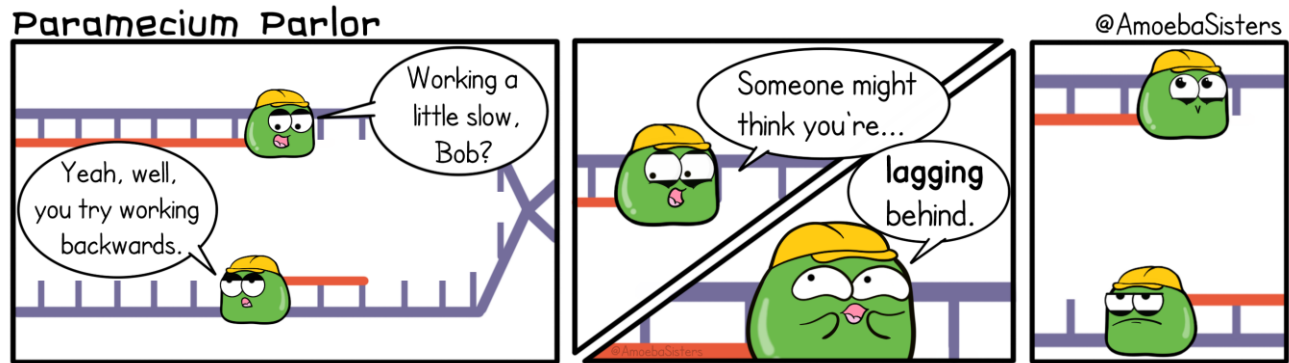


Finish this (start PCR) before prelab

1. Make 100 μ M gRNA stock (e.g. 20 nmol \rightarrow 200 μ L nuclease-free water)
2. Make primer mix (10 μ M of each primer in 20 μ L volume)
 - 2 μ L gRNA (forward primer)
 - 2 μ L RevP (reverse primer)
 - 16 μ L nuclease-free water
3. Take PCR tube and label with your team
 - 10.25 μ L nuclease-free water
 - 1.25 μ L primer mix (from #2) (OK to use P20)
 - 1 μ L pgRNA plasmid (Pipette up at the front)
 - 12.5 μ L Q5 Hot Start 2x Master Mix

M2D3: Clone psgRNA expression plasmid

1. Set up reaction to generate gRNA_target plasmid
2. Pre-lab discussion
3. Continue generation of psgRNA
4. Transform pgRNA_target into bacteria



Mod2 Overview

Research goal: Increase the yield of commercially valuable byproducts in *E.coli* using CRISPRi technology to target genes involved in mixed-acid fermentation pathway.

Last Lab:

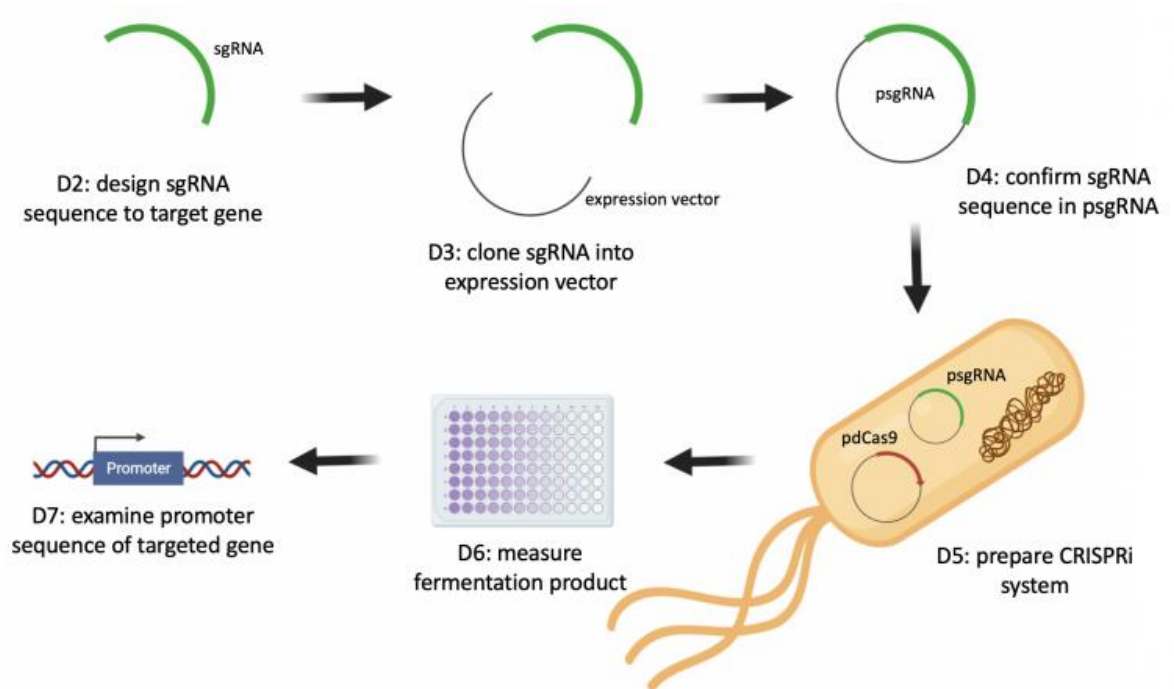
Chose metabolic gene of interest and designed sgRNA to target it

This Lab:

Clone sgRNA into vector to create plasmid that targets gene of interest

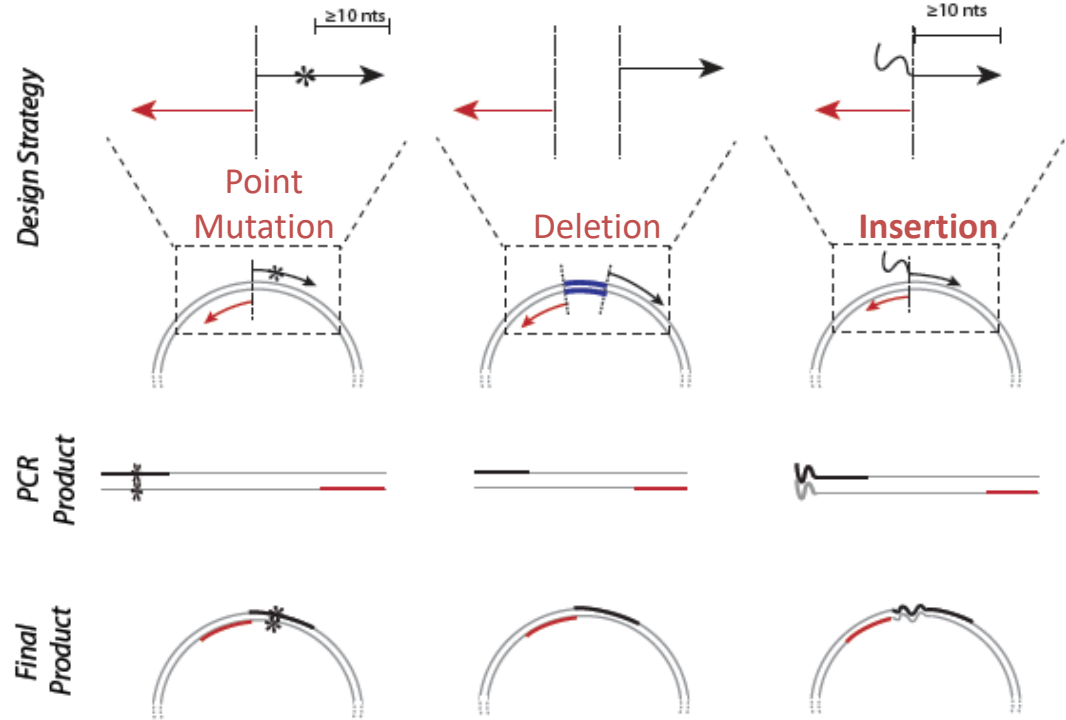
Next Lab:

Confirm correct sgRNA cloning and do preliminary CRISPRi system preparations



Use site-directed mutagenesis (SDM) to engineer plasmid DNA

- NEB Q5 SDM kit
- Create specific, targeted changes in double-stranded plasmid DNA



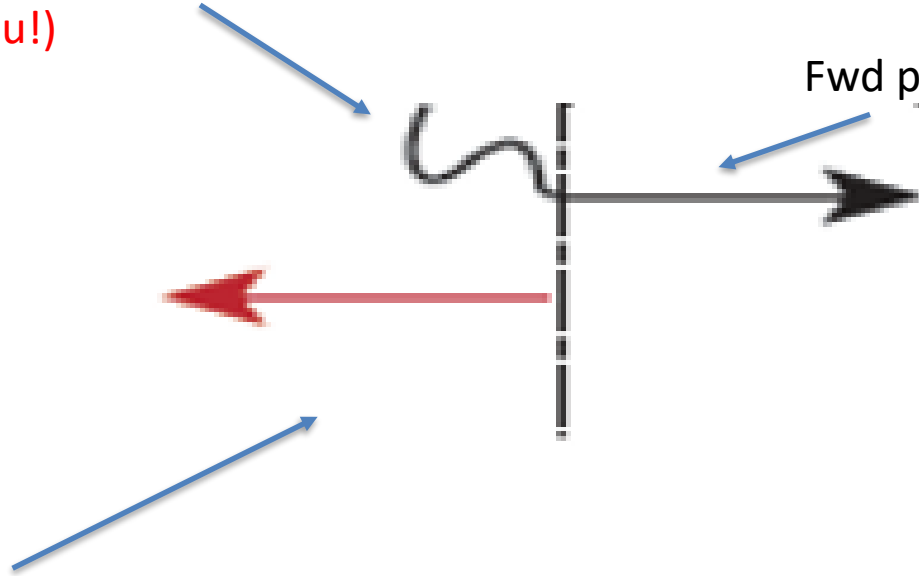
SDM Primers

sgRNA
(made by you!)

Insertion Sequence

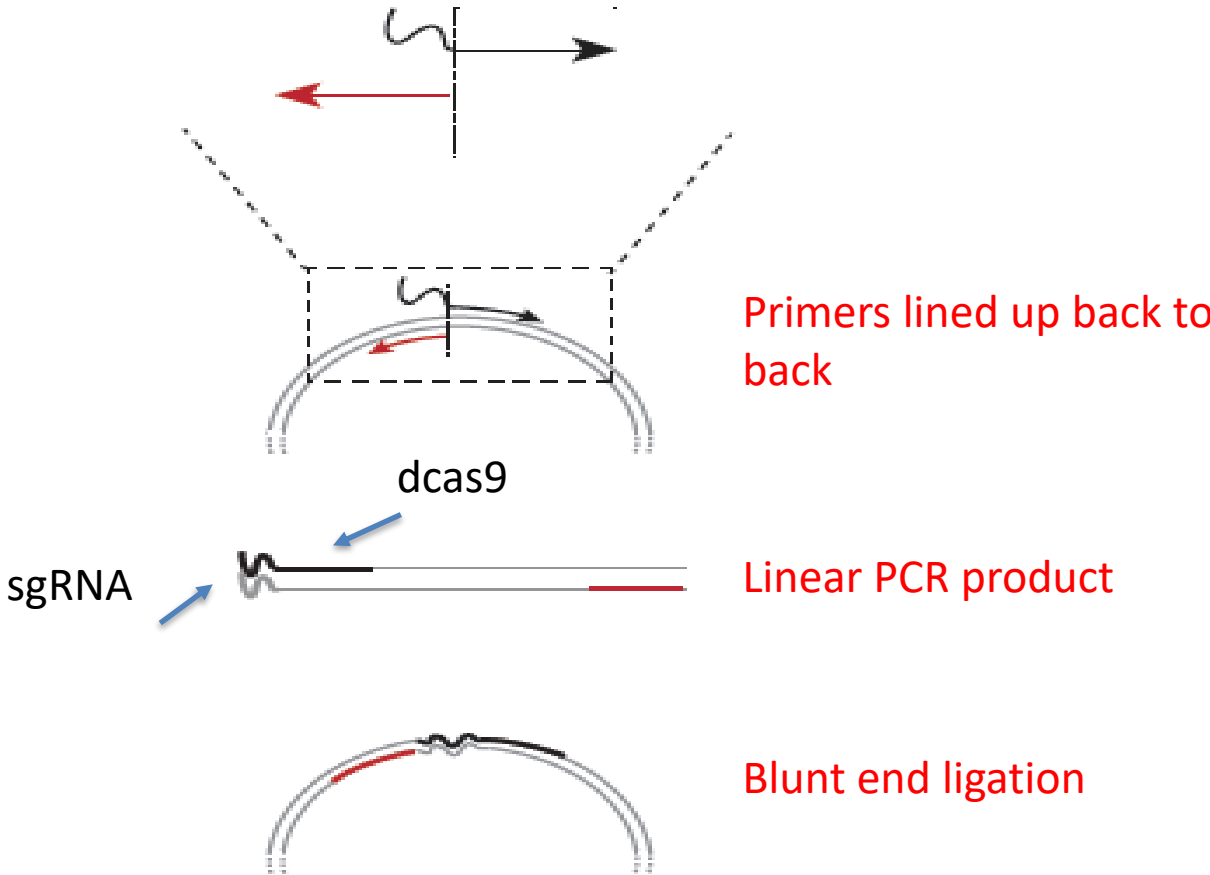
Fwd primer

dcas9 handle



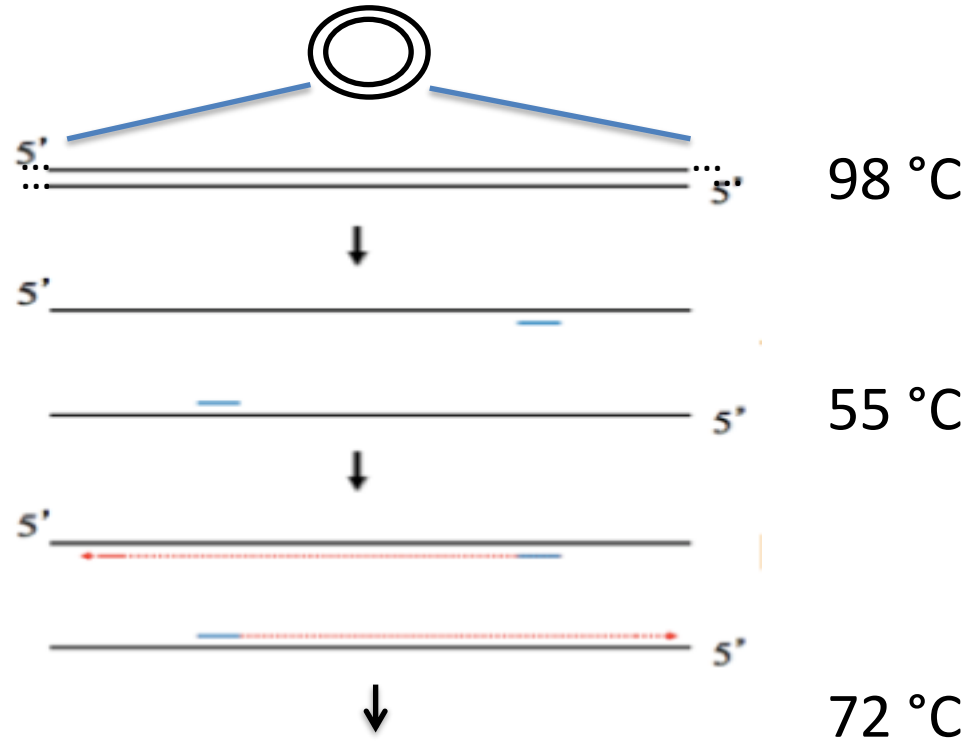
Universal reverse primer

Insertion of DNA via SDM



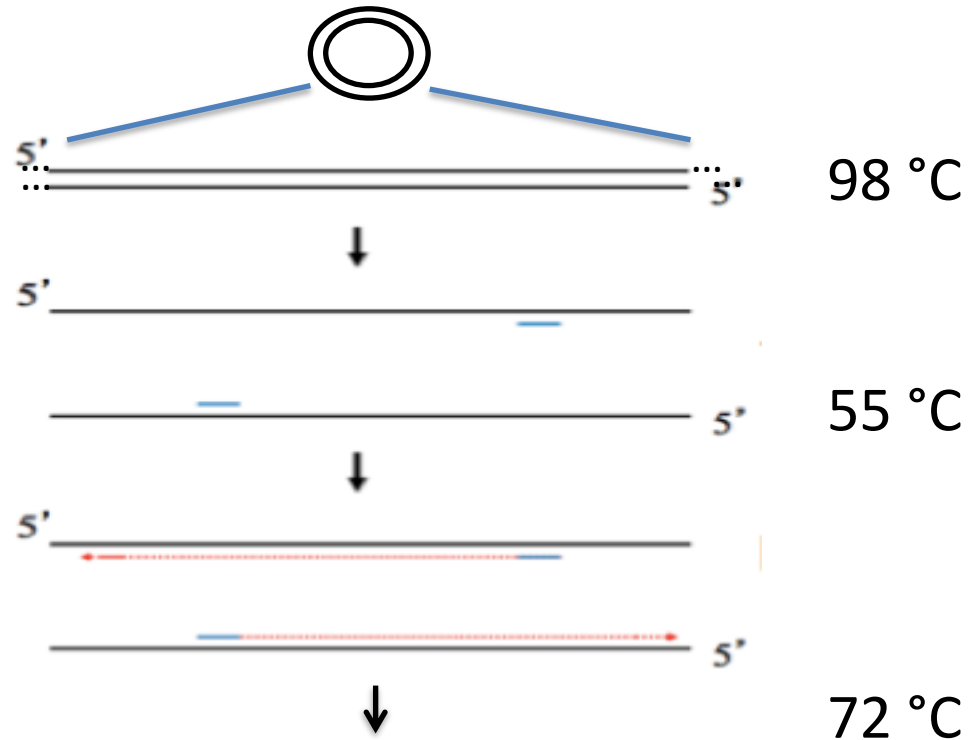
SDM Part 1: PCR amplification of DNA

Ingredients
dNTPs
Hi-Fi Q5 Polymerase
Buffer (pH, cofactors like Mg^{2+})
H_2O

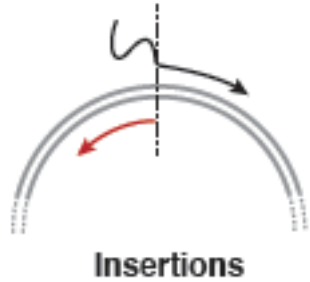


SDM Part 1: PCR amplification of DNA

Ingredients
Forward Primer (Insertion)
Reverse Primer (CRISPRi reverse primer)
Template (psgRNA)
dNTPs
Hi-Fi Q5 Polymerase
Buffer (pH, cofactors like Mg^{2+})
H_2O



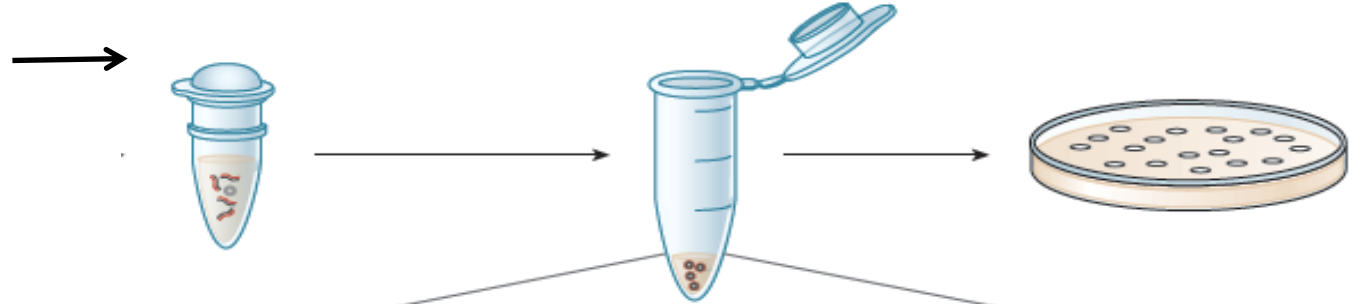
SDM Part 2: Recover circular plasmid product using Kinase-Ligase-Dpn1 (KLD) enzyme mix



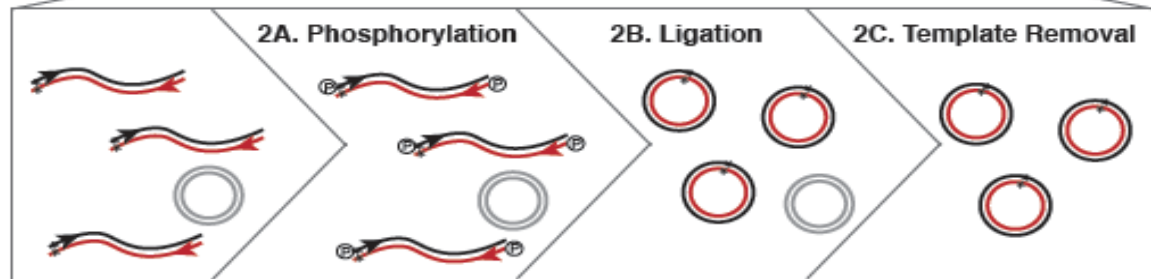
1. Exponential Amplification (PCR)
 - Q5 Hot Start 2x Master Mix

2. Treatment & Enrichment: Kinase, Ligase and DpnI
 - 10x KLD enzyme mix

3. High-efficiency transformation
 - NEB 5-alpha competent cells

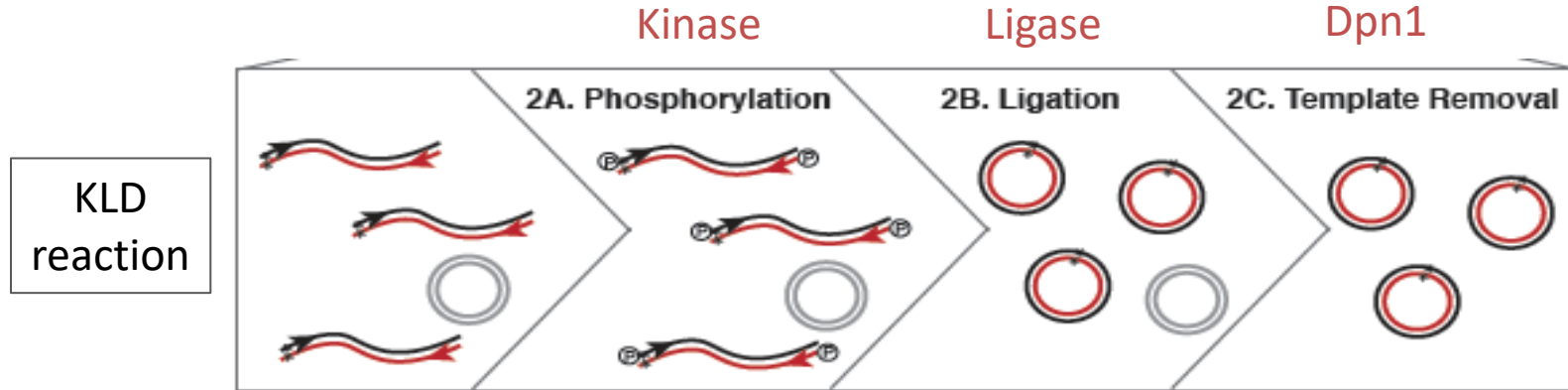


5 min. at room temp.



Phosphorylation video:

<https://www.neb.com/tools-and-resources/video-library/the-mechanism-of-dna-phosphorylation>



K: Kinase – Phosphorylation required for phosphodiester bond formation

L: Ligase – Forms phosphodiester bond to circularize plasmid

D: Digests methylated DNA. Why does this target the template?

For today

1. Continue production of sgRNA plasmid
2. Work on journal club in down time

For M2D4...

1. Create a journal club slide (in ppt) and script for 1 figure from your paper
 - Use the homework checklist on the wiki for guidance

For homework, make a Journal Club presentation slide

Craft 1 slide using your JC article to present the data from a figure.

- Your slide should show the data and highlight the key finding(s).
- The information should be clear and large enough to read.
- Keep text to a minimum. (NO figure captions on slide!) *NO A, B, C.*
- ➔ The title should state the take-home message of the data that are shown.

no more than 1/2 of slide is text

EXAMPLE SLIDE: Football coaches are the highest paid academic employees at doctoral-granting universities

- Data represent expression of Y using method A
- Possibly something about the control(s), if applicable
- Perhaps an important note about the data that is not already stated in the title
- Transition to next slide...

→ in text or verbally

