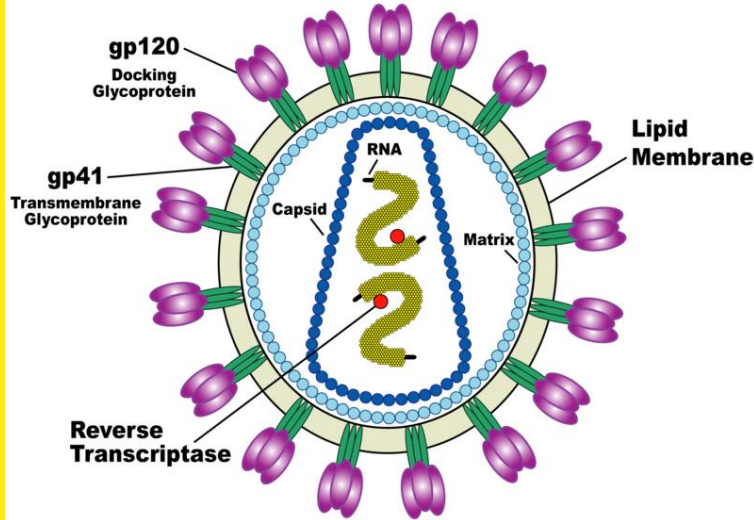
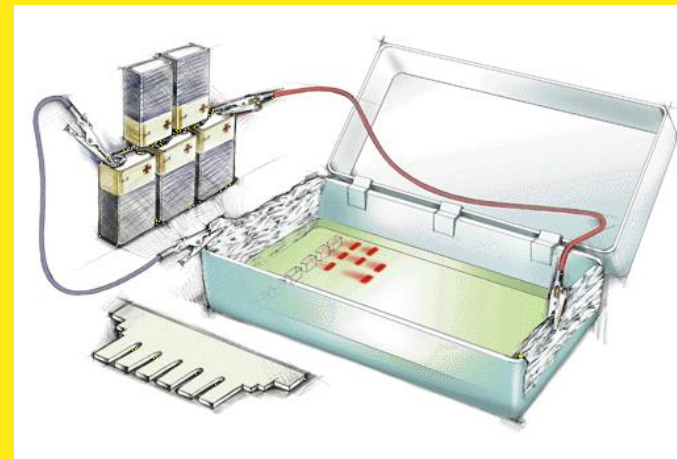


# VIRUSES, BACTERIA, and PRIONS

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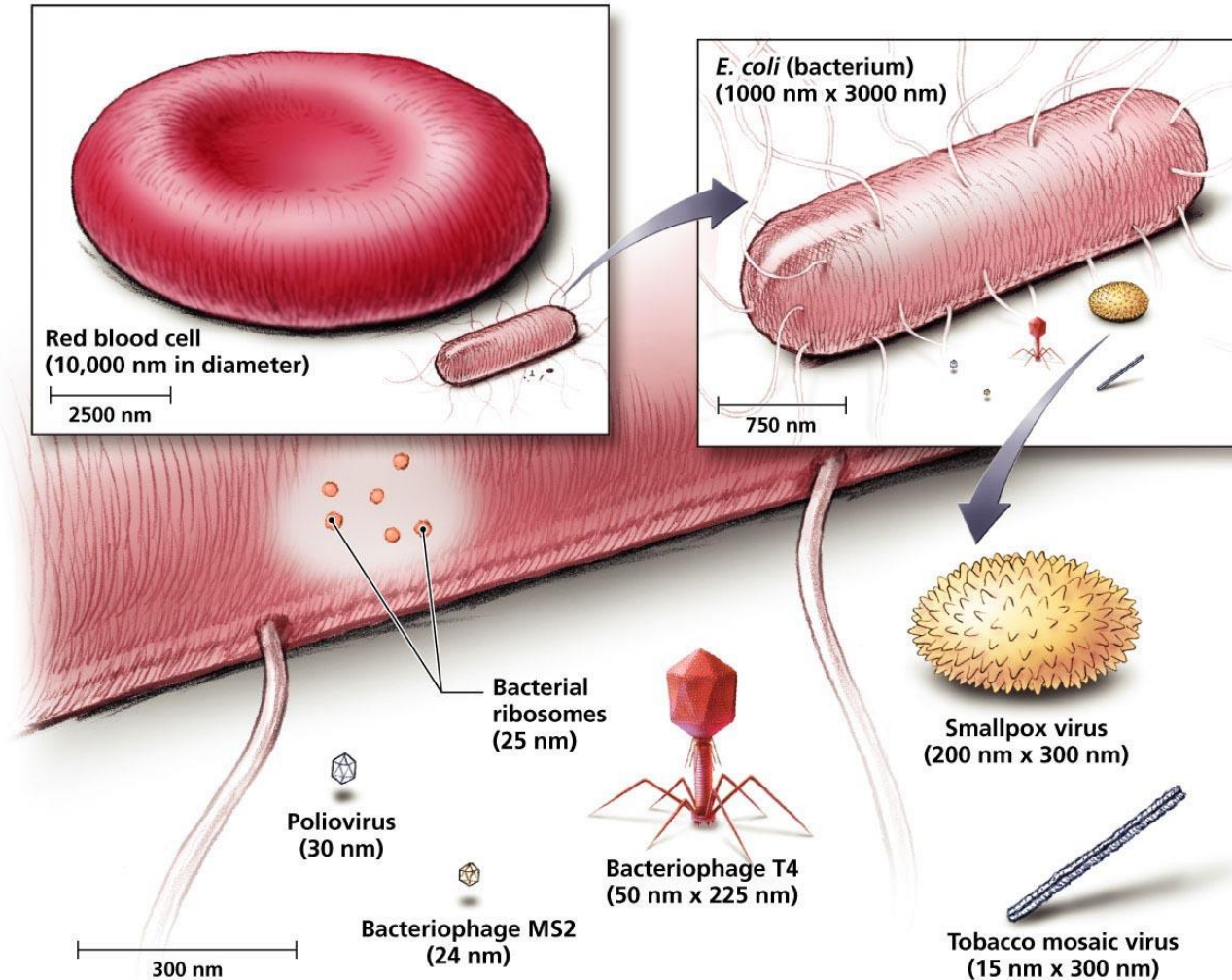


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# VIRUSES

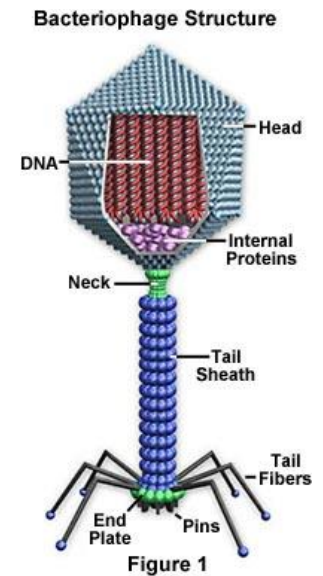
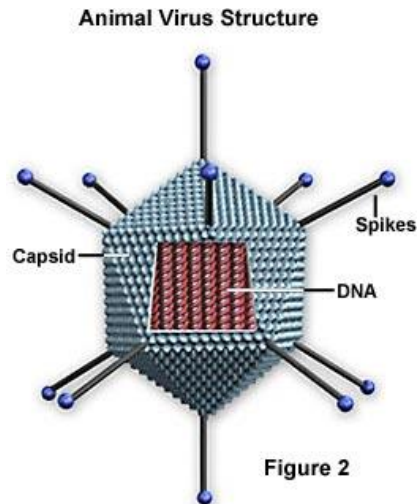
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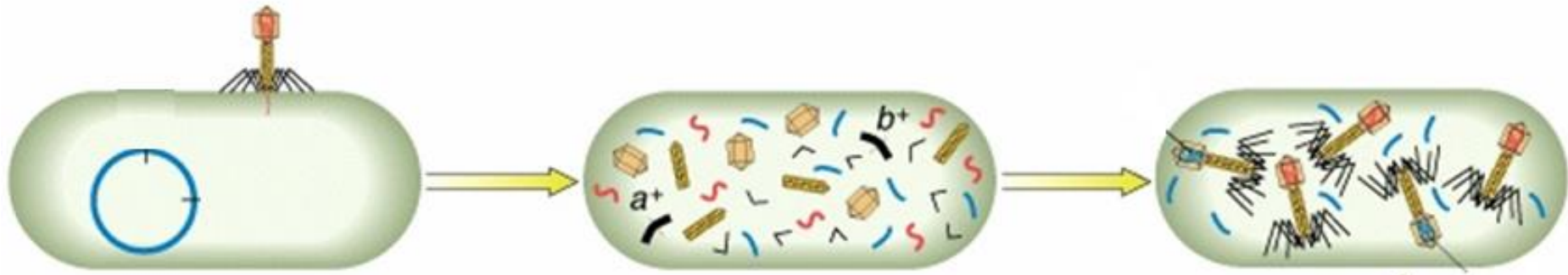


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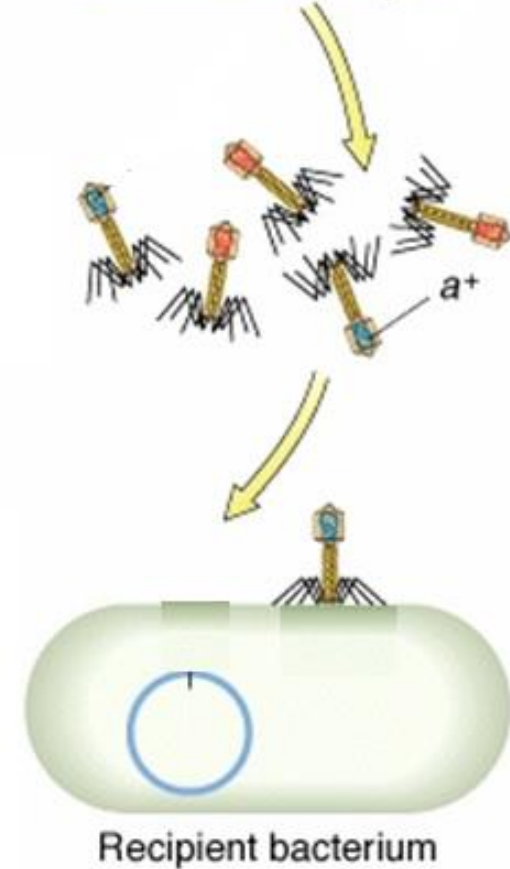
# VIRUSES

- Contain DNA or RNA
- SINGLE or DOUBLE stranded
- NUCLEIC ACID surrounded by PROTEIN coat = CAPSID
- Some have ENVELOPE outside capsid



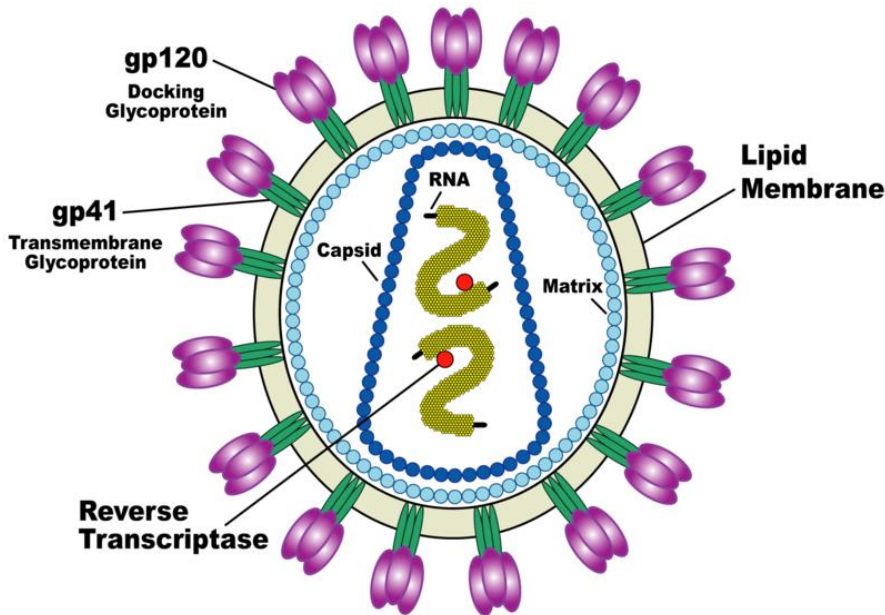


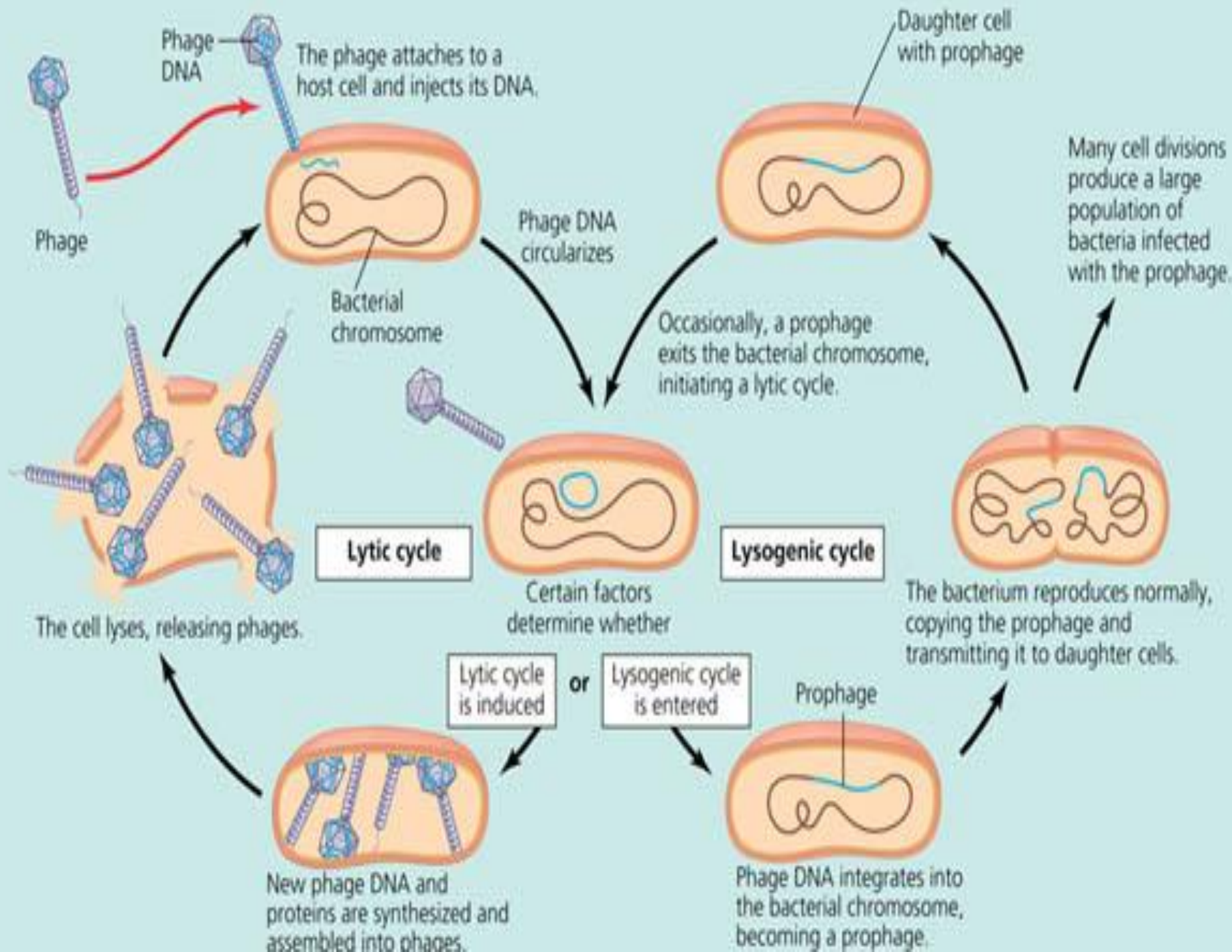
- **BACTERIOPHAGES**  
=viruses that infect bacteria
- no cellular machinery of their own  
Can only reproduce in host cells



# HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) AIDS virus

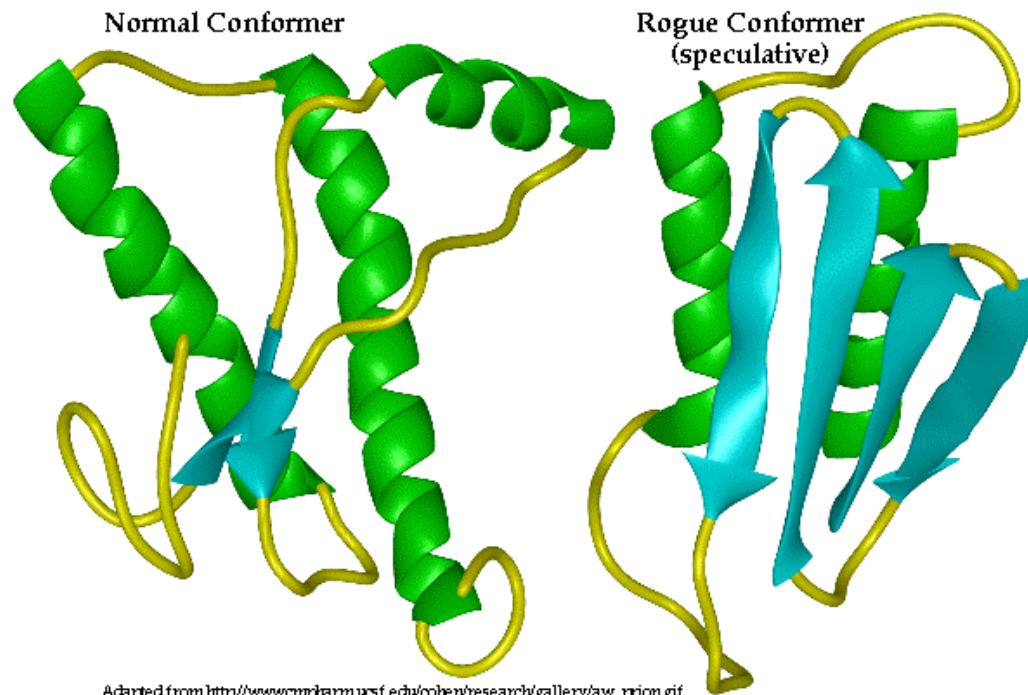
- **RETROVIRUS (Contains RNA)**
- **Infects WHITE BLOOD CELLS**
- **Has REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE**  
**Enzyme that can use RNA to make DNA**





# PRIONS

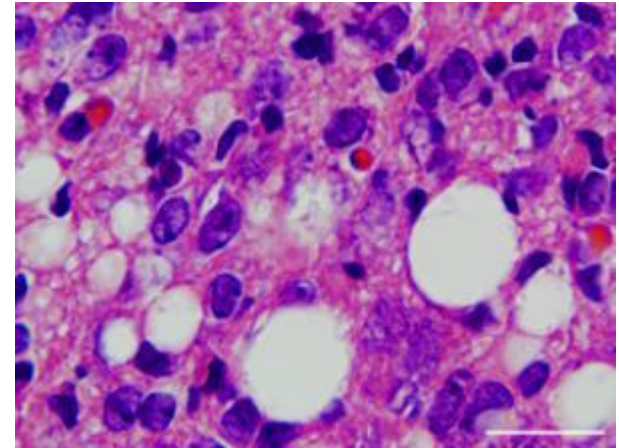
- “Misshaped” proteins
- Change the shape of other proteins they contact
- Aggregates of proteins accumulate in brain



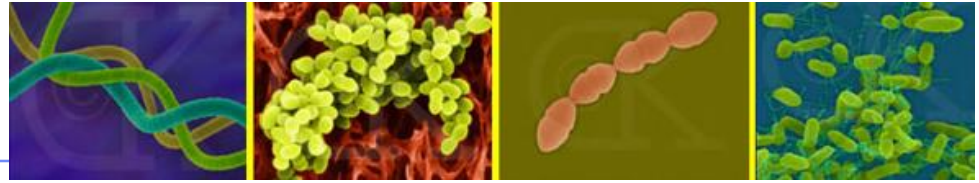
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# PRIONS

- **Aggregates of proteins accumulate in brain**
- **Neurological disorders**
  
- **SCRAPIE in sheep**
- **BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY (BSE) = “Mad Cow” disease**
- **CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE**
  
- **KURU**
- **CREUTZFELD-JAKOB**

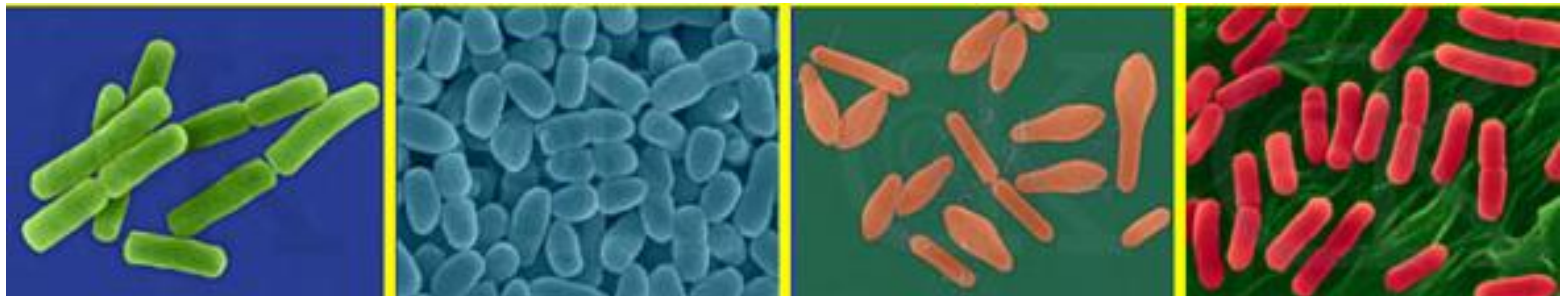
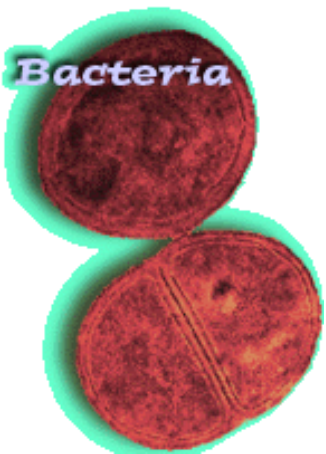
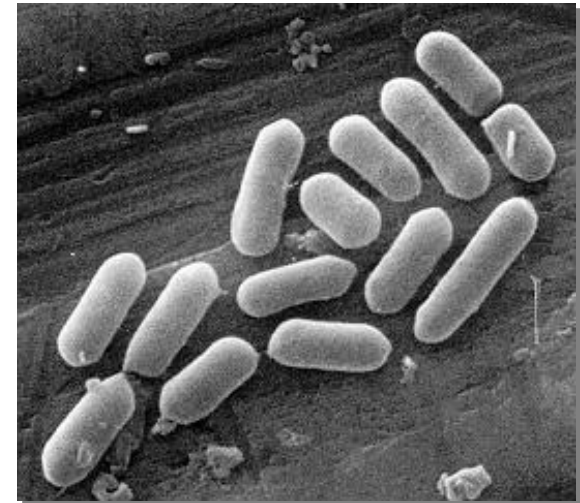
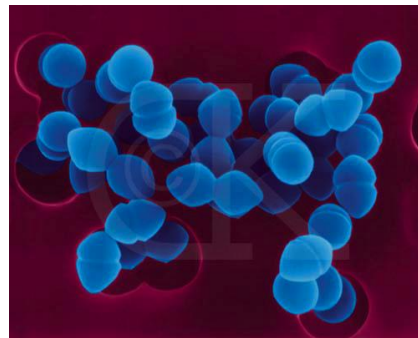




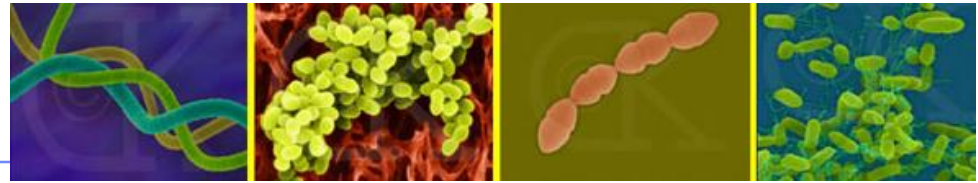


# Bacteria

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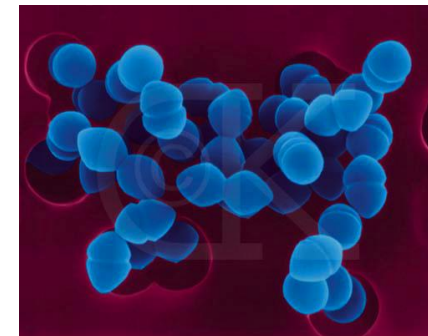
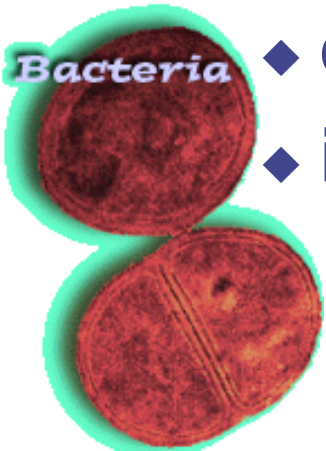
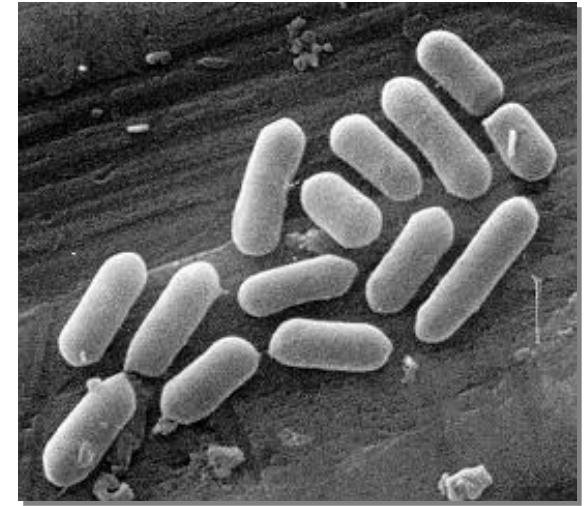


# Bacteria



## ■ Bacteria review

- ◆ one-celled prokaryotes
- ◆ reproduce by mitosis
  - binary fission
- ◆ rapid growth
  - generation every ~20 minutes
  - $10^8$  (100 million) colony overnight!
- ◆ dominant form of life on Earth
- ◆ incredibly diverse

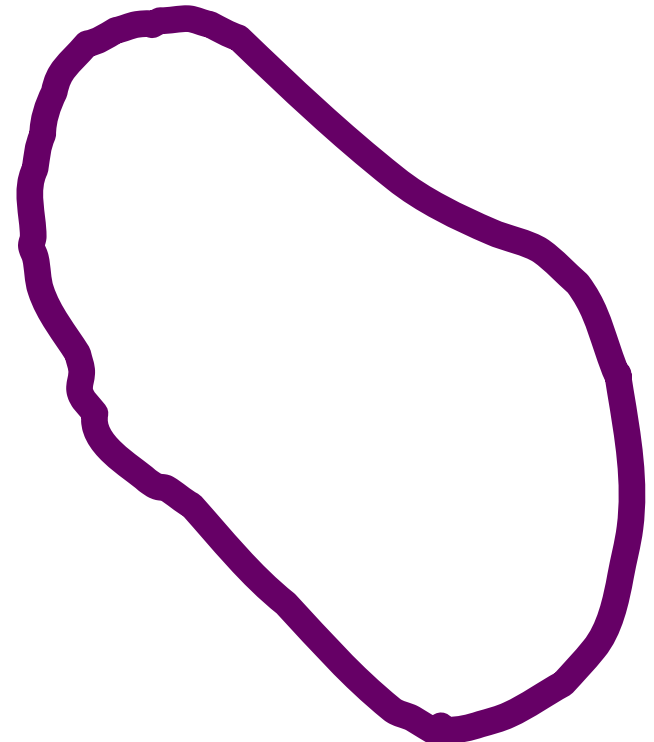


# Bacterial genome

- **Single circular chromosome**
  - ◆ haploid
  - ◆ naked DNA
    - no histone proteins
  - ◆ ~4 million base pairs
    - ~4300 genes
    - 1/1000 DNA in eukaryote

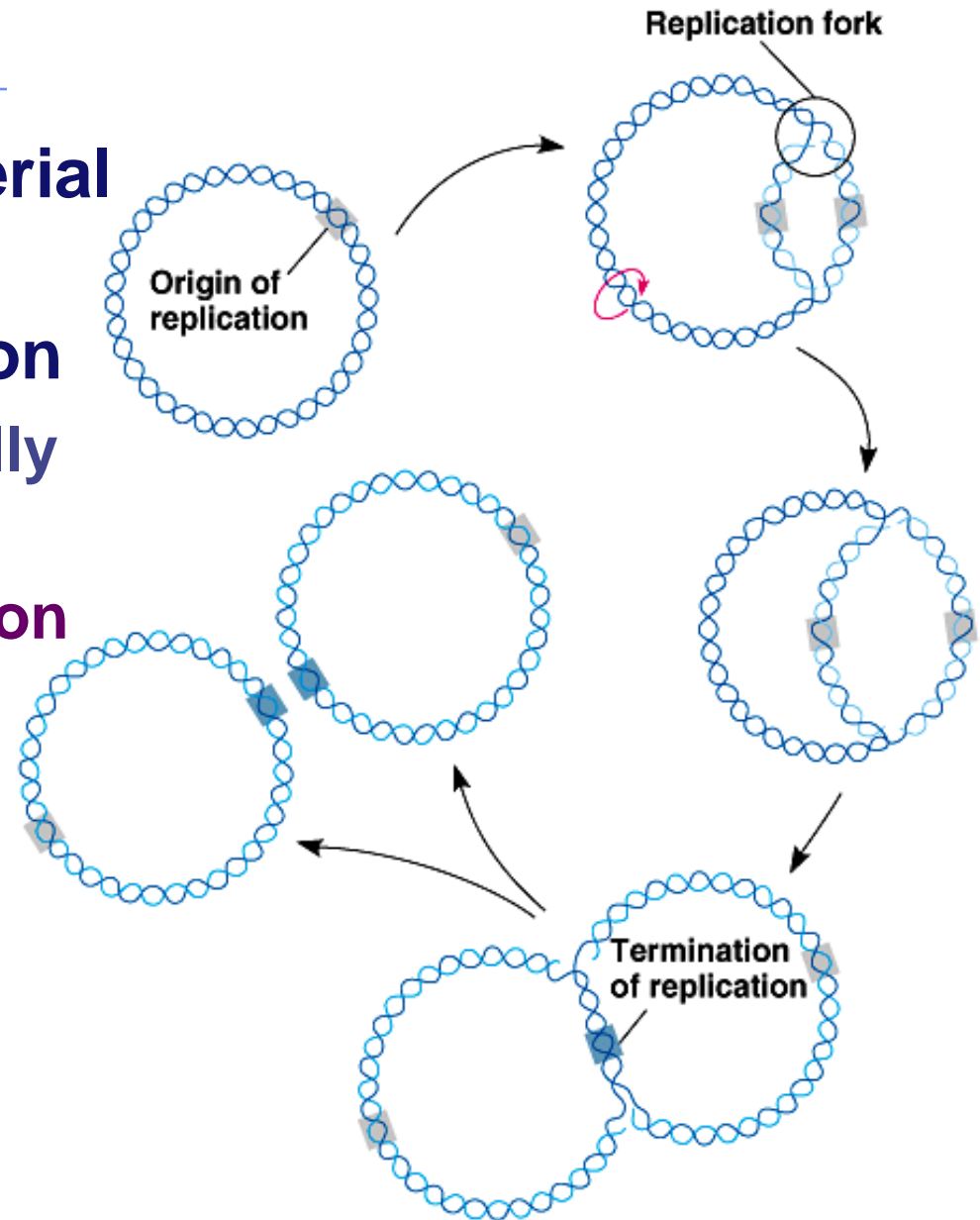


How have these little guys gotten to be so diverse??



# Binary fission

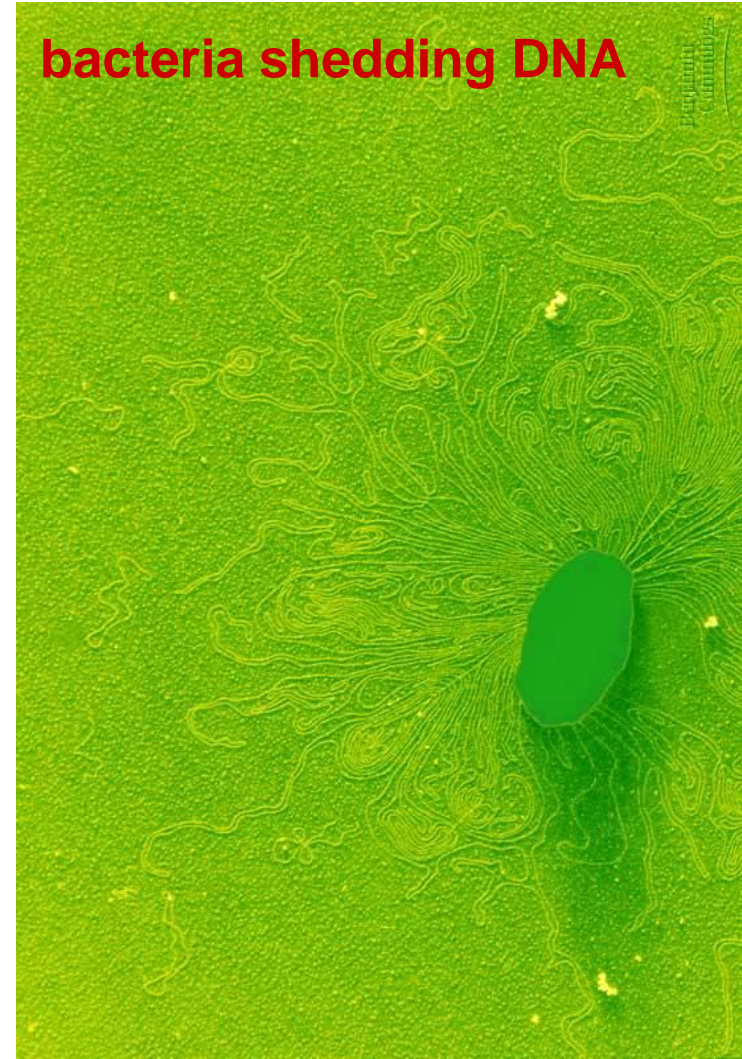
- Replication of bacterial chromosome
- Asexual reproduction
  - ◆ offspring genetically identical to parent
  - ◆ where does variation come from?



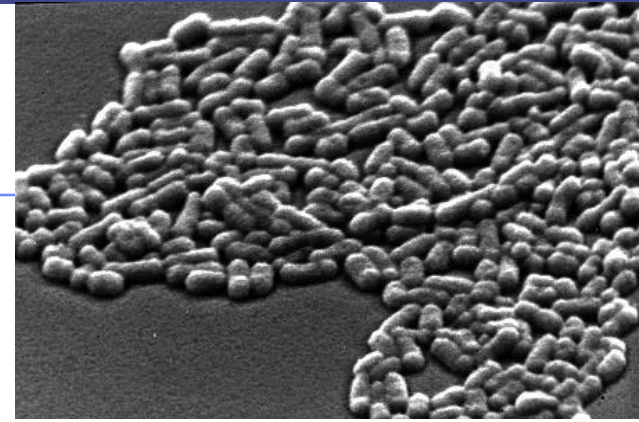
# Variation in bacteria

- Sources of variation
  - ◆ spontaneous mutation
  - ◆ transformation
    - plasmids
    - DNA fragments
  - ◆ transduction
  - ◆ conjugation
  - ◆ transposons

bacteria shedding DNA



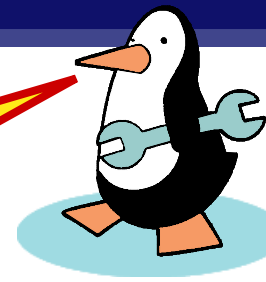
# Spontaneous mutation



- Spontaneous mutation is a significant source of variation in rapidly reproducing species
- **Example: E. coli**
  - ◆ human colon (large intestines)
  - ◆  $2 \times 10^{10}$  (billion) new E. coli each day!
  - ◆ spontaneous mutations
    - for 1 gene, only ~1 mutation in 10 million replications
    - each day, ~2,000 bacteria develop mutation in that gene
    - but consider all 4300 genes, then:  
 **$4300 \times 2000 = 9$  million mutations per day per human host!**

# Transformation

promiscuous!?



## ■ Bacteria are opportunists

- ◆ pick up naked foreign DNA wherever it may be hanging out
  - have surface transport proteins that are specialized for the uptake of naked DNA
- ◆ import bits of chromosomes from other bacteria
- ◆ incorporate the DNA bits into their own chromosome
  - express new genes
  - transformation
  - form of recombination

mix heat-killed pathogenic & non-pathogenic bacteria



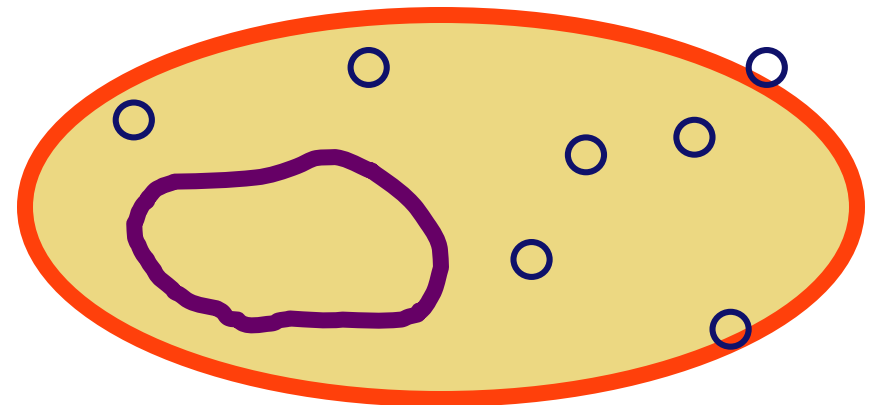
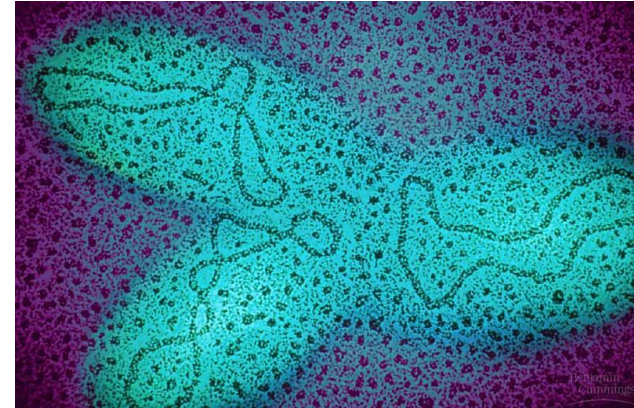
mice die



# Plasmids

## ■ Small supplemental circles of DNA

- 5000 - 20,000 base pairs
- self-replicating
- ◆ carry extra genes
  - 2-30 genes
  - genes for antibiotic resistance
- ◆ can be exchanged between bacteria
  - bacterial sex!!
  - rapid evolution
- ◆ can be imported from environment







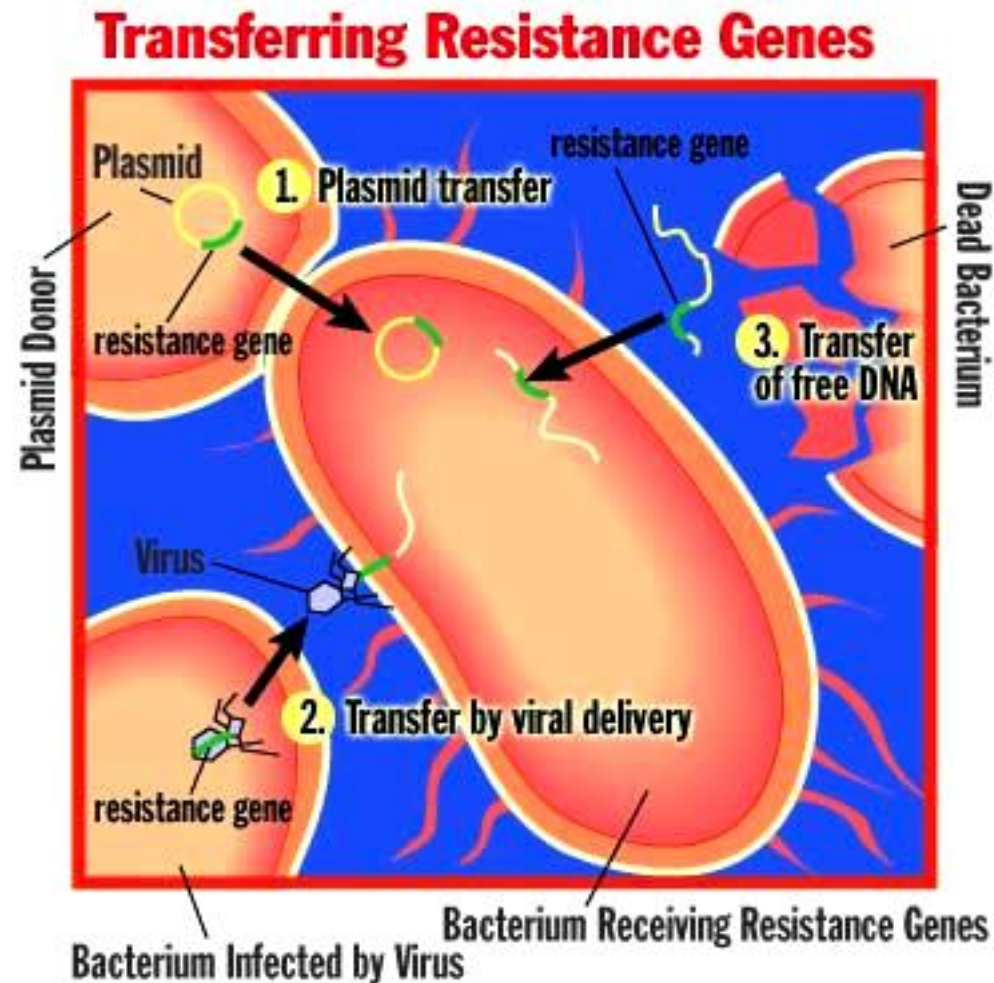
It was on a short-cut through the hospital kitchens that Albert was first approached by a member of the Antibiotic Resistance.

- Genes for antibiotic resistance = R Plasmids
- Role in rapid evolution
- Method for spreading “antibiotic resistance”

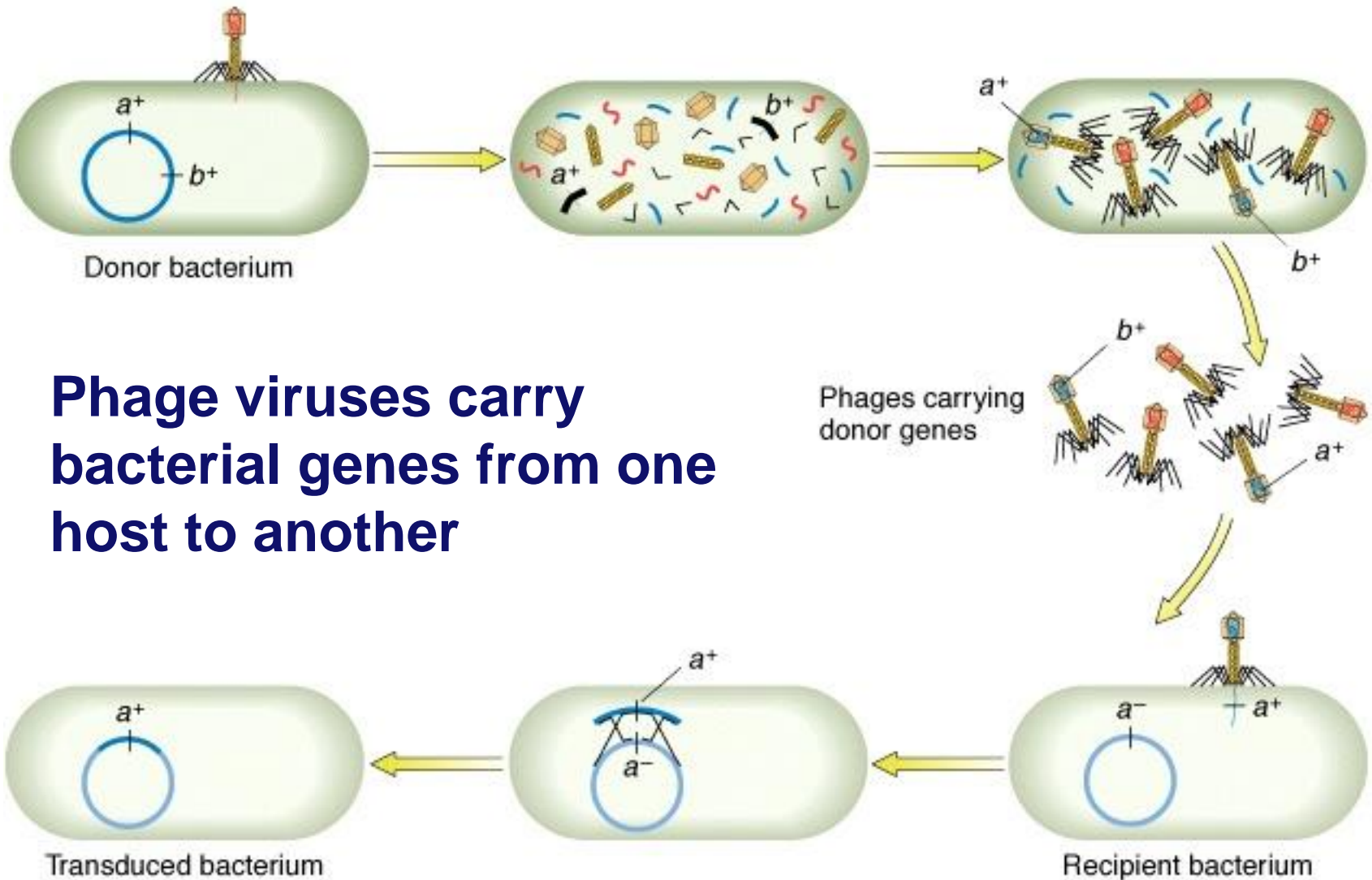
# Plasmids & antibiotic resistance

## ■ Resistance is futile?

- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> recognized in 1950s in Japan
- ◆ bacterial dysentery not responding to antibiotics
- ◆ worldwide problem now
  - resistant genes are on plasmids that are swapped between bacteria



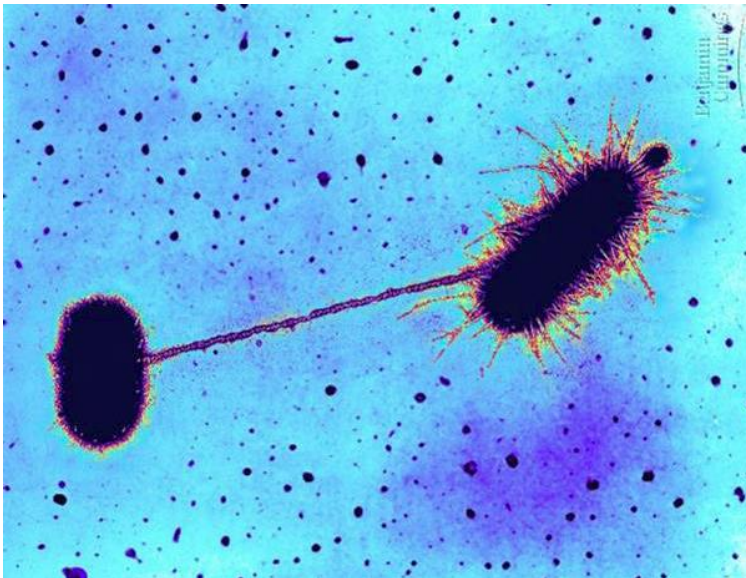
# TRANSDUCTION with viruses



**Phage viruses carry bacterial genes from one host to another**

# Conjugation - Bacteria “sex” [Animation](#)

- **Direct transfer of DNA between 2 bacterial cells that are temporarily joined**
  - ◆ results from presence of F (fertility) plasmid
  - ◆ “male” extends sex pilli and attaches to “female” bacterium
  - ◆ cytoplasmic bridge allows transfer of DNA



# TRANSPOSONS (Transposable elements)

- “Jumping” genes
- Can move from one place to another
- 1<sup>st</sup> described by Barbara McClintock in corn
- Can move genes to new site

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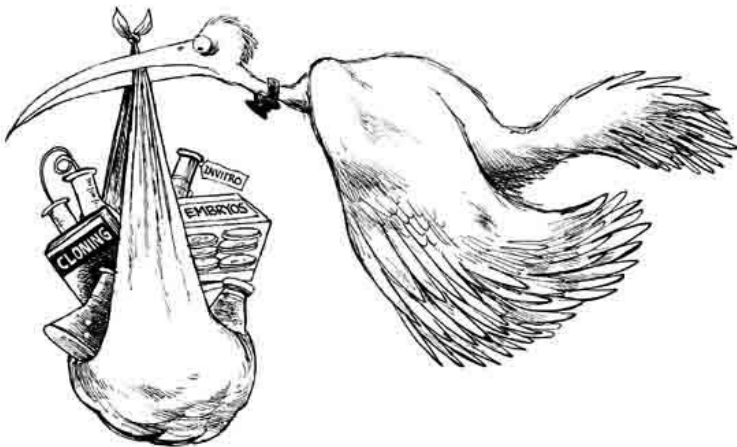
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# Biotechnology

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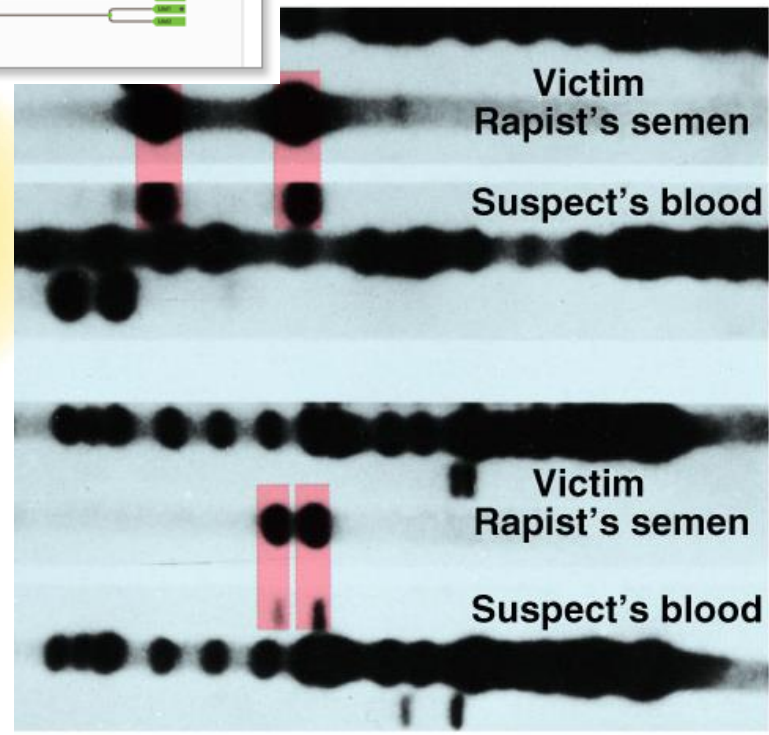
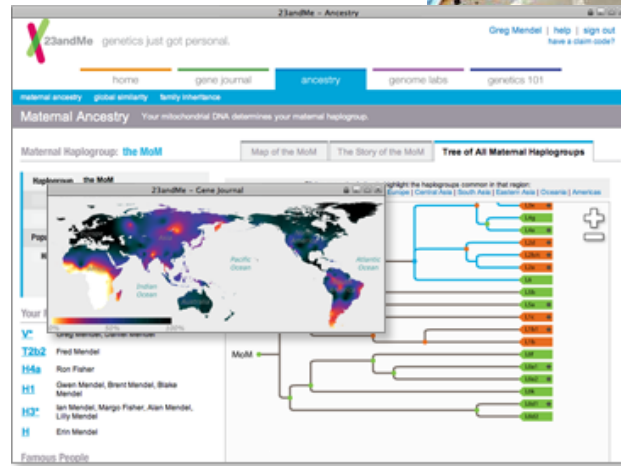
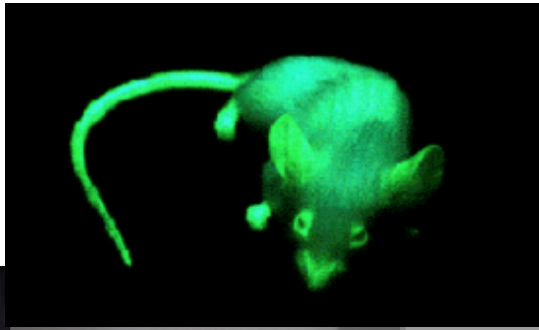
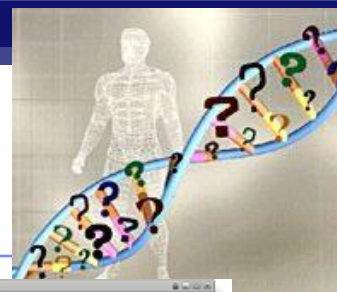


# Biotechnology today

- **Genetic Engineering**
  - ◆ manipulation of DNA
  - ◆ if you are going to engineer DNA & genes & organisms, then you need a **set of tools** to work with
  - ◆ this unit is a survey of those tools...

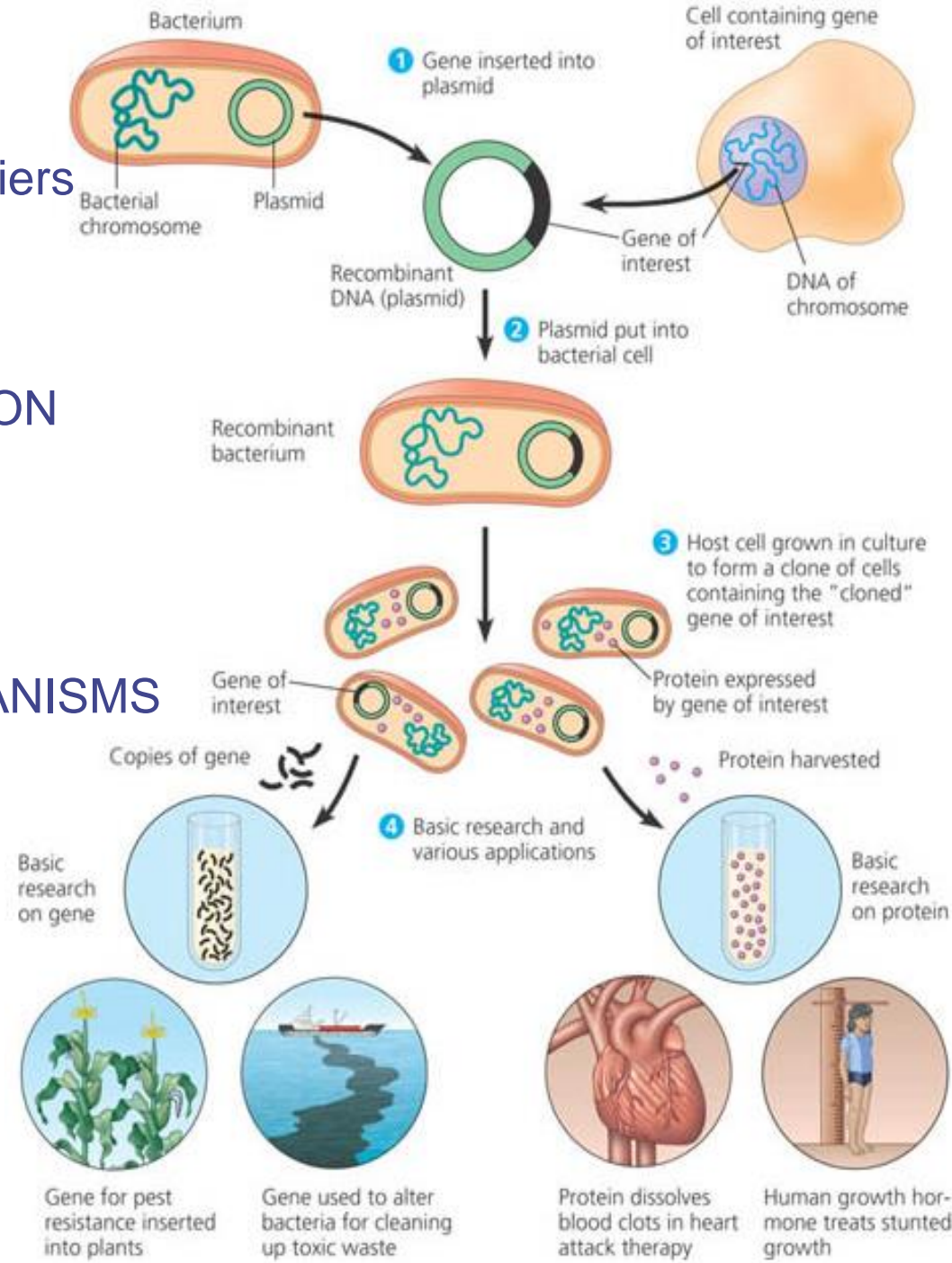


# A Brave New World





- **DIAGNOSIS OF DISEASE**  
Virus detection; ID genetic carriers
- **GENE THERAPY**  
ID mutant genes;  
purify genes
- **PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTION**  
Bacterial production of insulin,  
Human Growth hormone, etc
- **FORENSICS**  
Crime scene analysis
- **GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS**  
“Golden” rice (Vitamin A)  
Bt-corn-resists insect pests  
Toxic cleanup bacteria



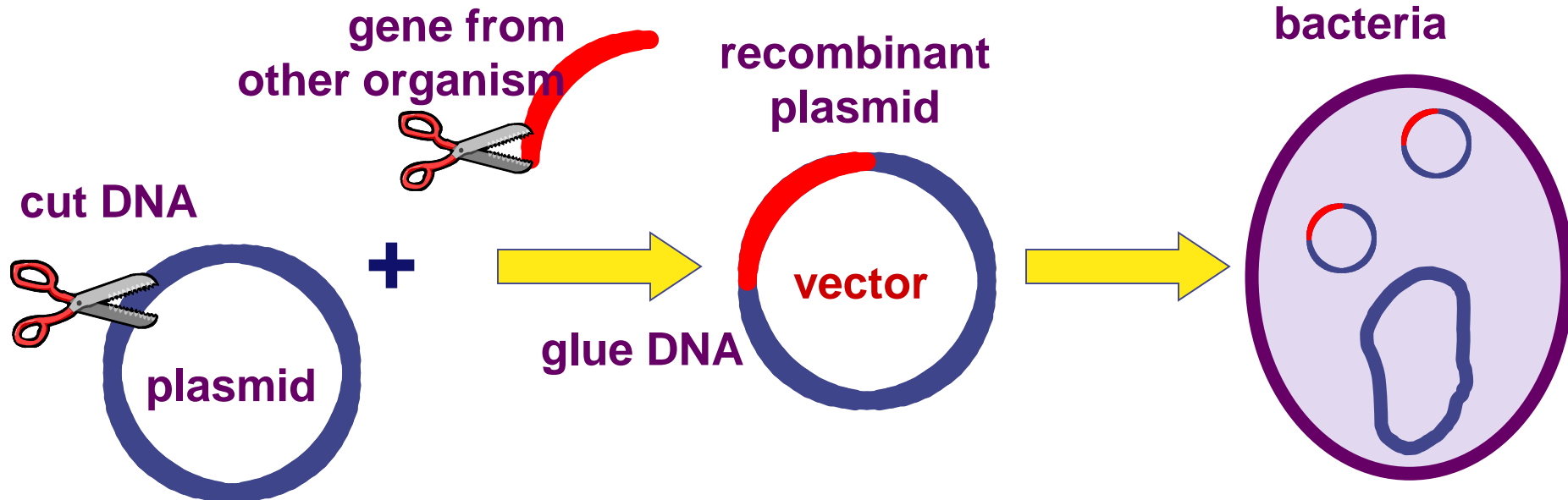
# Uses of genetic engineering

- **Genetically modified organisms (GMO)**
  - ◆ enabling plants to produce new proteins
    - Protect crops from insects: **BT corn**
      - ◆ corn produces a bacterial toxin that kills corn borer (caterpillar pest of corn)
    - Extend growing season: **fishberries**
      - ◆ strawberries with an anti-freezing gene from flounder
    - Improve quality of food: **golden rice**
      - ◆ rice producing vitamin A improves nutritional value



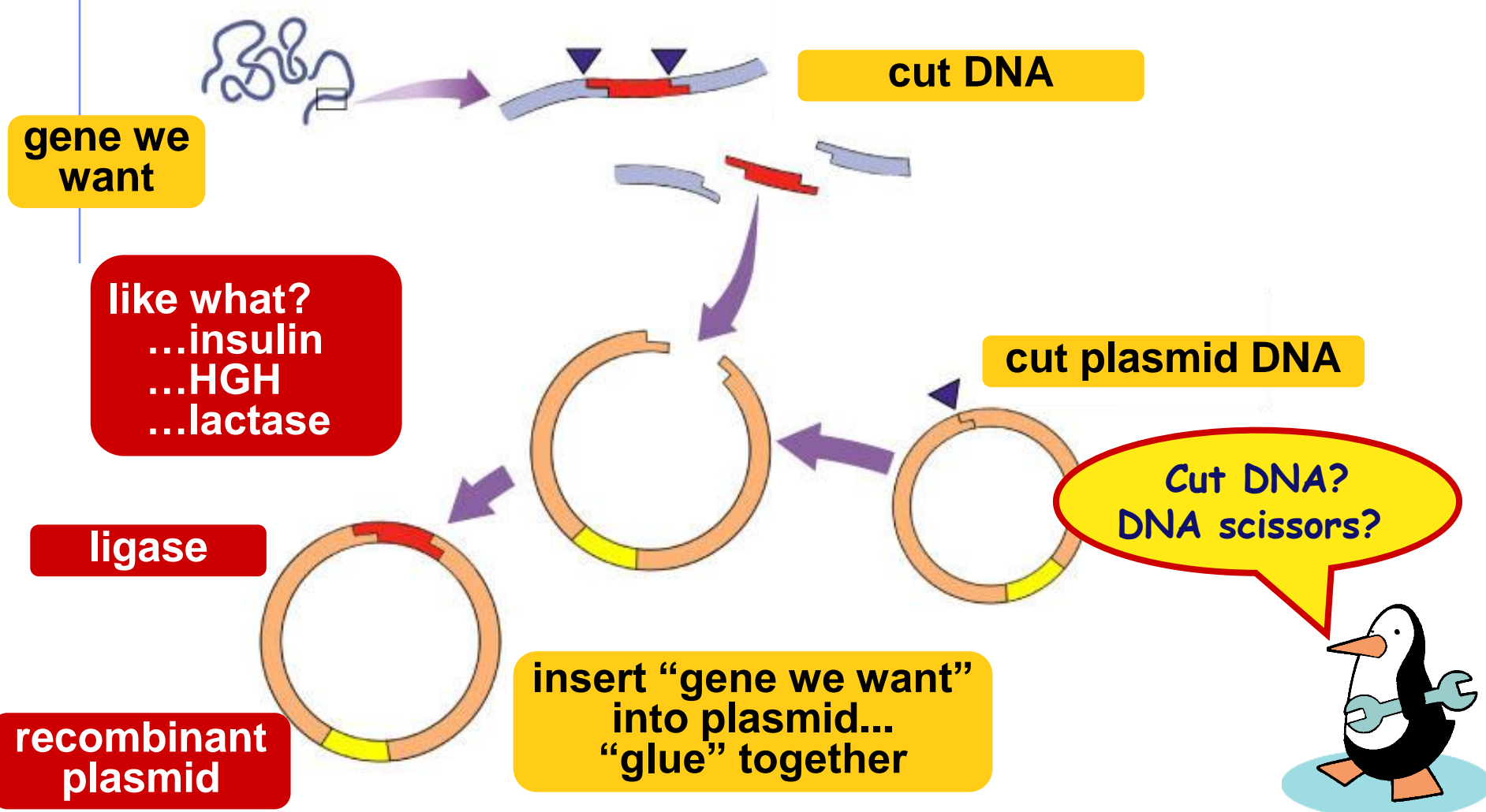
# How can plasmids help us?

- A way to get genes into bacteria easily
  - ◆ insert new gene into plasmid
  - ◆ insert plasmid into bacteria = **vector**
  - ◆ bacteria now expresses new gene
    - bacteria make new protein



# Biotechnology

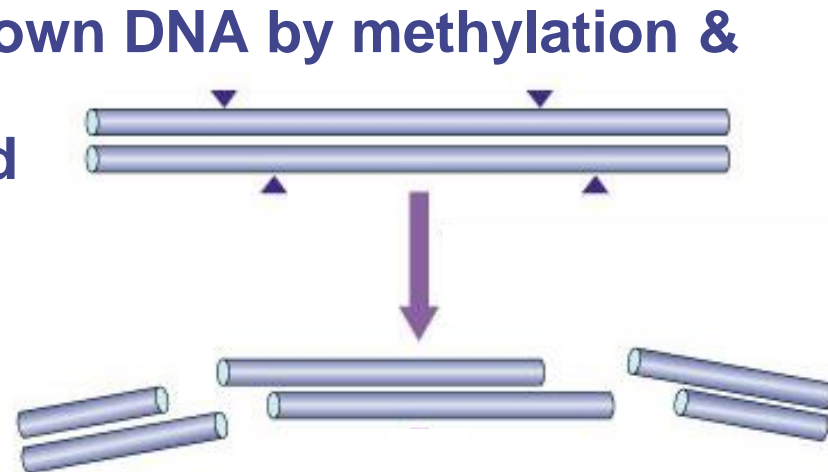
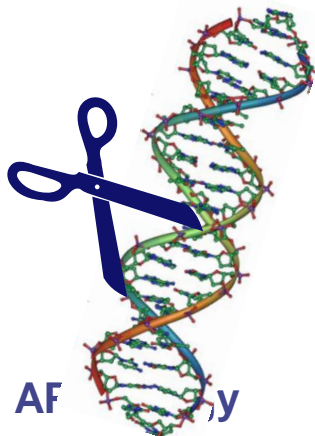
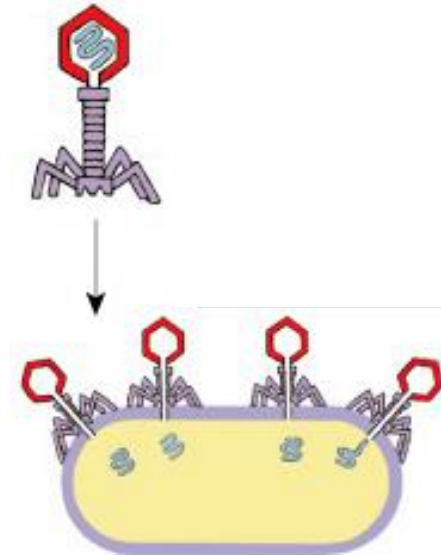
- Plasmids used to insert new genes into bacteria



# How do we cut DNA?

## ■ Restriction enzymes

- ◆ restriction endonucleases
- ◆ discovered in 1960s
- ◆ evolved in bacteria to cut up foreign DNA
  - “restrict” the action of the attacking organism
  - protection against viruses & other bacteria
- ◆ bacteria protect their own DNA by methylation & by not using the base sequences recognized by the enzymes in their own DNA



**What do you notice about these phrases?**

**radar**

**racecar**

**palindromes**

**Madam I'm Adam**

**Able was I ere I saw Elba**

**a man, a plan, a canal, Panama**

**Was it a bar or a bat I saw?**

**go hang a salami I'm a lasagna hog**

# Restriction enzymes

- Action of enzyme

- ◆ cut DNA at specific sequences

- restriction site

- ◆ symmetrical “palindrome”

- ◆ produces protruding ends

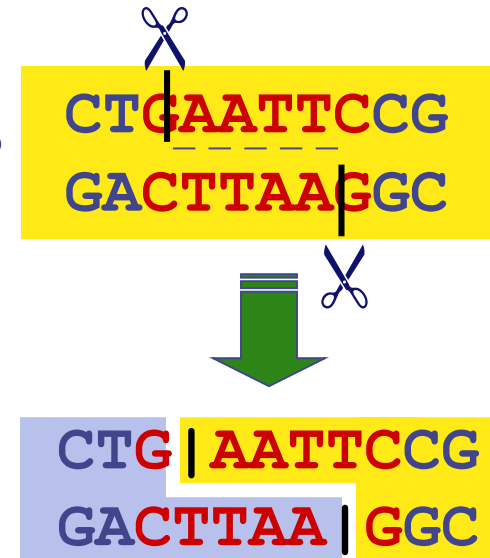
- sticky ends

- will bind to any complementary DNA

- Many different enzymes

- ◆ named after organism they are found in

- EcoRI, HindIII, BamHI, SmaI

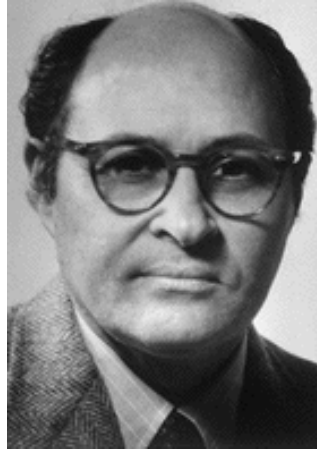


1960s | 1978

# Discovery of restriction enzymes



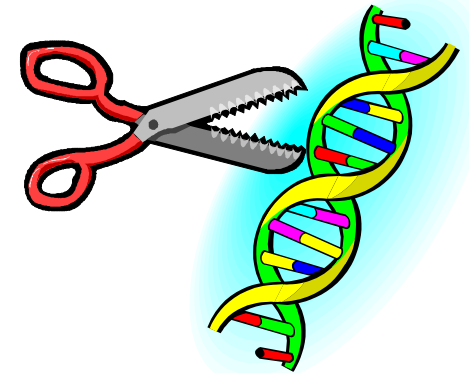
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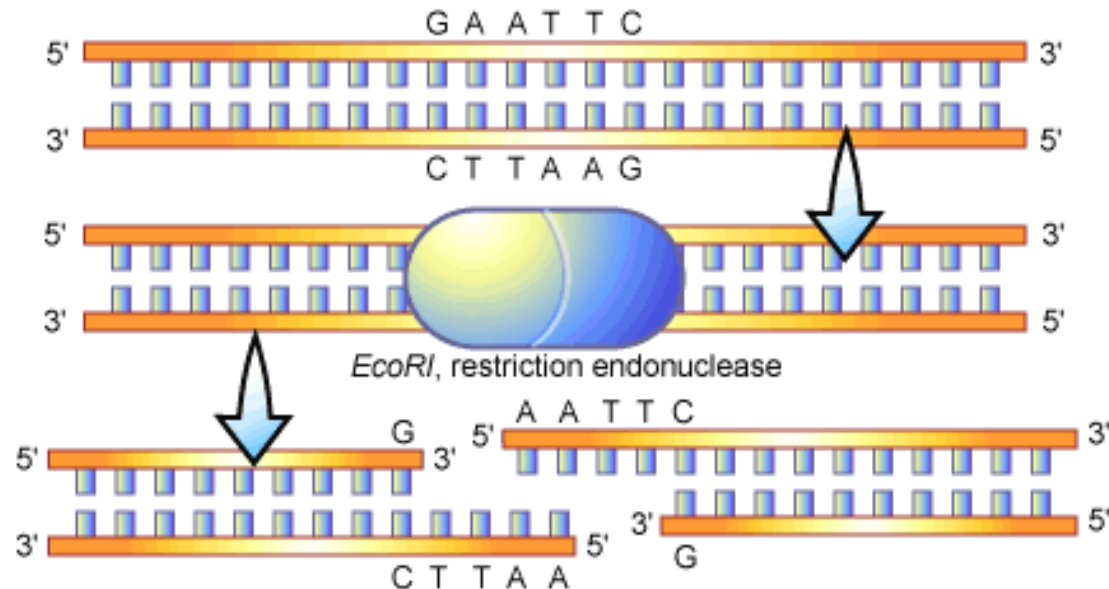


Hamilton O. Smith



Restriction enzymes are named for the organism they come from:

**EcoRI** = 1st restriction enzyme found in *E. coli*





# RESTRICTION ENDONUCLEASES

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MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB



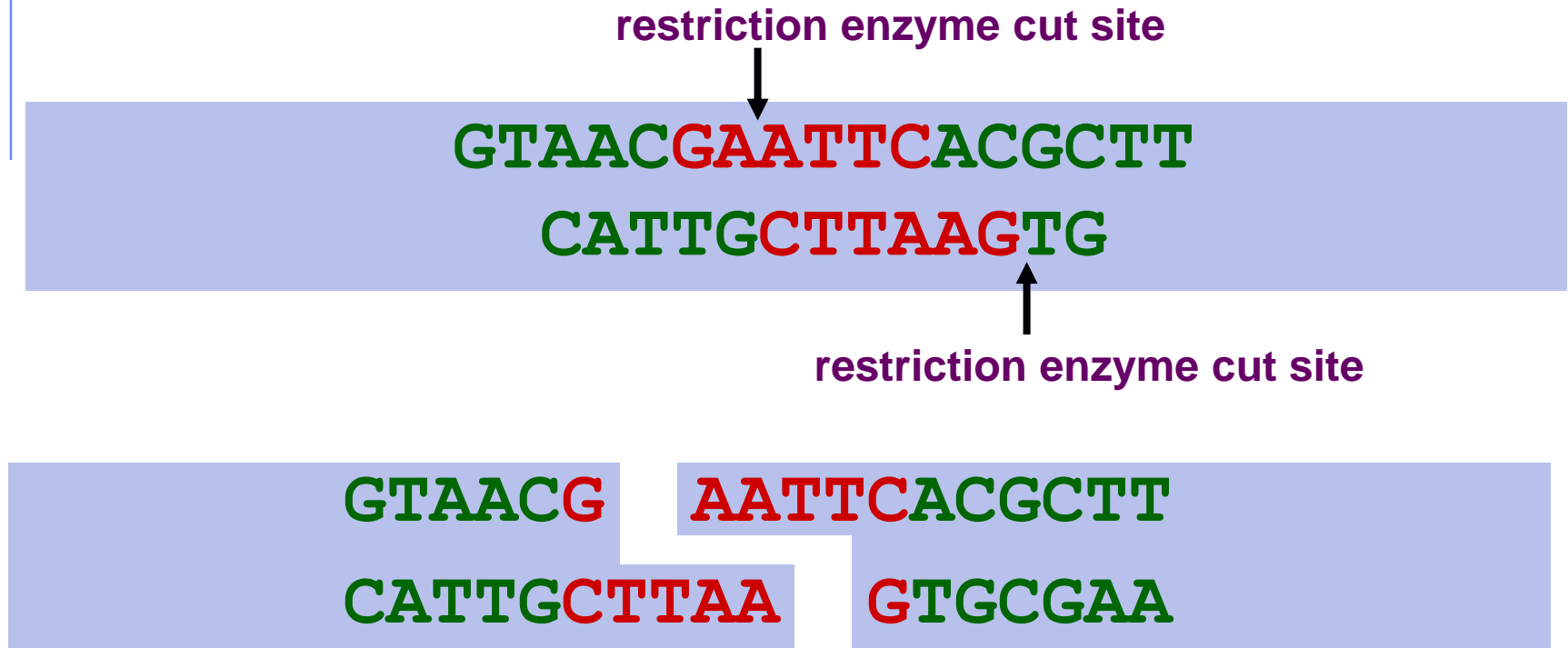
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- Different enzymes recognize different sequences
- Different kinds of DNA cut with same enzyme will have the same “sticky ends” and can be joined

# Restriction enzymes

- Cut DNA at specific sites
  - ◆ leave “sticky ends”



# Sticky ends

- Cut other DNA with same enzymes
  - ◆ leave “sticky ends” on both
  - ◆ can glue DNA together at “sticky ends”

GTAACG AATTCACGCTT  
CATTGCTTAA GTGCGAA

gene  
you want

GGACCTG AATTCGGATA  
CCTGGACTTAA GGCCTAT

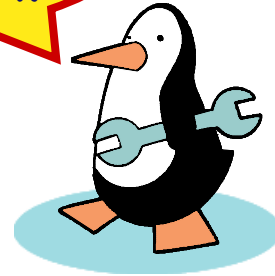
chromosome  
want to add  
gene to

GGACCTG AATTCACGCTT  
CCTGGACTTAA GTGCGAA

combined  
DNA

# Why mix genes together?

How can bacteria read human DNA?



- Gene produces protein in different organism or different individual

human insulin gene in bacteria

TAACGAATTCTACGAATGGTTACATCGCCGAATTCTACG  
CATTGCTTAAGATGCTTACCAATGTAGCGGCTTAAGATGCTAGC

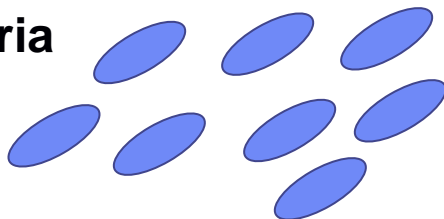


“new” protein from organism

ex: human insulin from bacteria



bacteria



human insulin

# The code is universal

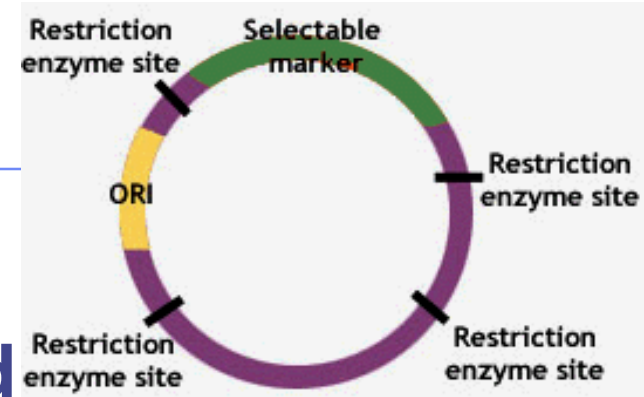
- Since all living organisms...
  - ◆ use the same DNA
  - ◆ use the same code book
  - ◆ read their genes the same way

		Second base				
		U	C	A	G	
First base (5' end)	U	UUU ] Phe	UCU ]	UAU ] Tyr	UGU ] Cys	U
		UUC ]	UCC ] Ser	UAC ]	UGC ]	C
		UUA ] Leu	UCA ]	UAA Stop	UGA Stop	A
		UUG ]	UCG ]	UAG Stop	UGG Trp	G
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# Copy (& Read) DNA

## ■ Transformation

- ◆ insert recombinant plasmid into bacteria
- ◆ grow recombinant bacteria in agar cultures
  - bacteria make lots of copies of plasmid
  - “cloning” the plasmid
- ◆ production of many copies of inserted gene
- ◆ production of “new” protein
  - transformed phenotype



**DNA → RNA → protein → trait**

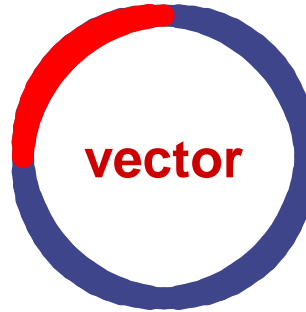


# Grow bacteria...make more

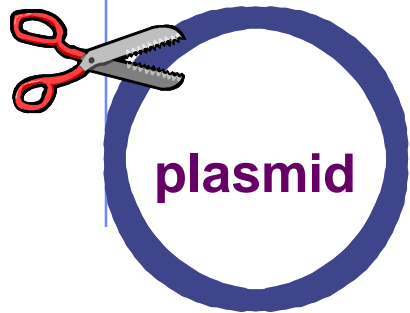
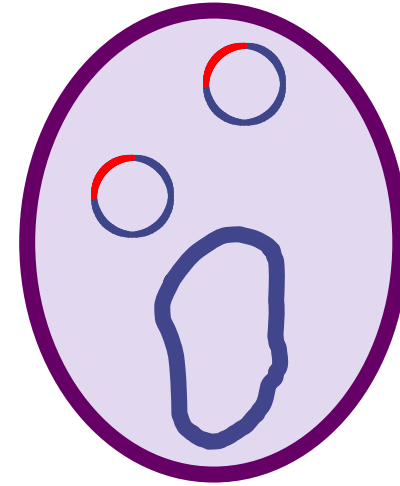
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other organism



recombinant  
plasmid



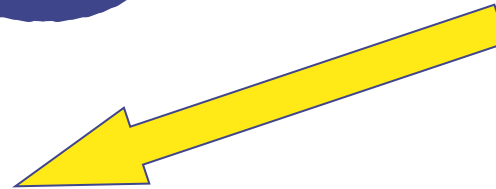
transformed  
bacteria



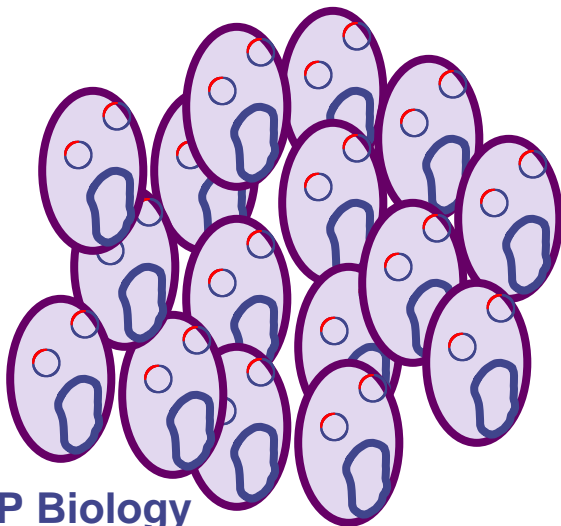
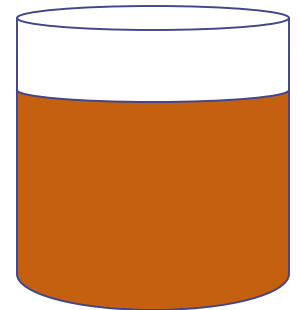
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grow  
bacteria



harvest (purify)  
protein

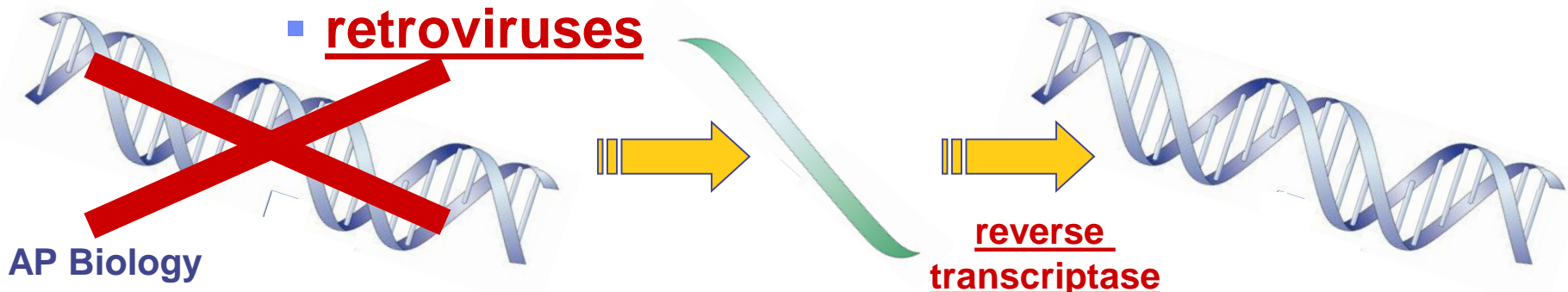


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# How do you clean up the junk?



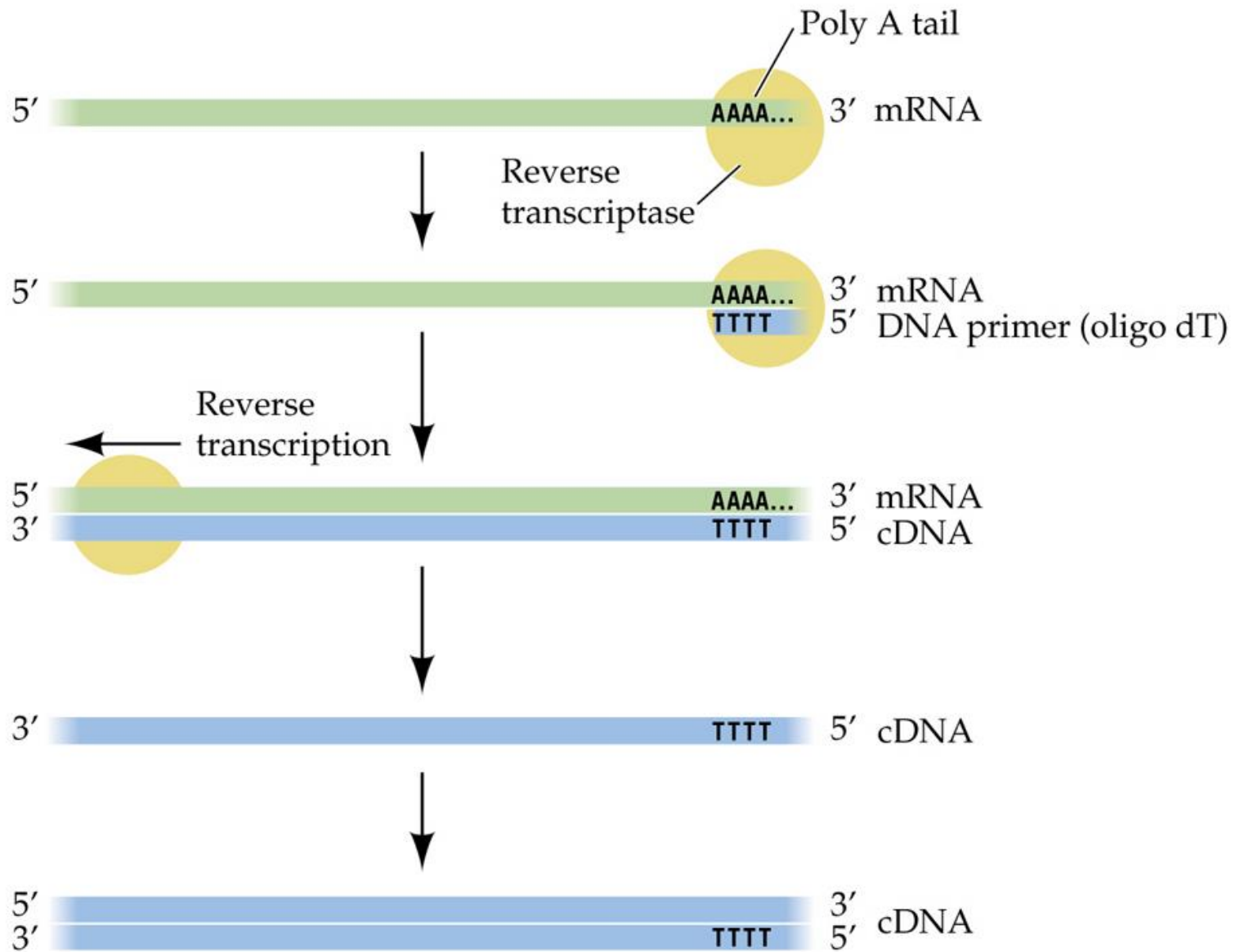
- Don't start with DNA...
- Use mRNA
  - ◆ copy of the gene without the junk!
- But in the end, you need DNA to clone into plasmid...
- How do you go from RNA → DNA?
  - ◆ reverse transcriptase from RNA viruses





# REVERSE TRANSCRIPTASE

- Found in RETROVIRUSES (RNA not DNA)
- Uses RNA message to make DNA
- Info flows in reverse RNA → DNA
  
- Can take eukaryotic RNA message after introns have been removed and change it into a DNA sequence to be read by bacteria (no RNA processing in prokaryotes)

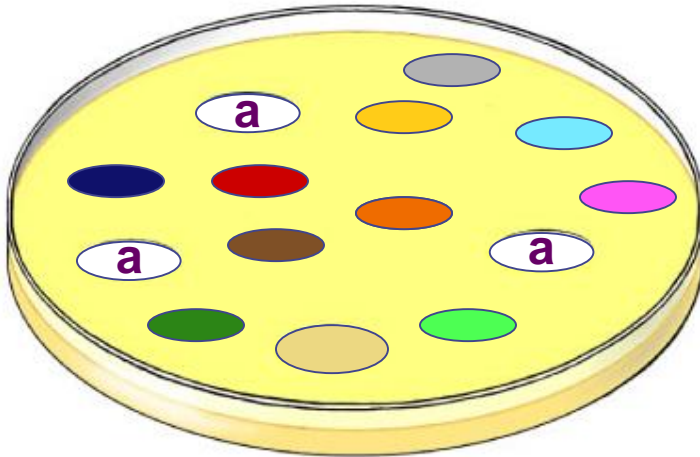


LIFE: THE SCIENCE OF BIOLOGY, Seventh Edition, Figure 16.8 Synthesizing Complementary DNA  
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# Selection for plasmid uptake

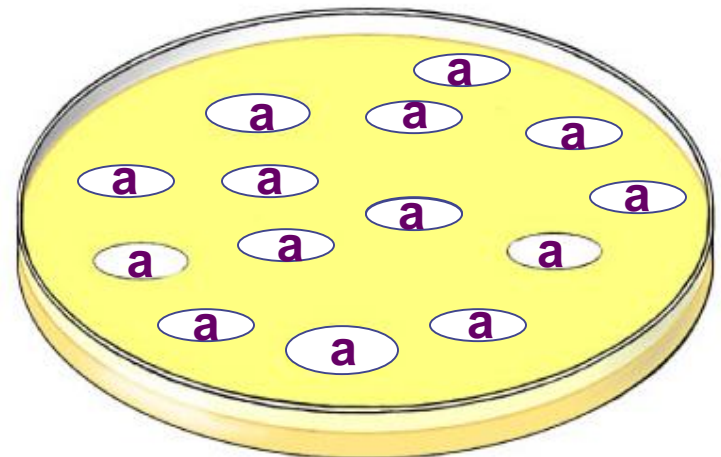
- Antibiotic becomes a **selecting agent**
  - only bacteria with the plasmid will grow on antibiotic (**ampicillin**) plate

all bacteria grow



LB plate

only **transformed** bacteria grow



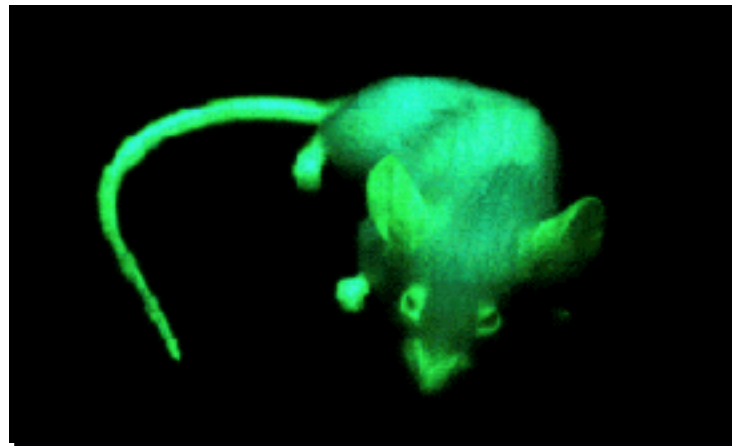
LB/*amp* plate

cloning

# Green with envy??



Jelly fish "GFP"



# Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP)



- **Genetic tool**
- **Originally from jellyfish**
- **Way to tell if gene has been incorporated**

# Cut, Paste, Copy, Find...

- **Word processing metaphor...**

- ◆ **cut**

- **restriction enzymes**

- ◆ **paste**

- **ligase**

- ◆ **copy**

- **plasmids**

- ◆ **bacterial transformation**

- **is there an easier way??**

- ◆ **find**

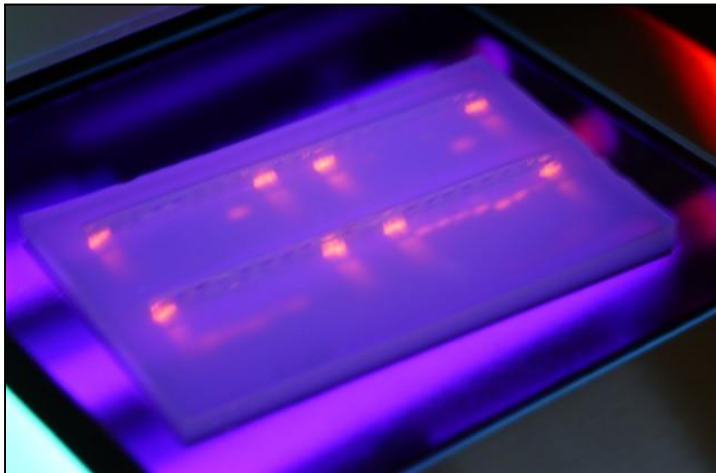
- **????**



# More Basic Biotechnology Tools

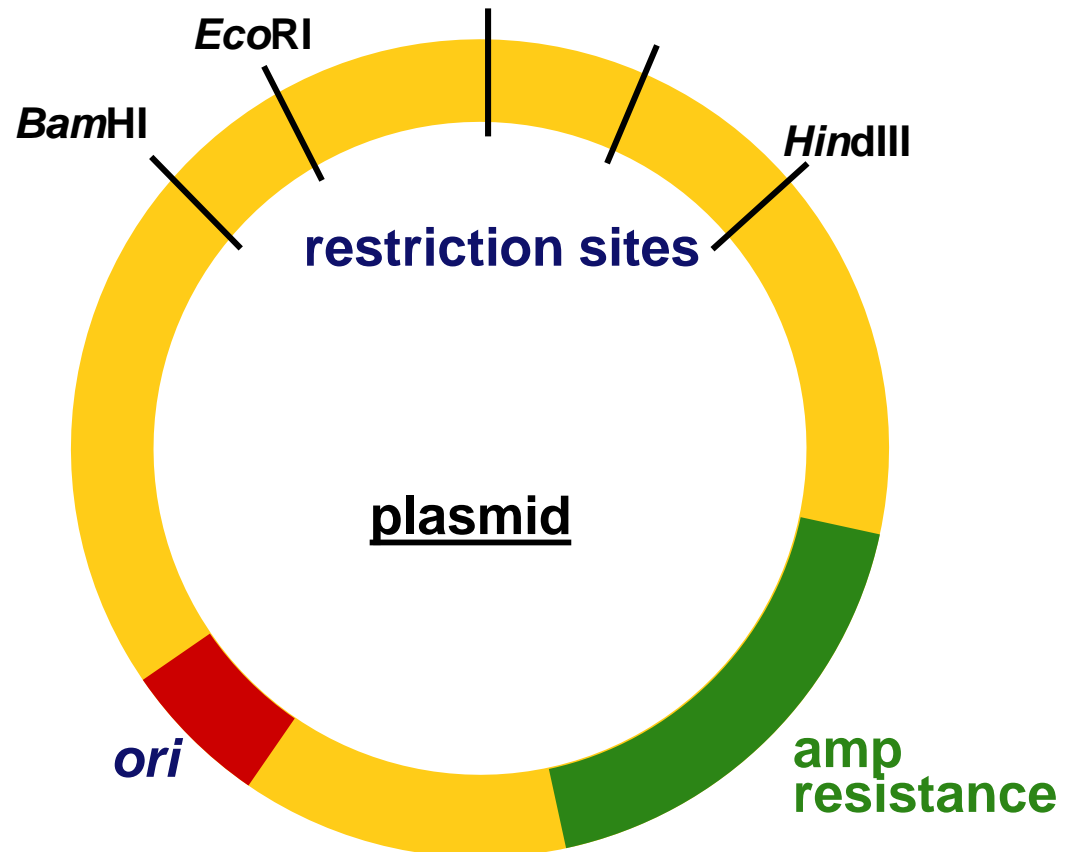
## Sorting & Copying DNA

Slide show by Kim Foglia (modified)  
Blue edged slides are Kim's



# Engineered plasmids

- Building custom plasmids
  - ◆ restriction enzyme sites
  - ◆ antibiotic resistance genes as a **selectable marker**



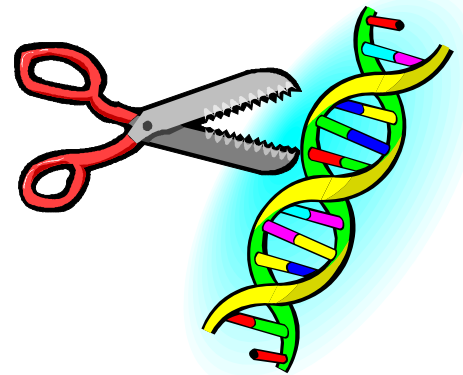
## **Selectable marker**

- antibiotic resistance gene on plasmid
  - ampicillin resistance
- selecting for successful transformation
  - successful uptake of recombinant plasmid



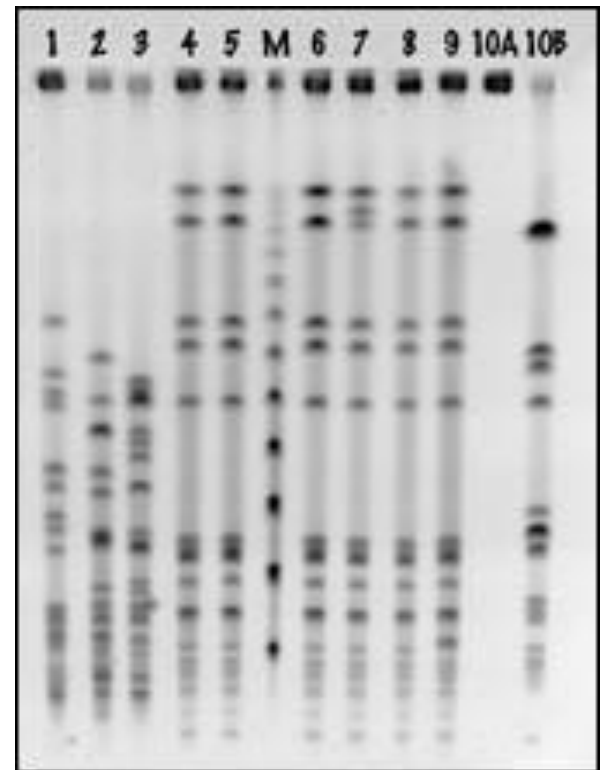
# Many uses of restriction enzymes...

- Now that we can cut DNA with restriction enzymes...
  - ◆ we can cut up DNA from different people... or different organisms... and compare it
  - ◆ why?
    - forensics
    - medical diagnostics
    - paternity
    - evolutionary relationships
    - and more...



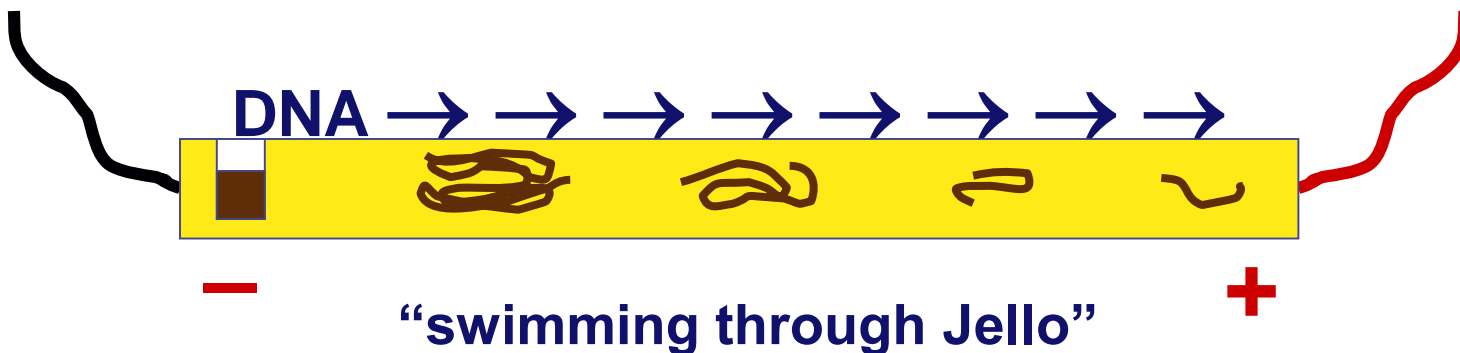
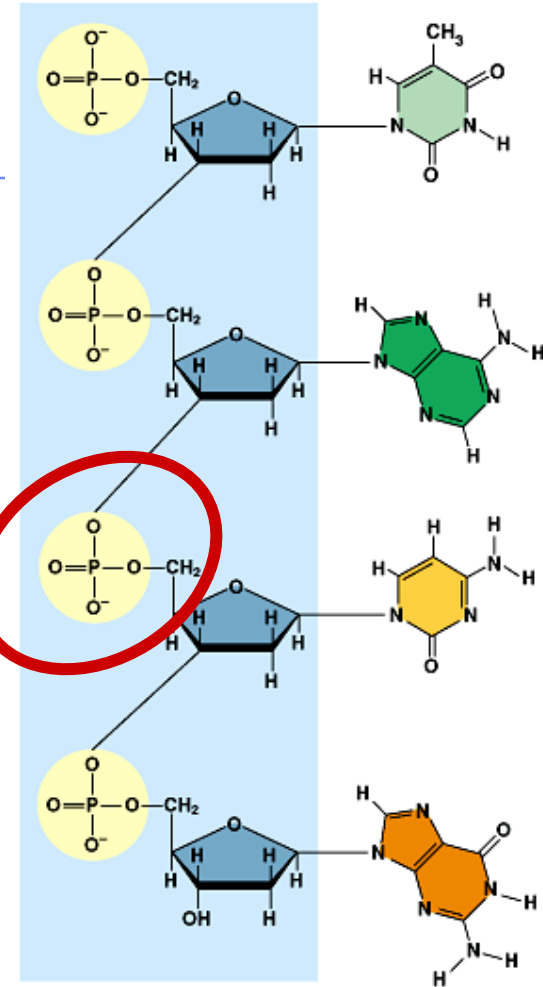
# Comparing cut up DNA

- How do we compare DNA fragments?
  - ◆ separate fragments by size
- How do we separate DNA fragments?
  - ◆ run it through a gelatin
    - agarose
    - made from algae
  - ◆ gel electrophoresis



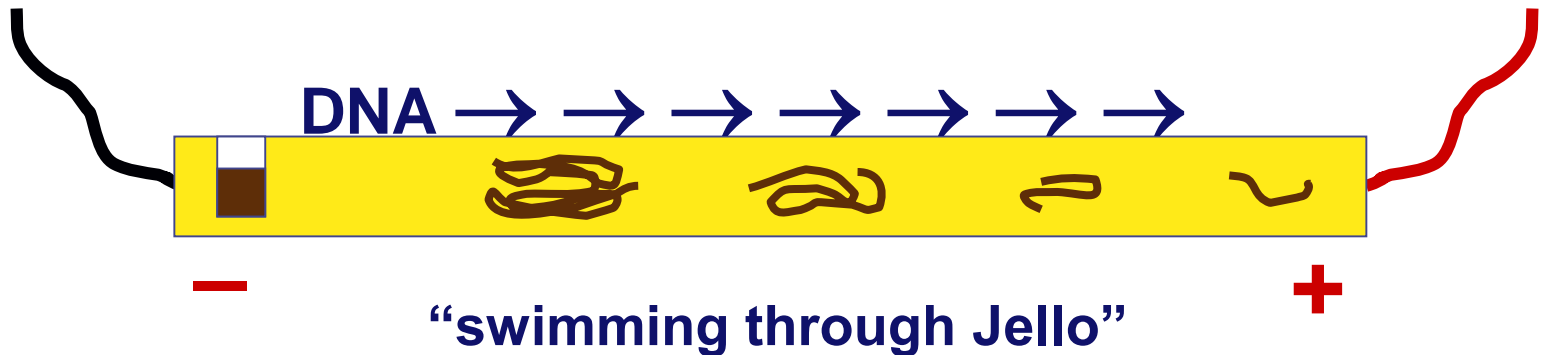
# Gel electrophoresis

- A method of separating DNA in a gelatin-like material using an electrical field
  - ◆ DNA is negatively charged
  - ◆ when it's in an electrical field it moves toward the positive side



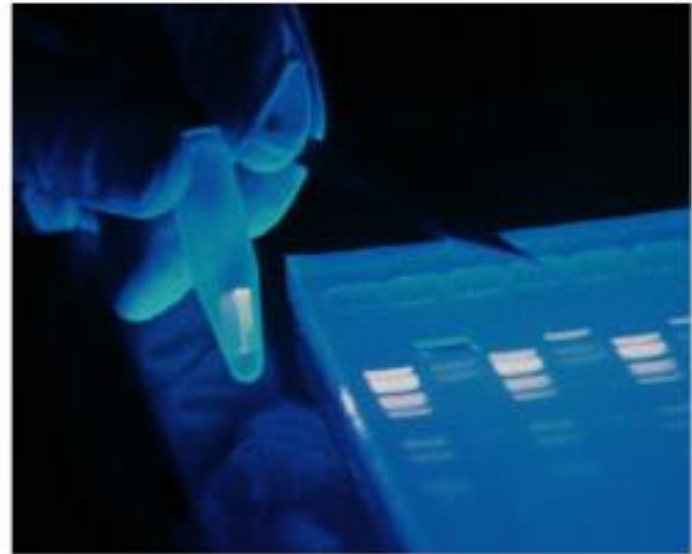
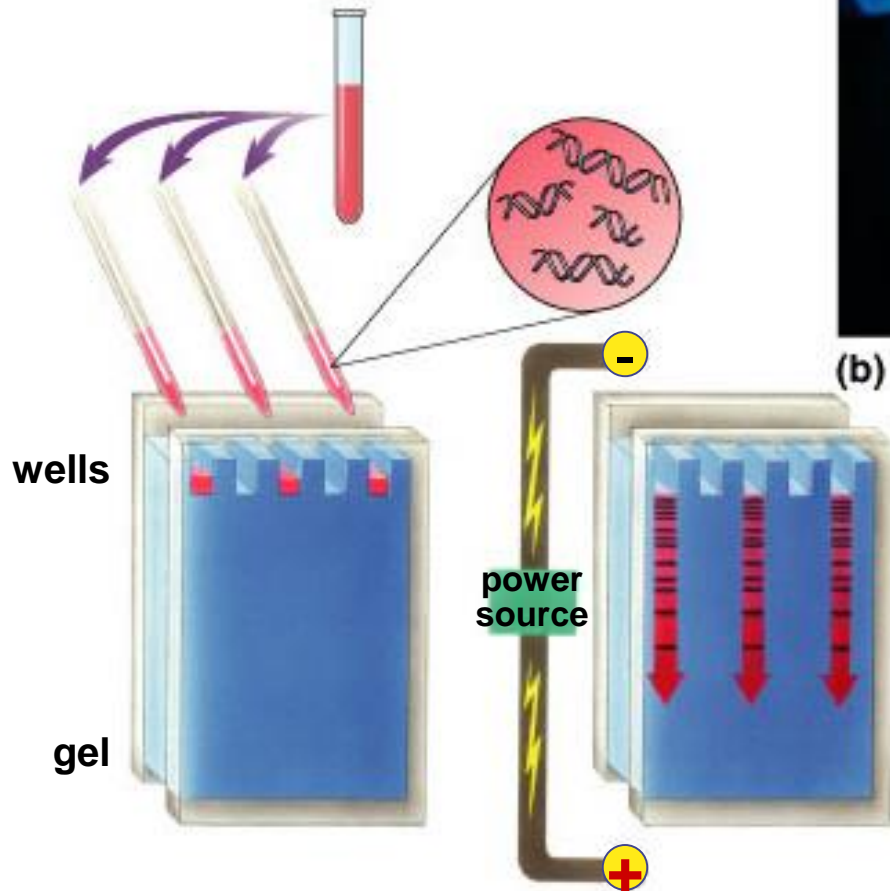
# Gel electrophoresis

- DNA moves in an electrical field...
  - ◆ so how does that help you compare DNA fragments?
    - size of DNA fragment affects how far it travels
      - ◆ small pieces travel farther
      - ◆ large pieces travel slower & lag behind

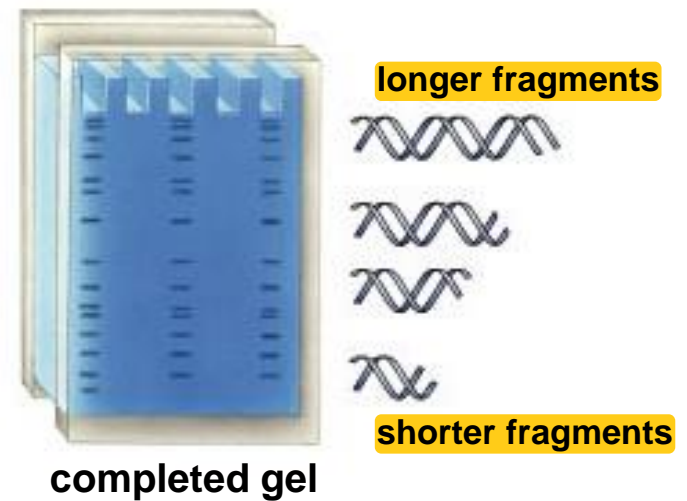


# Gel Electrophoresis

DNA & restriction enzyme

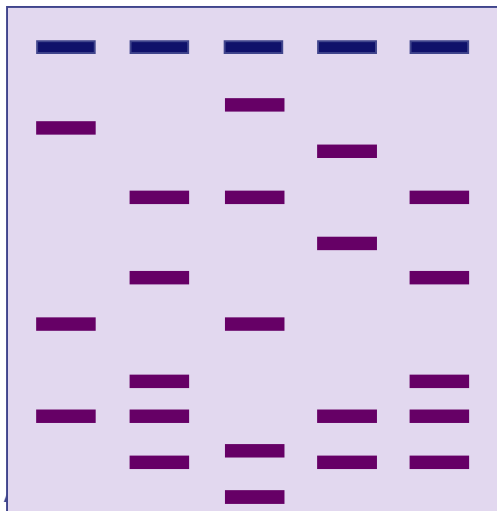
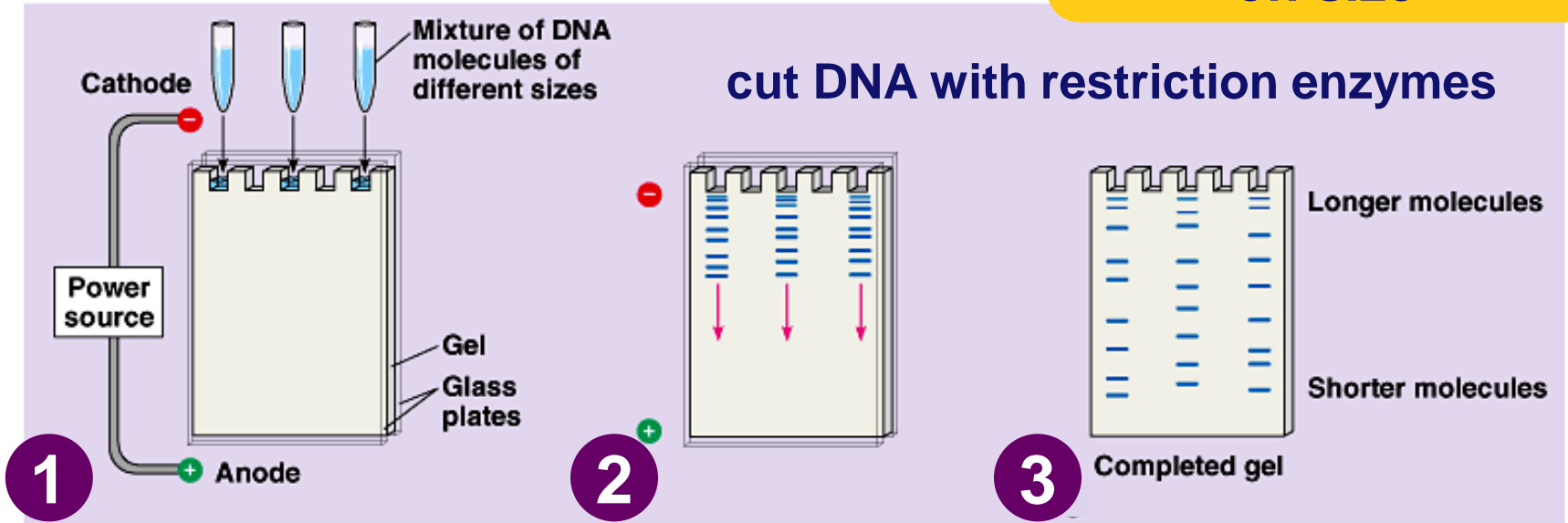


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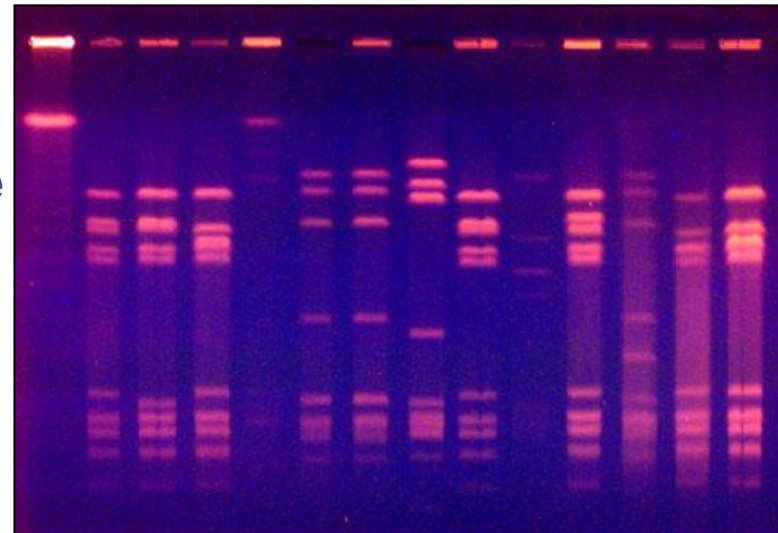
# Running a gel

fragments of DNA separate out based on size



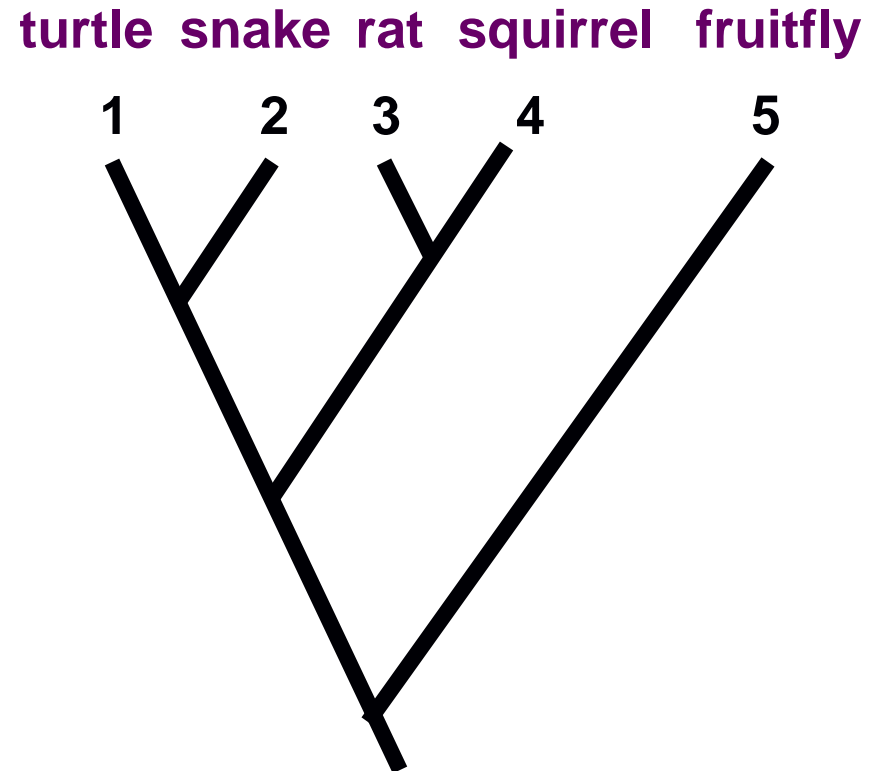
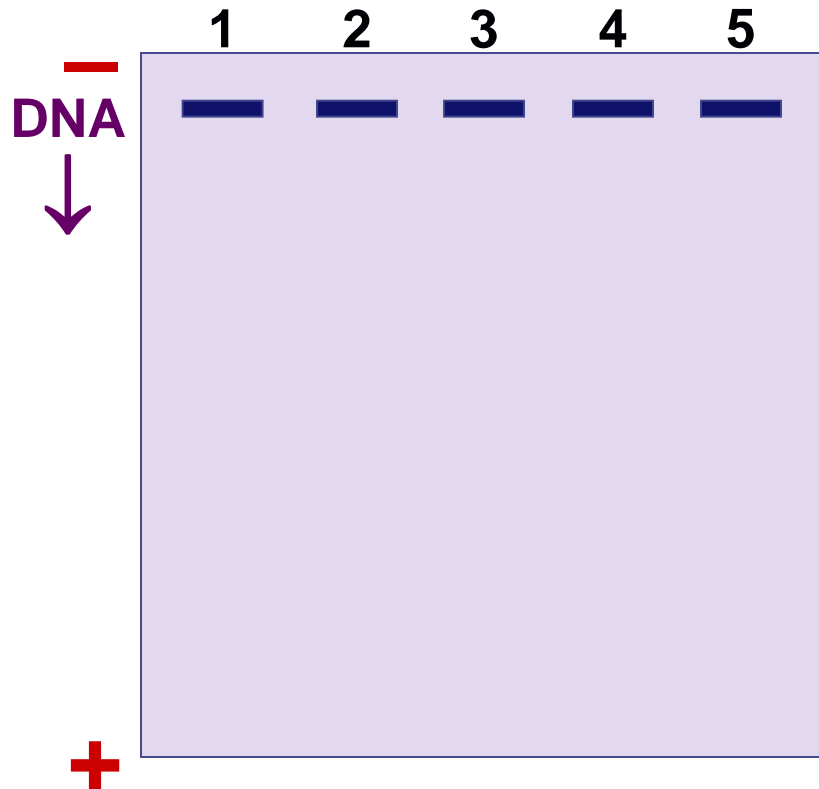
## Stain DNA

- ◆ ethidium bromide binds to DNA
- ◆ fluoresces under UV light



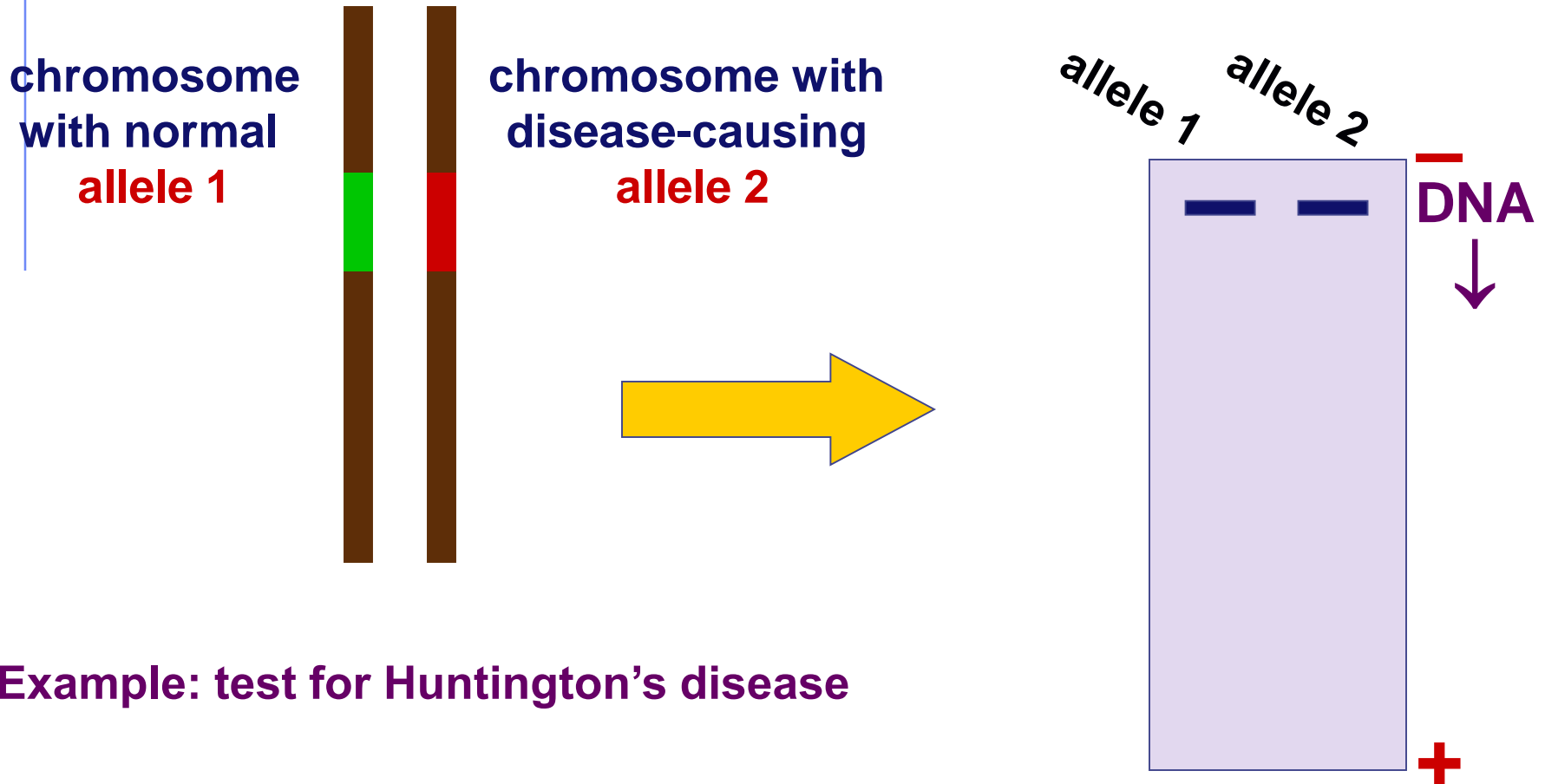
# Uses: Evolutionary relationships

- Comparing DNA samples from different organisms to measure evolutionary relationships



# Uses: Medical diagnostic

- Comparing normal allele to disease allele

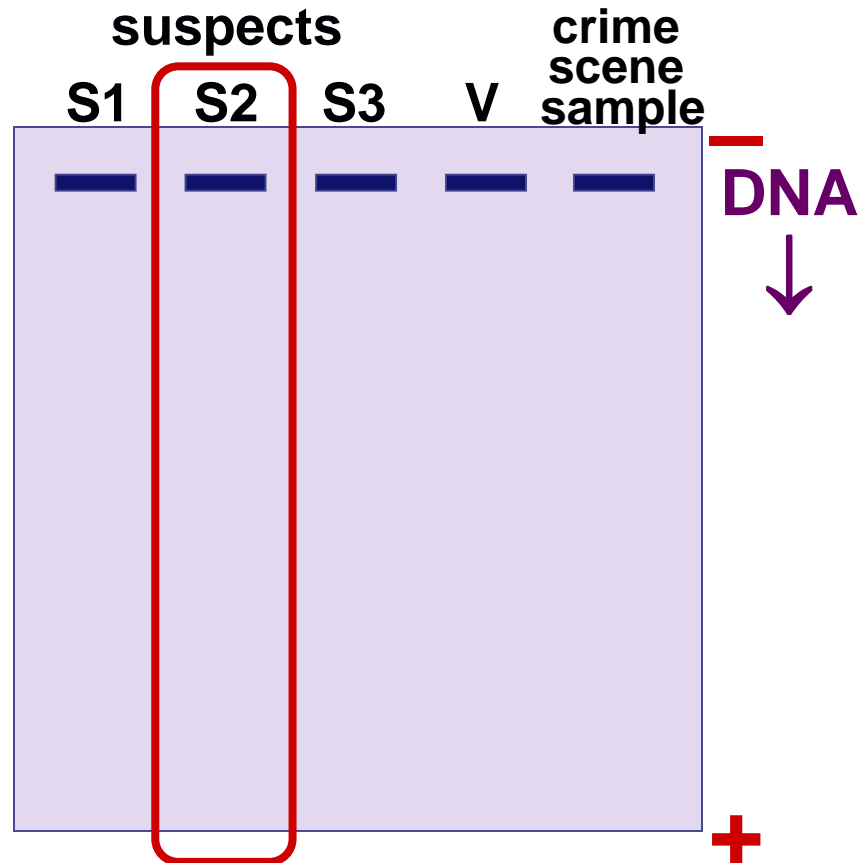


Example: test for Huntington's disease



# Uses: Forensics

- Comparing DNA sample from crime scene with suspects & victim



# DNA fingerprints

- Comparing blood samples on defendant's clothing to determine if it belongs to victim
  - ◆ DNA fingerprinting
  - ◆ comparing DNA banding pattern between different individuals
  - ◆ ~unique patterns



# Differences at the DNA level

- Why is each person's DNA pattern different?
  - ◆ sections of “junk” DNA
    - doesn't code for proteins
    - made up of repeated patterns
      - ◆ CAT, GCC, and others
      - ◆ each person may have different number of repeats
    - many sites on our 23 chromosomes with different repeat patterns

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GCTTGTAACGGCCTCATCATCATTCGCCGGCCTACGCTT  
CGAACATTGCCGGAGTAGTAGTAAGCGGCCGGATGCGAA
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GCTTGTAACGGCATCATCATCATCATCCGGCCTACGCTT  
CGAACATTGCCGTAGTAGTAGTAGTAGTAGGCGGCCGGATGCGAA
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# DNA patterns for DNA fingerprints

Allele 1

cut sites

repeats

cut sites

GCTTGTAACGGCCTCATCATCATTCGCCGGCCTACGCTT  
CGAACATTGCCGGAGTAGTAGTAAGCGGGCCGGATGCGAA

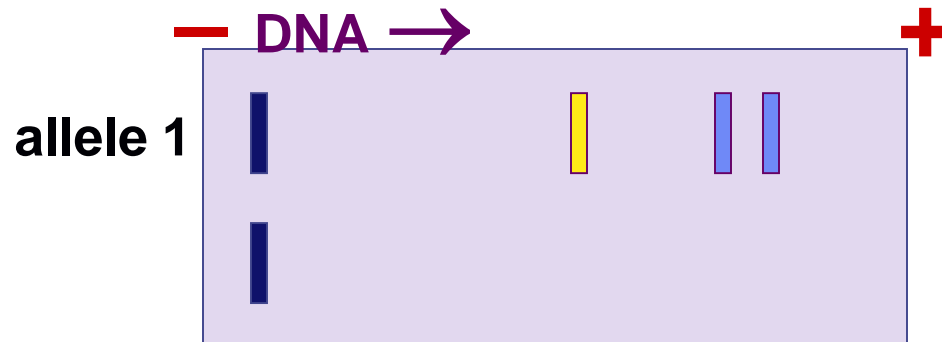
Cut the DNA

GCTTGTAACG GCCTCATCATCATCGCCG GCCTACGCTT  
CGAACATTGCCG GAGTAGTAGTAGCGGGCCG GATGCGAA

1

2

3



# Differences between people

Allele 1

cut sites

GCTTGTAACGGCCTCATCATCATTTCGCCGGCCTACGCTT  
 CGAACATTGCCGGAGTAGTAGTAAGCGGCCGGATGCGAA

cut sites

Allele 2: more repeats

GCTTGTAACGGCCTCATCATCATCATCATCCGGCCTACCGAACA  
 TTGCCGGAGTAGTAGTAGTAGTAGTAGTAGGCGCG

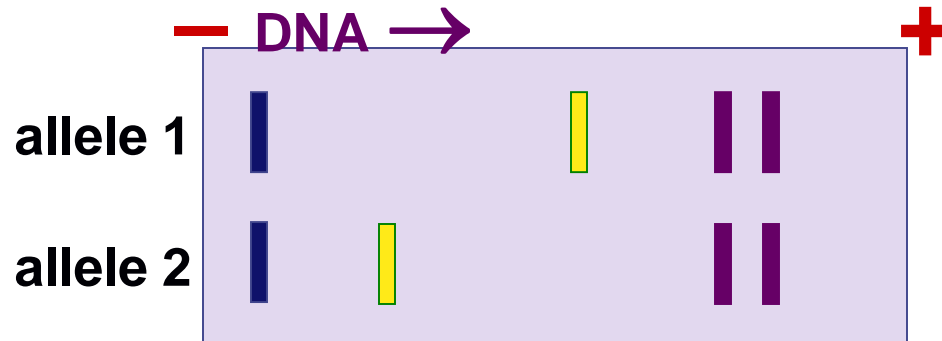
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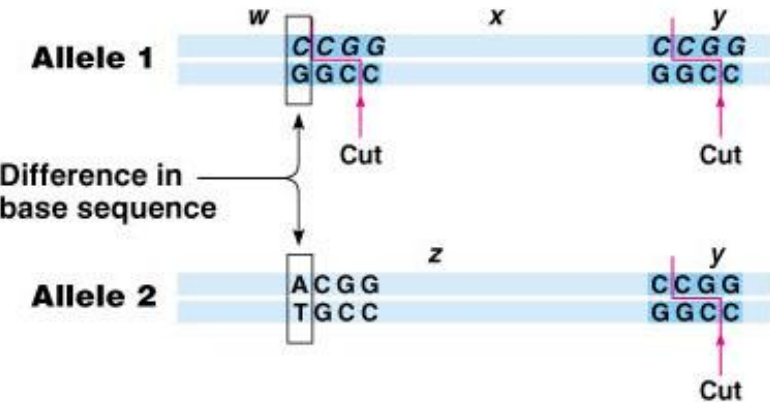


DNA fingerprint

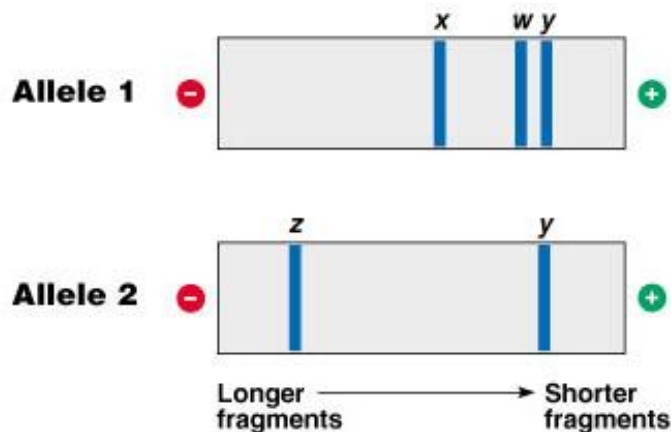


# RFLPs

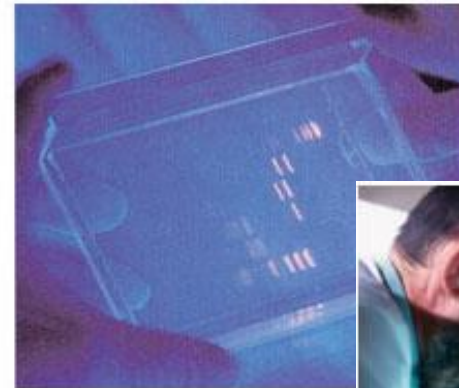
- Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism
  - ◆ differences in DNA between individuals



(a) DNA from two alleles



(b) Electrophoresis of restriction fragments



(c) Completed gel

Alec Jeffries  
1984



- ◆ change in DNA sequence affects restriction enzyme “cut” site
- ◆ creates different fragment sizes & different band pattern

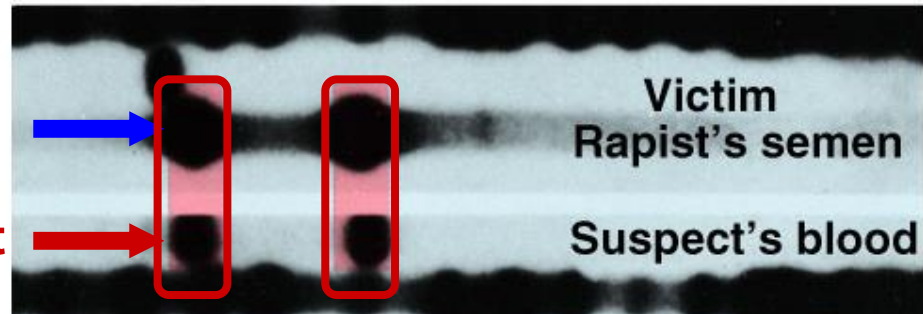
# RFLP / electrophoresis use in forensics

- 1st case successfully using DNA evidence
  - ◆ 1987 rape case convicting Tommie Lee Andrews

“standard”

semen sample from rapist

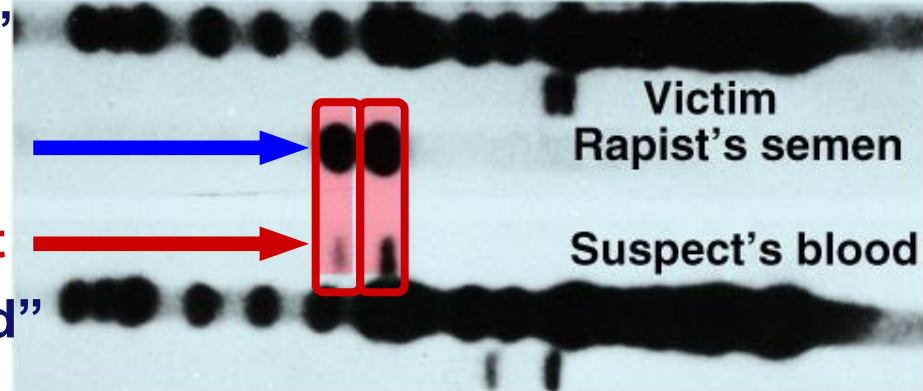
blood sample from suspect  
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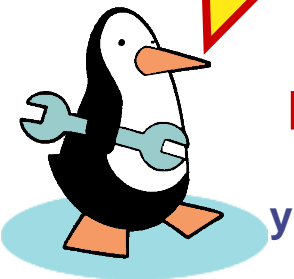
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semen sample from rapist

blood sample from suspect  
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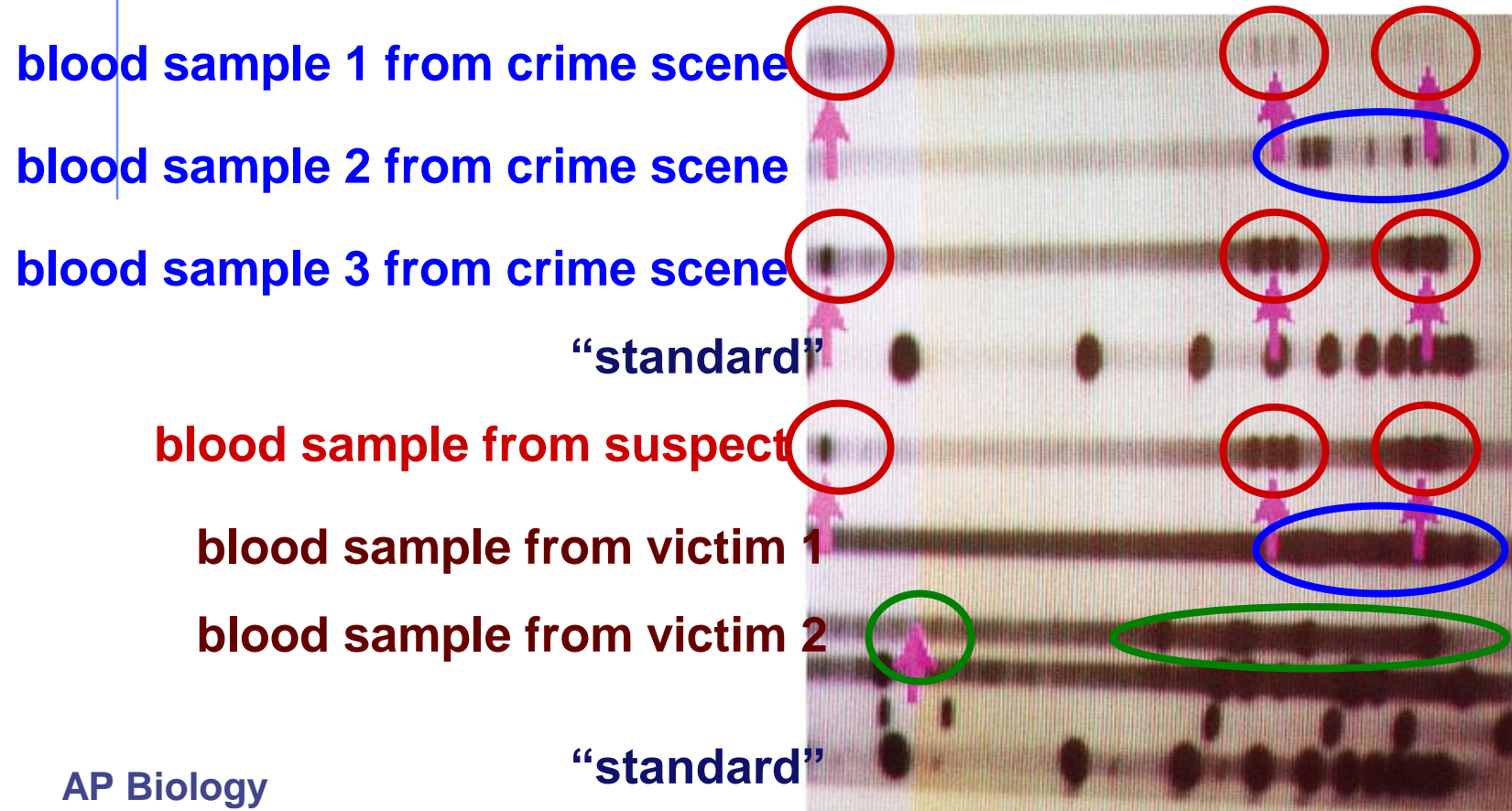


How can you compare DNA from blood & from semen?  
RBC?



# Electrophoresis use in forensics

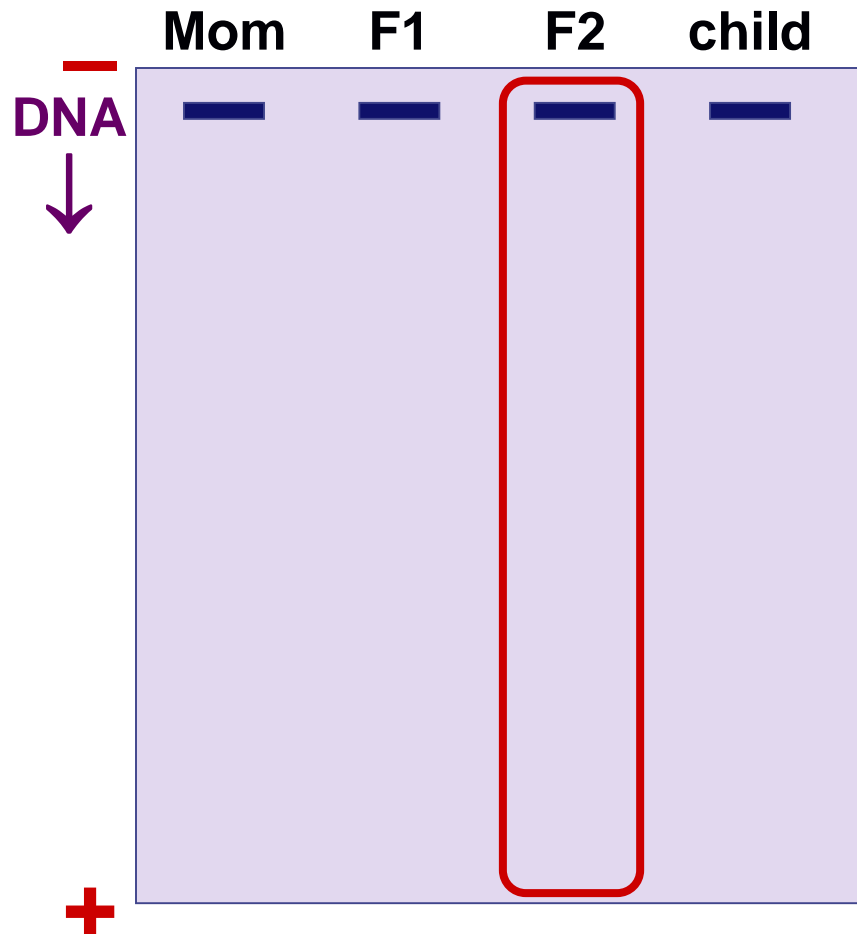
- Evidence from murder trial
  - ◆ Do you think suspect is guilty?



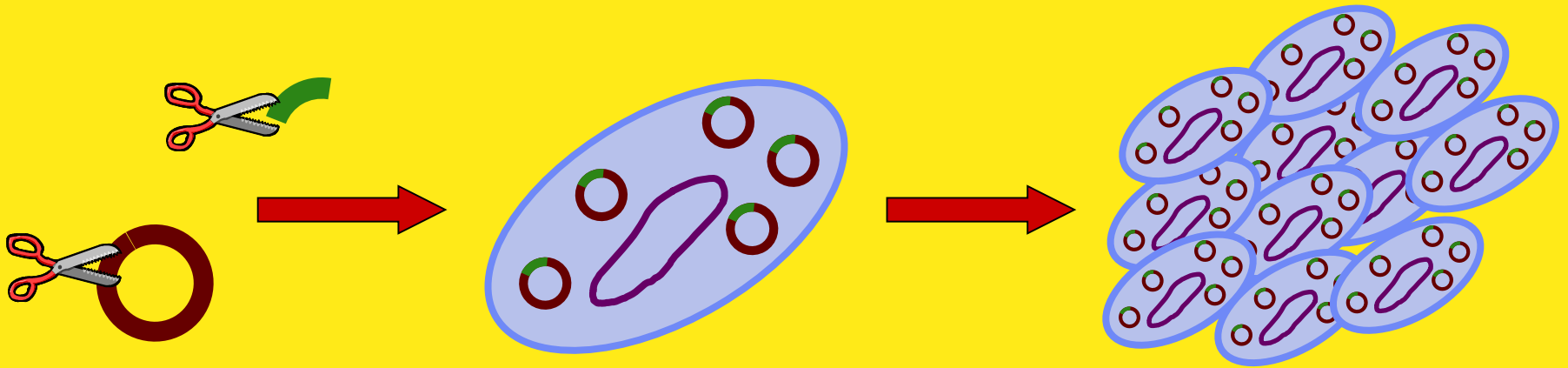


# Uses: Paternity

- Who's the father?



# Making lots of copies of DNA



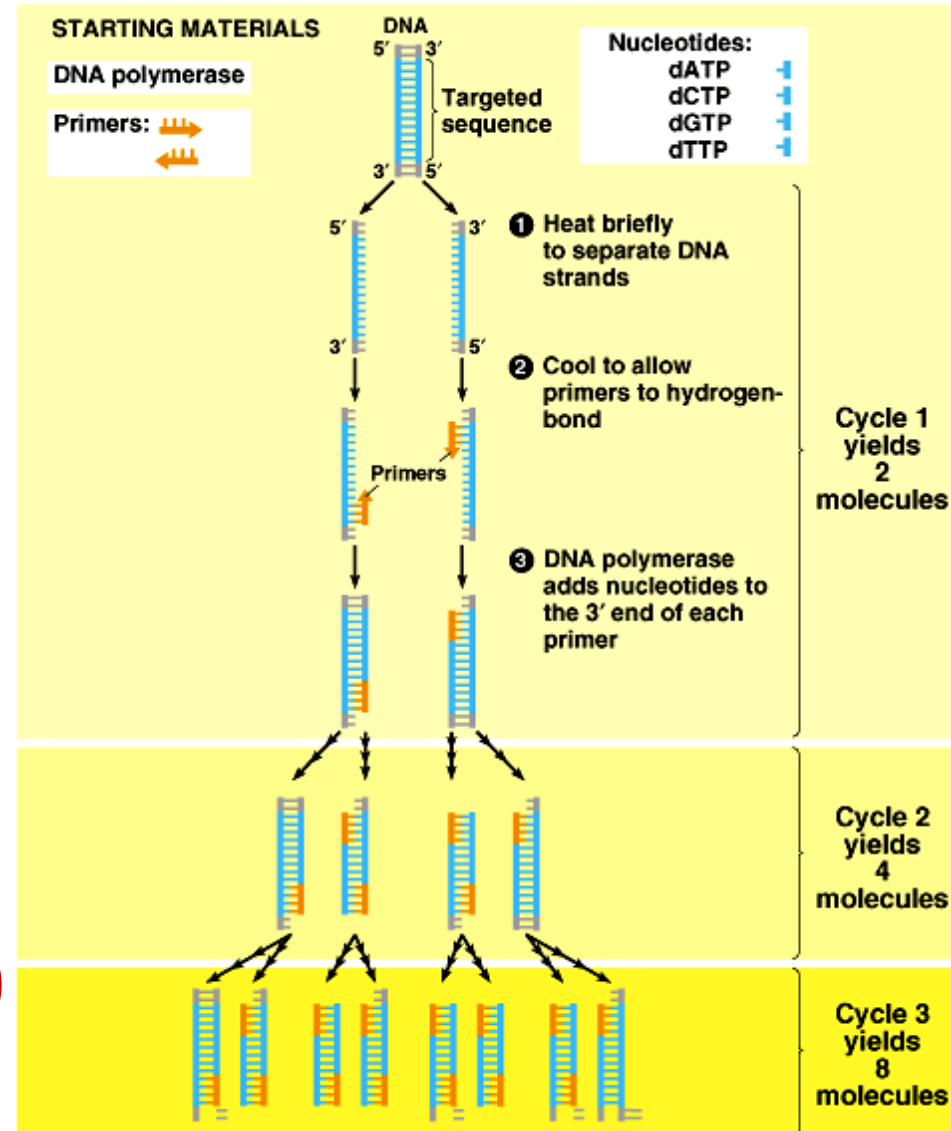
**But it would be so much easier if we didn't have to use bacteria every time...**

# Copy DNA without plasmids? PCR!

## ■ Polymerase Chain Reaction

- ◆ method for making many, many copies of a specific segment of DNA
- ◆ ~only need 1 cell of DNA to start

No more bacteria,  
No more plasmids,  
No more E. coli  
smelly looks!



# PCR process

- It's copying DNA in a test tube!
- What do you need?
  - ◆ template strand
  - ◆ DNA polymerase enzyme
  - ◆ nucleotides
    - ATP, GTP, CTP, TTP
  - ◆ primer

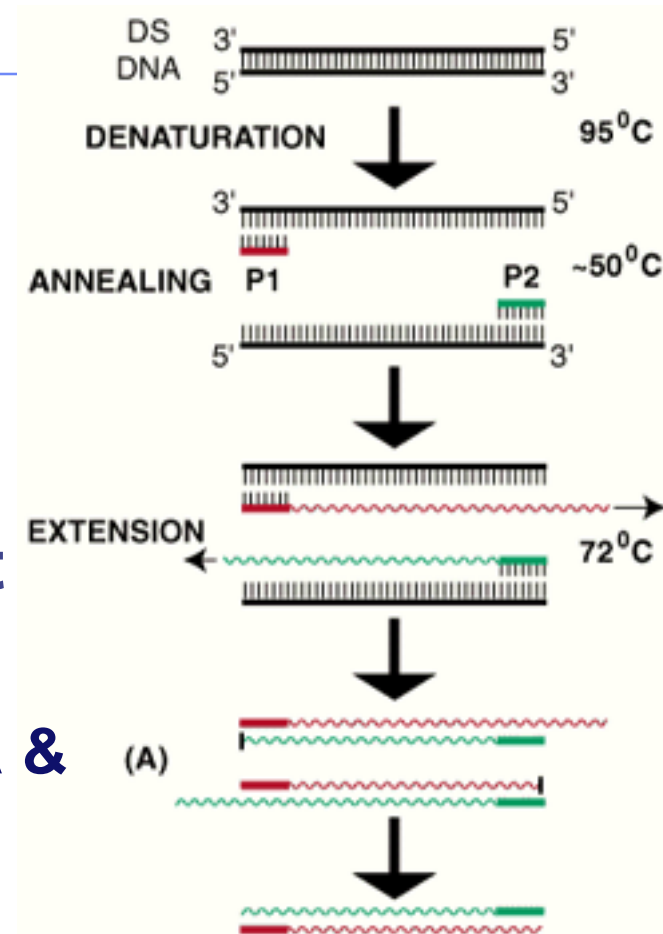


Thermocycler



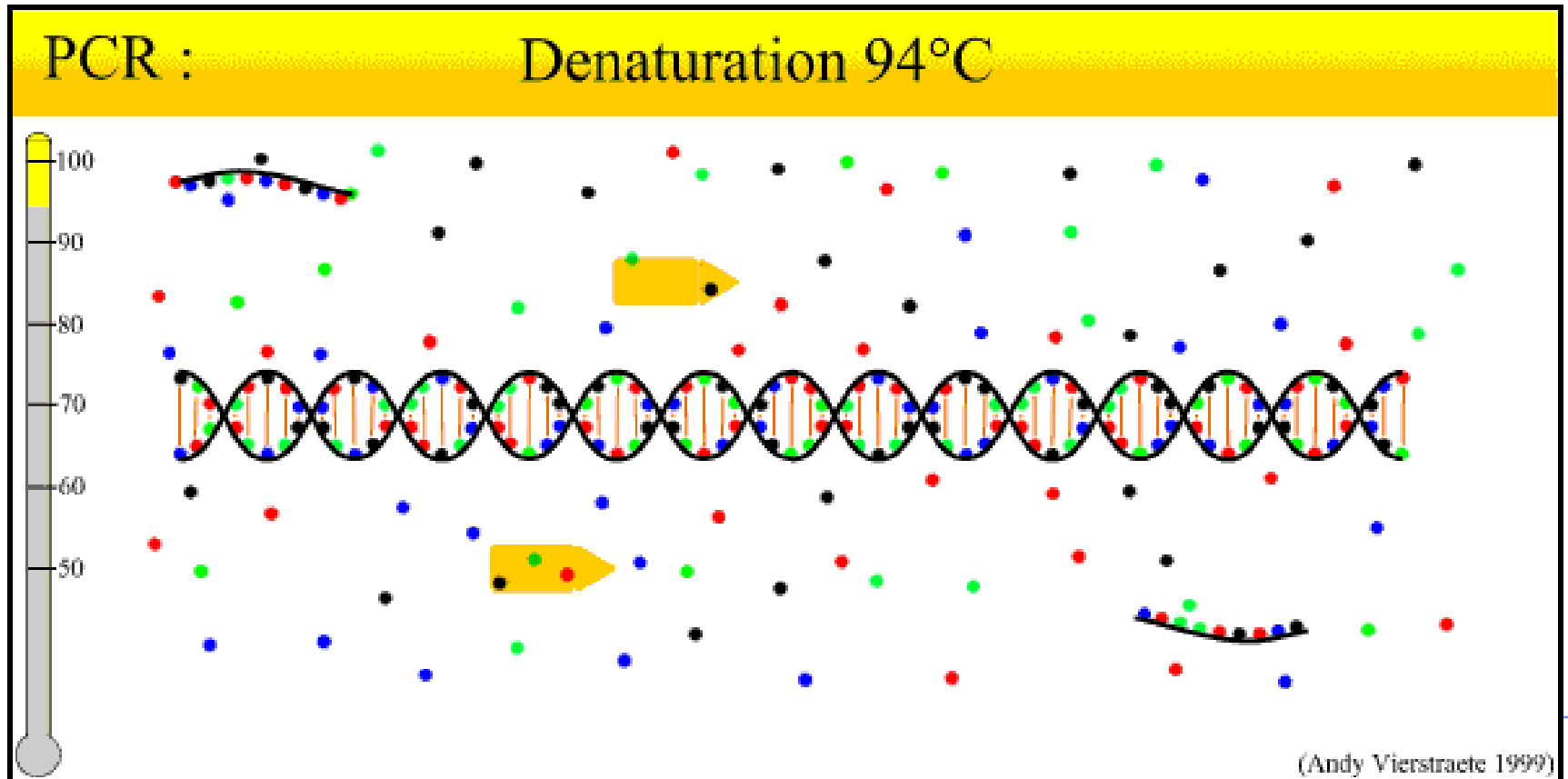
# PCR primers

- **The primers are critical!**
  - ◆ need to know a bit of sequence to make proper primers
  - ◆ primers can bracket target sequence
    - start with long piece of DNA & copy a specified shorter segment
    - primers define section of DNA to be cloned



**20-30 cycles**  
**3 steps/cycle**  
**30 sec/step**

# PCR movie

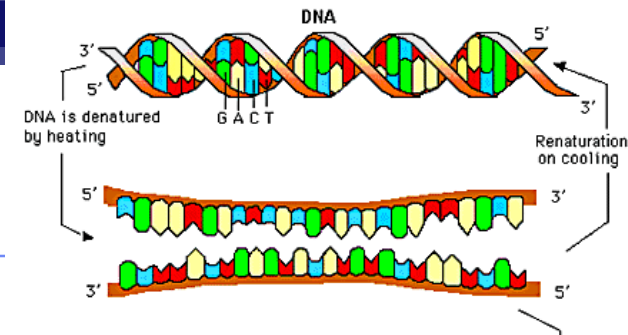


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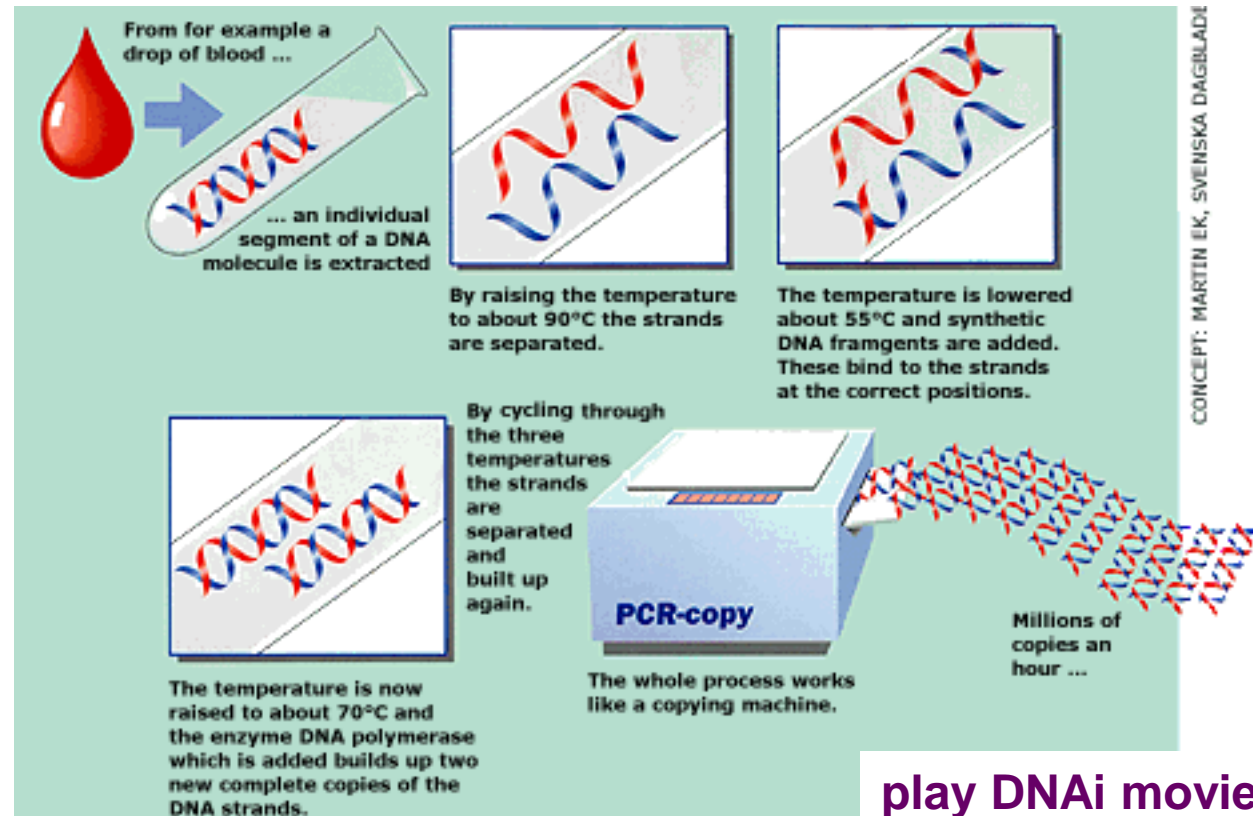
# PCR process

## What do you need to do?

- ◆ in tube: DNA, DNA polymerase enzyme, primer, nucleotides
- ◆ **denature DNA**: heat (90°C) DNA to separate strands
- ◆ **anneal DNA**: cool to hybridize with primers & build DNA (**extension**)



What does 90° C do to our DNA polymerase?



play DNAi movie

PCR

20-30 cycles  
3 steps/cycle  
30 sec/step

# The polymerase problem

- Heat DNA to denature (unwind) it
  - ◆ 90°C destroys DNA polymerase
  - ◆ have to add new enzyme every cycle
    - almost impractical!
- Need enzyme that can withstand 90°C...
  - ◆ Taq polymerase
    - from hot springs bacteria
      - ◆ *Thermus aquaticus*

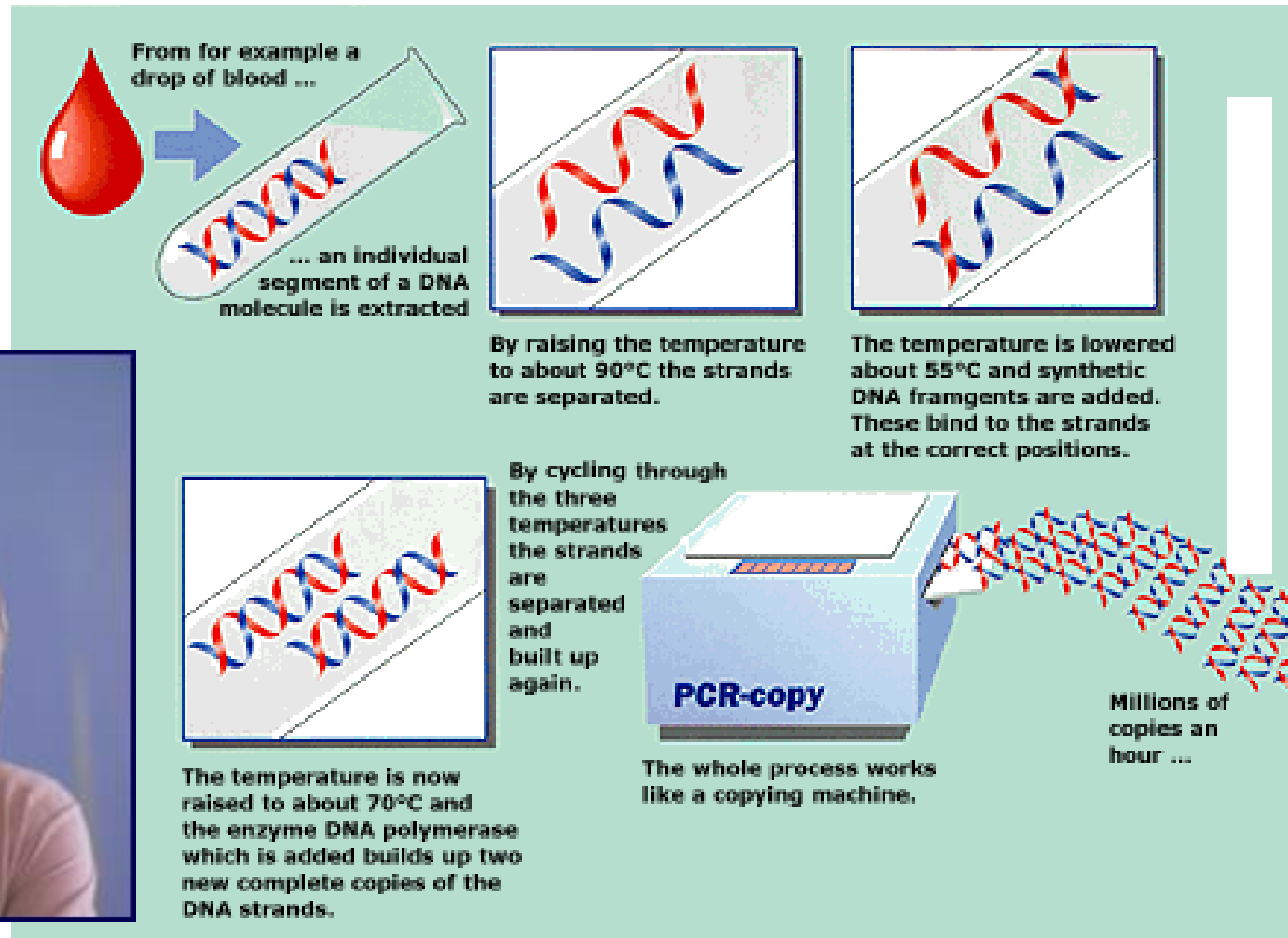




# Kary Mullis

1985 | 1993

- development of PCR technique
  - ◆ a copying machine for DNA



**I'm a-glow!**  
**Got any Questions?**

