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BioHack Academy History of Biohacking



Definitions

Google

bi·o·hack·ing

/ˈbɪŋhækɪŋ/

noun

the activity of exploiting genetic material experimentally without regard to accepted ethical standards, or for criminal purposes.

Wiktionary

biohacking

n. The manipulation of [DNA](#) or other aspects of [genetics](#) either for [fun](#), or [maliciously](#)

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TOP DEFINITION



biohacking

refers to managing one's own biology using a combination of medical, nutritional and electronic techniques.

I'm going to do some biohacking on my hangover by getting some IV hydration with essential nutrients.

[#bio hack](#) [#biohacker](#) [#bullet proof](#) [#biopunk](#) [#cybernetic](#)

Urban
Dictionary



Definitions

biohacking **noun**

bio·hack·ing | \ 'bī-ō-,ha-kiŋ  \

Definition of *biohacking*

: biological experimentation (as by [gene editing](#) or the use of drugs or implants) done to improve the qualities or capabilities of living organisms especially by individuals and groups working outside a traditional medical or scientific research environment

// Every November, college kids from Michigan to Munich descend on MIT, eager to show off their *biohacking* skills. In the International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition, teams battle one another to build the coolest synthetically altered organisms.

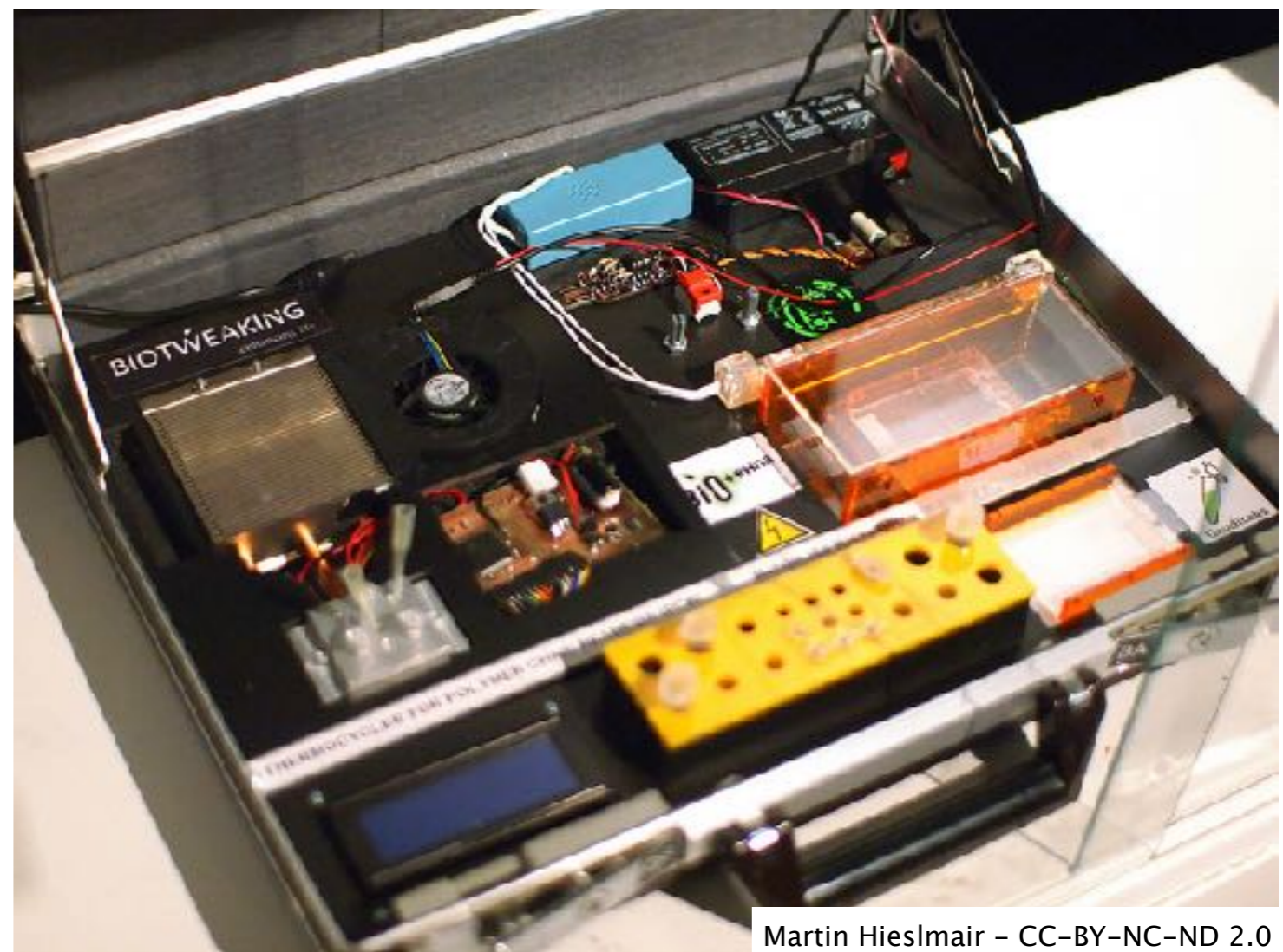
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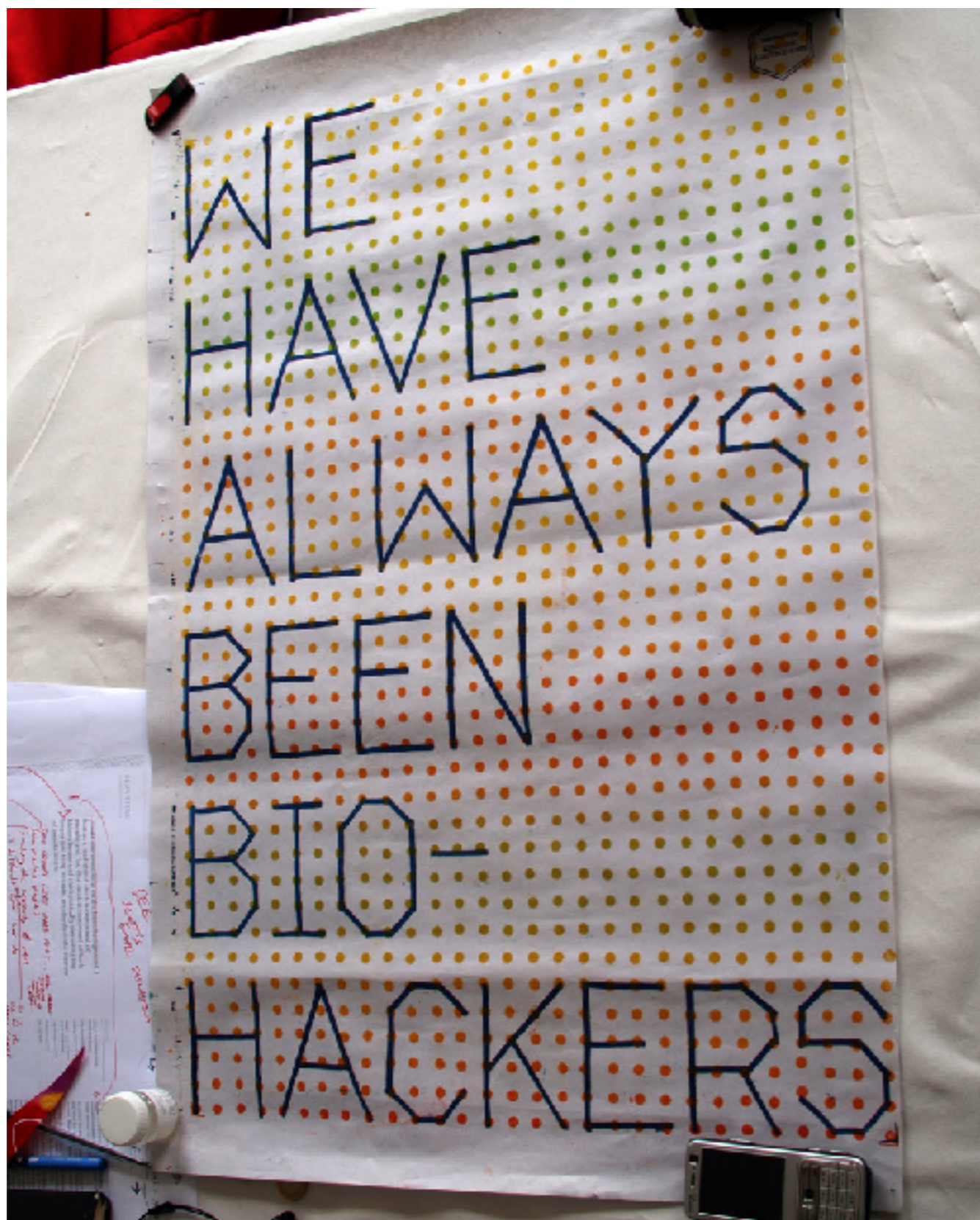
What it means to be a hacker

- 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



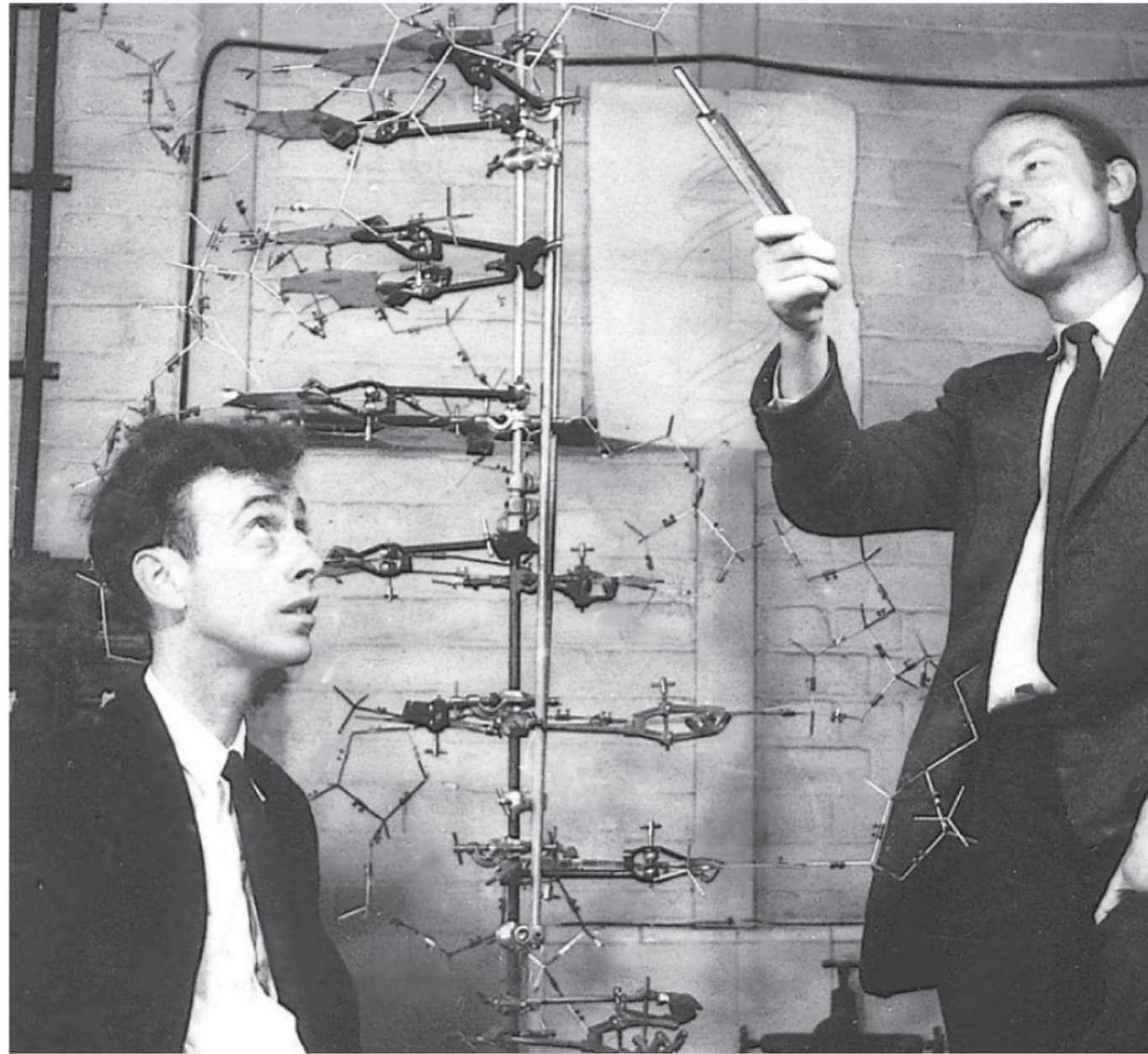
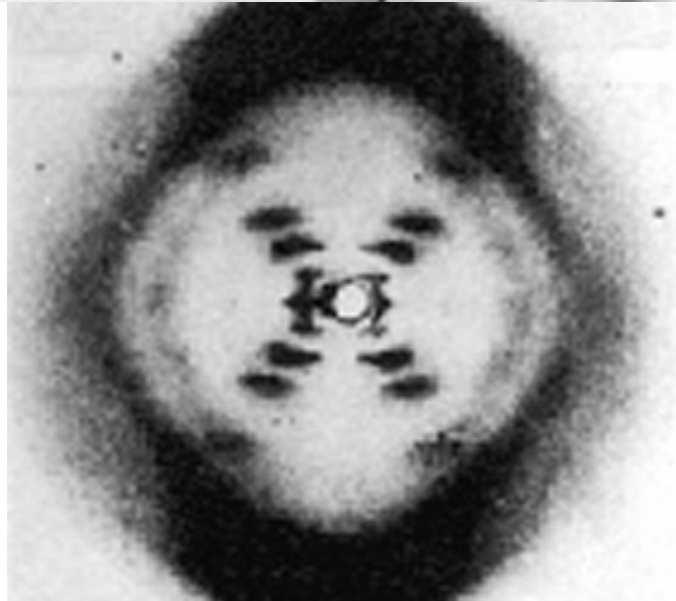


We have always been biohackers





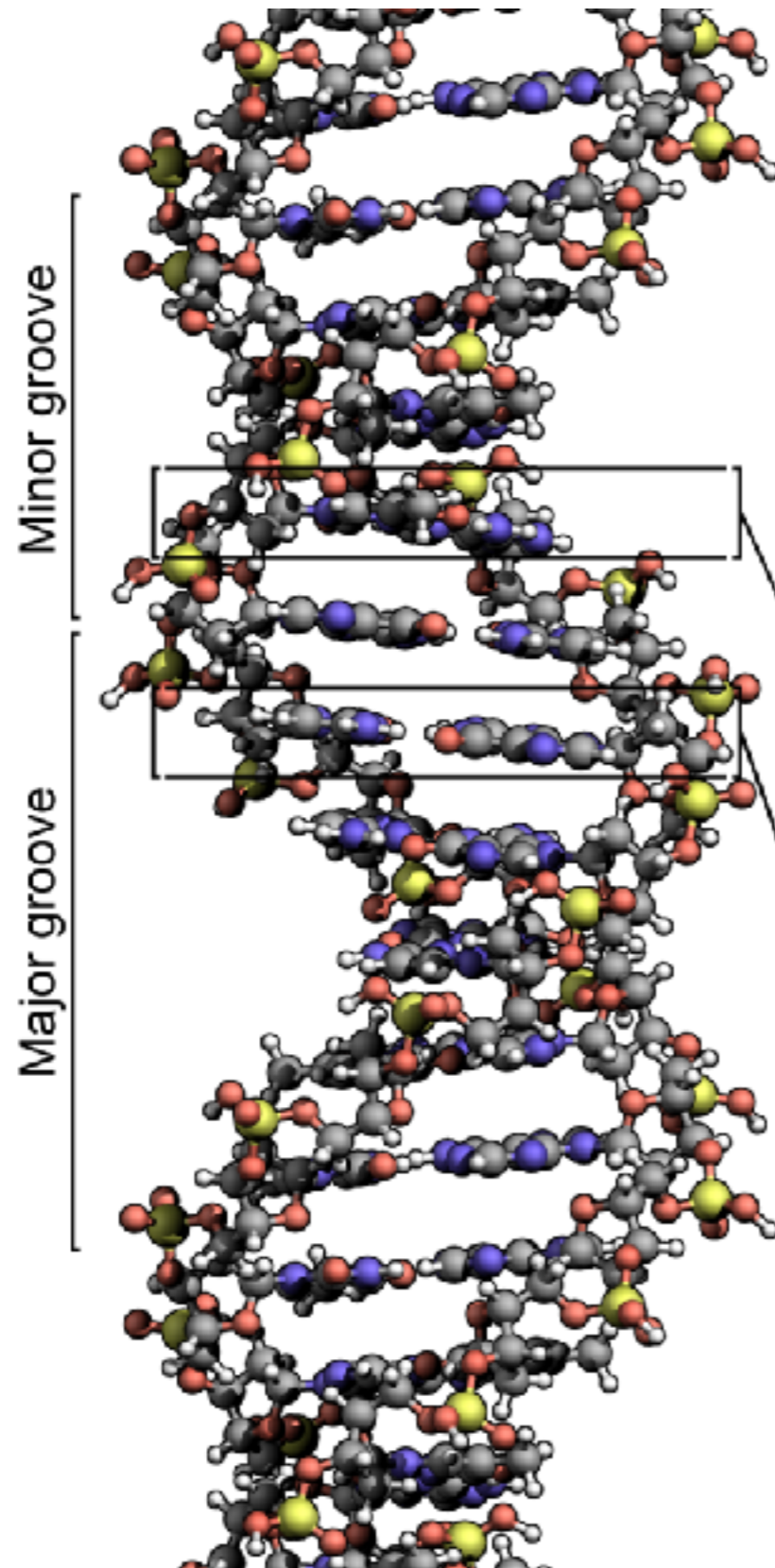
Discovery of Double Helix 1953



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DNA Molecule



Living code:

AACATGACCTGACGA

Digital code:

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01010101001010101001010110  
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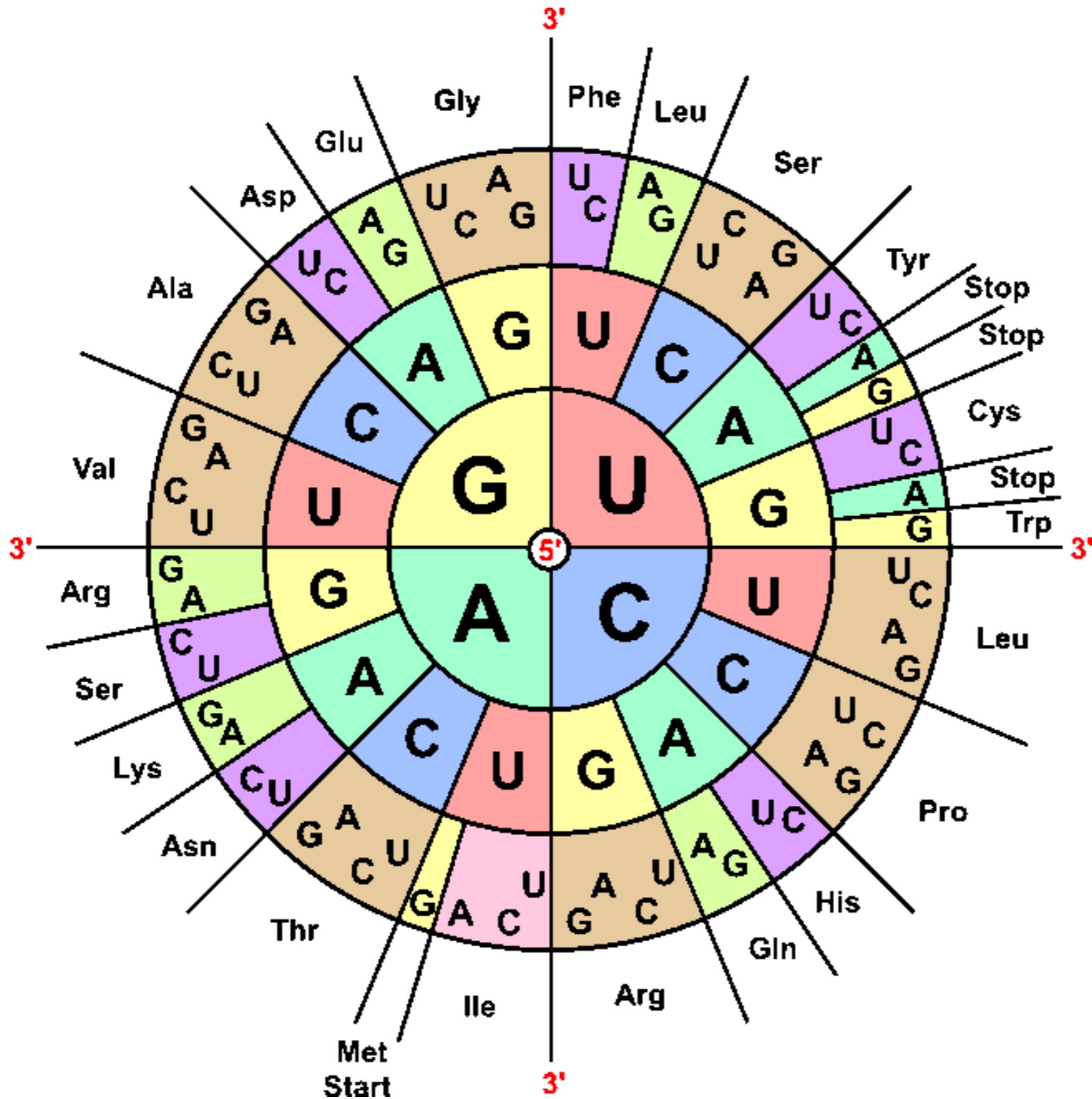



Robert W. Holley, Marshall Nirenberg, Har Gobind Khorana 1968



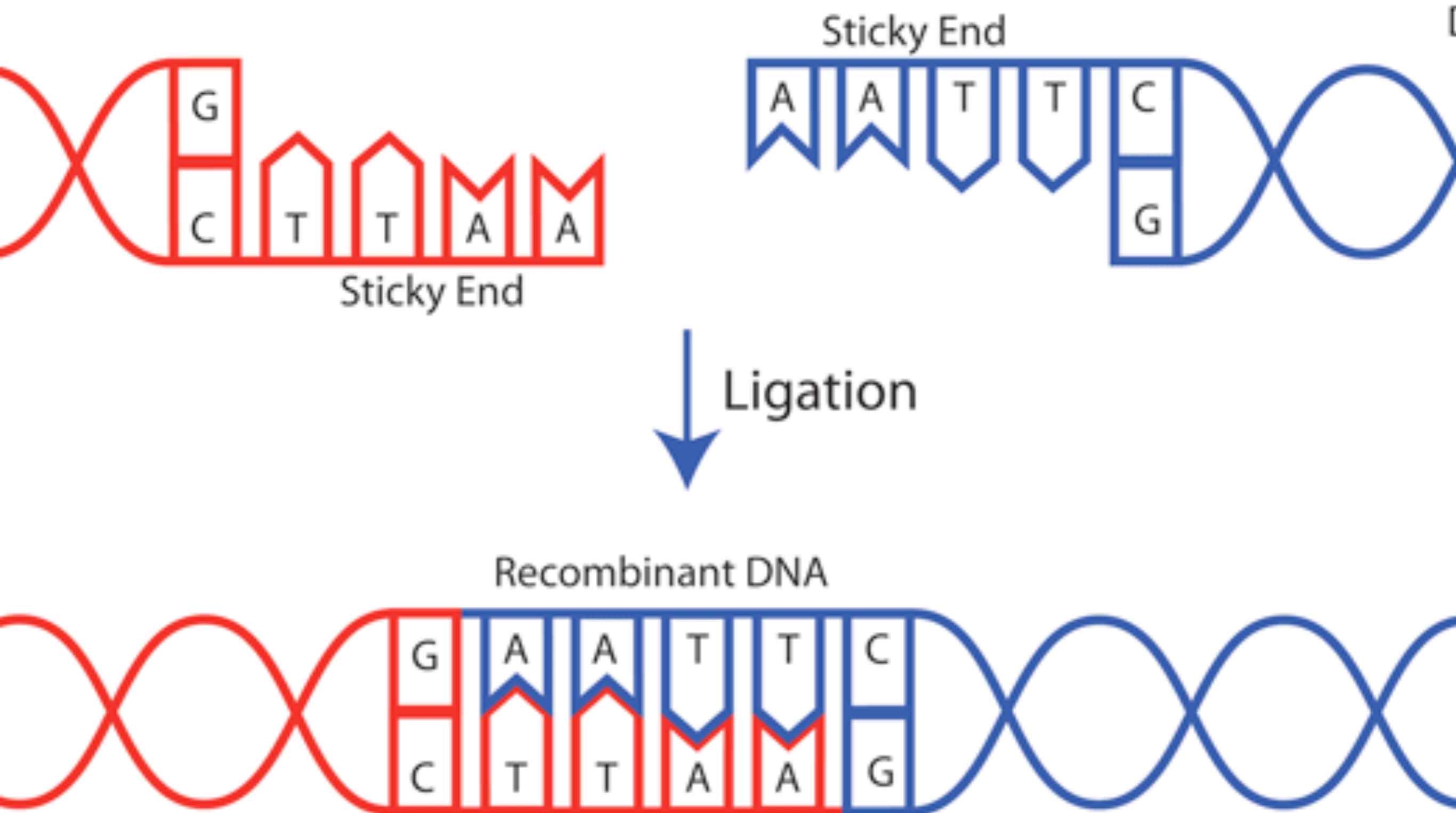


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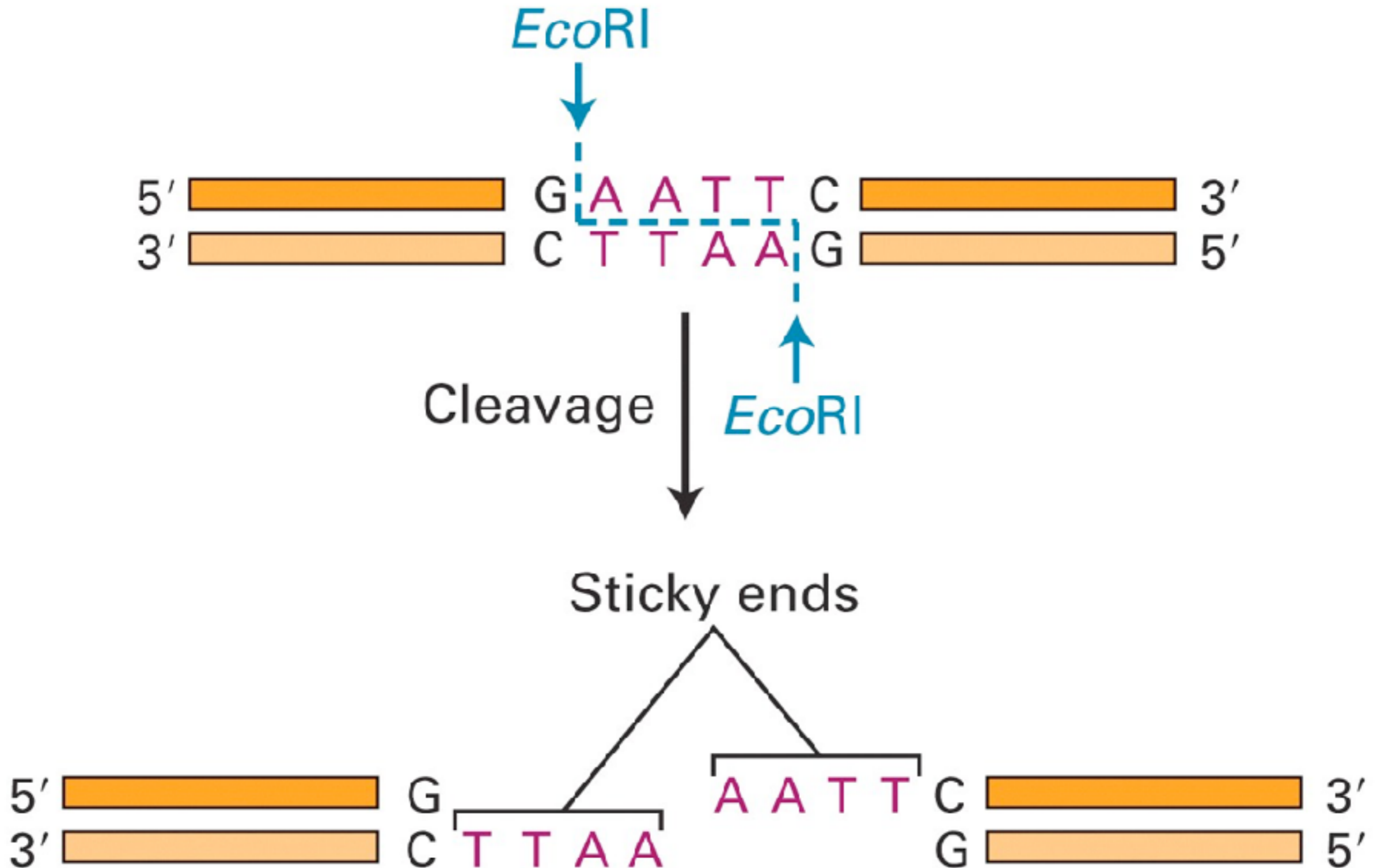


DNA ligase, 1967





Restriction Enzyme 1970





Reading DNA 1977



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Different-length strands can be lined up by size to determine DNA sequence.

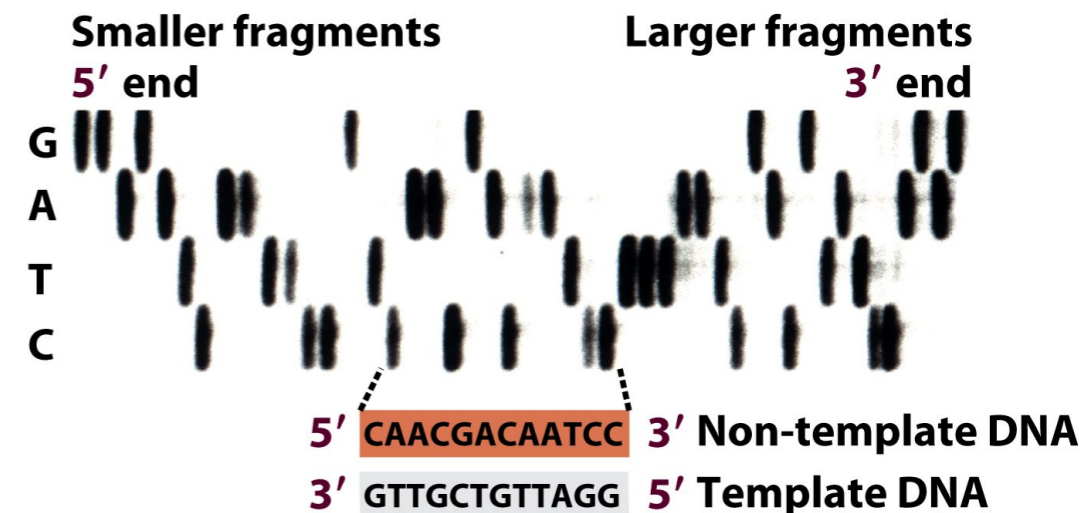
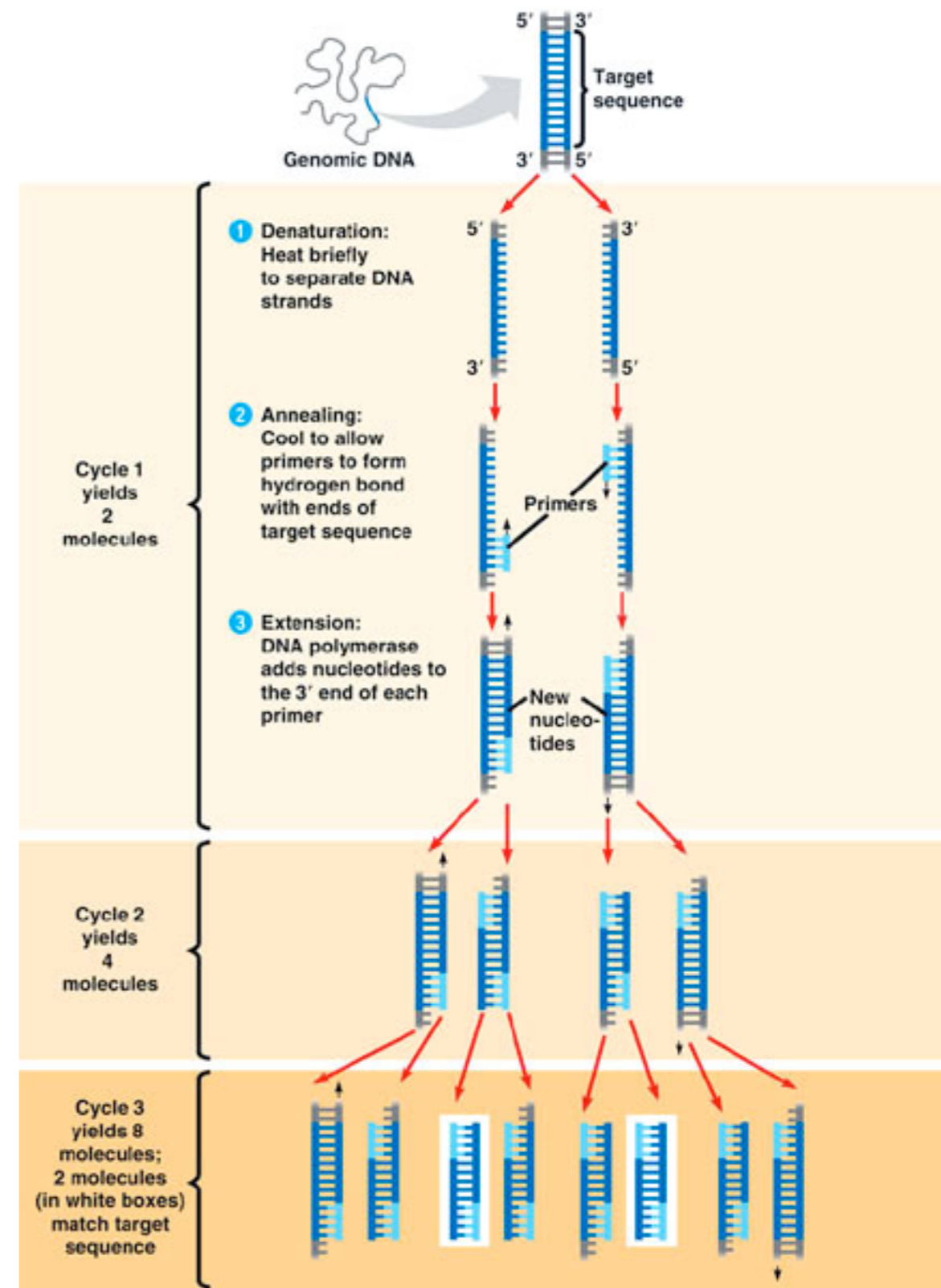


Figure 19-6c Biological Science, 2/e

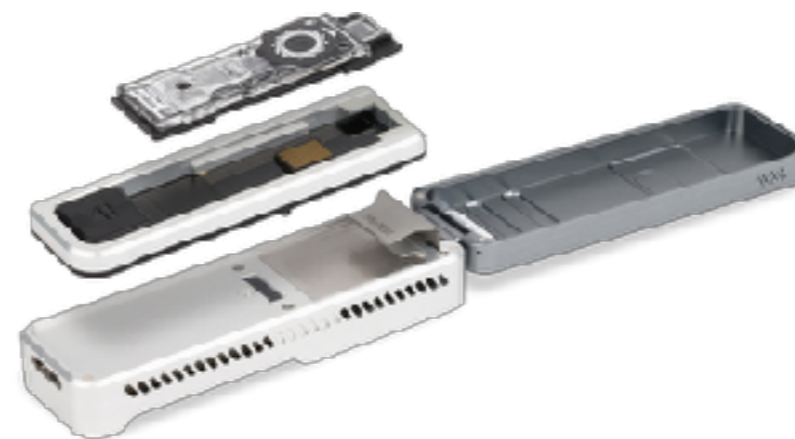


Polymerase Chain Reaction, 1983





Reading DNA



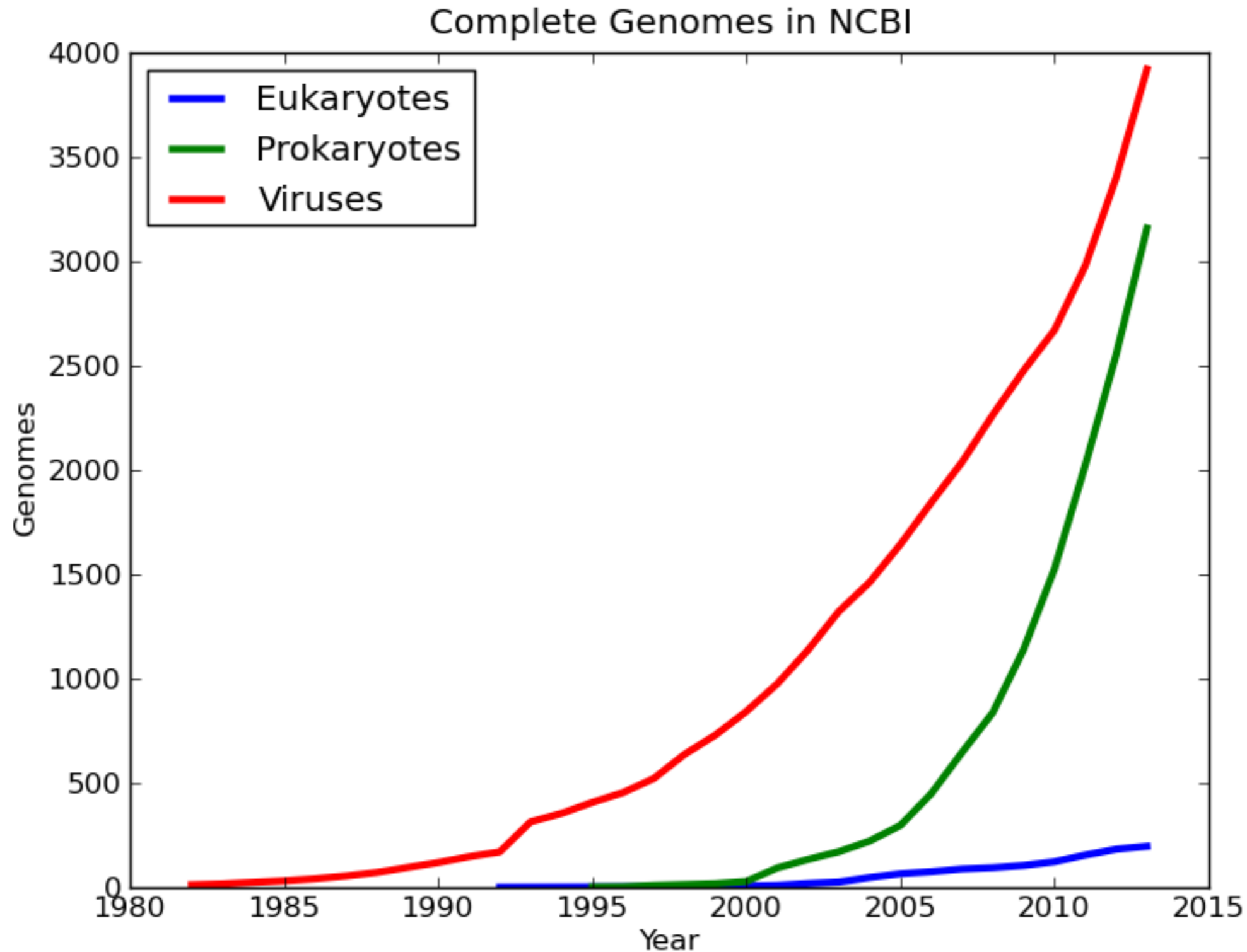


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Growth of Genbank



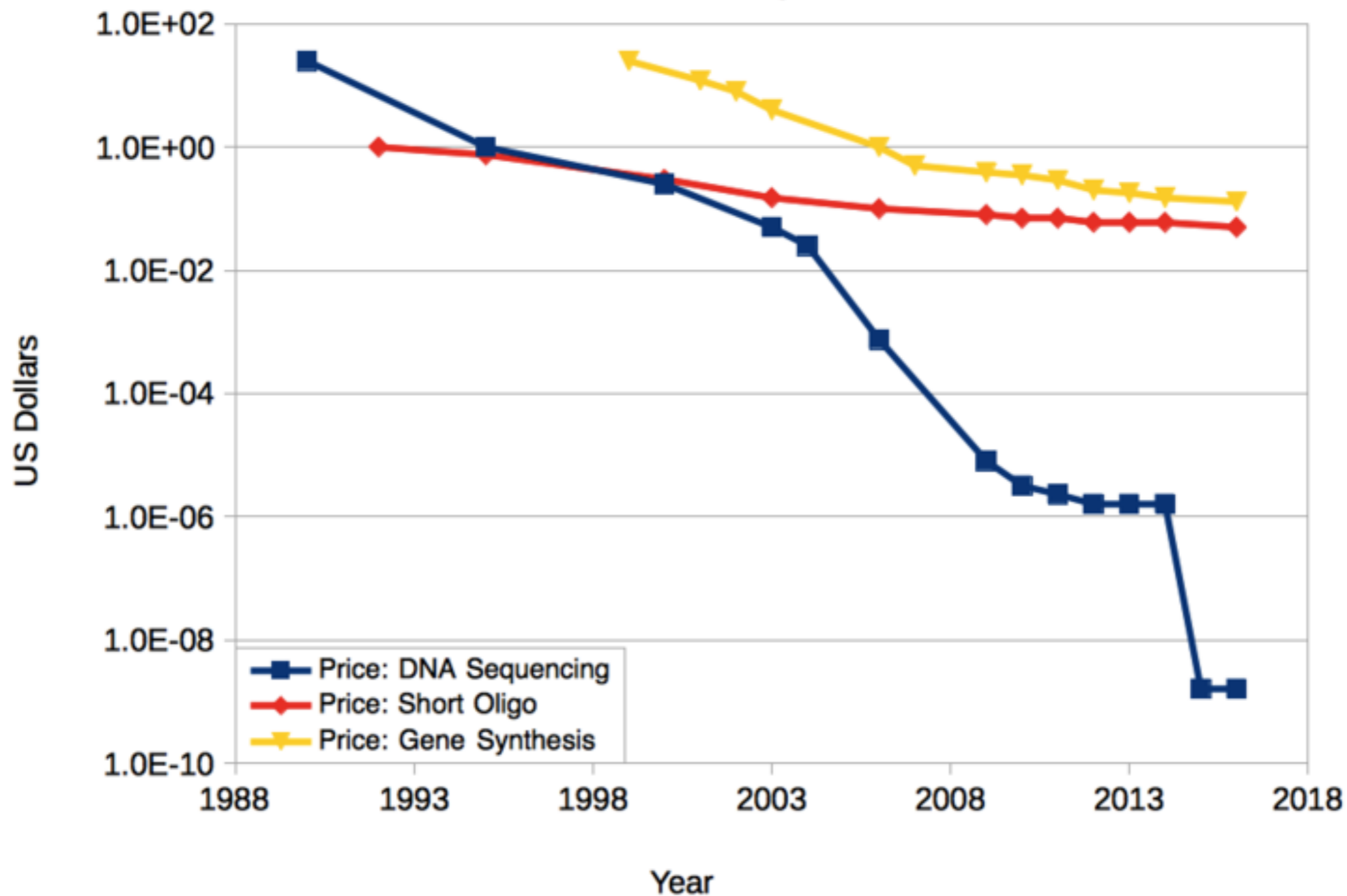
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Cost of DNA

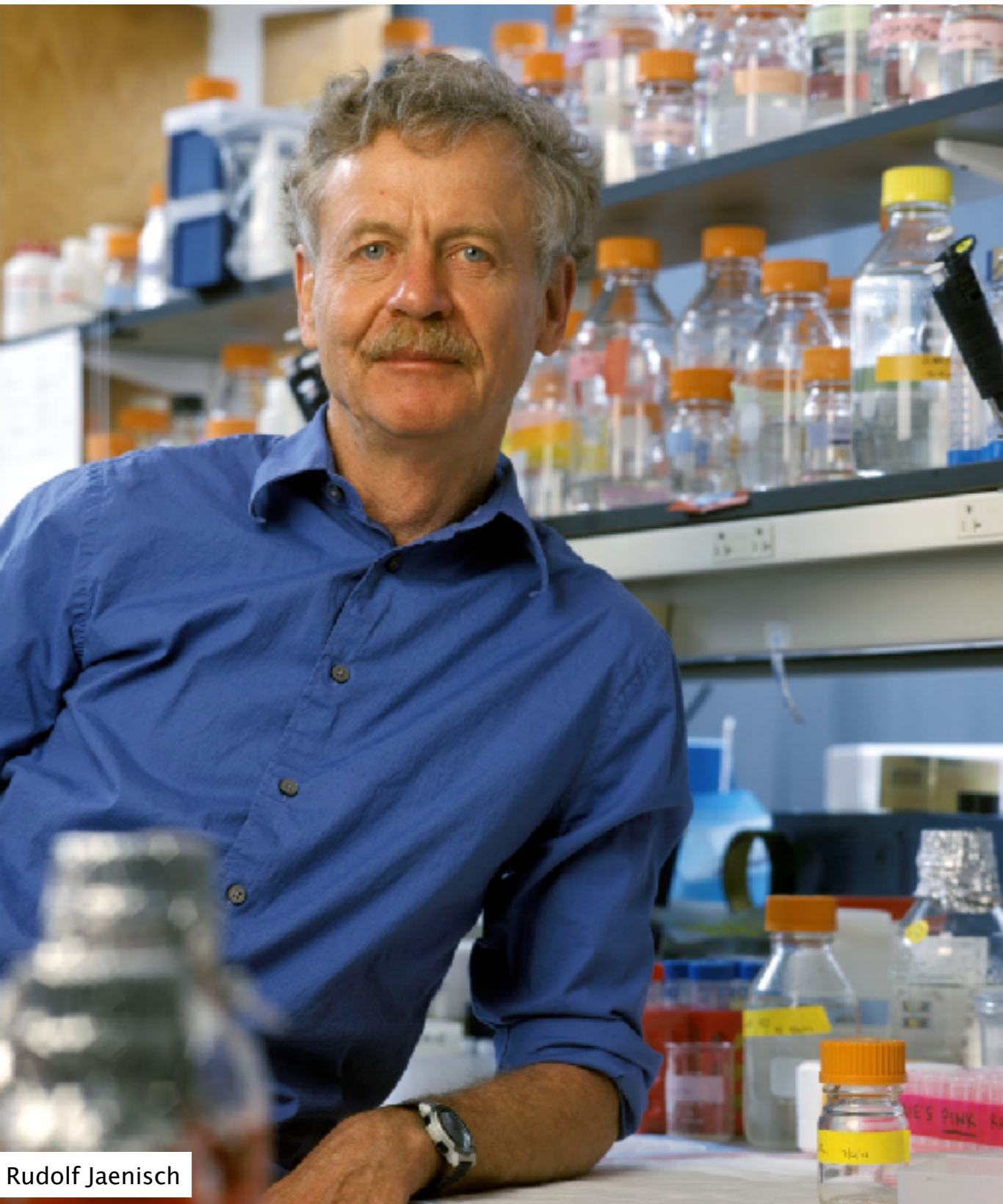
Price Per Base of DNA Sequencing and Synthesis

Rob Carlson, March 2016, www.synthesis.cc

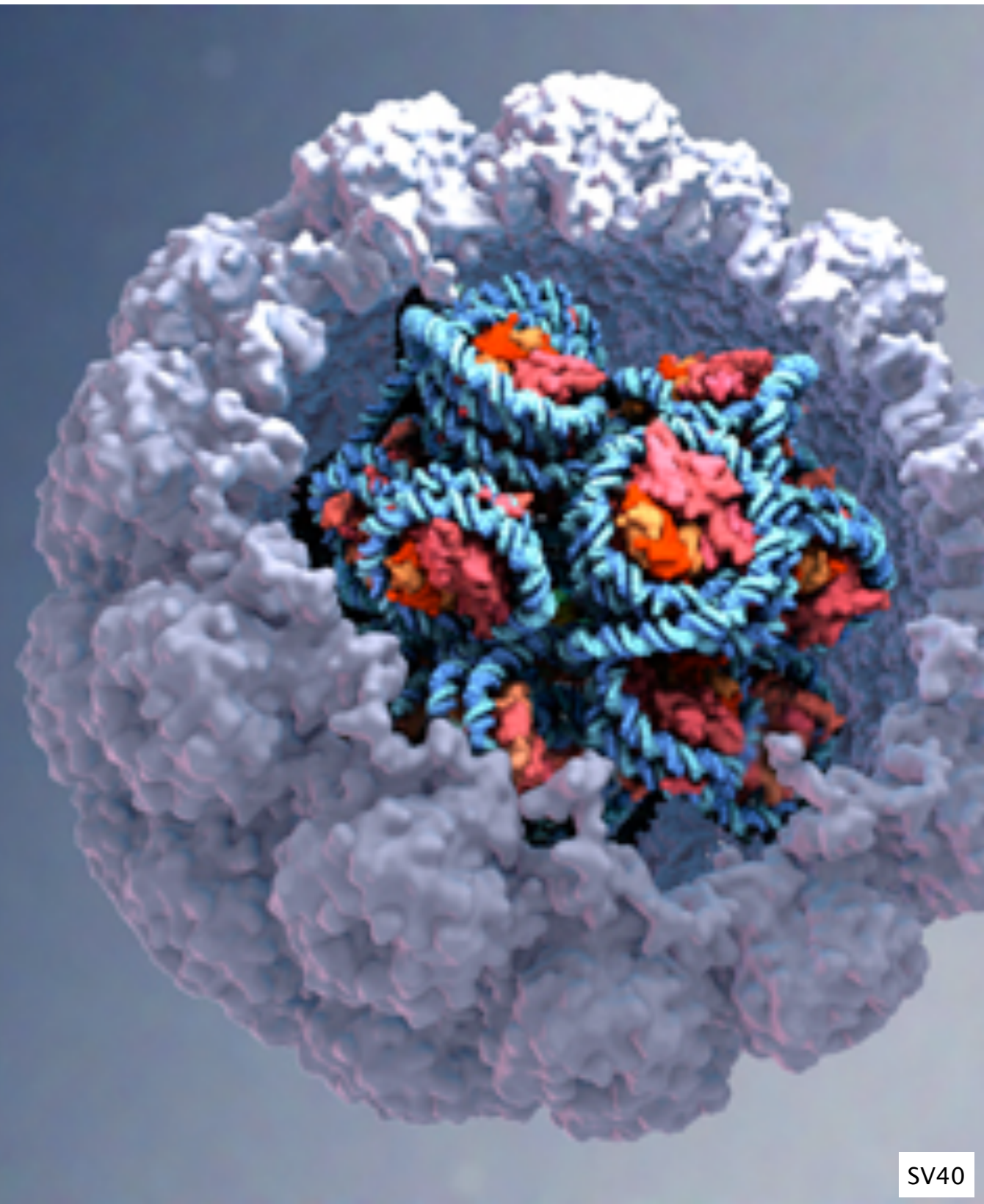




Transgenic Mouse, 1973



Rudolf Jaenisch



SV40



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 type¹ 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 induction². 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 deleted⁴. 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-DNA⁵. 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





Joe Davis, 1987

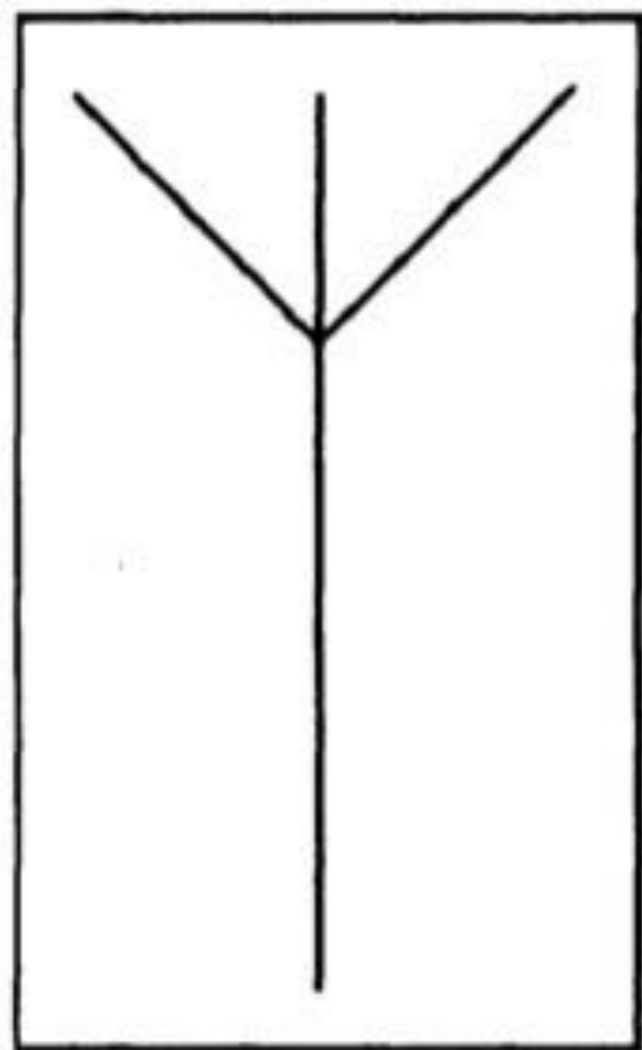


FIG. 1 *Microvenus* icon.



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Bull Herman, Leiden 1990





Life finds a way, Jurassic Park 1993





Dolly the Sheep, Edinburgh 1996





Eduardo Kac – GFP Bunny, 2000





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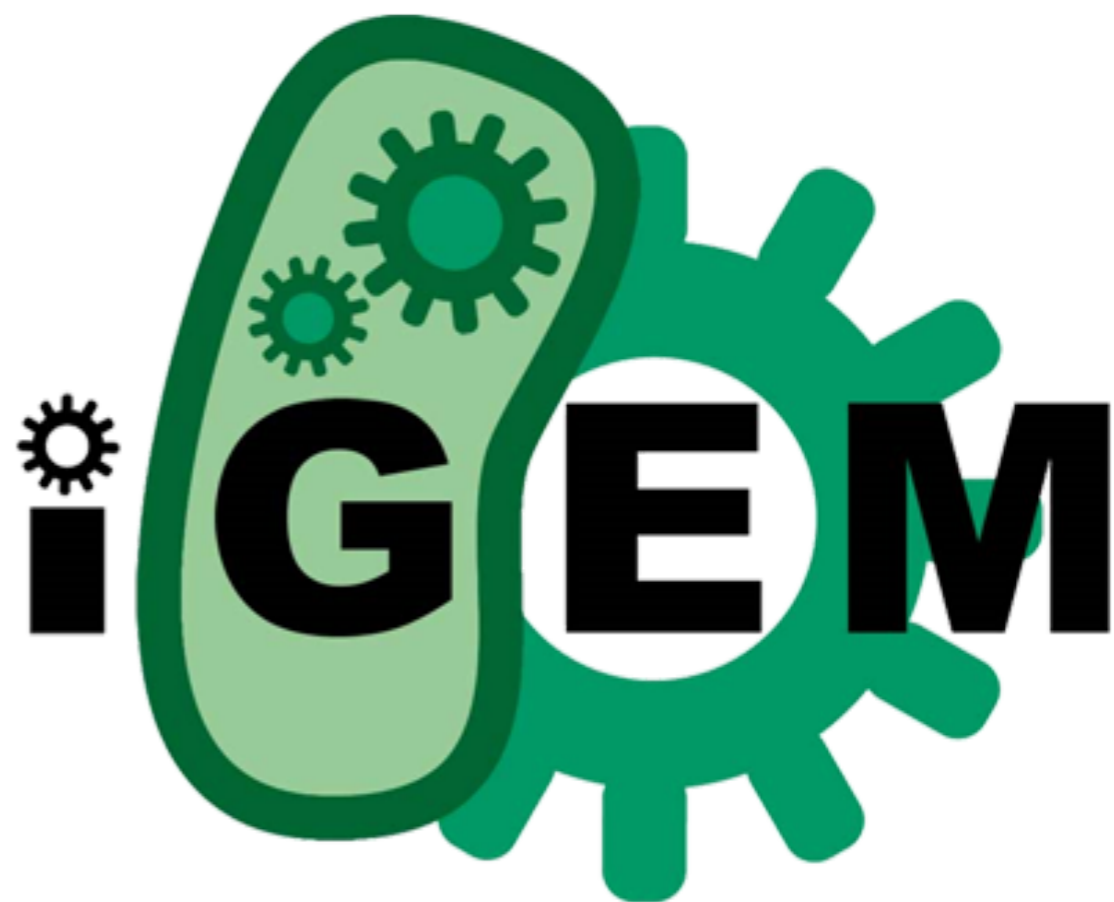
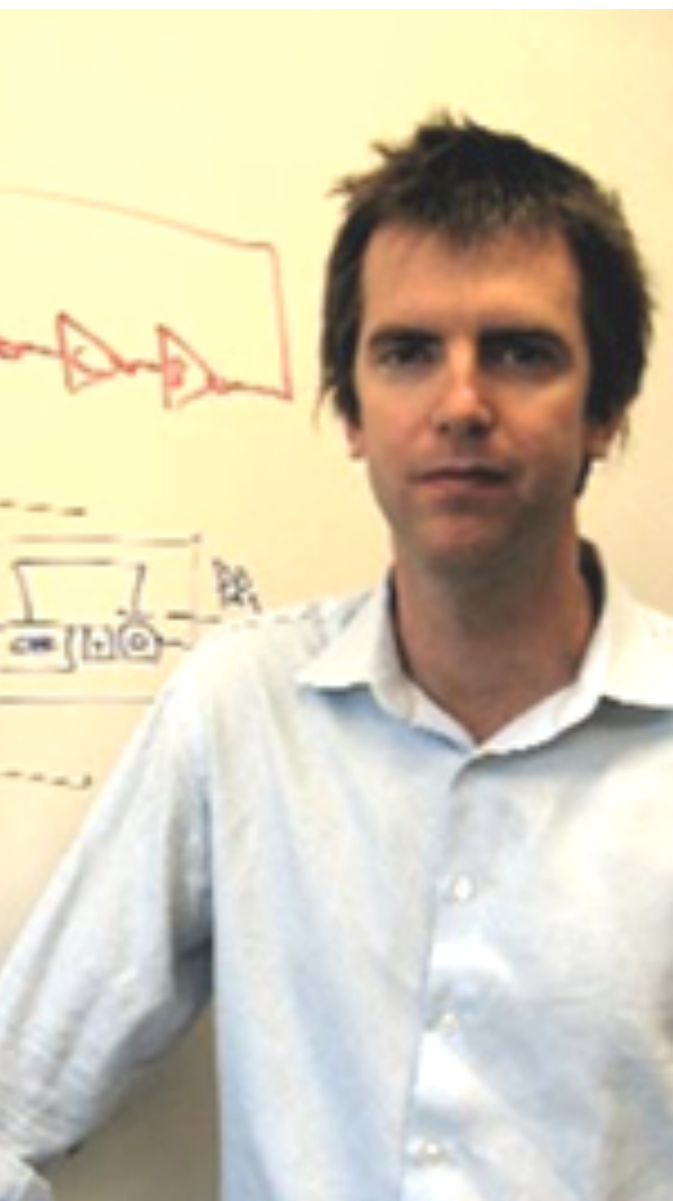
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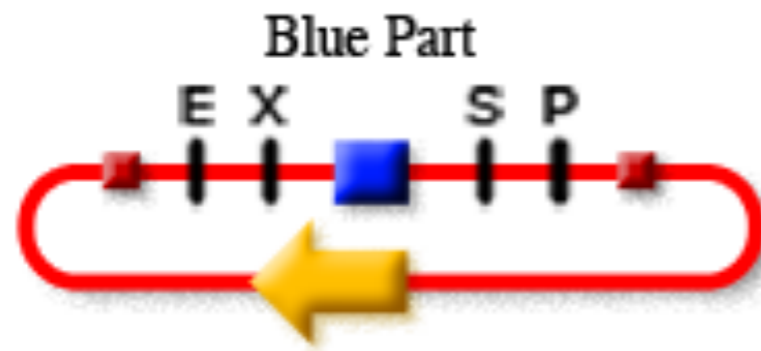


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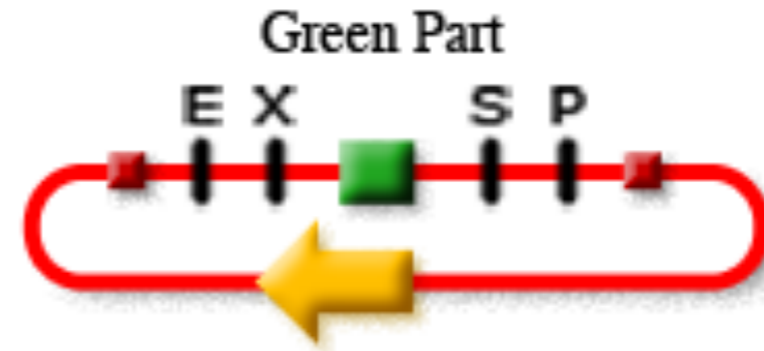
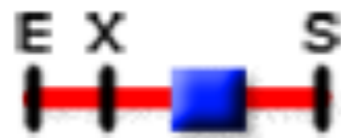




Biobrick standard 2003



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EcoRI and SpeI



Cut with
EcoRI and XbaI

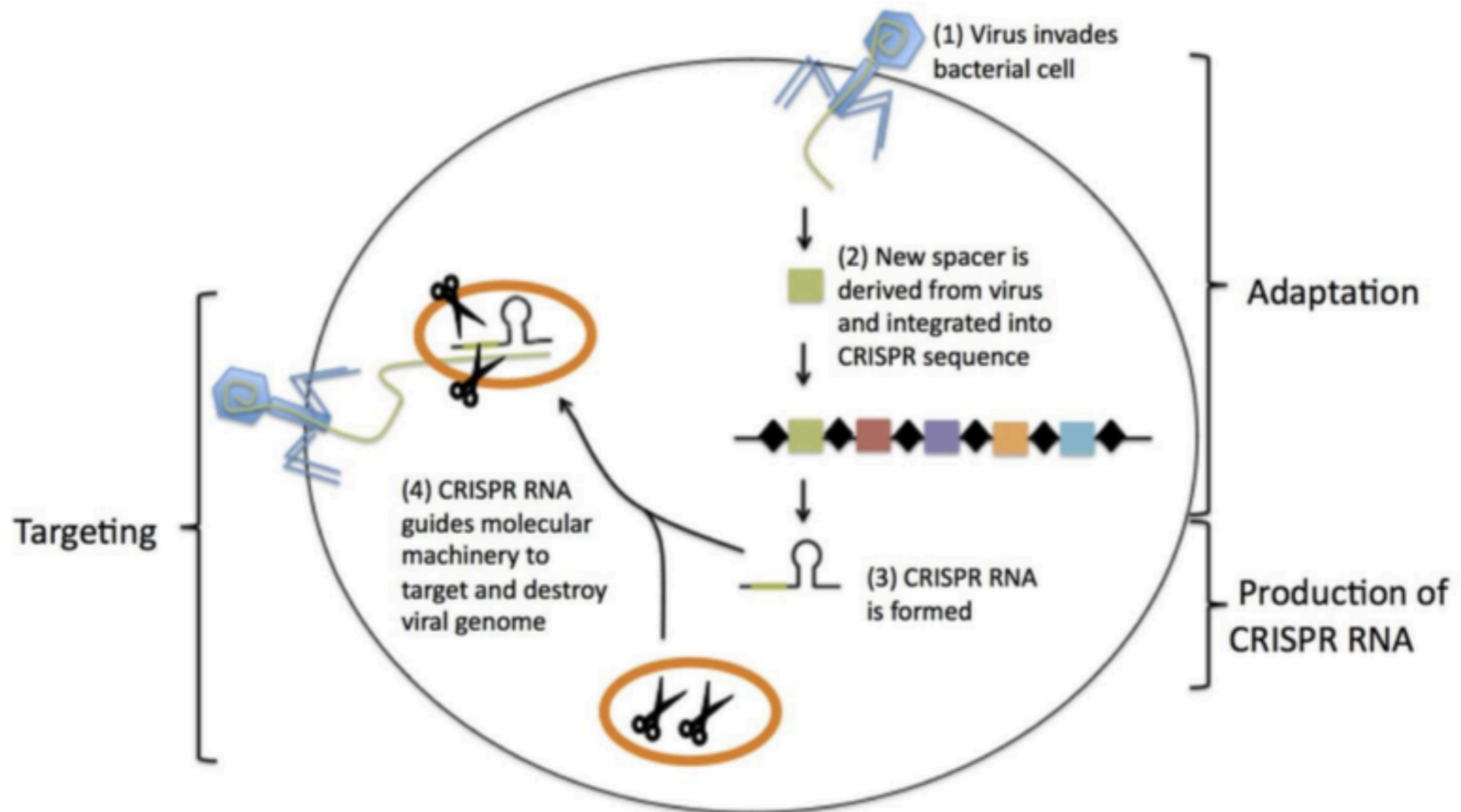


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CRISPR – Cas9





Labs as a service



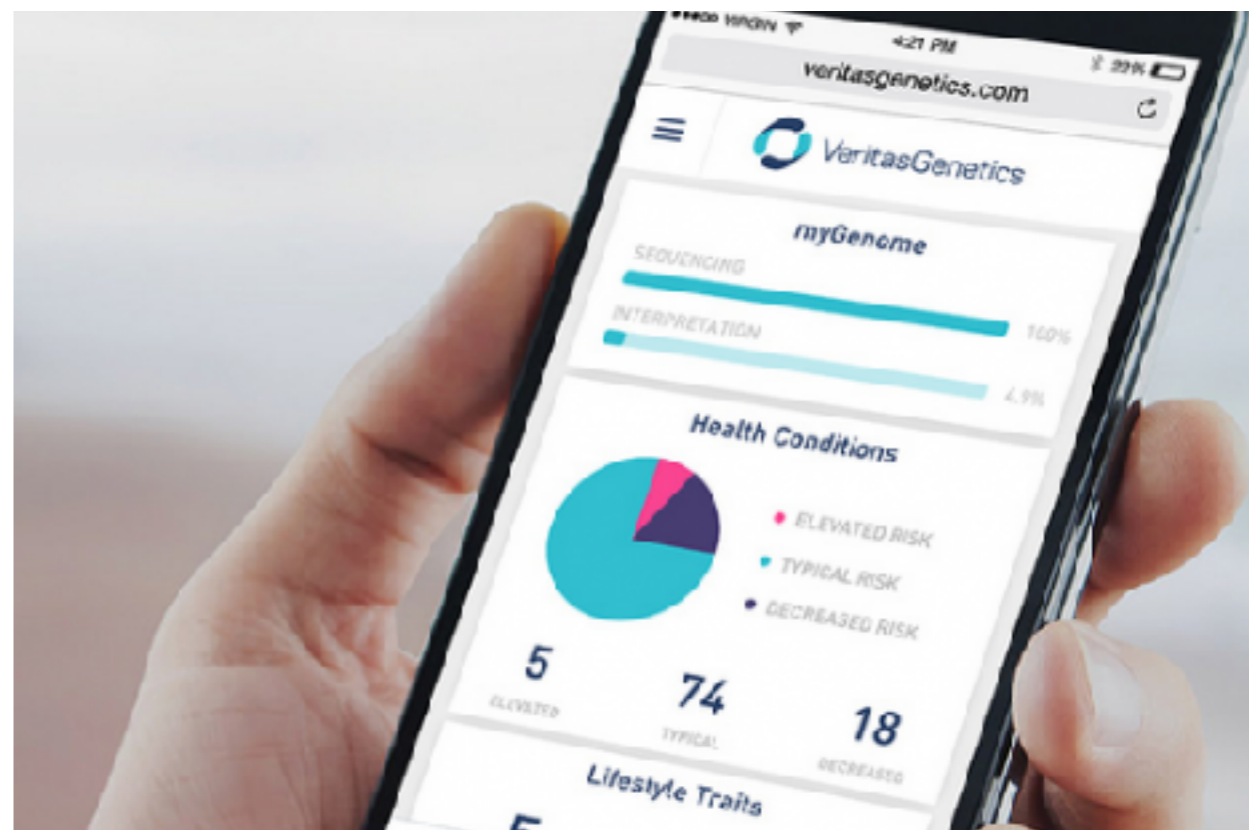
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µBiome



Personal
Genome
Project





Center for Postnatural History – Rich Pell





Conclusions

- Biology:
 - No longer framed by the possible
 - Transformed from observation to engineering
 - Changing:
 - Value chains
 - Business models
 - Design process



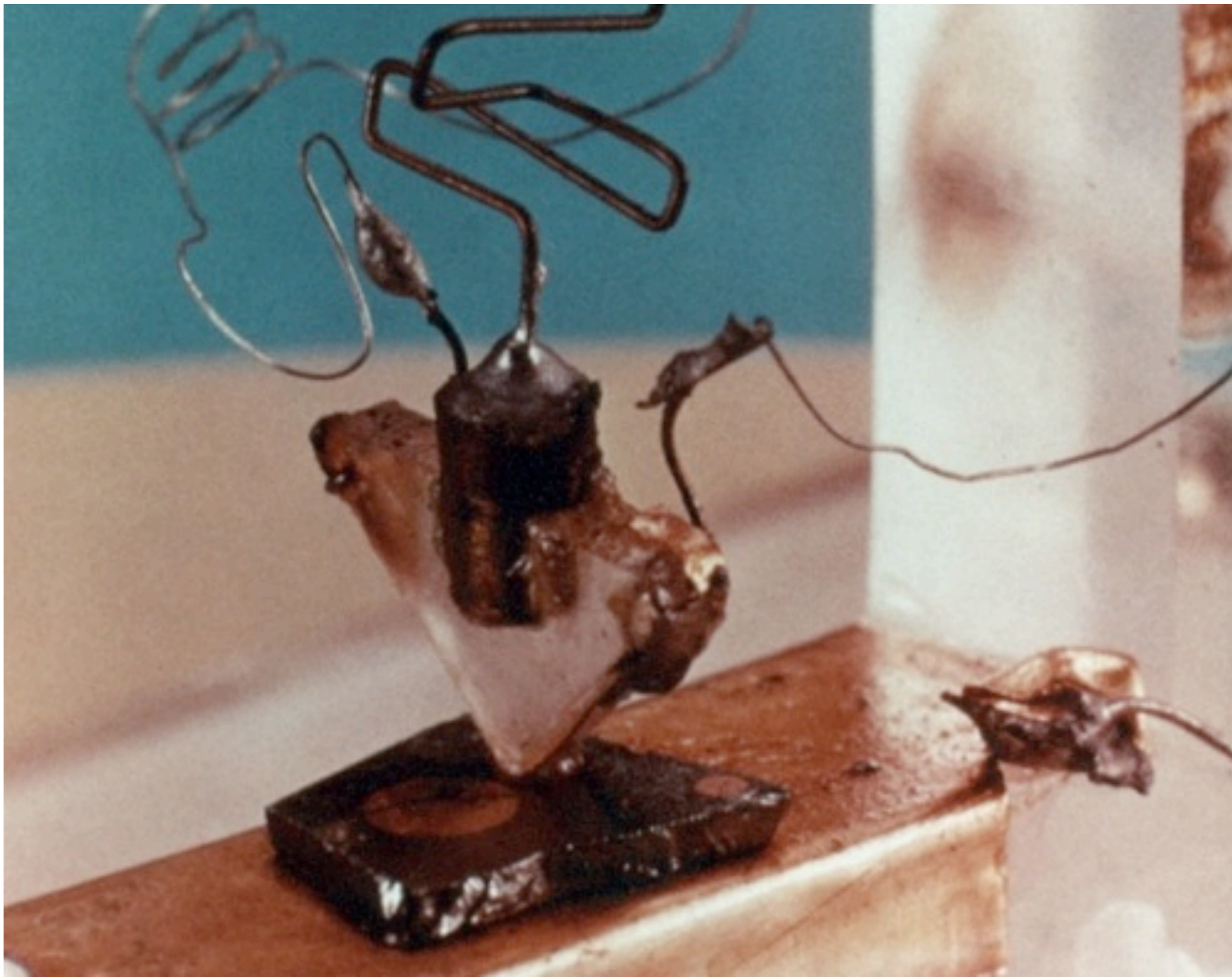
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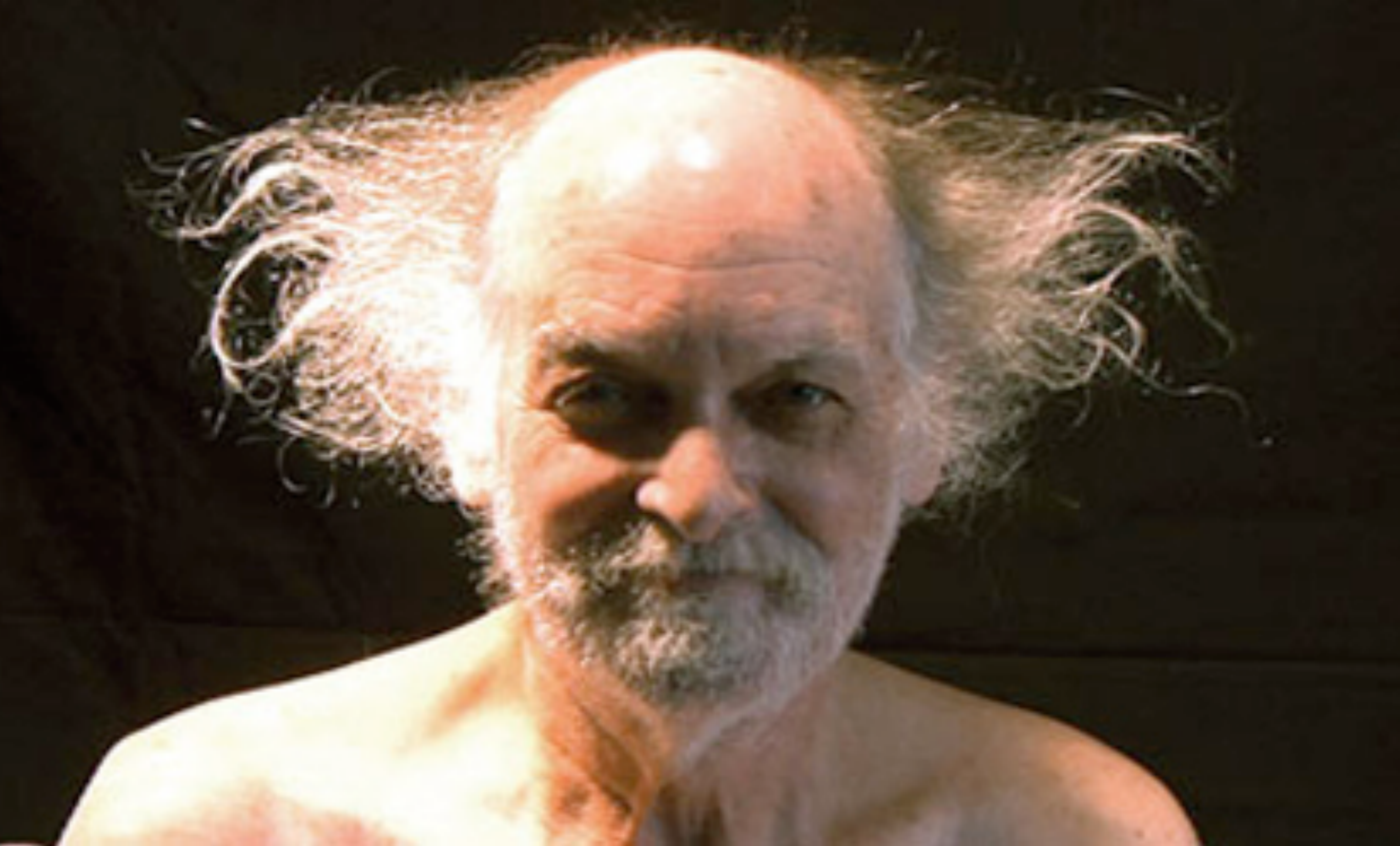


Inspiration & justification





Joe Davis





Critical Art Ensemble – Free Range Grain 2003



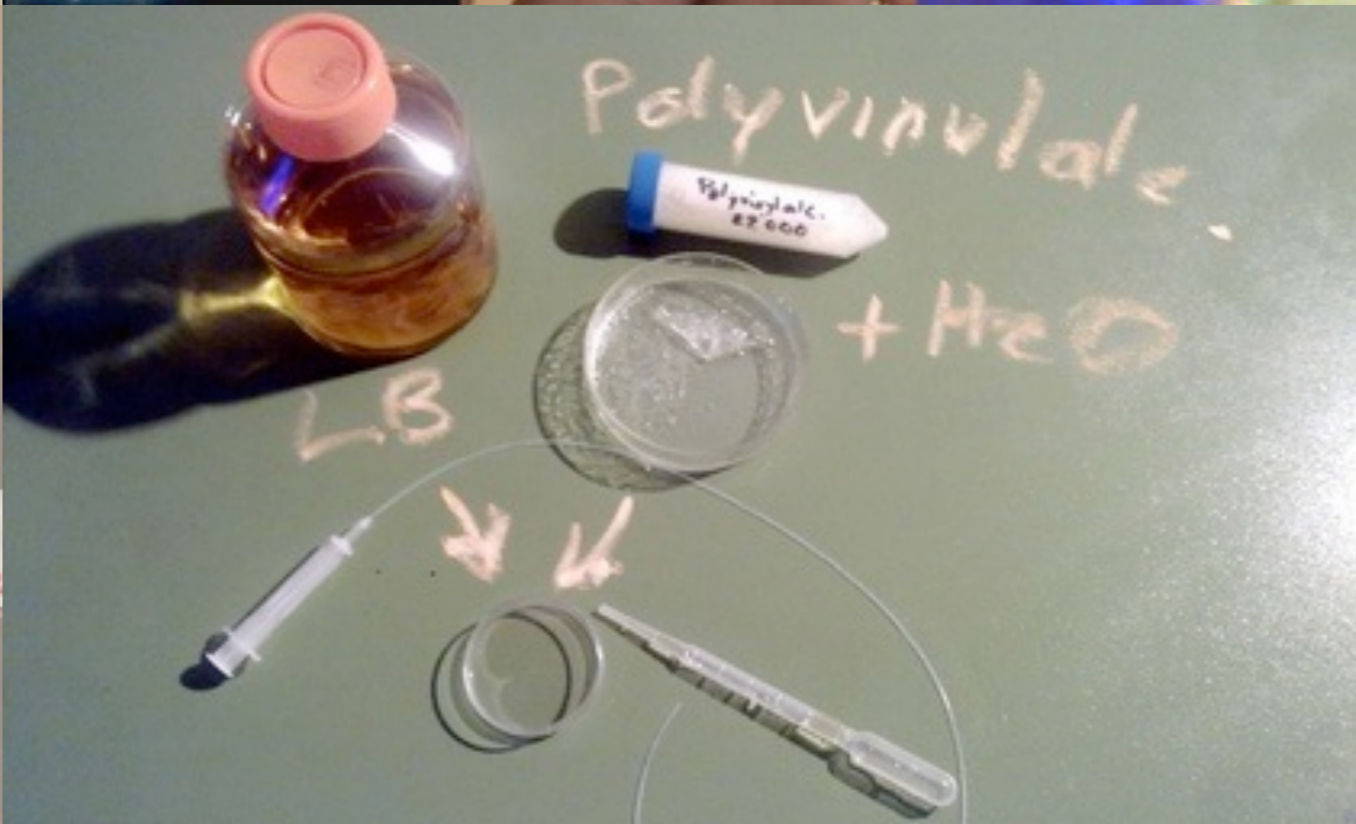
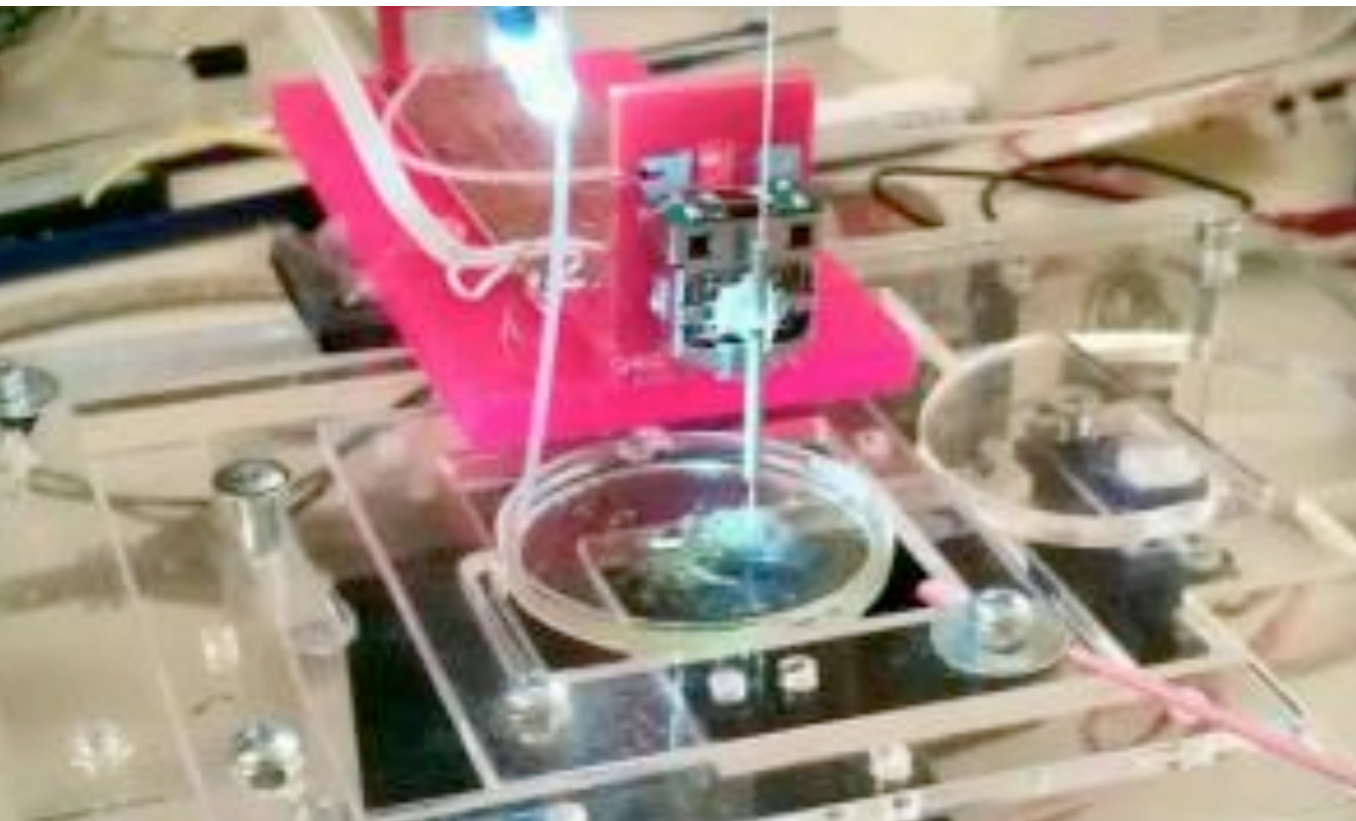


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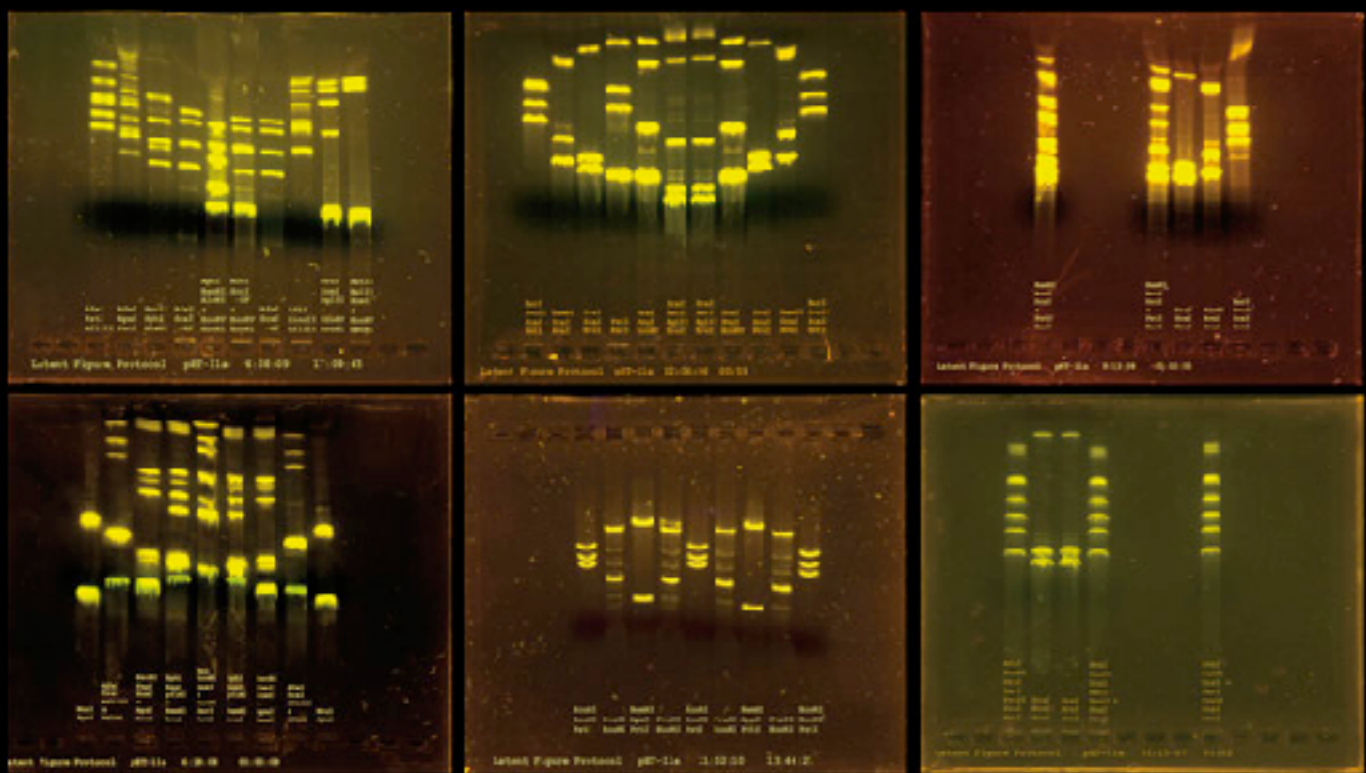
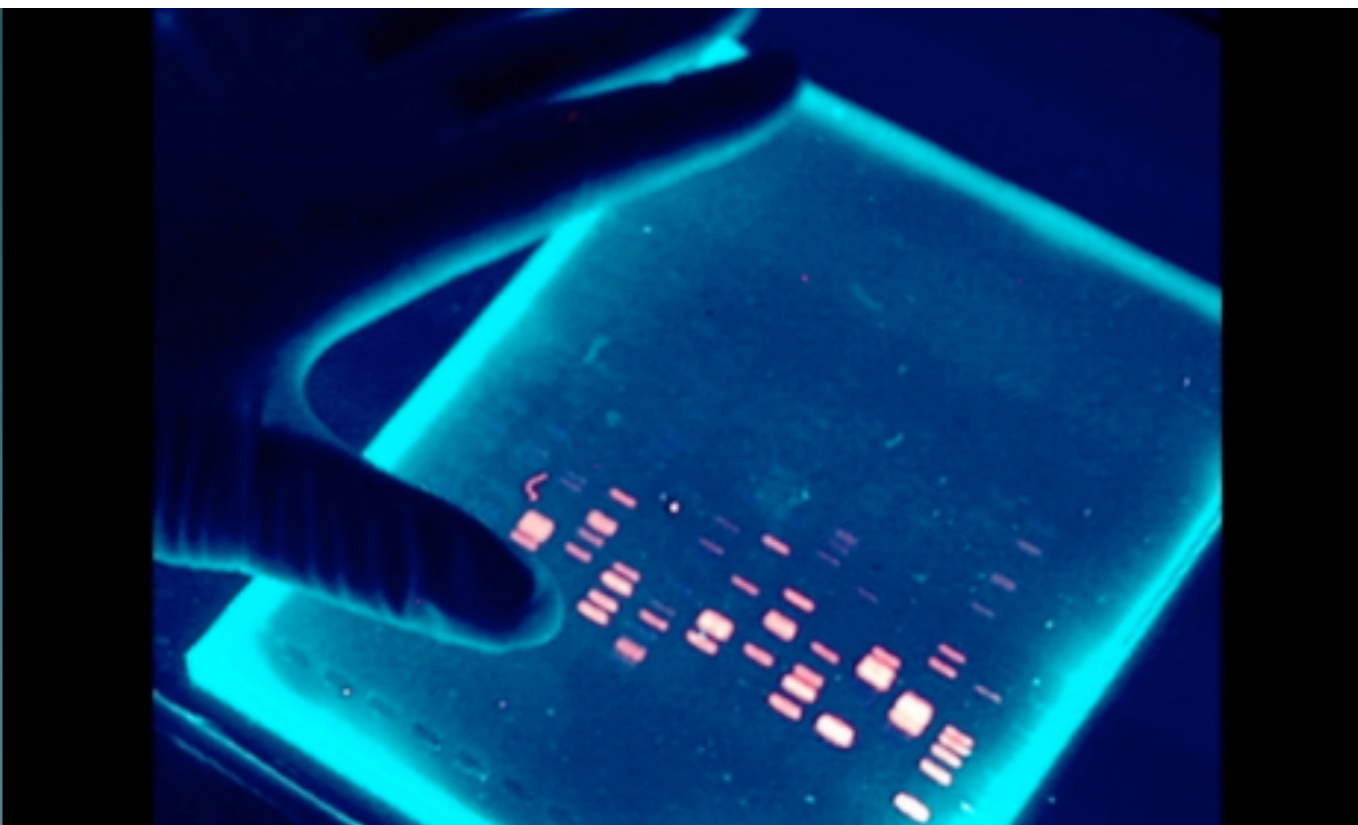


Hackteria, 2009





Paul Vanouse 2009





Kay Aull



Ellen Jorgensen – Genspace 2010





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

Doing Biotech in My Bedroom

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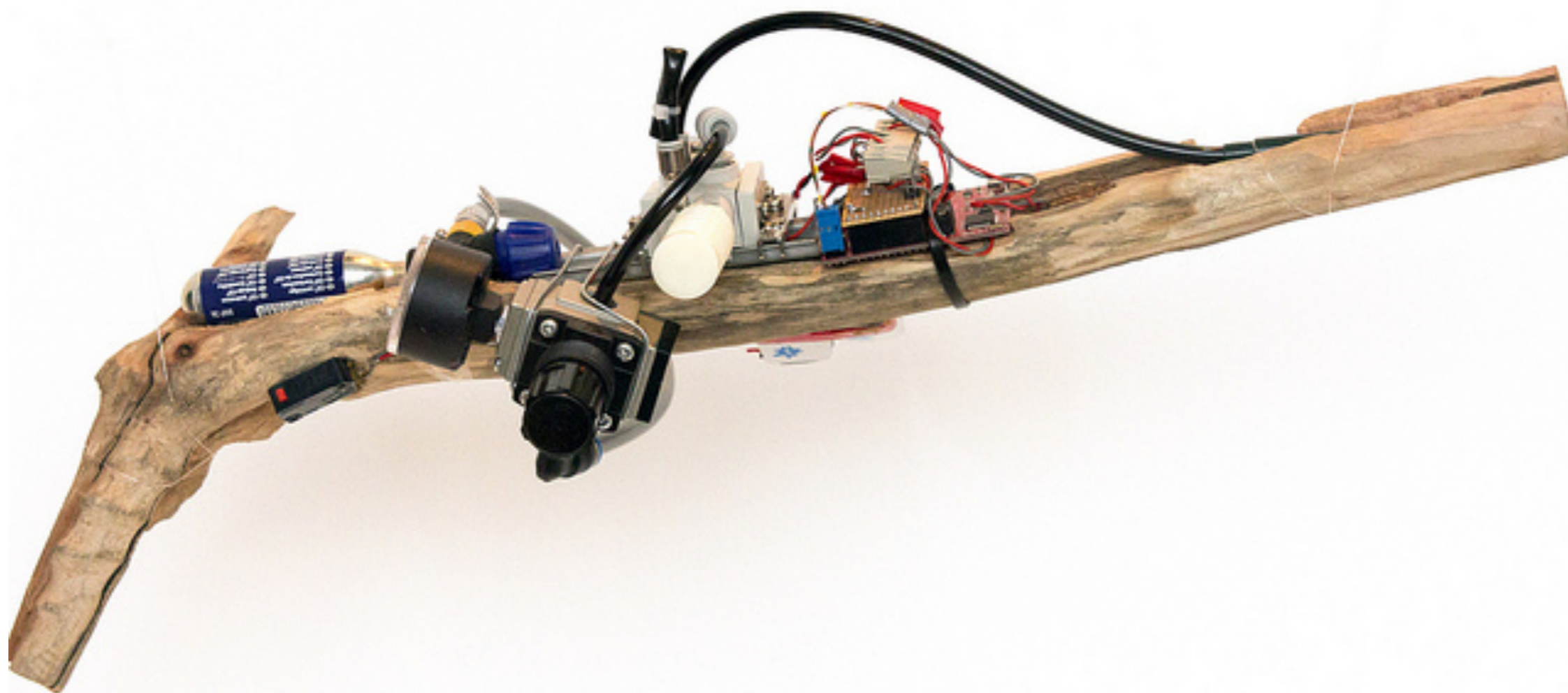
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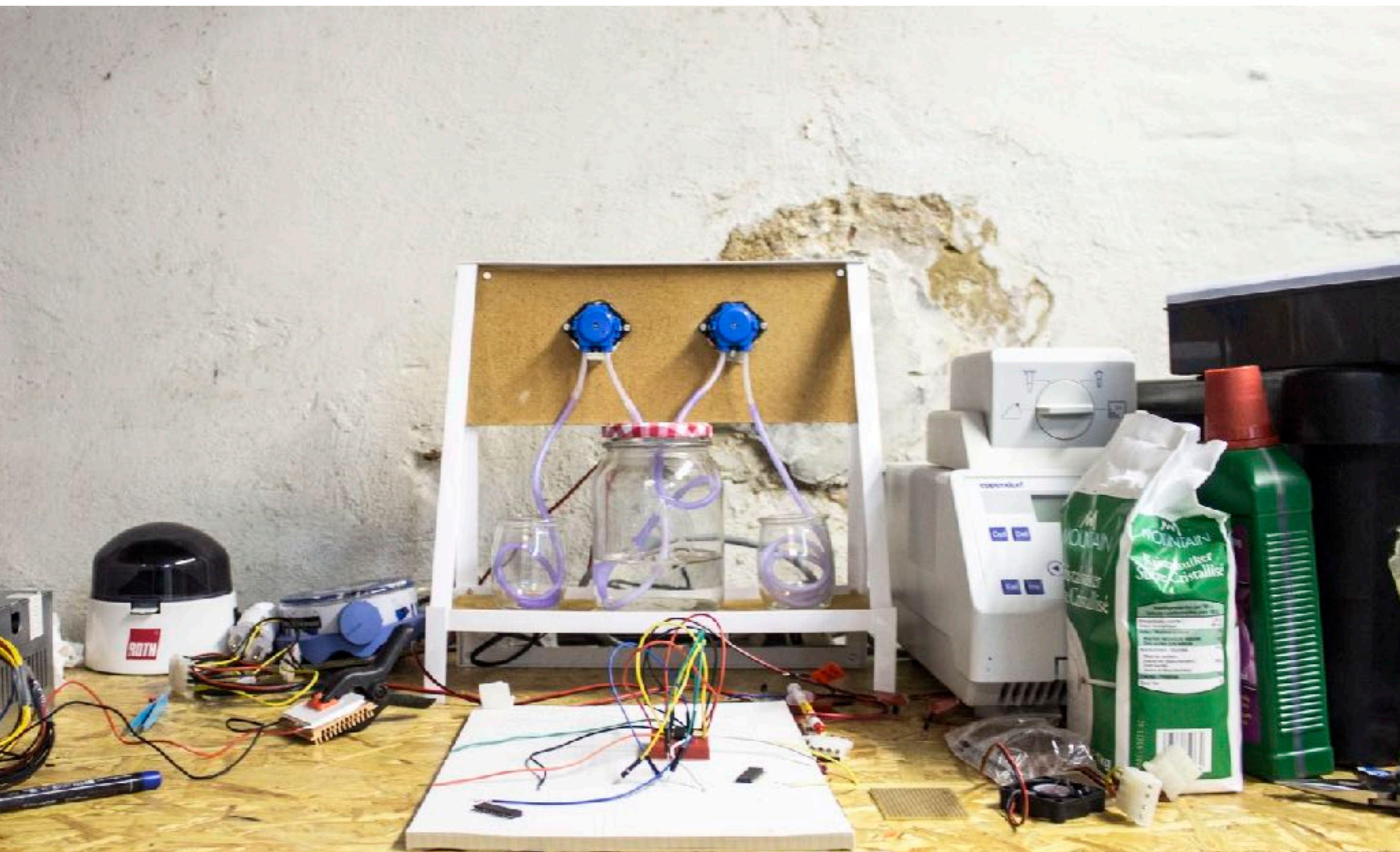
Labs everywhere – diybio.org/local

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Amsterdam	NL	http://www.meetup.com/Dutch-DIY-Bio/
Barcelona	ES	http://www.diybcn.org/
Berlin	DE	https://www.biotinkerling-berlin.de/
Brussels	BE	http://www.openbiolab.be/
Budapest	HU	http://biodisplay.tyrell.hu/
Cambridge	UK	https://biomake.space/
Copenhagen	DK	http://biologigaragen.org/
Cork	IE	https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/diybio-ireland
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Trento	IT	http://www.openwetlab.org/
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reagentlab.org – DIY bioreactor





Open Biolab Graz – BSL1



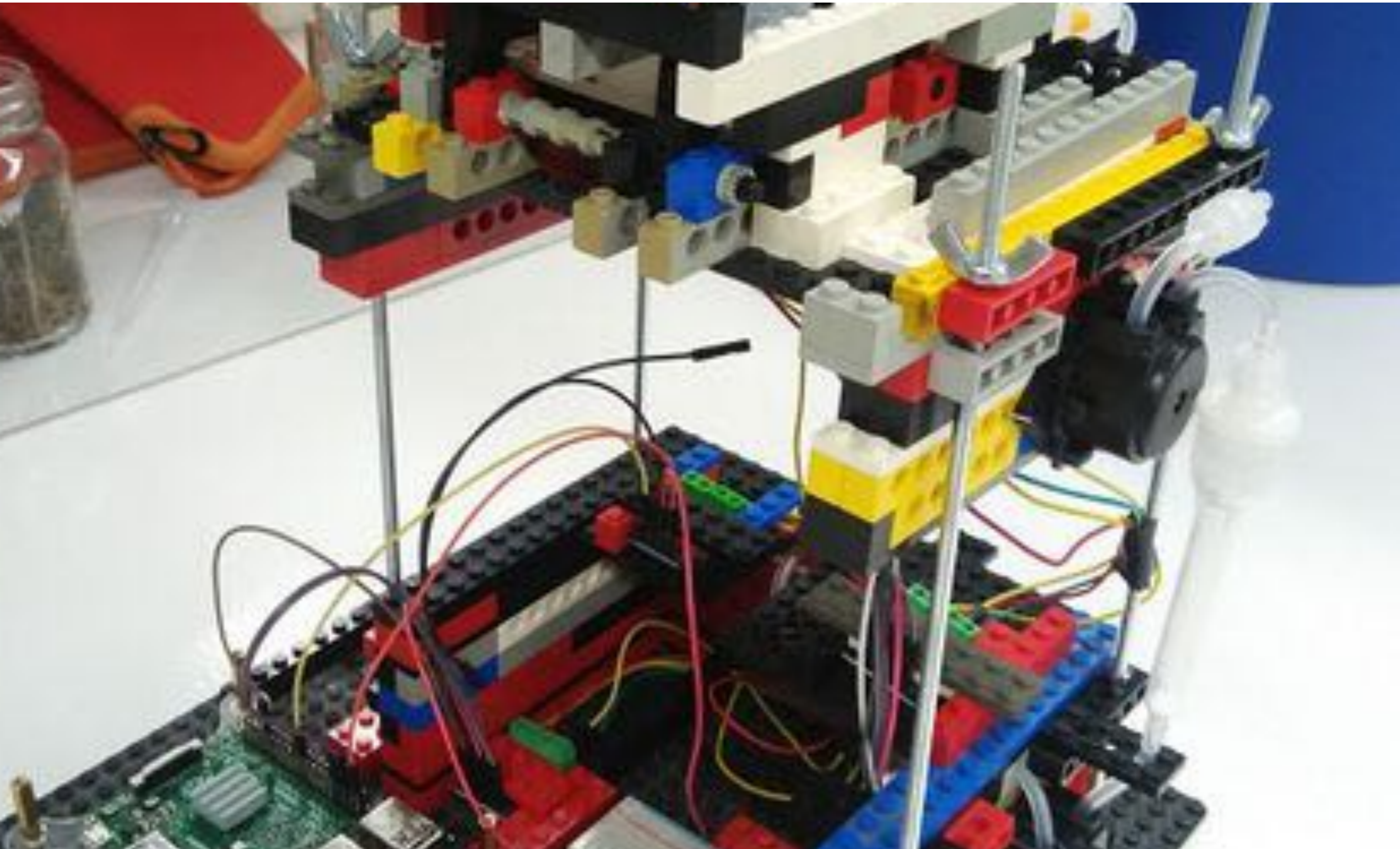


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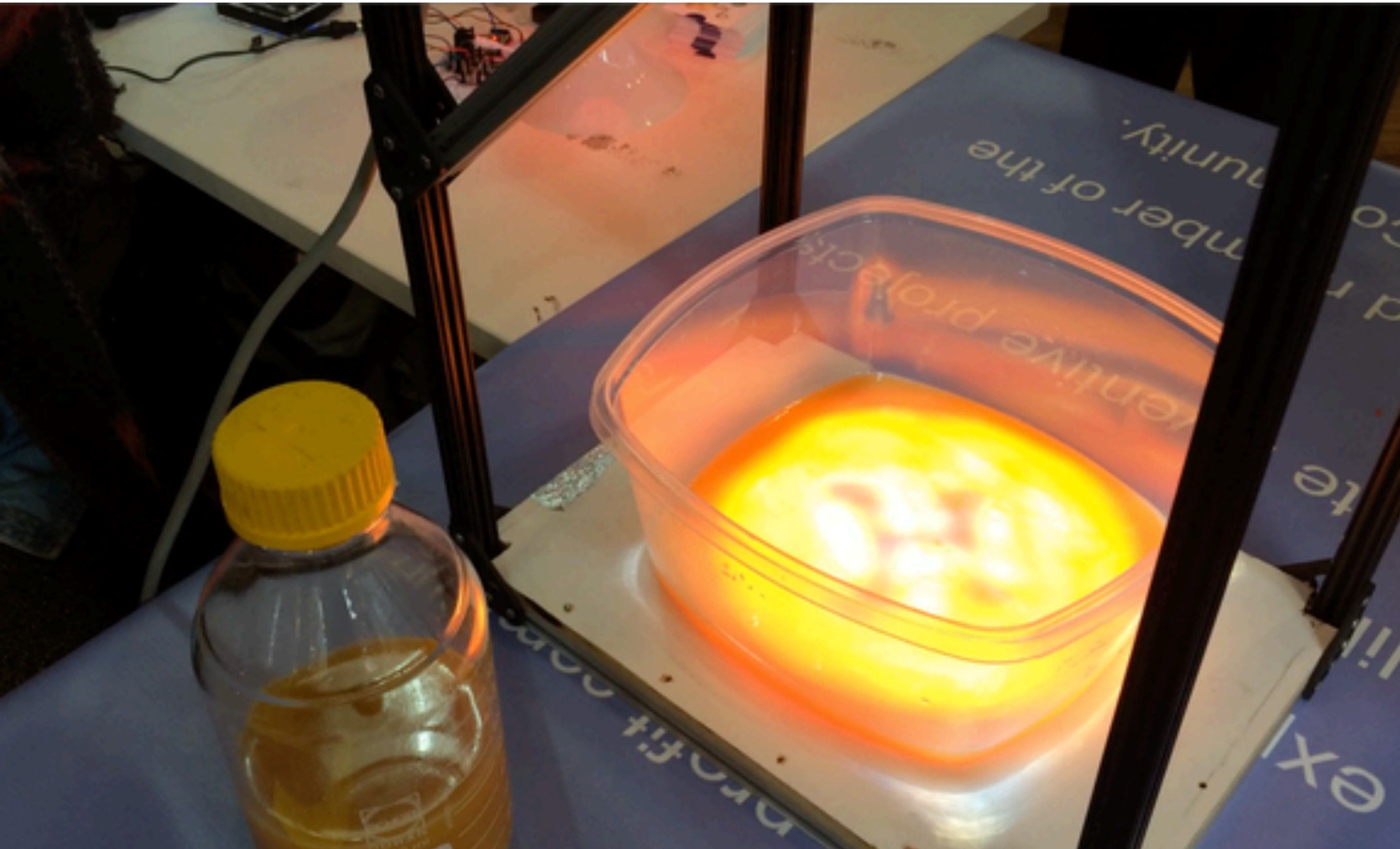


Protein purification – Hackuarium





Juicyprint – London Biohack Space





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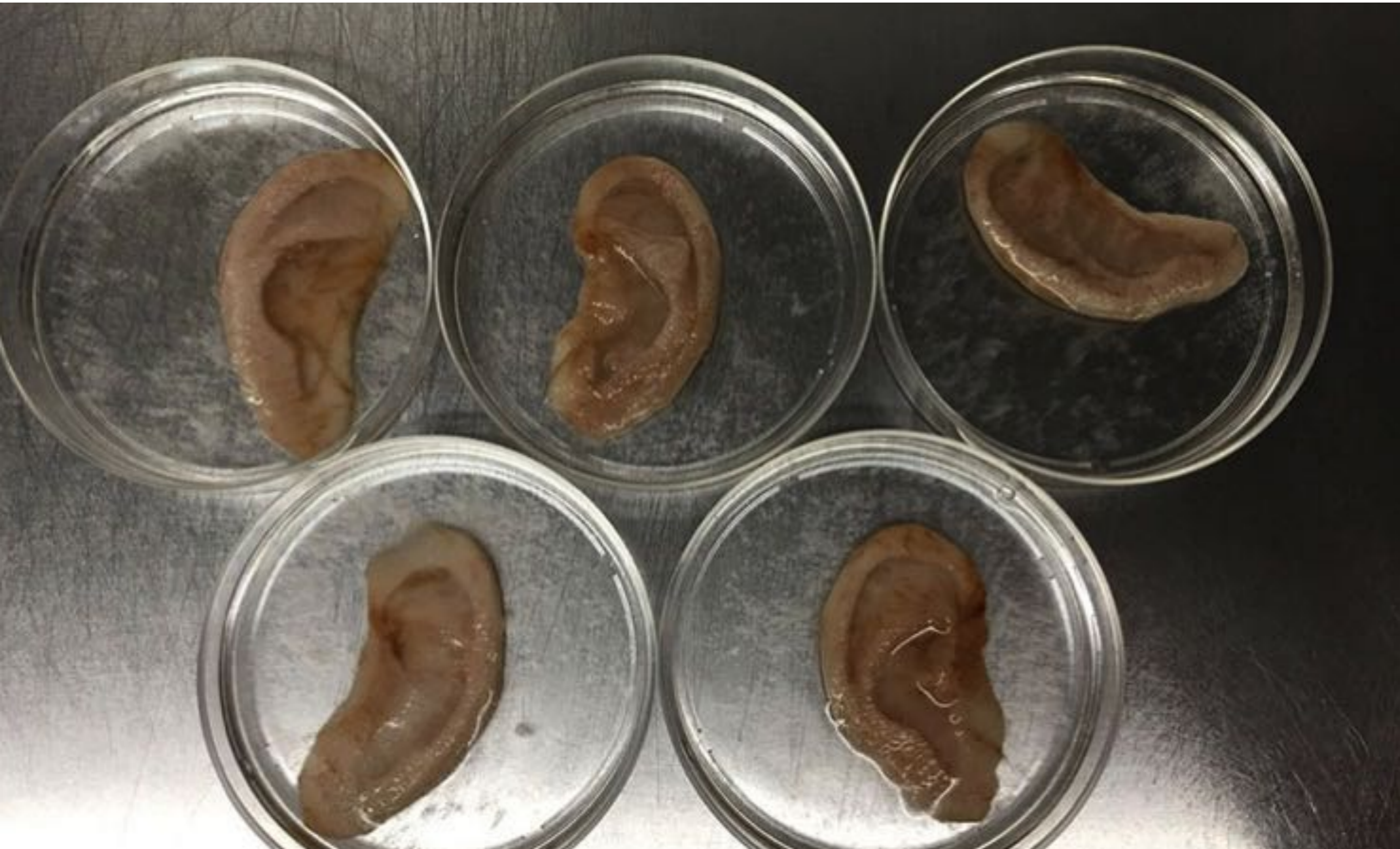


Duckweed – Hackteria





Apple Ears – Andrew Telling





Ontology

- Biohacking / DIYBio is a mix of:
 - 1960 Do It Yourself culture
 - 1980 Open Source movement (software)
 - 1995 Internet powered Citizen science
 - 2003 Synthetic biology
 - 2007 Open Hardware



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Online communities

Biohack spaces as
distributed knowledge hubs



Networks

- hackteria.org
kitchen mailing list:
 - <http://lists.hackteria.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo>
- diybio.org
International mailing list:
 - <https://groups.google.com/d/forum/diybio>
- Facebook
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/diybio/>
 - “Biohacking and Genetic Design Network”
 - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/769326966539324/>



Events

- Announced on the mailing lists
 - Hackteria Lab
 - CCC Hamburg
 - Pixelache Helsinki
 - OuiShare





Events

- Global Community Biosummit (biosummit.org)





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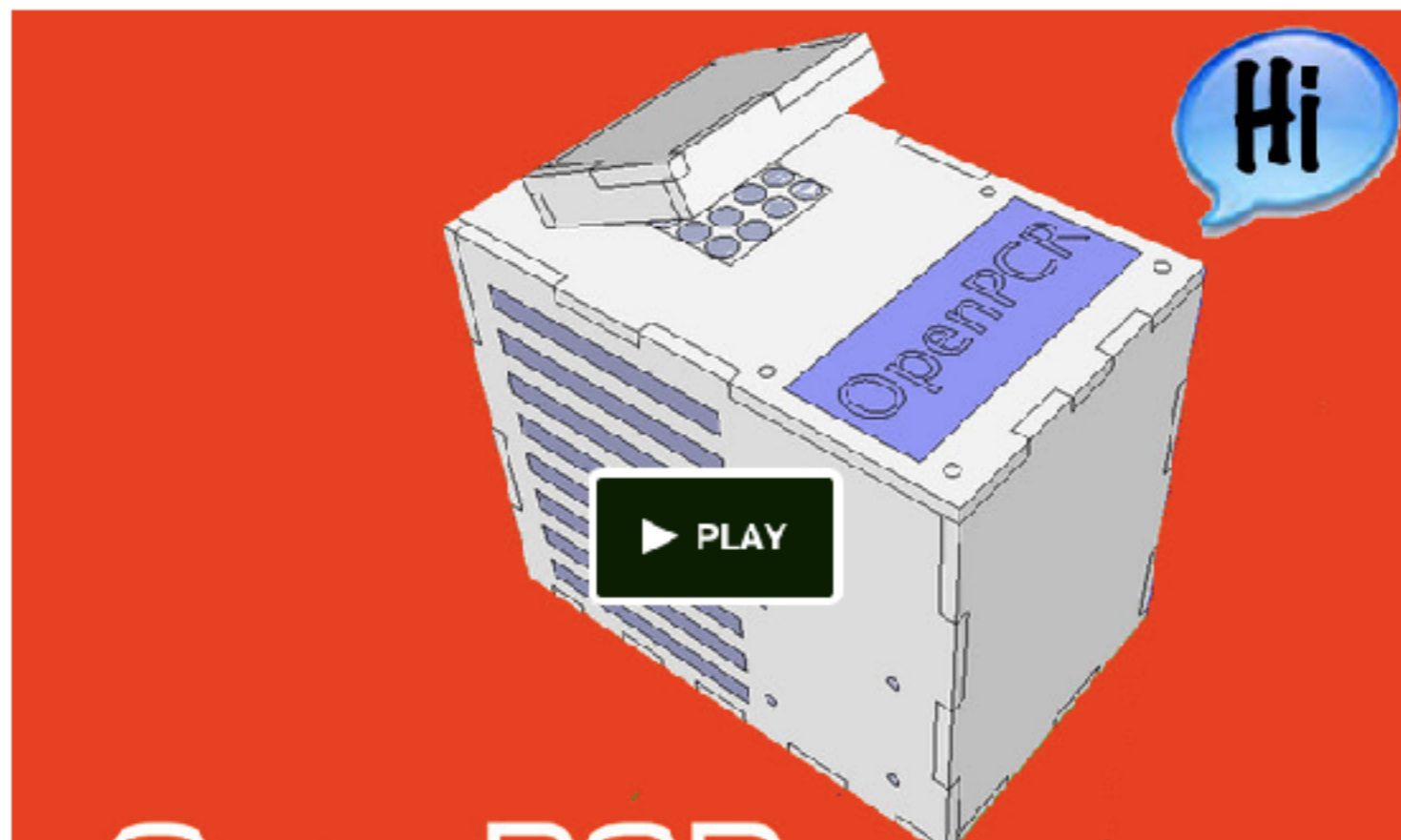
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Hardware

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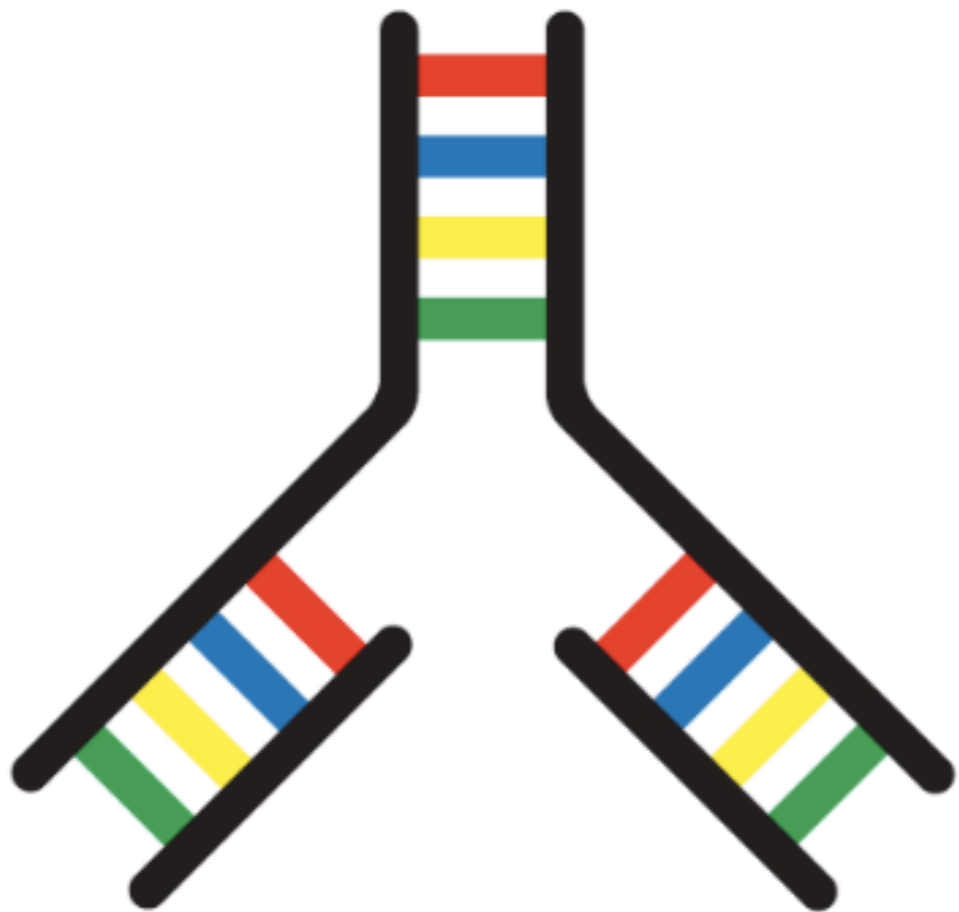


Glowing Plant 2013





Indie Bio



INDIE BIO

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Super powers

What are the big players up to?



CRISPR edited embryos (2015)

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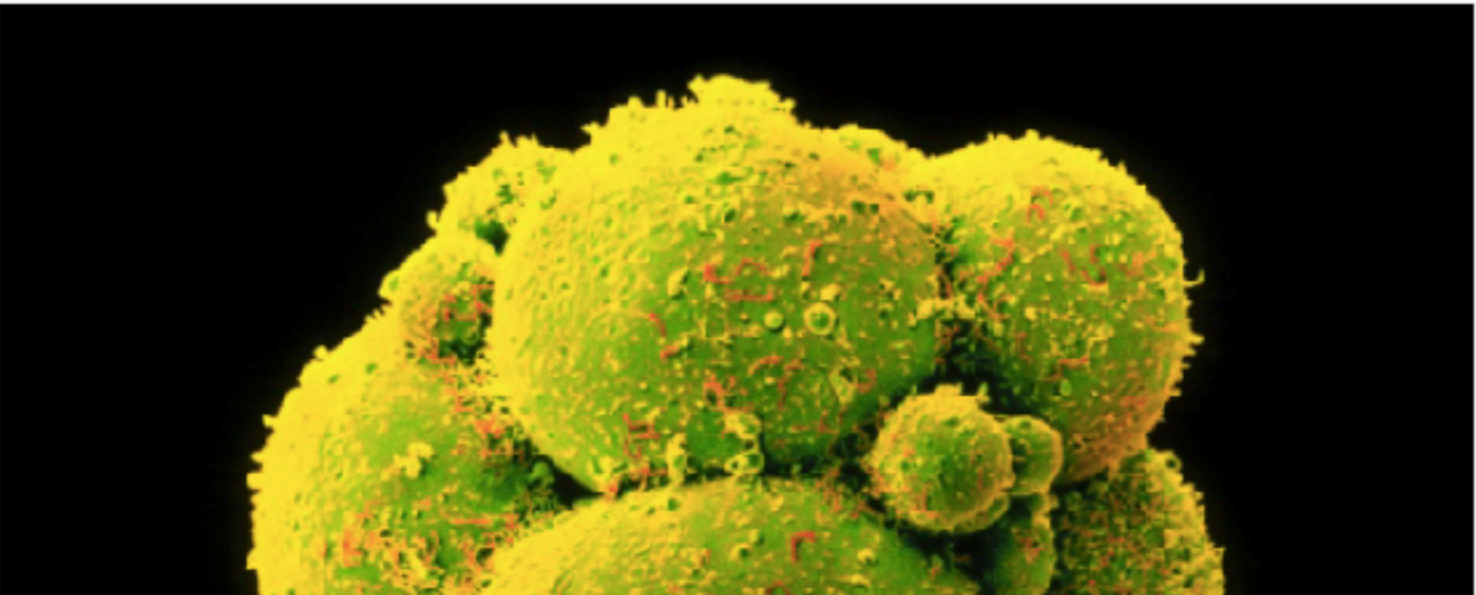
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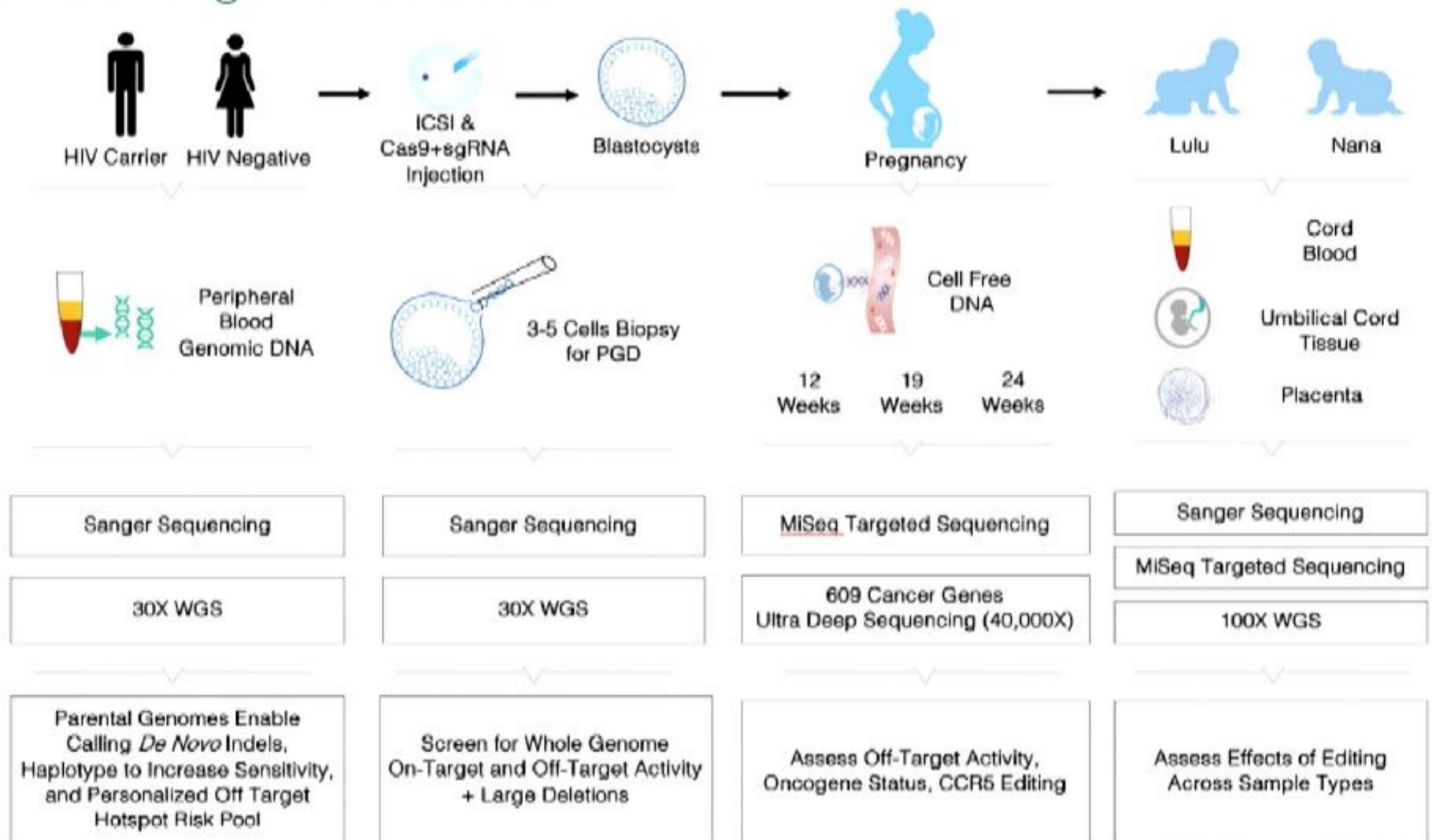
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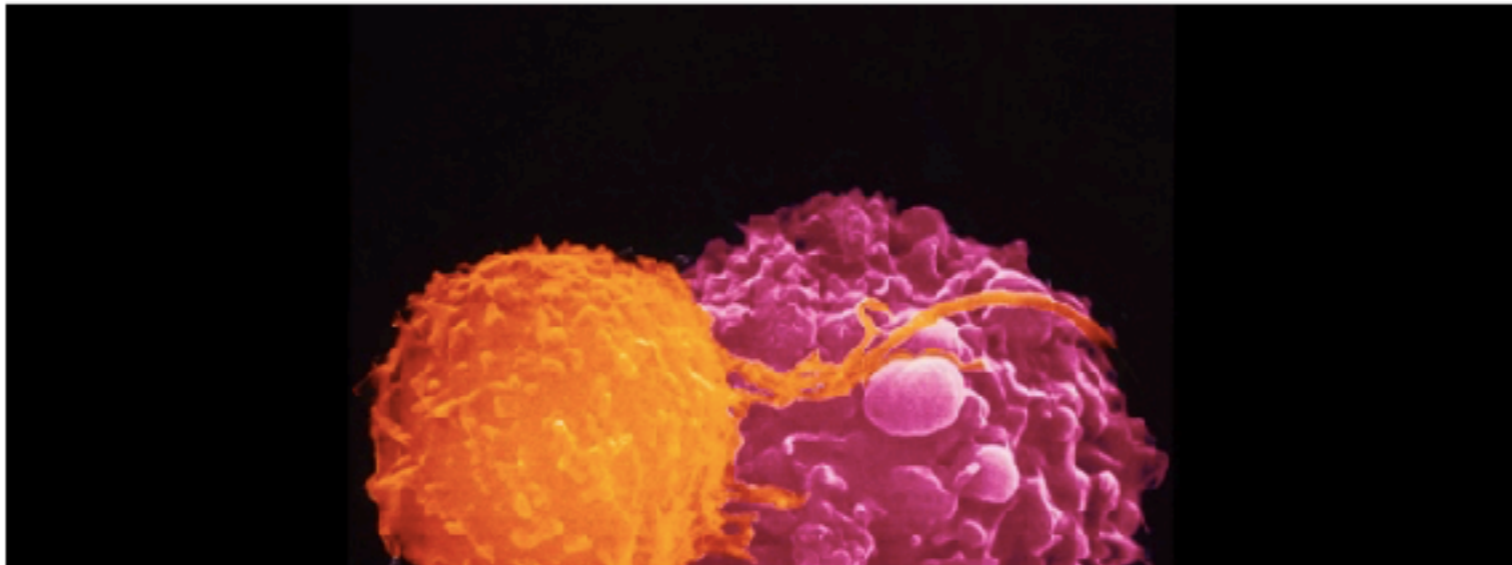
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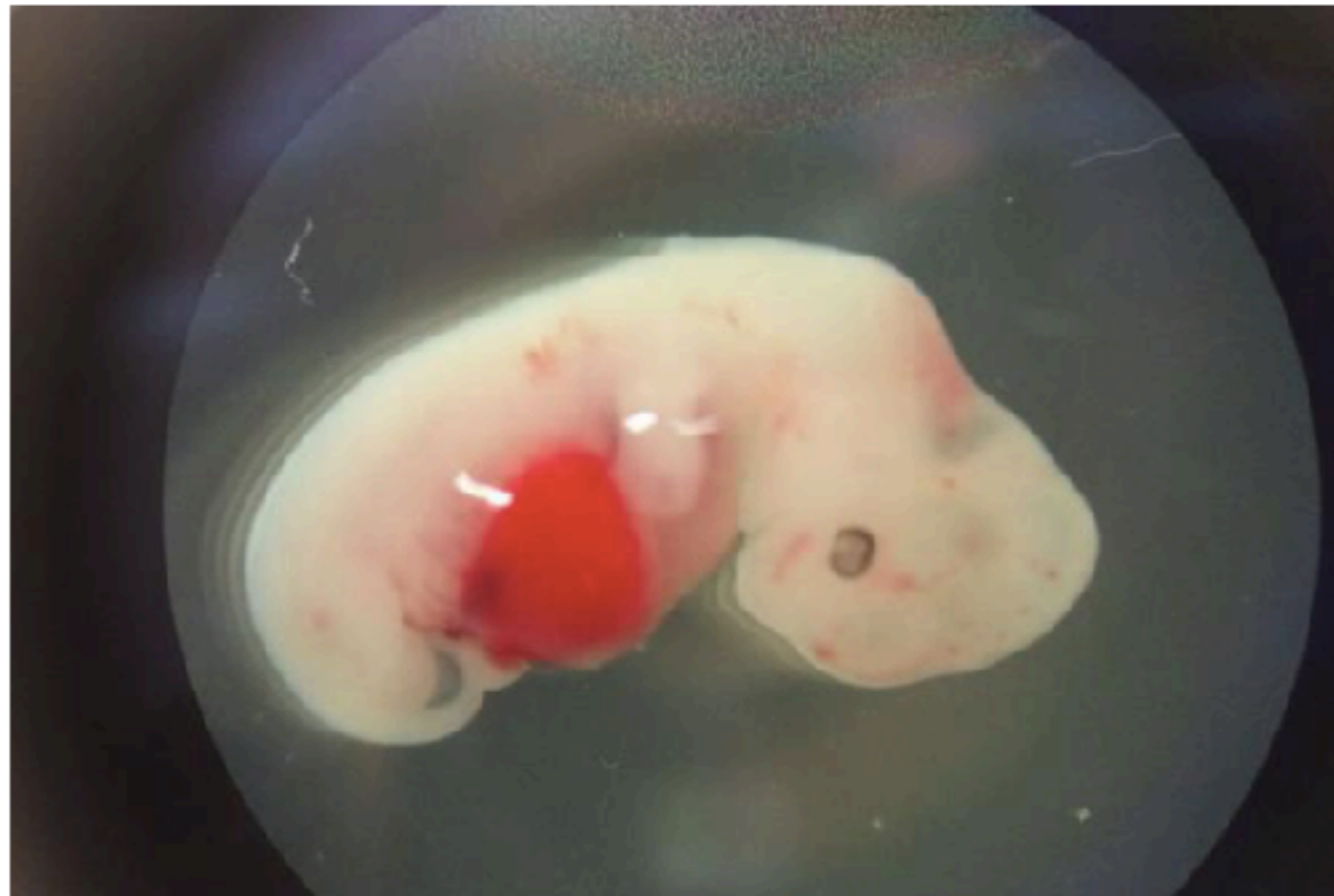




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