

# Restriction enzyme

# Restriction Endonucleases

- Restriction endonucleases RESTRICT viruses
  - Viral genome is destroyed upon entry
- Restriction endonuclease = Restriction enzymes
  - Endo (inside), nuclease (cuts nucleic acid)
- Restriction endonuclease recognizes a short and specific DNA sequence and cuts it from inside.
- The specific DNA sequence is called recognition sequence

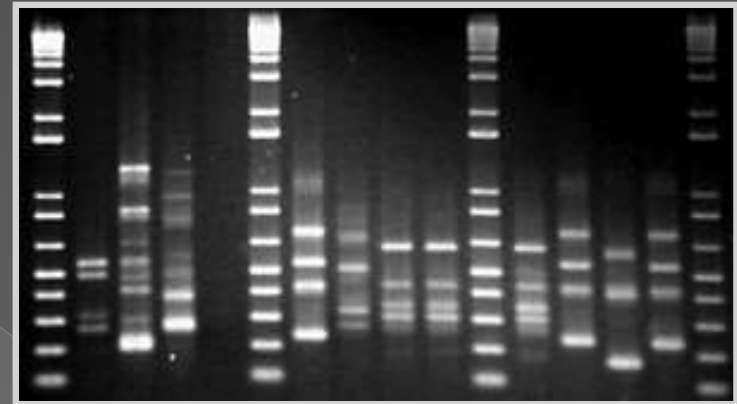
# Biological Role of RE

- Restriction Modification System -restriction enzymes are paired with methylases.
- Methylases are enzymes that add methyl groups to specific nucleotides within the recognition sequence. The methylation prevents recognition by the restriction enzyme.
- Therefore, the restriction enzyme within a cell doesn't destroy its own DNA. However the restriction enzyme can destroy foreign DNA which enters the cell such as bacteriophage.

# Definition



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<http://www.esemag.com/0105/dna2.jpg>

- Restriction enzyme:

A protein that recognizes a particular sequence of DNA and cuts the DNA at that site (the restriction site)

- Digestion:

the act of breaking down into pieces

# Discovery

- 1952-53: Luria and Human discovered the phenomenon of restriction and modification
- Named as host-induced, or host-controlled, variation.

# Restriction enzymes

- Recognize short specific sequences, often palindromes
- Isolated from bacteria as endogenous “restrictors” of bacterial pathogens

Enzyme	Recognition Sequence
BamH I	GGATCC CCTAGG
Not I	GCGGCCGC CGCGGCCG
Sau3A I	GATC CTAG
Sac I	GAGCTC CTCGAG
Sst I	GAGCTC CTCGAG
Hinf I	GANTC CTNAG
Xho II	PuGATCPy PyCTAGPu

# Enzyme Activity

## Scanning

GGACGCTAGCTGAT**GAATTC**GCATCGGATCCGAATCCGCTCTTTCAA  
CCTGCGATCGACTA**CTTAAG**CGTAGCCTAGGCTTAGGCGAGAAAGTT

## Recognition Sequence

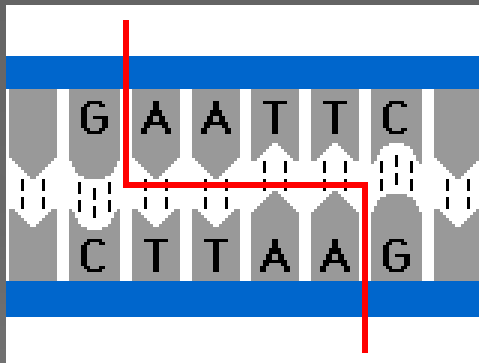
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CCTGCGATCGACTA**CTTAAG**CGTAGCCTAGGCTTAGGCGAGAAAGTT

## Cleavage

GGACGCTAGCTGAT**G** **AATTC**GCATCGGATCCGAATCCGCTCTTTCAA  
CCTGCGATCGACTA**CTTA** **G**CGTAGCCTAGGCTTAGGCGAGAAAGTT

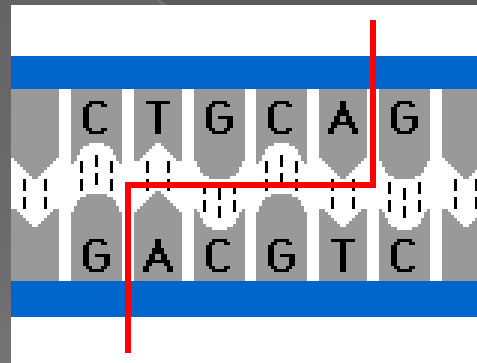
# Different enzymes...different sites...different cuts

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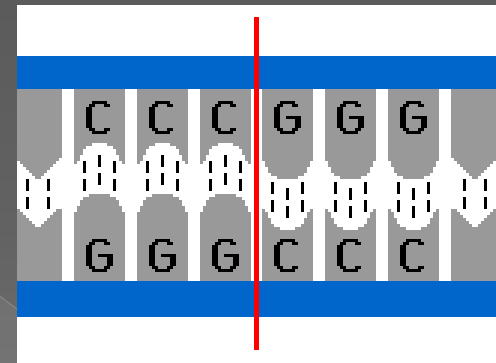
Eco RI

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Pst I

<http://www.phschool.com/science/>



Sma I



# Diversity of Enzymes

EcoRI *Escherichia coli* R

G/AATTC

BamHI *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* H

G/GATCC

HindIII *Haemophilus influenzae* Rd

A/AGCCT

PstI *Providencia stuartii*

CTGCA/G

PmeI *Pseudomonas mendocina*

GTTT/AAAC

# Recognition Sequences

EcoRI G/AATTC

BamHI G/GATCC

HindIII A/AGCCT

PstI CTGCA/G

PmeI GTTT/AAAC

HincII GTY/RAC

FunII G/AATTC

Features

Palindromic

Length

4 cutters, 6 cutters etc

Site of cleavage

Sticky ends

3' overhang

5' overhang

blunt end

Compatibility

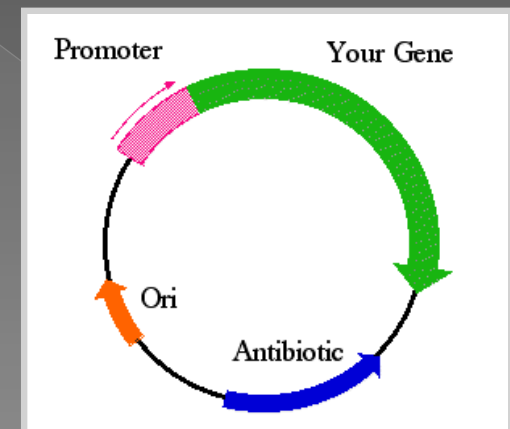
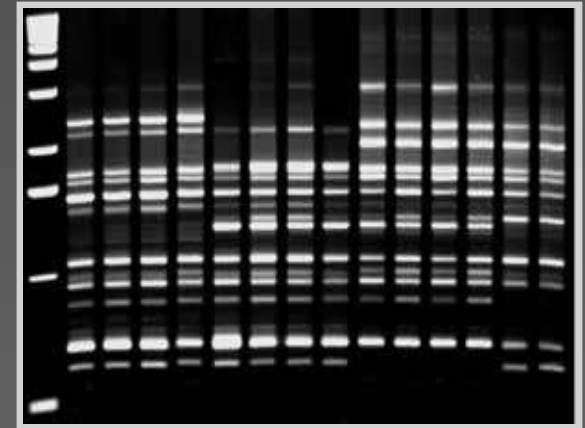
Multiple Recognition sequence

Isoschisomers

Type II vs Type III RE

# Examples

- Restriction enzyme digestion is used for...
  - > Identifying individuals (DNA fingerprinting)
  - > Identifying species (e.g. *Mytilus*)
  - > Cloning (moving genes in and out of plasmids)



# Digestion Procedure

## Prepare Master Mix

*Add buffer and enzyme in correct proportions.*



## Add restriction digest master mix to DNA

*Mix thoroughly by flicking tube.*



## Incubate

*Temperature and time depend on enzyme.*



**View result by gel electrophoresis**

# Digestion Conditions

## ● XbaI

- > Buffer 2: (10 mM Tris-HCl, 10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 50 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, pH 7.9 at 25°C.
- > 100 µg/ml BSA
- > Incubate at 37°
- > 1 Unit digest 1 µg DNA in 1 hour
- > Heat inactivate 65° for 20min

# Typical RE Reaction

20  $\mu$ l reaction.

10  $\mu$ l DNA (~1  $\mu$ g total)

7  $\mu$ l water

2  $\mu$ l 10X reaction buffer

1  $\mu$ l RE 10units/ $\mu$ l

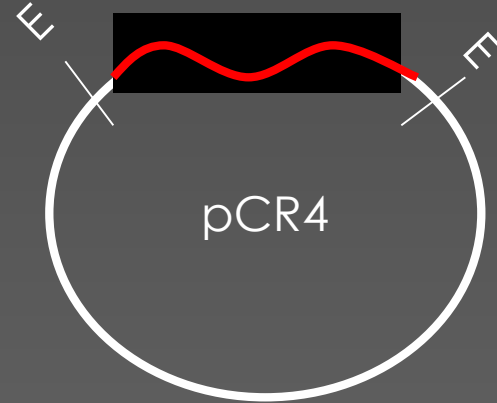
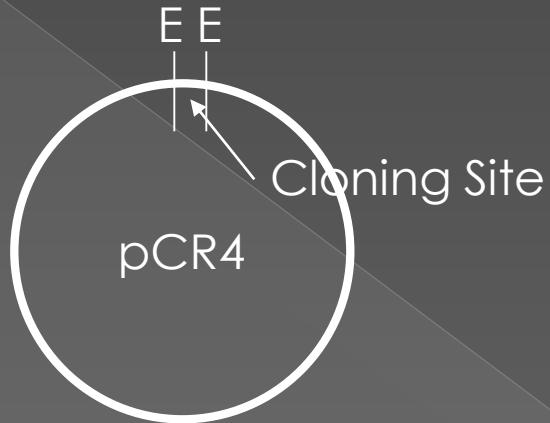
Incubate 1 hour at appropriate temperature

**Note:**

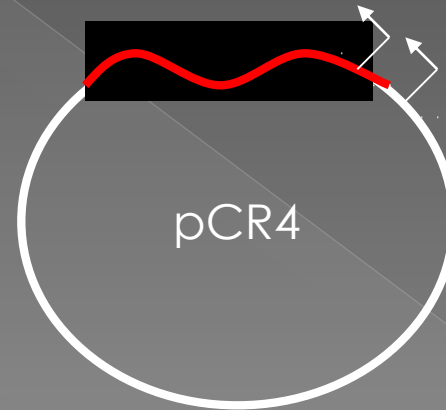
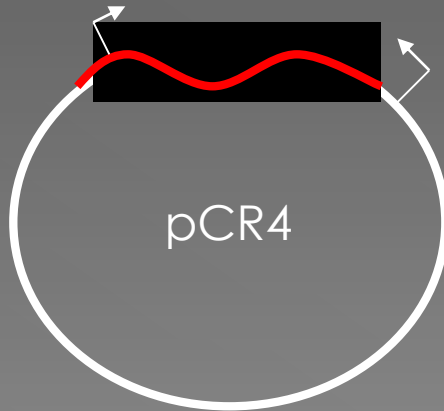
1. 10 fold excess enzyme ensures complete digestion.
2. Enzyme should never exceed 1/10<sup>th</sup> of reaction.
3. BSA is often recommended because it stabilizes the enzyme. add 0.2  $\mu$ l of BSA stock for 20  $\mu$ l reaction.
4. For plasmid minipreps – add 1  $\mu$ l RNase the last 5 min of digestion.

# Class Project

1. Digest with EcoRI to release cloned insert

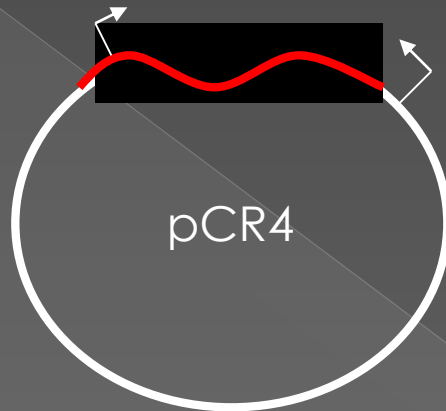


2. Orientation of Insert

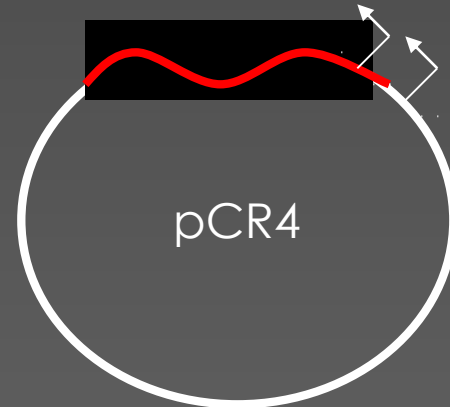


# Class Project

## 2. Orientation of Insert



Good



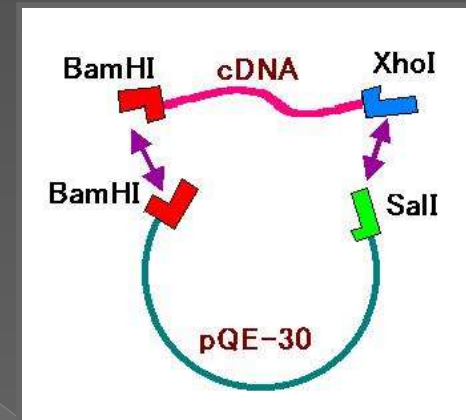
Useless

1. Identify internal restriction sites
  - Best internal sites will match one of the external sites
2. Digest with enzymes to cut internal site and external site – analyze by electrophoresis



# Downstream Applications

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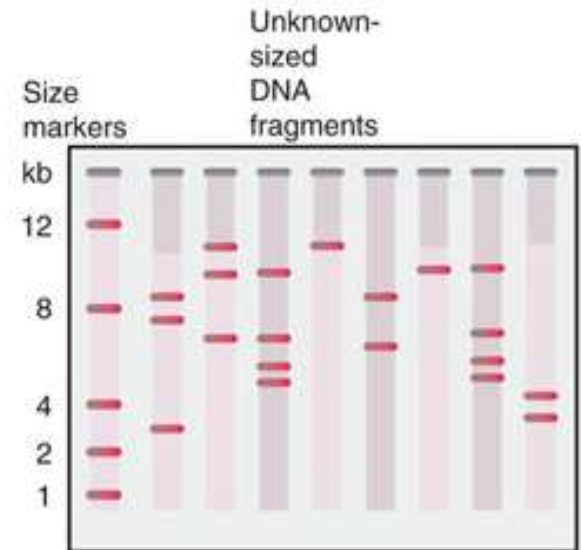
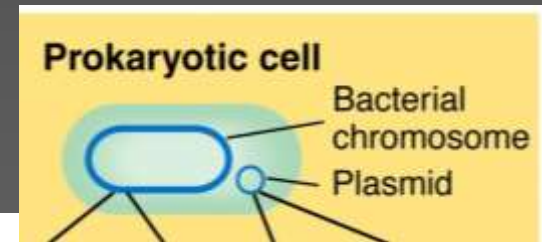
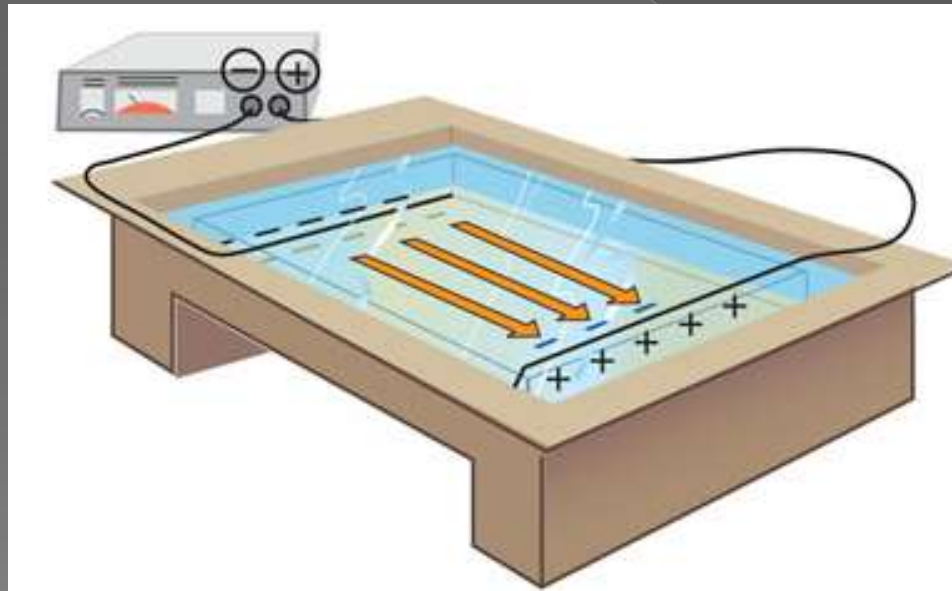
- Bacterial transformation



<http://hthbiotech.sandiegostc.org/tr-2a-b.html>

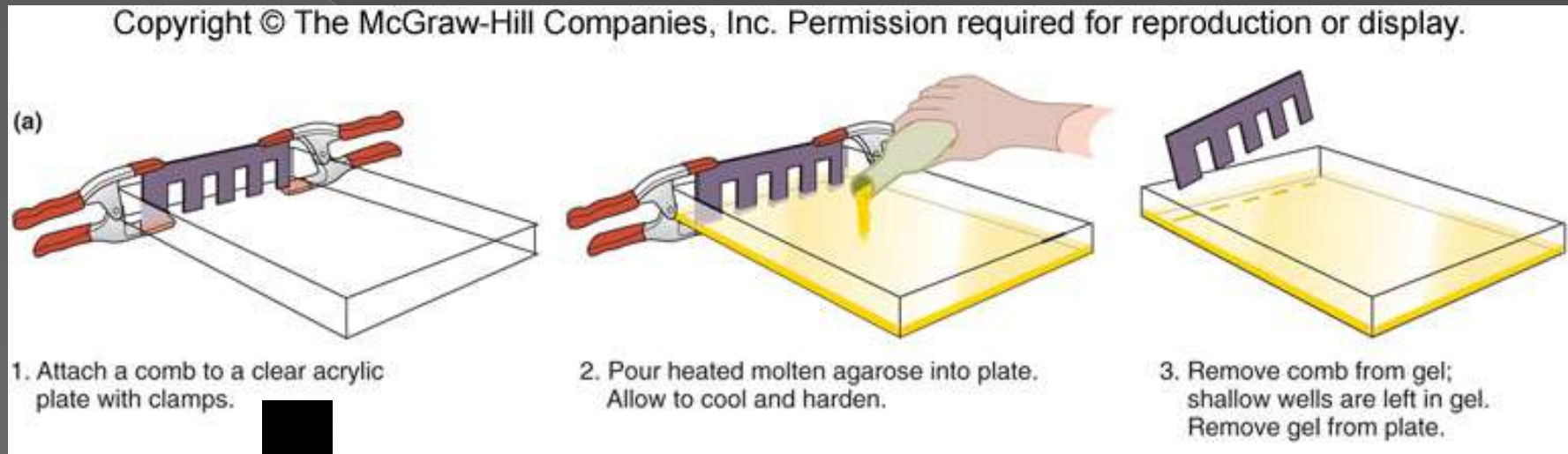
# Restriction Fragment Analysis

Gel electrophoresis separates DNA fragments primarily on the basis of size/length



Restriction Enzyme digest  
of plasmid DNA

# DNA is electrophoresed through a polymer

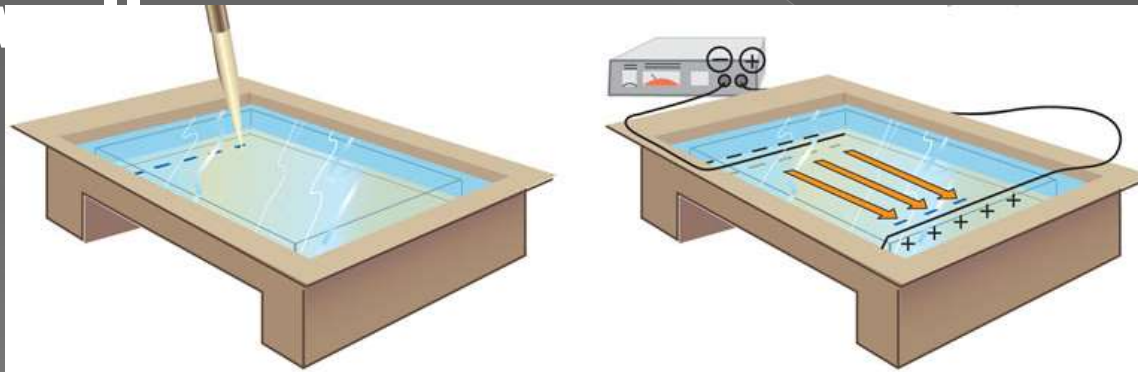


## Agarose vs. Acrylamide Gels

**Agarose: larger migration space for DNA**

**Polyacrylamide: smaller migration space for DNA**

- **DNA is loaded (pipetted) into the wells of the gel**
- **Sucrose or glycerol provide density so the DNA sample sinks into the wells of the submerged gel**
- **A dye helps to see the sample fall into the well**



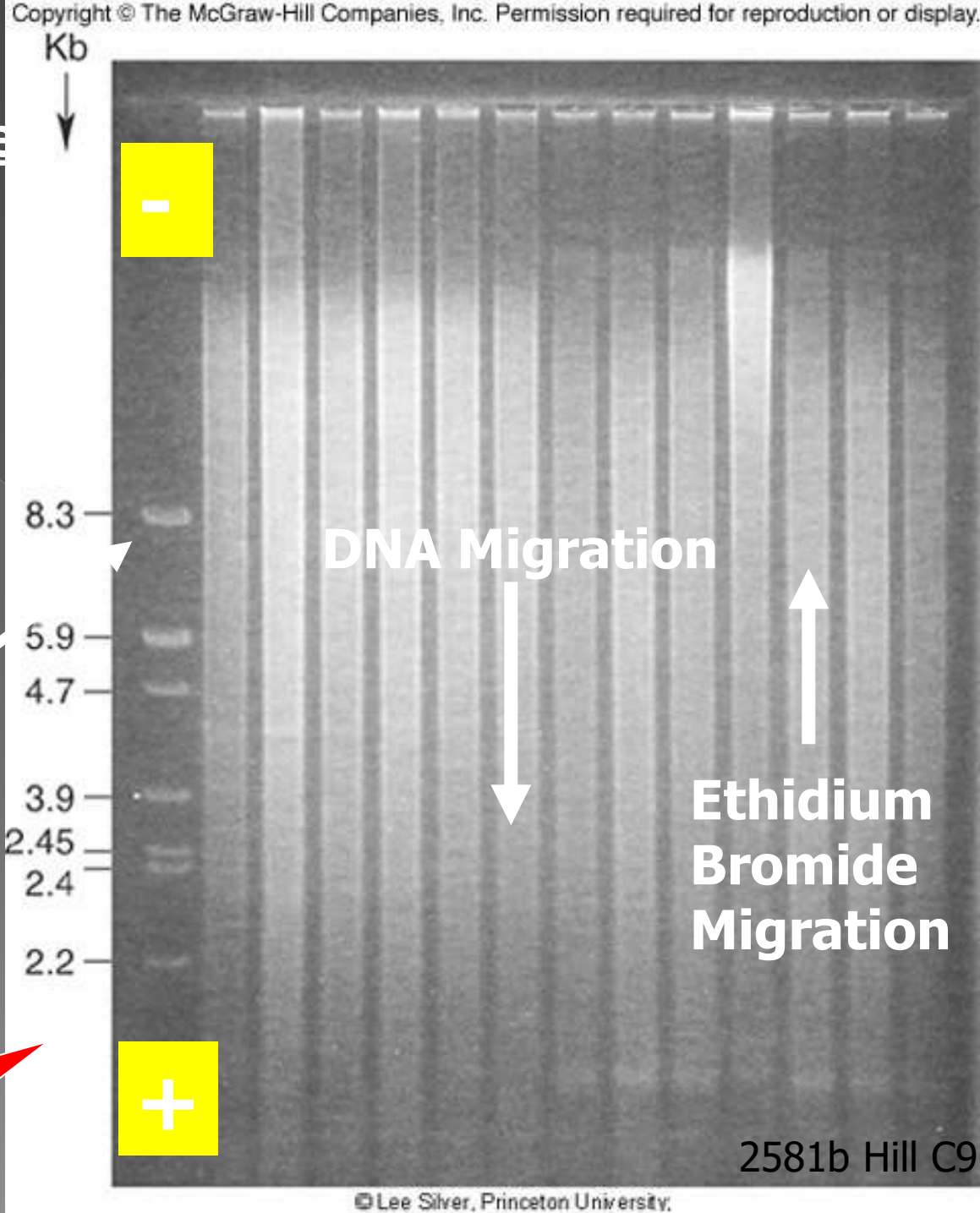
**DNA is negatively charged and migrates at a rate relative to its size/length**

## Anatomy of a DNA Gel

**Ethidium Bromide is a dye that intercalates with DNA and fluoresces upon UV exposure**

**Size markers assist in determining fragment length**

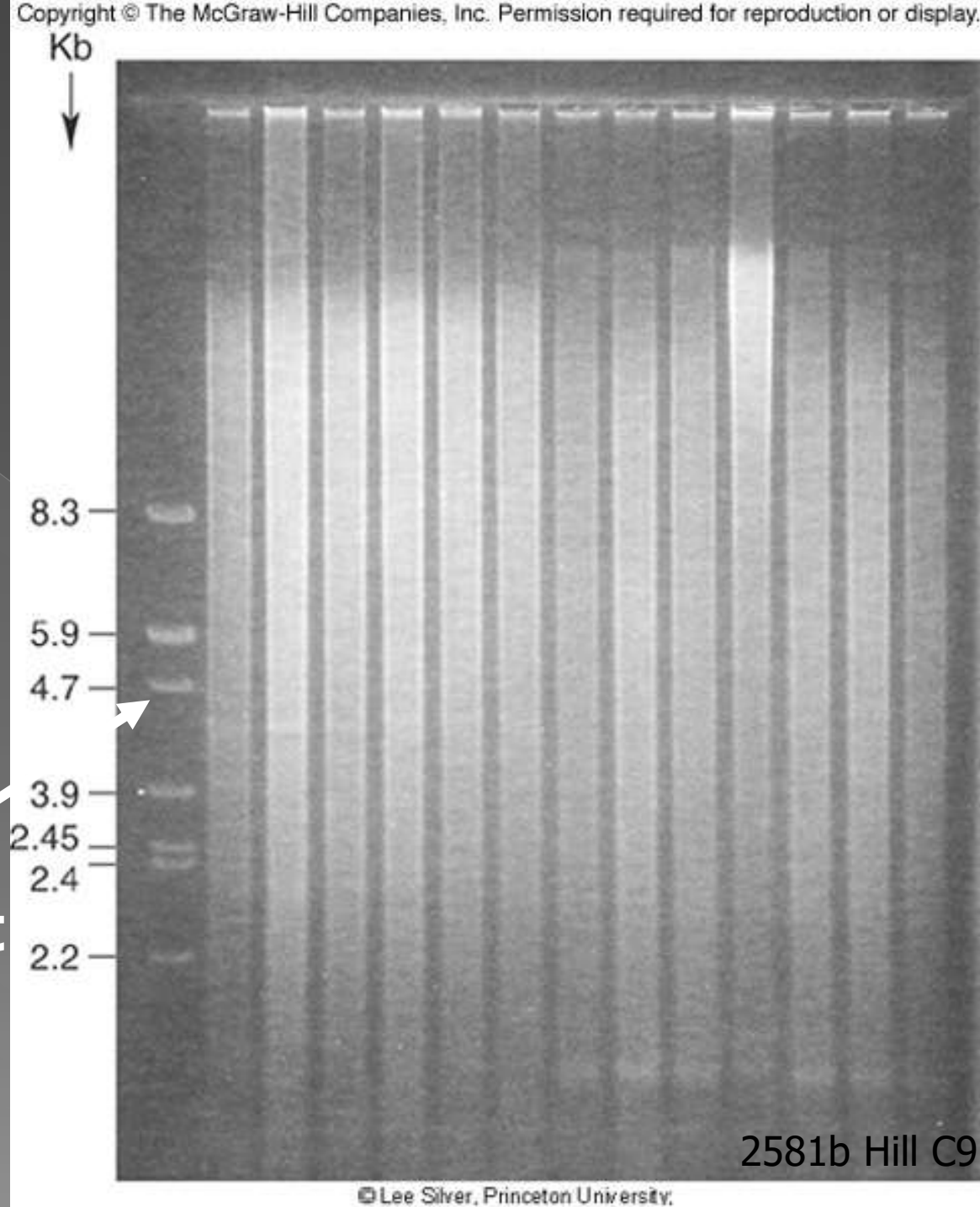
**UV Light**



# Genomic DNA after Digestion

Cutting a complex  
DNA sample with a  
frequent cutter  
results in a smear

Size markers assist  
in determining  
fragment length





# Nomenclature

- ◉ Smith and Nathans (1973) proposed enzyme naming scheme
  - > three-letter acronym for each enzyme derived from the source organism
  - > First letter from genus
  - > Next two letters represent species
  - > Additional letter or number represent the strain or serotypes
- ◉ For example. the enzyme *HindII* was isolated from *Haemophilus influenzae* serotype d.

# Few Restriction Enzymes

Enzyme	Organism from which derived	Target sequence (cut at *) 5' -->3'
Bam HI	<i>Bacillus amyloliquefaciens</i>	G* G A T C C
Eco RI	<i>Escherichia coli</i> RY 13	G* A A T T C
Hind III	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> Rd	A* A G C T T
Mbo I	<i>Moraxella bovis</i>	*G A T C
Pst I	<i>Providencia stuartii</i>	C T G C A * G
Sma I	<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	C C C * G G G
Taq I	<i>Thermophilus aquaticus</i>	T * C G A
Xma I	<i>Xanthamonas malvacearum</i>	C * C C G G G



# Classification

- ◉ Synonymous to Restriction Endonuclease
- ◉ Endonuclease: Cut DNA from inside
- ◉ Highly heterogeneous
- ◉ Evolved independently rather than diverging from a common ancestor
- ◉ Broadly classified into four Types

# R-M System

- Restriction-modification (R-M) system
  - Endonuclease activity: cuts foreign DNA at the recognition site
  - Methyltransferase activity: protects host DNA from cleavage by the restriction enzyme.
  - Methylate one of the bases in each strand
- ◉ Restriction enzyme and its cognate modification system constitute the R-M system

# Protection of Self DNA

- Bacteria protect their self DNA from restriction digestion by methylation of its recognition site.
- Methylation is adding a methyl group ( $\text{CH}_3$ ) to DNA.
- Restriction enzymes are classified based on recognition sequence and methylation pattern.

# Type I

- ◉ Multi-subunit proteins
- ◉ Function as a single protein complex
- ◉ Contain
  - > two R (restriction) subunits,
  - > two M (methylation) subunits and
  - > one S (specificity) subunit
- ◉ Cleave DNA at random length from recognition site

# Type III

- Large enzymes
- Combination restriction-and-modification
- Cleave outside of their recognition sequences
- Require two recognition sequences in opposite orientations within the same DNA molecule
- No commercial use or availability

# Type IV

- Cleave only modified DNA (methylated, hydroxymethylated and glucosyl-hydroxymethylated bases).
- Recognition sequences have not been well defined
- Cleavage takes place ~30 bp away from one of the sites.
- Sequence similarity suggests many such systems in other bacteria and archaea.

# Type II

- ◉ Most useful for gene analysis and cloning
- ◉ More than 3500 REs
- ◉ Recognize 4-8 bp sequences
- ◉ Need  $Mg^{2+}$  as cofactor
- ◉ Cut in close proximity of the recognition site
- ◉ Homodimers
- ◉ ATP hydrolysis is not required

# Recognition Sequences

- Each restriction enzyme always cuts at the same recognition sequence.
- Produce the same gel banding pattern (fingerprint)
- Many restriction sequences are palindromic. For example,

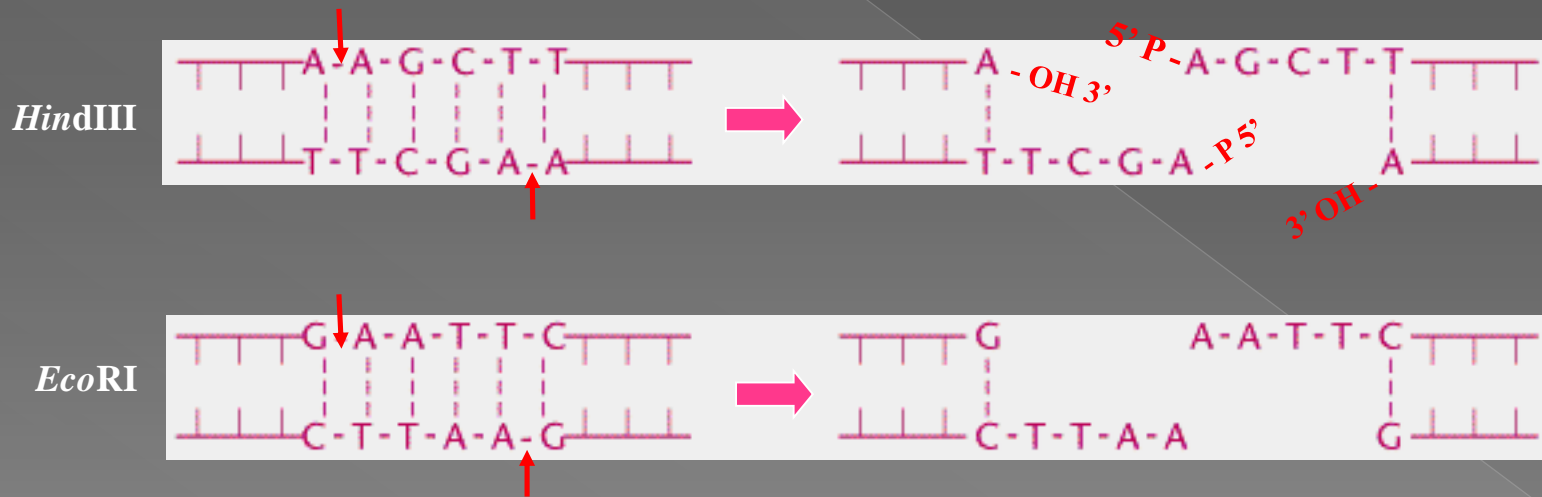
5' GAATTC 3'  
3' CTTAAG 5'

(Read the same in the opposite direction (eg. madam, race car...))



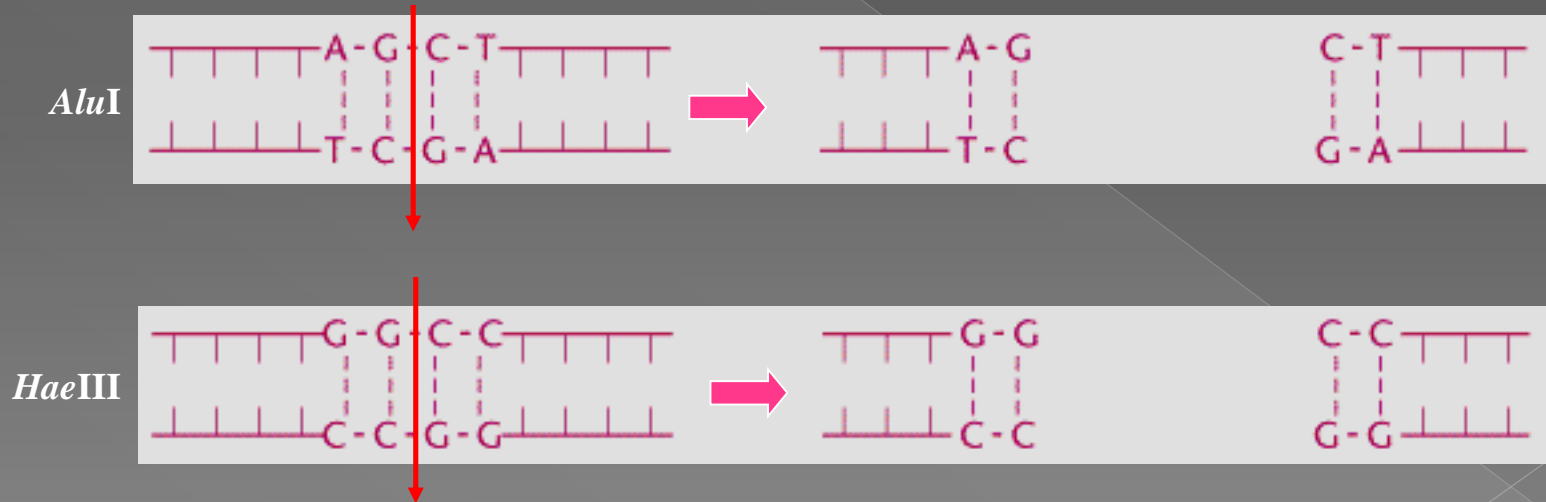
# Sticky End Cutters

- Most restriction enzymes make staggered cuts
- Staggered cuts produce single stranded “sticky-ends”
- DNA from different sources can be spliced easily because of **sticky-end overhangs**.



# Blunt End Cutters

- Some restriction enzymes cut DNA at opposite base
- They leave blunt ended DNA fragments
- These are called blunt end cutters

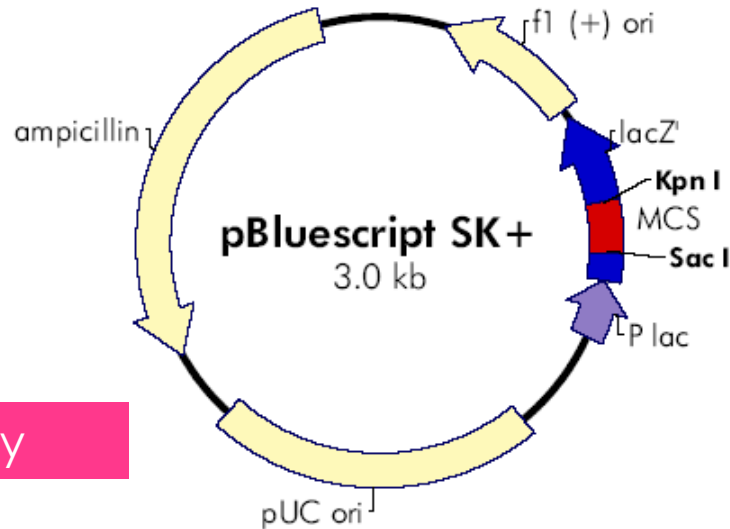


# Restriction Enzyme Use

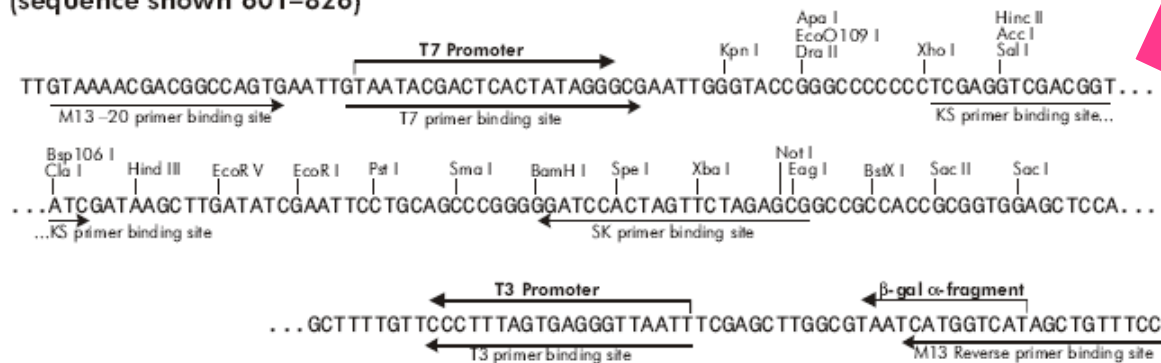
- Discovery of enzymes that cut and paste DNA make genetic engineering possible.
- Restriction enzyme cuts DNA and generates fragments
- Ligase joins different DNA fragments
- DNA fragments from different species can be ligated (joined) to create **Recombinant DNA**

# Cloning Vectors

Play



**pBluescript SK (+/-) Multiple Cloning Site Region**  
(sequence shown 601–826)



# Typical Restriction Digest

Sterile, deionized water

16.3  $\mu$ l

RE 10X Buffer

2.0  $\mu$ l

Acetylated BSA, 10 $\mu$ g/ $\mu$ l

0.2  $\mu$ l

DNA, 1 $\mu$ g/ $\mu$ l

1.0  $\mu$ l

Mix by pipetting, then add:

Restriction Enzyme, 10u/ $\mu$ l

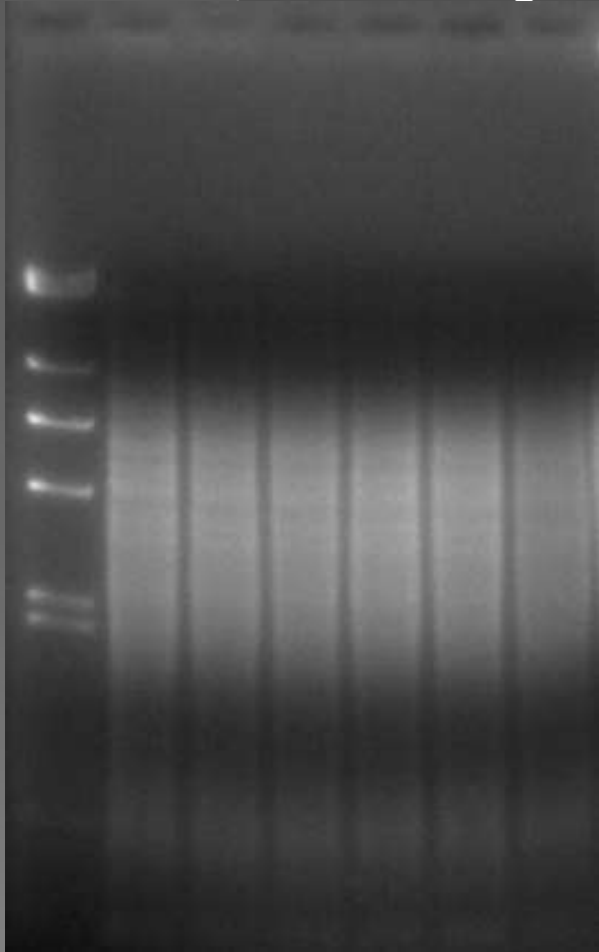
0.5  $\mu$ l

Final volume

20.0  $\mu$ l

# How does it Look after Restriction Digestion?

Genomic DNA Digest



Plasmid DNA Digest

