



Molecular DNA techniques and their immunological applications 1.

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PhD course



PCR

Real time quantitative PCR

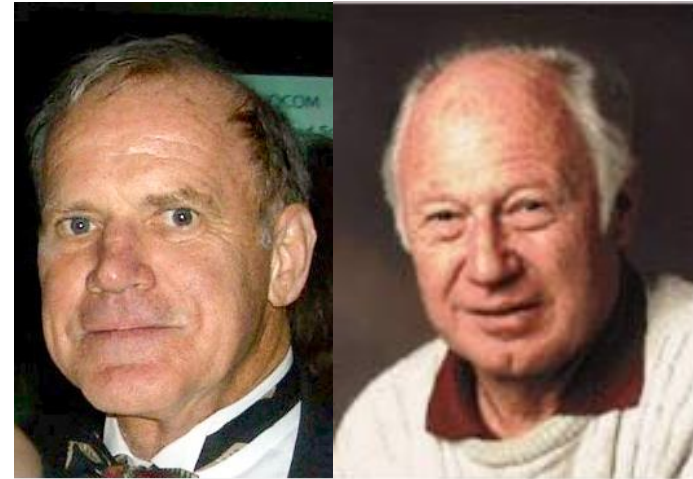
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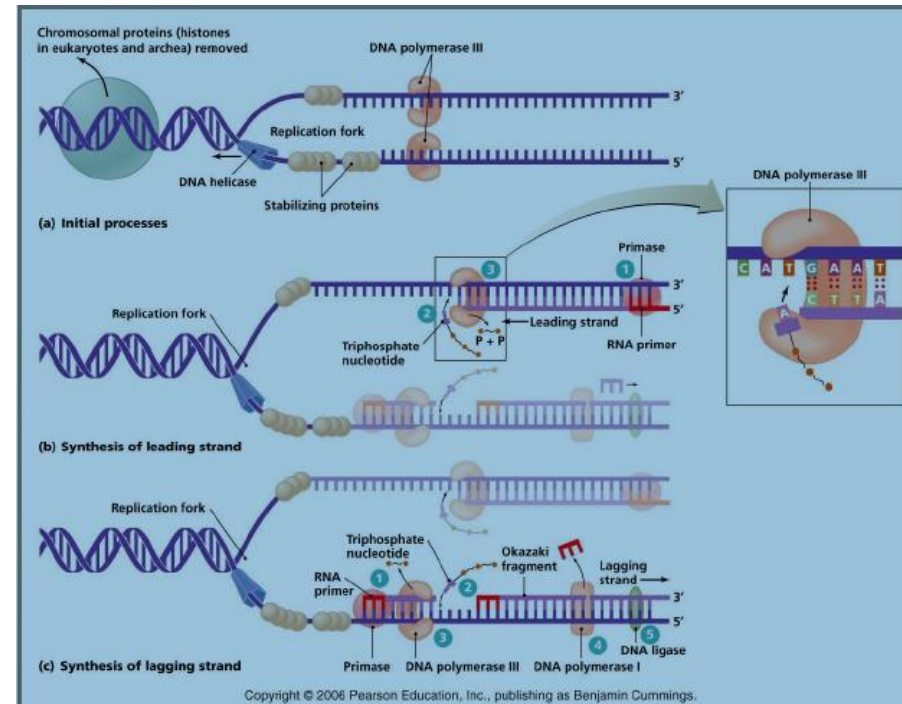
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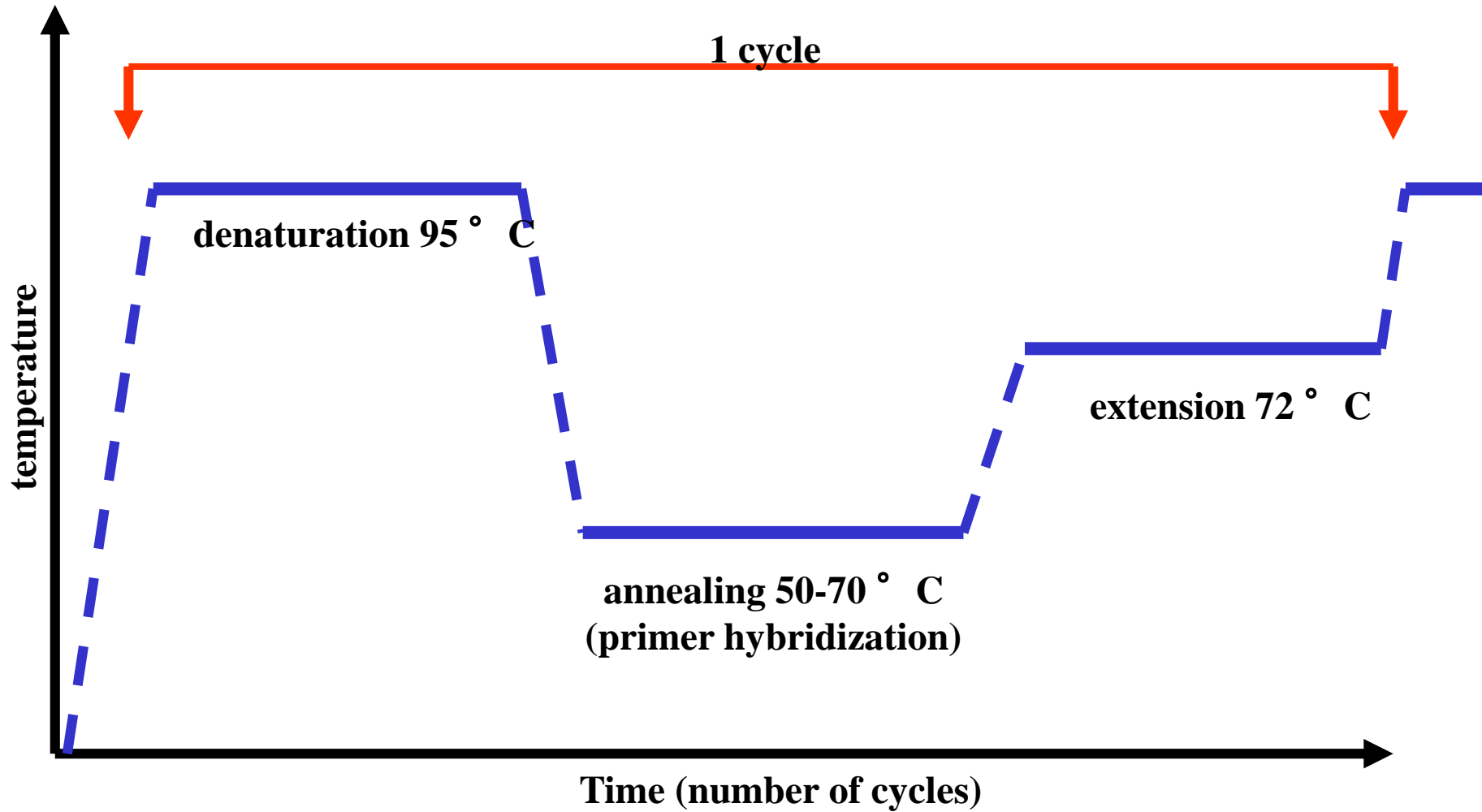
PCR

Kary B. Mullis (1983)
and **Michael Smith (1985)**
Nobel-price in Chemistry 1993.



Def.: amplification of a
specific DNA sequence
during cyclic temperature
changes





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[Nature](#). 1986 Nov 13-19;324(6093):163-6.

[Saiki RK](#), [Bugawan TL](#), [Horn GT](#), [Mullis KB](#), [Erich HA](#).

Analysis of enzymatically amplified beta-globin and HLA-DQ alpha DNA with allele-specific oligonucleotide probes.

Abstract

Allelic sequence variation has been analysed by synthetic oligonucleotide hybridization probes which can detect single base substitutions in human genomic DNA. An allele-specific oligonucleotide (ASO) will only anneal to sequences that match it perfectly, a single mismatch being sufficient to prevent hybridization under appropriate conditions. To improve the sensitivity, specificity and simplicity of this approach, we used the **polymerase chain reaction (PCR)** procedure to enzymatically amplify a specific segment of the beta-globin or HLA-DQ alpha gene in human genomic DNA before hybridization with ASOs. This in vitro amplification method, which produces a greater than 10(5)-fold increase in the amount of target sequence, permits the analysis of allelic variation with as little as 1 ng of genomic DNA and the use of a simple 'dot blot' for probe hybridization. As a further simplification, PCR amplification has been performed directly on crude cell lysates, eliminating the need for DNA purification.

PMID: 3785382 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

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[Science](#). 1988 Jan 29;239(4839):487-91.

[Saiki RK](#), [Gelfand DH](#), [Stoffel S](#), [Scharf SJ](#), [Higuchi R](#), [Horn GT](#), [Mullis KB](#), [Erich HA](#).

Cetus Corporation, Department of Human Genetics, Emeryville, CA 94608.

Primer-directed enzymatic amplification of DNA with a thermostable DNA polymerase.

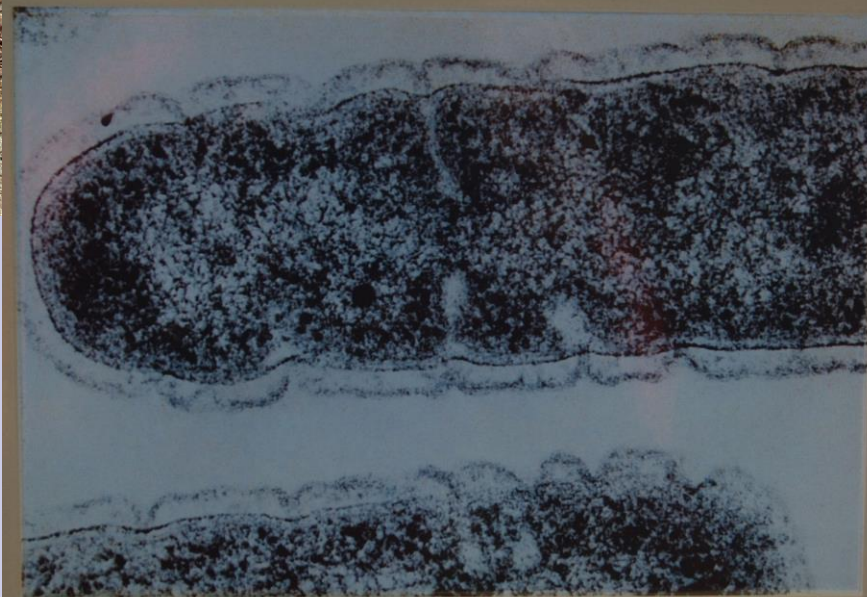
Abstract

A thermostable DNA polymerase was used in an in vitro DNA amplification procedure, the polymerase chain reaction. The enzyme, isolated from *Thermus aquaticus*, greatly simplifies the procedure and, by enabling the amplification reaction to be performed at higher temperatures, significantly improves the specificity, yield, sensitivity, and length of products that can be amplified. Single-copy genomic sequences were amplified by a factor of more than 10 million with very high specificity, and DNA segments up to 2000 base pairs were readily amplified. In addition, the method was used to amplify and detect a target DNA molecule present only once in a sample of 10(5) cells.

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1969: Thomas D. Brock and Hudson Freeze
- *Thermus aquaticus*
1976: Taq polymerase



Hot water bacteria have a value beyond beauty. *Thermus aquaticus* (shown above), found in some of the park's hot water runoff channels, produces an enzyme used in DNA "fingerprinting" and testing for the virus that causes AIDS.

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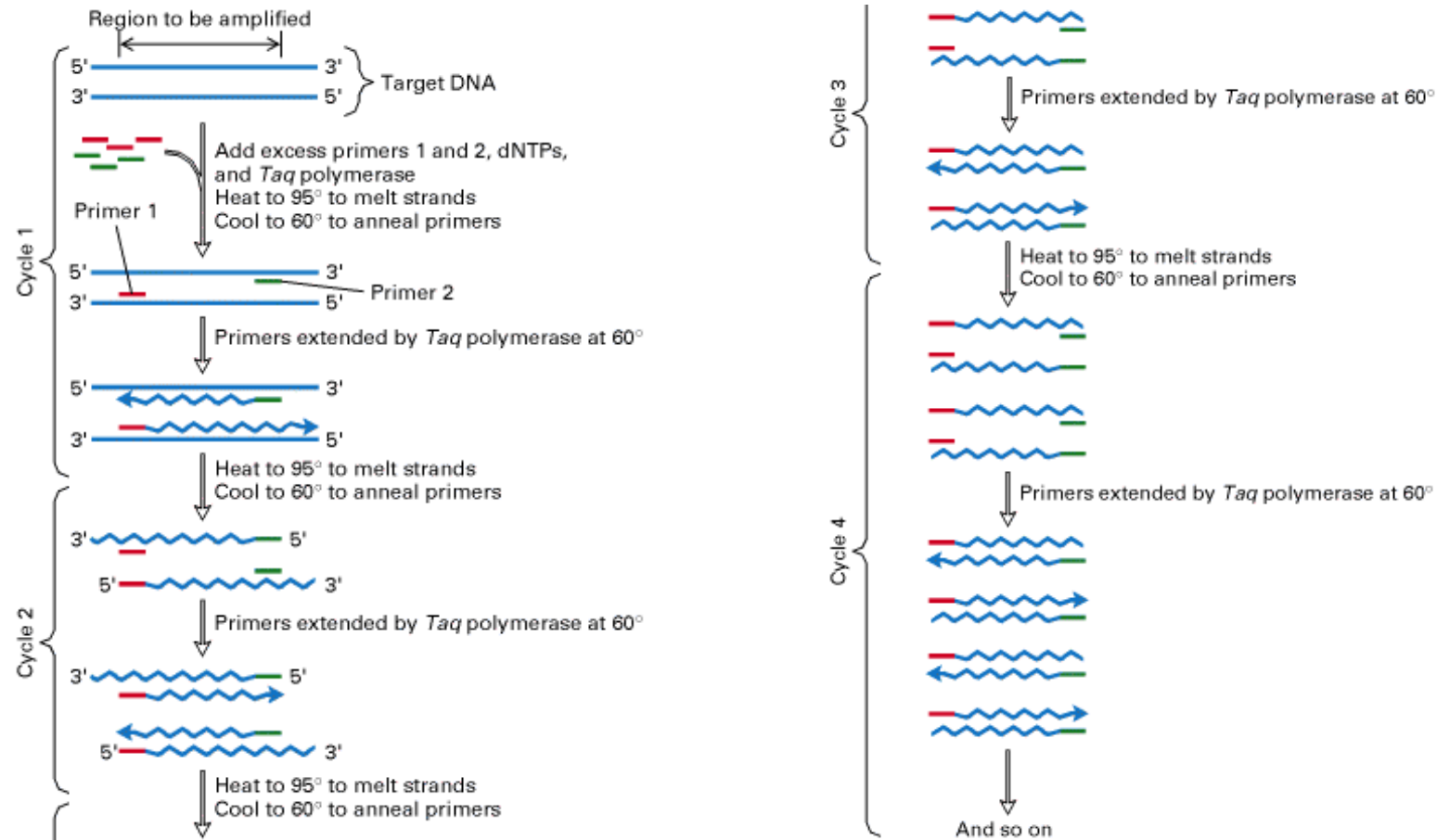


Figure 7-38. The polymerase chain reaction. (In: H. Lodish, A. Berk, L. Zipursky, P. Matsudaira, D. Baltimore, J. Darnell: Molecular Cell Biology 4th Ed.)

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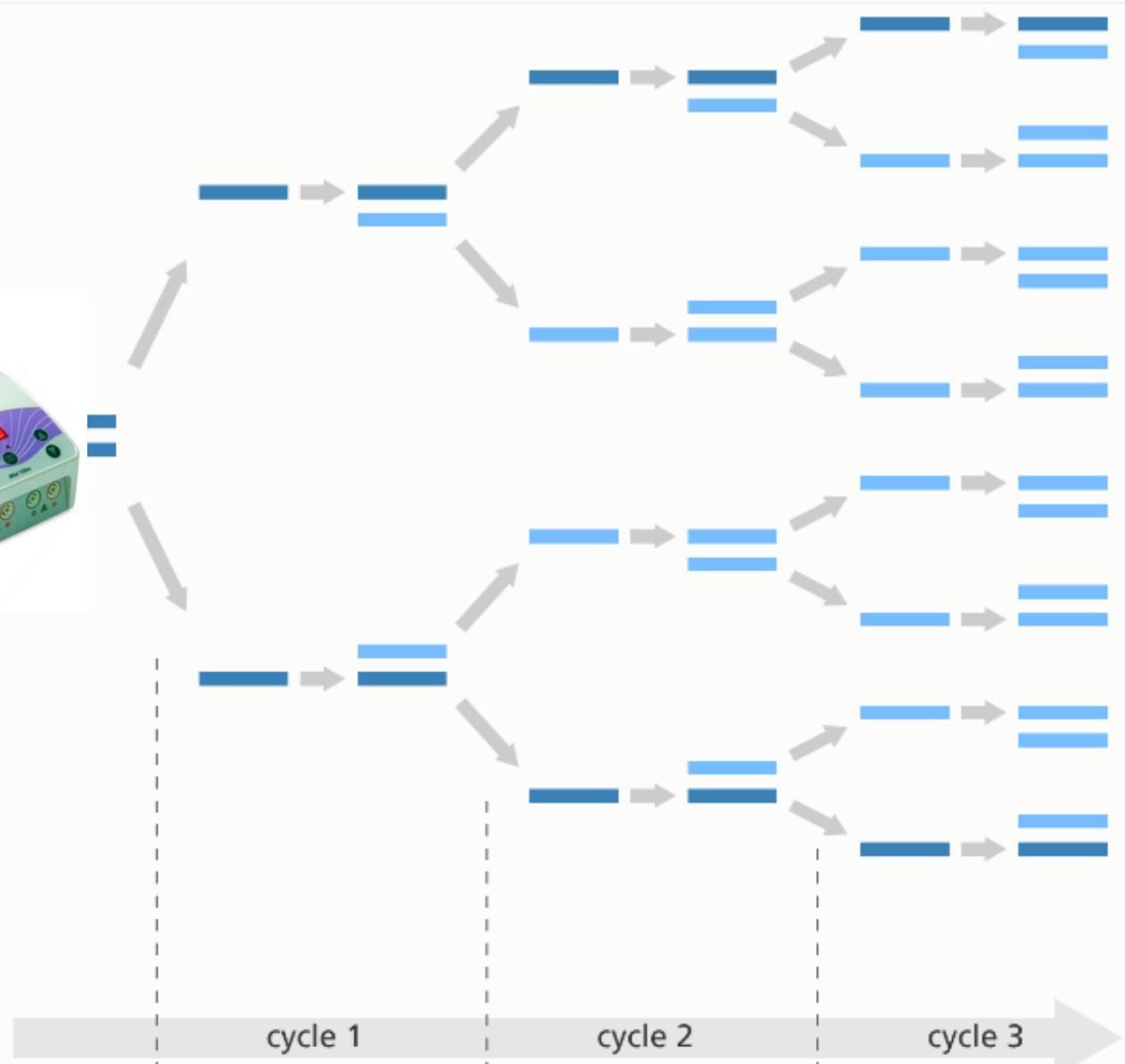
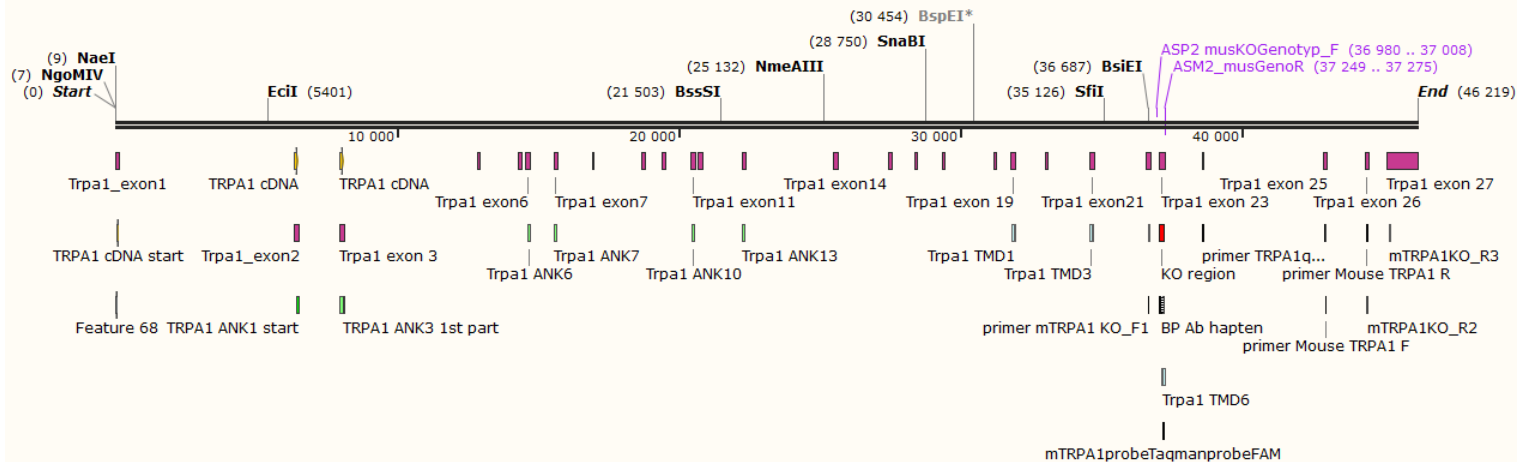


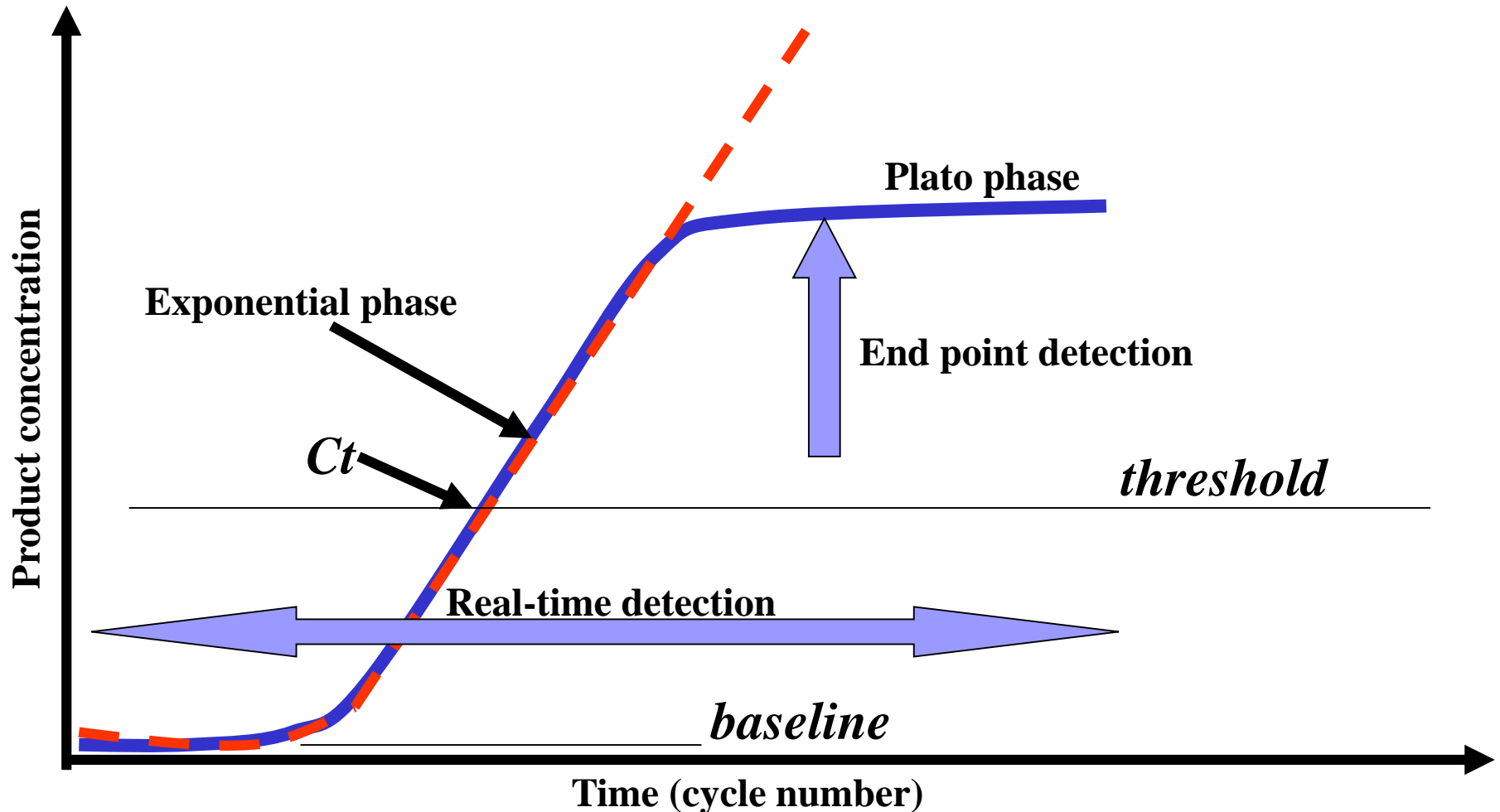
Illustration showing how the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) produces lots of copies of DNA. Image credit: Genome Research Limited



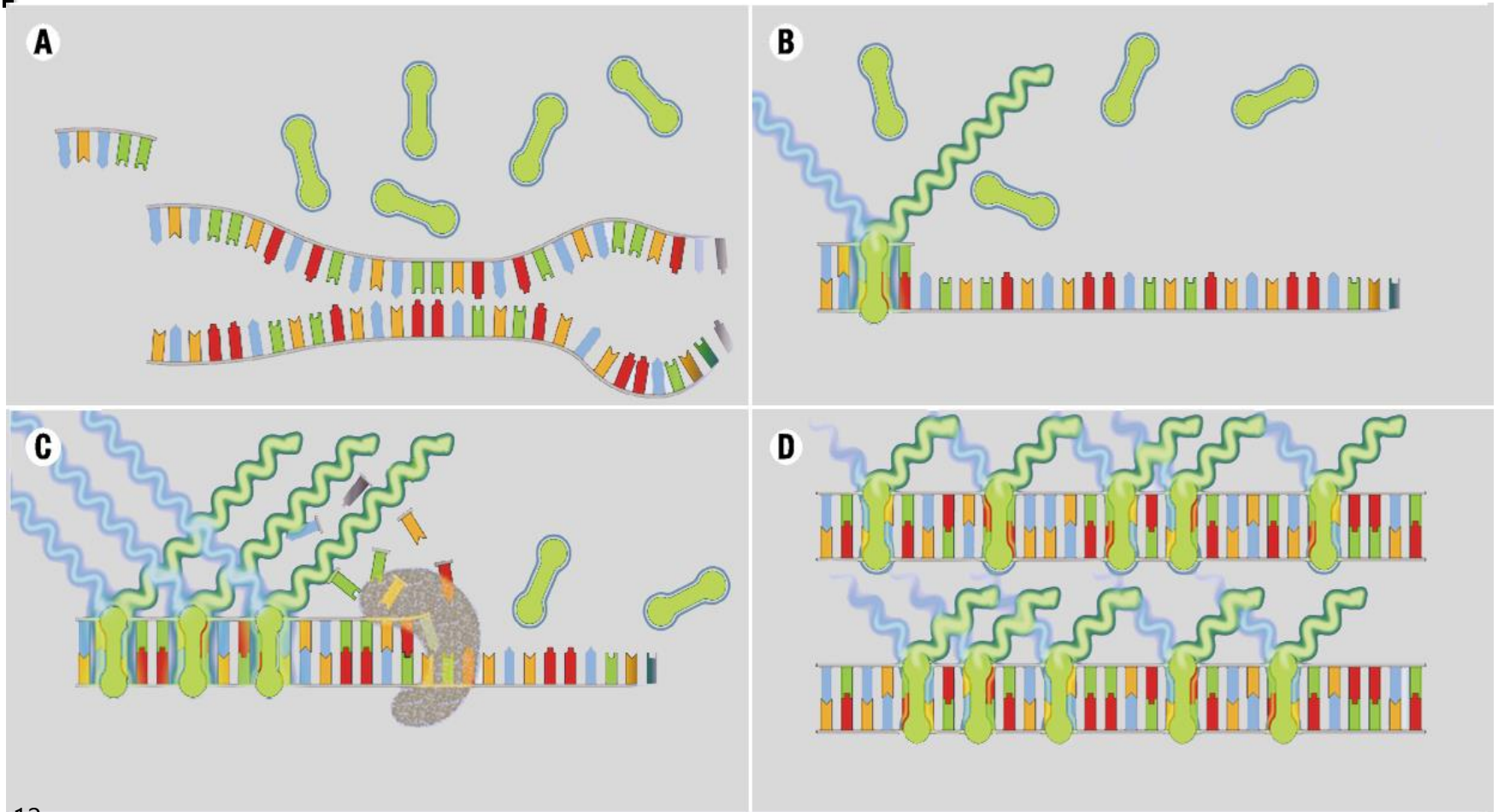
Snapgene genomic

Snapgene cDNA

PCR Real Time detection

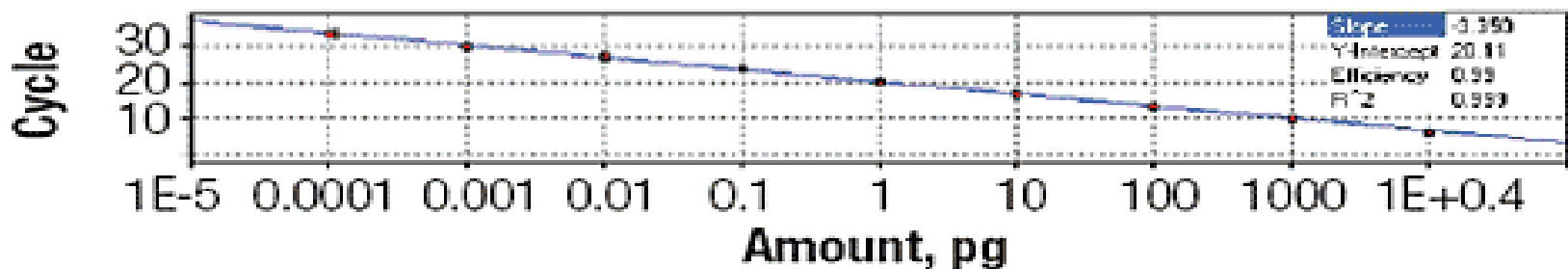
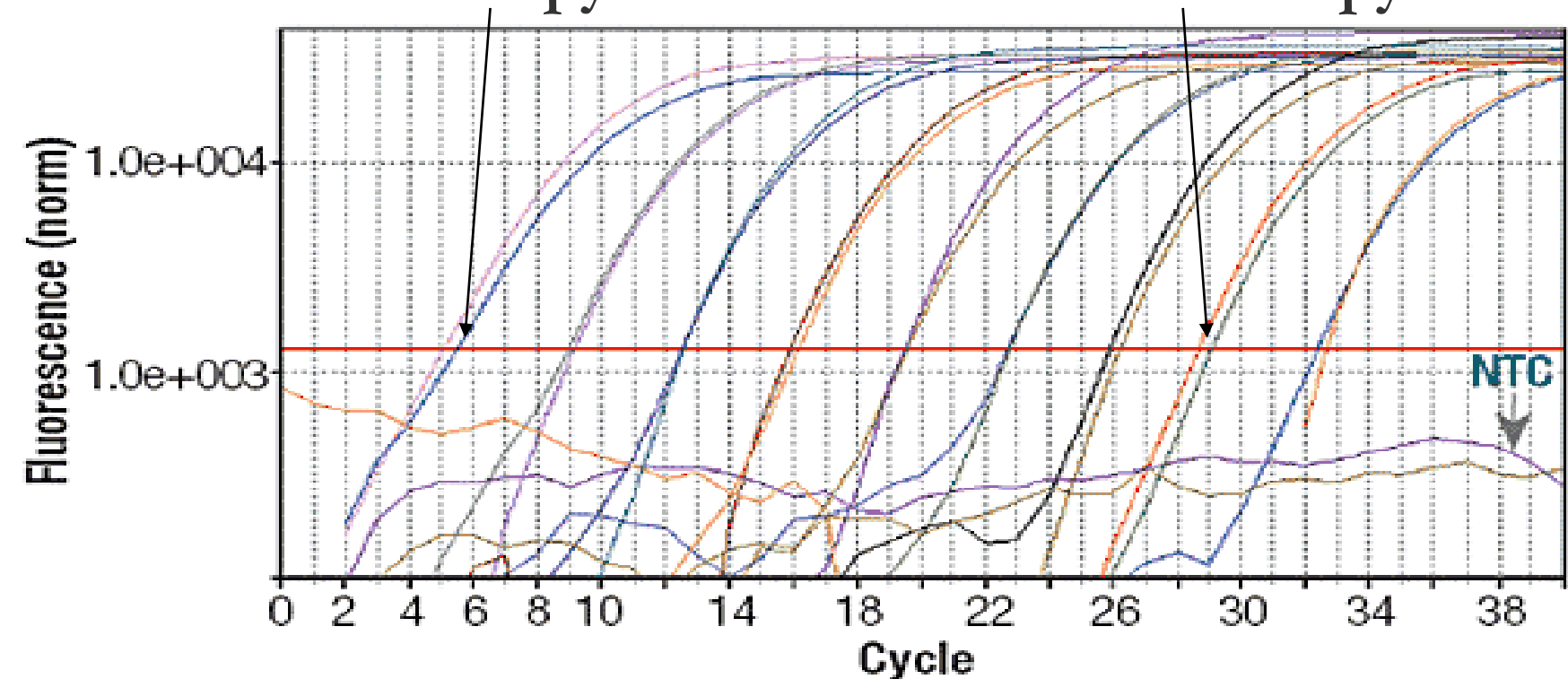


Real-time (quantitative) PCR - SYBR Green

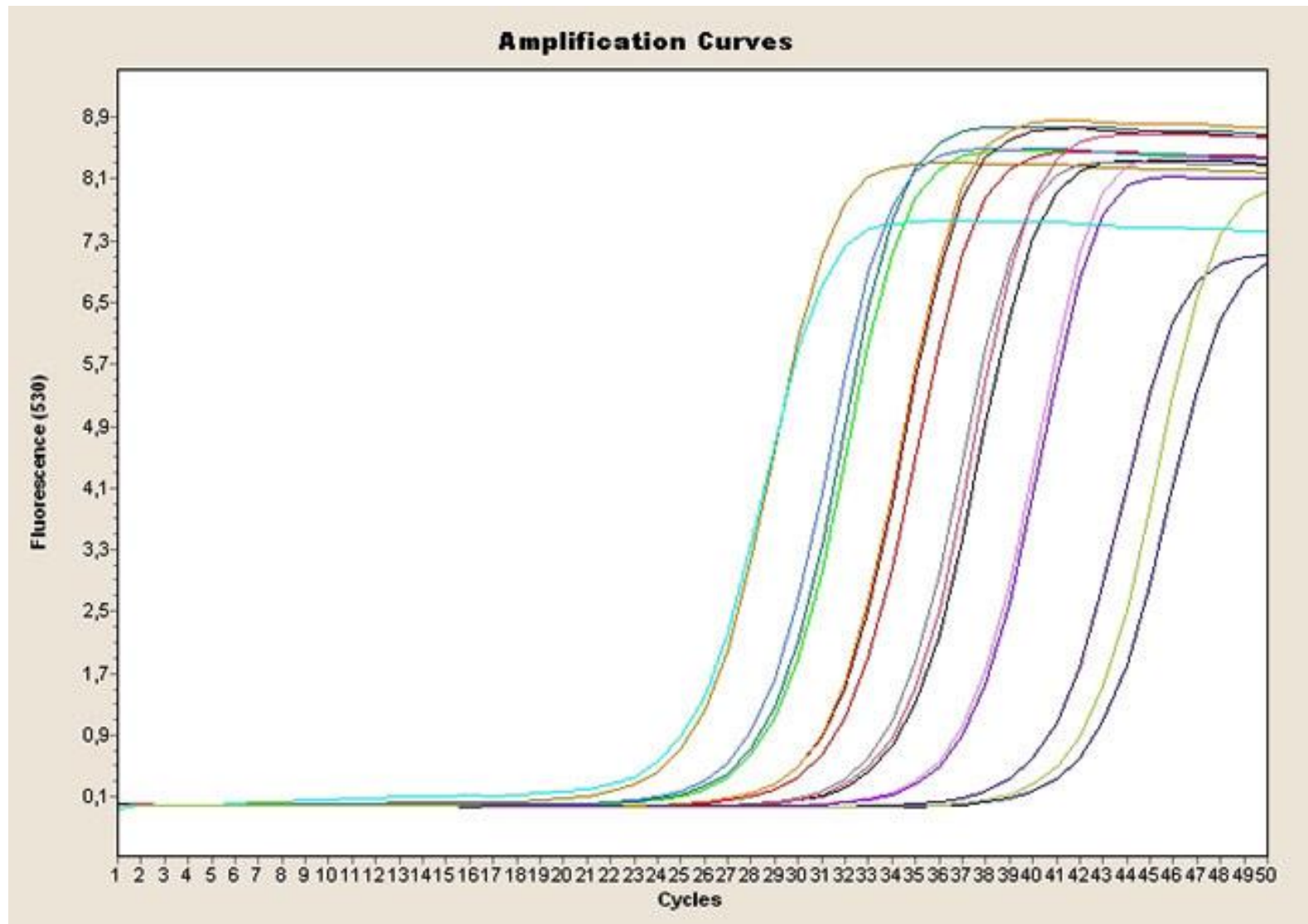


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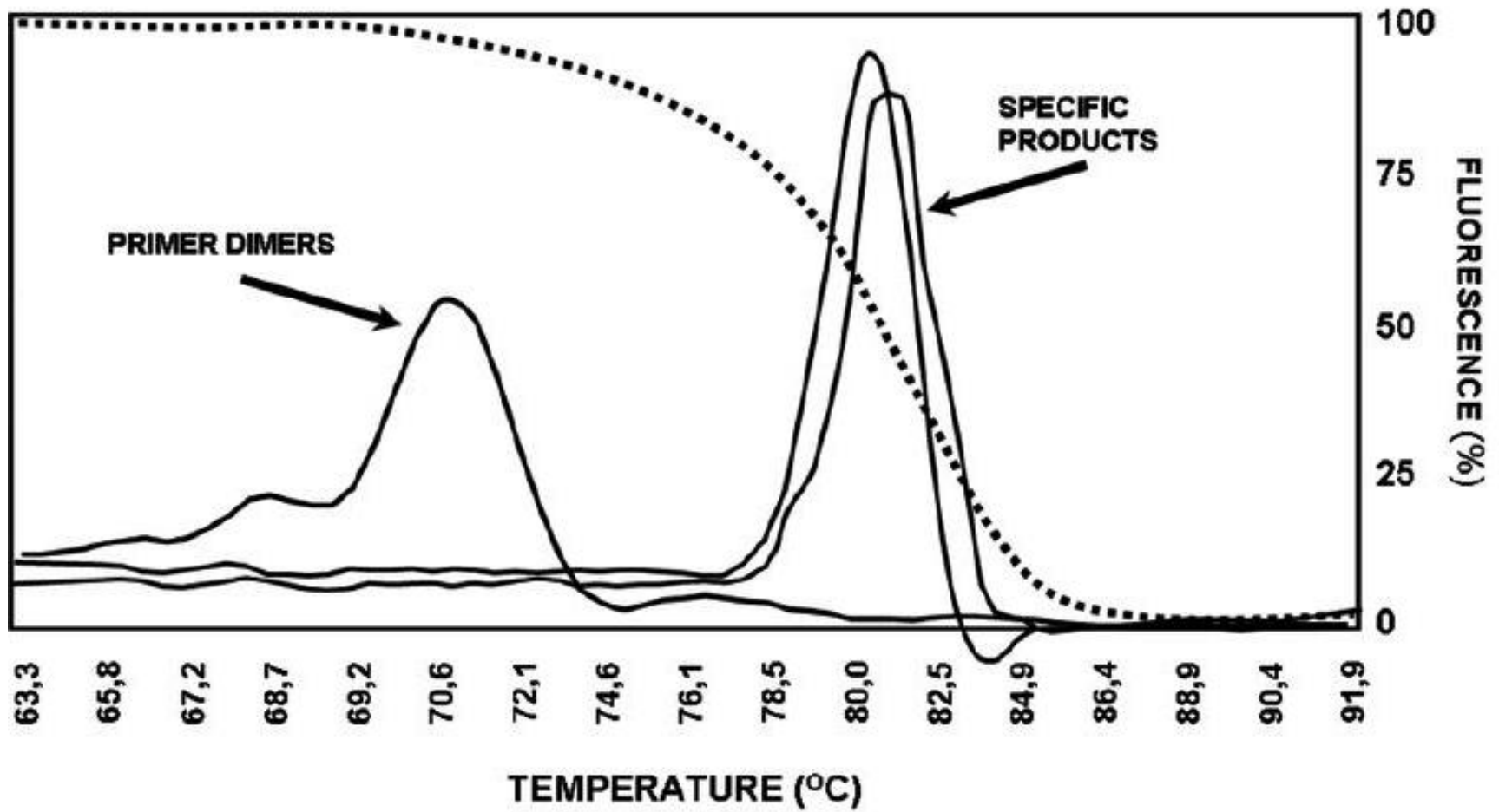
HIGH initial copy number LOW initial copy number



Real-time (quantitative) PCR



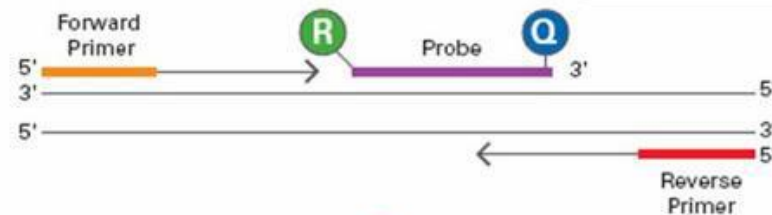
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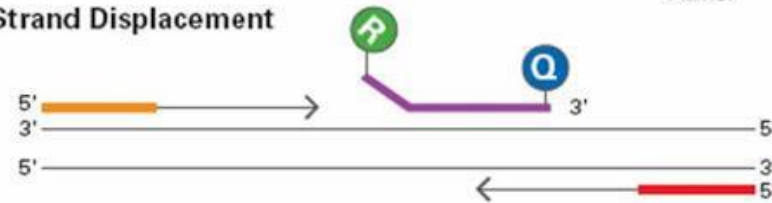
Real-time (quantitative) PCR - Sequence spec. oligonucleotide probe Taqman



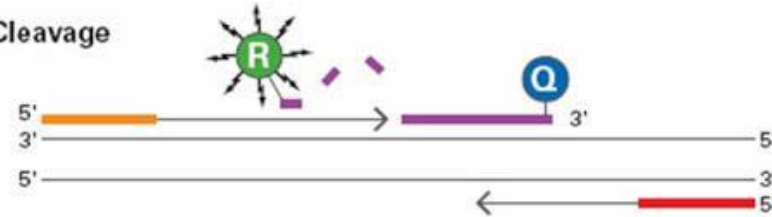
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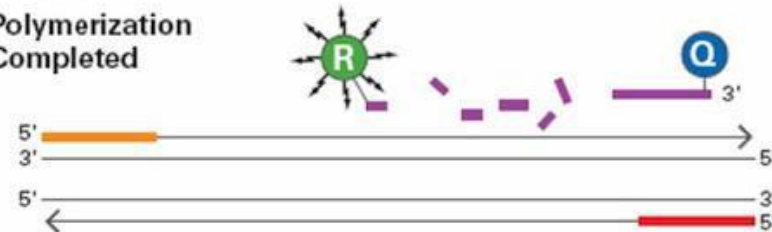
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Cleavage

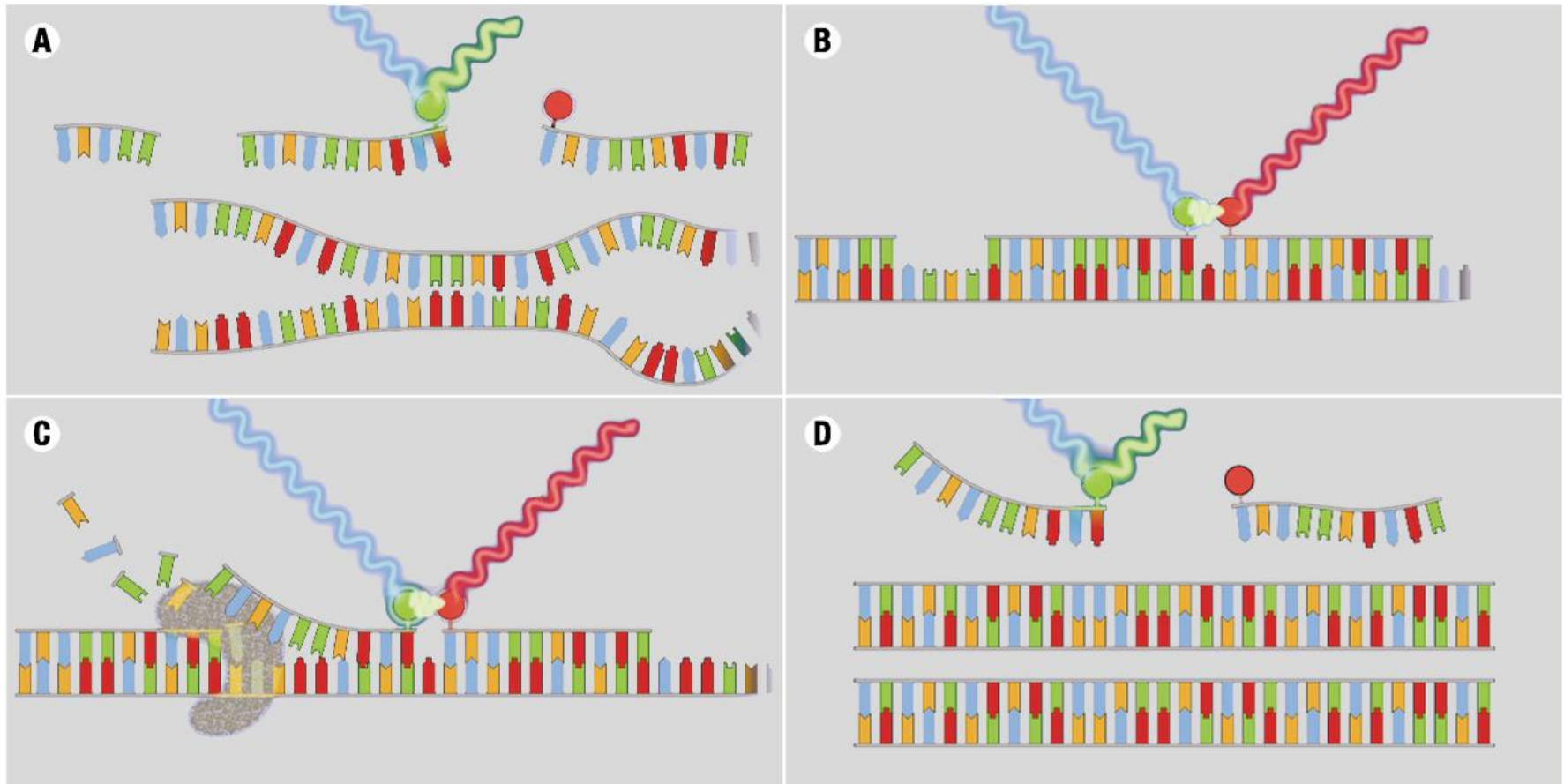


Polymerization Completed



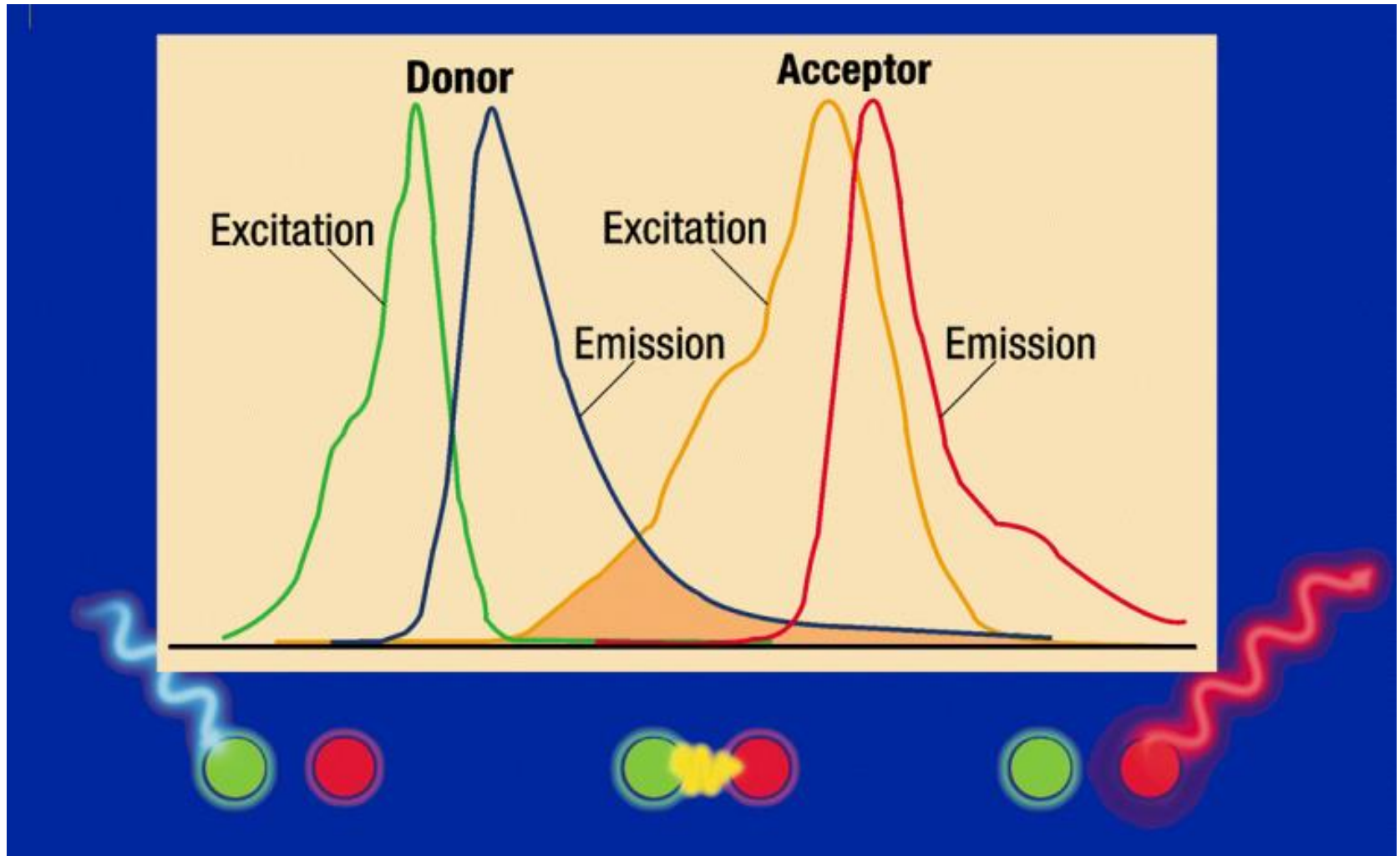
Real-time (quantitative) PCR -

Sequence spec. oligonucleotide probe - FRET



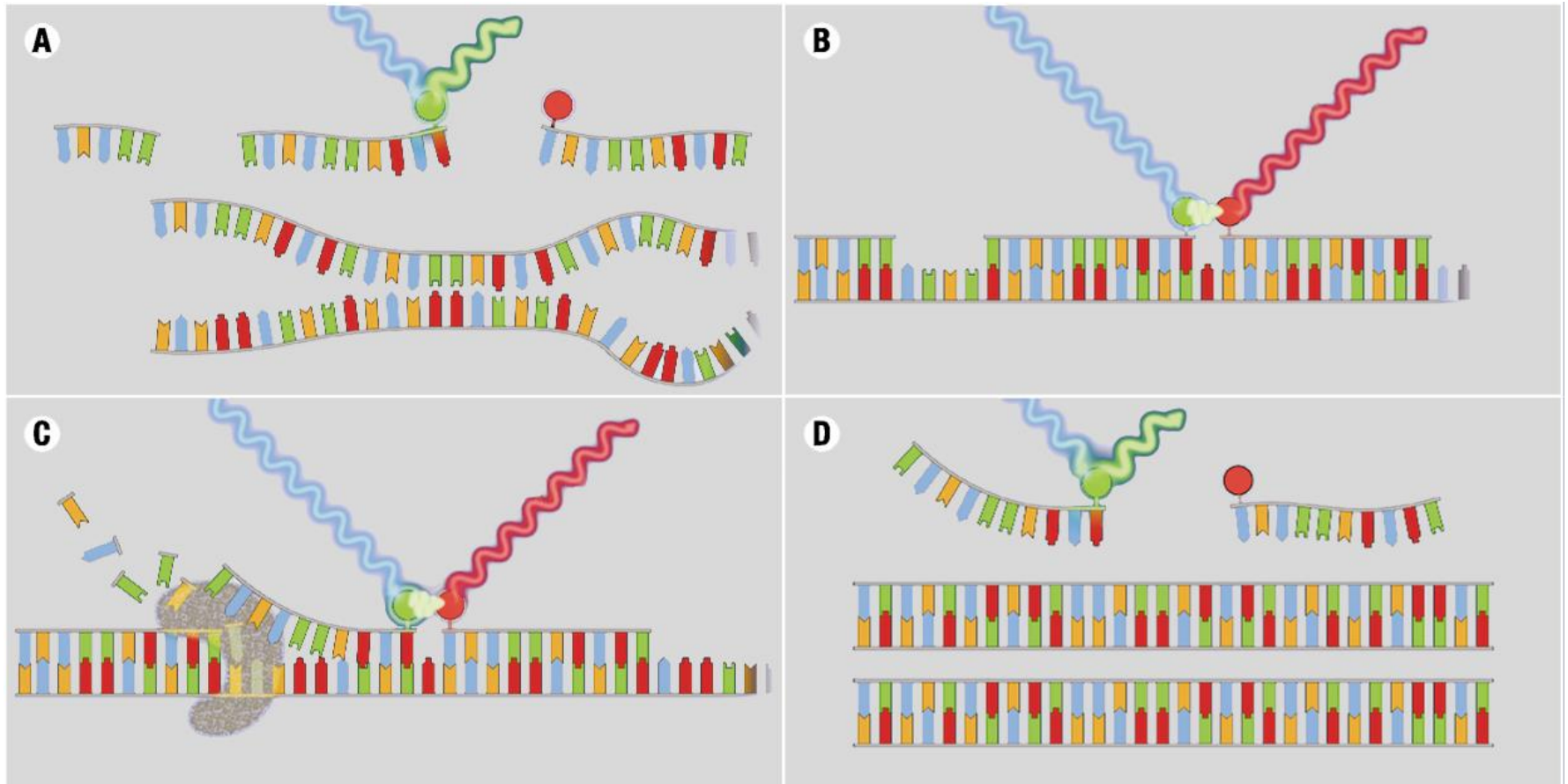
FRET

Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer



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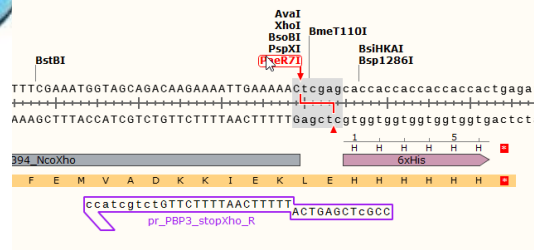
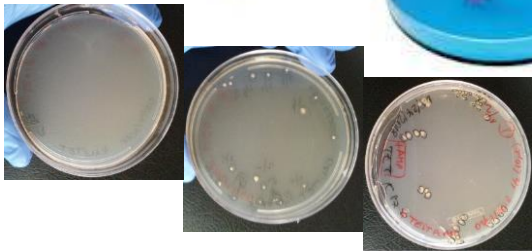
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Cloning (antigen, Ab, aptamers.....)



Monoclonal Antibodies for therapy

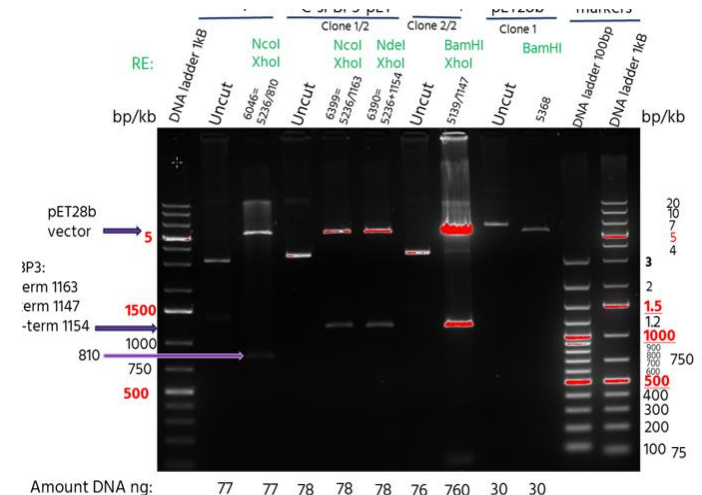
Phage display

Antigen production

- Choosing haptene (protein, domain, mutant)
- Choosing sequence (SNP, species, codon opt.)
- Choosing expression system (*glycosylation, phosphorylation, laboratory, licences, experts, risks, budget*)

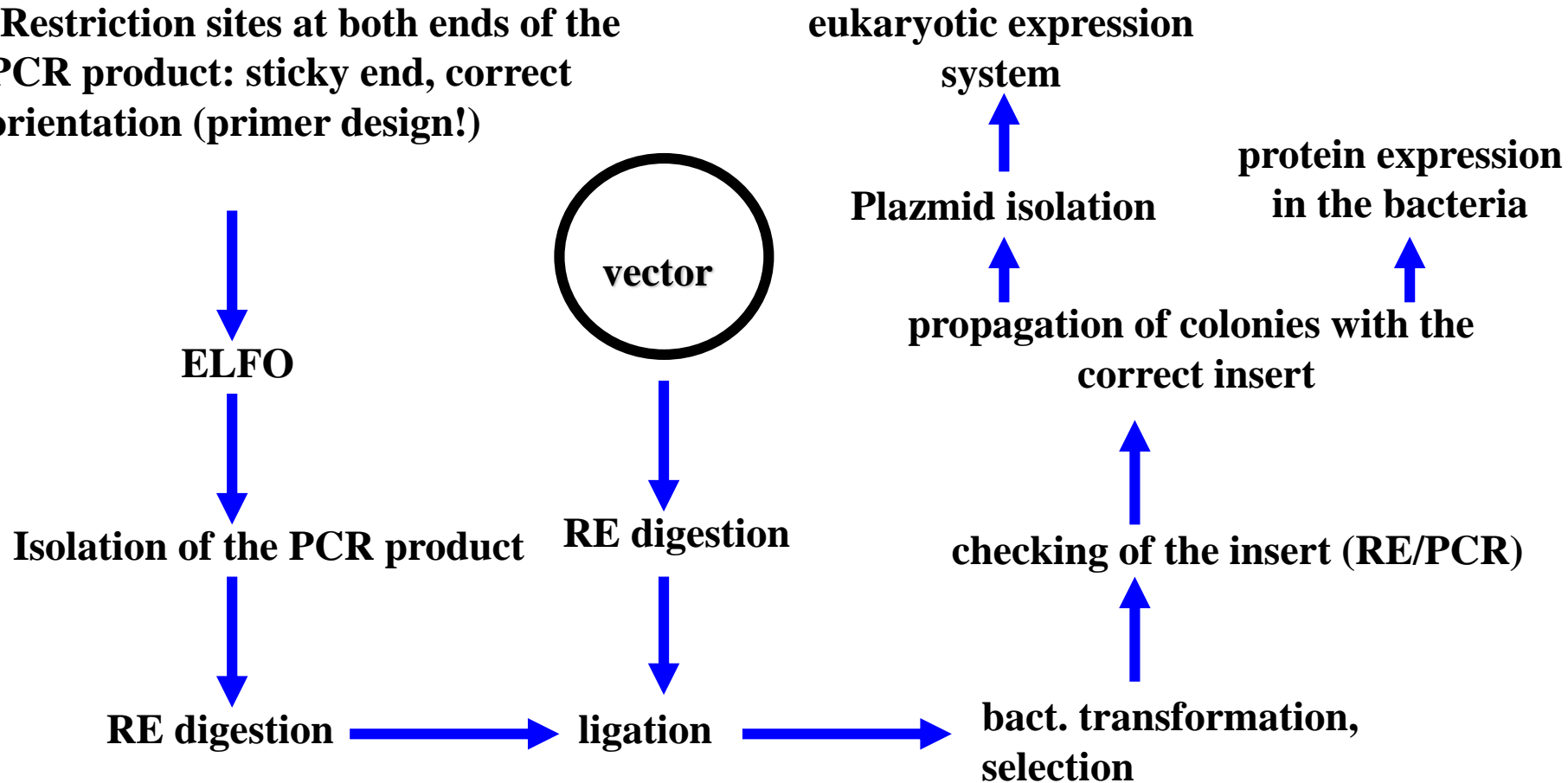


Cloning Strategies



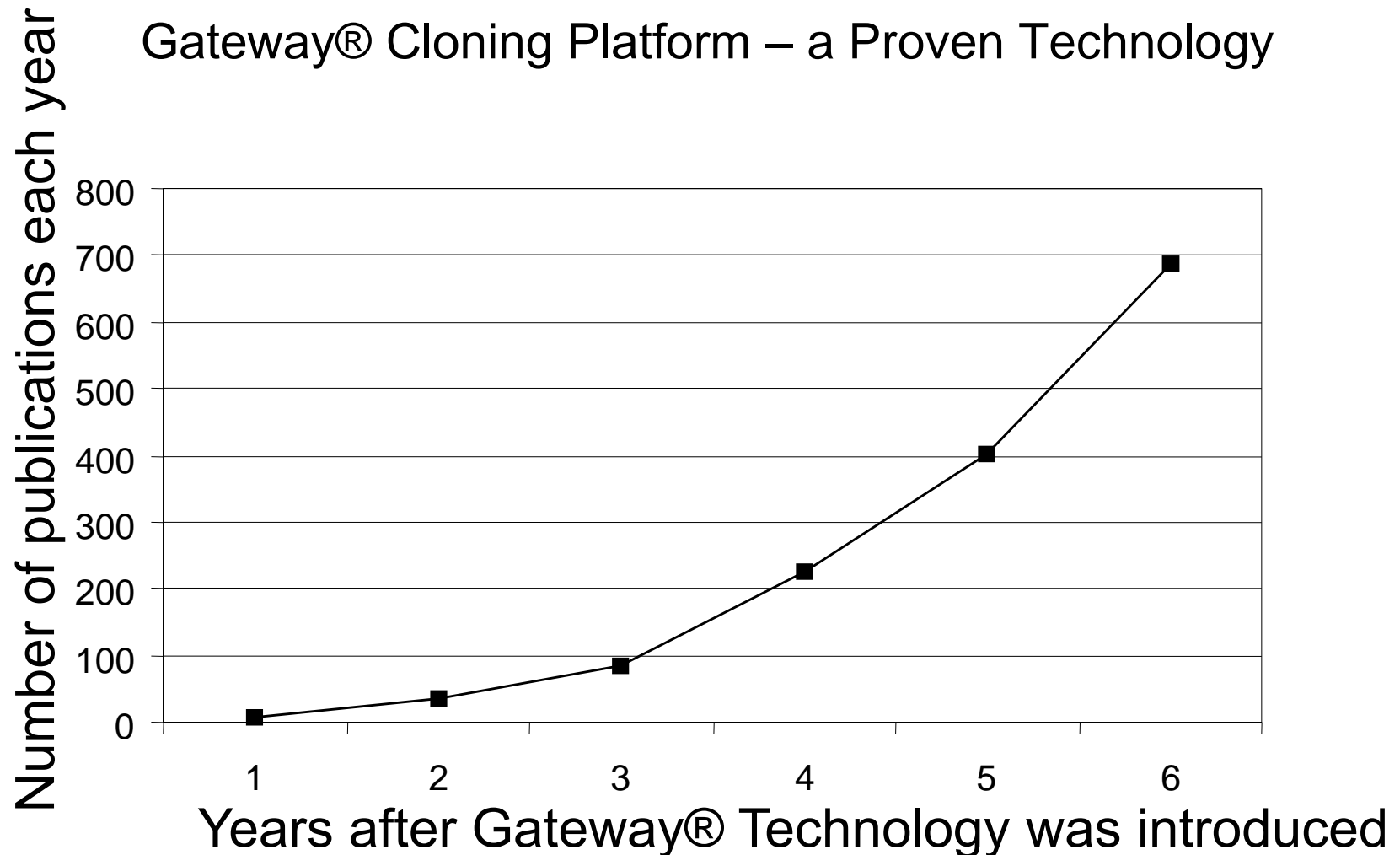
Cloning

- Template (isolate RNA, DNA, buy
- Full length gene PCR
- Restriction sites at both ends of the PCR product: sticky end, correct orientation (primer design!)



” Recombineering” techniques

Gateway® Cloning Platform – a Proven Technology



First published: Hartley et al. 2000; Walhout et al. 2000; Reboul et al. 2001

John M. Watson, et al. FEBS Letters –

“The Gateway® System seems to have become a universal standard in genomic research and there are many gene and gene fragment libraries in these Entry vectors.”

Introduction to the Gateway® System

Contents

Defining Gateway® technology.

Advantages of Gateway® cloning.

Ways to enter the Gateway® system.

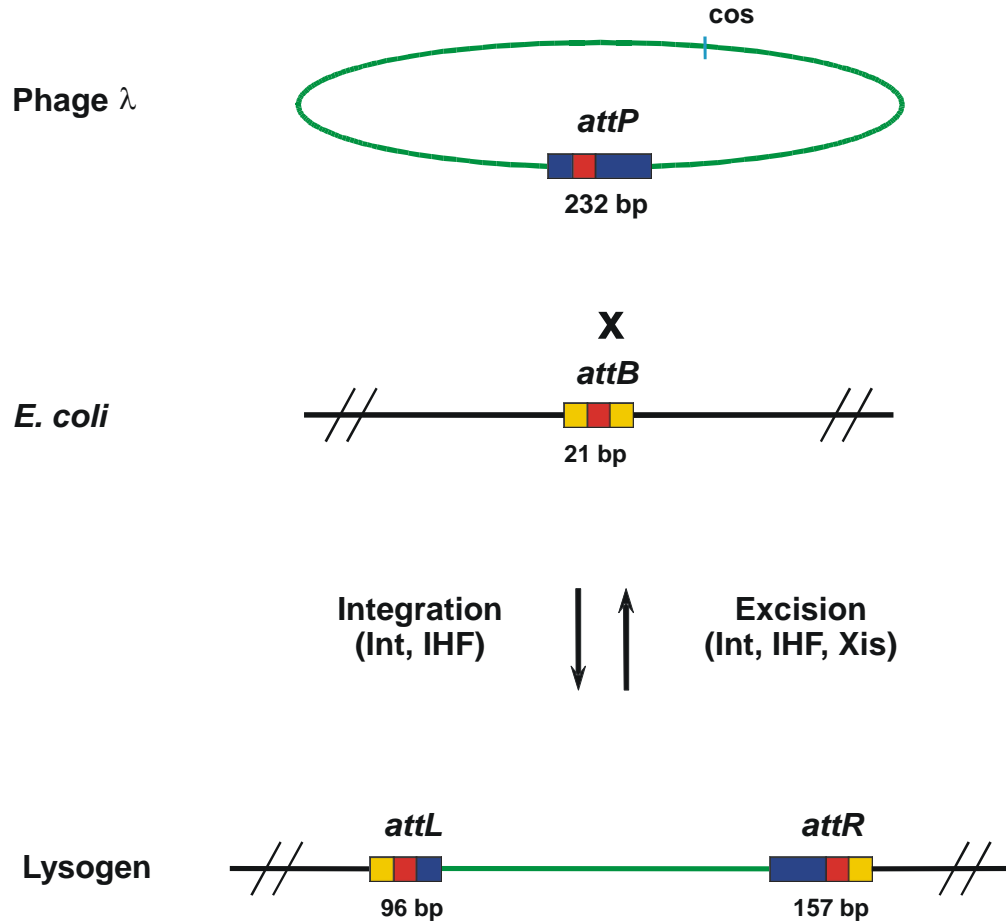
How to obtain a Gateway® expression clone.



The Gateway[®] Cloning System

- recombinational cloning technique
- based on highly specific integration/excision of λ phage into/out E. coli genome & switch lytic/lysogenic pathways
- developed for cloning multiple variable size DNA fragments in parallel
- major components:
 - DNA recombination sequences (*att* sites)
 - proteins that mediate the recombination

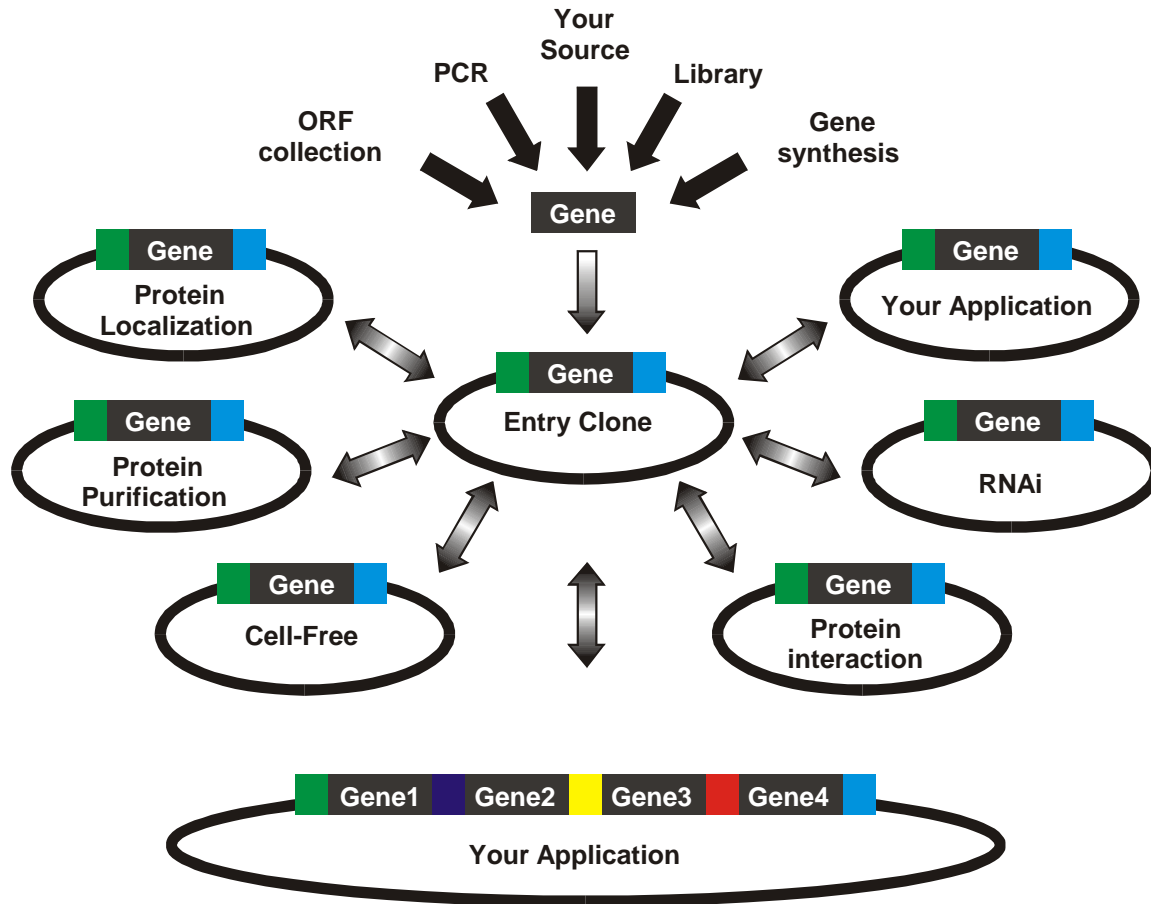
Phage lambda recombination in *E. coli*



The Gateway® System
relies on five sets of
specific and non cross-
reacting *att* sequences

The specificity is given by
the 7 nucleotides of the
core region

Advantages of Gateway® cloning

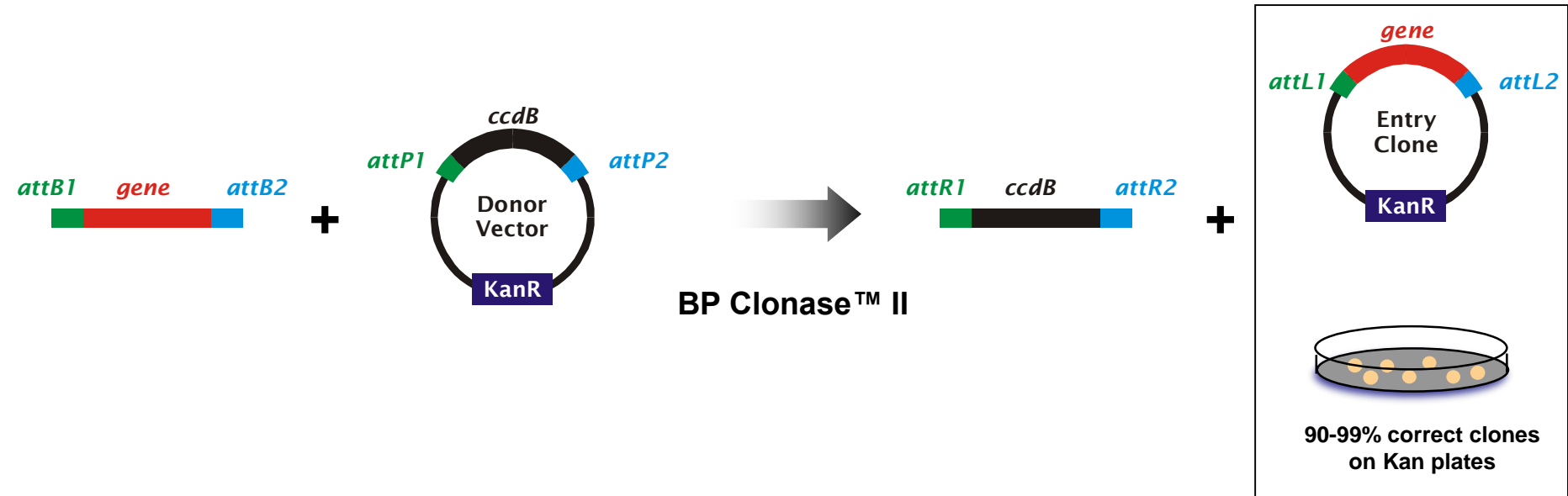


- Directional cloning
- Maintains reading frame
- No restriction enzymes
- No ligation
- 1 hour, room-temperature reaction with >99% efficiency
- No re-sequencing
- Compatible with automation
- Reversible reactions

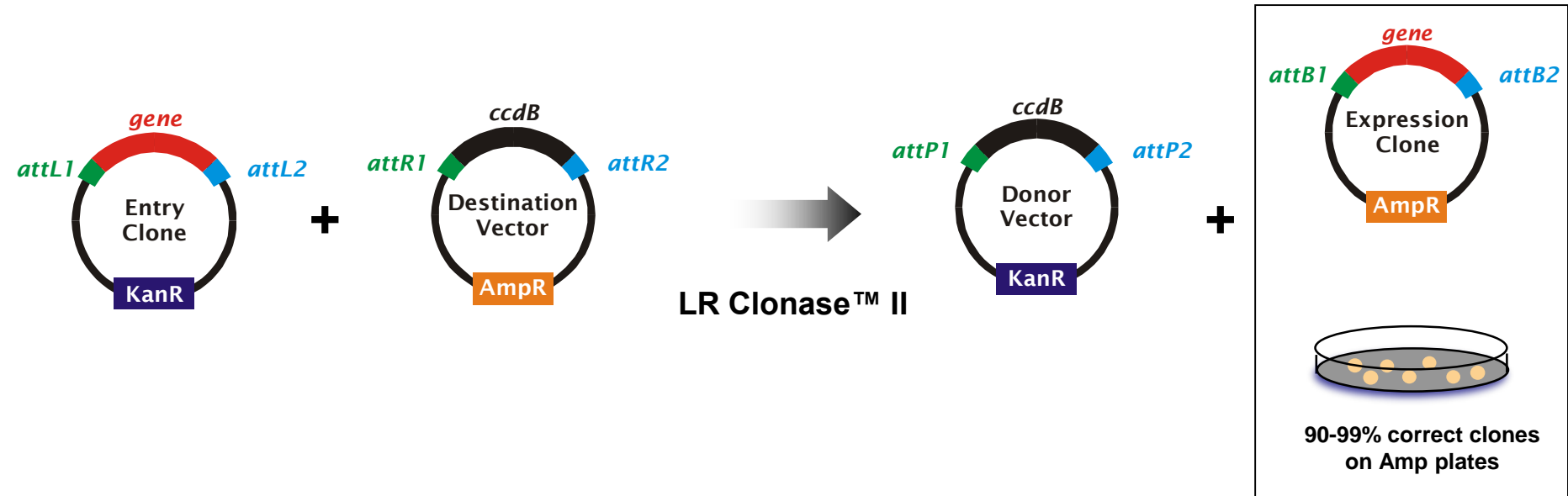
Key Benefits of the Gateway® Technology

- Efficiently and easily shuttle insert DNA
from one expression plasmid to another
- Simplify the cloning workflow and save time
- Create expression clones without using restriction enzymes and ligase
- Utilize Ultimate™ ORF clones, a pre-made Gateway® collection
- Simultaneously clone, in a specific order and orientation, up to 4 DNA fragments into one plasmid

Building a Gateway® Entry Clone



Obtaining a Gateway® Expression Clone



Policy for the use and distribution of Gateway® Technology

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distribution of Gateway® entry clones as follows:

- entry clones, containing *attL1* and *attL2* sites, may be generated by academic and government researchers for the purpose of scientific research. Such clones may be distributed for scientific research by non-profit organizations and by for-profit organizations without royalty payment to Invitrogen.
- expression clones, containing *attB1* and *attB2* sites, may be generated by academic and government researchers for the purpose of scientific research. Such clones may be distributed for scientific research by academic and government organizations without royalty payment to Invitrogen. Organizations other than academic and government may also distribute such Gateway® expression clones for a nominal fee payable to Invitrogen.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Glossary of terms used in Gateway® cloning

***att* site** – A defined length of DNA that constitutes a recombination site. There are 4 classes of *att* sites called *attB*, *attP*, *attL*, and *attR*.

***ccdB* gene** – A counterselectable gene that allows for negative selection of unwanted by-product plasmids after recombination.

Donor (pDONR) Vector – A vector with *attP* sites flanking a counterselectable gene that recombines with a gene of interest flanked by *attB* sites.

BP reaction – A recombination event between *attB* and *attP* sites catalyzed by BP Clonase™ II

Entry (pENTR) clone – A vector that contains your gene of interest flanked by *attL* or *attR* sites.

LR reaction – A recombination event between *attL* and *attR* sites catalyzed by LR Clonase™ II

Destination (DEST) Vector – An application-g geared vector with *attR* sites flanking a counterselectable gene that will recombine with one or more entry clones.

MultiSite Gateway® Technology – A system that allows simultaneous assembly of multiple DNA fragments into a single destination vector