A grayscale microscopic image showing a cluster of cells, possibly yeast or bacteria, with irregular, rounded shapes and some internal structure visible. The cells are arranged in a somewhat circular pattern.

Module 1:

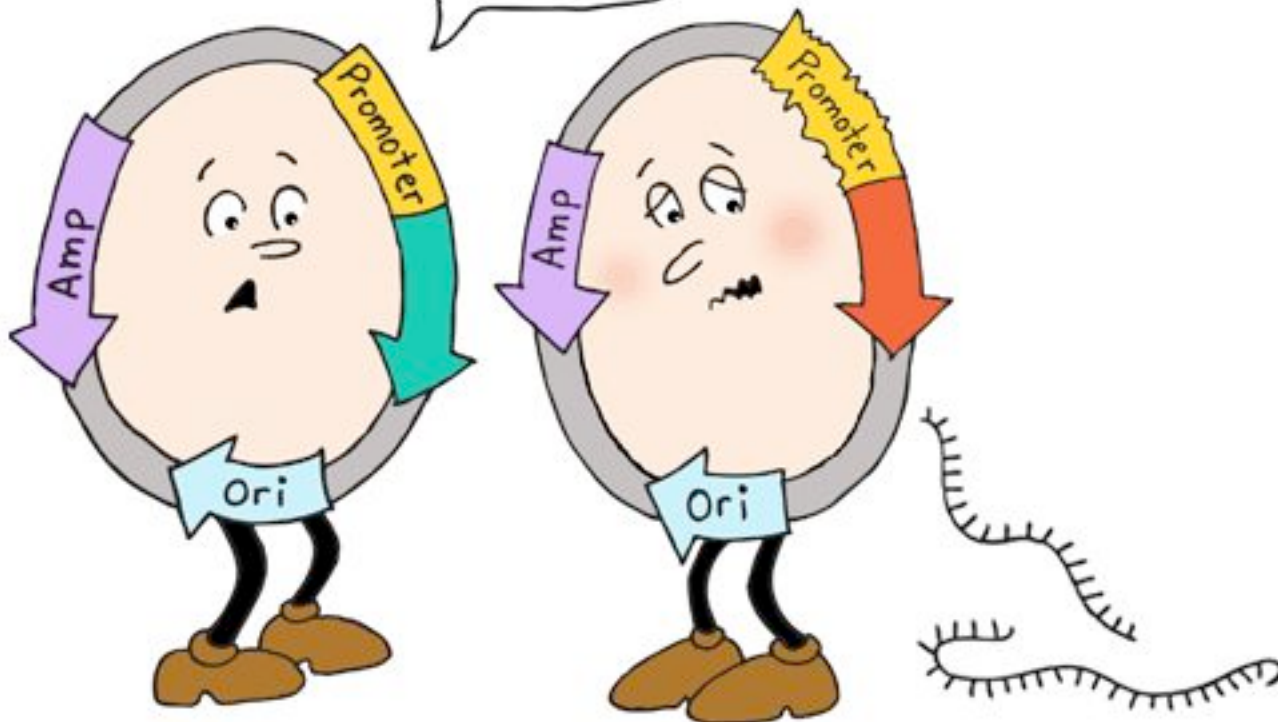
Protein engineering

I Protein purification

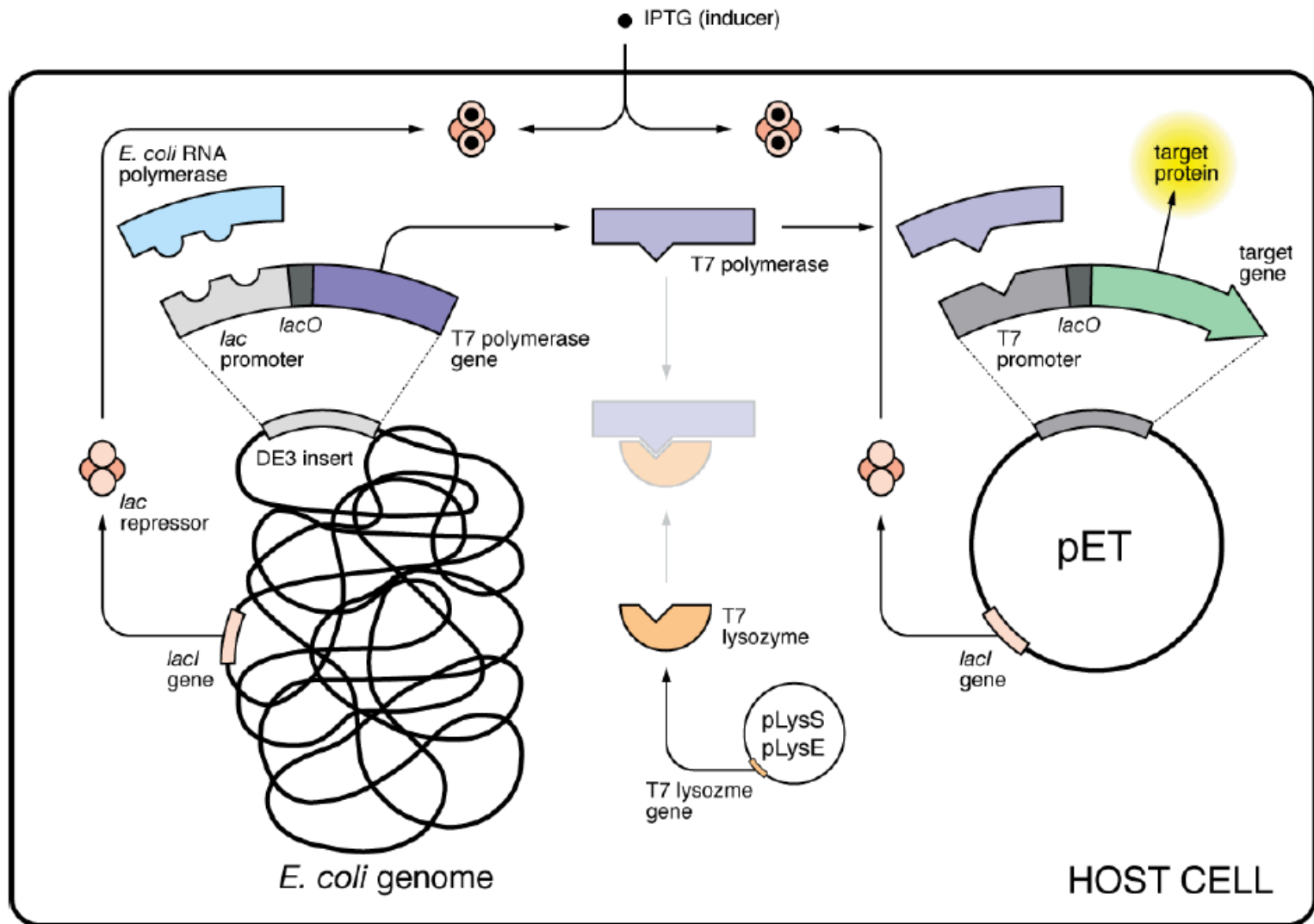
II Applications

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Another accident? You need to get that thing under control.



Review of last time...



How do we get *our* proteins?



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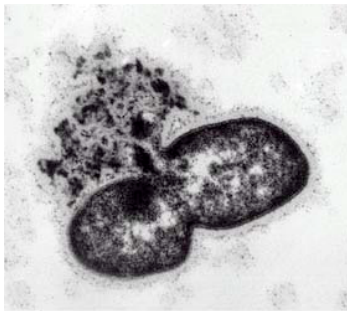
1. Lyse cells
2. Isolate protein of interest

Methods for cell lysis

- Physical disruption of cells

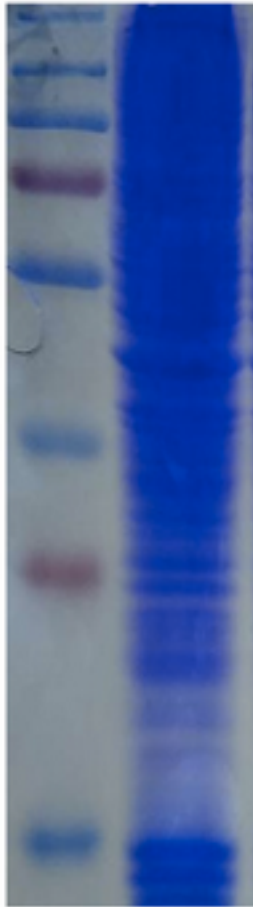


- Chemical disruption of cells



When and how did we do this previously?

Host also produces native proteins

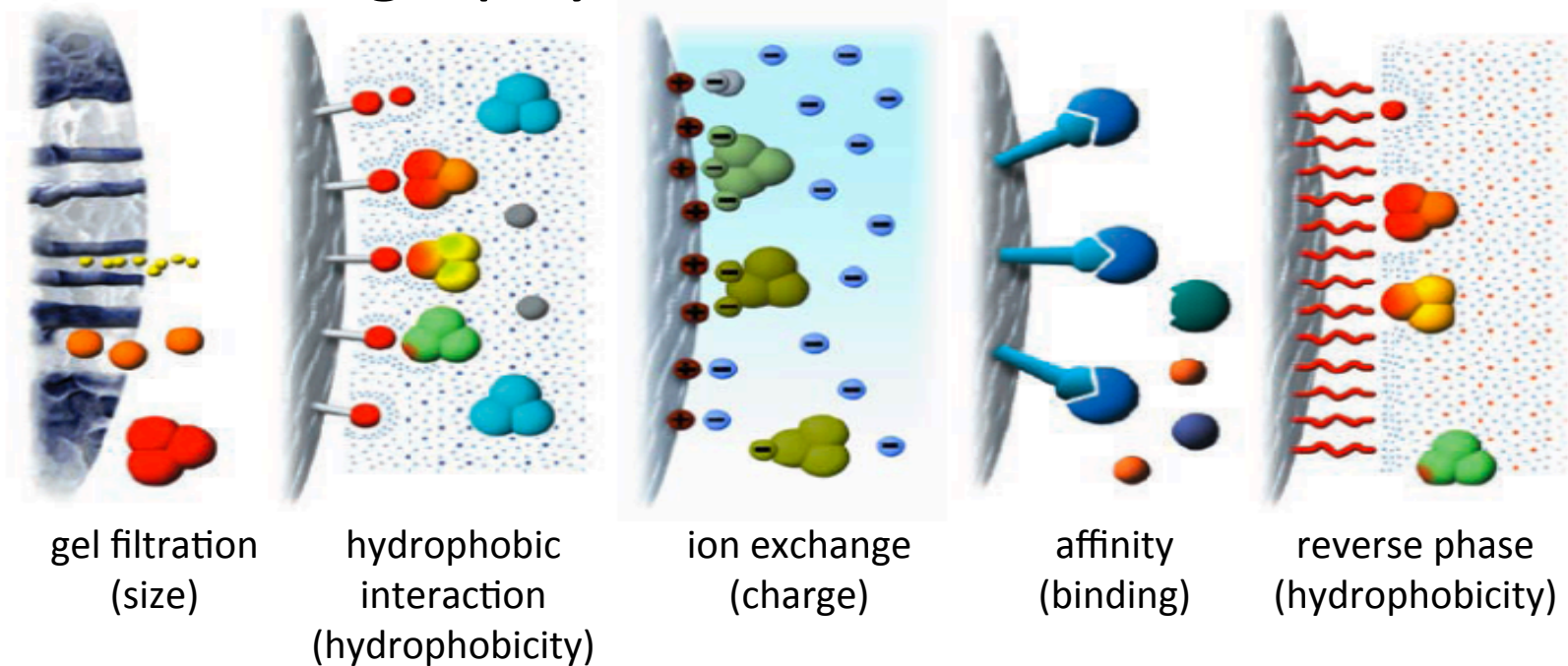


- 2-4 million proteins / fL in native cell

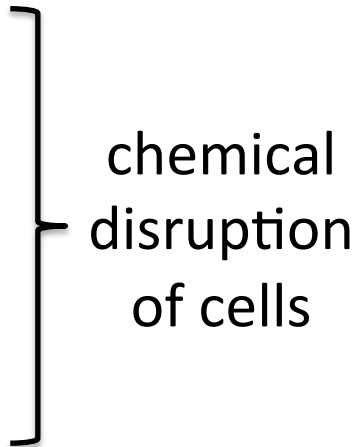
What properties can be used to isolate a specific protein from the cell lysate?

Methods for protein purification

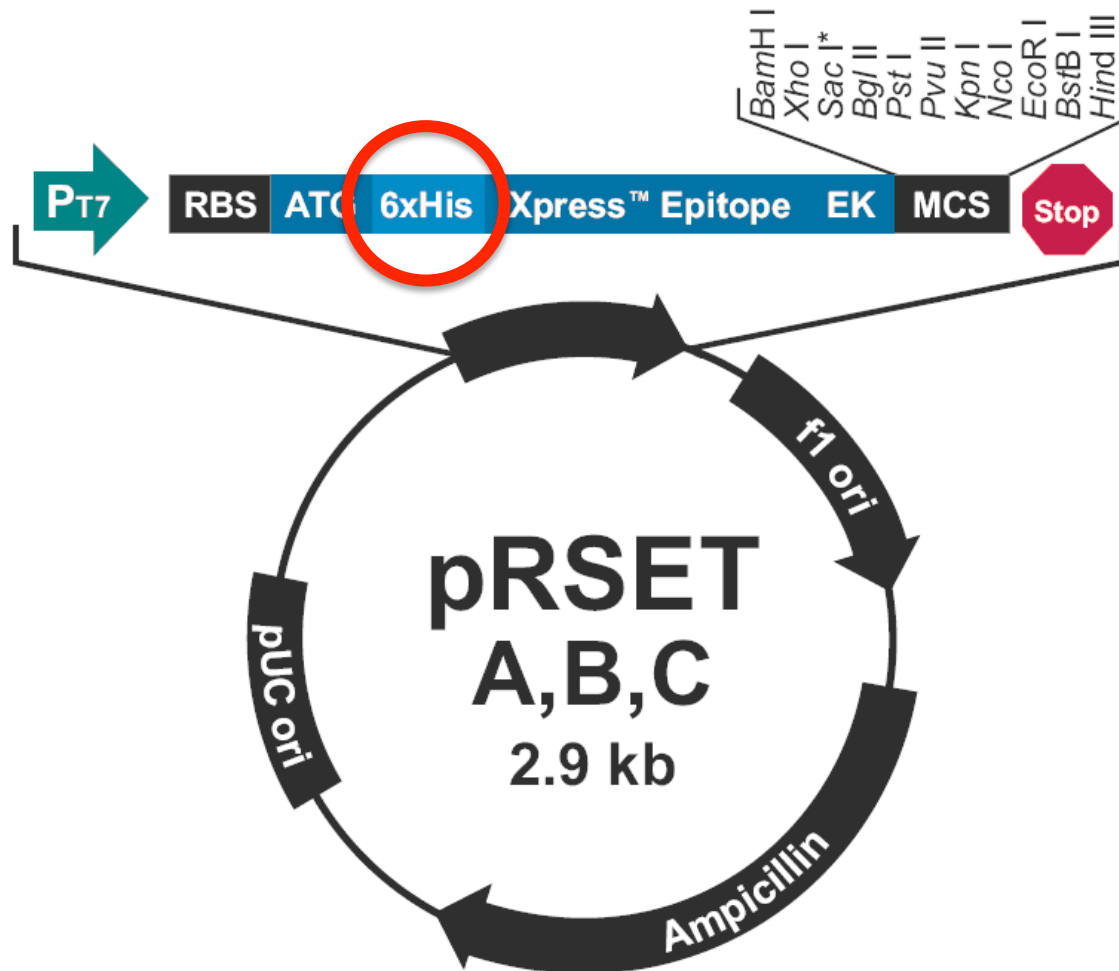
- Solubility
 - Alternate pH, [salt], solvents, temperature
- Chromatography resins



Which method does our system use?

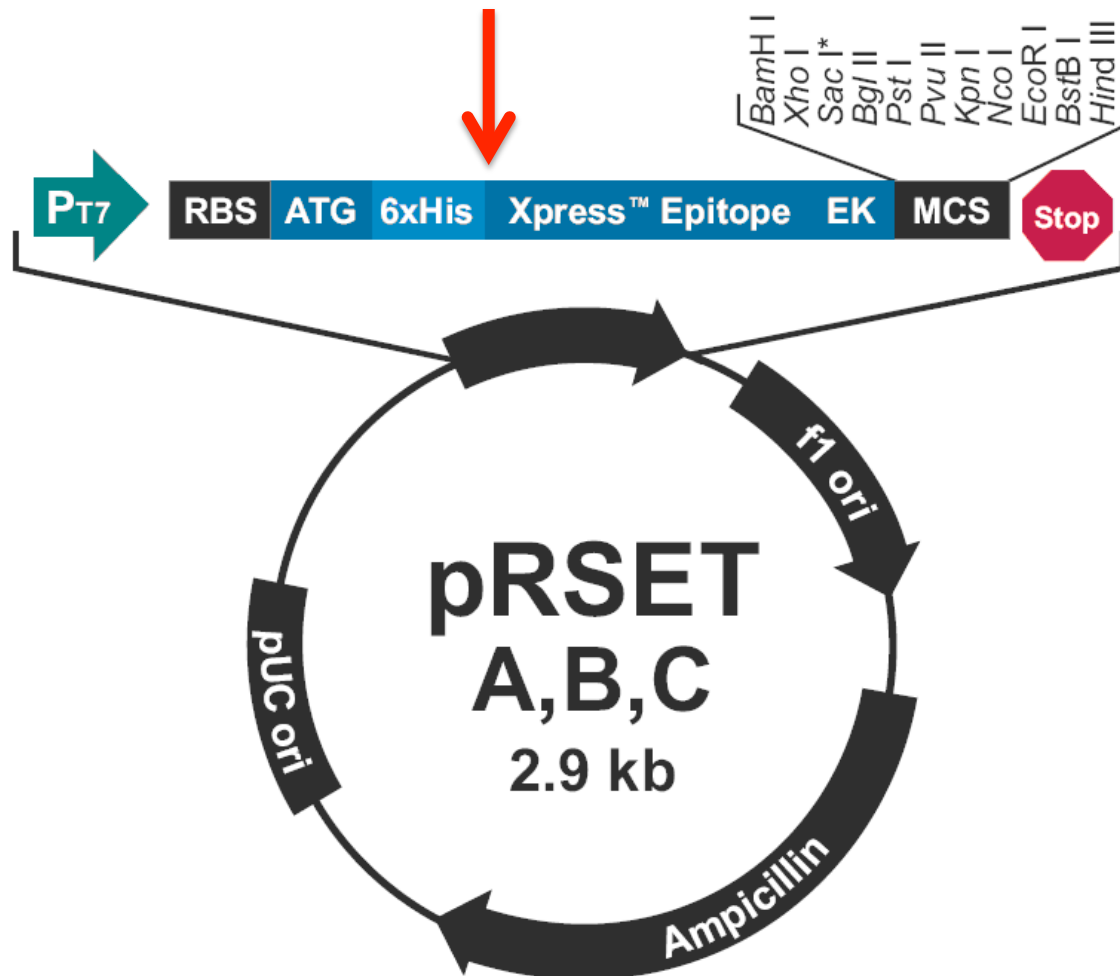
- For cell lysis:
 - BugBuster protein extraction reagent
 - Protease inhibitors
 - Nuclease enzyme
 - For protein purification:
 - Affinity tag (6x His residues)
- 
- chemical
disruption
of cells

pRSET attaches affinity tag to protein



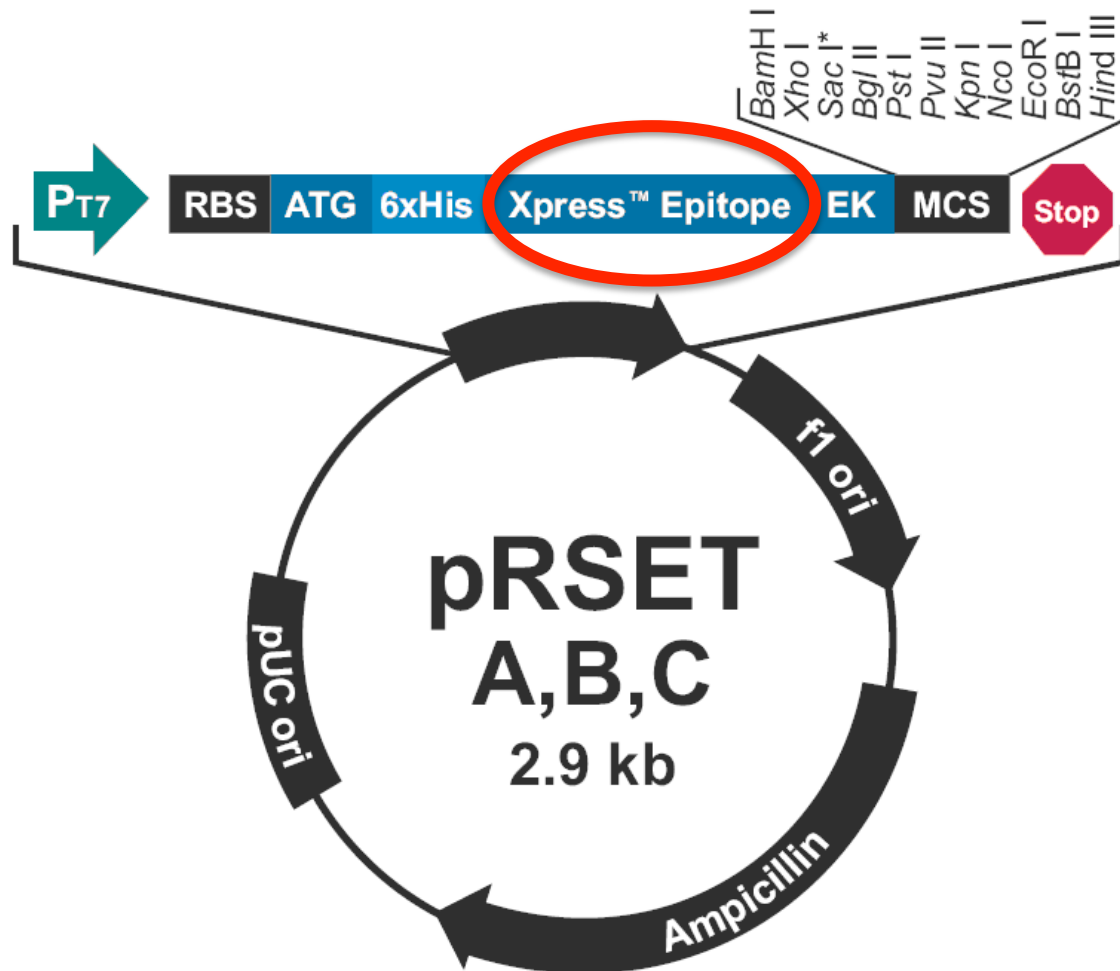
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pRSET improves transcript stability



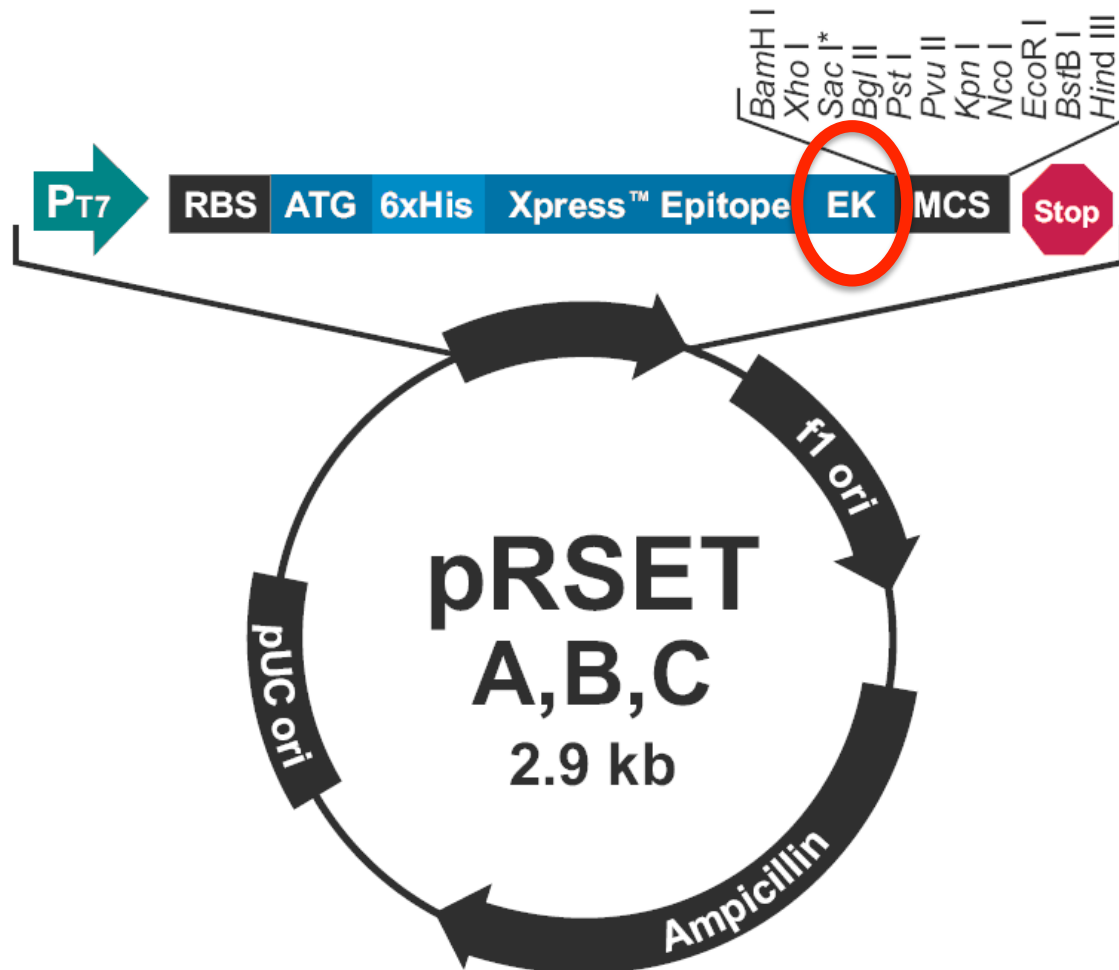
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pRSET enables Western blot detection



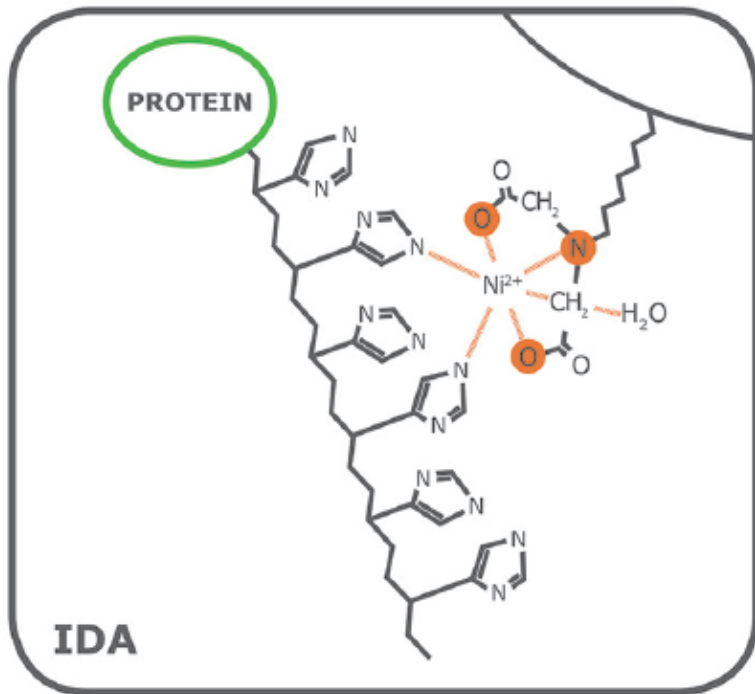
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pRSET includes tag removal sequence



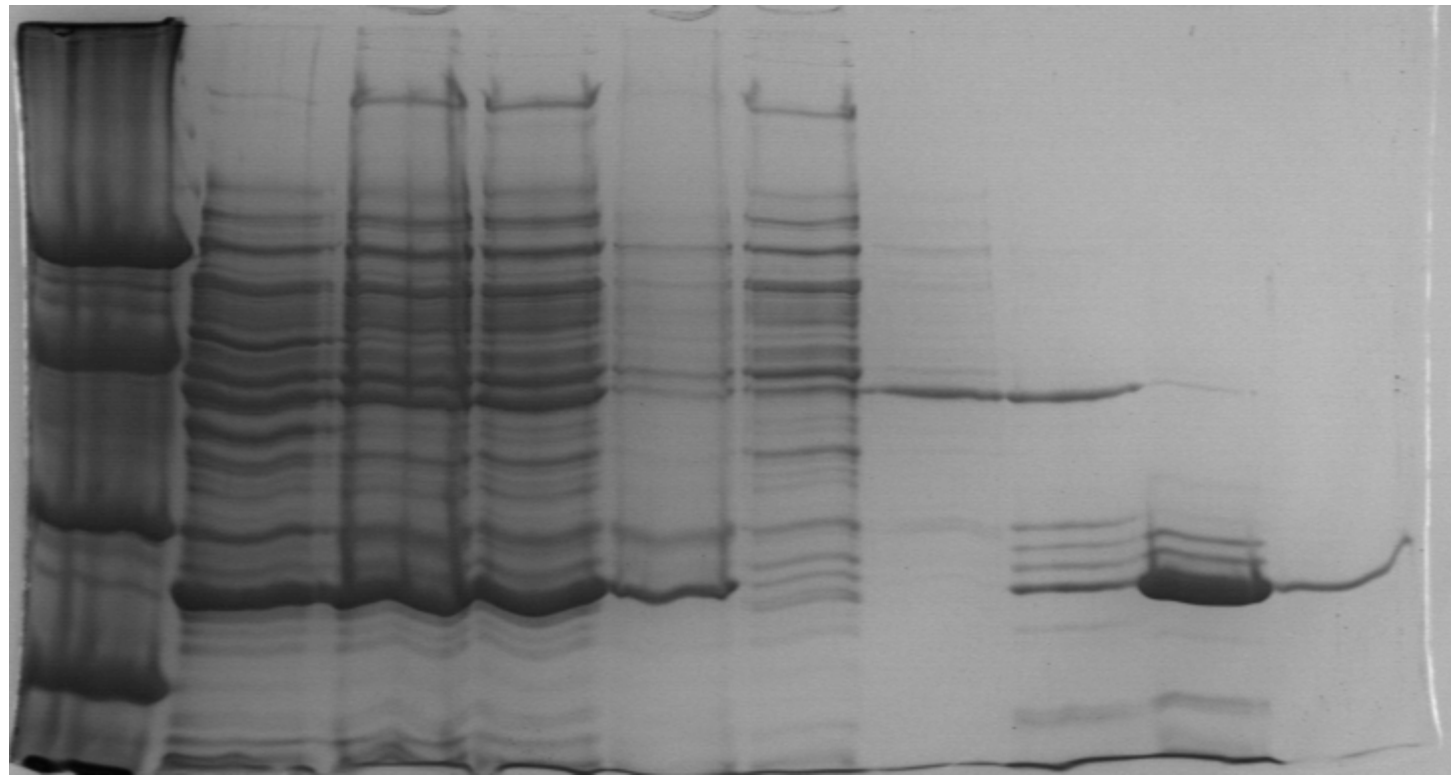
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Affinity tags are 'handles' on your protein



- Immobilized metal affinity chromatography (IMAC)
 - Transition metal chelated to matrix with ligand, iminodiacetic acid (IDA)
- Protein eluted with imidazole
 - High concentrations used to 'out-compete' His- Ni^{2+} association

Non-specific protein binding to Ni²⁺



cell lysate

washes

elution fractions

Native proteins contain 'His-tags'

- Metabolism proteins require metal co-factors
 - Urease
 - Hydrogenase
- Metals must be transported into the cell
 - ZIP family contain His residues in extracellular and intracellular loops

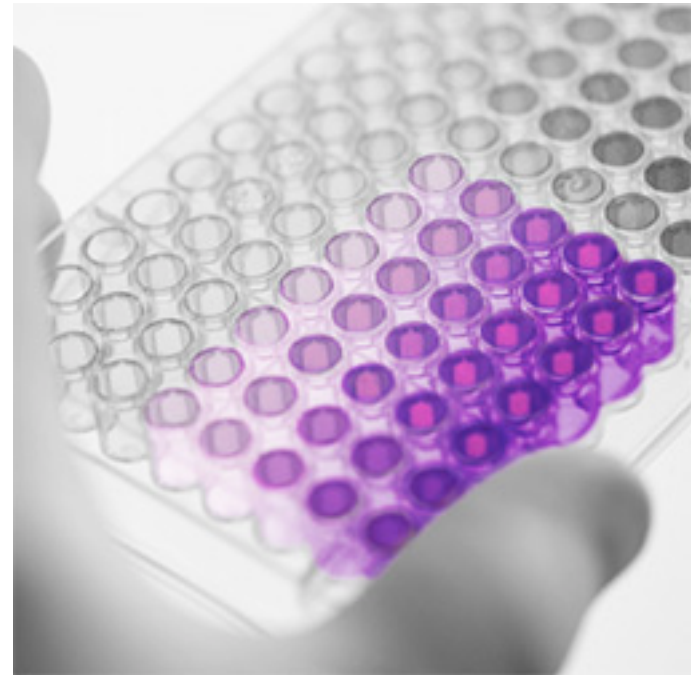
Why are we not concerned with minor non-specific binding?

How do we assess protein yield?

- Directly
 - Sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS)-PAGE used to separate proteins based on size
- Indirectly
 - MicroBCA assay used to quantify protein concentration

Bicinchoninic acid (BCA) protein detection

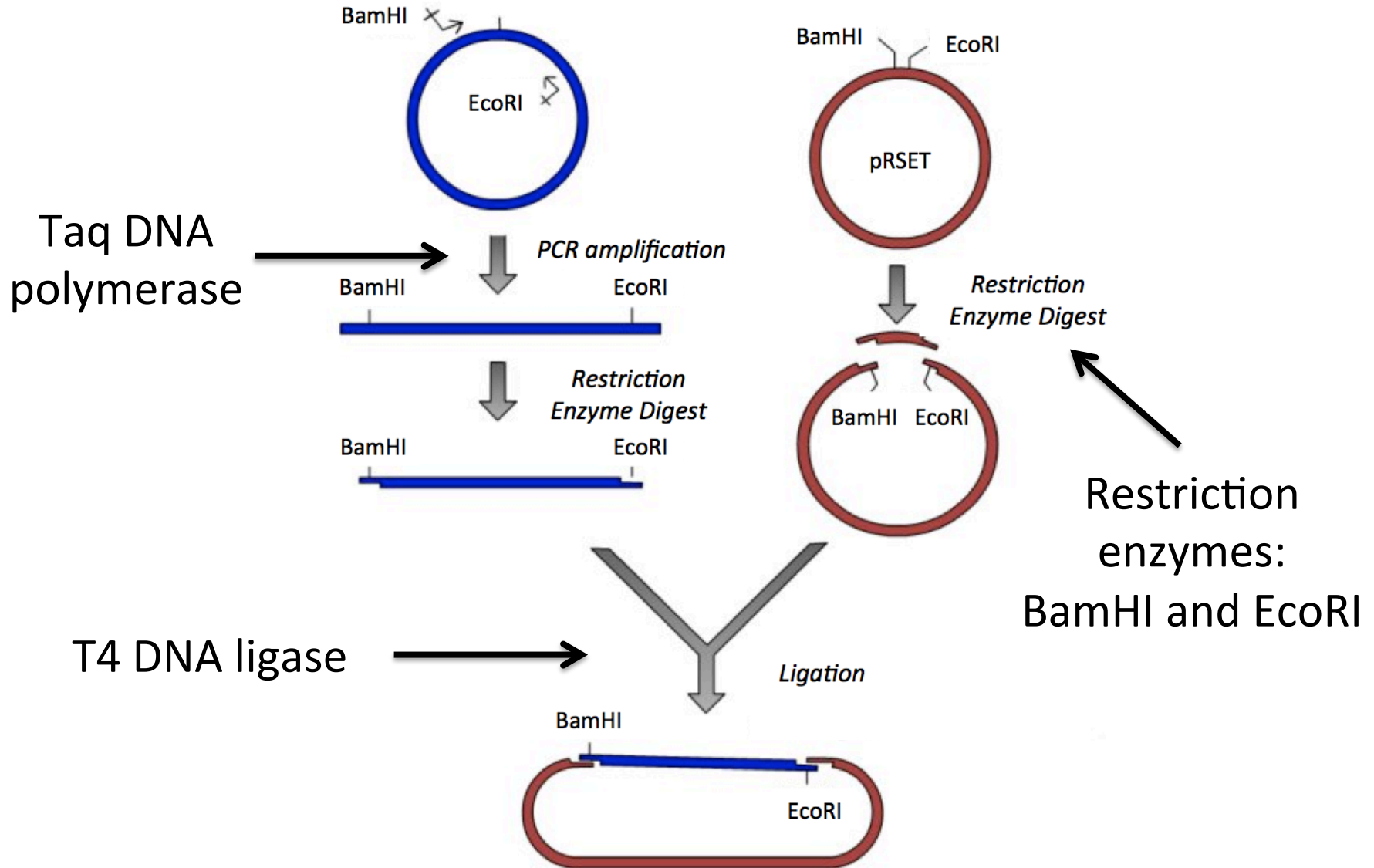
- Protein concentration measured via detection of Cu^{1+}
 - Reaction involves reduction of Cu^{2+} and oxidation of aromatic residues
 - Purple product formed by chelation of BCA and Cu^{1+}



So what. Now what?



Purified proteins in research



Purified proteins in consumer products

household products



α -amylase,
cellulase, protease,
lipase included as
'stain fighters'

cosmetics



botulinum toxin A
internalized by
specific axons to
cause paralysis

supplements



whey isolated from
liquid material by-
product of cheese
production

Purified proteins in industry

phytase



cattle diet
supplement to
increase intake of
phosphorous

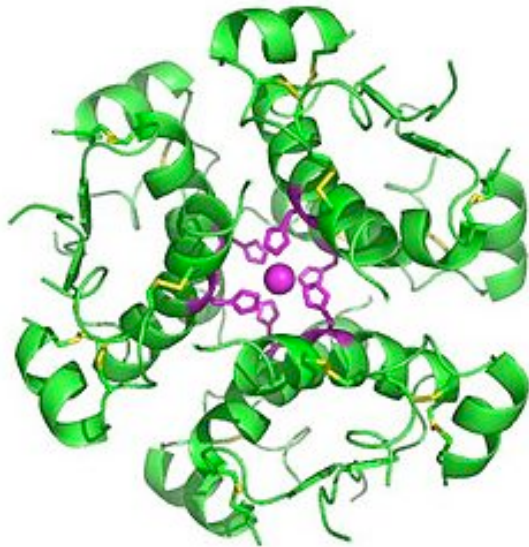
laccase



paper production
requires delignification
to breakdown cell walls
in wood and bark

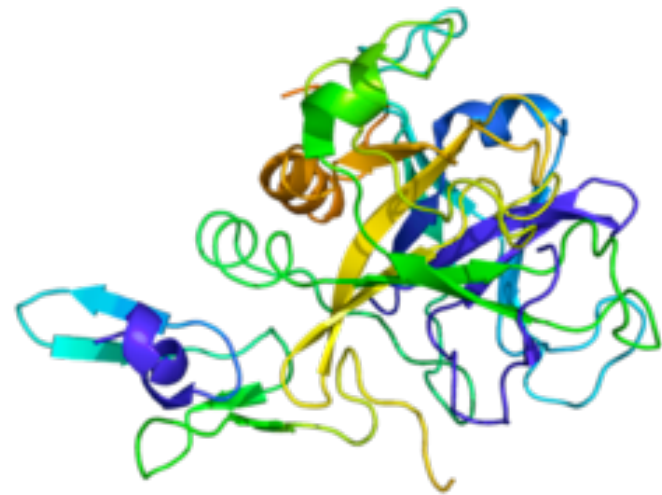
Purified proteins in therapeutics

insulin



diabetes type I
results from failure
by pancreas to
produce insulin

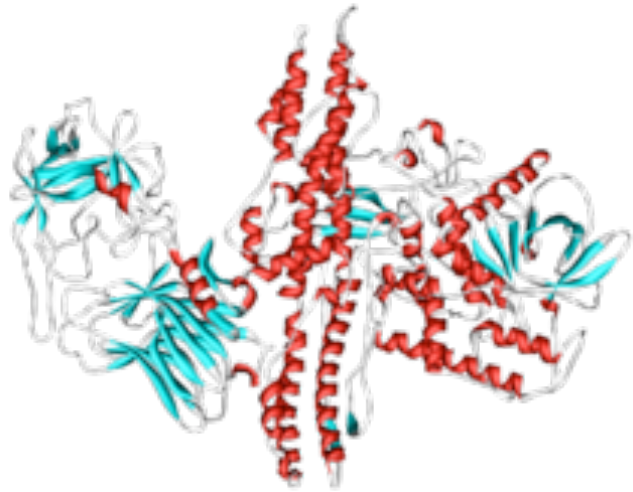
factor X



inability to clot results
from genetic mutation,
vitamin K deficiency,
and some drugs

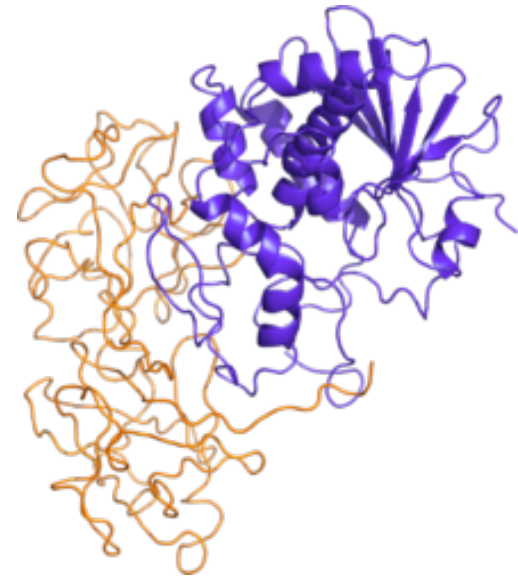
Purified proteins in the 'wrong hands'

botulinum



neurotoxin produced by
bacterium *Clostridium*
botulinum

ricin



toxic lectin purified from
castor beans

In the laboratory...

- Lyse cells
- Prepare for SDS-PAGE analysis
- Purify protein
- Measure protein concentration

