

M2D5: Prepare for induction of CRISPRi system

1. Pre-lab discussion
2. Examine sequencing data
3. Prepare media conditions
4. Inoculate starter culture



Mod2 Overview

Research goal: Increase the yield of commercially valuable byproducts in *E. coli* using CRISPRi technology to target genes involved in mixed-acid fermentation pathway.

Last Lab:

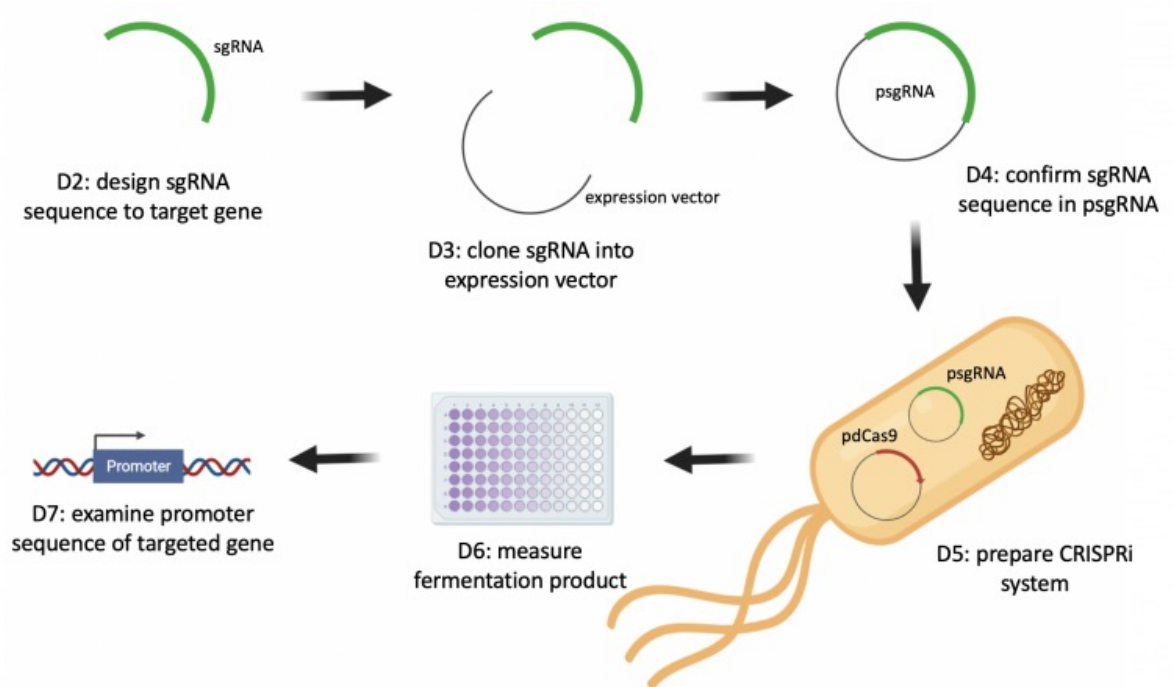
Clone sgRNA into vector to create plasmid that targets gene of interest

This Lab:

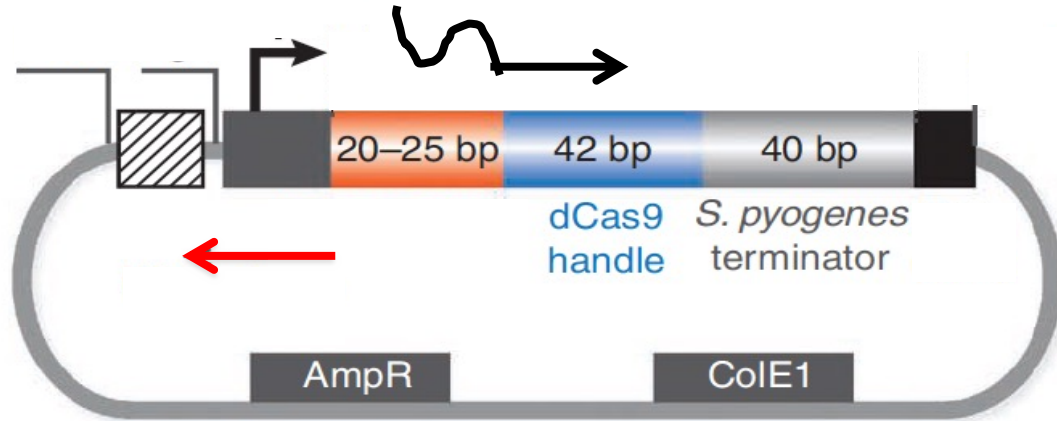
Confirm correct sgRNA cloning and do preliminary CRISPRi system preparations

Next Lab:

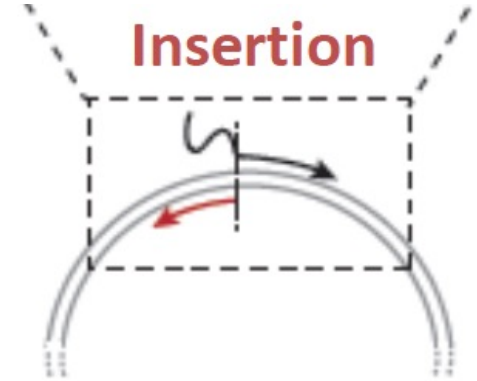
Measure fermentation products



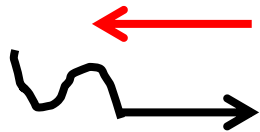
M2D3: Generated pgRNA_target by SDM



pgRNA_template



insertion (NEB5α kit)



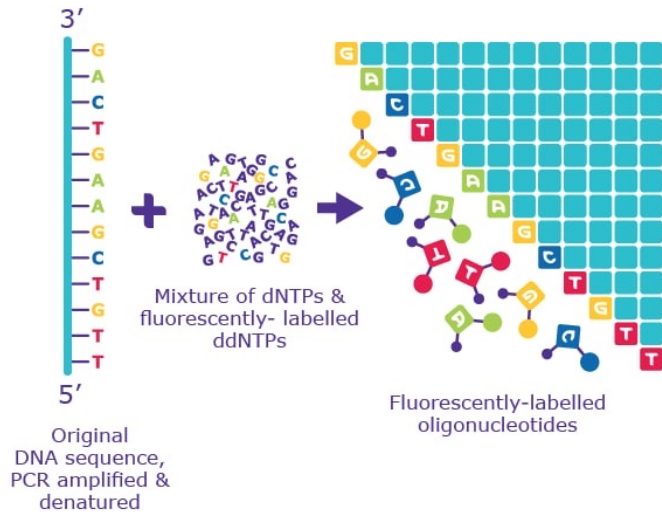
CRISPRi universal *amplification* reverse primer

forward primer including crRNA to be inserted ()

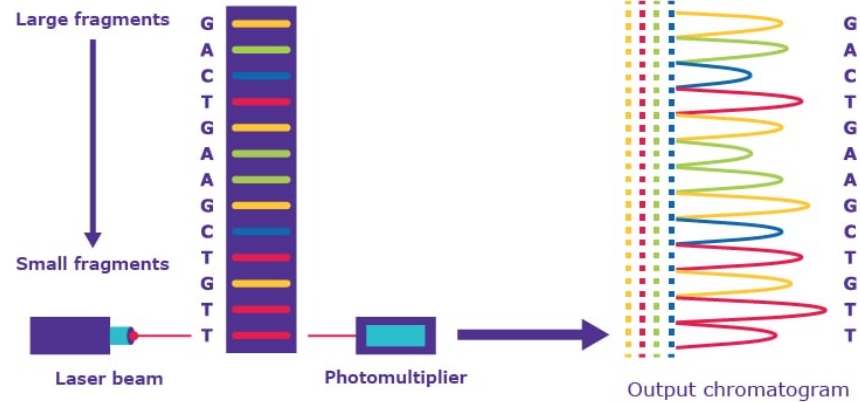
dCas9 handle ()

Sanger Sequencing review

1 PCR with fluorescent, chain-terminating ddNTPs



2 Size separation by capillary gel electrophoresis



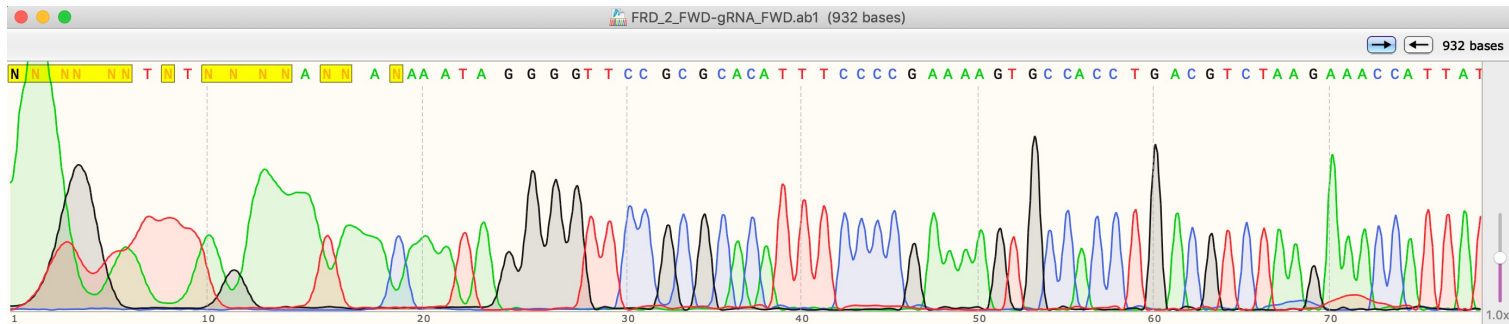
3 Laser excitation & detection by sequencing machine

Analyzing Sequence Information

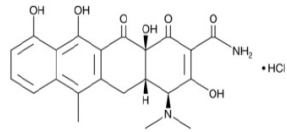
- Was your target sequence successfully incorporated into the pgRNA_target plasmid?
 - Open the Seq file in Snapgene and search for your gRNA sequence



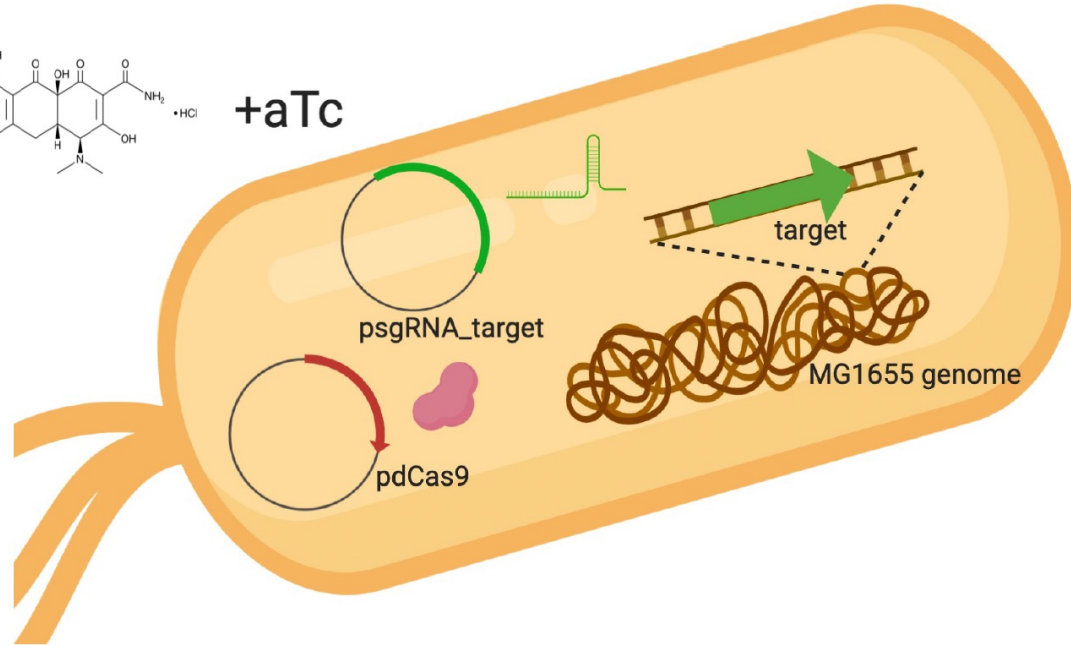
- Sanger sequencing traces are also on Dropbox (ab1 files)



CRISPRi blocks gene expression in presence of inducer



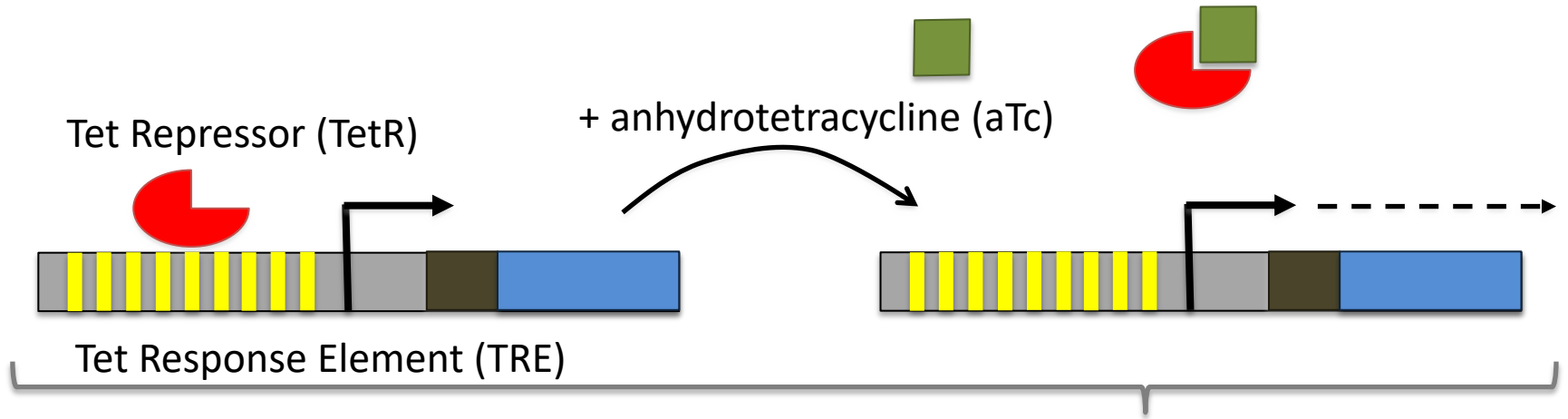
+aTc



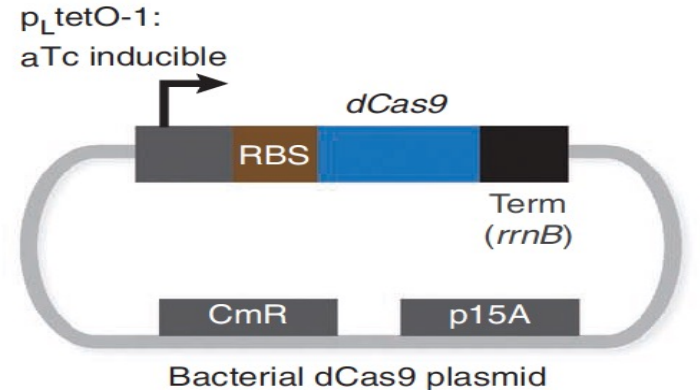
- Expressed constitutively:
- Expression induced with aTc:

dCas9 protein associates with gRNA/target gene to repress target gene expression

aTc induction of pdCas9



- Tet promoter regulates expression of dCas9 gene



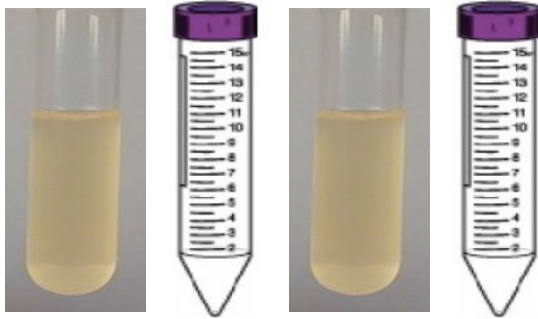
Set up culture for mixed-acid fermentation and pdCas9 induction

What components do we need to include for each condition?

- MG1655
- MG1655 + CRISPR

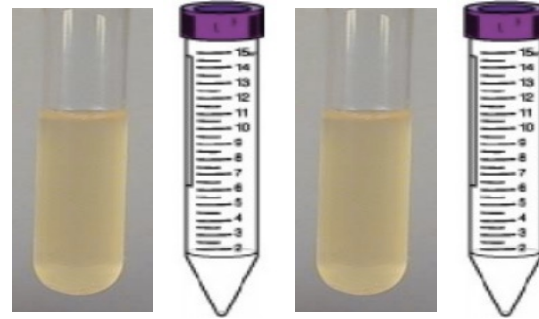
Set up liquid cultures for mixed-acid fermentation and pdCas9 induction

- Where do we expect most ethanol/acetate if hypothesis confirmed?



+ O₂ - O₂ + O₂ - O₂
- aTc - aTc + aTc + aTc

MG1655



+ O₂ - O₂ + O₂ - O₂
- aTc - aTc + aTc + aTc

MG1655 with CRISPRi

For today

1. Examine sequencing data
2. Set up media conditions for inoculation
3. Inoculate starter culture of bacteria for experiments

For M2D6...

1. Write a methods section for M2D3-M2D5