



Molecular Programming

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Smaller and Smaller

Dec. 23, 1947. John Bardeen and Walter Brattain show the first working transistor.

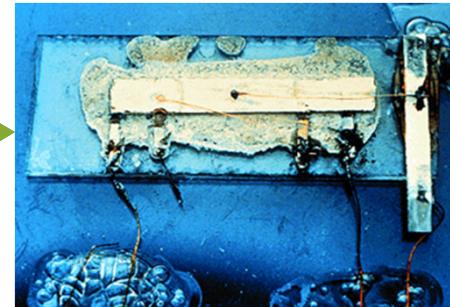
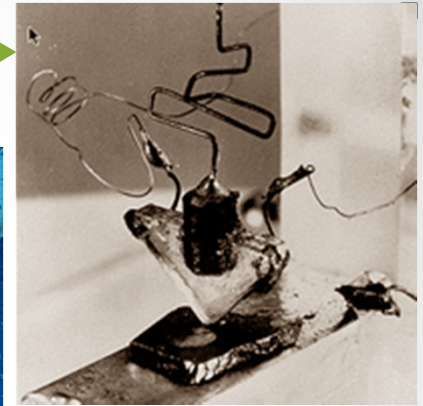
Sep. 1958. Jack Kilby builds the first integrated circuit.

50 years later

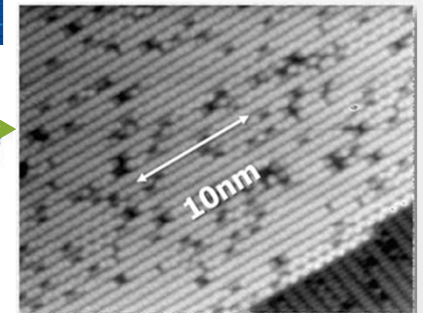
Jan. 2010. Intel and Micron announce 25nm NAND flash.

Dec. 24, 2009. Working transistor made of a single molecule.

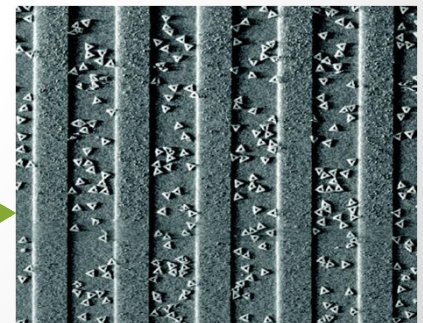
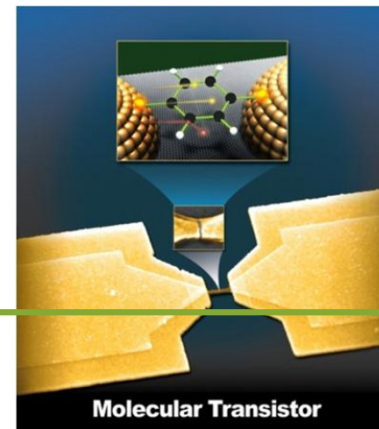
<10 iterations of Moore's Law left!
The race is on for *molecular scale integrated circuits*.



Scanning tunneling microscope image of a silicon surface showing 10nm is ~20 atoms across



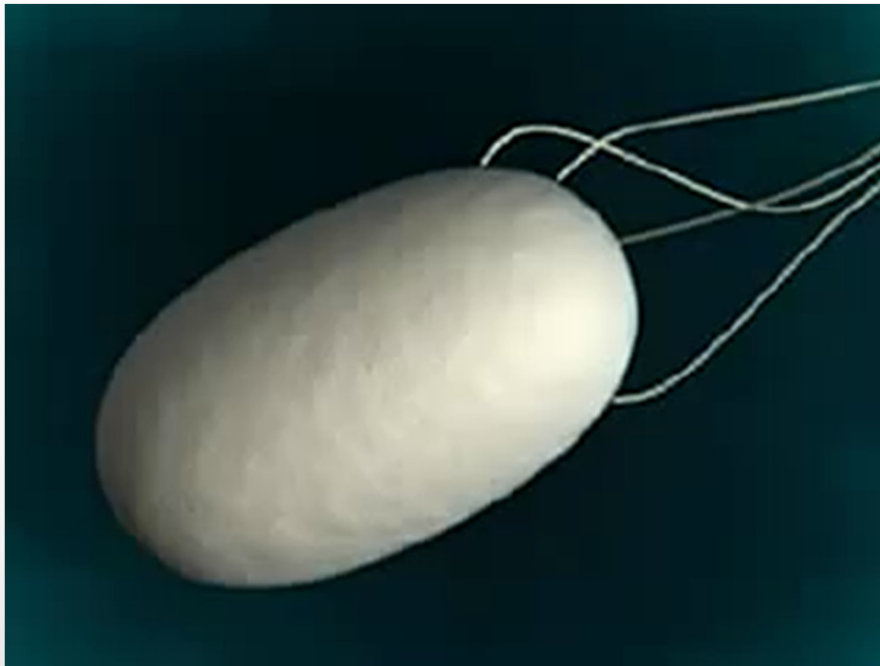
Observation of molecular orbital gating. *Nature*, 2009; 462 (7276): 1039



Placement and orientation of individual DNA shapes on lithographically patterned surfaces. *Nature Nanotechnology* 4, 557 - 561 (2009).

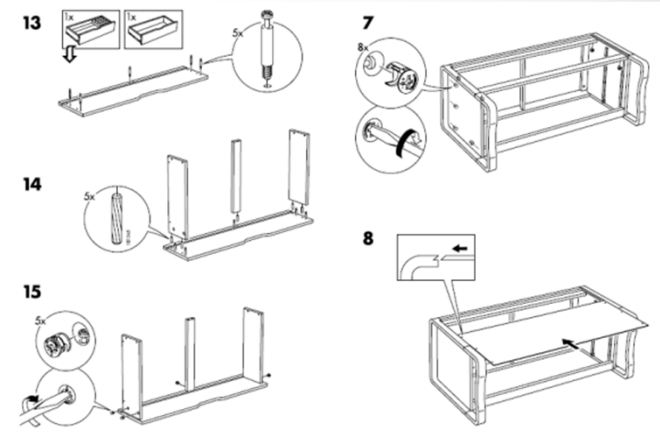
Building The *Smallest* Things

- How do we build structures that are by definition smaller than your tools?
- Basic answer: you can't. Structures (and tools) should build themselves!
- By *programmed self-assembly*.

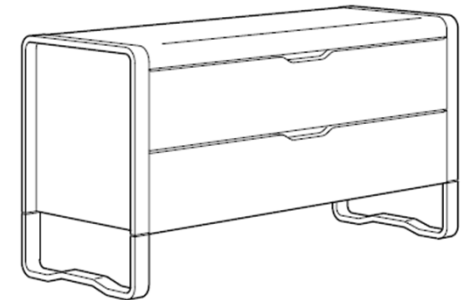


Molecular IKEA

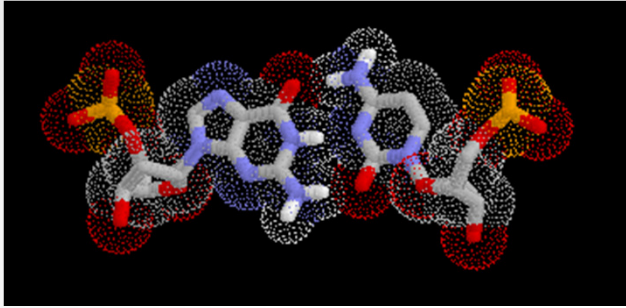
- Nature can self-assemble.
Can we?
- *“Dear IKEA, please send me a chest of drawers that assembles itself.”*
- We need a magical material where the pieces are pre-programmed to fit into to each other.
- At the molecular scale many such materials exist; let’s pick one...



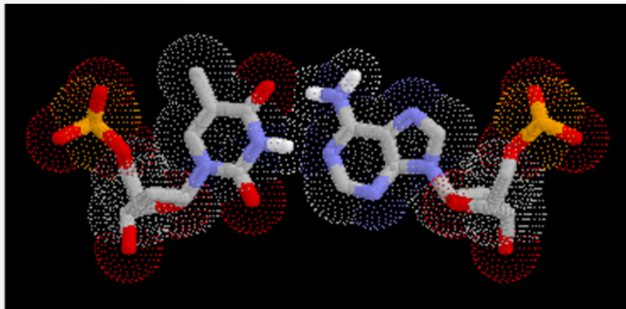
Add water



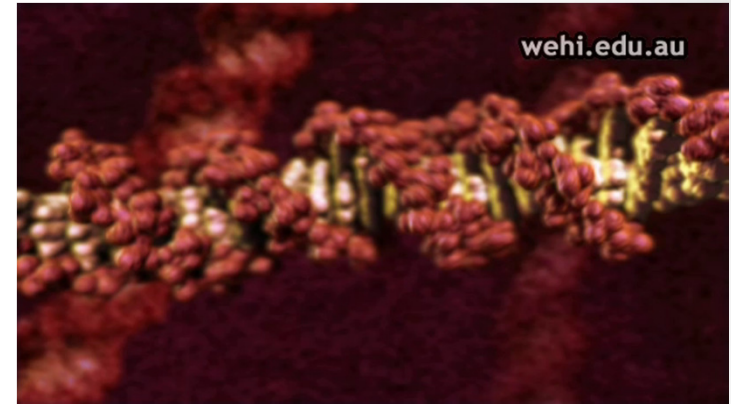
DNA



GC Base Pair
Guanine-Cytosine

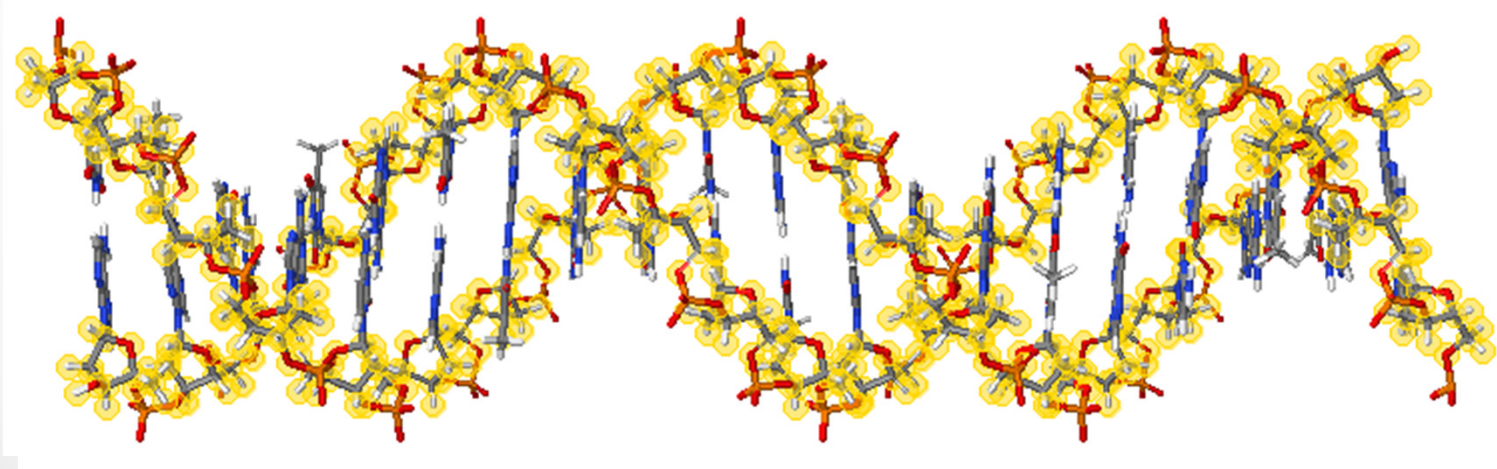


TA Base Pair
Thymine-Adenine



[Interactive DNA Tutorial](http://www.biosciences.bham.ac.uk/labs/minchin/tutorials/dna.html)

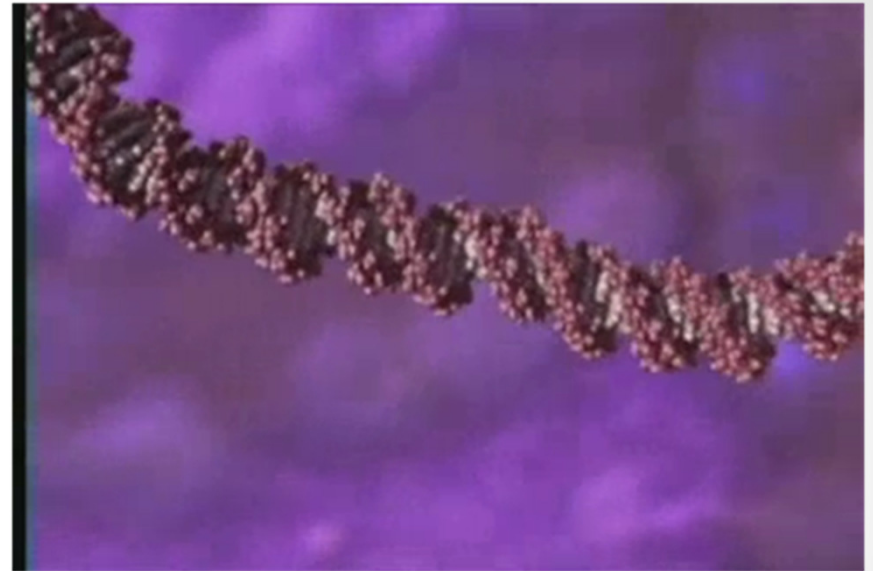
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Sequence of Base Pairs (GACT alphabet)

Robust, and *Long*

- DNA in each human cell:
 - 3 billion base pairs
 - **2 meters long**, 2nm thick
 - folded into a 6 μ m ball
 - 750 MegaBytes
- A huge amount for a cell
 - Every time a cell replicates it has to copy *2 meters of DNA* reliably.
 - To get a feeling for the scale disparity, compute:
- DNA in human body
 - 10 trillion cells
 - 133 Astronomical Units long
 - 7.5 OctaBytes
- DNA in human population
 - 20 million light years long



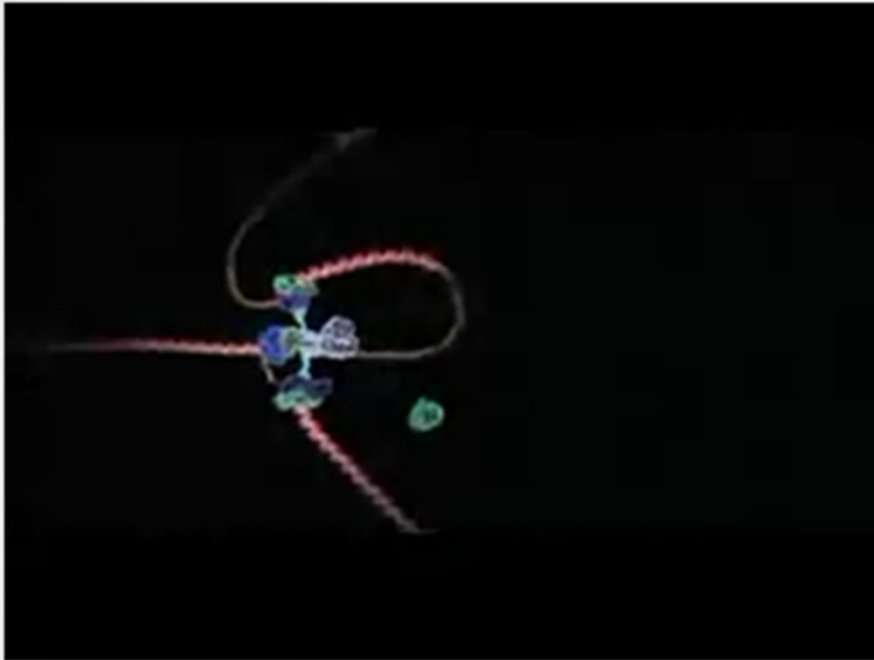
DNA wrapping into chromosomes



Andromeda Galaxy
2.5 million light years

Zippering Along

- DNA can support structural and computational complexity.



DNA replication in *real time*

In Humans: 50 nucleotides/second
Whole genome in a few hours (with parallel processing)

In Bacteria: 1000 nucleotides/second
(higher error rate)



DNA transcription in *real time*

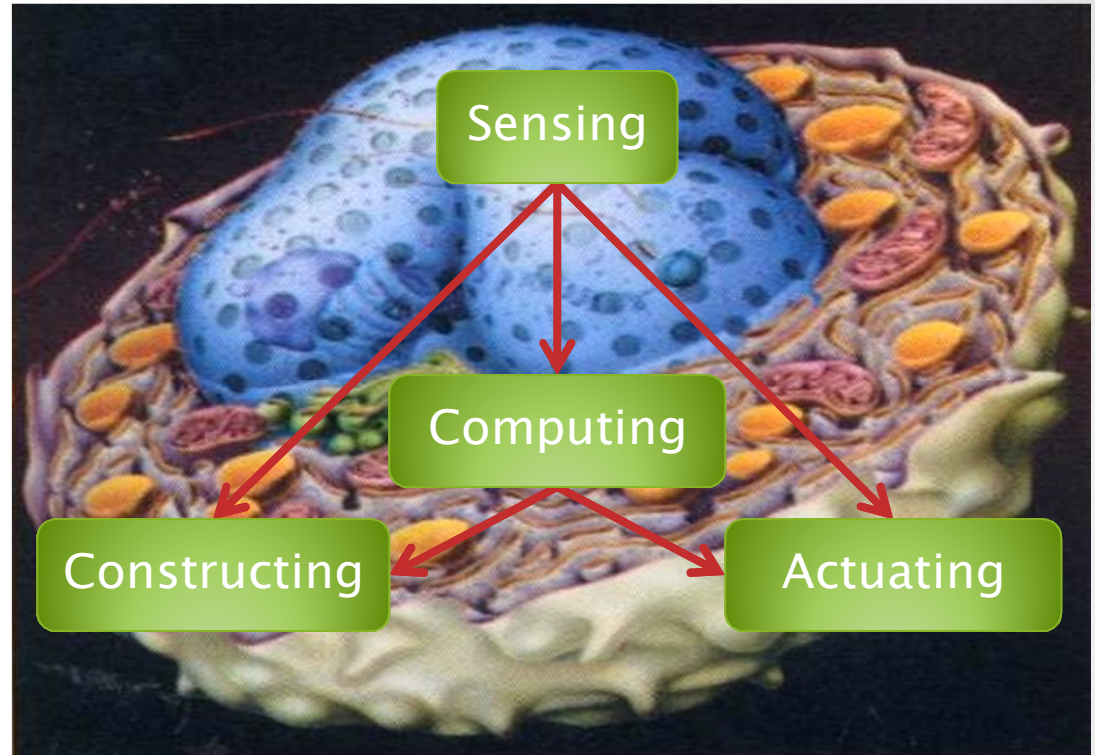
RNA polymerase II: 15–30 base/second

Drew Berry

<http://www.wehi.edu.au/wehi-tv>

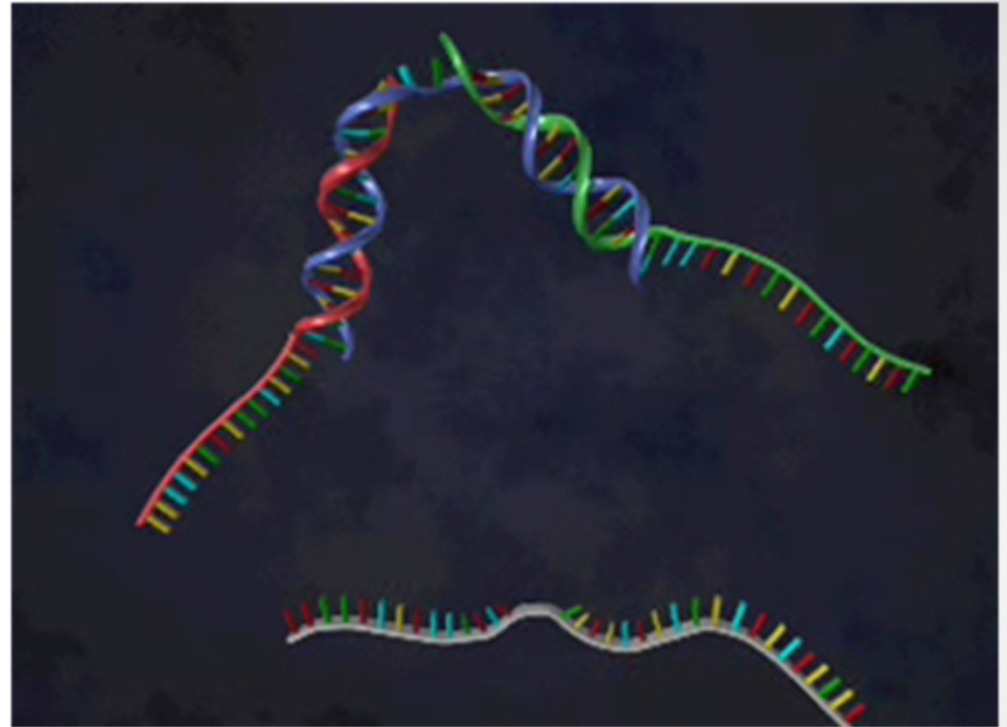
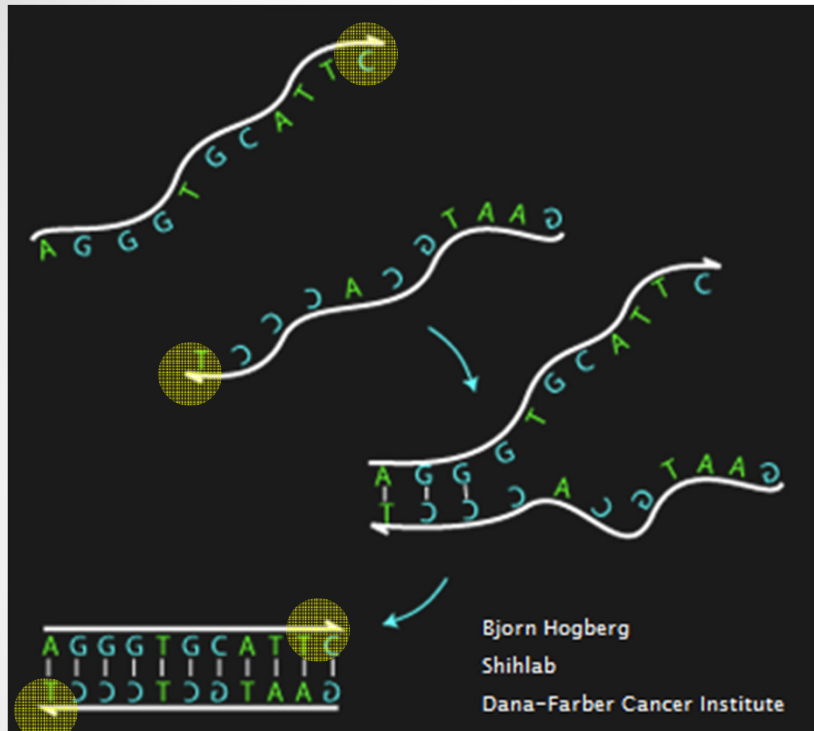
Nanoscale Engineering

- Sensing
 - Reacting to forces
 - Binding to molecules
- Actuating
 - Releasing molecules
 - Producing forces
- Constructing
 - Chassis
 - Growth
- Computing
 - Signal Processing
 - Decision Making

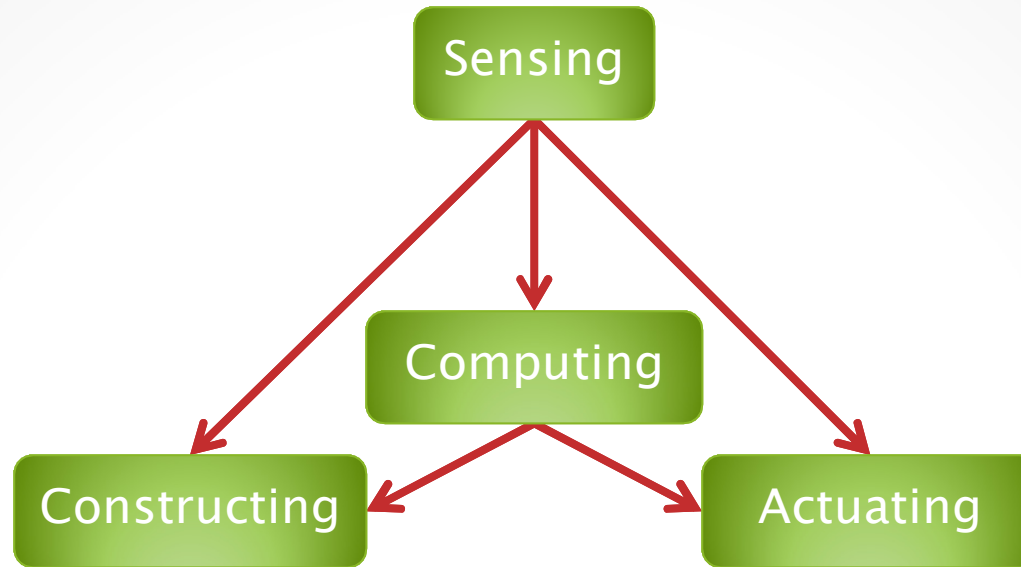


Nucleic Acids can do all this.
And interface to **biology**.

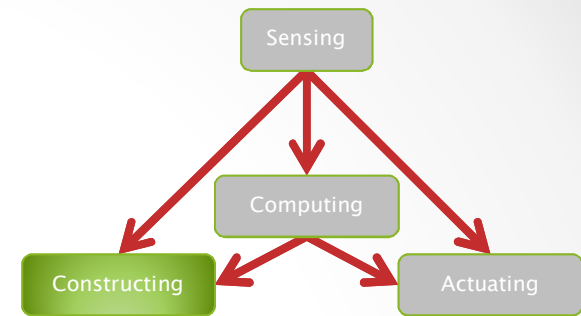
Hybridization



- Strands with opposite orientation and complementary base pairs stick to each other (Watson-Crick duality).
- This is all we are going to use
 - We are not going to exploit DNA replication, transcription, translation, restriction and ligation enzymes, etc., which enable other classes of tricks.



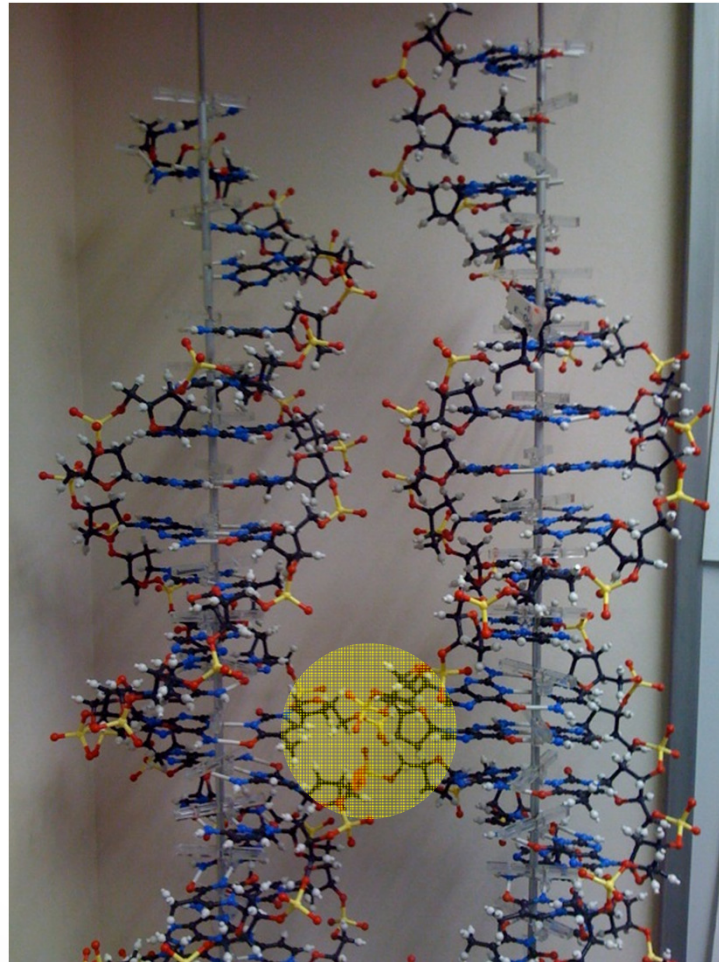
Hybridization Tricks



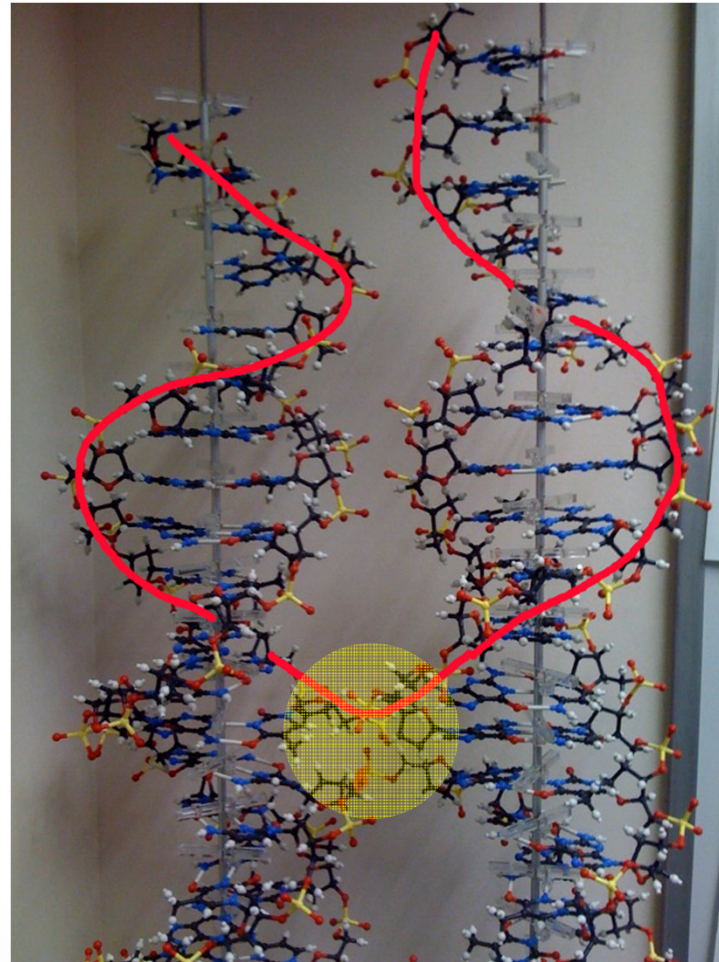
Constructing

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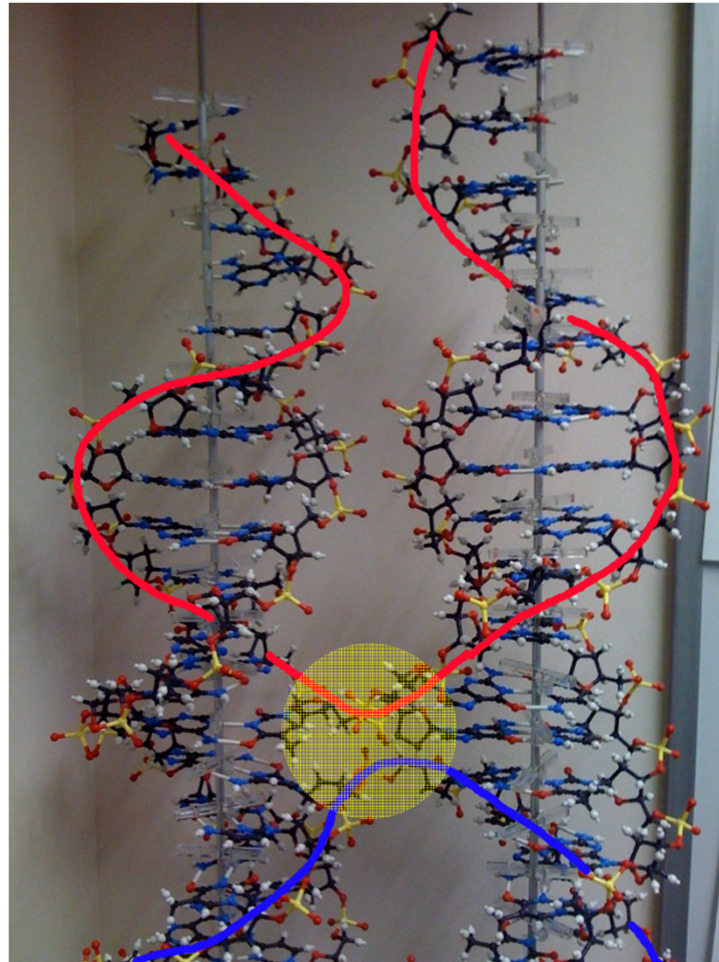
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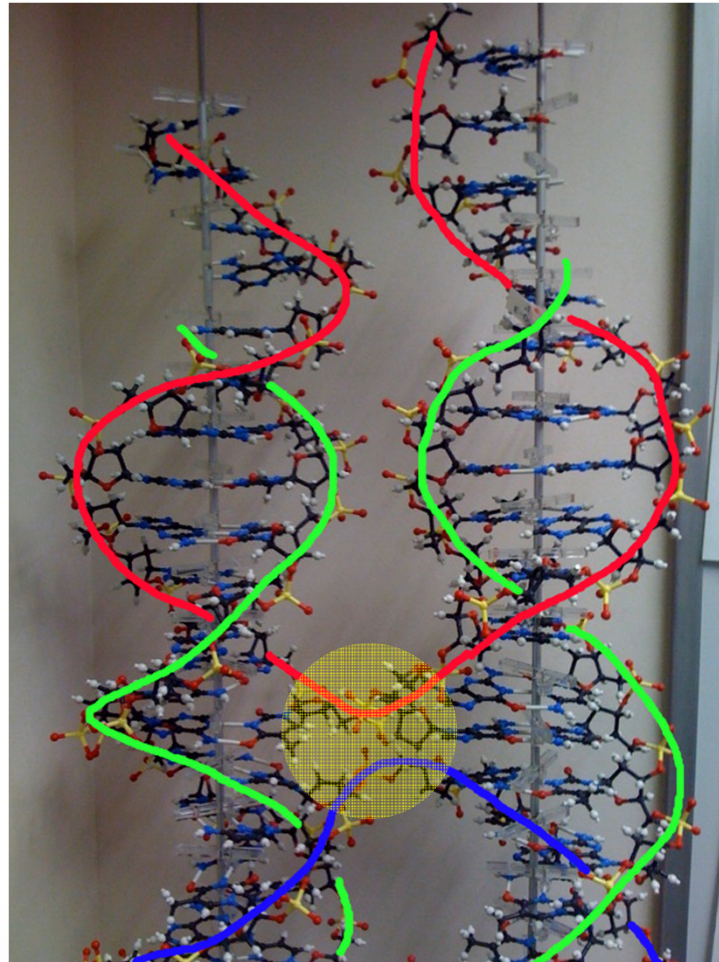
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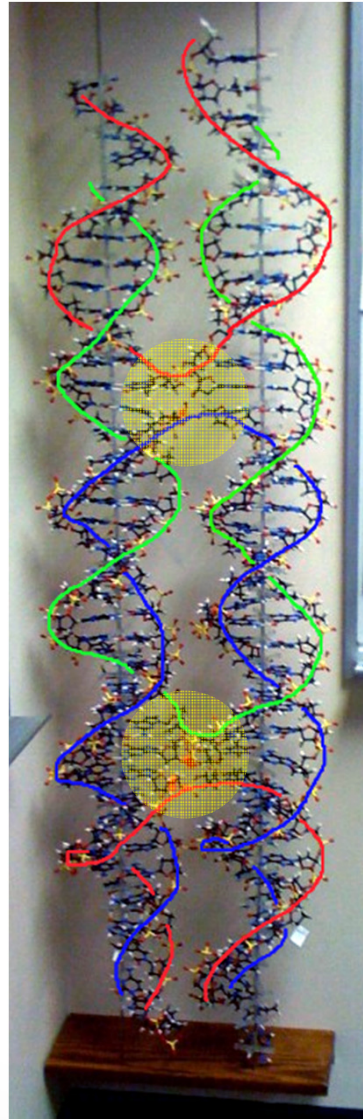
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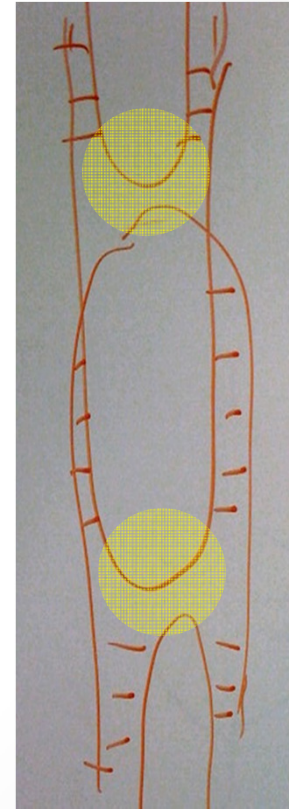
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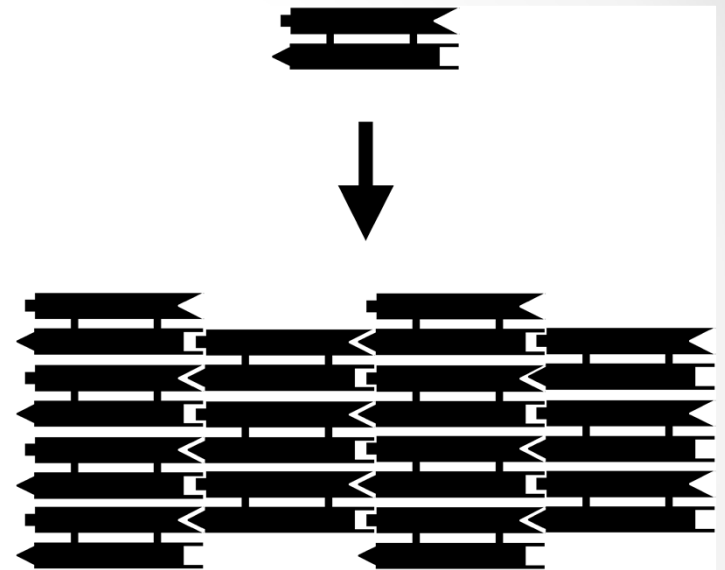
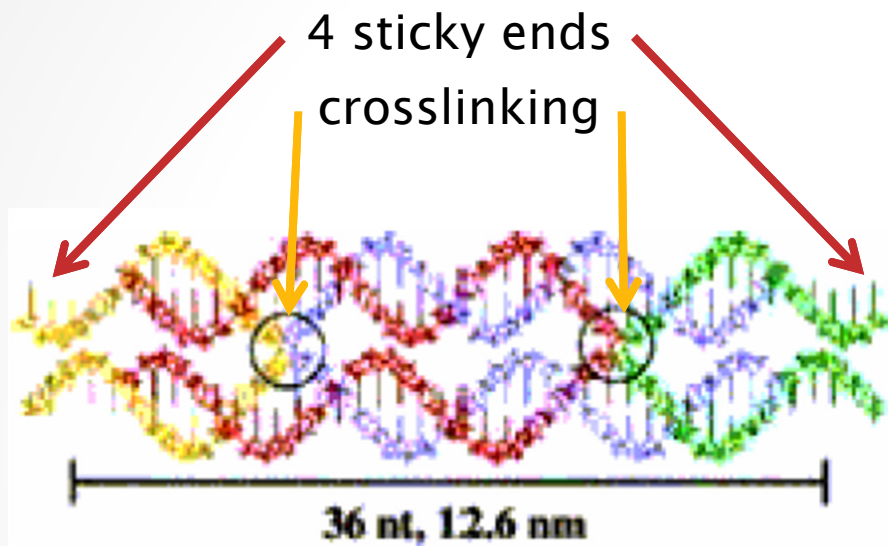


In nature, crosslinking is deadly (blocks DNA replication).



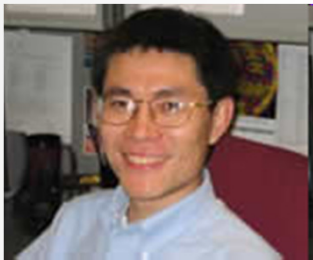
In engineering, crosslinking is the key to using DNA as a construction material.

DNA Tiling

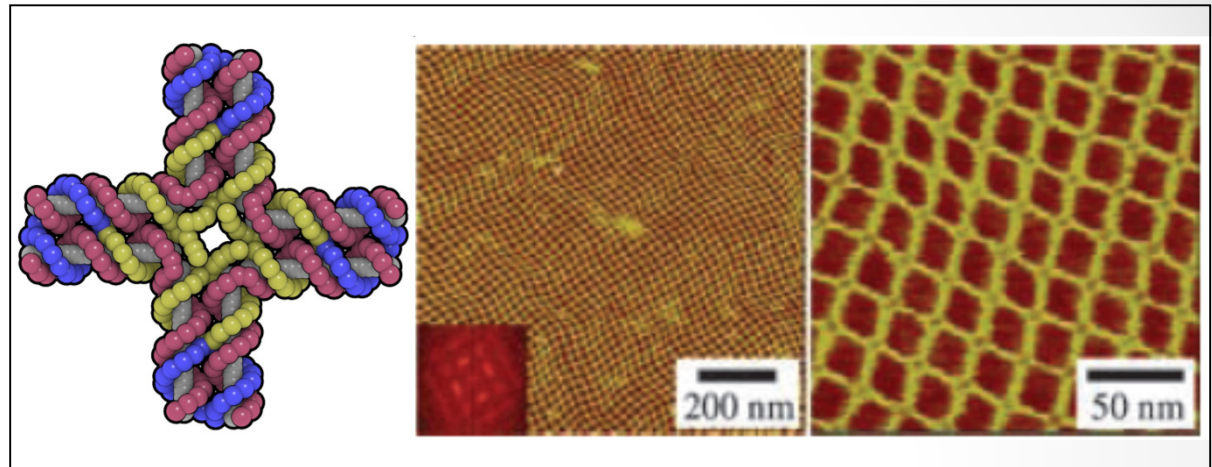


Construction and manipulation of DNA tiles in free space

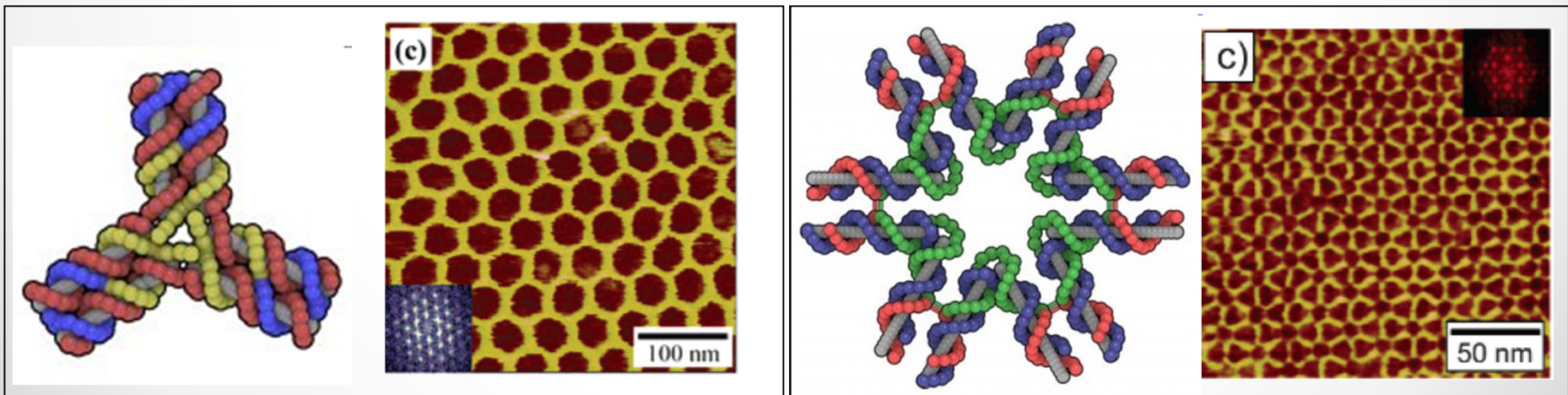
2D DNA Lattices



Chengde Mao
Purdue University, USA



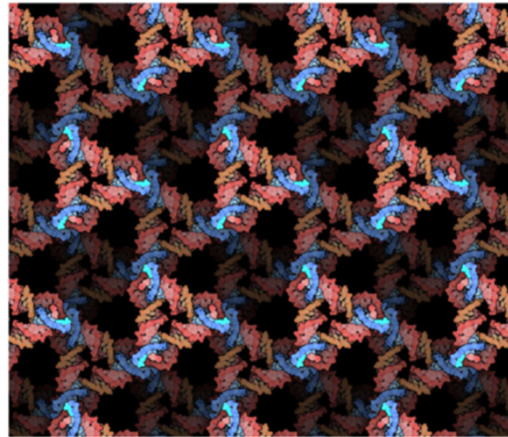
N-point Stars



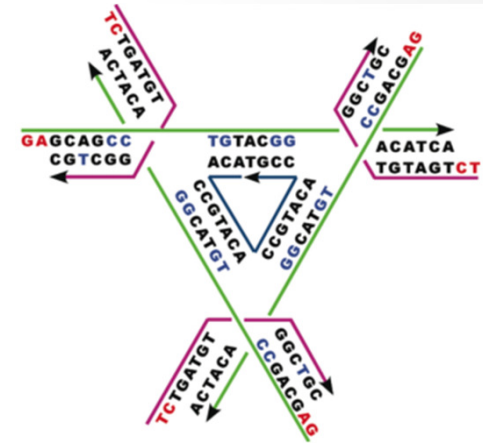
3D DNA Structures



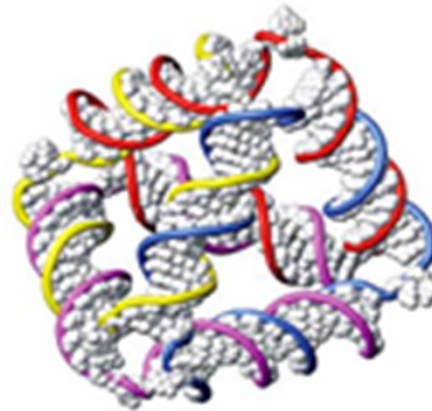
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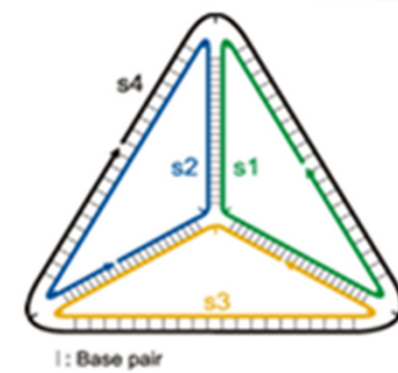
3D Crystal



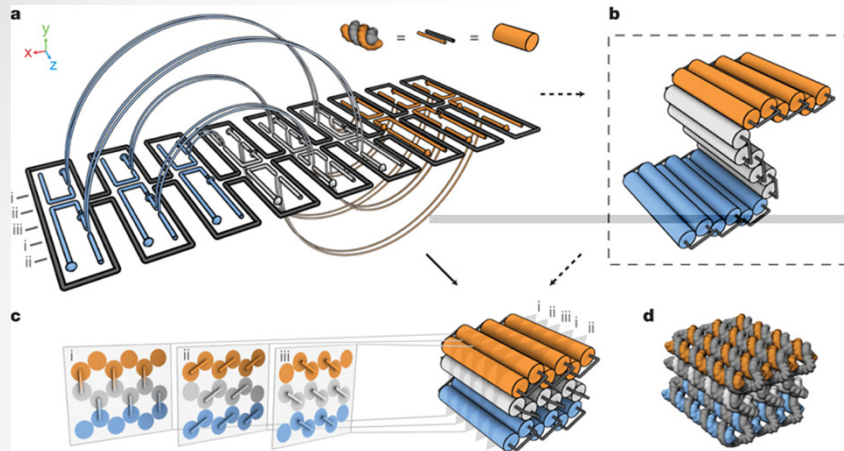
Andrew Tuberfield
Oxford



Tetrahedron

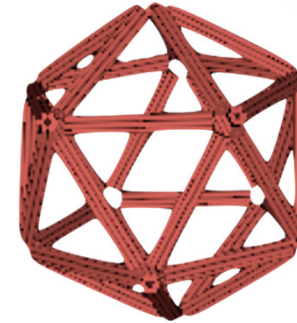


CADnano

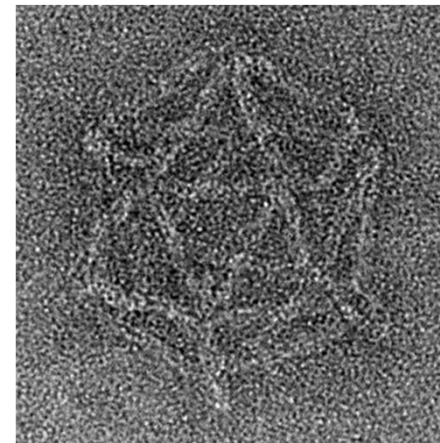


Folding DNA into Twisted and Curved Nanoscale Shapes

Hendrik Dietz, Shawn M. Douglas, & William M. Shih
[Science, 325:725–730, 7 August 2009.](#)



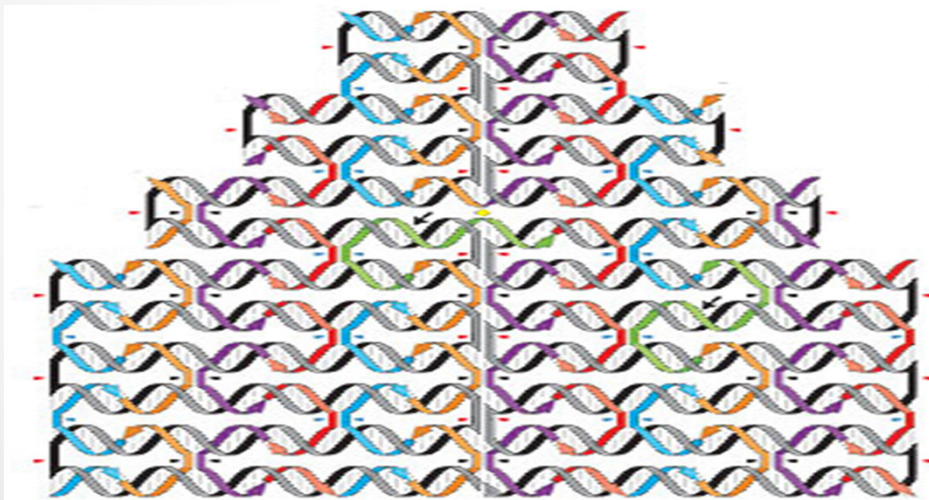
William Shih
Harvard



S.M. Douglas, H. Dietz, T. Liedl, B. Högberg, F. Graf and W. M. Shih
Self-assembly of DNA into nanoscale three-dimensional shapes, *Nature* (2009)

DNA Origami

- *Folding* long (7000bp) naturally occurring (viral) ssDNA
- By lots of short 'staple' strands that constrain it

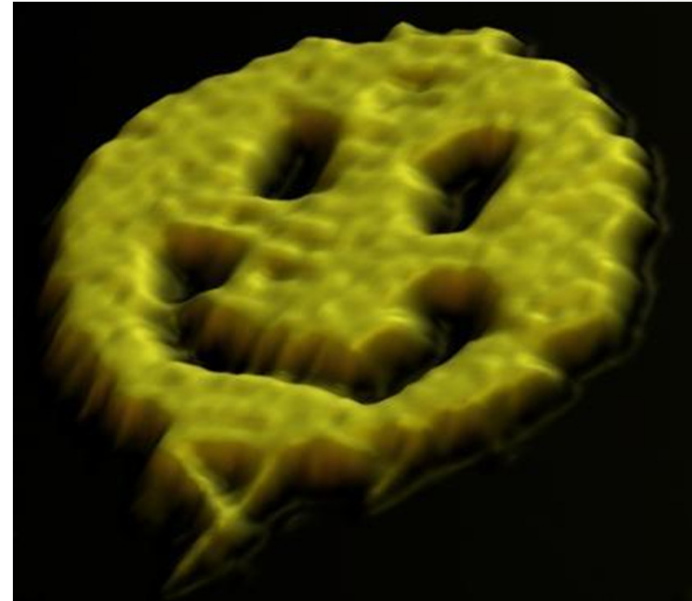
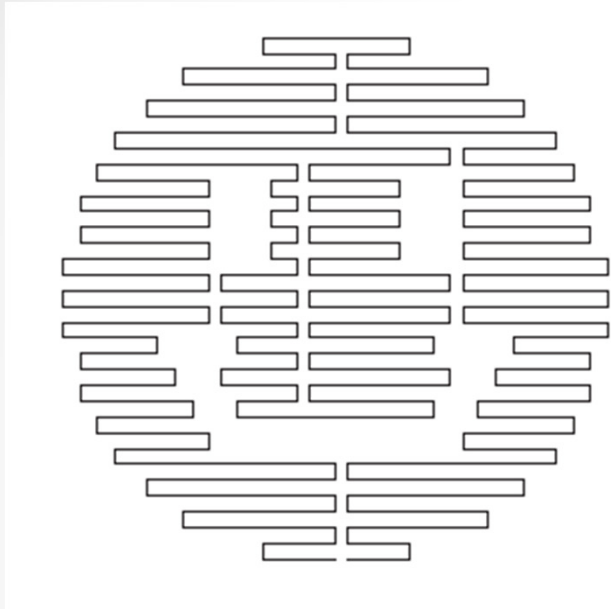


PWK Rothemund, *Nature* 440, 297 (2006)

Black: long viral strand
Color: short staple strands



DNA Origami



Paul Rothemund's "Disc with three holes" (2006)

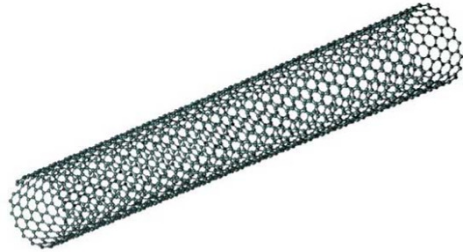


Paul W K Rothemund
California Institute of Technology

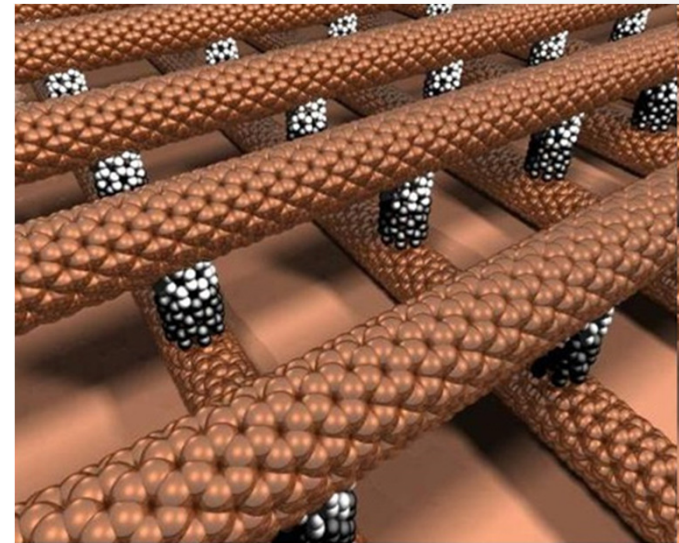
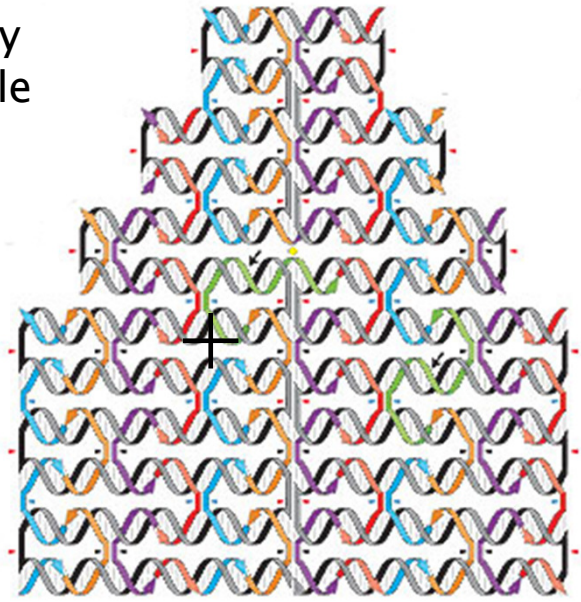
This means we can already self-assemble meso-scale structures.

DNA Circuit Boards

DNA-wrapped
nanotubes



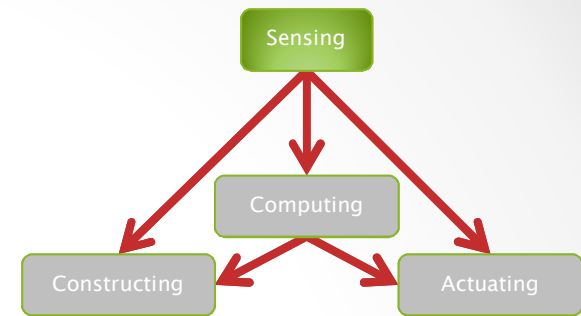
6 nm grid of
individually
addressable
pixels



European Nanoelectronics Initiative Advisory Council

"What we are really making
are tiny DNA circuit boards
that will be used to
assemble other
components."
Greg Wallraff, IBM

PWK Rothemund, *Nature* 440, 297 (2006)

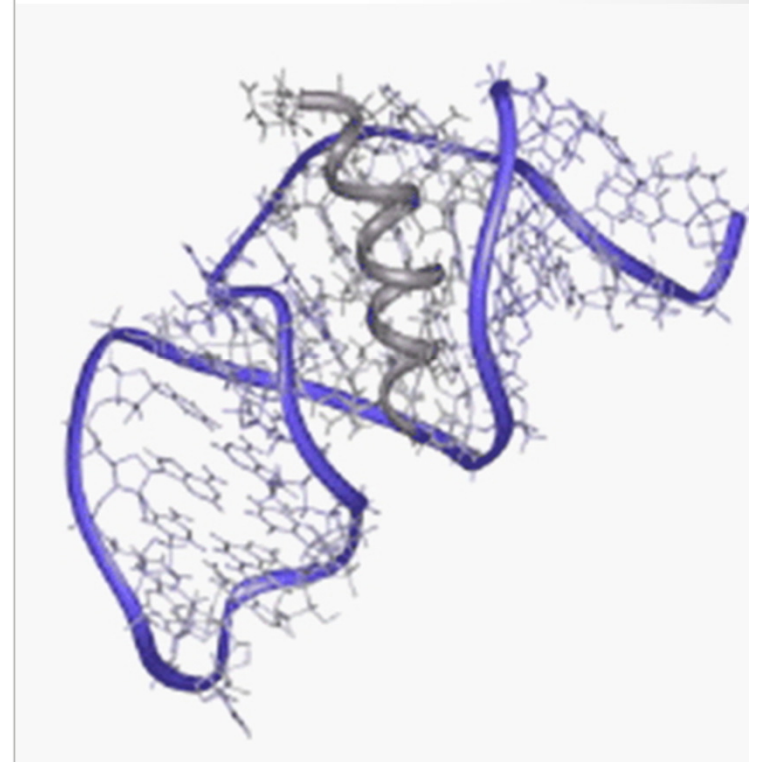
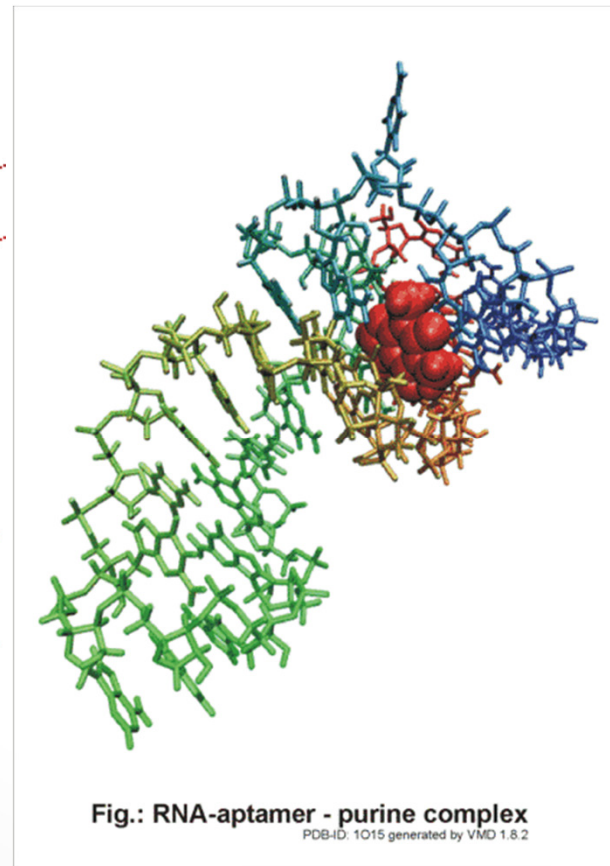
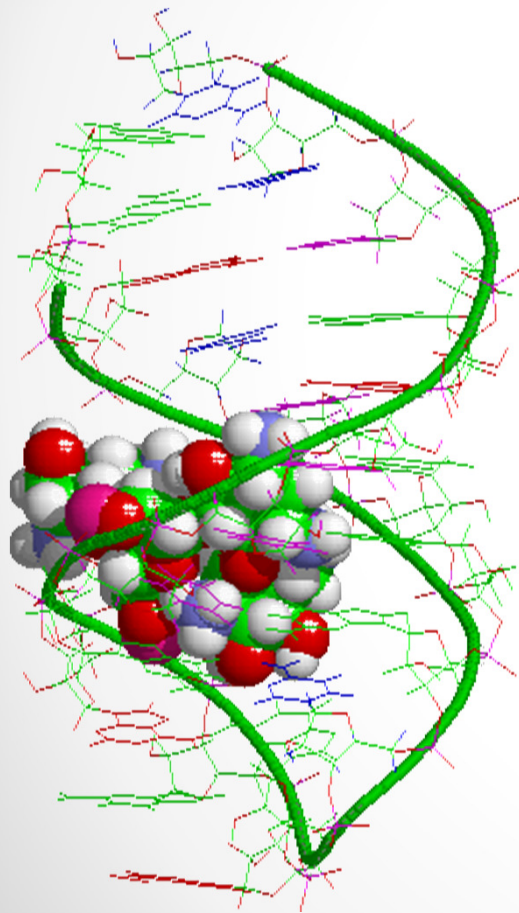


Sensing

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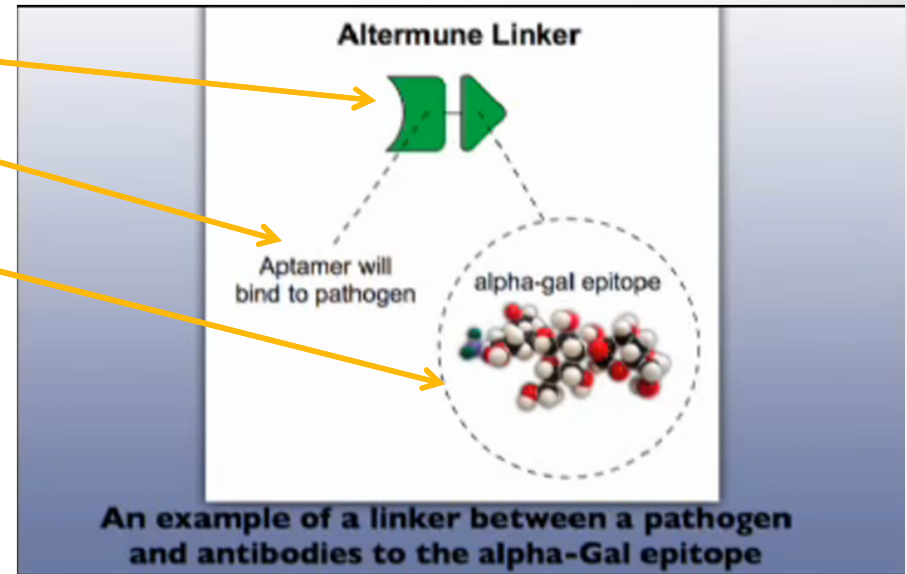
Aptamers

- Artificially evolved DNA molecules that stick to anything you like (highly selectively).



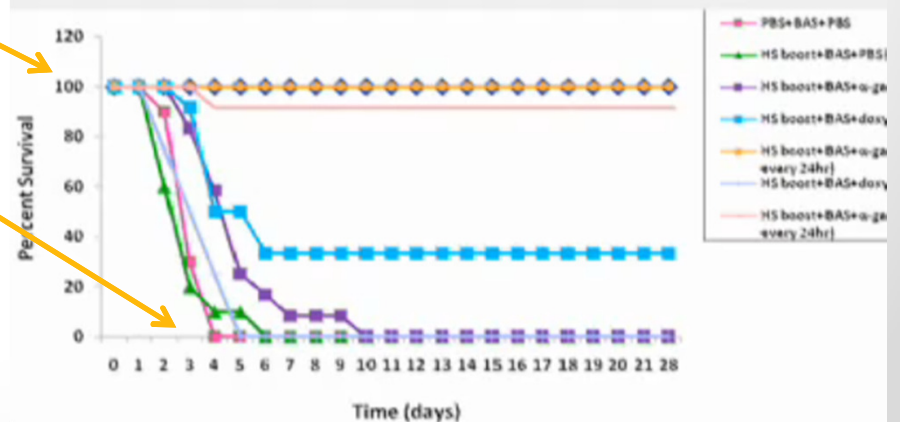
Pathogen Spotlights

- DNA aptamer binds to:
 - A) a pathogen
 - B) a molecule our immune system already hates and immediately removes (eats) along with anything attached to it

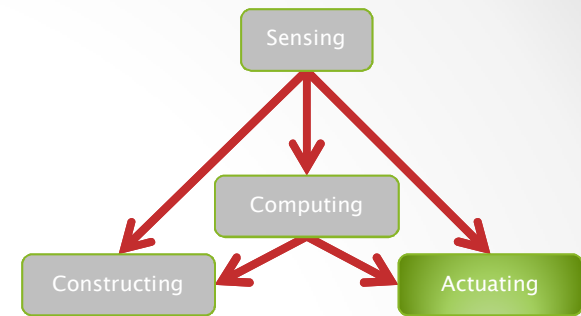


- Result: instant immunity
 - Mice poisoned with Anthrax plus aptamer (100% survival)
 - Mice poisoned with Anthrax (not so good)

Survival Curve of A/J Mice Immunized with Human Serum, Challenged with BAS and Treated with α -gal PAA-12 Aptamer and Doxycycline



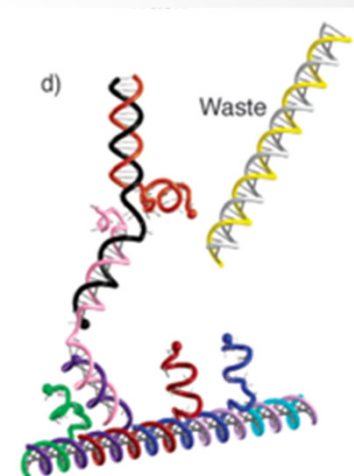
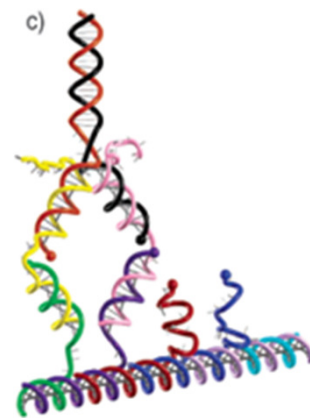
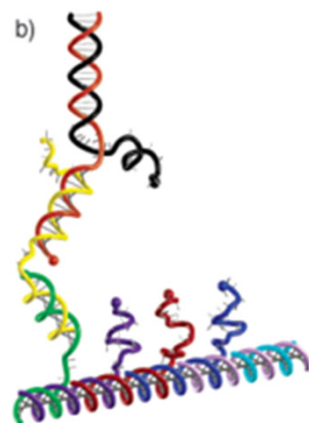
Kary Mullis (incidentally, also Nobel prize for inventing the Polymerase Chain Reaction)



Actuating

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DNA Walkers



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COMMUNICATIONS

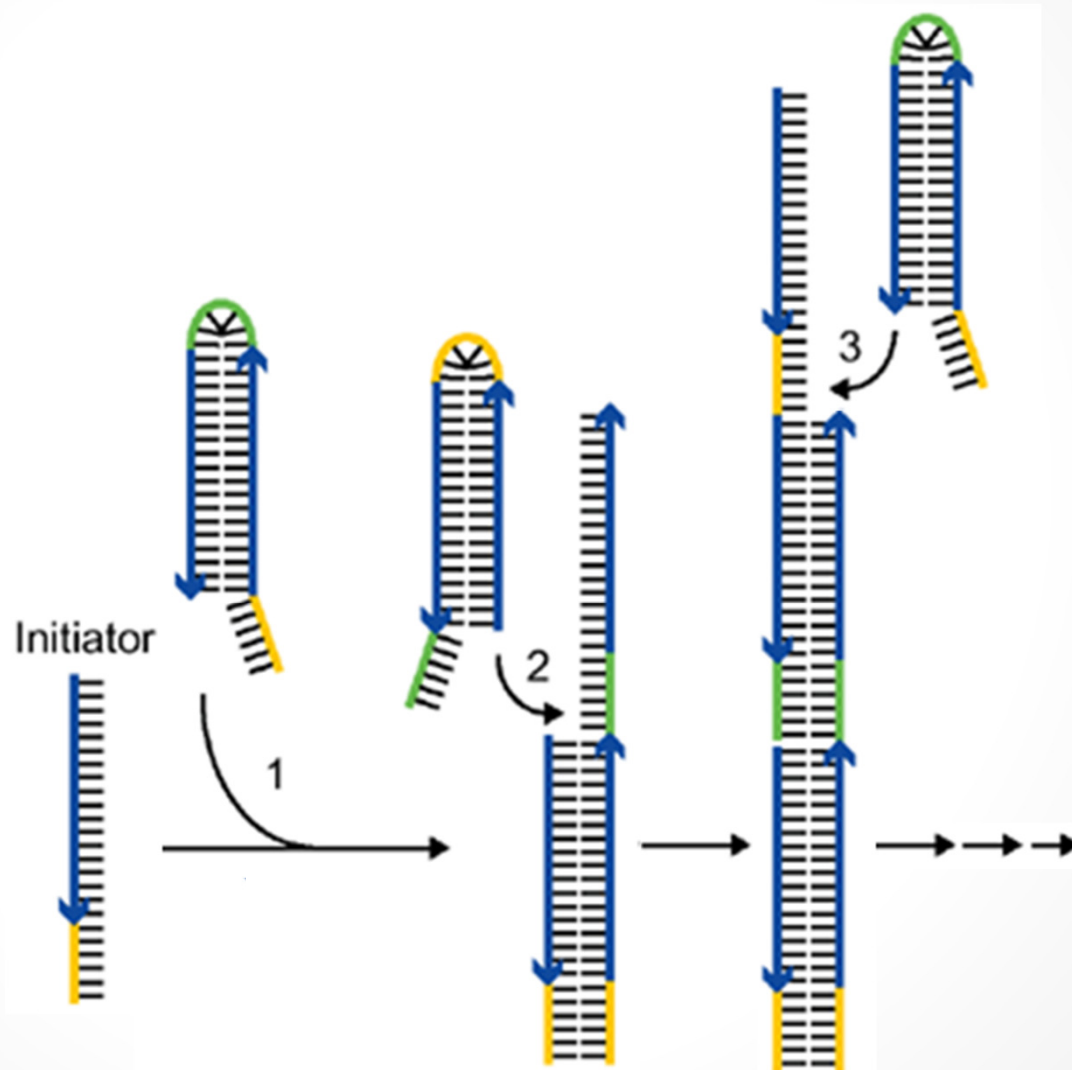
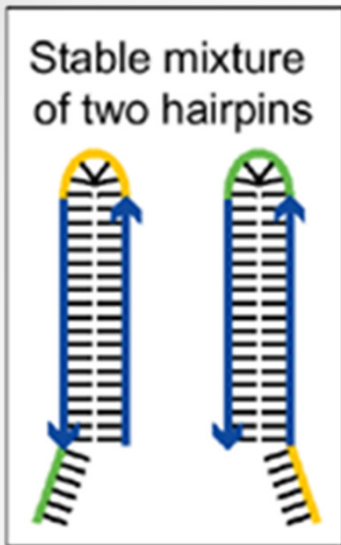
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A Synthetic DNA Walker for Molecular Transport

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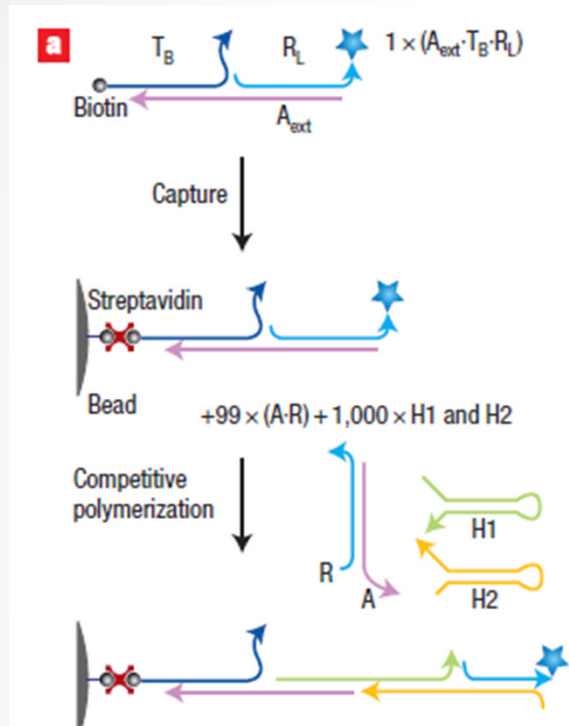
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Hybridization Chain Reaction



chain reaction n by hybridization

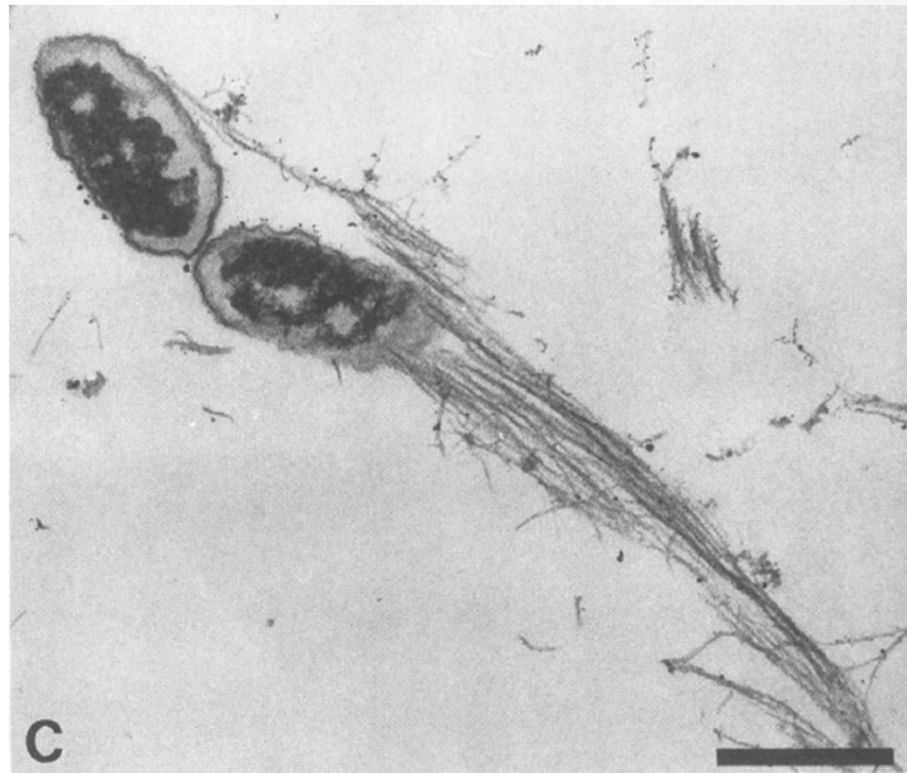
Polymerization Motor



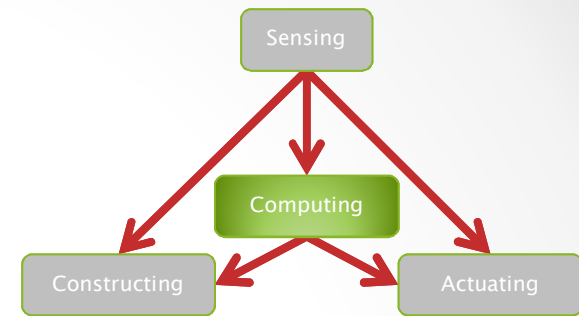
An autonomous polymerization motor powered by DNA hybridization

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Rickettsia (spotted fever)



Directional Actin Polymerization Associated with Spotted Fever Group Rickettsia Infection of Vero Cells
ROBERT A. HEINZEN, STANLEY F. HAYES, MARIUS G. PEACOCK, AND TED HACKSTADT*



Computing

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Basic Notions

Compositionality

- Sensors and Actuators at the 'edge' of the system
 - They can use disparate kinds of inputs (sensors) and outputs (actuators)
- The 'kernel' of the system computes
 - Must use uniform inputs and outputs
- Compositionality in the kernel
 - Supporting 'arbitrary' computing complexity
 - The **output** of each computing components must be the **same kind of 'signal'** as the **input**
- sdf
 - If the inputs are voltages, the outputs must be voltages
 - If the inputs are DNA, the outputs must be DNA
- Central design question
 - What should our **signals** (not components!) be?
 - Then design components that manipulate those signals.

What does DNA Compute?

- Electronics has *electrons*
 - All electrons are the same: you can only count them
 - *Few* electrons = **False**; *lots* of electrons = **True**
 - But **Boolean Logic** is only a necessary evil to build symbolic computation
- DNA computing has *symbols* (DNA words)
 - DNA words are not all the same
 - **Symbolic computation on abstract signals** can be done *directly*
 - Signals are presented **concurrently** (in a soup)
 - No requirement to do Boolean Logic
- Then, what are our ‘gates’ (if not Boolean?)
 - Theory of Concurrency
 - Process Algebra as the “Boolean Algebra” of DNA Computing

Why Compute with DNA?

- Not to solve NP-complete problems.
- Not to put Intel out of business.
- Not to orchestrate protein production.
- To precisely control the organization and dynamics of matter and information at the molecular level.
 - The use of DNA is “accidental”.
 - No genes involved.
 - In fact, no material of biological origin.

Rules of the Game

- Short complementary segments hybridize reversibly

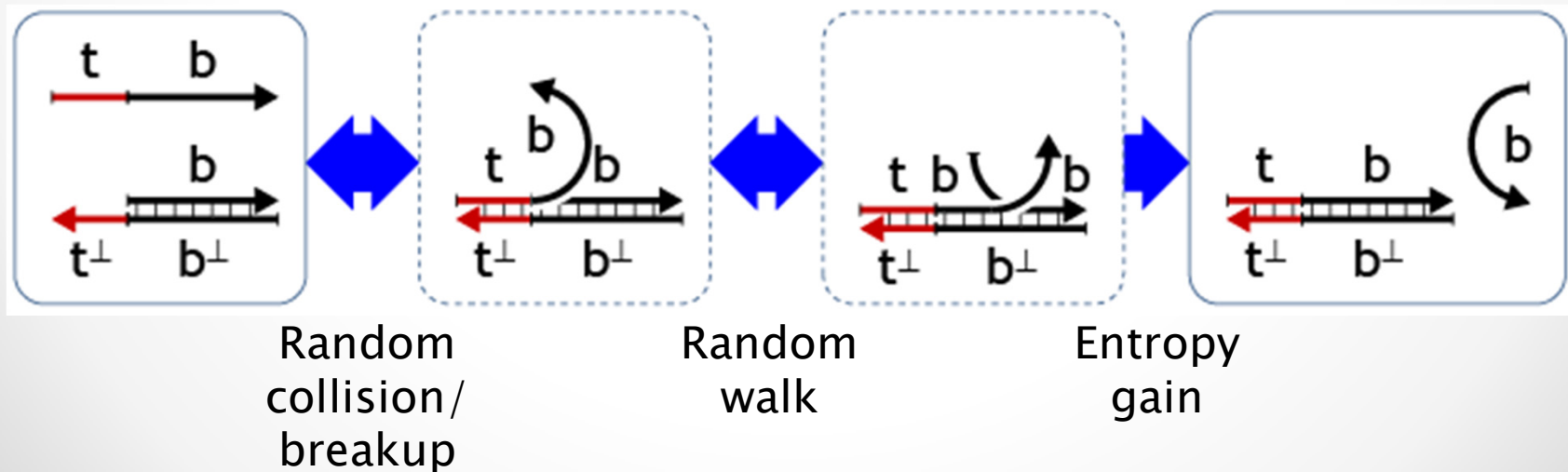
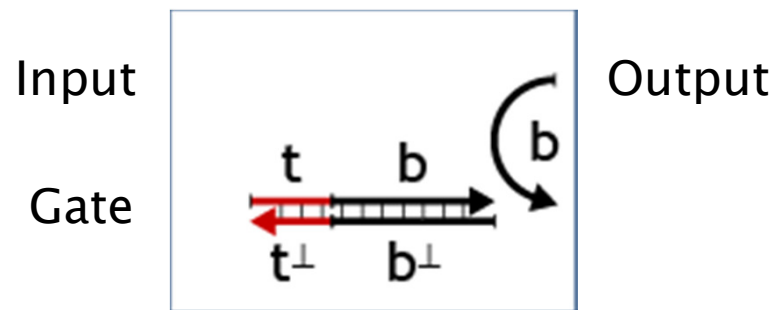


- Long complementary segments hybridize irreversibly



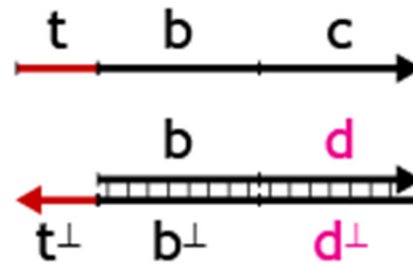
DNA Strand Displacement

- Short strand (toehold): reversible binding
- Long strand (body): irreversible binding

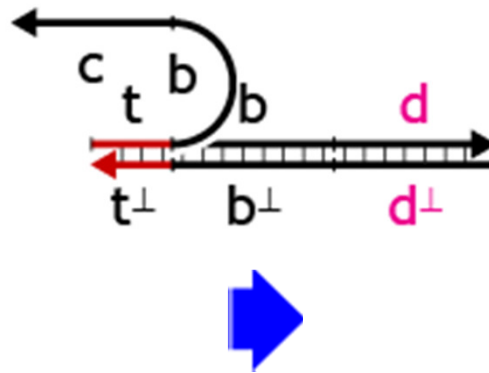


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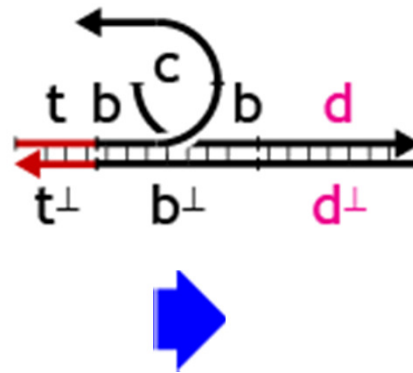
- What if the input does not match the gate?



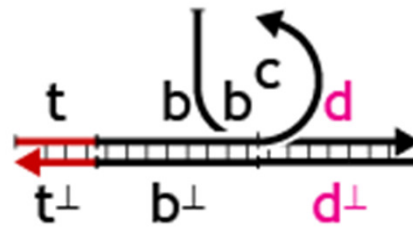
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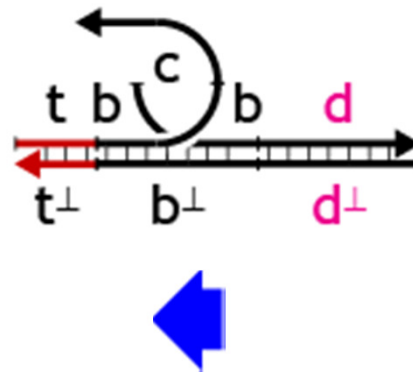


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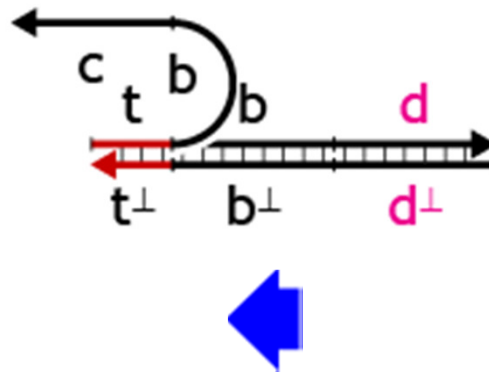


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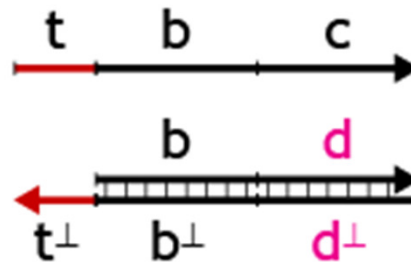


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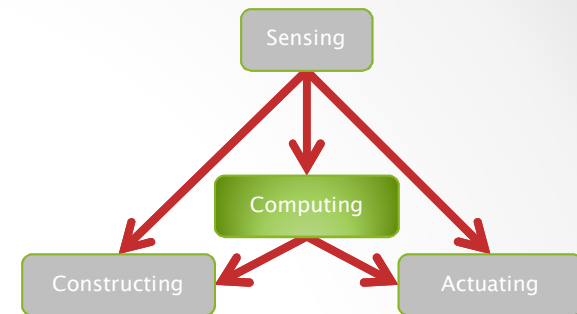


Failed Strand Displacement

- Hence an incorrect binding will undo
 - That's why toeholds must bind reversibly



- Matching depends on the long segment only
 - Strand displacement succeeds iff the whole long segment matches
 - The address space is determined by the size of the long segment, which is unbounded (not by the size of the toehold)
 - The toehold is just a 'cache' of the address



Computing

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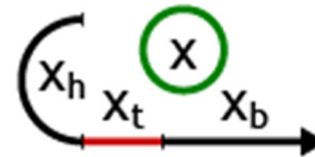
Implementing “Arbitrary”
Computing Functions

Signals

- A signal is the representation of an abstract event
 - E.g. generated by a sensor
 - E.g. accepted by an effector
 - We are not limited to true/false

- 3-domain signals

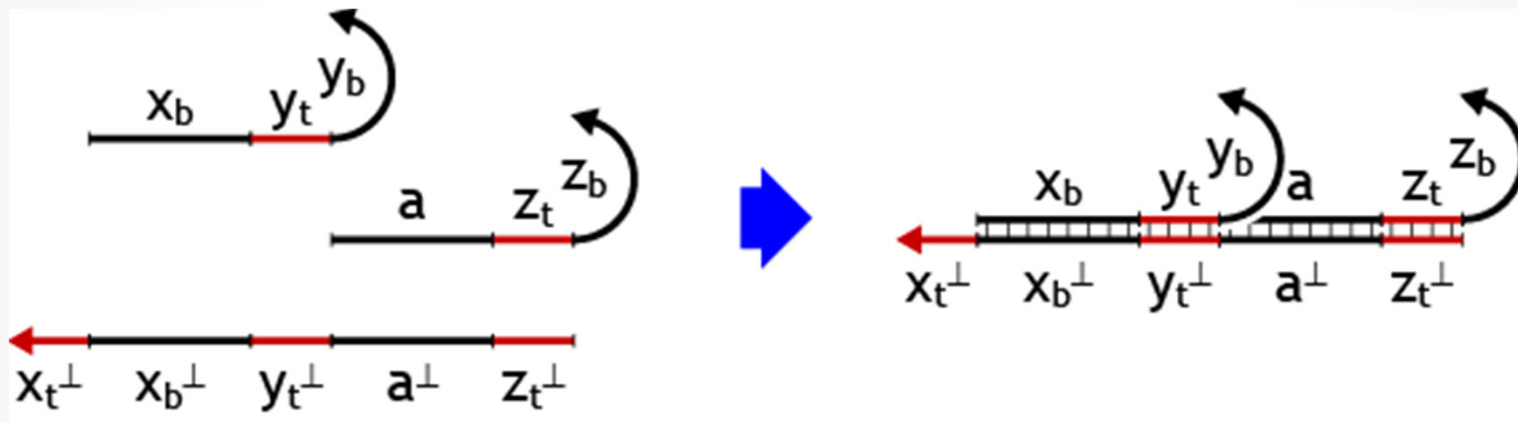
- x_h : history (ignore)
- x_t : toehold (binding)
- x_b : body (recognition)



- Signals (single stranded DNA) are prepared by (artificial) **DNA synthesis**

Gates

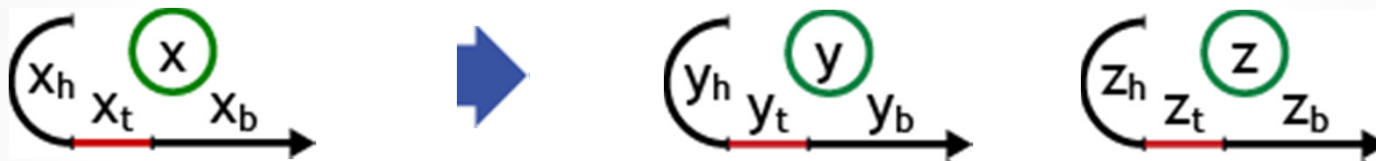
- Double-stranded structures with free toeholds



- Gates are prepared by **self-assembly** from single-stranded DNA that is synthesized

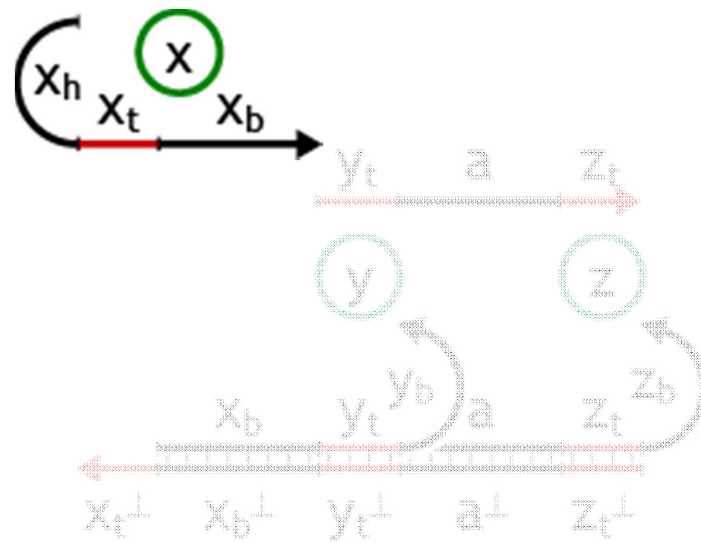
Fork Gate

- $x \rightarrow y + z$



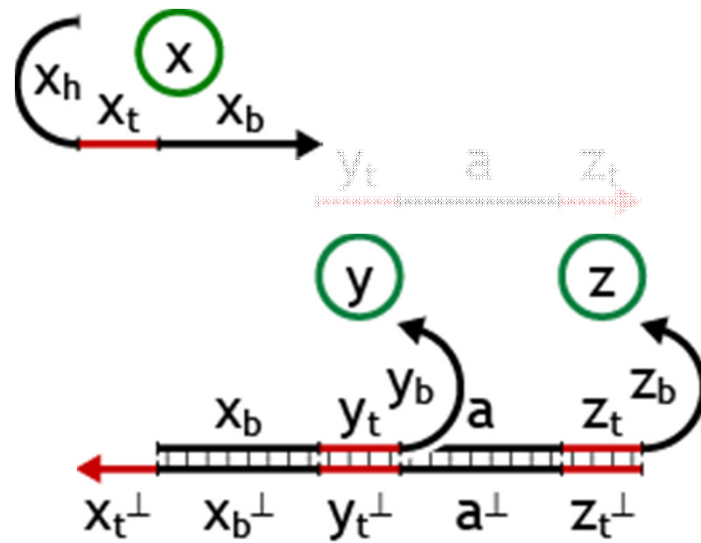
- $x \rightarrow y + 0$ transform x to y (transducer)
- $x \rightarrow x + y$ linear production of y (catalyst)
- $x \rightarrow x + x$ exponential production of x (amplifier)

Fork Gate

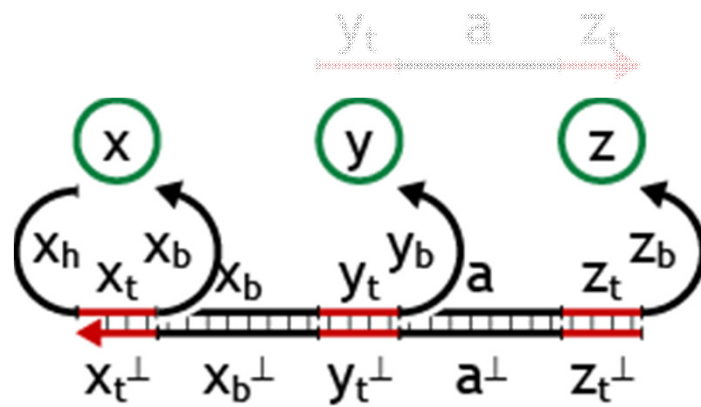


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Fork Gate
structure

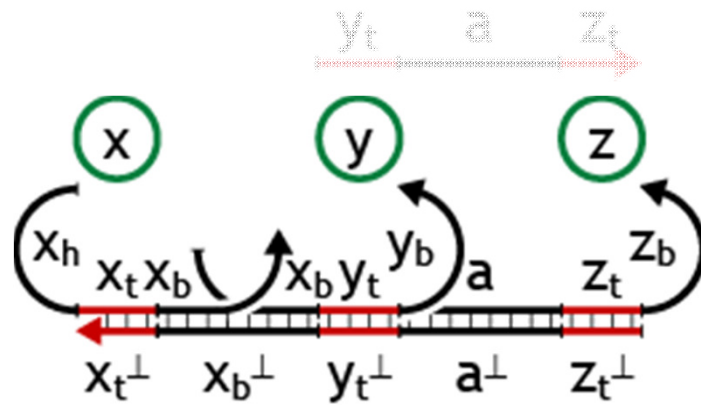
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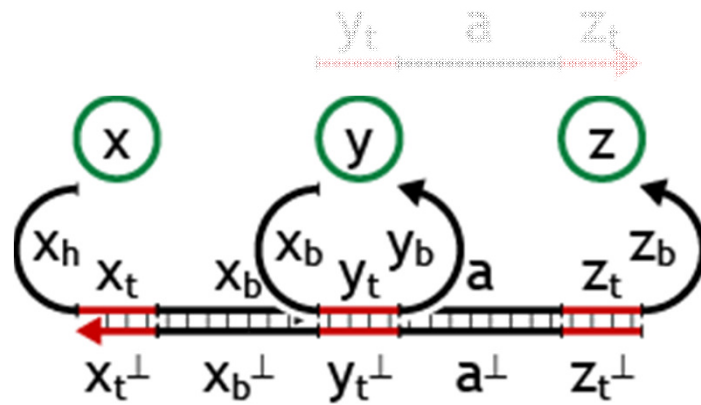
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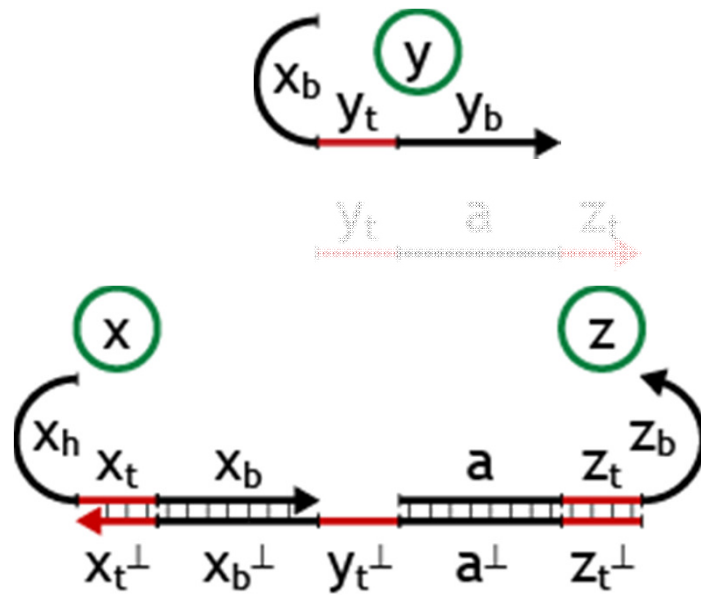
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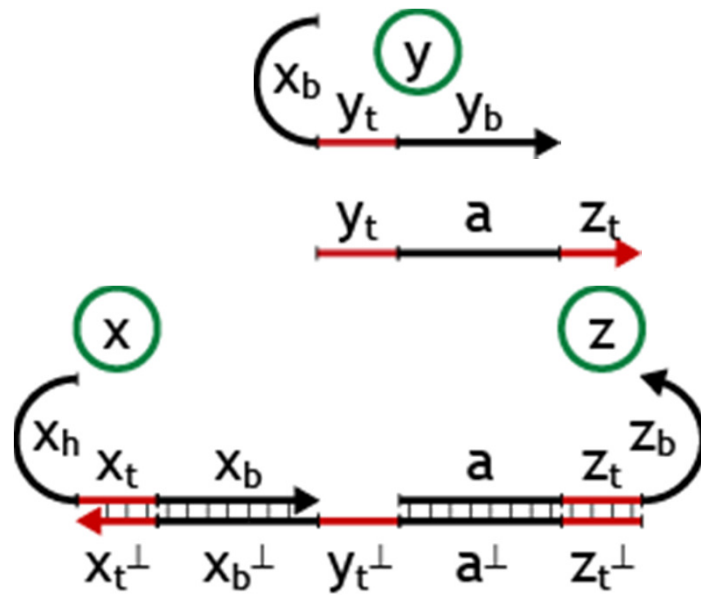
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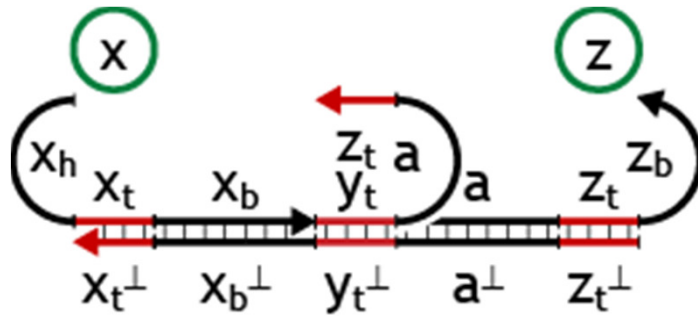
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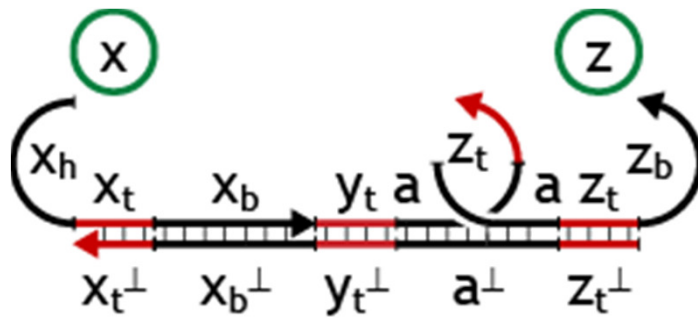
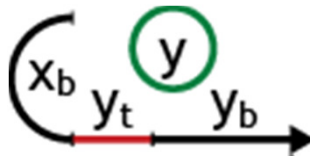
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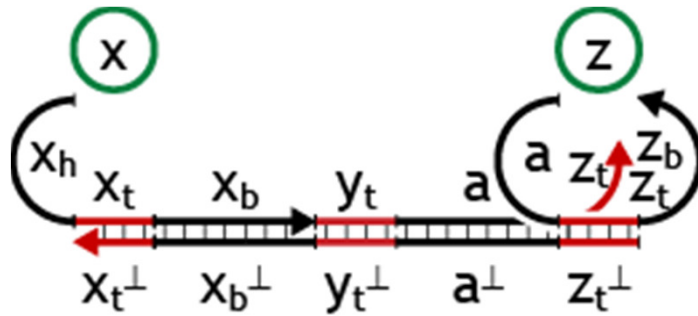
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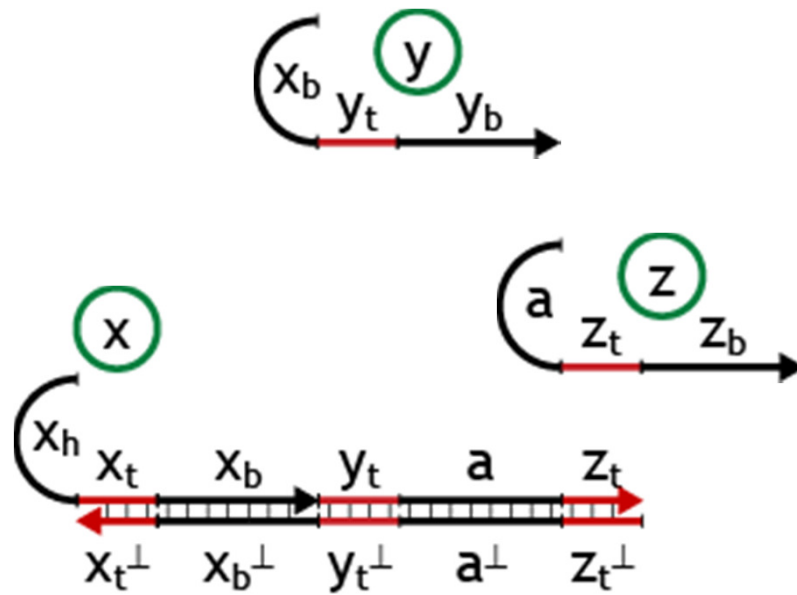
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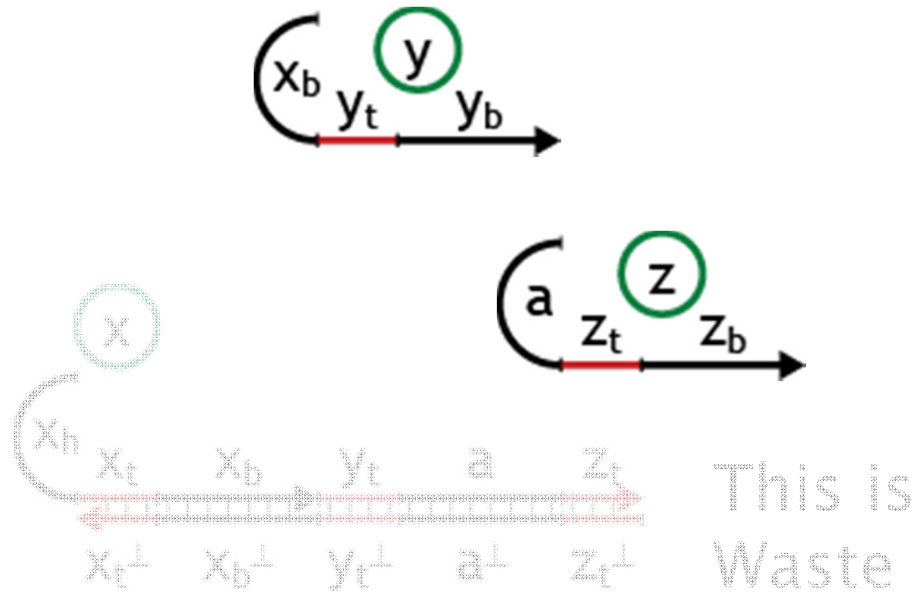
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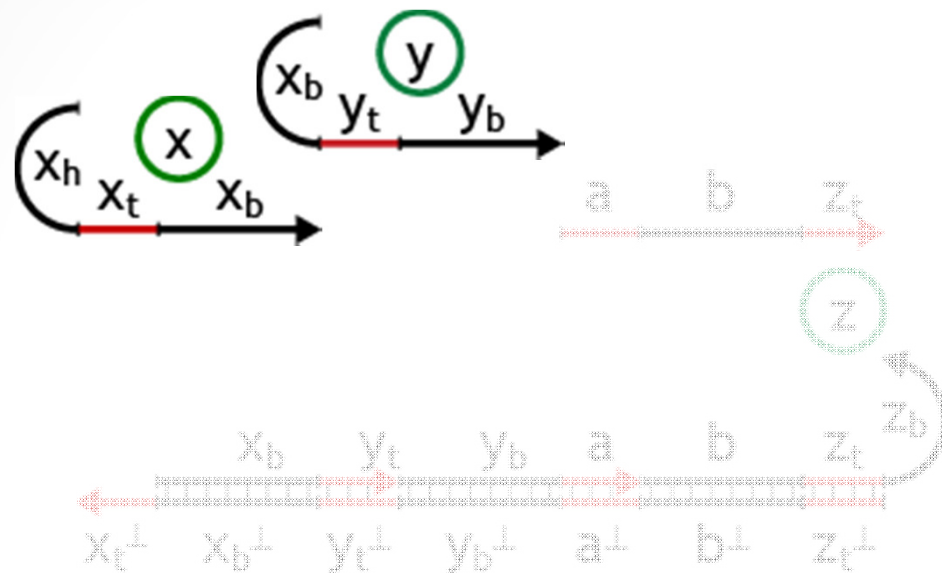


Join Gate

- $x + y \rightarrow z$

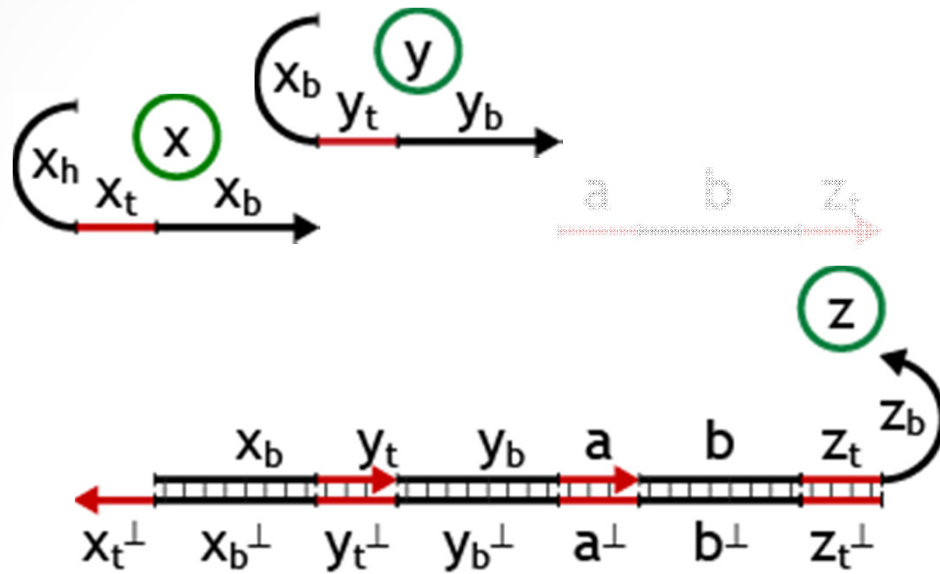


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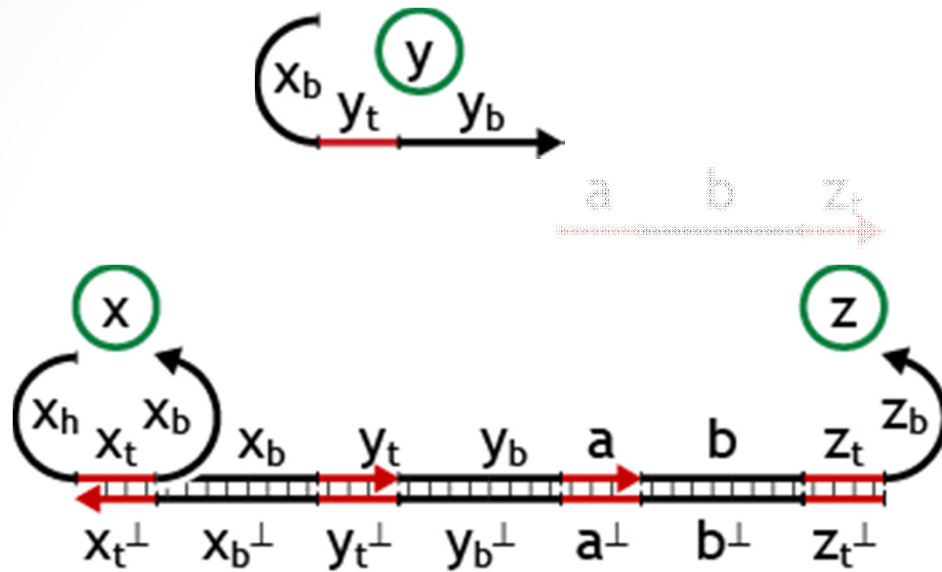


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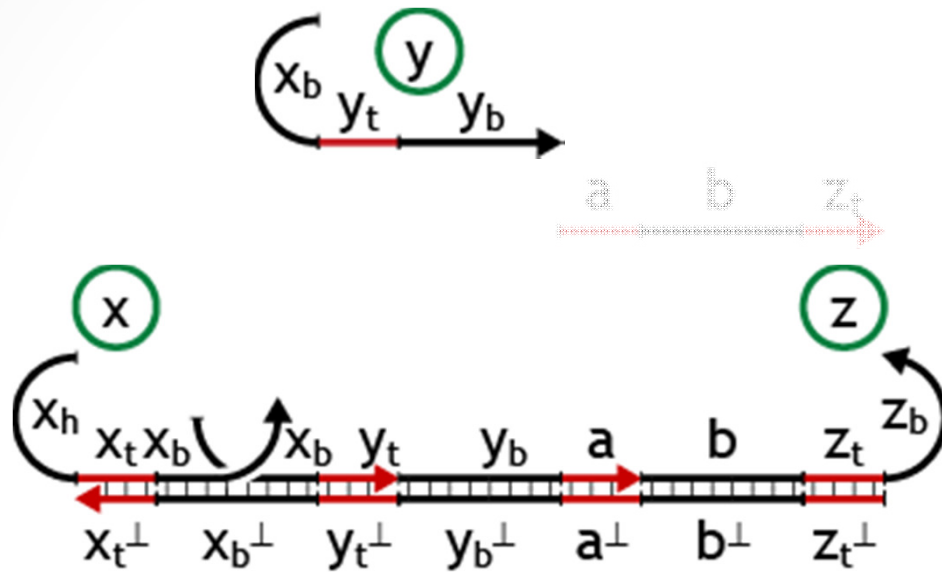
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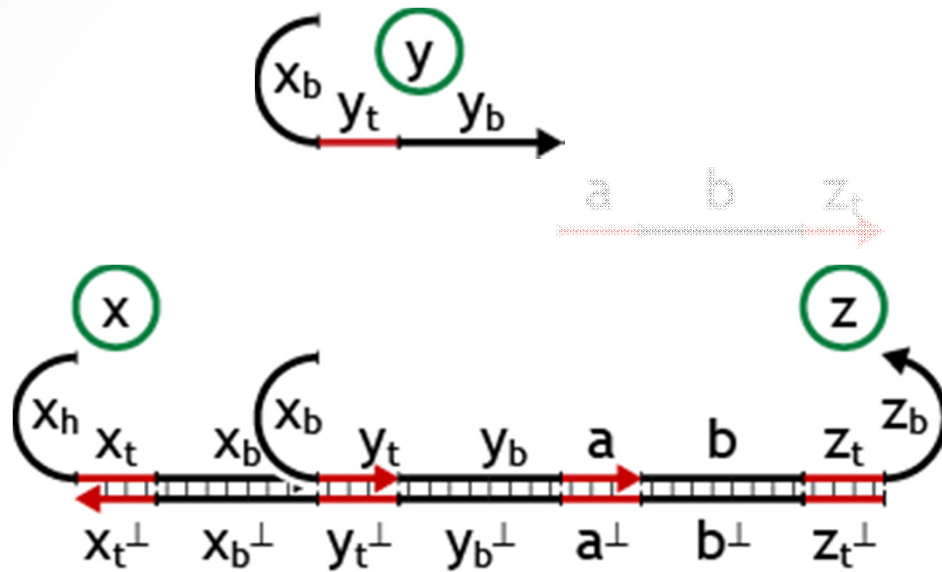
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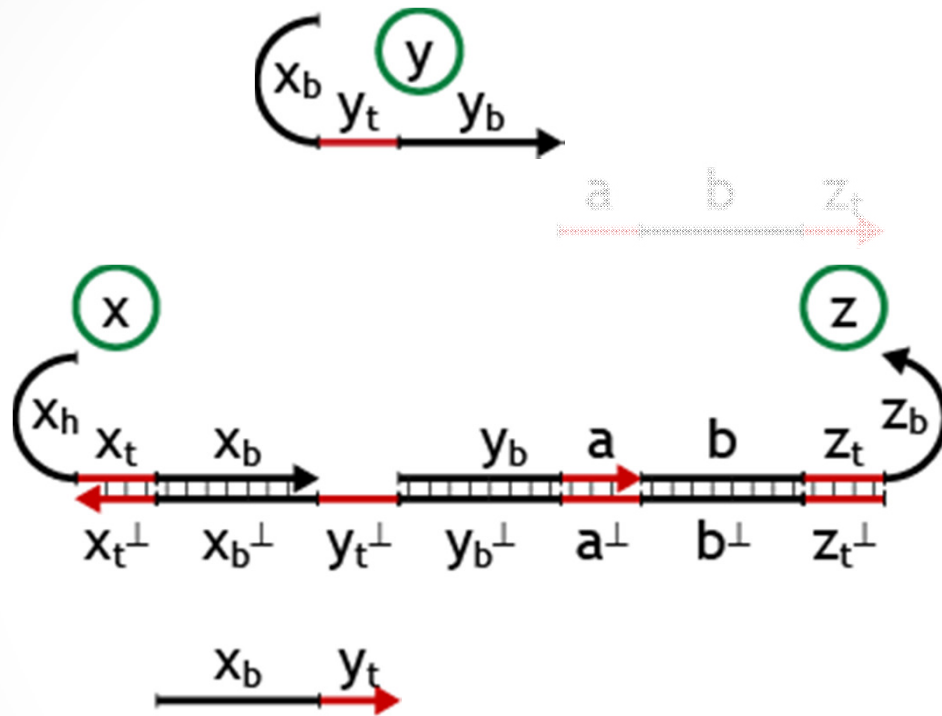
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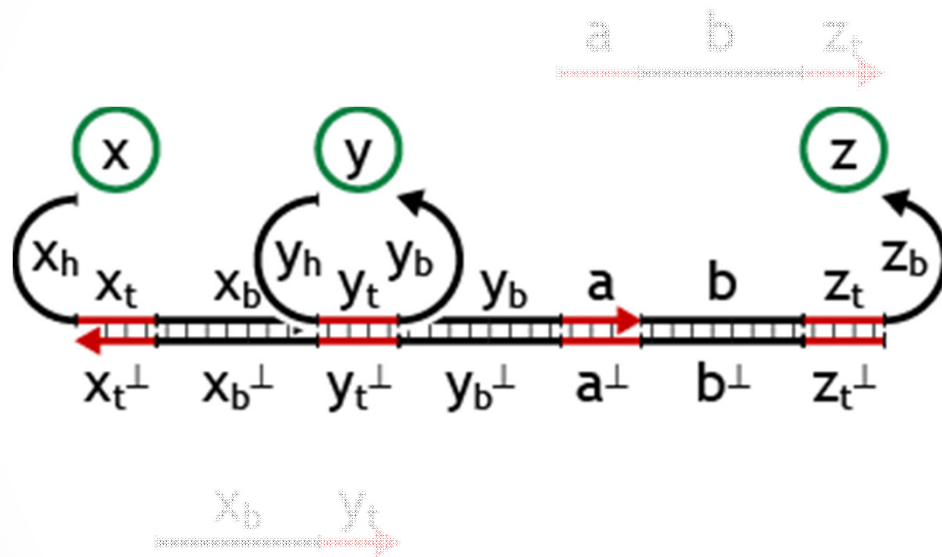
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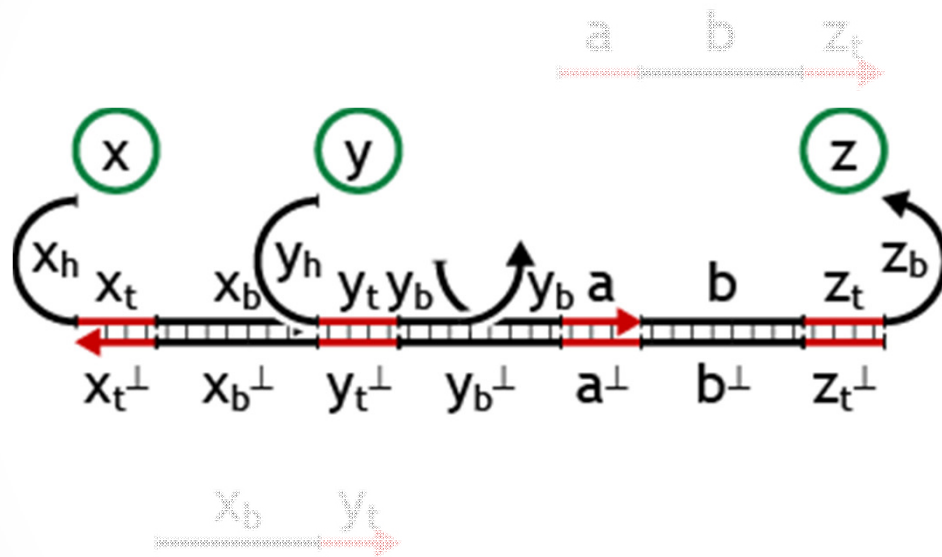
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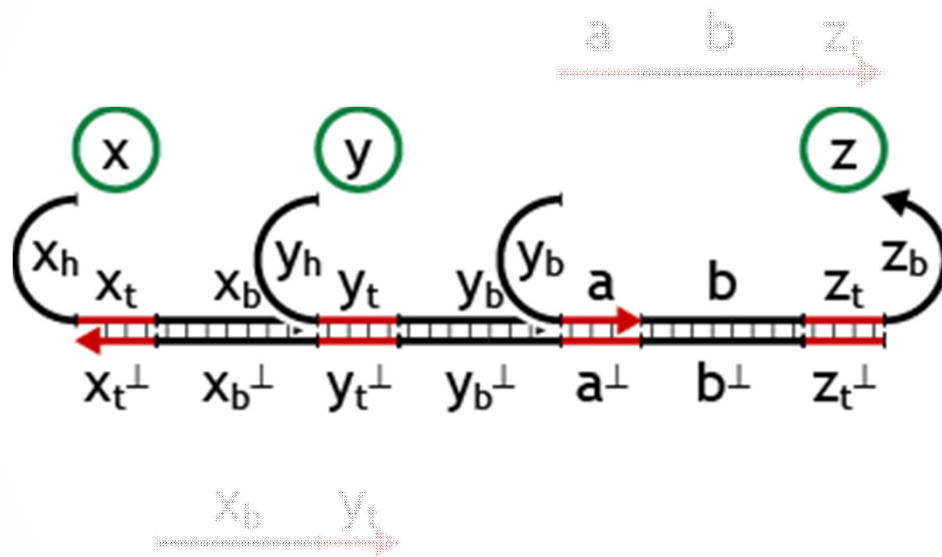
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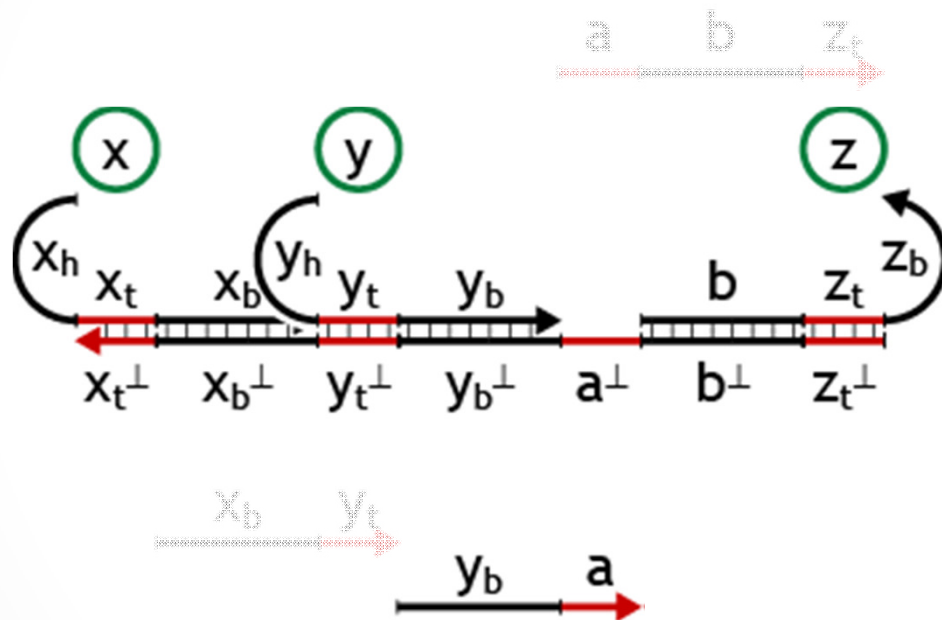
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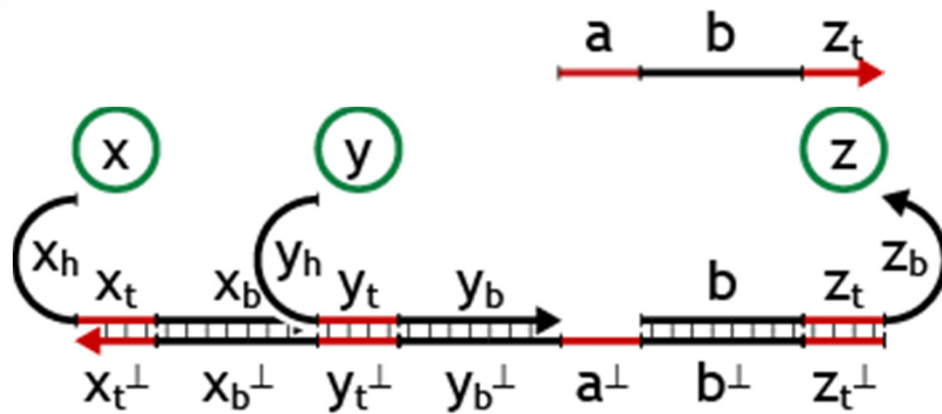
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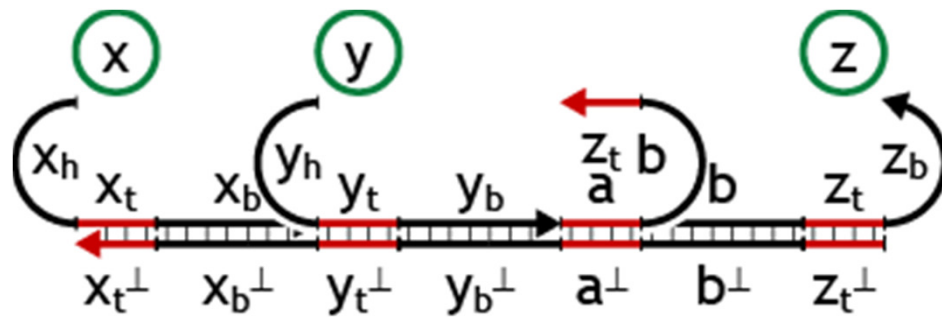
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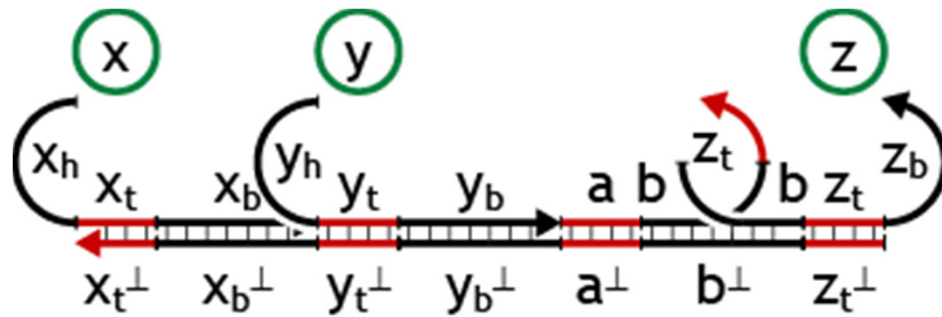
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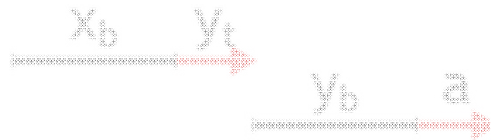
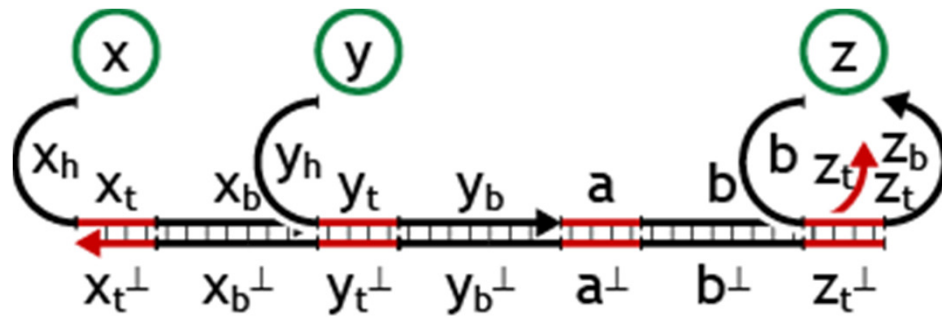
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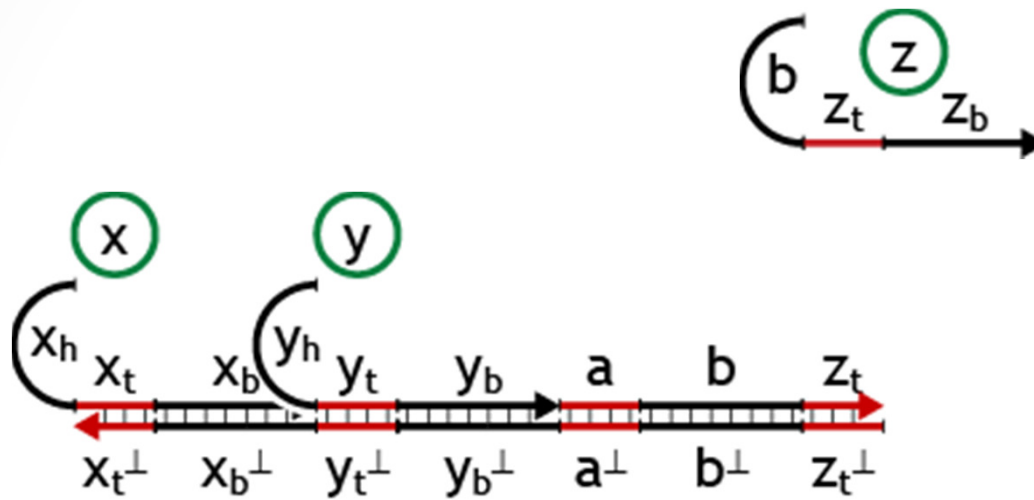
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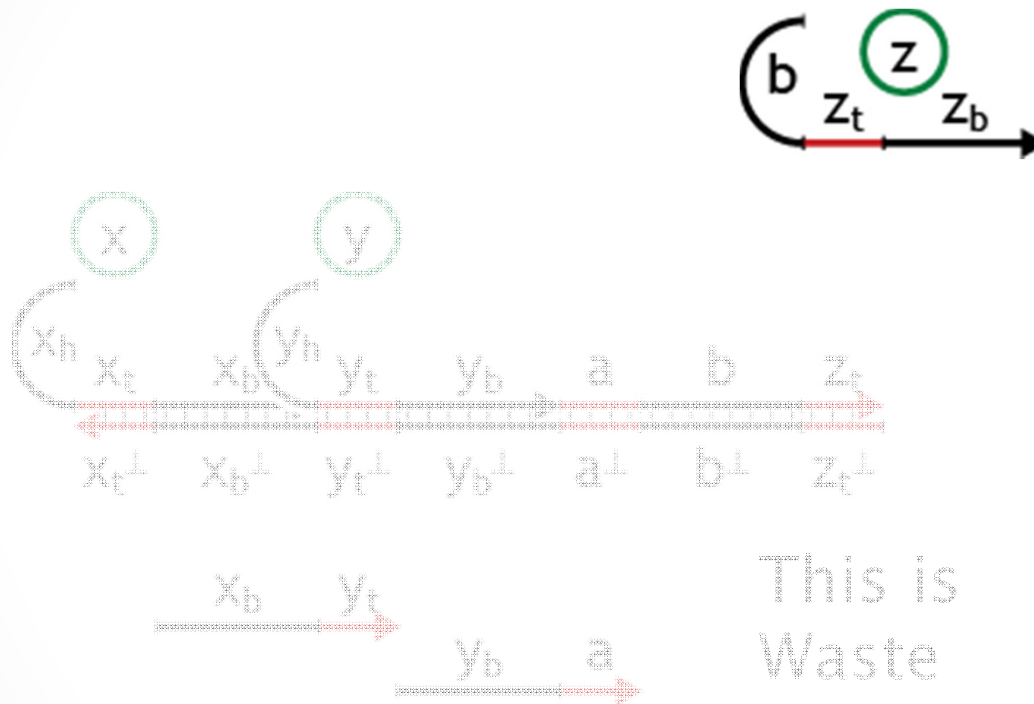
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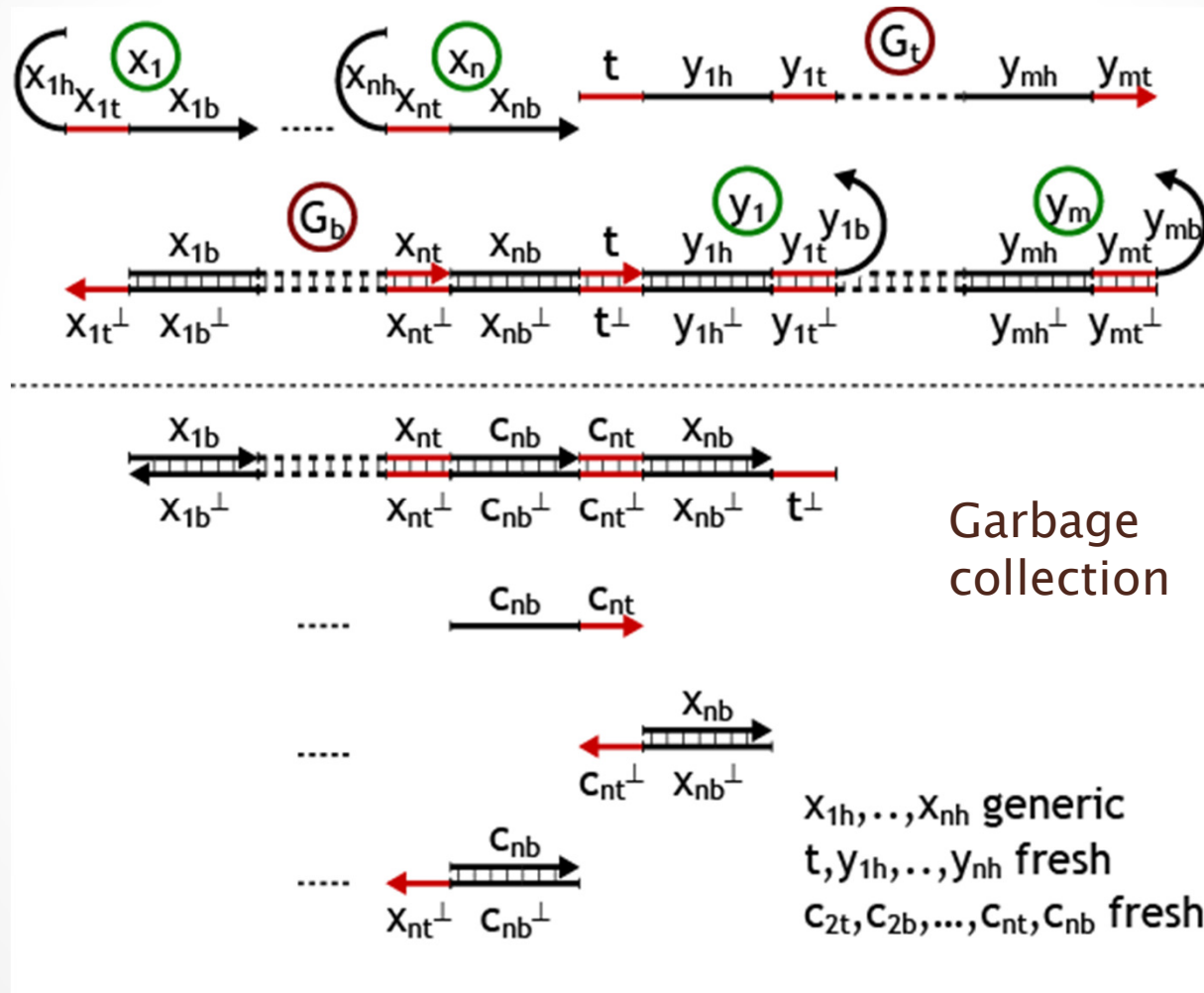
Join Gate



Join Gate



General n-Join/m-Fork Gate



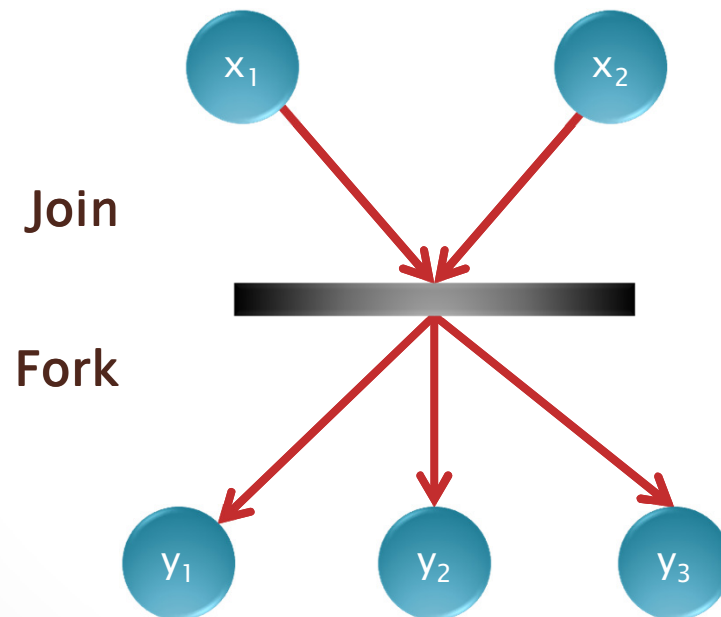
Gate Design Verification

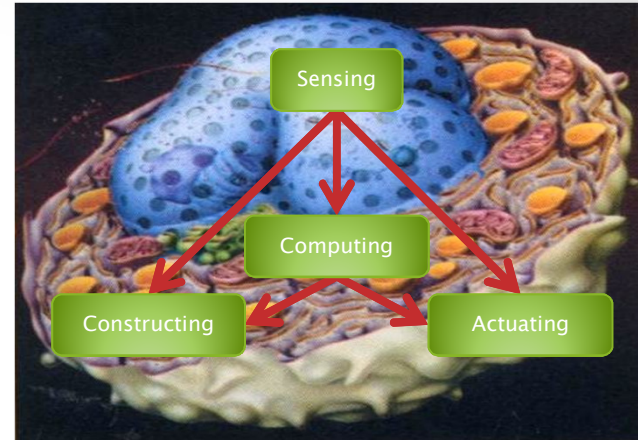
- Active garbage
 - The active join residuals slow down the performance of following joins.
 - → Add a garbage collector to remove the active residuals.
- Interference between gates
 - The join garbage collector interferes with the fork gate.
 - → Modify the fork gate to remove the interference.
- What else could go wrong?
 - Endless possibilities.
 - → Prove that the fork/join gate structures correctly implement fork/join in all larger circuits.

Strand Algebra

$$x_1 \mid \dots \mid x_n \mid [x_1, \dots, x_n] \cdot [y_1, \dots, y_m] \rightarrow y_1 \mid \dots \mid y_m$$

- Join + Fork + Populations = (Stochastic) Petri Nets





Curing

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A Doctor in Each Cell

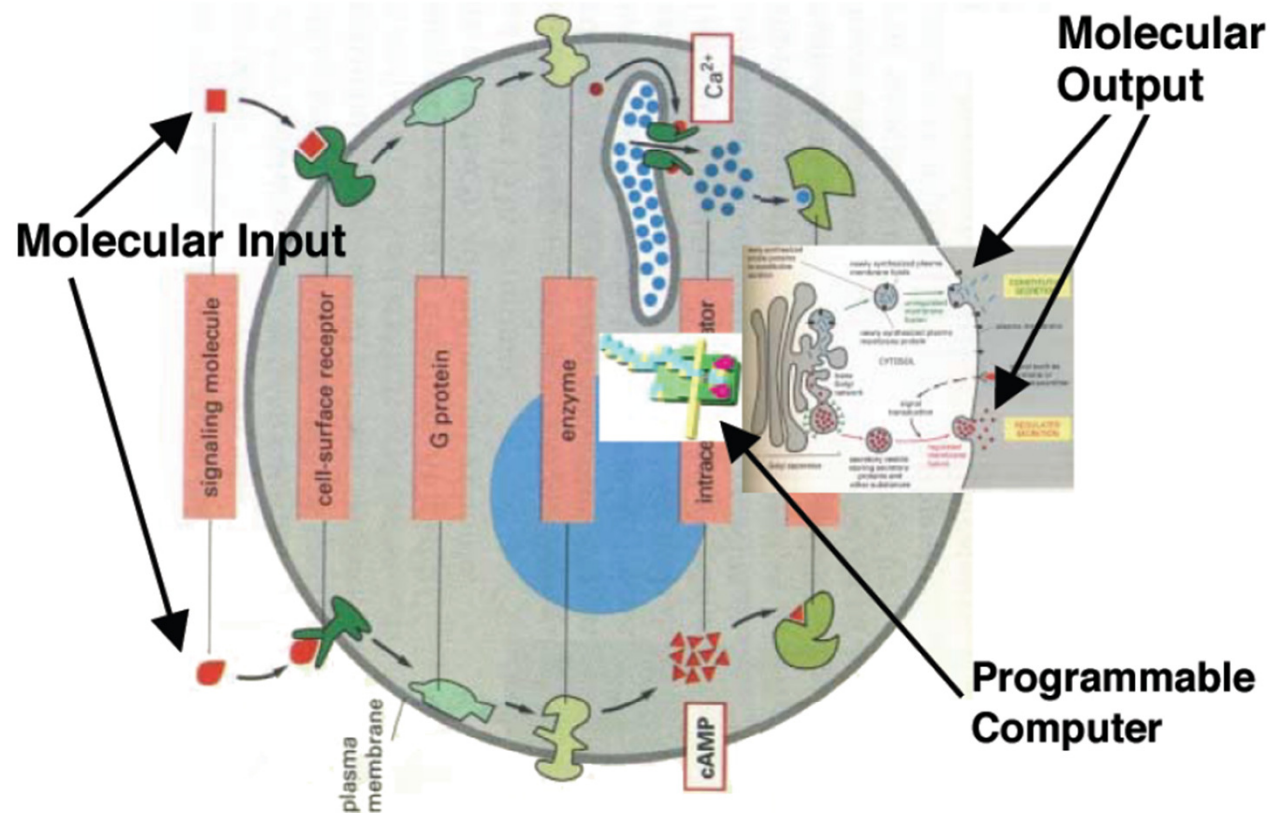


Fig. 1 Medicine in 2050: "Doctor in a Cell"

Ehud Shapiro

Rivka Adar
Kobi Benenson
Gregory Linshitz
Aviv Regev
William Silverman

**Molecules and
computation**

Tools

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Sequence Design

NUPACK BETA
nucleic acid package

Analysis Design Downloads

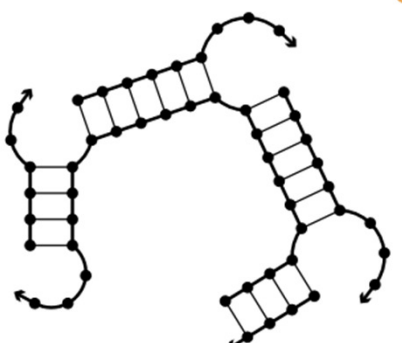
Input References Demos Help

Nucleic acid type: RNA DNA

Number of designs: 1

Target structure: ((((...+((((...+((((...+((((+))))))))))))))...)) **Input**

Preview:



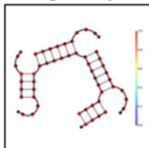
A green arrow points from the bottom of the RNA structure to the text below.

NUPACK BETA
nucleic acid package

Analysis Design Downloads

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Designability summary



Sequence designs

Average percentage of correct nucleotides	Average number of incorrect nucleotides	GC content	Sequence
99.1%	0.475	74.5%	GGCCUC+GCAAGCACC+GCC AGCUUG+GCUC+GAGCGCUG GCGCUUGCGGCCGUG Output

Analyze

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So we can in principle work at this level.

Visual DSD

A Strand Displacement Simulator

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Matthew Lakin, Simon Youssef, Andrew Phillips

<http://lepton.research.microsoft.com/webdna/>

Syntax

A programming language for composable DNA circuits

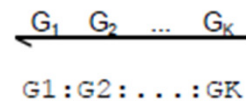
Andrew Phillips* and Luca Cardelli

A. Syntax of DNA molecules D

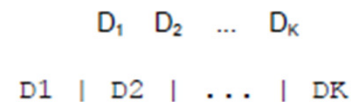
Upper strand with sequence complementary to S



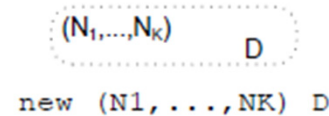
Molecule with segments G_1, \dots, G_K



Parallel molecules D_1, \dots, D_K



Molecules D with private domains N_1, \dots, N_K

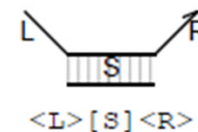


B. Syntax of DNA segments G

Lower strand with toehold N^c

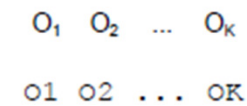


Double strand with sequence S and overhangs L, R

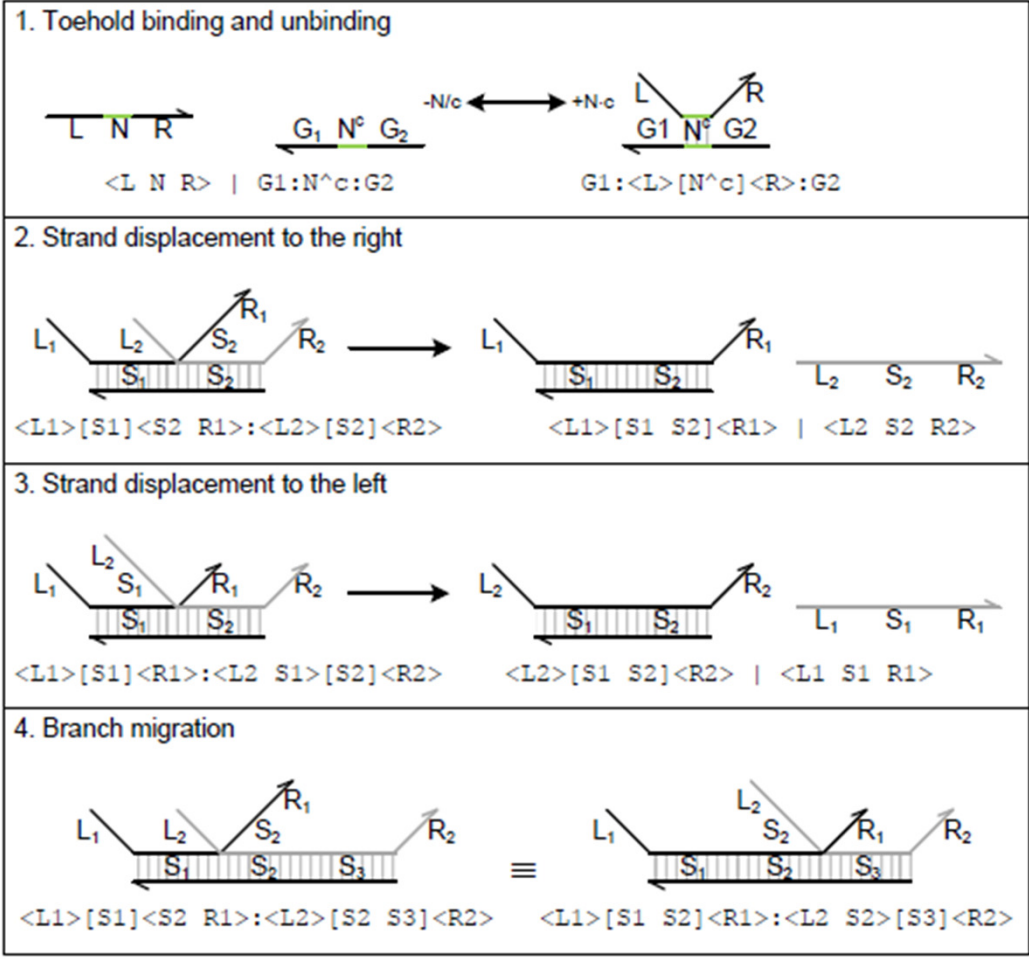


C. Syntax of DNA sequences S, L, R

Sequence of domains O_1, \dots, O_K



Dynamics



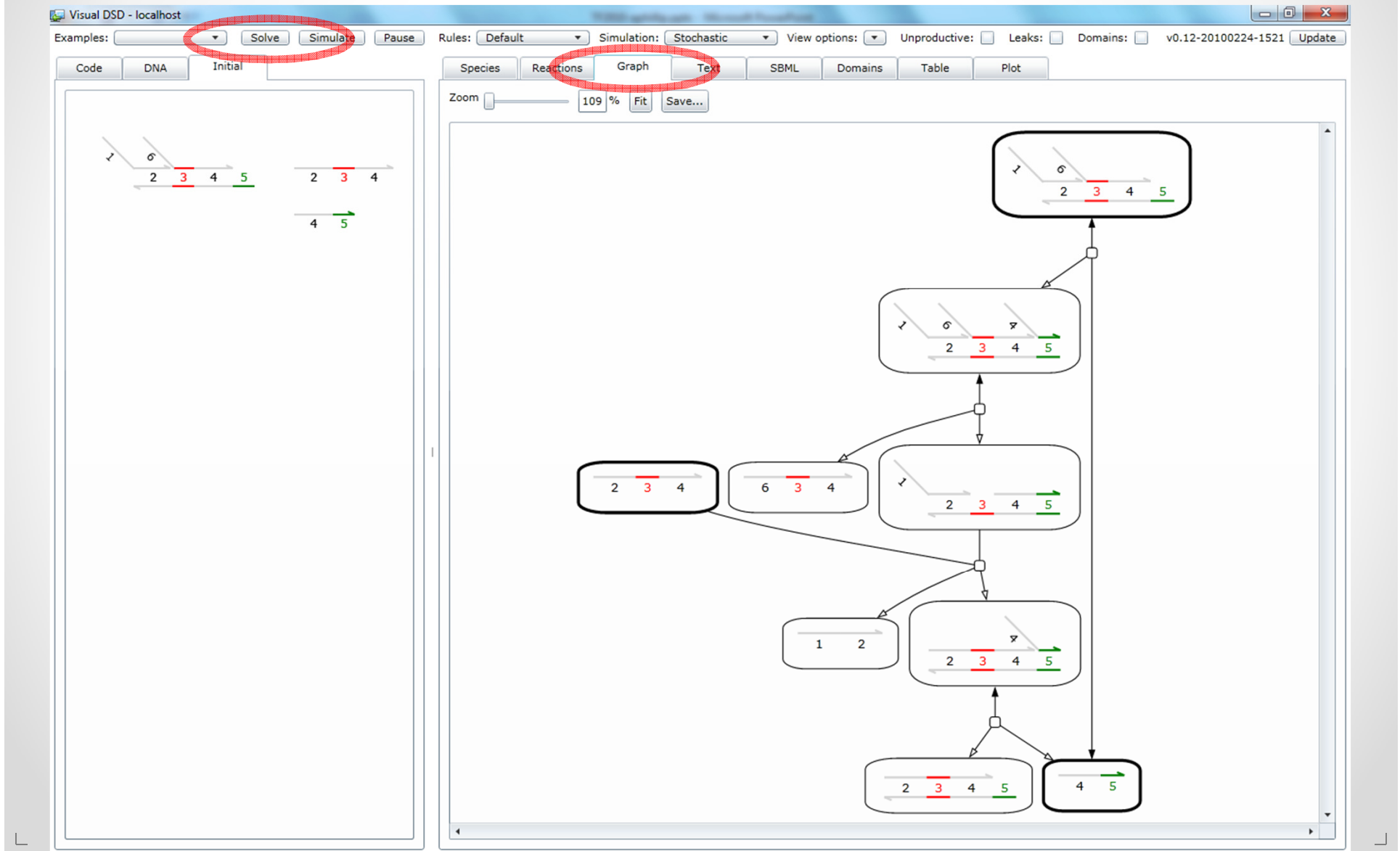
Initial Species

The screenshot displays the Visual DSD software interface. The window title is "Visual DSD - localhost". The top toolbar includes buttons for "Solve", "Simulate", and "Pause", along with dropdown menus for "Rules" (Default) and "Simulation" (Stochastic). There are also checkboxes for "View options", "Unproductive", "Leaks", and "Domains", and a version number "v0.12-20100224-1521" with an "Update" button.

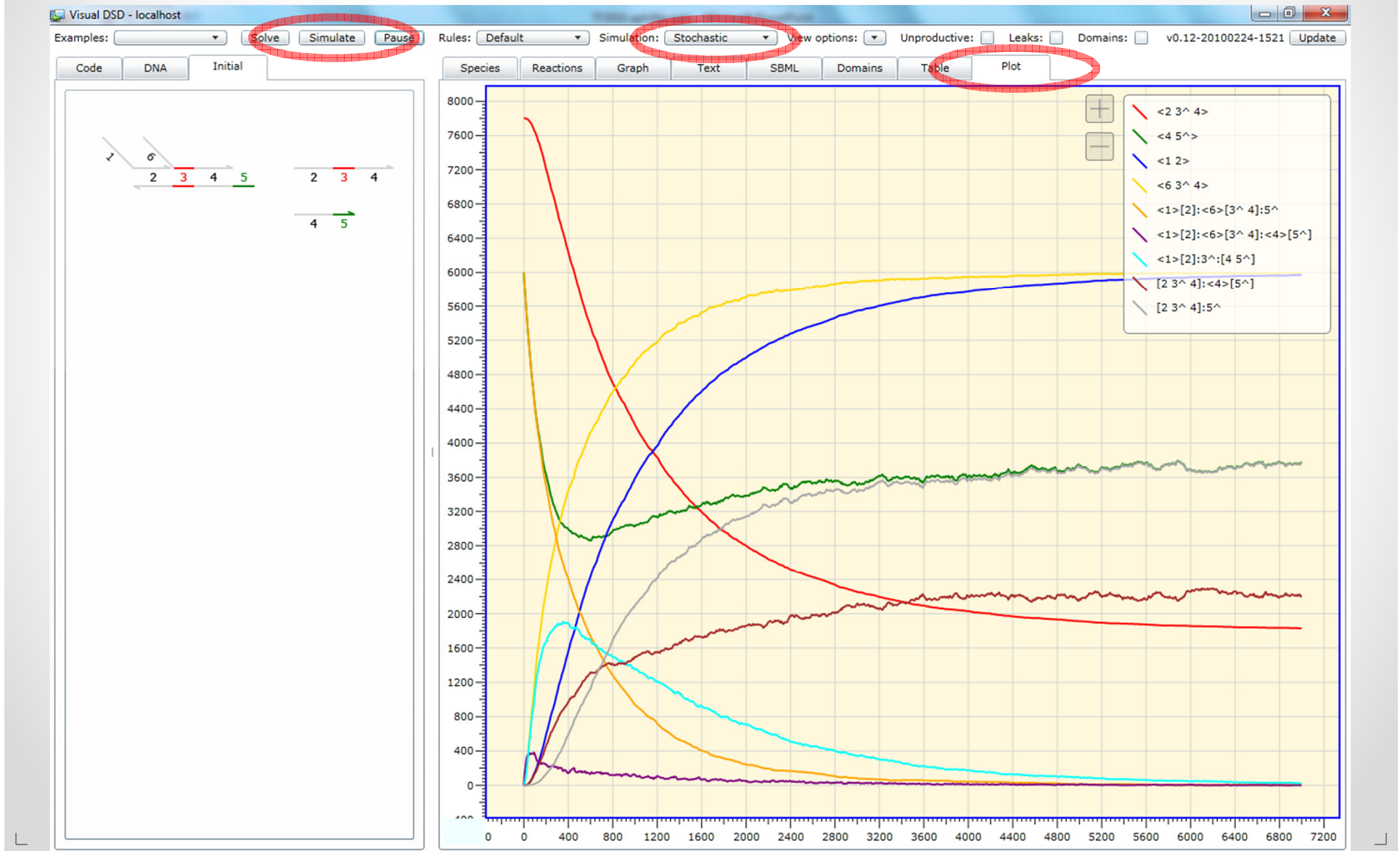
The main interface is divided into two panes. The left pane has three tabs: "Code", "DNA", and "Initial". The "Initial" tab is currently selected and highlighted with a red dashed circle. Below the tabs, a diagram shows a DNA strand with segments labeled 2, 3, 4, and 5. Segment 3 is red, and segment 5 is green. To the right of the DNA strand, there are two horizontal arrows: the top one has segments 2, 3, and 4, with segment 3 red; the bottom one has segments 4 and 5, with segment 5 green.

The right pane has tabs for "Species", "Reactions", "Graph", "Text", "SBML", "Domains", "Table", and "Plot". The "Graph" tab is selected. Above the graph area, there is a "Zoom" slider set to 109%, and buttons for "Fit" and "Save...". The graph area itself is currently empty.

Reaction Graph



Simulation

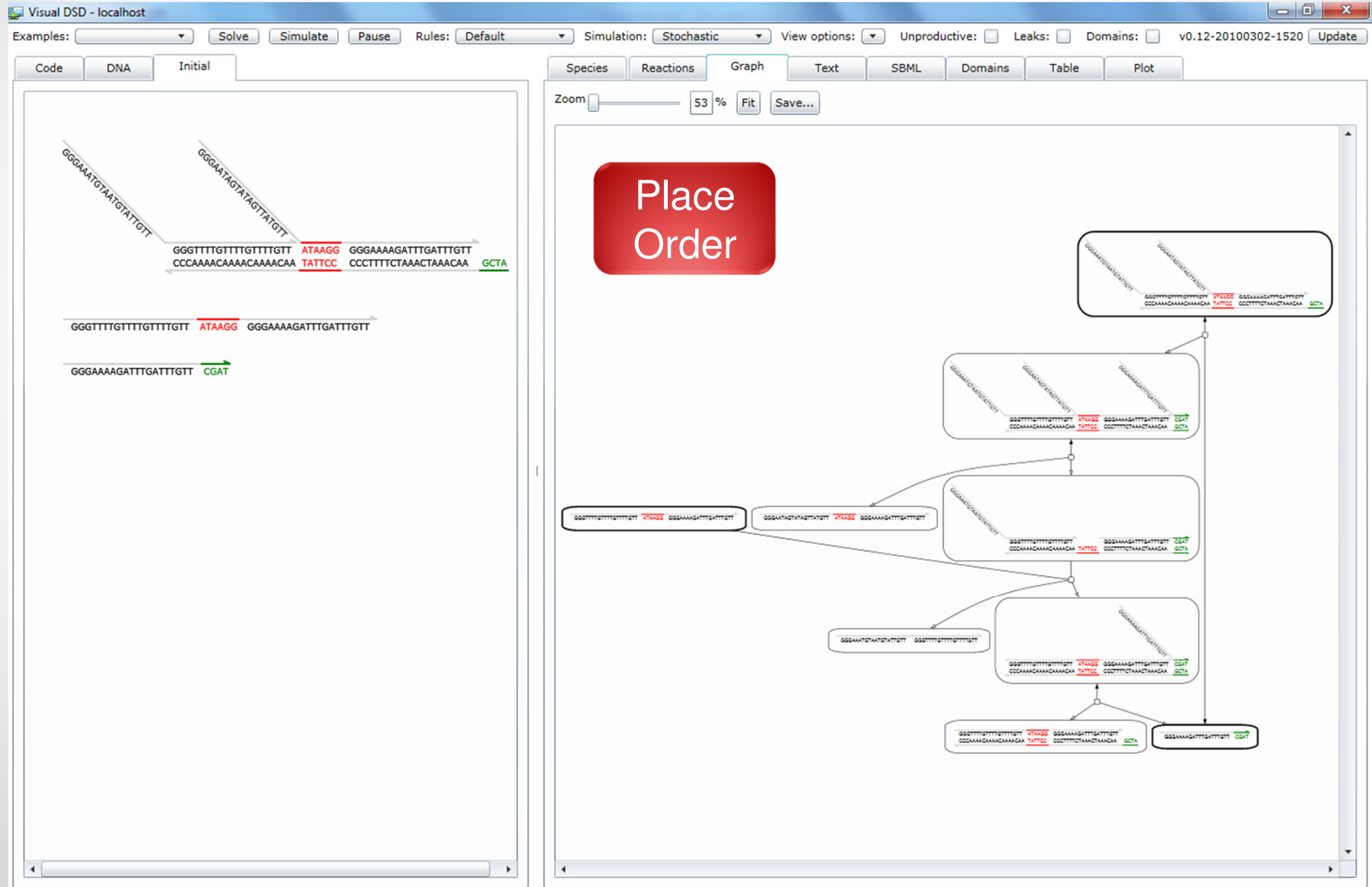


DNA Sequences

The screenshot shows the Visual DSD software interface. The title bar reads "Visual DSD - localhost". The main menu includes "Solve", "Simulate", "Pause", "Rules: Default", "Simulation: Stochastic", "View options:", "Unproductive:", "Leaks:", "Domains:", "v0.12-20100302-1033", and "Update". The "SEML" tab is highlighted with a red circle. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Code**: Includes "DNA" and "Initial" sub-tabs. A "Check sequences" checkbox is checked, and a "Reset" button is present.
- TOEHOLD SEQUENCES**: A list of 15 DNA sequences: TATTCC, GCTA, GTCA, TACCAA, CATCG, ACTACAC, CTCAG, CTCAATC, CCTACG, TCTCCA, CCCT, GACA, ACCT, TAGCCA, CACACA, AGAC.
- SPECIFICITY SEQUENCES**: A scrollable list of 25 DNA sequences, including: CCCAAAACAAAACAAAACAA, CCCTTTTCTAACTAAACAA, CCCTTTACATTACATAACAA, CCCTTATCATATCAATACAA, CCCTTAACTTAAACAAATCTA, CCCTATTCAATTCAAATCAA, CCCTATACTATACAATACTA, CCCTAATCTAATCATAACTA, CCCTAAACTTATCTAAACAT, CCCATTTCAAATCAAACCTT, CCCATTACTAATCAATTCAA, CCCATATCTATACATTACAA, CCCATAACTATTCTAAACTA, CCCAATTCTTAAACATACAA, CCCAATACTATTCTAAACAT, CCCAAATCTTAACTATACTA, CCTATACCTTAACTTAAACAA, CCATATCCATAACTTTACAA, CCATAACCTATACTTATCAA, CCATTTCCCTTTCTTAACTA, CCATTACCATATCTTATCAT, CAAAACCATAAACATAACTT.
- SEML**: A large text area displaying a list of sequences with their corresponding codons: 3^ --> TATTCC, 5^ --> GCTA, 1 --> CCCTTTACATTACATAACAA, 2 --> CCCAAAACAAAACAAAACAA, 4 --> CCCTTTTCTAAACTAAACAA, 6 --> CCCTTATCATATCAATACAA.

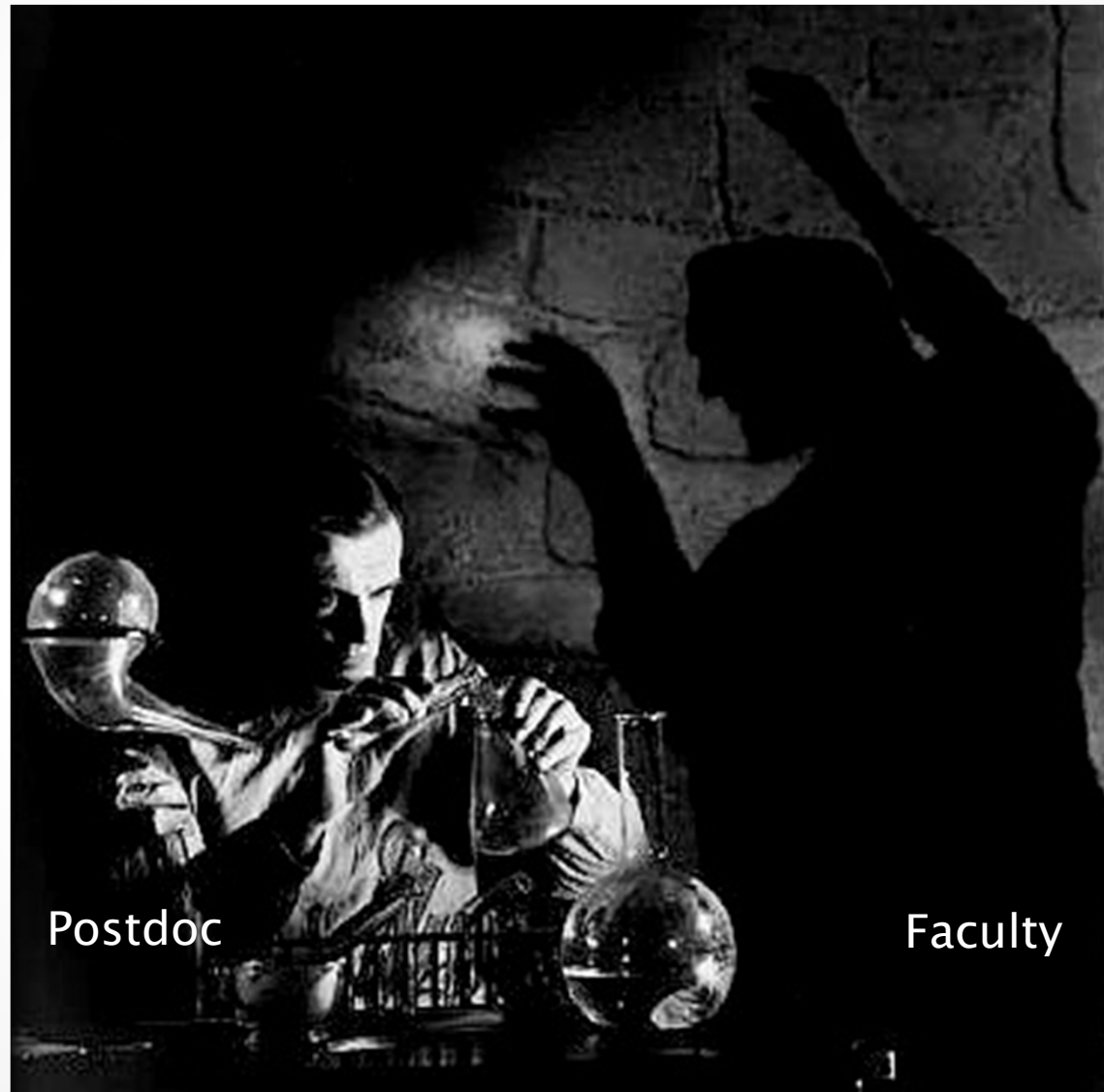
Final DNA Circuit



Experiments

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How are they Actually Done?

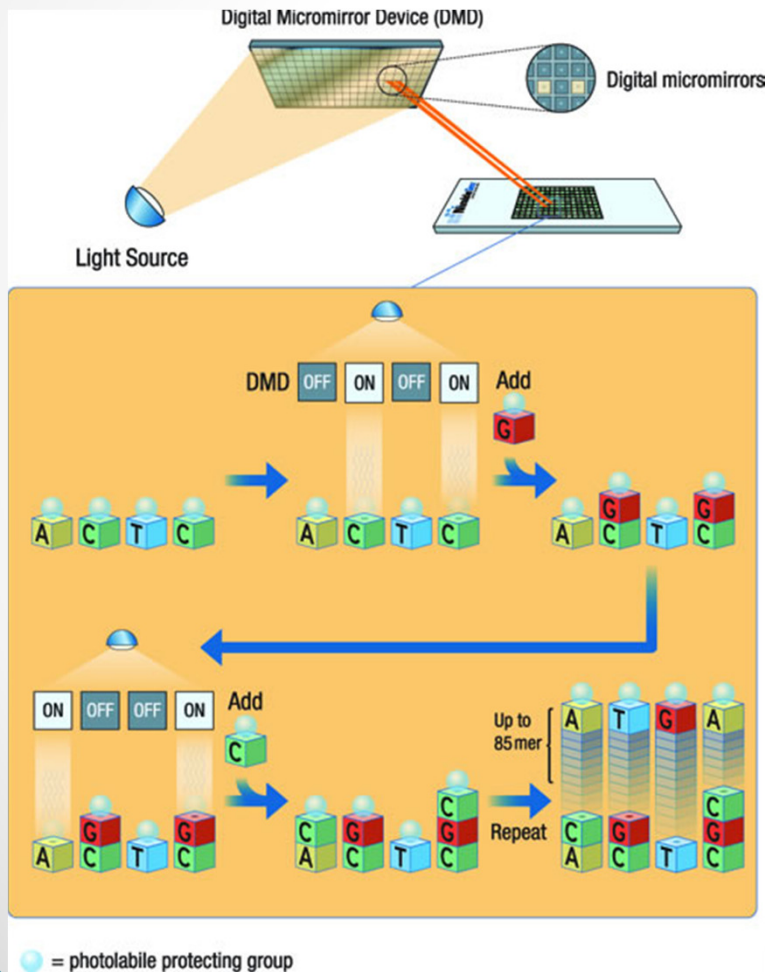


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Sequences to DNA

Oligonucleotide Synthesis



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Base Pricing		
Synthesis Scale	Price	
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5 µmole DNA oligo	£7.50 GBP / Base	Order
10 µmole DNA oligo	£14.50 GBP / Base	Order

Custom DNA/RNA Pricing (USD)

DNA(mg)	Desalted	Purified
15	\$700	\$1,050
50	\$1,200	\$1,450
100	\$1,500	\$1,800
250	\$2,000	\$2,400
500	\$2,900	\$3,400
1000	\$4,550	\$5,400
5000	\$9,000	\$10,700

RNA(mg)	Desalted	Purified
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15	\$1,950	\$2,490
50	\$2,050	\$2,625
100	\$2,575	\$3,575
250	\$4,575	\$5,725
500	\$7,900	\$9,190
1000	\$13,900	\$15,900
5000		\$37,125

Please inquire for larger quantities

Wait 24 Hours

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DNA by Mail



Spec Sheet

Order No. **5654436**
Ref. No. **49499576**
250 nmole DNA oligo, 69 bases

XXE IDT
Integrated DNA Technologies
Oligonucleotide Specification Sheet

12-Jan-2010

Sequence - Gb_bot
5'- GAG GAG GTT GTG AAG TAA TGC GTG AGA TGT GAT TGT GTT ATG GTG AGG GTA AAA GGT GAA
TTG GAG GAG -3'

Properties	Amount Of Oligo	Shipped To
T_m (50mM NaCl): 69.2 °C GC Content: 44.9% Molecular Weight: 21,834.2 nmoles/OD260: 1.4 vg/OD260: 30.5 Ext. Coefficient: 716,900 L/(mole*cm)	72.5 = 101.1 = 2.21 OD 260 nMoles mg	DAVID SOLOVECHIK CALTECH 1200 E CALIFORNIA BLVD PASADENA, CA 91125 USA 6263955707 Customer No. 154247 PO No. 1044129

Secondary Structure Calculations
Lowest folding free energy (kcal/mole): 1.11 at 25 °C
Strongest Folding T_m : 11.3 °C

Oligo Base Types	Quantity
DNA Bases	69

Modifications And Services

Modifications And Services	Quantity
Standard Desalting	1

Mfg. ID 42156359 Labels - Peel Here

49499576 XXE IDT	49499576 XXE IDT
D. SOLOVECHIK 19-Jan-2010	D. SOLOVECHIK 19-Jan-2010
42156359	42156359
OD_260	OD_260
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T_m =69.2°C MW =21,834.2	T_m =69.2°C MW =21,834.2
72.5 OD = 101.1 nM = 2.21mg	72.5 OD = 101.1 nM = 2.21mg

INSTRUCTIONS

- Lyophilized contents may appear as either a translucent film or a white powder. This variance does not affect the quality of the oligo
- Please centrifuge tubes prior to opening. Some of the product may have been dislodged during shipping.

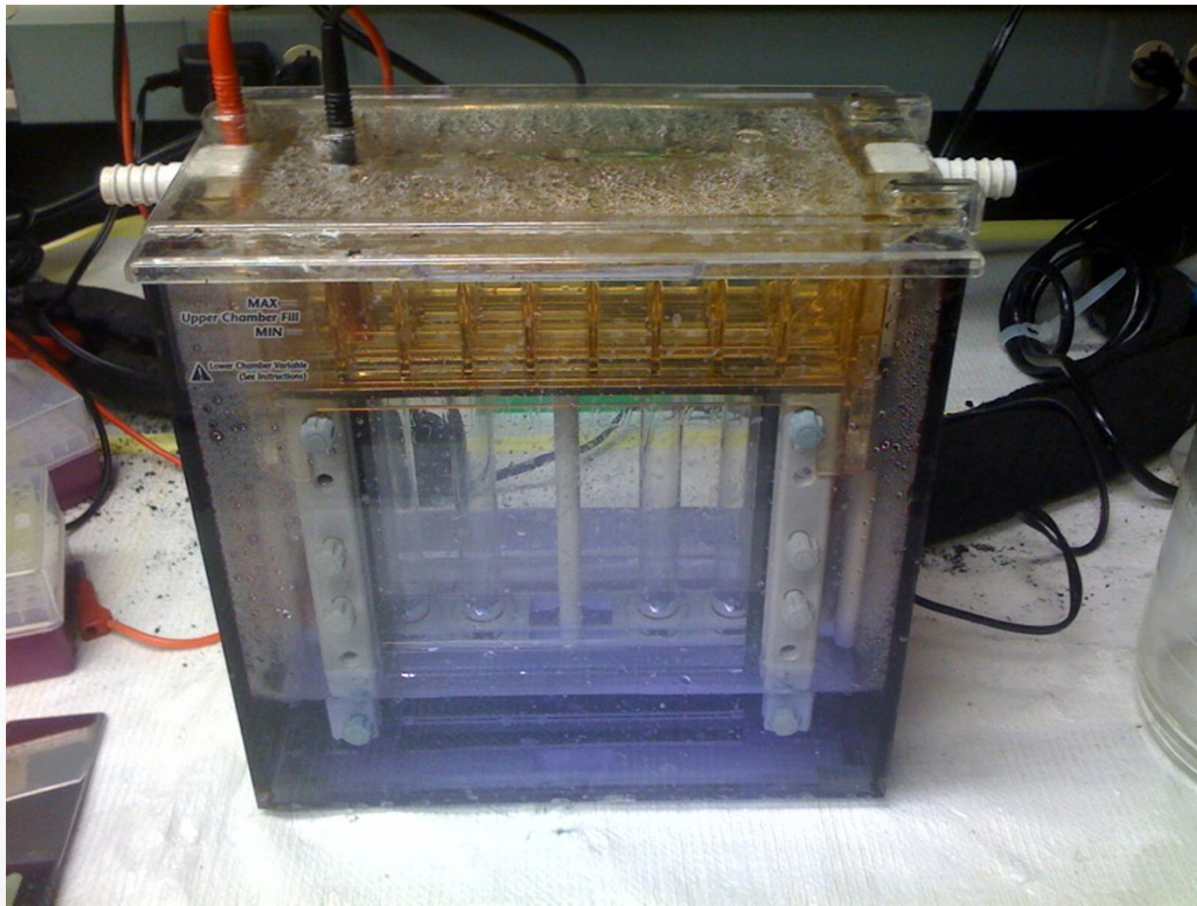
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Add Water



Put DNA into Gel

- Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE)
- Sorts DNA strands by length

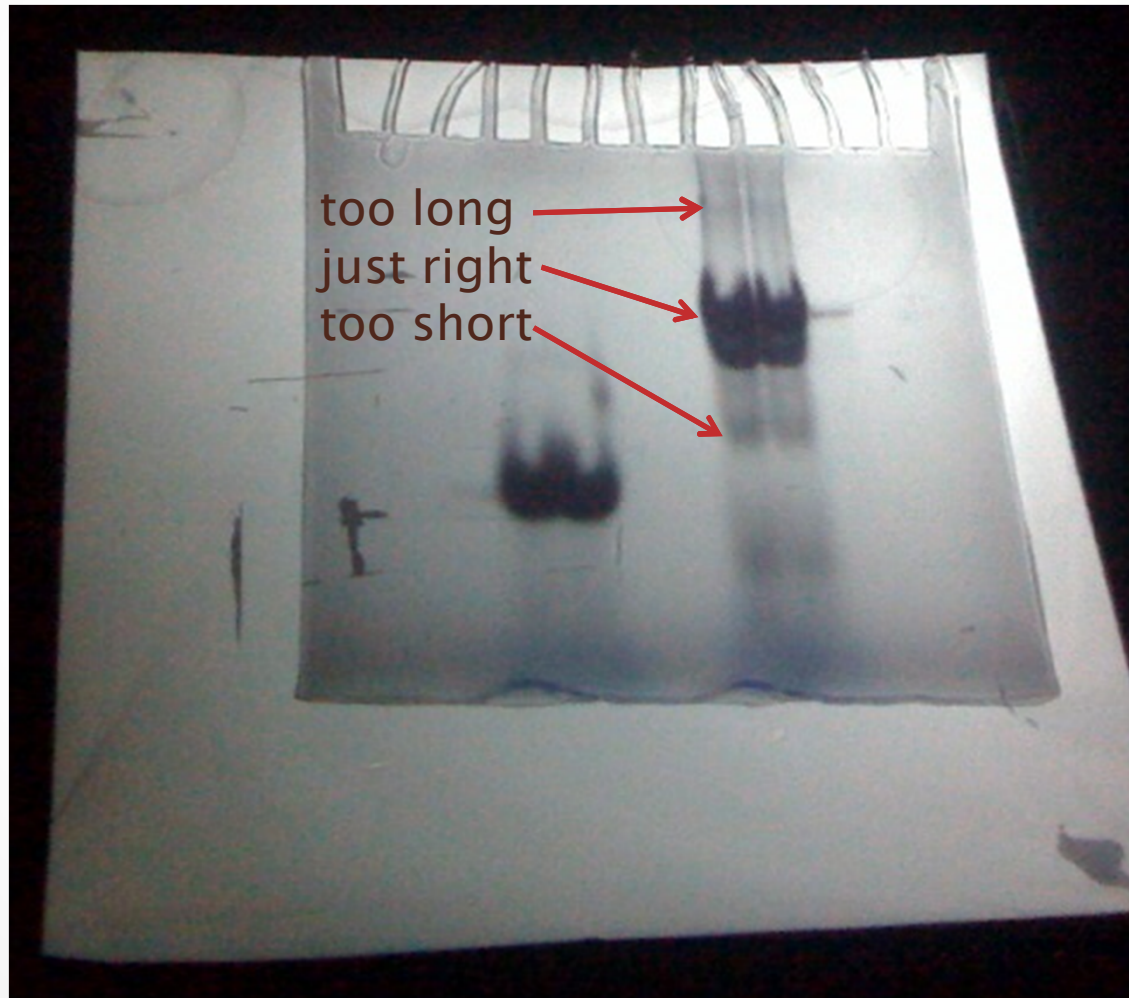


Wait 6 Hours

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Get DNA out of Gel

- Find DNA with ultraviolet light. Cut it out.



Wait 12 Hours

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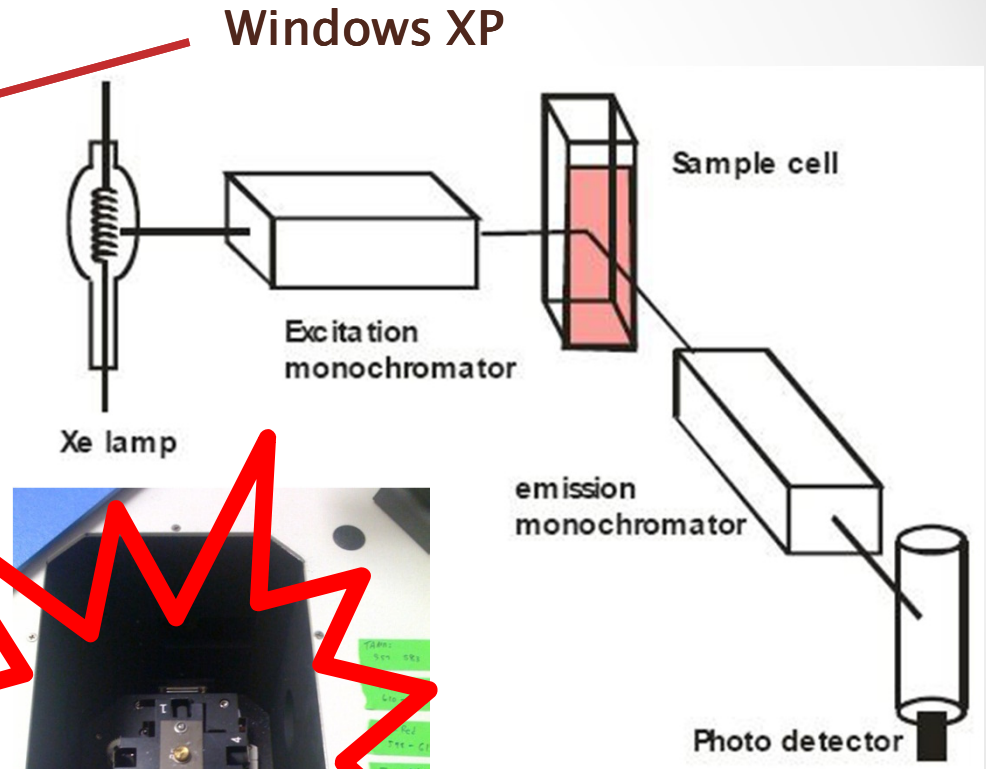
Mix DNA Up

- Screaming for robotic automation



Spectrofluorometer

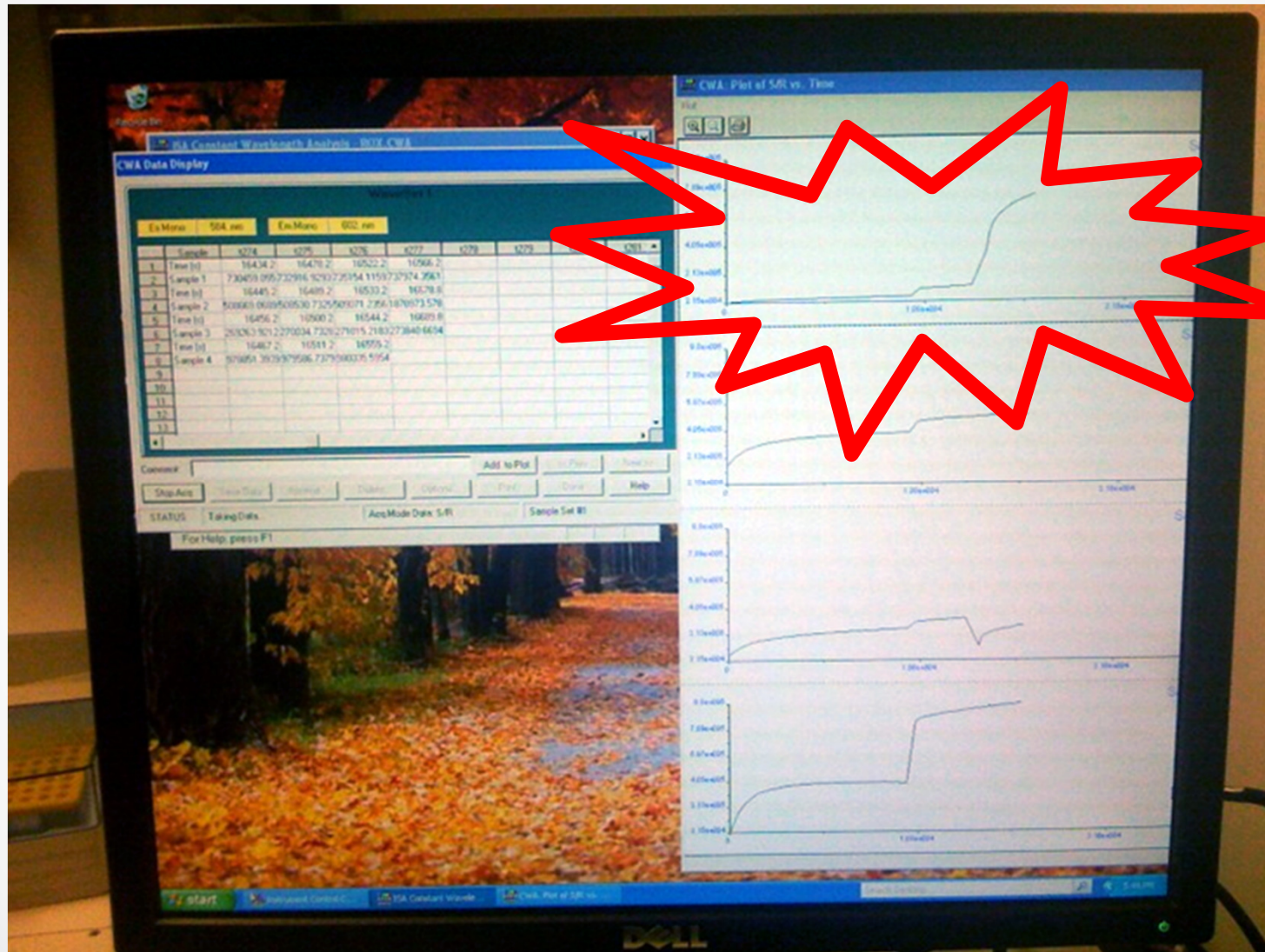
- Fluorescence is your 'print' statement



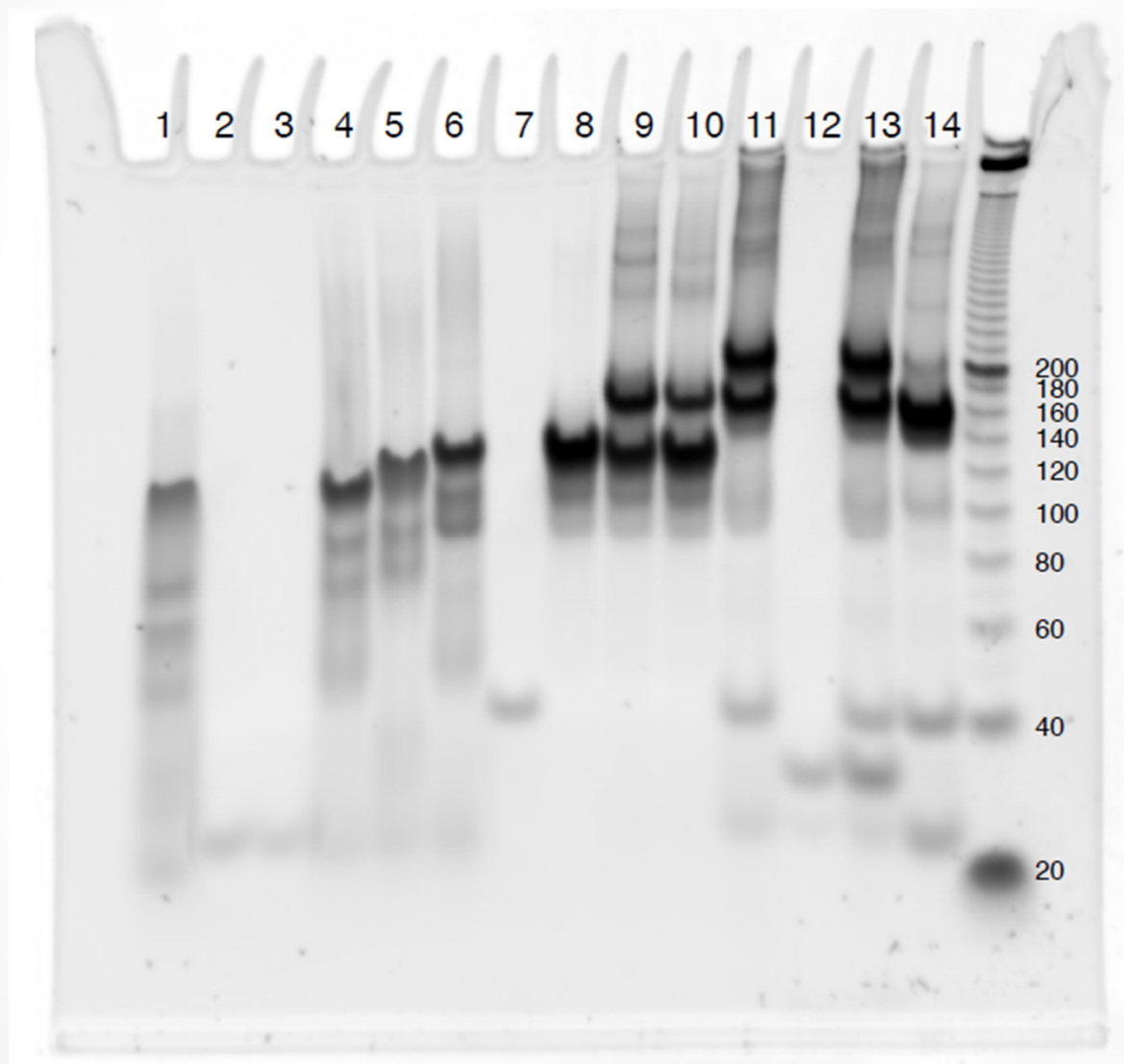
Go To Lunch

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Execution Trace



Core Dump



RINSE
&
Repeat
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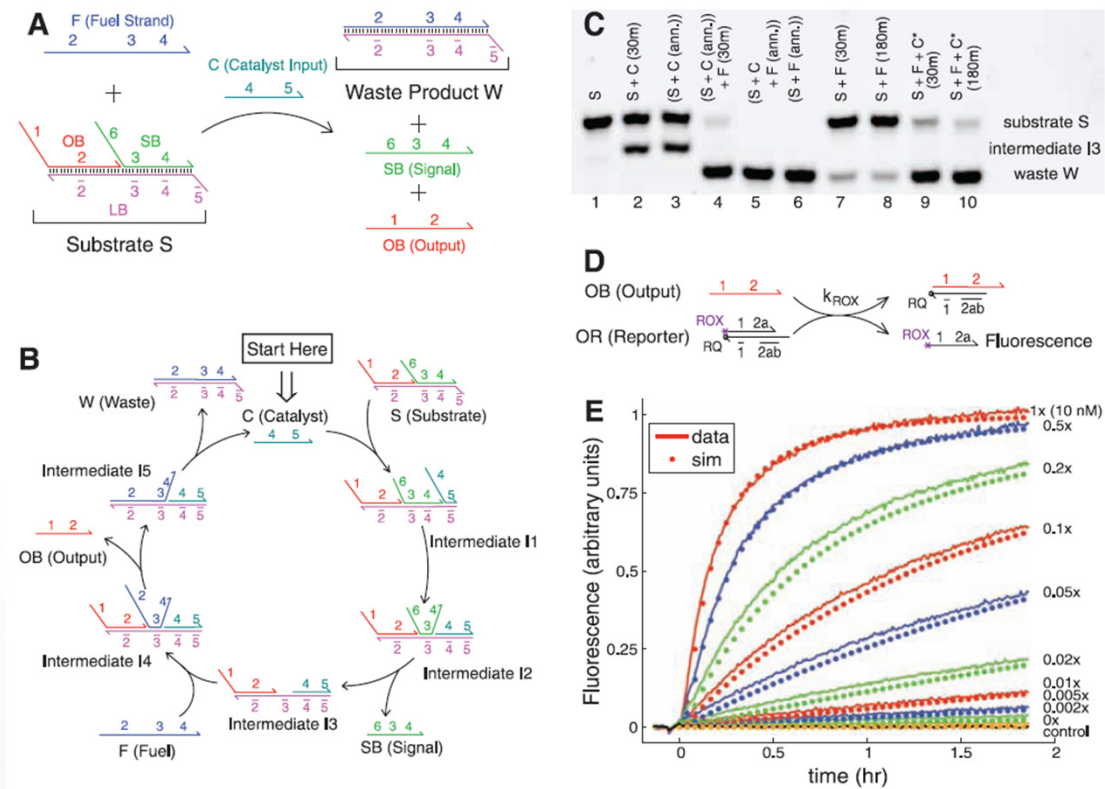
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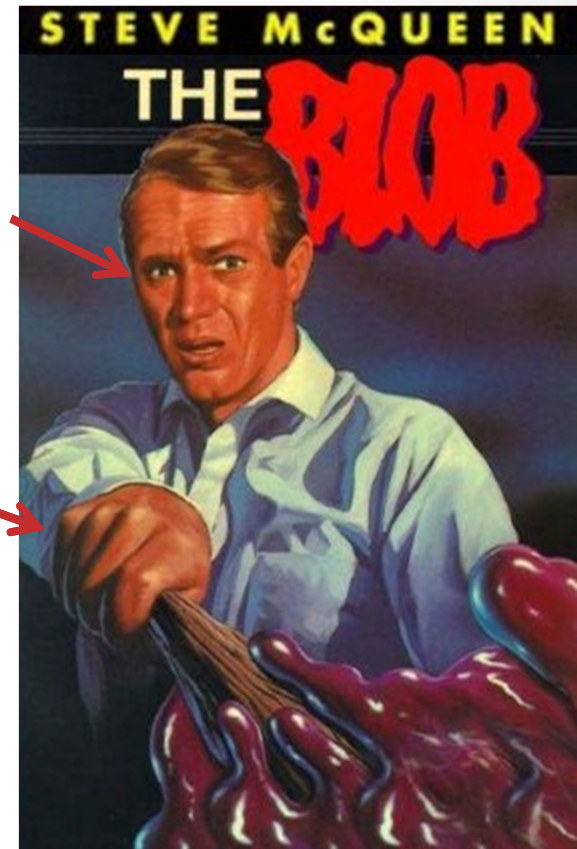


Health and Safety

- Don't try this at home
 - (Although you could)
- Latex gloves, UV glasses
 - Fear the Gel (acrylamide)
 - Fear the Light (UV)
- Otherwise safe
 - No smells
 - No fires
 - No biohazards
 - No life forms
- Most complex machines:
 - Gel machine
 - Fluorometer
 - Atomic force microscope
- Most dangerous activity:
 - Replacing the light bulb in the fluorometer (hot; may explode)

Not wearing glasses

Not wearing gloves



DNA Compilation

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Compilers

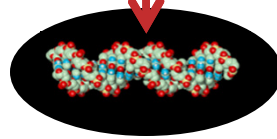
Monolithic
Compilers



Language
Design #1

Boolean
Networks

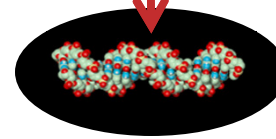
Language
Implementation #1



Language
Design #2

Petri
Nets

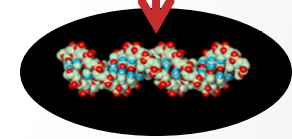
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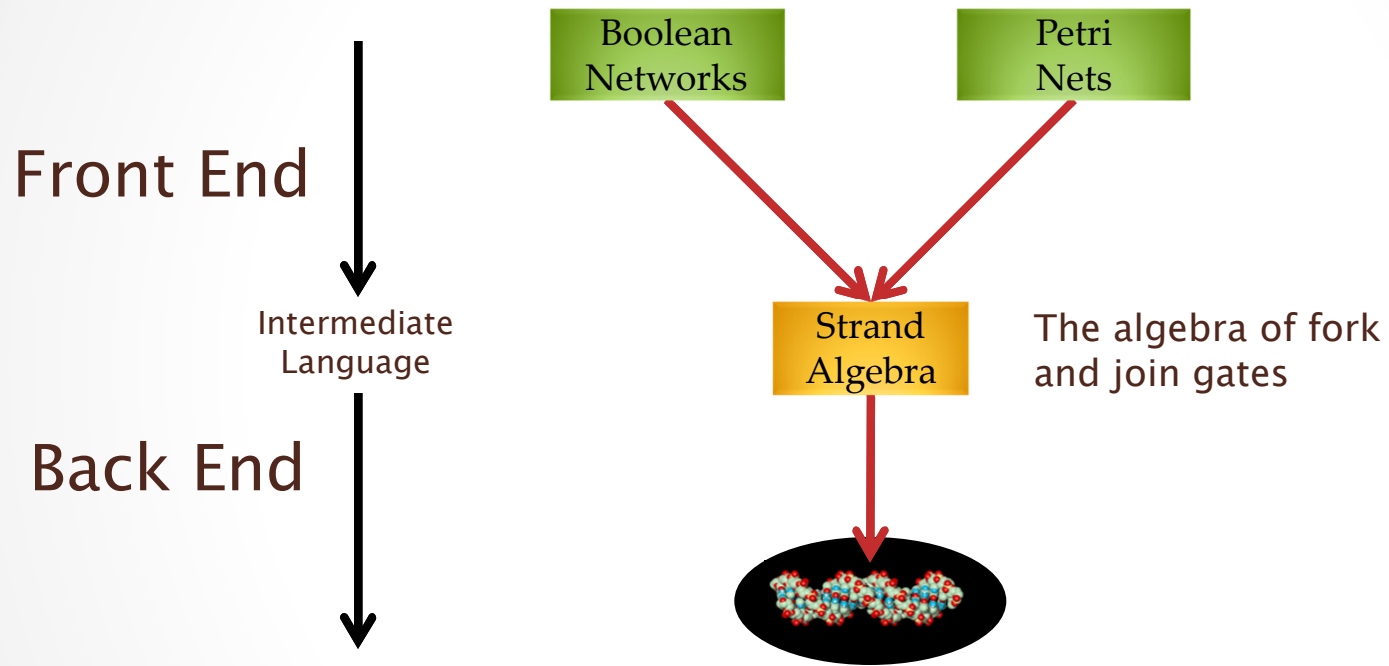
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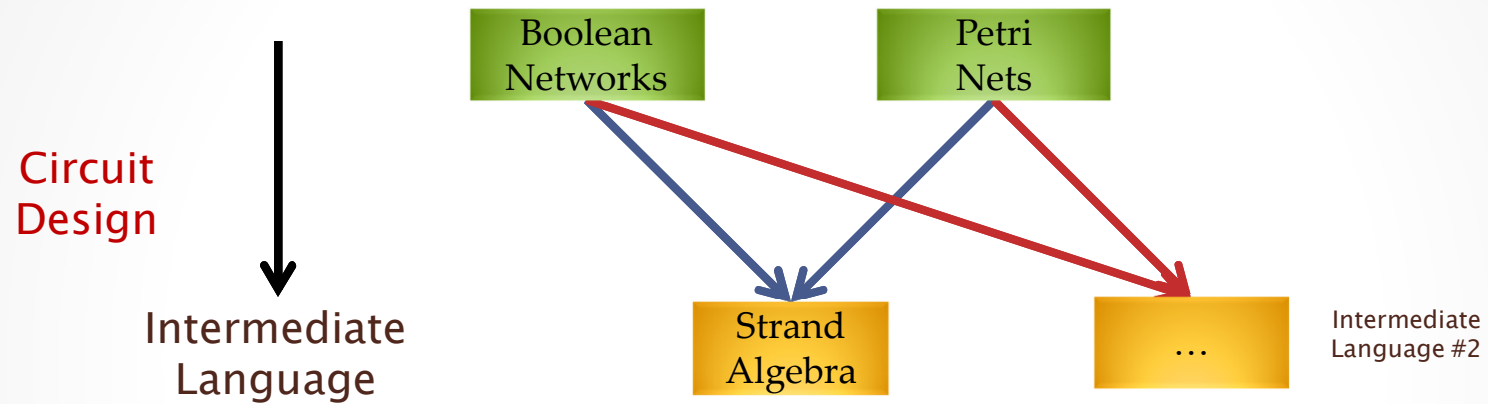
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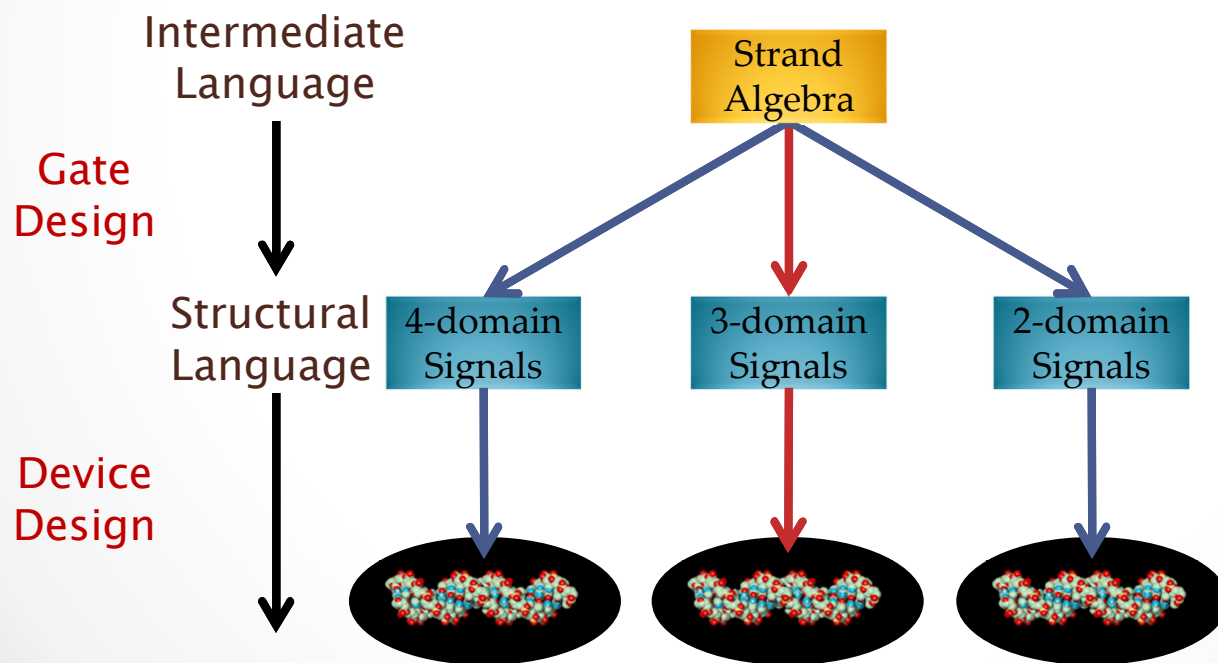
Intermediate Languages



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Back Ends

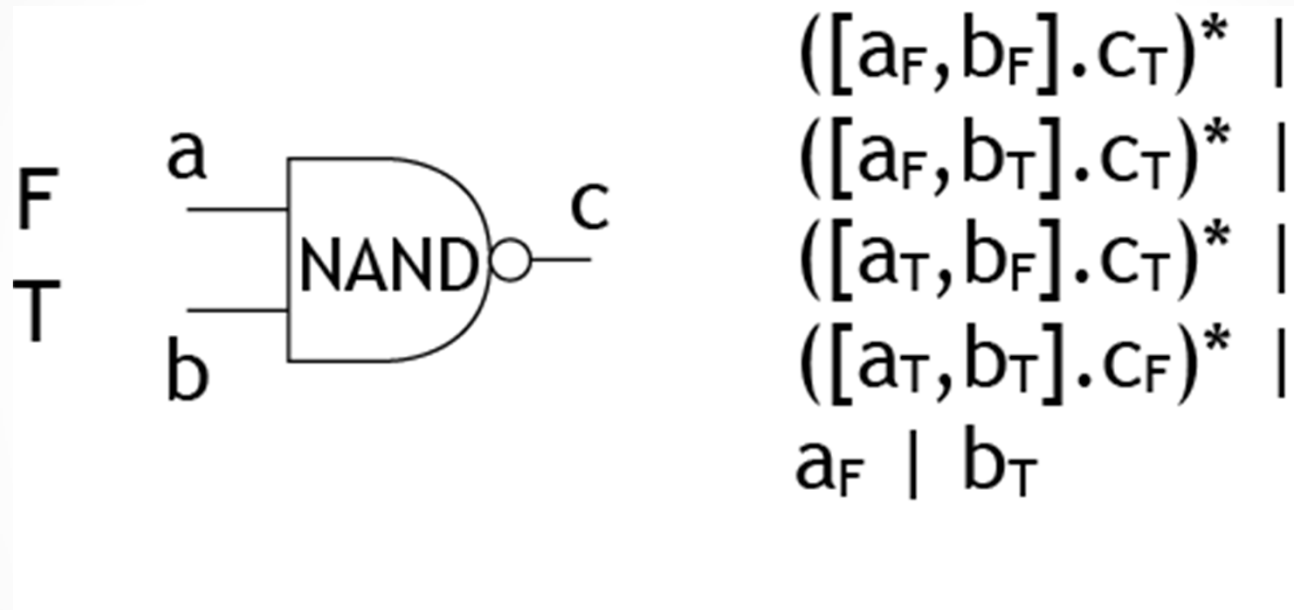


Compiling Abstract Machines

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Boolean Networks

Boolean Networks to Strand Algebra

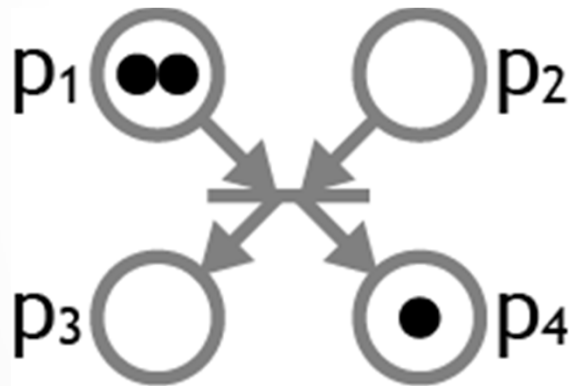


- This encoding is *compositional*, and can encode *any* Boolean network:
- multi-stage networks can be assembled (**combinatorial logic**)
 - network loops are allowed (**sequential logic**)

Petri Nets

Petri Nets to Strand Algebra

Transitions as Gates
Place markings as Signals



$$([p_1, p_2] \cdot [p_3, p_4])^* \mid p_1 \mid p_1 \mid p_4$$

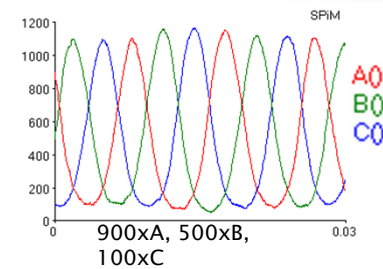
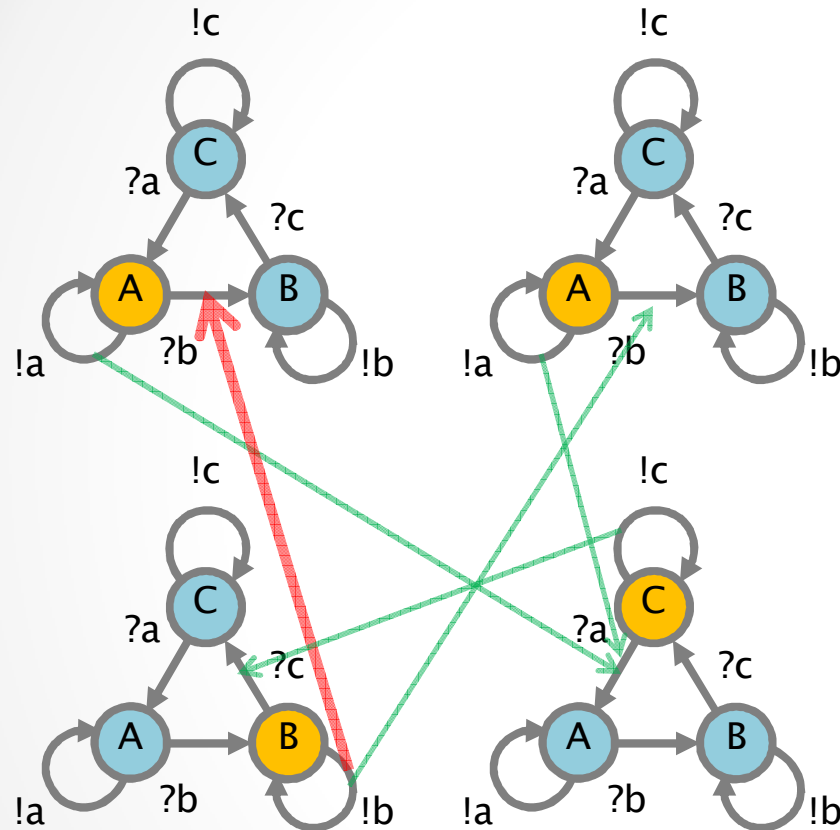
Chemical Reaction Networks

Implementing an arbitrary finite chemical system in
DNA with asymptotically correct kinetics
Soloveichik & al. DNA 15

Species become signals
Reactions become gates



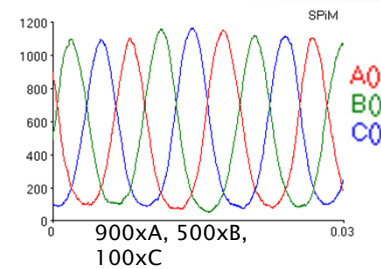
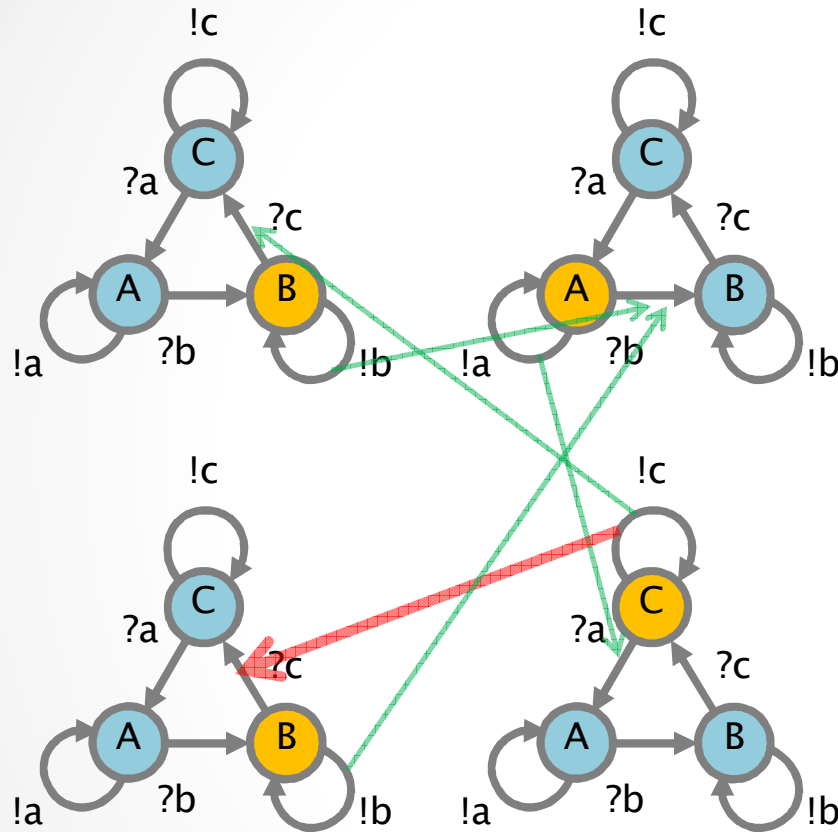
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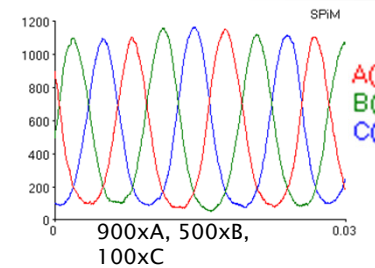
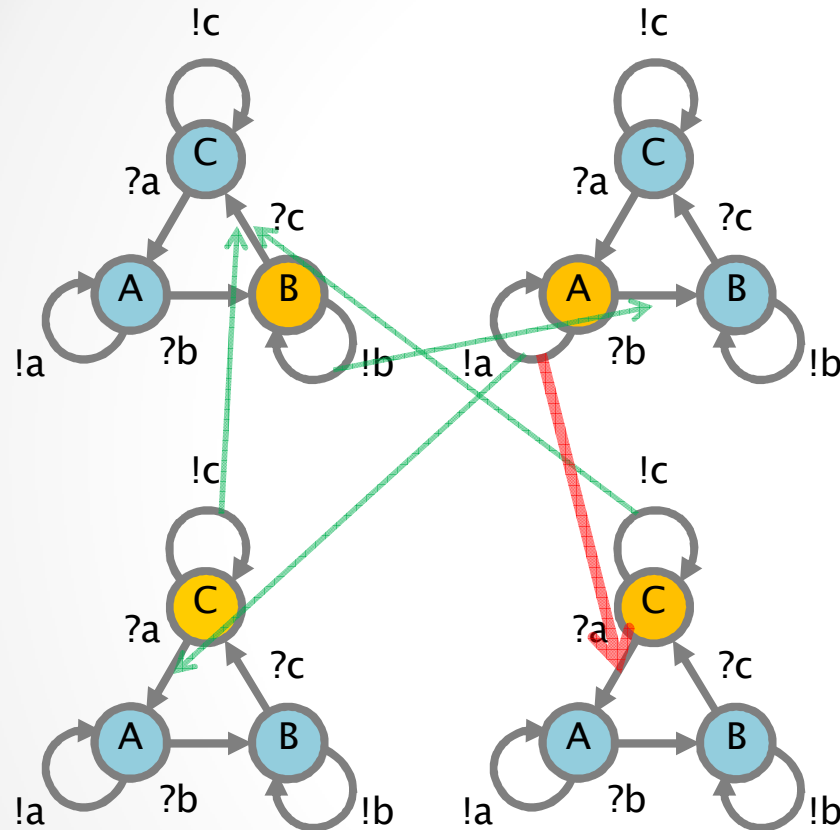
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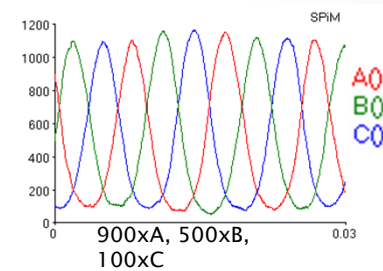
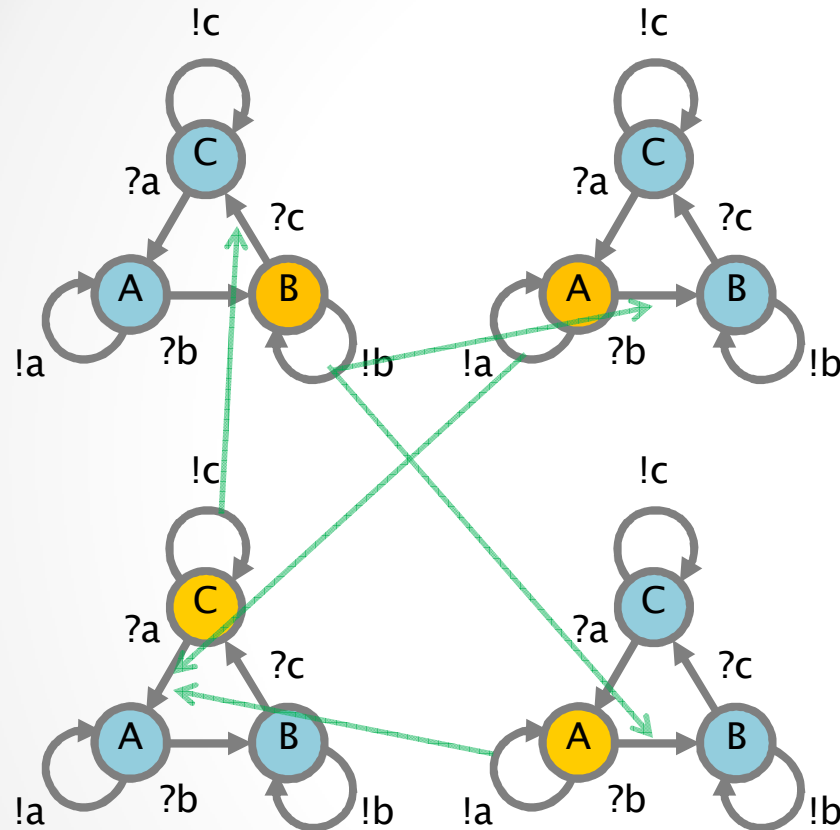
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And finally...

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Workflow

- Abstract Machines to Strand Algebra
 - Or other intermediate language
- Strand Algebra to DSD
 - Or other structural language
- Simulation, analysis, etc.
 - Design iteration
- DSD to Sequences
 - E.g. NuPack, or pre-build strand libraries
- Sequences to DNA
 - Web order
- DNA experiments
 - Fairly basic wet lab
- Deployable Nanotech

Conclusions

- **Programmable Matter**
 - Nucleic acids
- **Molecular Computation**
 - DNA strand displacement
- **Molecular Compilation**
 - From programming abstractions (Petri Nets, Process Algebra, etc.), through intermediate language (Strand Algebra) to molecule synthesis (DNA).
- **Correctness**
 - Ensuring molecular programs work as intended
 - Through thermodynamic analysis, simulation, formal verification.

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