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■ Pre-lab Lecture

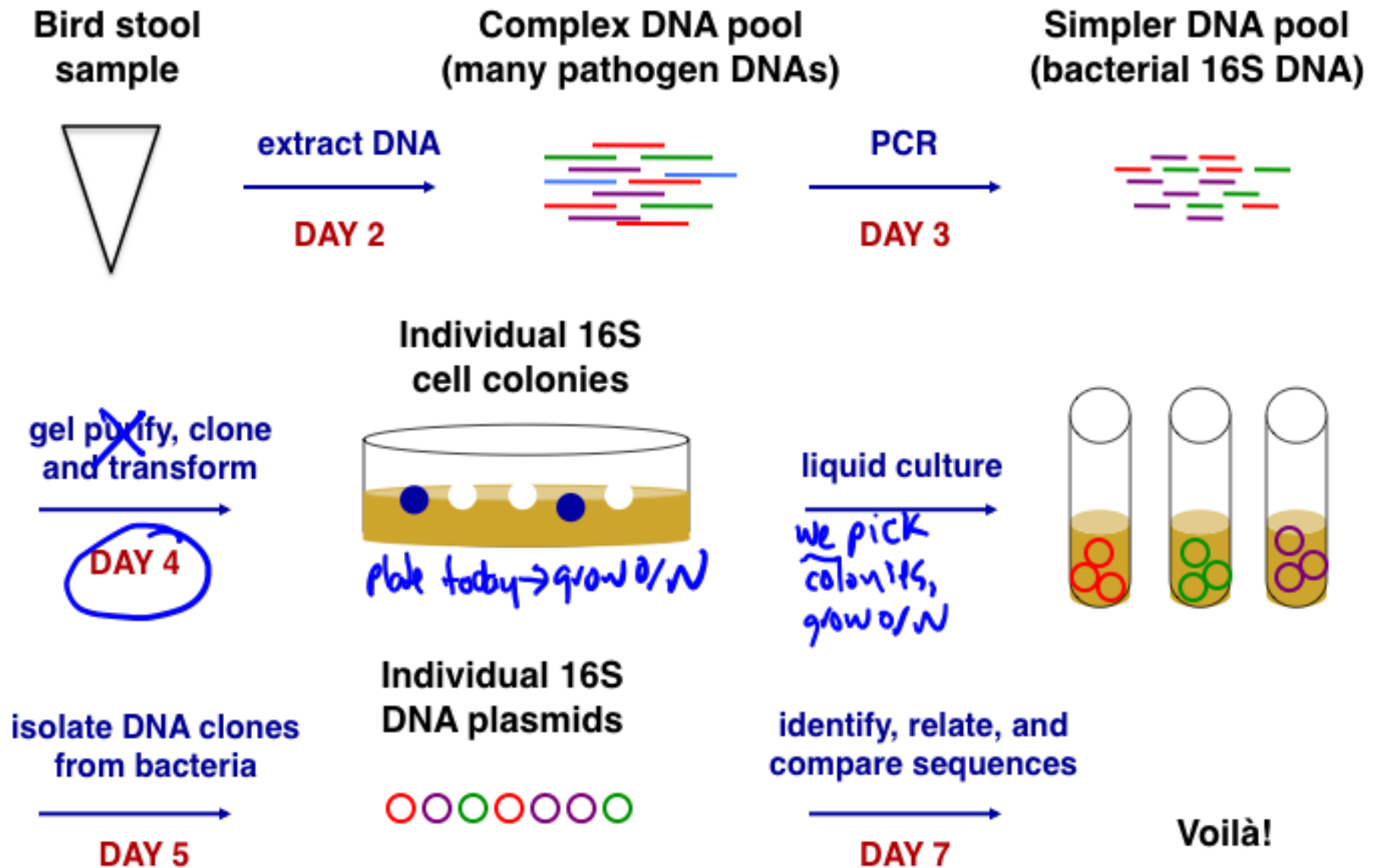
- ❖ Ligation and cloning: basic
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- ❖ Bacterial transformation
- ❖ Today in Lab: M1D4
- ❖ LATER: Writing a figure caption

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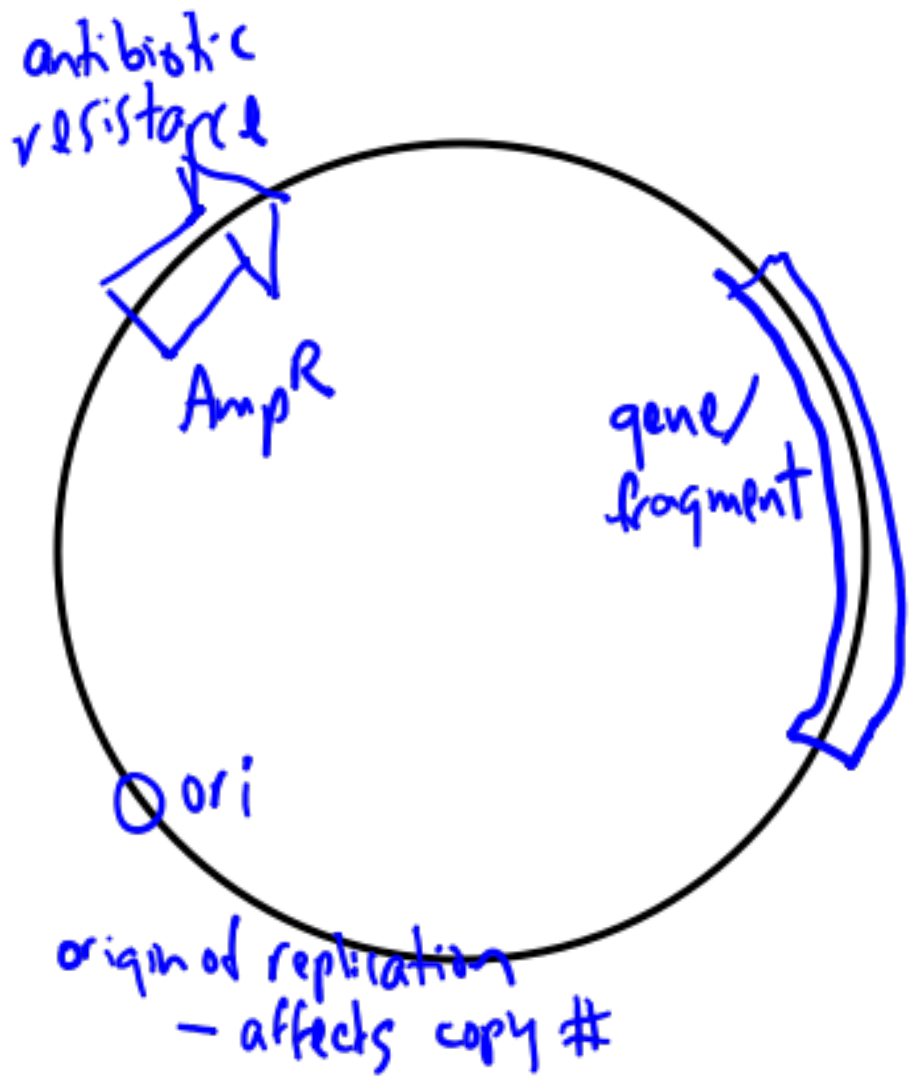
- Reminder: quiz next time
- Another long(ish) FNT:
 - gel figure
 - results section opening
 - results section outline
 - overview schematic
- Journal club coming up in a week! (And two)
- First notebook M1D7
 - D2, 4, or 5 collected ** our choice*

TUE/WED	THU/FRI
27 M1D5) 1p ■ Quiz 3: M1D3-4 (W/F) 2p M1D4 FNT due, W/F	28 M1D6 1p ■ Journal Club I (T/R)
6 M1D7) 1p ■ Quiz 4: M1D5-6 (W/F) l) 2p ■ Reflection 1 (W/F JCI) +2 more FNT, notebook	7 M1D8 1p ■ Journal Club II (T/R)
13 n 11 ■ Module 1 draft 11 am ll) 1p ■ Reflection 1 (W/F JCII)	14
20) 11 ■ Primer summary due) 1p ■ Quiz 5: M2D1-2 (W/F)	21
27	28

Where we are/going



Plasmid overview

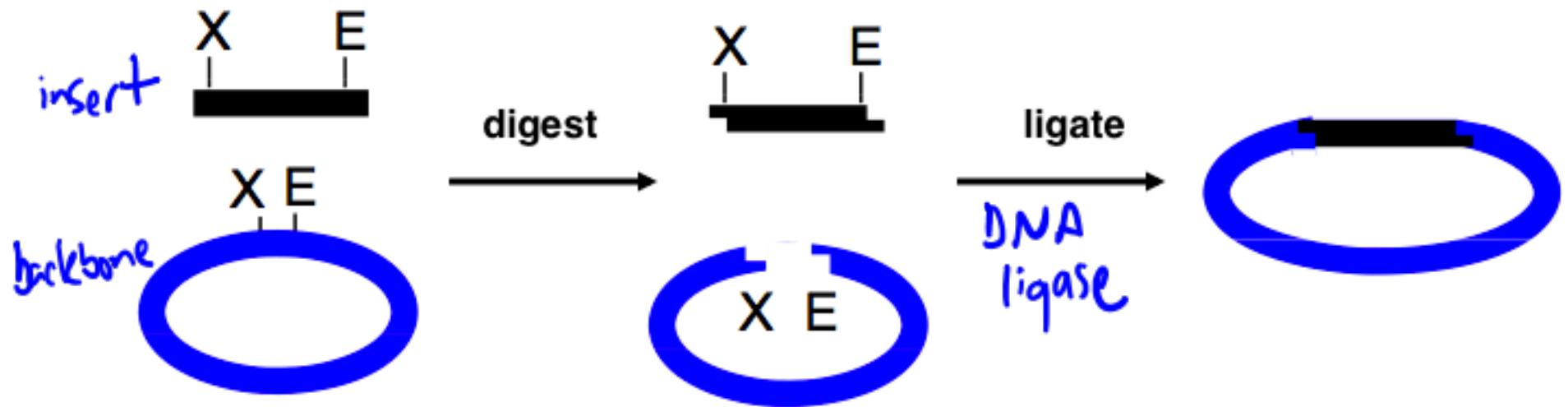


— ds₂ circular
extrachromosomal

why? vector to introduce
foreign gene/fragment
into cells

Ampicillin resistance →
can select bacteria
that have plasmid
on ampicillin plates

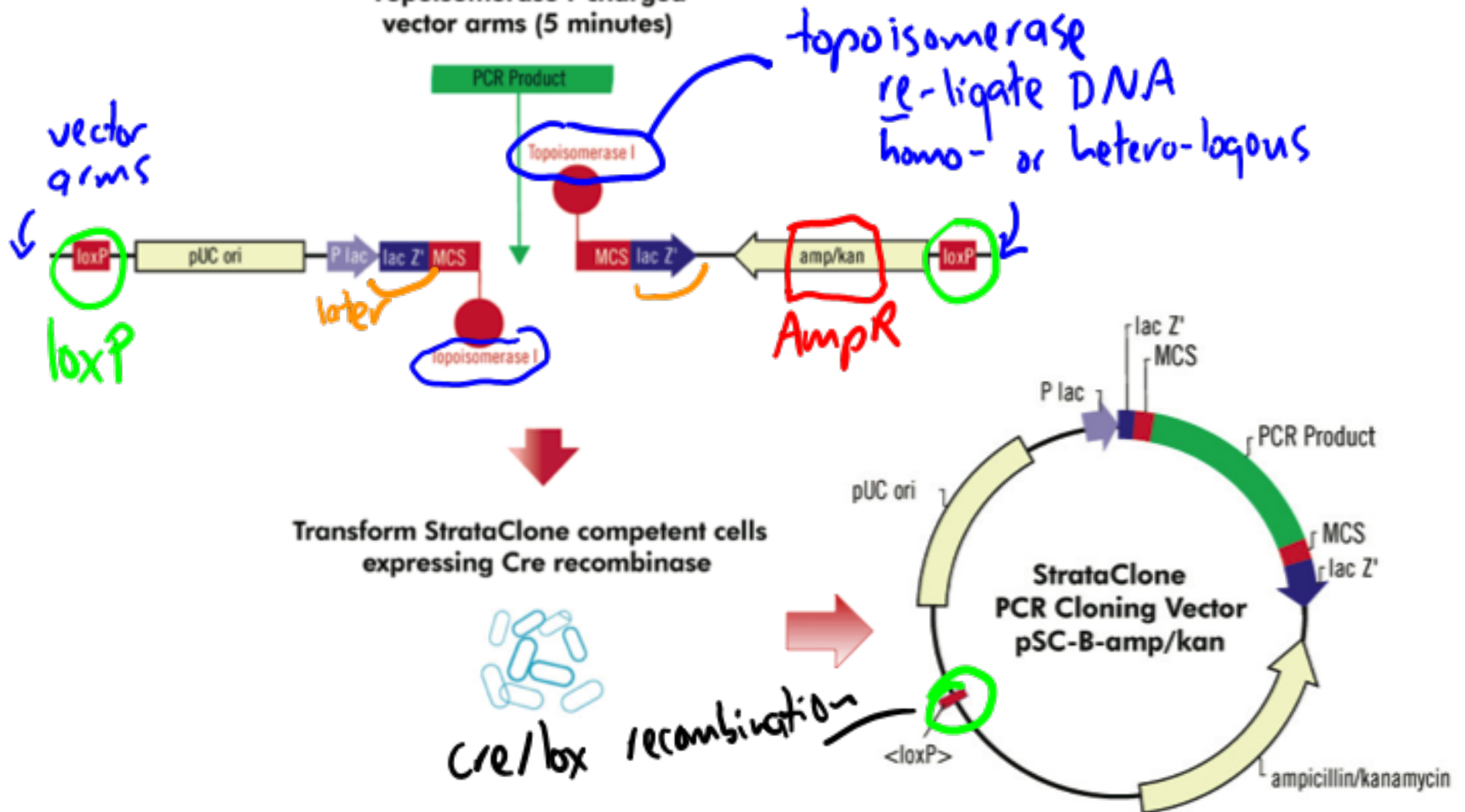
Ligation and cloning: basic approach



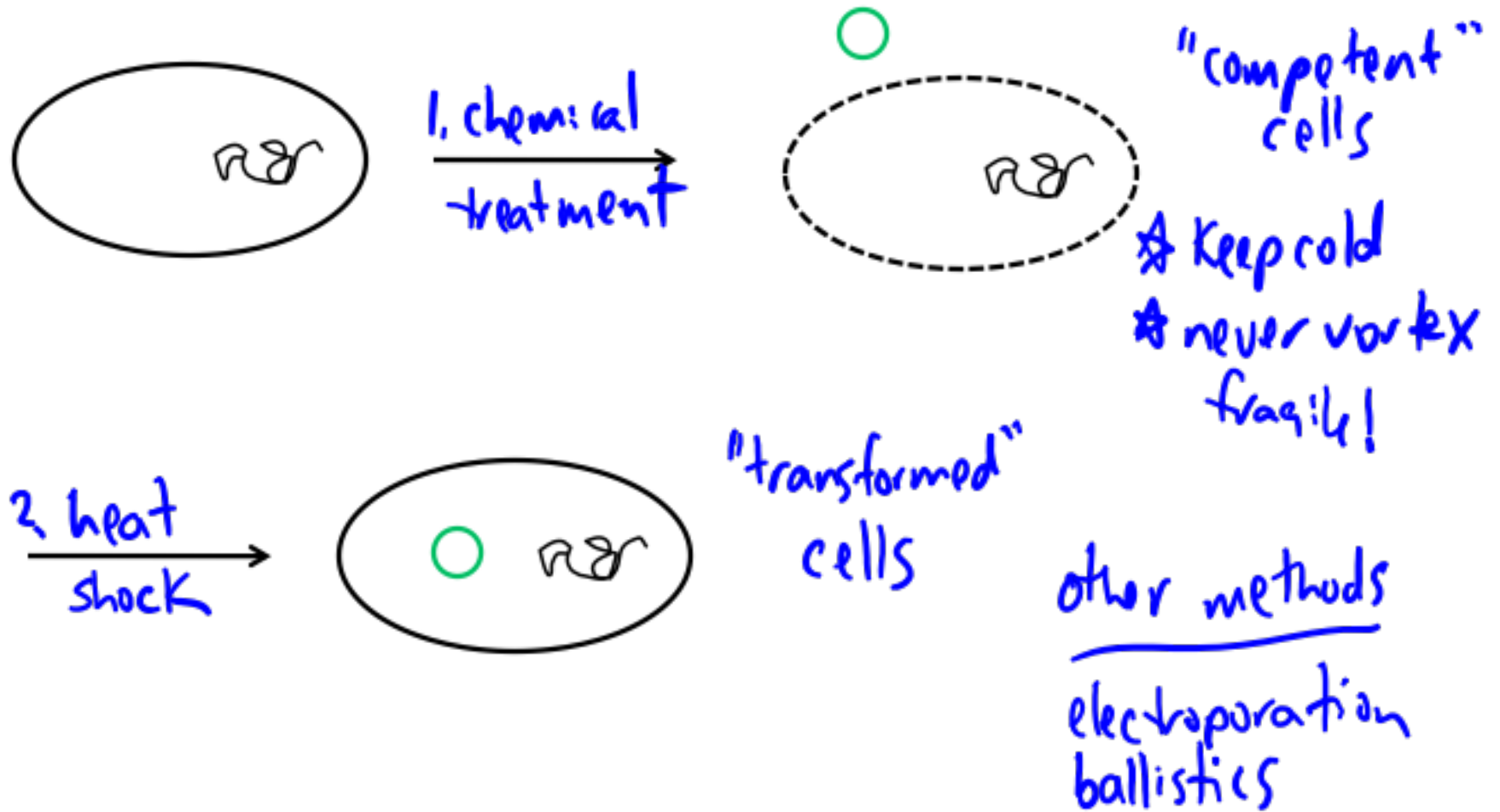
X and E = restriction enzyme sites = DNA sequences recognized and cleaved by rest. enzymes (more in mod 2!)

Ligation and cloning: TOPO approach

Incubate blunt PCR product with
Topoisomerase I-charged
vector arms (5 minutes)

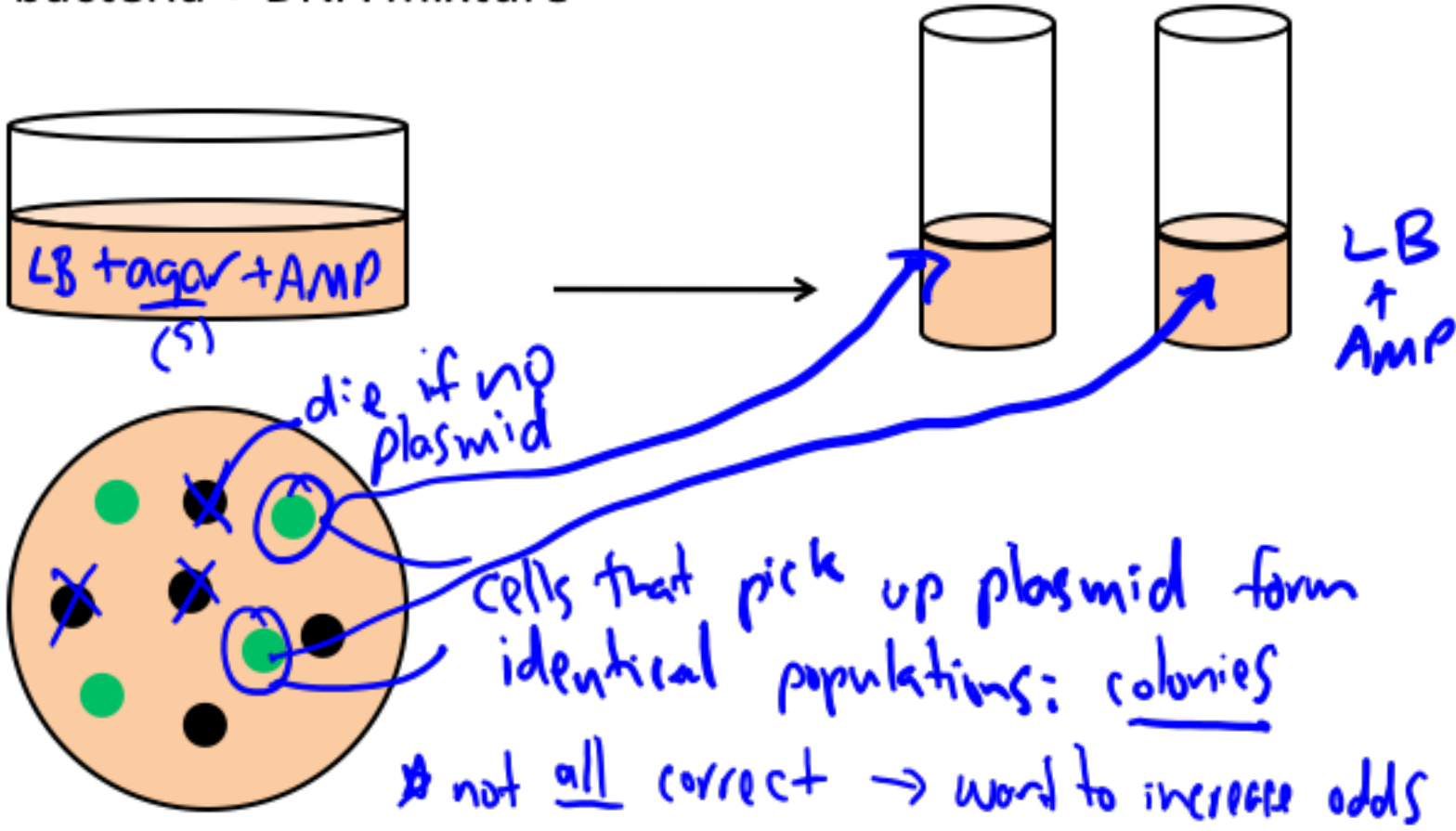


Bacterial transformation



DNA amplification in bacteria

Plate bacteria + DNA mixture



“Blue-white screening” for insert selection

- lacZ encodes β -galactosidase

in our cell strain

- inactive mutant can be rescued by peptide fragment

on vector

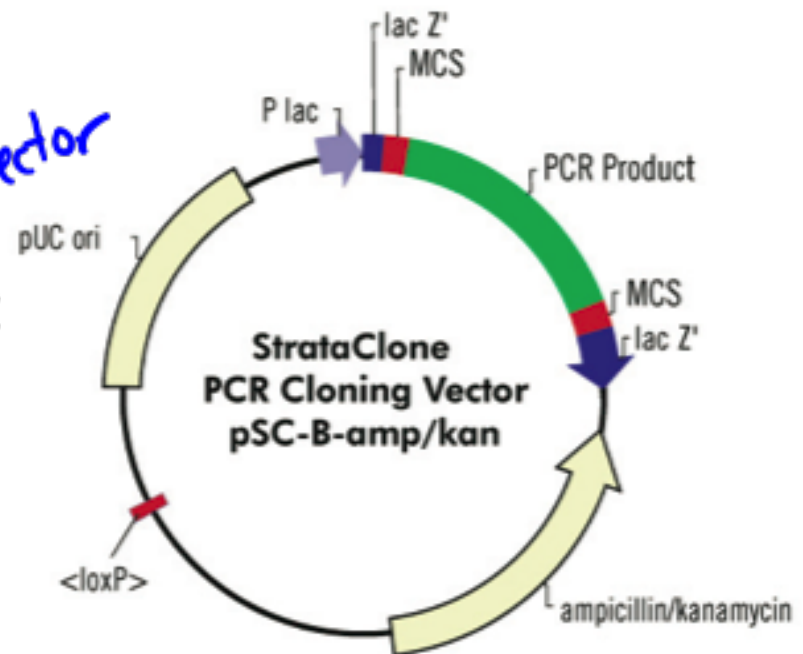
- production of complete peptide disrupted by insert

- X-gal = β -gal analogue

on plates/substrate

- blue color \rightarrow active β -gal

- want: white colonies \rightarrow disrupted β -gal \rightarrow *have* insert.



DNA EP: clean-up and safety

- Use **nitrile gloves** when handling DNA gels and all equipment used for gels.
- Gels and gel-contaminated papers are disposed of in solid chemical waste.
- Wear **amber glasses (blue light) or face shields (UV)** when cutting DNA bands out of a gel.

Today in Lab (M1D4)

- Gels w/PCR products run 45 min. Meanwhile,
 - 15 min on figure caption best practices
 - prepare for next steps etc.
- Gel purify IFF multiple products; share if no product.
- Surprise! You each get to do a ligation. No re-pairing.
 - filter tips for prepping ligation reaction
- During 1 hr incubation
 - transformation demo (X-gal prep)
 - prepare tubes for liquid O/N culture
 - prepare primer stocks for μ sporidia PCR

over for figure discussion

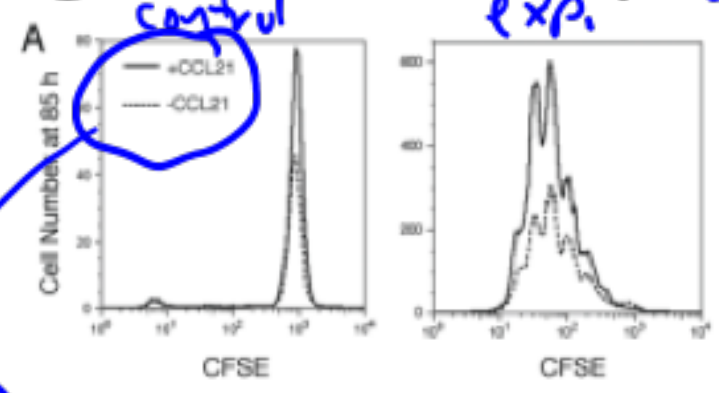
Figures: style and scope

- Title: concise, informative, tells overall goal/result
- Caption: gives context for result from big → small
 - Introduce what we are looking at
 - Include just enough methods to understand result
 - Define all elements (e.g., DNA ladder)
 - Cover primarily facts, not interpretation
 - e.g., observed and expected sizes
- Aesthetics: simplicity, clarity → at-a-glance labeling (e.g., some ladder band sizes)

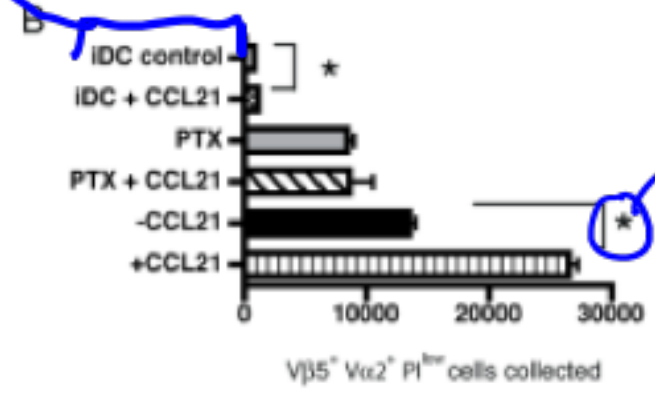
Figures: example

Further A-A-G labeling

at-a-glance labeling



states result want over-interpreting



defined in caption

Figure 3 **CCL21 impacts naïve T cell proliferation under conditions of rare Ag-specific T-DC encounters** Co-cultures comprising 9% OVA-specific OT-II CD4⁺ T cells, 81% C57Bl/6 CD4⁺ T cells, 5% OVA-mDC and 5% iDC with/without CCL21 were analyzed by flow cytometry at 85 h. (A) Sample CFSE histograms are shown for control (left, iDC only) and experimental (right, with OVA-mDC) conditions. (B) OTII cell recovery for all conditions is shown. Ave ± std. dev. for 3 wells per condition. [* indicates bracketed conditions statistically different ($p \leq 0.05$)] (A-B) are from 1 representative of 5 experiments.

exp overview
figure walkthrough