

Day 4 Agenda

- Questions from Day 3
 - transformation
 - PCR
- miniprep AG111 transformants (to ID correct clones)
- Analysis of PCR area: LacZ + Control

Miniprep Protocol

- 1) spin - collects cells - resuspend in buffer
- 2) add NaOH / SDS - cells lyse
SDS: ionic detergent:
disrupts membranes
destabilizes hydrophobic interactions that maintain conformation
- NaOH: hi pH denatures macromolecules by changing ionizable groups
- clearing when cells lyse
- more viscous as more molecules soluble
- DON'T vortex! **why not?** chromosome DNA shearing

- 3) add potassium acetate
low pH neutralizes NaOH
macromolecules try to renature
but bacteria DNA, protein can't
too big - form bonds
non-specifically + ppt
- plasmid - small supercoiled
renatures + stays in soln

- 4) spin - pellet debris
DNA in sup!

Miniprep - explain name

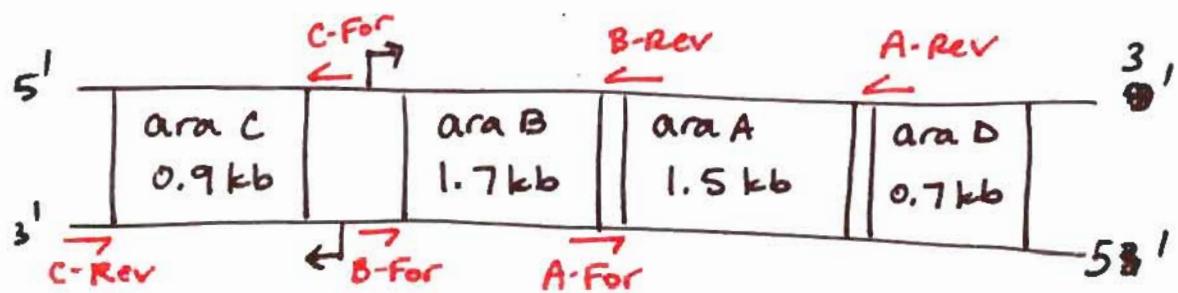
Purpose? Isolate plasmid DNA from other stuff (bacteria chromosomal DNA, proteins, etc.)



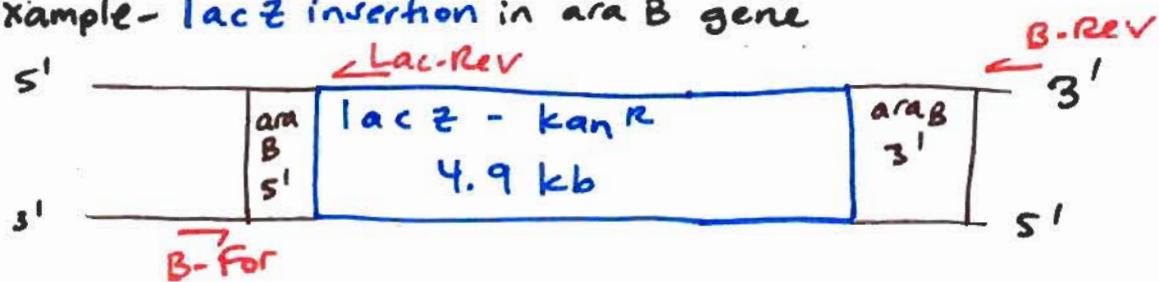
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- Plasmids - small + supercoiled
bacteria DNA - large, less supercoiled
- selective ppt of plasmid DNA
- 5) add isopropanol - ppt DNA - spin
Ionic (→ DNA soluble in H₂O
but not organic solvents)
- 6) wash pellet w/ 80% EtOH - spin
20% H₂O allows salt in pellet to dissolve
EtOH allows evaporation after pelleting
- 7) resuspend in TE w/ RNase A
Tris - buffer
EDTA - chelates Mg
RNase A - degrades RNA

PCR results will tell where transposon inserted during GEN module



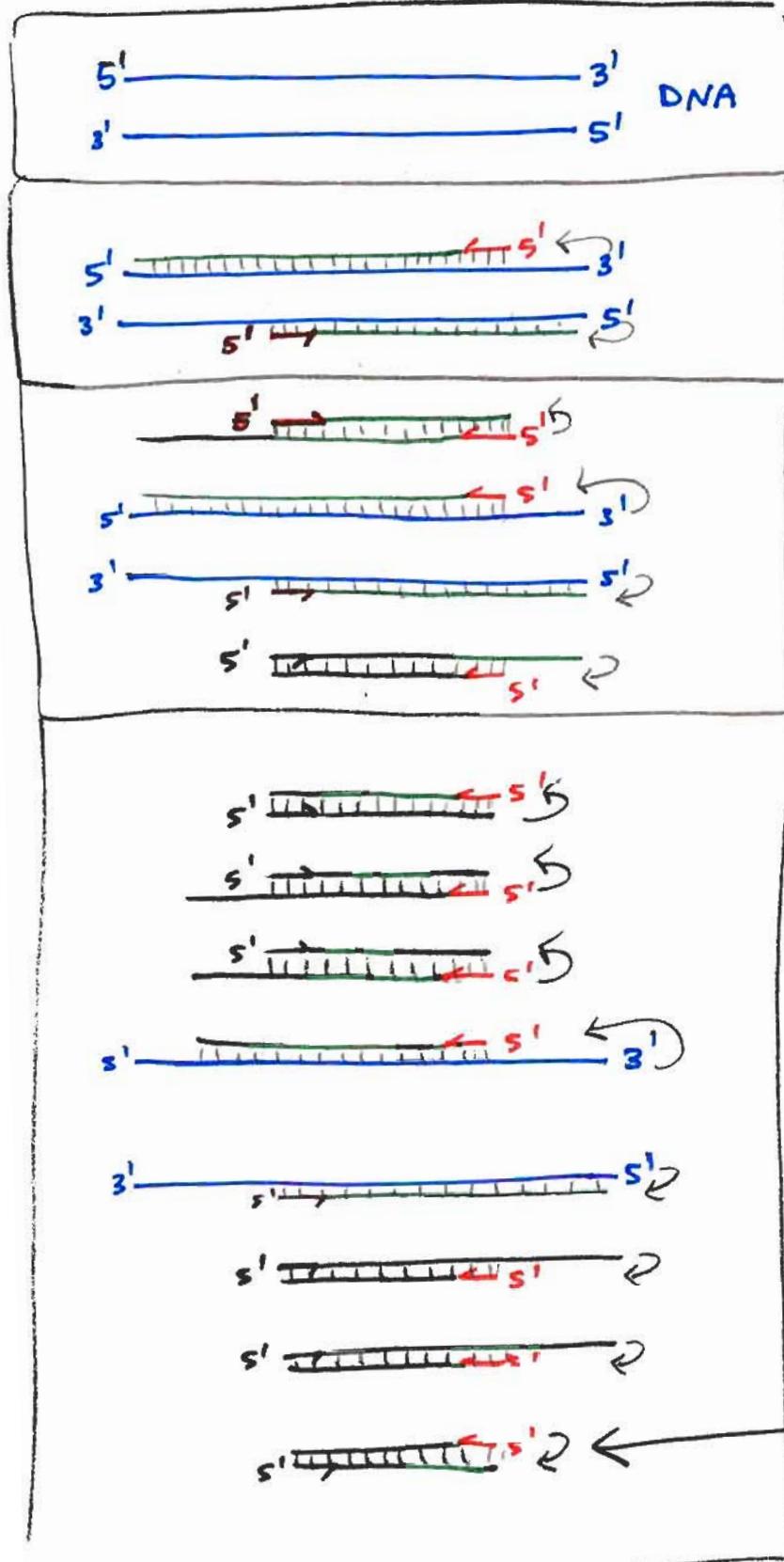
Example - lacZ insertion in ara B gene



B-For + Lac-Rev will give PCR product on gel - after exponential amplification

B-For + B-Rev will not since distance between 2 primers too great - only gets linear amplification

PCR exponential amplification



after 1 cycle

after 2 cycles

after 3 cycles

These fragments
exponentially
amplify.

Each new strand serves as a template in the next cycle.