

# *Synthetic Biology*

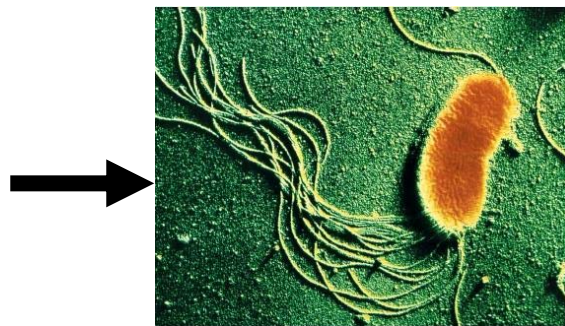
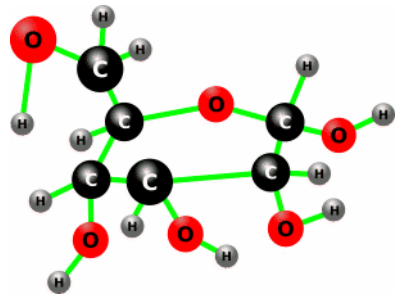
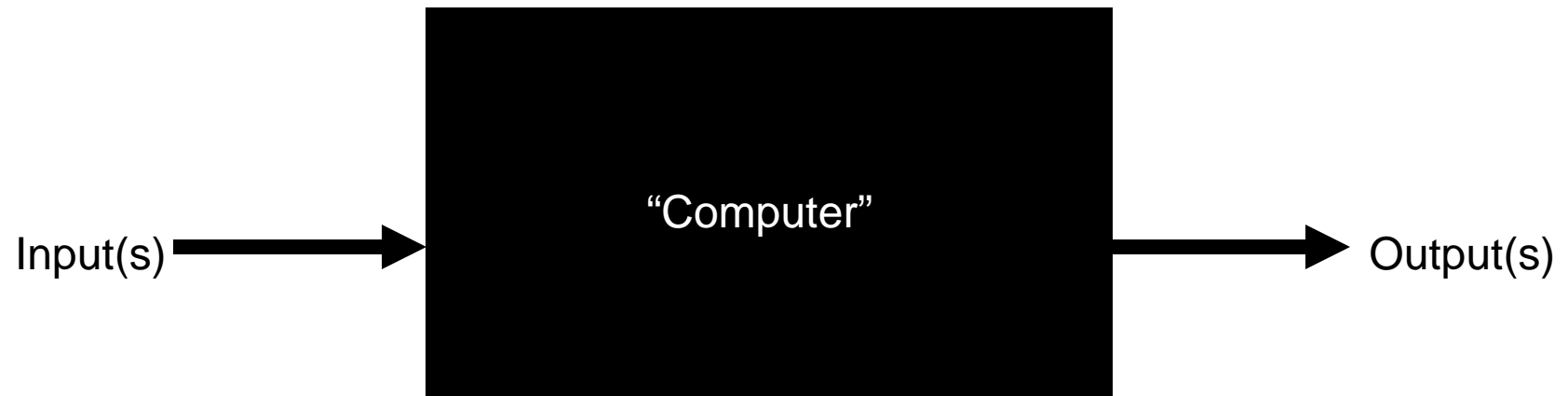
*an overview  
bits and bases*

*April 14, 2008  
Washington DC*

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**DNA is a programming language**



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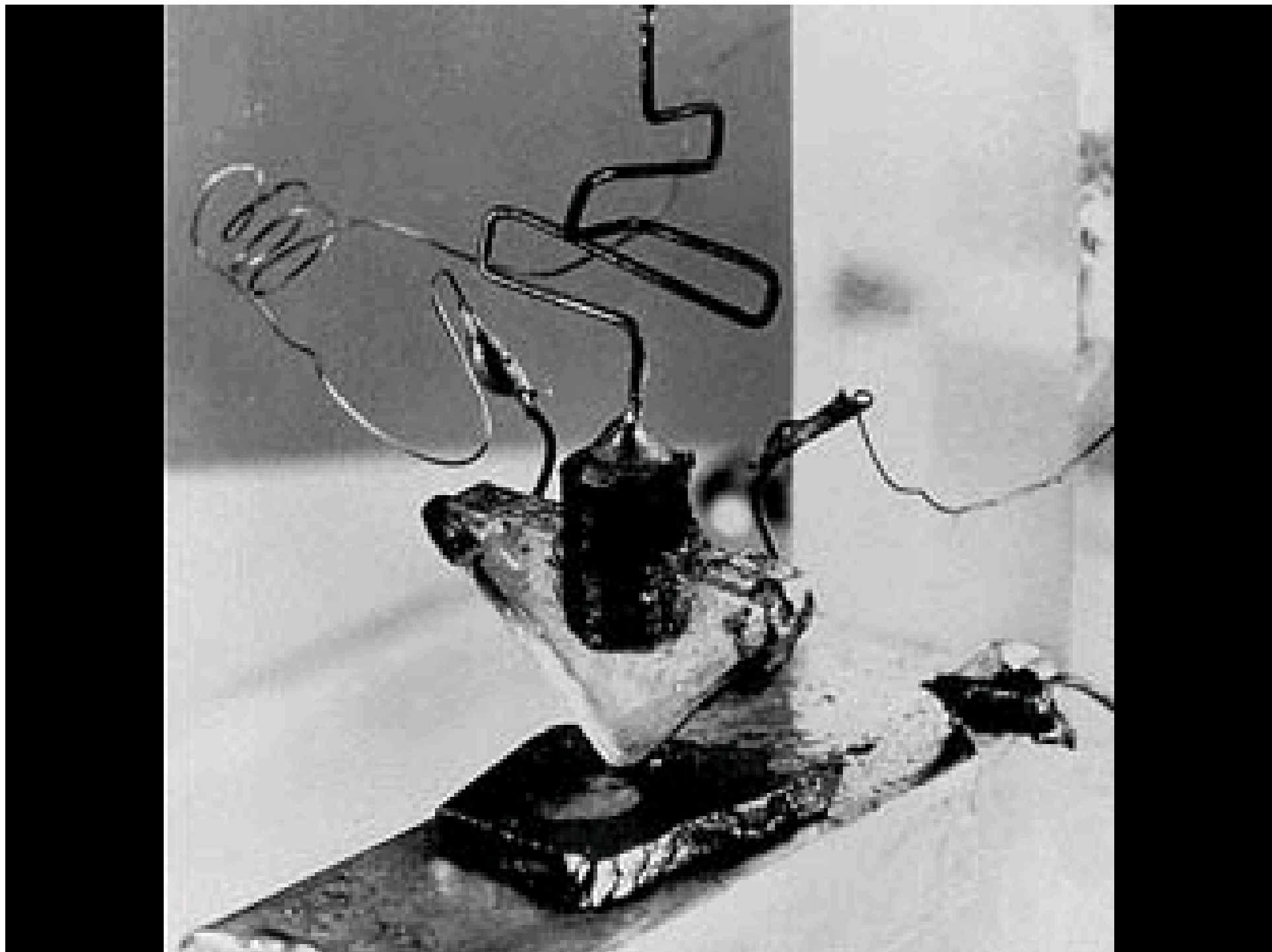
***Bits*** (0, 1's) encode software for electronic processors

***Bases*** (A,T,G,C's) encode software for cells

*DNA is source code for cells.*

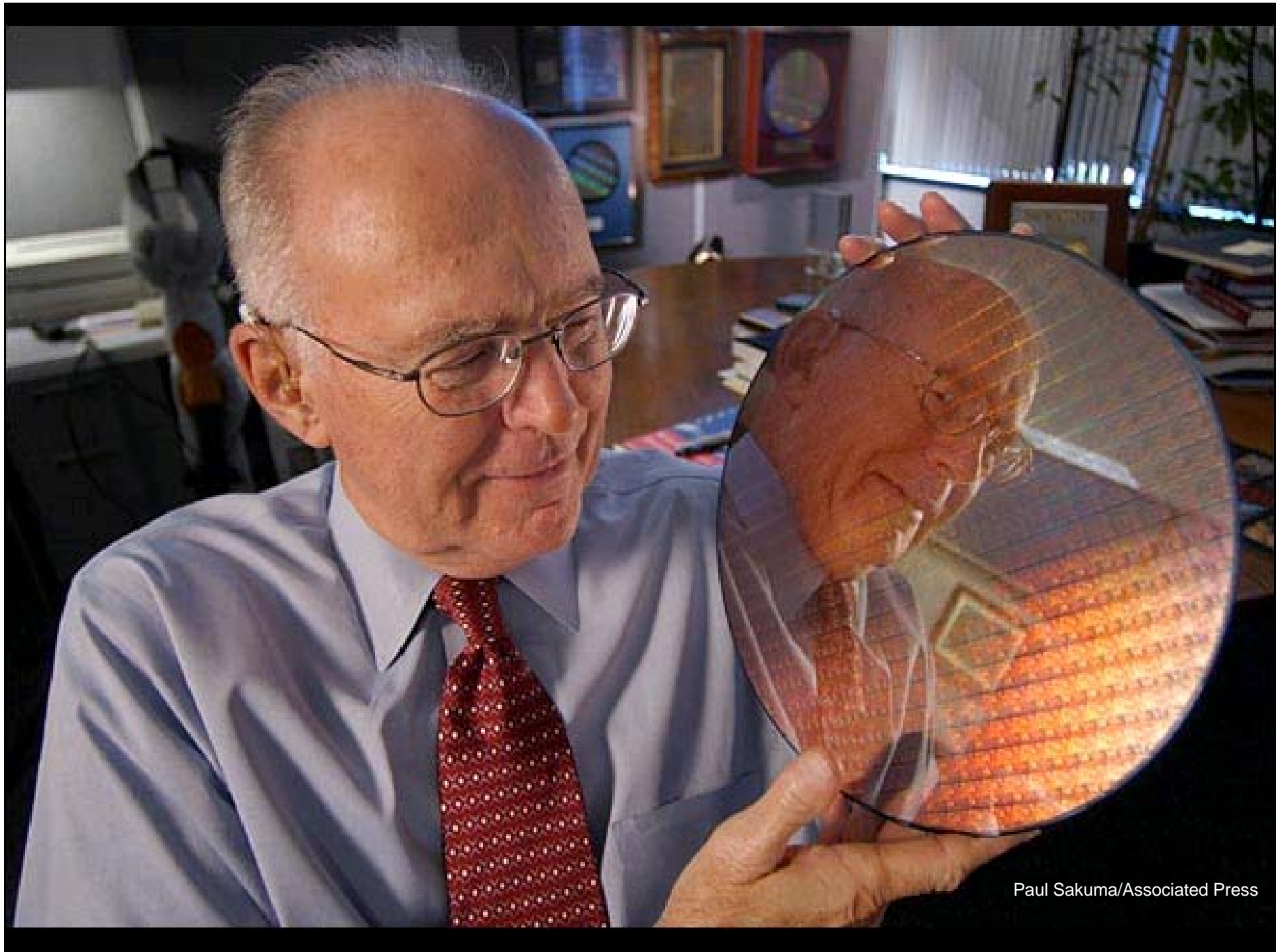
*Synthetic biology is about how to program cells efficiently and reliably*



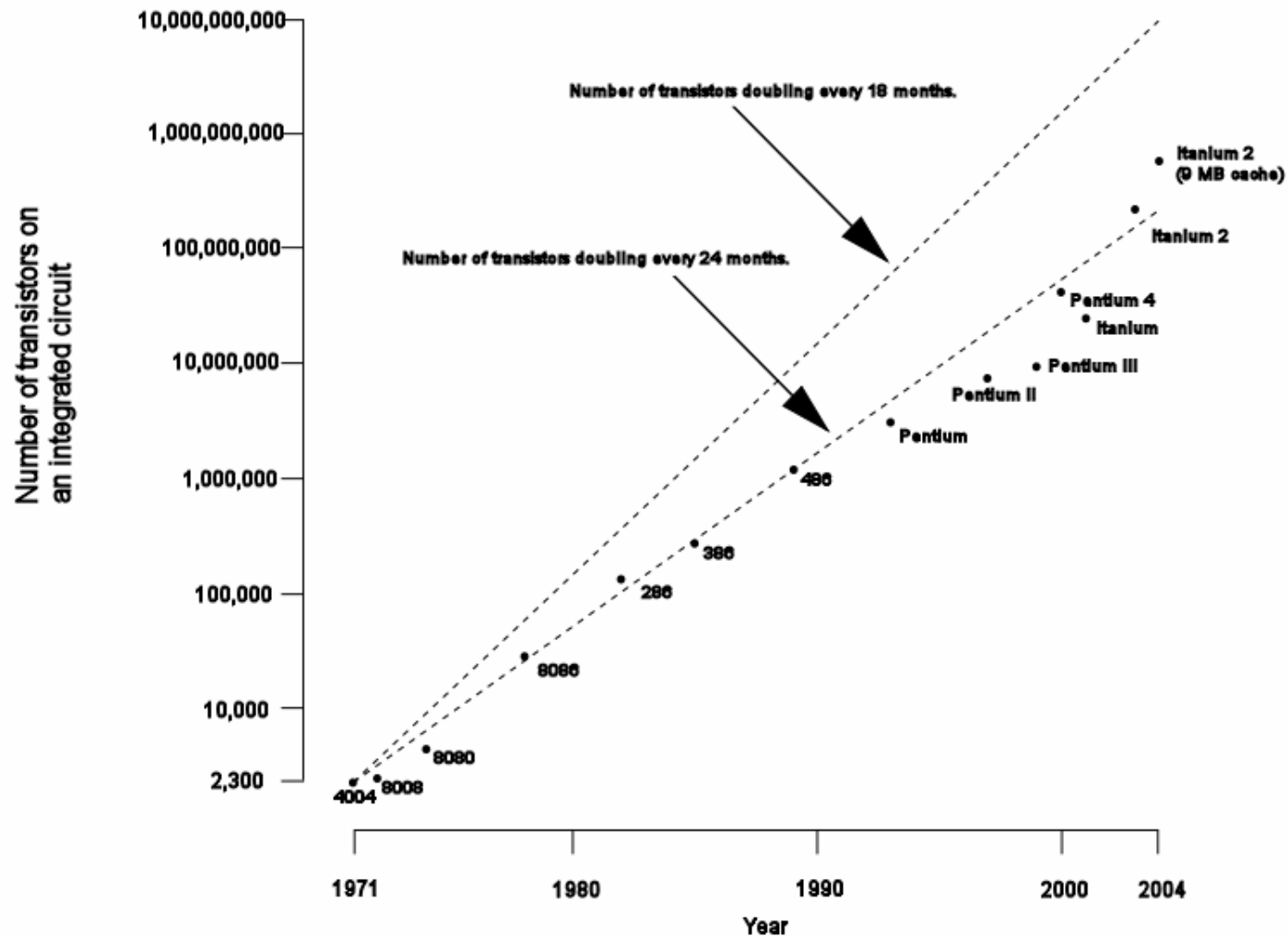
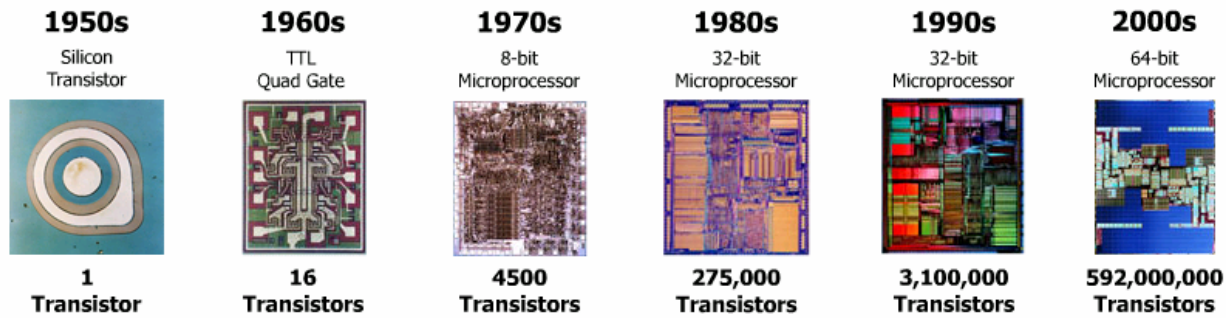




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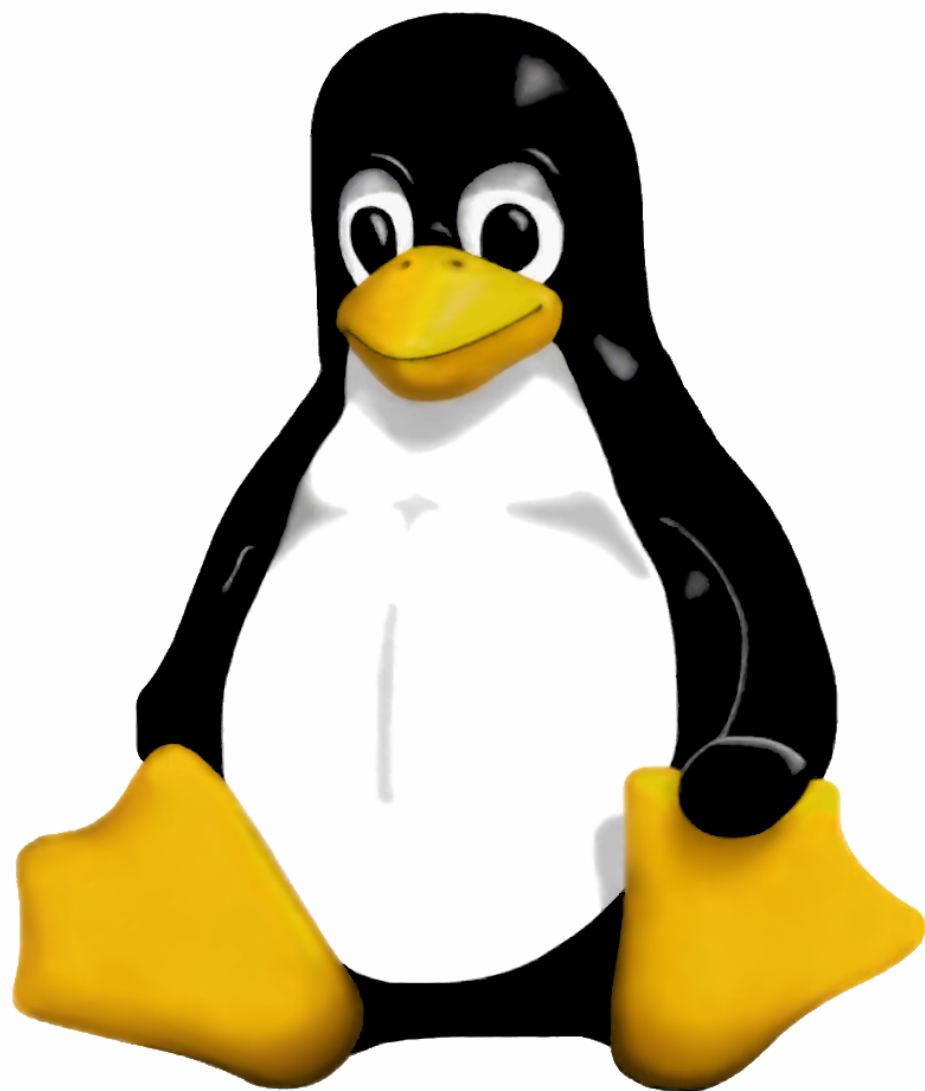
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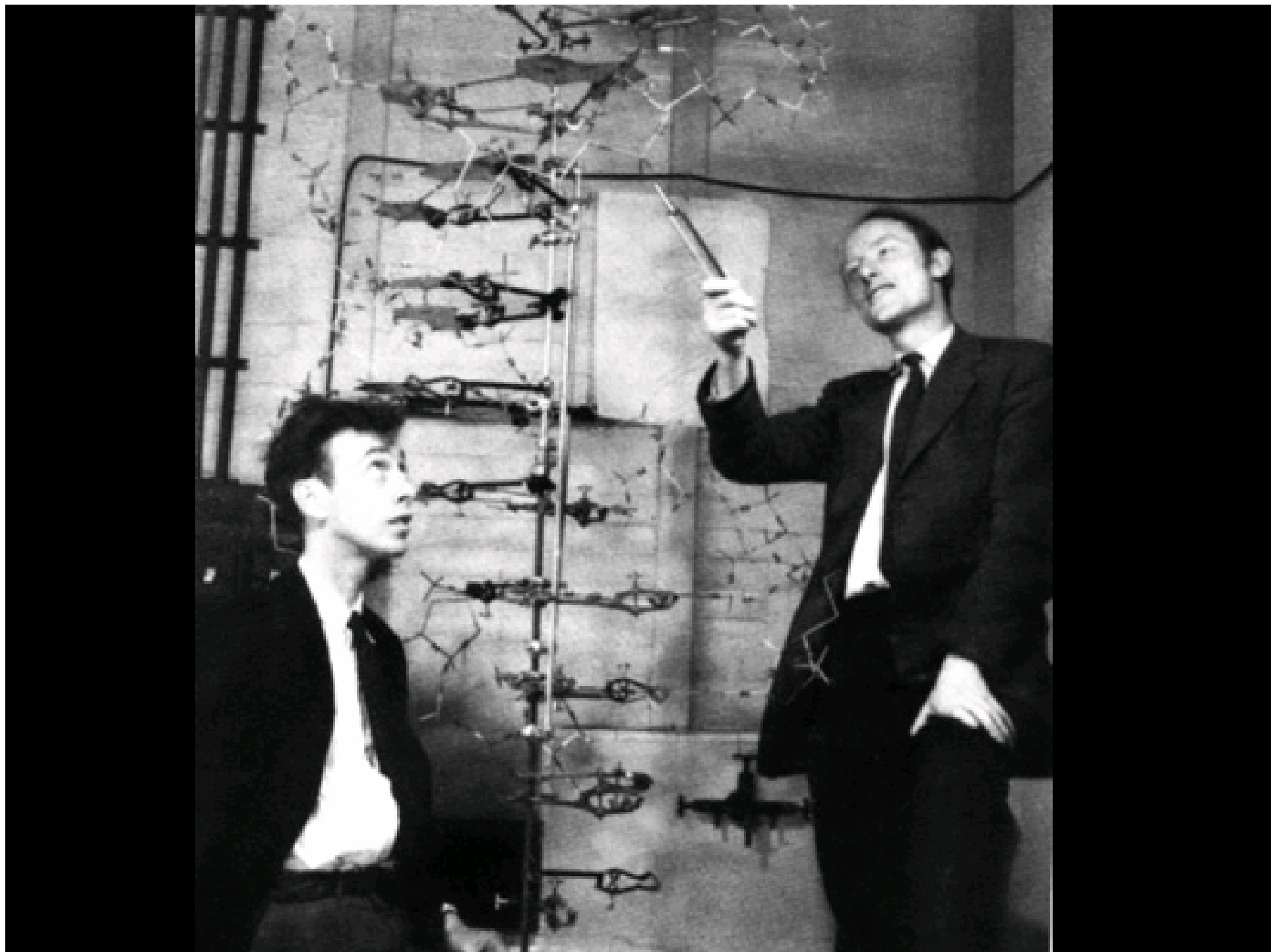




**So what about biological processors?**

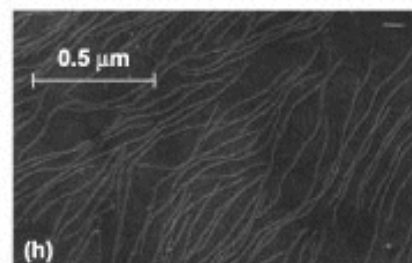
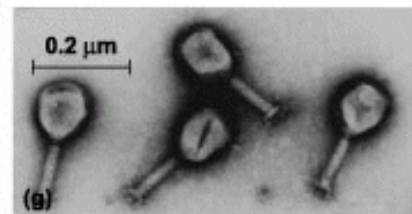
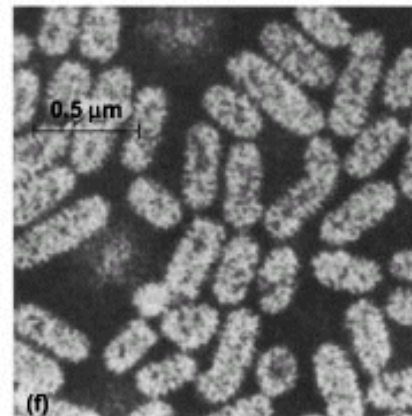
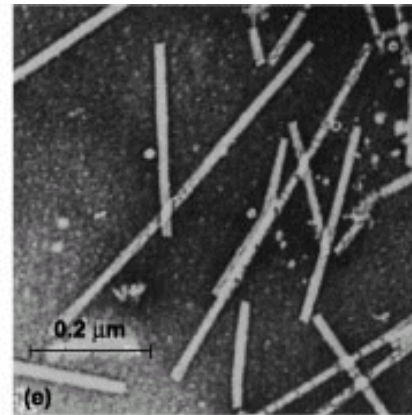
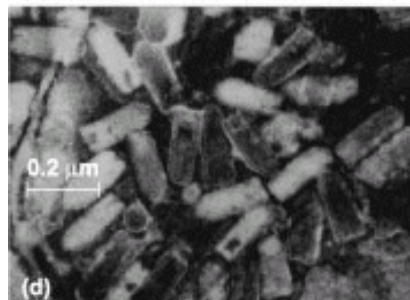
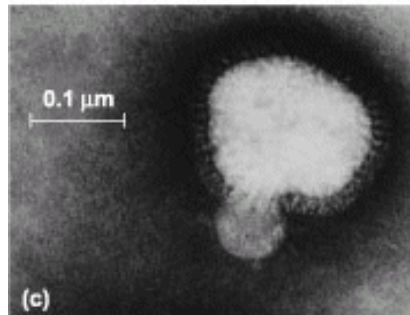
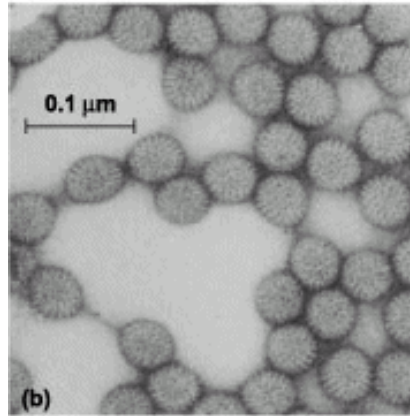
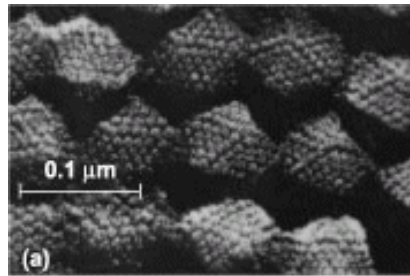
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**So why aren't programmed cells an  
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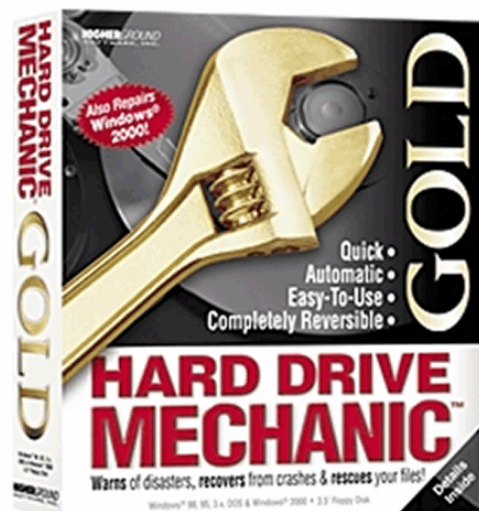
## *Secrets of Reverse Engineering*

### **What Is Reverse Engineering?**

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Reverse engineering is the process of extracting the knowledge or design blueprints from anything man-made. The concept has been around since long before computers or modern technology, and probably dates back to the days of the industrial revolution. It is very similar to scientific research, in which a researcher is attempting to work out the “blueprint” of the atom or the human mind. The difference between reverse engineering and conventional scientific research is that with reverse engineering the artifact being investigated is man-made, unlike scientific research where it is a natural phenomenon.

Eldad Eilam



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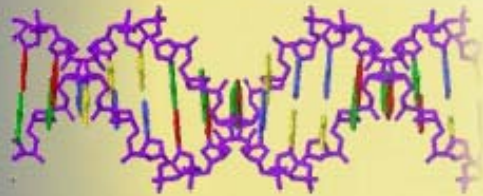


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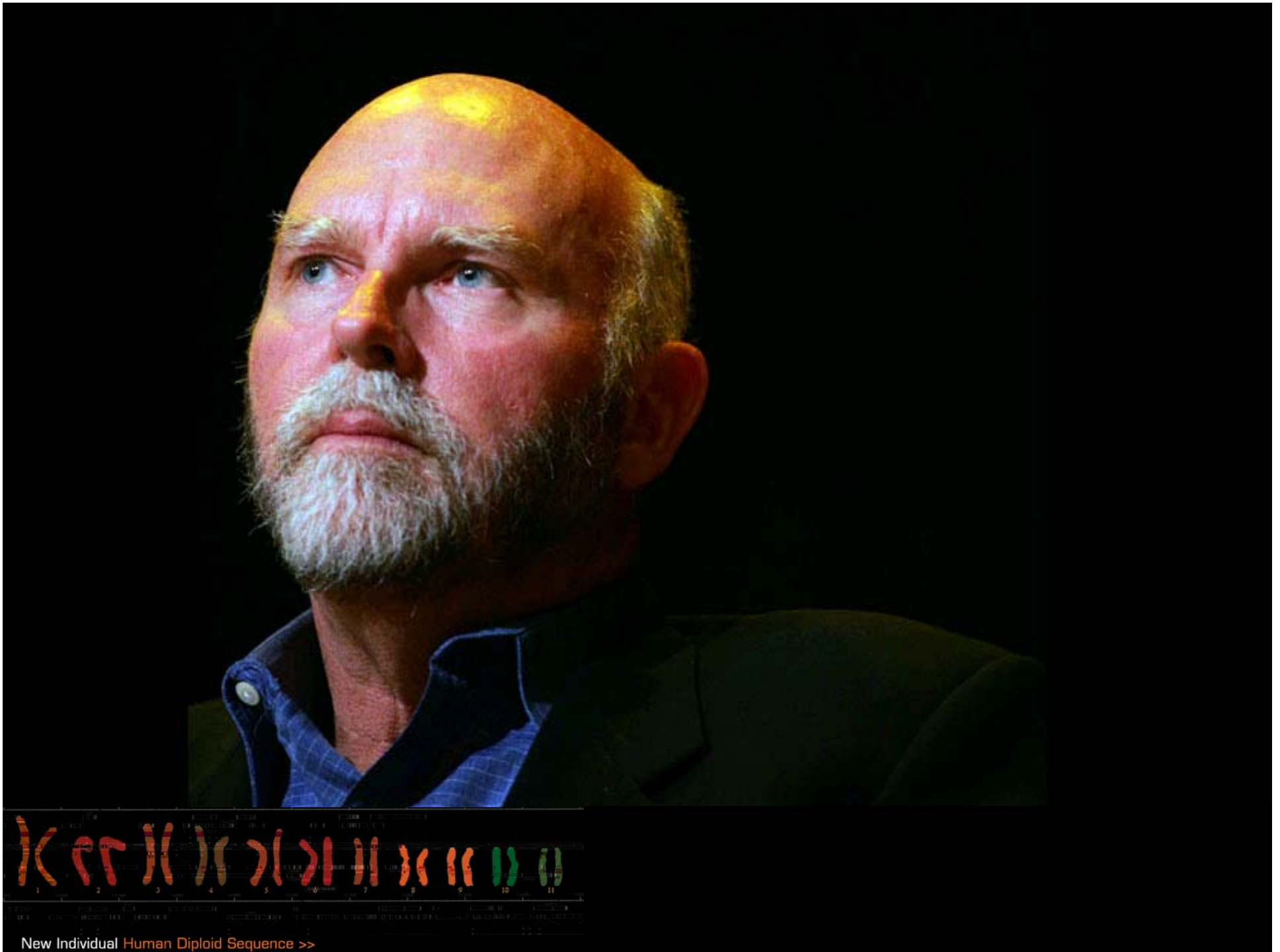
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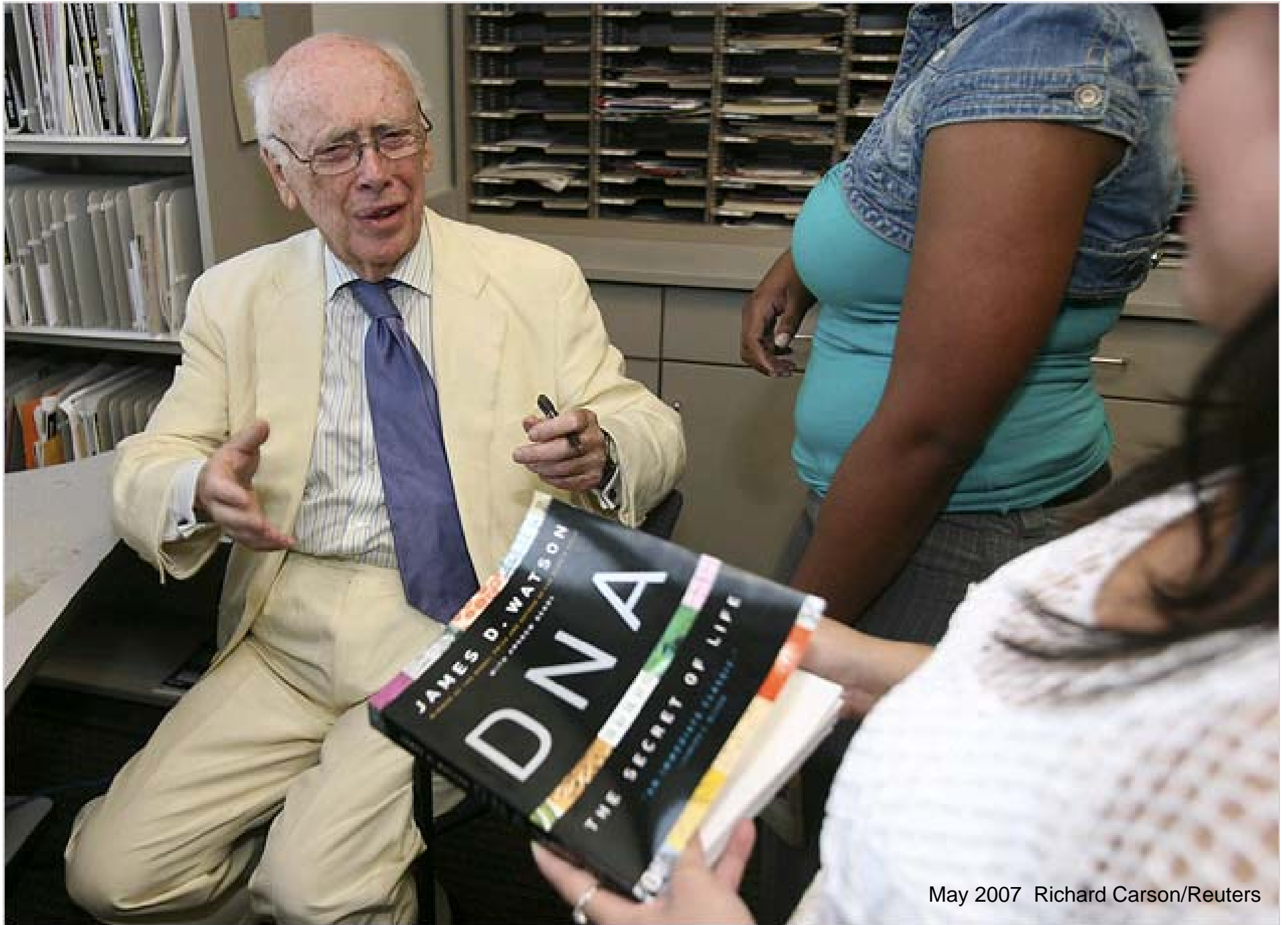
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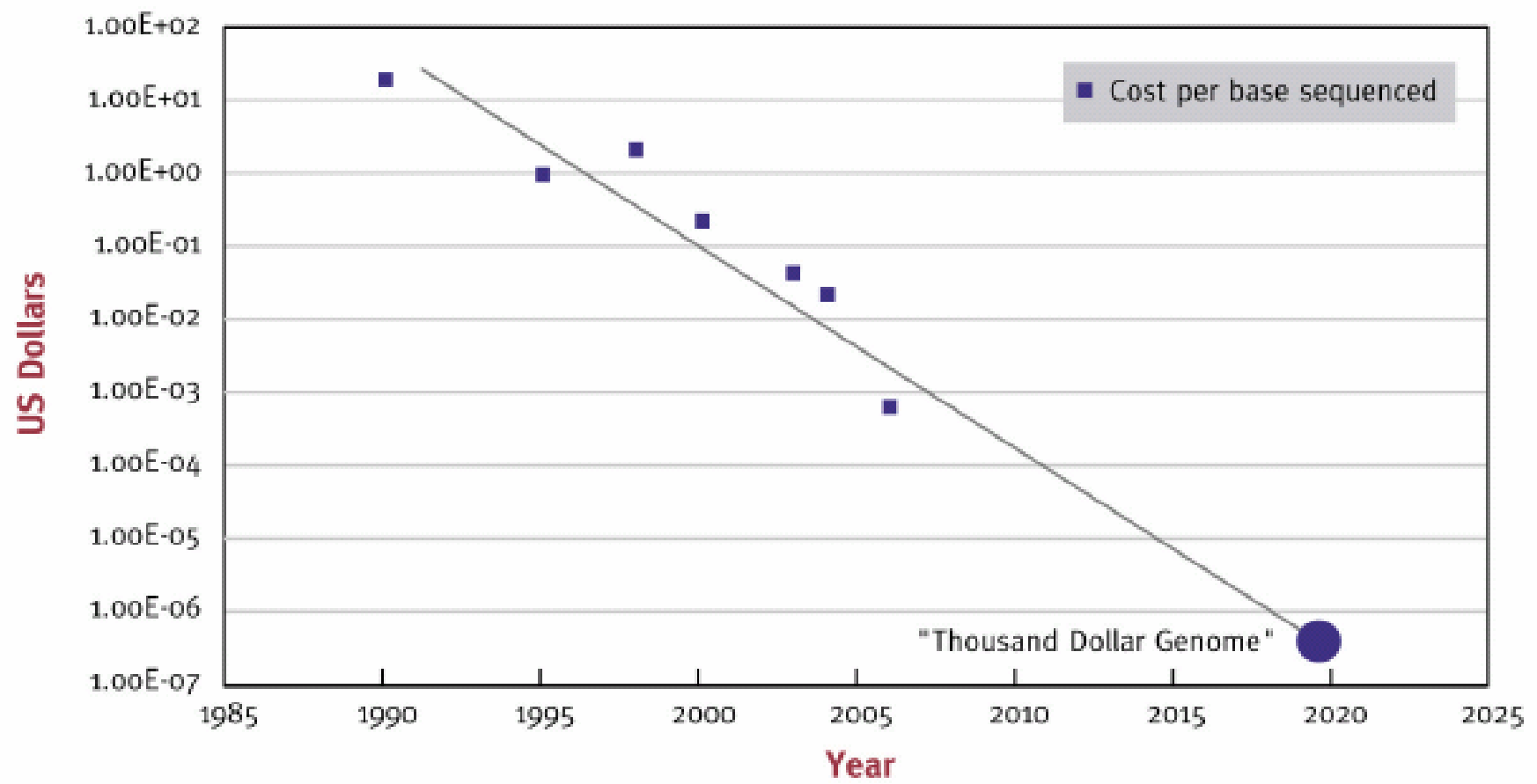
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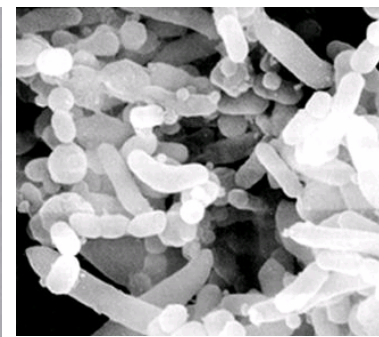


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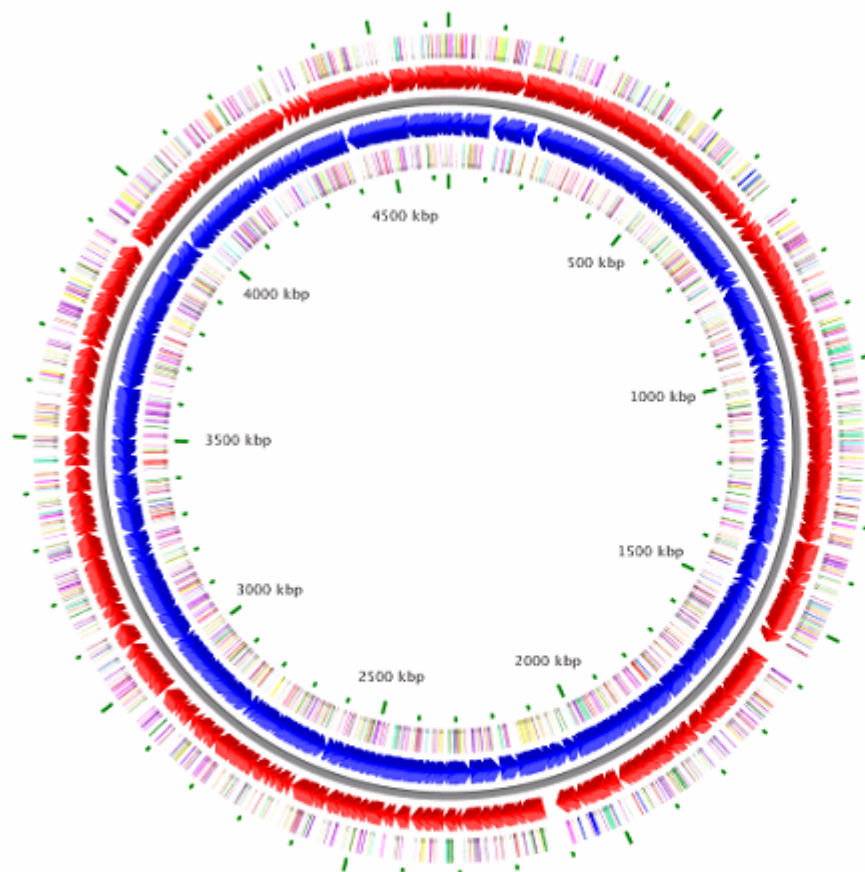
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## Environmental Shotgun Sequencing: Its Potential and Challenges for Studying the Hidden World of Microbes





*E coli K12 complete genome*



# BASys

## Genes encoding proteins

- Forward strand
- Reverse strand

## Genes encoding functional RNA

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## COG functional categories

### Information storage and processing

- Translation, ribosomal structure and biogenesis
- Transcription
- DNA replication, recombination and repair

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### Metabolism

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- Coenzyme metabolism
- Lipid metabolism
- Secondary metabolites biosynthesis, transport and catabolism

### Poorly characterized

- General function prediction only
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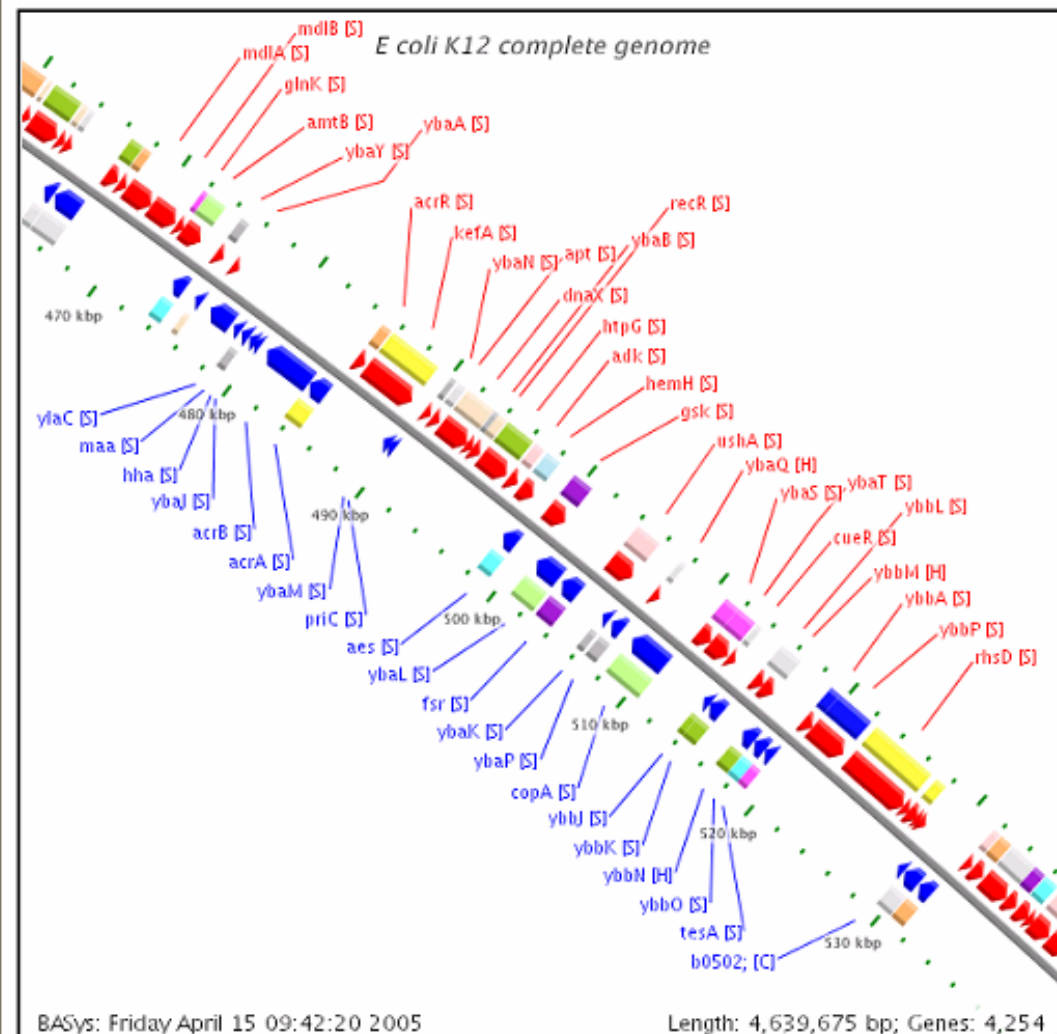
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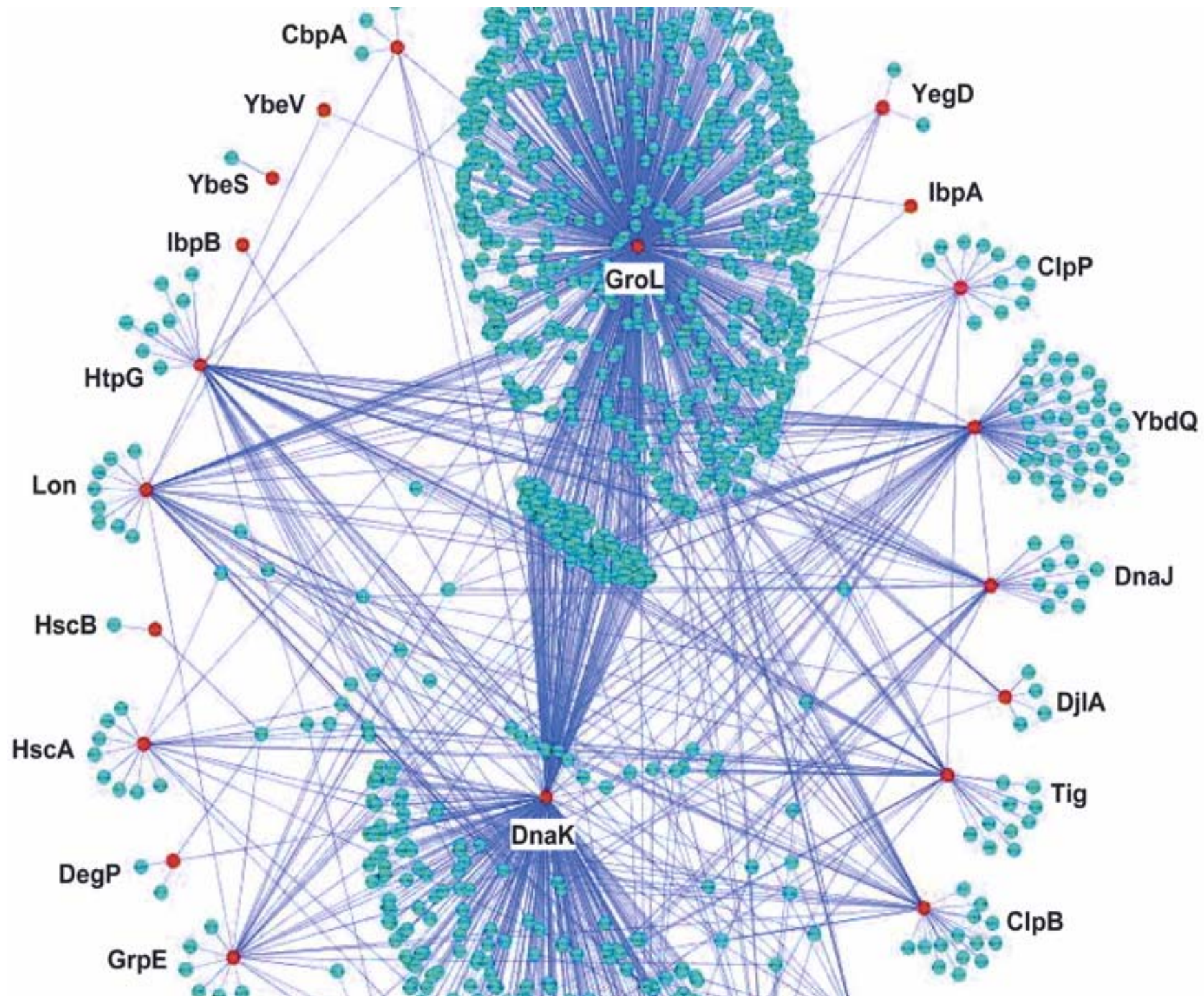
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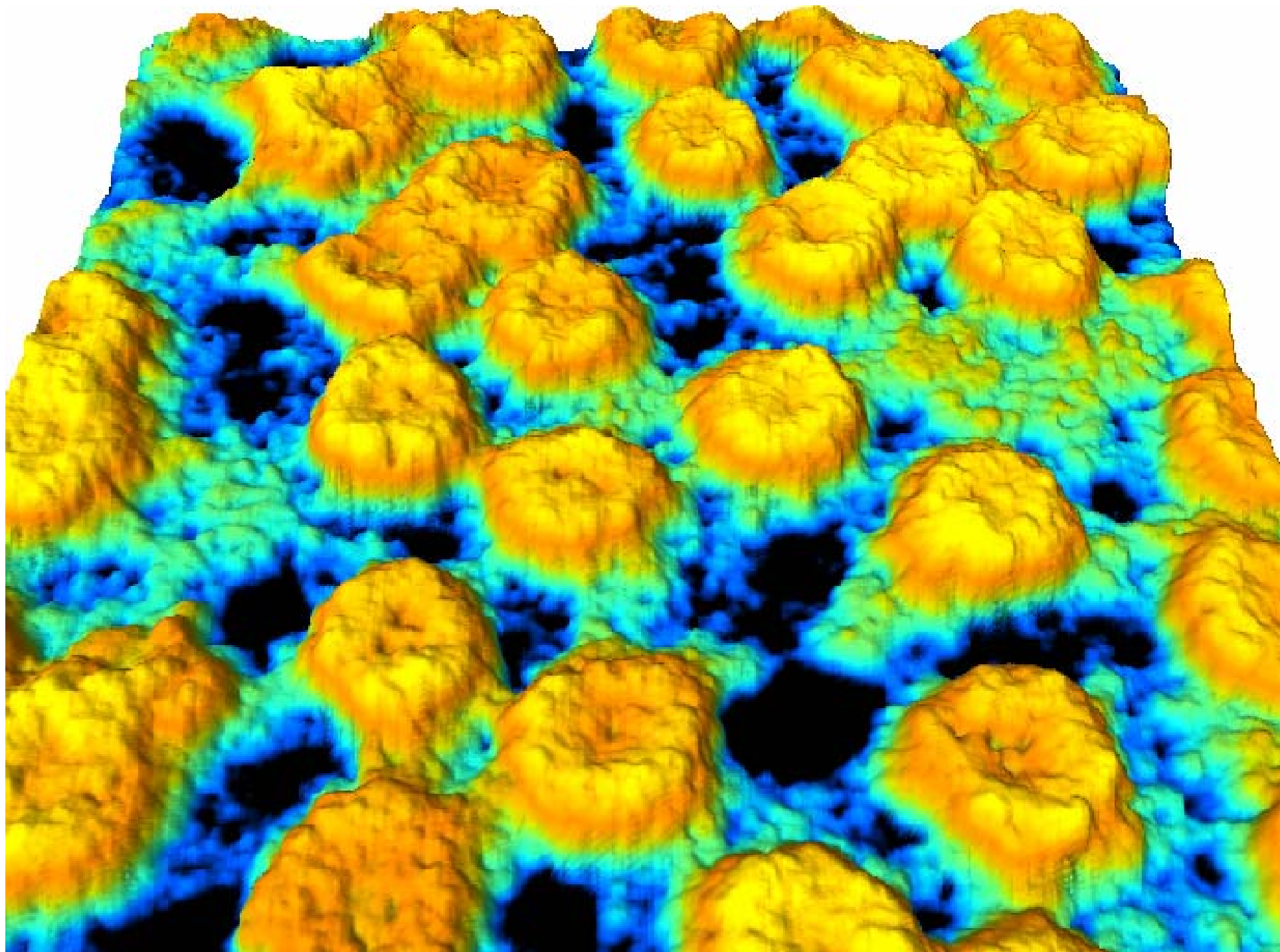




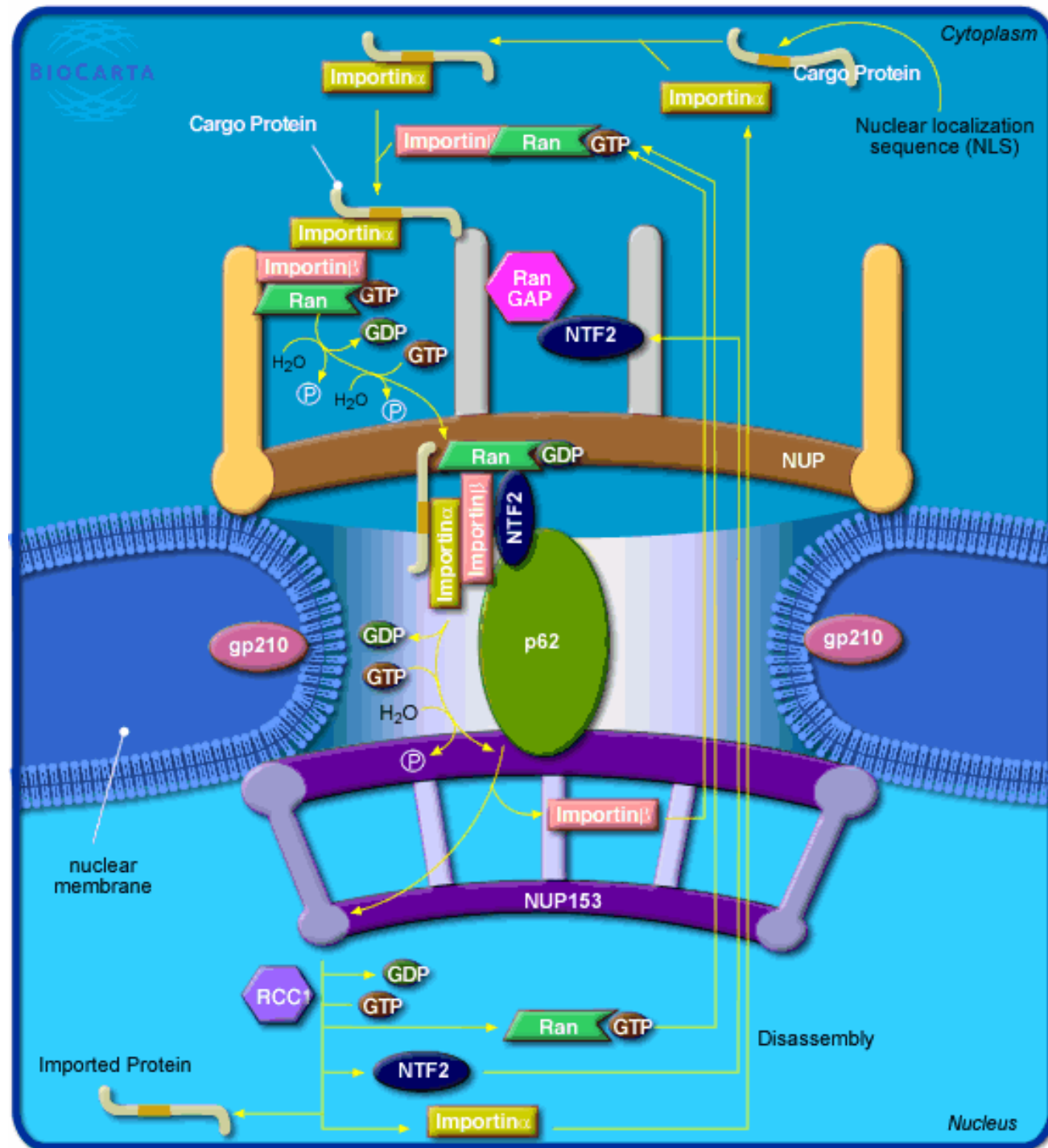
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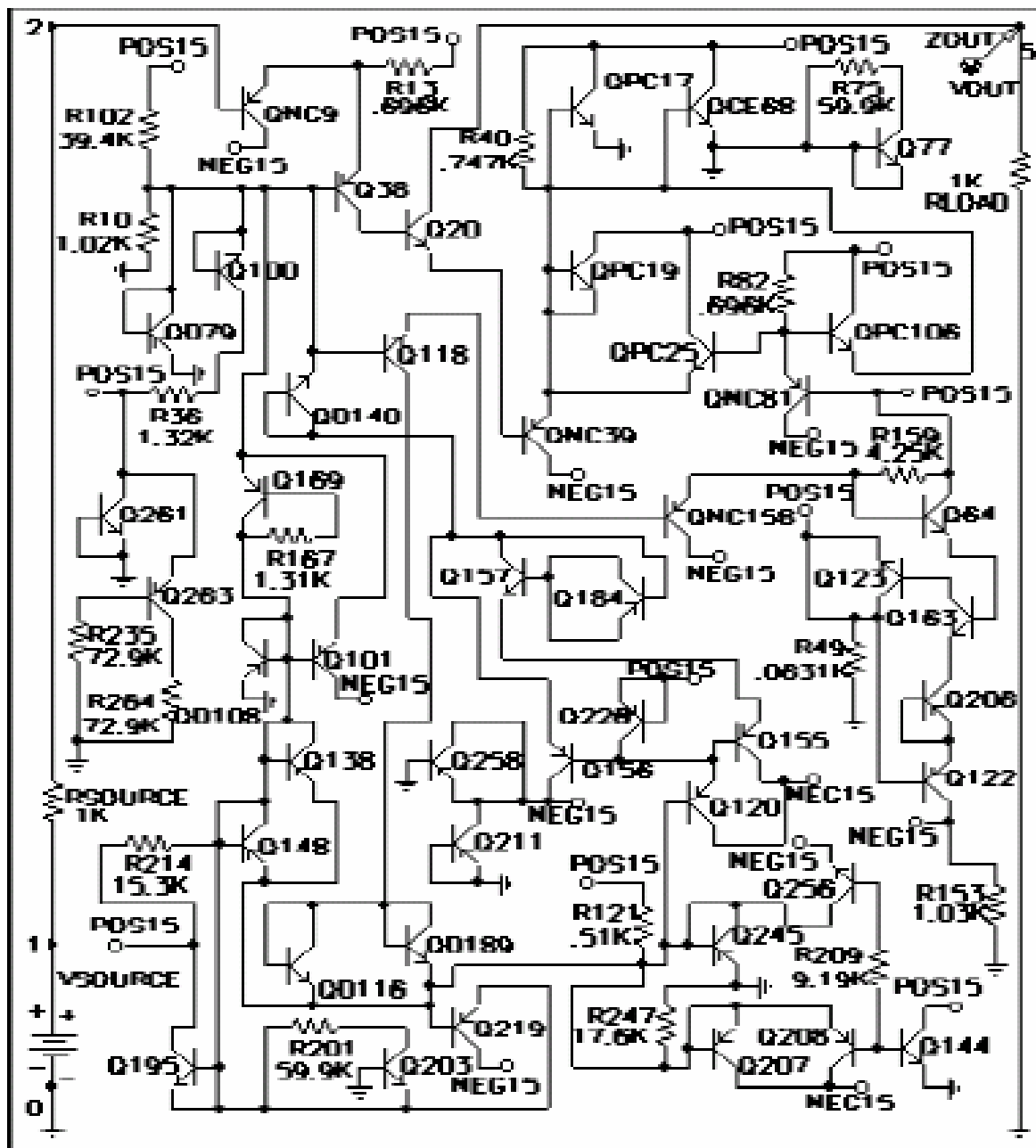


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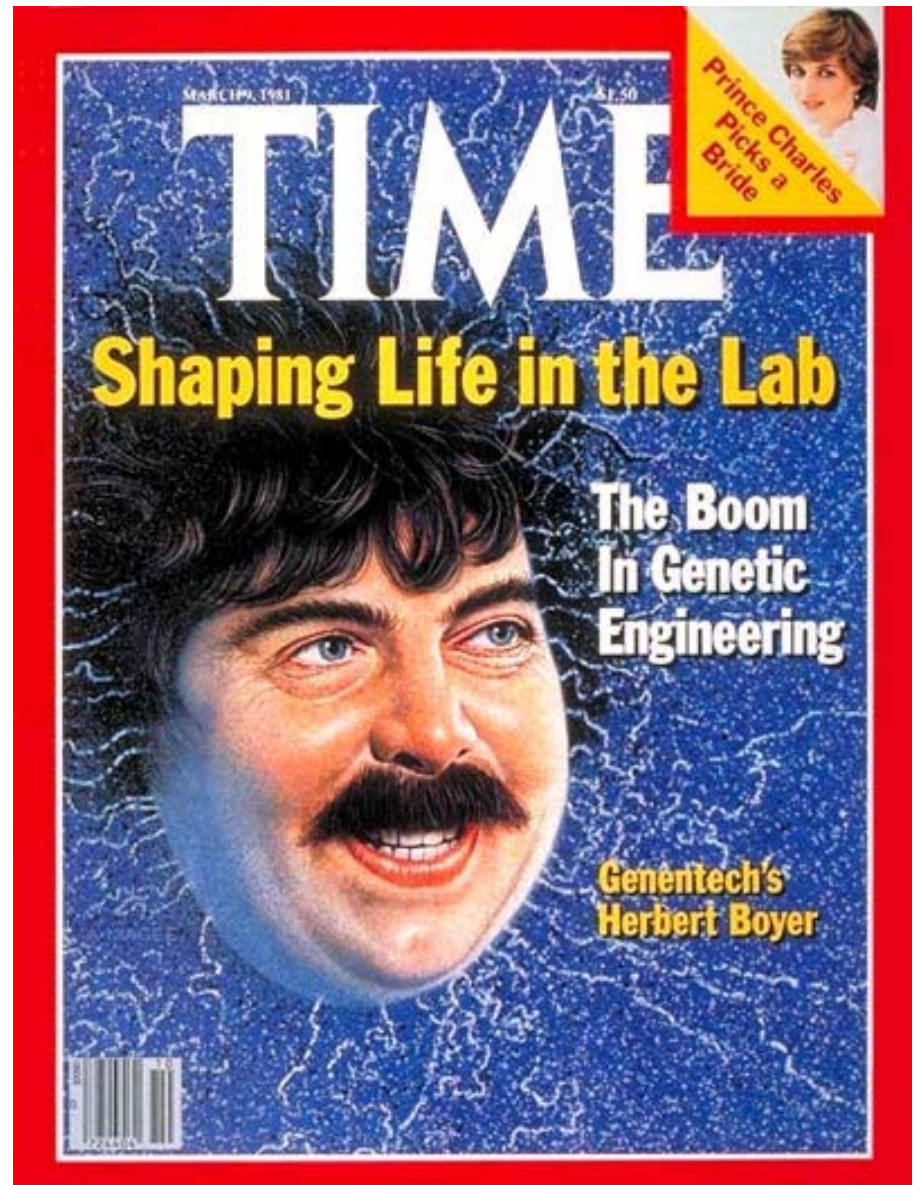
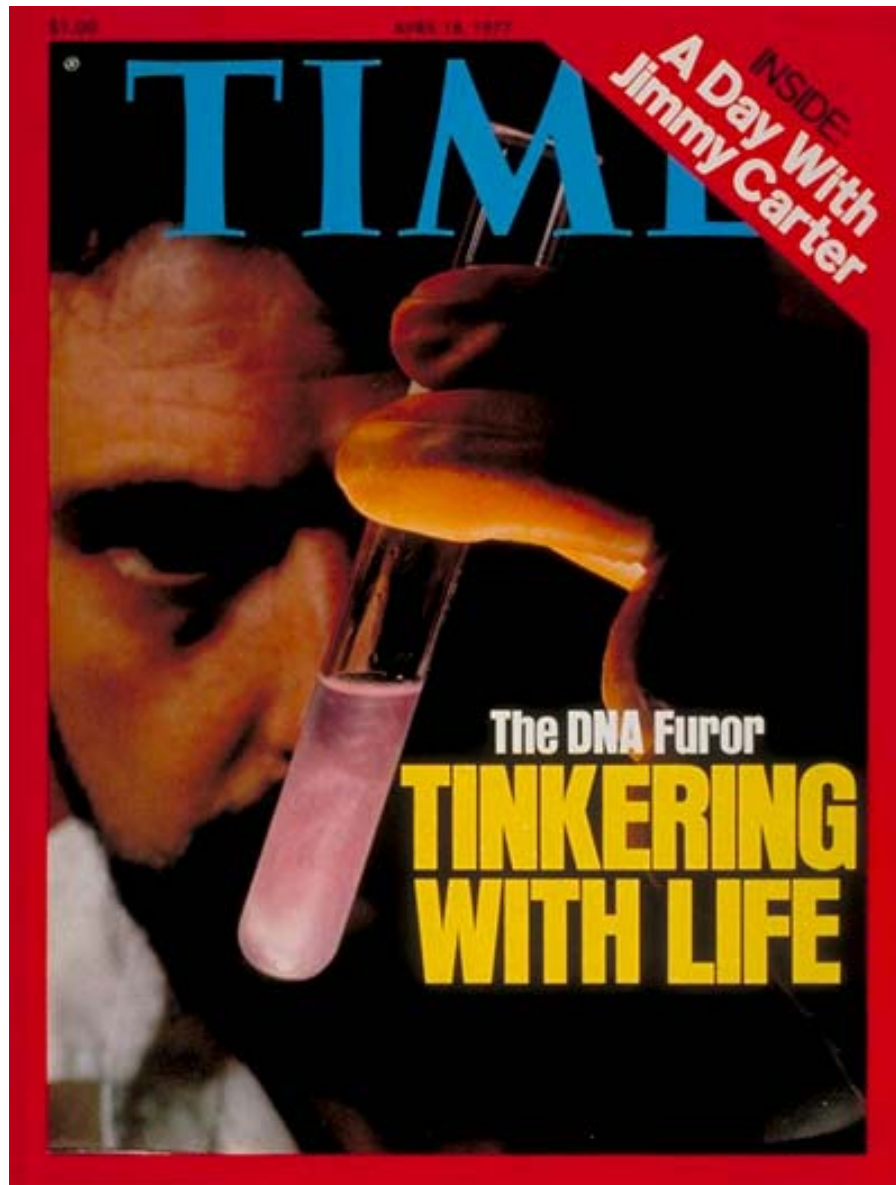


*If we didn't build it, we may not be able to fully understand it.*

Genetic “Engineering”

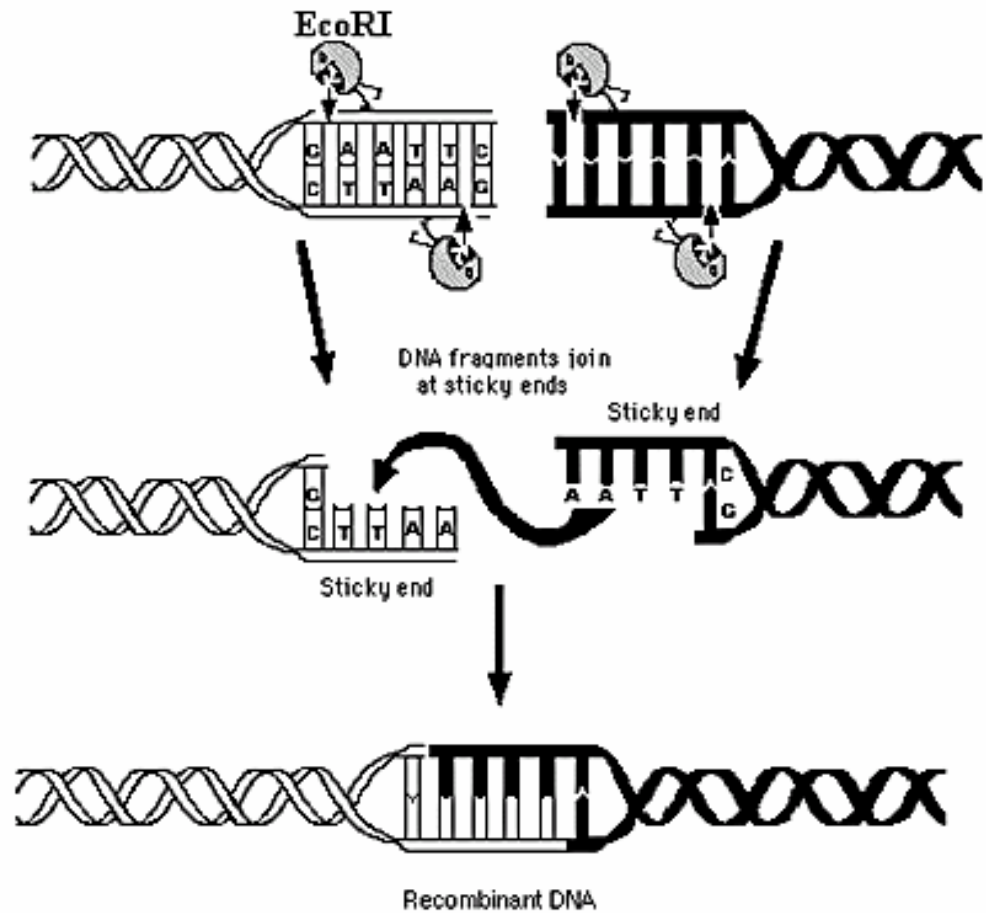
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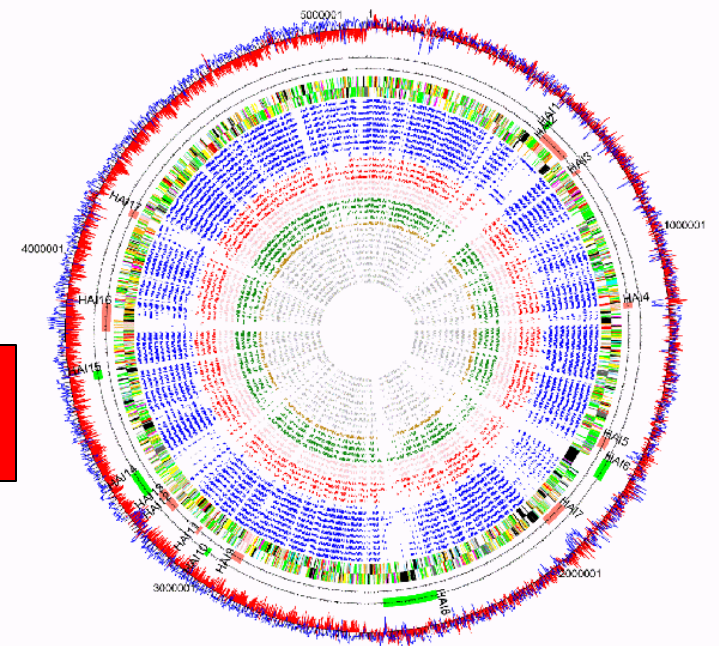
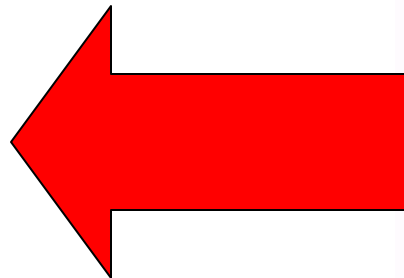




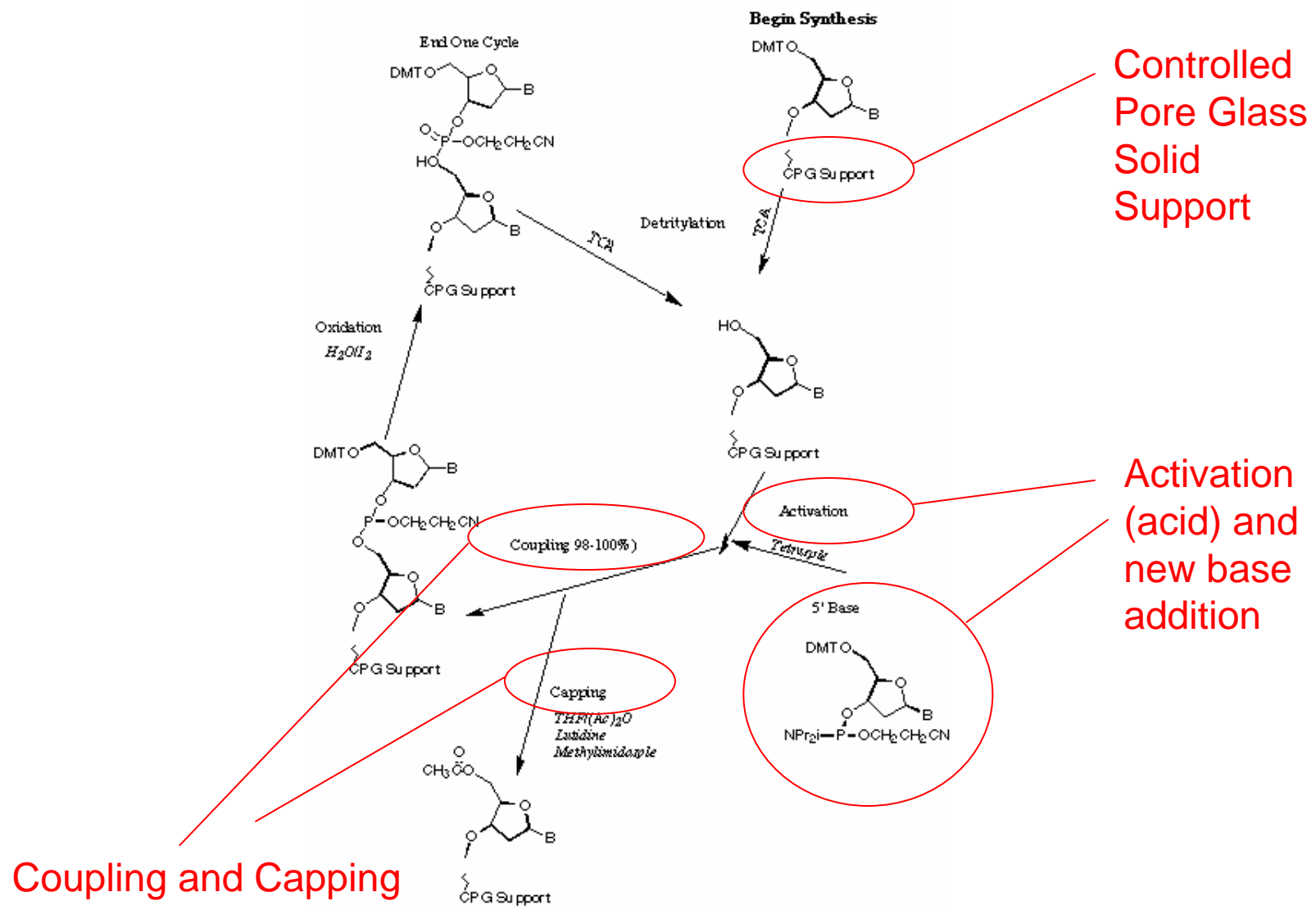


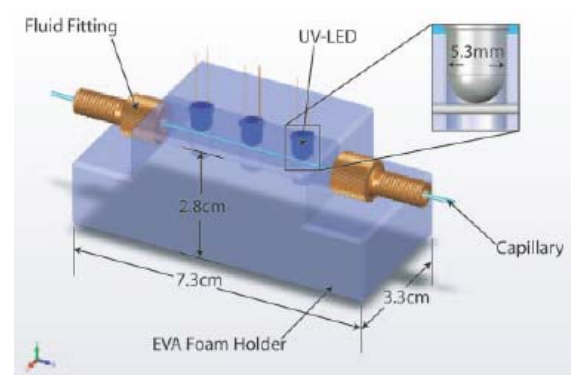
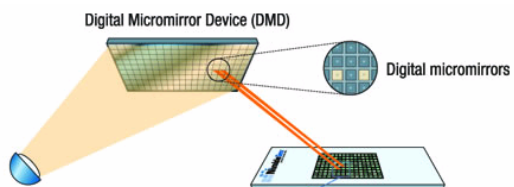
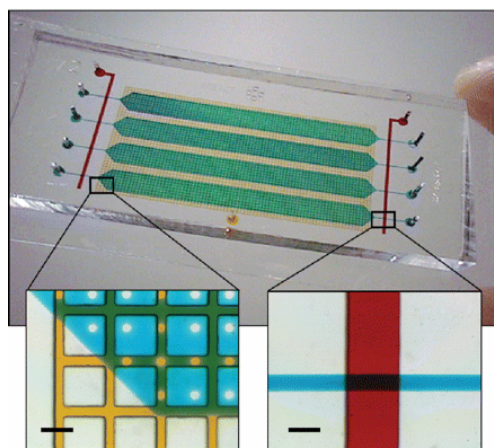
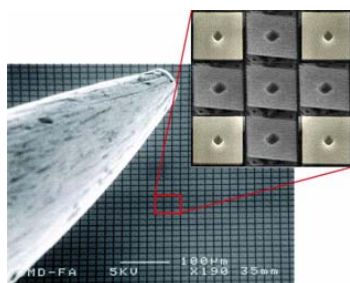
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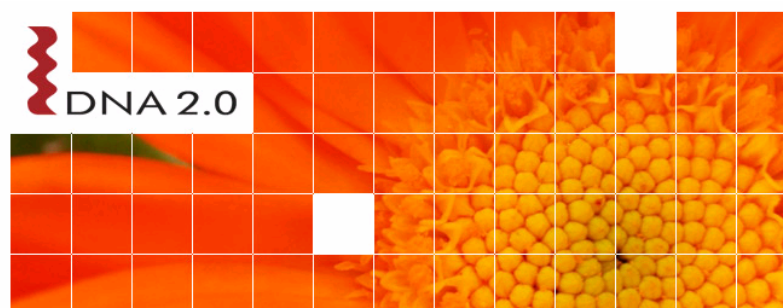
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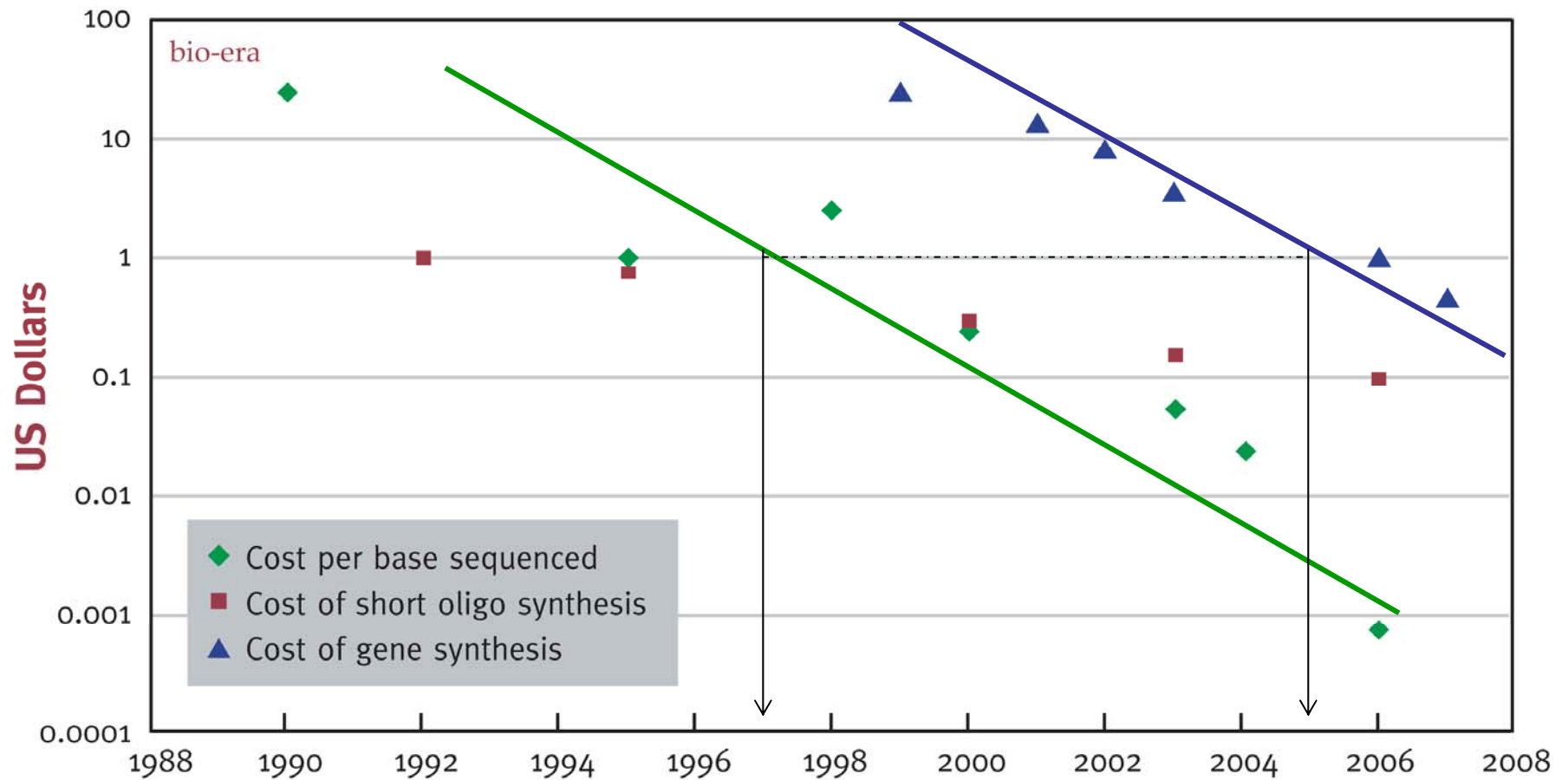


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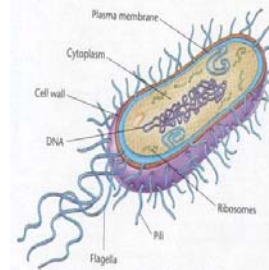
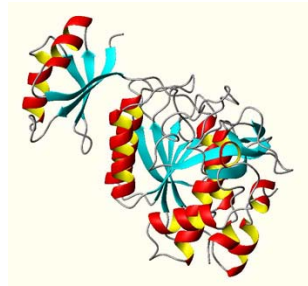
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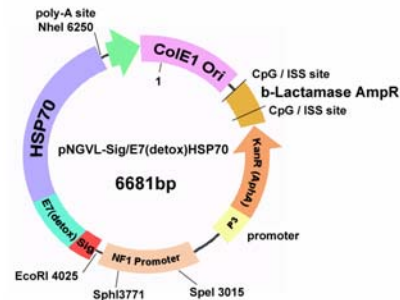
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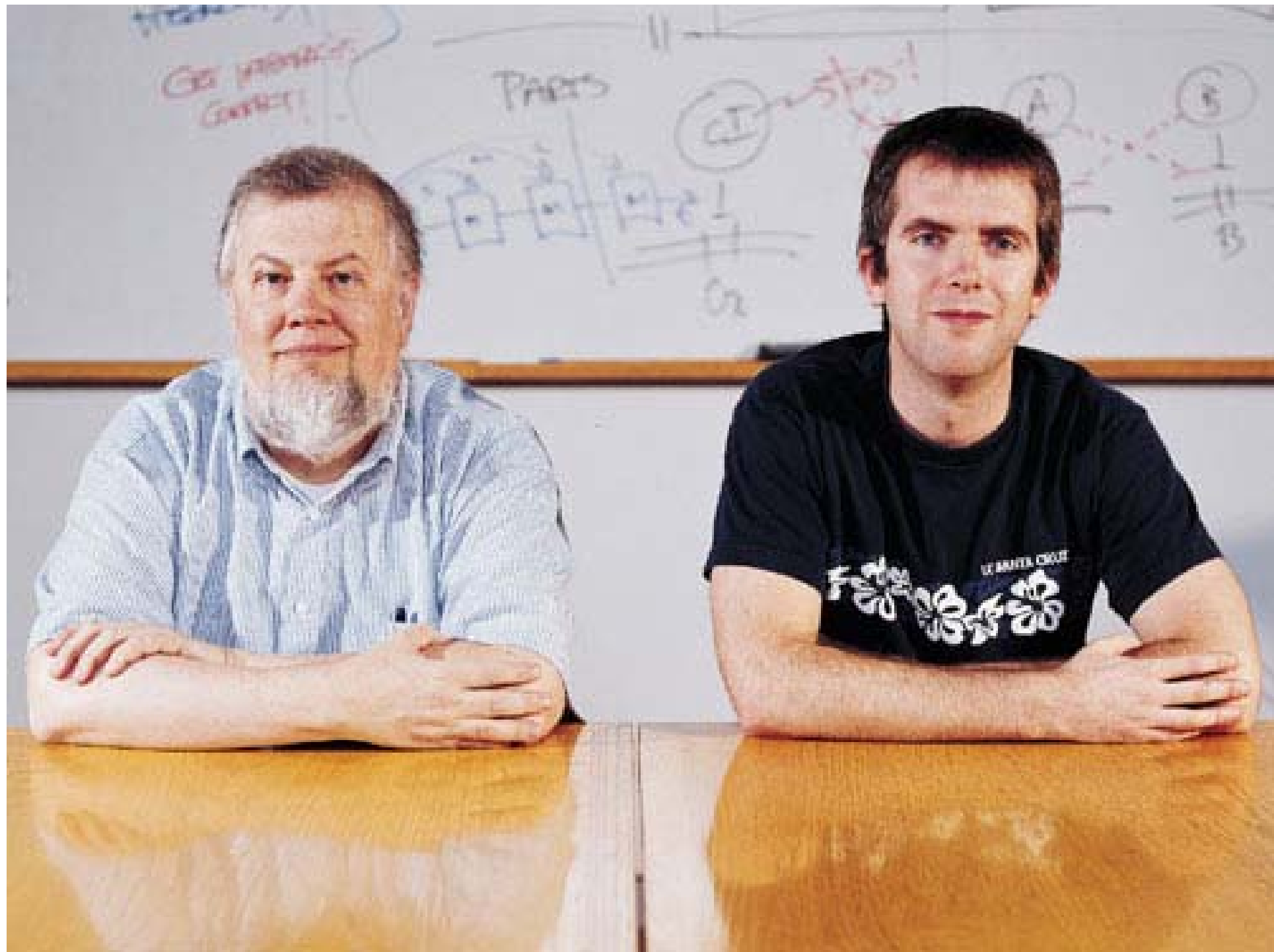
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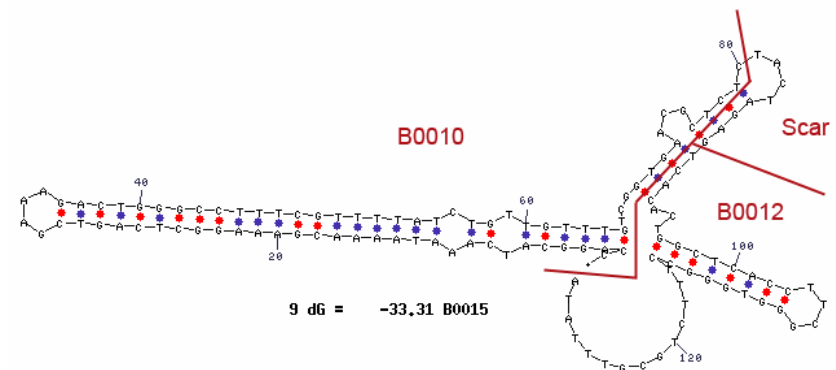
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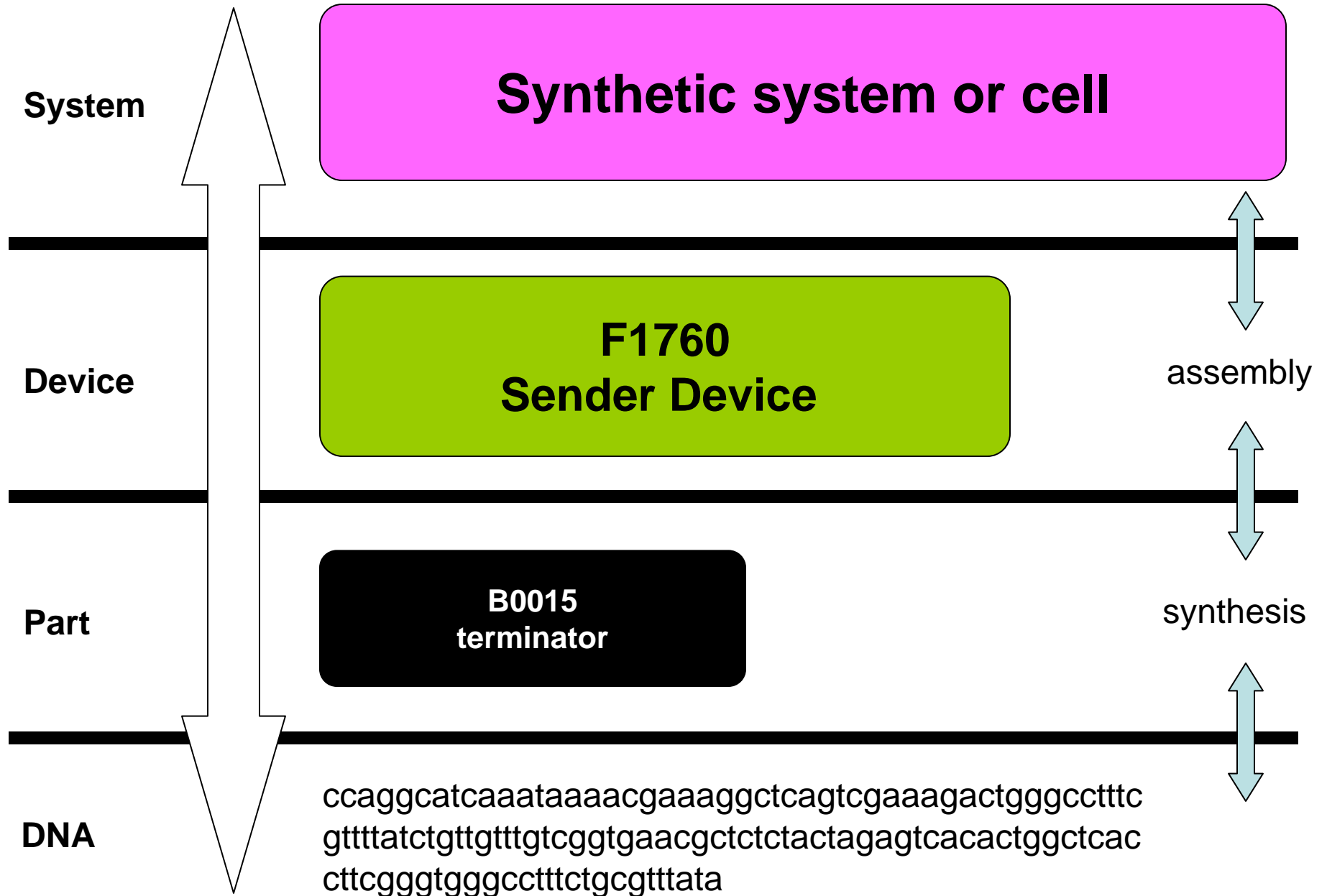
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Reverse efficiency: .295



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<http://parts.mit.edu>

# BBa\_F2620

3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL → PoPS Receiver

[http://parts.mit.edu/registry/index.php/Part:BBa\\_F2620](http://parts.mit.edu/registry/index.php/Part:BBa_F2620)



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Last Update: 15 January 2007

## Description

A transcription factor (LuxR, BBa\_C0062) that is active in the presence of cell-cell signaling molecule 3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL is controlled by a TetR-regulated operator (BBa\_R0040). Device Input is 3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL. Device output is PoPS from a LuxR-regulated operator. If used in a cell containing TetR then a second input signal such as aTc can be used to produce a Boolean AND function.

## Characteristics

Input Swing: 1E-9 to 1E-6 M 3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL, exogenous

Output Swing: 0±1 to 503±1 GFP molecules cell<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

Switch Point: 7±1 nM 3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL, exogenous

LH Response: 9 min (t<sub>50%</sub>), 27 min (t<sub>90%</sub>)

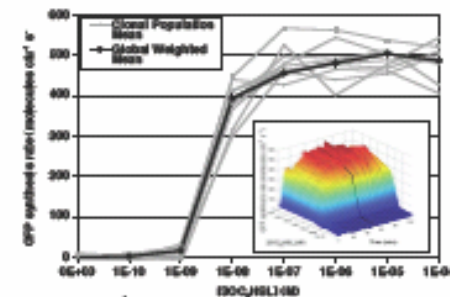
## Key Parts

BBa\_R0040: TetR-regulated operator

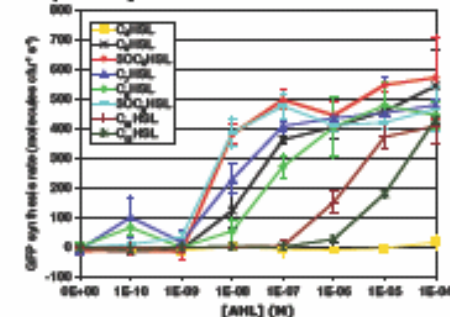
BBa\_C0062: luxR ORF

BBa\_R0002: LuxR-regulated operator

## Transfer Function\*



## Specificity\*



## Demand (low/high Input)

Translational: 256/8048 ribosomes cell<sup>-1</sup>  
3.8E3/1.2E5 charged tRNA cell<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

## Compatibility

Chassis: Compatible with MC4100, MG1655, and DH5α

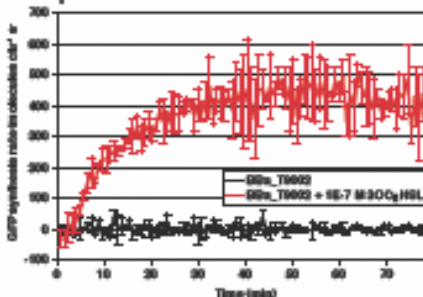
Plasmids: Compatible with pSB3K3 and pSB1A2

Devices: Compatible with E0240, E0430 and E0434

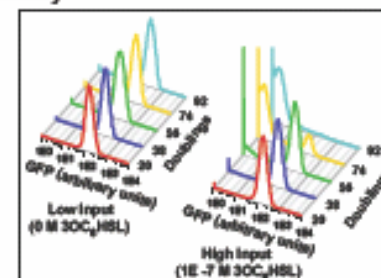
Crosstalk with systems containing TetR (C0040)

Signaling: Crosstalk with input molecules similar to 3OC<sub>6</sub>HSL

## Response Time\*



## Stability\*\*



## Stability (low/high Input)

Genetic: >32/74 replication events\*\*

Performance: >32/74 replication events\*\*

## Conditions (abridged)

Output: Indirect via BBa\_E0240

Vector: pSB3K3

Chassis: MG1655

Culture: Supplemented M9, 37°C

\*Equipment: PE Victor3 plate reader

\*\*Equipment: BD FACScan cytometer

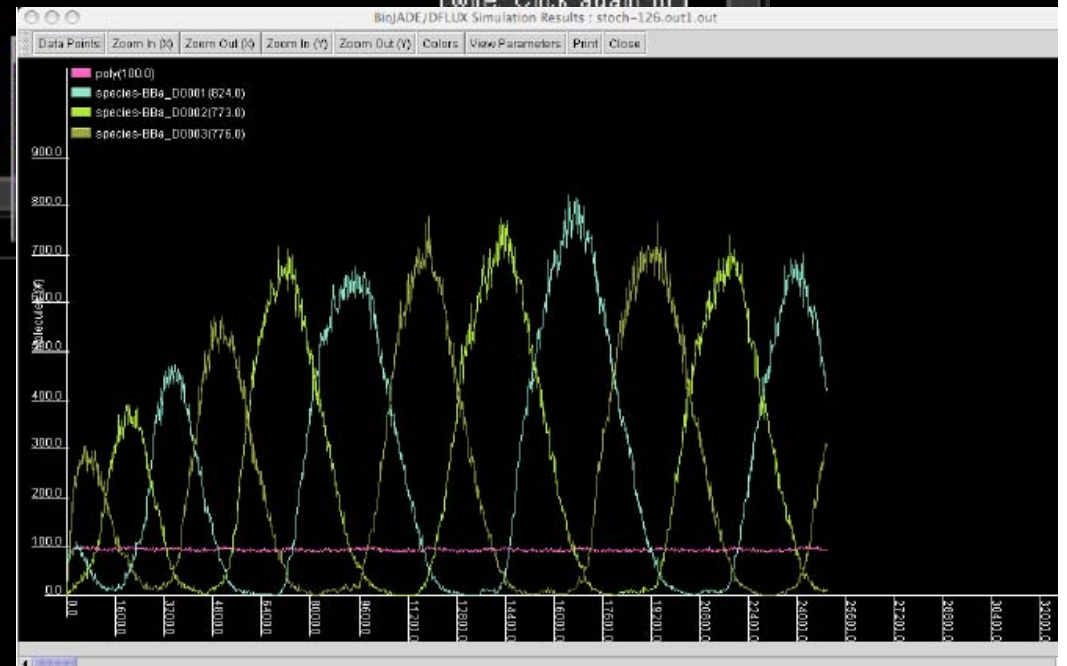
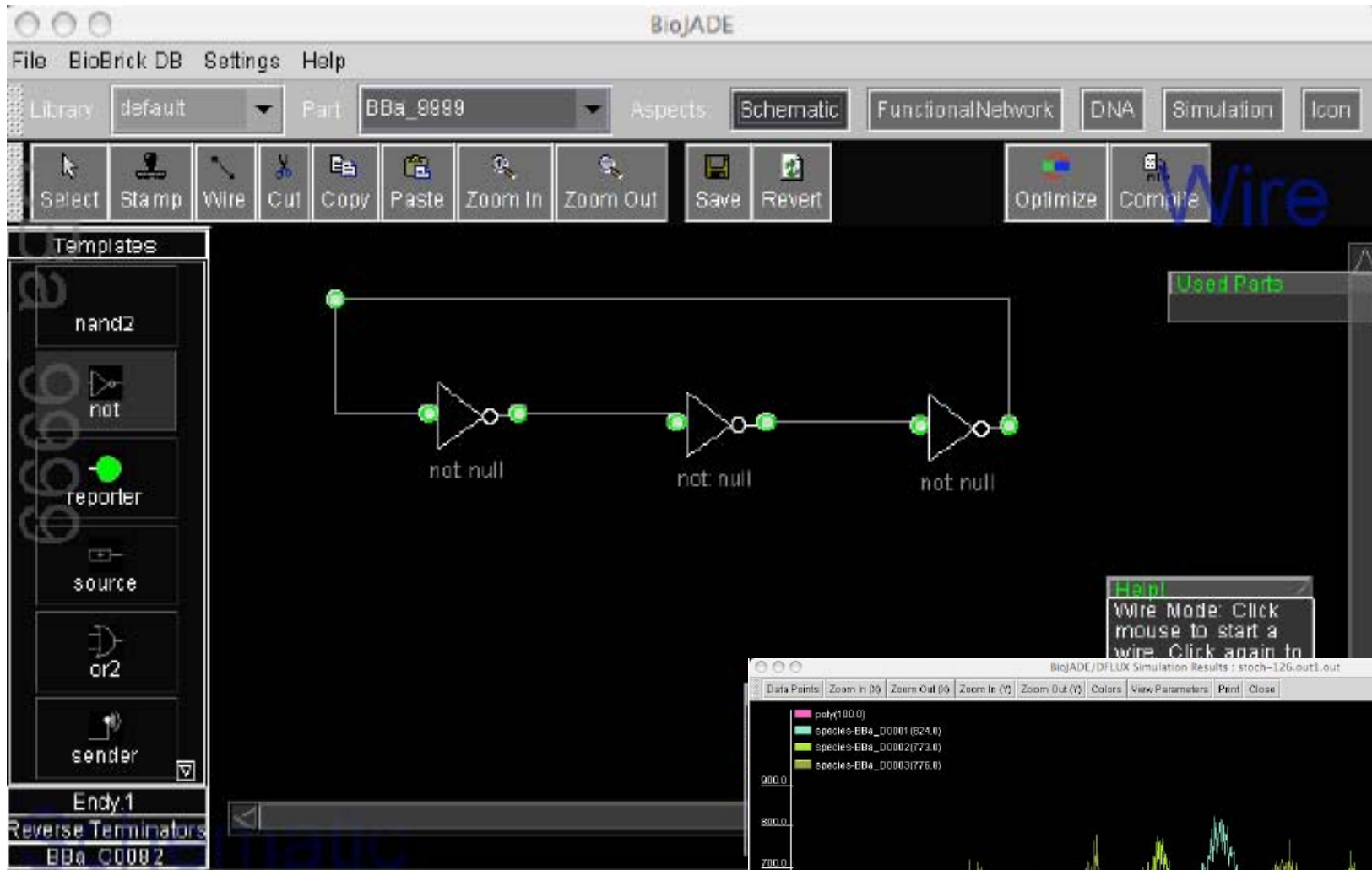
Signaling Devices

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## Training DNA programmers

*Synthetic biology requires an unprecedented level of interdisciplinary cooperation, fewer laboratory skills, and less overhead than conventional genetic engineering.*

### Cooperative yet competitive

Open education format...

Shares:

- DNA parts
- DNA code
- Protocols
- Experience
- Publications
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## Cambridge & Melbourne Leap Together

Cambridge University & Melbourne University leap together after co-winning the Best BioBrick Part award.

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iGEM through the years

- 2008
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## Results of the Jamboree

sat & sun, nov 3-4



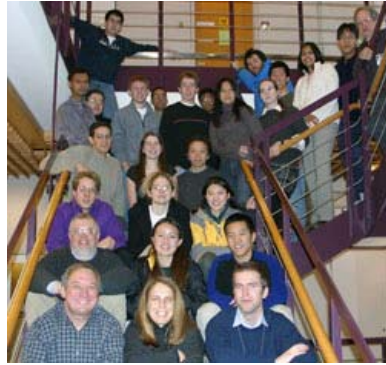
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## calendar

Jamboree roster + fees due	<i>fri</i> 12 oct 12
iGEM wiki frozen + parts postmarked	<i>fri</i> 26 Oct 07
Jamboree!	<i>sat-sun</i> 3-4 nov 07
Registry + BioBrick foundation workshops	<i>sun-tue</i> 4-6 nov 07





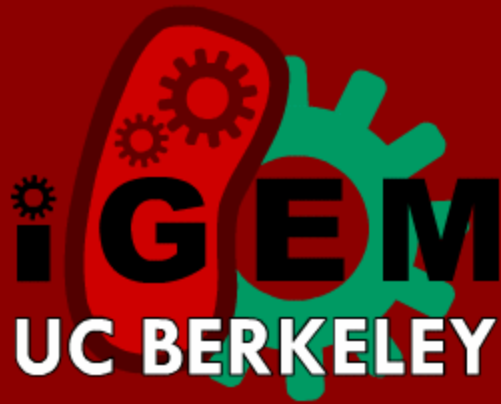




# Open source biology ...



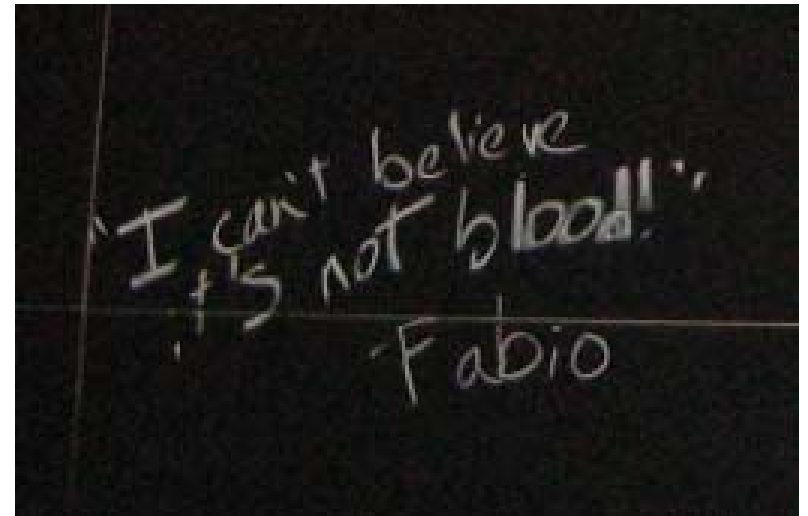
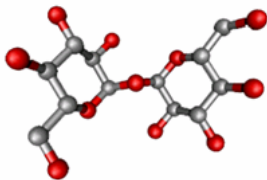
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The necessity of inexpensive, disease-free, and universally compatible blood substitutes is undisputed. There are currently no blood substitutes approved for use in the US or the UK, and whole blood is almost always in short supply. Developing countries have the greatest need for blood transfusions, yet many lack the necessary donation and storage infrastructure and the required pool of healthy donors. To address this problem, we are developing a cost-effective red blood cell substitute constructed from engineered *E. coli* bacteria. Our system is designed to safely transport oxygen in the bloodstream without inducing sepsis, and to be stored for prolonged periods in a freeze-dried state.

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## Sci-Tech

**Alberta team trying to turn E. coli into fuel**

Updated Mon. Nov. 5 2007 8:12 AM ET

*The Canadian Press*

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A University of Alberta team trying to turn E. coli into fuel has earned a first place finish in the energy category at an international genetic engineering competition at MIT.

Andrew Hessel, a consultant with the Alberta Ingenuity Fund who has helped teams from three Alberta universities compete, says while none of the teams from the University of Calgary, the University of Lethbridge or the U of A made it to the final competition, he calls it a fantastic educational experience.

Under a magnification of 6836x, this scanning electron micrograph (SEM) depicts a number of Gram-negative Escherichia coli bacteria of the strain O157:H7. (Courtesy of Centers of Disease Control and Prevention)

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The California Institute for Quantitative Biomedical Research (QB3) and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) have joined forces to accelerate the growth of synthetic biology, a new field that promises major new advances in preventing and treating disease, generating new energy sources, and preventing and mitigating environmental threats.

Opening in spring 2005 in a spacious, modern building in west Berkeley, the Berkeley Center for Synthetic Biology gives renowned scientists and engineers the chance to pool their talents and collaborate in new ways, with enormous potential benefits for California's citizens in the form of advances in biomedicine and energy renewables and economic growth.

Synthetic biologists study the control and design of biological components and new organisms to solve a host of important health, energy, and environmental problems that cannot be solved using naturally occurring biological entities. The inherently



QB3 and LBNL scientists occupy lab space in a building renovated in 1997 for biotech research, previously leased by Bayer, featuring large labs, viral suites, and tissue culture rooms. UCSF Mission Bay and numerous biotech firms are nearby.

## MIT establishes groundbreaking biological engineering major

February 17, 2005

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology faculty yesterday approved a new course of study for undergraduates, in biological engineering, the first entirely new curriculum established at the Institute in 29 years.

# The New York Times

English, Algebra, Phys Ed ... and Biotech



Jim Wilson/The New York Times

George Cachianes, left, formerly of Genentech, teaches biotechnology at Lincoln High School in San Francisco.



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## COMPUTER GENERATION

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## THE COMPUTER TRAP

**COMPLIMENTS OF Radio Shack**  
The Name in Classroom Computing

DICK AYERS AND CHIC STONE

THAT'S RIGHT, ALEC! SCRIPTSIT IS A WORD PROCESSING PROGRAM. MY DAD HAS A TRS-80 MODEL 12 COMPUTER WITH SCRIPTSIT IN HIS OFFICE... AND HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO USE IT WITH A DAISY WHEEL PRINTER...

...TO WRITE BUSINESS LETTERS, RESEARCH NOTES, PRESS RELEASES, AND BULLETINS.

SHANNA YOU KNOW SO MUCH - SHOW US HOW...

...SCRIPTSIT WORD PROCESSING WORKS IN OUR SCHOOL'S OFFICE.

**IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE...**

TURN ON THE POWER SWITCH THEN "INSERT DISKETTE"... CAREFULLY PUSH DISKETTE INTO THE SLOT (DRIVE 0) AND ROTATE THE LATCH TO A HORIZONTAL POSITION.

DRIVE 0  
DRIVE 1

AFTER THAT THE WORD "INITIALIZING" APPEARS WHICH MEANS THE COMPUTER IS LOADING THE PROGRAM...

INITIALIZING

AFTER THE LIGHT GOES OUT, THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN "LOADED" INTO THE COMPUTER. NEXT, THE COMPUTER TELLS YOU TO TYPE IN THE DATE...

... FOR EXAMPLE APRIL 6, 1984, TYPE 04/06/1984 AND THEN PRESS THE **ENTER** KEY.

ENTER DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

NEXT, THE COMPUTER PROMPTS YOU TO ENTER THE TIME USING THE 24-HOUR SYSTEM, GIVING HOURS, MINUTES AND SECONDS.

FOR EXAMPLE 9:30 AND 20 SECONDS A.M., TYPE THIS WAY-- 09.30.20. AND THEN PRESS THE **ENTER** KEY.

ENTER TIME (HH. MM. SS)

... ALSO, THE SMALL RED LIGHT NEXT TO THE DISK DOOR WILL BE "ON"!

THAT MAKES THE "DIRECTORY" APPEAR ON THE SCREEN. THE DIRECTORY IS DIVIDED INTO SIX "CELLS". EACH CELL IS THE STORAGE UNIT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ONE DOCUMENT...

NAME	DATE	TIME	STATUS	LENGTH	DISK	FILE
SCRIPTSIT	04/06/1984	09:30:20	OK	100	1	1
SCRIPTSIT	04/06/1984	09:30:20	OK	100	1	1
SCRIPTSIT	04/06/1984	09:30:20	OK	100	1	1
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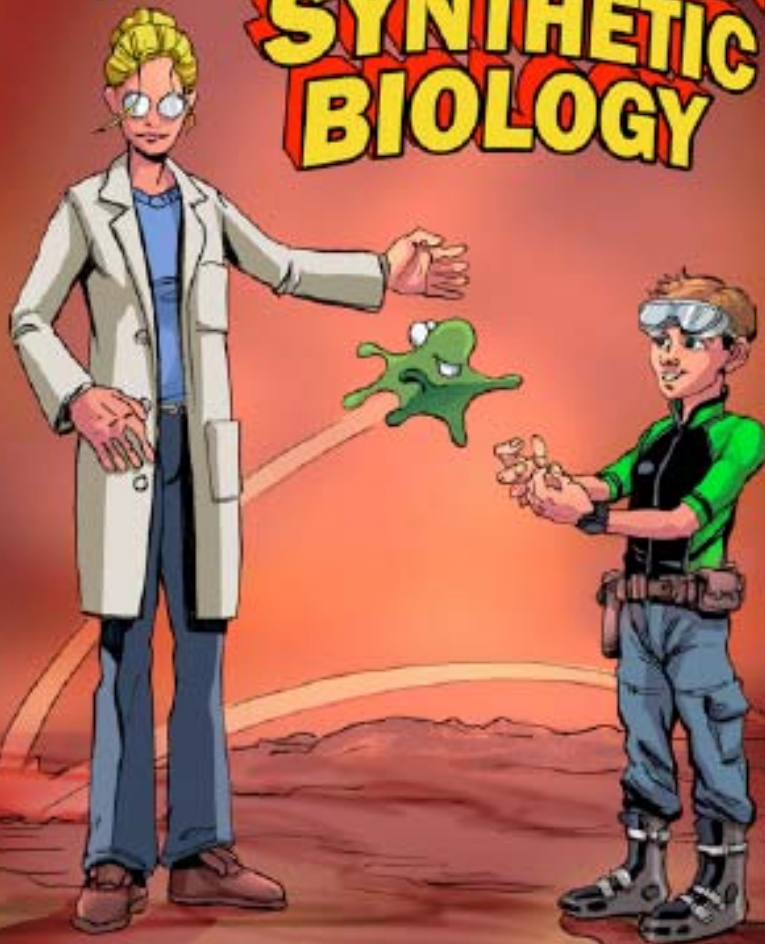
... AND IN TURN, A DOCUMENT CAN BE MADE UP OF SEVERAL PAGES OF INFORMATION.

IS THERE A SCRIPTSIT PROGRAM FOR OUR CLASSROOM TRS-80 MODEL 4'S?

YES, THERE IS A SPECIAL SCRIPTSIT PROGRAM FOR THE MODEL 4'S!



# ADVENTURES IN SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY



STORY: DREW ENDY ISADORA DEESE  
THE MIT SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY WORKING GROUP  
ART: CHUCK WADEY [WWW.CHUCKWADEY.COM](http://WWW.CHUCKWADEY.COM)

## ENGINEERED GENETIC DEVICES

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO A FRIEND OF MINE. IT'S CALLED AN INVERTER DEVICE.

I KNOW BACTERIA BALLOONS COULD WORK—  
—IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY TO STOP THEM FROM GROWING UNTIL THEY EXPLODE!

IT COULD BE THE ANSWER YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.

GEE, THANKS FOR TELLING ME AHEAD OF TIME!

WHAT THE HECK IS AN INVERTER?!

OK, PAY ATTENTION! AN INVERTER IS A COMBINATION OF BASIC DNA PARTS THAT—

—WORKING TOGETHER, TURN SOMETHING UPSIDE DOWN.

ON BECOMES OFF, LOW BECOMES HIGH, AND SO ON.

**Parts of an Inverter**

1. **Ribosome Binding Site (RBS)** - Basic elements that start the process of protein synthesis.
2. **Repressor** - A gene that encodes a particular type of protein that will bind DNA sites in a specific Operator part and cause changes in the rate of gene expression.
3. **Terminator** - Special elements that decrease the flow of RNA polymerase along DNA, sometimes to zero!
4. **Operator** - Stretches of DNA that contain Repressor protein binding sites and RNA polymerase binding and initiation sites. With a Repressor protein, the Operator part will be turned OFF. Without a Repressor protein, the Operator part will be turned ON, allowing RNA polymerase to bind and initiate a HIGH output signal.

YOU COULD HAVE USED AN INVERTER DEVICE TO HELP PREVENT BUDDY'S UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.

UHM... WHY'S IT CALLED A DEVICE?

IT'S ENOUGH YOU'RE A KNOW-IT-ALL, YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUB IT IN.

FOR EXAMPLE, HERE'S SOME DNA CODE—

WE CALL AN INVERTER A DEVICE IN ORDER TO HIDE ALL THE DETAILS OF HOW IT WORKS.

—NOW YOU TELL ME WHAT IT DOES!

YOU'D PREFER THING—ANALYSIS?

HEY! WATCH IT!

I HAVE NO IDEA, OK? WHAT IS IT?

DON'T FEEL BAD. MY POINT IS, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE TO MEMORIZE EVERY LAST PIECE OF DNA.

WE'RE GOING TO HIDE ALL THESE DETAILS INSIDE THE DEVICE.

PHEN—

HOW DID YOU DO THAT?

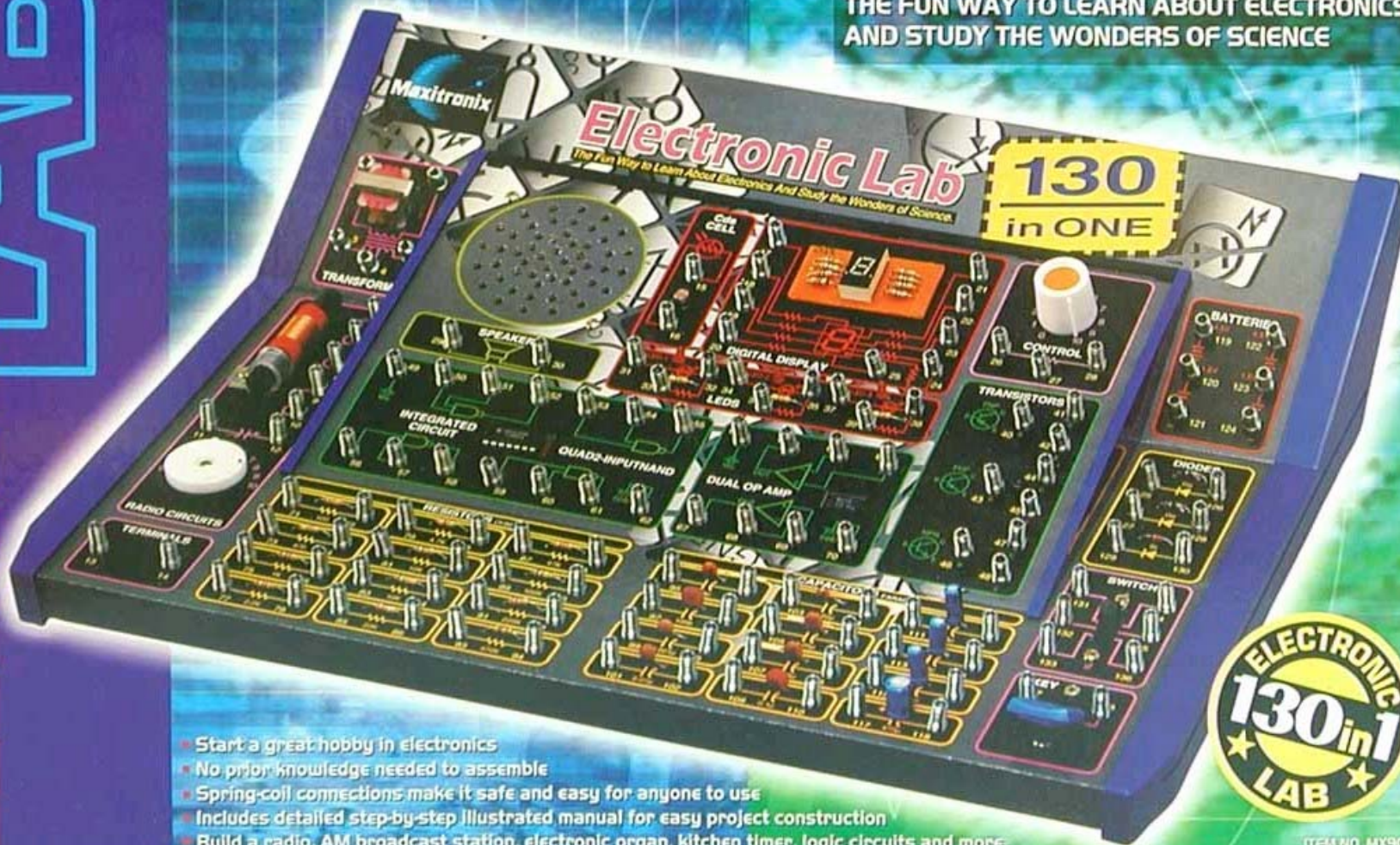




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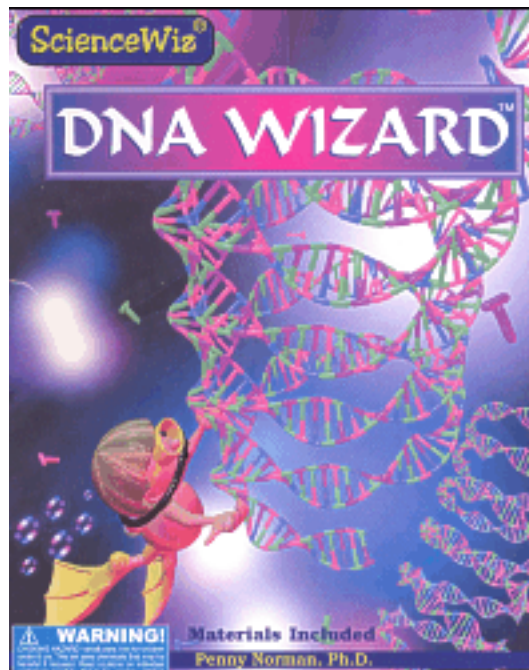


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**Extract DNA**

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**Decode the code of life**

**Build a DNA ladder.**

**Grow glowing cells**

**Is it a boy or girl?**

**Ooeey, Gooey, DNA!**

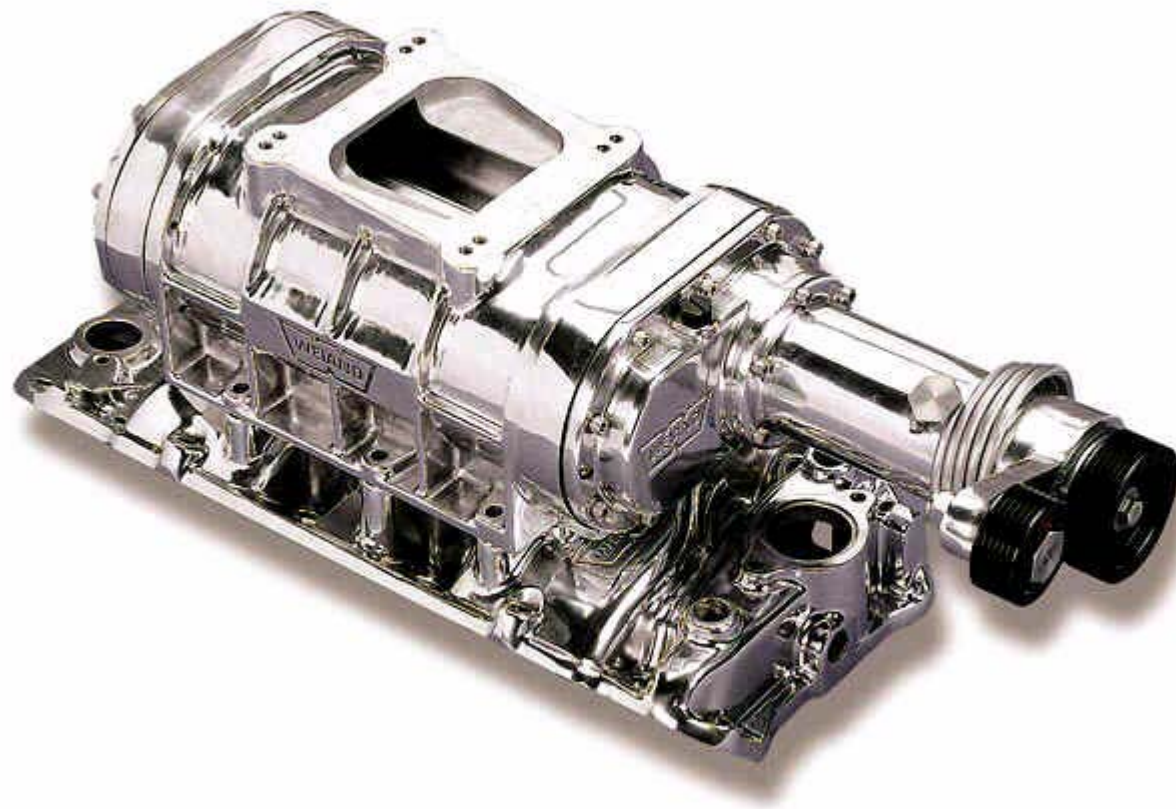
**Solve the chromosome puzzle.**

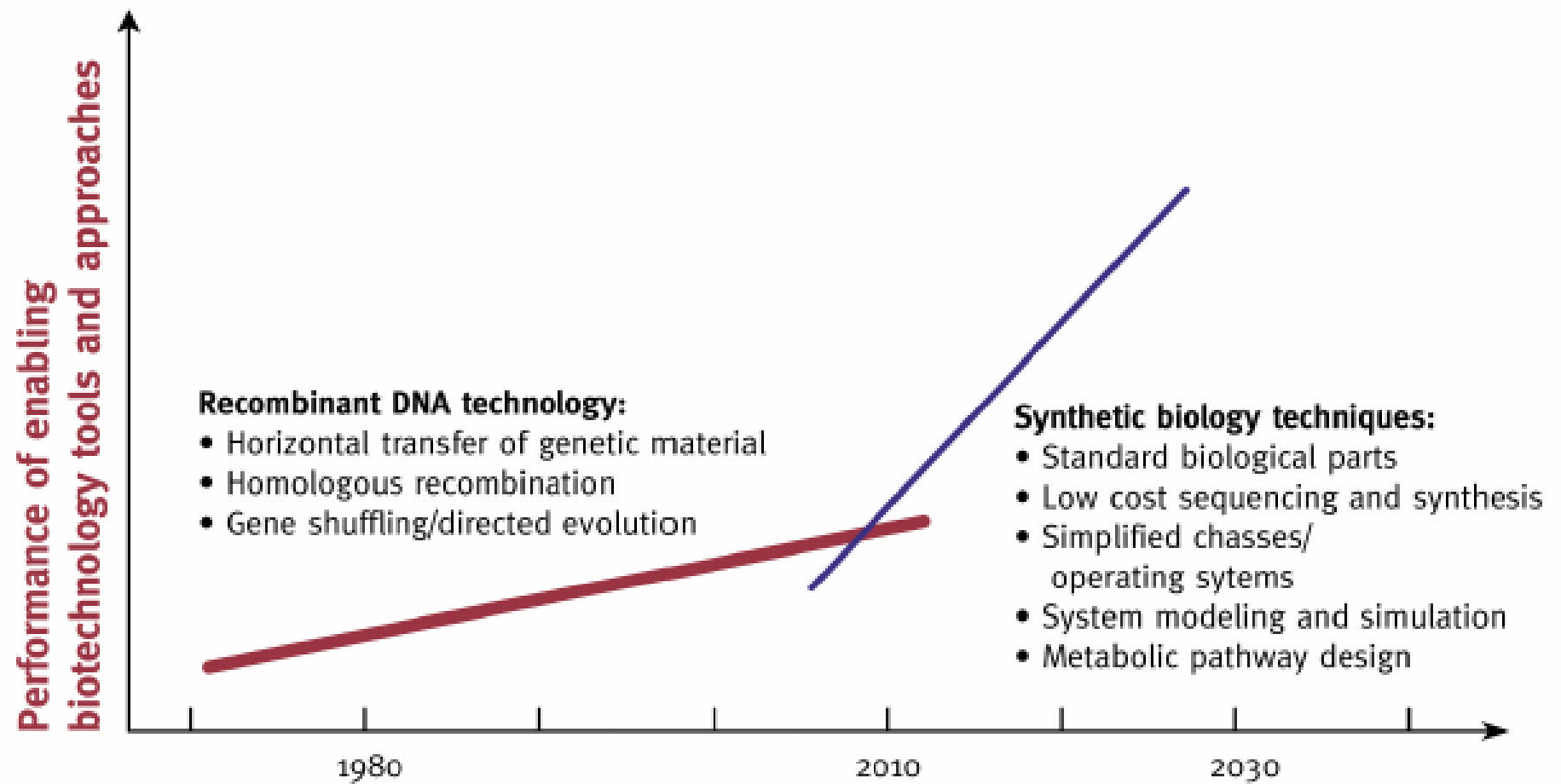
**Dress up for sterile techniques.**

**Quality time, quality learning, quality play.**

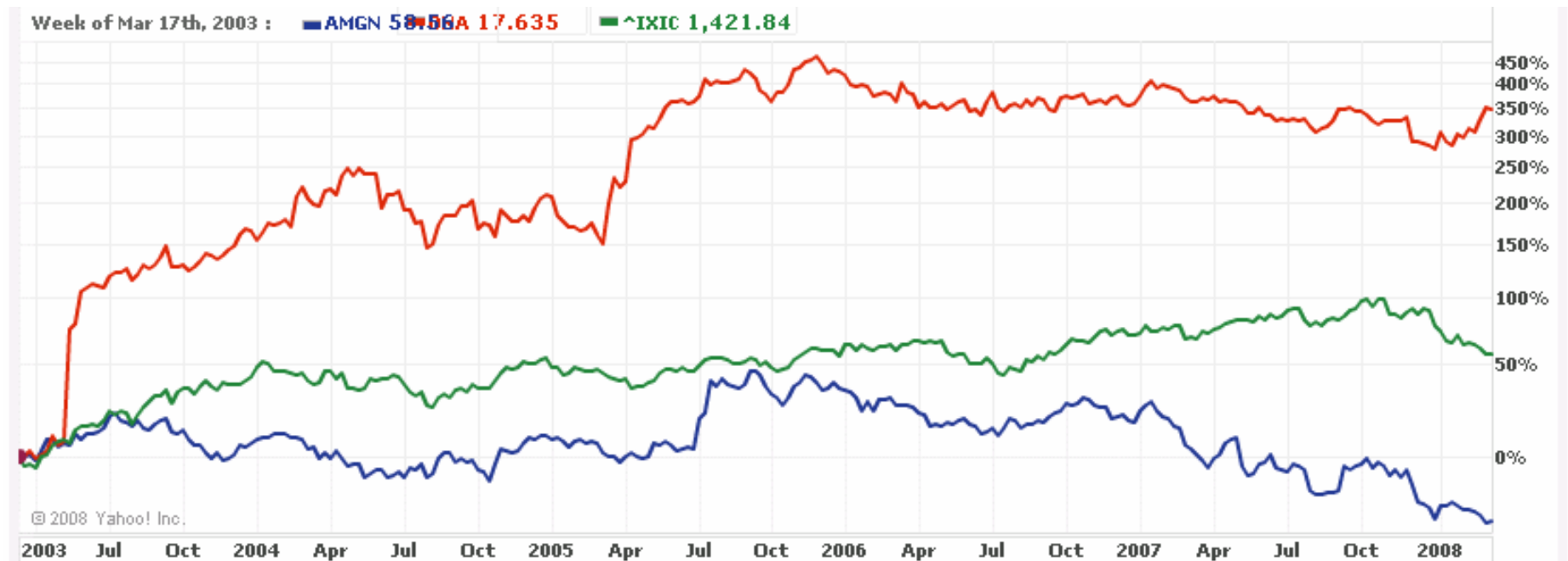


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## Sequencing

DNA is collected from the world's oceans and the soil.



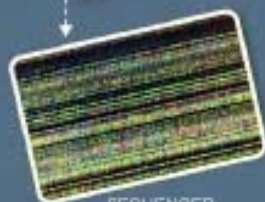
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## Programming the Genetic Code



DNA SYNTHESIZER



Overlapping synthetic oligonucleotides



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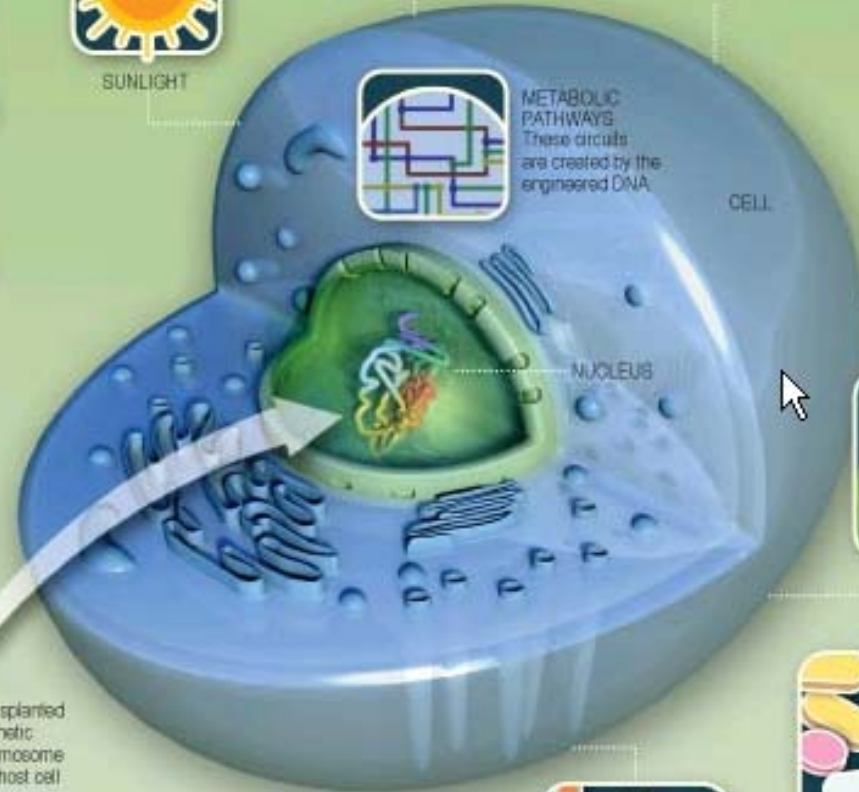
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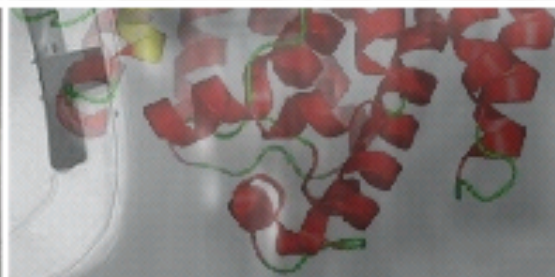
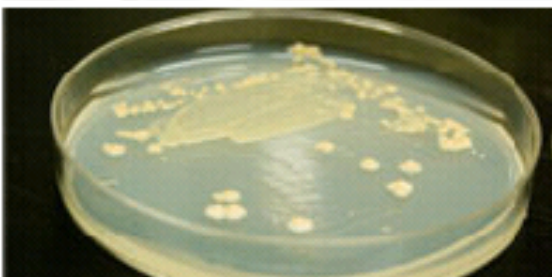
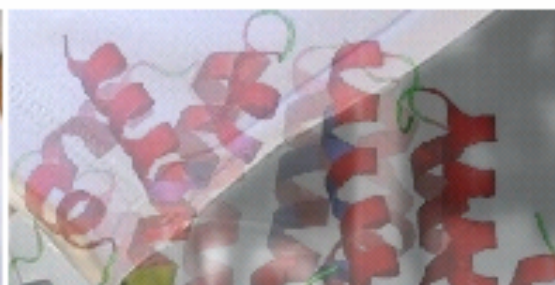


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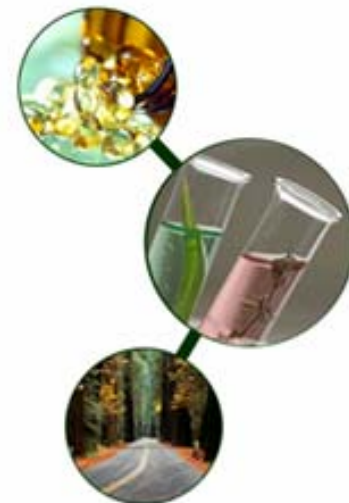
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**Funded by a syndicate of well-respected, top-tier venture capital firms, Archemix has raised over \$100 million to date.**

The Series B round (\$53M, completed 1Q 2004) was led by Highland Capital Partners, and included all of the Series A investors and Athenian Venture Partners.

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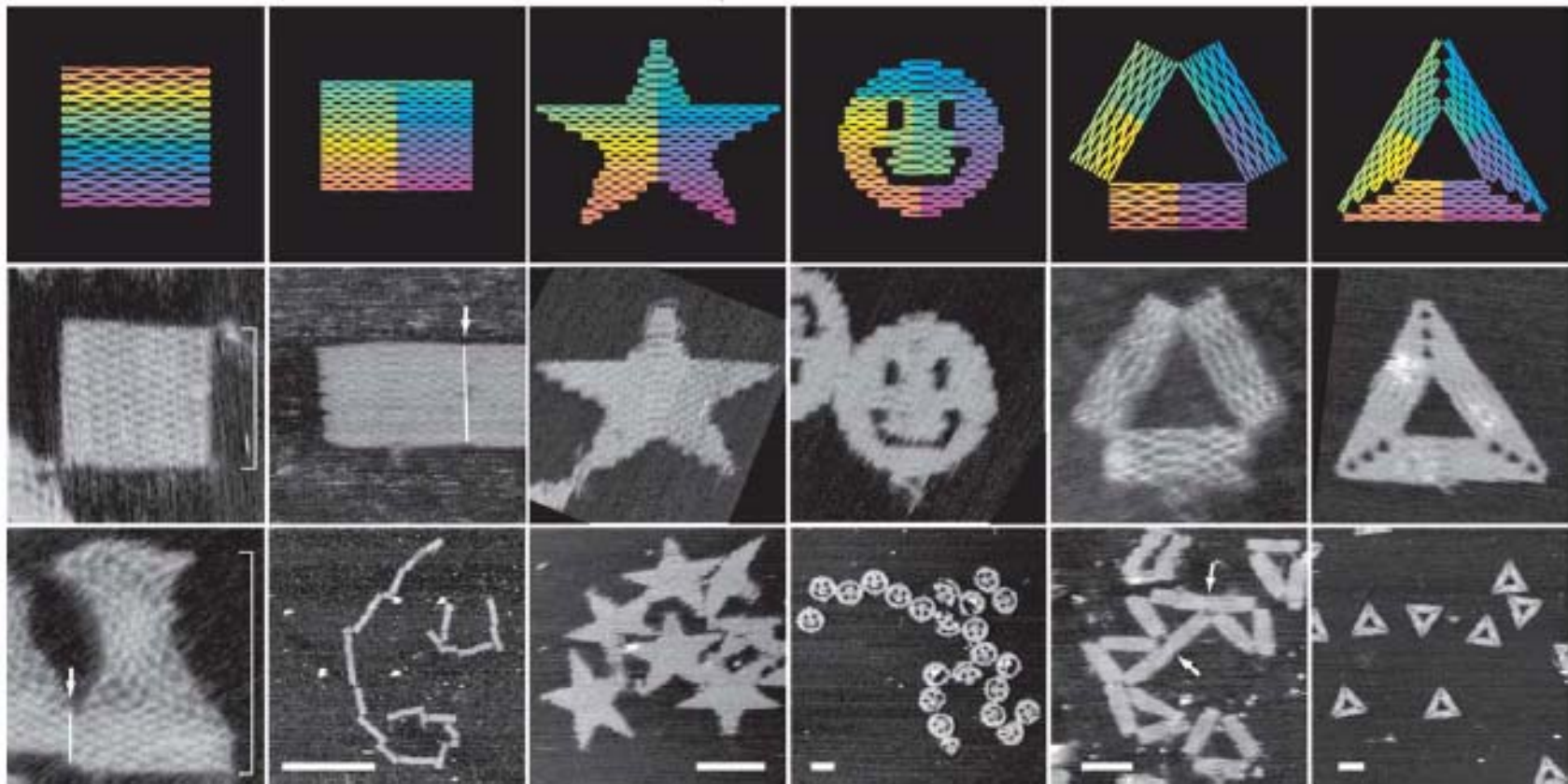
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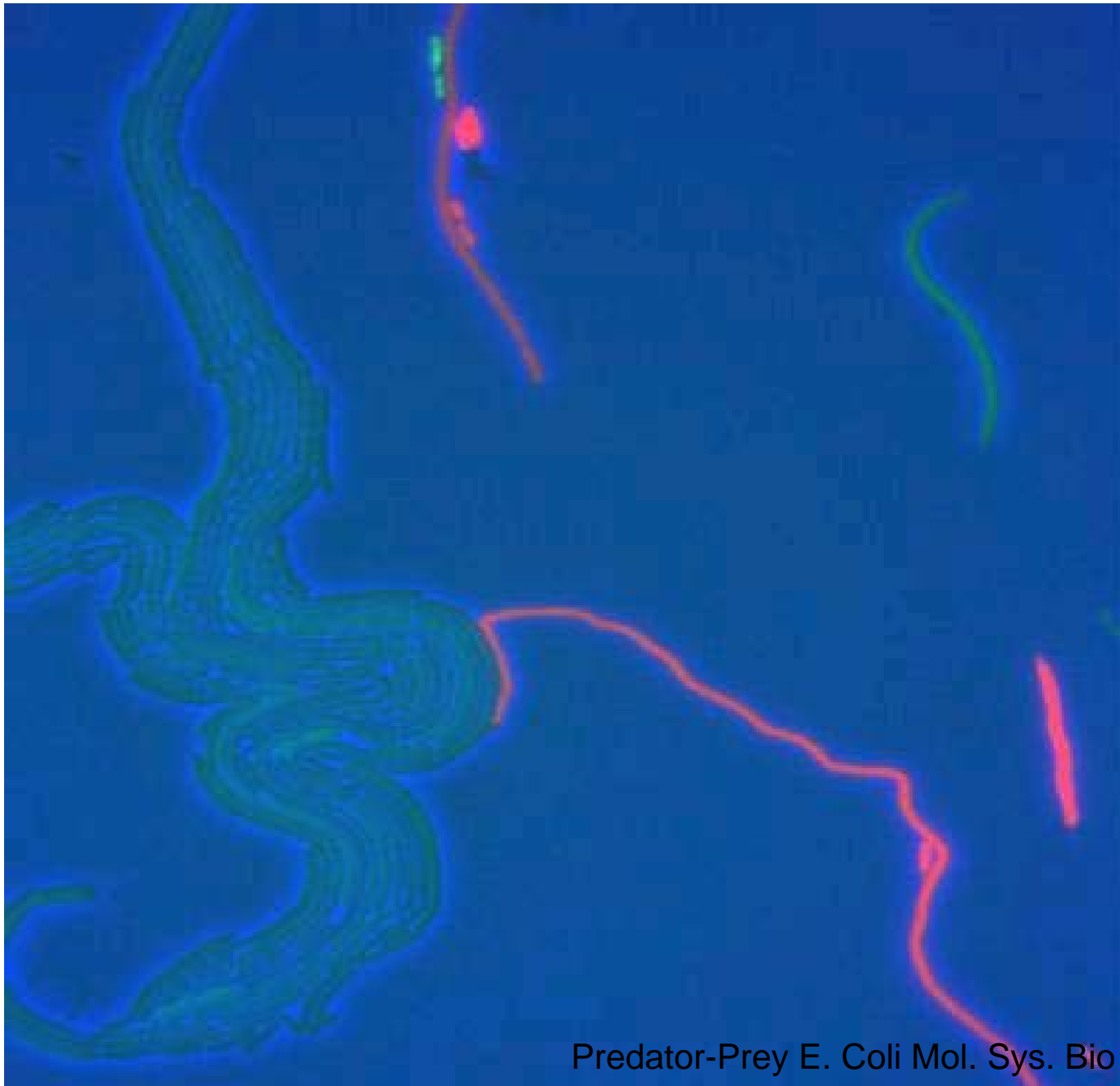
*Collaboration to Focus Primarily on Cancer Therapeutics Using Novel Aptamer Technology*



# Folding DNA to create nanoscale shapes and patterns

Paul W. K. Rothemund<sup>1</sup>





Predator-Prey E. Coli Mol. Sys. Bio

## **Within 10 years, if present trends continue...**

- Synthesis and boot-up will become integrated and practical on the desktop
- 10 MB of DNA synthesis will cost <\$10K
- Drag and drop metabolic design software, and parts libraries, will be open sourced
- A substantially different academic and industry landscape than exists today

# Summary

- Synthetic biology transforming life science into an information science
- Multidisciplinary
- Accelerating technology development and globally fueling innovation and competition
- IT industry-type dynamics, but greater ramifications for society
- Open source may play a crucial role



