

# M1D4: Ligation and transformation

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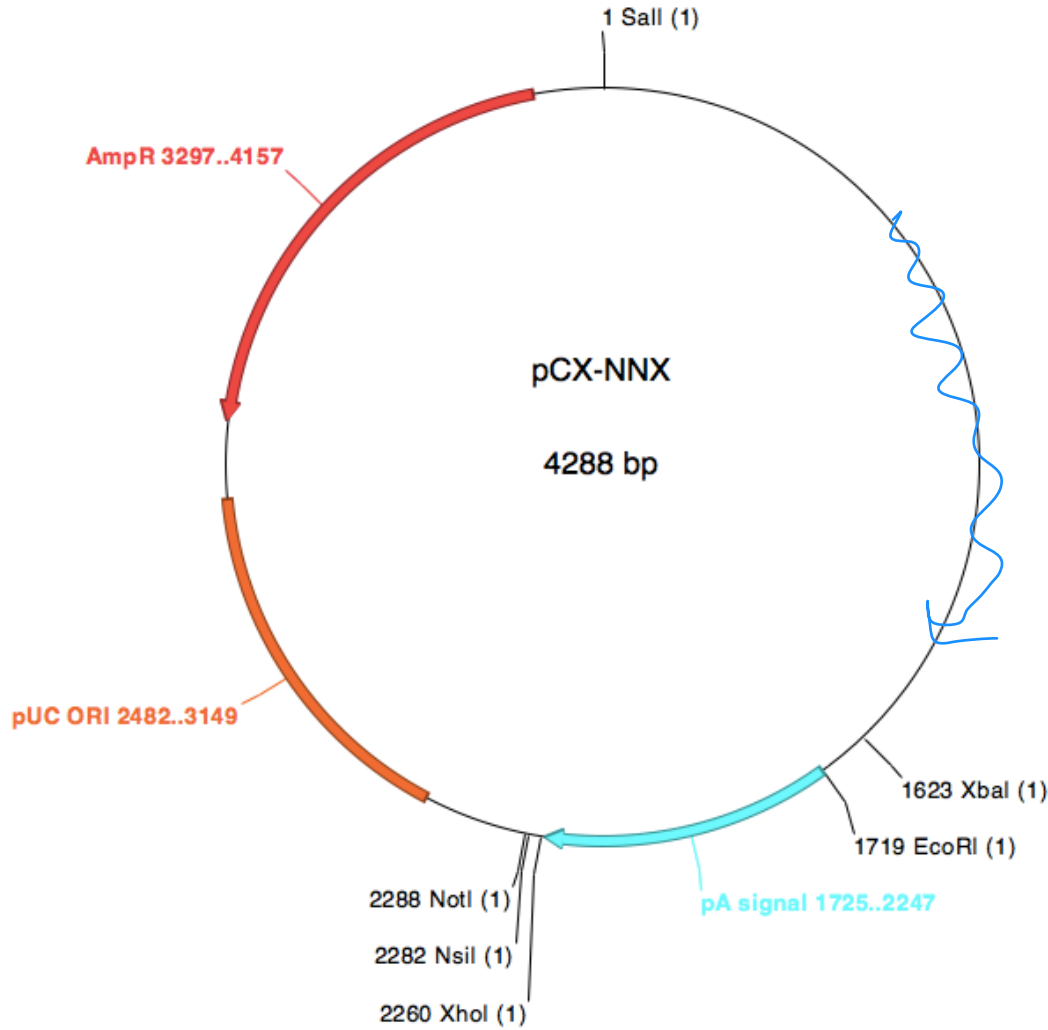
# Lab business

- Lab treat...



- Visit from Vivian to discuss Abstracts
- Follow-up on homework due M1D3
- Homework due M1D5
- **M1D5 will be long!**

# Follow-up on homework due M1D3



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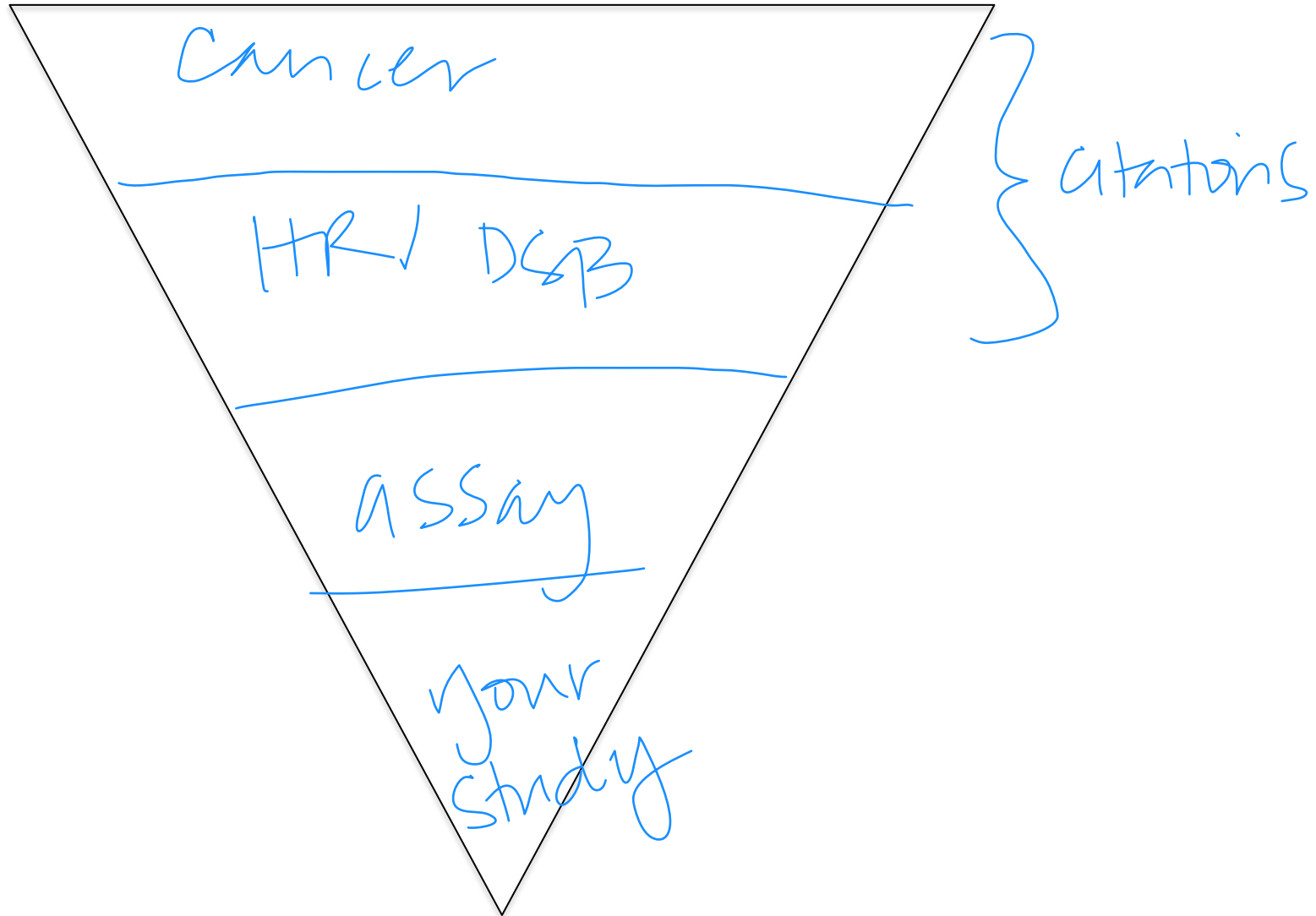
features

ampR  
origin  
Δ5 EBFP

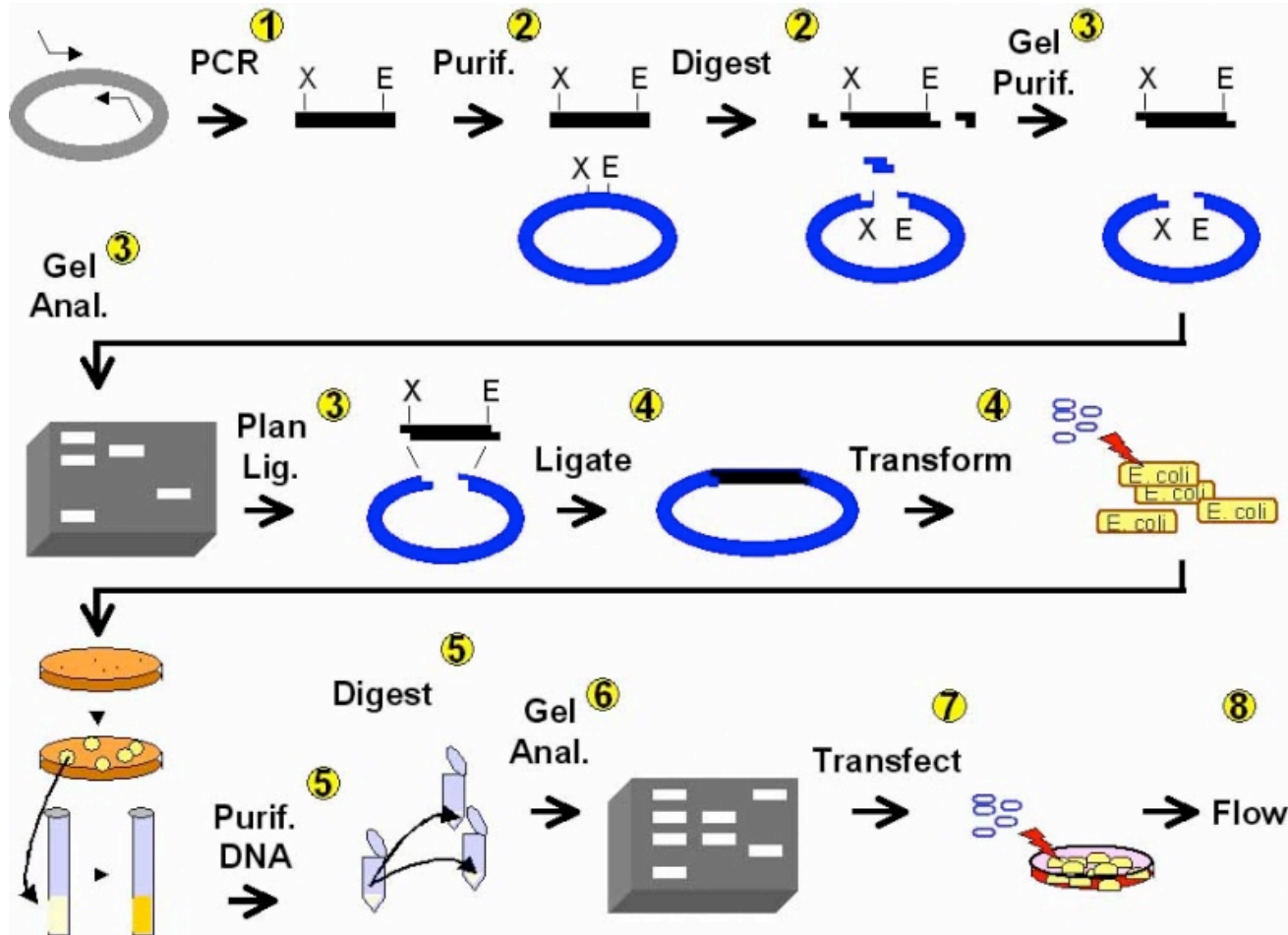
restriction sites

→ cloning  
→ diagnostic digest

# Homework due M1D5

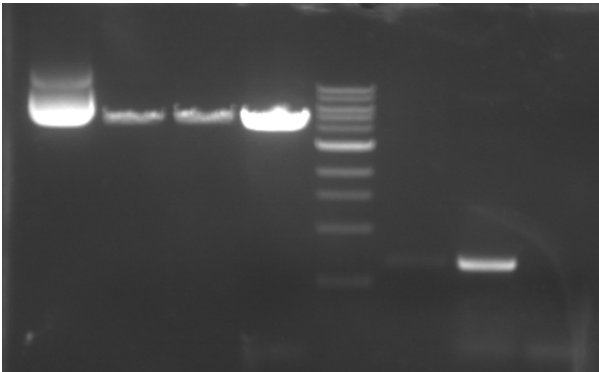


# Mod 1 overview

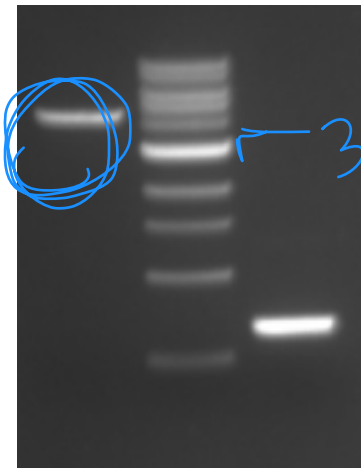


# From last time...

- PCR/digest troubleshooting



- Ligation calculation



Vector band = 2x brighter  
33 ng x 2 = 66 ng  
120 ng / 5 μl 20 μl

Vol of  
vector  
50ng

$$b \text{ ng/ml} = 8.3 \text{ ml}$$

MW  
vector

$$420 \text{ bp} \cdot \frac{500 \text{ Pa}}{b} \cdot 2 = 4.2 \cdot 10^6 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{mol}}$$

mol  
of  
vector

$$50 \text{ ng} \cdot \frac{1 \text{ nmol}}{4.2 \cdot 10^6 \text{ ng}} = 1.2 \text{ nmol vector}$$

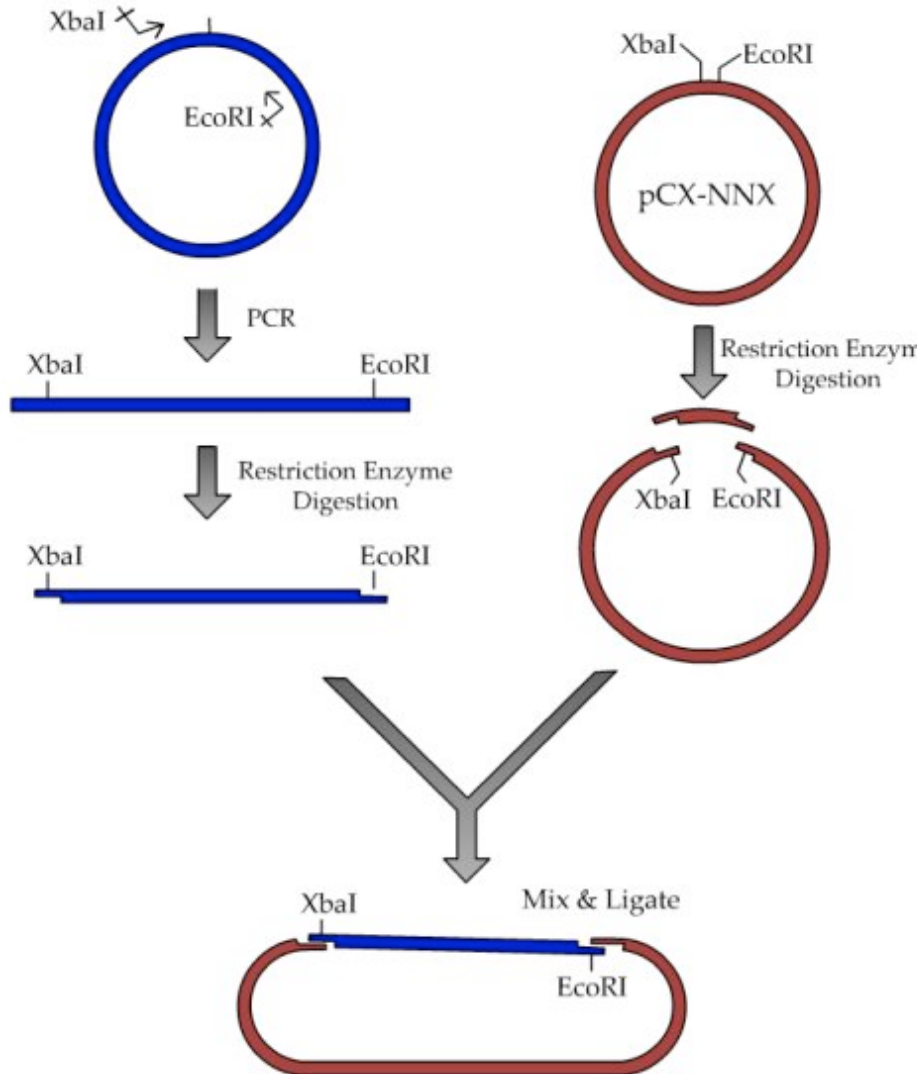
→ MW of insert

→ ng of insert

→ use gel - vol of insert

⇓  
48 nmol  
insert

# Using ligase to build $\Delta 5$ EGFP construct



- T4 DNA ligase

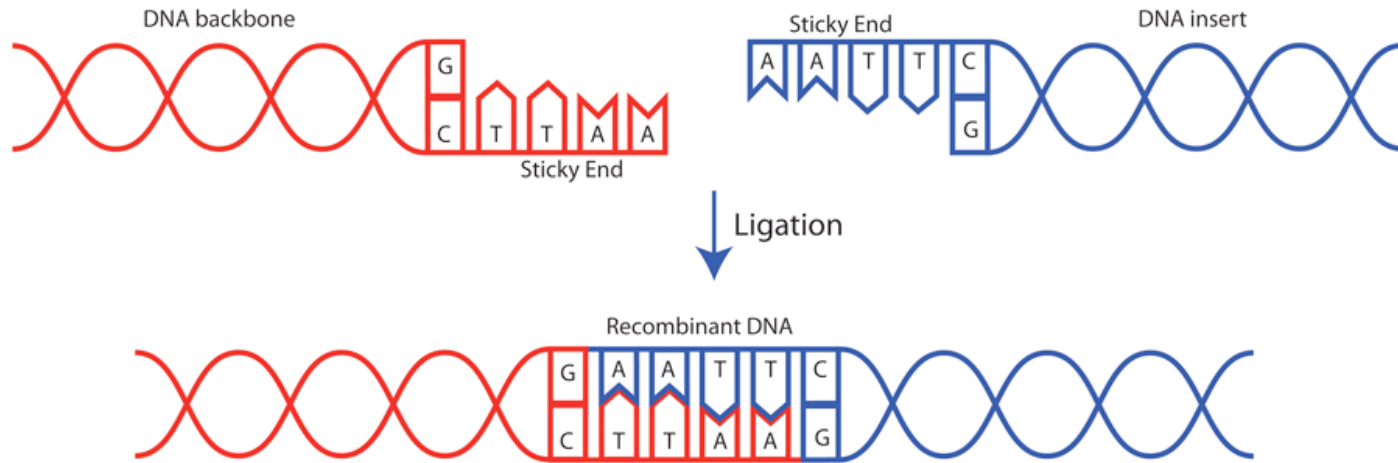
uses ATP

attach AMP

↓  
leaving group



# Ligation



What effects efficiency of ligation reaction?

ATP  
pH  
Salt  
temperature  
} better

# Ligation setup

1. Backbone/vector, fragment/insert, – ligase

uncut backbone → colonies

2. Backbone/vector, + ligase

single cut bkb → colonies

3. Backbone/vector, fragment/insert, + ligase

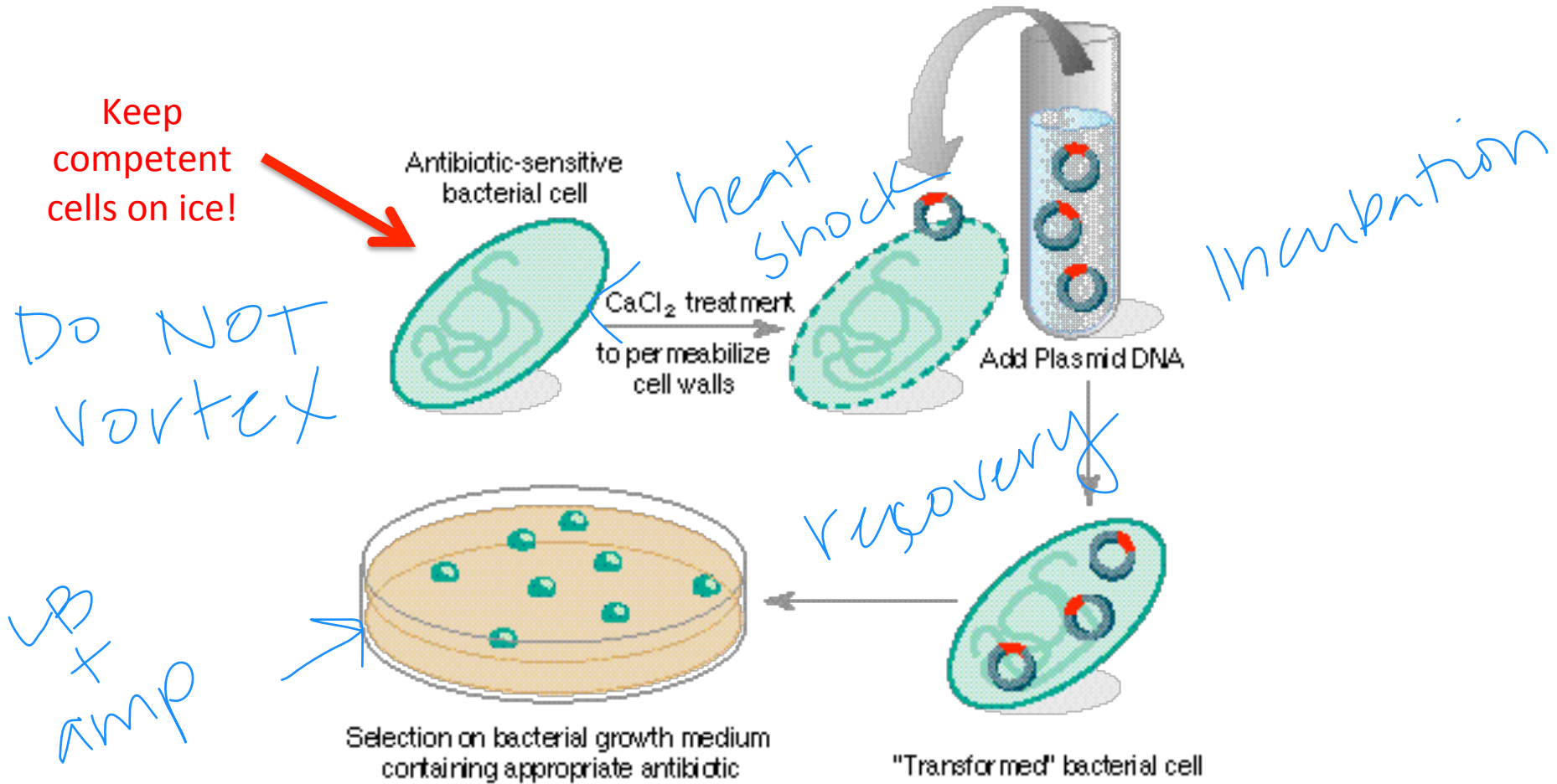
product ☺

# DNA purification, again

“...increased overall transformation efficiency by 70-fold.”

“...mechanism may involve altering or stabilizing the topographical form of the DNA molecules.”

# Transformation



Why transform ligation product into *E. coli*?

# Transformation setup

1. Uninoculated plate

Contamination check

2. pCX-EGFP

+ control

+++ colonies

3. Backbone/vector, fragment/insert, – ligase

+ colonies

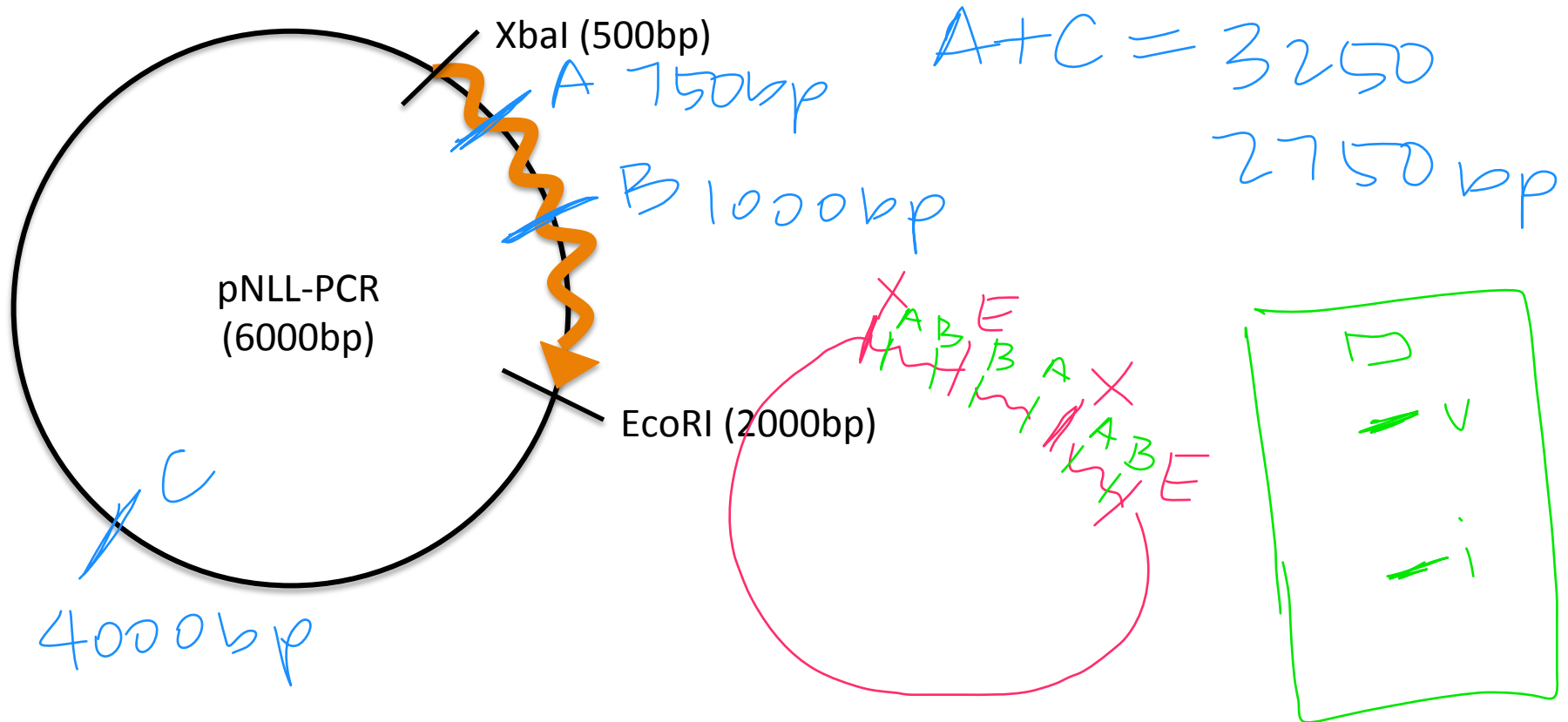
4. Backbone/vector, + ligase

+ colonies

5. Backbone/vector, fragment/insert, + ligase

++ colonies

# Confirmation of your clones



Why not use XbaI and EcoRI?

# Today

- Confirm your ligation calculations
- Complete ligation reaction
- Transform ligation product (**safety glasses**)
- Plan diagnostic digest approaches
  
- Networking event
  - September 24 at 5:30p in first floor Koch lobby

