

■ Announcements, Review HW

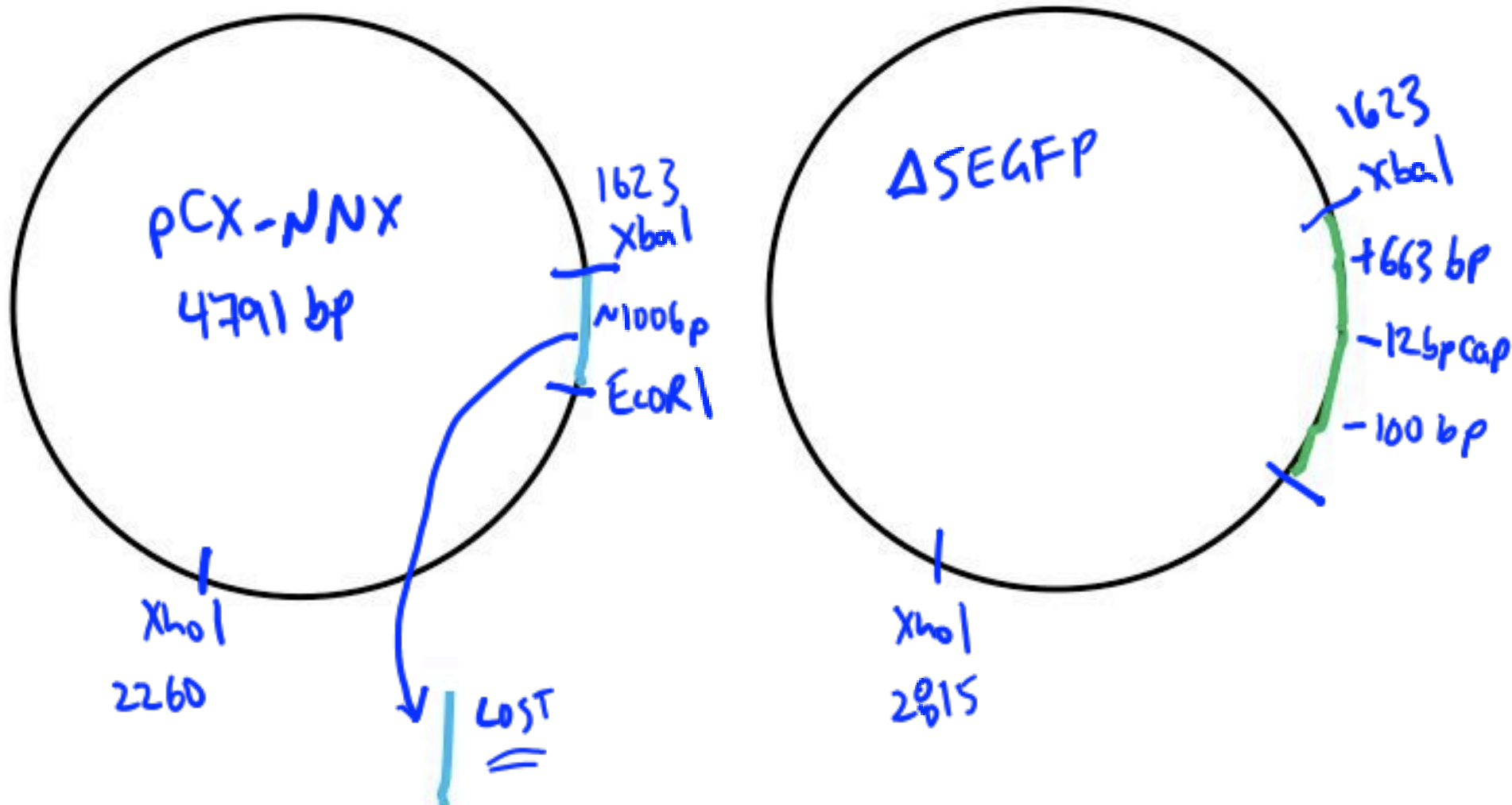
■ Lab Quiz

■ Pre-lab Lecture

- ❖ Where we are/going
- ❖ DNA Ligation, part 2
- ❖ Bacterial Transformation
- ❖ Controls, Expected Outcomes
- ❖ Safety + Technical Tips

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1:30-2:30 pm
16-319 Mon.

Old HW, problem 1



Old HW, problems 2+3

#3 Agarose gels have limited resolution/range.

Note: Enzyme activity measure in arbitrary units U

1 U = amount of enzyme to digest 1mg DNA
within 1hr. at 37°C in total of 50μL

* think of extreme cases

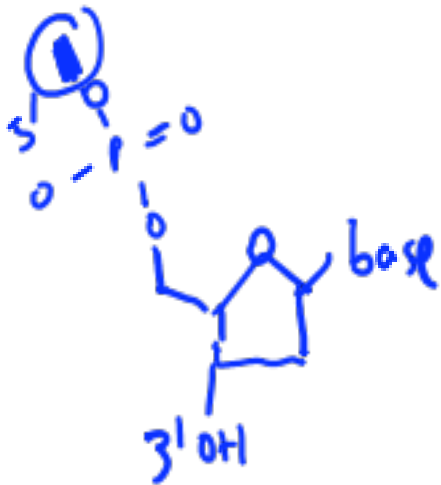
Where we are/going

D4: make the desired clone by ligation

D4.5: amplify and select the clone in E.coli

D5⁺: test candidate clones

DNA Ligation



Reaction creates *new phosphodiester bond*

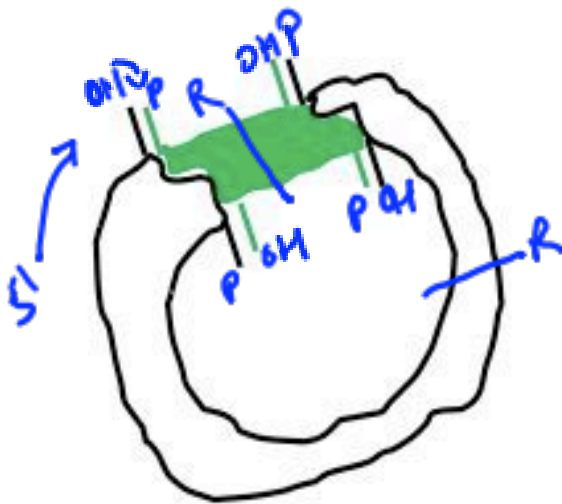
Reaction requires *ATP*

What factors affect yield?

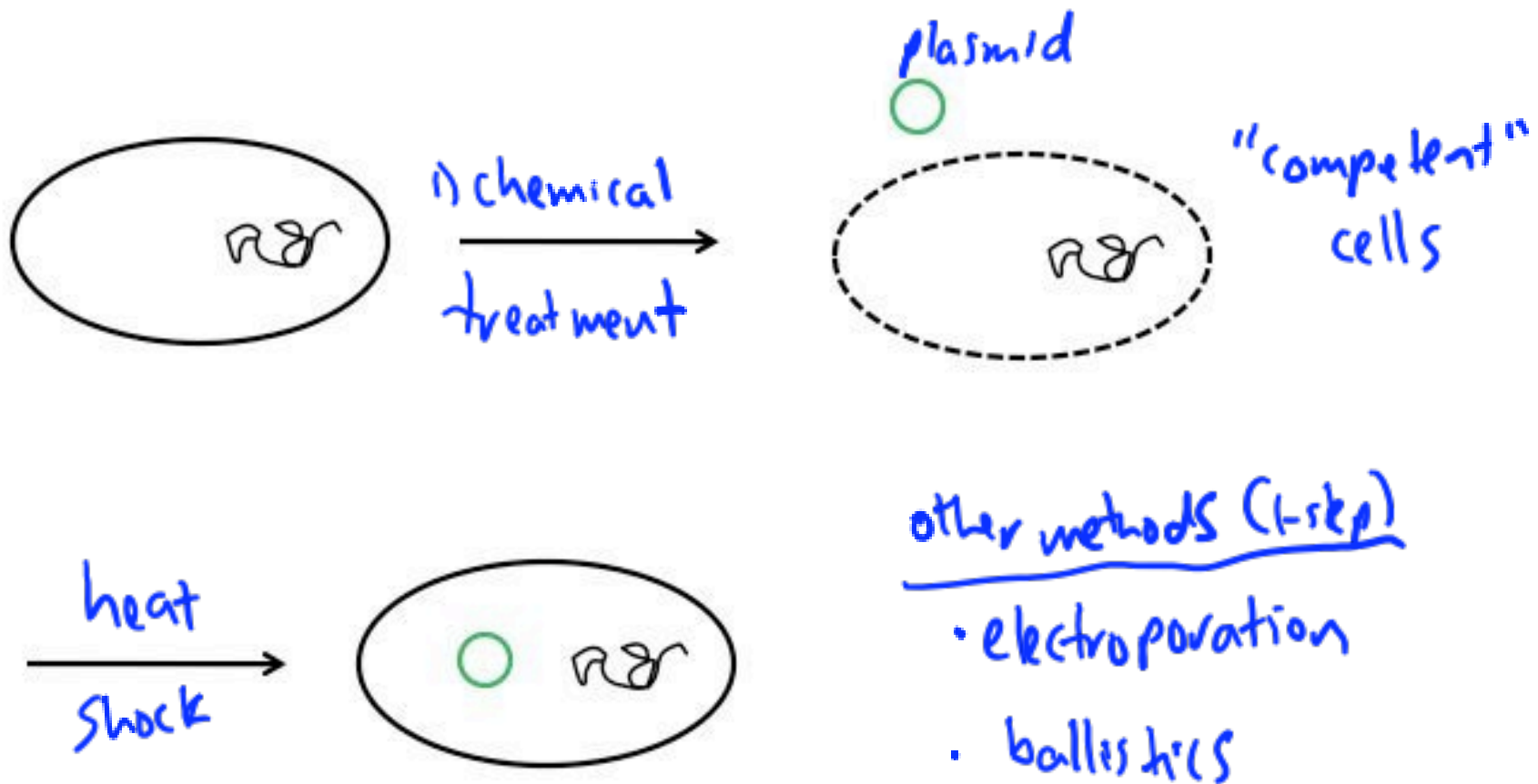
- Temperature, pH ** ratio of bkb:ins*
- concentrations of DNA *→ think about extreme cases*
- conc., quality of ligase

How do we assess if it worked?

** diagnostic digest*

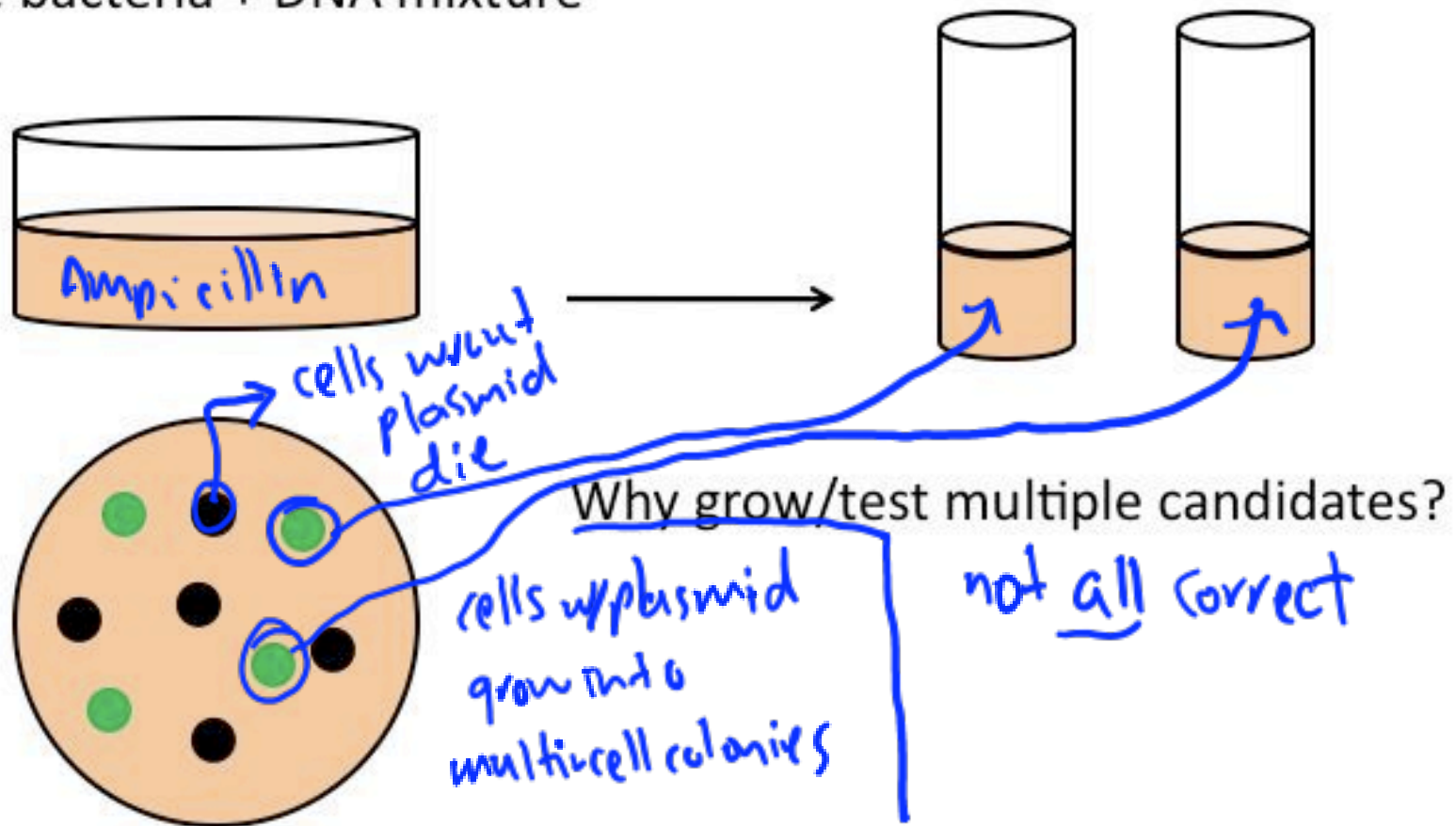


Bacterial transformation



DNA Amplification in Bacteria

Plate bacteria + DNA mixture



Ligation Controls + Outcomes

Sample	Expectation	Role
pCX-EGFP	lots of (colonies)	(+) control
no DNA	none	(-) control
bkb(+ ins) no ligase	few - some	control for uncut plasmid
bkb + ligase	some	control for singly cut backbone
bkb + ins, + ligase	some - many	exp

} digestion efficiency

Ligation Controls + Outcomes

Sample	What if?
pCX-EGFP	none <i>poor cells too little, wrong DNA wrong plate (not Amp)</i>
no DNA	some <i>contamination by other DNA wrong plate, etc.</i>
bkb + ins, no ligase	many <i>} poor digestion</i>
bkb + ligase	many <i>} etc.</i>
bkb + ins, + ligase	none <i>exp. issue → insert design or new plasmid is lethal (not 1200 size!)</i>

In general, keep in mind:

* Consider all exp's,
samples together

* rxns. do not go to
completion

Today in Lab

- Keep ligase *and* ligase buffer (ATP) cold
- DNA precipitation after ligation reaction
 - Yeast tRNA - "carrier" to visualize DNA, improve yield
 - Ethanol - precipitates (along w/salt)
 - * getrid of liquid!
- Be gentle with competent cells keep cold; don't vortex
- Sterile technique for transformations – demo