

N Bases / Nucleosides / Nucleotides / Nucleic Acid Structures (Review)

Goals for this review unit:

- ~~1. Recognize the common building blocks of nucleic acids: names / 1-letter abbrev.~~
- ~~2. Nomenclature for nucleosides and nucleotides (structure of ATP)~~
- ~~3. Primary structures of RNA and DNA~~
- ~~4. Conformations in DNAs~~
- ~~5. Characteristics of B-DNA, A-DNA and Z-DNA~~
- ~~6. Denaturation of DNA~~
- ~~7. Features of RNA / Functions of RNA~~
- ~~8. DNA Sequencing (Maxam – Gilbert vs. Sanger Dideoxy)~~

ENCODE (Encyclopedia of DNA Elements)

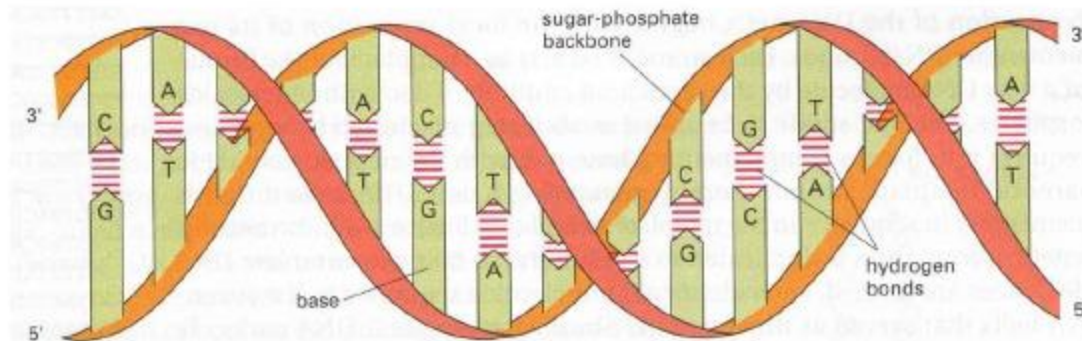
ENCODE involved 440 scientists from 32 labs in the United States, United Kingdom, Spain, Singapore, and Japan. Since 2007, they have collected more than 15 terabytes of raw data that describes places in the genome that contain regulatory binding sites, areas of frequent DNA modification, or roles in managing the larger chromatin structure of DNA.

Researchers from around the world have been collaborating for the past five years to understand the non-coding regions of the human genome—the more than 95% of the genome that's been dubbed “junk DNA”. Now, with the simultaneous publication of 30 papers describing their findings, the team has reported that more than 80% of the human genome does indeed have a function.

Sites with high levels of cleavage by DNase1—called DNase I hypersensitive regions (DHS)—are known to contain DNA regulatory elements. They determined the placement of these DHSs and then aligned them with more than 5,000 gene variants associated with 207 diseases and 447 traits identified in GWAS (genome-wide association studies).

In a paper published September 5 in *Science*, the team reported that 76% of these disease-associated gene variants fell within DHSs.

Genetic information



... *G T A C T G A A C G C A G G T*...

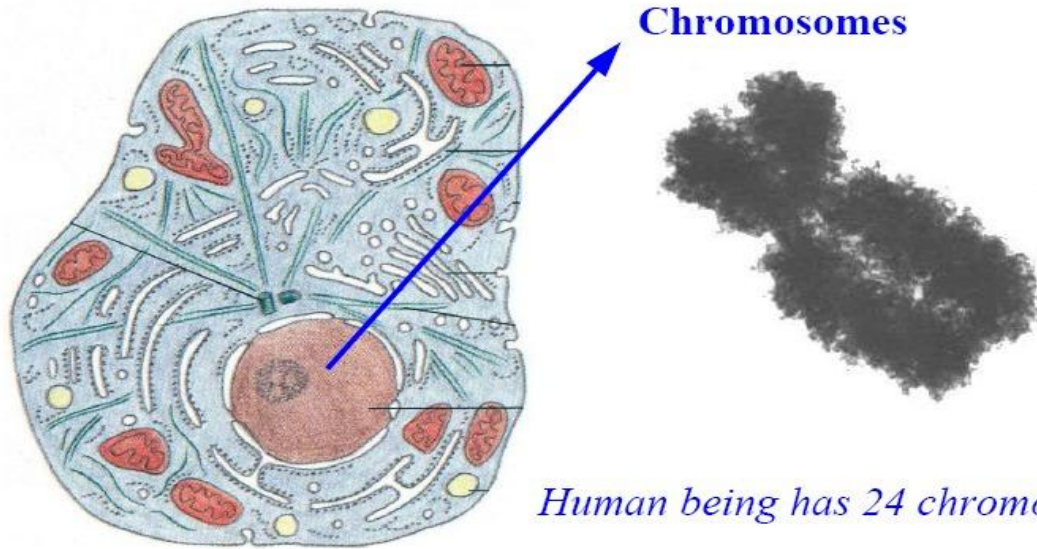
Genetic code

Human being: ~ 3,000,000,000 base-pairs

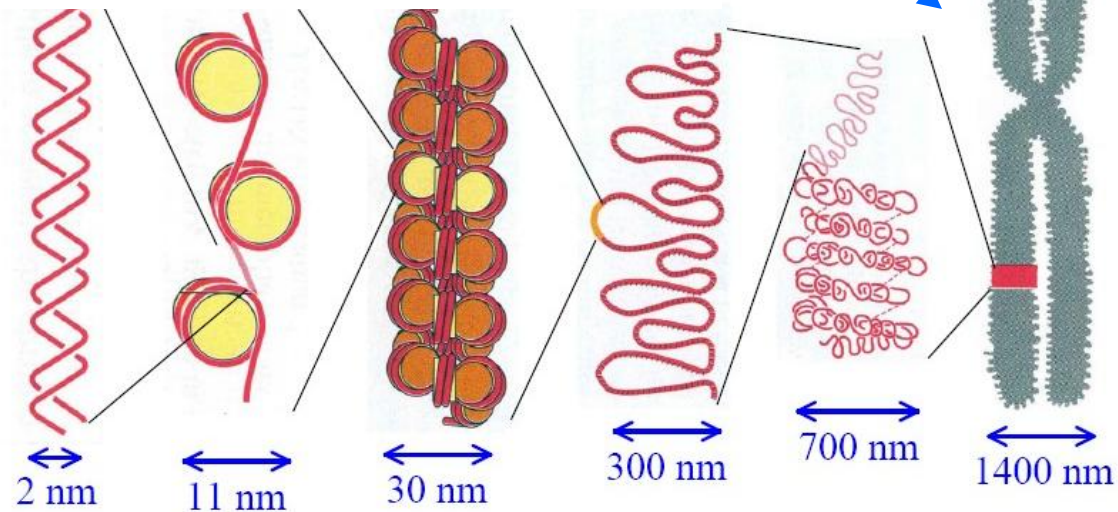
~ 30,000 – 40,000 Genes

(Public Human Genome Project and Celera Genomics)

Chromosome



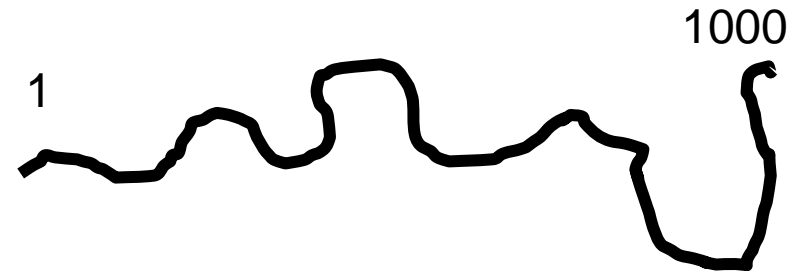
Human being has 24 chromosomes.



iClicker Question #1:

Consider the world at 1,000,000X, estimate how long a piece of DNA containing 1000 bp (333 a.a.) would be at this magnification?

- A) 0.00034 mm
- B) 0.034 mm
- C) 3.4 mm
- D) 340 mm
- E) 3.4 m



Size of the Human Genome

The human genome comprises the information contained in one set of human chromosomes which themselves contain about 3 billion base pairs (bp) of DNA in 46 chromosomes (22 autosome pairs + 2 sex chromosomes).

The length on an average gene (330 a.a.) can be estimated as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{(length of 1 bp)(number of nucleotides per gene)} \\ & (0.34 \text{ nm})(1000) = 340 \text{ nm} = 3.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mm} \quad (\sim 13 \text{ inches at } 1,000,000\times) \end{aligned}$$

The length on the human genome can be estimated as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{(length of 1 bp)(number of nucleotides per cell)} \\ & (0.34 \text{ nm})(6 \times 10^9) = 2 \text{ m} \quad (\sim 1300 \text{ miles at } 1,000,000\times) \end{aligned}$$

The total length of DNA present in one adult human is estimated by:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{(length of 1 bp)(number of bp per cell)(number of cells in the body)} \\ & (0.34 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m})(6 \times 10^9)(10^{13}) = 2.0 \times 10^{13} \text{ meters} \end{aligned}$$

(The equivalent of nearly 70 trips from the earth to the sun and back.)

Sequencing DNA

Prior to the **mid-1970's no method** existed by which DNA could be directly sequenced. Knowledge about gene and genome organization was based upon studies of prokaryotic organisms and the primary means of obtaining DNA sequence was so-called **reverse genetics** in which the **amino acid sequence of the gene product** of interest is **back-translated** into a nucleotide sequence based upon the appropriate codons.

- **Maxam-Gilbert DNA Sequencing** – chemical sequencing
- **Sanger (dideoxy) DNA Sequencing** – dideoxy sequencing
- **Next Generation DNA Sequencing (Applications)**
 - *Illumina* – bridging PCR / reversible dye terminator
 - *454 sequencing* – emulsion PCR / pyrosequencing



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1958

"for his work on the structure of proteins, especially that of insulin"



Frederick Sanger

United Kingdom

University of Cambridge
Cambridge, United Kingdom

b. 1918



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1980

"for his fundamental studies of the biochemistry of nucleic acids, with particular regard to recombinant-DNA"

"for their contributions concerning the determination of base sequences in nucleic acids"



Paul Berg

🕒 1/2 of the prize

USA

Stanford University
Stanford, CA, USA

b. 1926



Walter Gilbert

🕒 1/4 of the prize

USA

Harvard University,
Biological Laboratories
Cambridge, MA, USA

b. 1932



Frederick Sanger

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United Kingdom

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b. 1918

Maxam-Gilbert DNA Sequencing

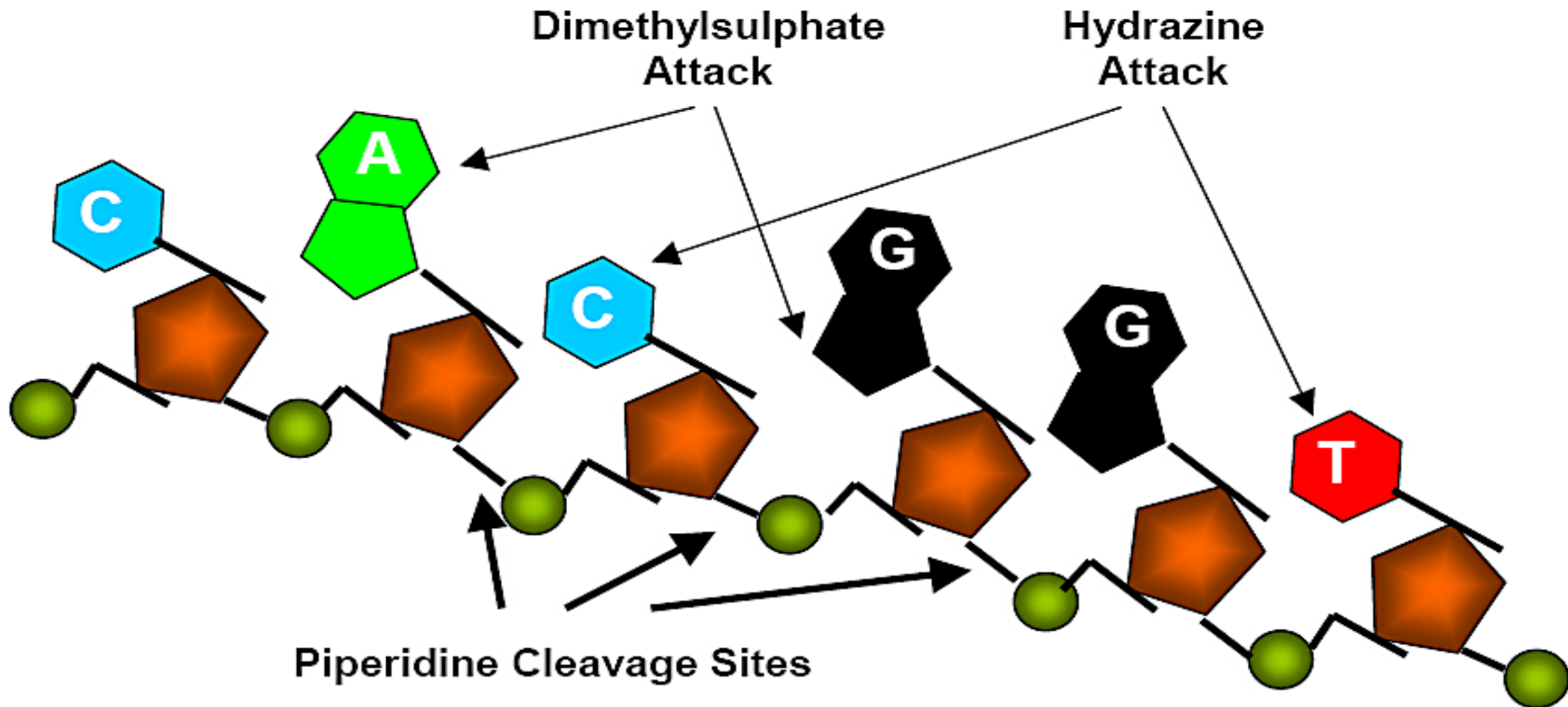


Figure 1. Chemical targets in the Maxam-Gilbert DNA sequencing strategy. Dimethylsulphate or hydrazine will attack the purine or pyrimidine rings respectively and piperidine will cleave the phosphate bond at the 3' carbon.

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Allan Maxam / Walter Gilbert DNA Sequencing

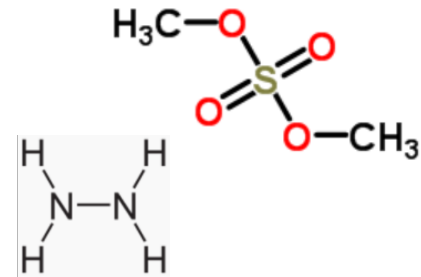
Sequencing single-stranded DNA

Two-step catalytic process:

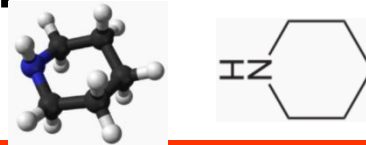
1) Break glycoside bond between the ribose sugar and the base / displace base

Purines react with dimethyl sulfate

Pyrimidines react with hydrazine (toxic)



2) Piperidine catalyzes phosphodiester bond cleavage where base displaced



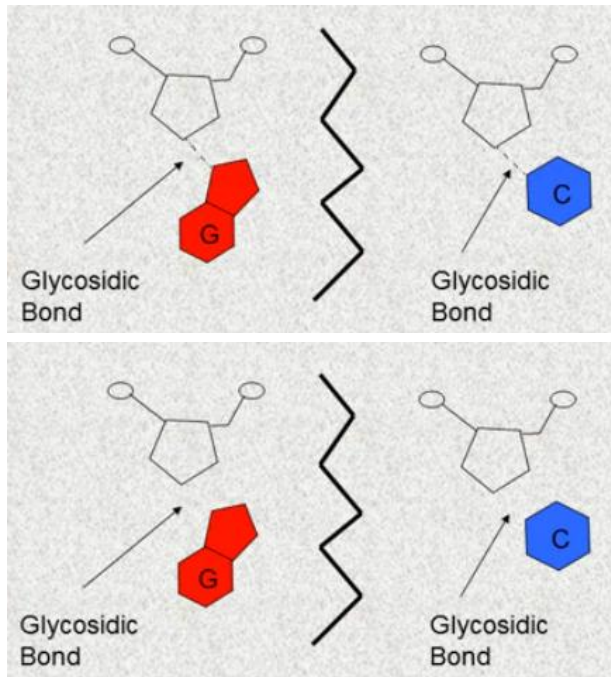
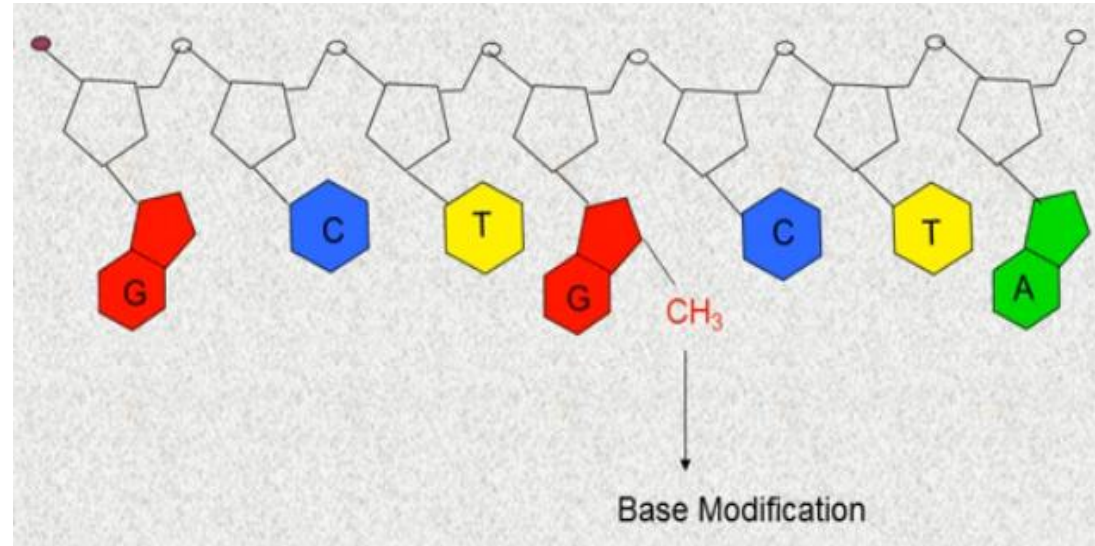
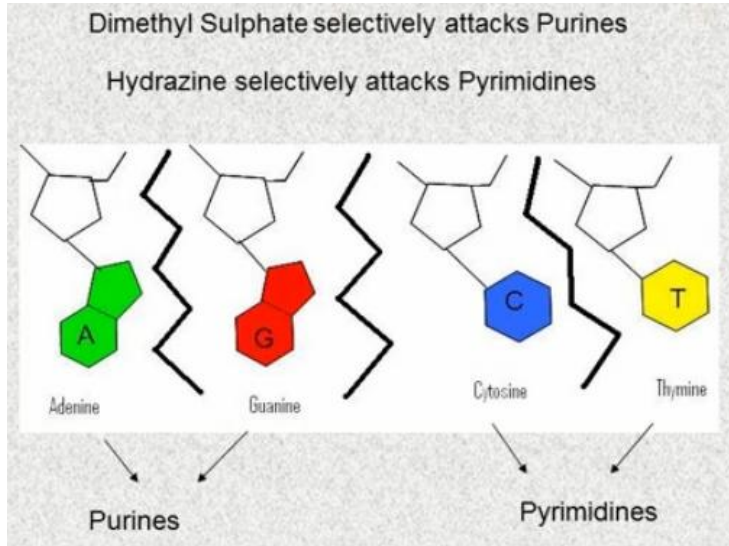
“G” - dimethyl sulfate and piperidine

“A + G” - dimethyl sulfate and piperidine in formic acid

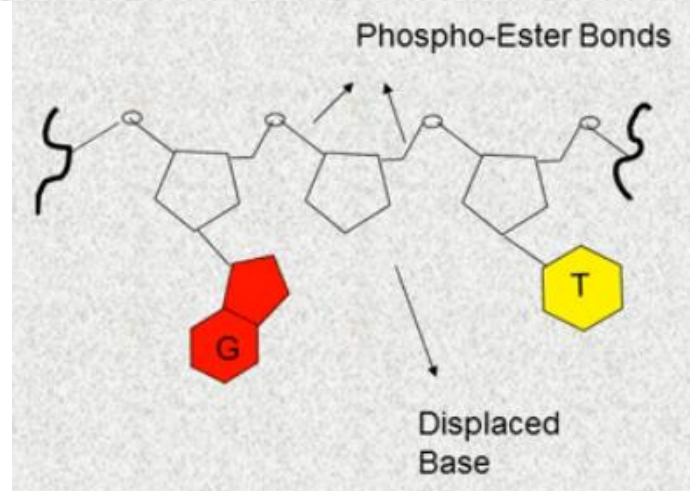
“C” - hydrazine and piperidine in 1.5M NaCl

“C + T” - hydrazine and piperidine

Maxam Gilbert Sequencing



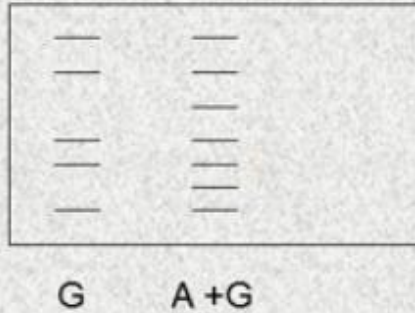
The second step, is that piperidine will then catalyze the phosphodiester bond cleavage where the base has been displaced.



Chemical Reagents and Conditions Employed For Maxam-Gilbert Sequencing.

Guanine – Dimethyl Sulphate followed by Piperidine

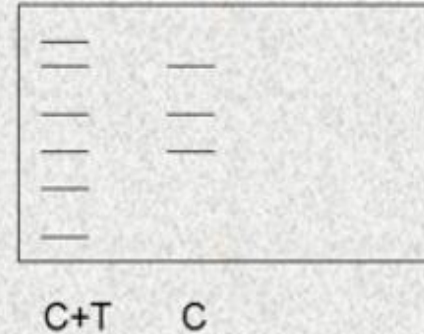
Guanine & Adenine – Dimethyl Sulphate in Formic Acid followed by Piperidine



Chemical Reagents and Conditions Employed For Maxam-Gilbert Sequencing.

Cytosine & Thymine – Hydrazine followed by perperidine

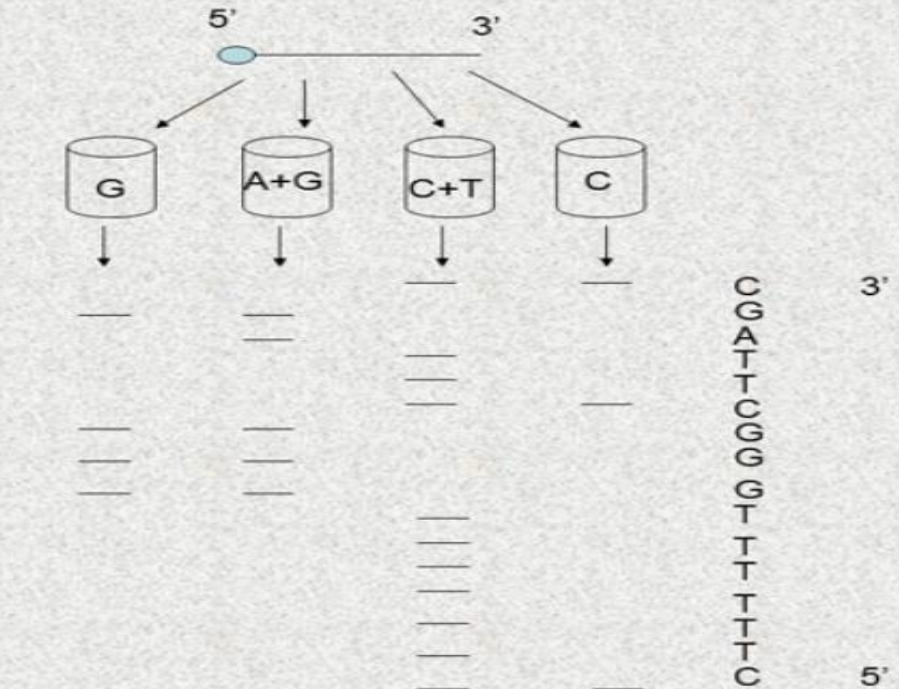
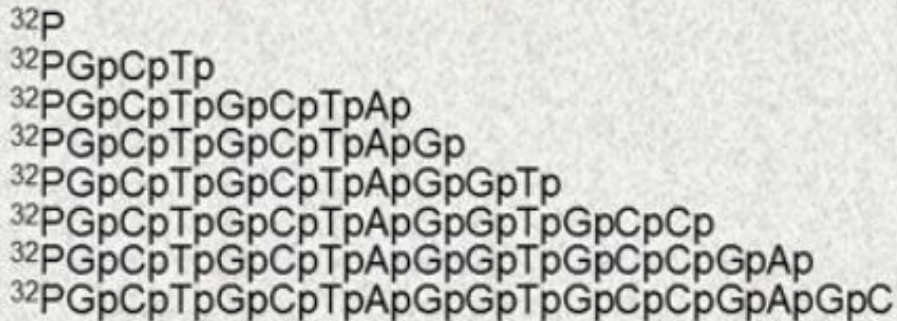
Cytosine – Hydrazine in 2M NaCl followed by perperidine



Sequenced Chain



Cleaved Fragments



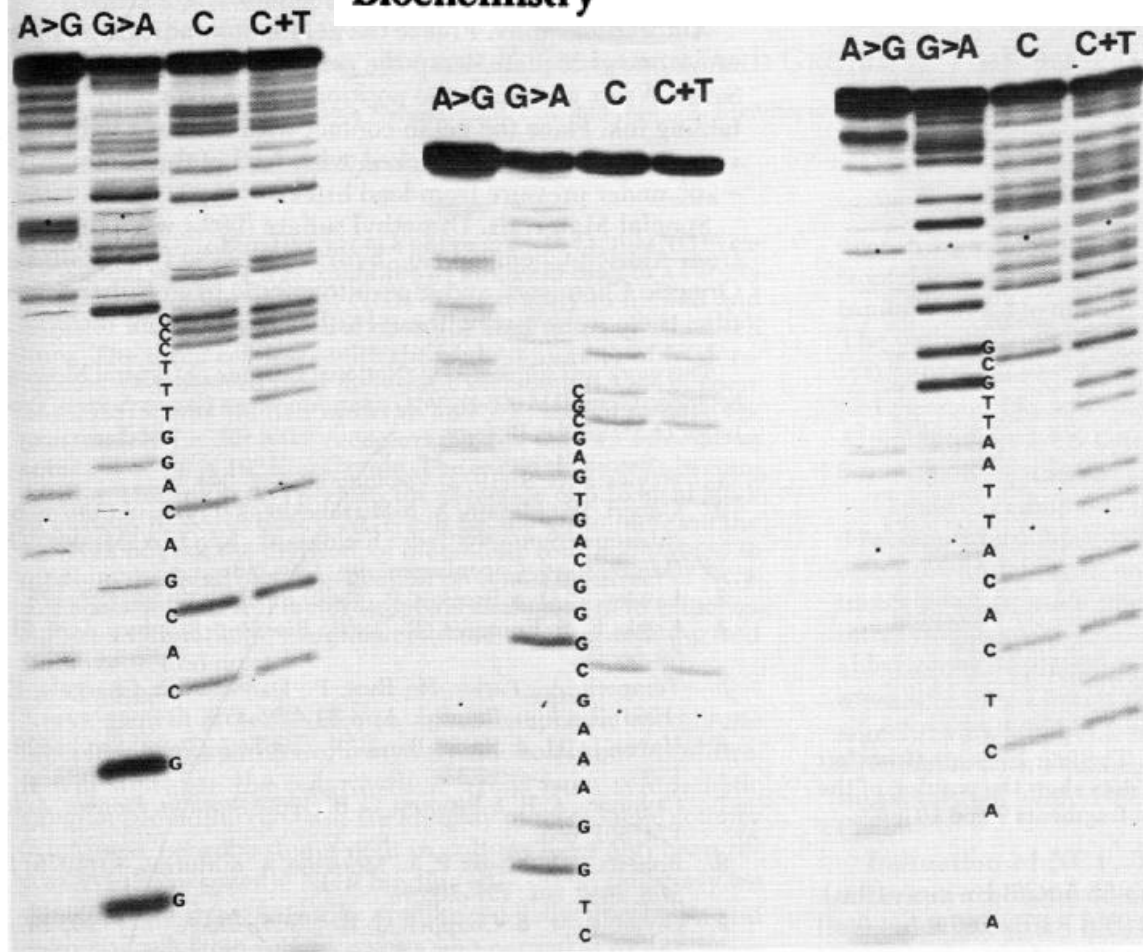
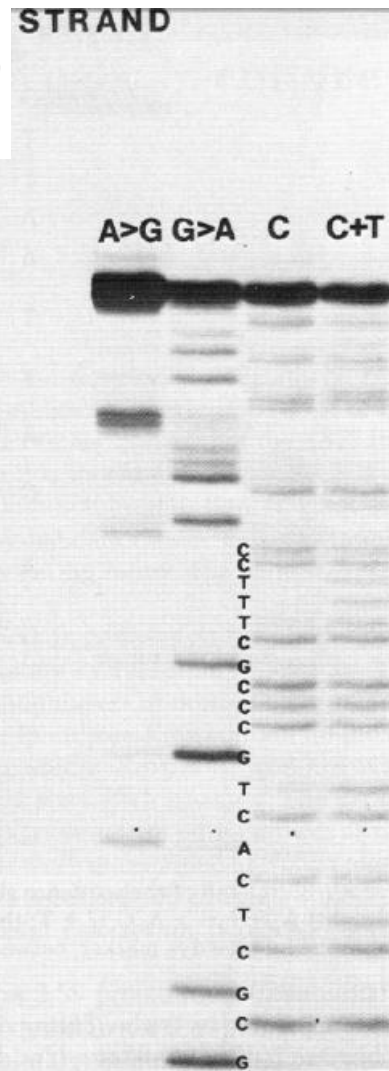


FIG. 2. Autoradiograph of a sequencing gel of the complementary strands of a 64-base-pair DNA fragment. Two panels, each with four reactions, are shown for each strand; cleavages proximal to the 5' end are at the bottom on the left. A strong band in the first column with a weaker band in the second arises from an A; a strong band in the second column with a weaker band in the first is a G; a band appearing in both the third and fourth columns is a C; and a band only in the fourth column is a T. To derive the sequence of each strand, begin at the bottom of the left panel and read upward until the bands are not resolved; then, pick up the pattern at the bottom of the right panel and continue upward. One-tenth of each strand, isolated from the gel of Fig. 1, was used for each of the base-modification reactions. The dimethyl sulfate treatment was 50 mM for 30 min to react with A and G; hydrazine treatment was 18 M for 30 min to react with C and T and 18 M with 2 M NaCl for 40 min to cleave C. After strand breakage, half of the products from the four reactions were layered on a 1.5 × 330 × 400 mm denaturing 20% polyacrylamide slab gel, pre-electrophoresed at 1000 V for 2 hr. Electrophoresis at 20 W (constant power), 800 V (average), and 25 mA (average) proceeded until the xylene cyanol dye had migrated halfway down the gel. Then the rest of the samples were layered and electrophoresis was continued until the new bromphenol blue dye moved halfway down. Autoradiography of the gel for 8 hr produced the pattern shown.

Maxam-Gilbert DNA Sequencing

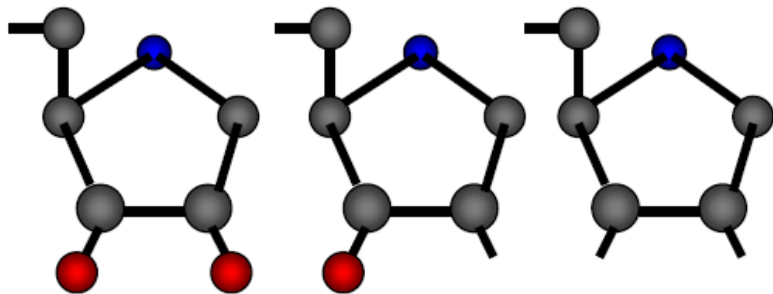
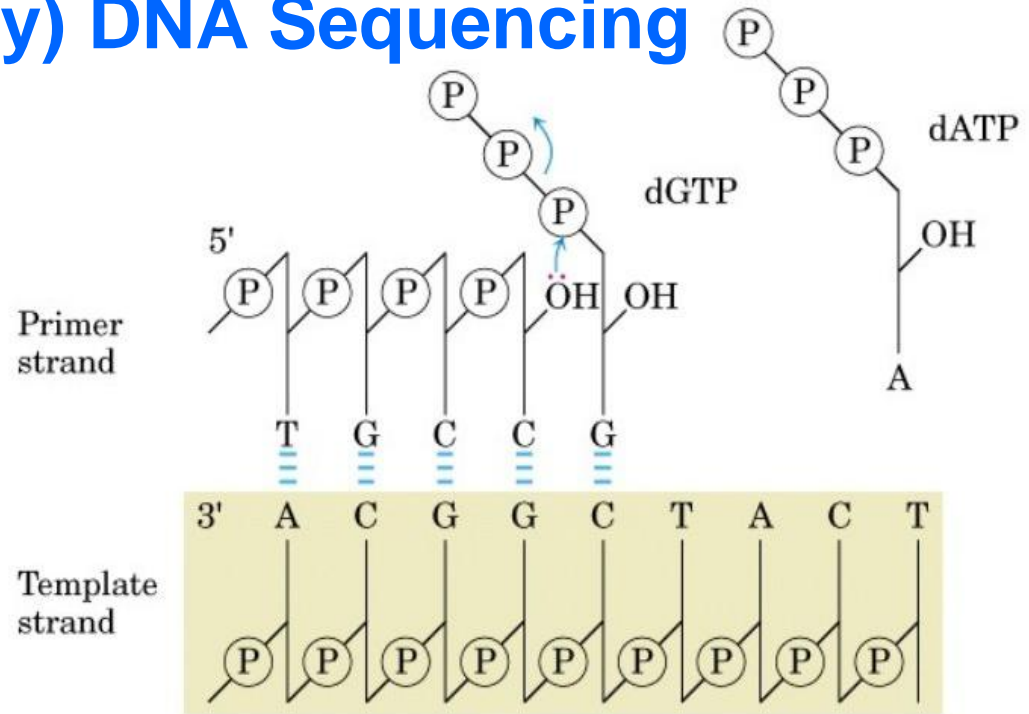
- 200-300 bases of DNA sequence every few days
- Use large amounts of radioactive material, ^{35}S or ^{32}P
- Constantly pouring large, paper thin acrylamide gels
- **Hydrazine is a neurotoxin**

Early Benefits -

*Discovery that the gene for ovalbumin in chicken and the gene encoding β -globin in rabbit contained **non-coding gaps** in the coding regions. These gaps were flanked by the same dinucleotides in the two genes; GT on the 5' end of the gaps and AG on the 3' end of the gaps. Soon, the terms **intron** and **exon** were added to the genetic lexicon to describe the coding and non-coding regions of eukaryotic genes (1977).*

Fred Sanger (dideoxy) DNA Sequencing

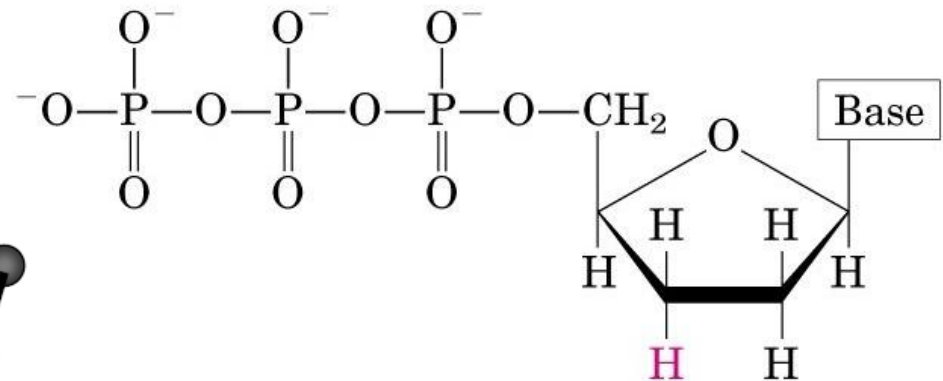
Sanger knew that, whenever a dideoxynucleotide was incorporated into a polynucleotide, the chain would irreversibly stop, or terminate. Thus, the **incorporation of specific dideoxynucleotides** in vitro would result in **selective chain termination**.



Ribose

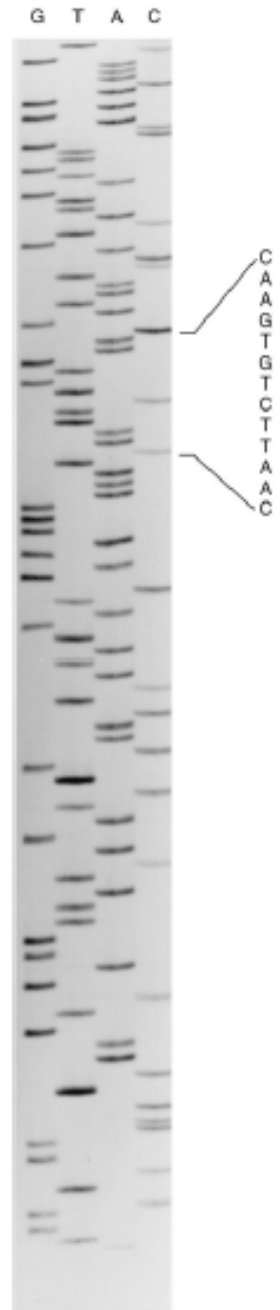
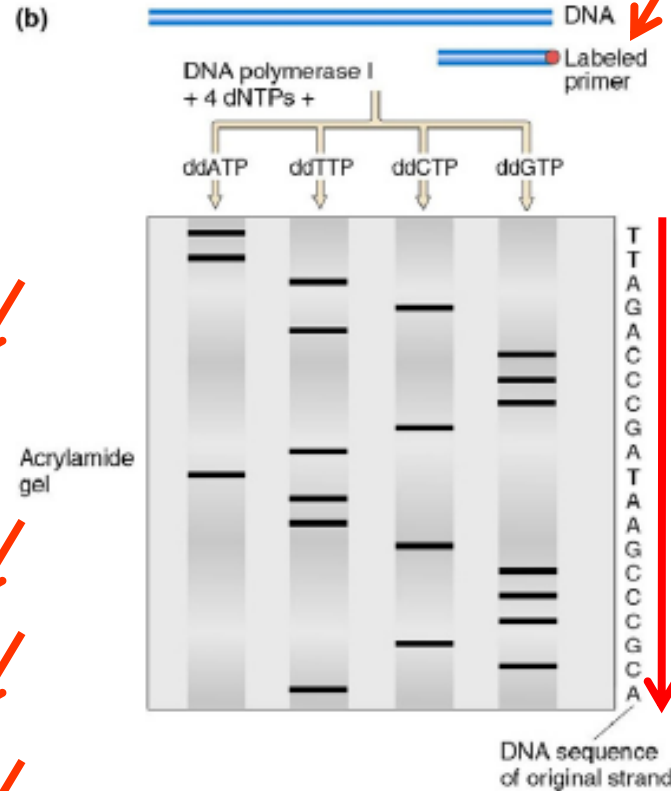
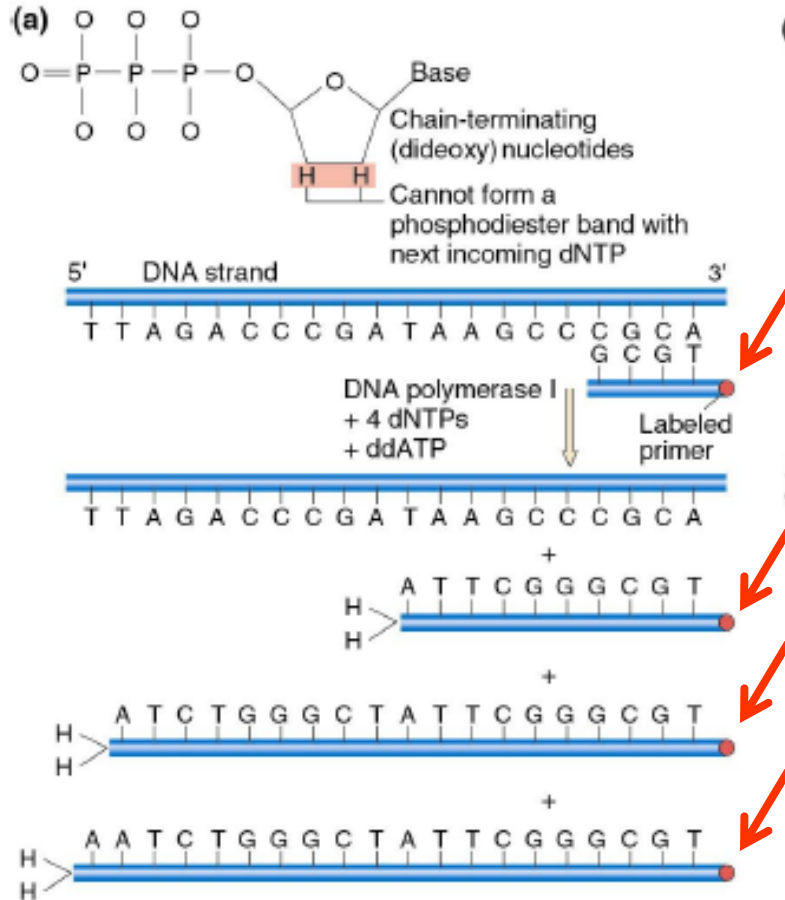
Deoxyribose

Dideoxyribose



ddNTP analog

Sanger (dideoxy) DNA Sequencing



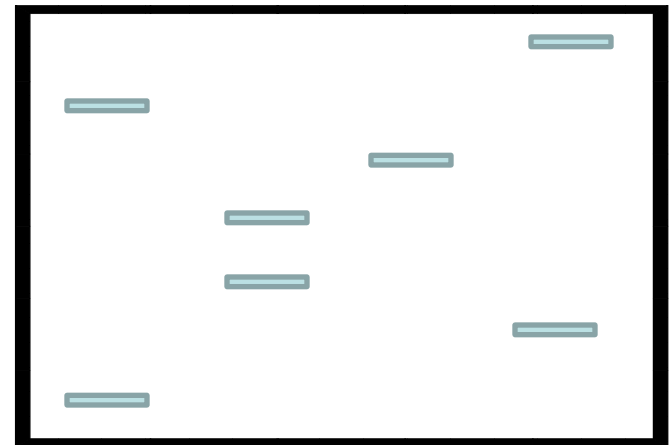
Consider the following nucleic acid sequencing gel experiment using the Sanger dideoxy sequencing method:

What is the expected sequence (5' → 3') of the **original** DNA sample assuming the primer was labeled with a 5'-prime fluorescent label?

[DNA polymerase I + 4 dNTPs + ddATP ddTTP ddCTP ddGTP]
A T C G

iClicker Question #2:

- A) GACTTGA
- B) CTGAACT
- C) AGTTCGA
- D) TCAAGTC
- E) None of the above



Advantages of dideoxy DNA Sequencing

- **Elimination of dangerous chemicals (hydrazine)**
- **Greater efficiency**

Taq polymerase makes DNA strands off of a template at rate of about 500 bases per minute

Chemical synthesis of a 25-mer oligonucleotide takes more than two hours.

→ **High Throughput Methods (Human Genome Project)**

Automated Fluorescence Sequencing

In **1986**, Leroy Hood and colleagues reported on a DNA sequencing method in which the **radioactive labels, autoradiography, and manual base calling** were all replaced by **fluorescent labels, laser induced fluorescence detection, and computerized base calling**.

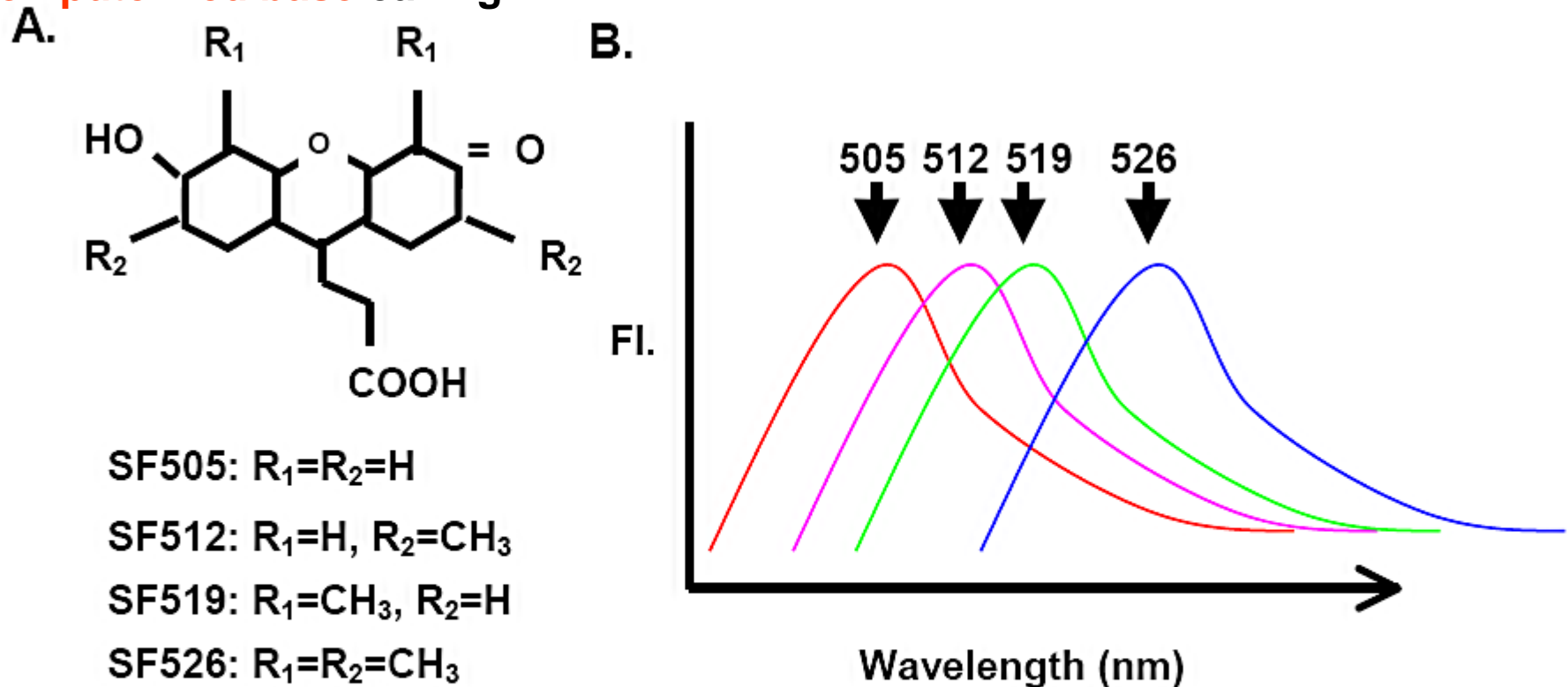
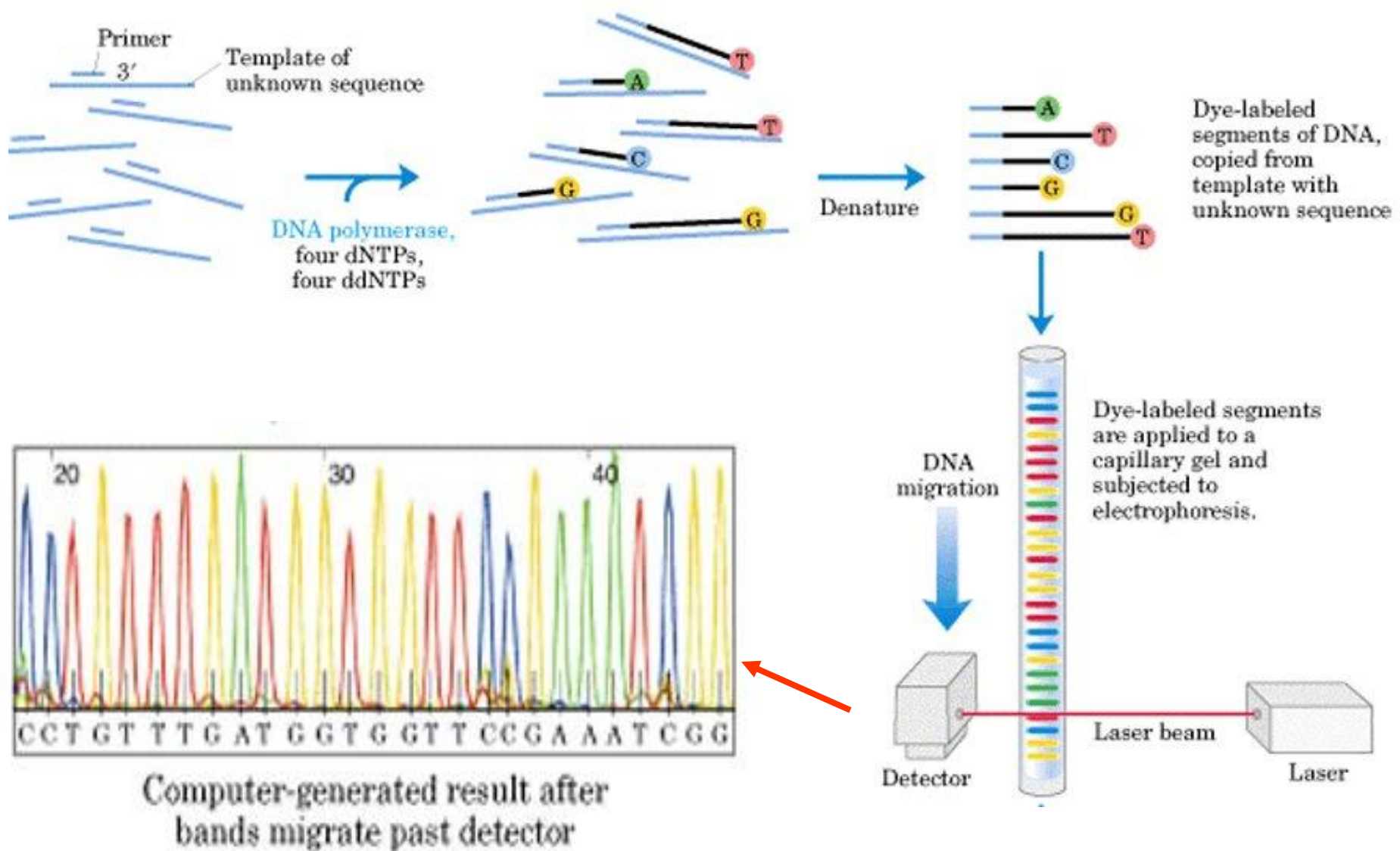


Figure 5. A. Chemical structure of the four succinylfluorescein dyes developed at DuPont. **B.** Normalized fluorescence emission spectra for each of the four dyes following excitation at 488nm. Shifts in the spectra were achieved by changing the side groups R₁ and R₂.

Automated DNA sequencing



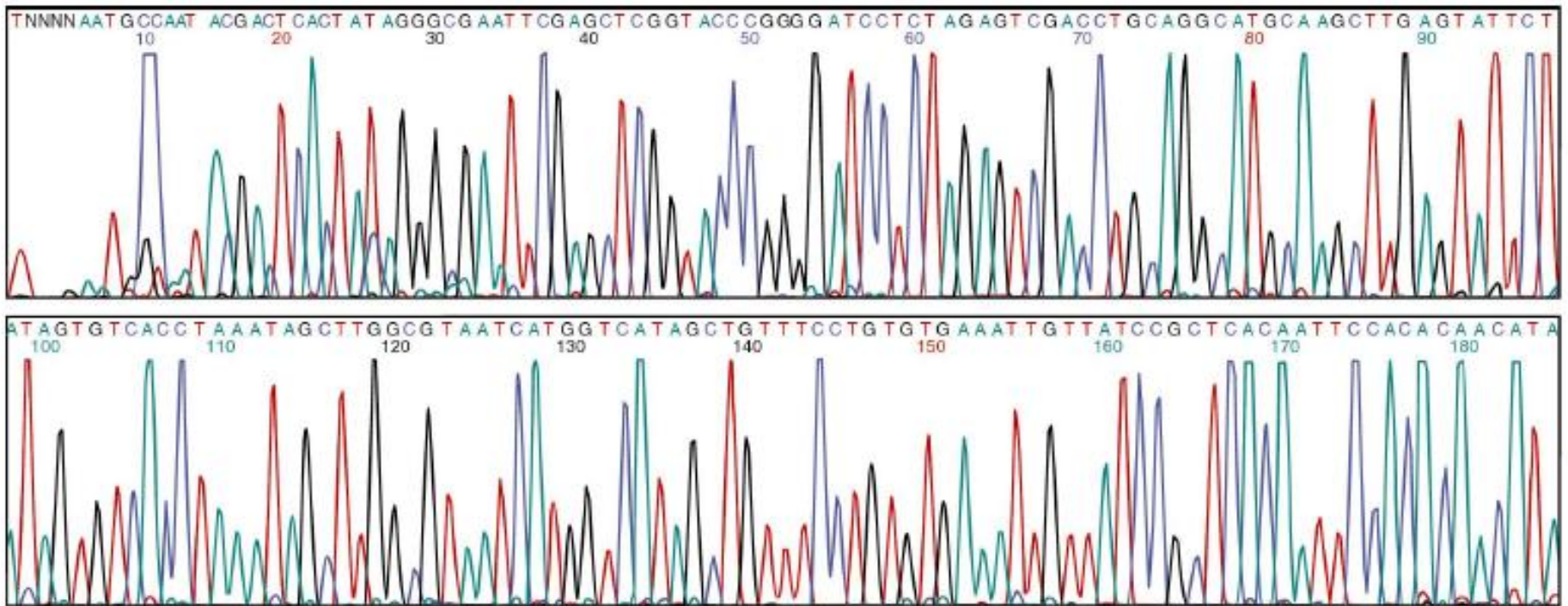
Automated dye-terminator sequencing

4-fluorescently labelled dideoxy dye terminators

ddATP
ddGTP
ddCTP
ddTTP

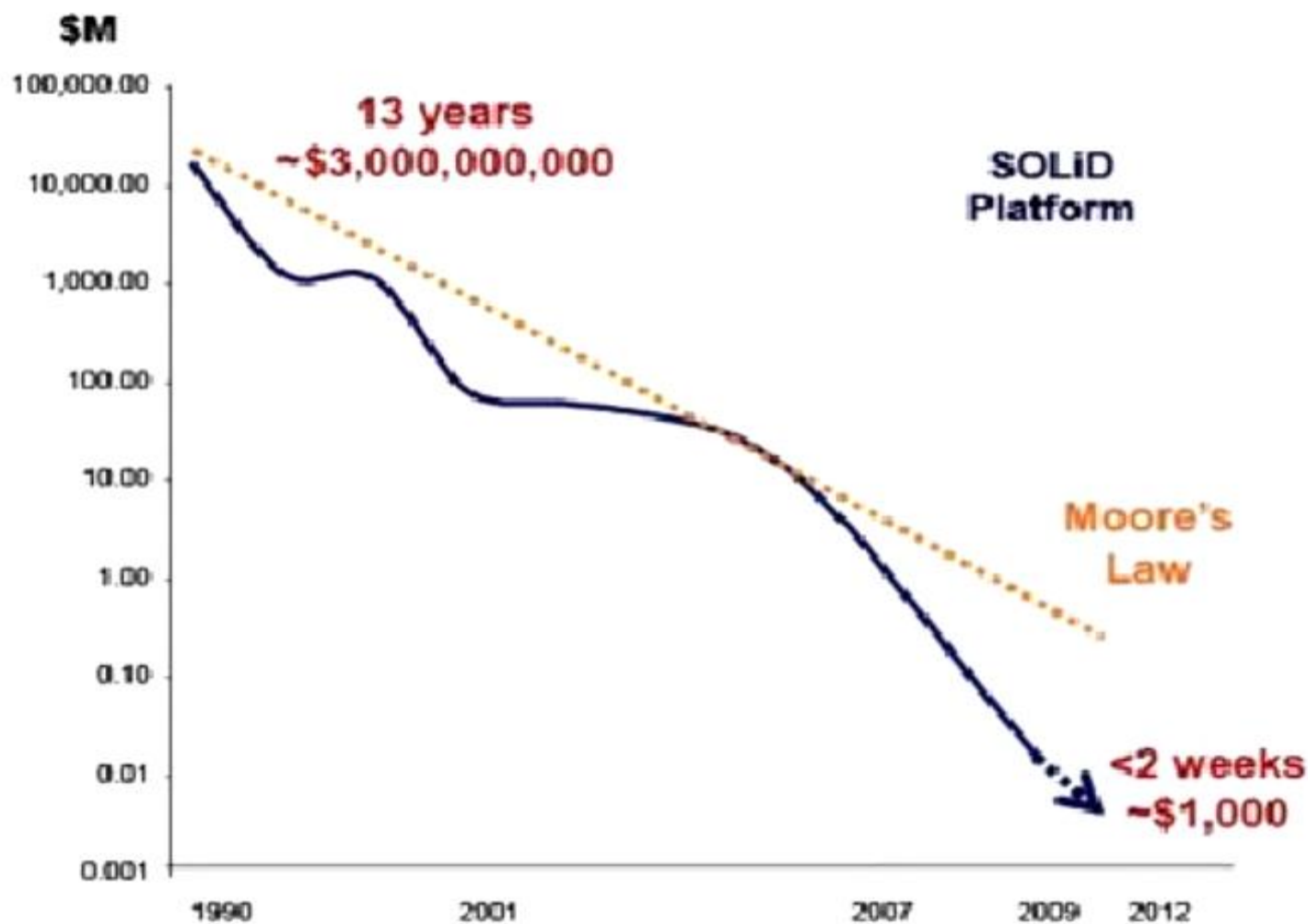
pool and load in a single well or capillary

- scan with laser + detector specific for each dye
- automated base calling
- very long reads (~ 1000 bases)/run







[DNA dideoxysequencing animation](#)

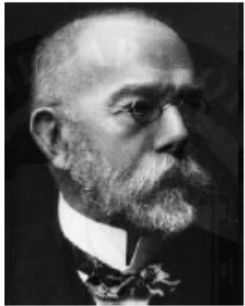
Cost per Human Genome



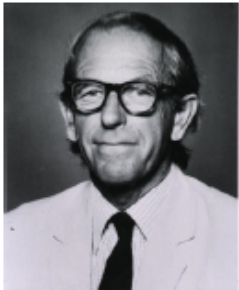
Next-Generation Sequencers

		Read Length	Gb/run	Technology
	GA _{IIx}	2 x 100+ bp	20+ Gb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge amplification • Reversible terminators
	GS FLX Titanium	1 x 400-600bp 2 x 140-200bp	0.4-0.6 Gb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emulsion PCR amplification • Homopolymers detected by an increase in signal proportional to length
	SOLiD 3	2 x 50bp	20+ Gb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emulsion PCR amplification • Ligation-based sequencing • Alignment in color space
	Single Molecule Sequencer	2 x 25-55bp	21-28 Gb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No amplification • Single molecule sequencing

Sanger sequencing



Robert Koch



Frederick Sanger



Leroy Hood

Clonal population

Chemistry

Automation

NextGen sequencing

'Bridging' PCR

Emulsion PCR

Dye terminator

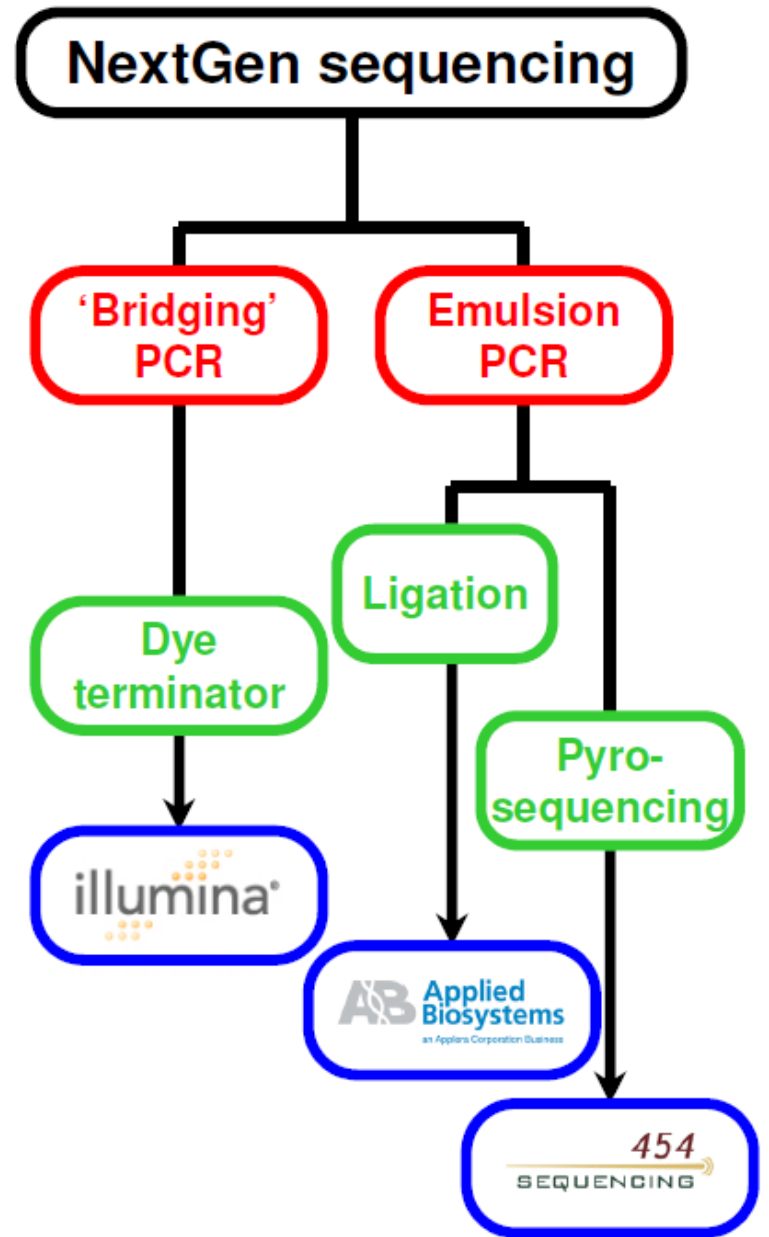
Ligation

Pyro-sequencing

illumina

AB Applied Biosystems
an Applied Biosystems Business

454
SEQUENCING



Next Generation Sequencing

Sanger Sequencing

Sequencing Platforms



Illumina* GAIIX and HiSeq* 2000

The Illumina GAIIX and HiSeq 2000 platforms utilize reversible terminator-based sequencing by synthesis chemistry to deliver the highest sequencing output and fastest data generation rate of the next generation technologies. Ideal for whole genome re-sequencing, targeted resequencing, de novo sequencing and transcriptome sequencing.



Roche* 454* GS FLX* Titanium

The Roche 454 GS FLX utilizes massively parallel pyrosequencing of bead bound templates and chemiluminescent base calling to yield long read lengths. Ideal for de novo sequencing, metagenomics and transcriptome sequencing.



ABI* 3730XL

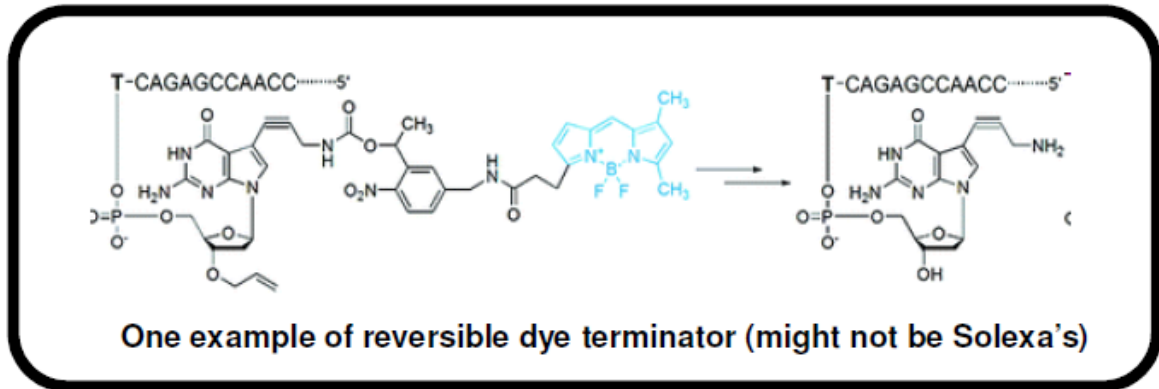
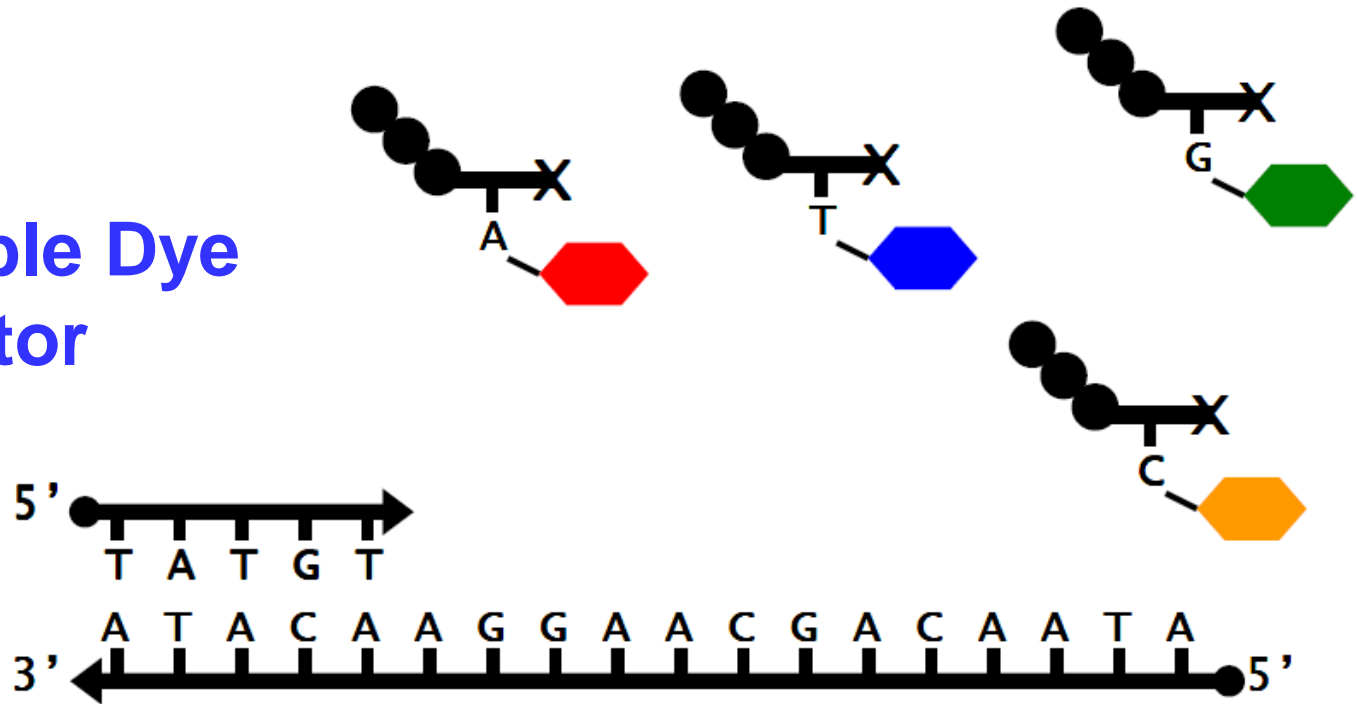
The ABI 3730XL Sanger sequencing platform utilizes capillary electrophoresis to generate sequences with read lengths up to 1200 bp and pass rates over 90%. Ideal for single sample sequencing, primer walking, shotgun sequencing and SNP detection.





Illumina/Solexa method: Sequencing by synthesis

Reversible Dye Terminator



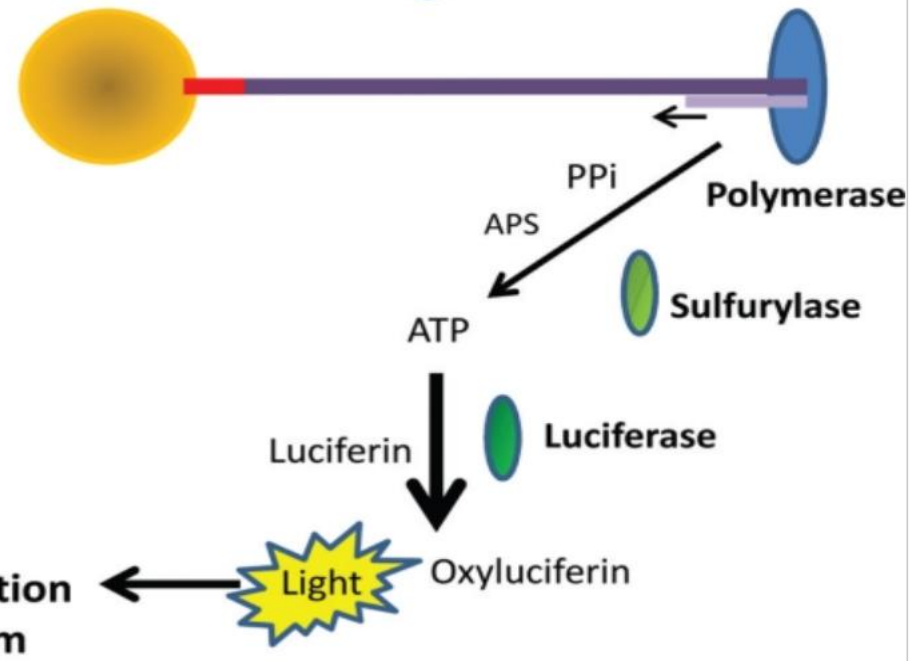
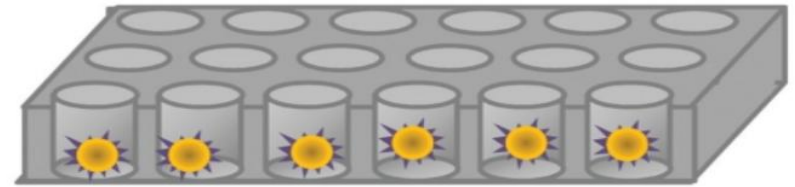
Preparation of DNA fragments



Emulsion PCR



Pyrosequencing

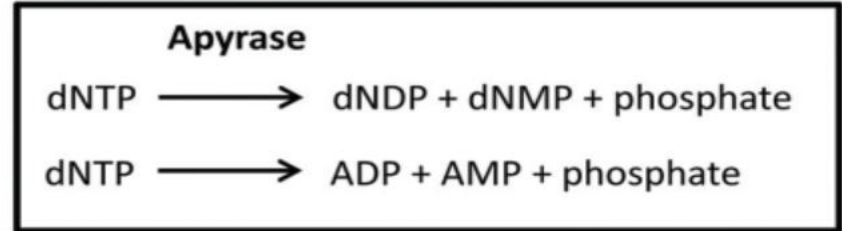


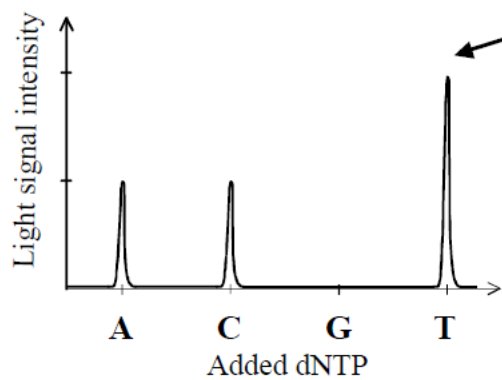
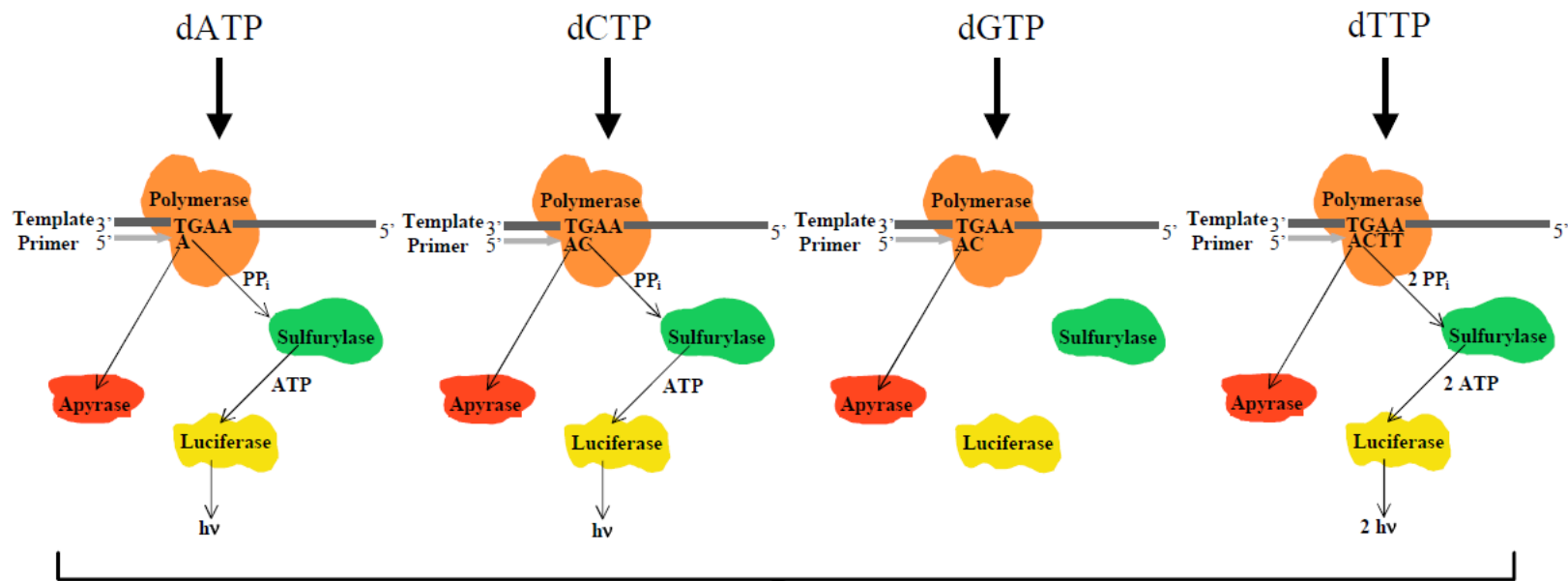
454 pyrosequencing

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Pyrosequencing as a tool for better understanding of human microbiomes





Pyrogram

ACTT

Sequence of synthesised DNA

TGAA

Sequence of template DNA

NCBI Home

Resource List (A-Z)

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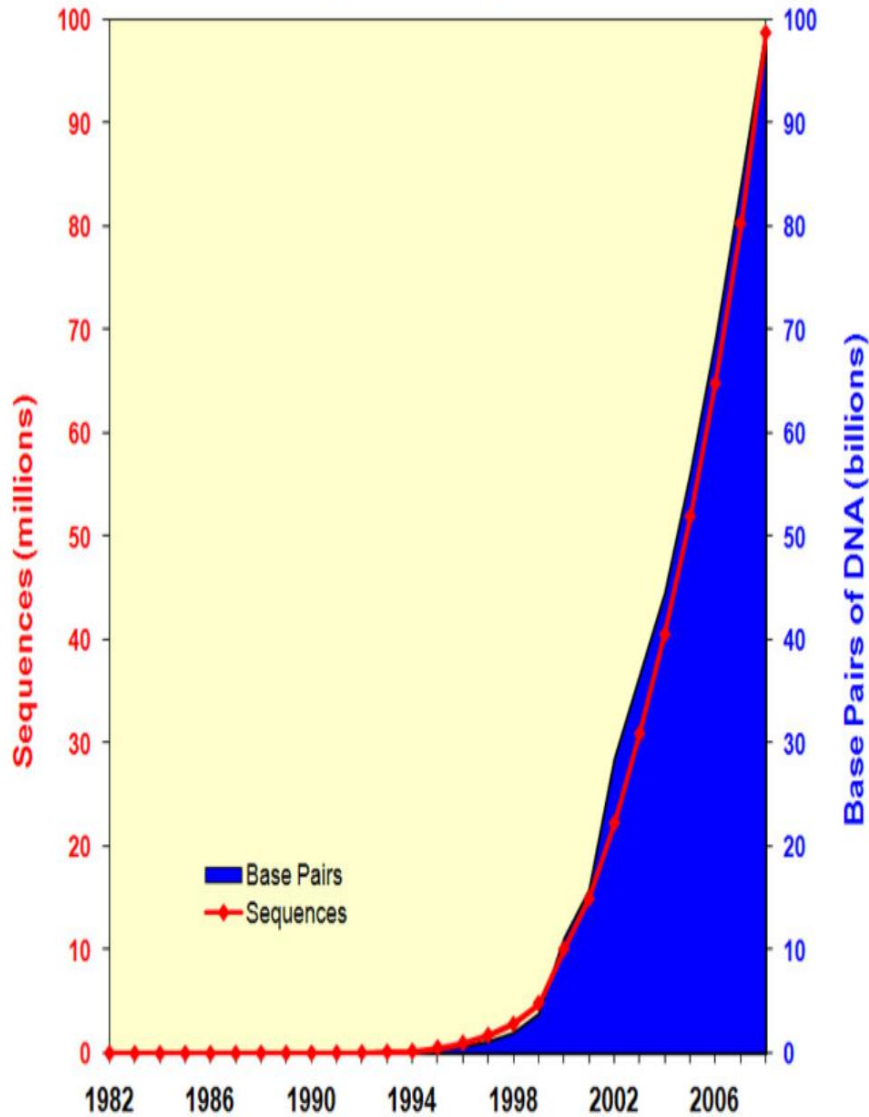
Genetic Testing Registry

A portal to clinical genetics resources with detailed information about genetic tests and laboratories.

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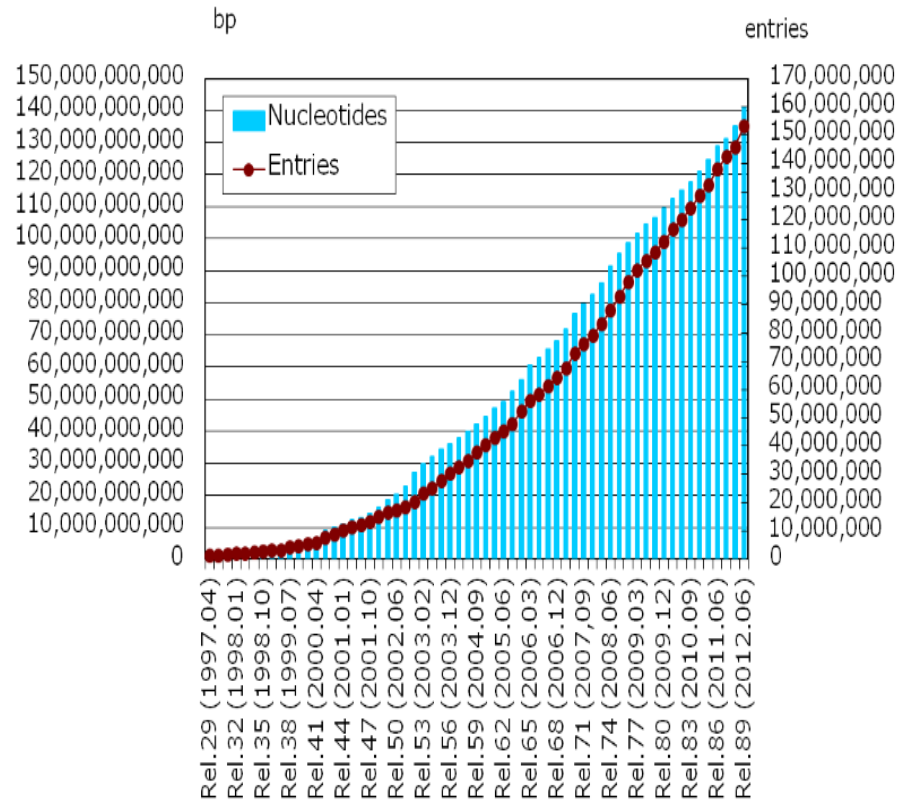
Growth of GenBank (1982 - 2008)



DDBJ Release Note

* Note : CON and TPA divisions are not counted in the following Release statistic.

DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank database growth



Note: CON division is not counted in statistics of DDBJ

Nucleic Acids: Methods

(CSI / Law and Order / Forensic Files / House / Crossing Jordan / Quincy, M.E.)

Topics:

1. PCR – Polymerase Chain Reaction
2. Human Genome Project / Genomics
3. Use of DNA Microarrays



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1993

"for contributions to the developments of methods within DNA-based chemistry"

"for his invention of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) method"

"for his fundamental contributions to the establishment of oligonucleotide-based, site-directed mutagenesis and its development for protein studies"



Kary B. Mullis

🏆 1/2 of the prize

USA

La Jolla, CA, USA

b. 1944



Michael Smith

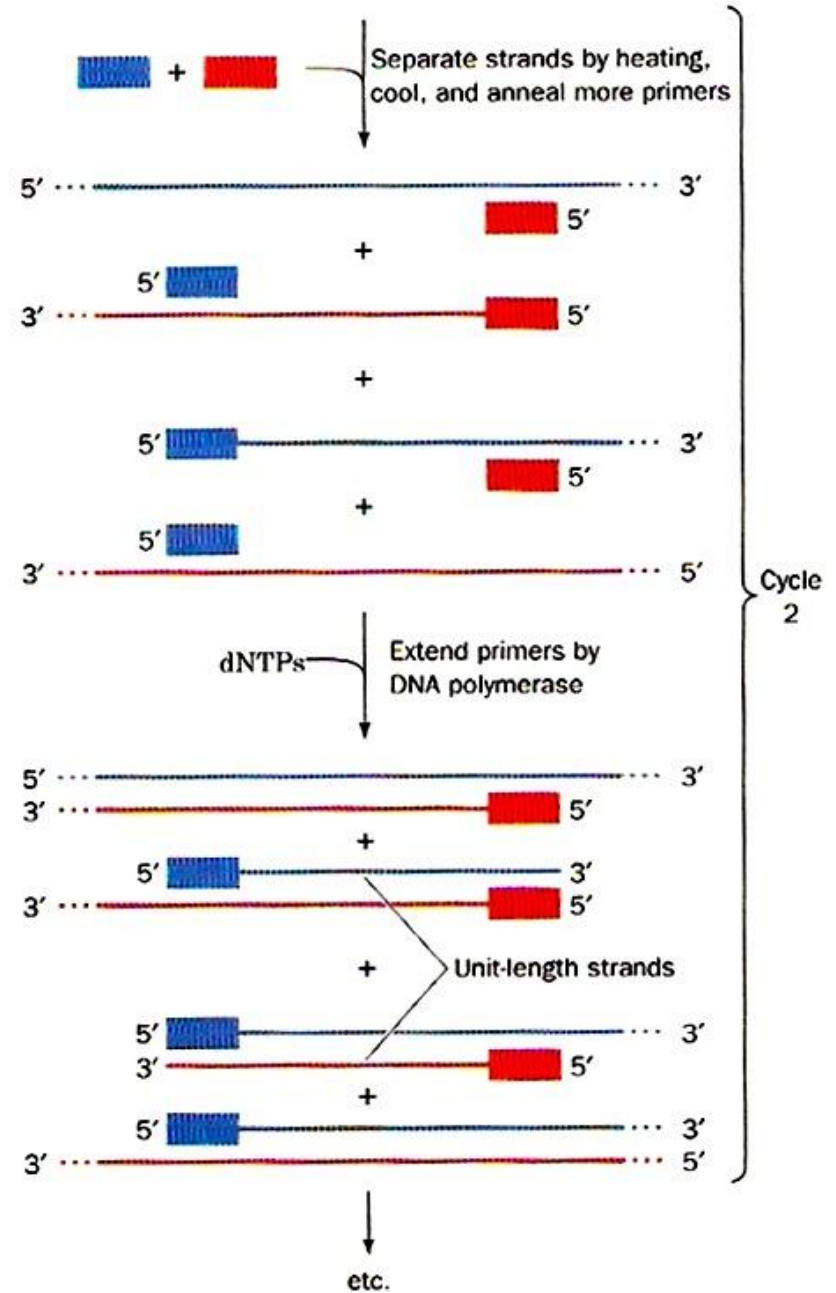
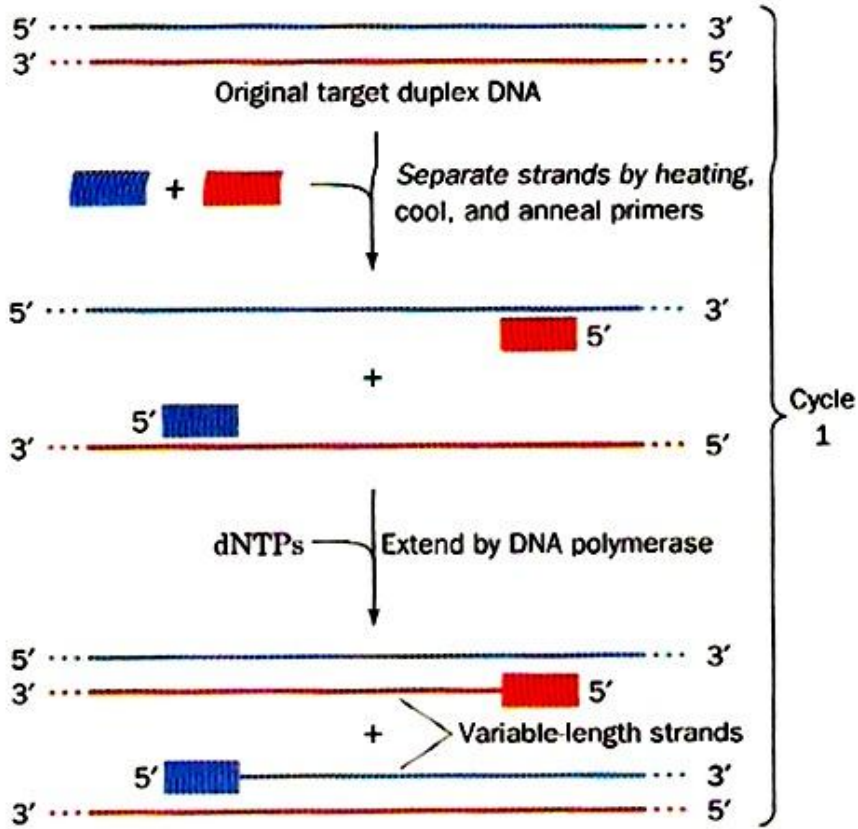
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Canada

University of British
Columbia
Vancouver, Canada

b. 1932
(in Blackpool, United
Kingdom)
d. 2000

PCR – Kary Mullis (1983)



Polymerase Chain Reaction: Amplification Graph



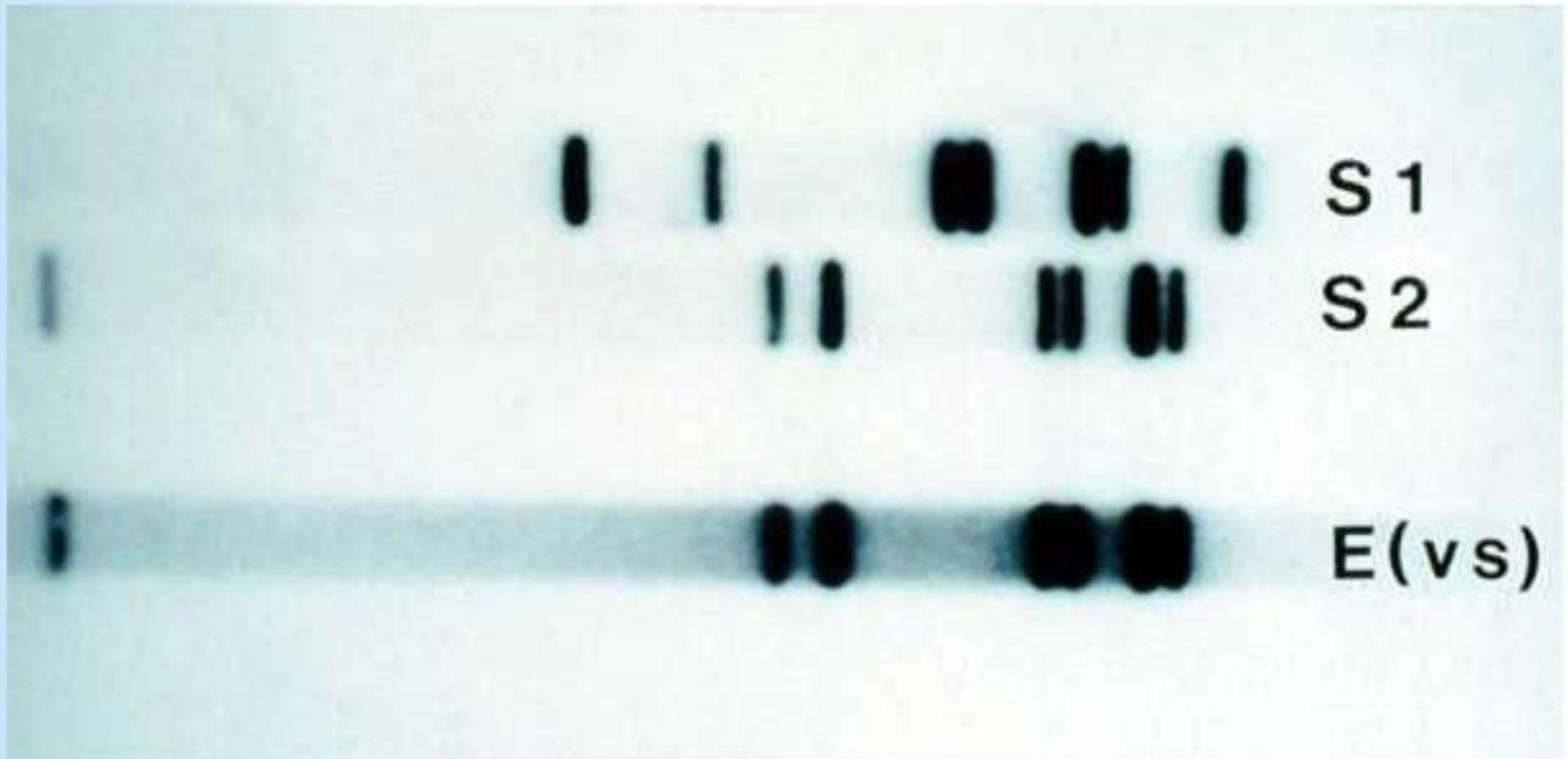
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FINAL GRAPH

NEXT CYCLE

Sir Alec Jeffreys - 1984

DNA Fingerprinting



DNA fingerprinting can help investigators identify the suspect in a crime. The horizontal pattern of lines represents a person's genetic makeup. In the sample shown, suspect S2 matches the evidence, blood sample E(vs).

Human Genome Project

Begun formally in 1990, the U.S. Human Genome Project was a 13-year effort coordinated by the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Institutes of Health. The project originally was planned to last 15 years, but rapid technological advances accelerated the completion date to 2003.

Project goals:

- *identify* all the approximately 20,000-30,000 genes in human DNA,
- *determine* the sequences of ~3 billion chemical base pairs of human DNA,
- *store* this information in databases,
- *improve* tools for data analysis,
- *transfer* related technologies to the private sector, and
- *address* the ethical, legal, and social issues (ELSI) from the project.
- *sequence 500 Mb/year at < \$0.25 per finished base*
(Sequenced >1,400 Mb/year at <\$0.09 per finished base)
- *complete genome sequences of E. coli, S. cerevisiae, C. elegans, D. melanogaster*
- *develop genomic-scale technologies (oligo syn, DNA microarrays, 2-hybrid sys)*

HGP Hero - Jim Kent (research scientist at UC Santa Cruz)

The human genome project was ultimately a race between **Celera Genomics** and the **public** effort, with the final push being a bioinformatics problem to put all of the sequence reads together into a draft genome sequence. **Jim Kent was a grad student at UCSC**, who worked for weeks developing the algorithm and the program **GigAssembler** to put all of this together on **June 22, 2000**, **beating Celera by 3 days** (**June 25, 2000**) to an assembled human genome sequence.

His efforts ensured that the human genome data remained in the public domain and were not patented into private intellectual property.

Kent built a grid of cheap (~50), commodity PC's running the Linux operating system and other Freeware to beat Celera's, what was thought of then as the, world's most powerful civilian computer. In **June 2000**, thanks to the work done by Kent and several others, the **Human Genome Project** was able to publish its data in the Public Domain just hours ahead of Celera.

About Jim Kent and Kent Informatics, Inc.



As a graduate student at the University of California Santa Cruz, Jim Kent made national headlines in June, 2000 when he performed the public project human genome assembly hours ahead of Celera, helping to keep our collective DNA out of patent disputes for years to come. Jim went on to write BLAT and the UCSC Human Genome Browser to help analyze this important data. Jim received his PhD in Biology in 2002. He is currently a research scientist at UCSC where

he helps maintain and upgrade the browser as well as other tools to help us understand the human genome.

Kent Informatics was incorporated in 2003 to manage commercial licensing of Jim's popular scientific software.

The BIG QUESTIONS:

How many genes?

Why do we have so few genes?

Species	Genome size	Number of genes
Human (<i>Homo sapiens</i>)	2.9 billion base pairs	25,000 - 30,000
Fruit fly (<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>)	120 million base pairs	13,600
Worm (<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i>)	97 million base pairs	19,000
Budding yeast (<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>)	12 million base pairs	6,000
<i>E. coli</i>	4.1 million base pairs	4,800

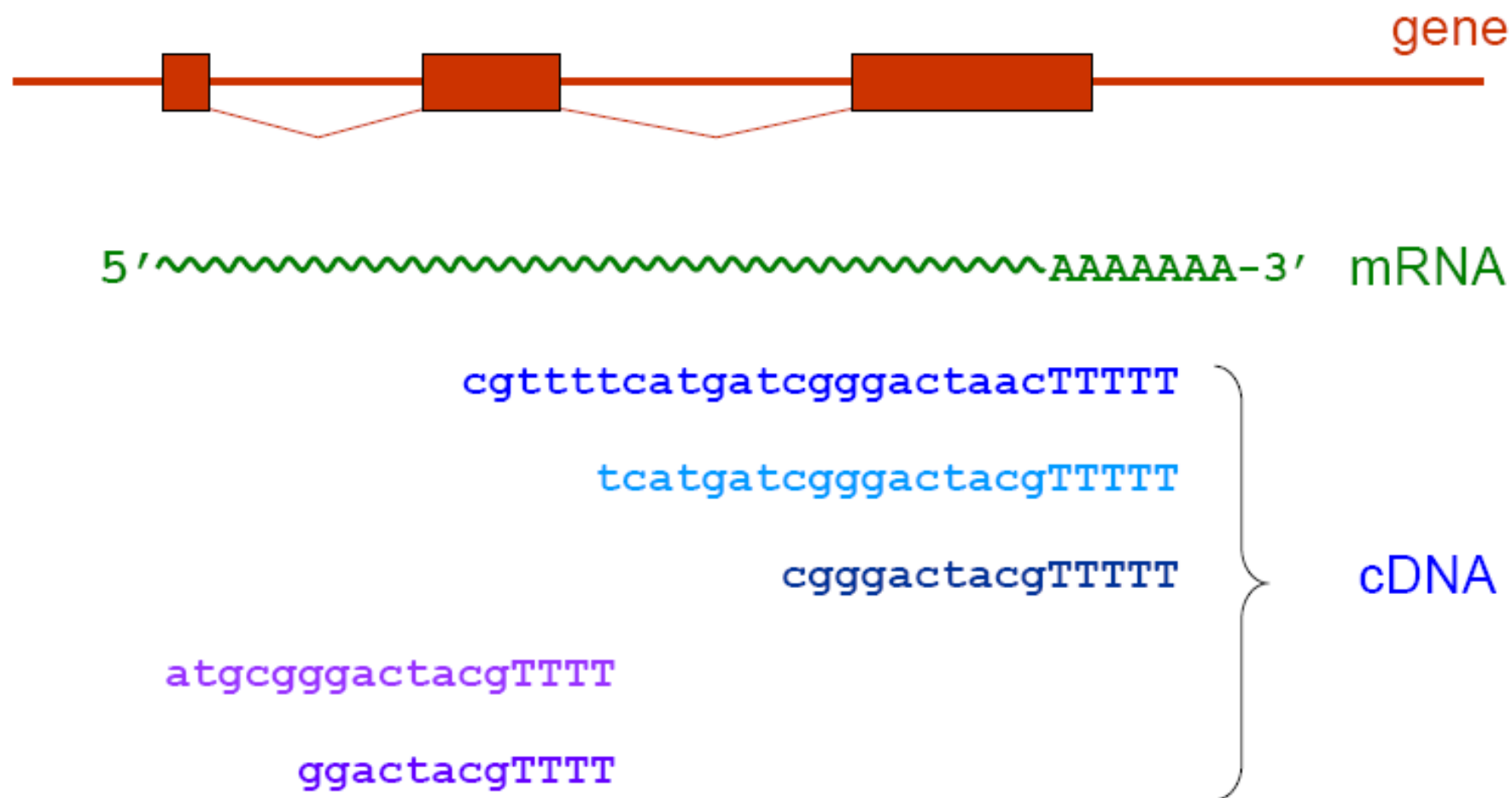
~700X (Genome size ratio from *E. coli* to Human)

~6X (Number of genes ratio from *E. coli* to Human)

Finding genes in genomes

- compare to EST or cDNA sequence
- look for open reading frames
- similarity to other genes and proteins
- Gene prediction algorithms (identifying splice sites, coding sequence bias, etc.)

Genes can also be identified by sequencing cDNAs at random. The sequenced cDNAs are called ESTs (expressed sequence tags)



Genomics vs. Proteomics

With the completion of a rough draft of the human genome in the Spring of 2003, many researchers began looking at how genes and proteins interact to form other proteins. A surprising finding of the Human Genome Project is that there are far fewer protein-coding genes in the human genome than proteins in the human proteome (**20,000 to 25,000 genes** vs. **about 1,000,000 proteins**). The human body may contain more than 2 million proteins, each having different functions. The protein diversity is thought to be due to **alternative splicing** and **post-translational modification** of proteins. The discrepancy implies that ***protein diversity cannot be fully characterized by gene expression analysis***, thus **proteomics** is needed for characterizing cells and tissues.

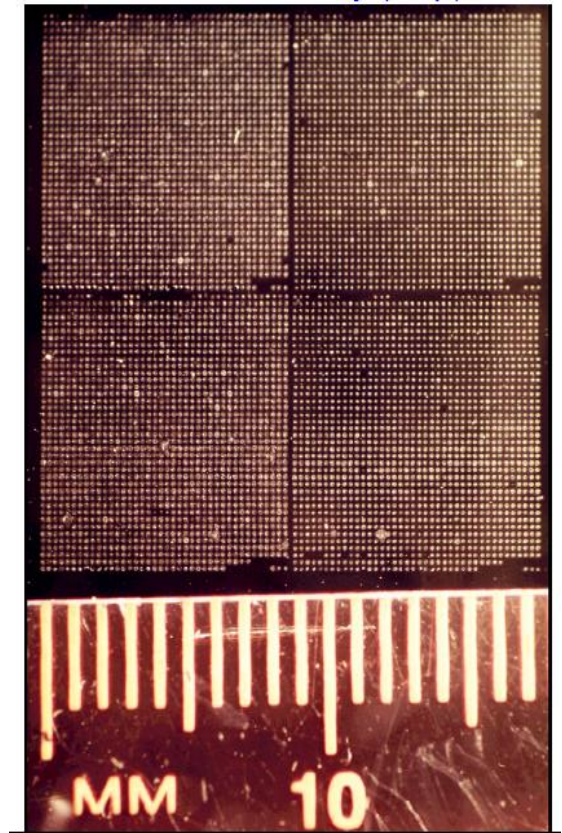
Functional genomics and proteomics

- Identify genes and proteins encoded in the genome (Gene finding)
- Measure gene expression on a genome-wide scale (microarrays)
- Identify protein function
30-50% of the genes in a genome are of unknown function
- Identify protein interactions, biochemical pathways, gene interaction networks inside cells

Methods of making microarrays

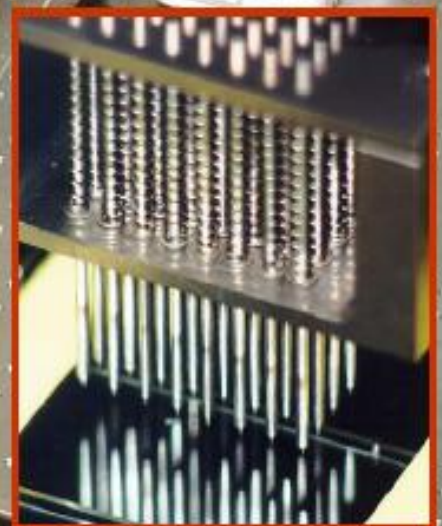
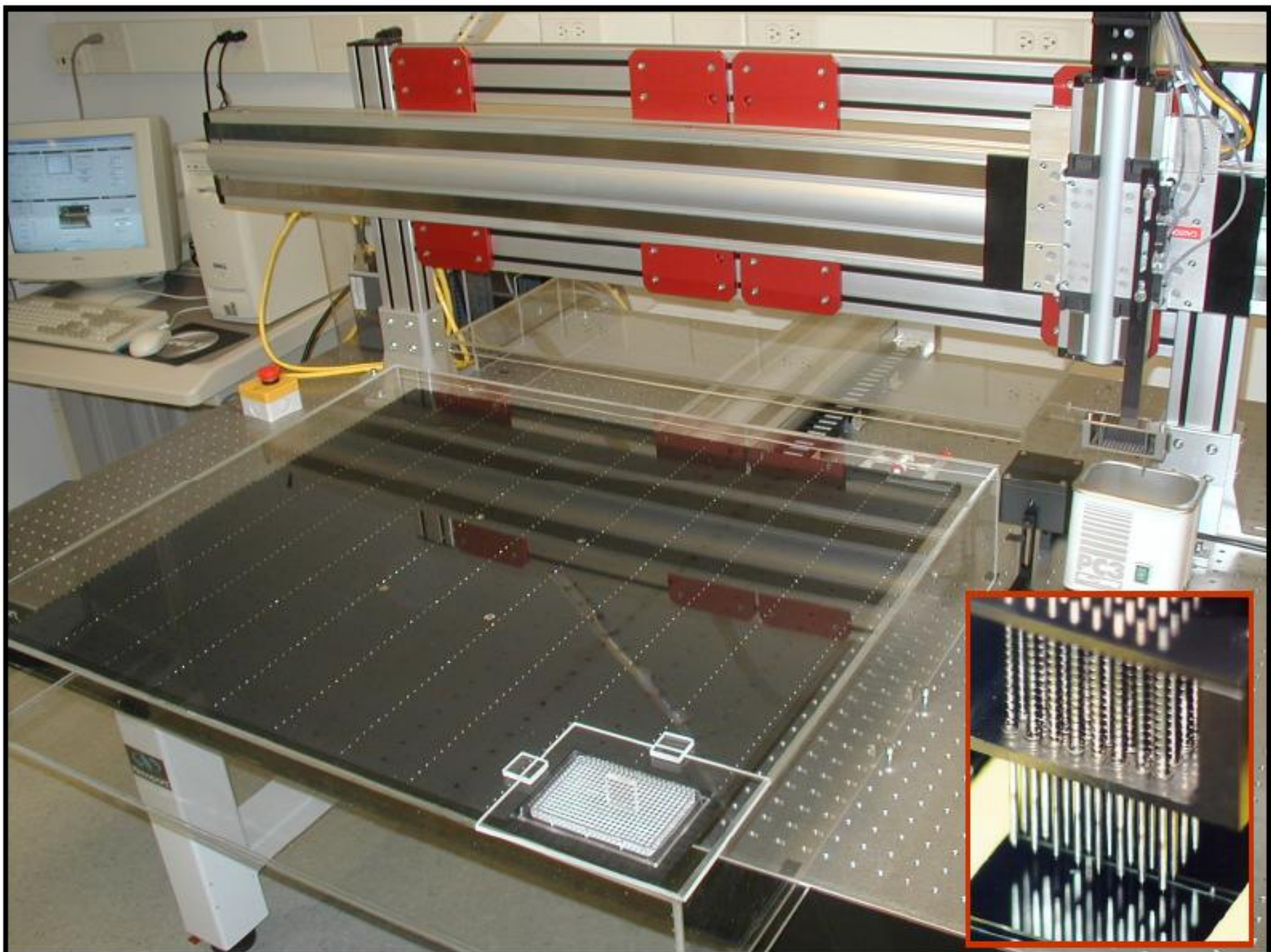
- Robotic spotting
 - using a printing tip
 - using inkjets
- Synthesis of oligonucleotides
 - photolithography (Affymetrix)
 - using inkjets
 - Digital Light Processor (DLP) or Digital Micromirror Device (DMD)

DNA microarray (chip)

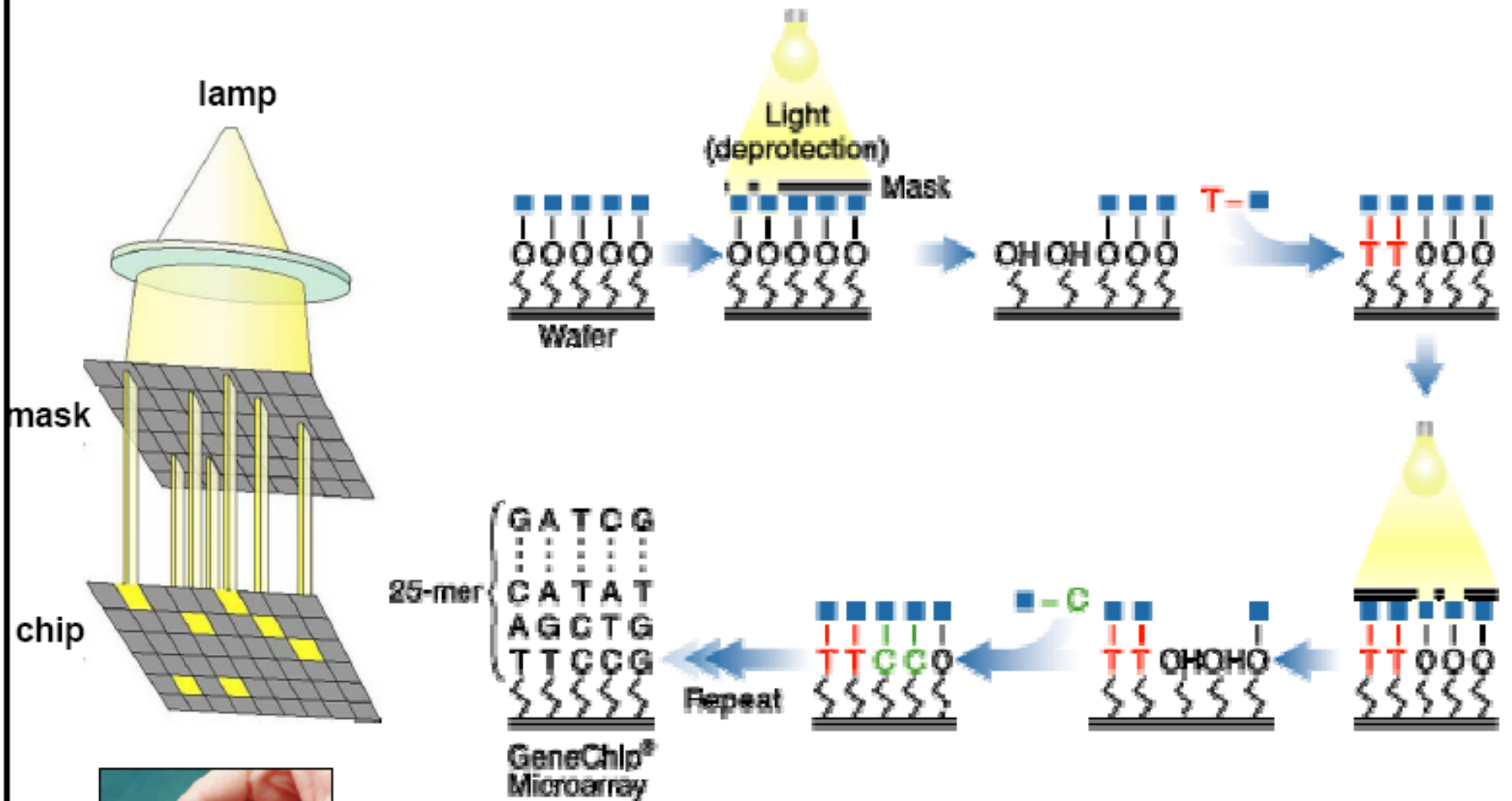


Microarrays can be used to study gene expression, DNA-protein interactions, mutations, protein-protein interactions, etc., all on a genome-wide scale

Note: Thanks to Prof. Vishy Iyer for many of these slides on microarrays.



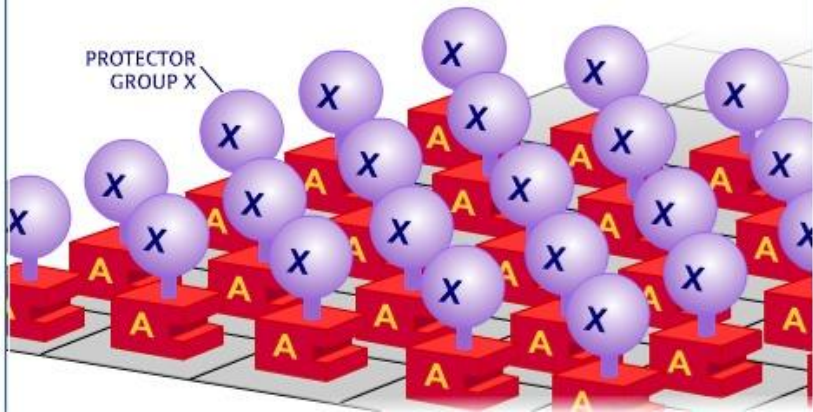
Affymetrix GeneChip



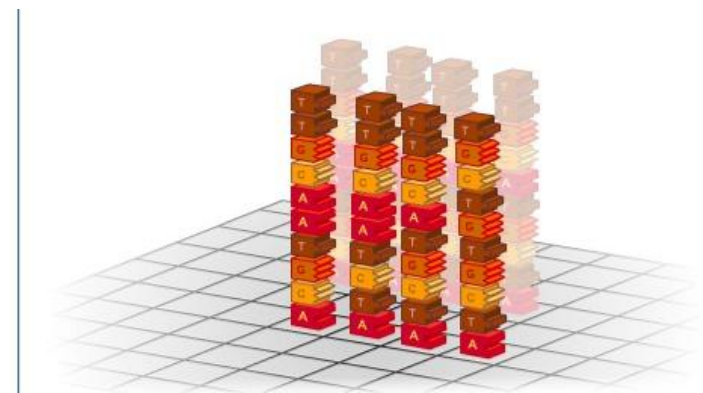
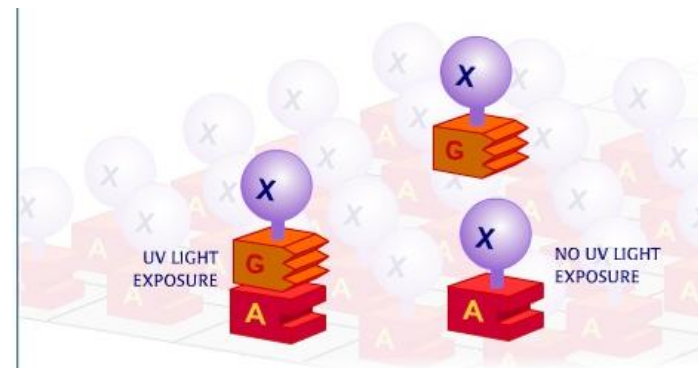
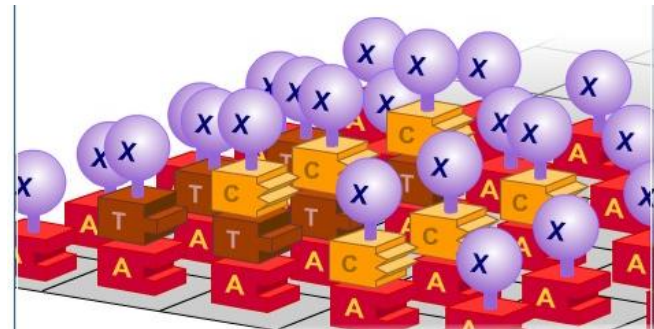
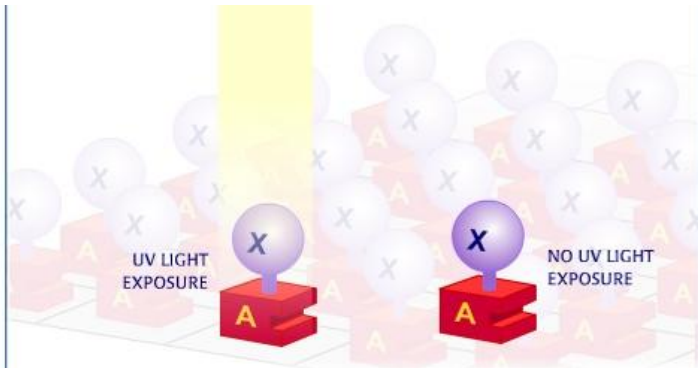
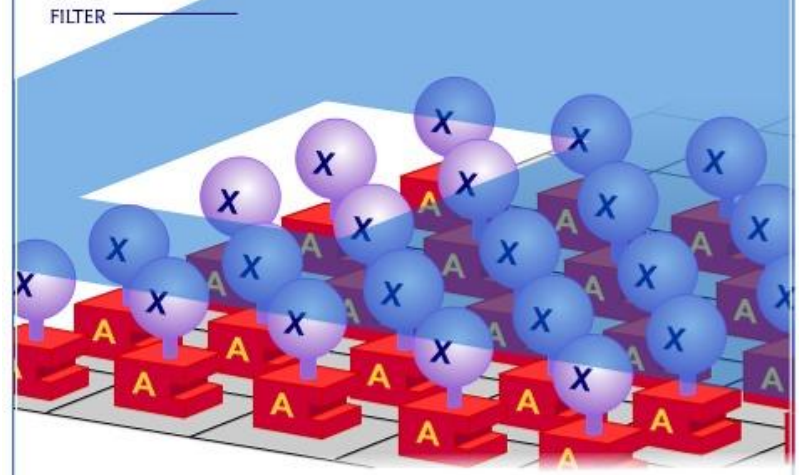
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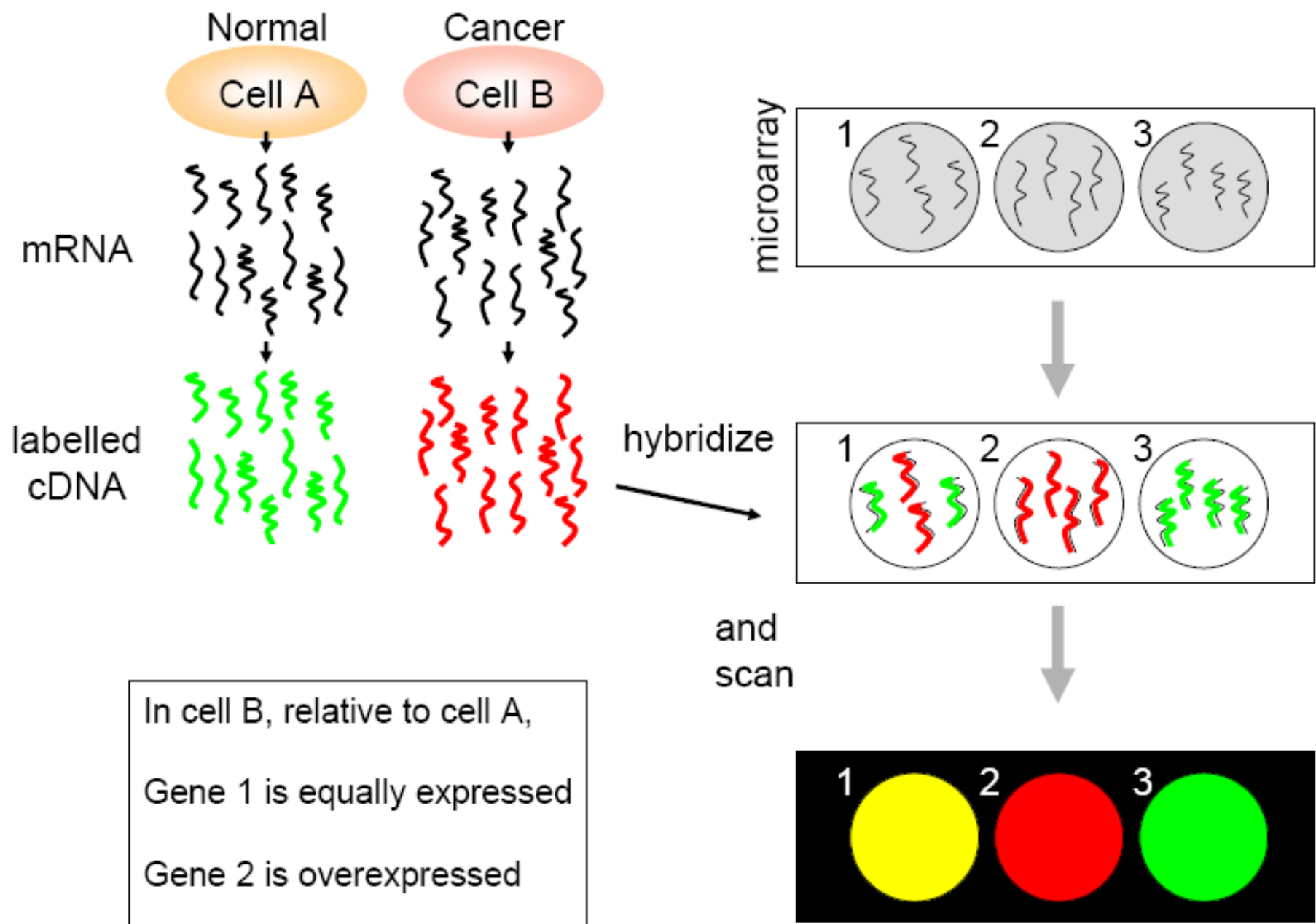
courtesy: www.affymetrix.com

The nucleotide has a protecting group (X) that blocks polymerization. This protector group is photolabile and is released on exposure to UV light. Without the protector, polymerization and chain build-up occur.



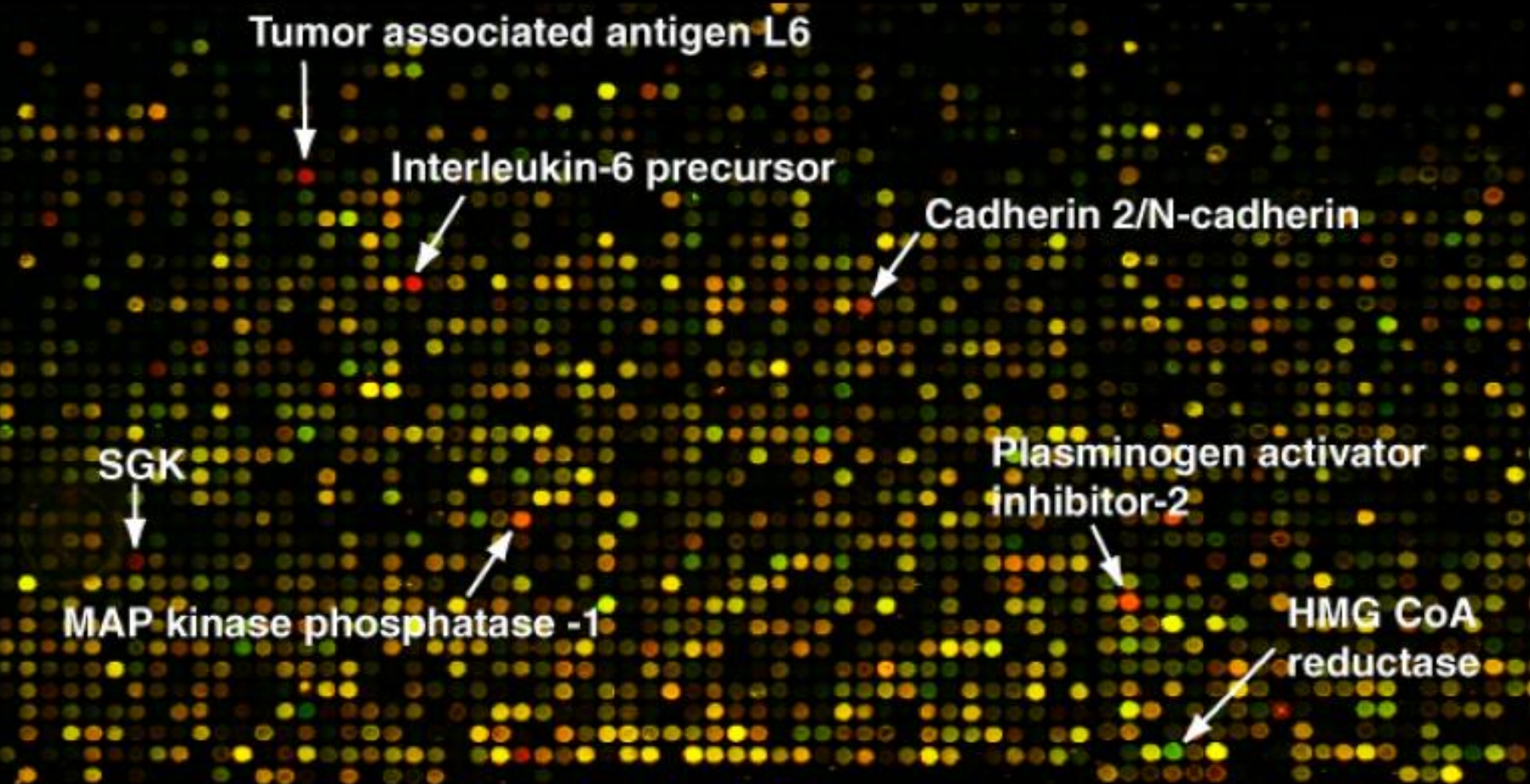
A filter is added to the chip so that only some of the nucleotides are exposed to light. These deprotected groups are then free to add the next nucleotide to the chain.

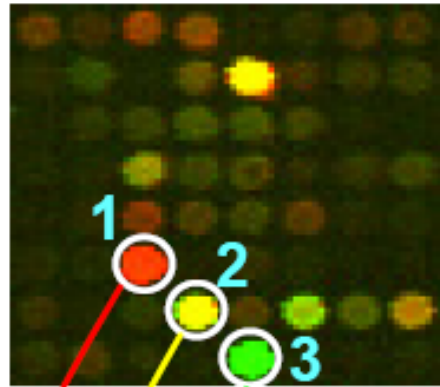




In cell B, relative to cell A,
 Gene 1 is equally expressed
 Gene 2 is overexpressed
 Gene 3 is underexpressed

DNA microarray after hybridization of fluorescent probes





Original microarray image

Green	Red	$\frac{\text{Red}}{\text{Green}}$
200	10000	50.00
4800	4800	1.00
9000	300	0.03

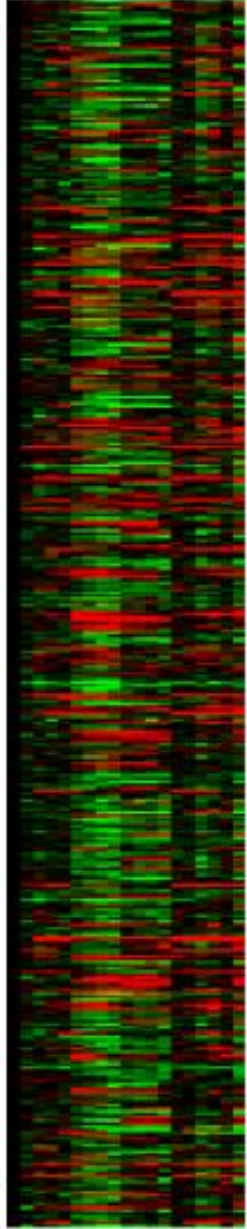
Colour representation of differential gene expression



- Gene 1
- Gene 2
- Gene 3

- Large amounts of data can be displayed in this manner
- Gene expression data can be computationally analyzed and organized to reveal patterns

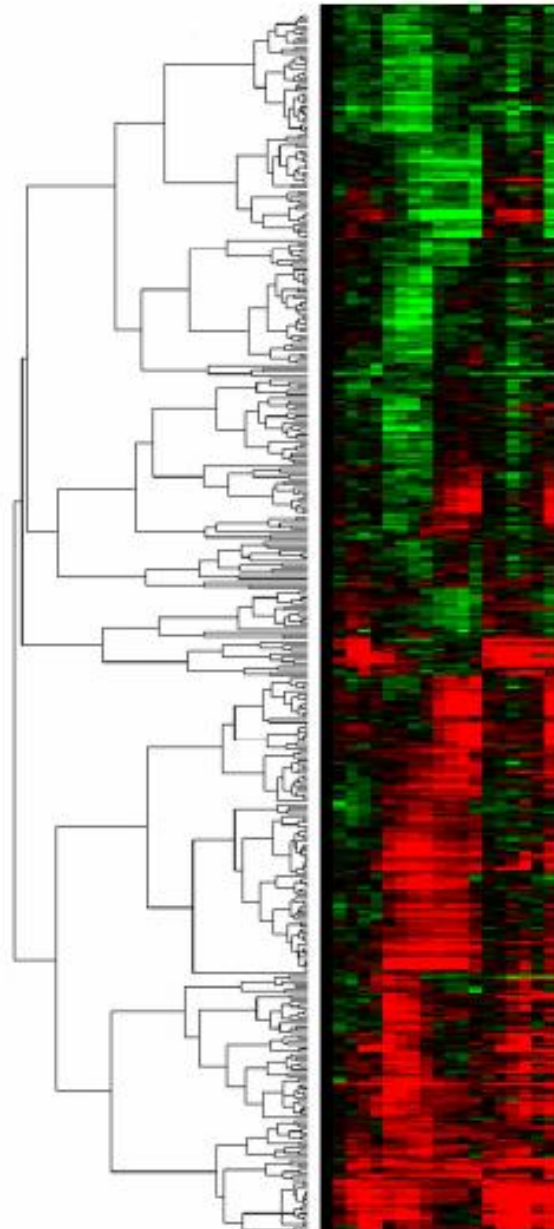
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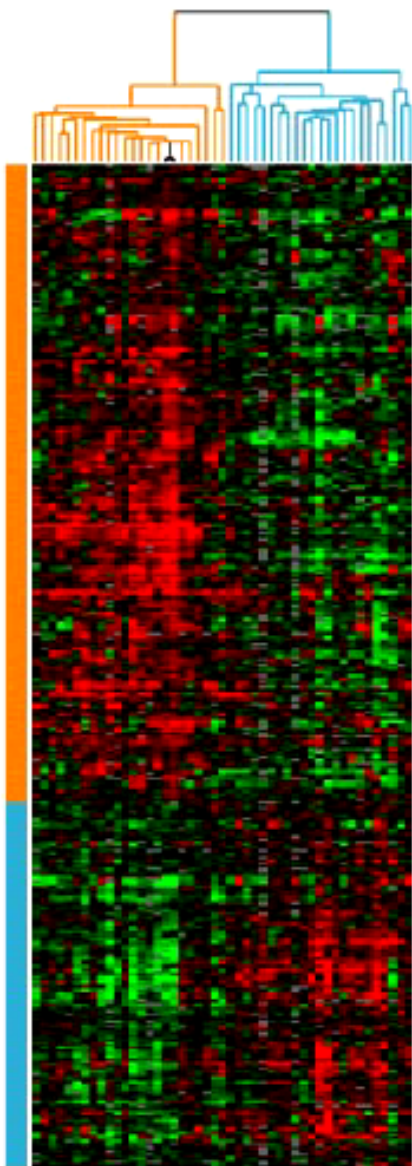


Original data

Genes

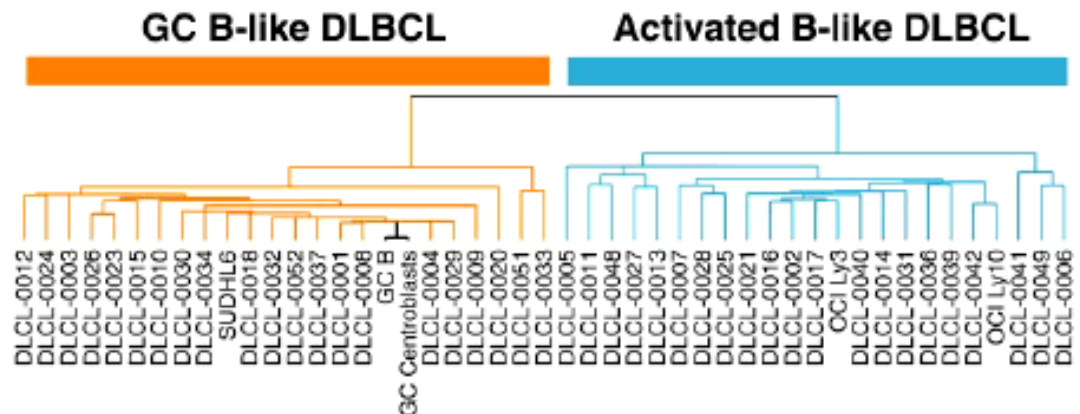
Data after hierarchical clustering





Clustering of tumour samples from cancer patients can be used for molecular classification of cancers. This may be useful for diagnosis and treatment

Subtypes of Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma (DLBCL)



Using “clustering analysis,” Alizadeh *et al.* could separate DLBCL into two categories, which had marked differences in overall survival of the patients concerned. The gene expression signatures of these subgroups corresponded to distinct stages in the differentiation of B cells, the type of lymphocyte that makes antibodies.

