

Estrutura e Função do DNA

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Ao final da aula de Estrutura e função do DNA o aluno será capaz de aprimorar os conhecimentos sobre:

1. Os experimentos que permitiram com que a estrutura do DNA fosse definida por Watson e Crick em 1953;
2. As características bioquímicas do DNA (dupla hélice);
3. Dóigma Central da Biologia Molecular, postulado por Watson e Crick em 1970;
4. As bases genética da replicação do DNA;
5. Contextualizar o impacto da descoberta da estrutura do DNA nas ciências biomédicas.



Friedrich Miescher
Isolou o "DNA" pela primeira vez (nucleína).

1869



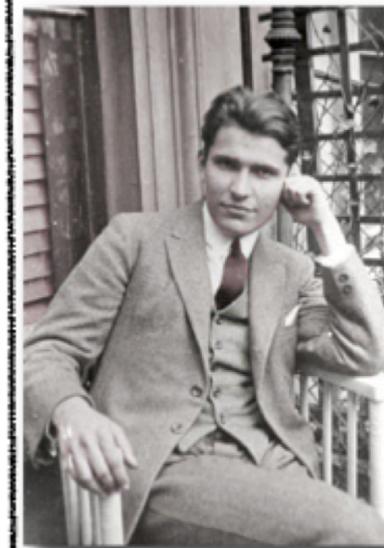
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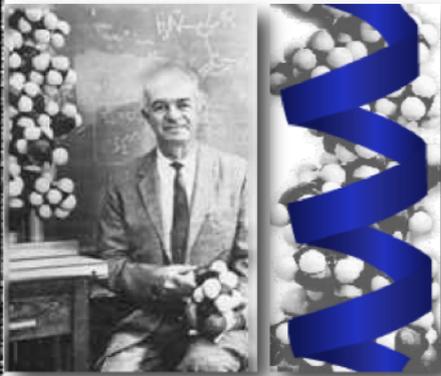
1928 - Frederick Griffith
Princípio Transformante

1928



Erwin Chargaff
A relação de bases A=T e C=G é constante em DNA das mais variadas espécies.

1950



L. Pauling

Conceito de alfa Hélice (Proteínas) e da natureza das ligações químicas. A ponte de hidrogênio tem 3% da força da ligação covalente



Hershey-Chase

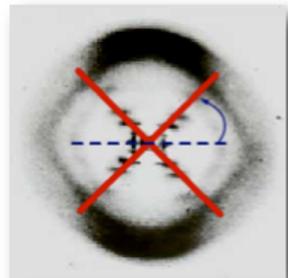
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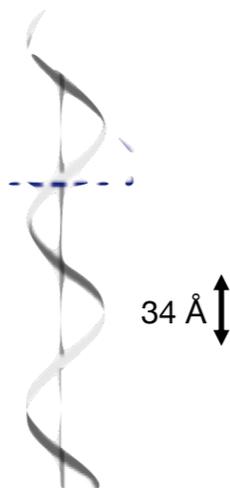


Rosalin Franklin e Maurice Wilkins

Hélice com periodicidade regular de 3,4 Å e 34 Å



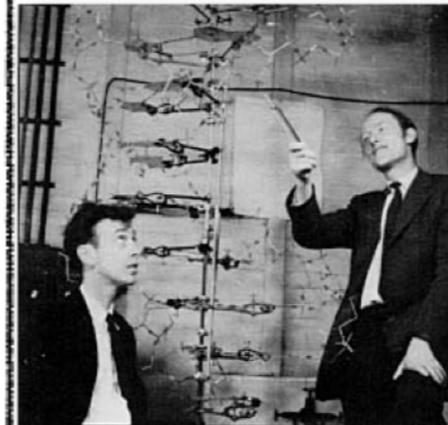
Difração de Raios-X



34 Å

1952

1953



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is a residue on each chain every 3.4 Å. in the 2-direction. We have assumed an angle of 36° between adjacent residues in the same chain, so that the structure repeats after 10 residues on each chain, that is, after 34 Å. The distance of a phosphorus atom from the fibre axis is 10 Å. As the phosphates are on the outside, outside have easy access to them.

The structure is an open one, and its water content is rather high. At lower water contents we would expect the bases to tilt so that the structure could become more compact.

The novel features of the structure is the manner in which the two chains are held together by the purine and pyrimidine bases. The planes of the bases are perpendicular to the fibre axis. They are joined together in pairs, a single base from one chain being hydrogen-bonded to a single base from the other chain, so that the two lie side by side with identical non-coincidence. One of the pair must be a purine and the other a pyrimidine for bonding to occur. The hydrogen bonds are made as follows: purine position 1 to pyrimidine position 6.

If it is assumed that the bases only occur in the structure in the most plausible tautomeric forms (that is, with the keto rather than the enol configuration) it is found that only specific pairs of bases can bond together. These pairs are: adenine (purine) with thymine (pyrimidine), and guanine (purine) with cytosine (pyrimidine).

In other words, if an adenine forms one member of a pair, on either chain, then on these assumptions the other member must be thymine; similarly for guanine and cytosine. The sequence of bases on a single chain does not appear to be restricted in any way. However, if only specific pairs of bases can be formed, it follows that if the sequence of bases on one chain is given, then the sequence on the other chain is automatically determined.

It has been found experimentally** that the ratio of the amounts of adenine to thymine, and the ratio of guanine to cytosine, are always very close to unity for deoxyribonucleic acid.

It is probably impossible to build the structure with the above maps in place of the deoxyriboses, as the extra oxygen atom would not close a van der Waals contact.

The previously published X-ray data** on deoxyribonucleic acid are insufficient for a rigorous test of our structure. So far as we can tell, it is roughly compatible with the experimental data, but it must be regarded as unproved until it has been checked against more exact results. Some of these are given in the following communications. We were not aware of the details of the results presented there when we devised our structure, which rests mainly through not entirely on published experimental data and stereochemical arguments.

It has not escaped our notice that the specific pairing we have postulated immediately suggests a possible copying mechanism for the genetic material.

Full details of the structure, including the conditions assumed in building it, together with a set of co-ordinates for the atoms, will be published elsewhere.

We are much indebted to Dr. Jerry Donohue for constant advice and criticism, especially on interatomic distances. We have also been stimulated by a knowledge of the general nature of the unpublished experimental results and ideas of Dr. M. H. F. Wilkins, Dr. R. E. Franklin and their co-workers at

MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

A Structure for Deoxyribonucleic Acid

WE wish to suggest a structure for the salt of deoxyribonucleic acid (D.N.A.). The structure has novel features which are of considerable biological interest.

A structure for nucleic acid has already been proposed by Pauling and Corey¹. They kindly made their manuscript available to us in advance of publication. Their model consists of three intertwined chains, with the phosphates near the fibre axis, and the bases on the outside. In our opinion, this structure is unsatisfactory for two reasons: (1) We believe that the material which gives the X-ray diagrams is the salt, not the free acid. Without the acidic hydrogen atoms it is not clear what forces would hold the structure together, especially as the negatively charged phosphates near the axis will repel each other. (2) Some of the van der Waals distances appear to be too small.

Another three-chain structure has also been suggested by Fraser (in the press). In his model the phosphates are on the outside and the bases on the inside, linked together by hydrogen bonds. This structure as described is rather ill-defined, and for this reason we shall not comment on it.

We wish to put forward a radically different structure for the salt of deoxyribonucleic acid. This structure has two helical chains each wound round the same axis (see diagram). We have made the usual chemical assumptions, namely, that each chain consists of phosphate di-ester groups joined 5-to-deoxy-ribose residues with P-O linkages. The two chains (but not their bases) are related by a dyad perpendicular to the fibre axis. Both chains follow right-handed helices, but owing to the dyad the sequence of the atoms in the two chains run in opposite directions. Each chain loosely resembles Furberg's model No. 1; that is, the bases are on the inside of the helix and the phosphates on the outside. The configuration of the sugar and the atoms near it is close to Furberg's 'standard configuration', the sugar being roughly perpendicular to the stretched base. There



Matthew Meselson e Franklin W. Stahl
Modelo de replicação do DNA semiconservativa.

1958

1961

Marmur e Doty
Renaturação de DNA

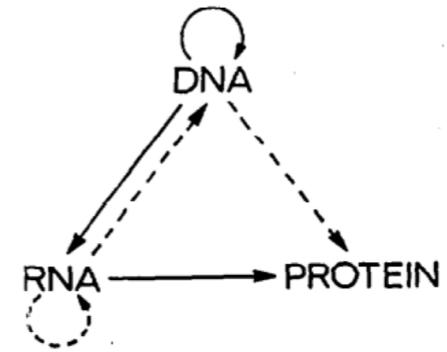
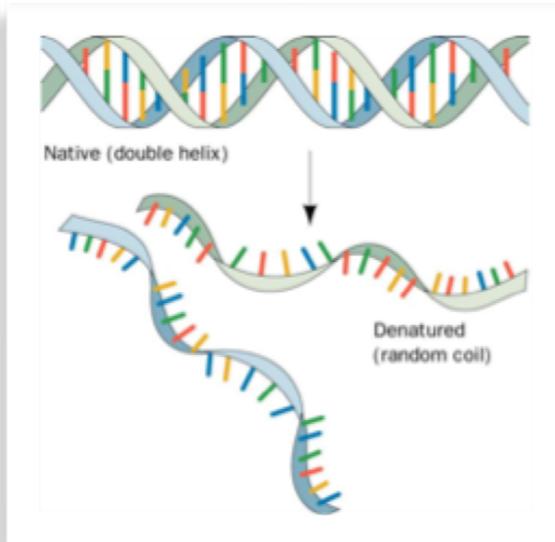


Fig. 3. A tentative classification for the present day. Solid arrows show general transfers; dotted arrows show special transfers. Again, the absent arrows are the undetected transfers specified by the central dogma.

Dogma Central da Biologia Molecular
Watson e Crick
Postulado em 1958
Publicado em 1970

1970

Central Dogma of Molecular Biology

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The central dogma of molecular biology deals with the detailed residue-by-residue transfer of sequential information. It states that such information cannot be transferred from protein to either protein or nucleic acid.

"The central dogma, enunciated by Crick in 1958 and the keystone of molecular biology ever since, is likely to prove a considerable over-simplification."

This quotation is taken from the beginning of an unsigned article¹ headed "Central dogma reversed", recounting the very important work of Dr Howard Temin² and others³ showing that an RNA tumour virus can use viral RNA as a template for DNA synthesis. This is not the first time that the idea of the central dogma has been misunderstood, in one way or another. In this article I explain why the term was originally introduced, its true meaning, and state why I think that, properly understood, it is still an idea of fundamental importance.

The central dogma was put forward⁴ at a period when much of what we now know in molecular genetics was not established. All we had to work on were certain fragmentary experimental results, themselves often rather uncertain and confused, and a boundless optimism that the basic concepts involved were rather simple and probably much the same in all living things. In such a situation well constructed theories can play a really useful part in stating problems clearly and thus guiding experiment.

The two central concepts which had been produced, originally without any explicit statement of the simplification being introduced, were those of sequential information and of defined alphabets. Neither of these steps was trivial. Because it was abundantly clear by that time that a protein had a well defined three dimensional structure, and that its activity depended crucially on this structure, it was necessary to put the folding-up process on one side, and postulate that, by and large, the polypeptide chain folded itself up. This temporarily reduced the central problem from a three dimensional one to a one dimensional one. It was also necessary to argue that in spite of the miscellaneous list of amino-acids found in proteins (as then given in all biochemical textbooks) some of them, such as phosphoserine, were secondary modifications; and that there was probably a universal set of twenty used throughout nature. In the same way minor modifications to the nucleic acid bases were ignored; uracil in RNA was considered to be informationally

analogous to thymine in DNA, thus giving four standard symbols for the components of nucleic acid.

The principal problem could then be stated as the formulation of the general rules for information transfer from one polymer with a defined alphabet to another. This could be compactly represented by the diagram of Fig. 1 (which was actually drawn at that time, though I am not sure that it was ever published) in which all possible simple transfers were represented by arrows. The arrows do not, of course, represent the flow of matter but the directional flow of detailed, residue-by-residue, sequence information from one polymer molecule to another.

Now if all possible transfers commonly occurred it would have been almost impossible to construct useful theories. Nevertheless, such theories were part of our everyday discussions. This was because it was being tacitly assumed that certain transfers could not occur. It occurred to me that it would be wise to state these preconceptions explicitly.

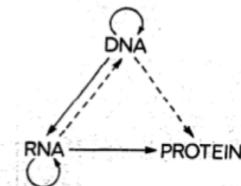


Fig. 2. The arrows show the situation as it seemed in 1958. Solid arrows represent probable transfers, dotted arrows possible transfers. The absent arrows (compare Fig. 1) represent the impossible transfers postulated by the central dogma. They are the three possible arrows starting from proteins.

A little analysis showed that the transfer could be divided roughly into three groups. The first group was those for which some evidence, direct or indirect, seemed to exist. These are shown by the solid arrows in Fig. 2. They were:

- I (a) DNA→DNA
- I (b) DNA→RNA
- I (c) RNA→Protein
- I (d) RNA→RNA

The last of these transfers was presumed to occur because of the existence of RNA viruses.

Next there were two transfers (shown in Fig. 2 as dotted arrows) for which there was neither any experimental evidence nor any strong theoretical requirement. They were:

- II (a) RNA→DNA (see the reference to Temin's work²)
- II (b) DNA→Protein

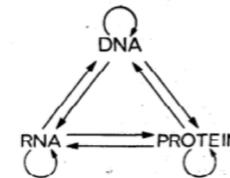


Fig. 1. The arrows show all the possible simple transfers between the three families of polymers. They represent the directional flow of detailed, residue-by-residue, sequence information.



1928 - Fredrick Griffith
Princípio Transformante

"Fred Griffith discovers the phenomenon of transformation, in which some unknown "principle" transforms a harmless strain of bacteria into a virulent one."



1944 - Oswald Theodore Avery
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"Oswald Avery, Colin Macleod, and Maclyn McCarty prove that DNA, not protein, embodies the heredity material in most living organisms."



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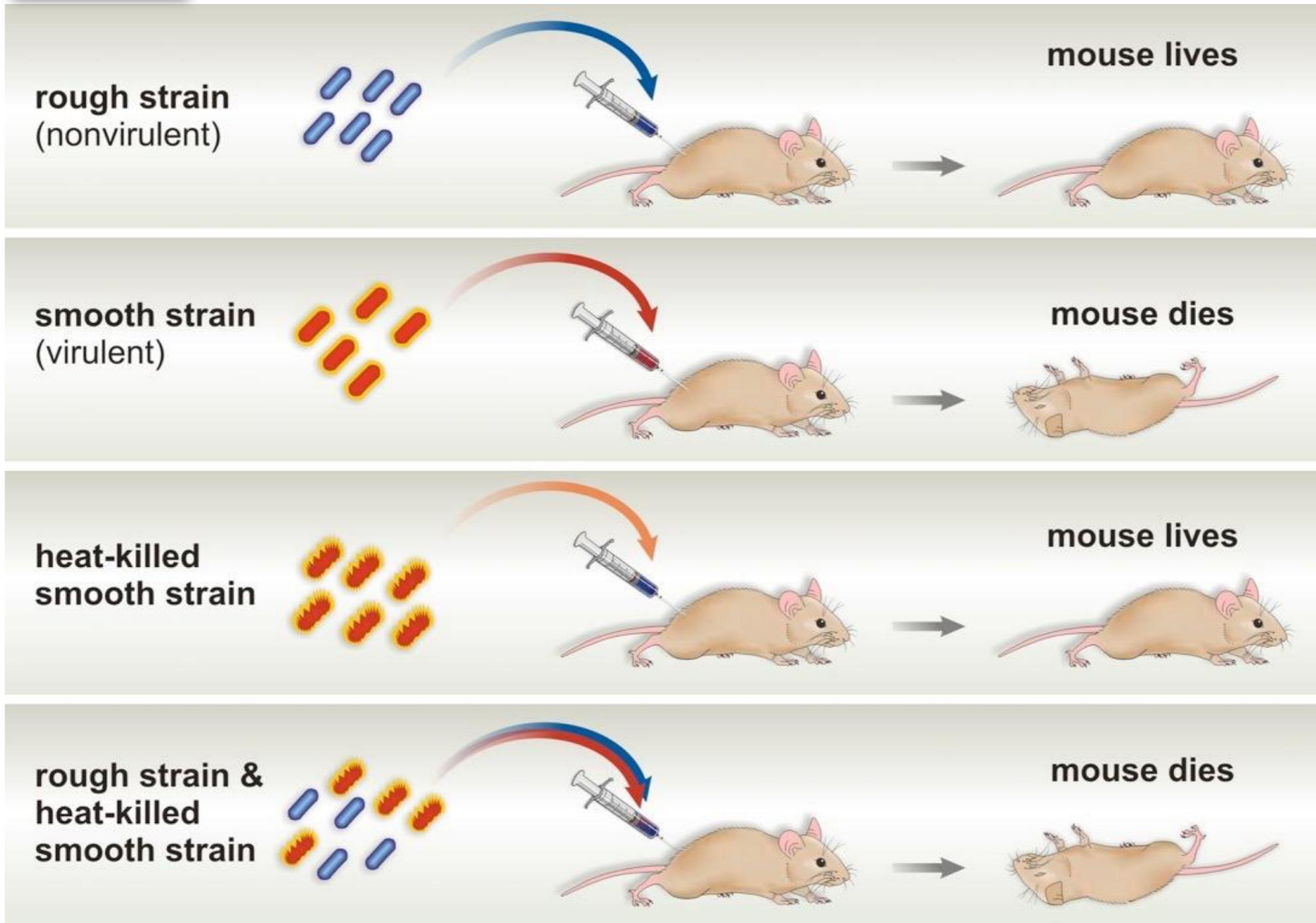


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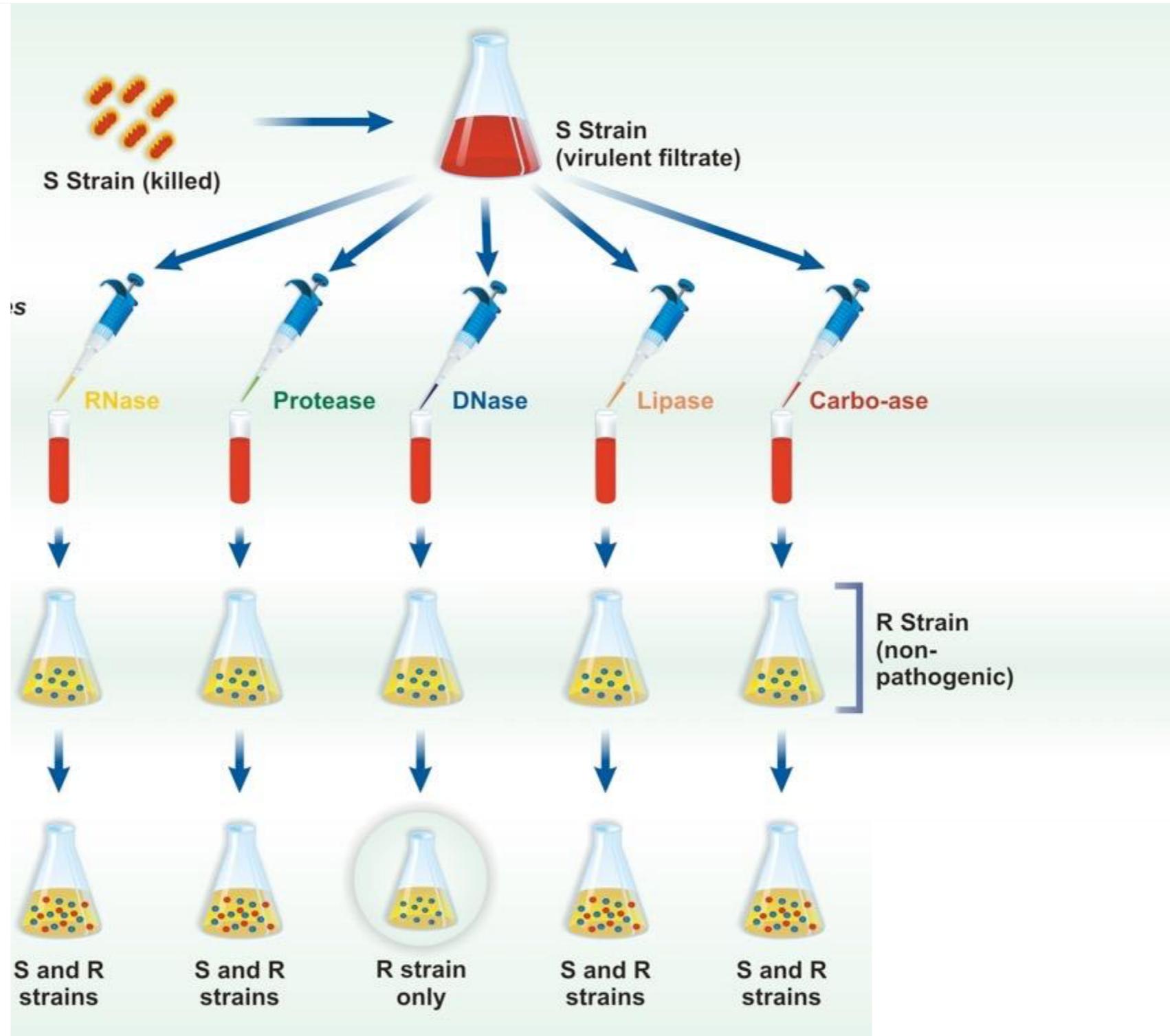


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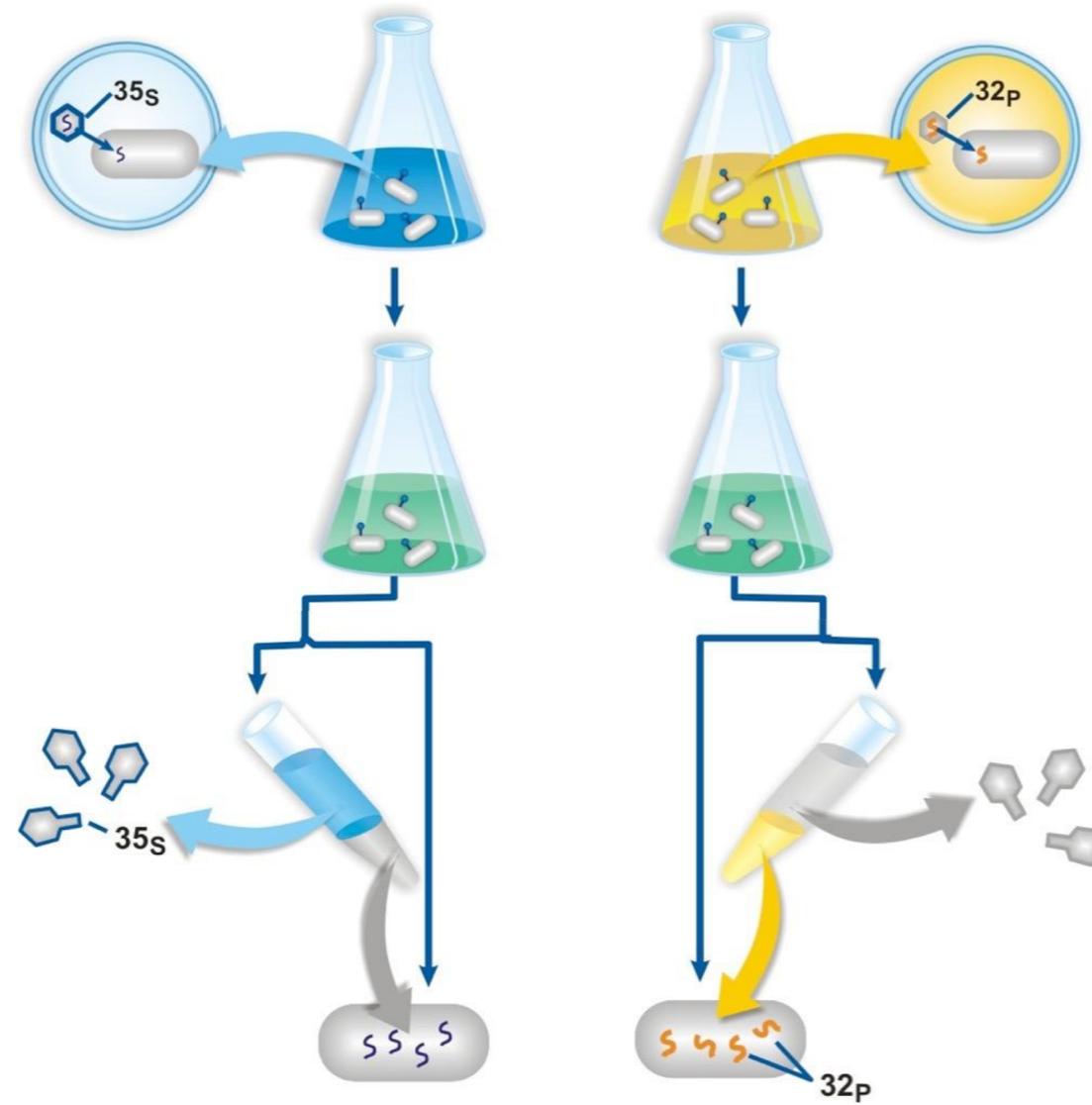


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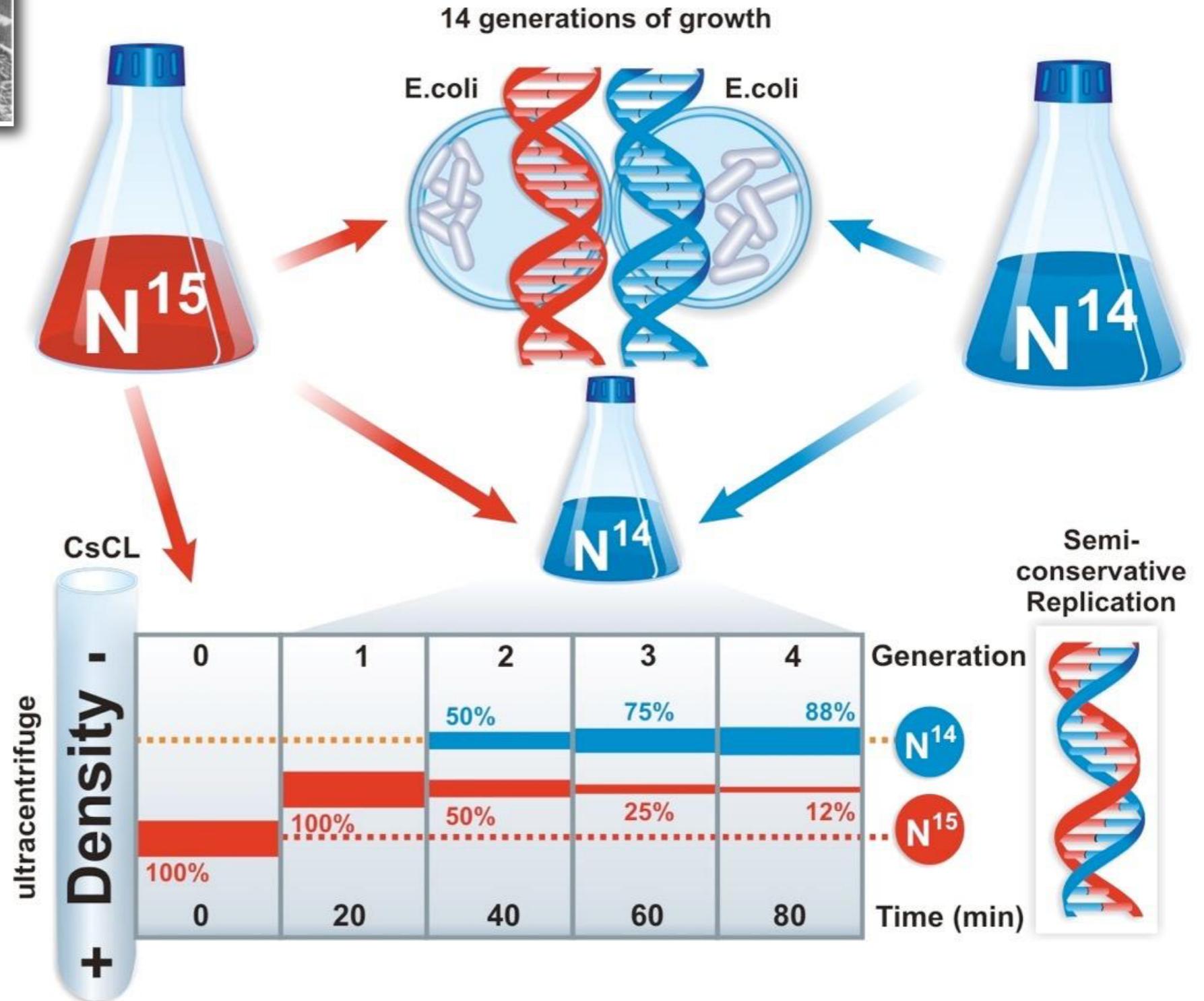


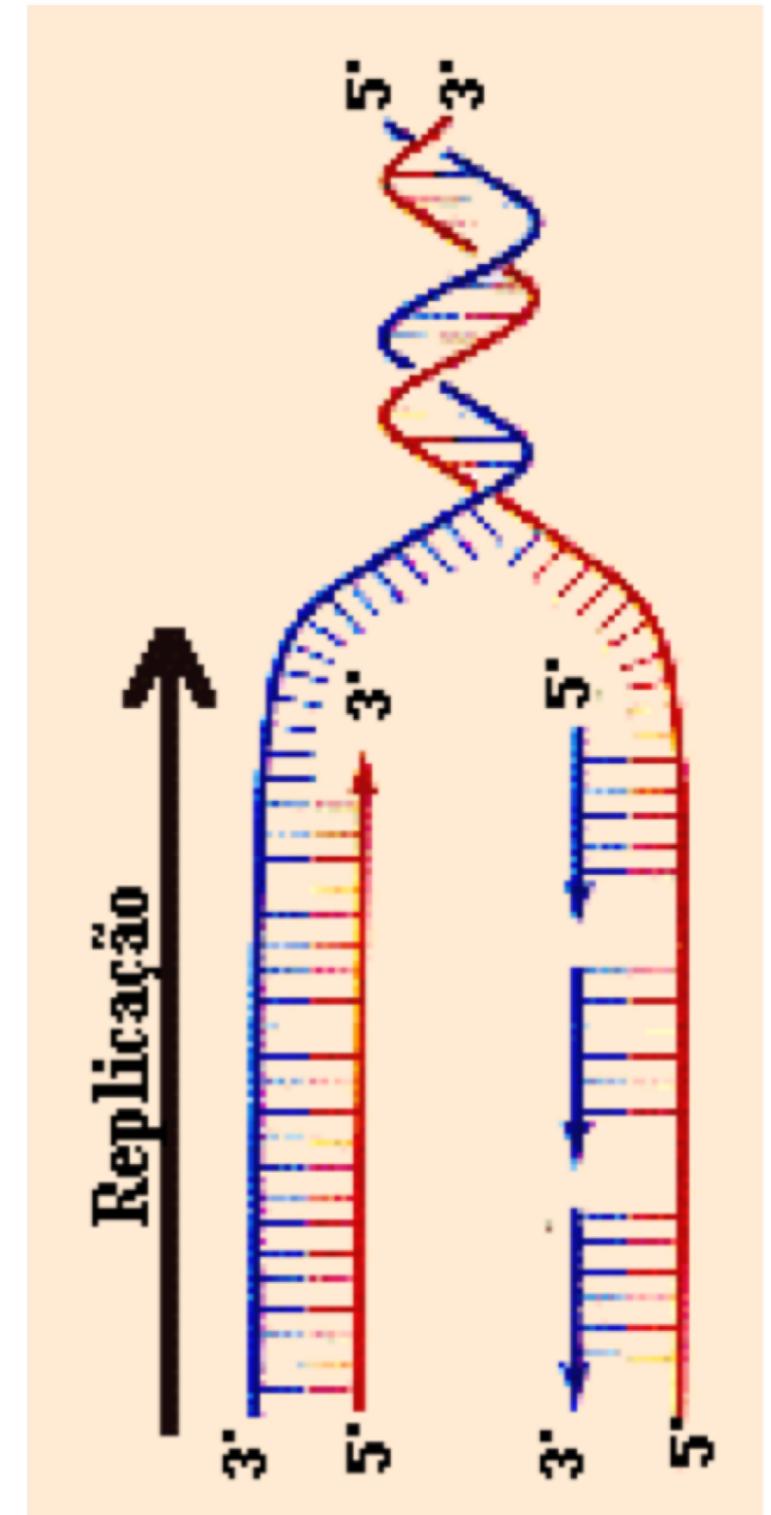
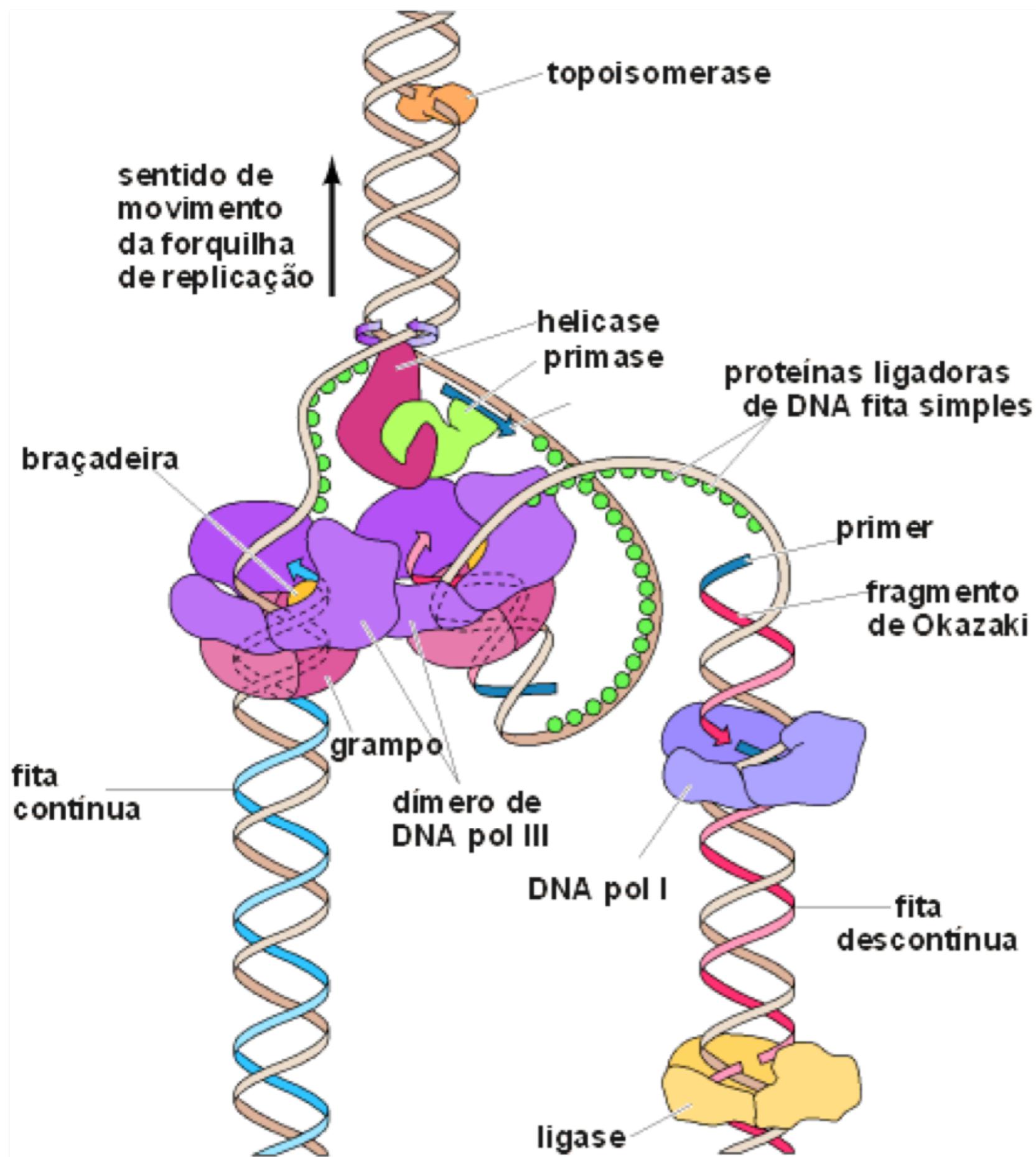
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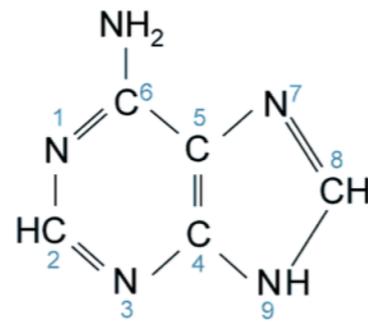


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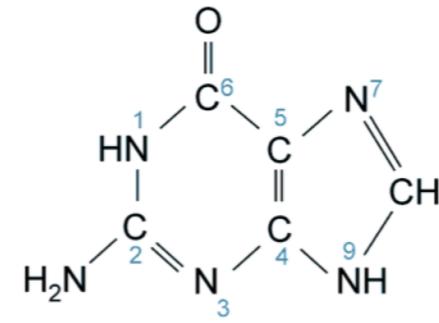
Polímero de nucleotídeos

Bases nitrogenadas

Purinas

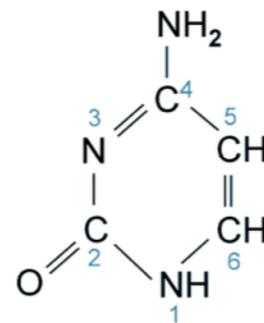


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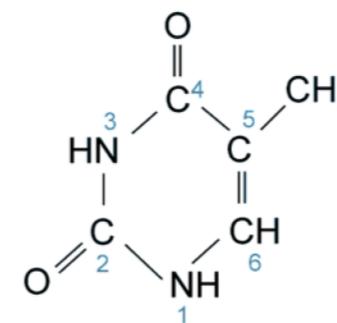


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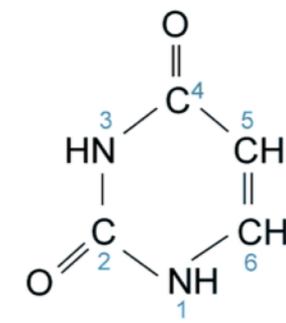
Pirimidinas



Cytosine (C)



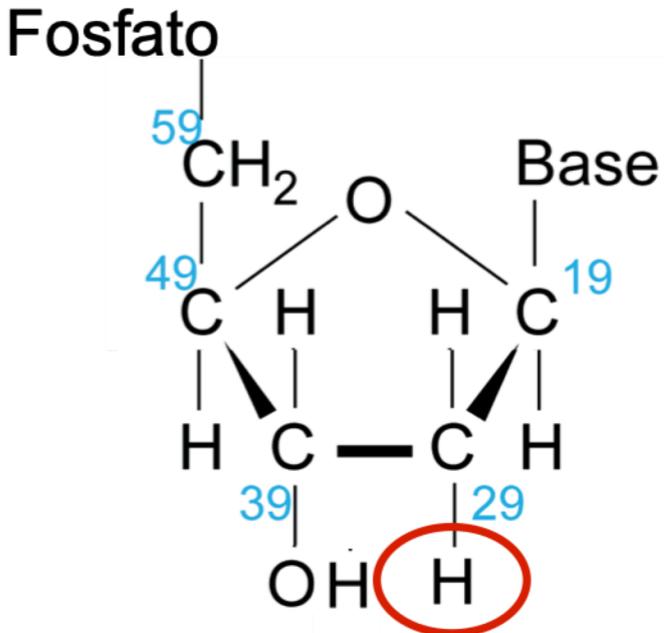
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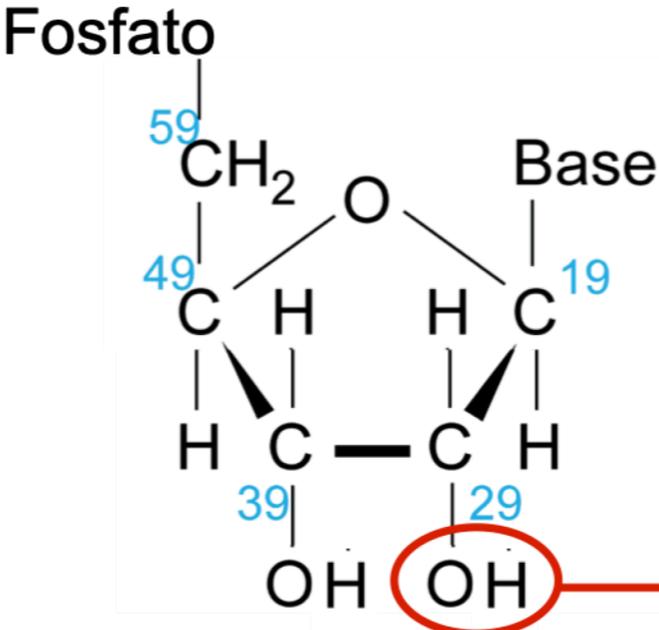
Uracil (U)

Pentoses

Desoxirribose

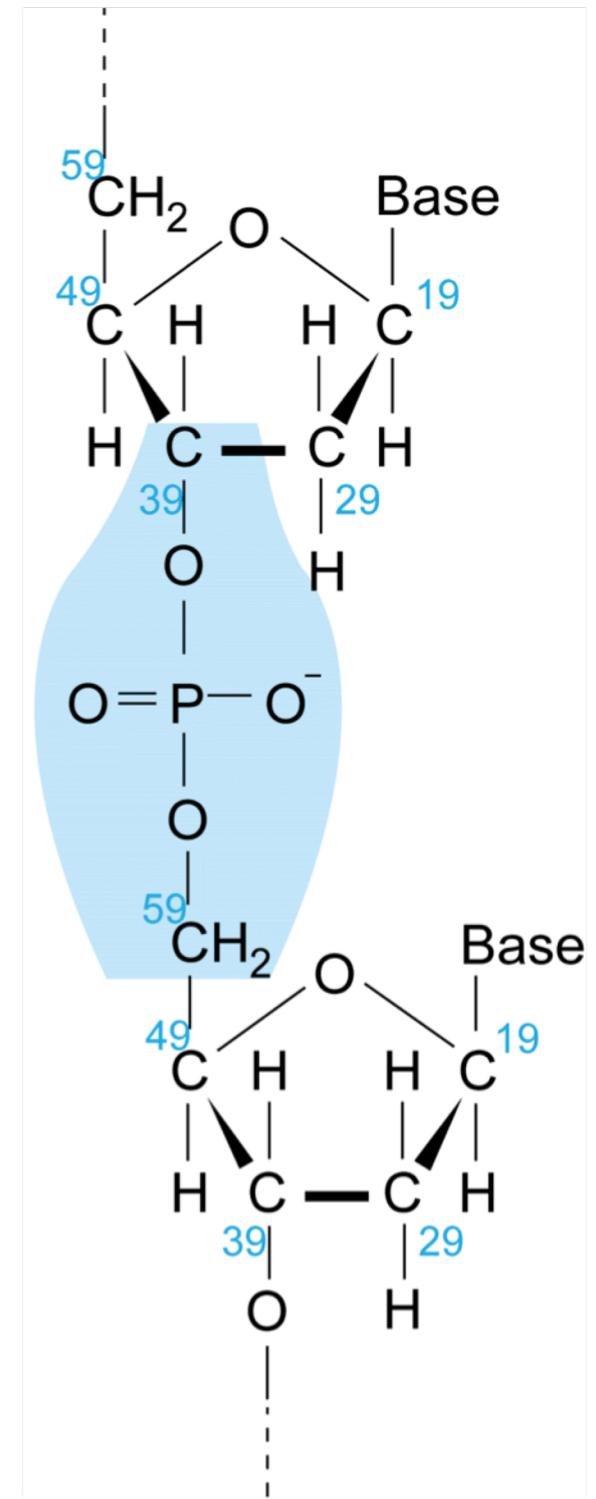
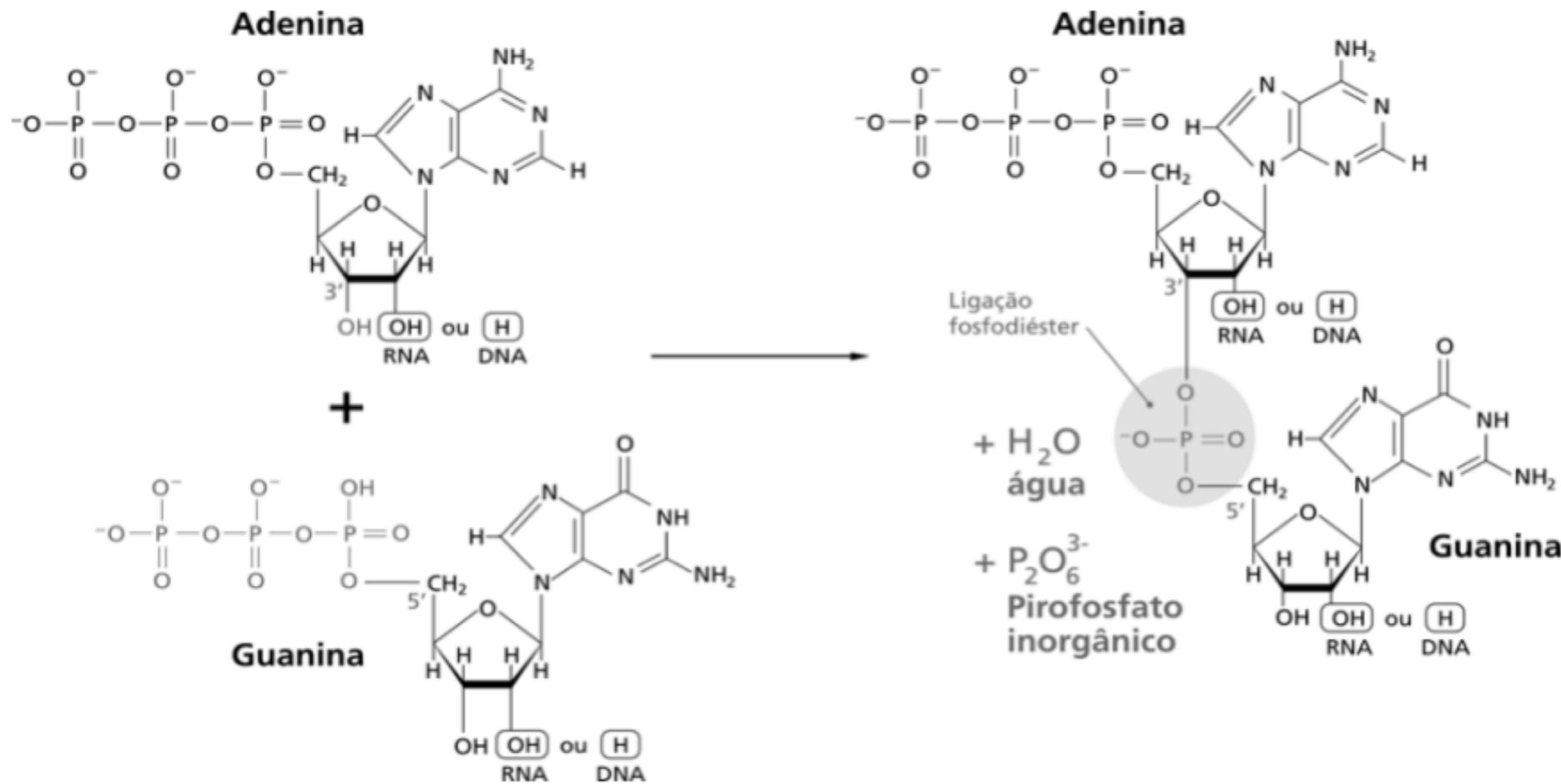


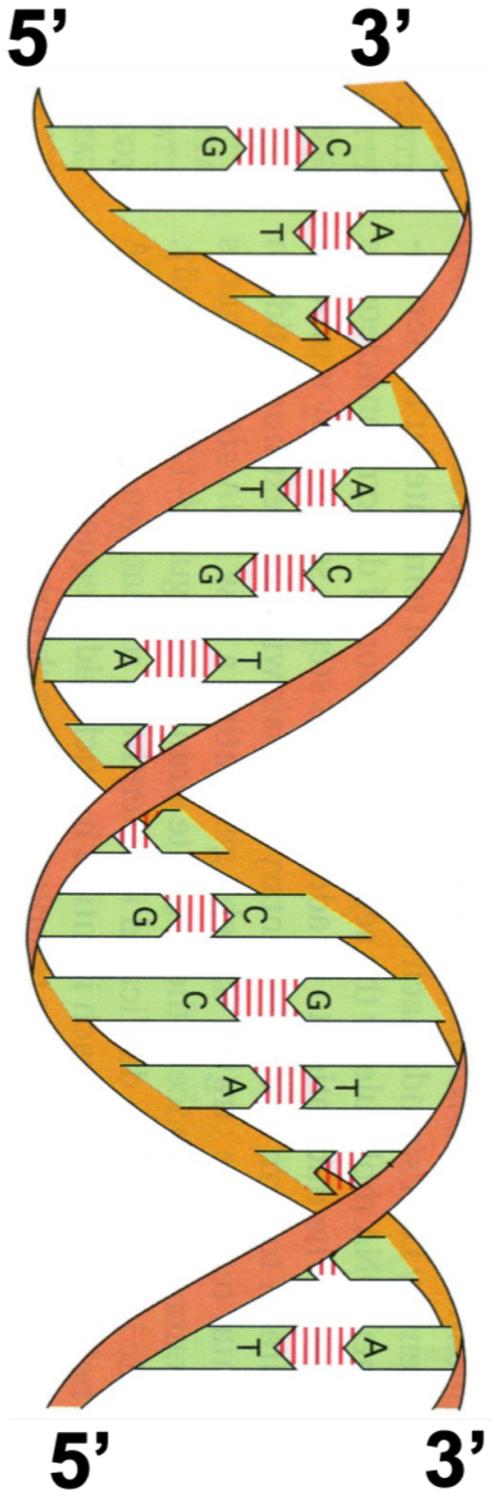
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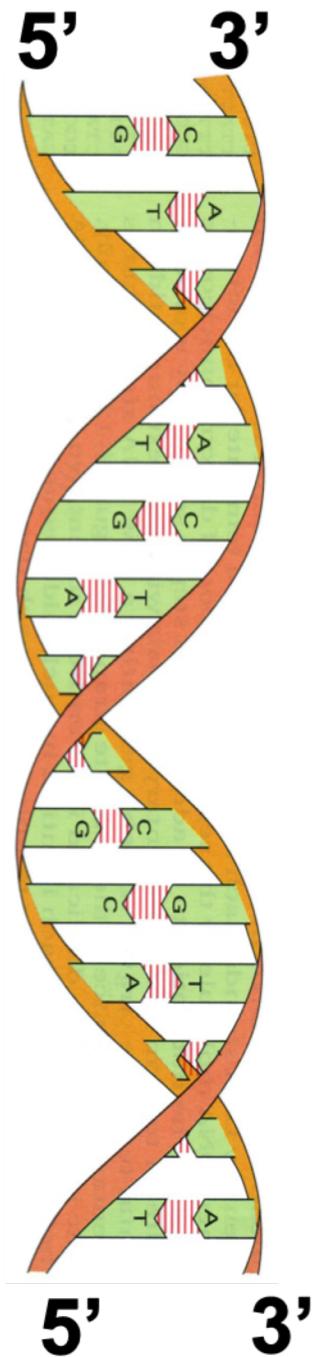


Polinucleotídeos

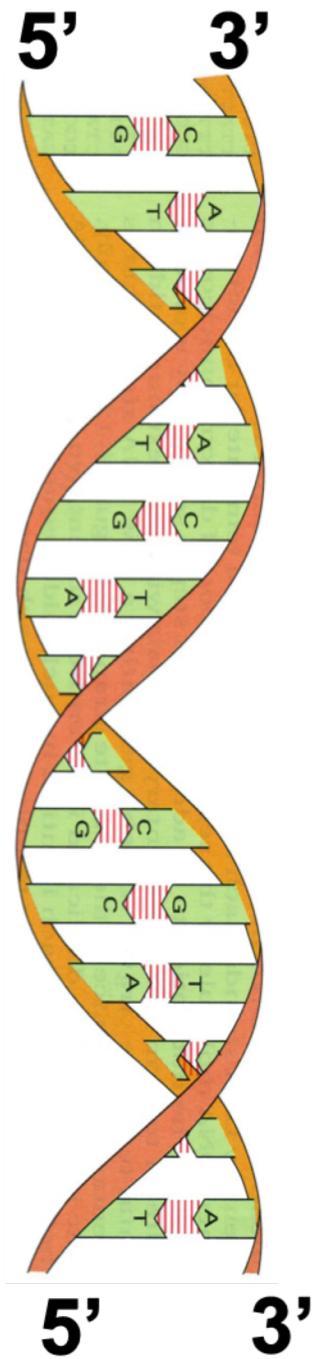
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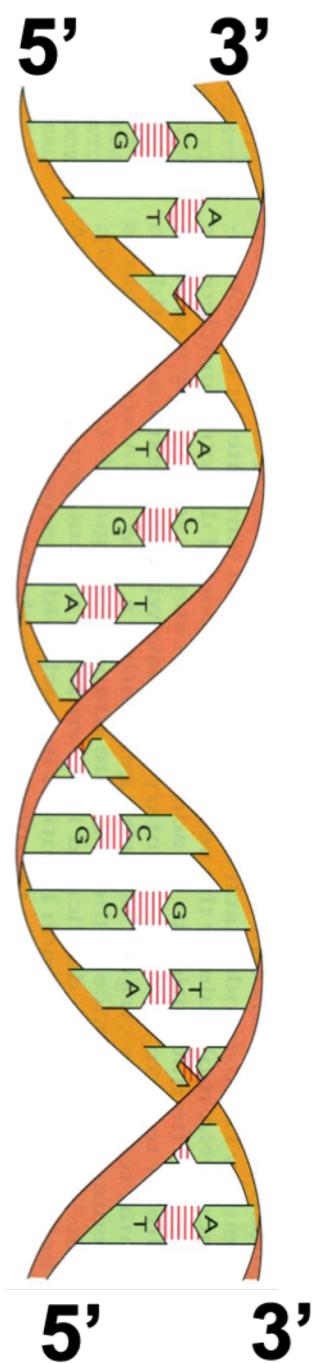




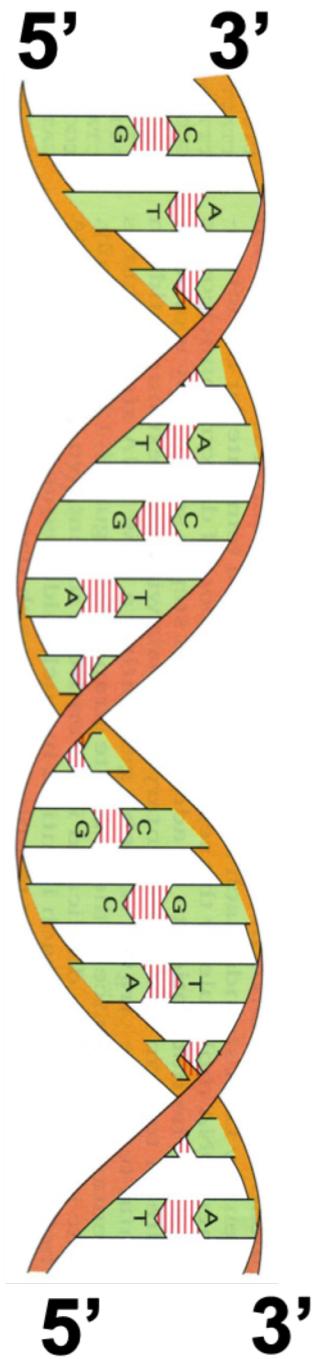
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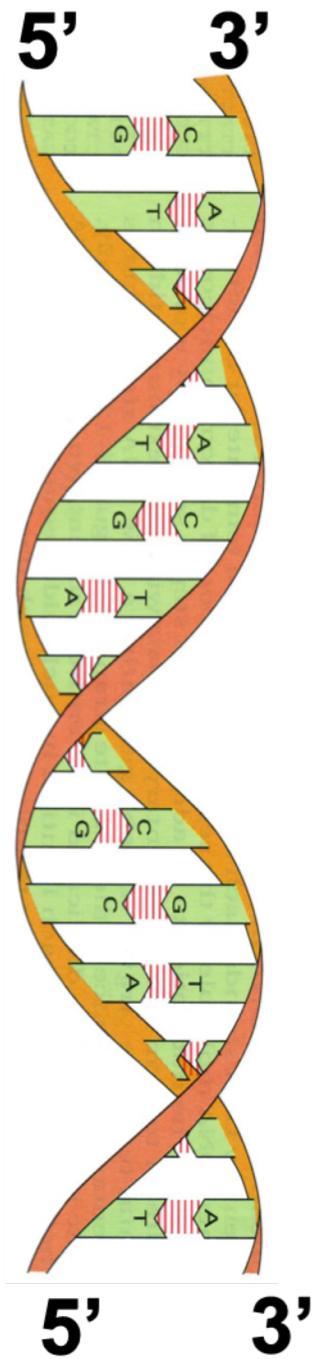
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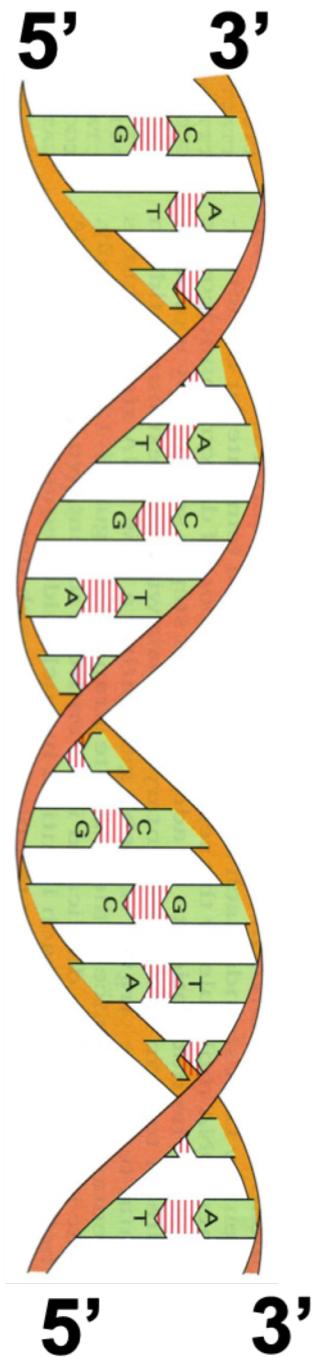
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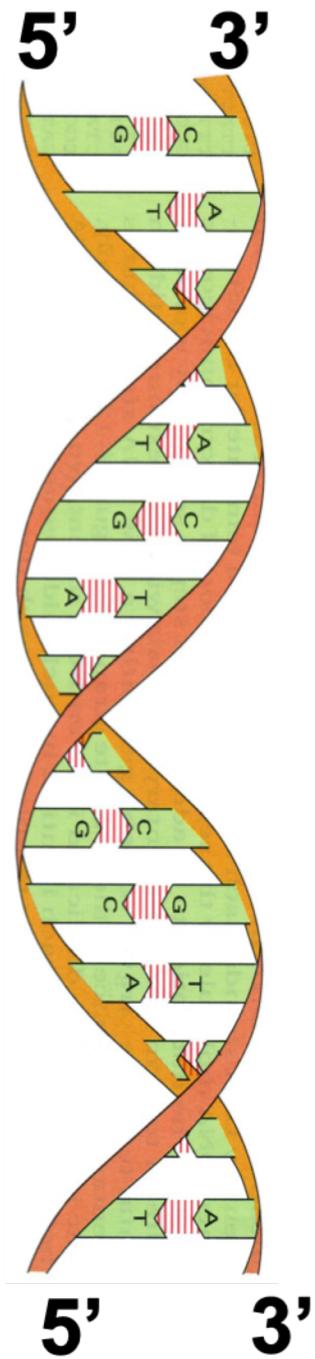
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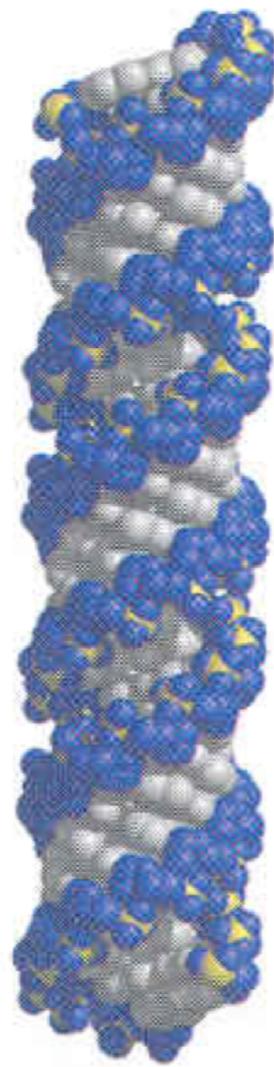
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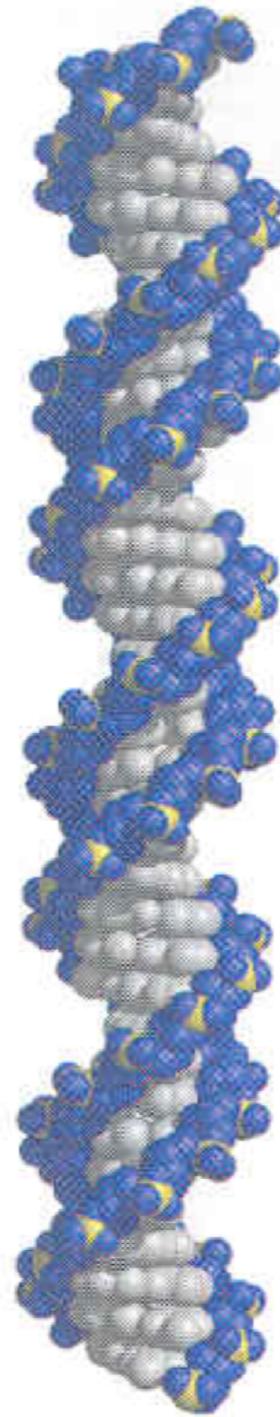
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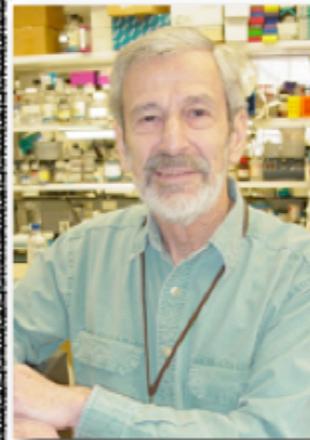
B form



Z form



Wener Arber
Enzimas de restrição



Martin Gellert
DNA ligase



Boyer, Cohen e Berg
Clonagem gênica



1962

1966

1967

1972



Nirenberg, Ochoa e Khorana
Elucidaram o código genético

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Codon Usage in Homo sapiens

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[Codon/a.a./fraction per codon per a.a.]

Homo sapiens data from the Codon Usage Database

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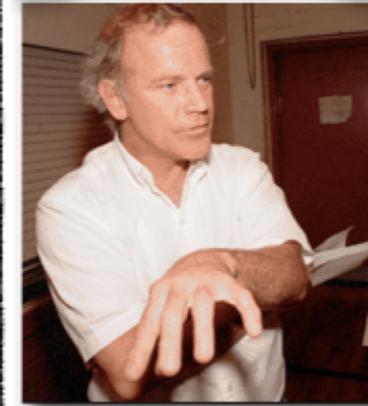
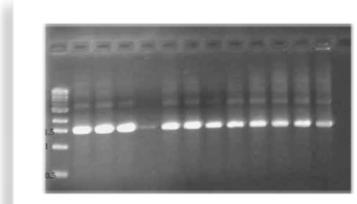
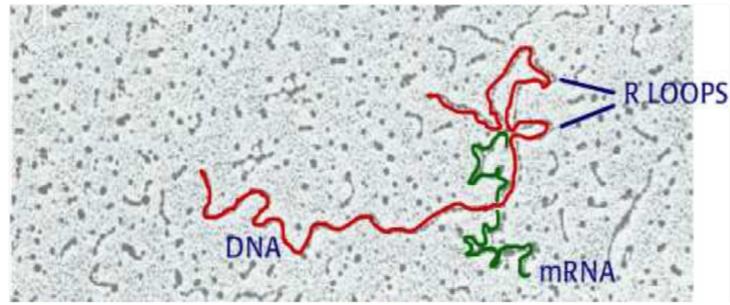
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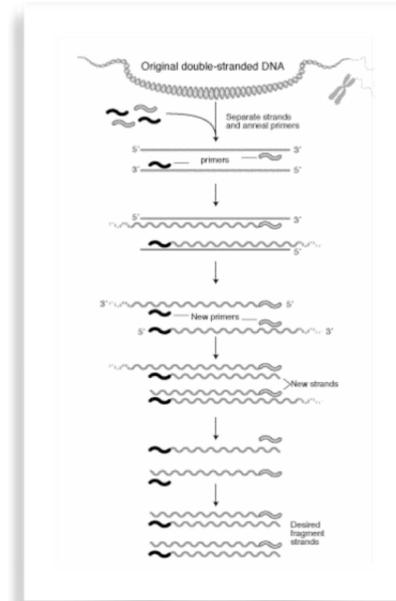
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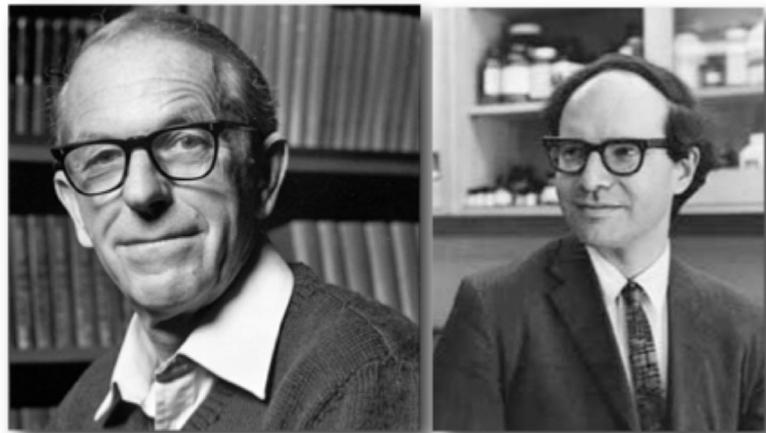
Phillip Sharp
Genes de eucariotos são interrompidos



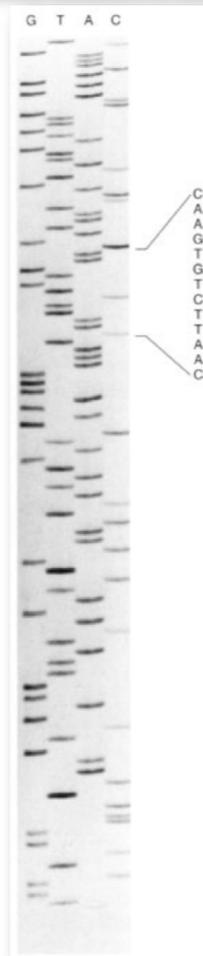
Kary Mullis
Reação em cadeia da polimerase (PCR)



1975-1977



Frederick Sanger e Walter Gilbert
Sequenciamento do DNA



1984

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Alec Jeffreys develops "genetic fingerprinting" a molecular biological analog of traditional fingerprinting for identifying individuals by analyzing polymorphic sequences in the DNA.

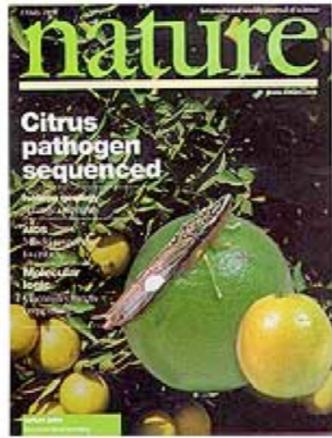
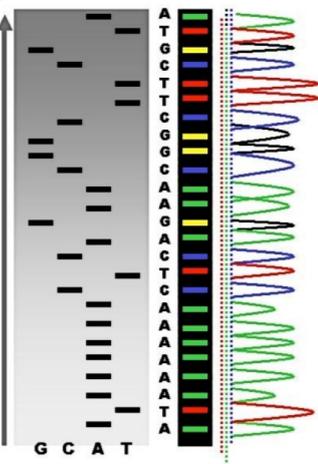
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The Human Genome Initiative, later called the Human Genome Project, is announced. The goal is to sequence the entire human genome and provide a complete catalog of every human gene.

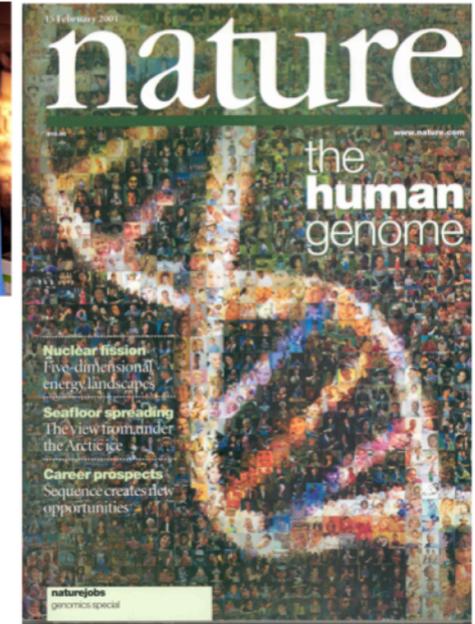
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Leroy Hood



Francis Collins
Diretor do "National Human Genome Research Institute"



Craig Venter
Co-fundador da "Celera Genomics Corporation"



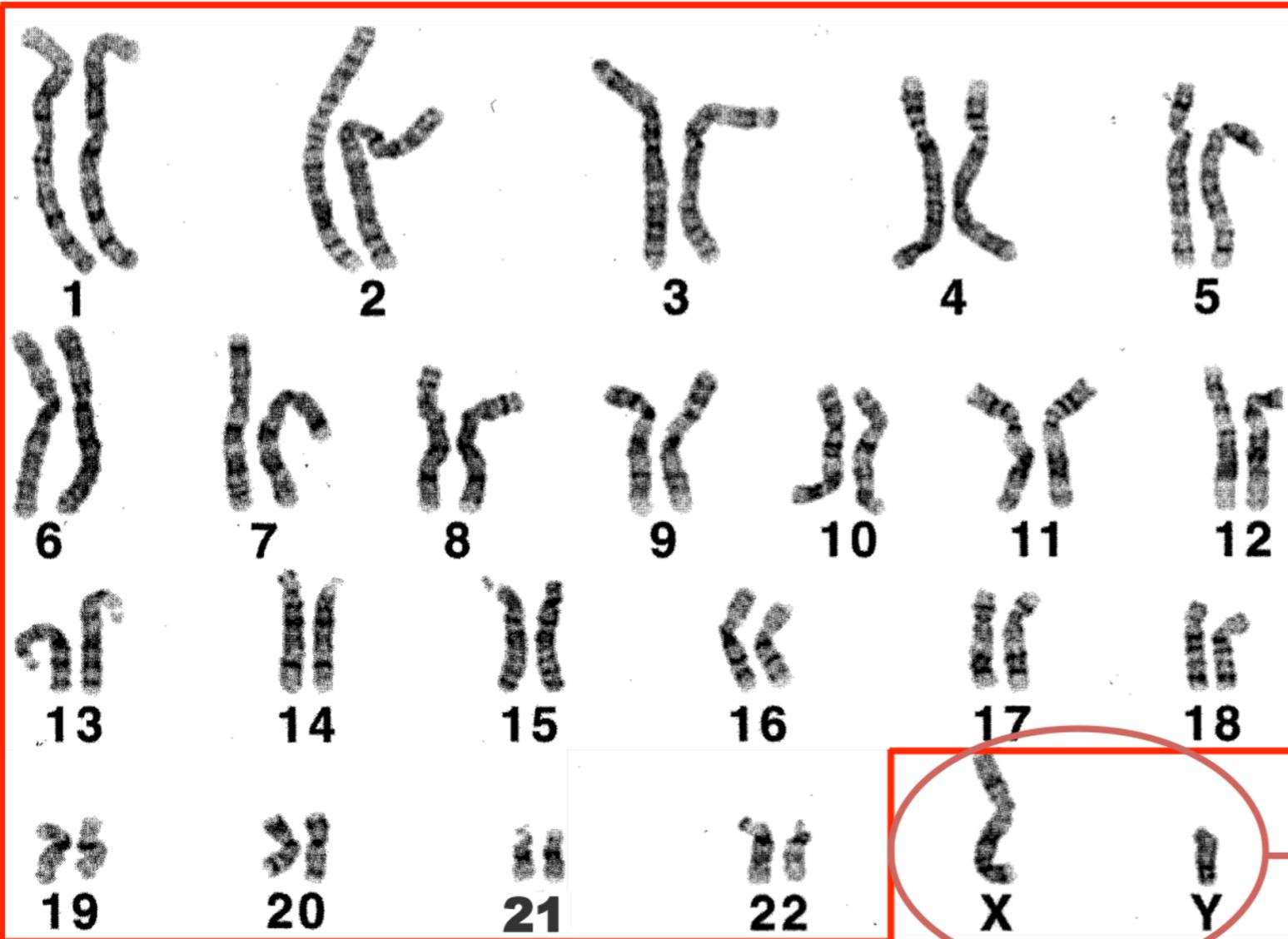
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2001

Lançado o Projeto Genoma Humano (HGP)

Esforço de 15 anos coordenado pelo "Department of Energy – DOE" e pelo "National Institutes of Health – NIH" dos USA para o seqüenciamento completo do genoma humano.



Autossômica

Ligada ao sexo