

Comprehensive profiling of four base overhang ligation fidelity by T4 DNA ligase and application to DNA assembly

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Supporting Figure S10. Predicted mismatch ligation potential between all palindromic overhangs. Palindromic overhangs generated by Type IIP restriction enzymes are used in traditional restriction enzyme cloning methods. The fidelity profile (18 h at 25°C) was used to predict any likely mismatch ligation between these overhangs. No significant cross talk is predicted, but the TATA and TTAA overhangs are expected to be low efficiency in ligation compared to all other palindromes.

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Given the higher ligation fidelity observed at 37°C, assembly reactions with prolonged incubation (18 h) at 37°C in lieu of cycling were also tested. The results (Supporting Figure S10) are largely consistent with the results of cycling with a few key exceptions. Firstly, the incidence of ligation errors in the LF set was much lower with the higher ligation temperature, consistent with the observation that fidelity was much improved at 37°C in the multiplexed fidelity profiles. While the HF set assembled under these conditions again showed >99.9% of all observed assemblies formed by correct Watson-Crick pairings, the LF set had only 31.2% of all assemblies containing at least one mispair; the specific mismatches observed were the same, just present in lower prevalence. Overall, the cycled assembly conditions were in good agreement with predictions made by the fidelity library ligated at 37°C. This result indicates that if a suitable orthogonal set of overhangs is chosen, either method will result in high fidelity assembly, but if sets prone to mismatch ligation events are chosen, a ligation temperature of 16°C will result in significantly more failed assemblies. Under the high temperature incubation conditions, while the FP still showed a large increase in truncations at the predicted low-efficiency junction 7, the increase in truncations at the 100% GC junction 6 was much less noticeable.

The higher fidelity observed with 18 h incubation at 37 offers the potential to produce even larger high fidelity sets than those proposed to be used with the cycled conditions presented in the main text, Table 1. While high GC overhangs do not appear to assemble inefficiently at this temperature, many more low-GC overhangs ligate less efficiently; these conditions are high fidelity but also highly biased. Supporting Table S10 enumerates high-fidelity Watson-Crick pair sets with up to 35 members, based on the ligation profile at 37°C 18 h; these sets are predicted to achieve the predicted fidelities with prolonged (overnight to ensure high efficiency ligation) static incubation at 37°C.

Supporting Table S1. Ten-fragment Golden Gate insert sequences

Insert name	Insert sequence
InsertA	TCGAAAGCAGACGTAATATATGAAGCCGCCTGGTATTTGGCTATGTACGGGACGA GGTTAATGTTGGGAGCGCTACTTAAGCCCTCATGAGAGTCGATTATTCTCGGCGC ATTCTTCGTGACGAAACGTAGGTAGTCCGCACTCGAAAGCACCGCAAAGTCAGAG CAACCTAAATAGGAACTGTGAATATTCTTCCATAAGACGGCTGTCTACCTCCATA CCGGTGCTATCTATTGTTTGGGCTTTTCAGGCTCCATGGTAACGAGTTAGCGGGG ATAGCTCTTCCTCTTTTGCGCTCA
InsertB	GTTGCGCGCGGTTCTGGGTCAGTTCCTTCTGCAAAGATCAGCCGACAAAGGAAC AATTCGCCCCCTGATGCTTTCTCCTAAGGTTTGTAGACTCGTTTTGCTCAAAGAGGT GAACATCGGGCAGCACTATTTAGGCCCTTGAAGCTCGAAGGGCCATCCAGGCA AATTTGCTTGTCTTTTCGGTAAGGCAGTAGTCTAACAACACTTGACACGTAATCAAC CCCGCTTAACCATACTACAGTCCGTGAGCACACTGAGCTCCACCCGACGGATATC TGACAAAAGGGTGTGGAAGTTAGAA
InsertC	CCCTAGTCACCTCCCACCAAGCGAGTGGGATCCCGGAACCTTGTTAAAACCTTTTG TAGCATCCCAAACCCGTGACCCGATGCGTTGGTCAGTTTAGGCGGGAGCGGCTA CCCAAAACATACGAATACTACTAATATATTAAAGGGCTGAGGCTTGTCAACTGGGT CGATCTAAGTCGTATGATTGGCGCCTCCCCTTAAGAGGTACGAAGAAGCTCTCTC CCTAGACTCGTTCCATTCAATCCCCGGTAGGGACGGCTCAGGGAGGAATTCGACT TTGACATGATCGTCATGAACGCTGT
InsertD	ACTGGATGGGACGTCCATTGTCTGGCGCCGCCCGCTGAGGGGTACGGAAATCT AGACGCATGACTGCTACCCTGGTGACCTTGTTATCATGTAAGTACACCAGTTTGG TGTTTCGTGGAGTATGGATAACGTATATGATTGCCTCATTATACCGTAAACCATCAT GCCCGTCAGCTTCACAGGGGAACCAATCACTAGGTGGGTGCAGGCTATTACAAT CTCGCAATGAGCCGGCGCATCCGGACAAGTAGATGTTAGTGTACGATCCAGATAT CGTGGCTTCAGTAGATGCCACATTT
InsertE	GGCCTCACAGATATCCAAAATAATGAGAGGGGCCAATTCCGCGGCAGCAATCTAG GTAAAGAATGGGTAAGTTGCTCGTGAGCGAATGGTGACGACCCTTGCTGCTGCGG GTGACAGAGTGTCTTCTCTTCTGCGTAGCGACACATTTGCAATTCGGTAGCCATTA ATAAGCACCGACCGCGACCTATTGAAGCGCCGAACCCGTAACACTACTGCGGAATA CCCCATTTTATCTTGAAGCGCGCAAGTGGCGCTACCGTGTTCTAACAGGATTCTA CAAGGAACATTTGATAGTTTTCTATC
InsertF	GTTCTATGCTTGTCTGTAGCTTCAGACAACAAAGCTACCAGAACACAGTCGC GTCAATGAGCTACGCCAACTCTTACTGGTCACTTCCGATGTTTCATTAGCACCCC GGCCTCAGATGTGCGGCCTTGAAGATACCGGTCCTGCGGTTGCGTGTCTAACCG GGCAAATCGCACCCCTAACCACGCTTCGTTACGGGATTGTTCTCGATTTGGATAA

	GTTGGCATGAGCCTGATGGCACACCATATTAGAGTAGGACAGAGTCGCACCAATA GGTCAGAGGATCGTAGAGGCAGGAT
InsertG	TTGCCTAGCAAGCGAAGATGCTGGACCCGTGTGTTTCTCCCCTGCACCAGACGAT CGCCGGTCGGACACGTCGCAGGTAGGGTATACGGACGACGTTTATTCCAATCAG TACCCGGAAGGAGTTATGCTCGTTAAGCCCATGGATGCACCTAGTTACGCATTT GGCTTGTCAAACCTTTTGCAGGAGTGCCGTAAGAAAAGCCAATTTGATCGAGTCC TGATACATCCCAAGCTATATGGACTTAGAAATCACTTGTATCATTACGCACACG GAAAACTCACACCCTTAATCGAACG
InsertH	ATAGGGTACTTTGAACAGCCTCCGCCGTCCTCGGTTTCGTCATGATCATAAGTCTT CAGAAGCAGTAGCACCATCTTCCAAGAATGTCTGACGCAGGTGGGAGTTCAGTTG CACATTGATAATGTTAACCATAACAGTAATGTCGGACGTGGCCTTTCAATATACG GAACCCCTGATACATATTAGCGGAGTTGTTCAAACCTGGGTGAGGGTGGCACACAT CGGTTCTATACCTGCGACATGCCGGATTAGGTGACATAAAAGAAGGCGTATCCCA ATTAGCCATCCCAACTGTCCGCC
InsertI	TACCCGCGCCGGTTTGAAGCATGGTAGTTCGTTCCATCGCAAGGGTCATTGGGAT TGCATCATGACCGTGCGTTGCGAGGTGTAGCGTCCCTCAGCTGAAAGGTCGCTC TATGGCGCCAGATTCAAGATTCAAGTCGCCGCTACCTTGACTAGCGGGCTGTGT GGAGAGGTGACGCACAGCCGCGGGAATTGAATCAGTGACTGCCTGCAACAAATG AGCTTTTGTACTAGTTCGACGTTGCTACGAGAAGTCCTACAAATGCGCTTCTGTG ACTTACGCGCATTGAAGACAATGTTAT
InsertJ	TTAGACTCGGGGCCACGTAGCTCGCGTAGTCGAGTCCTAATCAGTTAATAATCCT ATCTGACCTCAATCAAGGGGCTCGAGCAAGTTCAAAGTTTCCAGACTCCGGAACA TAAATAGATGAGATAGTAGCGCCGGGAACTATCGTTGTTTAGCGATGGCCATCT TCCCGGCTCTAAGCTTCTCATATGATCGGAGCCCCGGCTAACCGTGTGGAACGTG ATCTCACGGACCAGCAGCTACGCCTGATCCCGGCTCTACTCTTACACTGGACCG ATAAACGAGGTAAGTACTGAGAGGGGTTT

Supporting Table S2. Ten-fragment Golden Gate assembly junction sequences ¹

Junction	High-fidelity set	Deletion-prone set	Failure-prone set	Low-fidelity set
1	<u>AAGG</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>GCCC</u>
1'	<u>TTCC</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>CGGG</u>
2	<u>ACTC</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>GCCA</u>
2'	<u>TGAG</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>CGGT</u>
3	<u>AGGA</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>ACCC</u>
3'	<u>TCCT</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>TGGG</u>
4	<u>AGTC</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>AGCC</u>
4'	<u>TCAG</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>TCGG</u>
5	<u>ATCA</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>CGCC</u>
5'	<u>TAGT</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>GCGG</u>
6	<u>GCCG</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>AGCA</u>
6'	<u>CGGC</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>TCCT</u>
7	<u>CTGA</u>	<u>GCTG</u>	<u>TAAA</u>	<u>AGCG</u>
7'	<u>GACT</u>	<u>CGAC</u>	<u>ATTT</u>	<u>TCGC</u>
8	<u>GCGA</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>CGGC</u>
8'	<u>CGCT</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>GCCG</u>
9	<u>GGAA</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>AGGC</u>
9'	<u>CCTT</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>	<u>TCCG</u>

¹ A notation of ----- indicates the junction pair used is identical to the HF set.

Supporting Table S3. Junction coordinates and sequences for high- and low-fidelity twelve fragment *lac* cassettes

Junction	High-fidelity set	Coordinates	Low-fidelity set	Coordinates
$\frac{1}{1'}$	GGAG CCTC	1..4	GGAG CCTC	1..4
$\frac{2}{2'}$	GGCA CCGT	341..344	GGTC CCAG	352..355
$\frac{3}{3'}$	TCGC AGCG	762..765	AGCA TCGT	747..750
$\frac{4}{4'}$	CAGT GTCA	1116..1119	CAGT GTCA	1116..1119
$\frac{5}{5'}$	TCCA AGGT	1557..1560	GGTA CCAT	1497..1500
$\frac{6}{6'}$	GAAT CTTA	2023..2026	GAAT CTTA	2023..2026
$\frac{7}{7'}$	AGTA TCAT	2358..2361	GGTT CCAA	2530..2533
$\frac{8}{8'}$	TCTT AGAA	2955..2958	TCTT AGAA	2955..2958
$\frac{9}{9'}$	CAAA GTTT	3505..3508	GGTG CCAC	3411..3414
$\frac{10}{10'}$	GCAC CGTG	3898..3901	GCAC CGTG	3898..3901
$\frac{11}{11'}$	AACG TTGC	4209..4212	AGCG TCGC	4204..4207
$\frac{12}{12'}$	GTCT CAGA	4526..4529	GTCT CAGA	4526..4529
$\frac{13}{13'}$	CCAT GGTA	4848..4851	CCAT GGTA	4848..4851

Supporting Table S4. Junction coordinates and sequences for high-fidelity twenty-four fragment *lac* cassette

Junction	Overhang	Coordinates	Junction	Overhang	Coordinates
<u>1</u>	<u>GGAG</u>	1..4	<u>14</u>	<u>ATCA</u>	2645..2648
<u>1'</u>	<u>CCTC</u>		<u>14'</u>	<u>TAGT</u>	
<u>2</u>	<u>GATA</u>	119..122	<u>15</u>	<u>TCTT</u>	2955..2958
<u>2'</u>	<u>CTAT</u>		<u>15'</u>	<u>AGAA</u>	
<u>3</u>	<u>GGCA</u>	341..344	<u>16</u>	<u>AGGT</u>	3246..3249
<u>3'</u>	<u>CCGT</u>		<u>16'</u>	<u>TCCA</u>	
<u>4</u>	<u>GGTC</u>	563..566	<u>17</u>	<u>CAAA</u>	3505..3508
<u>4'</u>	<u>CCAG</u>		<u>17'</u>	<u>GTTT</u>	
<u>5</u>	<u>TCGC</u>	762..765	<u>18</u>	<u>AAGC</u>	3681..3684
<u>5'</u>	<u>AGCG</u>		<u>18'</u>	<u>TTCG</u>	
<u>6</u>	<u>GAGG</u>	899..902	<u>19</u>	<u>GCAC</u>	3898..3901
<u>6'</u>	<u>CTCC</u>		<u>19'</u>	<u>CGTG</u>	
<u>7</u>	<u>CAGT</u>	1116..1119	<u>20</u>	<u>CAAC</u>	4033..4036
<u>7'</u>	<u>GTCA</u>		<u>20'</u>	<u>GTTG</u>	
<u>8</u>	<u>GTAA</u>	1313..1316	<u>21</u>	<u>AACG</u>	4209..4212
<u>8'</u>	<u>CATT</u>		<u>21'</u>	<u>TTGC</u>	
<u>9</u>	<u>TCCA</u>	1557..1560	<u>22</u>	<u>CGAA</u>	4393..4396
<u>9'</u>	<u>AGGT</u>		<u>22'</u>	<u>GCTT</u>	
<u>10</u>	<u>CACA</u>	1850..1853	<u>23</u>	<u>GTCT</u>	4526..4529
<u>10'</u>	<u>GTGT</u>		<u>23'</u>	<u>CAGA</u>	
<u>11</u>	<u>GAAT</u>	2023..2026	<u>24</u>	<u>TCAG</u>	4729..4732
<u>11'</u>	<u>CTTA</u>		<u>24'</u>	<u>AGTC</u>	
<u>12</u>	<u>ATAG</u>	2150..2153	<u>25</u>	<u>CCAT</u>	4848..4851
<u>12'</u>	<u>TATC</u>		<u>25'</u>	<u>GGTA</u>	
<u>13</u>	<u>AGTA</u>	2358..2361			
<u>13'</u>	<u>TCAT</u>				

Supporting Table S5. Observations of blue/white colonies for 12- and 24-fragment *lac* cassette assemblies. 12HF = 12-fragment high-fidelity set; 12LF = 12-fragment low fidelity set; 24HF = 24-fragment high-fidelity set. Errors shown are one standard deviation from the mean.

Assembly Tested	Transformation Colony Counts			
	Blues	Whites	Totals	% Blues
12HF Replicate 1	626	9	635	99%
12HF Replicate 2	602	11	613	98%
12HF Replicate 3	834	7	841	99%
12HF Replicate 4	912	6	918	99%
12HF Replicate 5	325	0	325	100%
12HF Replicate 6	266	0	266	100%
12HF Replicate 7	353	4	357	99%
12HF Replicate 8	369	2	371	100%
12HF Average			540 ± 250	99.2% +/- 0.6%
12LF Replicate 1	106	123	229	46%
12LF Replicate 2	143	120	263	54%
12LF Replicate 3	135	203	338	40%
12LF Replicate 4	155	207	362	43%
12LF Replicate 5	239	262	501	48%
12LF Replicate 6	248	257	505	49%
12LF Replicate 7	256	362	618	41%
12LF Replicate 8	261	389	650	40%
12LF Average			430 ± 160	45% +/- 5%
24HF Replicate 1	32	6	38	84%
24HF Replicate 2	35	6	41	85%
24HF Replicate 3	95	14	109	87%
24HF Replicate 4	103	22	125	82%
24HF Replicate 5	58	17	75	77%
24HF Replicate 6	92	32	124	74%
24HF Replicate 7	32	8	40	81%
24HF Replicate 8	41	4	45	91%
24HF Replicate 9	76	9	85	90%
24HF Replicate 10	62	10	72	86%
24HF Average			75 ± 35	84% +/- 5%

Supporting Table S6. Validation of high-fidelity 12-fragment *lac* cassette assembly reactions by omission of each fragment. In the absence of any single one of the twelve insert fragments, no blue colonies are observed. Assembly reactions were performed as described in the Materials and Methods. 37°C stages during the 30 cycles were 3 min at each temperature for expediency, and plating volumes of outgrowth for the single omission reactions were increased to 25 µl to increase detection sensitivity, and plating volumes for the positive control (complete assemblies, no omissions) were 2.5 µl outgrowth equivalents with counts multiplied by 10 to compare to the omission plates' outgrowth volume of 25 µl. Notes: 1 TMTC = too many to count; near lawn appearance. 2 na = not applicable.

Assembly tested	Transformation colony counts			
	Blues	Whites	Totals	% Blues
minus LacZ fragment # 1	0	3	3	0.0%
minus LacZ fragment # 2	0	4	4	0.0%
minus LacZ fragment # 3	0	3	3	0.0%
minus LacZ fragment # 4	0	31	31	0.0%
minus LacZ fragment # 5	0	37	37	0.0%
minus LacZ fragment # 6	0	25	25	0.0%
minus LacZ fragment # 7	0	11	11	0.0%
minus LacZ fragment # 8	0	51	51	0.0%
minus LacZ fragment # 9	0	17	17	0.0%
minus LacZ fragment #10	0	45	45	0.0%
minus LacZ fragment #11	0	19	19	0.0%
minus LacZ fragment #12	0	2	2	0.0%
minus pGGA destination plasmid	0	0	0	0.0%
minus BsaI-HFv2 restriction enzyme	0	TMTC ¹	TMTC	na ²
minus T4 DNA ligase	0	0	0	0.0%
Positive Control; no omissions	4170	11	4181	99.7%
Positive Control; no omissions	4250	10	4260	99.8%

Supporting Table S7. Validation of high-fidelity 24-fragment *lac* cassette assembly reactions by omission of each fragment. In the absence of any single one of the twenty-four insert fragments, no blue colonies are observed. Assembly reactions were performed as described in the Materials and Methods, except enzyme levels were doubled to increase sensitivity. Notes: ¹ TMTC = too many to count; near lawn appearance. ² na = not applicable.

Assembly tested	Transformation colony counts			
	Blues	Whites	Totals	% Blues
minus LacZ fragment #1	0	5	5	0%
minus LacZ fragment #2	0	10	10	0%
minus LacZ fragment #3	0	60	60	0%
minus LacZ fragment #4	0	35	35	0%
minus LacZ fragment #5	0	25	25	0%
minus LacZ fragment #6	0	20	20	0%
minus LacZ fragment #7	0	31	31	0%
minus LacZ fragment #8	0	26	26	0%
minus LacZ fragment #9	0	30	30	0%
minus LacZ fragment #10	0	51	51	0%
minus LacZ fragment #11	0	33	33	0%
minus LacZ fragment #12	0	30	30	0%
minus LacZ fragment #13	0	41	41	0%
minus LacZ fragment #14	0	55	55	0%
minus LacZ fragment #15	0	57	57	0%
minus LacZ fragment #16	0	80	80	0%
minus LacZ fragment #17	0	22	22	0%
minus LacZ fragment #18	0	21	21	0%
minus LacZ fragment #19	0	15	15	0%
minus LacZ fragment #20	0	26	26	0%
minus LacZ fragment #21	0	18	18	0%
minus LacZ fragment #22	0	114	114	0%
minus LacZ fragment #23	0	21	21	0%
minus LacZ fragment #24	0	17	17	0%
minus pGGA destination plasmid	0	0	0	0%
minus Bsal-HFv2 restriction enzyme	TMTC ¹	TMTC	TMTC	na ²
minus T4 DNA ligase	0	6	6	0%
Positive Control; no omissions	219	27	246	89%
Positive Control; no omissions	195	14	209	93%
Positive Control; no omissions	148	10	158	94%

Supporting Table S8. Predicted high fidelity four-base overhang sets for use with Golden Gate assembly methods (based on 18 h at 37°C).

Set	Number of overhangs	Estimated fidelity	Overhang sequences
1	10	100%	CTTA, CTCC, ACTA, GGTA, TCCA, CGAA, AATG, AGCG, ATGG, AGAT
2	15	99.8%	AGAG, ACAT, GACA, AGCA, AATC, GGTA, CAAA, CCAA, AACG, CTGA, CCTC, ACGG, TCCA, CAGC, ACTA
3	20	99.3%	GACA, ACTA, CGGA, ATTA, AGAG, AACG, CCAA, GGTA, CTGA, AGGA, CAGC, ACGG, CAAA, GAAC, AGAT, CCTC, CTAC, AGCA, AATC, ATGA
4	25	98.5%	AGCA, GACA, GTAA, CAGC, AATC, ATAG, GAAC, ATGA, AACT, CAAA, CTTC, CGTA, ATTA, CTGA, TCCA, ACTC, AATG, GCGA, ACAA, AGGG, CTCA, ACCG, CCAA, GGTA, AGAT
5	30	97.2%	GTAA, AAGT, ATAG, GAAA, CCAG, AATC, ATGA, GCAC, GGTA, CGTC, ACCG, ACAA, GCCA, AGGG, AATG, CAAC, AACT, CACA, AGCA, ATTA, CGAA, GAGA, CTTA, CCGA, ACGC, AGAT, CTCC, CAGA, CCTA, TCCA
6	35	94.1%	TCCA, AACT, CGTA, GTAA, AAGC, CCGA, GGGA, GCAA, ATAG, ATCC, AAGA, CCAG, ATGA, AATC, AGAA, ACAT, CAGA, CTCA, CCTA, ACGA, GACA, ATTA, AGAC, CAAA, GGTA, CGAA, CCAC, GAAC, AGGG, AATG, ACTA, CTTC, ACCG, ACTC, AGCA

Supporting Table S9. Ligation fidelity substrate and ligation library sequences

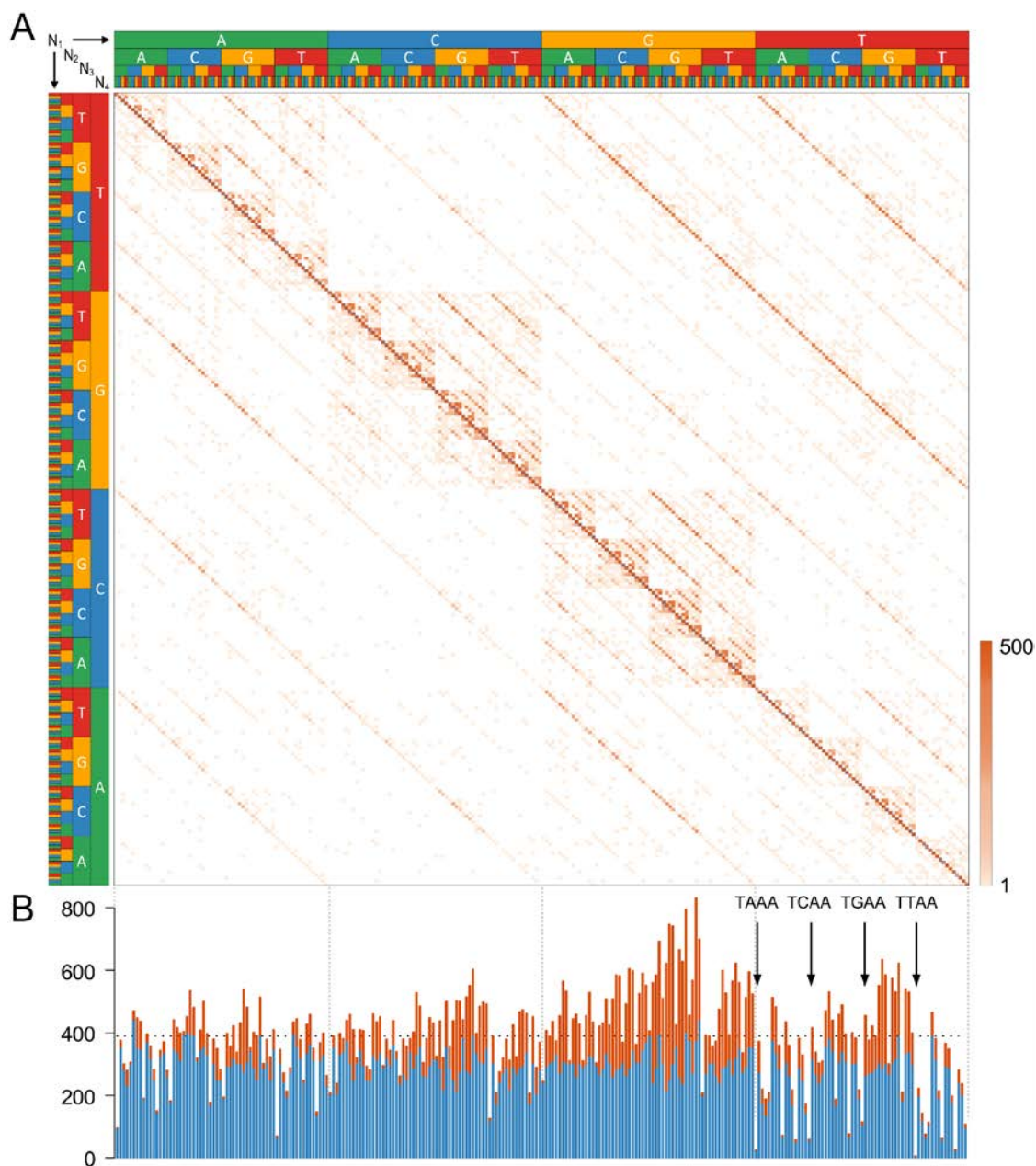
Substrate	Sequence ¹
Precursor oligonucleotide	TCACGTNNNNNG GAGACCT GCGATCCAGTGCGCCGTCCATTGATC AACGNNNNNNCAA <u>ATCTCTCTCTTTTCCTCCTCCTCCGTTGTTGTT</u> <u>GTTGAGAGAG</u>
Ligation profile substrate	pNNNNNG GAGACCT GCGATCCAGTGCGCCGTCCATTGATCAACGN NNNNNCAA <u>ATCTCTCTCTTTTCCTCCTCCTCCGTTGTTGTTGTTGA</u> <u>GAGAGATT</u> TGNNNNNNCGTTGATCAATGGACGGCGCACTGGATC GCAG GTCTCC
Expected insert ²	TTGNNNNNNCGTTGATCAATGGACGGCGCACTGGATCGCAGGTC TCCNNNNNGGAGACCTGCGATCCAGTGCGCCGTCCATTGATCAAC GNNNNNNCAA

¹ The type IIS restriction enzyme recognition site is indicated in bold. SMRT adapter region is underlined.

² The expected insert length is 99nt. The location of three-base overhang is in position 48..51, 3'-randomized region is in position 4..9, and 5'-randomized region is position 90..95.

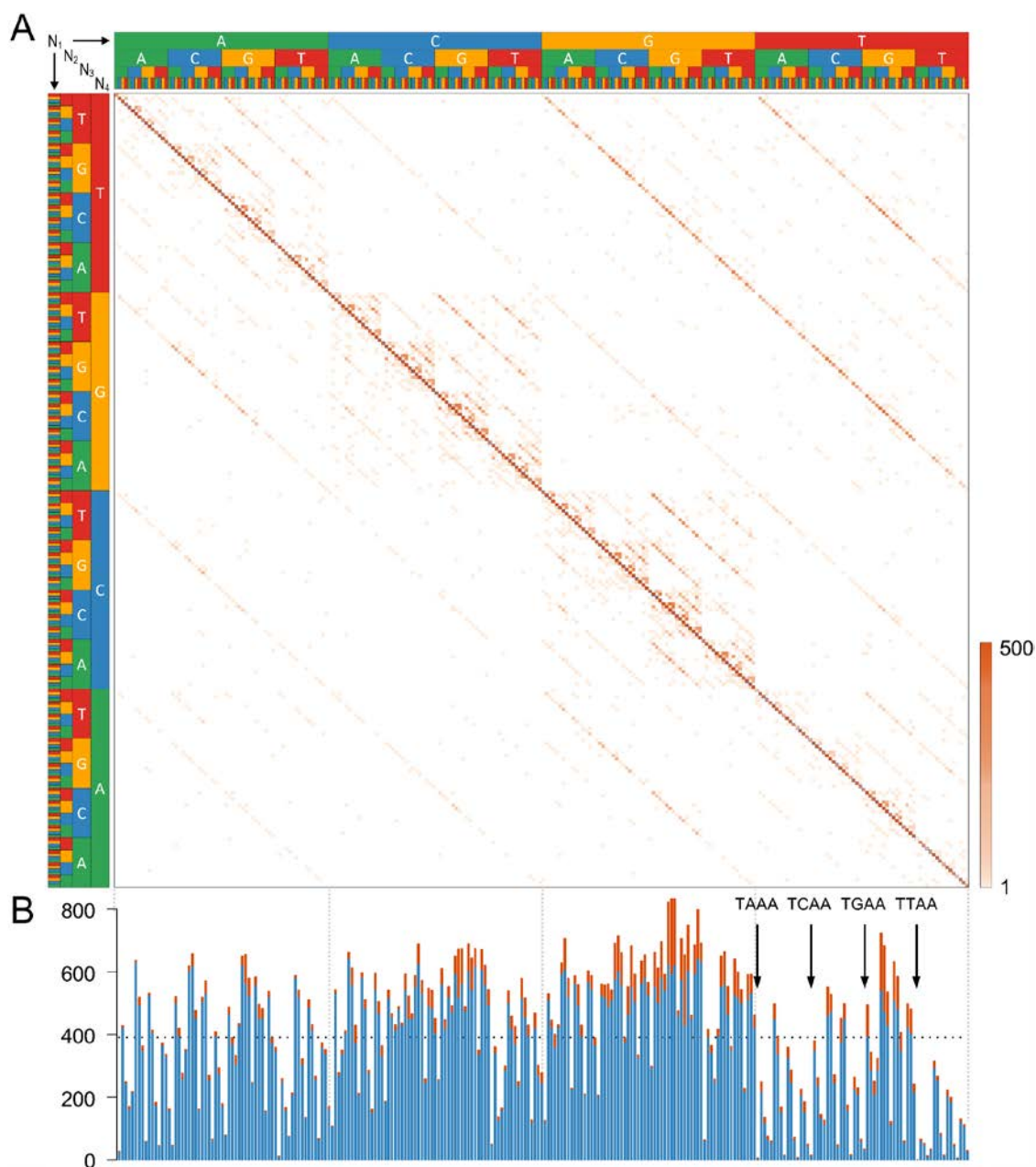
Supporting Table S10. Number of ligation events per experiment.

Time, h	Temperature, °C	Replicate	Number of runs	Number of ligation events	
				Per replicate	Per experiment
1	25	1	12	431,424	
1	25	2	2	83,954	
1	25	3	2	74,660	590,038
1	37	1	4	161,703	
1	37	2	2	87,857	
1	37	3	2	91,515	341,075
18	25	1	12	573,991	
18	25	2	2	84,322	
18	25	3	2	61,234	719,547
18	37	1	4	203,878	
18	37	2	2	86,171	
18	37	3	2	97,734	387,783

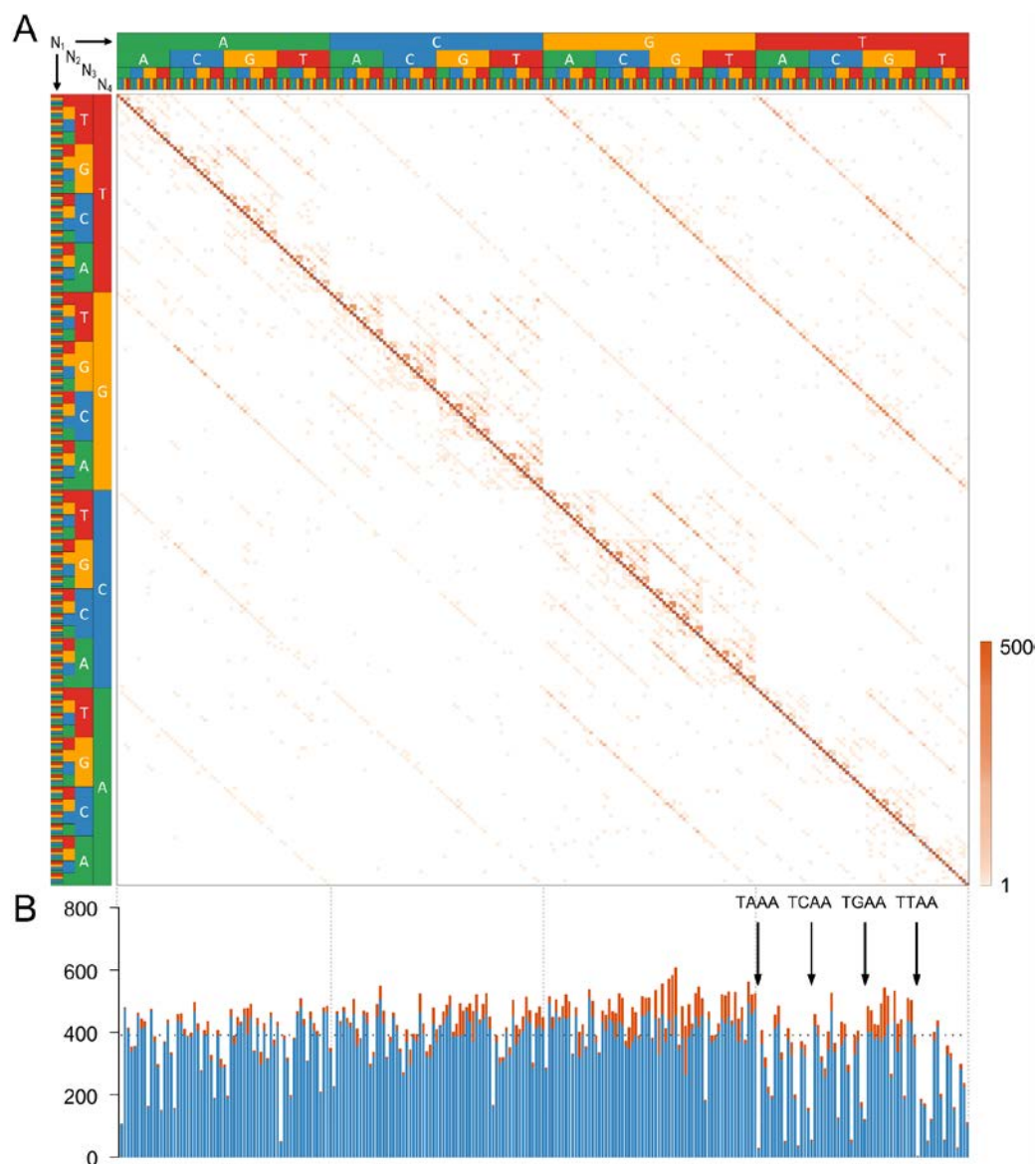


Supporting Figure S1. Ligation fidelity of T4 DNA Ligase for four-base overhangs (1 h at 25°C). SMRT

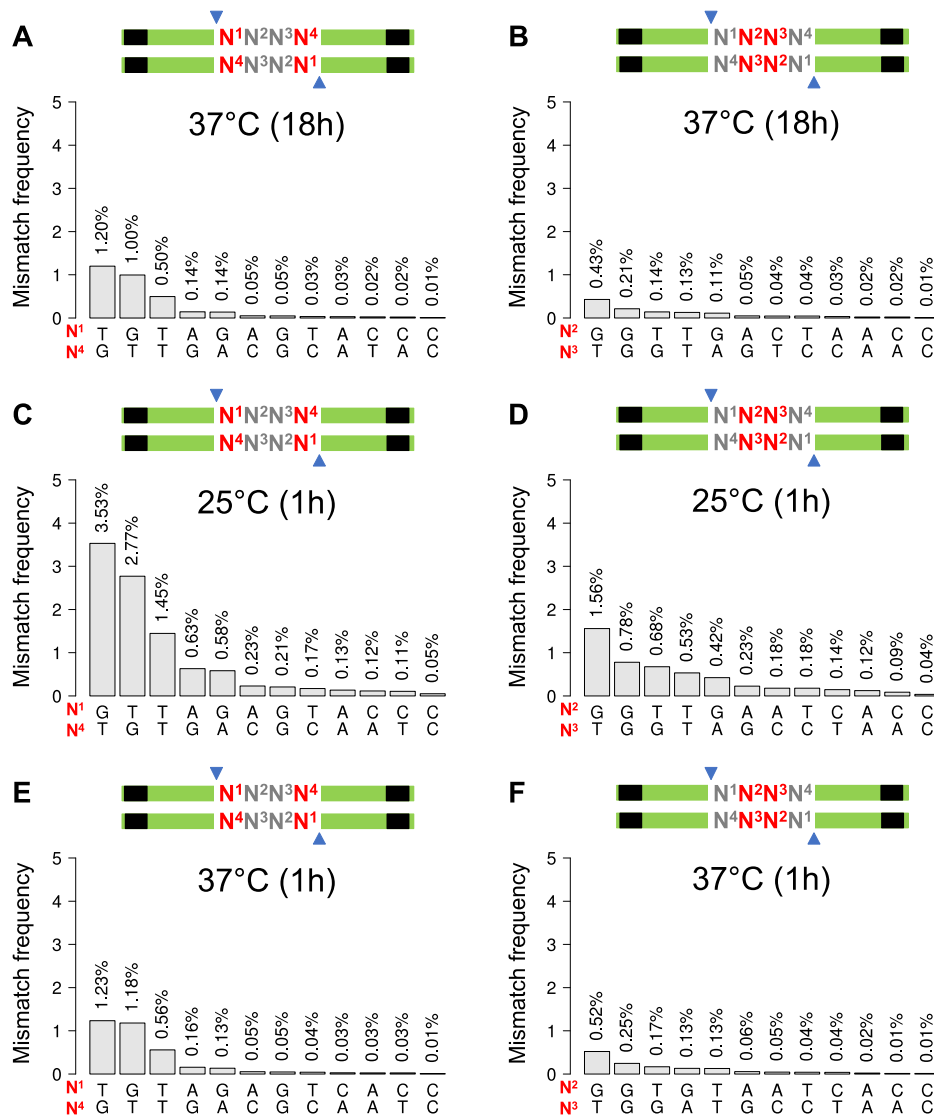
sequencing results for ligating 100 nM of the multiplexed four-base overhang substrate 1 h at 25°C, with 1.75 μ M T4 DNA ligase in standard ligation buffer. Observations have been normalized to 100,000 ligation events (see Supporting Information Data files for actual observation totals). (A) Frequency heat map of all ligation events (log-scaled). Overhangs are listed alphabetically left to right (AAAA, AAAC...TTTG, TTTT) and bottom to top such that the Watson-Crick pairings are shown on the diagonal. (B) Stacked bar plot showing the frequency of ligation products containing each overhang, corresponding to each column in the heat map in (A). Fully Watson-Crick paired ligation results are indicated in blue, and ligation products containing one or more mismatches are in orange. The dashed line indicates the median number of ligation events. The dashed line indicates the expected level of ligation if all overhangs appeared in equal frequency.



Supporting Figure S2. Ligation fidelity of T4 DNA Ligase for four-base overhangs (1 h at 37°C). SMRT sequencing results for ligating 100 nM of the multiplexed four-base overhang substrate 1 h at 37°C, with 1.75 μ M T4 DNA ligase in standard ligation buffer. Observations have been normalized to 100,000 ligation events (see Supporting Information Data files for actual observation totals). (A) Frequency heat map of all ligation events (log-scaled). Overhangs are listed alphabetically left to right (AAAA, AAAC...TTTG, TTTT) and bottom to top such that the Watson-Crick pairings are shown on the diagonal. (B) Stacked bar plot showing the frequency of ligation products containing each overhang, corresponding to each column in the heat map in (A). Fully Watson-Crick paired ligation results are indicated in blue, and ligation products containing one or more mismatches are in orange. The dashed line indicates the median number of ligation events. The dashed line indicates the expected level of ligation if all overhangs appeared in equal frequency.

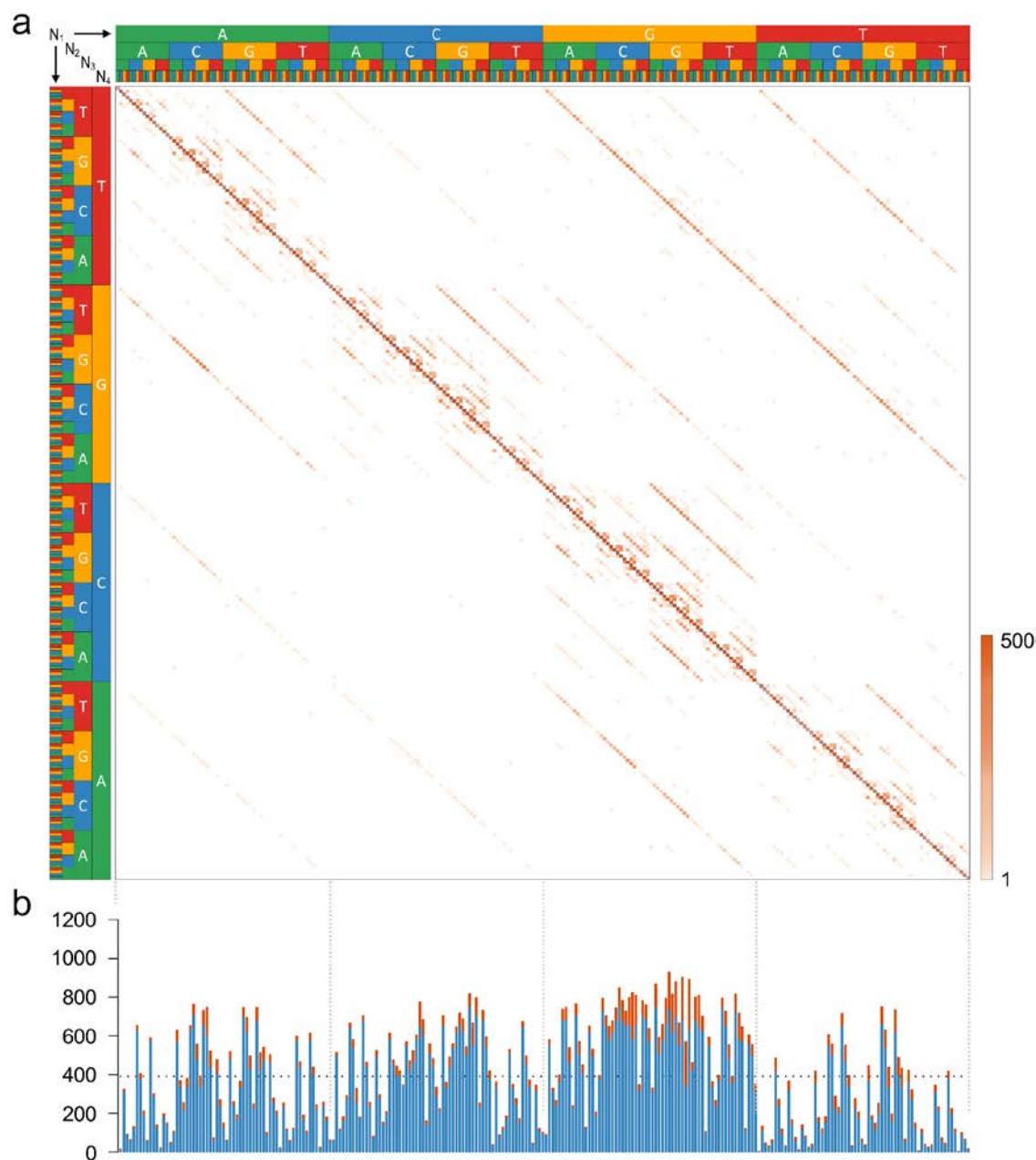


Supporting Figure S3. Ligation fidelity of T4 DNA Ligase for four-base overhangs (18 h at 37°C). SMRT sequencing results for ligating 100 nM of the multiplexed four-base overhang substrate 18 h at 37°C, with 1.75 μ M T4 DNA ligase in standard ligation buffer. Observations have been normalized to 100,000 ligation events (see Supporting Information Data files for actual observation totals). (A) Frequency heat map of all ligation events (log-scaled). Overhangs are listed alphabetically left to right (AAAA, AAAC...TTTG, TTTT) and bottom to top such that the Watson-Crick pairings are shown on the diagonal. (B) Stacked bar plot showing the frequency of ligation products containing each overhang, corresponding to each column in the heat map in (A). Fully Watson-Crick paired ligation results are indicated in blue, and ligation products containing one or more mismatches are in orange. The dashed line indicates the median number of ligation events. The dashed line indicates the expected level of ligation if all overhangs appeared in equal frequency.

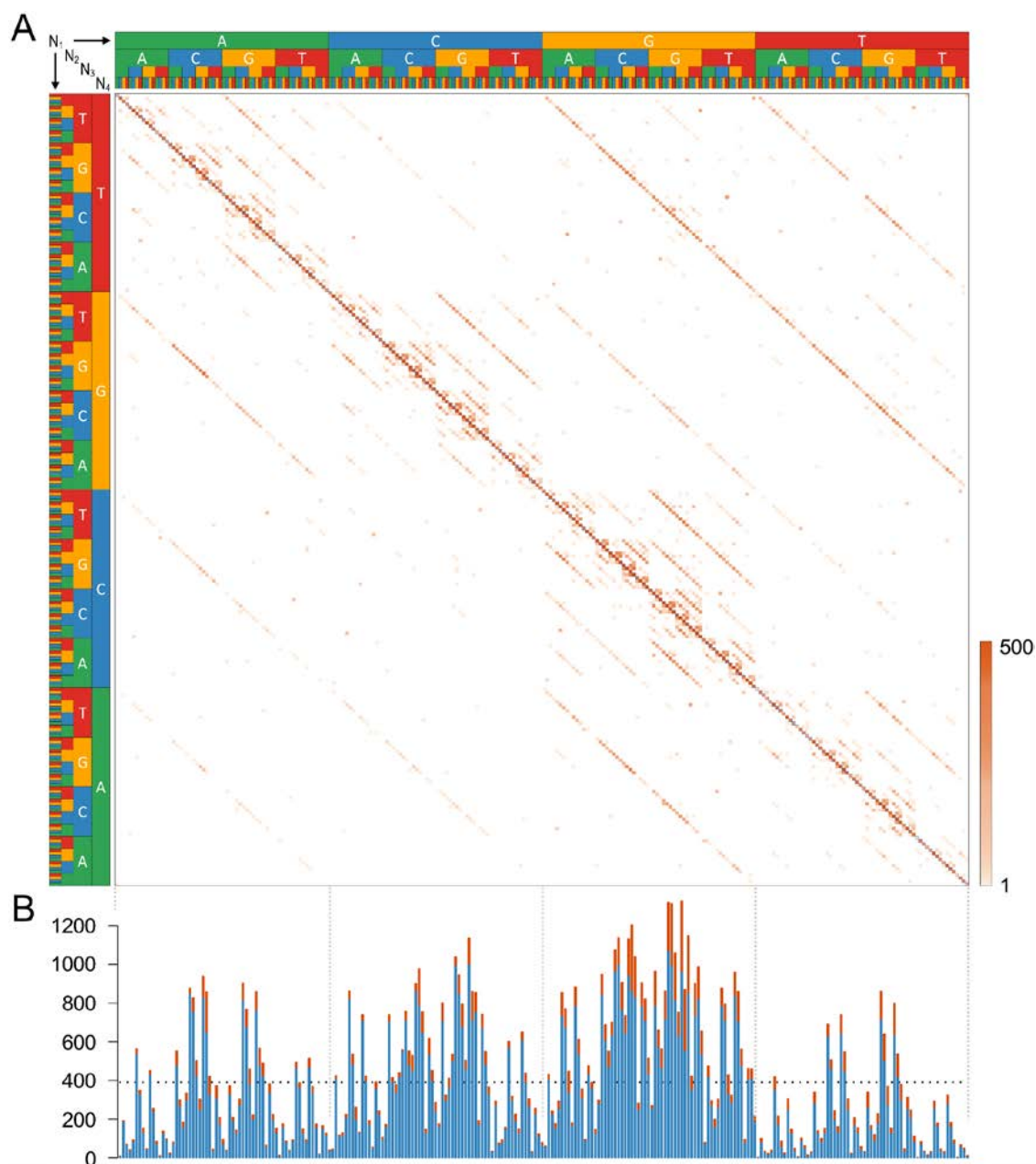


Supporting Figure S4. Frequency of specific base pair mismatches by position, additional ligation

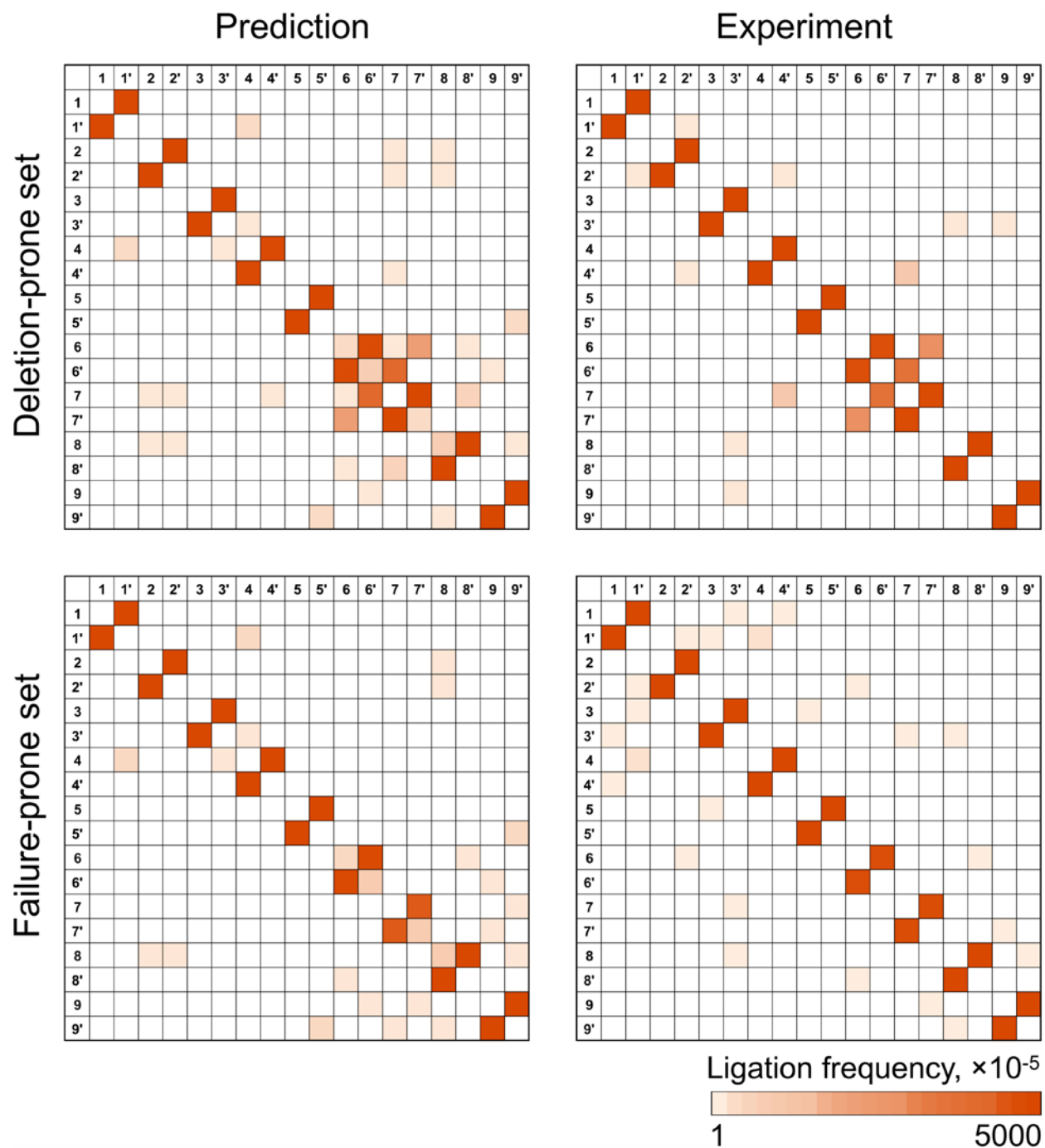
conditions. Incidence of each possible mismatched base pair observed during ligation of four-base overhangs, with 100 nM of the multiplexed substrate, 1.75 μ M T4 DNA ligase, at varied temperatures and incubation times in standard ligation buffer. This figure was generated from the same data as shown in Figures S1, S2, and S3. (A, C, and E) show the results for the edge position (N1:N4'); (B, D, and F) for the middle position (N2:N3').



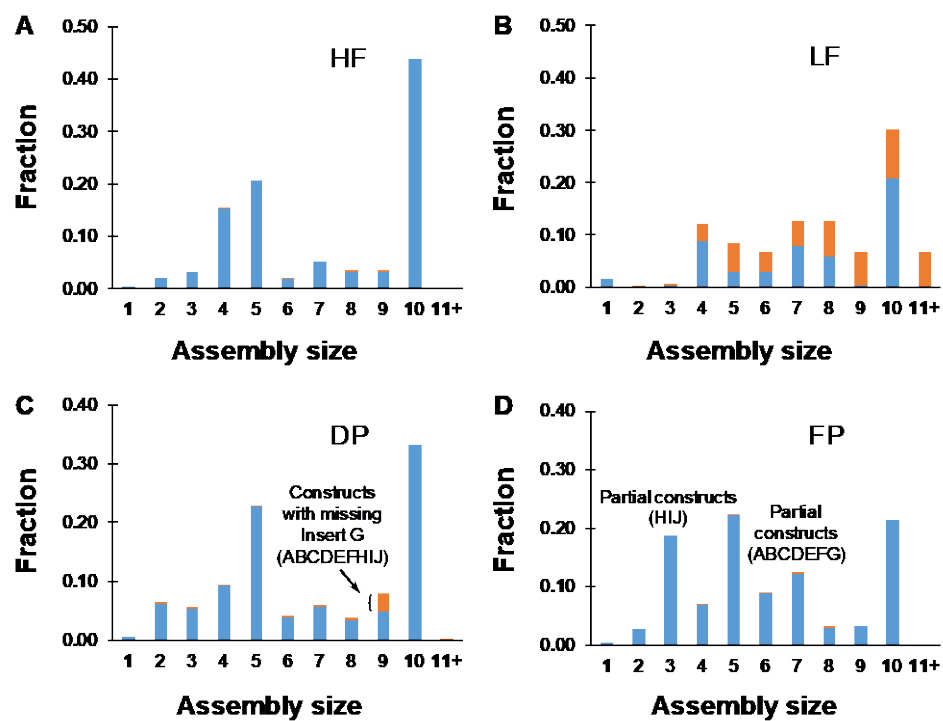
Supporting Figure S5. Ligation fidelity of T7 DNA Ligase for four-base overhangs (18 h at 25°C). SMRT sequencing results for ligating 100 nM of the multiplexed four-base overhang substrate 1 h at 37°C, with 1.75 μ M T7 DNA ligase in standard ligation buffer. Observations have been normalized to 100,000 ligation events (see Supporting Information Data files for actual observation totals). (A) Frequency heat map of all ligation events (log-scaled). Overhangs are listed alphabetically left to right (AAAA, AAAC...TTTG, TTTT) and bottom to top such that the Watson-Crick pairings are shown on the diagonal. (B) Stacked bar plot showing the frequency of ligation products containing each overhang, corresponding to each column in the heat map in (A). Fully Watson-Crick paired ligation results are indicated in blue, and ligation products containing one or more mismatches are in orange. The dashed line indicates the median number of ligation events. The dashed line indicates the expected level of ligation if all overhangs appeared in equal frequency.



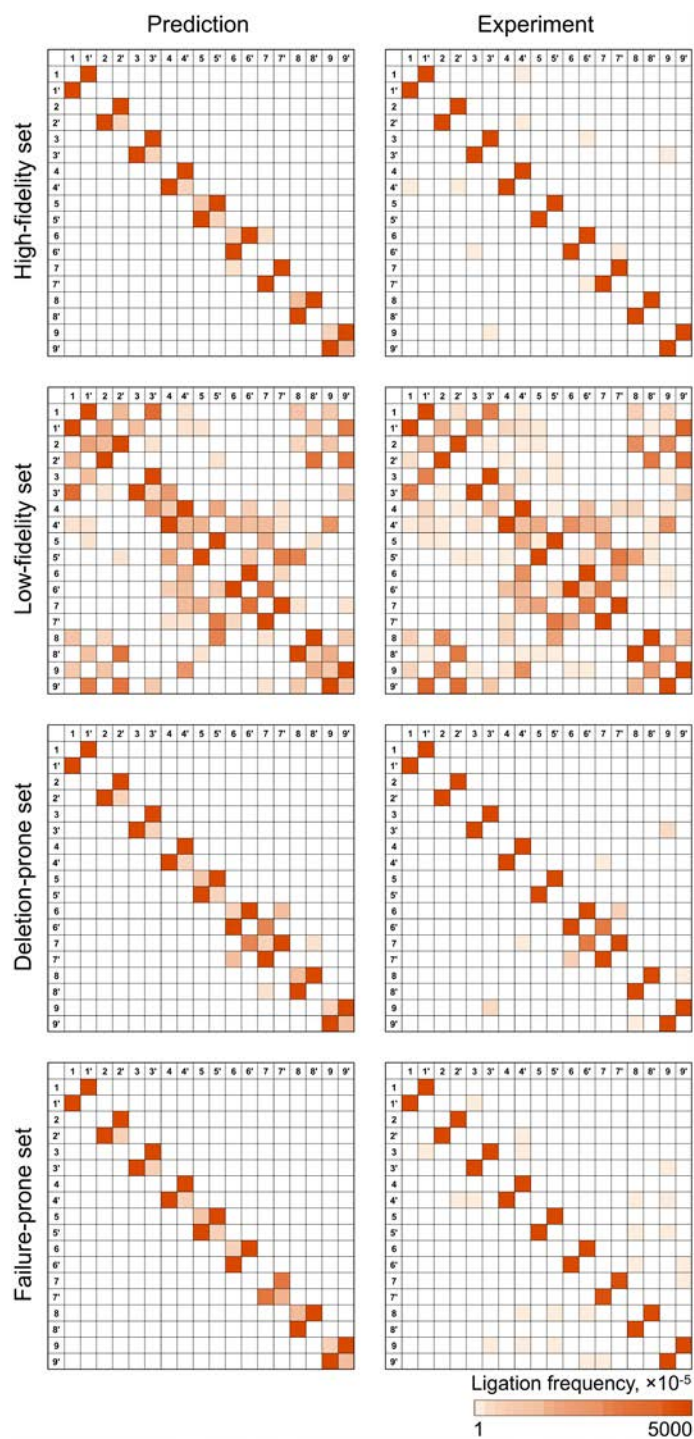
Supporting Figure S6. Ligation fidelity of T7 DNA Ligase for four-base overhangs (18 h at 37°C). SMRT sequencing results for ligating 100 nM of the multiplexed four-base overhang substrate 1 h at 37°C, with 1.75 μ M T7 DNA ligase in standard ligation buffer. Observations have been normalized to 100,000 ligation events (see Supporting Information Data files for actual observation totals). (A) Frequency heat map of all ligation events (log-scaled). Overhangs are listed alphabetically left to right (AAAA, AAAC...TTTG, TTTT) and bottom to top such that the Watson-Crick pairings are shown on the diagonal. (B) Stacked bar plot showing the frequency of ligation products containing each overhang, corresponding to each column in the heat map in (A). Fully Watson-Crick paired ligation results are indicated in blue, and ligation products containing one or more mismatches are in orange. The dashed line indicates the median number of ligation events. The dashed line indicates the expected level of ligation if all overhangs appeared in equal frequency.



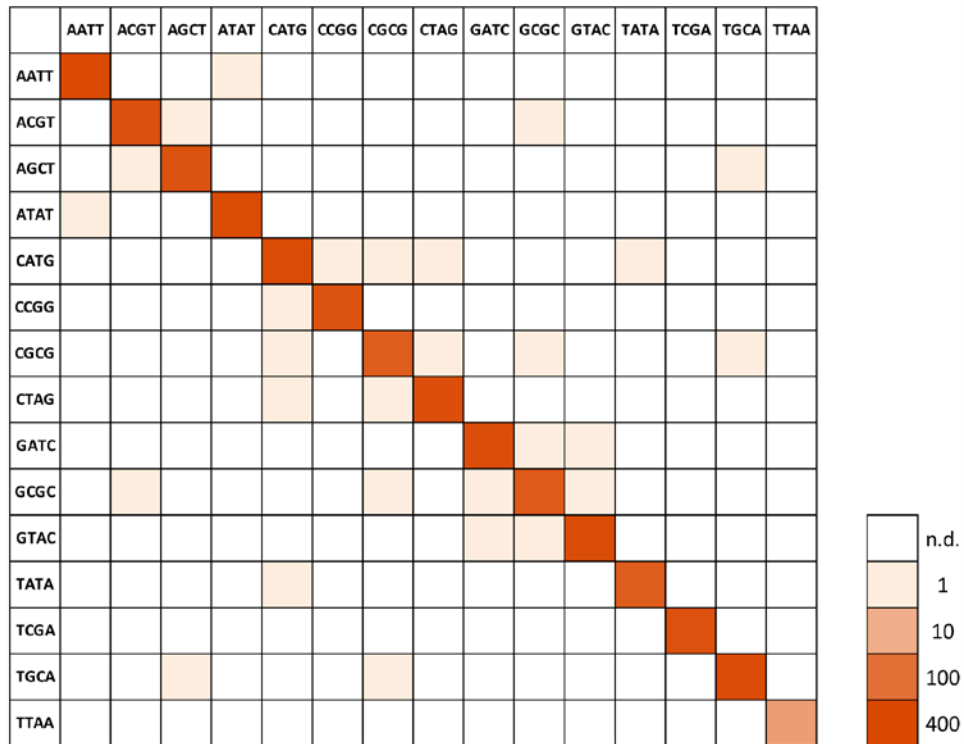
Supporting Figure S7. Predicted versus observed fragment linkages in a multi-fragment (Golden Gate) assembly for the DP and FP 10-fragment assemblies. Predicted frequencies of junctions are based on the fidelity library data generated for the four-base overhang substrate ligated with T4 DNA ligase at 25°C for 18 h. The experimental observations shown are for assembly of the 10-fragment HF and LF sets with Golden Gate Assembly mix, 37°C 5 min/16°C 5 min, 30 cycles.



Supporting Figure S8. Distribution of assembly sizes for the 10-fragment Golden Gate assemblies (18 h at 37°C).



Supporting Figure S9. Predicted versus observed fragment linkages in a multi-fragment (Golden Gate) assembly for the HF, LF, DP and FP 10-fragment assemblies. Predicted frequencies of junctions are based on the fidelity library data generated for the four-base overhang substrate ligated with T4 DNA ligase at 37°C for 18 h. The experimental observations shown are for assembly of the 10-fragment HF, LF, DP, and FP sets with Golden Gate Assembly mix (18 h at 37°C).



Supporting Figure S10. Predicted mismatch ligation potential between all palindromic overhangs. Palindromic overhangs generated by Type IIP restriction enzymes are used in traditional restriction enzyme cloning methods. The fidelity profile (18 h at 25°C) was used to predict any likely mismatch ligation between these overhangs. No significant cross talk is predicted, but the TATA and TTAA overhangs are expected to be low efficiency in ligation compared to all other palindromes.