Principles of DNA Sequencing

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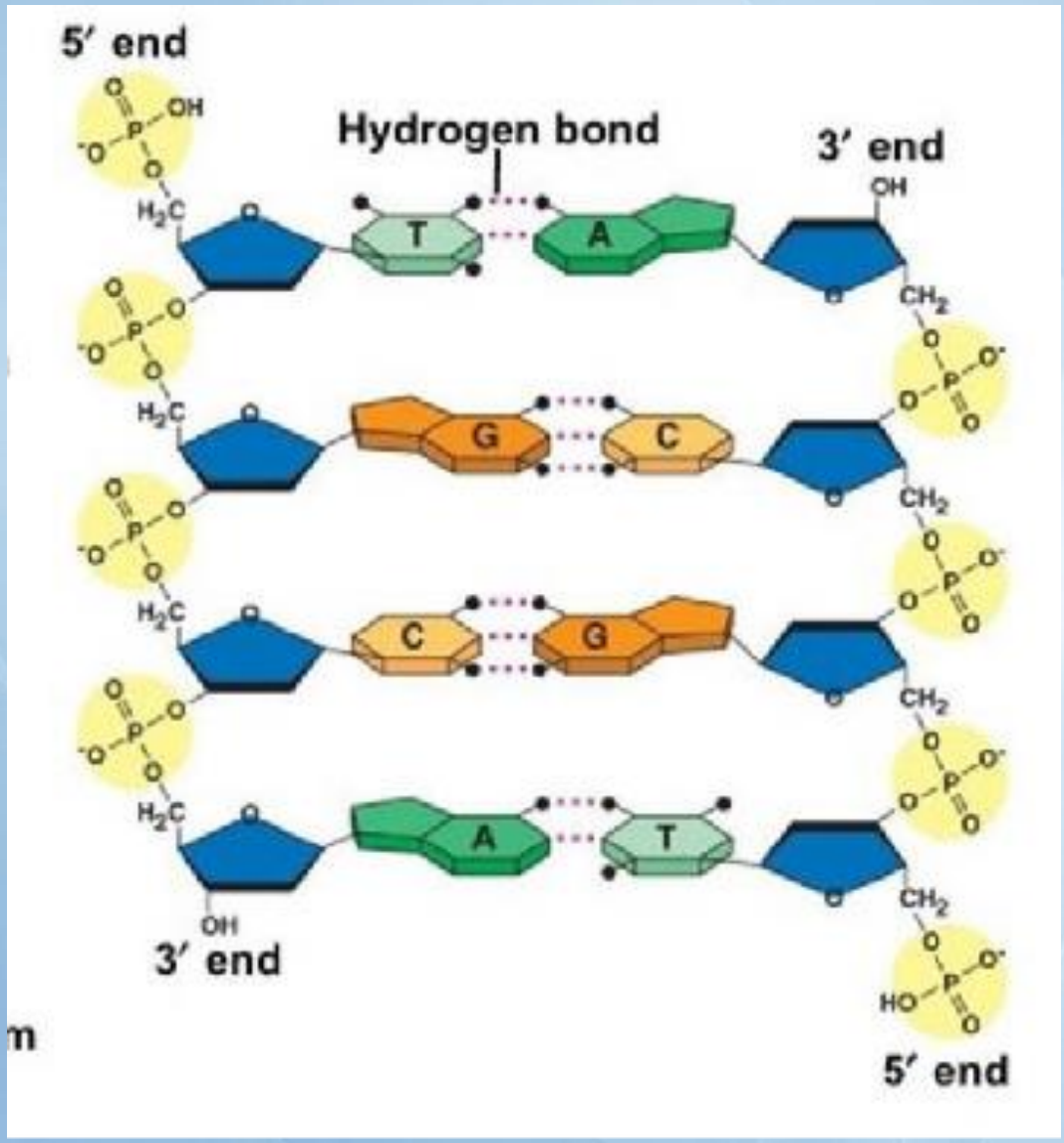
What is DNA Sequencing?



Methods of DNA Sequencing

Sanger Method

DNA sequencing by enzymatic synthesis

Nobel Prize 1958, seq. of insulin

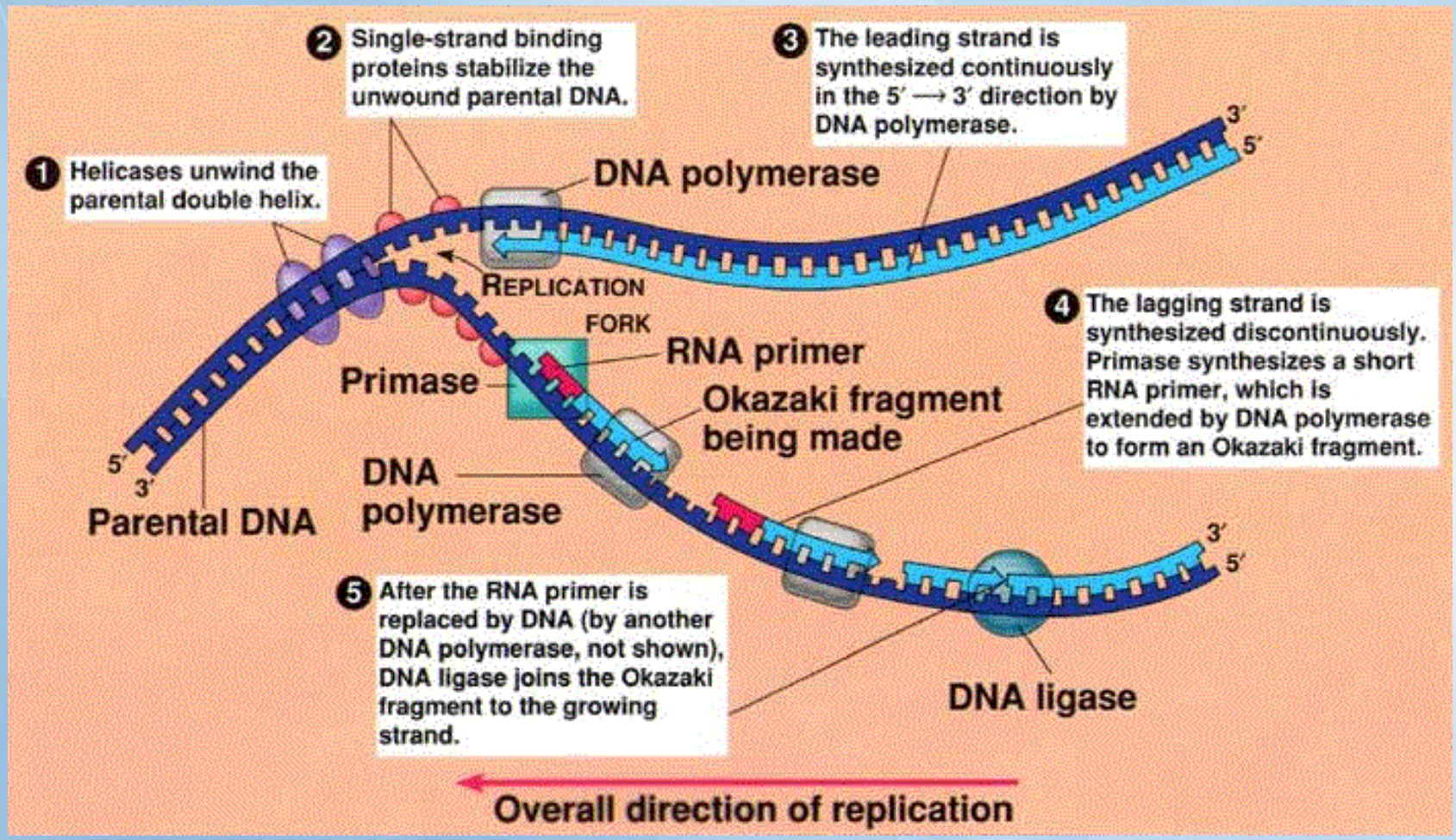
Nobel Prize 1980, DNA seq.

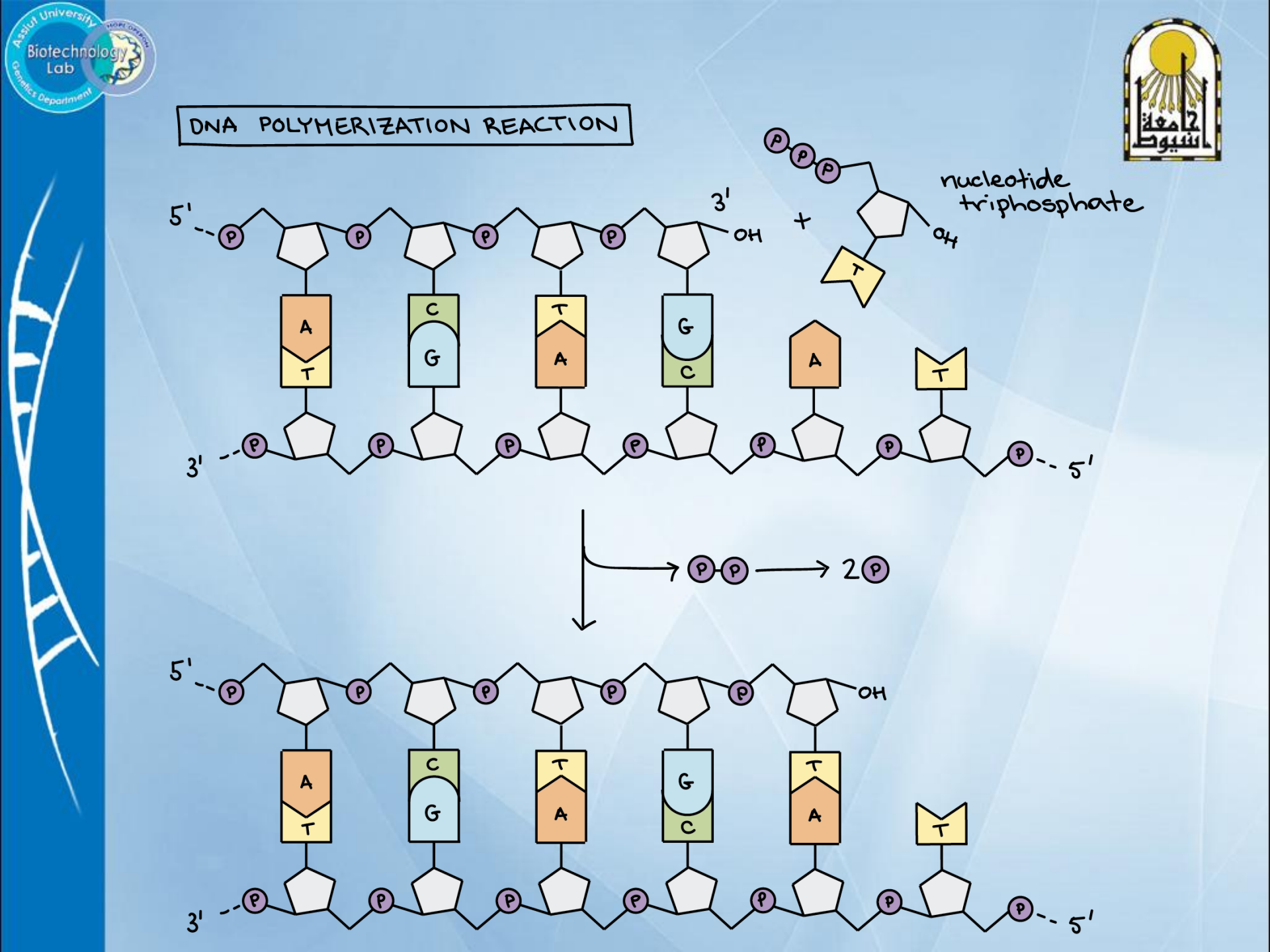
Maxam–Gilbert Method

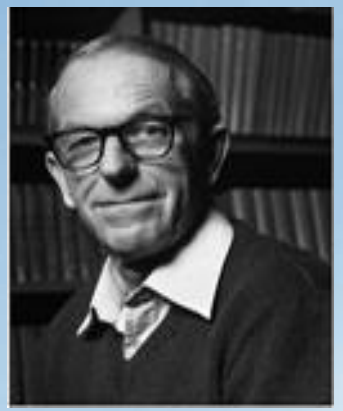
DNA sequencing by chemical degradation

Nobel Prize 1980, DNA sequence

Modern sequencing equipment uses the principles of the Sanger technique

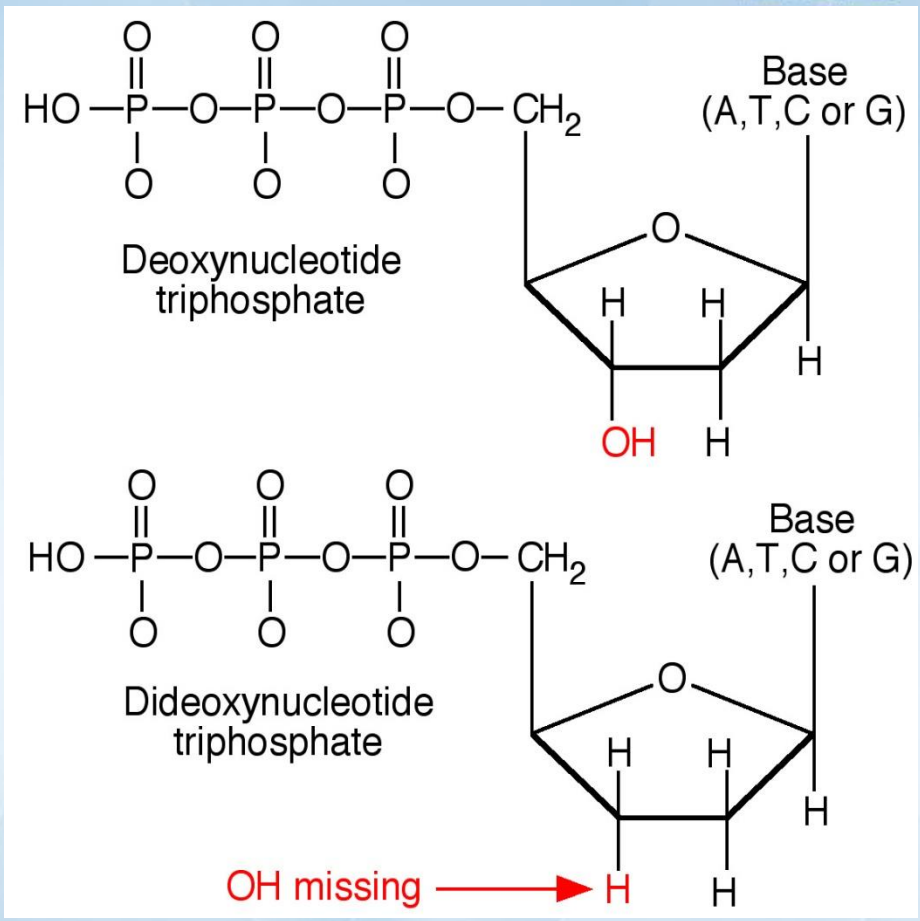

2 Single-strand binding proteins stabilize the unwound parental DNA.
3 The leading strand is synthesized continuously in the 5′ ⟶ 3′ direction by DNA polymerase.
1 Helicases unwind the parental double helix.
DNA polymerase
3′
5′
REPLICATION FORK
RNA primer
Primase
Okazaki fragment being made
4 The lagging strand is synthesized discontinuously. Primase synthesizes a short RNA primer, which is extended by DNA polymerase to form an Okazaki fragment.
5′
3′
Parental DNA
DNA polymerase
3′
5′
5 After the RNA primer is replaced by DNA (by another DNA polymerase, not shown), DNA ligase joins the Okazaki fragment to the growing strand.
DNA ligase
Overall direction of replication


DNA POLYMERIZATION REACTION
nucleotide triphosphate
5'
3'
OH
A
T
C
G
T
A
G
C
A
T
P
2P



The Sanger method

Uses dideoxy nucleotides to terminate DNA synthesis.



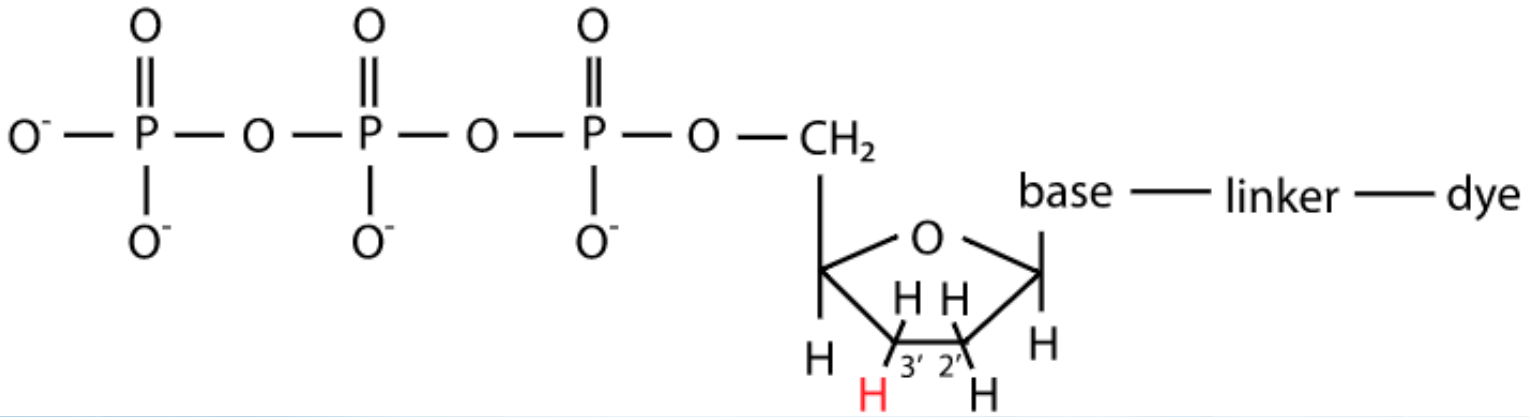
Because they lack the –OH, replication stops

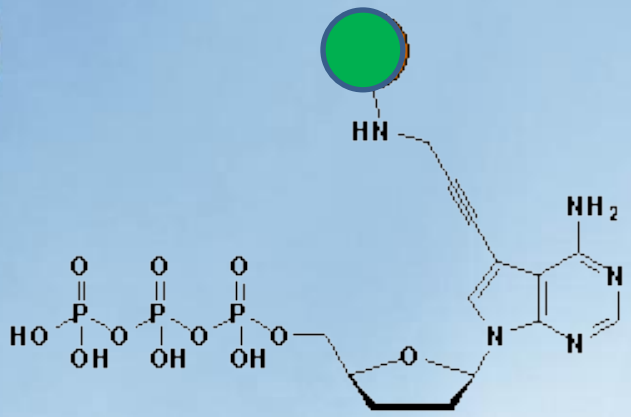
ddNTPs are the terminator molecules…

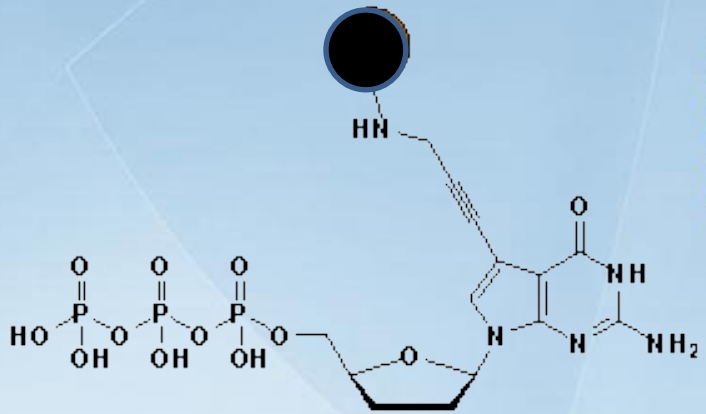
- **dd ATP**
- **dd GTP**
- **dd CTP**
- **dd TTP**

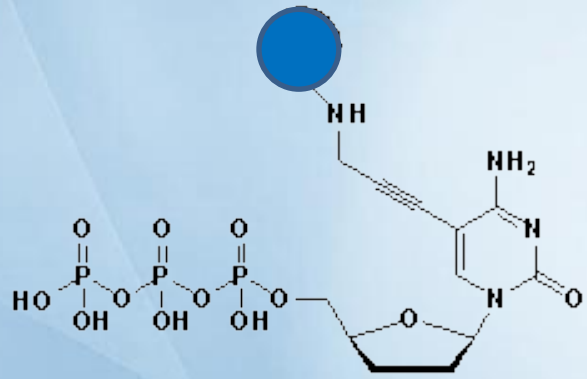
Bigdye terminator

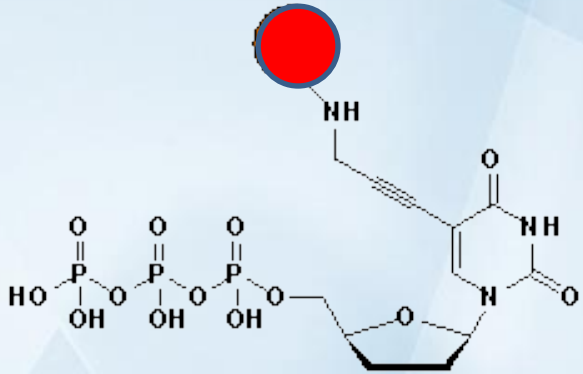
Sanger fluorescent dideoxynucleotide (ddNTP)





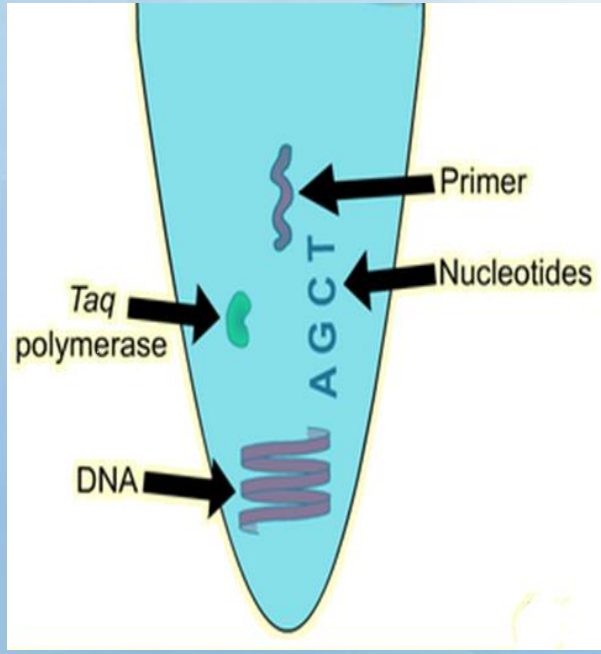


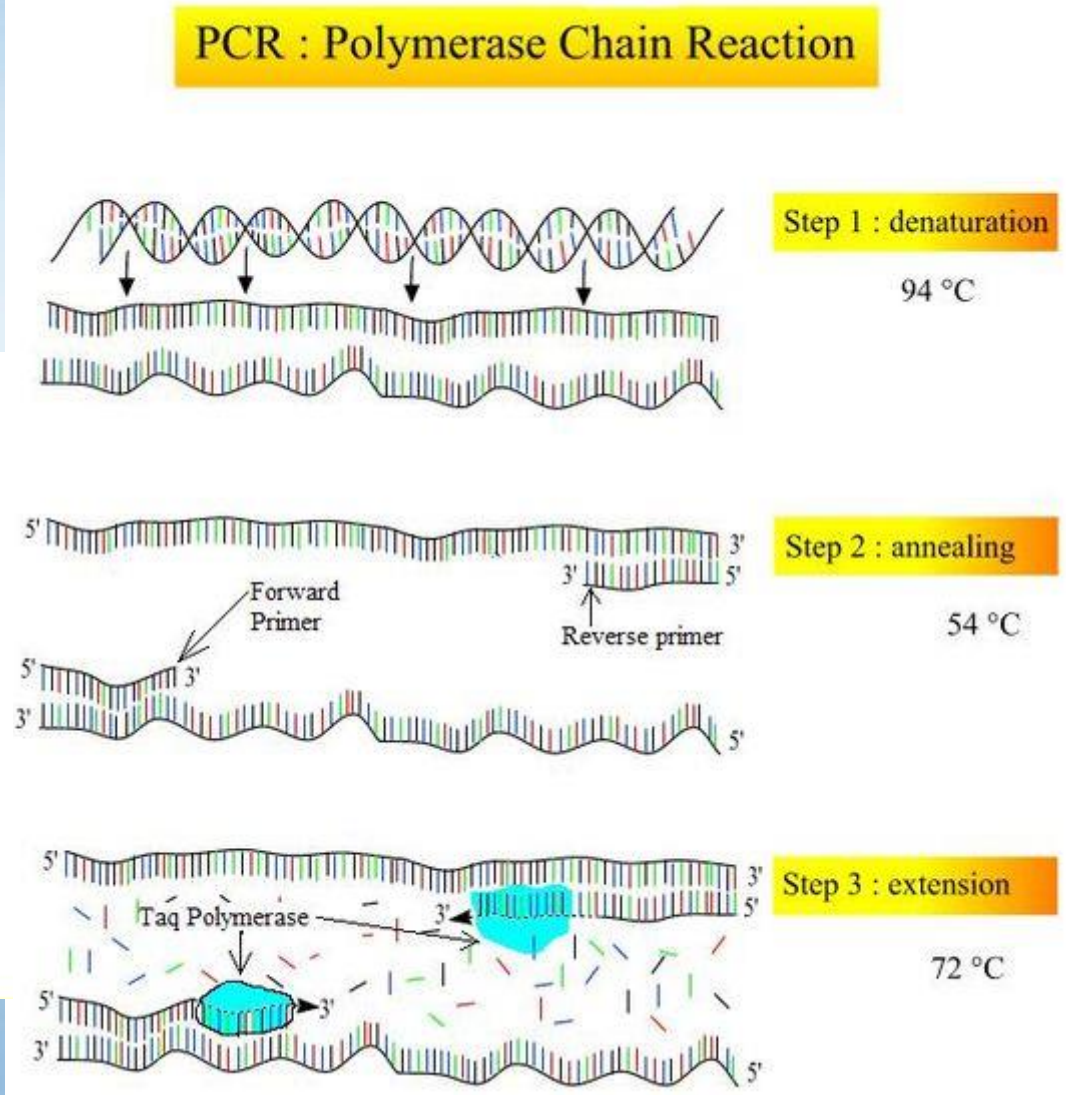




Terminator	Acceptor Dye	Emission Peak (nm)	Electropherogram Color
ddATP	dichloroR6G	565	green
ddCTP	dichloroROX	630	blue
ddGTP	dichloroR110	535	black
ddTTP	dichloroTAMRA	600	red

What will happen if ddATP, ddGTP, ddCTP, ddTTP are added ?





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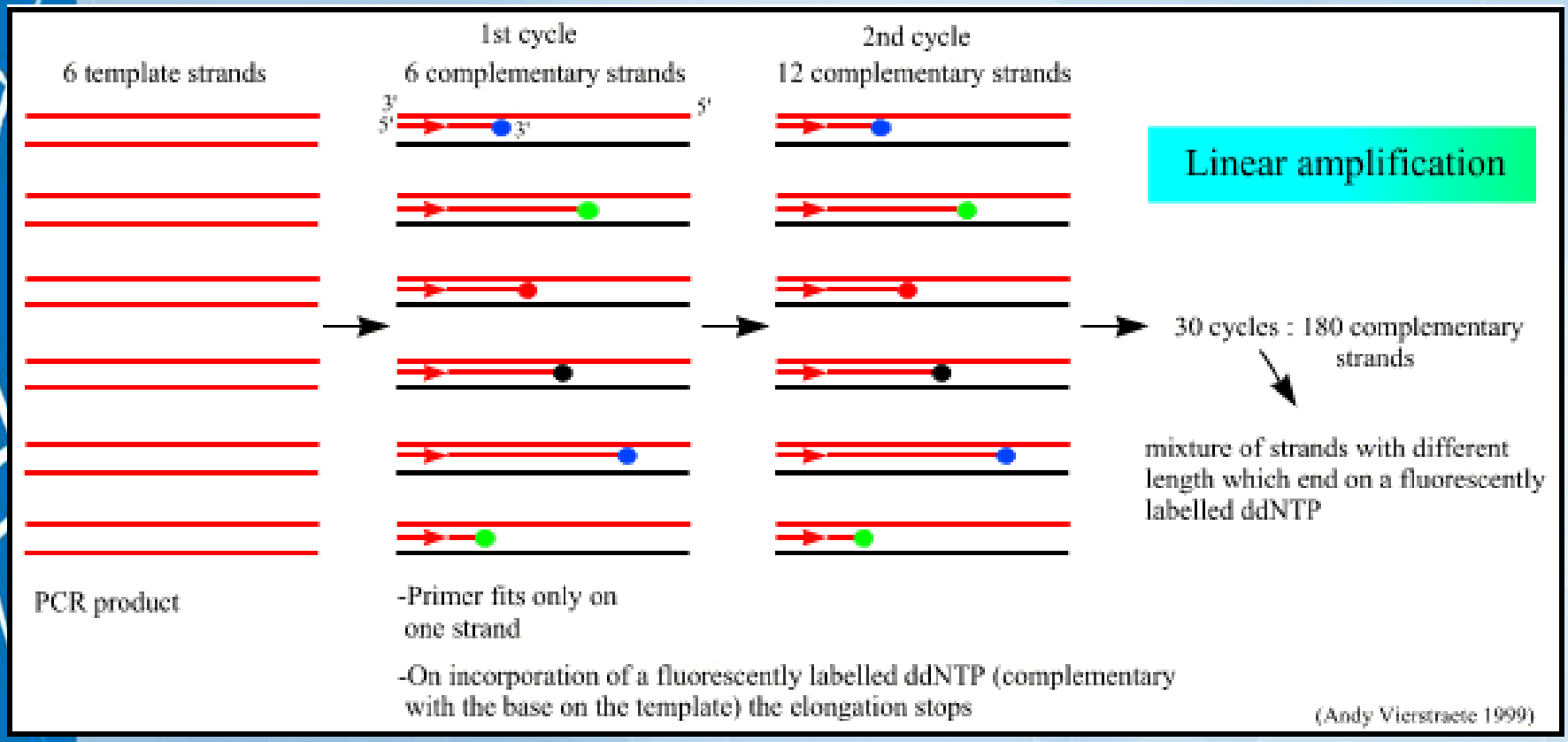
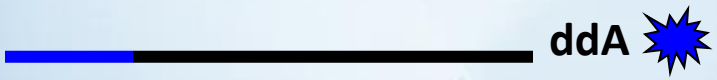
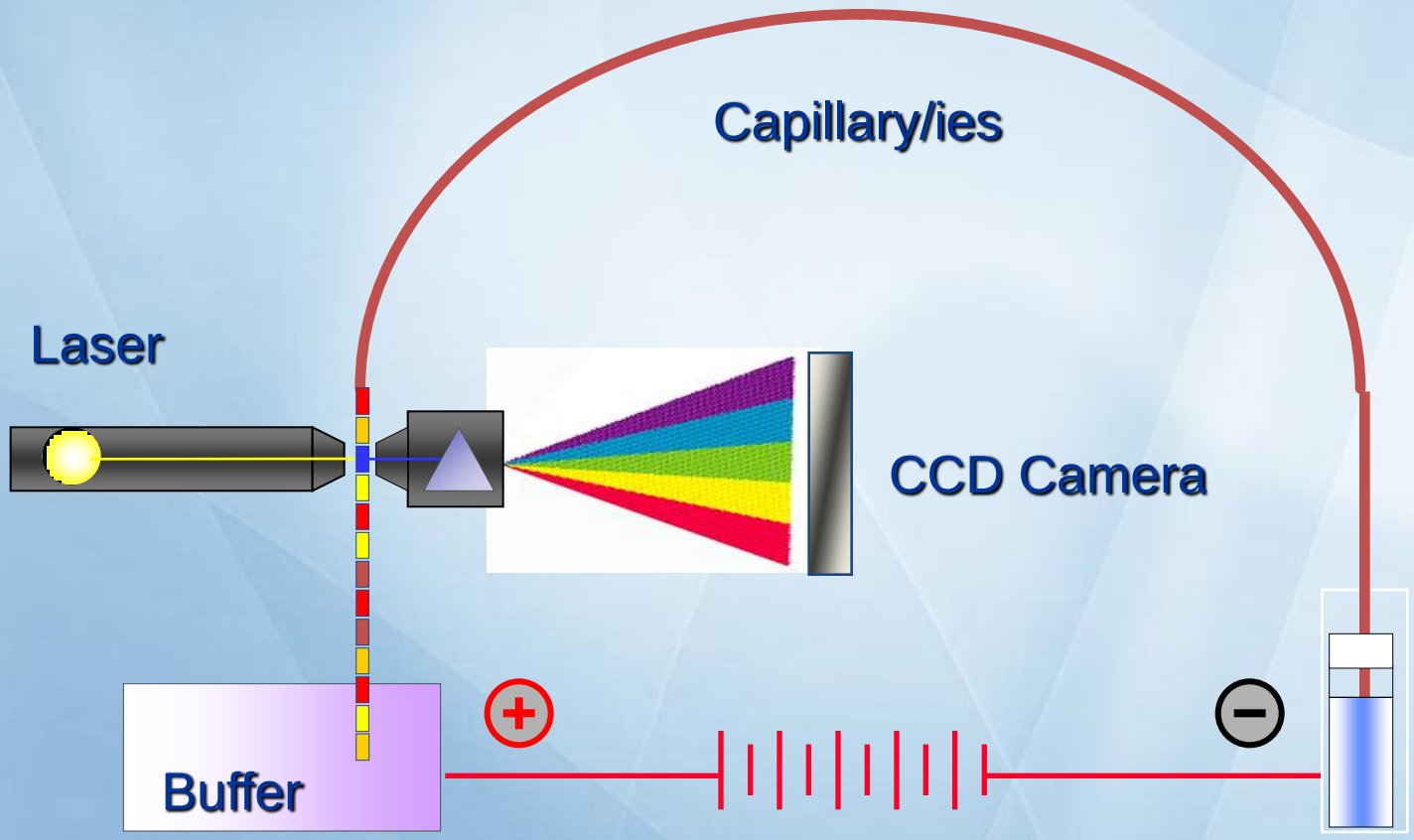


Fluorescent Dyes

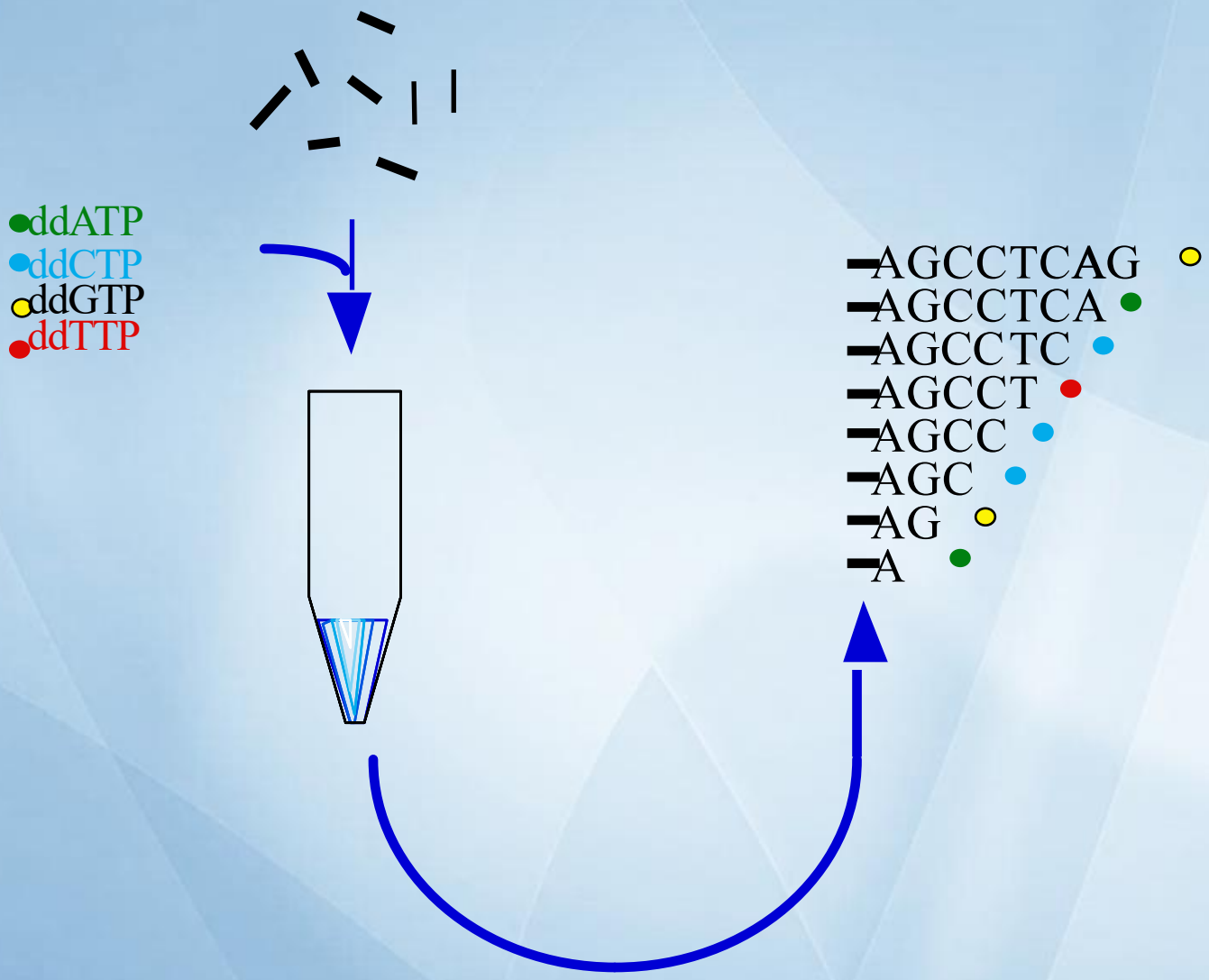
- In dye terminator sequencing, the fluorescent dye molecules are covalently attached to the dideoxynucleotides, labeling the sequencing ladder at the 3′ ends of the chains.



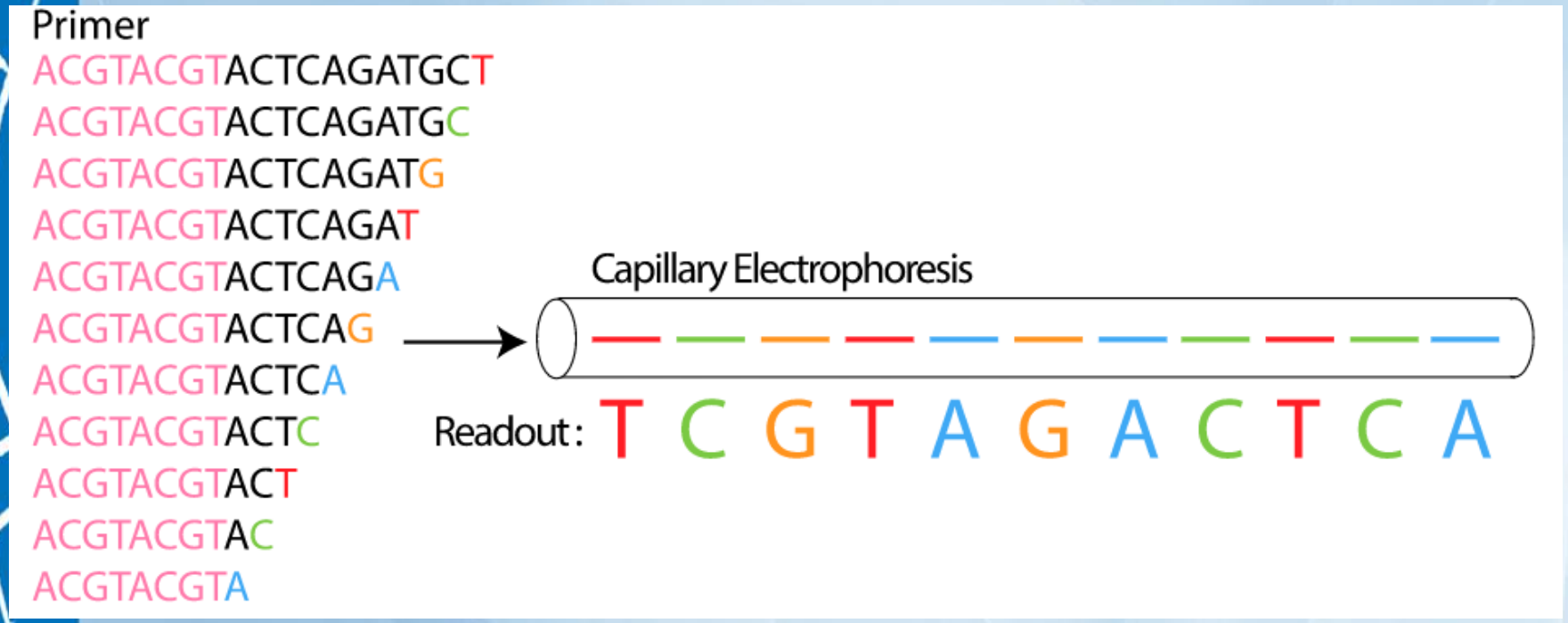
High-throughput seqeuncing: Capillary electrophoresis



Sequencing Reaction



- Proportion of the dNTPs and ddNTPs 100 : 1


Primer
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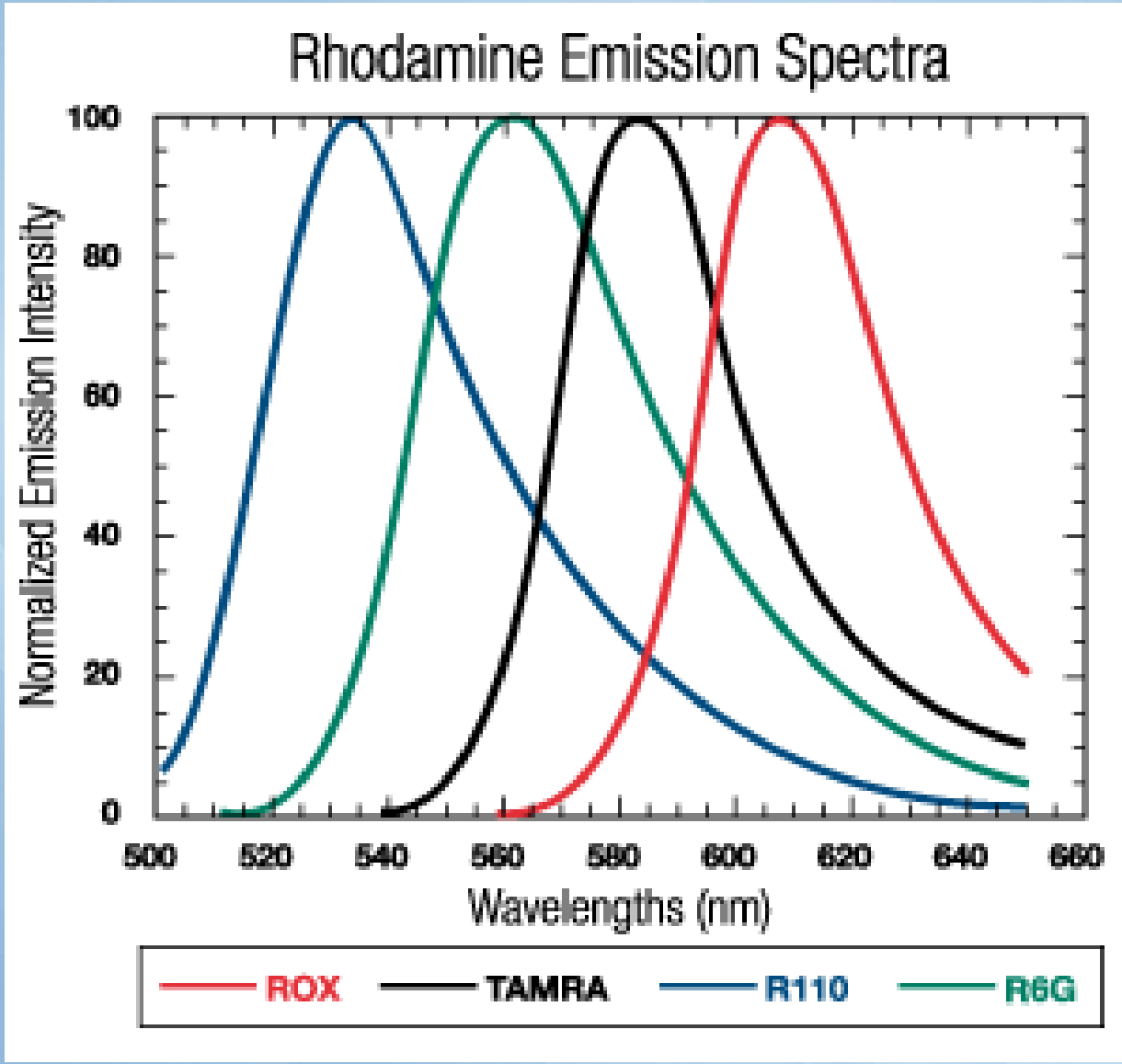
ACGTACGTACTCAGATGC
ACGTACGTACTCAGATG
ACGTACGTACTCAGAT
ACGTACGTACTCAGA
ACGTACGTACTCAG
ACGTACGTACTCA
ACGTACGTACTC
ACGTACGTACT
ACGTACGTAC
ACGTACGTA
Capillary Electrophoresis
Readout: T C G T A G A C T C A

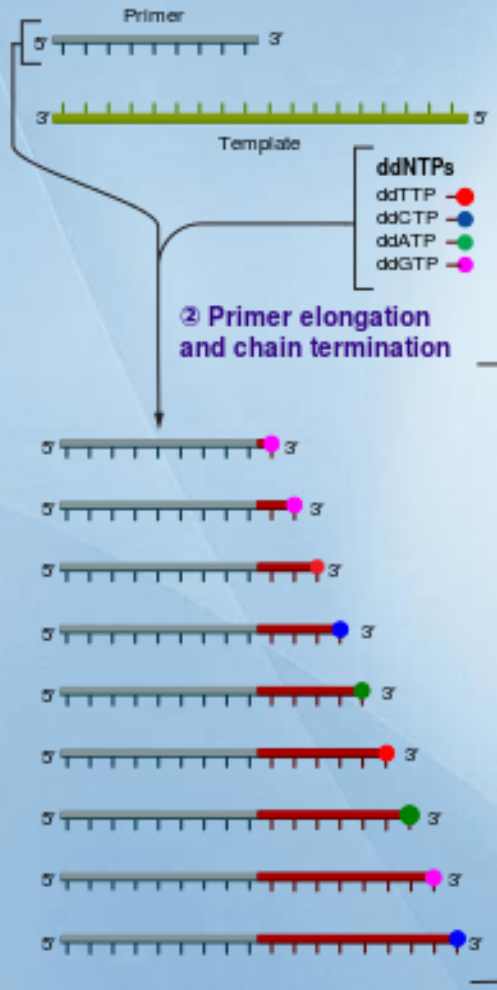
Fluorescent end labeling of DNA



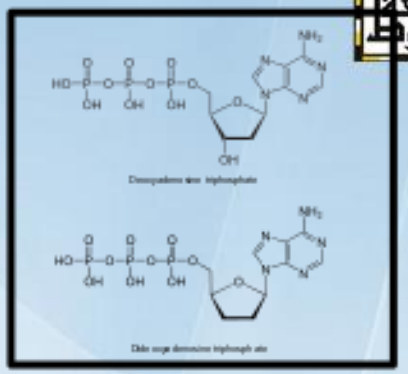
When voltage applied, strands separate by size in capillary, smallest go through first

① Reaction mixture

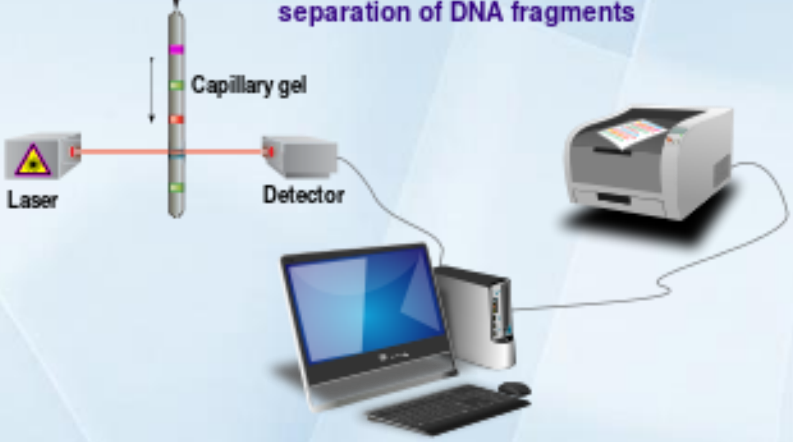
- Primer and DNA template
- DNA polymerase
- ddNTPs with flourochromes
- dNTPs (dATP, dCTP, dGTP, and dTTP)

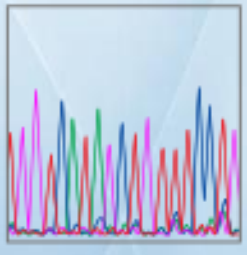


② Primer elongation and chain termination



③ Capillary gel electrophoresis separation of DNA fragments





Chromatograph

④ Laser detection of flourochromes and computational sequence analysis

ABI prism 310

Capillary electrophoresis

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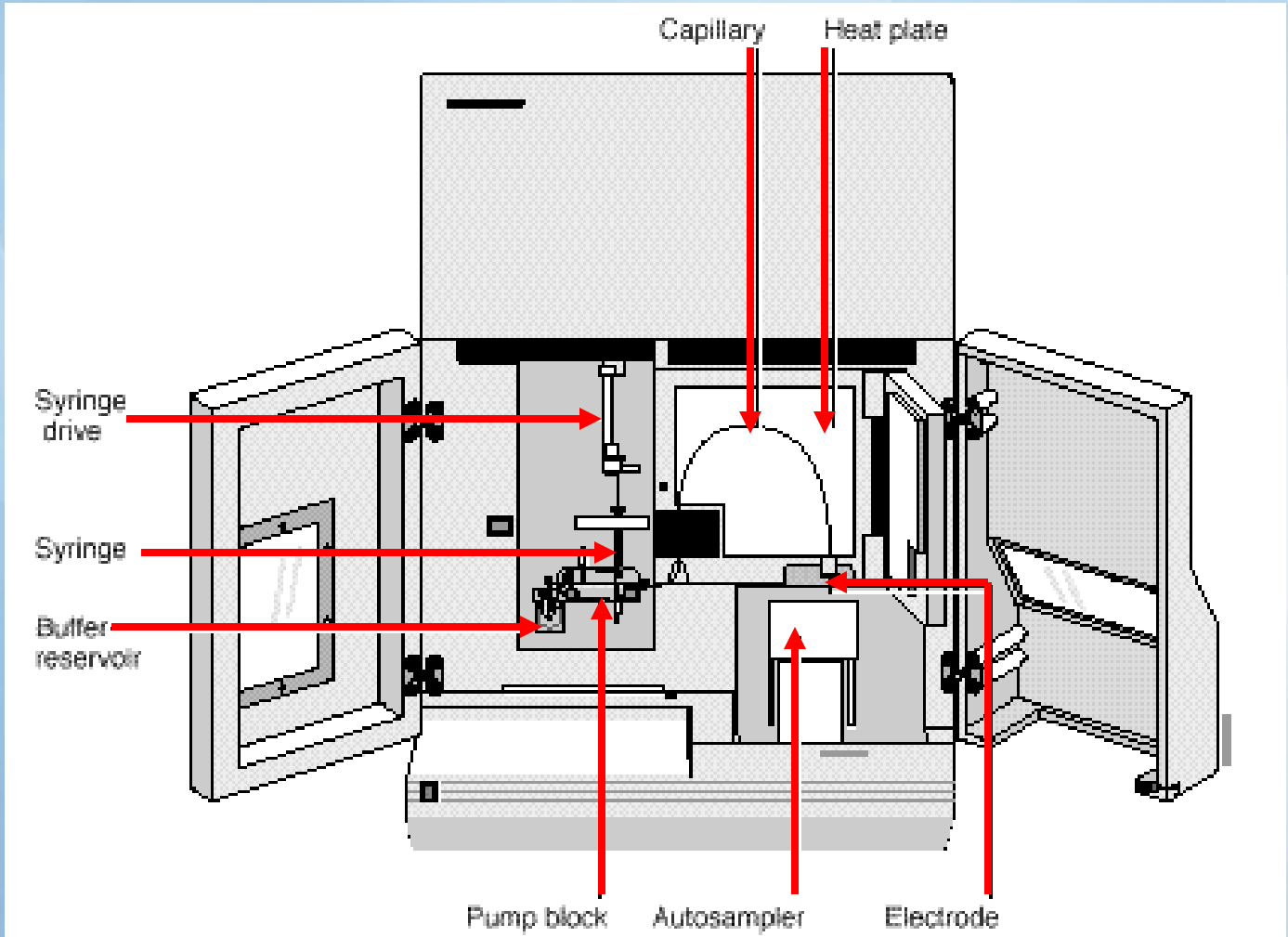
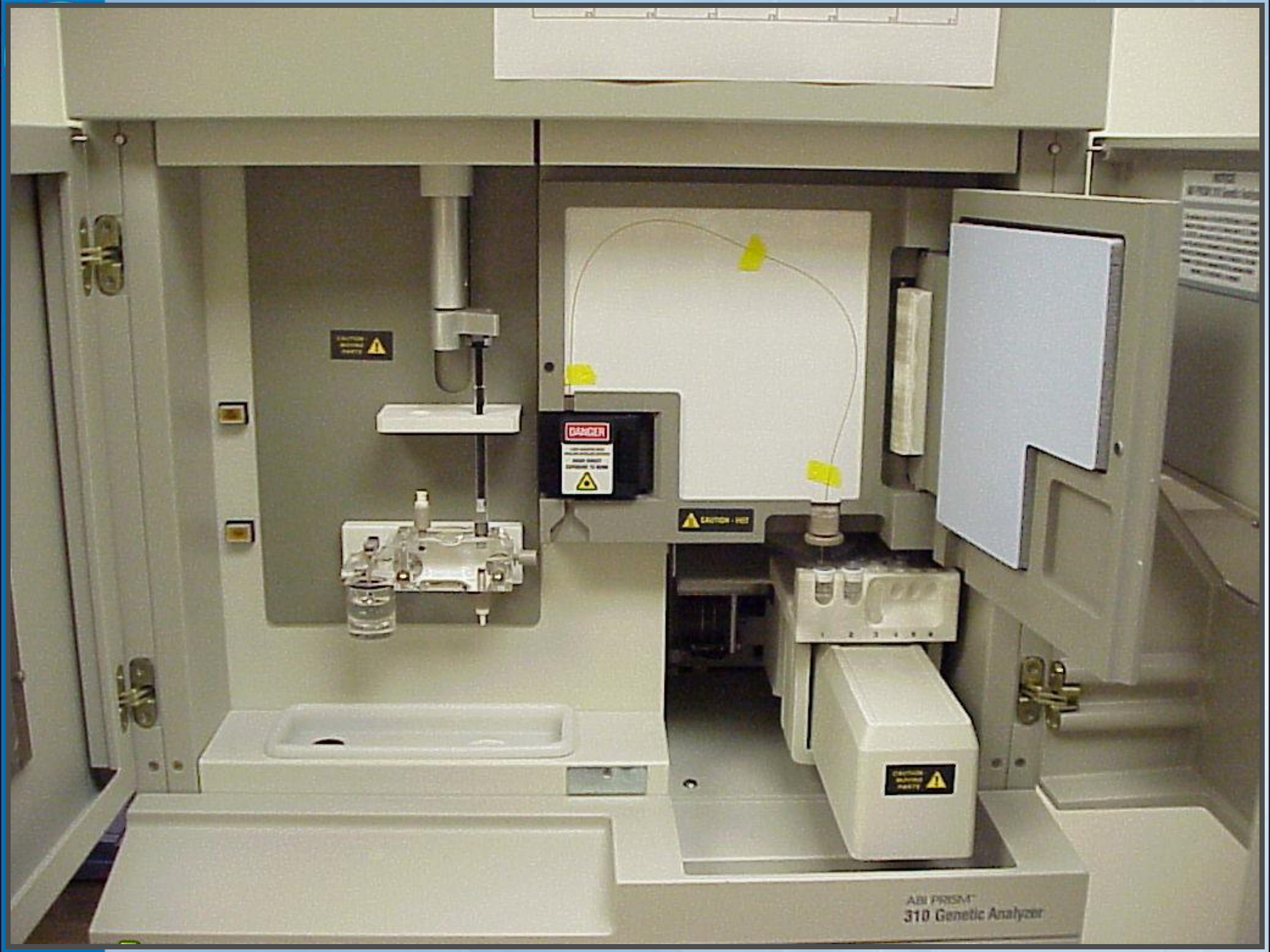
Capillary electrophoresis




DANGER
CAUTION - HOT
ABI PRISM
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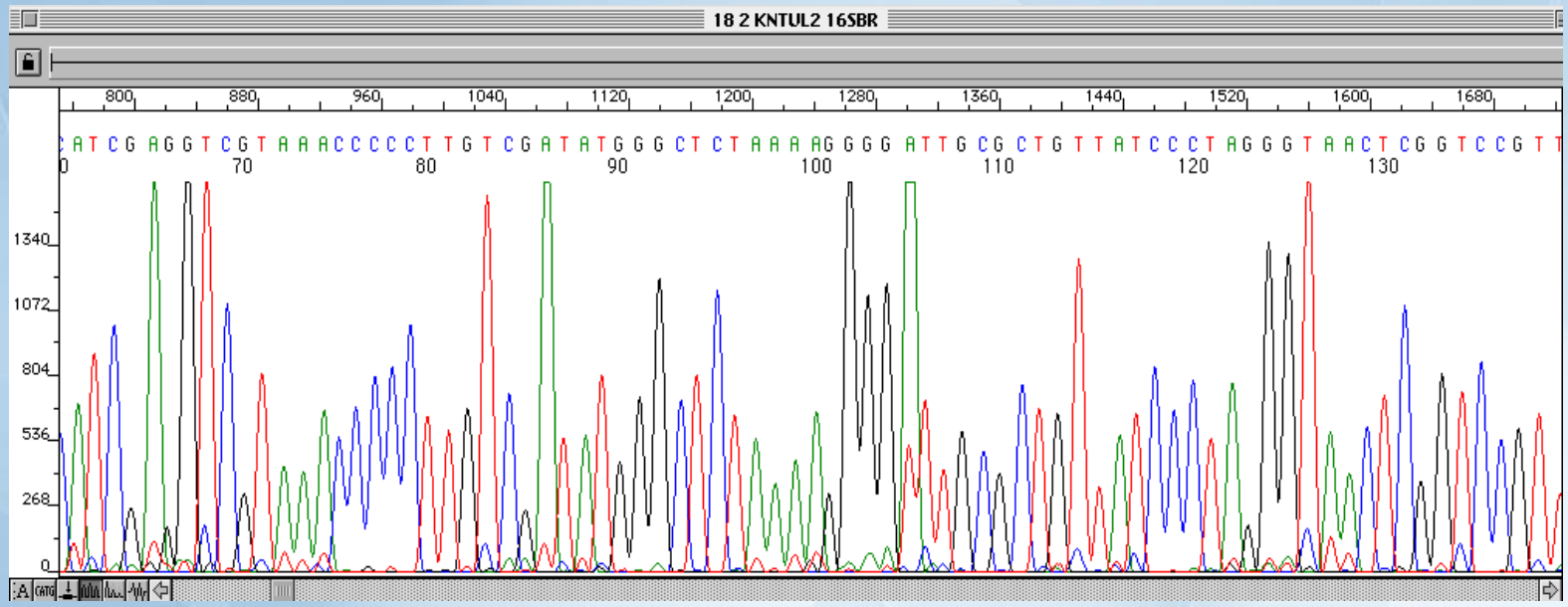
Data output

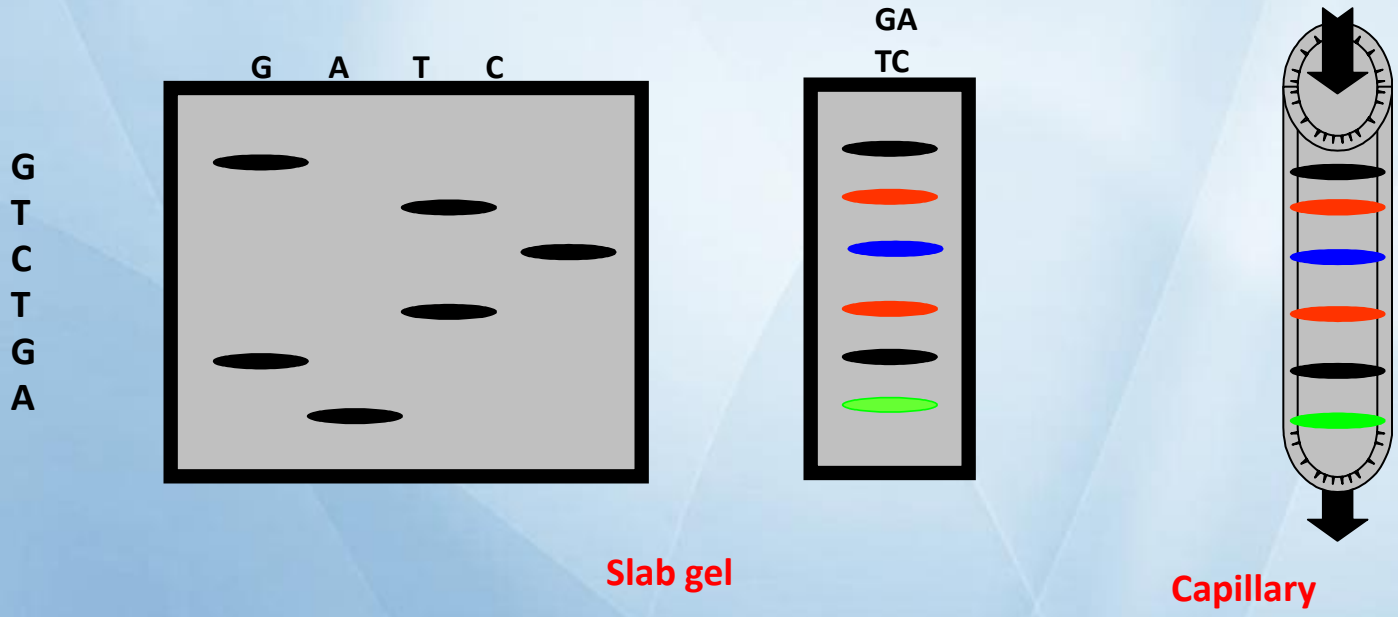
Data in electropherogram format shows peaks .abi file
Free software sequence scanner v1.0 (Life Tech).



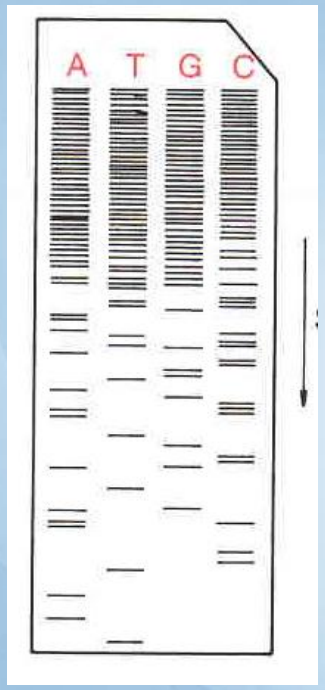
Data in sequence file format shows text .seq file

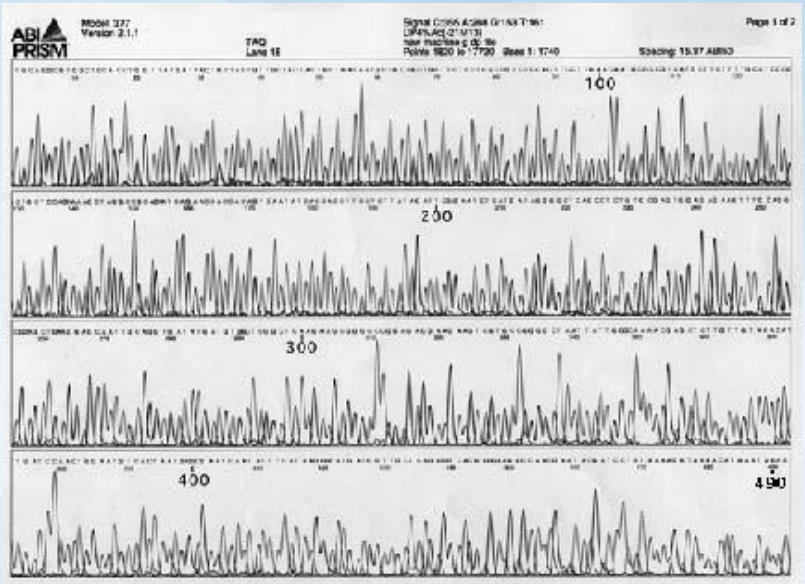
Dye Terminator Sequencing

The DNA ladder is resolved in one gel lane or in a capillary.



Automated DNA sequencing

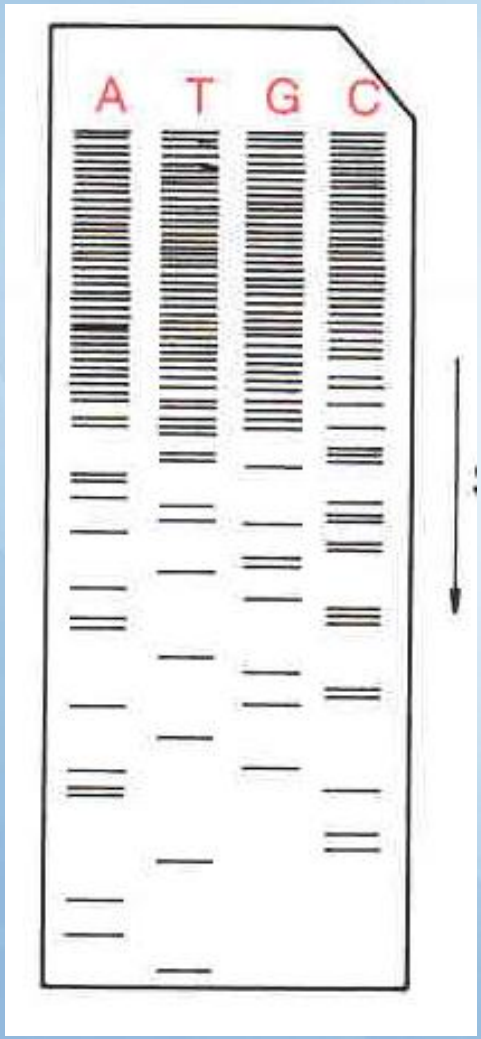


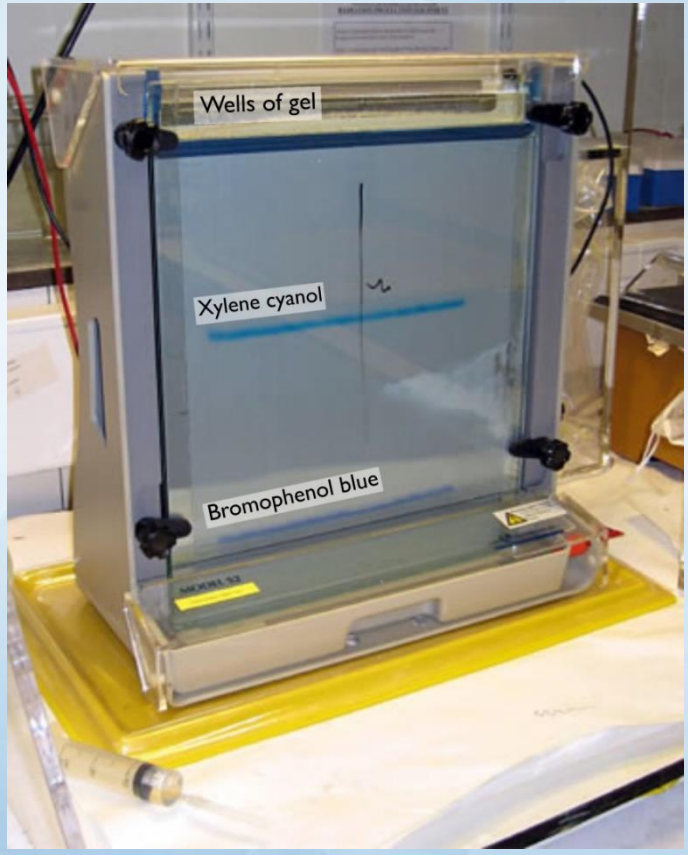


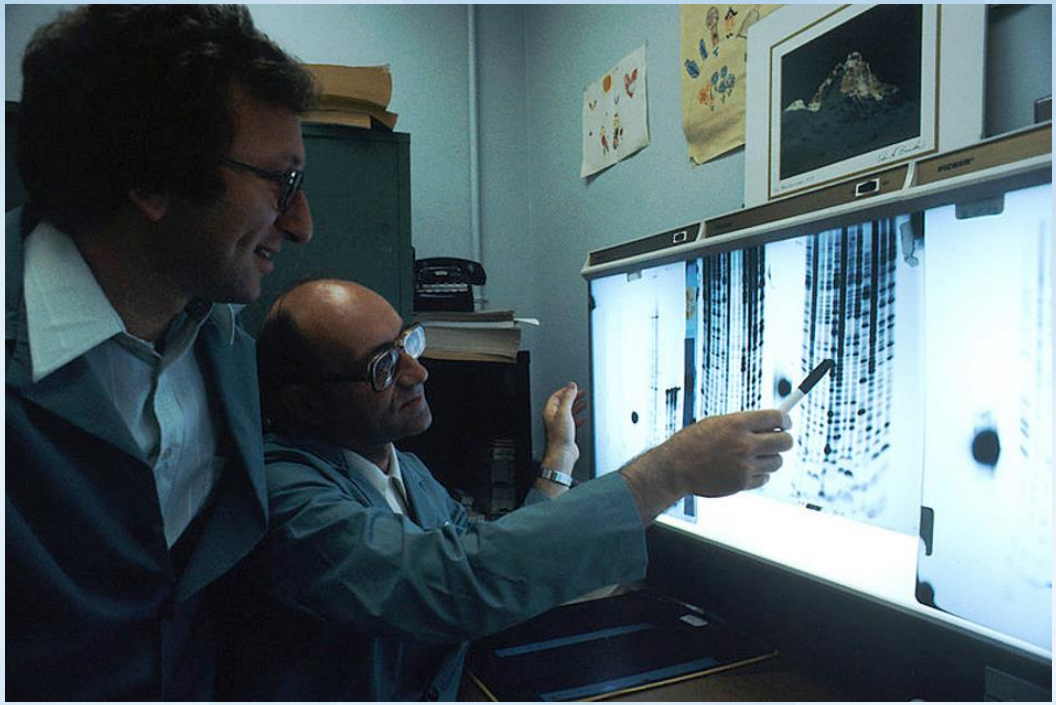
A computer read-out of the gel generates a “false color” image
where each color corresponds to a base. Then the intensities are
translated into peaks that represent the sequence.

DNA sequencing gels: old school

Analyze sequencing products by gel electrophoresis, autoradiography







A sequencing gel