

Advanced Cell Biology. Lecture 27

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What is a EST?

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- ▶ Expression Sequence Tag, small fragment of cDNA used to identify which parts of genome are actually expressed

- ▶ Southern blot employs both electrophoresis (for DNA fragments separation) and DNA hybridization (for the discovery of given DNA)
- ▶ Points of hybridization are visualized using autoradiography

Southern blot: last steps

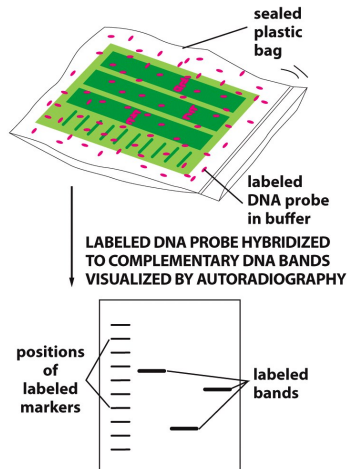
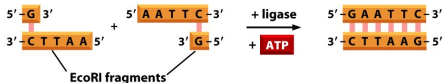


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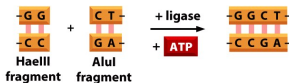
- ▶ Restricted fragments may be re-assembled with ligase
- ▶ Staggered end needs to be completed with DNA polymerase first, and then molecules will be joined with ligase
- ▶ Ligase may insert “foreign” fragment between to others

Ligation after restriction

(A) JOINING TWO COMPLEMENTARY STAGGERED ENDS



(B) JOINING TWO BLUNT ENDS



(C) JOINING A BLUNT END WITH A STAGGERED END

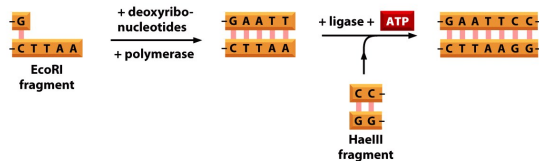


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- ▶ The best way to transform bacterial cell is to use a plasmid
- ▶ Recombinant plasmids are easily taken into bacterial cells and then multiple with bacterial cell divisions

Recombinant plasmid

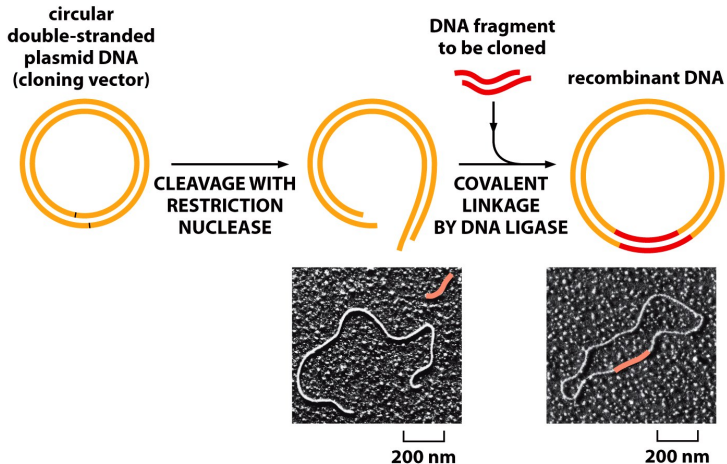


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- ▶ DNA may be saved in plasmids and then re-identified with radioactive DNA labels
- ▶ Genomic libraries may use plasmids, or BACs (bacterial artificial chromosomes)

Creation of DNA library

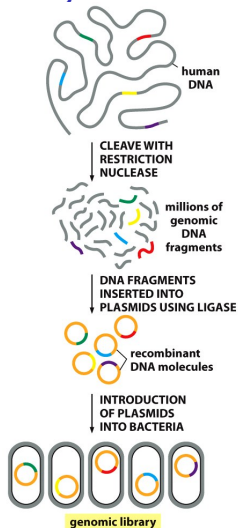


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- ▶ cDNA is a “reversed” DNA (DNA from mRNA)
- ▶ cDNA library could be different from genomic library

Genomic library vs. cDNA library

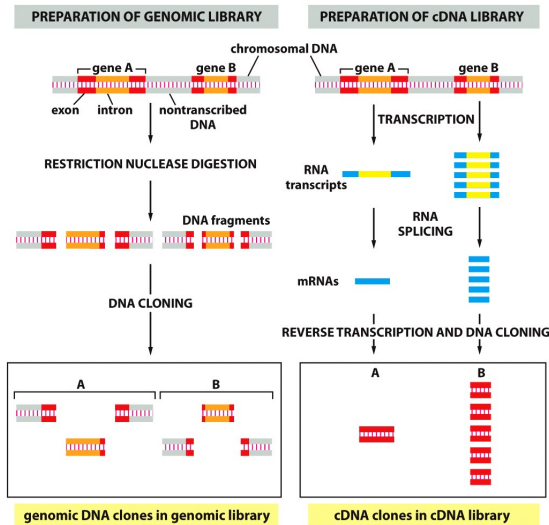


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- ▶ PCR is a chain reaction because the growth of desired DNA fragments is exponential
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Because with more cycles, result becomes noisy
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Small tandem repeats (STRs) for human identification

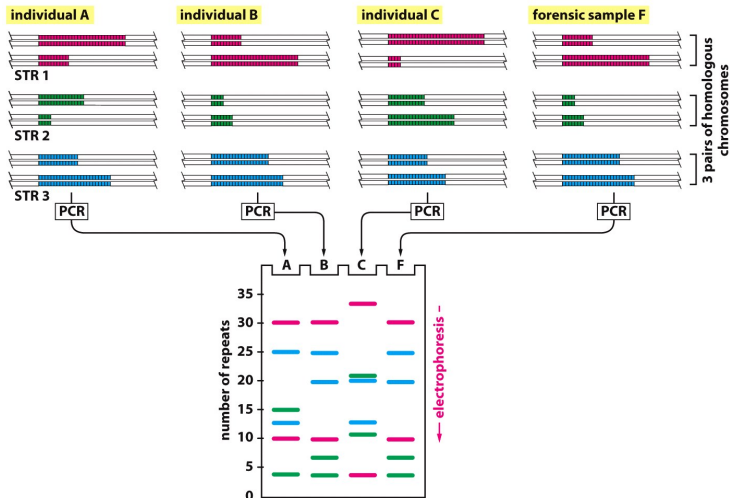


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PCR, first steps

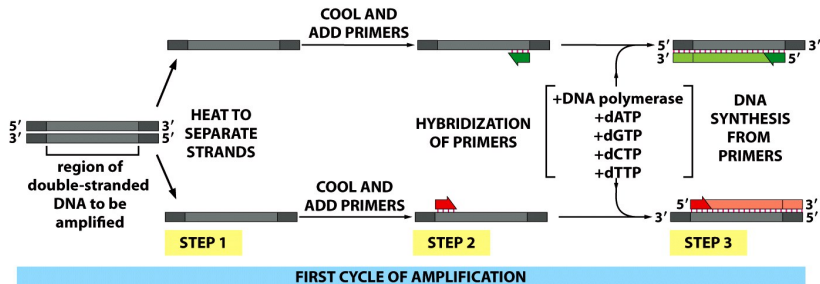


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PCR, several cycles

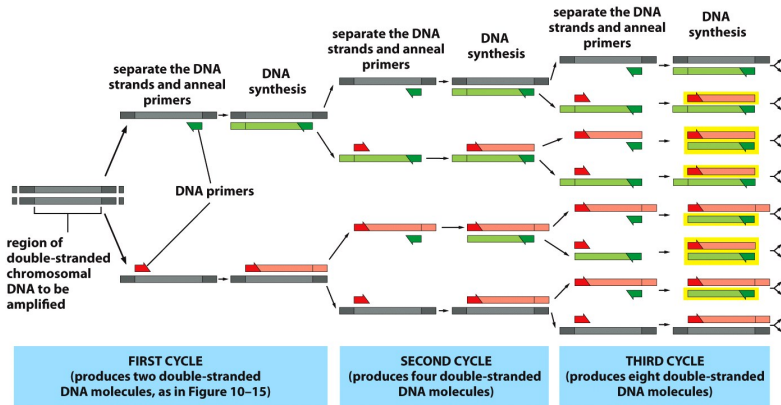


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PCR movie

- ▶ Employs specific way of polymerization used ddNTPs (dideoxy nucleotide triphosphates)
- ▶ ddNTPs stop the formation of DNA chain
- ▶ ddNTPs could be detected via fluorescent or radioactive label
- ▶ Therefore, we will know length of fragment (because we will do electrophoresis) and which ddNTP is in there (because it is fluorescent or radioactive)
- ▶ Then we can calculate a location of specific nucleotide

Dideoxy nucleotide triphosphates (ddNTPs)

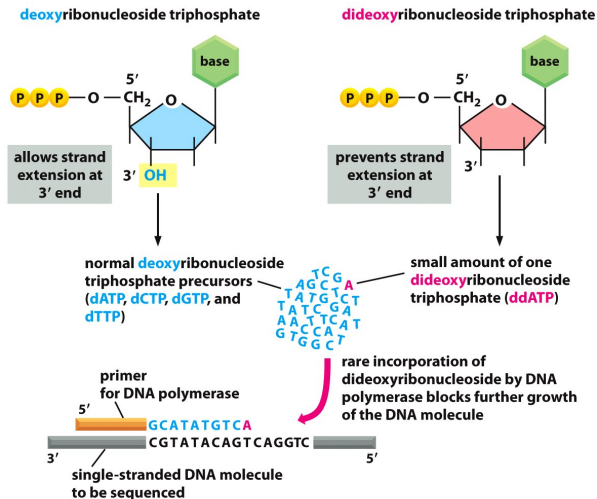
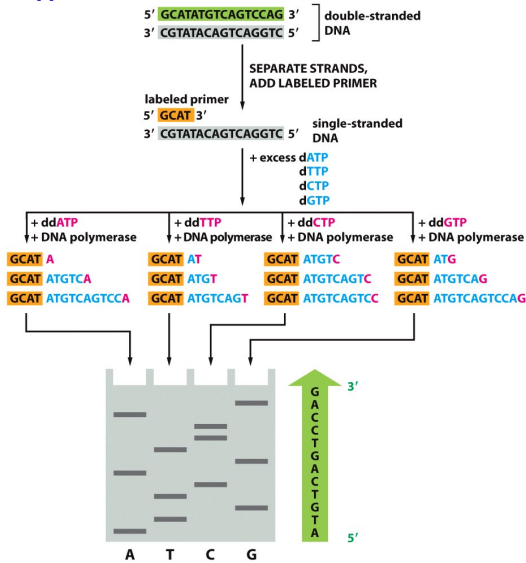


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- Analysis of DNA
- DNA cloning

dd-sequencing



- ▶ This is one of genome sequencing approaches
- ▶ DNA fragmented then sequenced

Shotgun approach for the genome sequencing

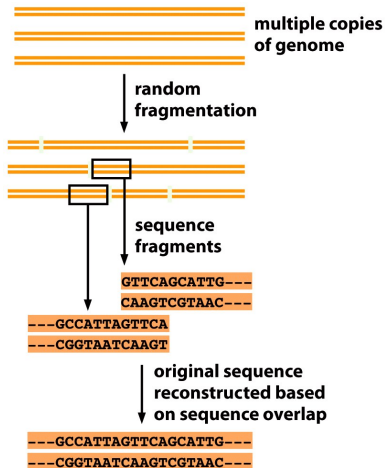


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- └ Analysis of DNA
- └ DNA cloning

Why DNA sequencing employs ddNTPs?

- ▶ DNA cloning used recombinant DNA and plasmid carriers
- ▶ PCR is based on temperature-specific DNA polymerase and DNA hybridization
- ▶ DNA sequencing (dd method) is based on the use of ddNTPs and electrophoresis

For Further Reading



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