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## Announcements

(4), (cont.): Sanity check - as insert size ↓, molar amount per same mass concentration ↑

- Lab quiz next time
- Regular OH in 16-319, 4-5 pm on Tuesdays
- Methods FNT: content (concentrations!); <sup>+ identity</sup> (e.g., primers) organization/telegraphing; formal language

(4) • Ligation sample calculation: <sup>"run": ~~4.35~~ → "revaluated, electrophoresed, separated"</sup> See T/R Prep.

ladder-20μL DNA = 15 × 20/23 = 4.35μL bkb ~ 36ng marker ins ~ 100ng

ex  $36 \times 2 \text{ ng} \div 4.35 \mu\text{L} = 16.6 \text{ ng}/\mu\text{L}$  ins ~ 46 ng/μL

$50 \text{ ng bkb} \times \frac{\mu\text{L}}{16.6 \text{ ng}} \approx 3 \mu\text{L bkb}$

$50 \text{ ng bkb} \times \frac{\text{mol. bp bkb}}{500 \text{ ng}} \times \frac{4 \mu\text{L ins}}{1 \text{ mol bkb}} \times \frac{660 \text{ bp ins}}{4300 \text{ bp bkb}} \times \frac{500 \text{ ng}}{\text{mol. bp ins}} \times \frac{4.35 \mu\text{L}}{200 \text{ ng}} \approx \underline{0.68 \mu\text{L}}$

## Where we are/going

D4: make the desired clone

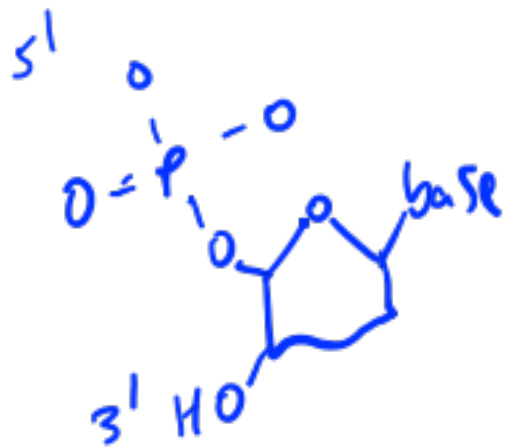
D4-5: amplify and select DNA in E. coli

D5+: test candidate  $\Delta 5$  clones

→ for correctness

→ for HR (w/ A3)

# DNA ligation



Reaction creates *new phosphodiester bond*

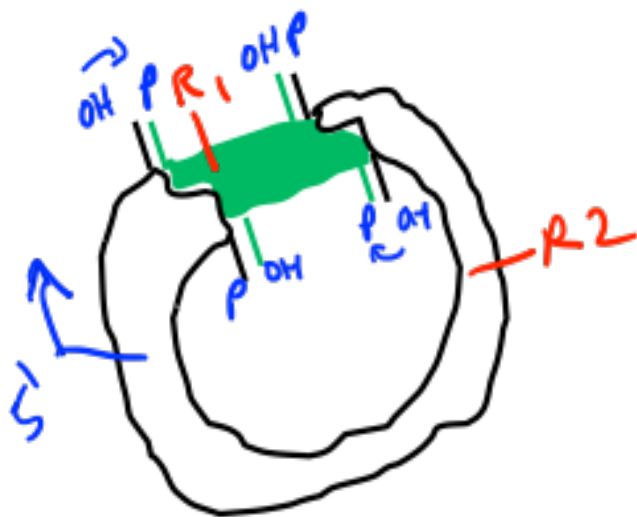
Reaction requires *ATP*

What factors affect yield?

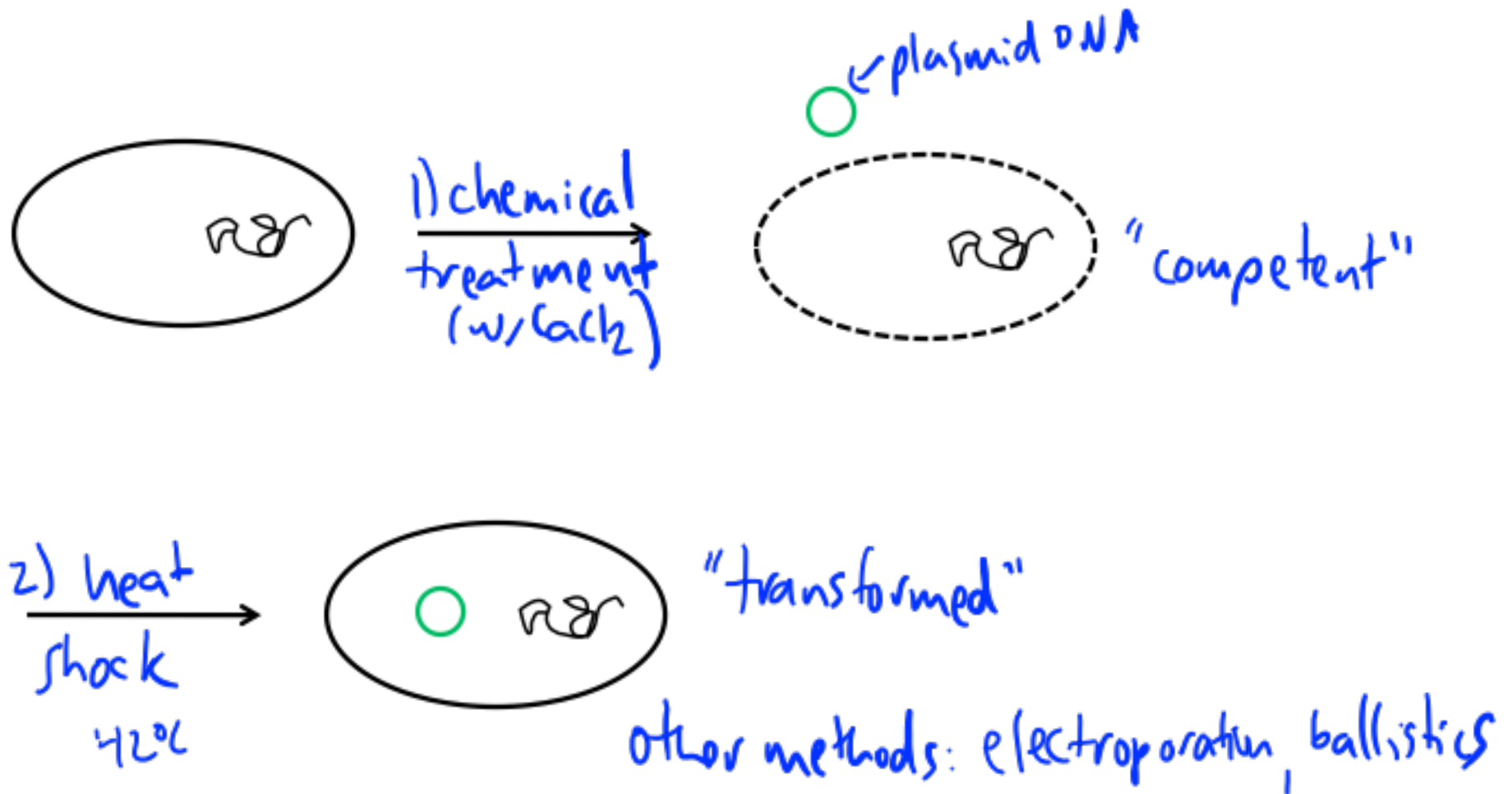
- [ATP], quality *ligase quality*
- pH, salt
- T, t
- bkb:ins ratio, [DNA]

How do we assess if it worked?

*diagnostic digest \*plan for FNT  
(sequencing)*

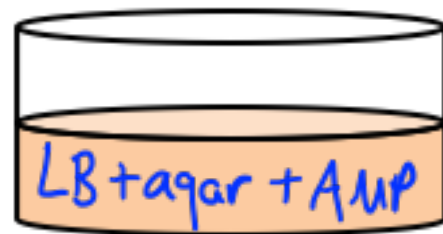


# Bacterial transformation

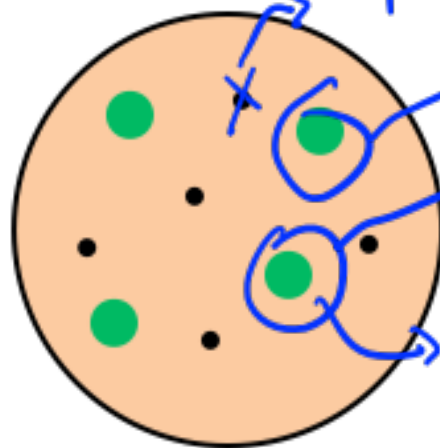
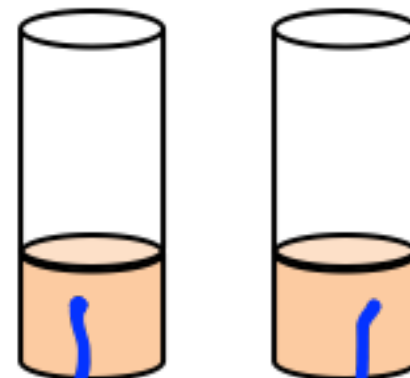


# DNA amplification in bacteria

Plate bacteria + DNA mixture



LB + AMP



no plasmid → die

Why grow/test multiple candidates?

not all are correct

- multiple inserts
- bkb alone (incomplete digest)

take up plasmid → multi-cell colonies

# Interpreting transformation data

\* view data holistically

\* transformation efficiency (+), take care w/ amounts

Sample	Role	Expectation... what if?
no DNA (skip today)	(-) control for contamination	E: none W: LOTS
pCX-EGFP	(+) control for transformation	E: LOTS W: none
bkb + ins, no ligase	uncut plasmid	E: none, few
bkb + ligase	singly cut plasmid (+ uncut)	E: few, some
bkb + ins, + ligase	expt'l	E: some, many W: << (+)?

contamination w/ resistant bacteria or DNA  
wrong plates (incl. dead/old)

killed cells  
wrong antibiotic  
low [DNA]

W: many? poor digestion efficiency

rxn. issues  
too low [DNA]



# Today in Lab: M1D4

- Keep ligase *and* ligase buffer (ATP) cold
- DNA precipitation after ligation reaction
  - Yeast tRNA – "carrier" – see DNA, improve yield
  - Ethanol – precipitates XNA
- WAC visit at 3:20 pm – Leslie on abstracts
- Be gentle with competent cells
- Sterile technique for transformations: demo

borrow FNT,  
revise but make  
clear (hybrid  
grading)

★ ask us if you removed  
enough EtOH ★

{ keep cold  
don't vortex

↳ during incubations, 2-4 groups @ a time