

Genome Academy: DNA to Data

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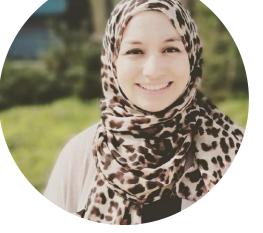
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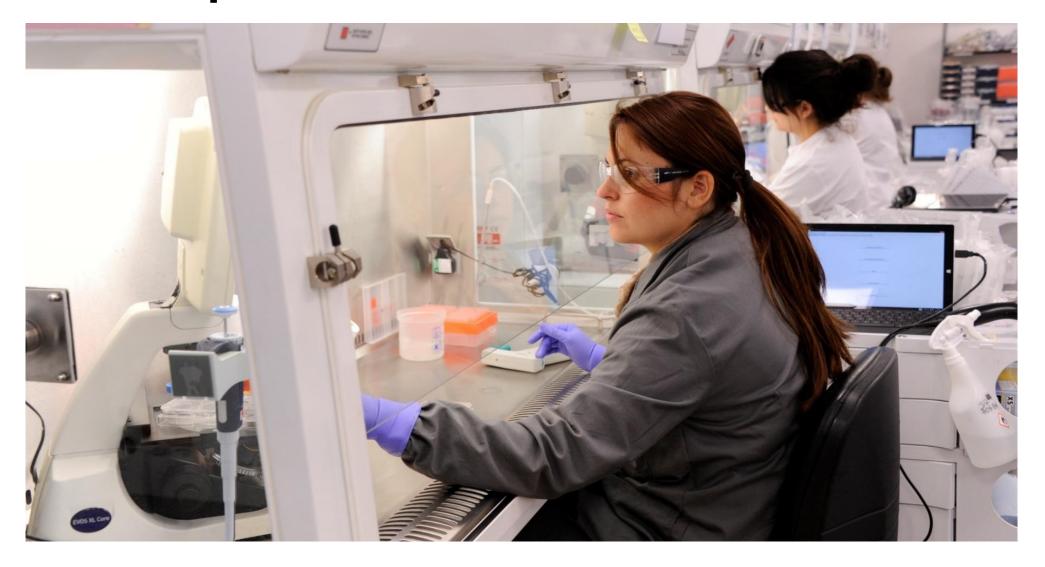


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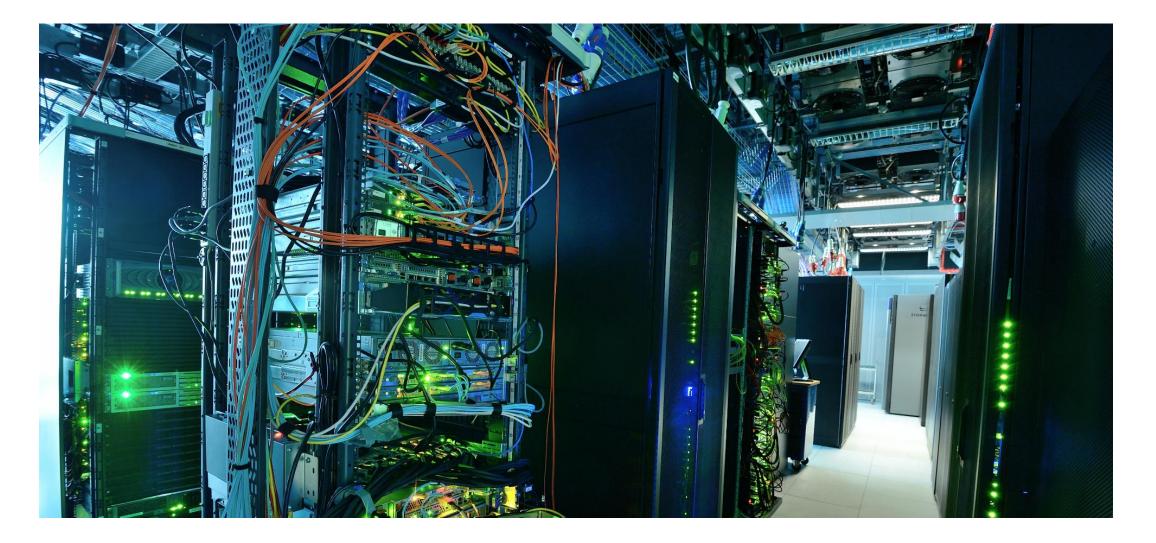
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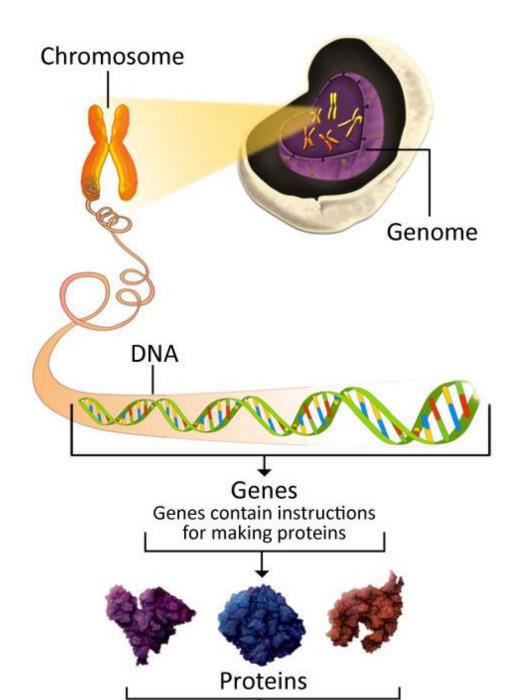


Time table for today

Time	Activity
10:00	Welcome and Introduction to the campus
10:30	Introduction to lab safety and our practicals
10:45	Lab practical – Pipetting skills and DNA extraction
11:15	Lab Practical – PCR
11:45	Speaker: Petra Korvelić
12:15	Lunch
13:00	Lab practical – running a Lonza Gel
14:00	Lab tour – CASM team
15:00	Reflections on the day
15:30	Depart

What is a gene?

- A sequence of DNA that carries the information required to make a molecule, usually a protein.
- Proteins have functional roles to play in our bodies



What is a genome?

A copy of all the DNA instructions used to make an organism

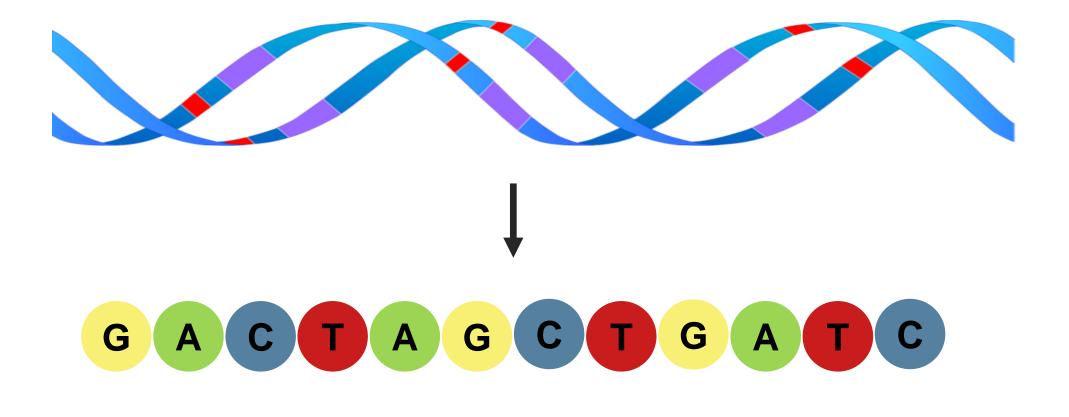
"The Book of Life"

All organisms have genomes

We have 2 copies of our genome packaged in 23 pairs of chromosomes



What is DNA sequencing?



genomics: then and now

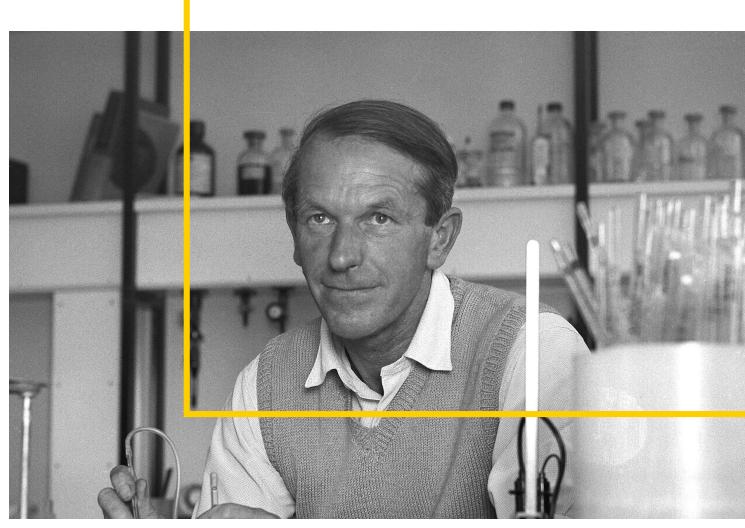


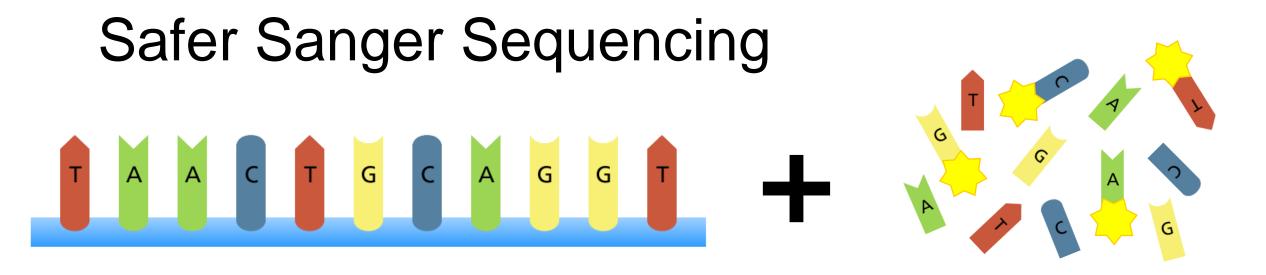
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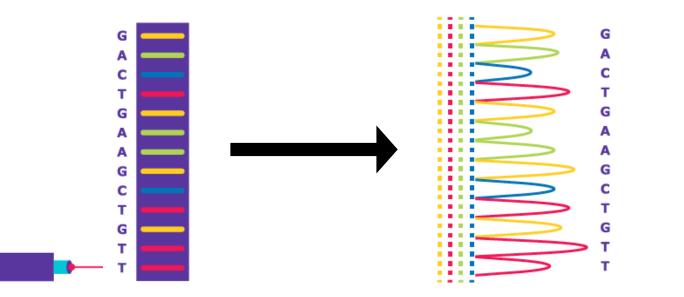
Fred Sanger and DNA sequencing

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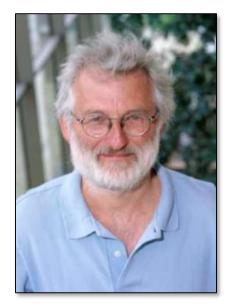
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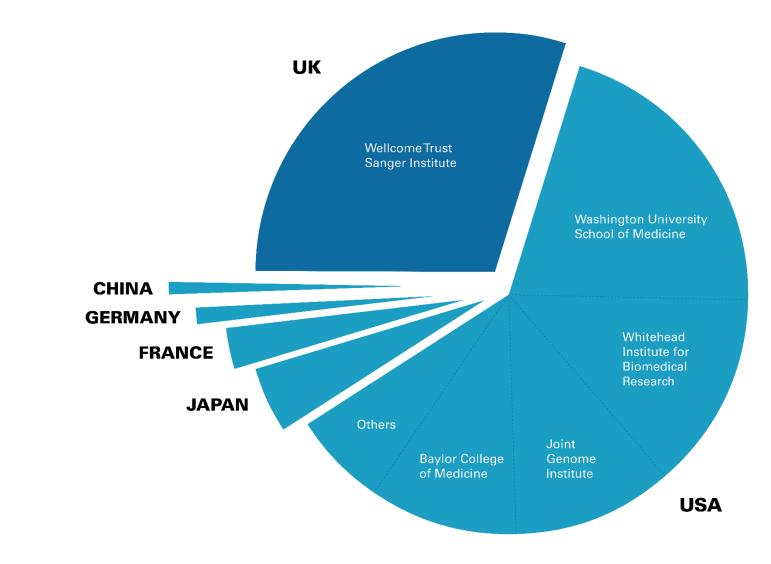




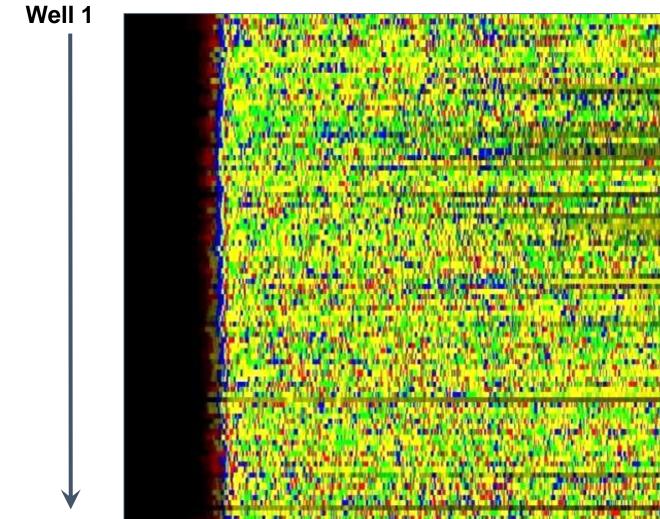
The Human Genome Project



John Sulston

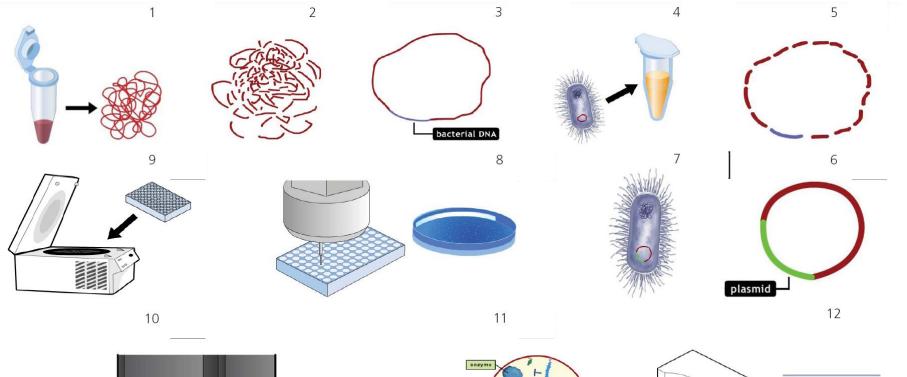


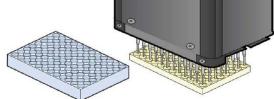
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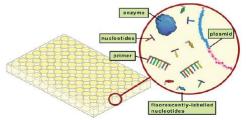


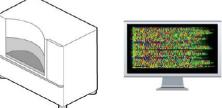


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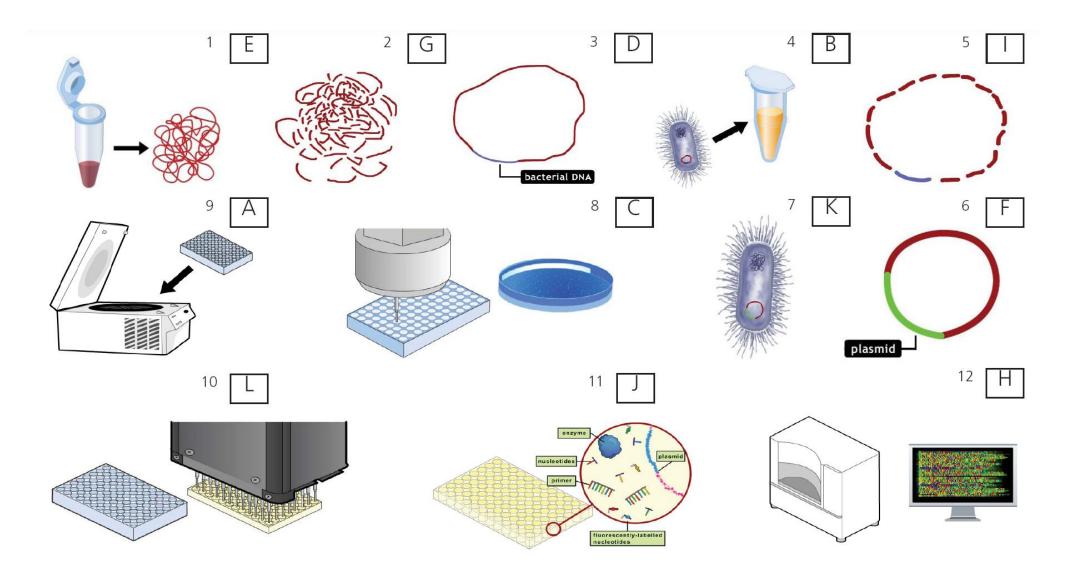








DNA to Data



What does a genome sequence look like?

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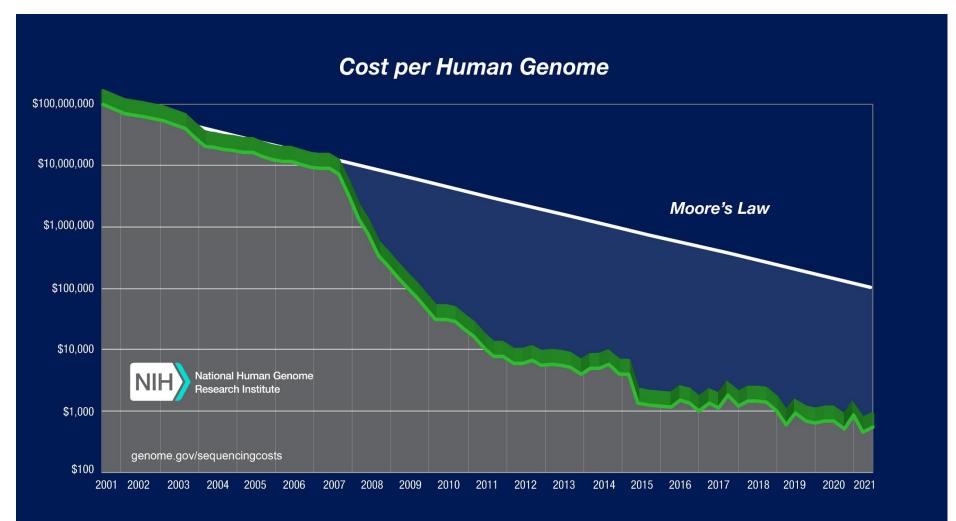
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DNA sequencers then vs now

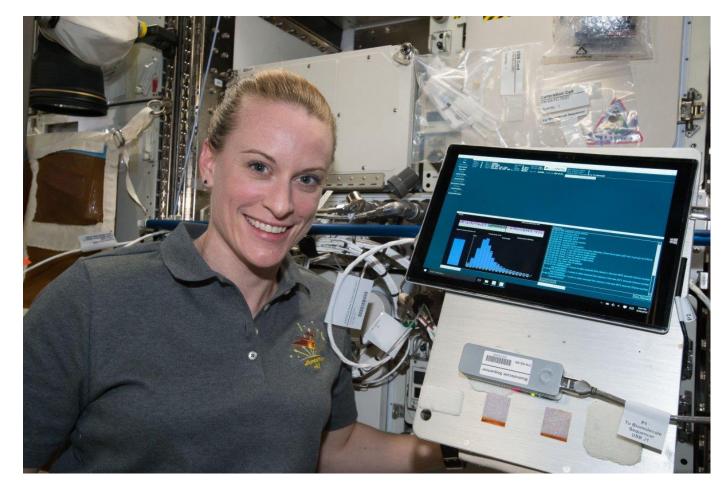


DNA sequencing today



Sequencing everything and everywhere





Getting ready for the lab session



Virtual lab log in

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User name: your email Password: password

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Working Safely in the Lab

Complete Module 2 Working safely in the lab simulations:

- Dressing for the lab
- Lab safety simulation





What are the key lab safety rules?







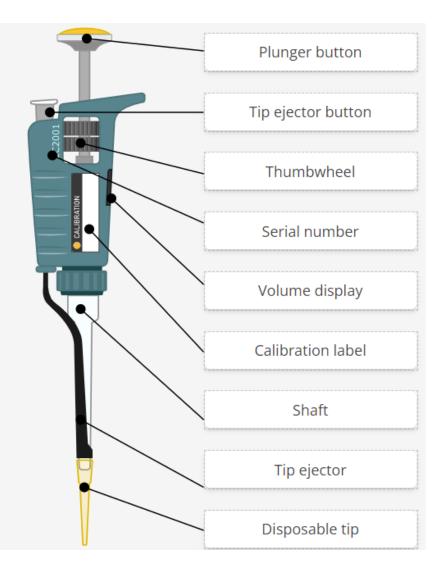
Practical skills: Pipetting



What is a pipette?

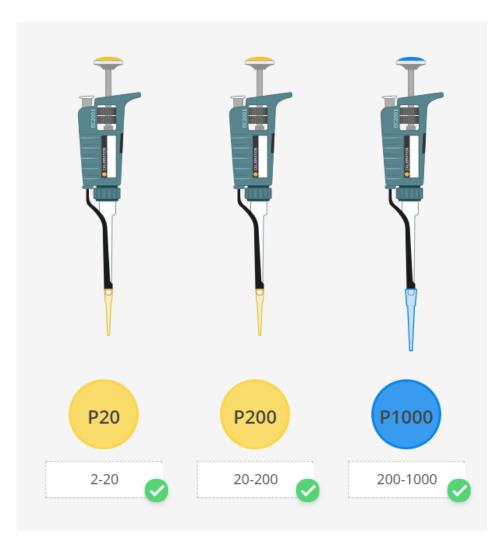


Key parts of a pipette





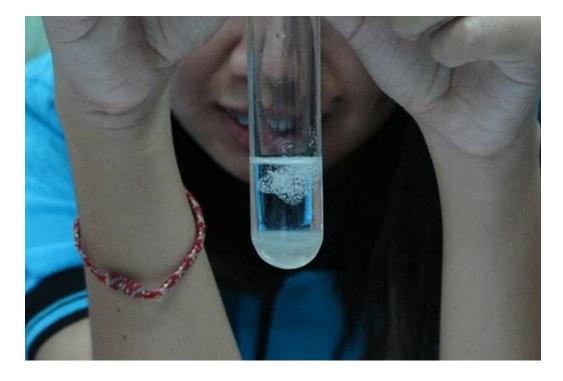
Sizes of pipette



Practical 1: DNA extraction

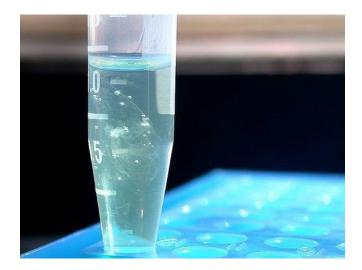
Aim:

 Understand three main stages involved in extracting DNA from plant cells and animal cells.



Stages of DNA extraction

- The process of DNA extraction is fairly straightforward, incorporating the following basic steps:
 - 1. Breaking cells open
 - 2. Separating DNA from proteins and other cellular debris
 - 3. Precipitating the DNA with an alcohol
 - 4. Cleaning the DNA (purification)
 - 5. Confirming the presence and quality of the DNA



Practical 2: PCR

Aim:

• Understand the processes involved in carrying out a PCR reaction.



Practical 2: PCR

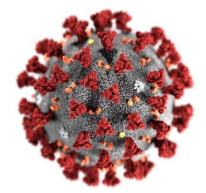
Polymerase Chain Reaction

Uses cell's mechanism of DNA replication to make lots of copies of small sections of DNA

Why would that be useful?

Uses of PCR

- Detection of Virus or bacteria
- Identification of Individuals (DNA fingerprinting)
- Identification of species (DNA barcoding)
- Diagnosis of genetic disorders



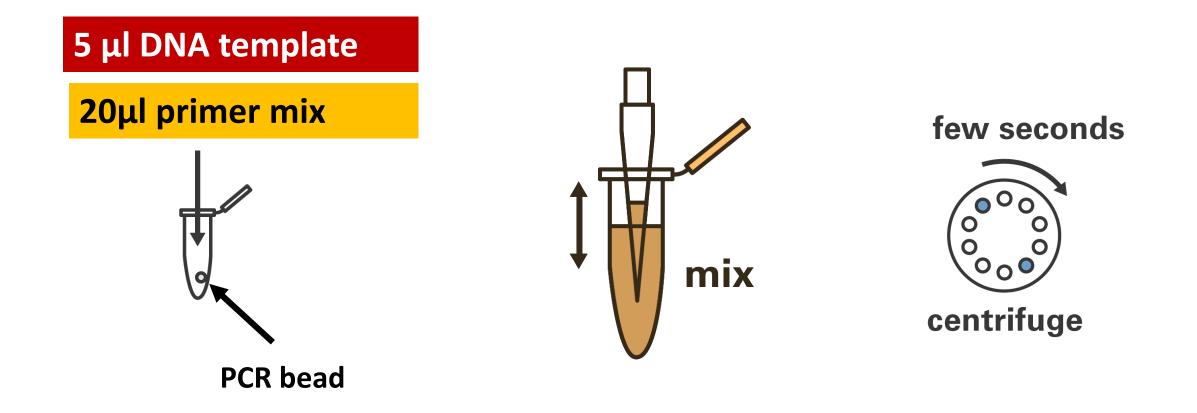




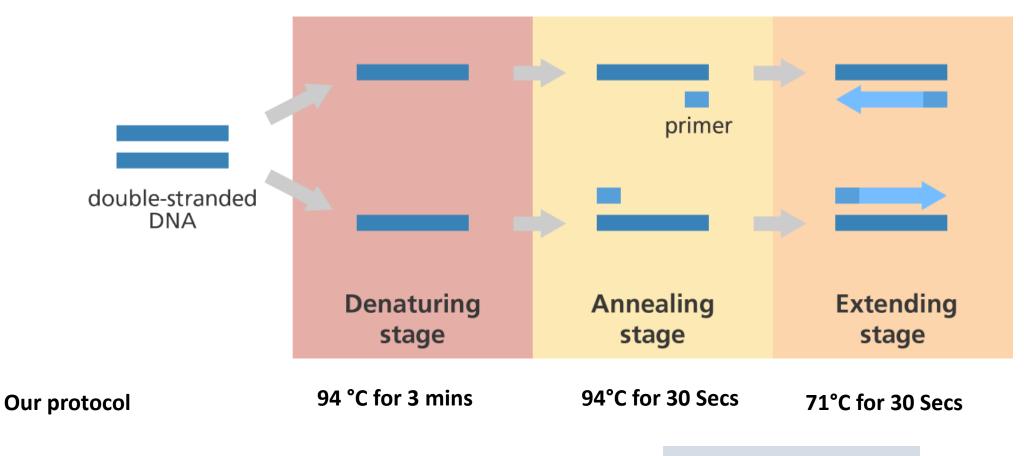
What do you need for a PCR reaction?

- A DNA template to be copied
- A primer a short piece of DNA that is designed to bind with the DNA you want to copy
- DNA bases the building blocks of the DNA molecule
- **DNA polymerase** enzyme to build the new DNA fragments
- Buffer this ensures the conditions remain stable for the reaction to take place.
- A thermal cycler a machine that heats and cools the sample

What will we be doing in the lab?

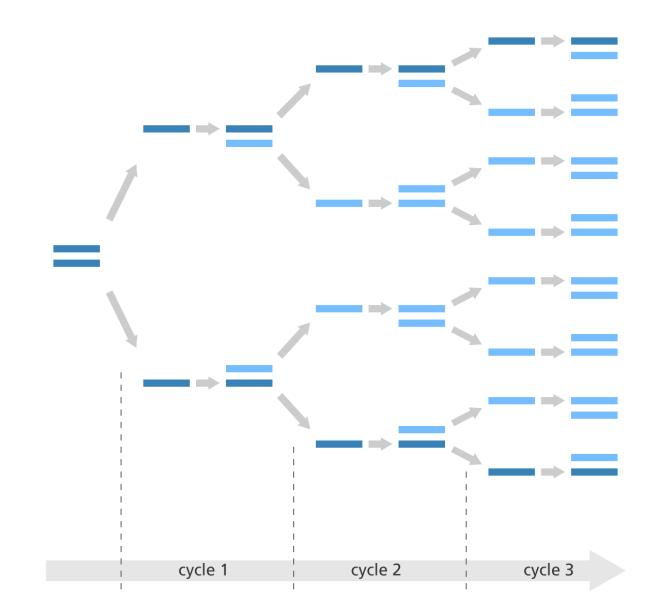


PCR cycling conditions



Repeat for 20 cycles

What will be happening in the PCR machine

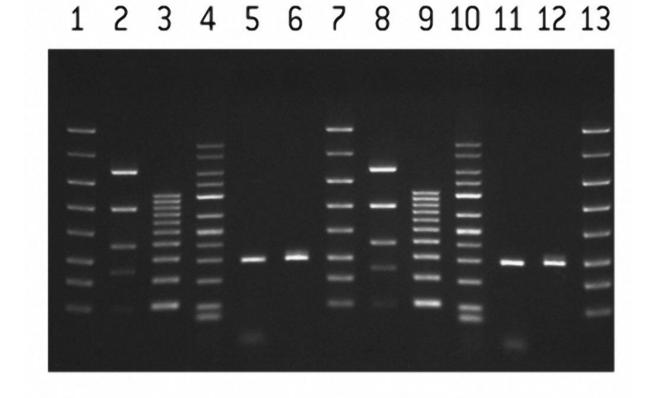


Using the Lonza Flashgel system



Visualising results

Gel electrophoresis can be used to view whether your PCR has been successful



Lonza Flashgel (Gel electrophoresis)

