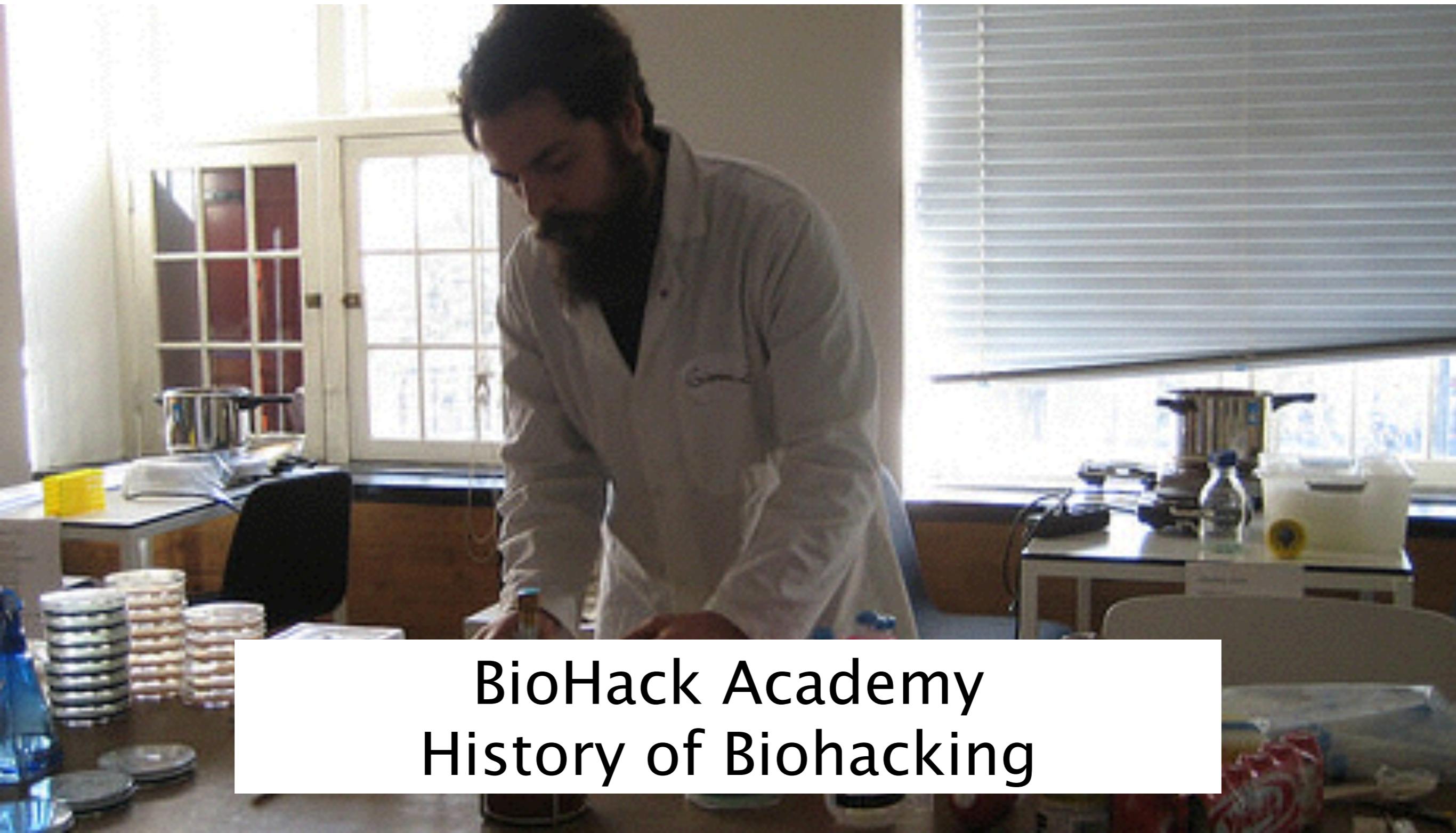




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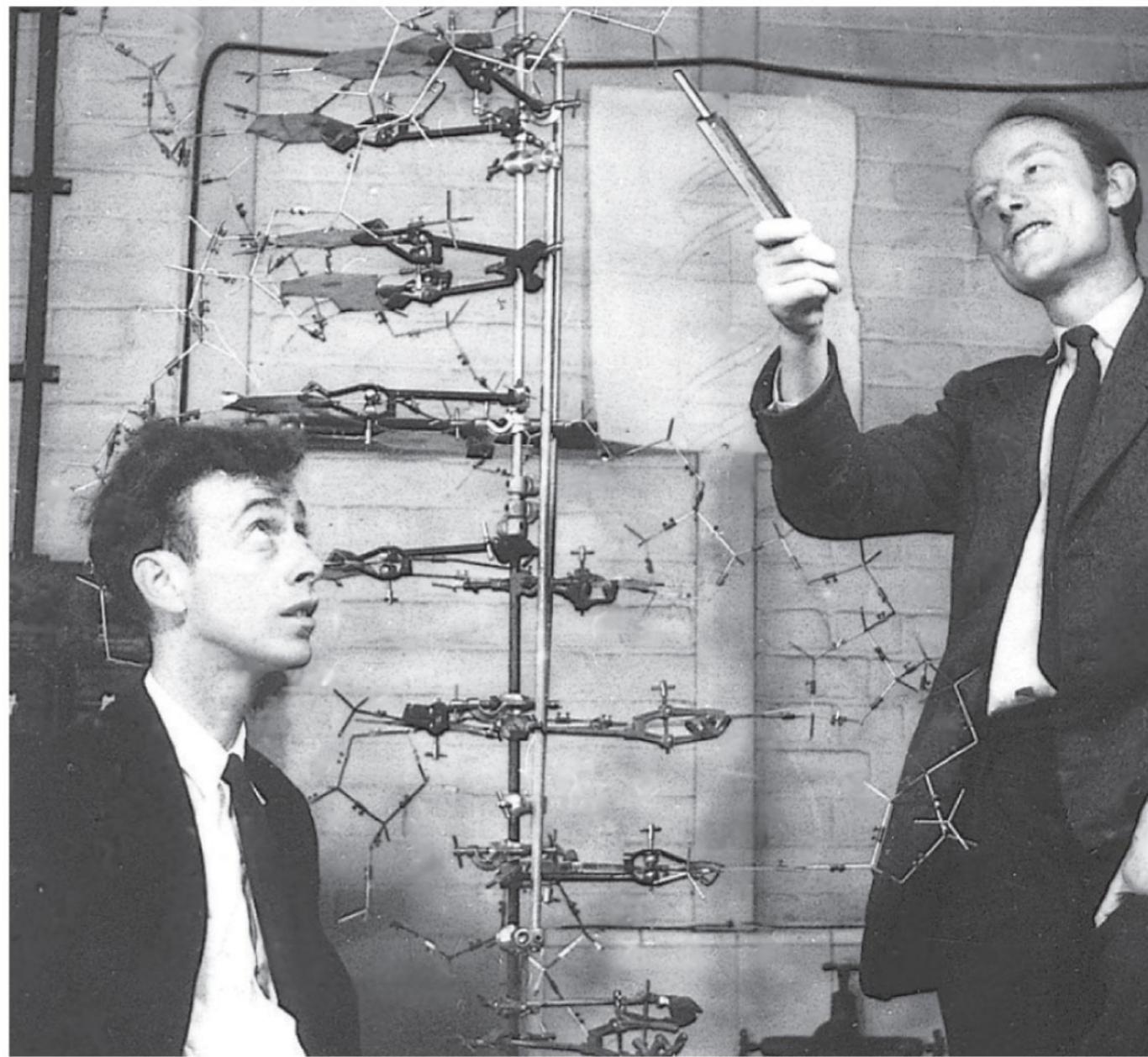
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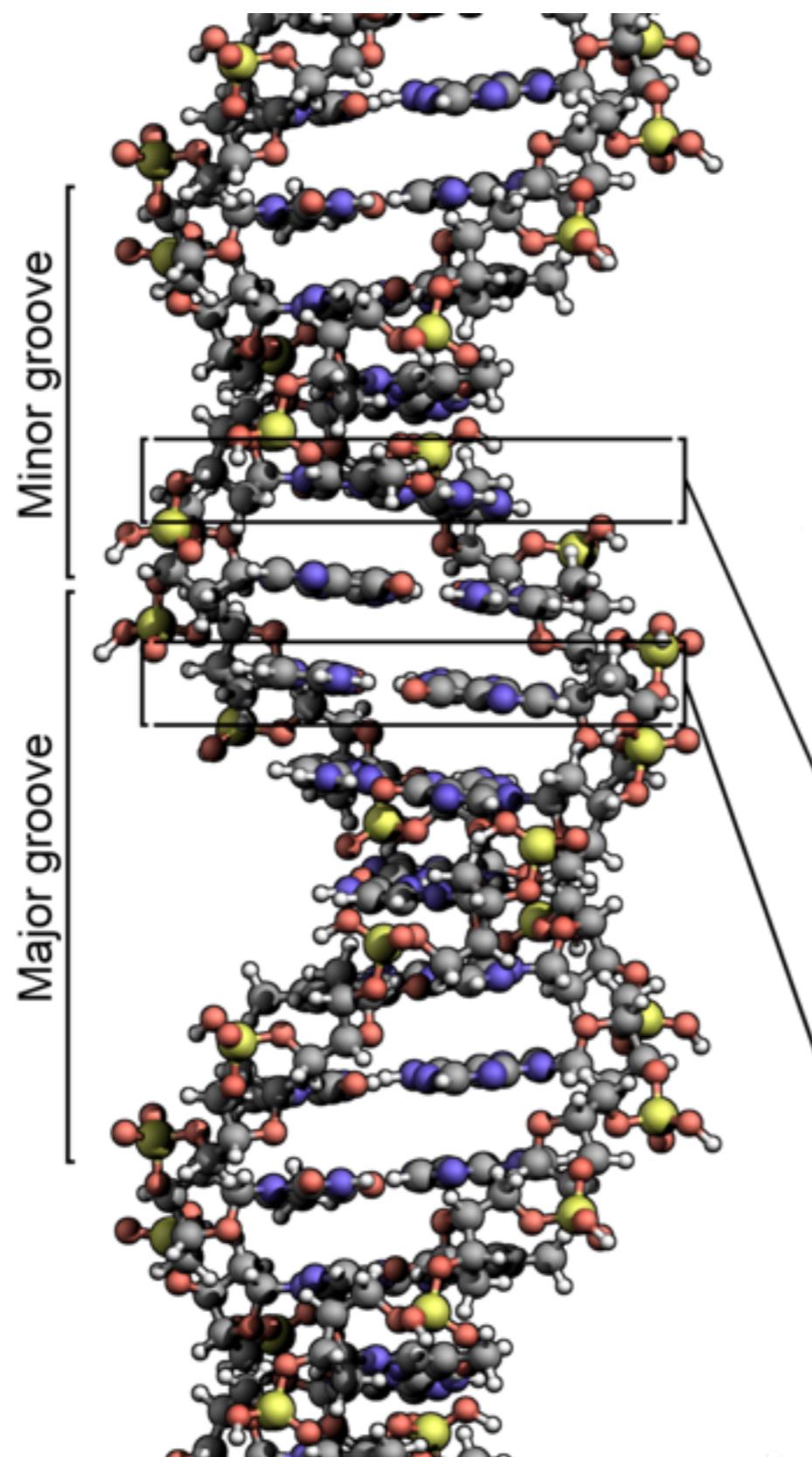
# Discovery of Double Helix 1953



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# DNA Molecule



Living code:

AACATGACCTGACGA

Digital code:

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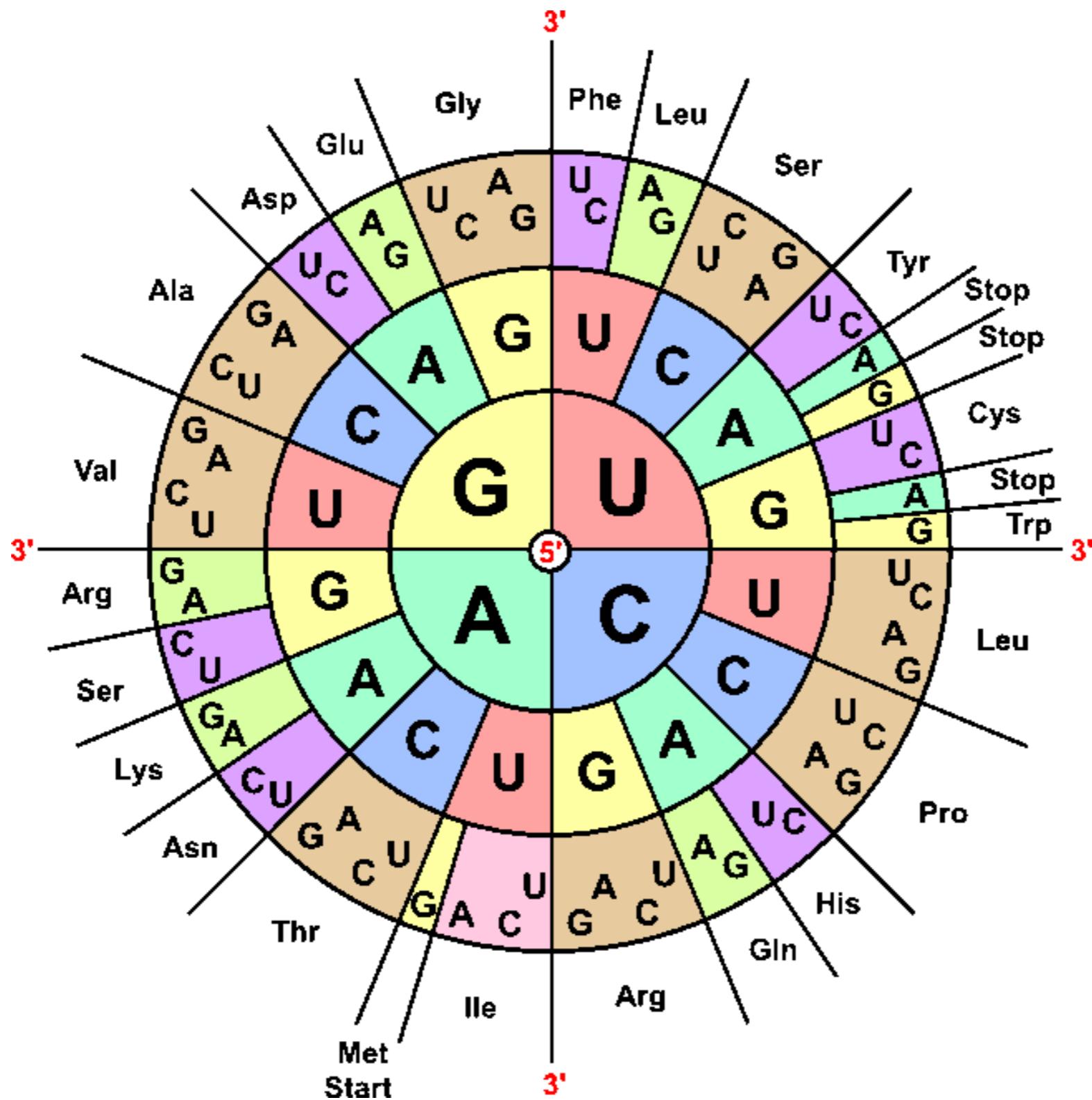


Robert W. Holley, Marshall Nirenberg, Har Gobind Khorana 1968



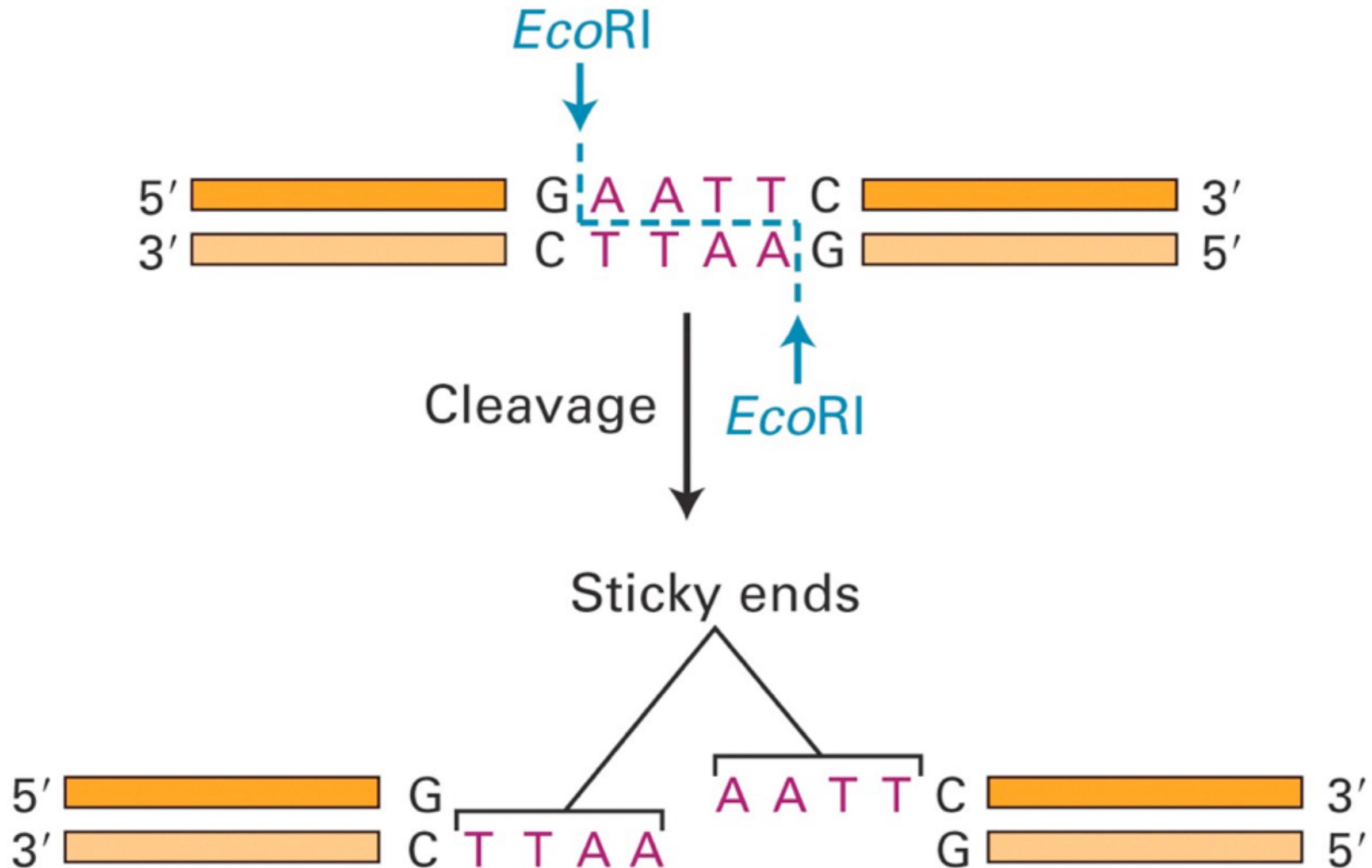


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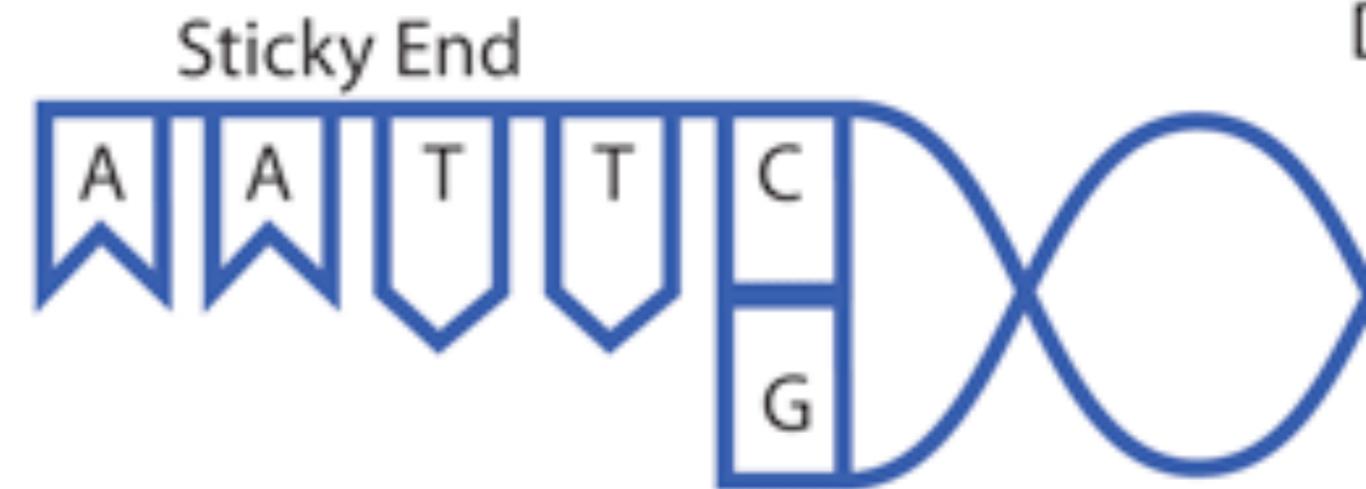


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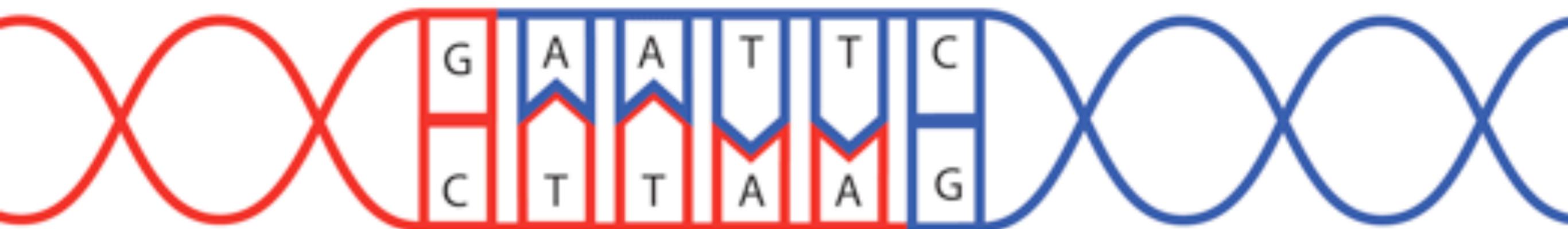


# DNA ligase, 1967



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# Reading DNA 1977



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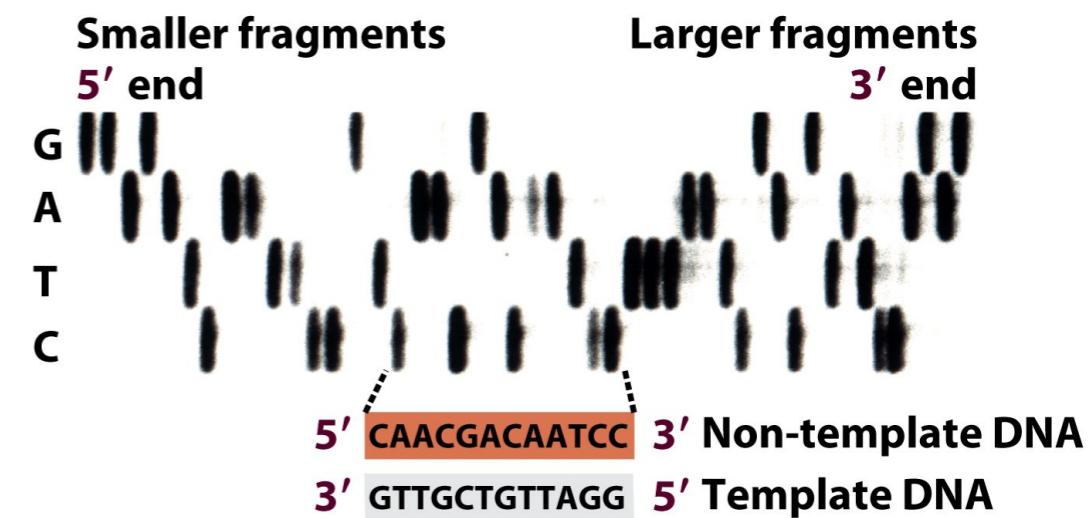
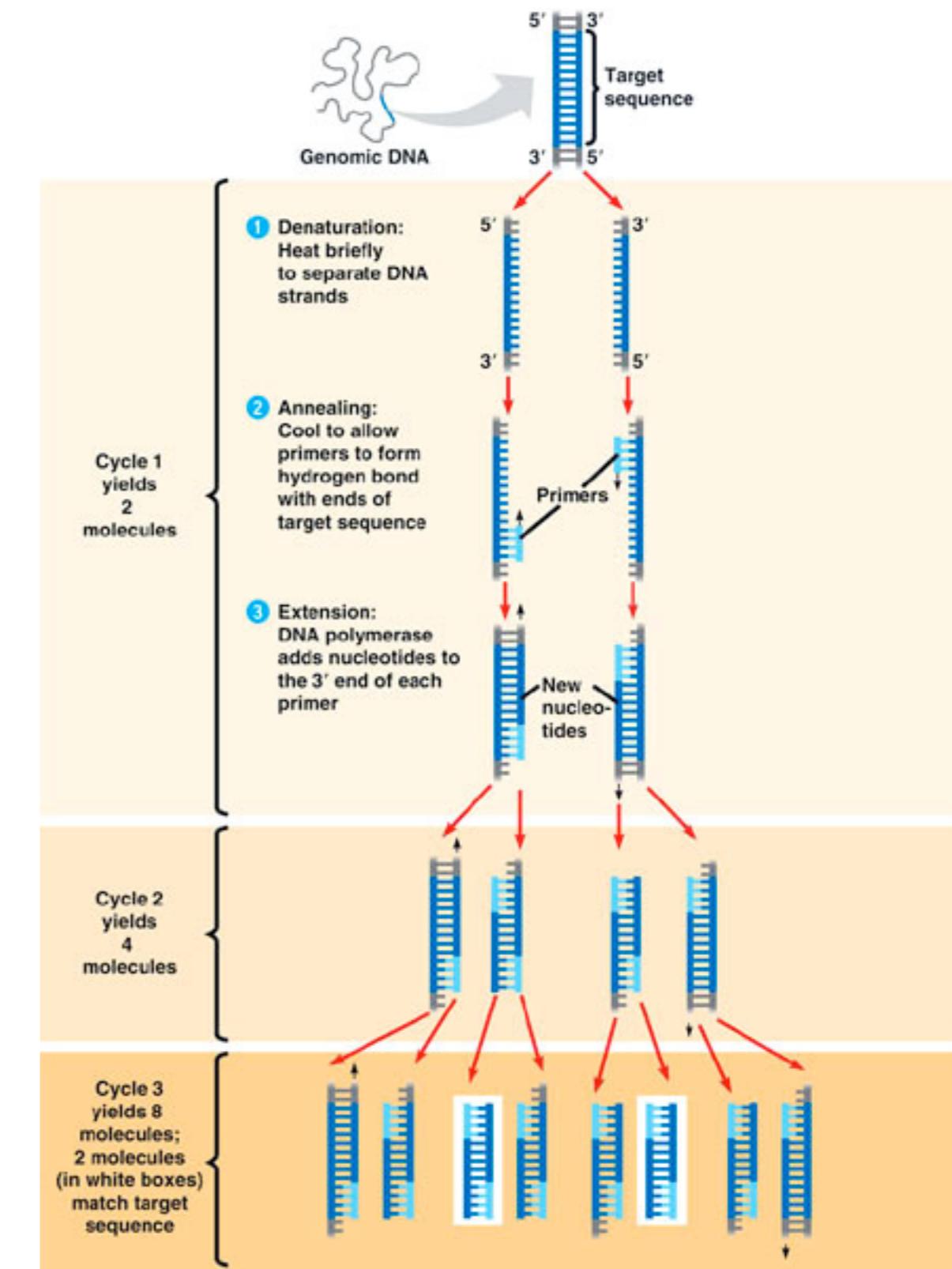


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# Polymerase Chain Reaction, 1983



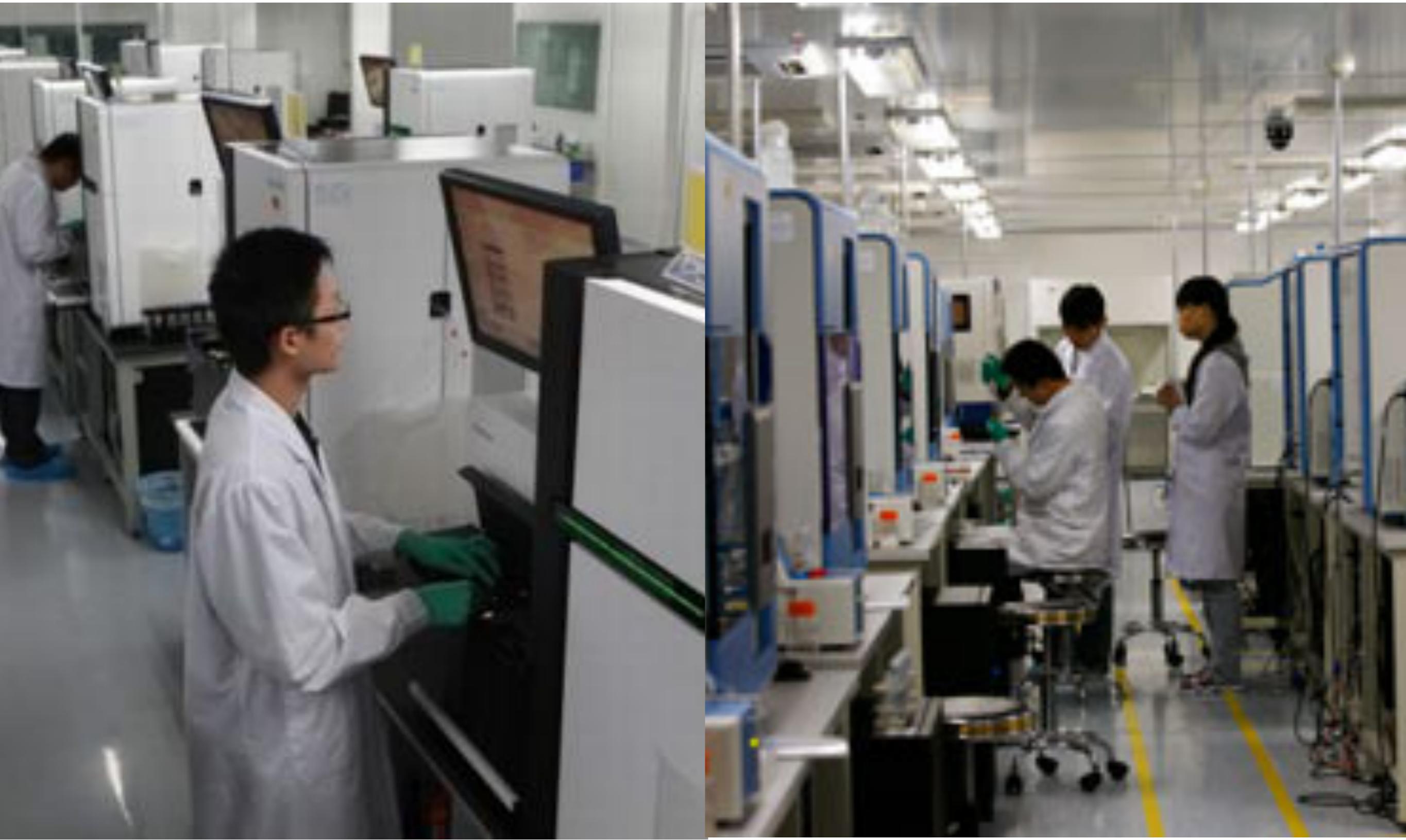


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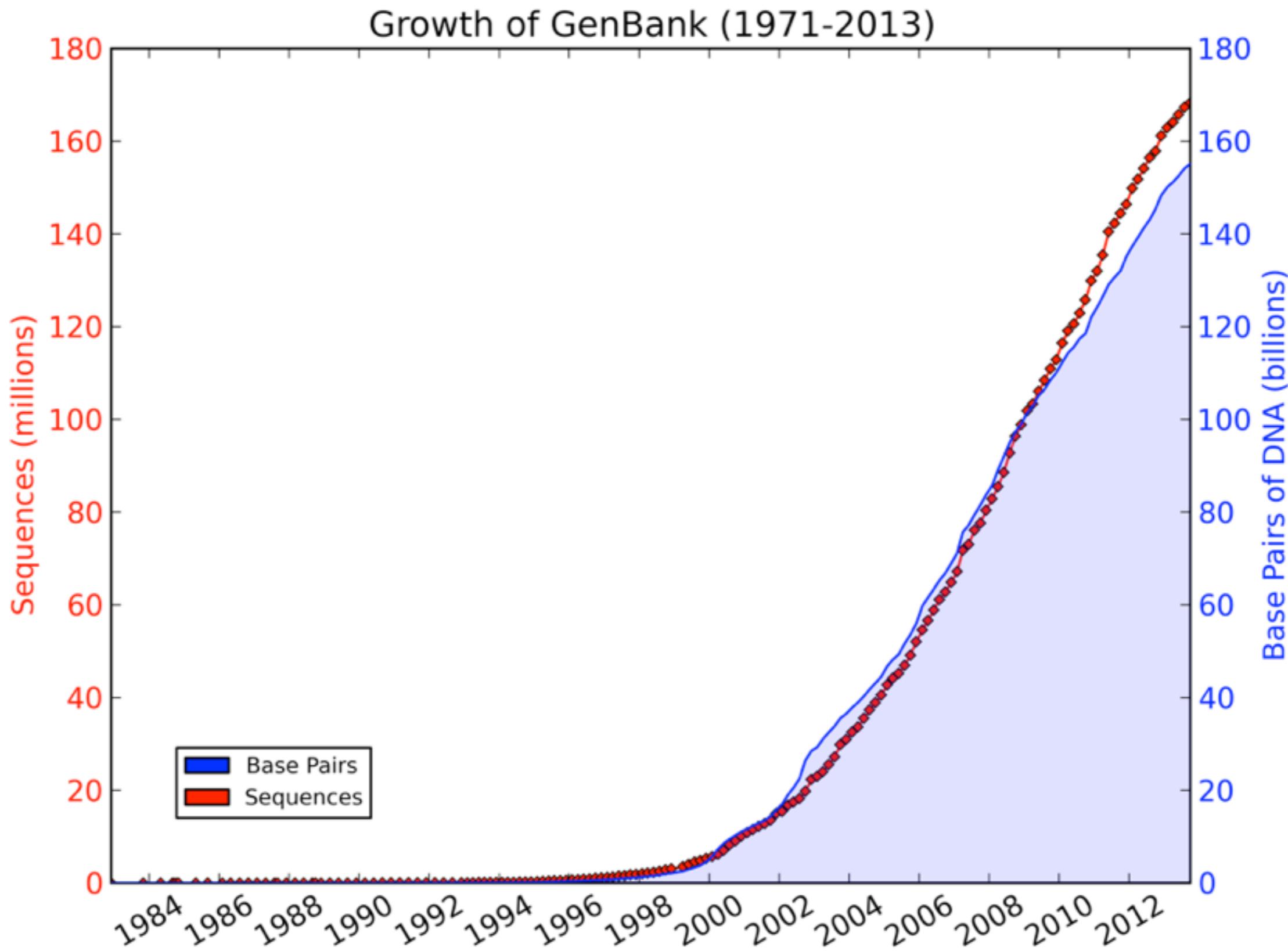


# Beijing Genomics Institute



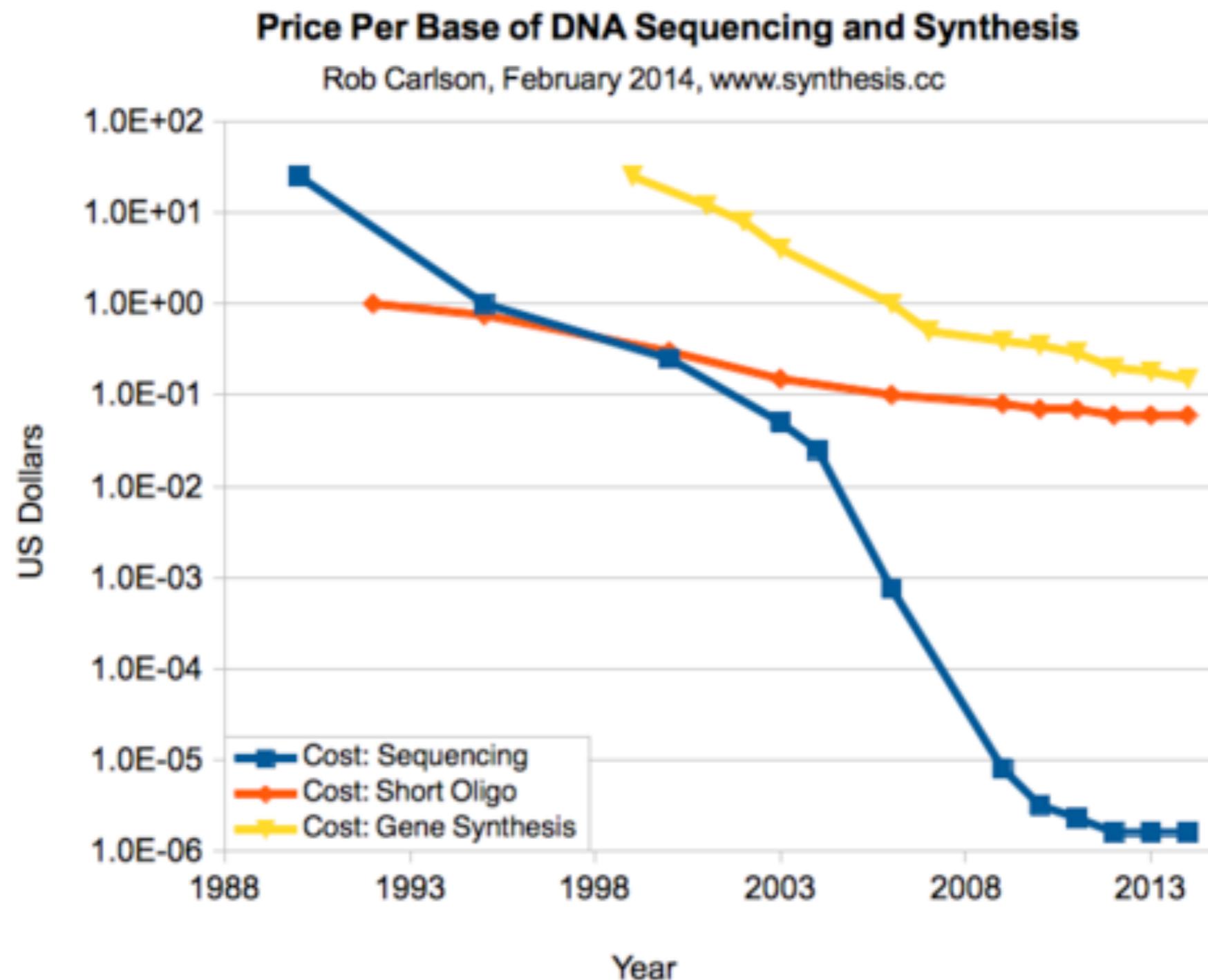


# Growth of Genbank



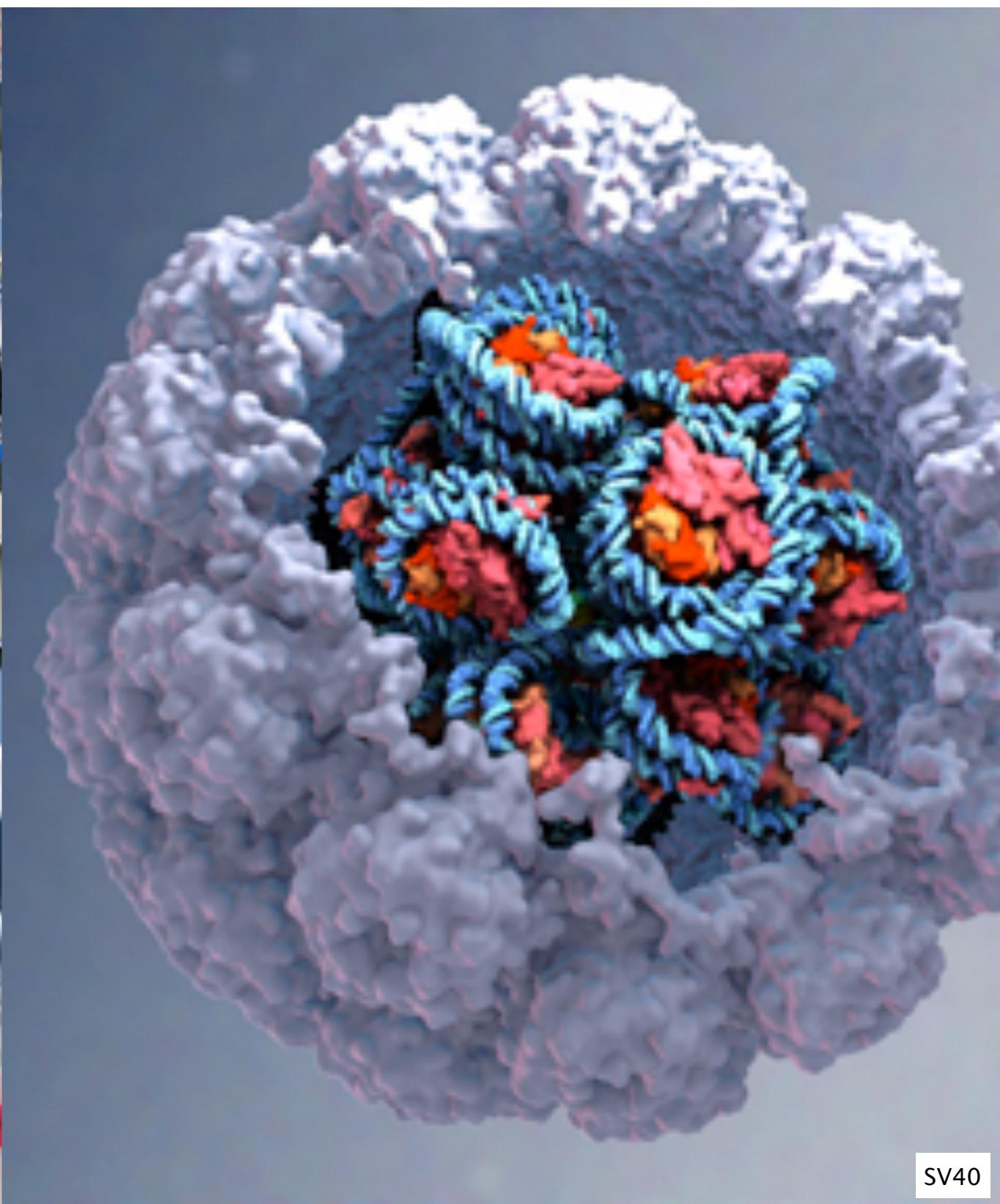


# Cost of DNA





# Transgenic Mouse, 1973



Rudolf Jaenisch

SV40



# Transgenic Plant, 1983

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## letters to nature

*Nature* 304, 184 - 187 (14 July 1983); doi:10.1038/304184a0

## A chimaeric antibiotic resistance gene as a selectable marker for plant cell transformation

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<sup>†</sup>Department of Biology, Washington University, St Louis, Missouri 63130, USA

The T-DNA region of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* tumour-inducing plasmids of the nopaline type<sup>1</sup> contains a gene coding for the enzyme nopaline synthase. This gene is expressed constitutively in host plant cells to which it is transferred during tumour induction<sup>2</sup>. We have exploited the regulatory elements of this gene to construct a chimaeric gene that confers antibiotic resistance on transformed plant cells. The chimaeric gene encodes the expected chimaeric transcripts in plant cells, and confers on transformed cells the ability to grow in the presence of normally lethal levels of the antibiotic G418 (ref. 3). Experiments using *in vitro* transformation techniques on single plant cells indicate that this antibiotic resistance can be used as a selectable marker, and can therefore be used in selecting cells transformed by T-DNA vectors that have had the genes for hormone autotrophy deleted<sup>4</sup>. Plant cells transformed by such 'disarmed' T-DNA vectors can be regenerated into entire plants, whose sexual progeny contain unaltered copies of the inciting T-DNA<sup>5</sup>. The availability of this dominant selectable marker should allow a wider range of experiments to be undertaken using different host plants.

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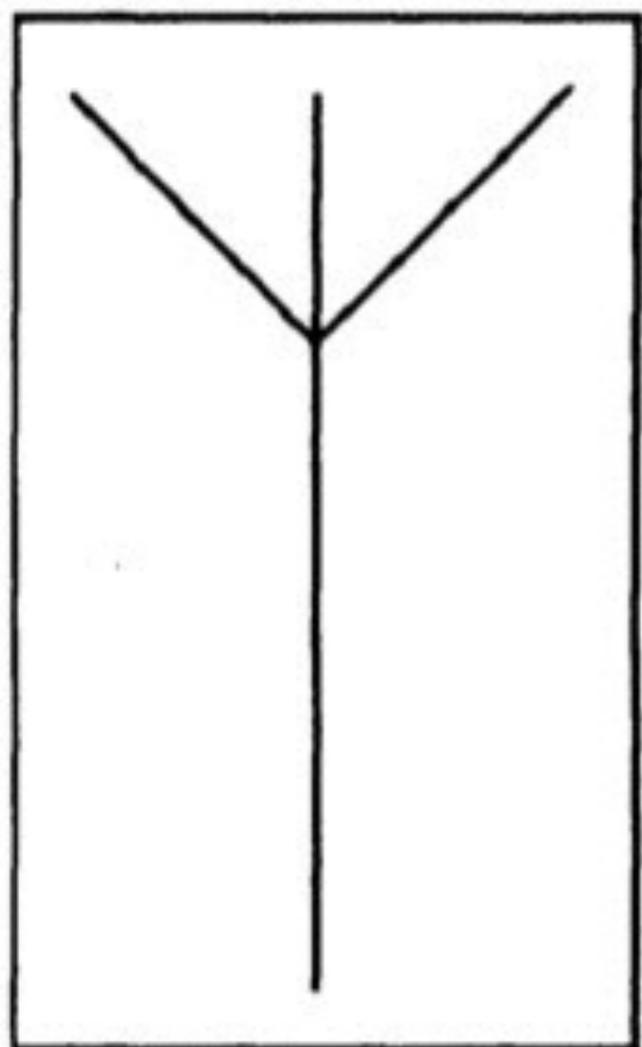


# Oncogene mouse, Phil Leder, Tim Stewart 1984





Joe Davis, 1987



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**FIG. 1** Microvenus icon.



# Bull Herman, Leiden 1990





Life finds a way, Jurassic Park 1993





# Dolly the Sheep, Edinburgh 1996





# Eduardo Kac – GFP Bunny, 2000





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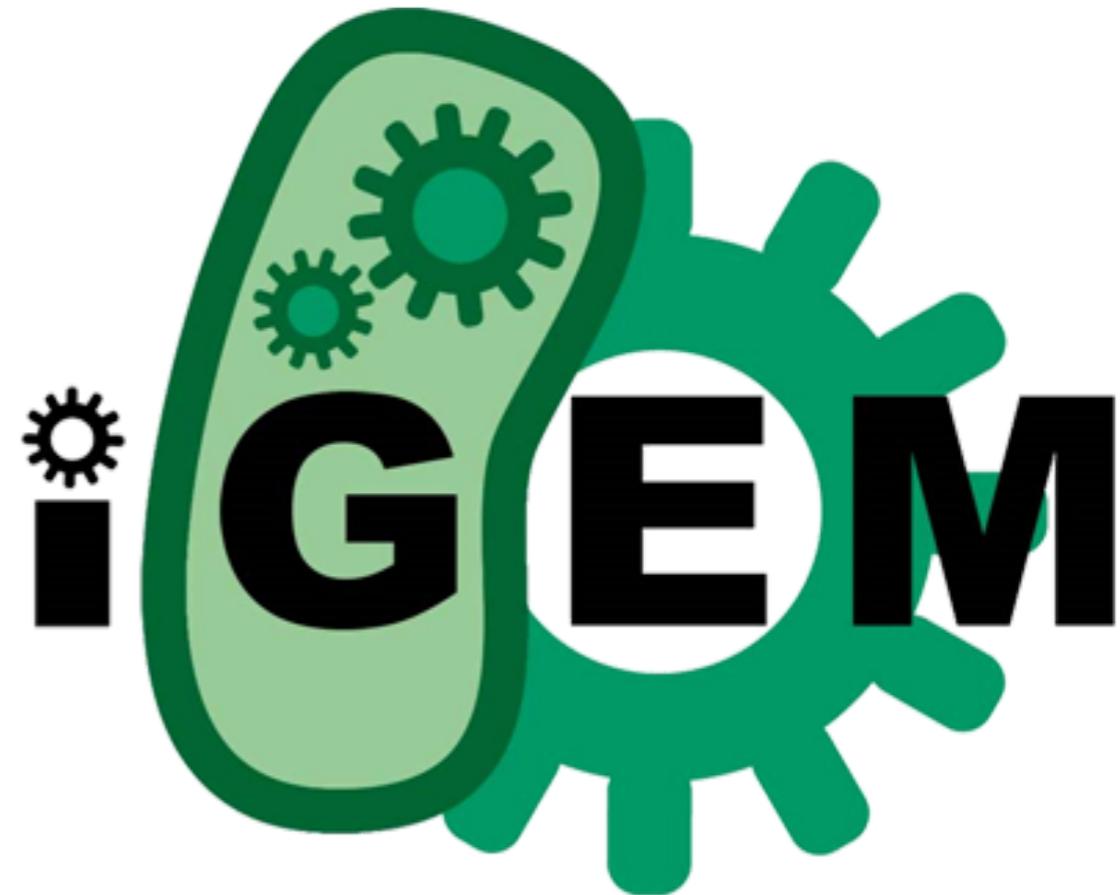
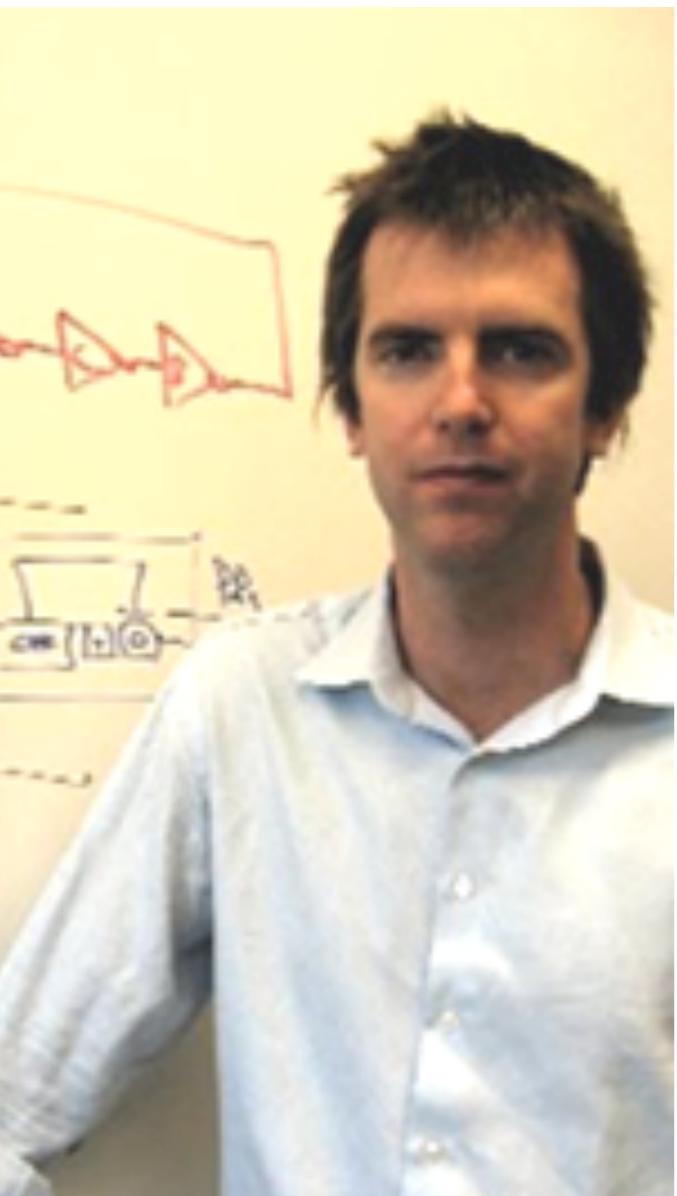
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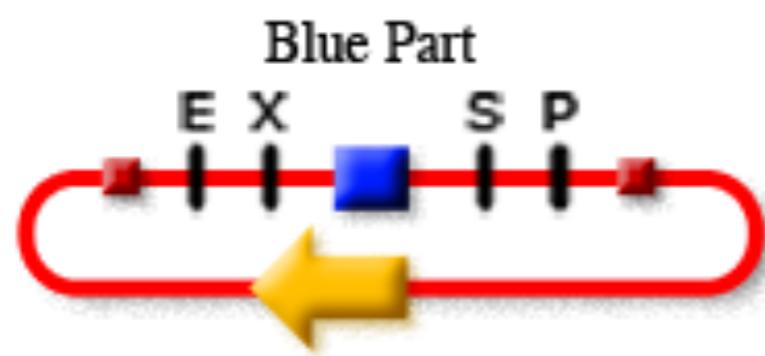


# Drew Andy, Tom Knight

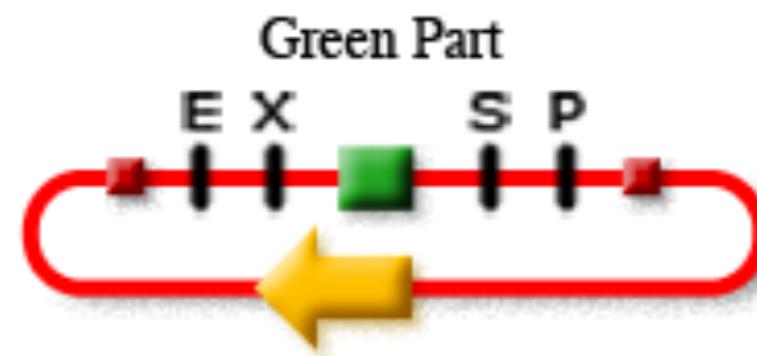
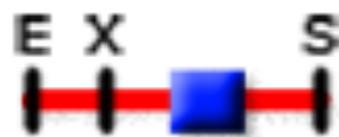




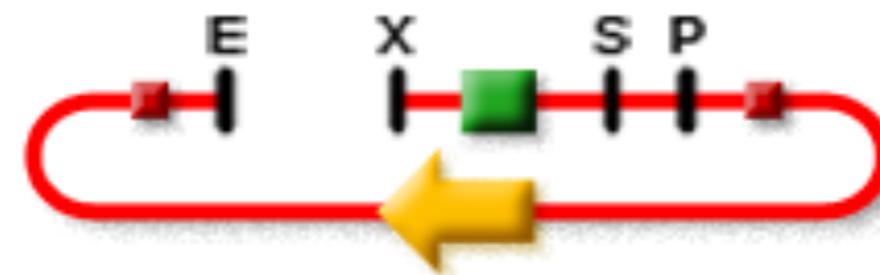
# Biobrick standard 2003



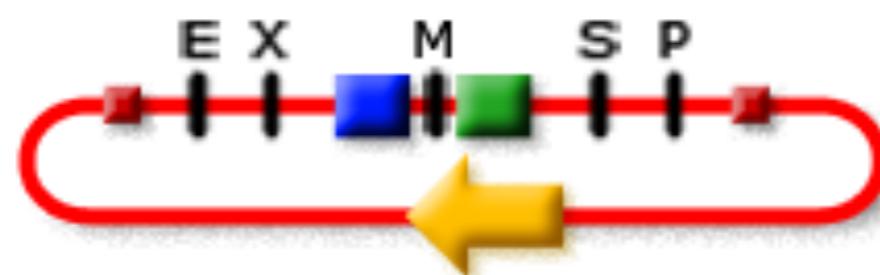
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# Bioart & Design

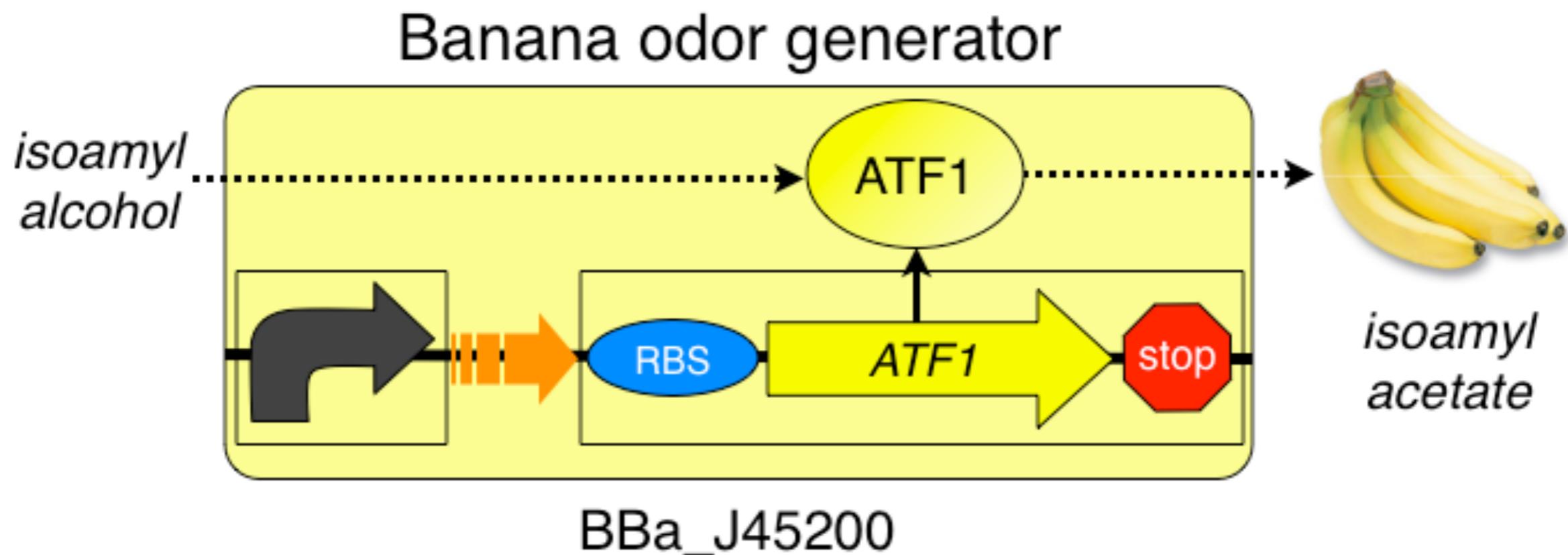


# UT Austin/UCSF team 2004



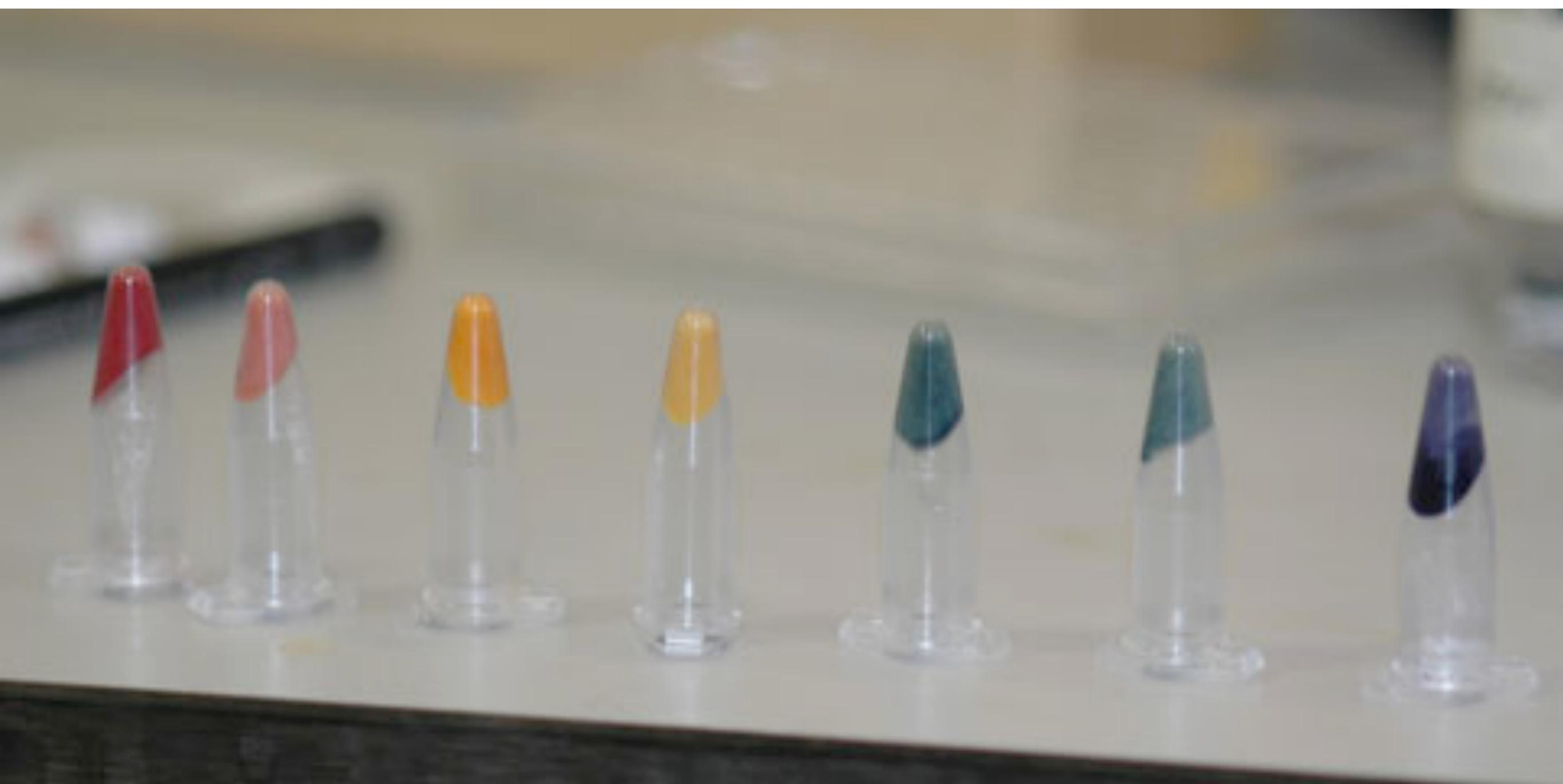


# Banana Odor generator MIT, 2006



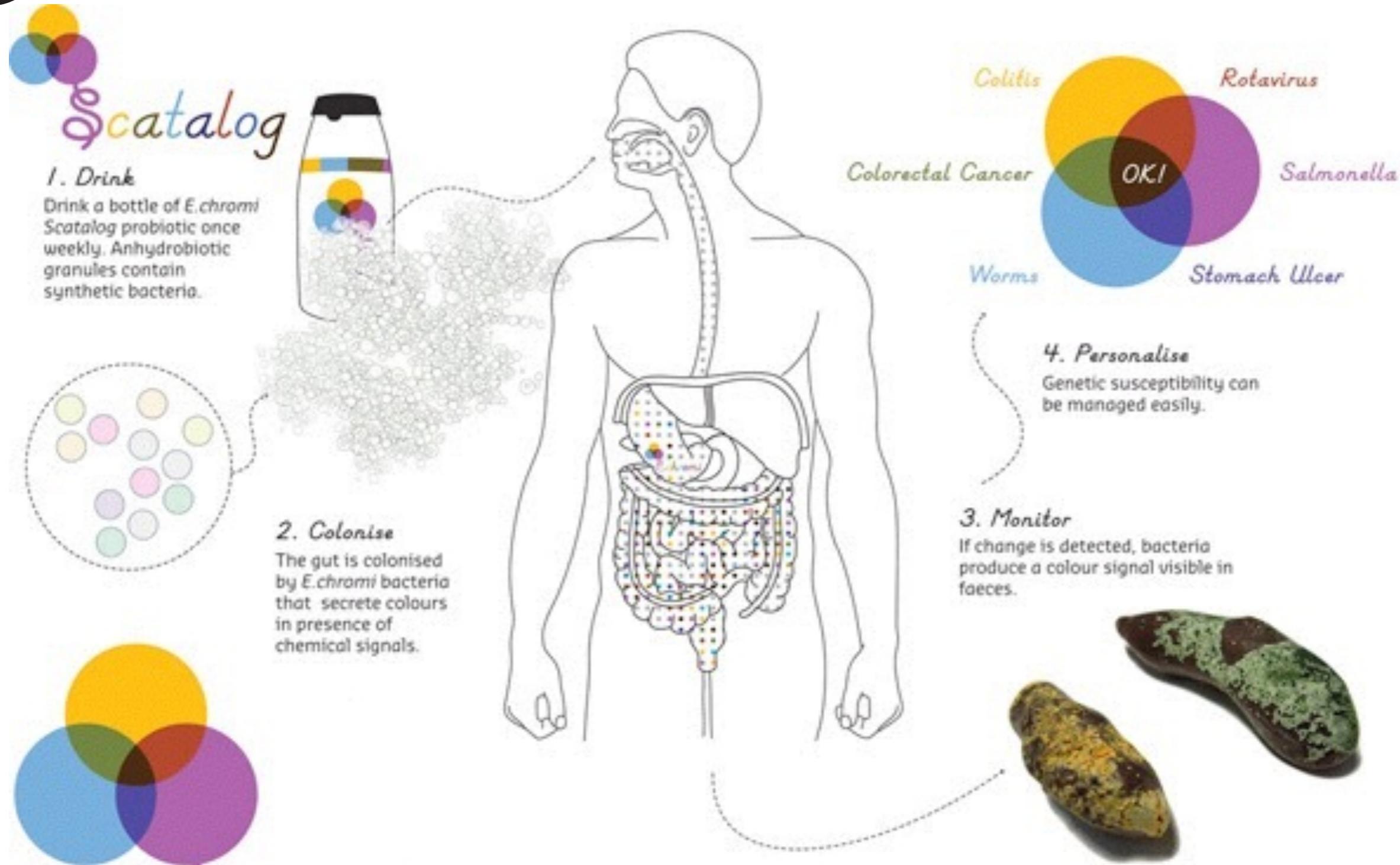


E Chromi, Cambridge UK 2009





# Bio art and design: E-chromi



Cheap, Personalised Disease Monitoring  
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# Center for Postnatural History – Rich Pell





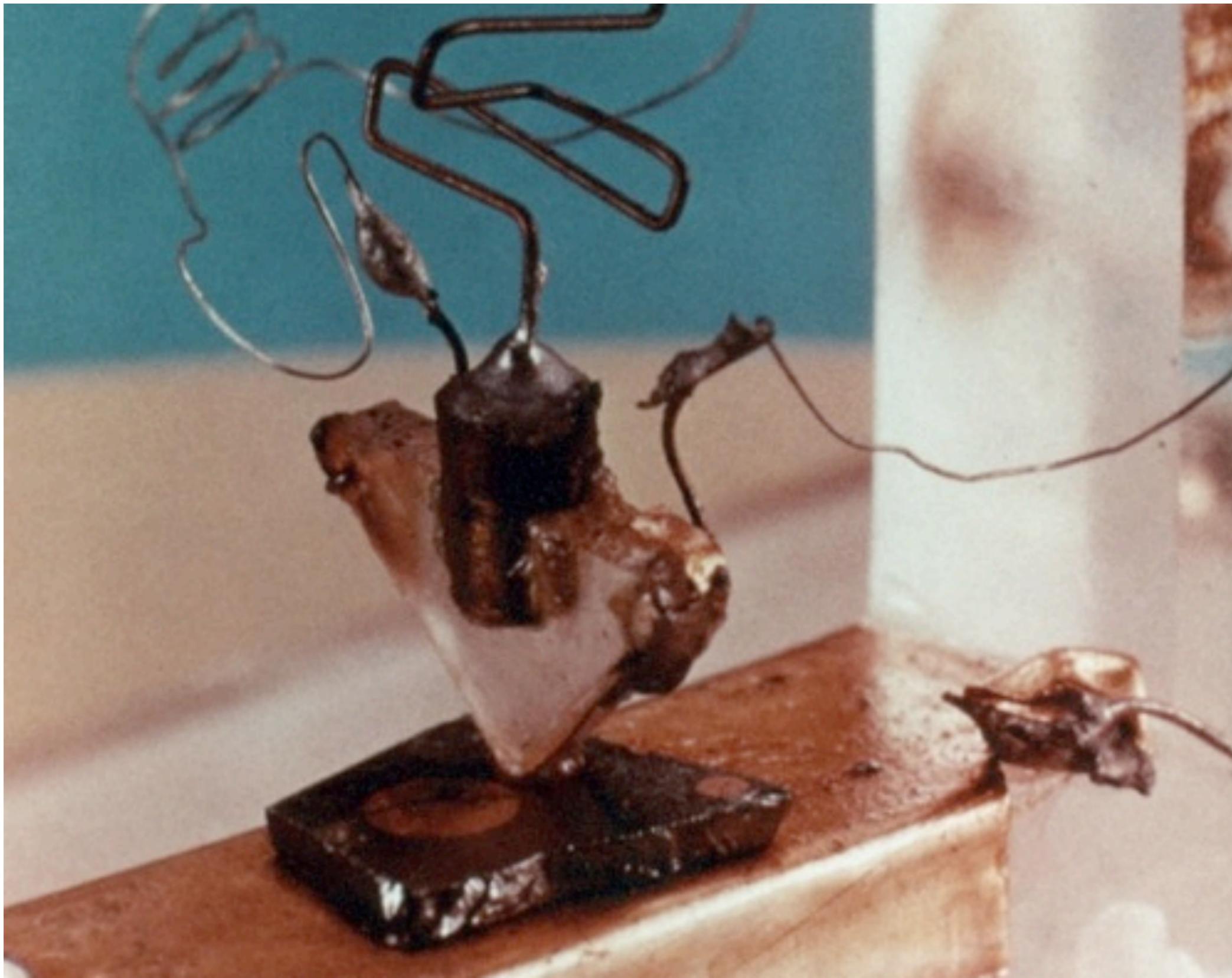
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# Biology & hacking

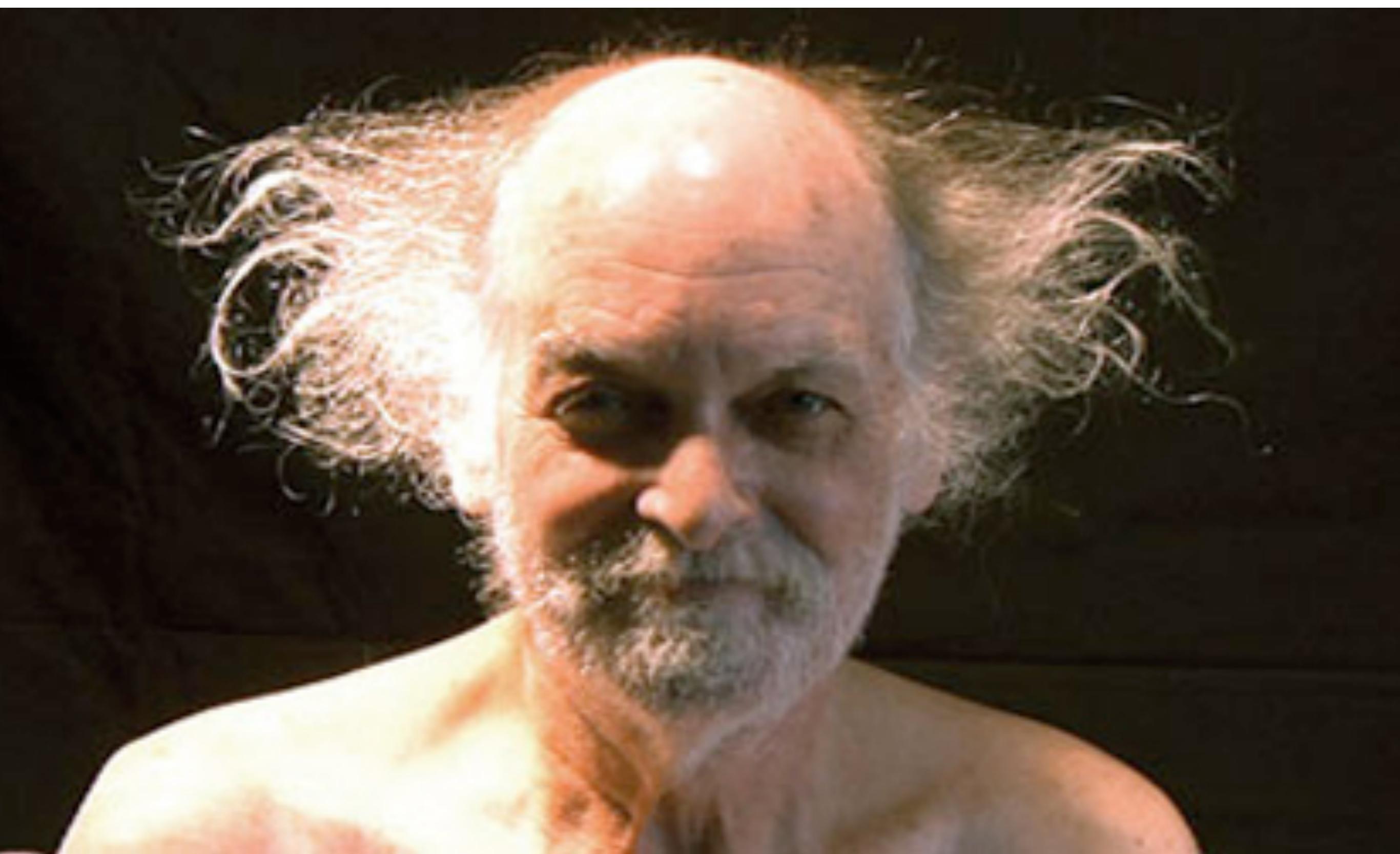


# Inspiration & justification





Joe Davis





# Critical Art Ensemble – Free Range Grain 2003



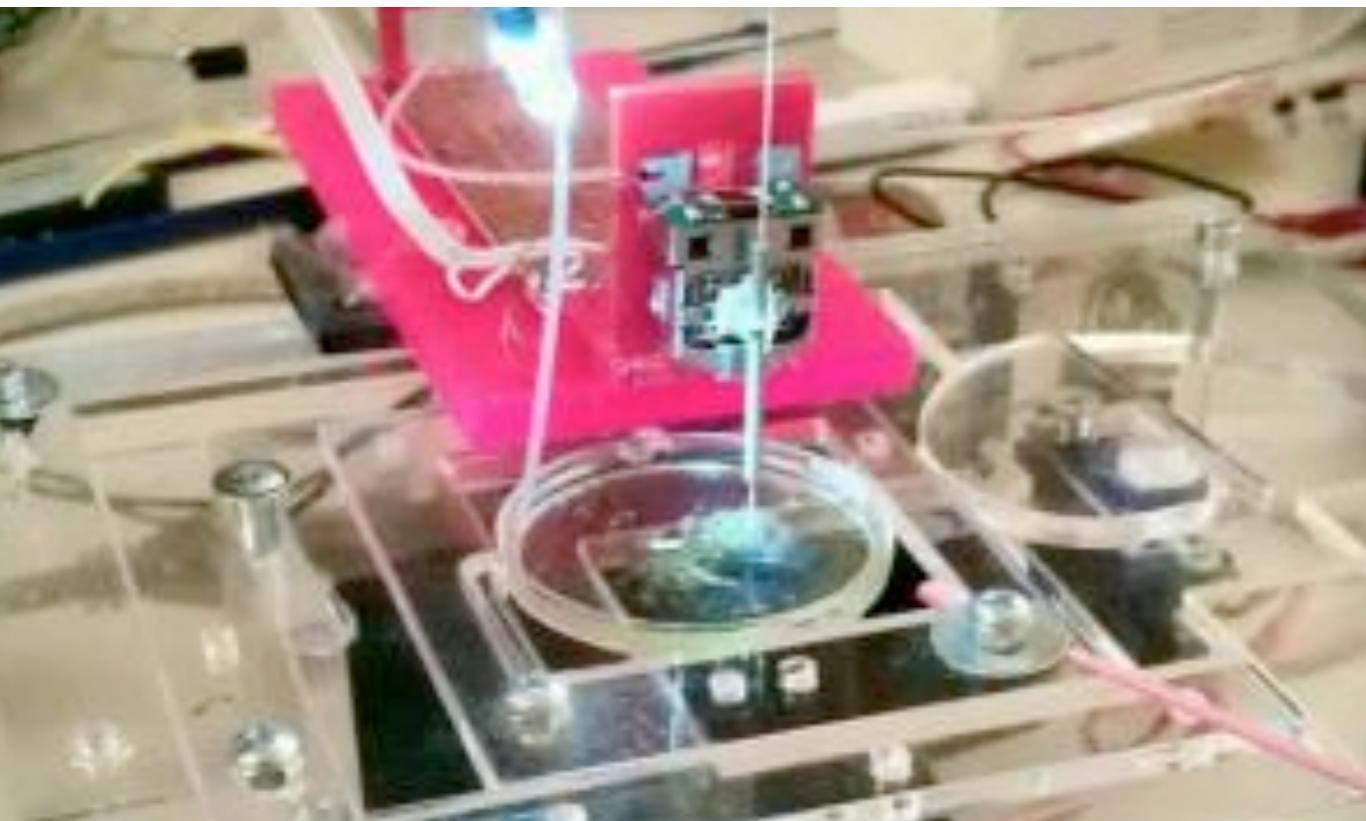


# DIYBio 2008

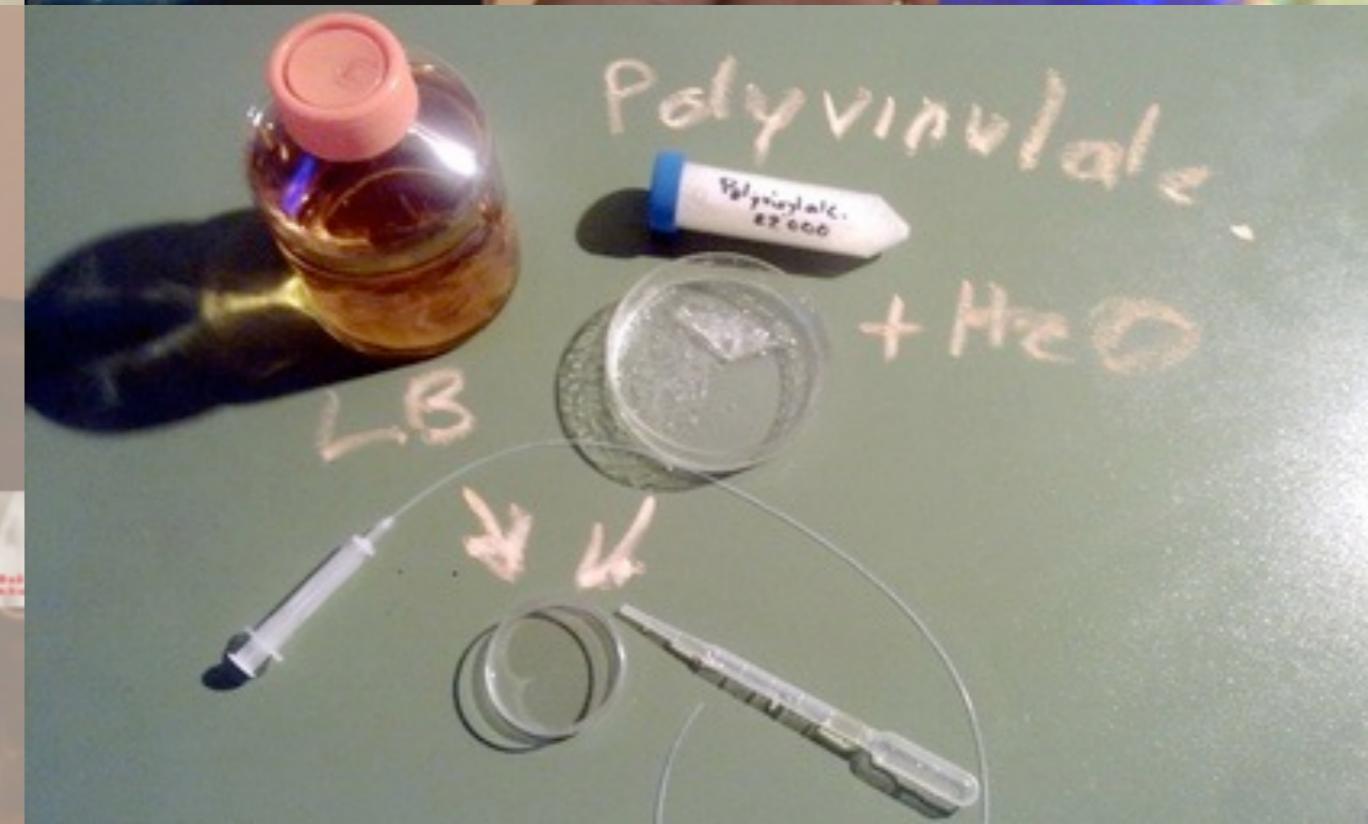




# Hackteria, 2009



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“We thought that a lot of the art and science stuff was too academic and not accessible to the geek artists and, at the same time, the DIYbio was too geeky and not critical or artistic enough,”

- Marc Dusseiller at Interactivos



# Paul Vanouse 2009





Kay Aull



# Ellen Jorgensen - Genspace 2010





# Code of Ethics 2011

## **Transparency**

Emphasize transparency and the sharing of ideas, knowledge, data and results.

## **Safety**

Adopt safe practices.

## **Open Access**

Promote citizen science and decentralized access to biotechnology.

## **Education**

Help educate the public about biotechnology, its benefits and implications.

## **Modesty**

Know you don't know everything.

## **Community**

Carefully listen to any concerns and questions and respond honestly.

## **Peaceful Purposes**

Biotechnology must only be used for peaceful purposes.

## **Respect**

Respect humans and all living systems.

## **Responsibility**

Recognize the complexity and dynamics of living systems and our responsibility towards them.

## **Accountability**

Remain accountable for your actions and for upholding this code.



Meredith Patterson

## Biopunk Manifesto 2011

“we assert that the right of freedom of inquiry, to do research and pursue understanding under one's own direction, is as fundamental a right as that of free speech or freedom of religion”



# Cathal Garvey, Ireland 2012

## Doing Biotech in My Bedroom

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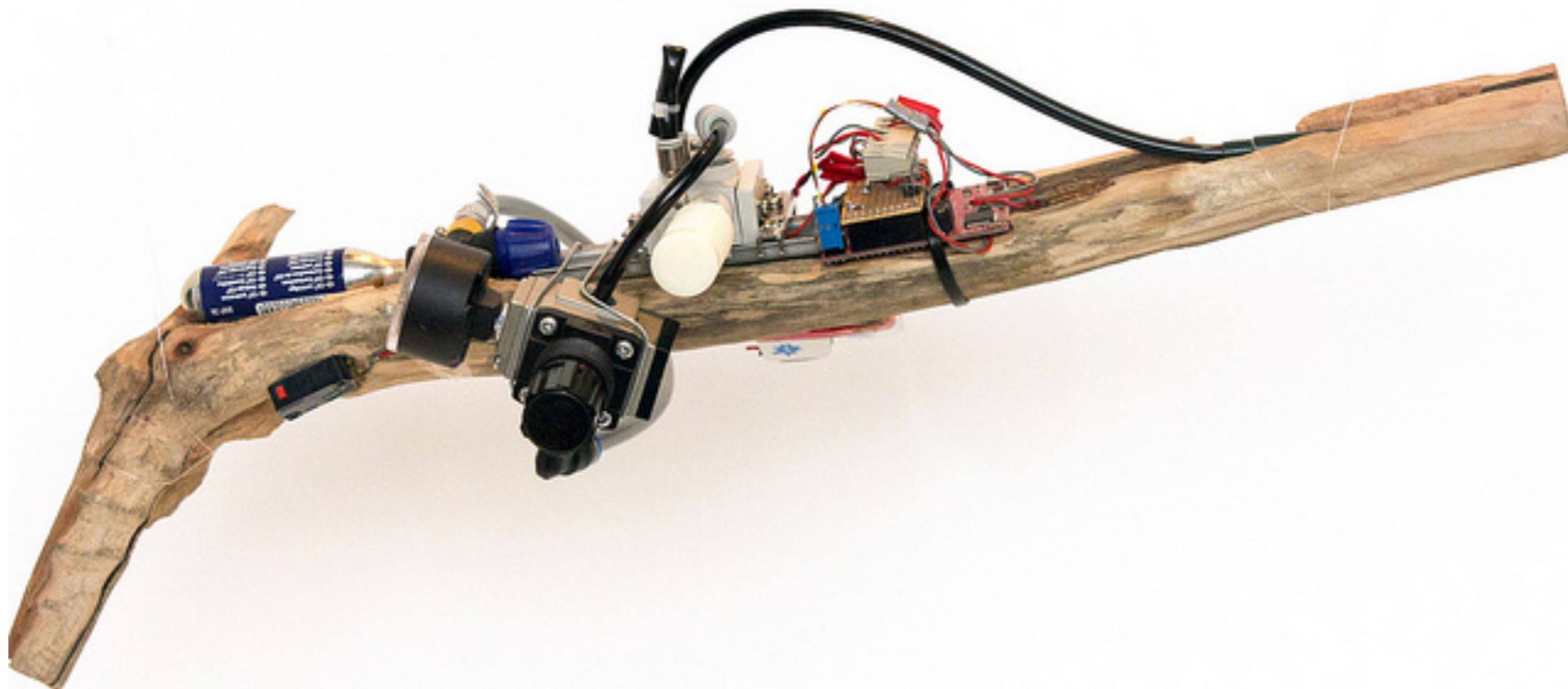
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# DIY GeneGun 2012





# Ontology

- Biohacking / DIYBio is a mix of:
  - 1960 Do It Yourself culture
  - 1980 Open Source movement
  - 1995 Internet powered Citizen science
  - 2003 Synthetic biology



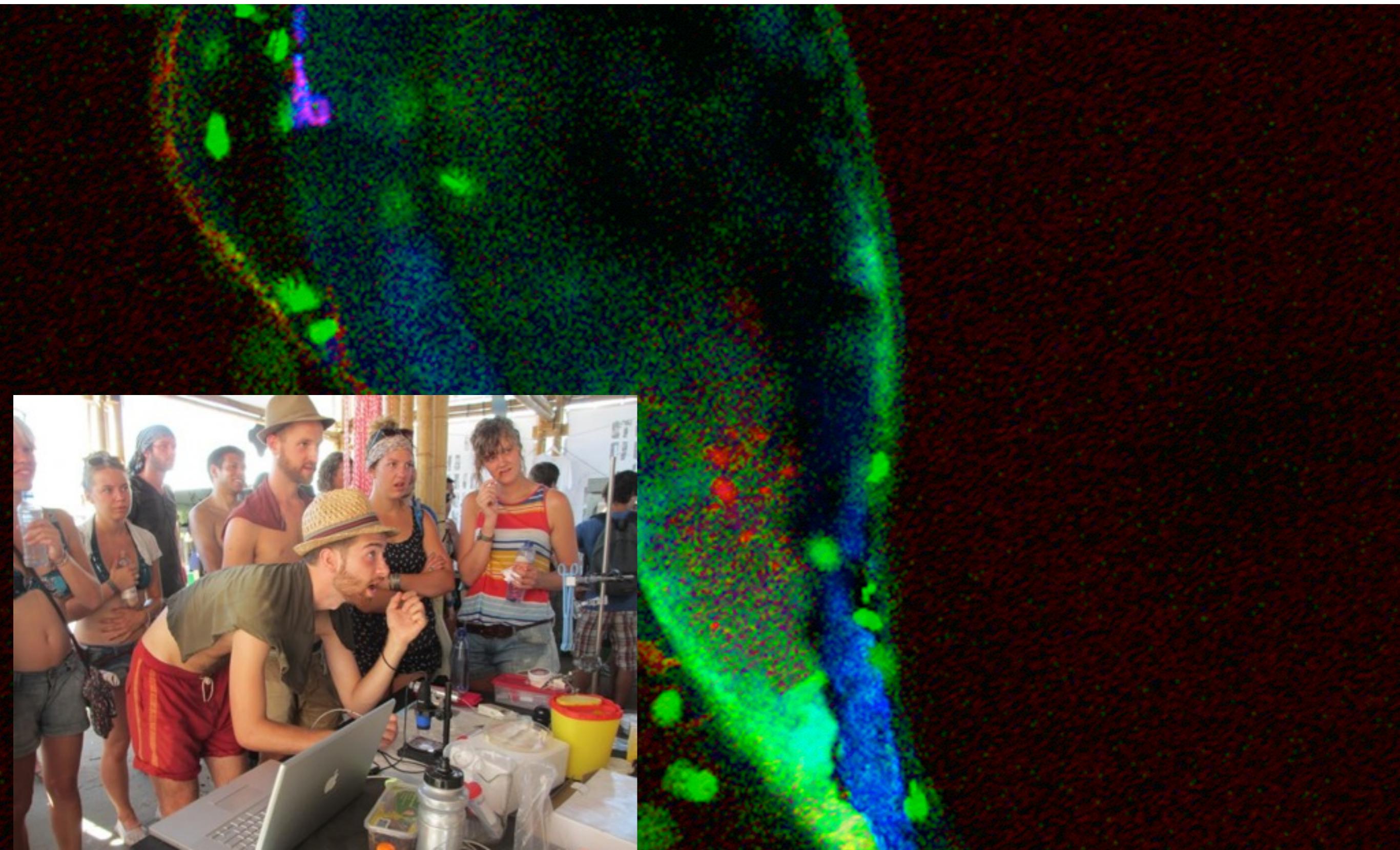
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# Biohacking at the Waag



# Bio art and performance art – Bio Solar Ensemble





# Making competent cells - Clab





# Hack the Brain





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# Market & non-market rationales

“Do it without”: pharma, agrotech

vs

Bio innovation



# OpenPCR 2010

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## OpenPCR - open source biotech on your desktop

by <http://OpenPCR.org> -- Tito and Josh

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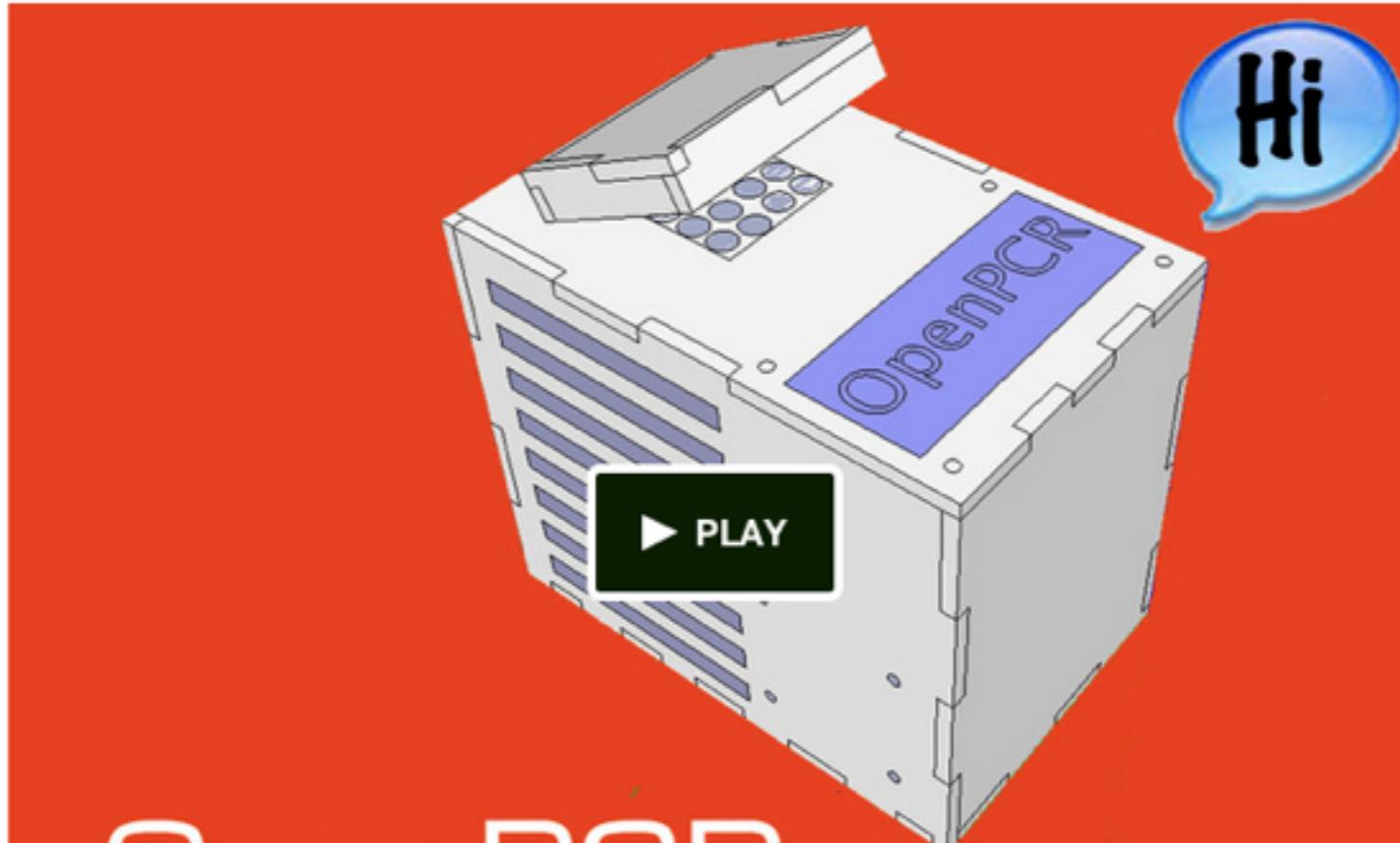
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Hardware

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Project by

<http://OpenPCR.org> --  
Tito and Josh  
San Francisco, CA



# Glowing Plant 2013





# 2014

The collage illustrates several projects from 2014:

- Indiegogo:** IndieBB: Your First GMO. A campaign to develop a DNA system for genetic engineering at home. It had raised €6,927 EUR of a €16,000 goal with 14 days left. The project involved building a KiloBaser machine.
- Real Vegan Cheese:** A project using synthetic biology to engineer yeast to produce milk proteins for vegan cheese. The website features a large graphic of a test tube containing yellow cheese-like substance.
- Kickstarter:** OpenTrons: Open-Source Rapid Prototyping for Biology. The project aims to create an open-source 3D-printed robotic arm for biology. It was a KickStarter Staff Pick, had 135 backers, and reached \$50,375 pledged of a \$100,000 goal.



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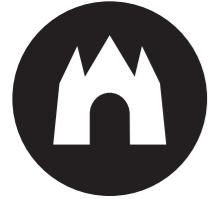
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# Online communities



# Networks

- [hackteria.org](http://hackteria.org)  
kitchen mailing list:
  - <http://lists.hackteria.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo>
- [biohacklabs.org](http://biohacklabs.org)  
European biohacker list:
  - <http://www.biohacklabs.org/Europe>  
List of labs:
    - [http://www.biohacklabs.org/List](http://www.biohacklabs.org>List)
- [diybio.org](http://diybio.org)  
International mailing list:
  - <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/diybio>



# Events

- Announced on the mailing lists
  - Hackteria Lab
  - CCC Hamburg
  - OuiShare Paris
  - Pixelache Helsinki





# Assignment

1. Search for previous projects within the Biohack community similar to your biofactory and set up a small reference library on your Github Page.
2. Start growing your organism in a liquid culture.



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