A grayscale electron micrograph showing a complex, multi-subunit protein structure. The structure is composed of several interconnected, rounded domains, some of which are more prominent than others. The overall appearance is that of a large, intricate molecular assembly.

Module 1: Protein engineering

DNA engineering

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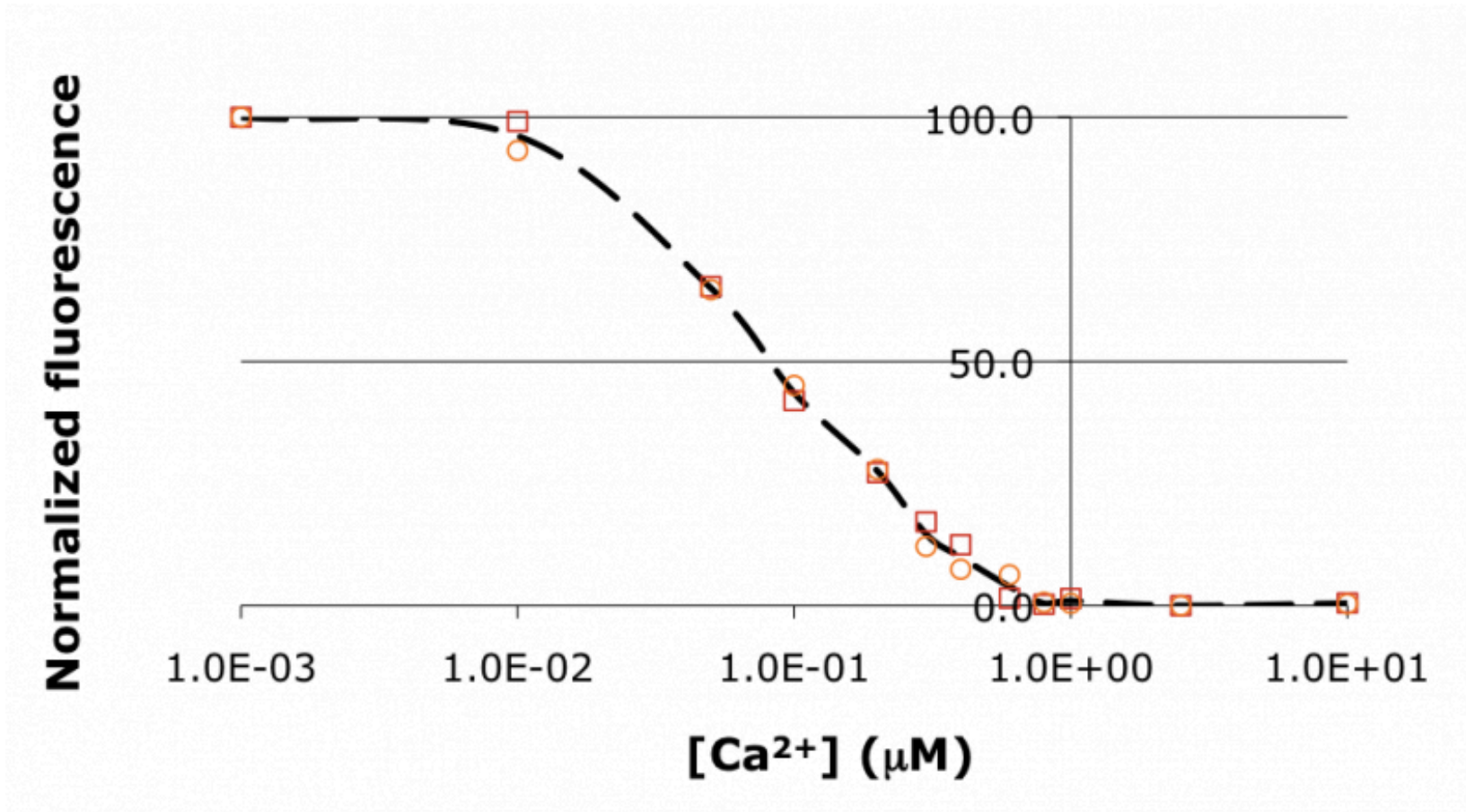
Mod 1 assignment overview

- Protein engineering summary
 - Abbreviated written article that details your experimental results
 - Opportunity for revision
 - Completed with laboratory partner
- Protein engineering mini-presentation
 - Short 'elevator pitch' that relays the key results and impact of your project
 - Completed individually

Your engineering task in Mod 1:

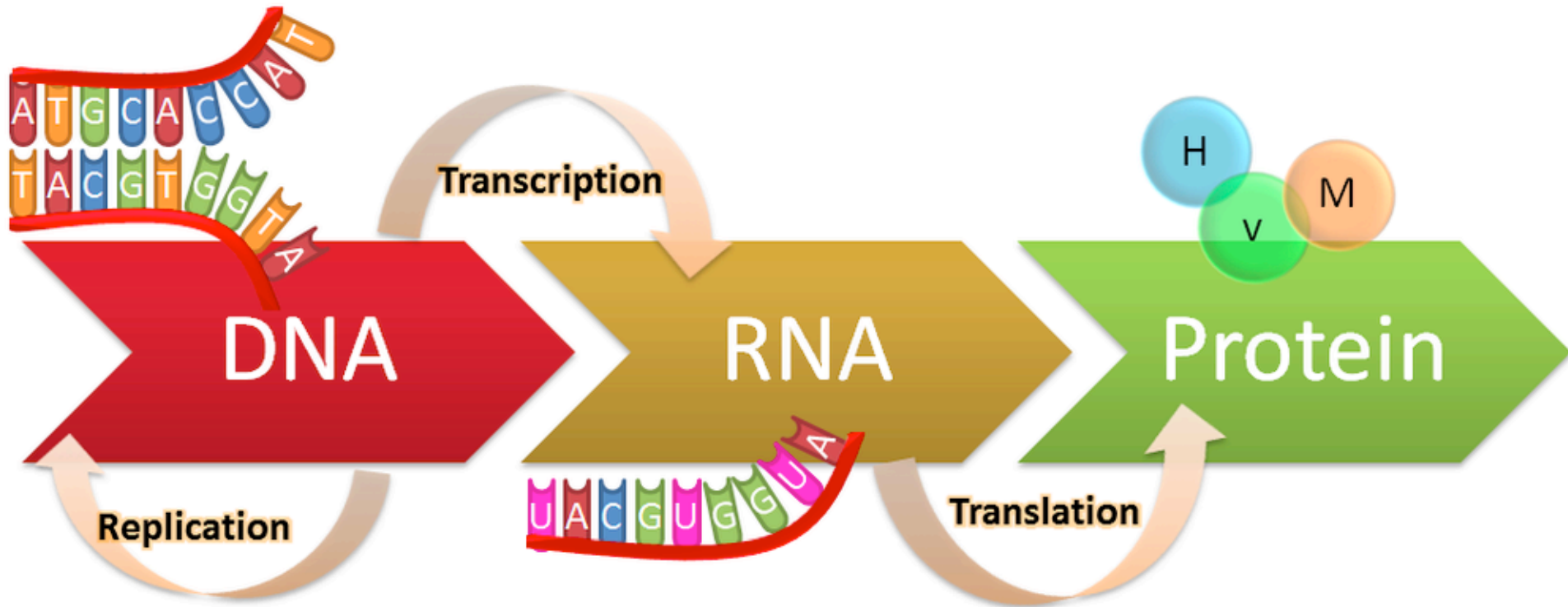
Alter Ca^{2+} binding properties of inverse
pericam protein

Inverse pericam (IPC) dims with Ca^{2+}

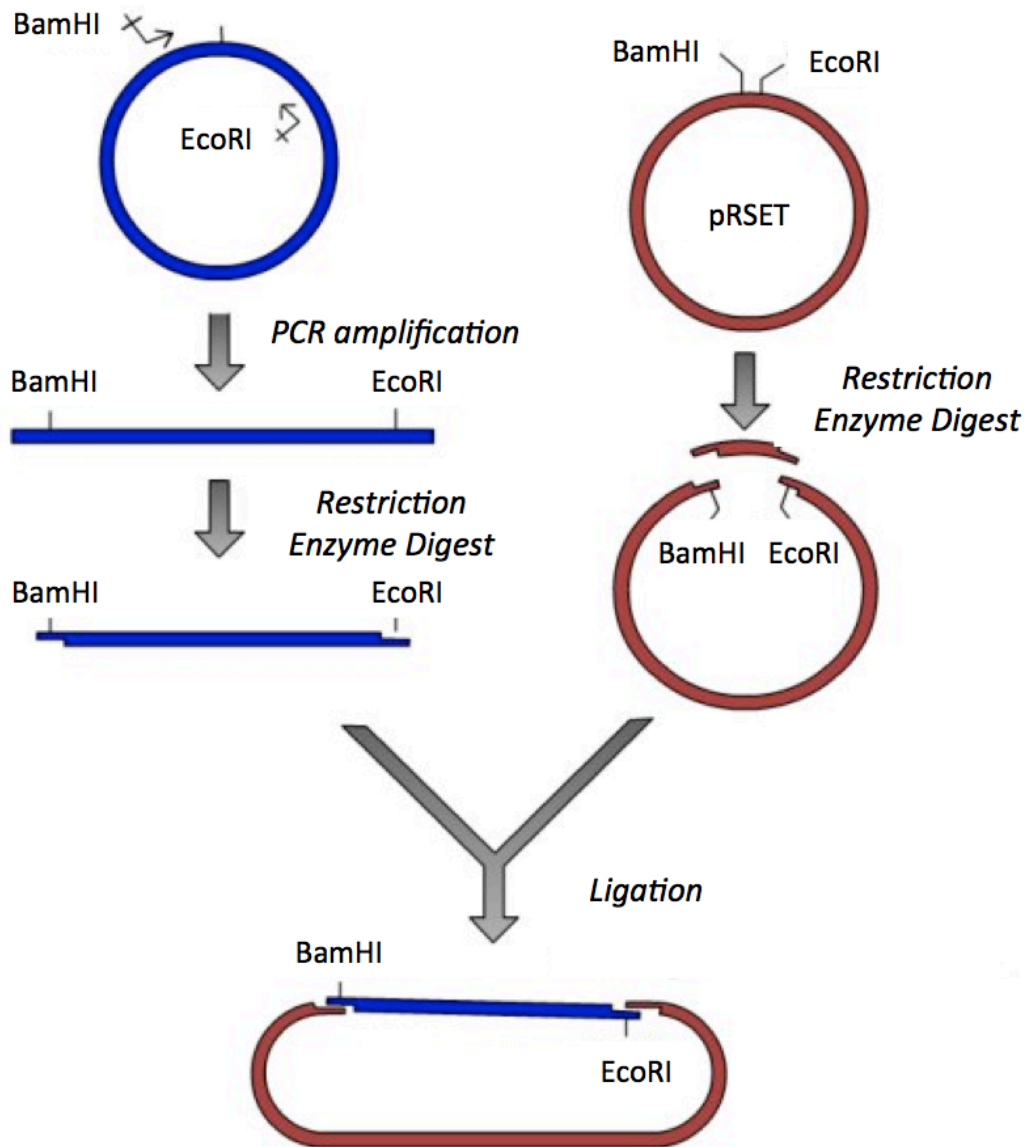




The central dogma



How do we engineer DNA?

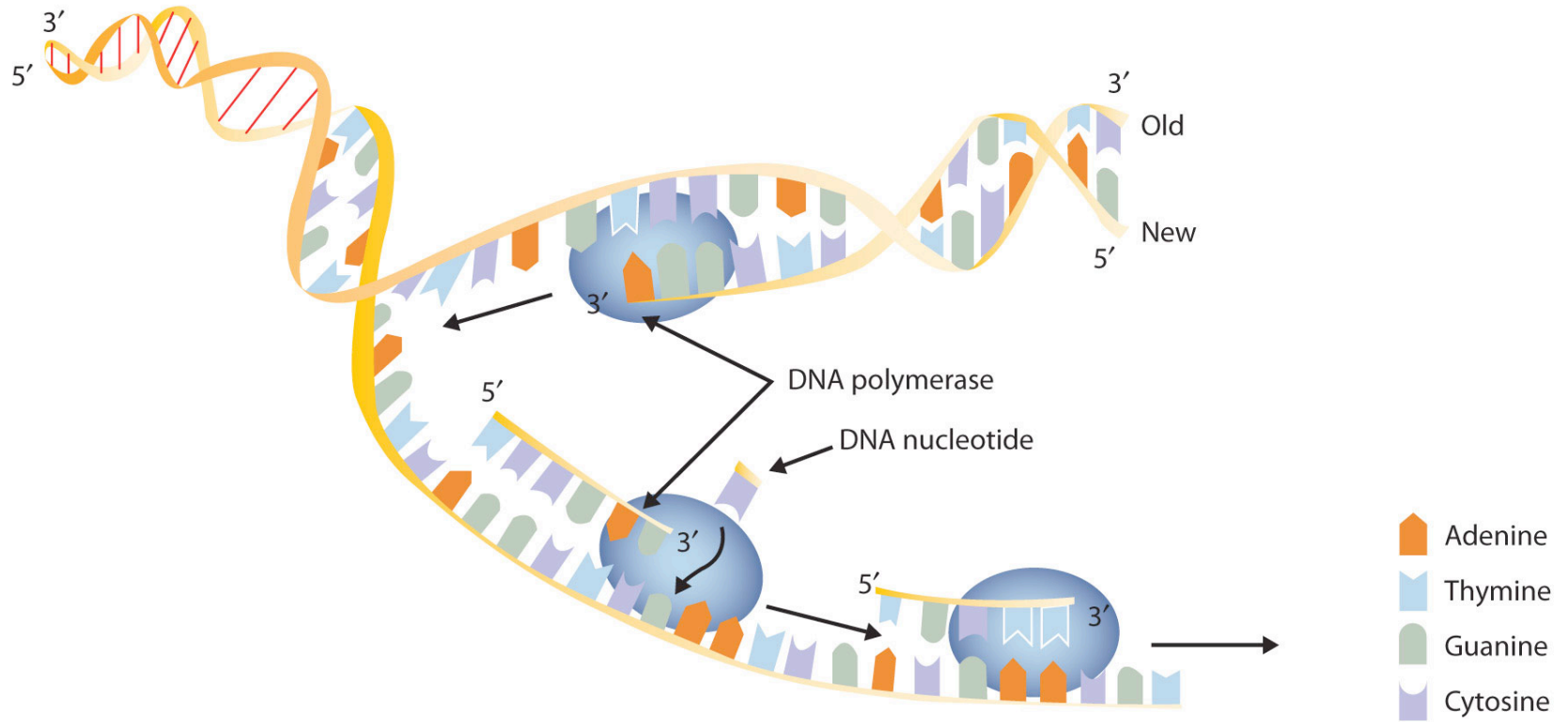


1. Amplification

2. Digestion

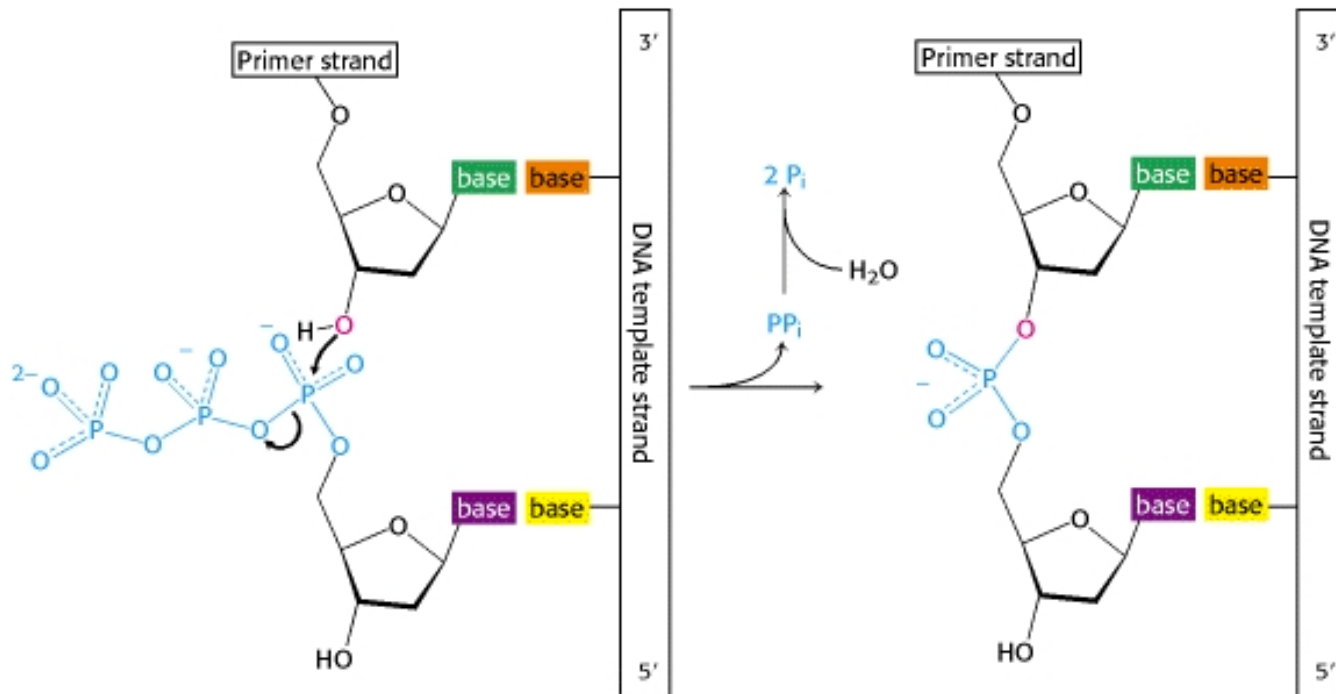
3. Ligation

Amplification



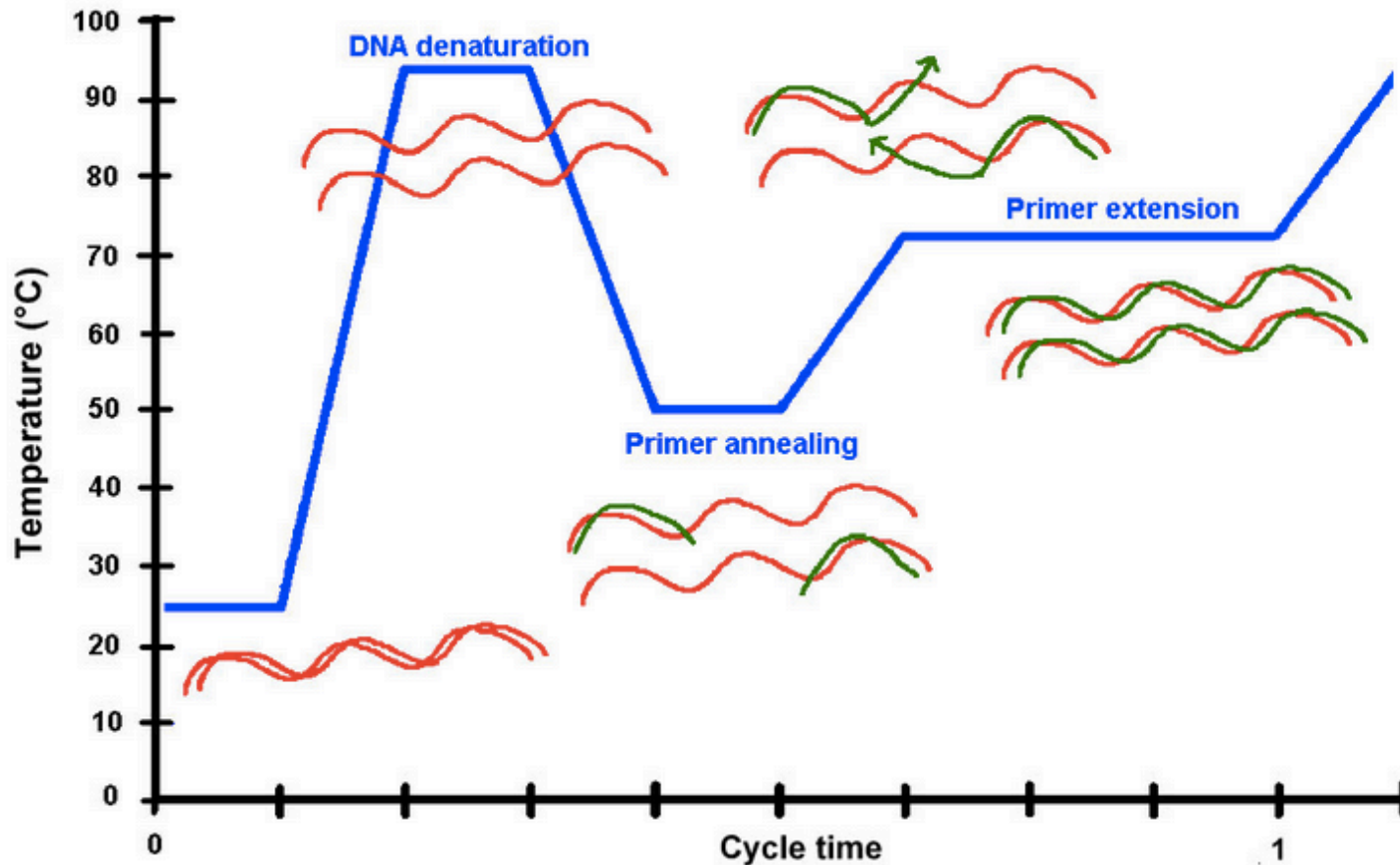
Who are the key players?

DNA polymerase



- Catalyzes formation of polynucleotide chains
- Requires a primer base-paired to template

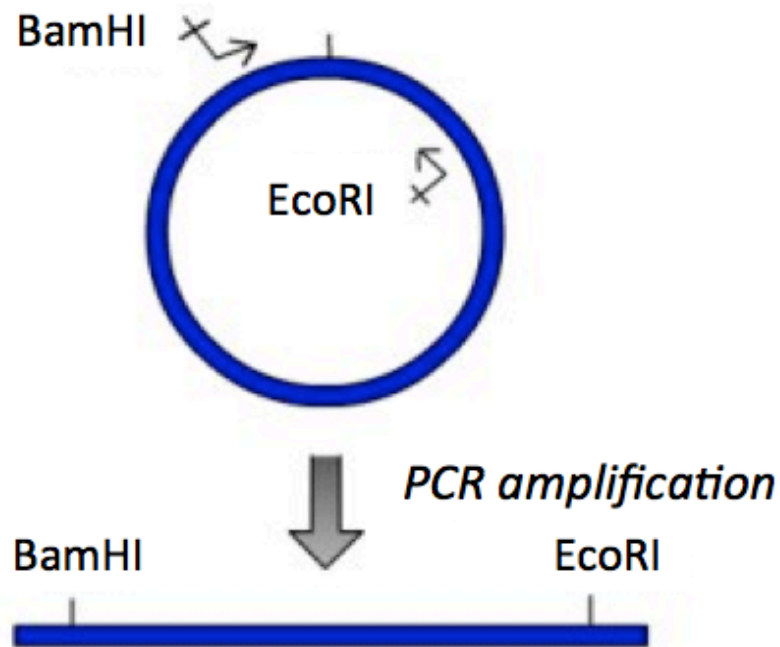
Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)



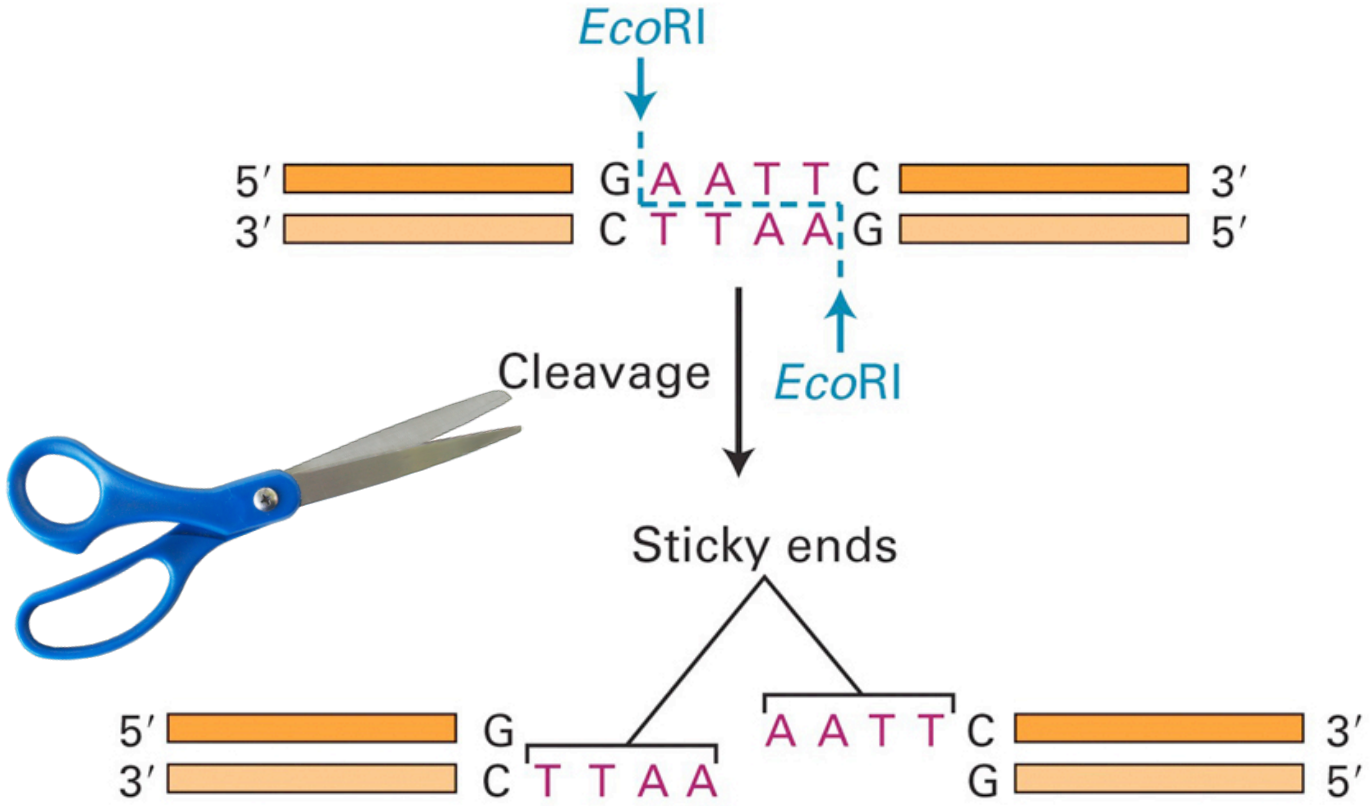
How many cycles until your product is generated?

What are we amplifying?

- Primers enable you to specify which region of DNA is amplified by polymerase

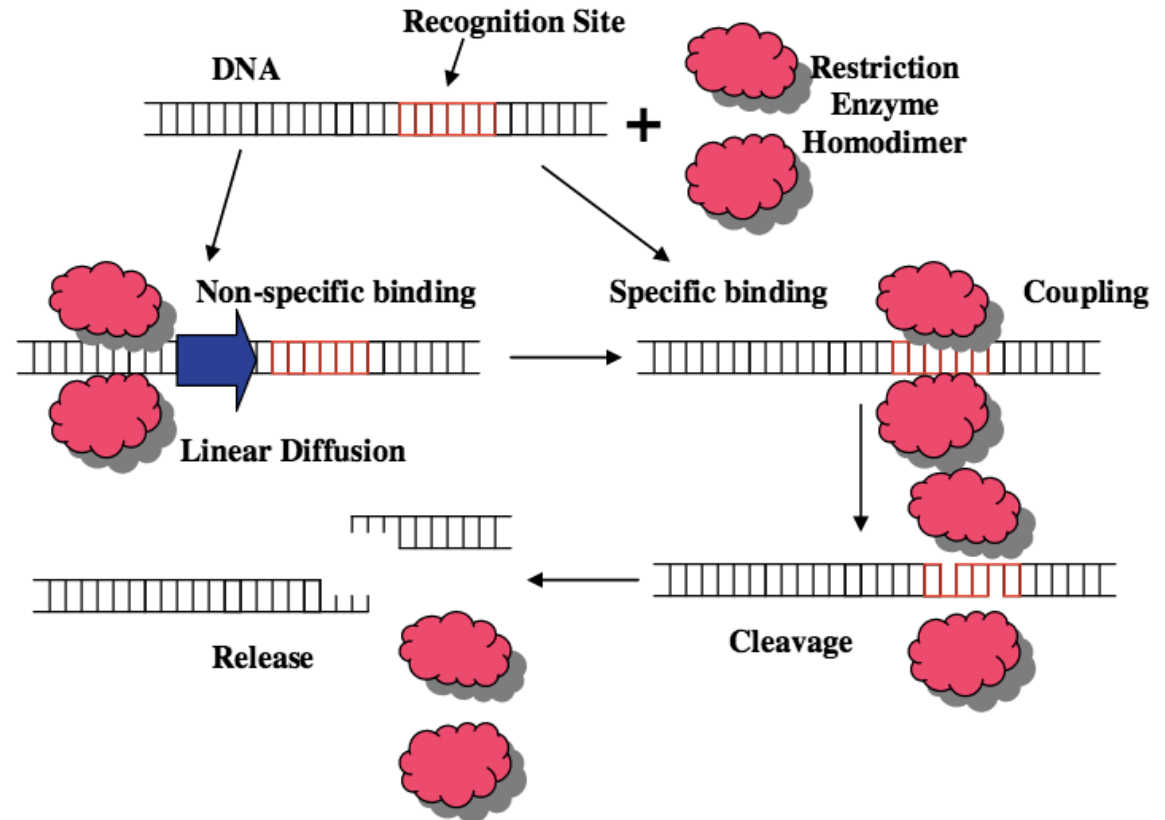


Digestion

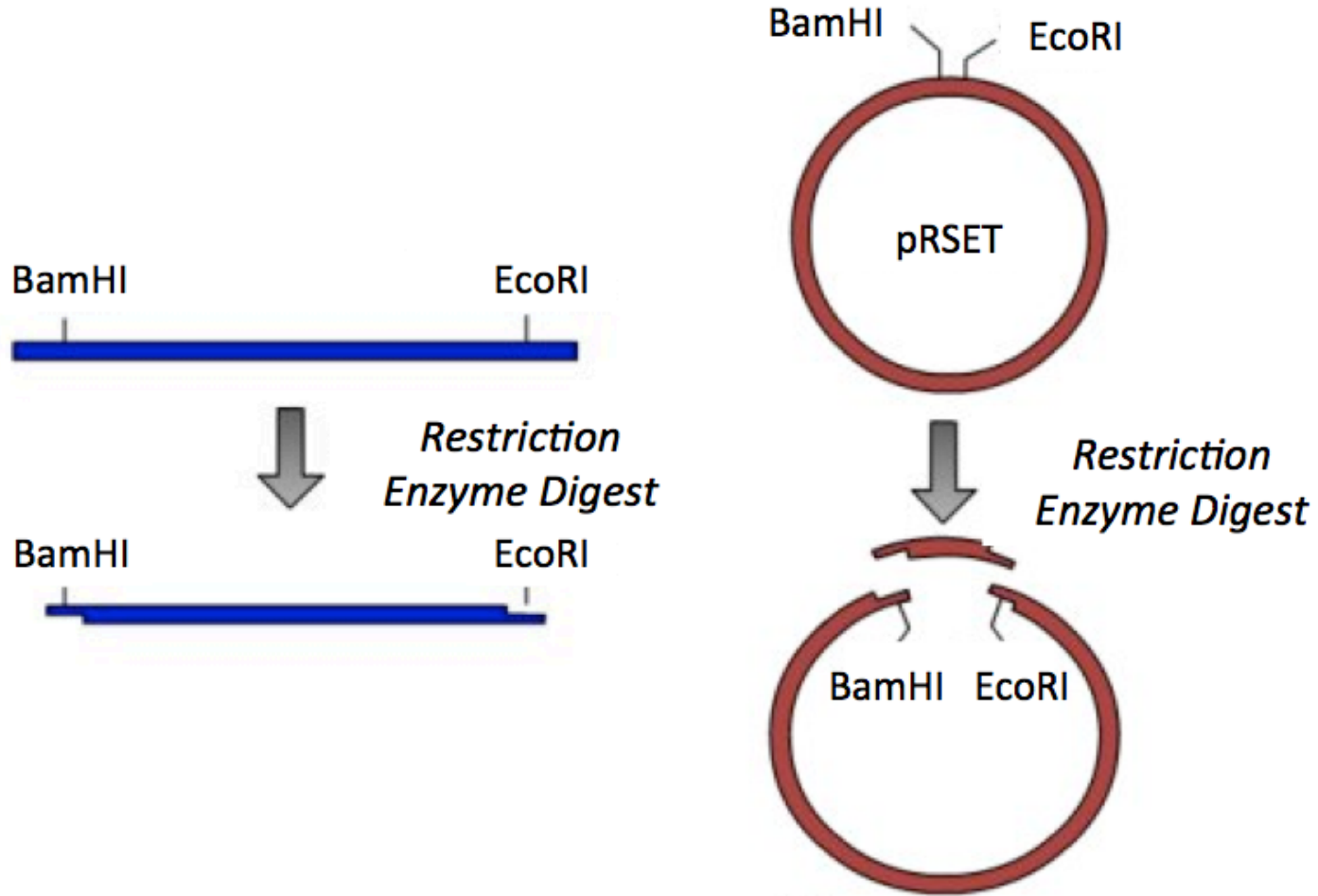


Restriction enzymes

- Function as homodimers
 - Each dimer cleaves backbone at site of palindromic recognition sequence

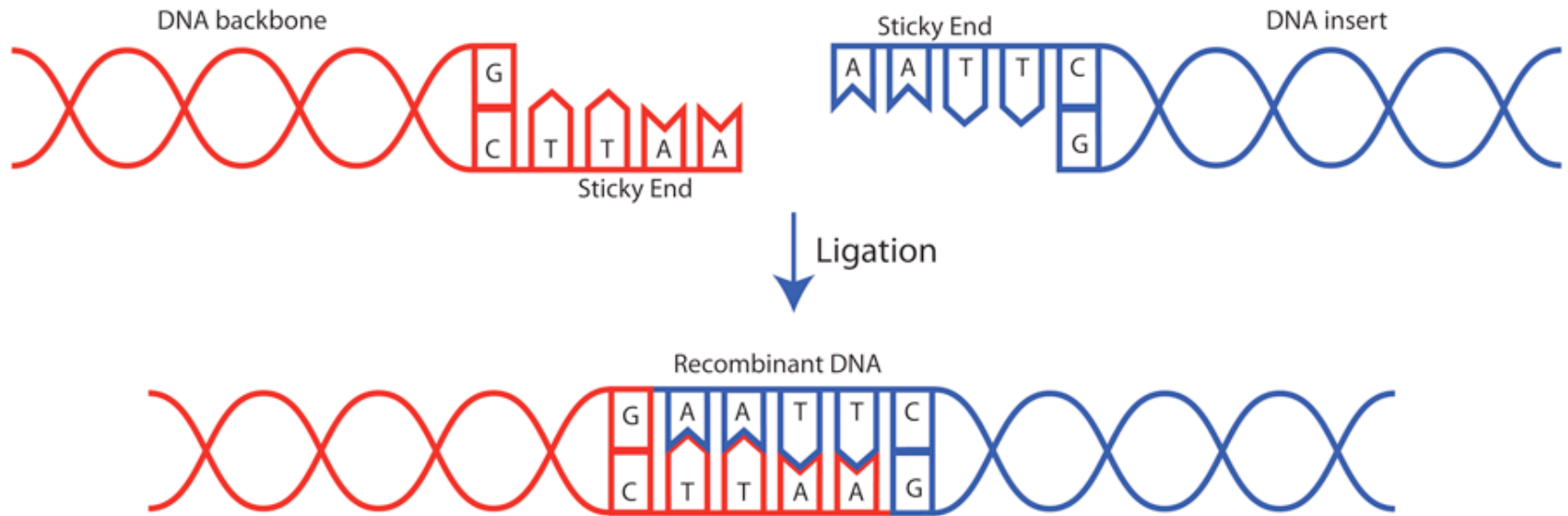


What are we digesting?



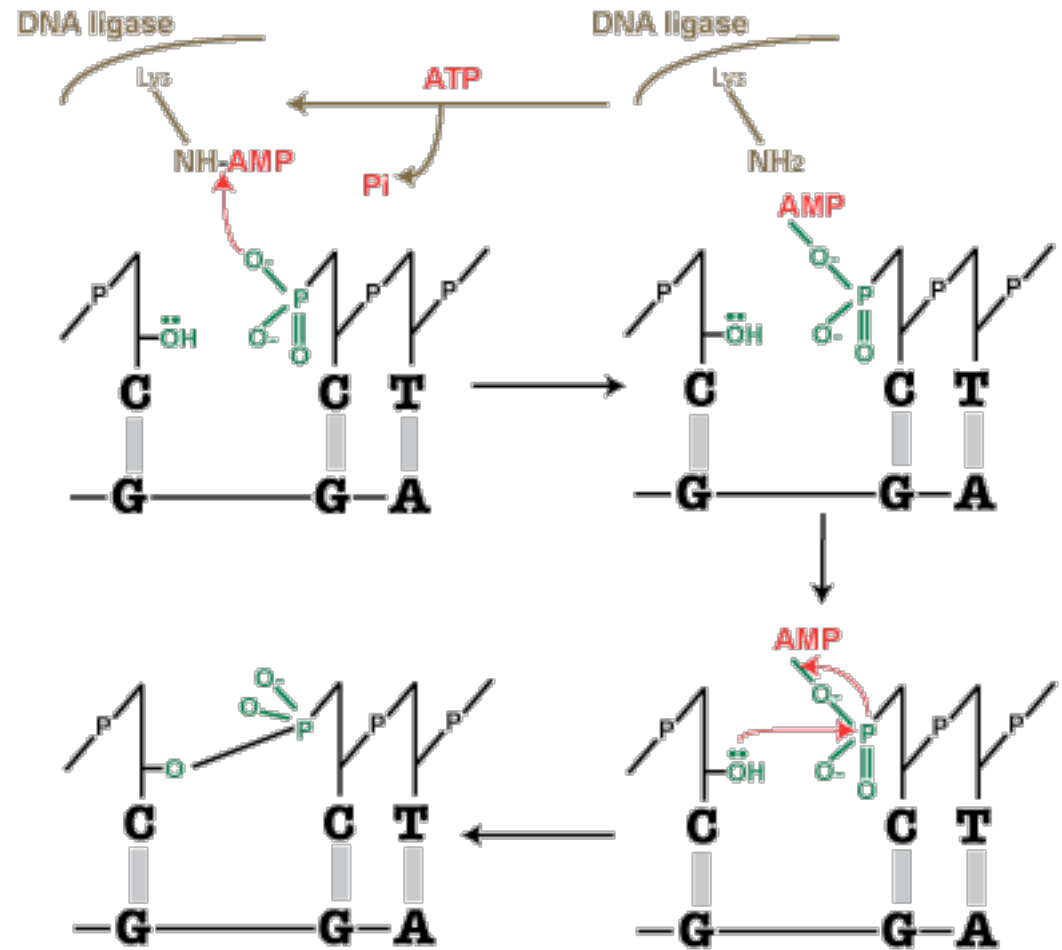
What should we consider when performing a double digest?

Ligation

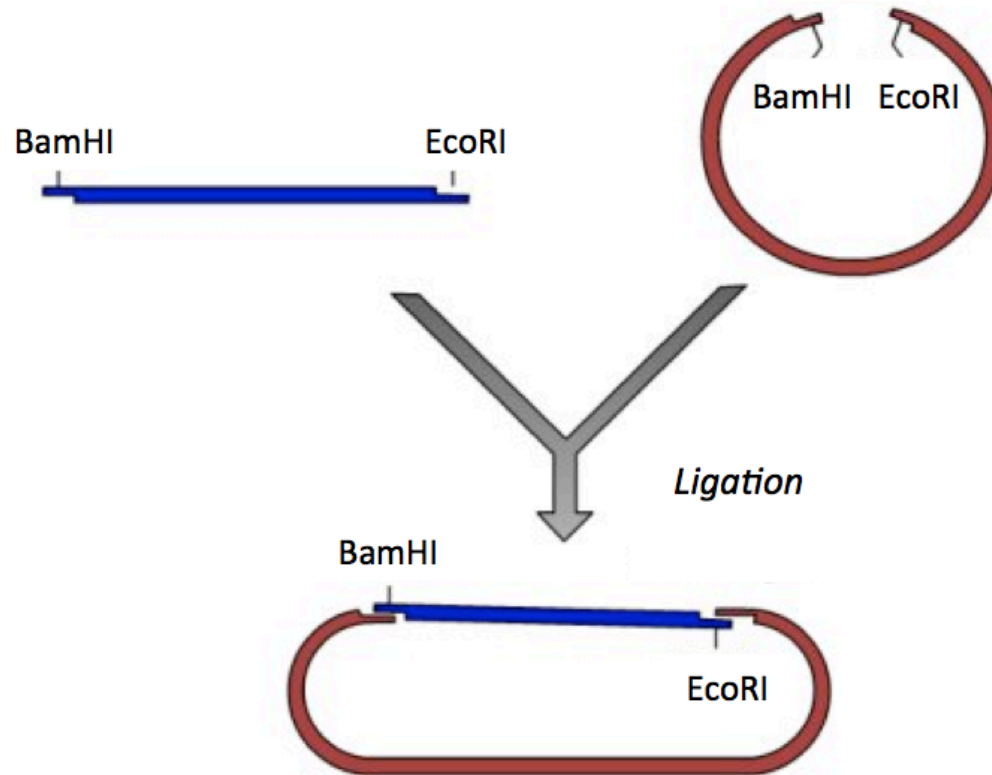


DNA ligase

- Forms covalent phosphodiester bond between 3' OH acceptor and 5' phosphate donor
- Requires ATP



What are we ligating?



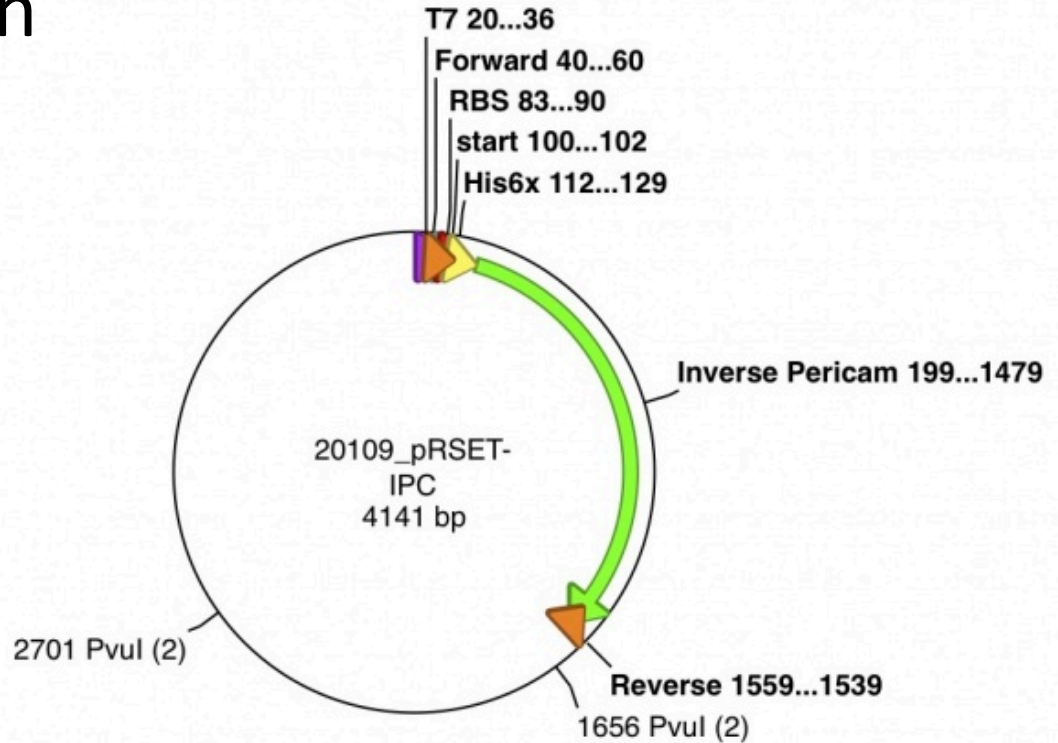
Note: in your laboratory exercise only the 'top' DNA strand is represented...remember this when determining basepair sites of digestion and ligation.

How do we confirm our product?

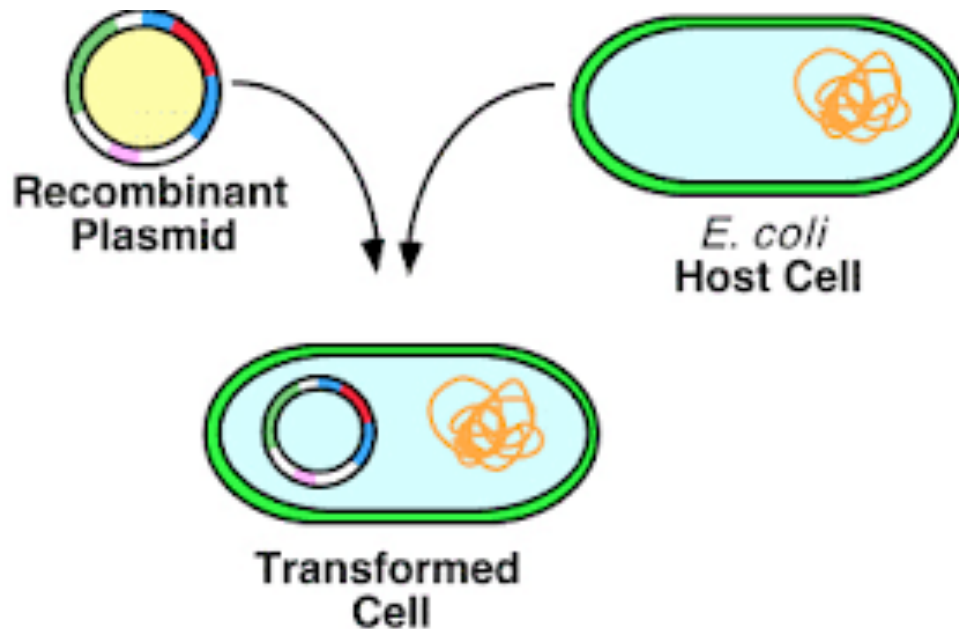
1. Transformation

2. Purification

3. Digestion



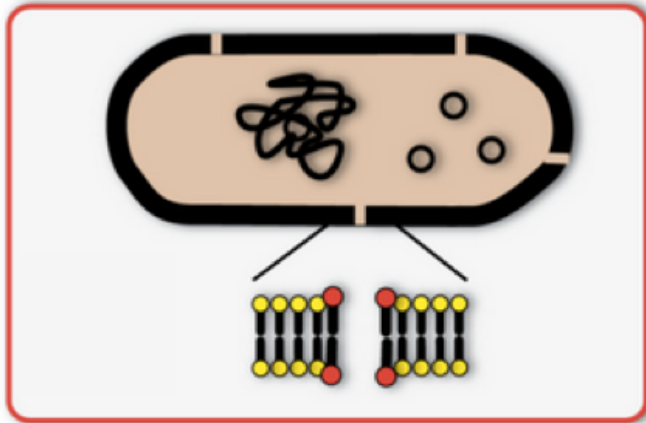
Transformation



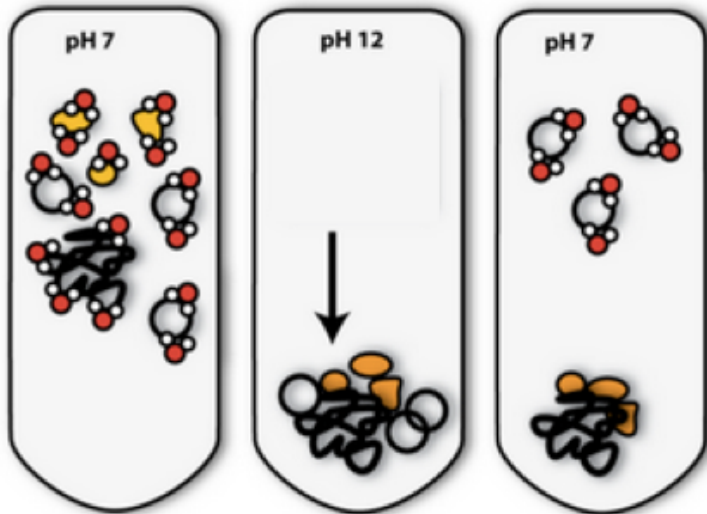
1. Incubation
2. Heat shock
 - DNA taken in by competent cells
3. Recovery
4. Selection

Why do we transform the ligation product?

Purification



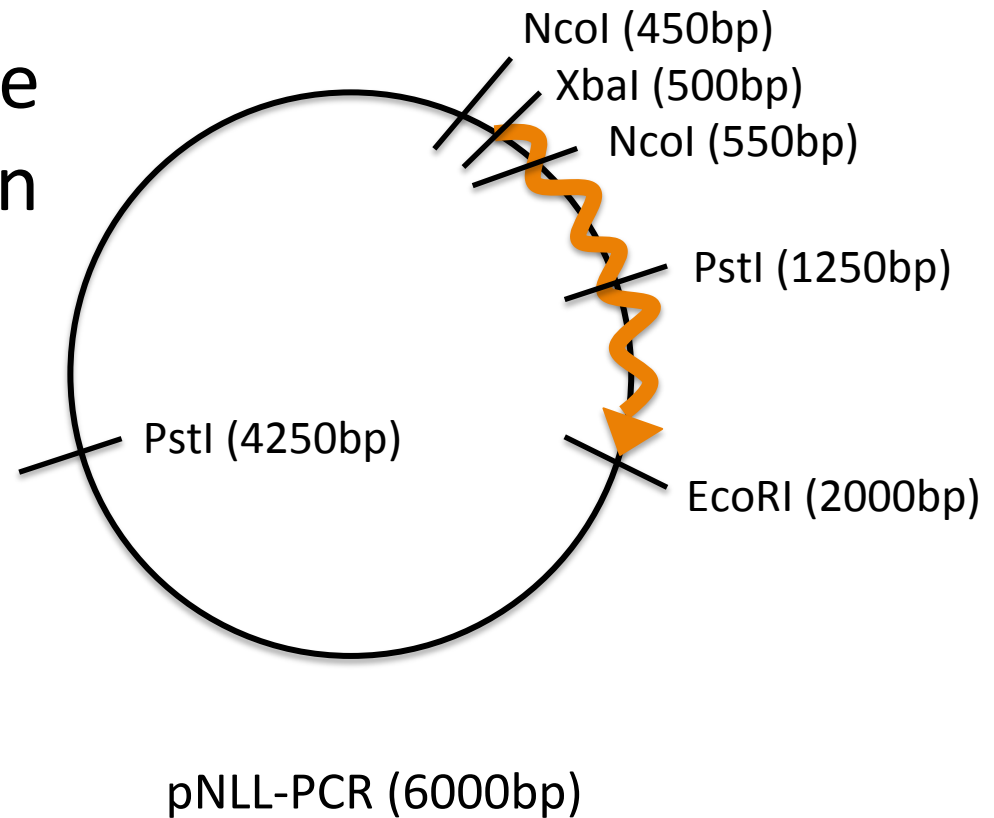
1. Resuspend cells
2. Lysis
3. Neutralization
 - Separates chromosomal DNA from plasmid DNA
4. Wash
5. Resuspend or elute DNA



Why do we purify (mini-prep) the ligation product?

Digestion, again

- Confirmation digests
- Ideally, will cut once in insert and once in vector
 - XbaI and EcoRI?
 - PstI?
 - NcoI?



In the laboratory...

- Orientation laboratory quiz
- Engineer pRSET-IPC product
 - Template for protein engineering
- Confirm pRSET-IPC product

