



# New diagnostic technologies – what is the New Zealand capability

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- Time
- Difficult to differentiate species
- Organisms that cannot be cultured
- Sensitivity
- Environmental samples
- Identify new strains



- The process whereby DNA is copied exponentially.
- Reaction contains:
  1. Target DNA
  2. Specific PCR primers
  3. Nucleotides (A, G, T, C)
  4. DNA polymerase
- Requires a “thermalcycler”

# PCR : Polymerase Chain Reaction

30 - 40 cycles of 3 steps :

## Step 1 : denaturation

1 minut 94 °C

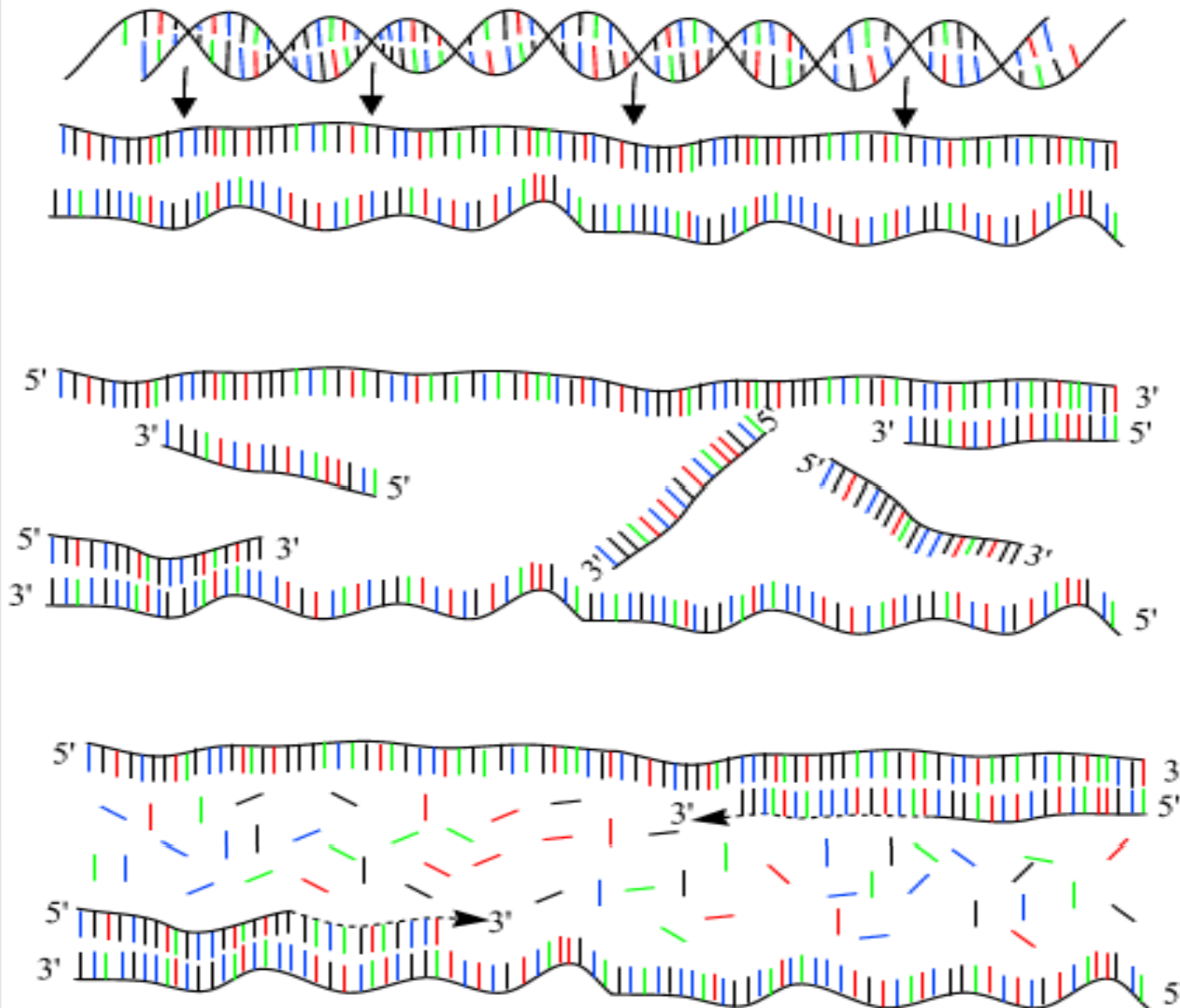
## Step 2 : annealing

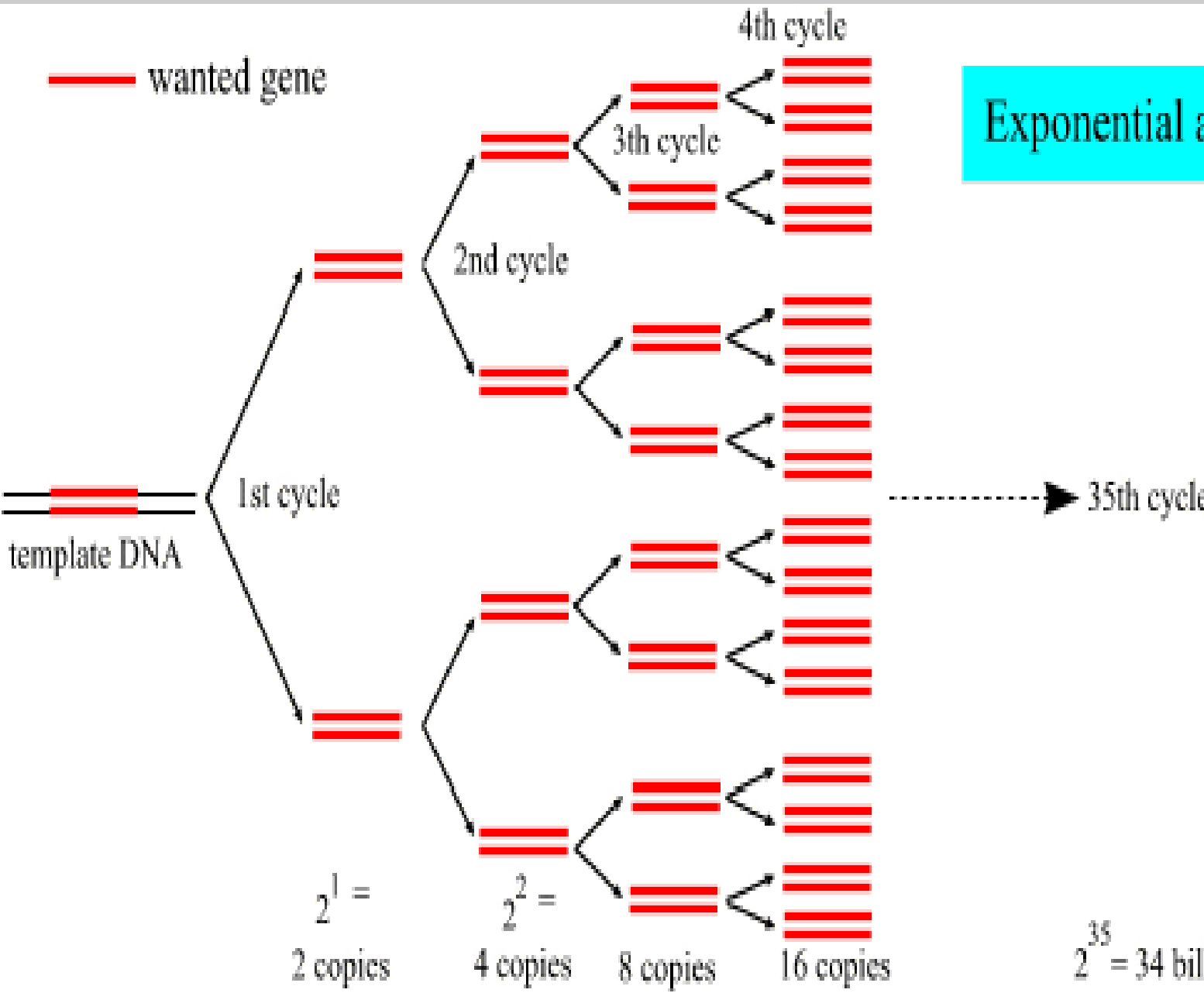
45 seconds 54 °C

**forward and reverse primers !!!**

## Step 3 : extension

2 minutes 72 °C  
**only dNTP's**





Exponential amplification

Specific DNA tests for individual organisms:

ie. *Endocronartium harknessii*,

*Fusarium circinatum*,

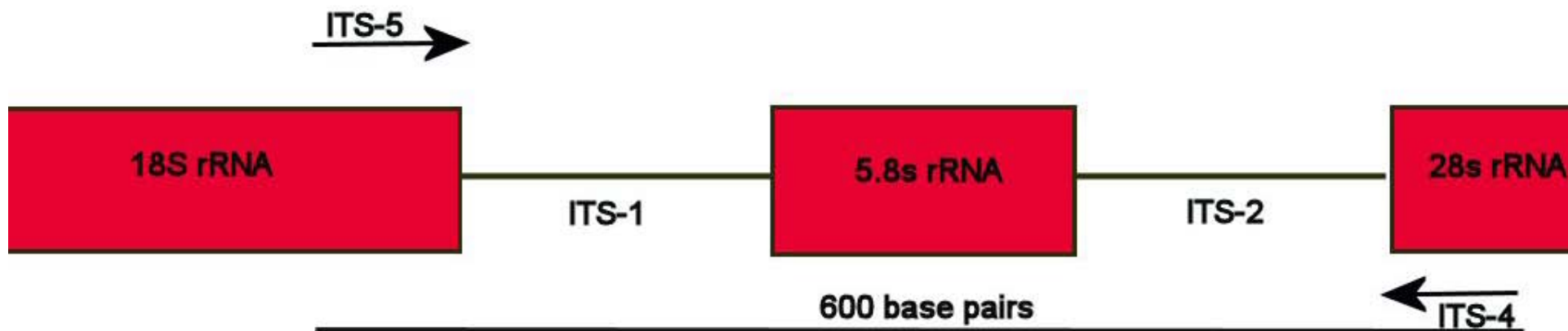
*Nectria fuckeliana*

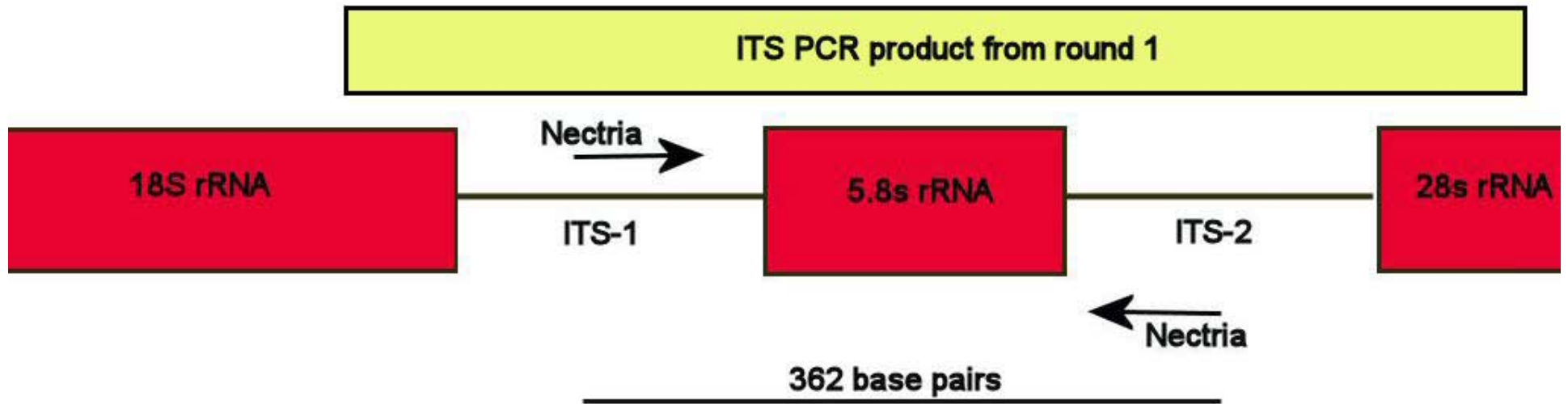
Often published, ie.

*Phytophthora ramorum*

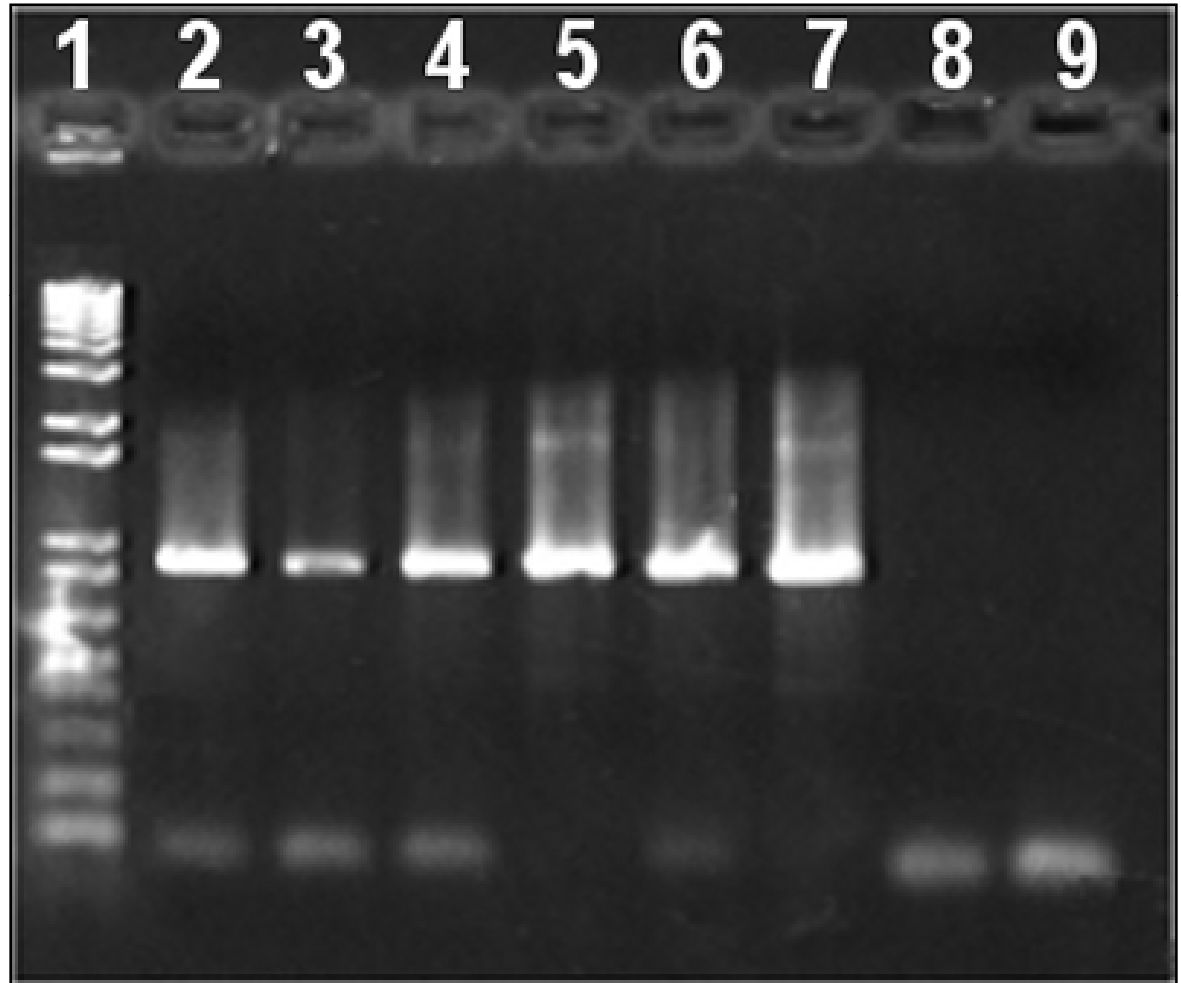








Positive result is a band of the expected size.



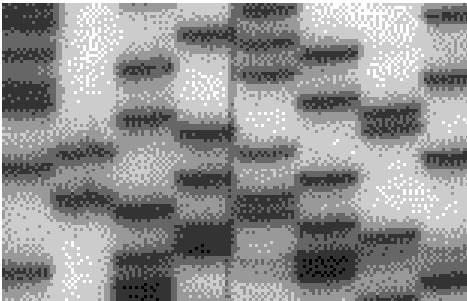
False negative reactions – intraspecific variability.

False positive reactions – invoke an incursion response.

Both can be extremely costly.

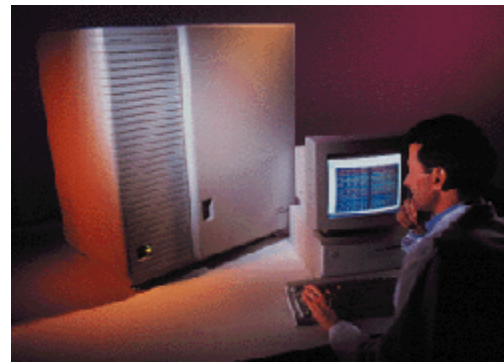
- PCR amplify a variable region using conserved PCR primers.
- Sequence the PCR product.
- BLAST search PCR product sequence in GenBank or other database.

## Manual sequencing

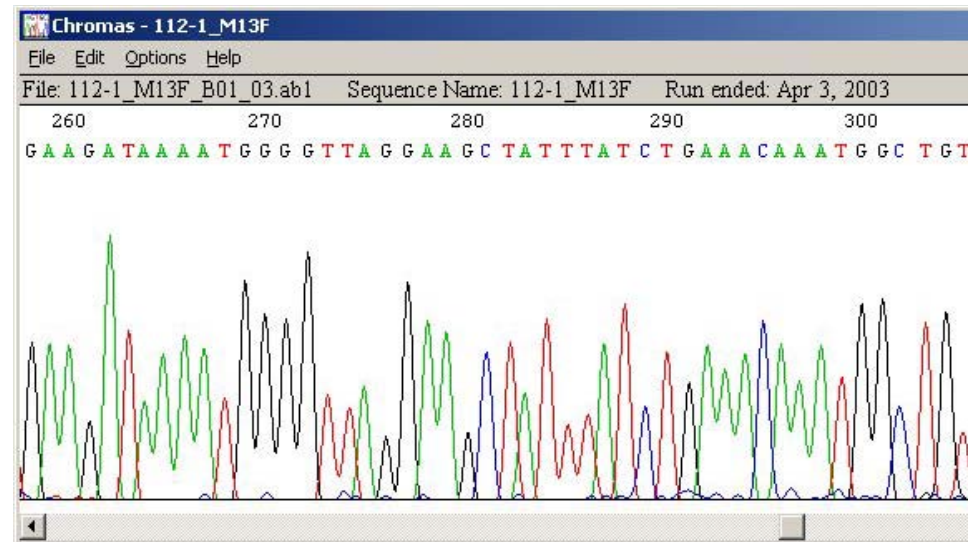


Sanger sequencing,  
size separation of radioactively labelled DNA

## Automated sequencing




Dye termination  
Laser reads wavelength



► [NCBI/BLAST/blastn suite: BLASTN programs search nucleotide databases using a nucleotide query.](#) [more...](#)

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### Enter Query Sequence

Enter accession number, gi, or FASTA sequence  [Clear](#)

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Query subrange 


From

To

Or, upload file

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Job Title

Enter a descriptive title for your BLAST search 

### Choose Search Set


Database

Human genomic + transcript  Mouse genomic + transcript  Others (nr etc.):

Nucleotide collection (nr/nt) 


Organism

Optional

Enter organism common name, binomial, or tax id. Only 20 top taxa will be shown. 

Entrez Query

Optional

Enter an Entrez query to limit search 

### Program Selection

Optimize for

Highly similar sequences (megablast)  
 More dissimilar sequences (discontiguous megablast)  
 Somewhat similar sequences (blastn)

Choose a BLAST algorithm 

**BLAST**

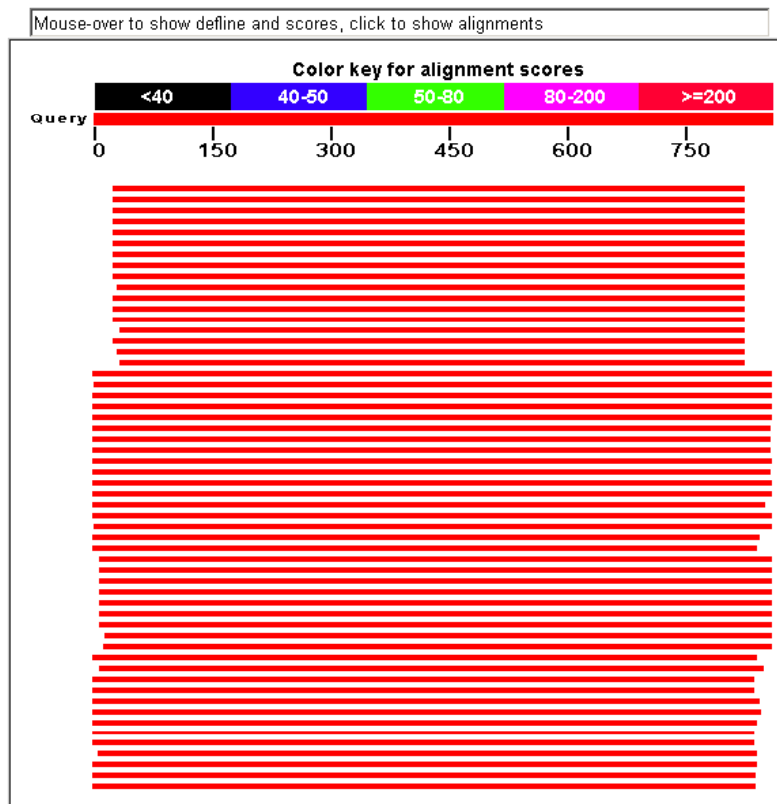
Search **database nr** using **Blastn** (Optimize for somewhat similar sequences)

Show results in a new window

► [Algorithm parameters](#)

Note: Parameter values that differ from the default are highlighted in yellow

## Distribution of 102 Blast Hits on the Query Sequence



[Distance tree of results](#) **NEW**

Legend for links to other resources: [U](#) UniGene [E](#) GEO [G](#) Gene [S](#) Structure [M](#) Map Viewer

Sequences producing significant alignments:  
(Click headers to sort columns)

Accession	Description	Max score	Total score	Query coverage	E value	Max ident	Links
<a href="#">EF067922.1</a>	Phytophthora sp. ICMP 16471 internal transcribed spacer 1, 5.8S ribosomal RNA gene, and internal transcri	1436	1436	93%	0.0	100%	
<a href="#">AF266771.1</a>	Phytophthora katsurae internal transcribed spacer 1, 5.8S ribosomal RNA gene, and internal transcribed sp	1422	1422	93%	0.0	99%	
<a href="#">EU035774.1</a>	Phytophthora novaeguineae isolate P3389 internal transcribed spacer 1, 5.8S ribosomal RNA gene, and inter	1415	1415	93%	0.0	99%	
<a href="#">AB367387.1</a>	Phytophthora heveae genes for ITS1, 5.8S rRNA, ITS2, complete sequence, isolate: heveae-P1102	1337	1337	93%	0.0	96%	
<a href="#">EU045747.1</a>	Phytophthora heveae isolate P9948 internal transcribed spacer 1, partial sequence; 5.8S ribosomal RNA ge	1337	1337	93%	0.0	96%	



>[|gb|EF067922.1|](#) Phytophthora sp. ICMP 16471 internal transcribed spacer 1, 5.8S ribosomal RNA gene, and internal transcribed spacer 2, complete sequence  
Length=796

Score = 1436 bits (1592), Expect = 0.0  
Identities = 796/796 (100%), Gaps = 0/796 (0%)  
Strand=Plus/Plus

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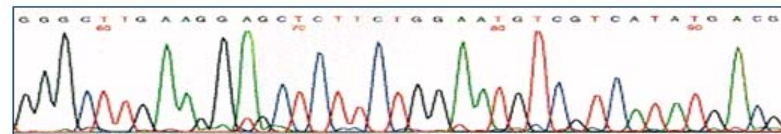
- No DNA sequence from the organism is in GenBank.
- Mis-identification of source organism in GenBank.
- Use other databases, ie. FusID 1.0 or UNITE.



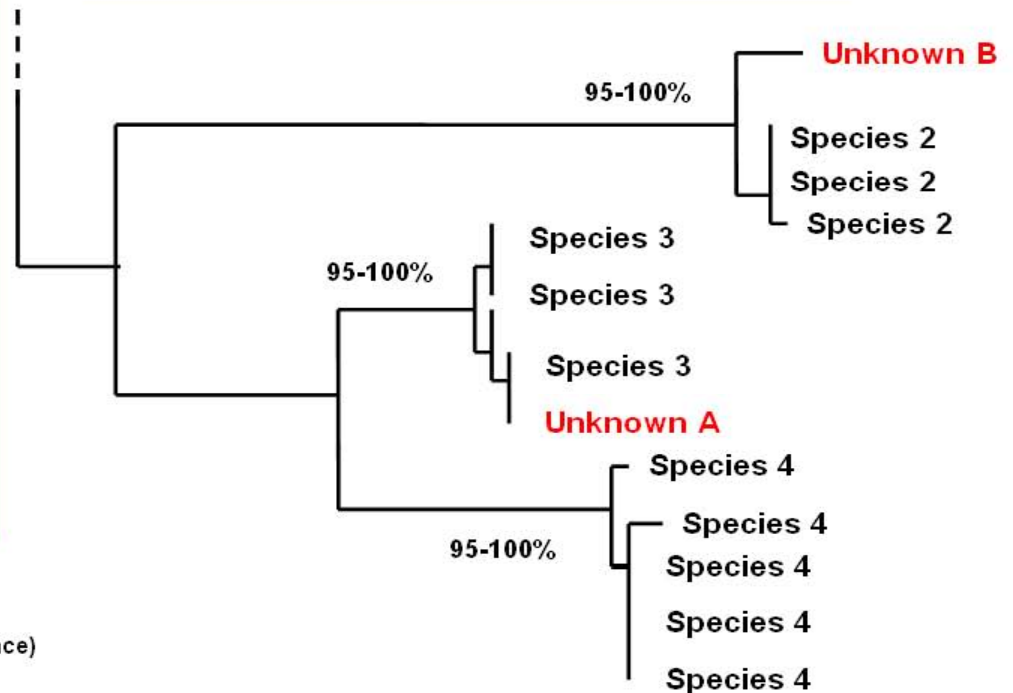
# Using DNA barcodes for identification

## Interrogate the reference dataset

- Append sequence to reference dataset
- Observe species 'clusters'
- Consider other evidence



0.02  
\_\_\_\_\_ (sequence divergence)



# BOLD (Barcoding of Life Database)

www.barcodinglife.com

## BARCODE OF LIFE DATA SYSTEMS

Advancing species identification and discovery through the analysis of short, standardized gene regions

About BOLD



The Barcode of Life Data Systems (BOLD) is an online workbench that aids collection, management, analysis, and use of DNA barcodes. It consists of 3 components (MAS, IDS, and ECS) that each address the needs of various groups in the barcoding community.

### MANAGEMENT & ANALYSIS

**BOLD-MAS** provides a repository for barcode records coupled with analytical tools. It serves as an online workbench for the DNA barcode community.

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### IDENTIFICATION ENGINE

**BOLD-IDS** provides a species identification tool that accepts DNA sequences from the barcode region and returns a taxonomic assignment to the species level when possible.



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### EXTERNAL CONNECTIVITY

**BOLD-ECS** provides web developers and bioinformaticians the ability to build tools and workflows that can be integrated with the BOLD framework. We welcome the addition of new analytical modules.



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- [EMBL](#)
- [DDBJ](#)
- [Citation](#)

### DATABASE STATISTICS

#### Species Barcoded

#### Total Barcodes

Source	Breakdown
GenBank	
Guelph Centre	
Others	

### BARCODING CAMPAIGNS



**Lepidoptera**: This initiative will assemble barcode 25,000 species of Lepidoptera with a focus on the faunas of Australia, Canada, Costa Rica and Uni States.



**Fishes**: The FISH-BOL campaign will gather barcode for at least 15,000 fish species with an emphasis marine species.



**Birds**: The All-Birds Barcode Initiative (ABBI) plan assemble DNA barcodes for all 10,000 bird species within 5 years.

### BARCODING WEBSITES



**Consortium for the Barcode of Life**: The consortium of organizations advancing DNA barcode assembly.



**Guelph Centre for DNA Barcoding**: The hub Canadian Barcode Network, barcoding protocol and background.



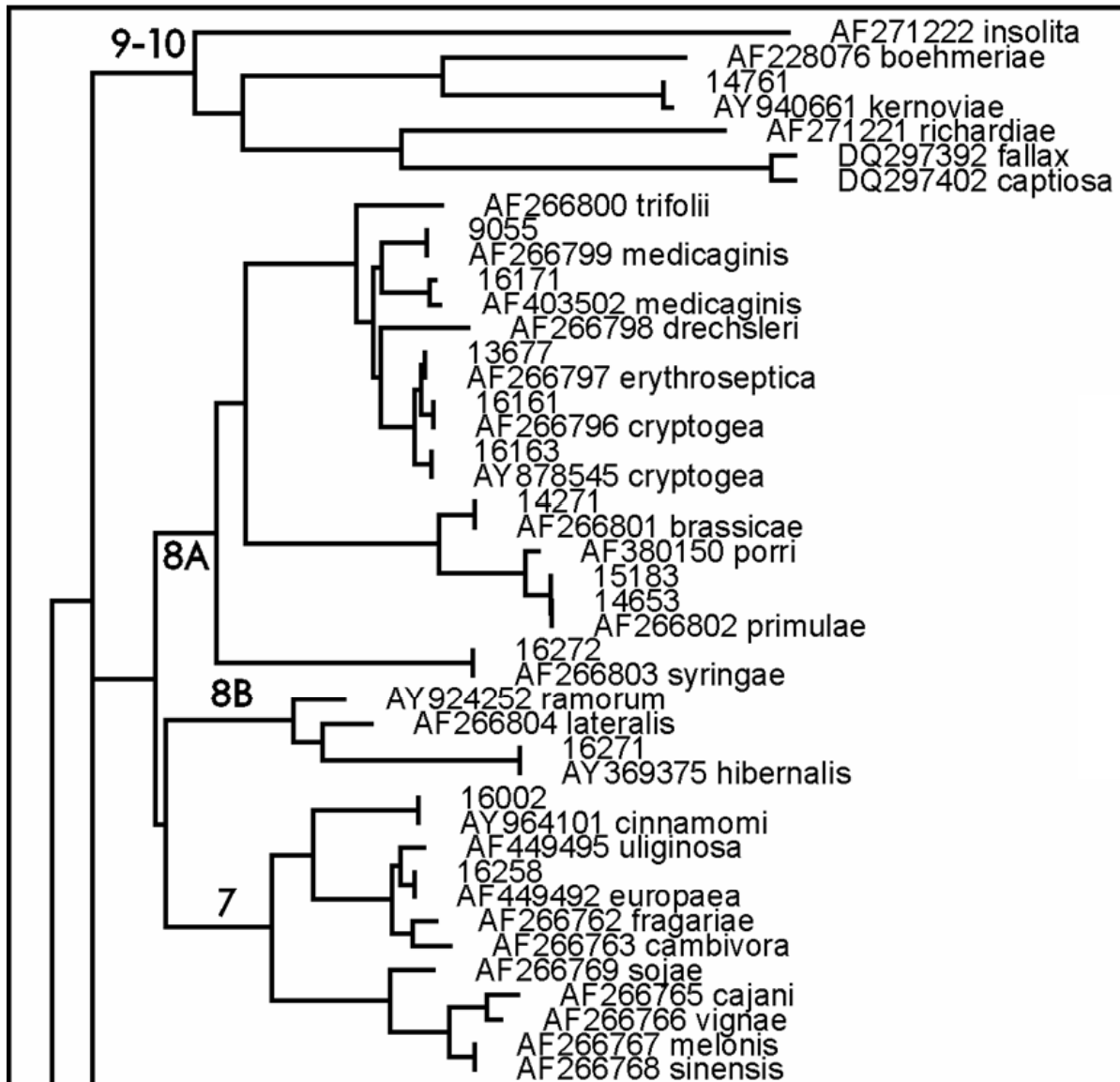
**Rockefeller University**: Background on DNA barcoding assembled by the Program for the Human Environment.

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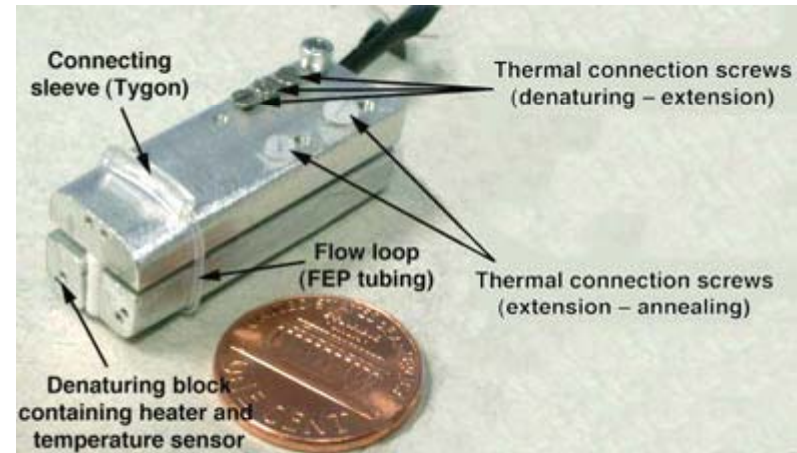


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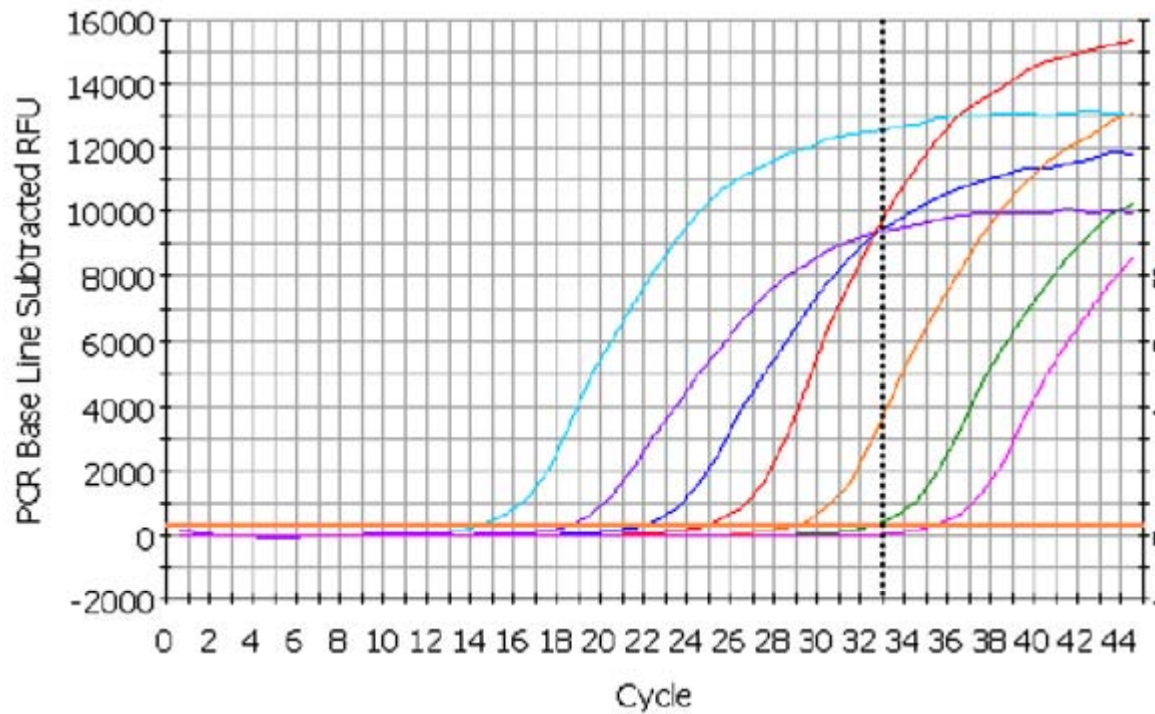
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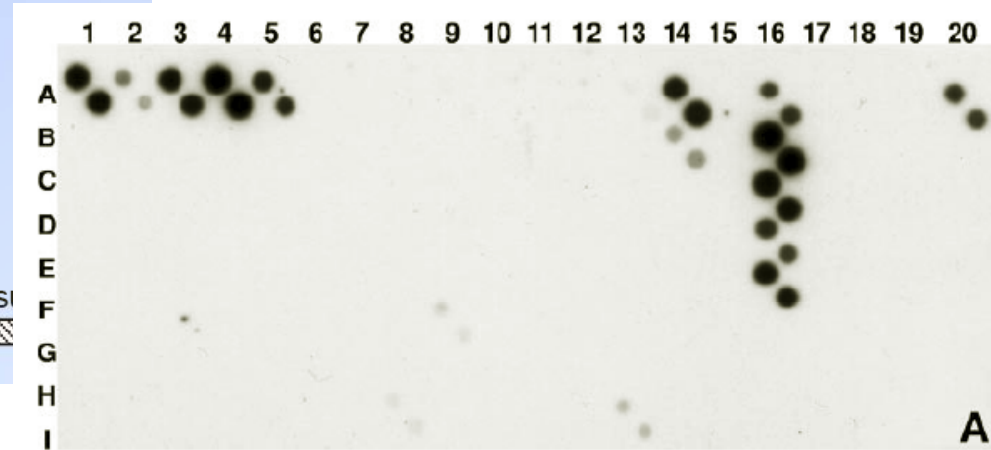
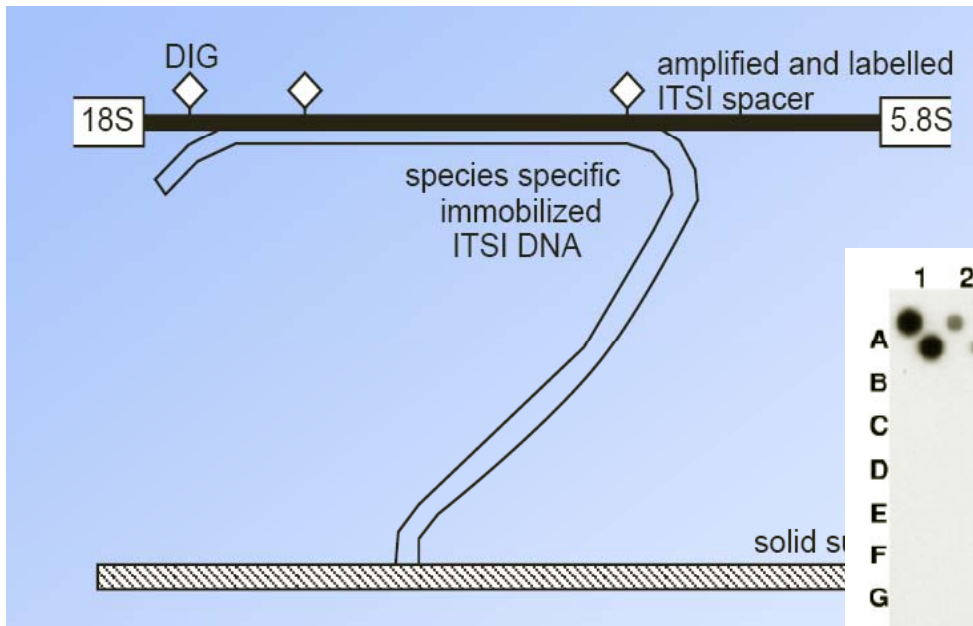
Portable PCR for field-based diagnostics. Crop diseases, animal diseases, human disease bioterrorism.



Monitors  
amplification  
progress  
through  
fluorescence.  
Quantitative,  
rapid.



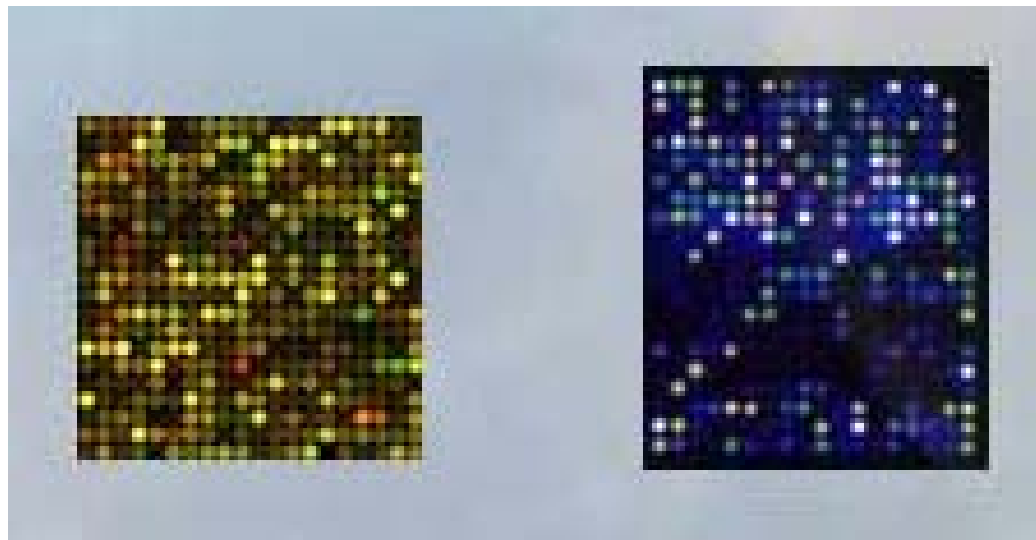
SERIES OF 10-FOLD DILUTIONS



Species specific DNA printed onto array, PCR products hybridized to the membrane, where spots light up, species are identified.

Source: Levesque

- 50,000 cDNAs printed onto a 25 x 75 mm slide.
- Build a plant pathogen chip or insect chip.



# Adgen Phytophthora lateral flow devise.

Neogen Europe Ltd - ADGEN Phytodiagnostics



- DNA protocols have been developed for specific pathogens that pose a biosecurity threat.
- FRST and MAF Ops funded.
- Tests in use by MAF.
- Lincoln University associated with BAR code of life project.

- Technology is converging – molecular biology and computing.
- DNA sequencing is now very inexpensive.
- Still costs associated with sample preparation.

- PCR based methods offer the ability to detect minute quantities of difficult to identify organisms quickly.
- Problem with databases and arrays – if the organism you are looking for is not present, you will miss it.

- Karen Armstrong, Lincoln University
- websites from which photos were obtained:

<http://plant.neogeneurope.com/>

<http://www.microarraystation.com/dna-microarray-protocol/>

<http://www.biology.usu.edu/labsites/pfrender/Biodiversity%20workshop%202006/Microarray%20Levesque.pdf>

<https://www.roche-applied-science.com/sis/rtpcr/lightcycler/index.jsp>

<http://www.rsc.org/chemistryworld/News/2007/May/01050701.asp>

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