

Languages & Grammars for Programming DNA

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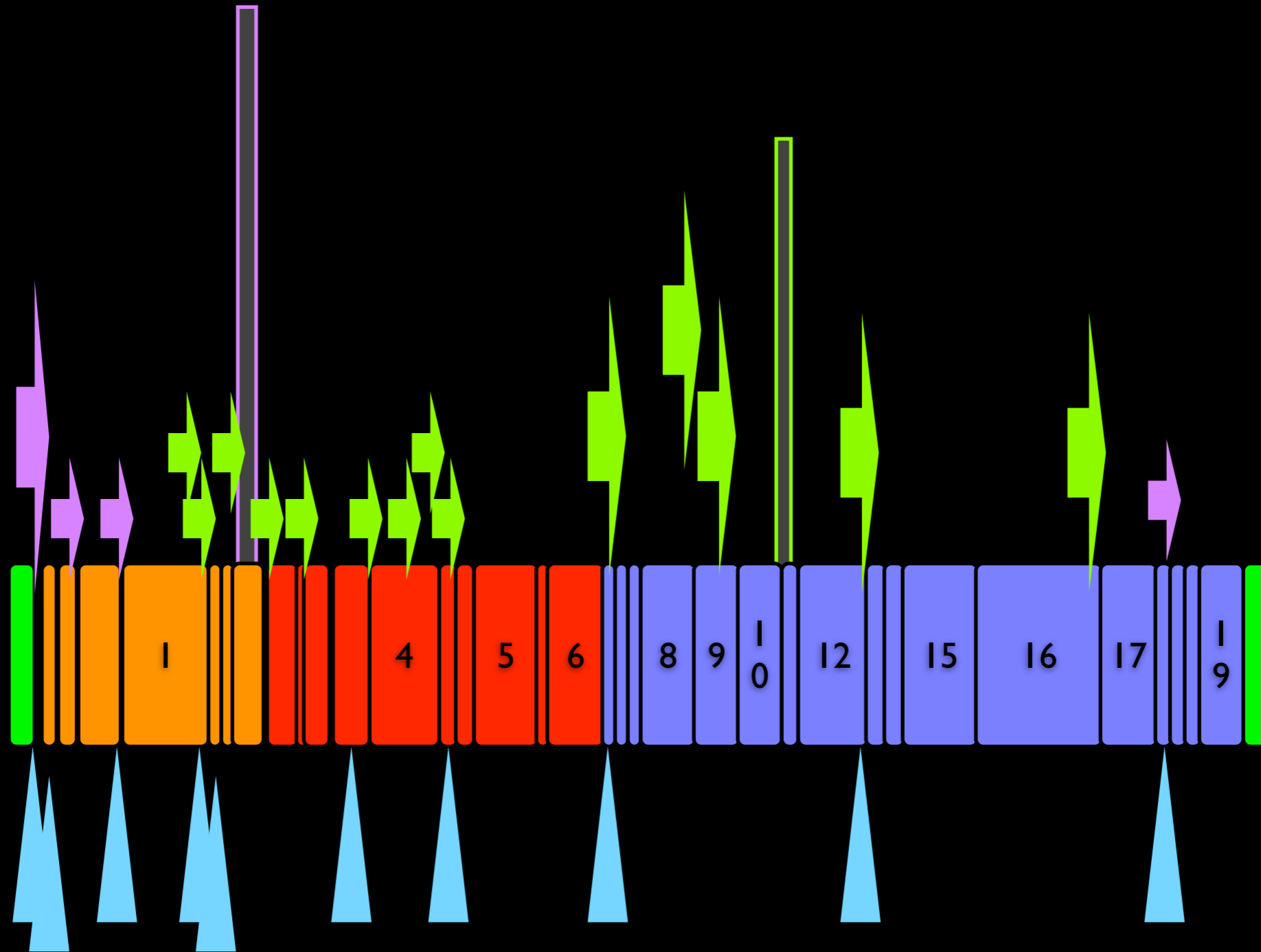
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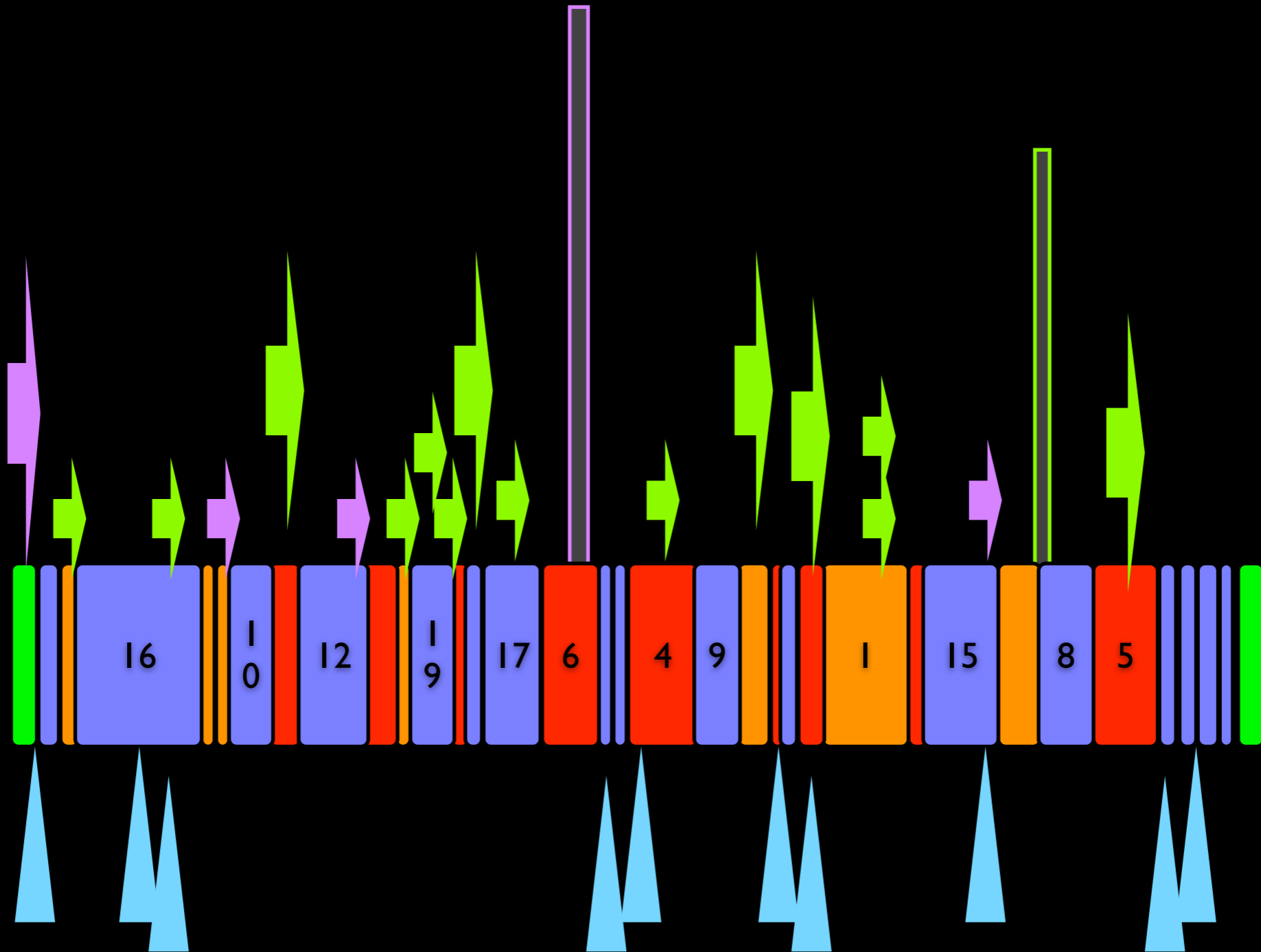
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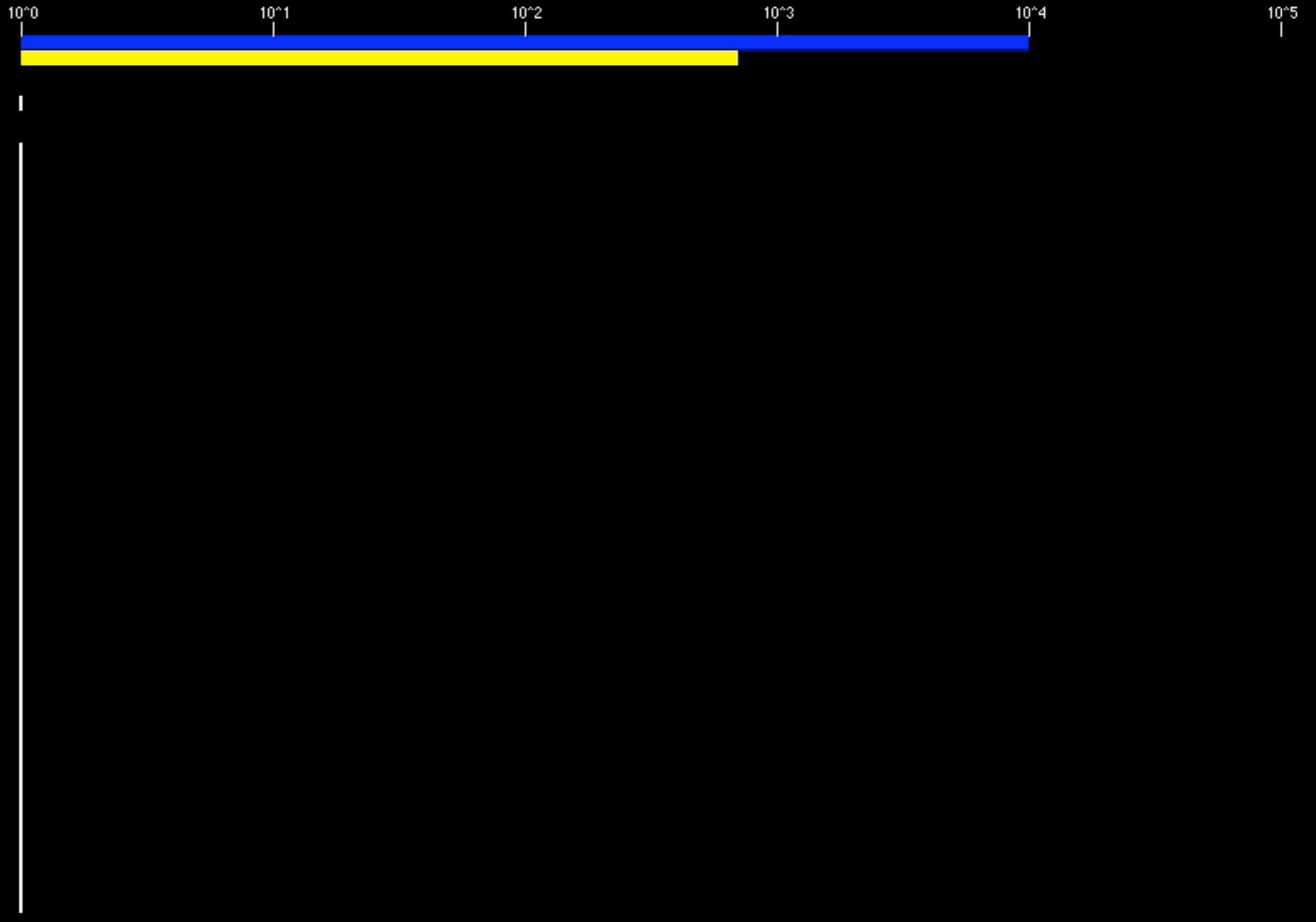




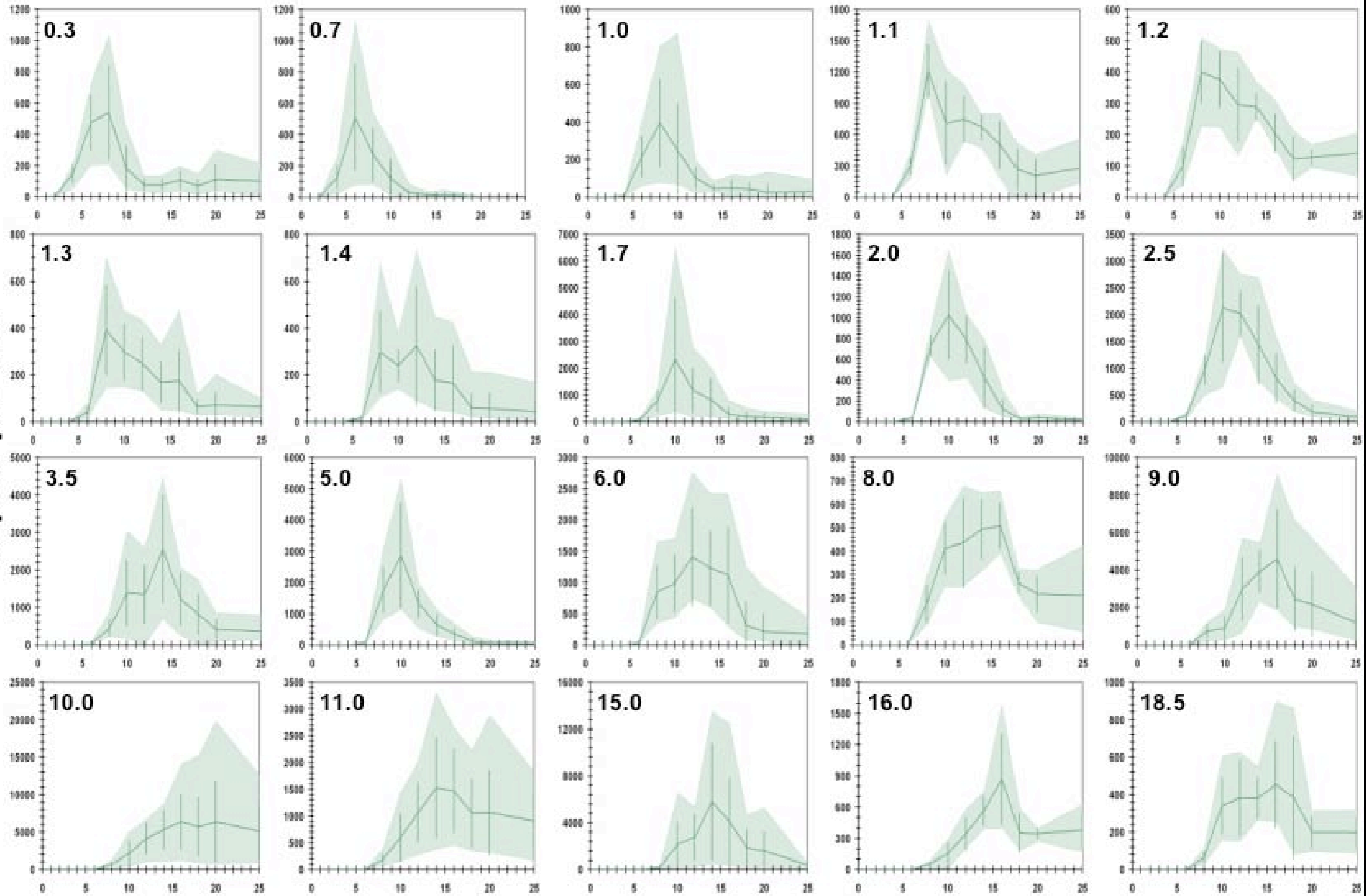
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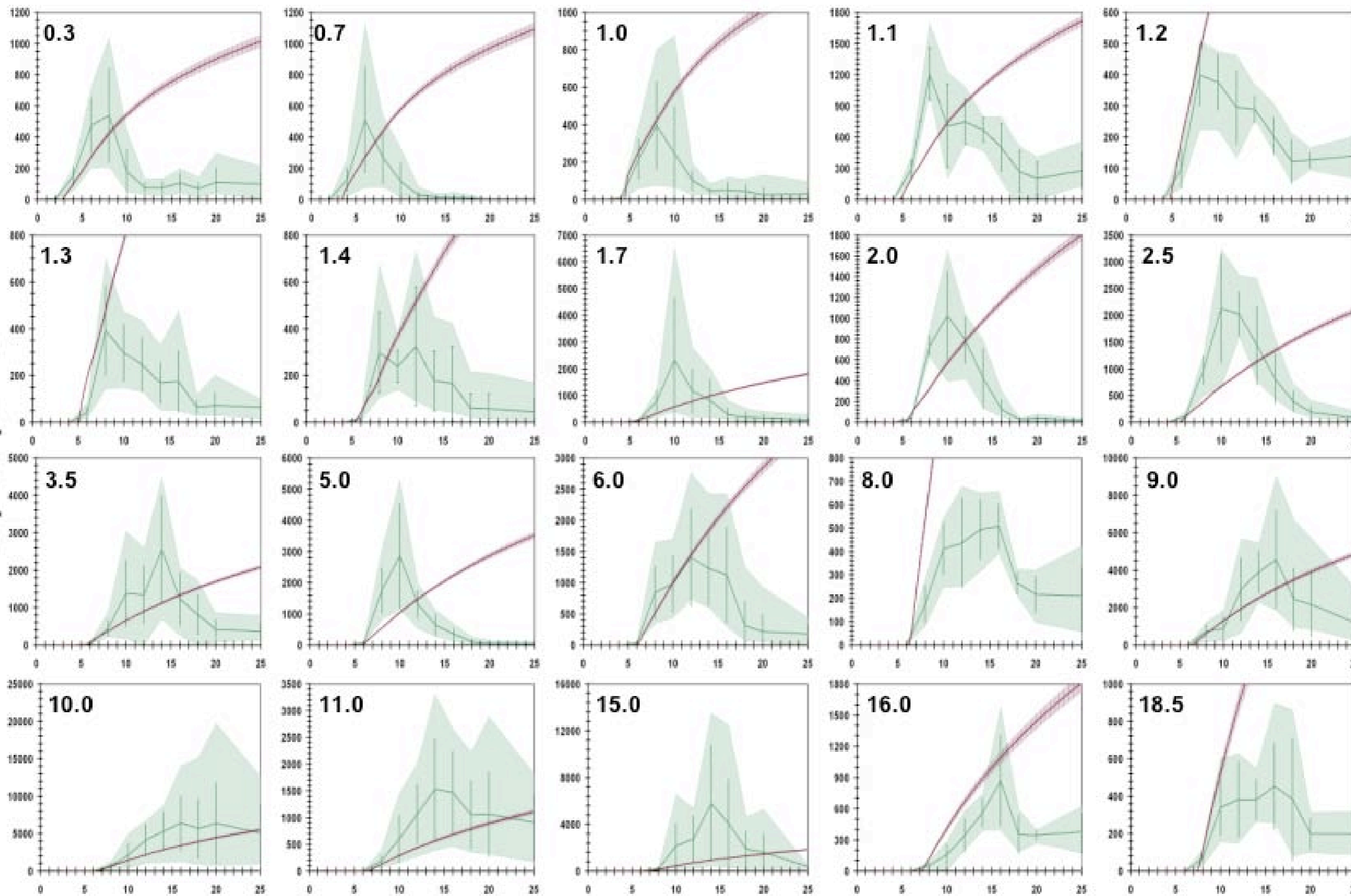


Copies per Cell



Minutes Post T7 Infection at 30C

Copies per Cell



Minutes Post T7 Infection at 30C

	Gene ^a	Amino acids ^b	M _r ^c	Function ^d
Class I	0-3	116	13,678	Inactivates host restriction
	0-4	50	5621	
	0-5	47	4744	
	0-6A	53	6201	
	0-6B	111	(13,250)	
	0-7	359	41,124	Protein kinase
	1	883	98,092	T7 RNA polymerase
	1-1	42	5180	
	1-2	84	10,059	Replication
	1-3	359	41,133	DNA ligase
Class II	1-4	51	5446	
	1-5	29	3174	
	1-6	86	9946	
	1-7	195	22,053	
	1-8	48	5781	
	2	63	7043	Inactivates host RNA polymerase
	2-5	231	25,562	Single-stranded DNA-binding protein
	2-8	139	15,617	
	3	148	17,040	Endonuclease
	3-5	150	16,806	Amidase (lysozyme)
	3-8	121	14,329	
	4A	566	62,656	Primase
	4B	503	55,743	Primase
	(4-1)	39	4265	
	(4-2)	112	12,653	
	4-3	70	7927	
	4-5	88	9960	
	4-7	135	15,208	
	5	704	79,692	DNA polymerase
	5-3	118	13,067	
	5-5	98	11,075	
	5-7	68	7280	Permits growth on λ lysogens
	6	347	39,995	Exonuclease
6-3	37	4088		
Class III	6-5	84	9474	
	6-7	87	9207	
	7	132	15,303	Host range
	7-3	98	9937	Host range
	7-7	130	14,737	
	8	535	58,989	Head-tail protein
	9	306	33,766	Head assembly protein
	10A	344	36,414	Major head protein
	10B	397	(41,800)	Minor head protein
	11	196	22,289	Tail protein
	12	793	89,265	Tail protein
	13	138	15,852	Internal virion protein
	14	195	20,836	Internal virion protein
	15	746	84,210	Internal virion protein
	16	1318	143,840	Internal virion protein
	17	552	61,441	Tail fiber protein
	17-5	67	7391	
	18	89	10,145	DNA maturation
	(18-7)	82	9195	
19	585	66,130	DNA maturation	
(19-2)	84	9264		
(19-3)	56	6429		
19-5	49	5434		

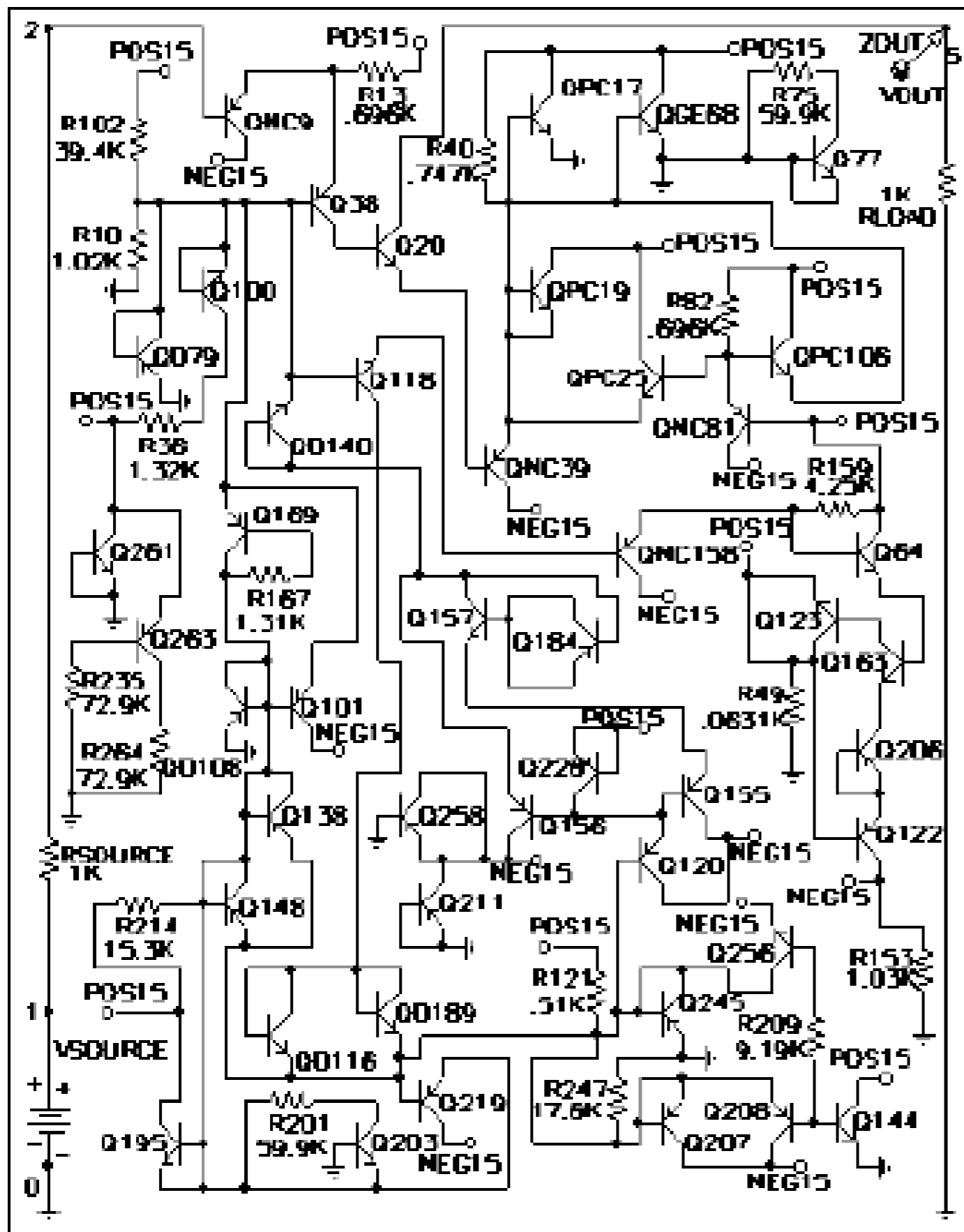
Dunn & Studier (1983)
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v166 p477

Wild-type T7 genes 2.8-3

-----2.8----->

...acgcaaagggaggcgac**atg**gcaggttacggcgc**taa**aggaatccgaaa...

<--3-RBS--><-----3----->



J.R. Koza et al.
 Automated Synthesis of Computational
 Circuits using Genetic Programming,
 1997 IEEE International Conference on
 Evolutionary Computation

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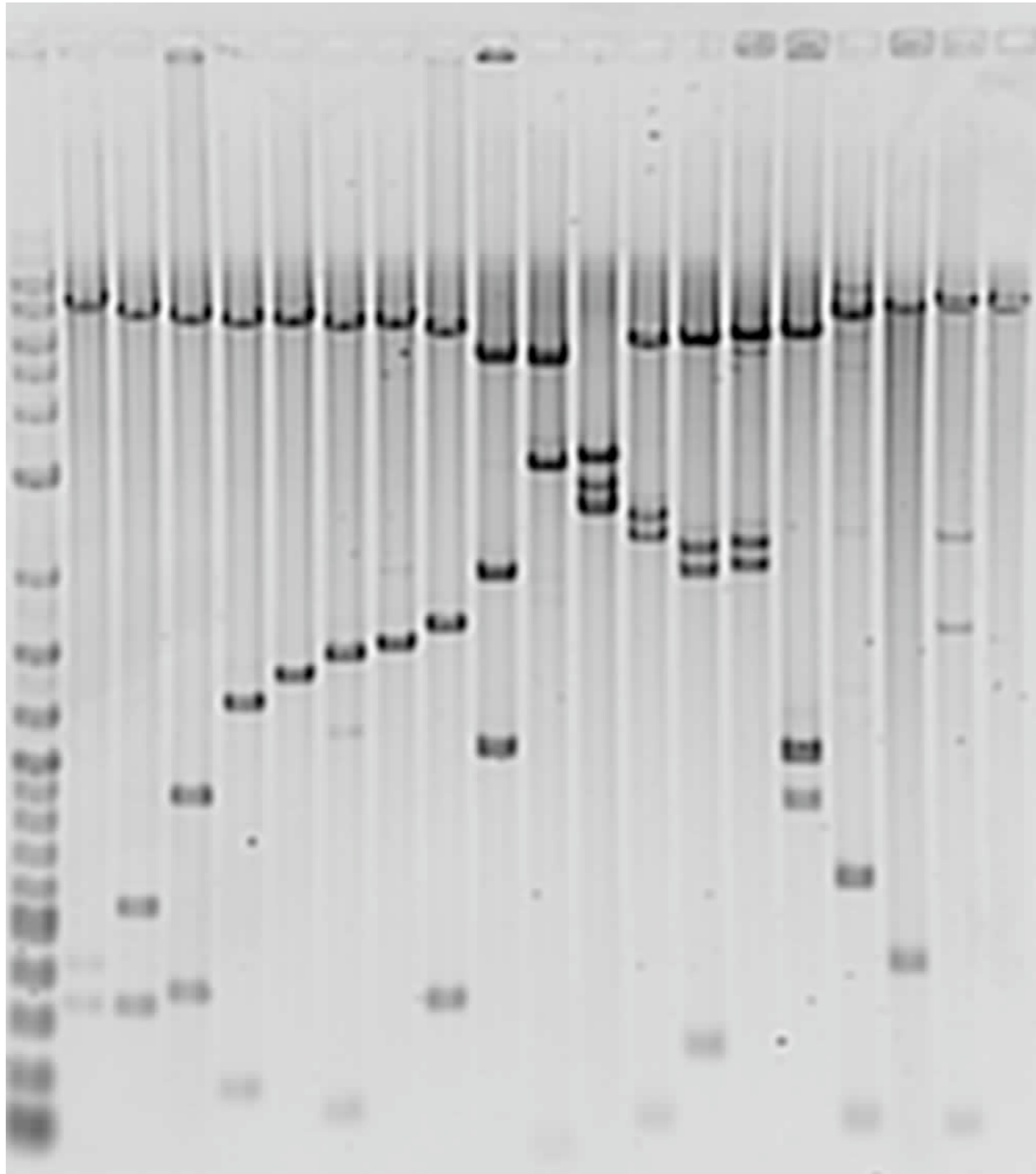
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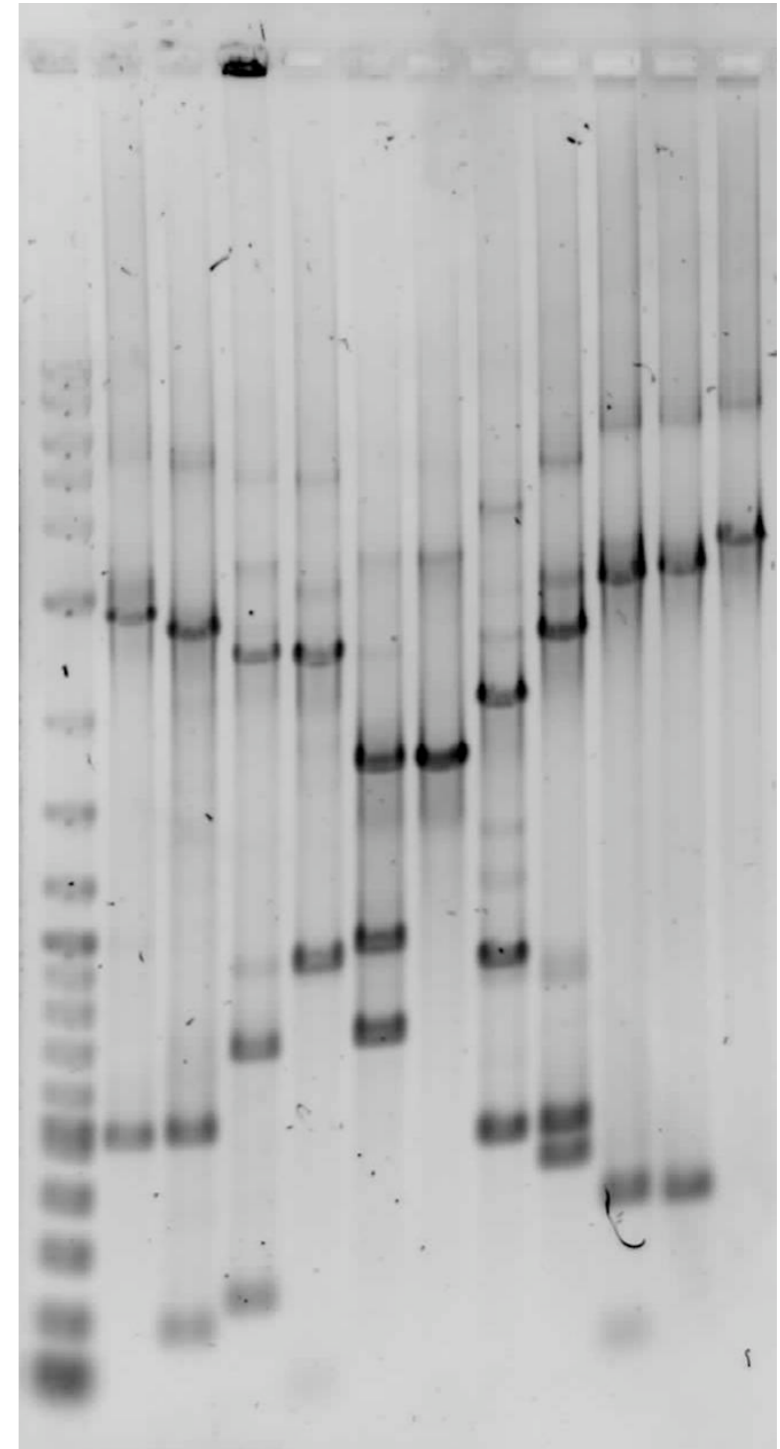
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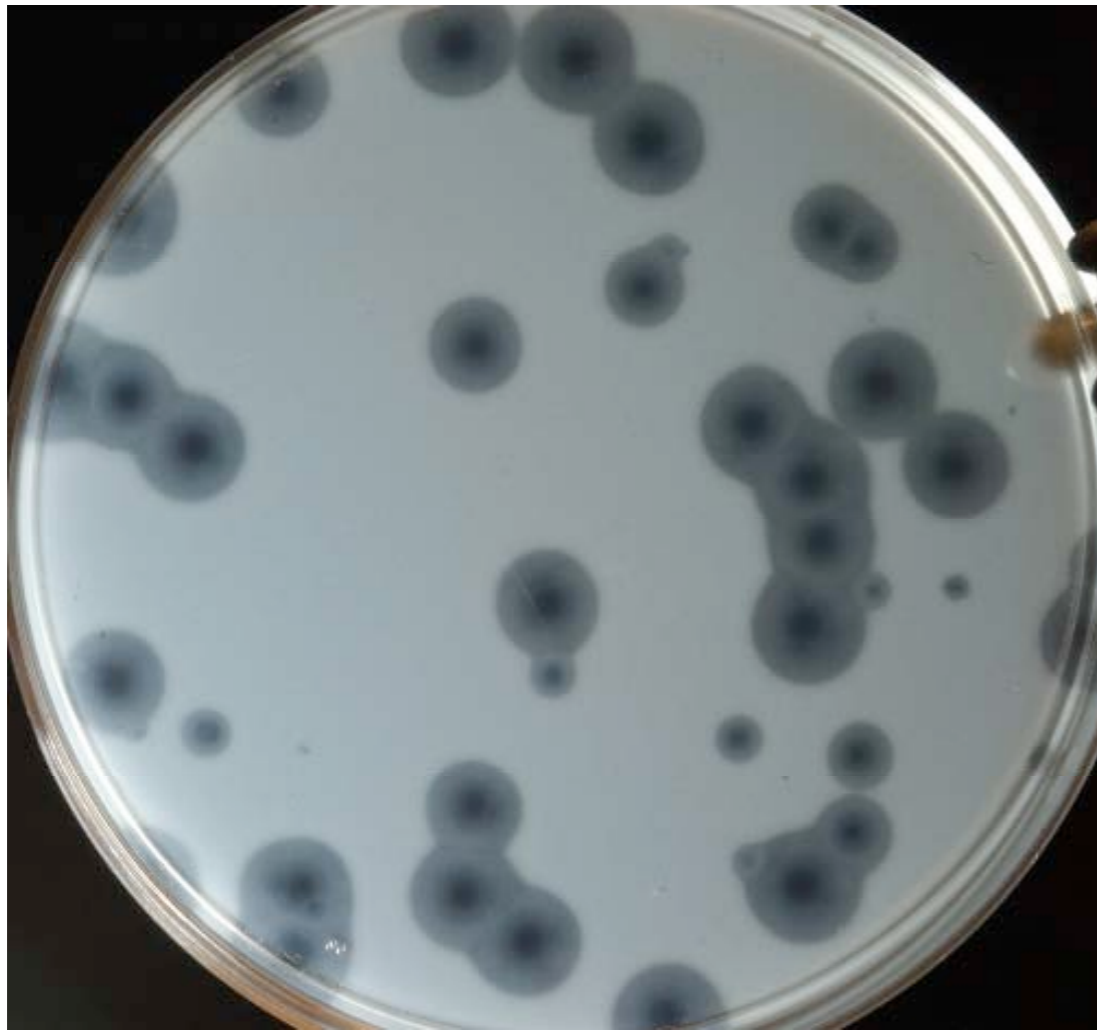
Section *alpha*
(1 → 8,311 bp)



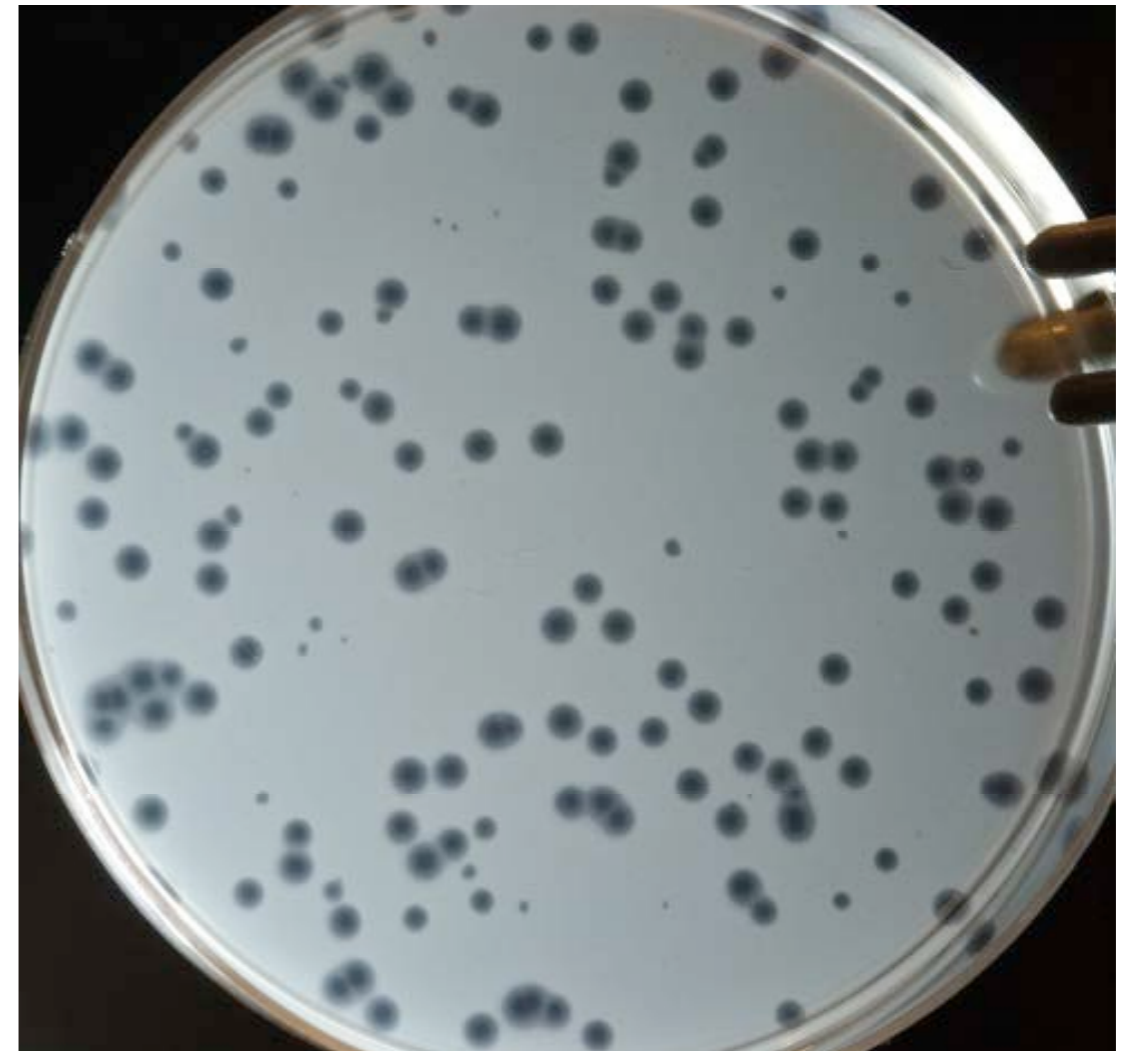
Section *beta*
(8,311 → 12,179 bp)



Wild-Type T7 (T7⁺)



T7.1_[1-12,179]:T7⁺_[11,516-39,937]



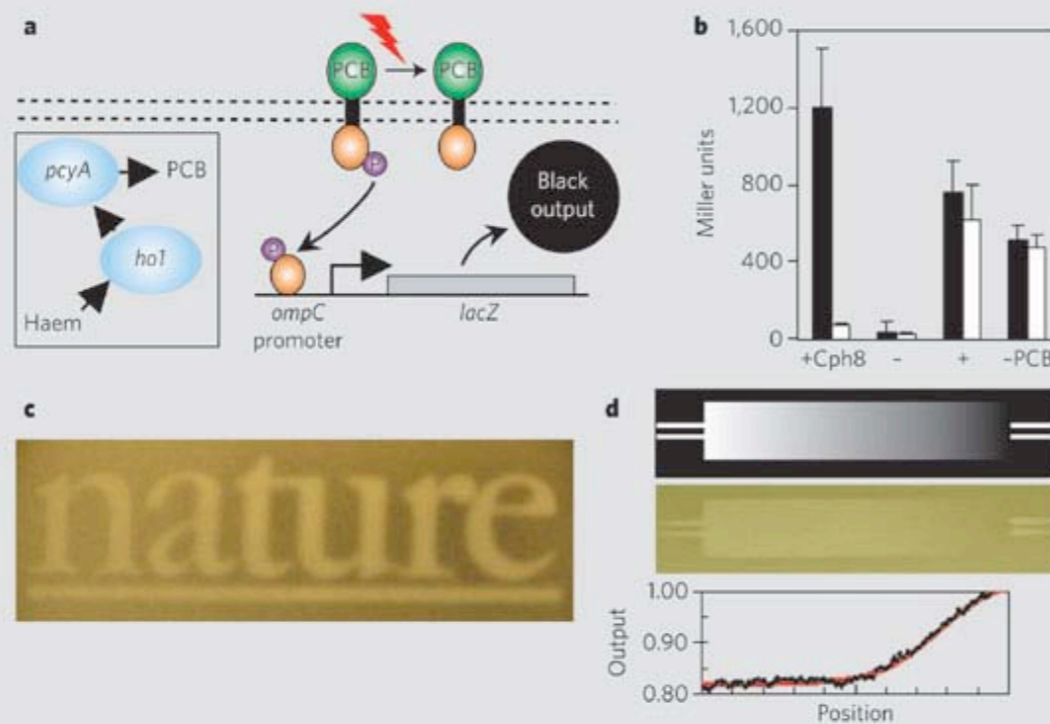
the engineering of biology

BRIEF COMMUNICATIONS

Engineering *Escherichia coli* to see light

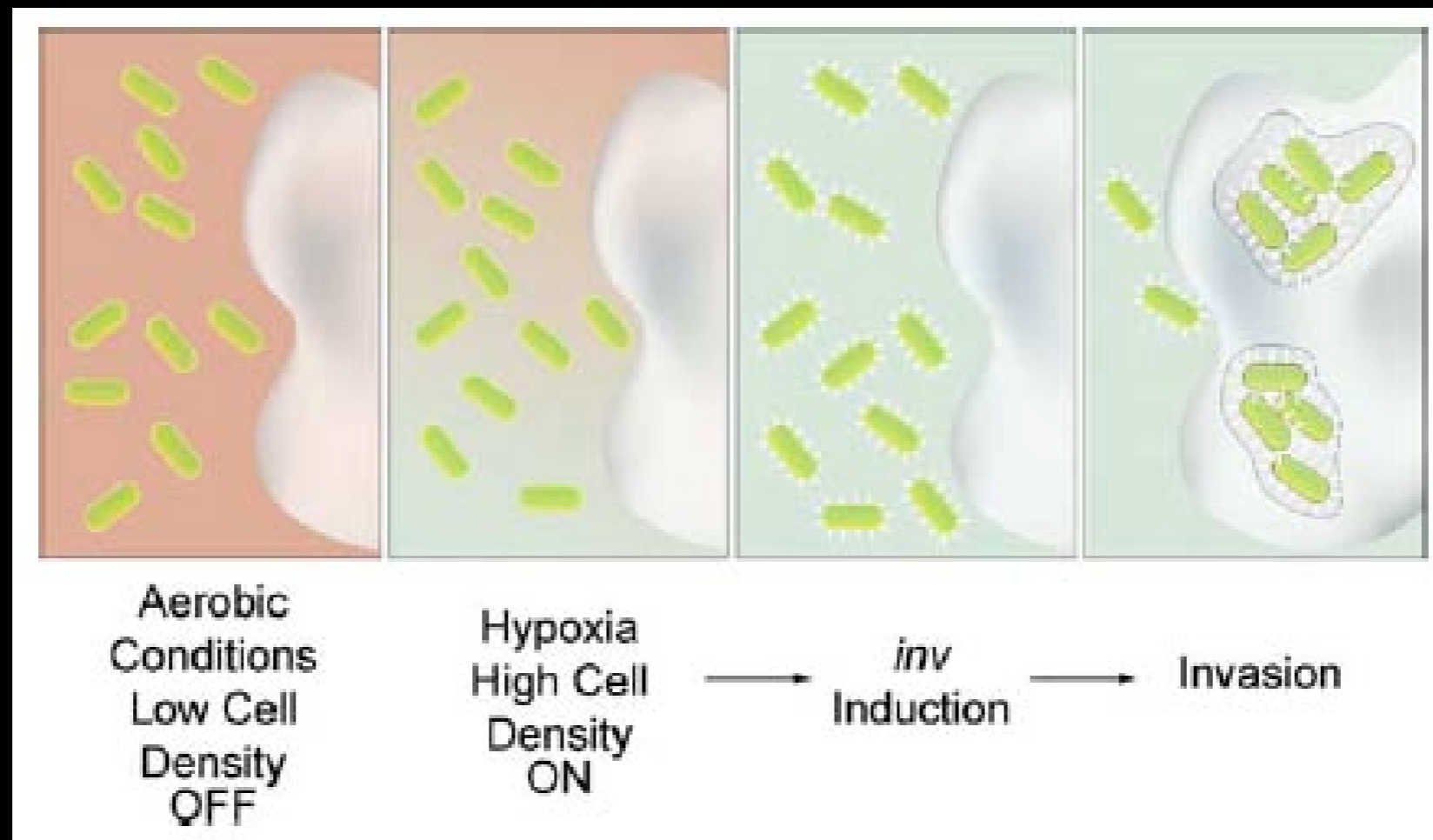
These smart bacteria 'photograph' a light pattern as a high-definition chemical image.

Anselm Levskaya*, Aaron A. Chevalier†, Jeffrey J. Tabor†, Zachary Booth Simpson†, Laura A. Lavery†, Matthew Levy†, Eric A. Davidson†, Alexander Scouras†, Andrew D. Ellington†‡, Edward M. Marcotte†‡, Christopher A. Voigt*§||



Environmentally Controlled Invasion of Cancer Cells by Engineered Bacteria

J. Christopher Anderson^{1,3}, Elizabeth J. Clarke³, Adam P. Arkin^{1,2*}
and Christopher A. Voigt^{2,3}

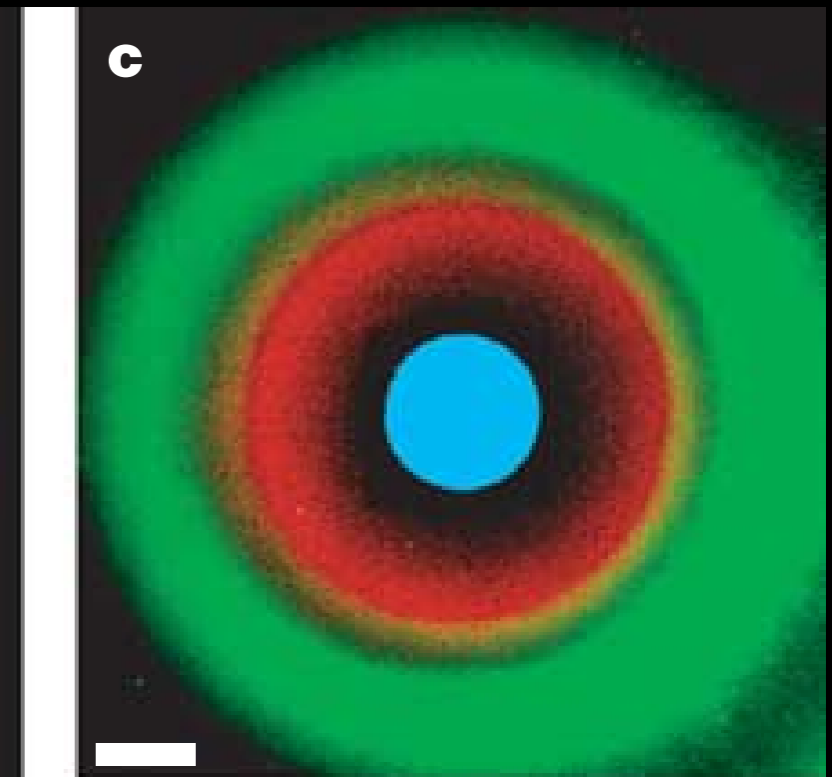
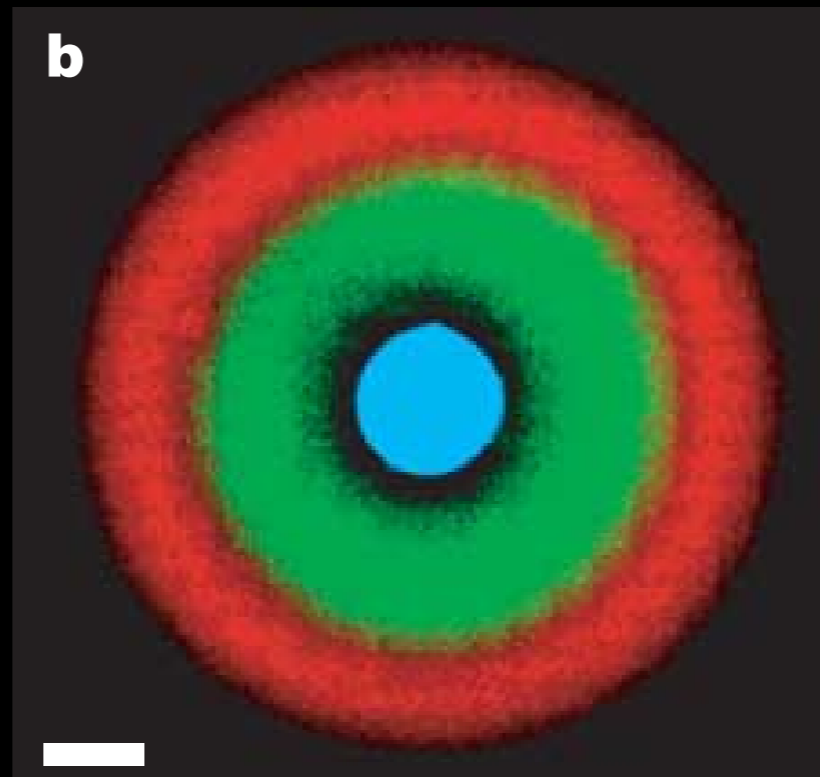


A synthetic multicellular system for programmed pattern formation

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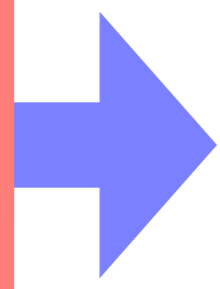
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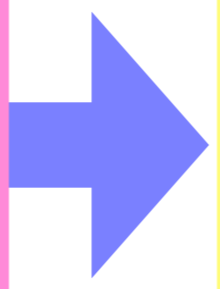
A synthetic oscillatory network of transcriptional regulators

Michael B. Elowitz & Stanislas Leibler

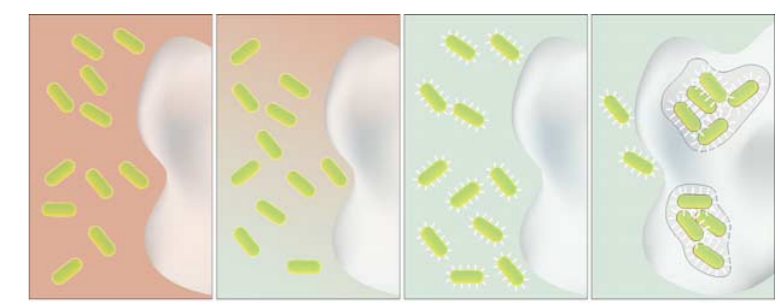
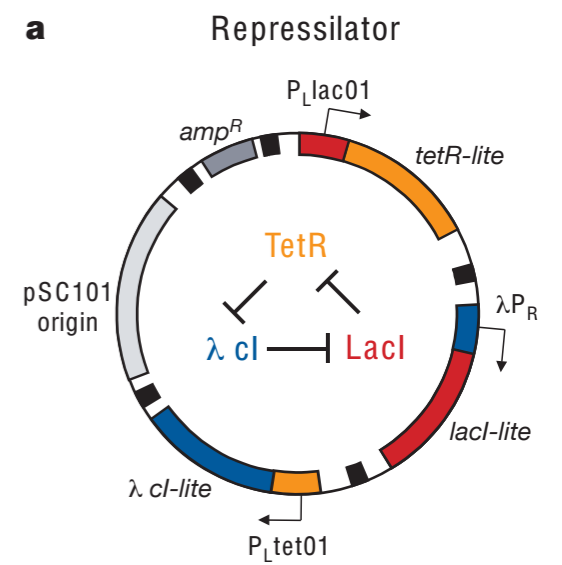
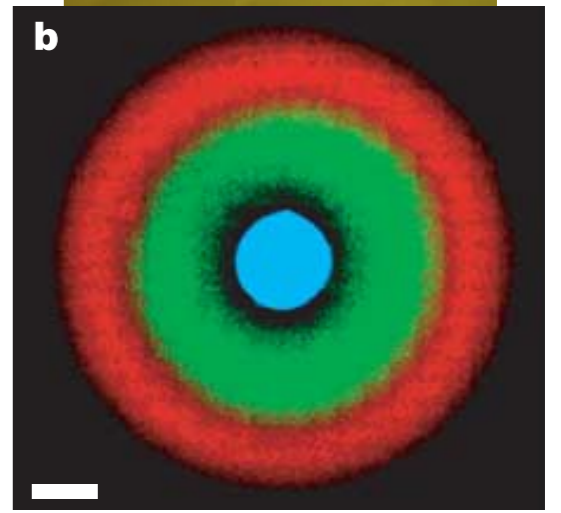
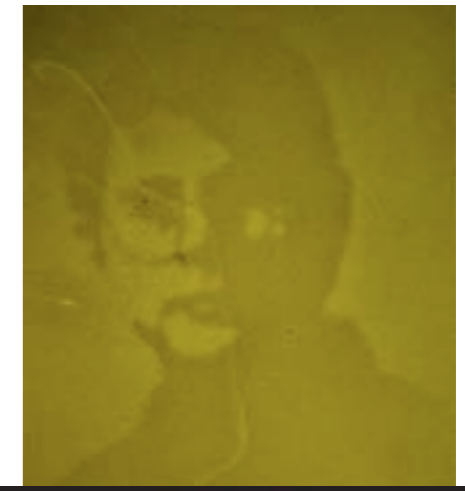
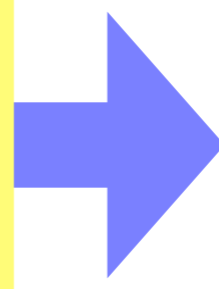
Design & Construction



Devices???



Systems???



Aerobic Conditions
Low Cell Density
OFF

Hypoxia
High Cell Density
ON

→ *inv* Induction → Invasion

1. Recombinant DNA
2. PCR
3. Automated sequencing
4. DNA synthesis
5. Standardization
6. Abstraction

DNA Synthesis



To build section alpha, we first cloned parts 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, and 24 into pSB104. We cloned part 11 into pSB2K3. We cloned each part with its part-specific bracketing restriction sites surrounded by additional BioBrick restriction sites. We used site-directed mutagenesis on parts 6, 7, 14, and 20 to introduce the sites U1, U2, U3, and U4, respectively. Our site-directed mutagenesis of part 20 failed. We used site-directed mutagenesis to remove a single Eco0109I restriction site from the vector pUBI19BHB carrying the scaffold Fragment 4. We cloned part 15 into this modified vector. We then cloned scaffold Fragment 4 into pREB and used serial cloning to add the following parts: 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, and 23. We digested the now-populated scaffold Fragment 4 with NheI and BclI and purified the resulting DNA. Next, we cloned parts 5 and 6 into pUBI19BHB carrying scaffold Fragment 3. We used the resulting DNA for in vitro assembly of a construct spanning from the left end of T7 to part 7. To do this, we cut wild-type T7 genomic DNA with AseI, isolated the 388 bp left-end fragment, and ligated this DNA to scaffold Fragment 2. We selected the correct ligation product by PCR. We fixed the mutation in part 3 (A1) via a two-step process. First, PCR primers with the corrected sequence for part 3 were used to amplify the two halves of the construct to the left and right ends of part 3. Second, a PCR ligation joined the two constructs. We added scaffold Fragment 3 to the above left-end construct once again by PCR ligation as described above. We repaired the mutation in part 4 (A2, A3, and R0.3) following the same procedure as with part 3. We used a right-end primer containing an MluI site to amplify the entire construct, and used the MluI site to add part 7. We used PCR to select the ligation product, digested the product with NheI, and purified the resulting DNA. We isolated the right arm of a BclI digestion of wild-type T7 genomic DNA and used ligation to add the populated left-end construct and the populated Scaffold Fragment 4. We transfected the three-way ligation product into IJ1127. We purified DNA from liquid culture lysates inoculated from single plaques. We used restriction enzymes to digest the DNA and isolate the correct clones. Next, we added part 11 via three-way ligation and transfection. Because the restriction sites that bracket part 9 (RsrII) also cut wild-type T7 DNA, we needed to use in vitro assembly to add this part to a subsection of section alpha. To do this, we used PCR to amplify the region spanning parts 5–12 from the refactored genome. We cut the PCR product with RsrII and ligated part 9. We used PCR to select the correct ligation product; this PCR reaction also added a SacII site to the fragment. We digested the PCR product with SacI and SacII and cloned onto the otherwise wild-type phage. Lastly, we used the SacII site to clone part 10 onto the phage.

Get me this DNA!

Abstraction

DNA is genetic material.

TAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAGA

Parts are basic biological $f(x)$'s encoded via genetic material.

R0083

Type: Promoter
Family: Protein:DNA
Activity: 2 PoPS (max.)
Cell Type: Any
Requires: C0083
Temp: < Tm
Issues: None
License: Public

Devices provide human-defined $f(x)$'s using one or more parts.

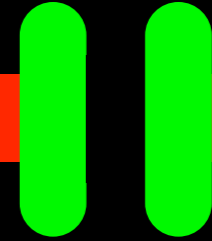


Q0051
(INVERTER)

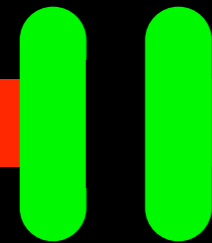
Systems provide human-defined $f(x)$'s using one or more devices.



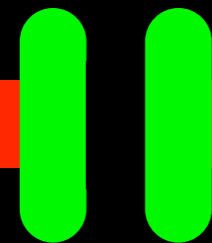
Systems



Devices



Parts



DNA

Standards

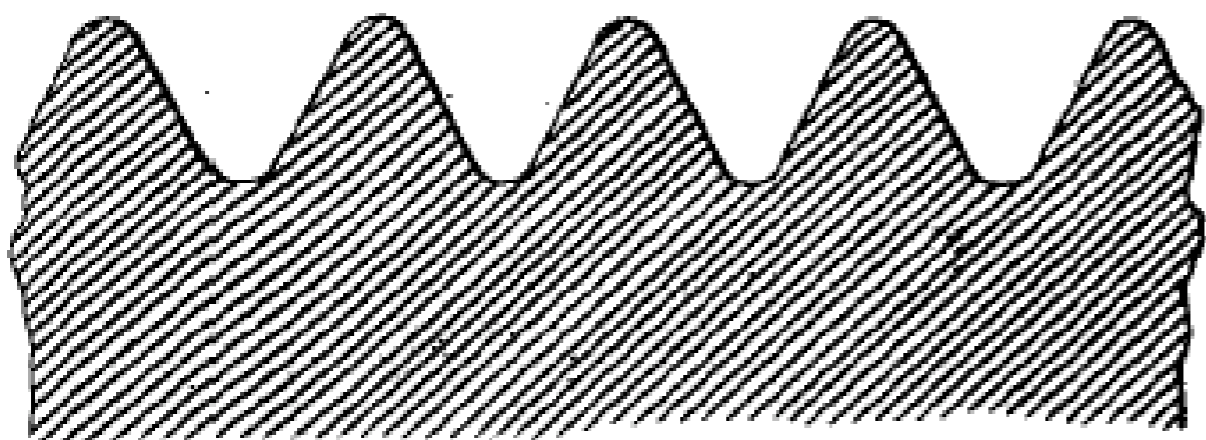
ON A SYSTEM OF
SCREW THREADS AND NUTS.

BY WILLIAM SELLERS.

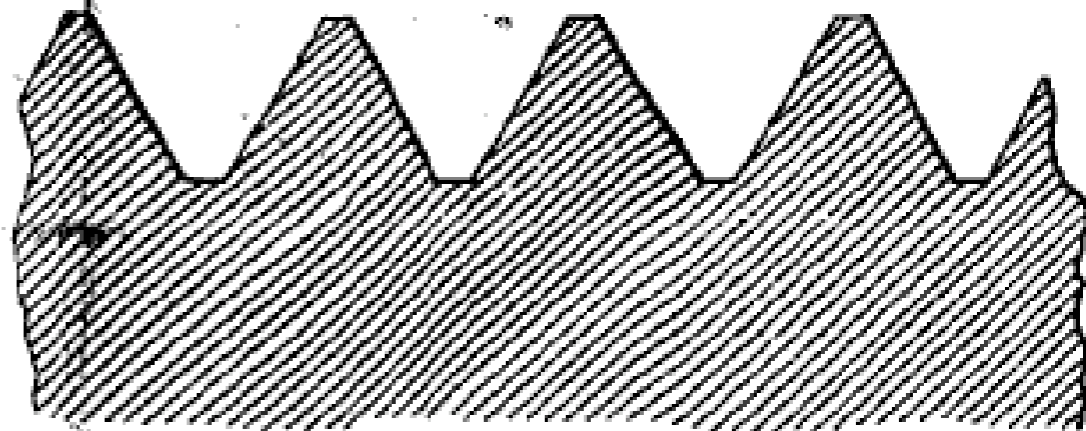
[Read before the FRANKLIN INSTITUTE, April 21, 1864.]

The importance of a uniform system of screw threads and nuts is so generally acknowledged by the engineering profession, that it needs no argument to set forth its advantages; and in offering any plan for their acceptance, it remains only to demonstrate its practicability and its superiority over any of the numerous special proportions now used by the different manufacturers. In this country no organized attempt has as yet been made to establish any system, each manufacturer having adopted whatever his judgment may have dictated as the best,

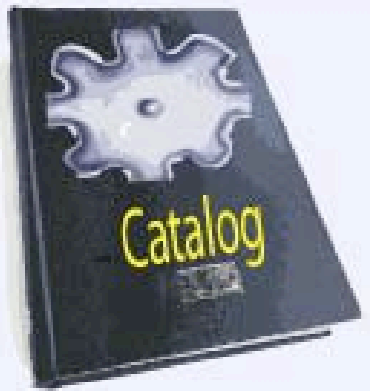
— FIG. 2 —



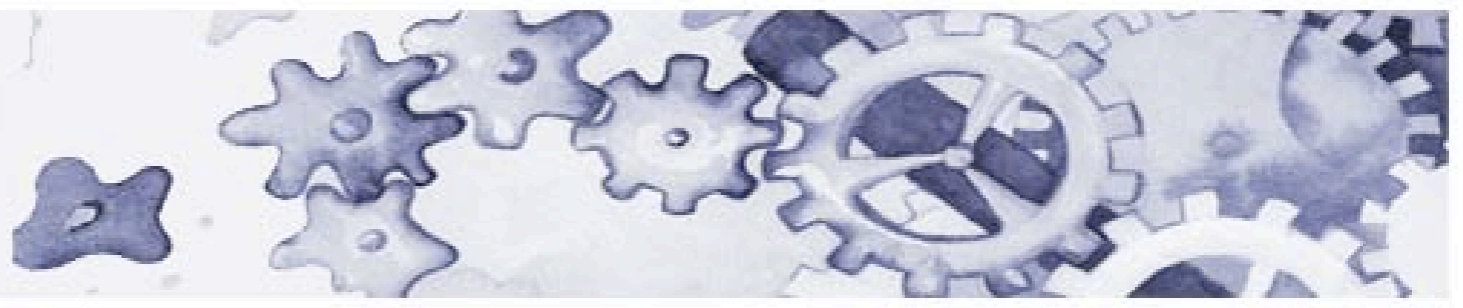
— FIG. 3 —



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Registry of Standard Biological Parts



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BBa_F2620

3OC₆HSL → PoPS Receiver

http://parts.mit.edu/registry/index.php/Part:BBa_F2620



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Last Update: 5 October 2006

Description

A transcription factor (LuxR, BBa_C0062) that is active in the presence of cell-cell signaling molecule 3OC₆HSL is controlled by a tetR regulatable operator (BBa_R0040). Device input is 3OC₆HSL. Device output is PoPS from a LuxR-regulated operator. If used in a cell containing TetR then a second input signal such as aTc can be used to produce a logical AND function.

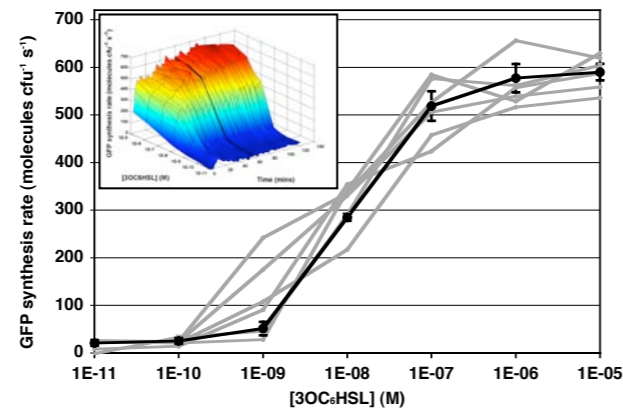
Characteristics

Input Swing: 0.1 to 1000 nM 3OC₆HSL, exogenous
Output Swing: 21±3 to 590±9 GFP molecules cfu⁻¹ s⁻¹
Switch Point: 10 nM 3OC₆HSL, exogenous
LH Response: 9.7 min (t_{50%}), 17 min (t_{90%})

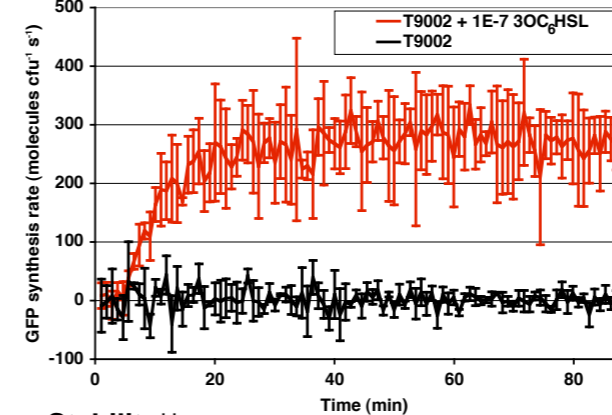
Key Components

BBa_R0040: TetR-regulated operator
BBa_C0062: luxR ORF
BBa_R0062: LuxR-regulated operator

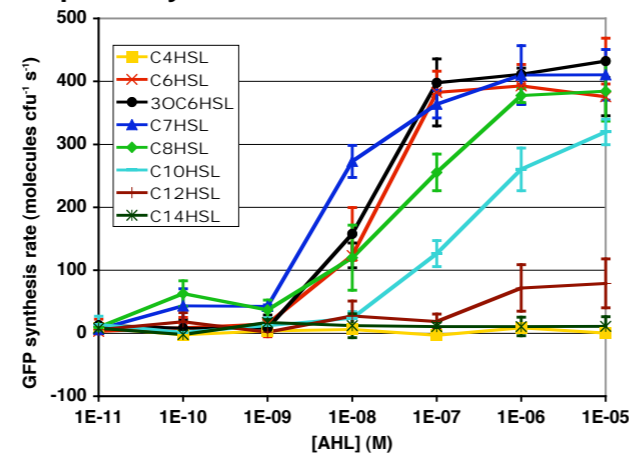
Transfer Function*



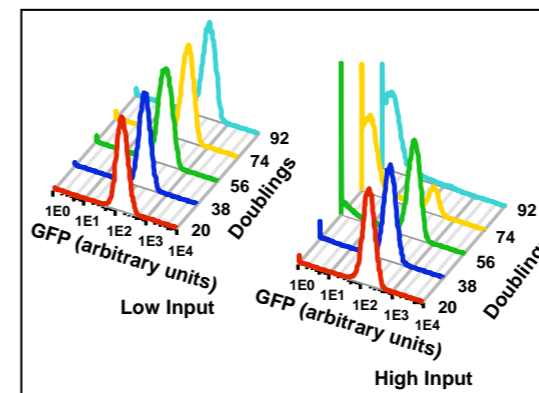
Response Time*



Specificity*



Stability**



Demand

Translation Demand: 5040/141600 charged tRNA cfu⁻¹ s⁻¹
 (low/high input) 336/9449 ribosomes sequestered cfu⁻¹

Compatibility

Chassis: Compatible with MC4100, MG1655, and DH5α

Plasmids: Compatible with pSB3K3 and pSB1A2

Devices: Compatible with E0240, E0430 and E0434

Crosstalk with systems containing TetR (C0040)

Signaling: Crosstalk with input molecules similar to 3OC₆HSL

Stability

Genetic: >92/74 replication events*

Performance: >92/74 replication events*

Conditions (abridged)

Output: Indirect via BBa_E0240

Vector: pSB3K3

Chassis: MG1655

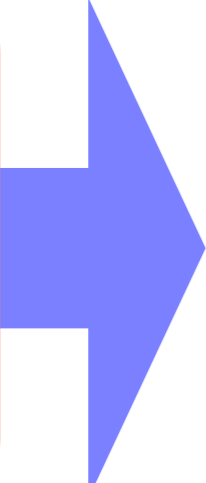
Culture: Supplemented M9, 37°C

***Equipment:** PE Victor3 plate reader

****Equipment:** BD FACScan cytometer

Signaling Devices

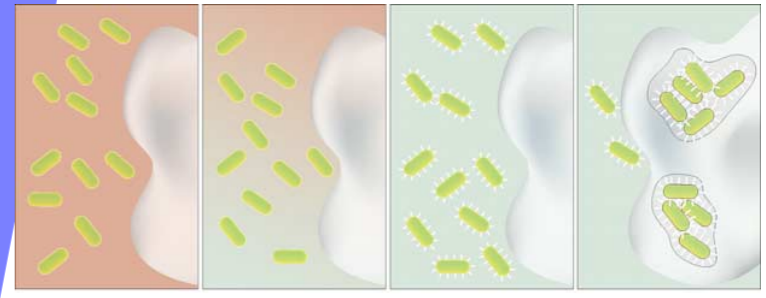
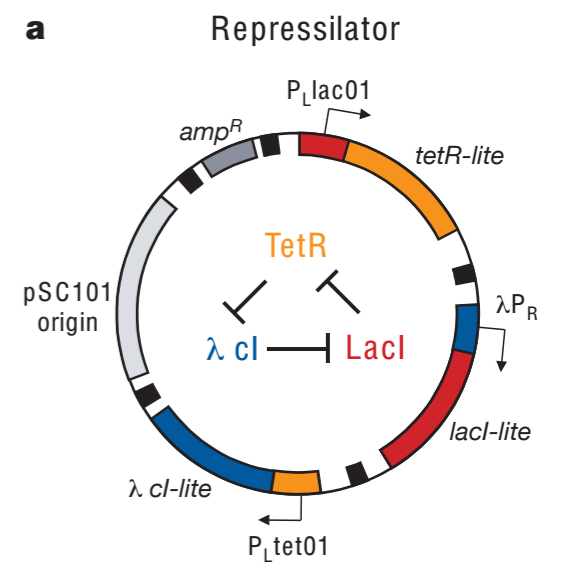
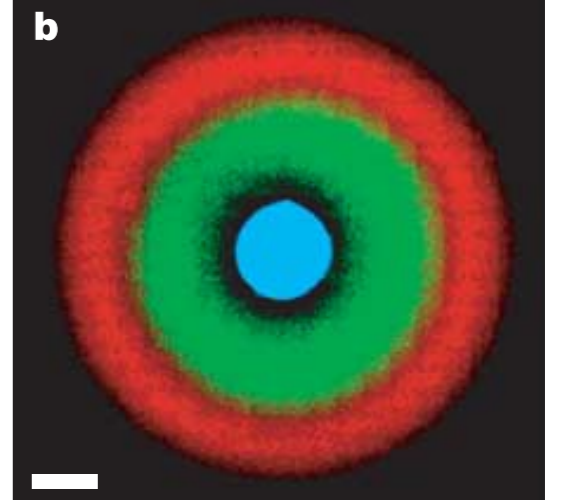
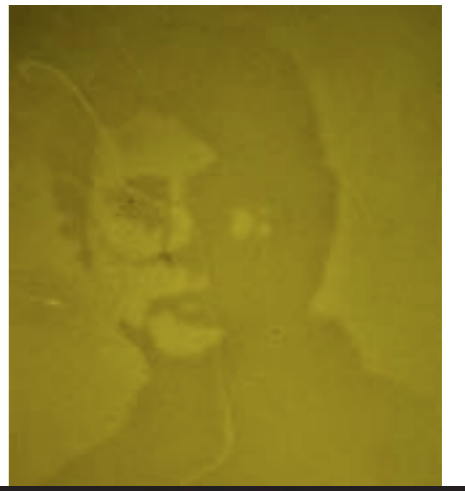
Design



Construction



Devices and Systems



Aerobic Conditions
Low Cell Density
OFF

Hypoxia
High Cell Density
ON

→ *inv* Induction → Invasion

THIS IS HOW YOU MAKE AN INVERTER DEVICE.

FIRST A RBS,

THEN A TERMINATOR--

--FOLLOWED BY A BREAK.

THEN A REPRESSOR

FINALLY GRAB ANOTHER PIECE OF DNA AND PUT AN OPERATOR THERE.

WRAP IT ALL IN A BLACK BOX AND VOILA!

WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A GENETIC INVERTER!

HIGH INPUT, LOW OUTPUT AND VICE VERSA!

...OK, BUT, UH, HOW DOES THE, UH, INVERTER(?) WORK?

...WHEN THE INPUT SIGNAL IS HIGH--

--THE REPRESSOR PROTEIN IS KICKED UP--

AND THAT TURNS OFF THE OUTPUT SIGNAL. OK?

GOT IT!

SWEET, GENETIC DEVICES. I'M GONNA MAKE A WHOLE BUNCH OF 'EM!

GOOD LUCK!

TO BE CONTINUED...

BUT, THE ENTIRE POINT OF ALL THIS--

--IS THAT WE ARE GONNA HIDE ALL THESE DETAILS INSIDE A BLACK BOX,--

--SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMEMBER ALL THIS STUFF.

WHEN THE INPUT RATE IS HIGH, THE REPRESSOR PROTEIN GETS MADE, IT SHOOTS UP AND LANDS ON THE OPERATOR SITE, AND THUS THE OUTPUT RATE IS LOW--

--WHEN THE INPUT RATE IS LOW, NO REPRESSOR GETS MADE, SO THE OUTPUT IS HIGH!

HIGH

DEVICE

LOW

VERY GOOD! BUT WHAT EXACTLY IS THE RATE?

RATE OF GENE EXPRESSION.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN EXACTLY?

AH, THE STUDENT BECOMES THE MASTER. PRETEND YOU ARE STANDING ON THE DNA WHERE THE INPUT SIGNAL ARRIVES.

GOOD. NOW WHAT?

RATE OF GENE EXPRESSION IS THE NUMBER OF RNA POLYMERASE MOLECULES THAT TRUNDLE PAST YOU EACH SECOND.

LET'S CALL THIS POLYMERASE PER SECOND OR POPS!*

EXCELLENT!

POPS IS THE "FLOW" OF RNA POLYMERASE ALONG MY DNA WIRE.

KINDA LIKE ELECTRICAL CURRENT!

YES!!

Endy D, Deese I, Wadley C
 Adventures in Synthetic Biology
 Nature 24 November 2005
<http://openwetware.org/wiki/Adventures>

Designs on life

Earlier this month, students from around the world locked horns in competition. Their challenge was to build functioning devices out of biological parts. **Erika Check** finds out how they got on.

Even if you're thinking big, you usually have to start small. Especially, as a group of Swiss students found, when big means counting to infinity. The team was drawing up a blueprint for the world's first counting machine made entirely of biological parts. Although they had their sights on loftier numbers, they opted to go no higher than two. If the plan worked, it would be a proof-of-principle for a much larger tallying device.

The group, from the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich, was one of 17 teams unveiling their projects at the first international Intercollegiate Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) competition, held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge on 5 and 6 November. The event attracted students from all over the world to design and build machines made entirely from biological components such as genes and proteins. They drew up grand designs for bacterial Etch-a-Sketches, photosensitive t-shirts, thermometers and sensors. And if none of the designs succeeded completely, that was more because of the limitations of the nascent science of synthetic biology than any lack of enthusiasm, creativity or hard work.

Synthetic biology aims to merge engineering approaches with biology. Researchers working at the most basic level are copying simple biological processes, such as the production of a protein from a gene. They break the process down into its component elements, such as a gene and the pieces of DNA



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Bidding for glory: teams from the ETH in Zurich (top), Cambridge, UK, (bottom right) and Massachusetts at the first international Intercollegiate Genetically Engineered Machine competition.


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The Imperial College iGEM Team: Deepti Aswani, Tom Hinson, Chueh-Loo Poh, John Chattaway, Jonathan Wells, Jiongjun Bai, Christin Sander, Farah Yohra, John Sy, Vincent Rouilly

Current Events

- Hotel@MIT **discounted rooms**: see the [Jamboree](#) page for details.
- The Boston-area schools had a get together on July 28th - [find out more](#)
- The UK teams had a meeting in Cambridge on July 24th/25th - [check the report](#)
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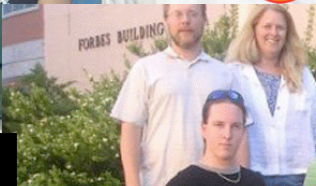
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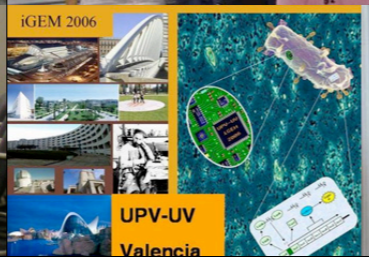


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