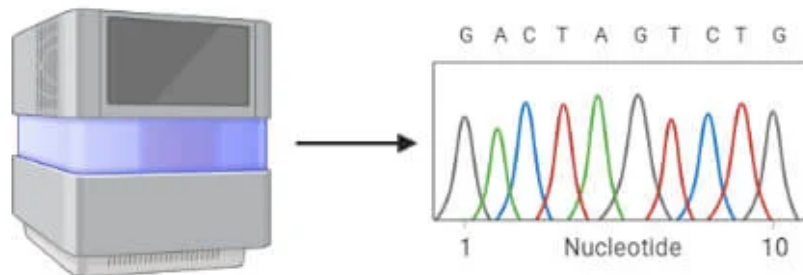


Step 2:
Library preparation

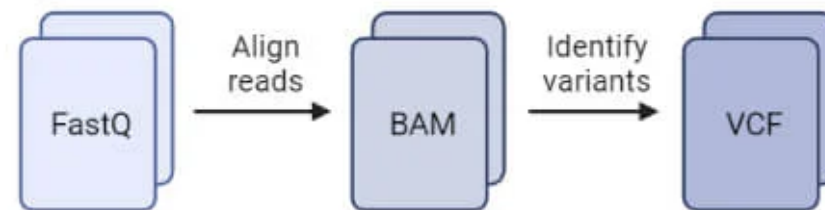


Next Generation Sequencing Workflow

Step 3:
Sequencing



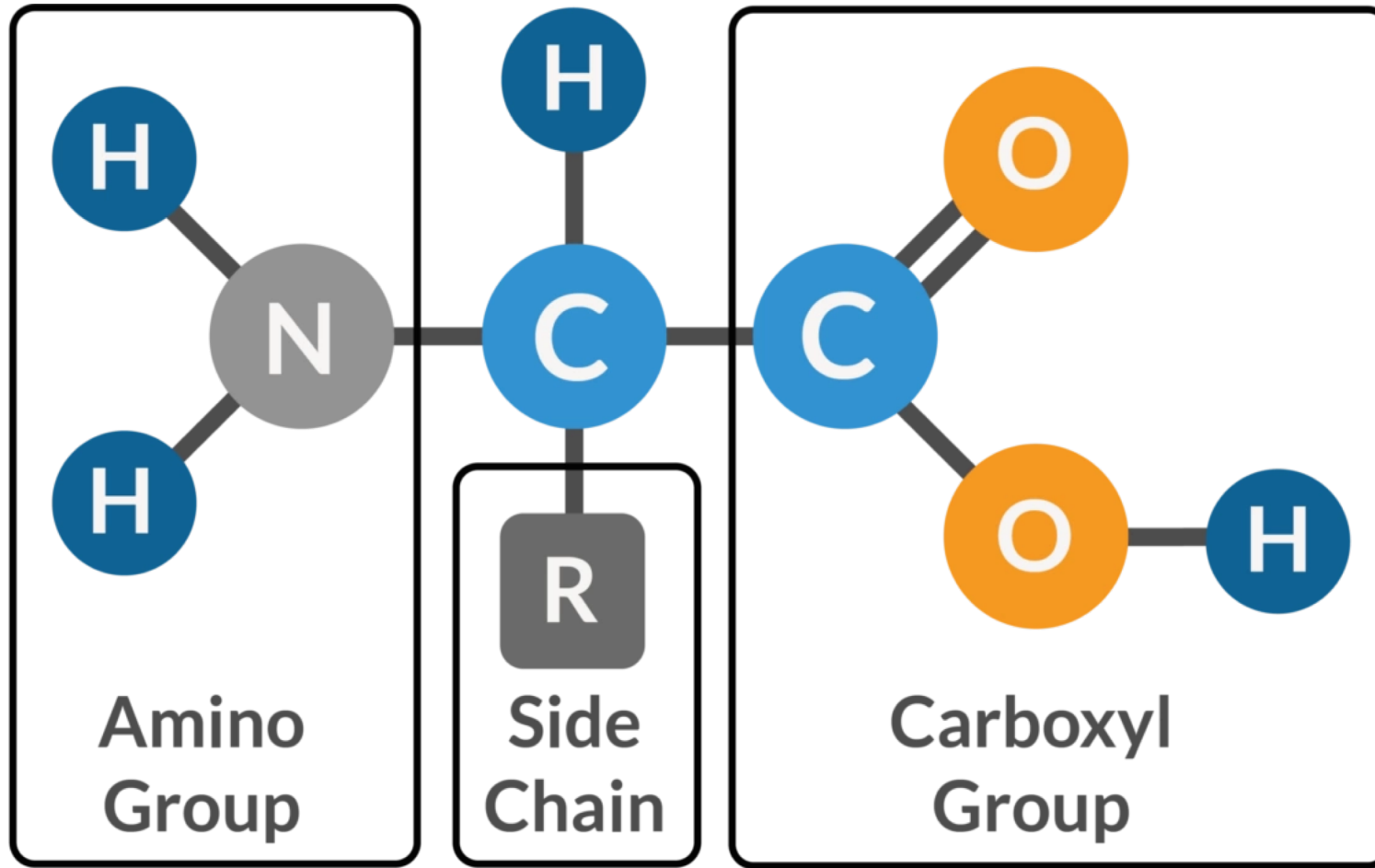
Step 4:
Analysis



Genetic code

		Second letter							
		U	C	A	G				
U	UUU	Phenylalanine (Phe)	UCU	Serine (Ser)	UAU	Tyrosine (Tyr)	UGU	Cysteine (Cys)	U
	UUC		UCC		UAC		UGC		C
	UUA	Leucine (Leu)	UCA	UAA	Stop	UGA	Stop	A	
	UUG		UCG	UAG	Stop	UGG	Tryptophan (Trp)	G	
C	CUU	Leucine (Leu)	CCU	Proline (Pro)	CAU	Histidine (His)	CGU	Arginine (Arg)	U
	CUC		CCC		CAC		CGC		C
	CUA		CCA		CAA	CGA	A		
	CUG		CCG		CAG	CGG	G		
A	AUU	Isoleucine (Ile)	ACU	Threonine (Thr)	AAU	Asparagine (Asn)	AGU	Serine (Ser)	U
	AUC		ACC		AAC		AGC		C
	AUA	Methionine (Met)	ACA		AAA	Lysine (Lys)	AGA	Arginine (Arg)	A
	AUG		ACG		AAG		AGG		G
G	GUU	Valine (Val)	GCU	Alanine (Ala)	GAU	Aspartic acid (Asp)	GGU	Glycine (Gly)	U
	GUC		GCC		GAC		GGC		C
	GUA		GCA		GAA	GGA	A		
	GUG		GCG		GAG	GGG	G		

Amino acids structure



Amino acids

Twenty-One Amino Acids

⊕ Positive ⊖ Negative
• Side chain charge at physiological pH 7.4

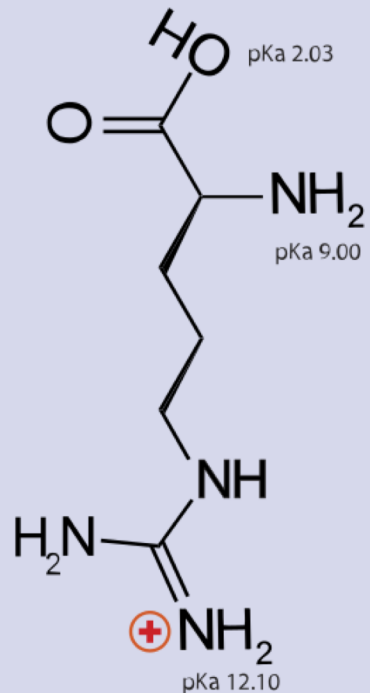
A. Amino Acids with Electrically Charged Side Chains

Positive

Negative

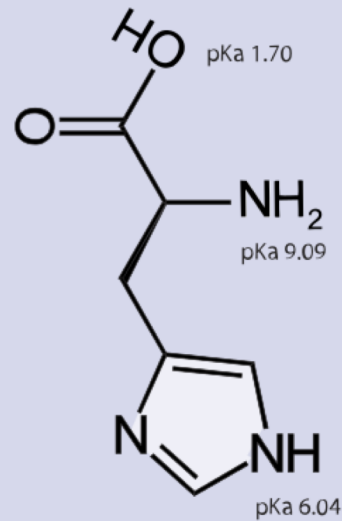
Arginine
(Arg)

R



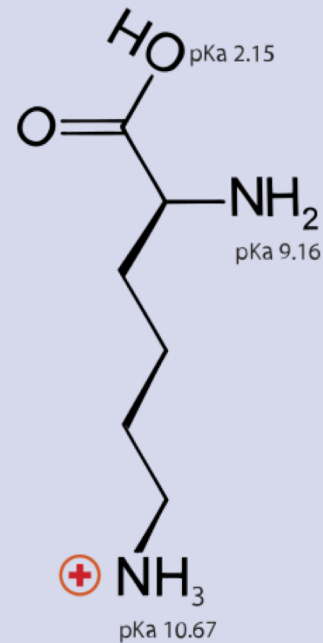
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(His)

H



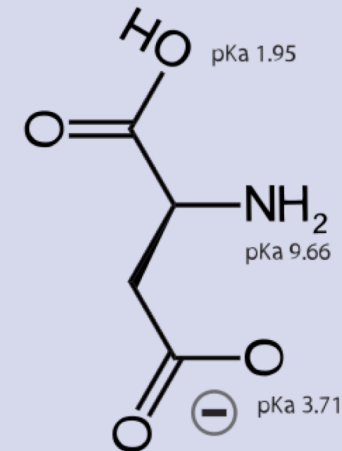
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(Lys)

K



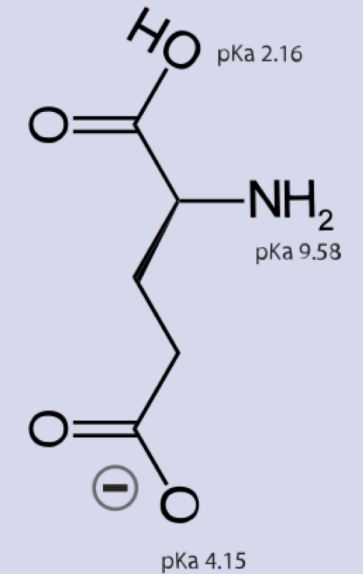
Aspartic Acid
(Asp)

D



Glutamic Acid
(Glu)

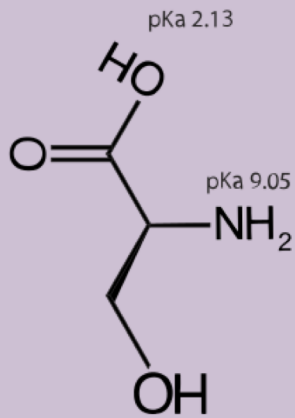
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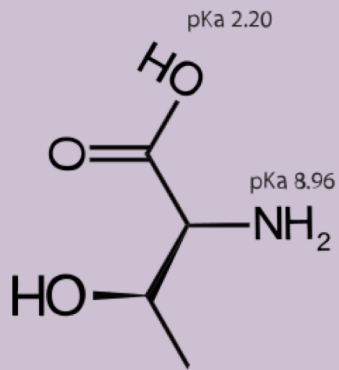
Amino acids

B. Amino Acids with Polar Uncharged Side Chains

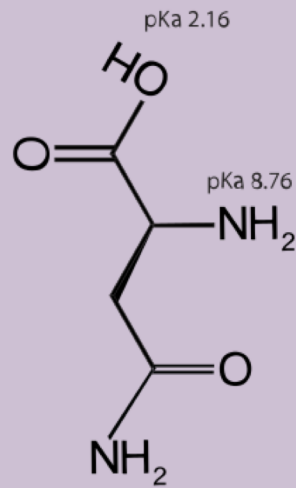
Serine
(Ser) **S**



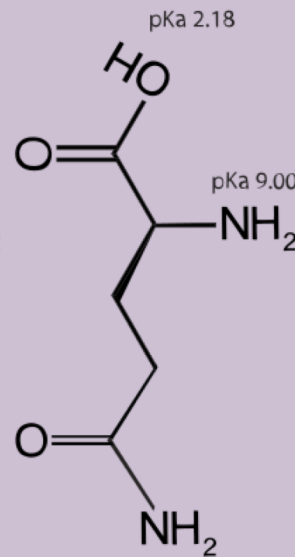
Threonine
(Thr) **T**



Asparagine
(Asn) **N**

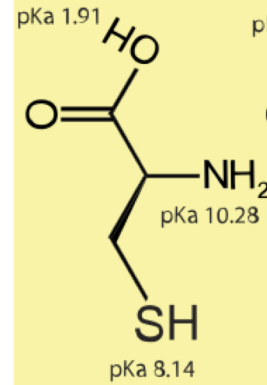


Glutamine
(Gln) **Q**

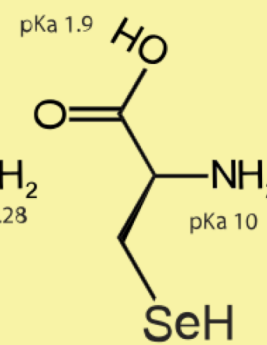


C. Special Cases

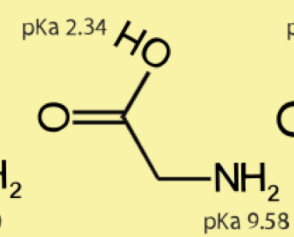
Cysteine
(Cys) **C**



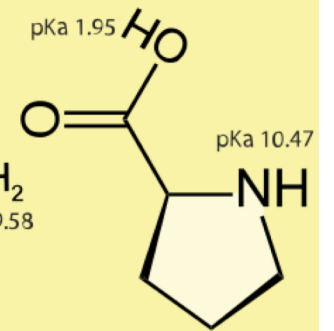
Selenocysteine
(Sec) **U**



Glycine
(Gly) **G**



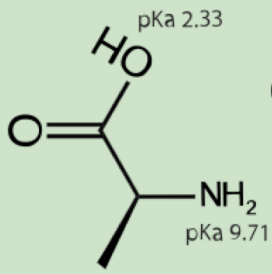
Proline
(Pro) **P**



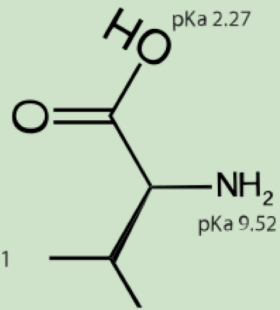
Amino acids

D. Amino Acids with Hydrophobic Side Chain

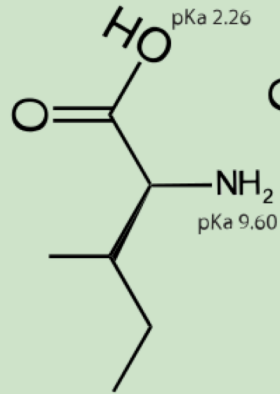
Alanine
(Ala) **A**



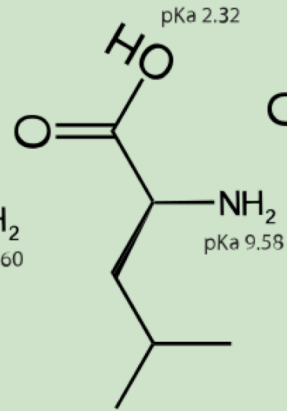
Valine
(Val) **V**



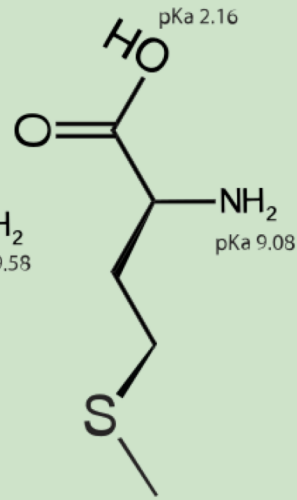
Isoleucine
(Ile) **I**



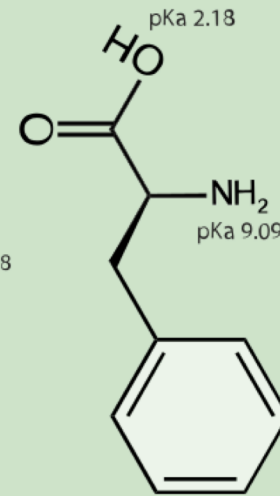
Leucine
(Leu) **L**



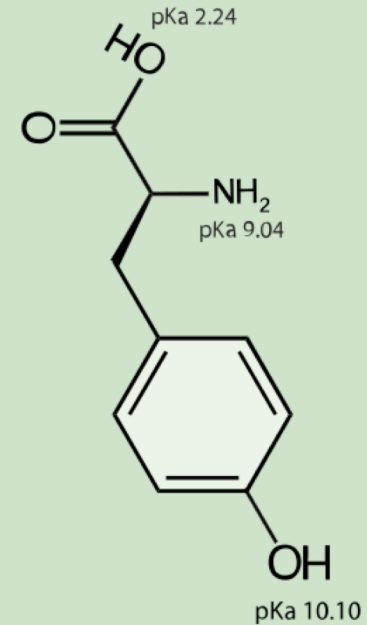
Methionine
(Met) **M**



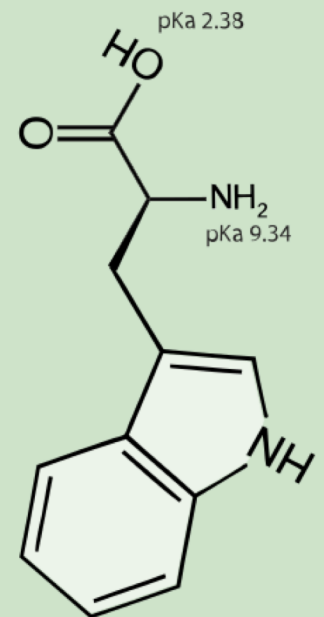
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(Phe) **F**



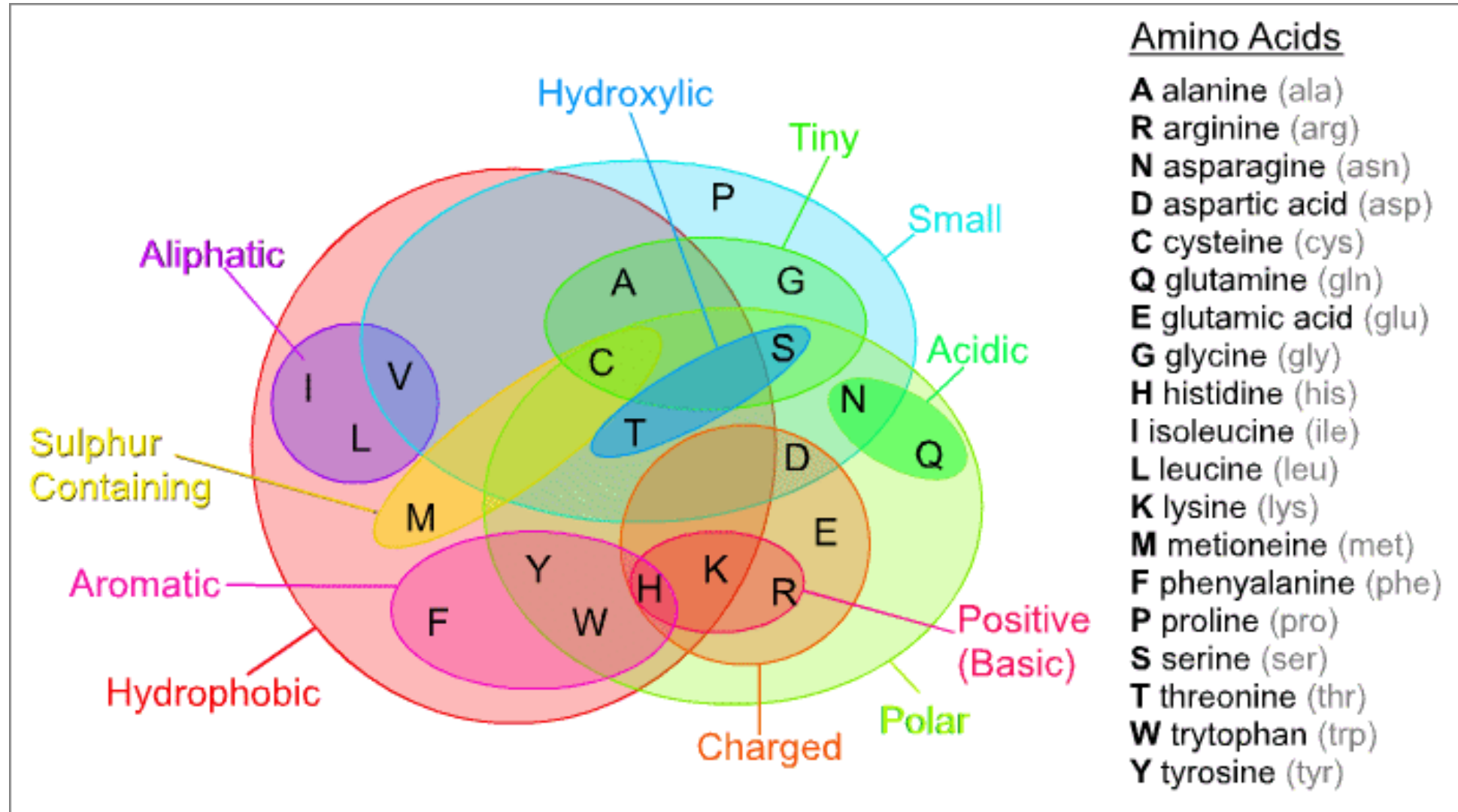
Tyrosine
(Tyr) **Y**



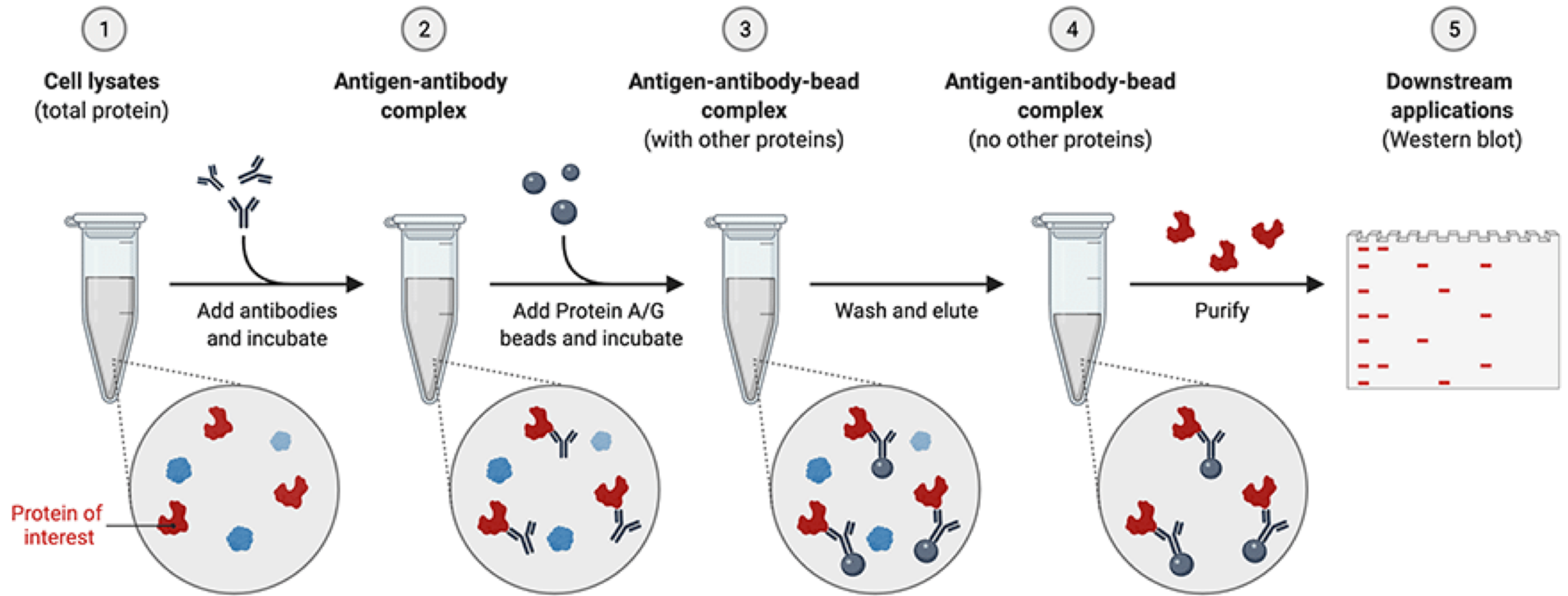
Tryptophan
(Trp) **W**



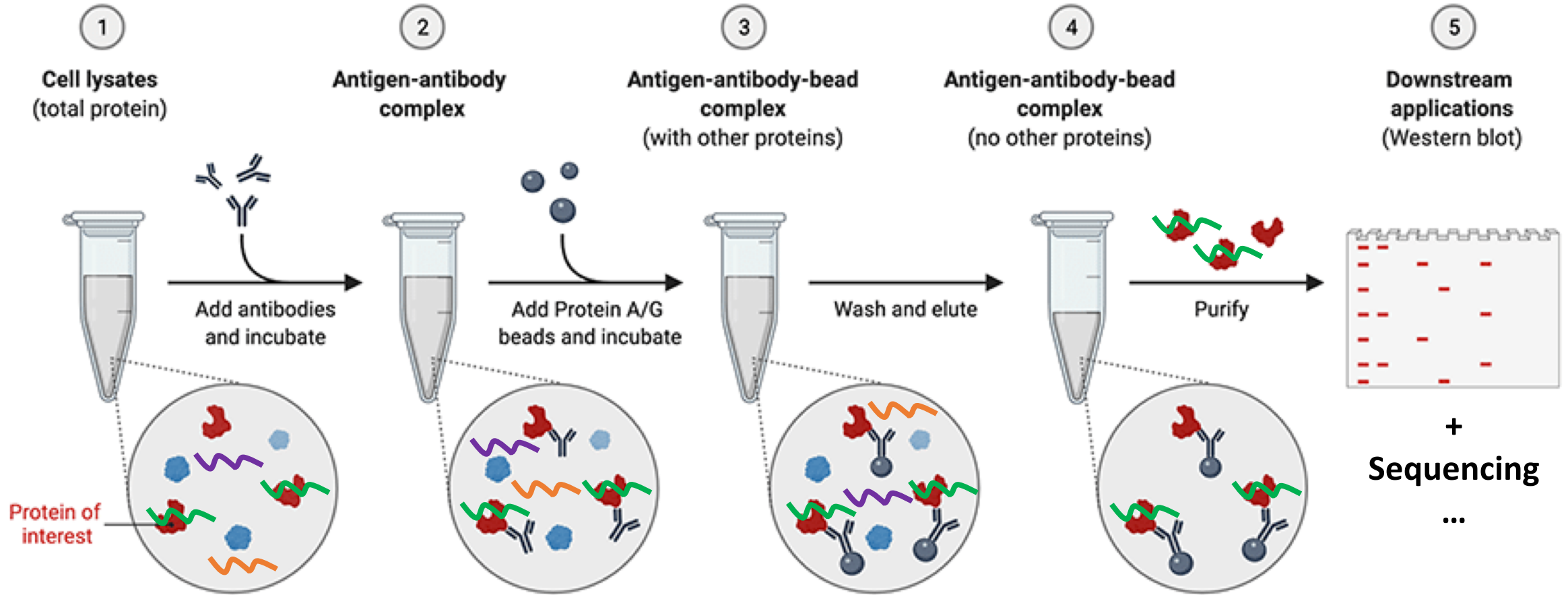
Amino acids



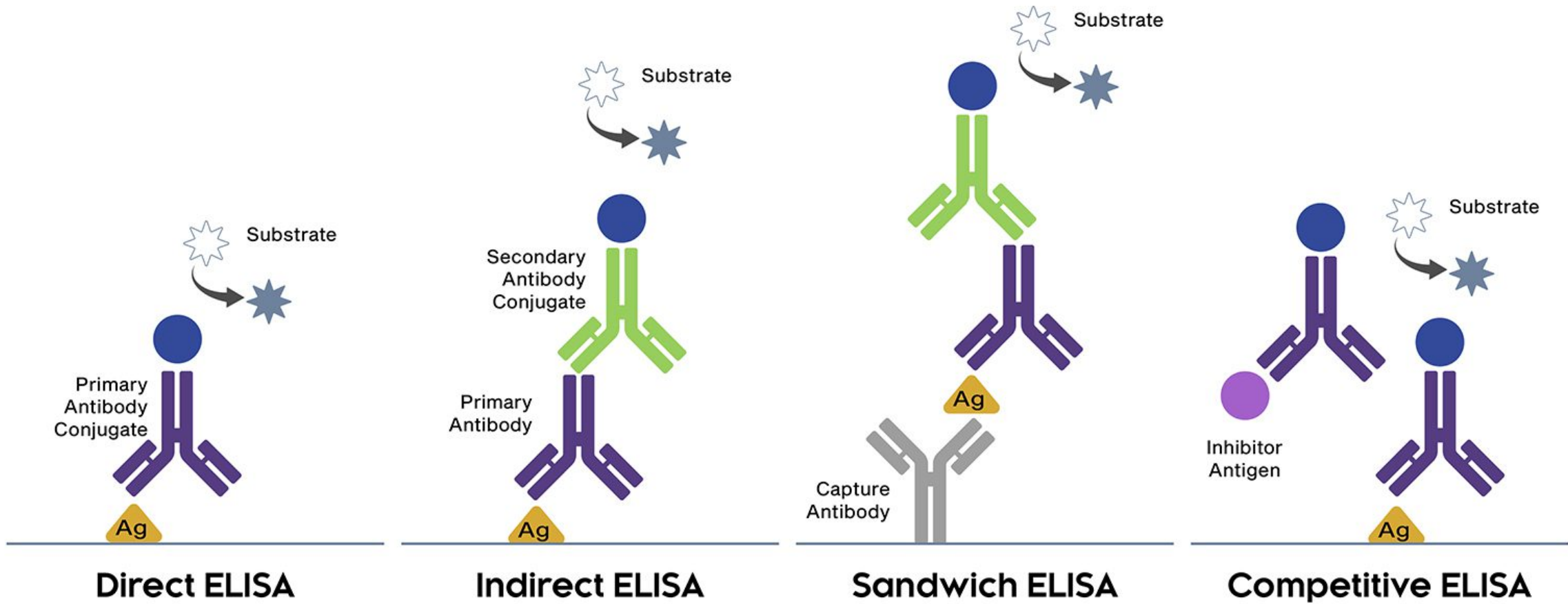
Immunoprecipitation



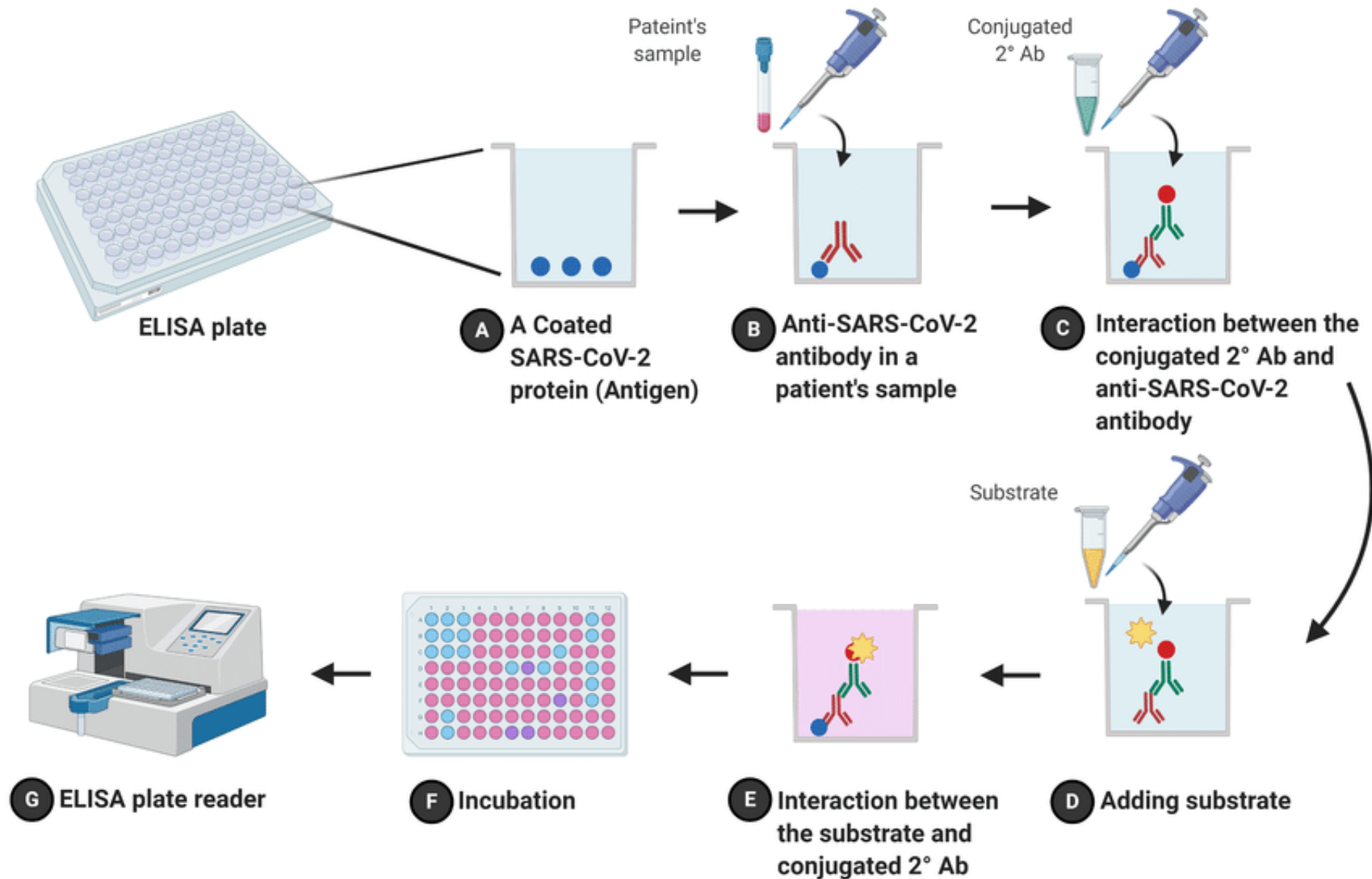
Immunoprecipitation and nucleic acid purification



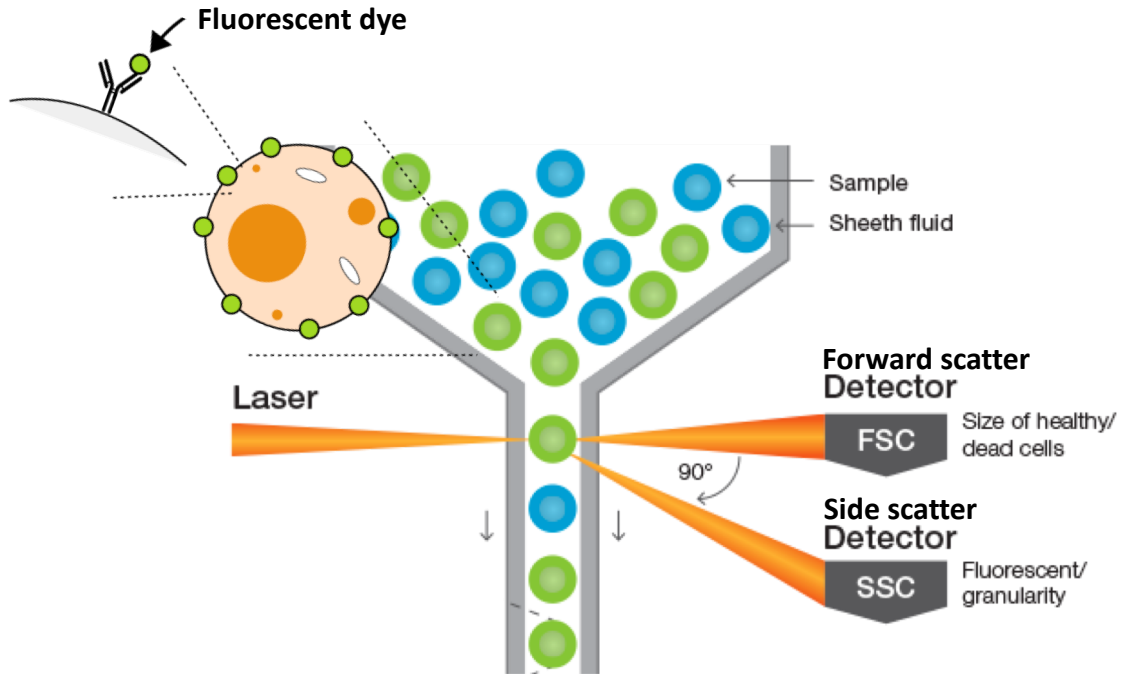
Types of ELISA



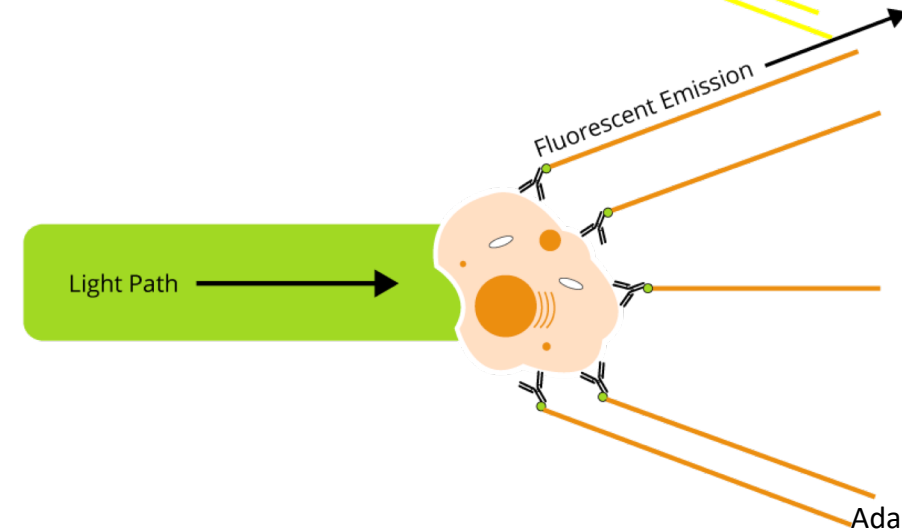
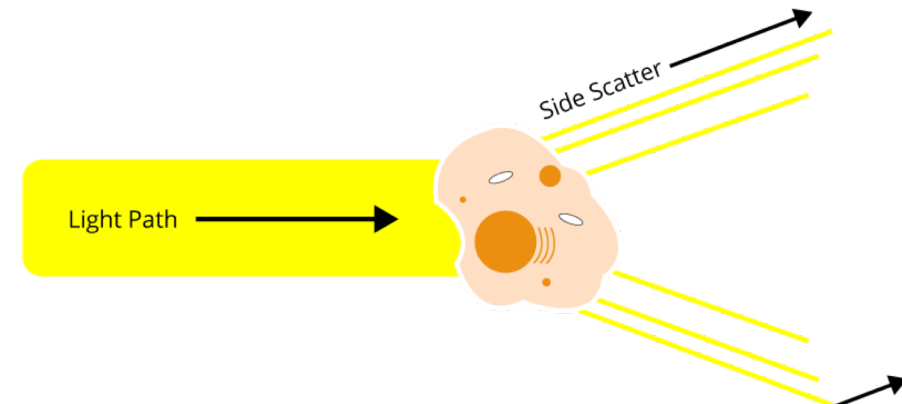
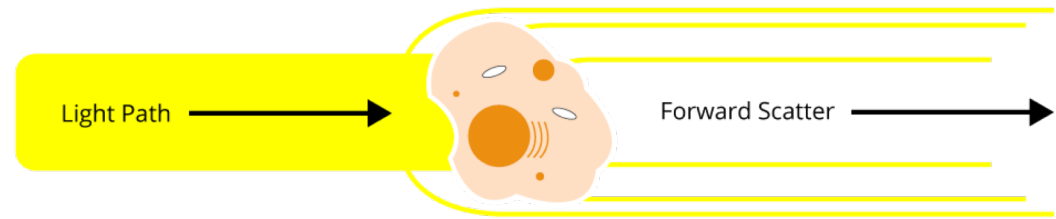
Example of SARS-CoV-2 ELISA



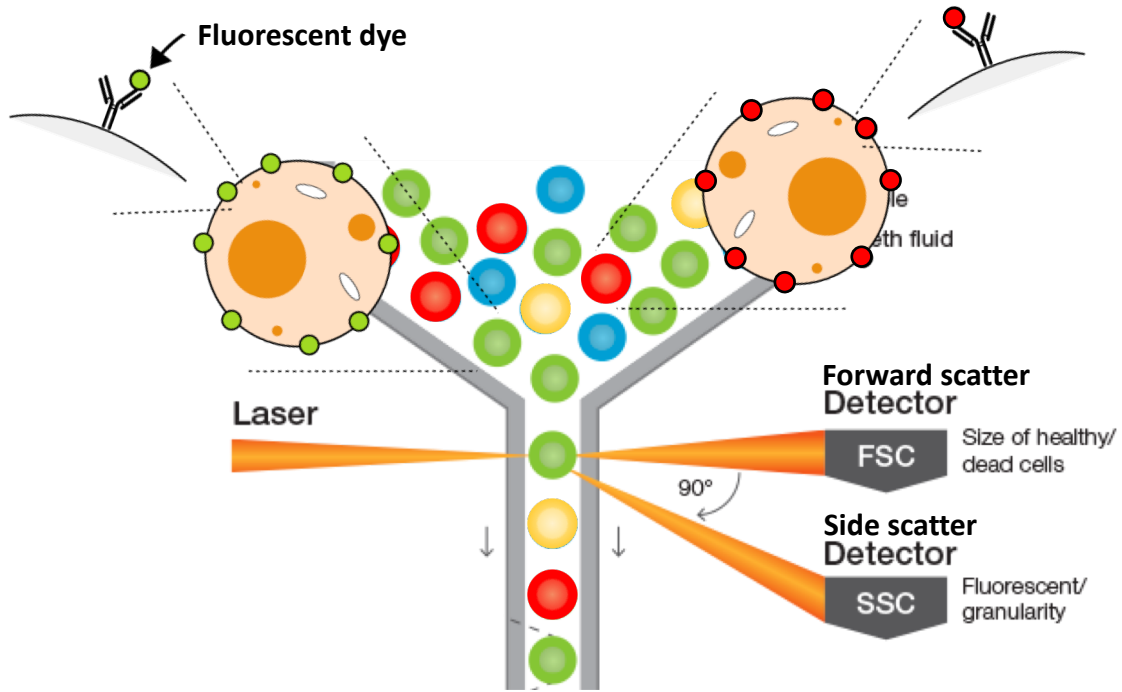
Flow Cytometry



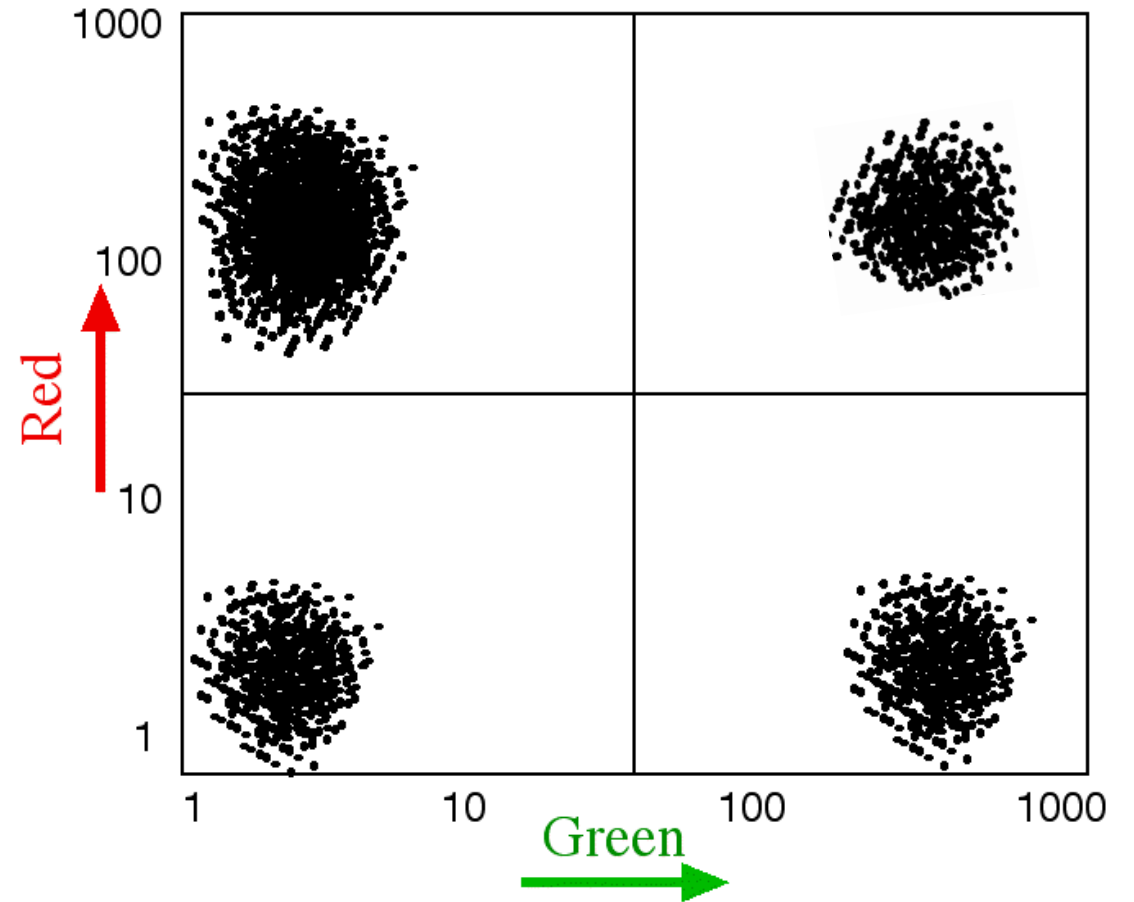
Flow cytometry



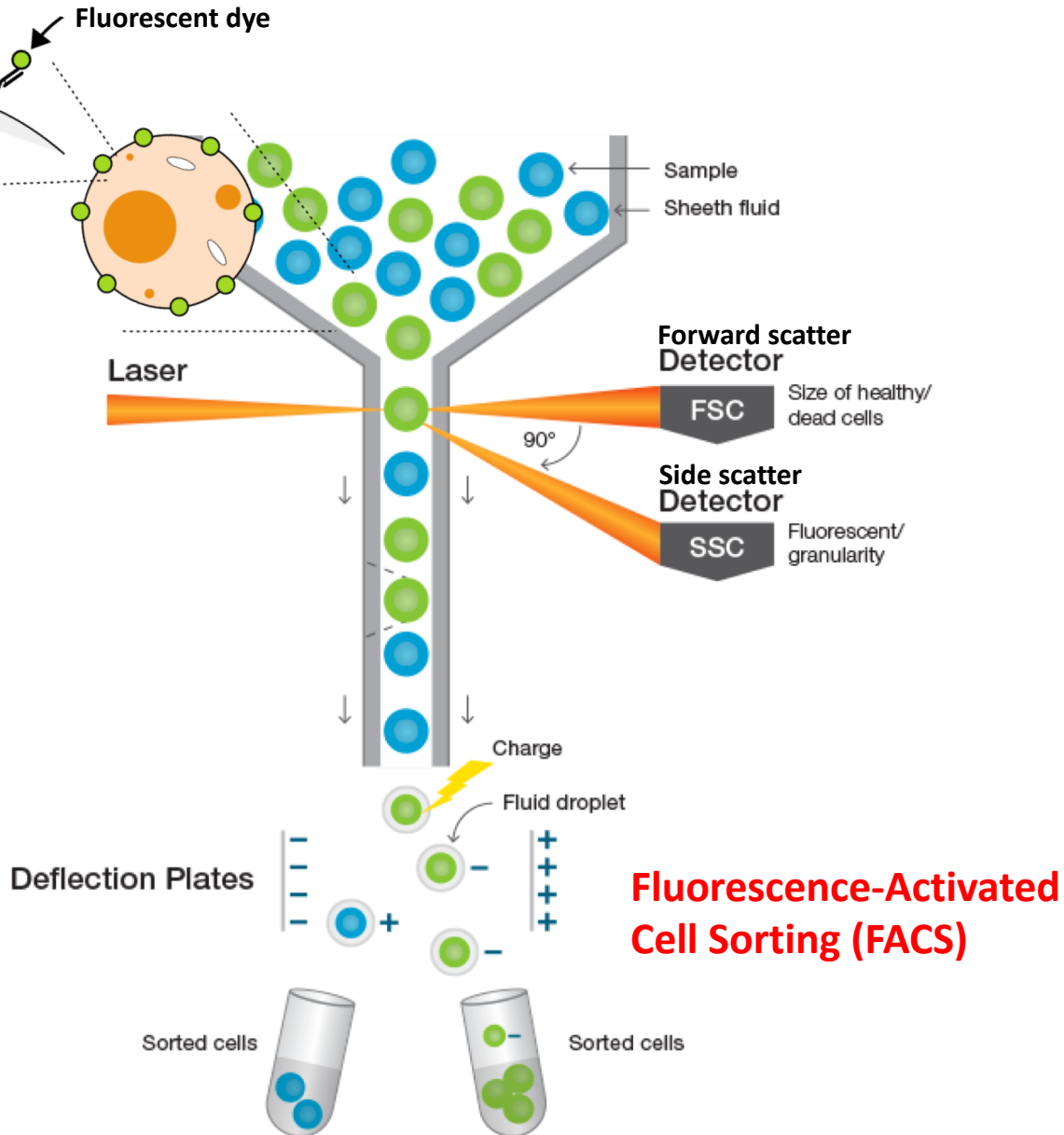
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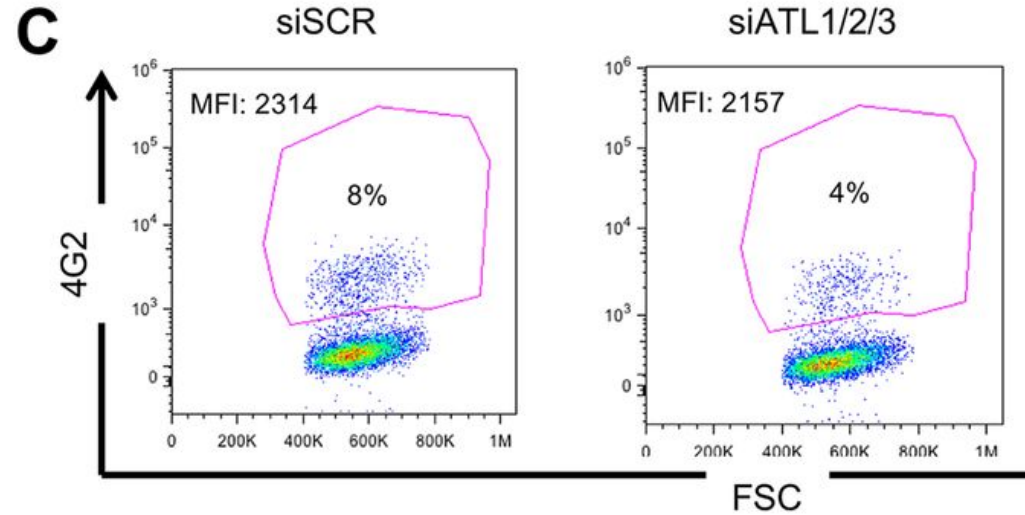
Flow cytometry



FACS : Fluorescence-Activated Cell Sorting



MFI = Mean Fluorescent Intensity



Immunochematography

