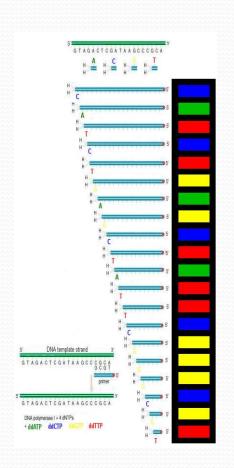
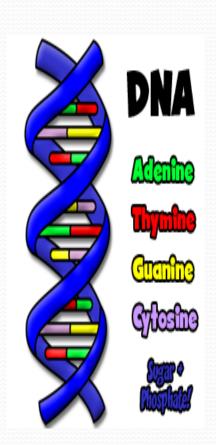
DNA Sequencing Data Evaluation

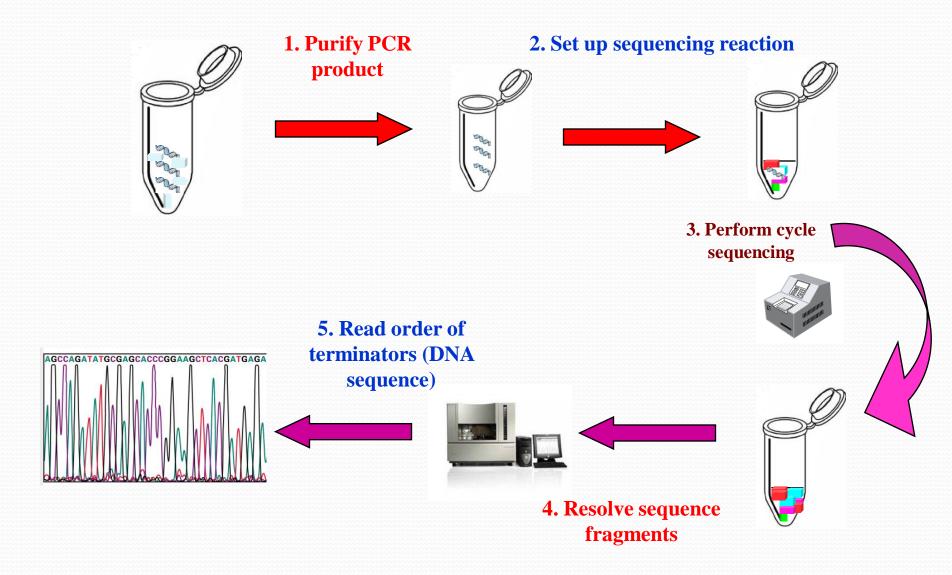


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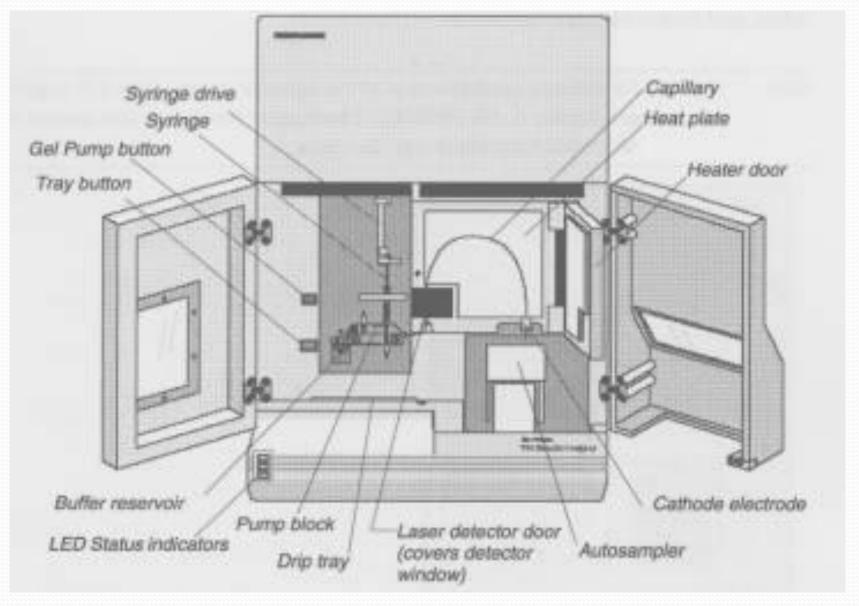
Pathway of sequencing reaction



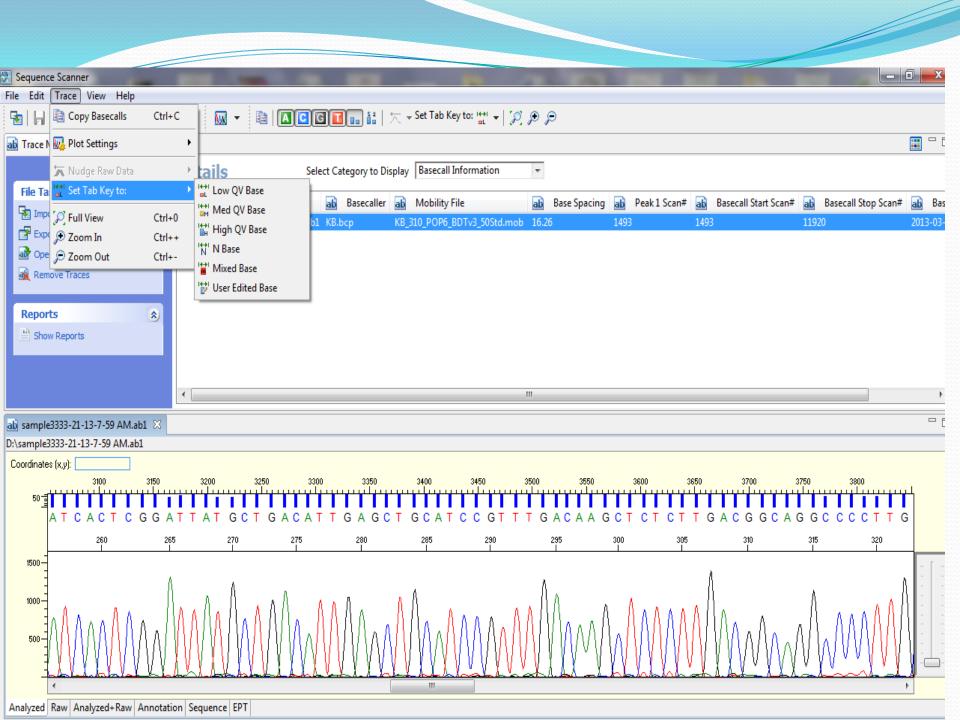


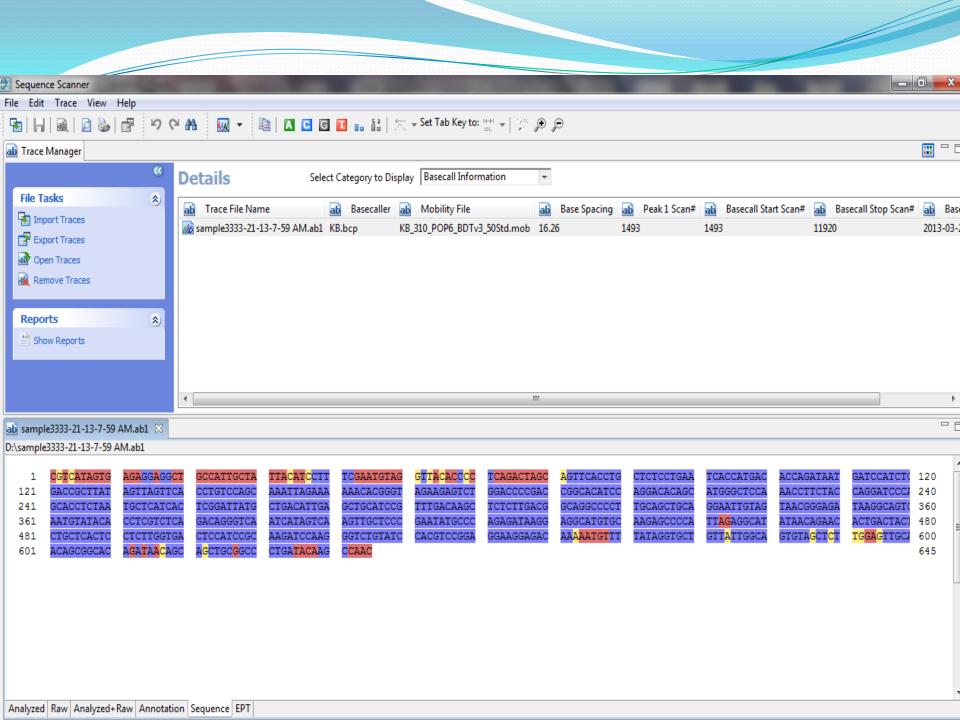
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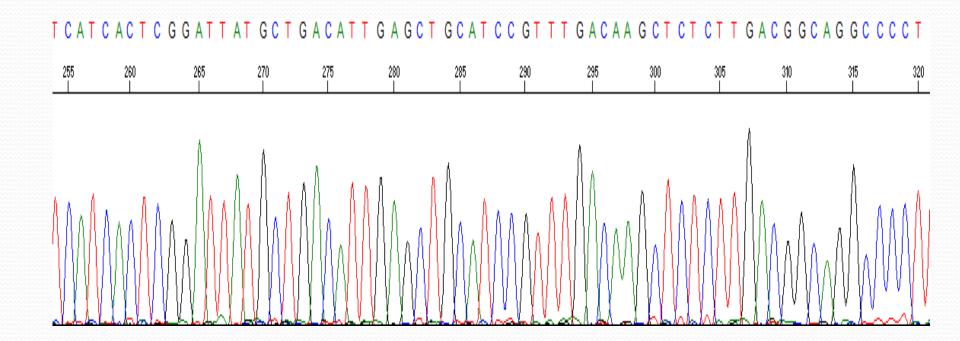
Parts of ABI 310 Sequencer



How can you evaluate sequencing results?

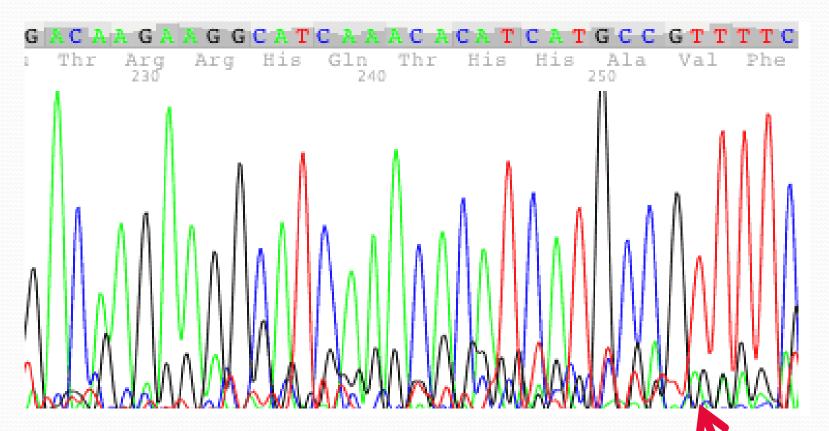






DNA sequencing results

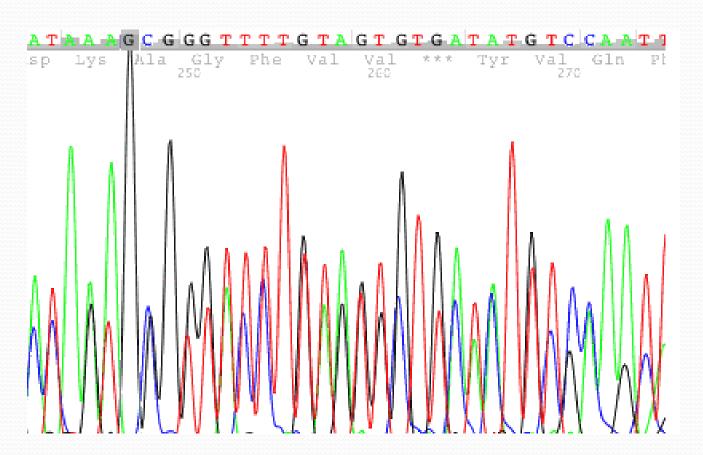
Noisy or weak signal



- Partially failed sequencing reaction.
- Too much or too little DNA.
- Partial loss of sample during clean-up

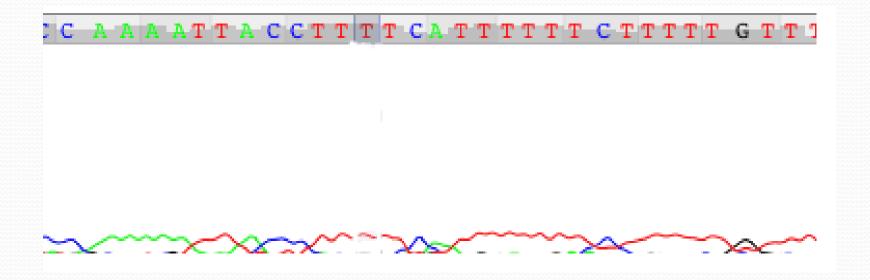
secondary peaks

Mixed DNA templates



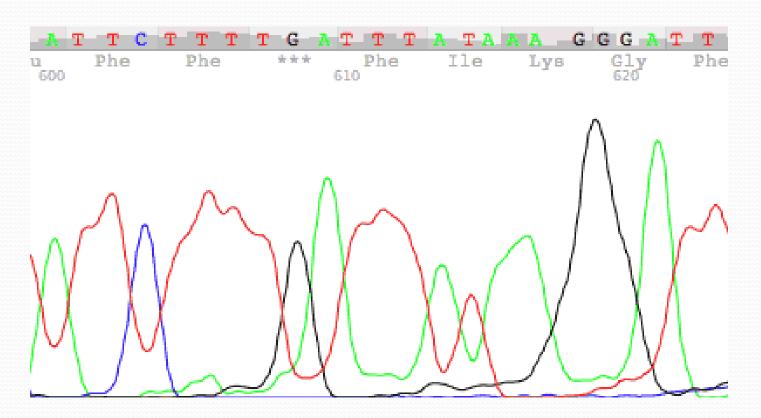
- Two or more templates were present in the reaction
- Two primers were present in the sequencing reactions
- Two priming sites are present in DNA template
- Different sequencing reactions were accidentally mixed at the clean up stage

Short DNA sequencing read lengths



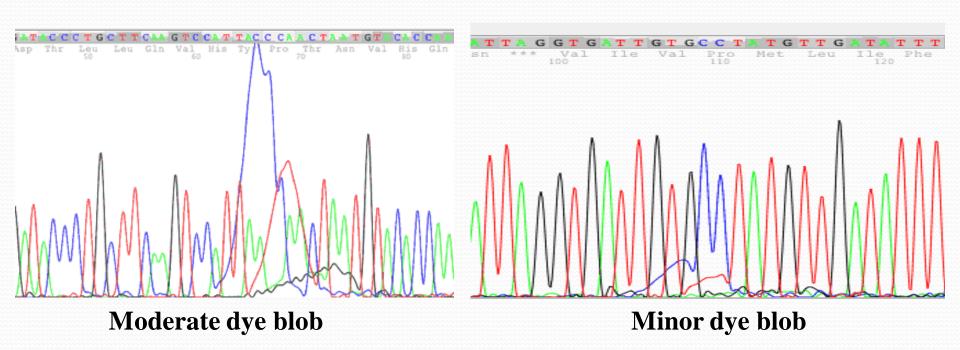
- Too much template DNA
- Excessive dilution of the BigDye reagent
- Too much primer

Blurry trace chromatogram peaks



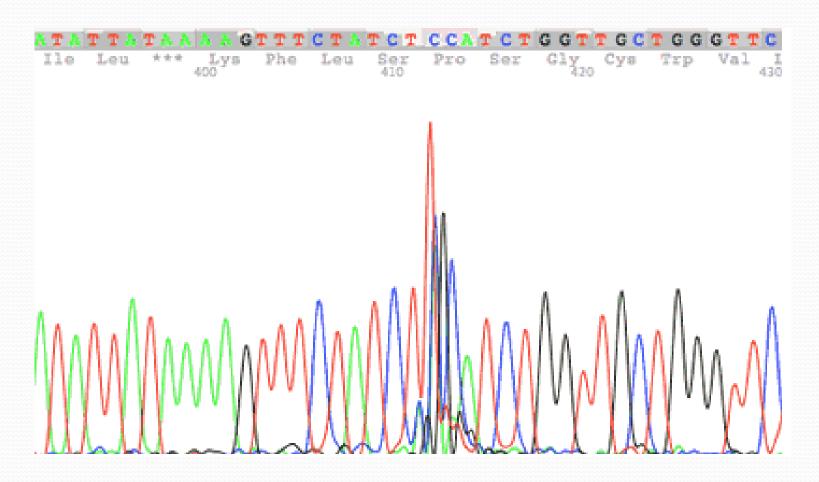
- Capillary overload (dirty samples with large amount of DNA, proteins or salts)
- High sequencing run voltages

Dye Blobs (excess free dye terminators)



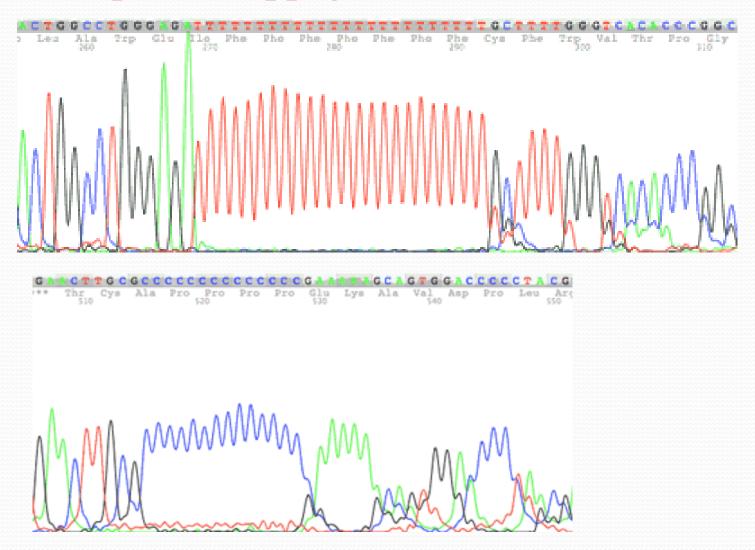
- -Poor post-sequencing clean up
- -Lost pellet
- -Failed reaction

Sharp trace signal spikes



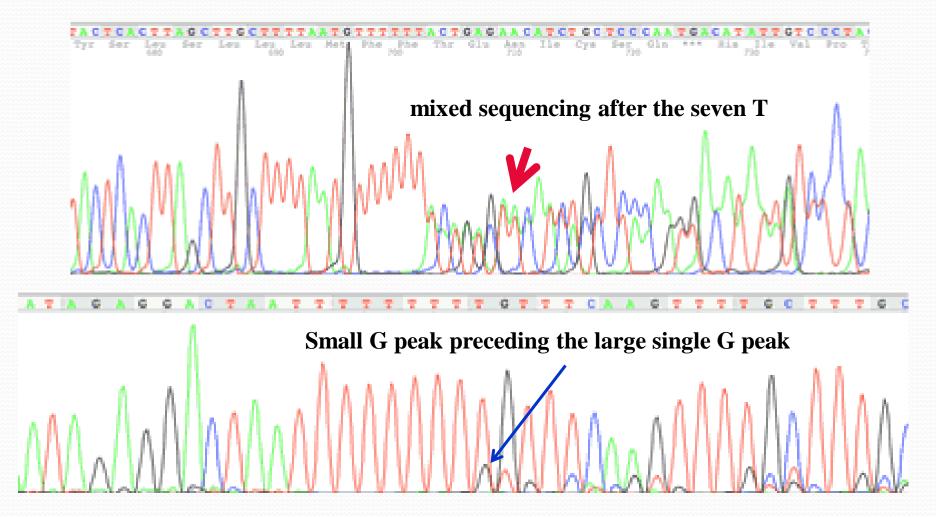
Small gas bubbles forming in the capillaries during electrophoreses

Sequence Slippage



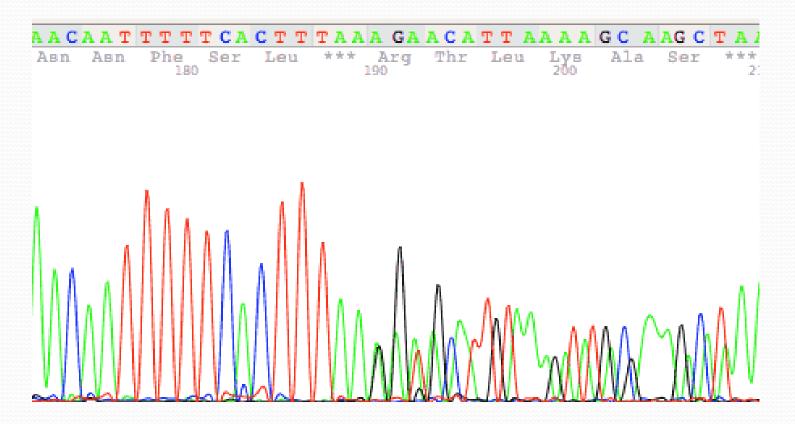
Long runs of a mono nucleotide base

Template insertion and deletions



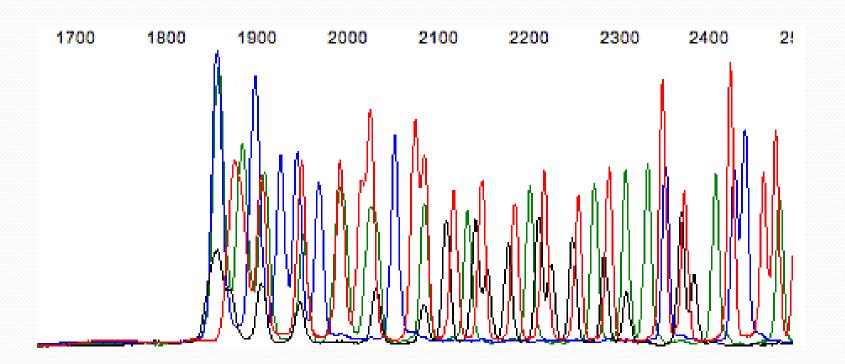
- Direct sequencing of PCR products derived from polymorphic templates
- Random mutation has occurred during the cloning process

Chimeras and sequence rearrangements



- Cloning two or more unrelated DNA fragments at once in the same vector
- 'Unstable' sequences like repeats as long poly A tails

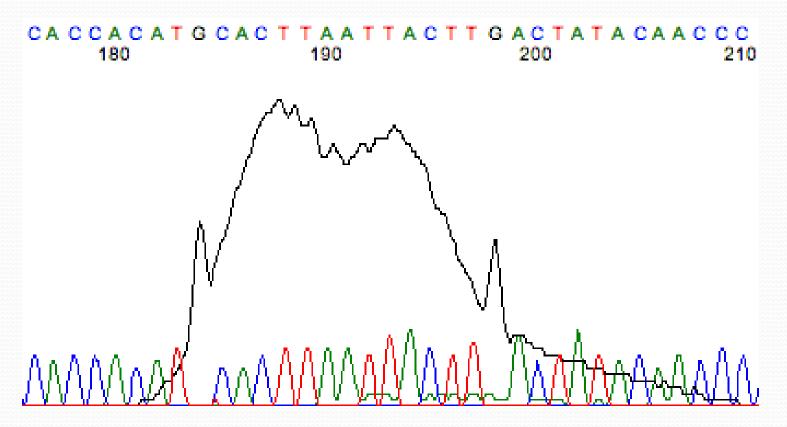
Delayed sequencing signal start



- Capillary overload

The two most common causes of capillary overload are:too much template DNA
dirty template DNA contaminated with proteins and/or salt

Late "G" dye peaks



The breakdown of the BigDye sequencing chemistry before sample clean up (excess heating or high numbers of freeze/ thaw cycles)

