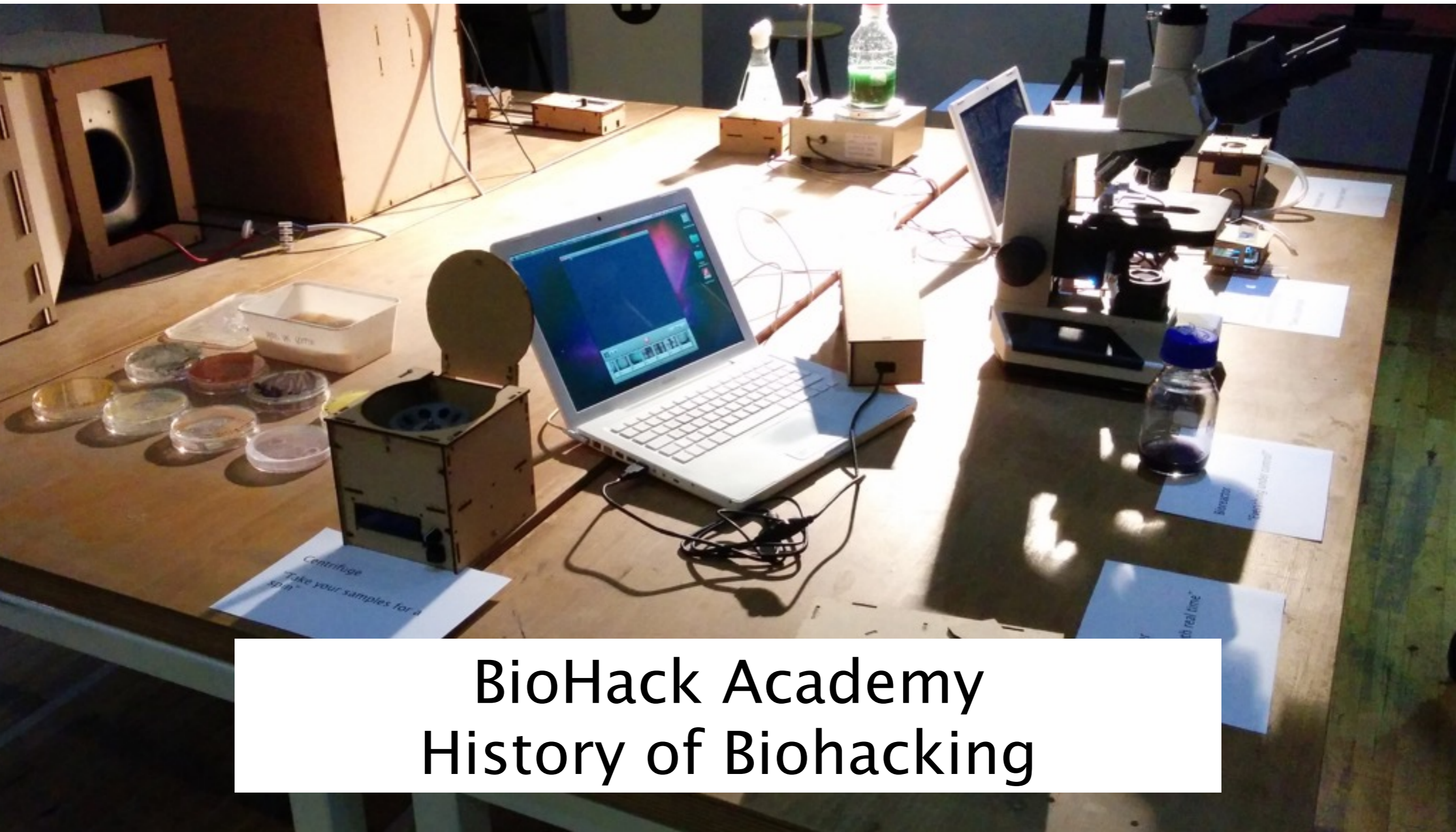




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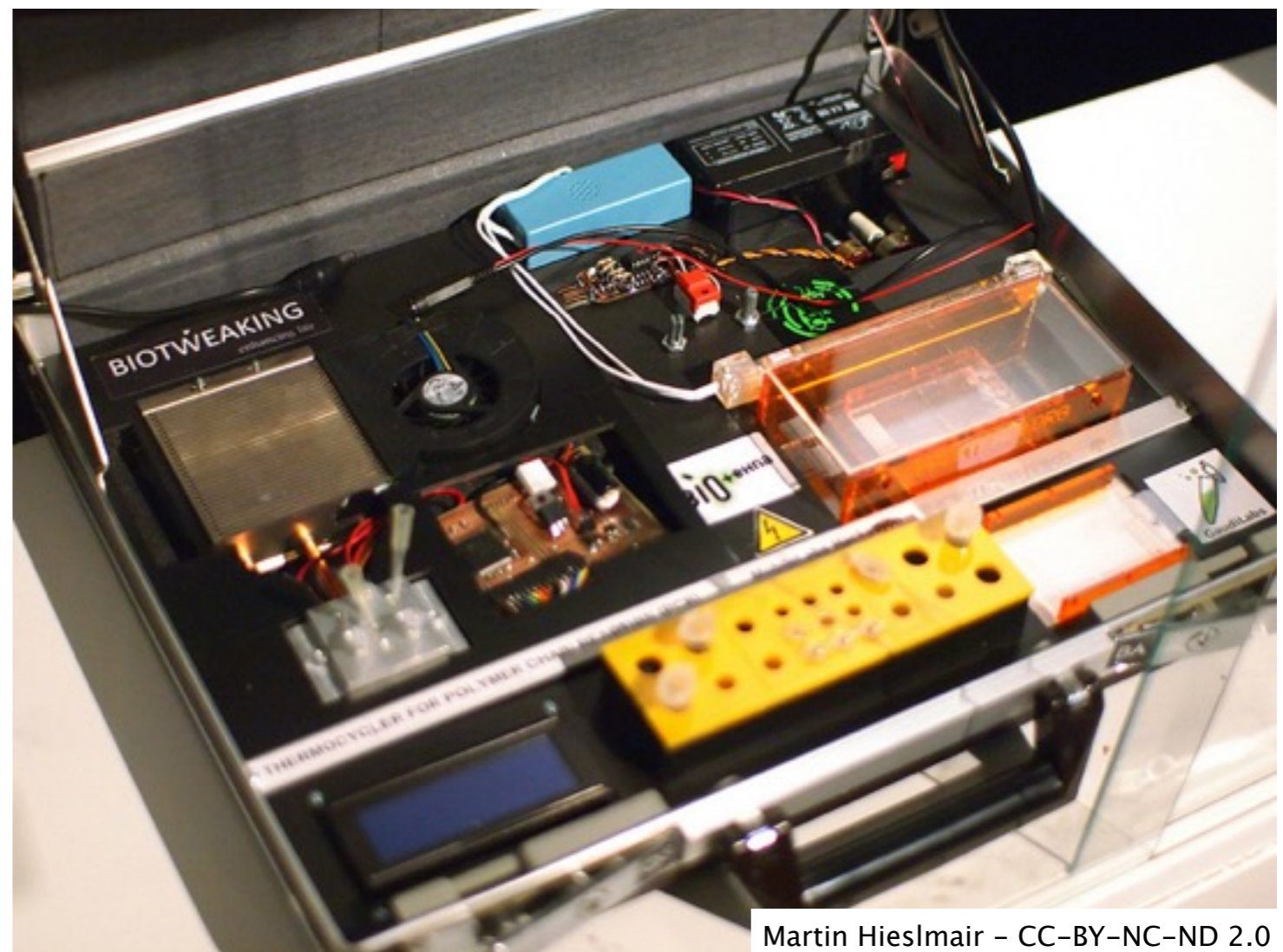


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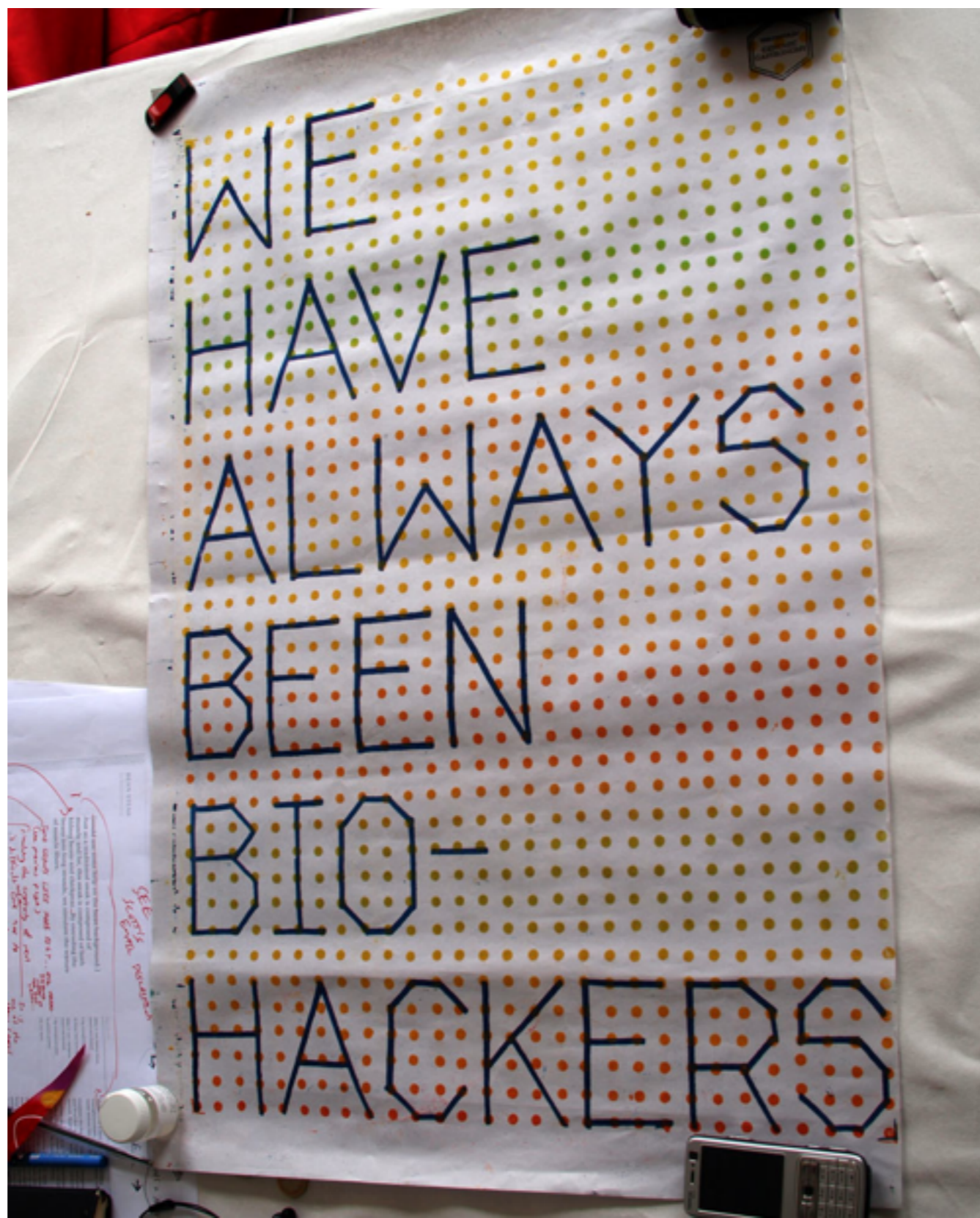
# What it means to be a hacker

- Create & Share
- Freedom of inquiry
- Hostility to secrecy
- Sharing as ideology and strategy
- The right to fork
- Emphasis on rationality
- Distaste of authority
- Playful cleverness



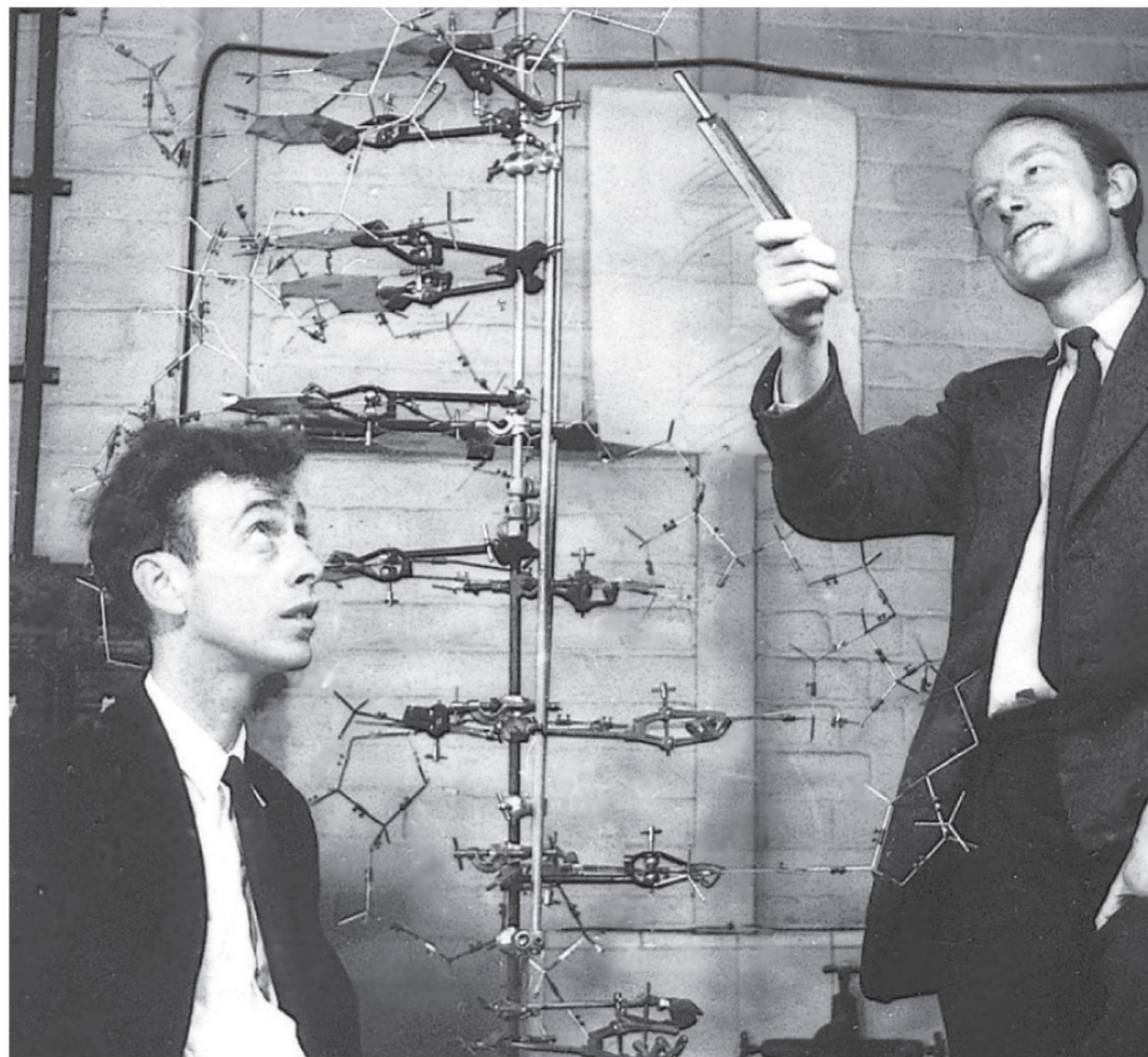
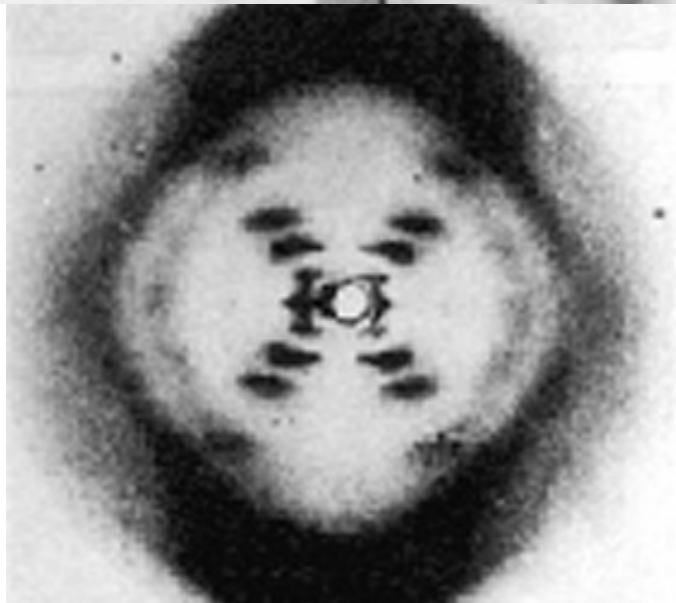


# We have always been biohackers





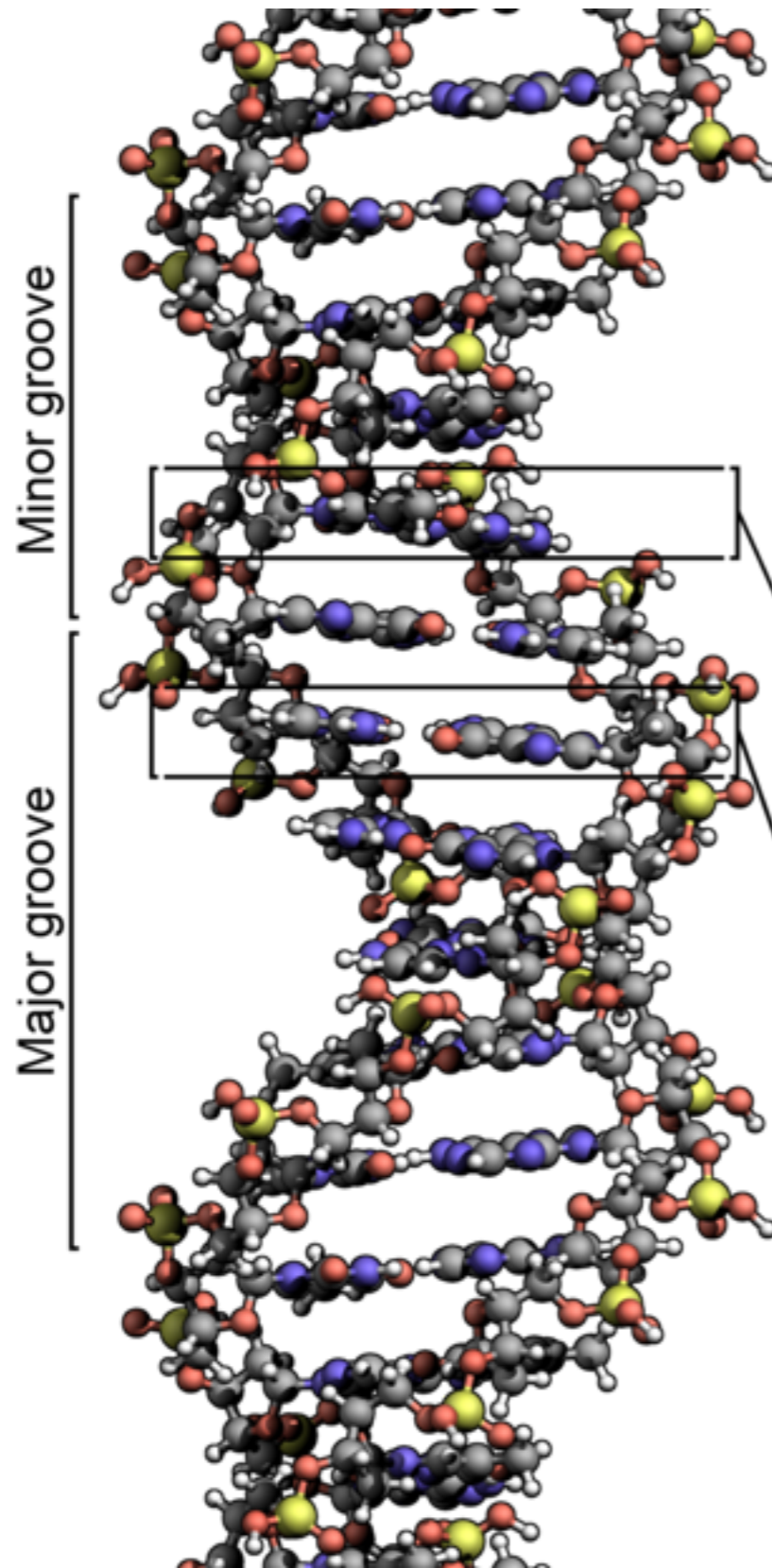
# Discovery of Double Helix 1953



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# DNA Molecule



Living code:

AACATGACCTGACGA

Digital code:

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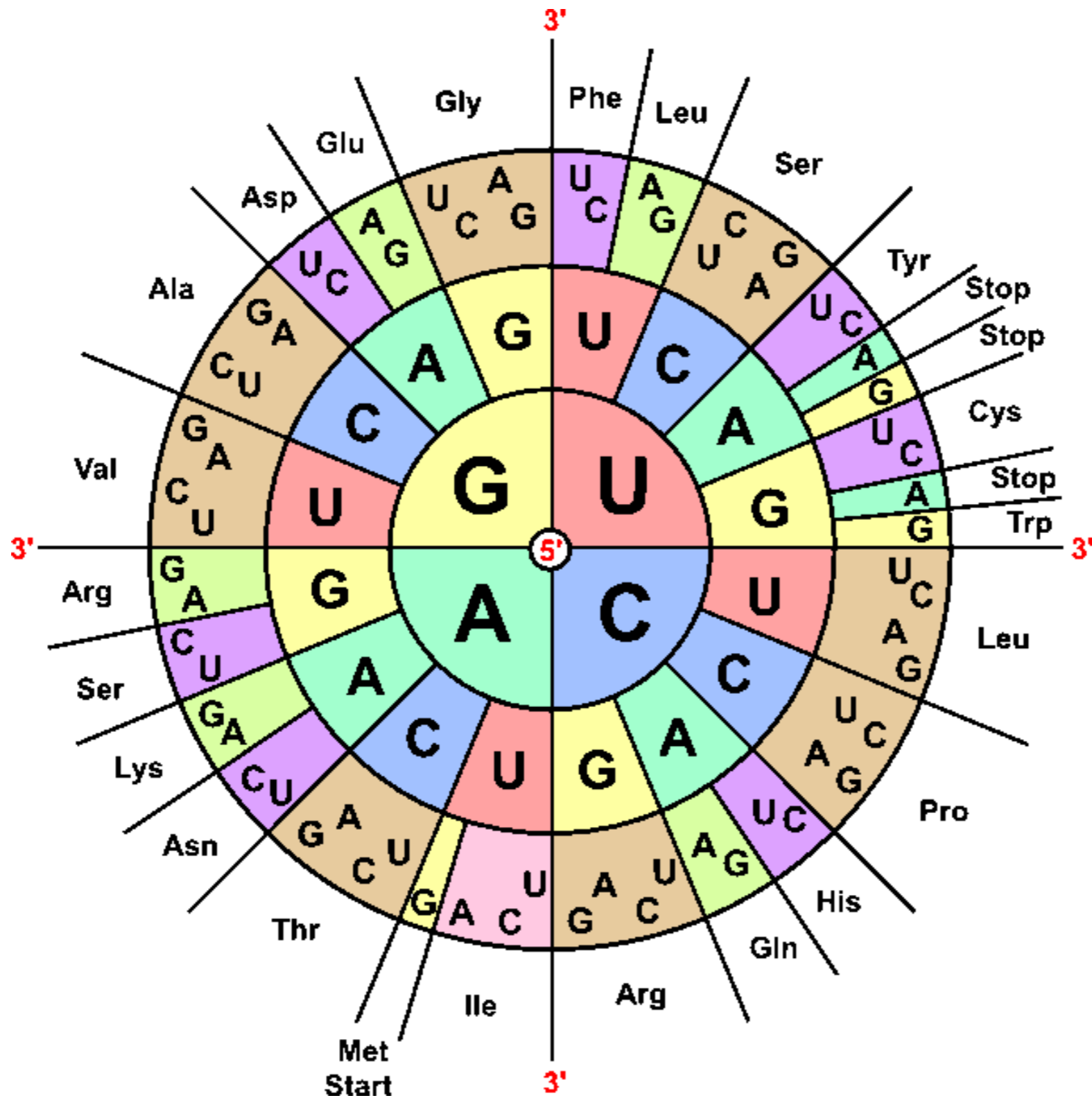


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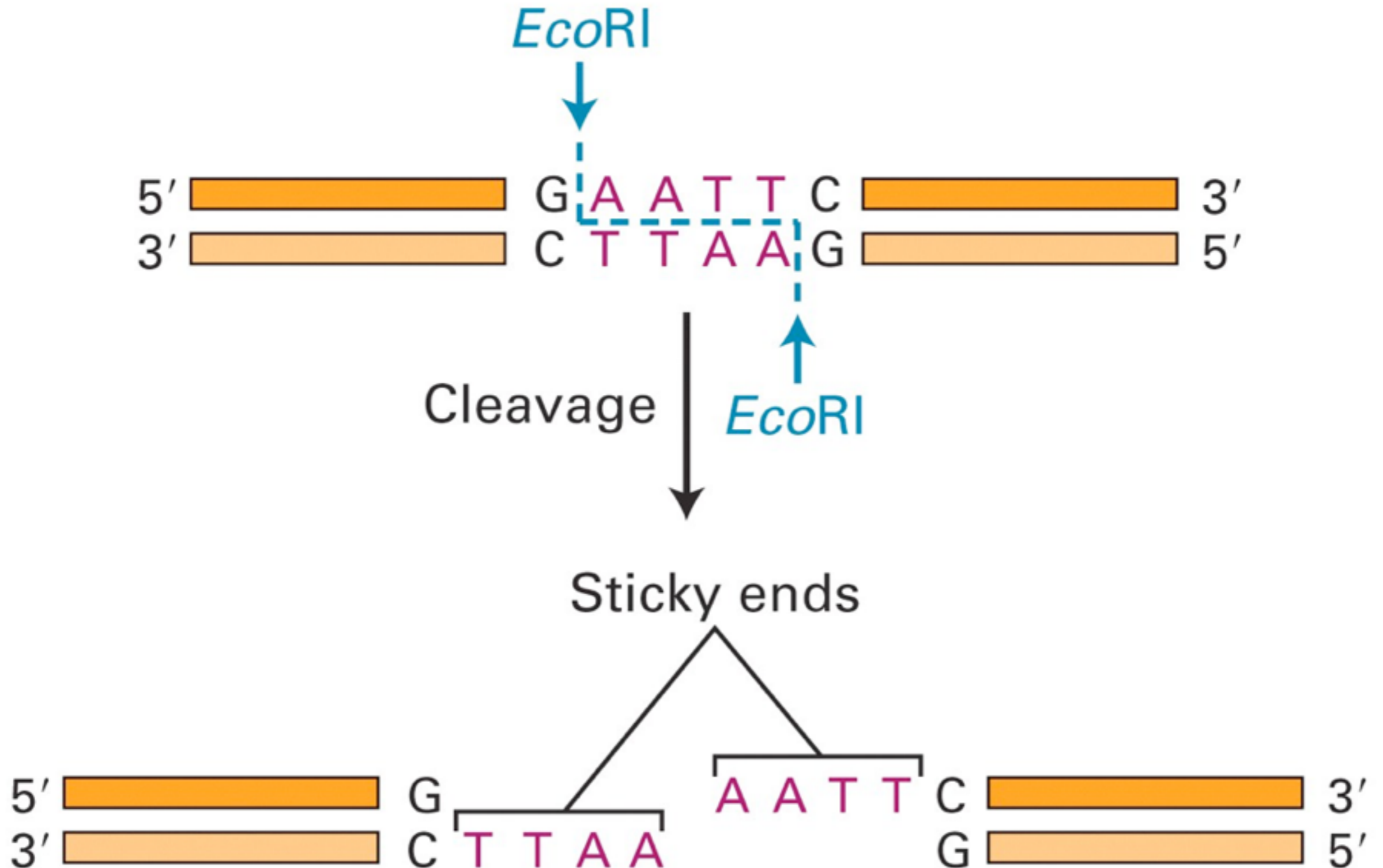


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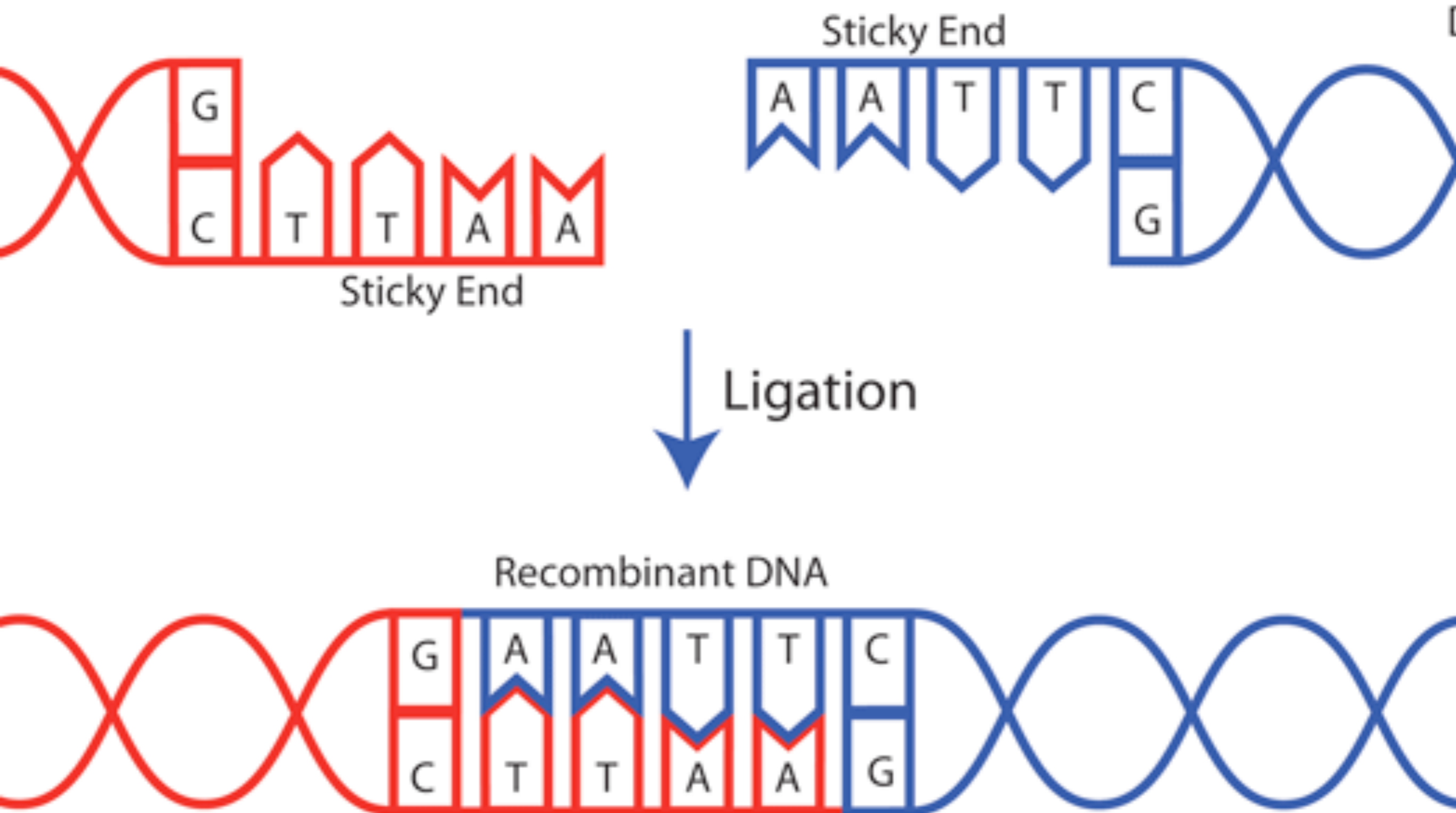
# Restriction Enzyme 1970







# DNA ligase, 1967





# Reading DNA 1977



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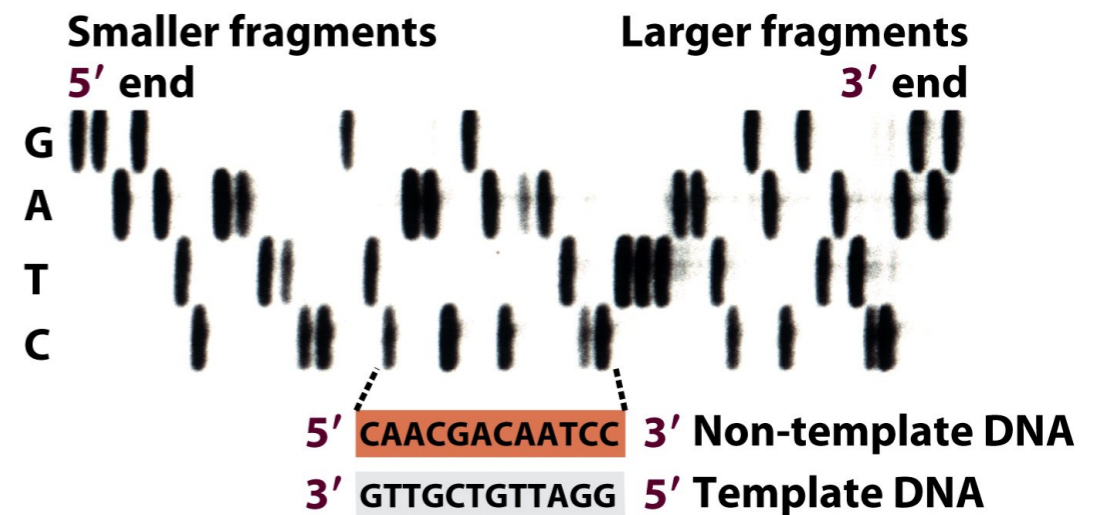
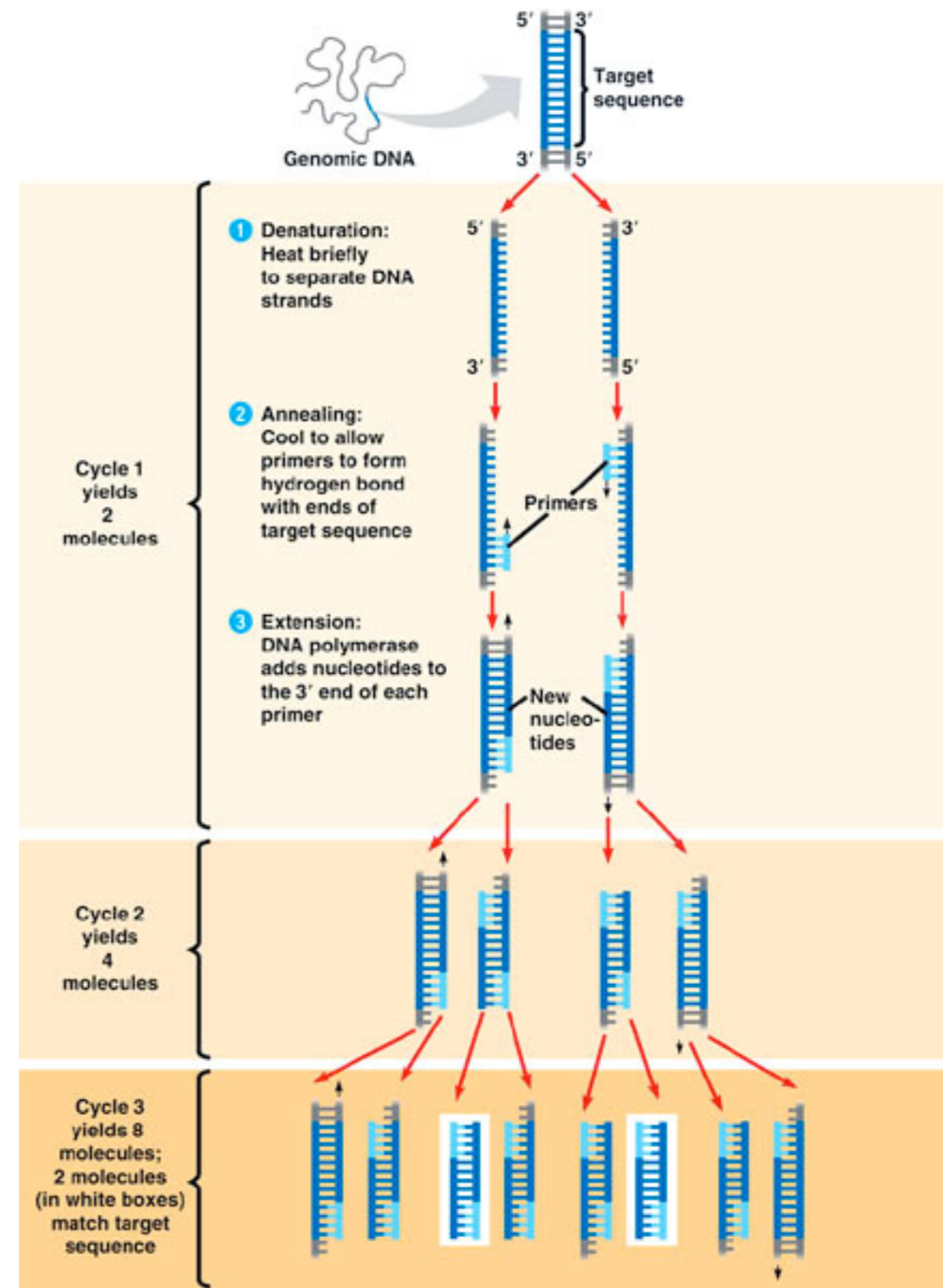


Figure 19-6c Biological Science, 2/e



# Polymerase Chain Reaction, 1983



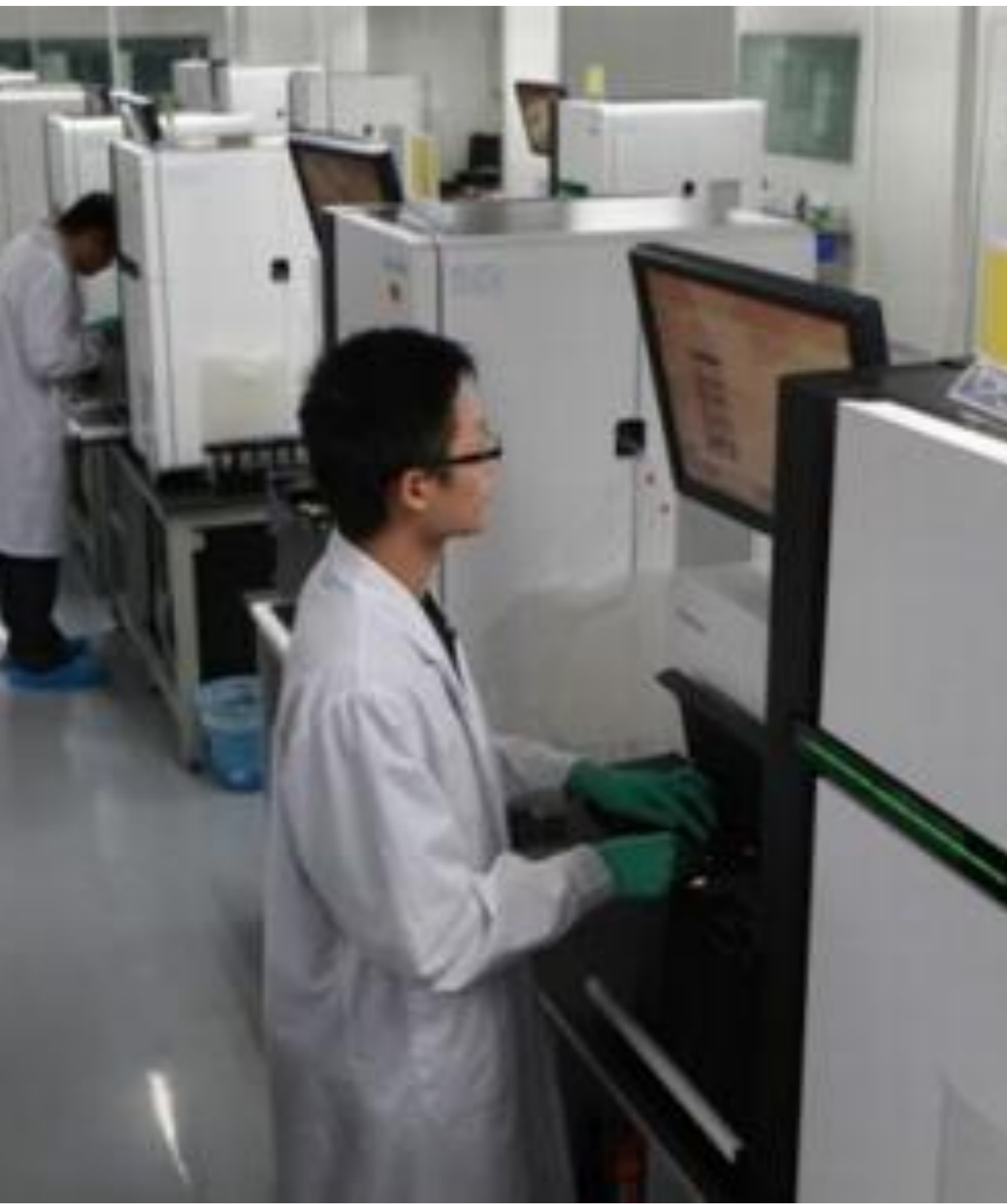


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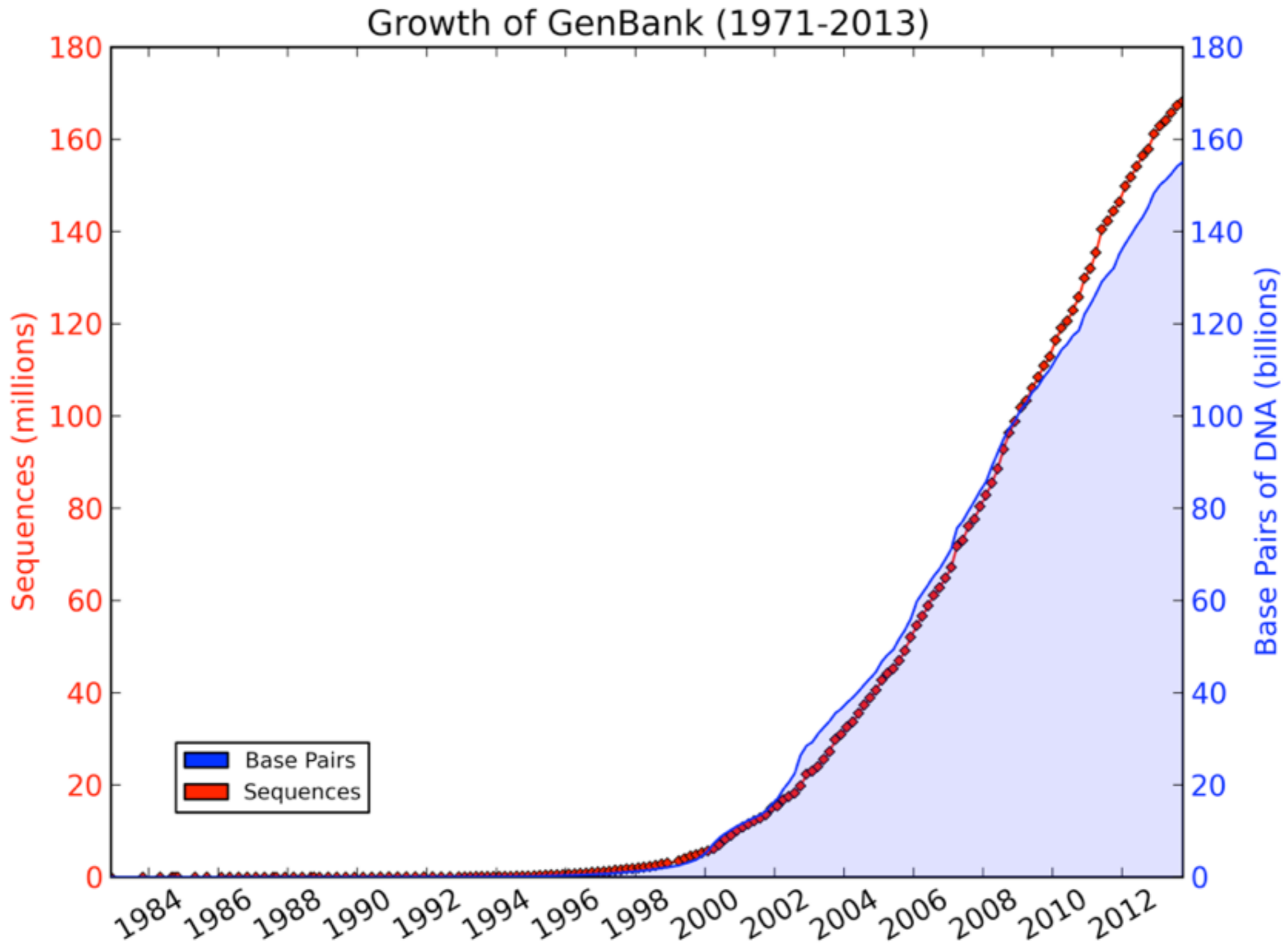


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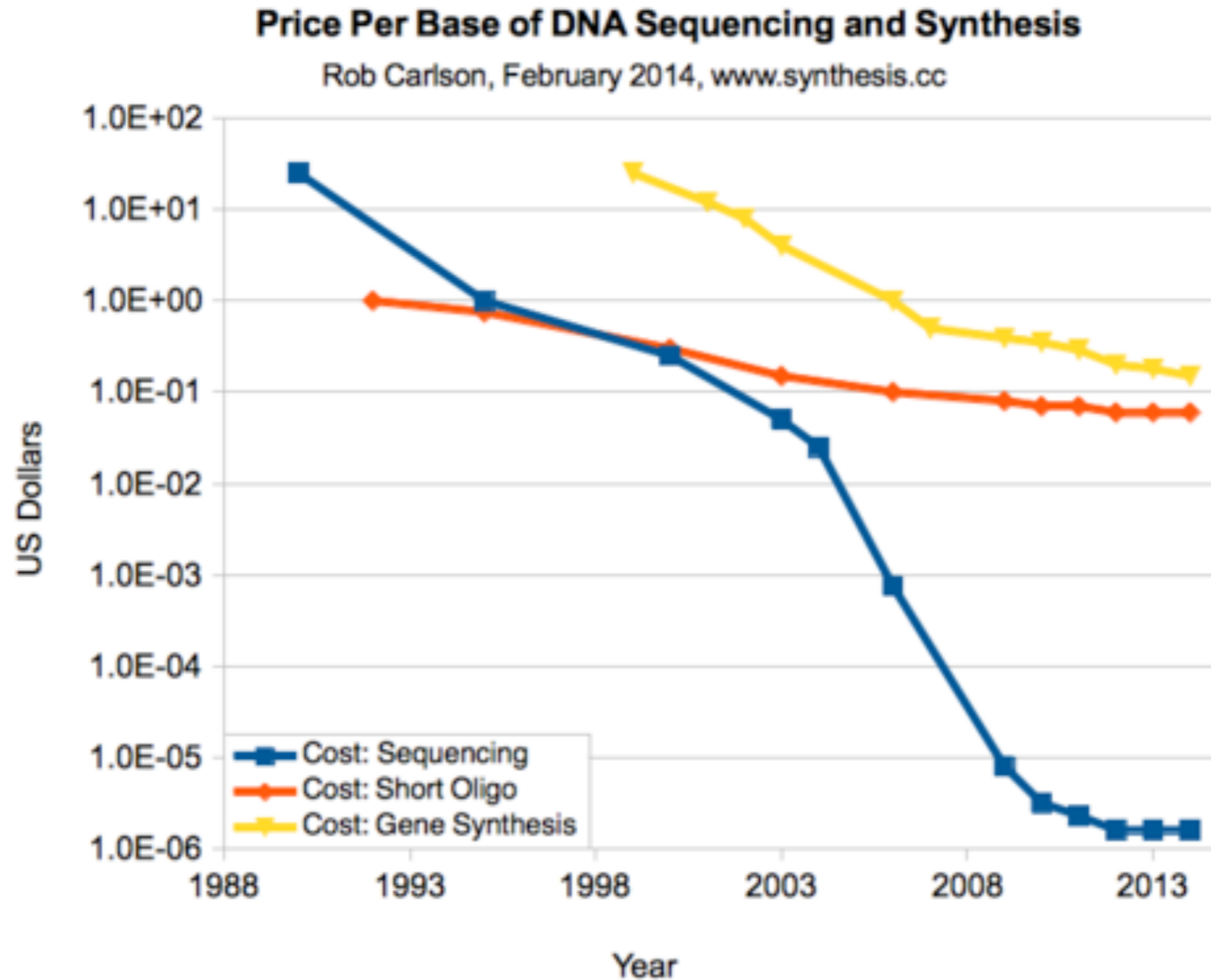


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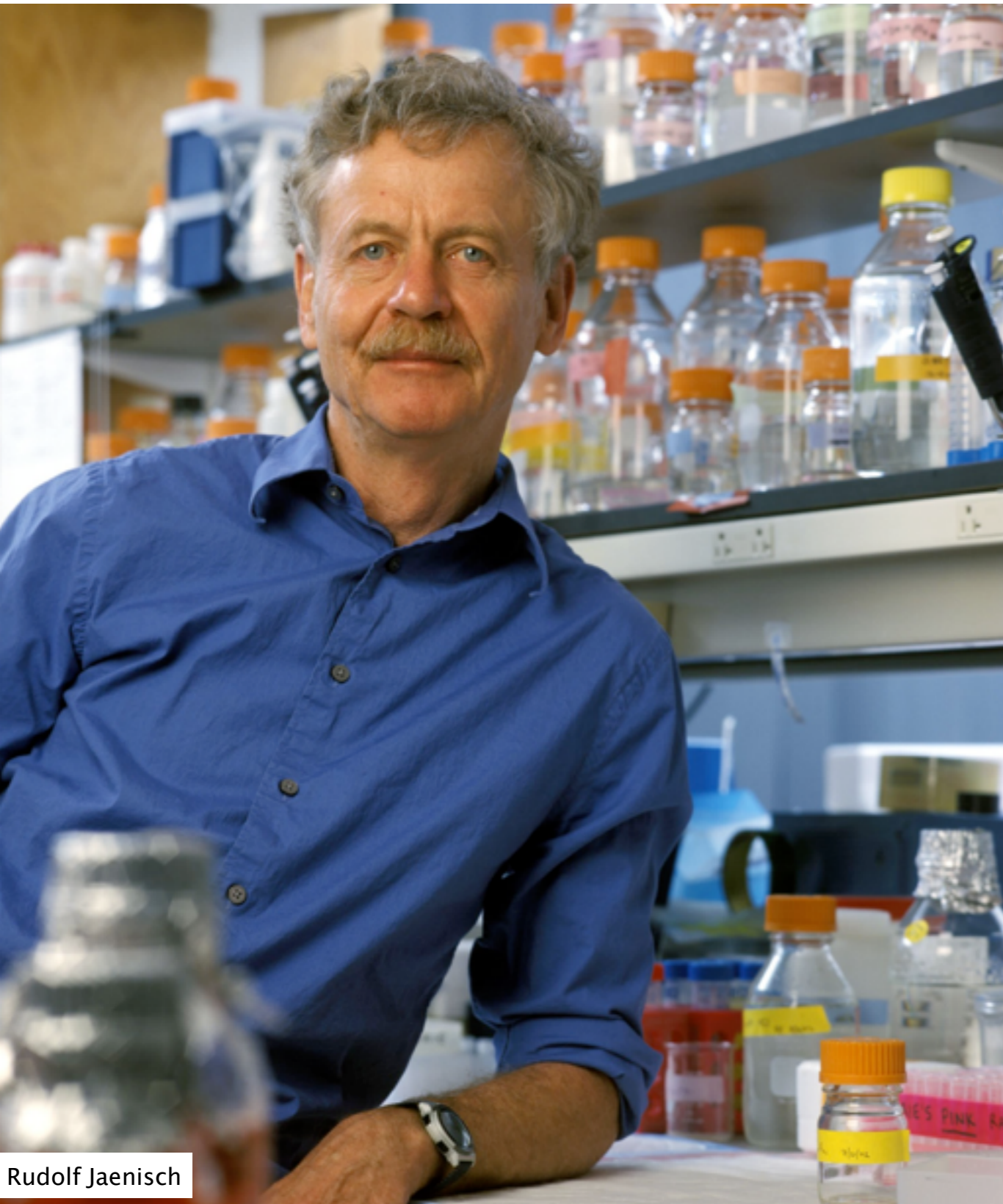


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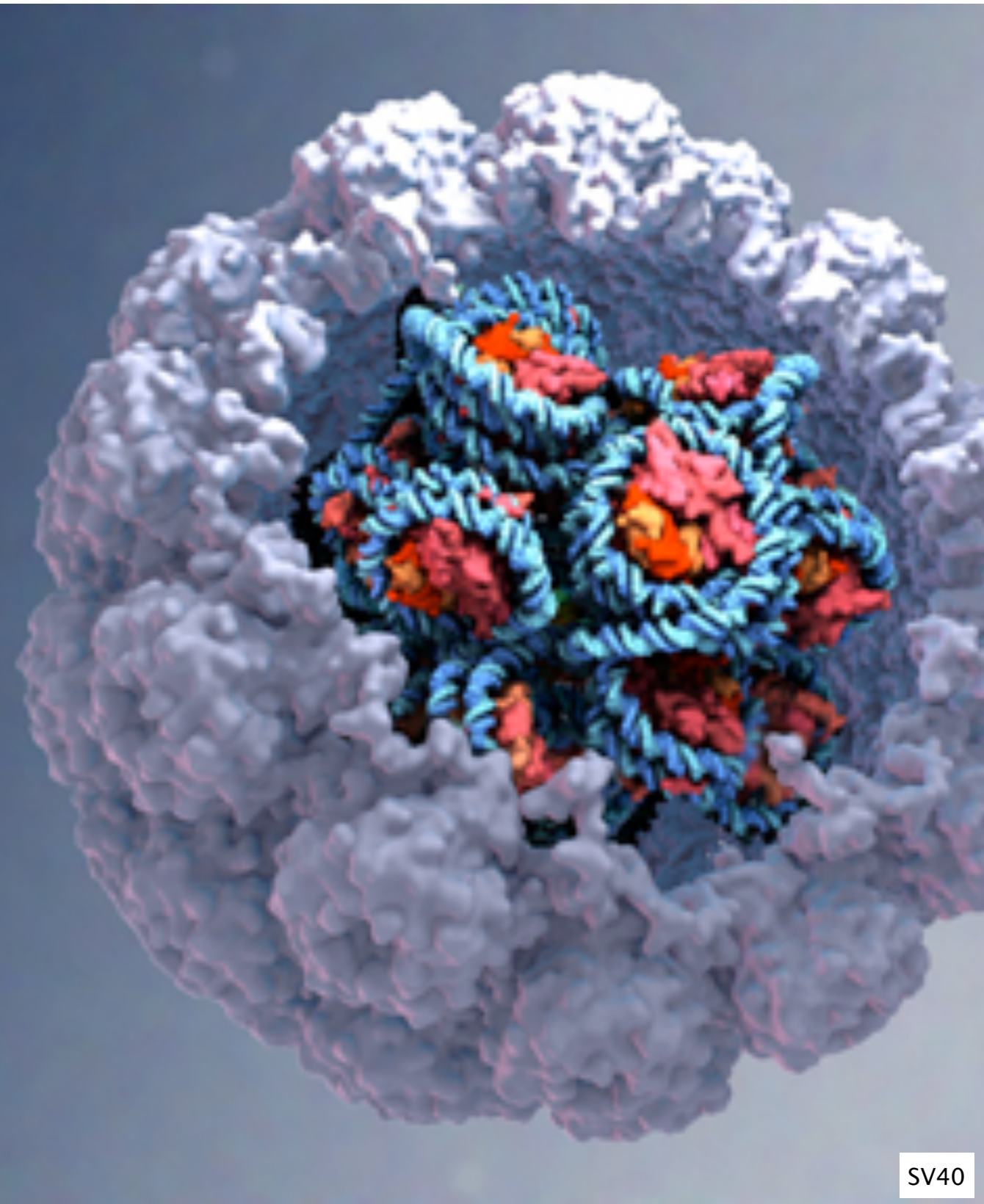




# Transgenic Mouse, 1973



Rudolf Jaenisch



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# Transgenic Plant, 1983

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## A chimaeric antibiotic resistance gene as a selectable marker for plant cell transformation

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**The T-DNA region of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* tumour-inducing plasmids of the nopaline type<sup>1</sup> contains a gene coding for the enzyme nopaline synthase. This gene is expressed constitutively in host plant cells to which it is transferred during tumour induction<sup>2</sup>. We have exploited the regulatory elements of this gene to construct a chimaeric gene that confers antibiotic resistance on transformed plant cells. The chimaeric gene encodes the expected chimaeric transcripts in plant cells, and confers on transformed cells the ability to grow in the presence of normally lethal levels of the antibiotic G418 (ref. 3). Experiments using *in vitro* transformation techniques on single plant cells indicate that this antibiotic resistance can be used as a selectable marker, and can therefore be used in selecting cells transformed by T-DNA vectors that have had the genes for hormone autotrophy deleted<sup>4</sup>. Plant cells transformed by such 'disarmed' T-DNA vectors can be regenerated into entire plants, whose sexual progeny contain unaltered copies of the inciting T-DNA<sup>5</sup>. The availability of this dominant selectable marker should allow a wider range of experiments to be undertaken using different host plants.**

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# Oncogene mouse, Phil Leder, Tim Stewart 1984





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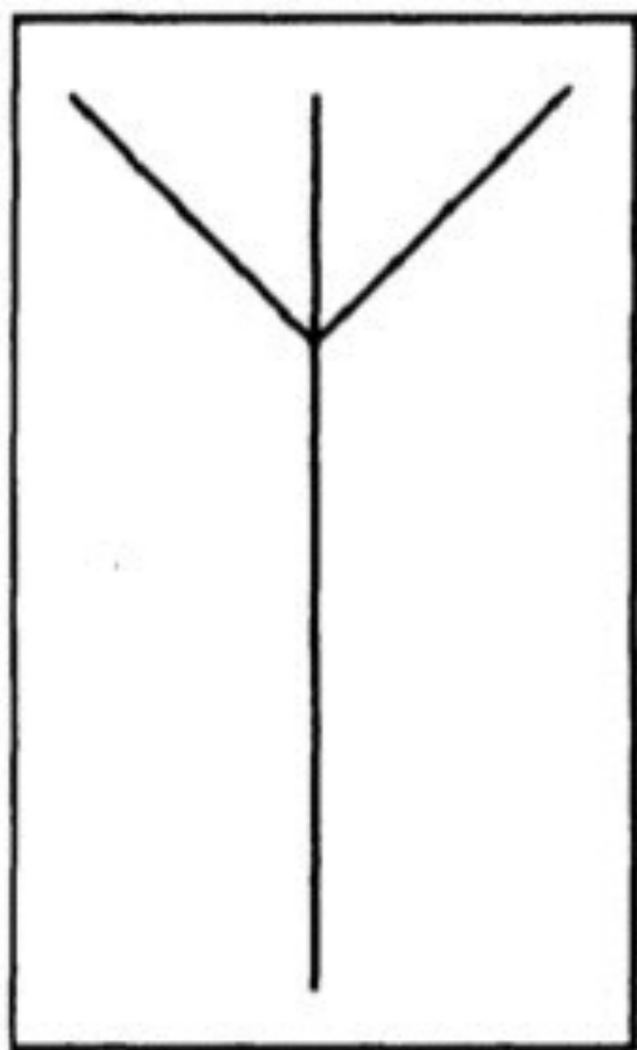


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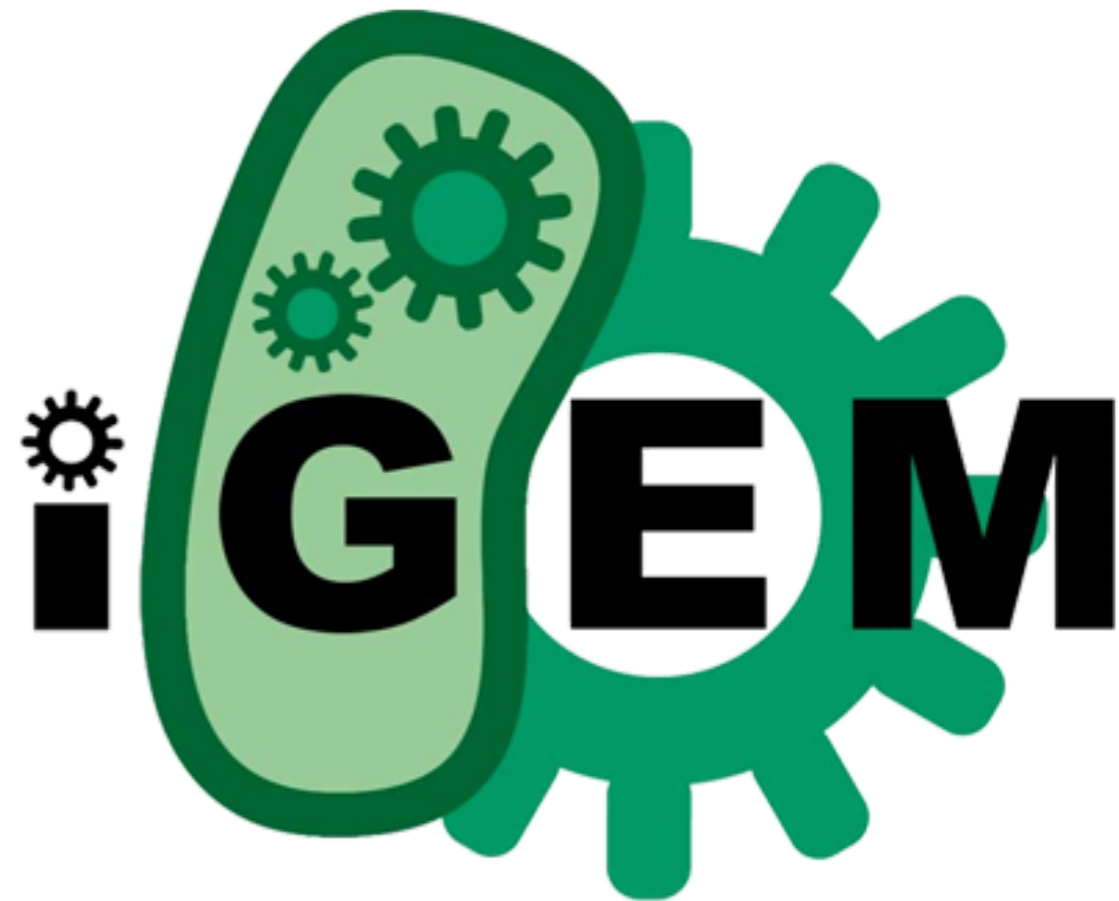
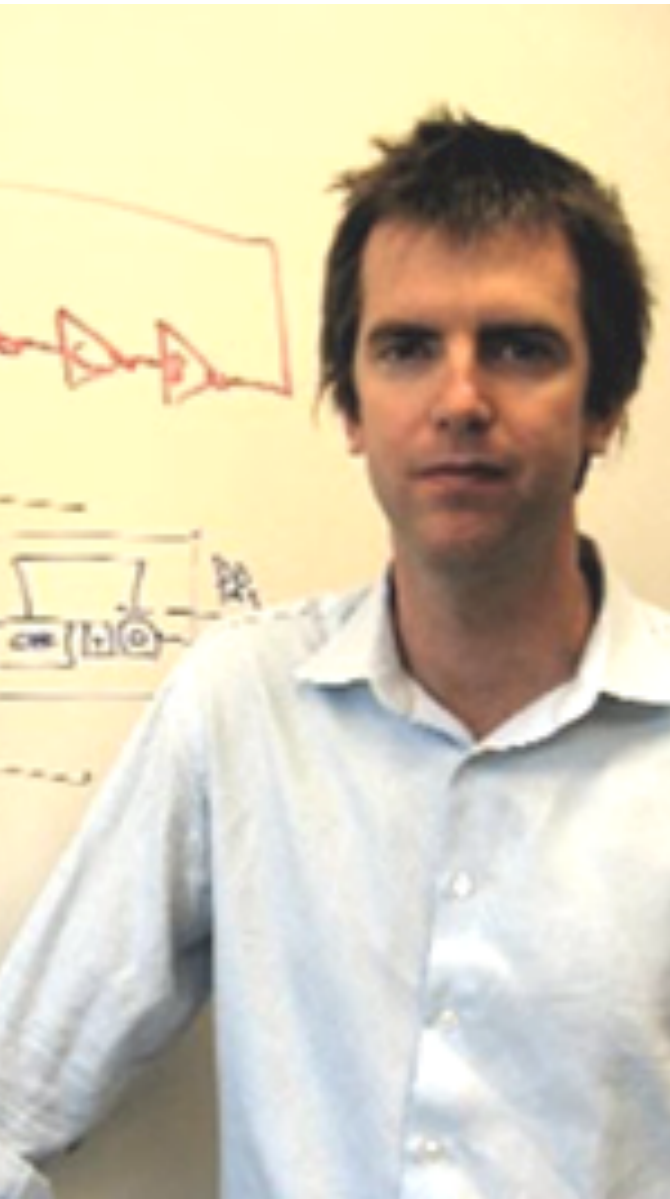
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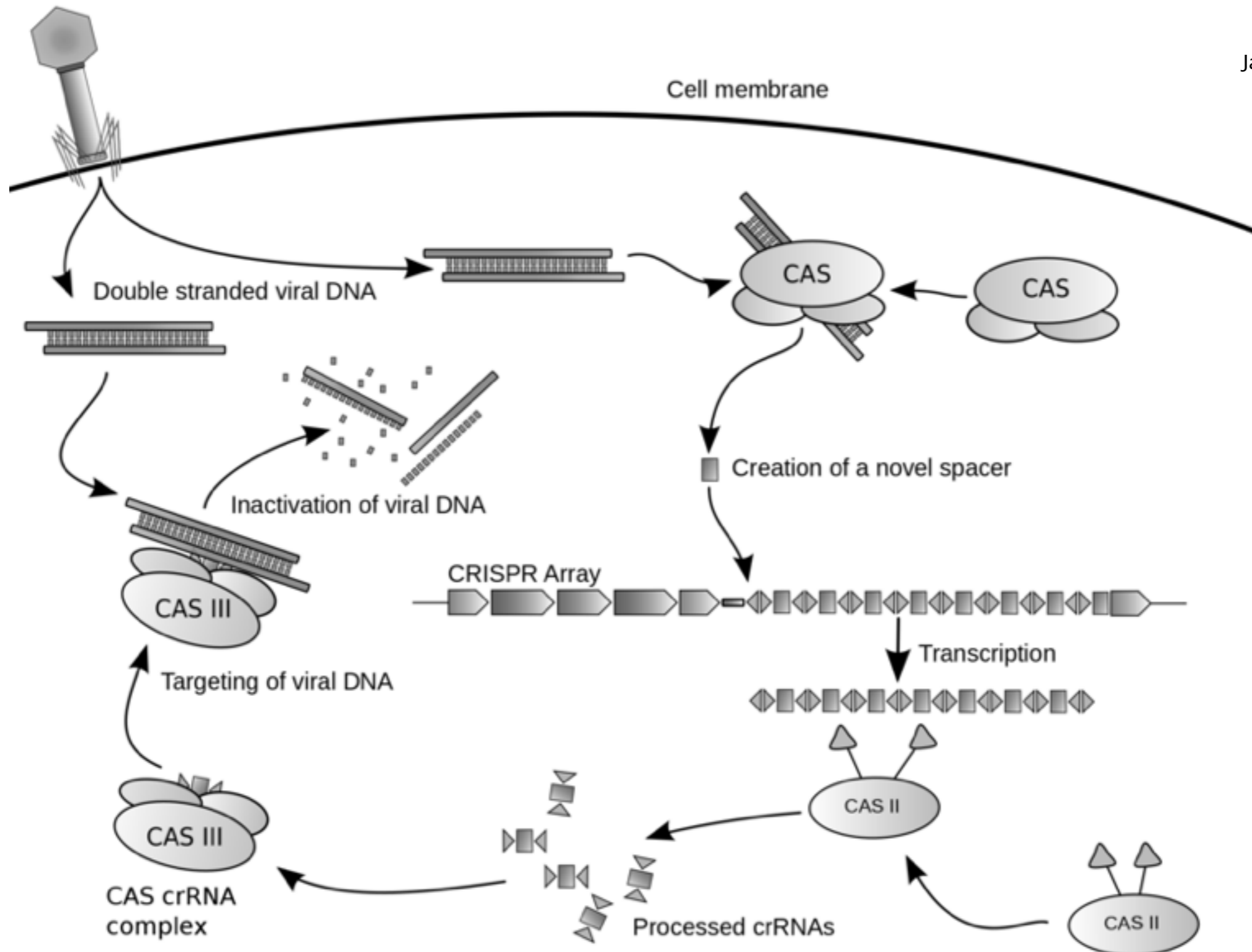
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# Conclusions

- Biology:
  - No longer framed by the possible
  - From study to engineering
  - Changing:
    - Value chains
    - Business models
    - Design process



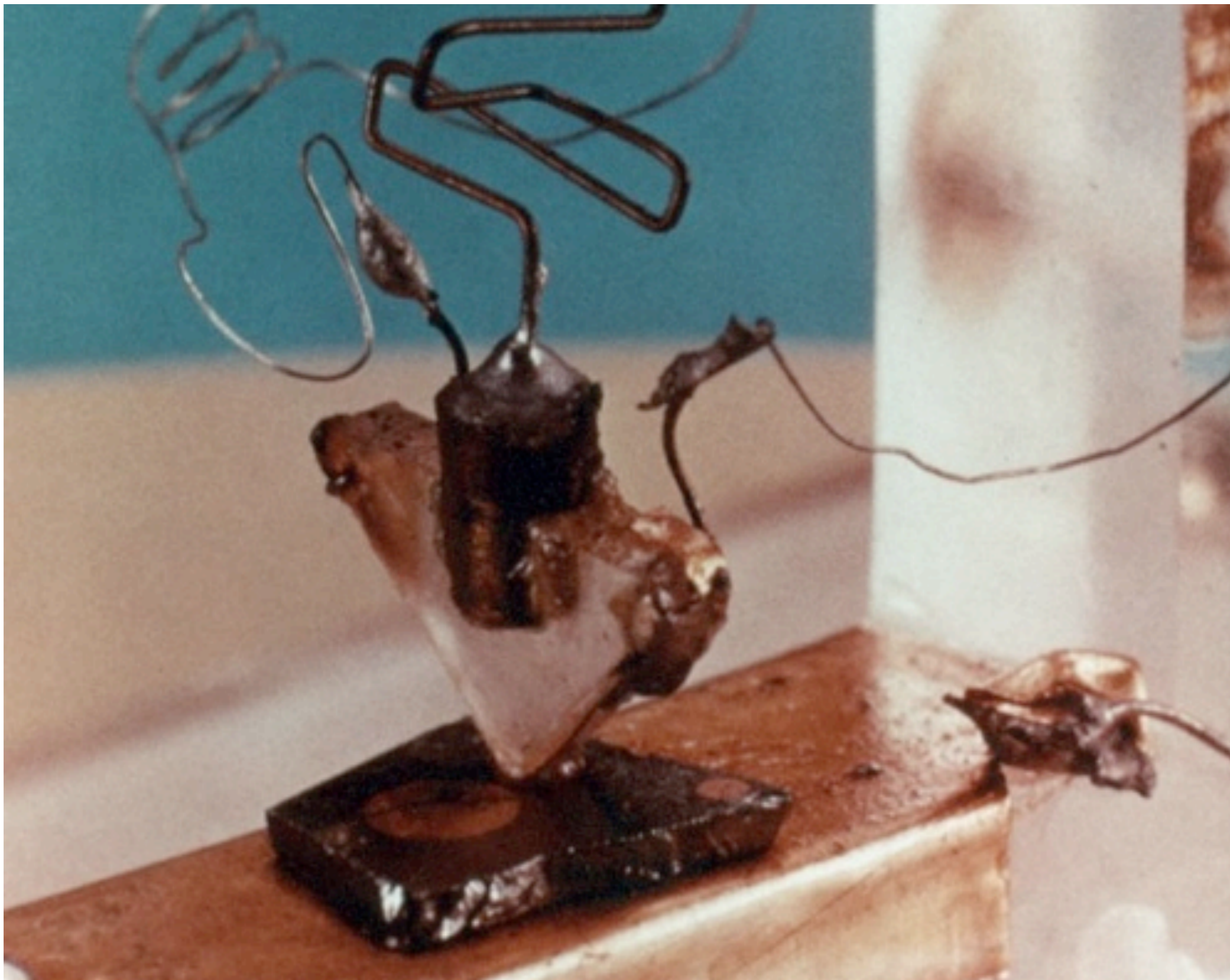
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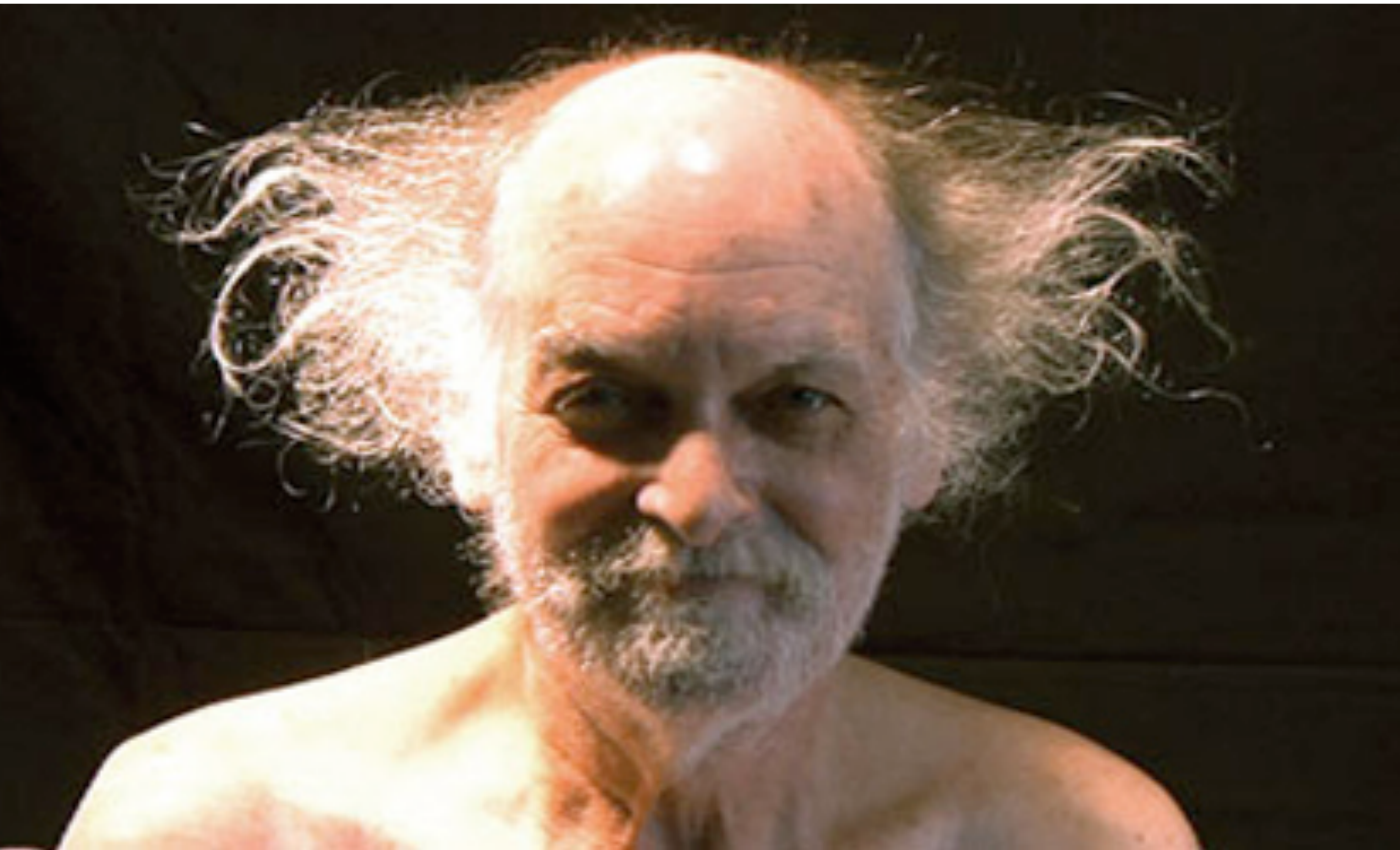


# Inspiration & justification





Joe Davis







# Critical Art Ensemble – Free Range Grain 2003



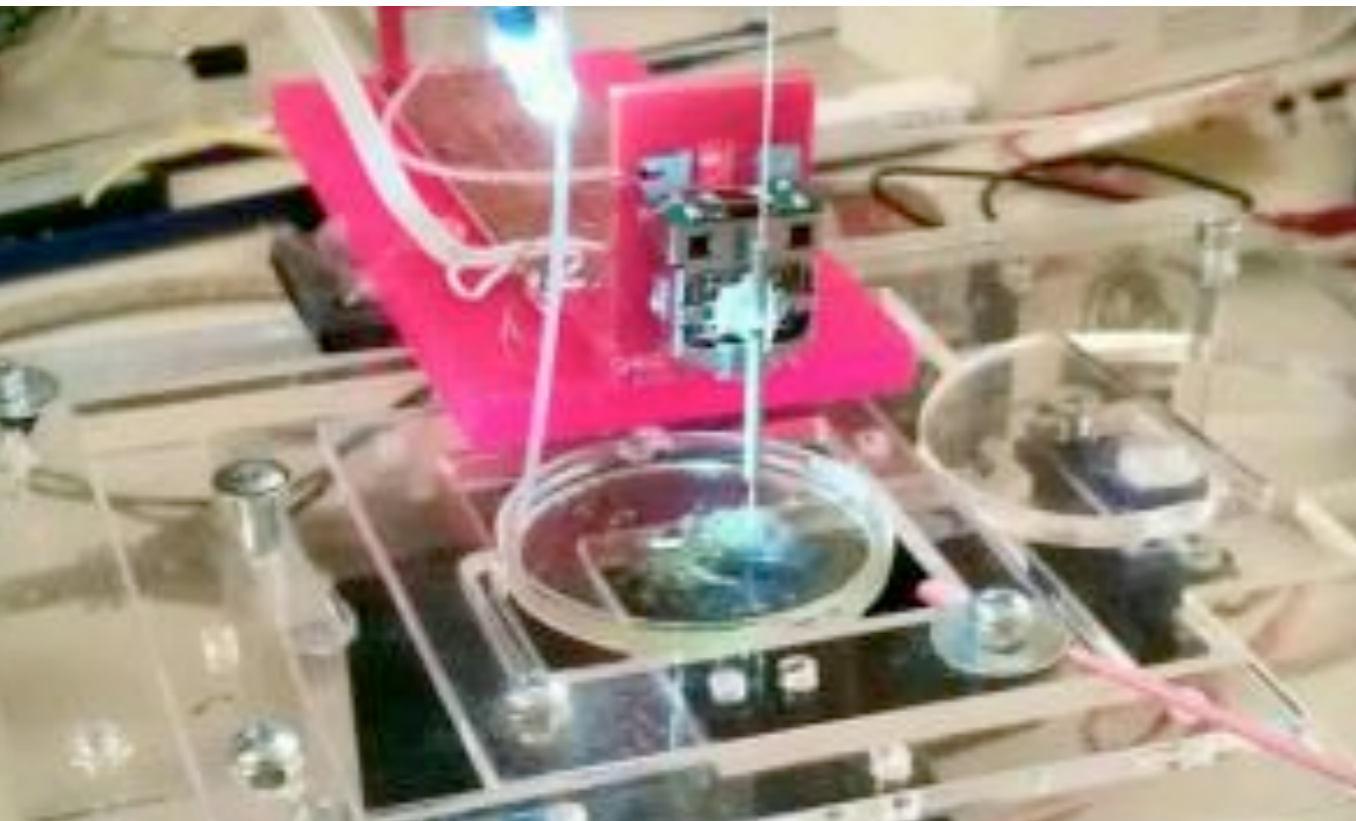


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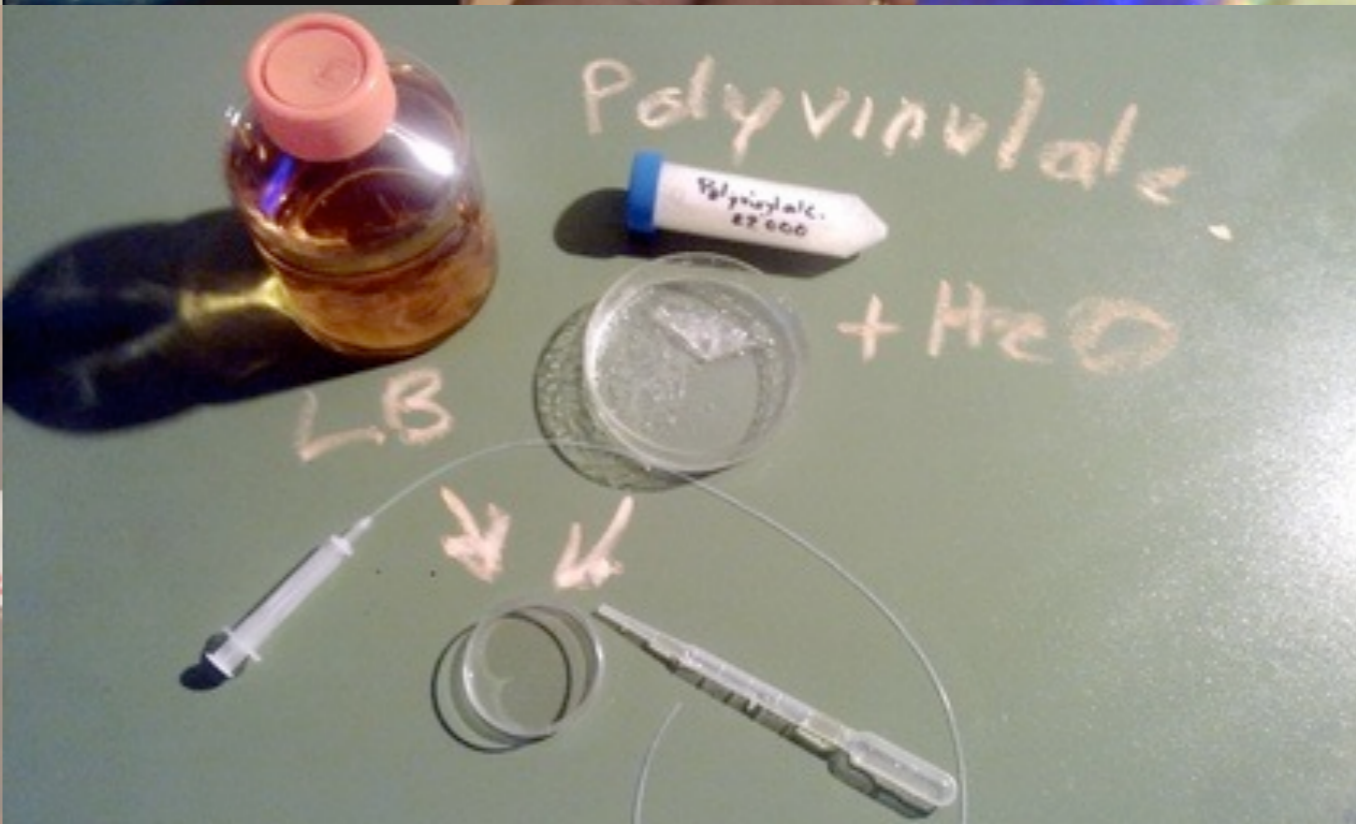




# Hackteria, 2009



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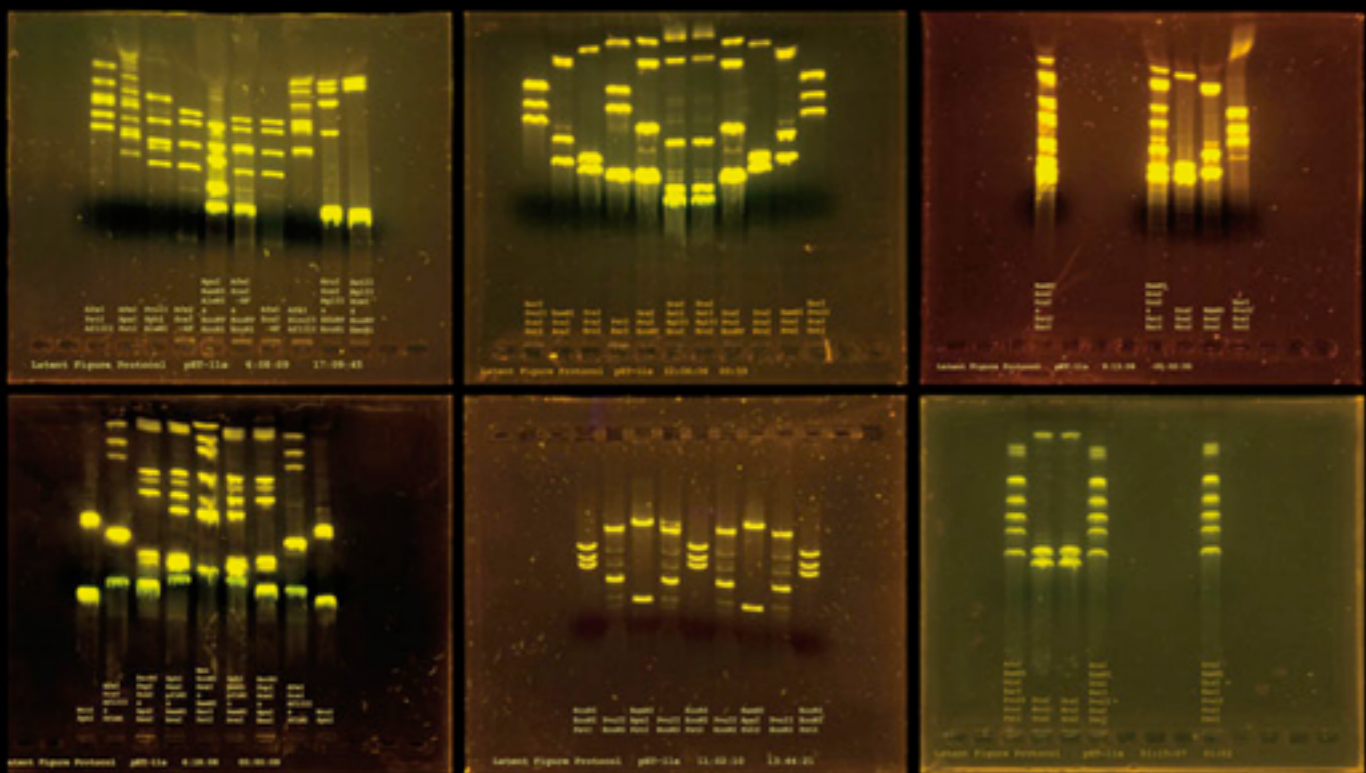
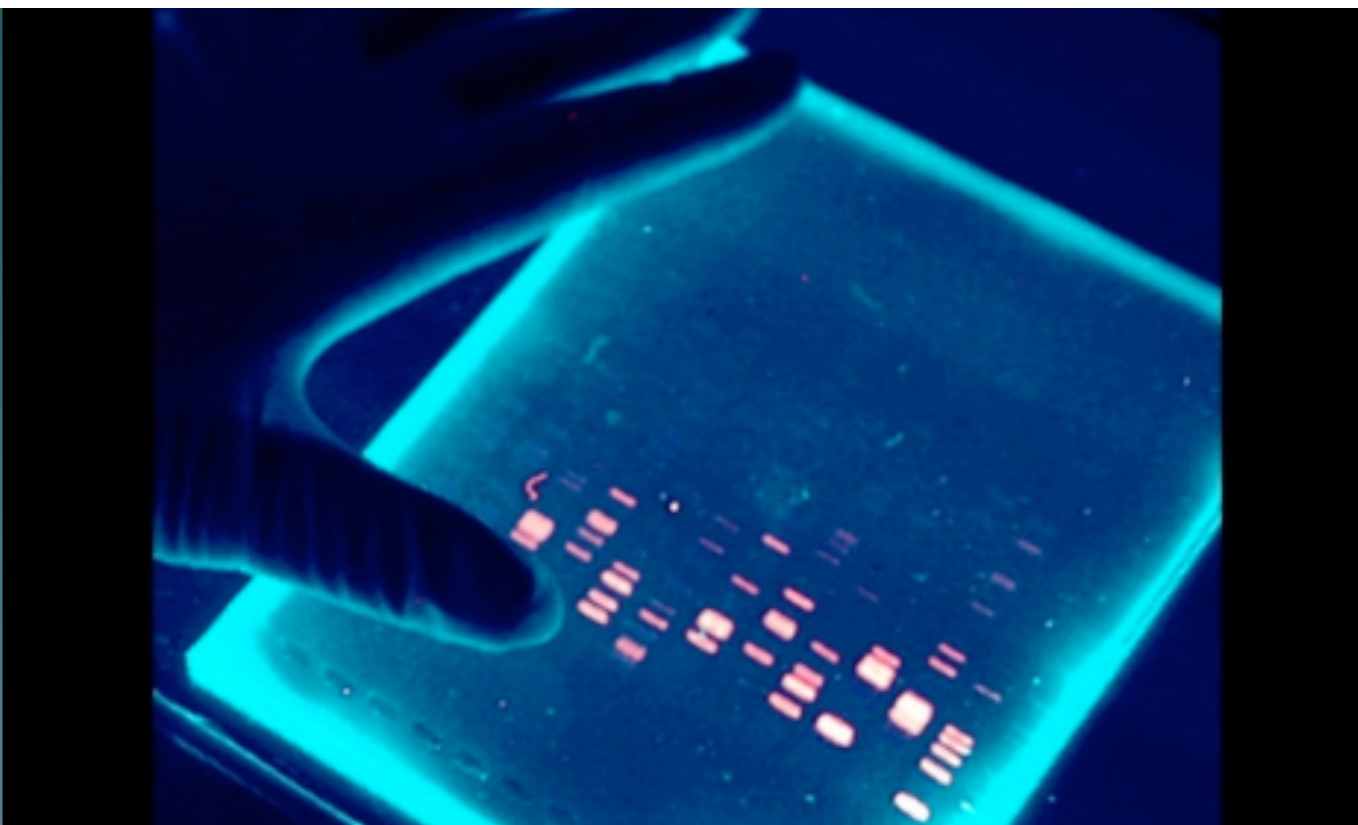


“We thought that a lot of the art and science stuff was too academic and not accessible to the geek artists and, at the same time, the DIYbio was too geeky and not critical or artistic enough,”

- Marc Dusseiller at Interactivos



# Paul Vanouse 2009





Kay Aull



# Ellen Jorgensen – Genspace 2010





# Code of Ethics 2011

**Transparency**

Emphasize transparency and the sharing of ideas, knowledge, data and results.

**Safety**

Adopt safe practices.

**Open Access**

Promote citizen science and decentralized access to biotechnology.

**Education**

Help educate the public about biotechnology, its benefits and implications.

**Modesty**

Know you don't know everything.

**Community**

Carefully listen to any concerns and questions and respond honestly.

**Peaceful Purposes**

Biotechnology must only be used for peaceful purposes.

**Respect**

Respect humans and all living systems.

**Responsibility**

Recognize the complexity and dynamics of living systems and our responsibility towards them.

**Accountability**

Remain accountable for your actions and for upholding this code.





Meredith Patterson

Biopunk Manifesto 2011

“we assert that the right of freedom of inquiry, to do research and pursue understanding under one's own direction, is as fundamental a right as that of free speech or freedom of religion”



# Cathal Garvey, Ireland 2012

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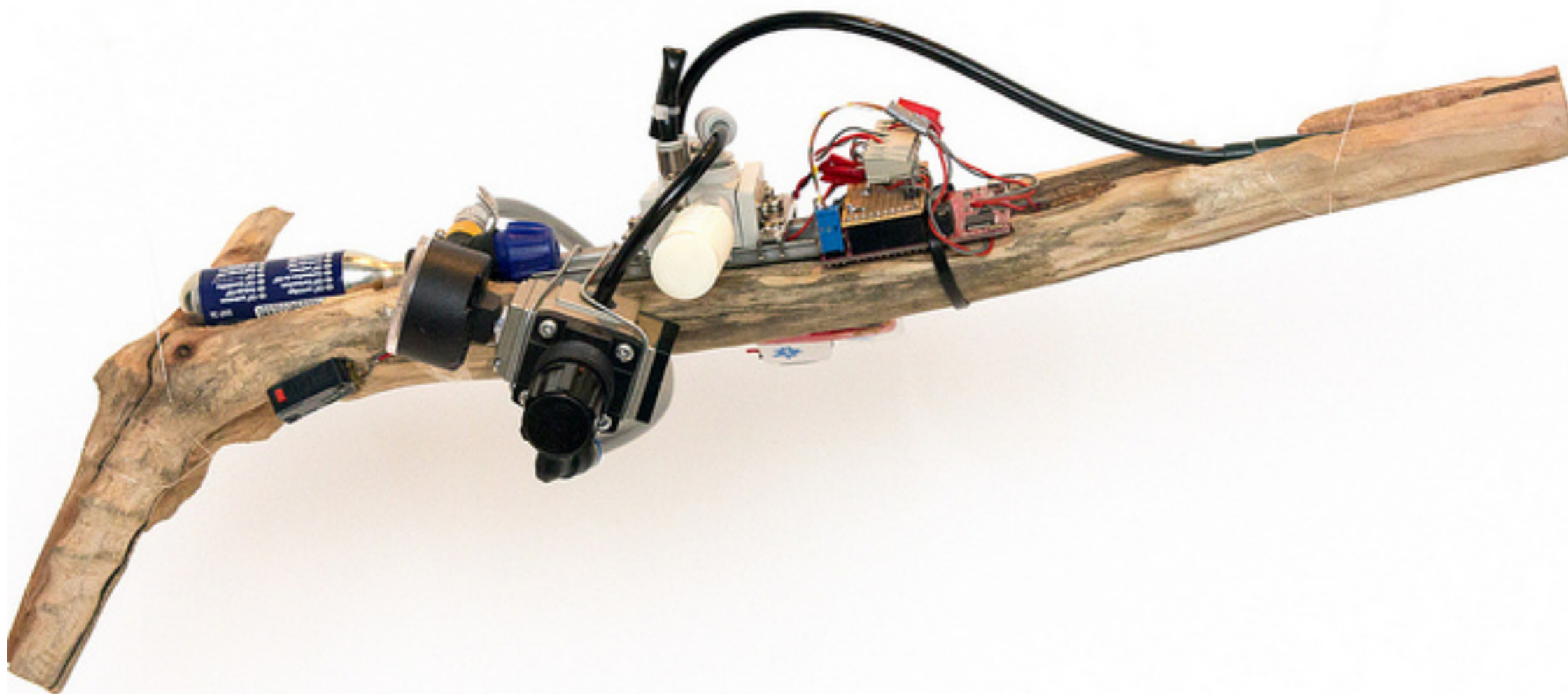
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# Ontology

- Biohacking / DIYBio is a mix of:
  - 1960 Do It Yourself culture
  - 1980 Open Source movement
  - 1995 Internet powered Citizen science
  - 2003 Synthetic biology



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# Online communities

Biohack spaces as  
distributed knowledge hubs



# Networks

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  - <http://lists.hackteria.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo>
- [biohacklabs.org](http://biohacklabs.org)  
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  - <http://www.biohacklabs.org/Europe>  
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- [diybio.org](http://diybio.org)  
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# Events

- Announced on the mailing lists
  - Hackteria Lab
  - CCC Hamburg
  - Pixelache Helsinki
  - Biofiction film festival







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# Market & non-market rationales

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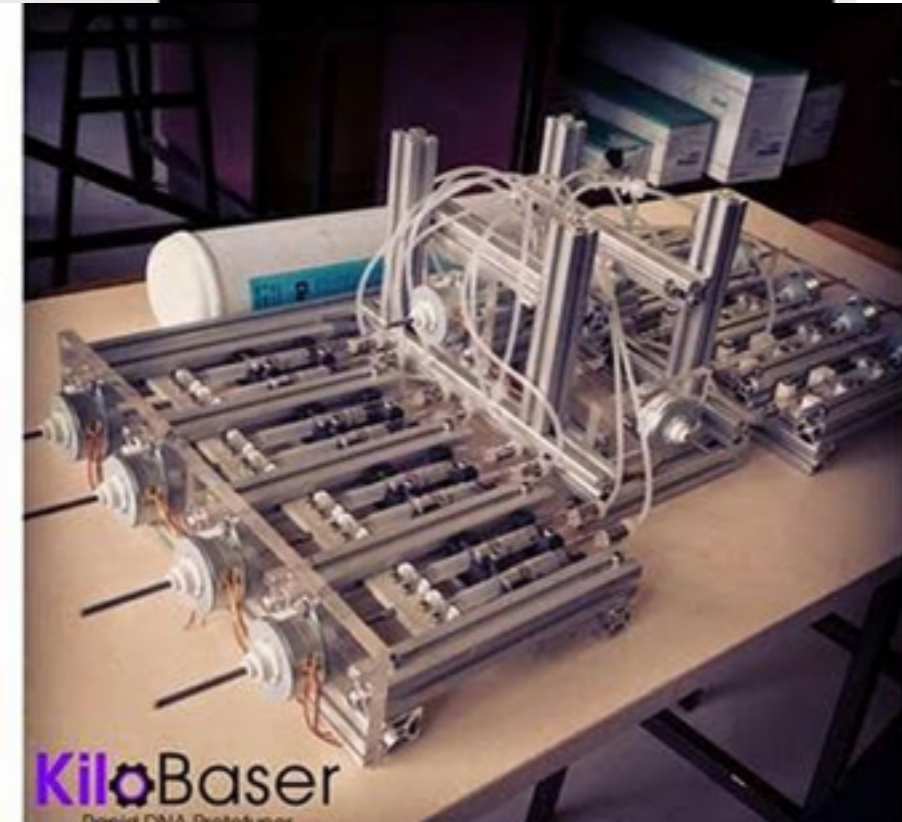
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