### Genomics, Epigenetics & Synthetic Biology

Lecture 2: Genetic circuits and genome scale DNA engineering

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### **Modular DNA parts and construction**



Federici, Rudge, Pollak, Haseloff, Gutierrez, 2013

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# Decoupling

#### Insulate design process from fabrication details



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### BioBricks

Standardised, interchangeable parts for Biology



# **BioBrick assembly method**





### **The BioBricks Foundation**

- Develop and implement legal strategies to ensure that BioBrick<sup>™</sup> standard biological parts remain freely available to the public.
- Support the development of open technical standards that define BioBrick<sup>™</sup> standard biological parts.
- Develop and provide educational and scientific materials to allow the public to use and improve existing BioBrick<sup>™</sup> standard biological parts, and contribute new BioBrick<sup>™</sup> standard biological parts.



International Genetically Engineered Machine competition for Synthetic Biology





### **iGEM** Genetically Engineered Machine competition



### The Registry of Standard Biological Parts

### http://parts.igem.org



### **Libraries of Standard Part**

#### Cell-Cell Signalling

Cell-cell signalling devices allow communication between an individual cell and synchronized behavior across a cell population or the communication of inforsignal and it can receive an averaged signal from all its neighbors carrying the s cell-cell signalling are therefore a Sender device and a Receiver device. The cur system of V. Fischeri or its analogs in other organisms (see references). Thes

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A		BBa J13040	pOmpR dependent 30C6HSL sender device						



### **Bioproduction of scents**







Cambridge 2009

# **BioBricks**: Colour Generators







E.chromi

### Type IIS DNA assembly protocols:

Golden Gate MoClo ENSA Golden Braid:

adopted by the plant research community



#### A Modular Cloning System for Standardized Assembly of Multigene Constructs

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Icon Genetics GmbH, Halle/Saale, Germany





#### A common syntax for plant DNA parts

Based on Golden Gate standard assembly and type IIs restriction enzyme splints.



NPH-L-2015-19556.R1 Standards for Plant Synthetic Biology: A Common Syntax for Exchange of DNA Parts by Patron, Nicola; Orzaez, Diego; Marillonnet, Sylvestre; Warzecha, Heribert; Matthewman, Colette; Youles, Mark; Raitskin, Oleg; Leveau, Aymeric; Farre-Martinez, Gemma; Rogers, Christian; Smith, Alison; Hibberd, Julian; Webb, Alex; Locke, James; Schornack, Sebastian; Ajioka, Jim; Baulcombe, David; Zipfel, Cyril; Kamoun, Sophien; Jones, Jonathan; Kuhn, Hannah; Robatzek, Silke; Van Esse, H Peter; Oldroyd, Giles; Sanders, Dale; Martin, Cathie; Field, Rob; O'Connor, Sarah; Fox, Samantha; Wulff, Brande; Miller, Ben; Breakspear, Andy; Radhakrishnan, Guru; Delaux, Pierre-Marc; Loque, Dominique; Granell, Antonio; Tissier, Alain; Shih, Patrick; Brutnell, Thomas; Quick, Paul; Rischer, Heiko; Fraser, Paul; Aharoni, Asaph; Raines, Christine; South, Paul; Ané, Jean-Michel; Hamberger, Björn; Langdale, Jane; Stougaard, Jens; Bouwmeester, Harro; Udvardi, Michael; Murray, Jim; Ntoukakis, Vardis; Schafer, Patrick; Denby, Katherine; Edwards, Keith; Osbourn, Anne; Haseloff, Jim Haseloff

## **Development of smart registries for DNA parts**





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### **Smart Registry for DNA parts**



## Software for compilation of DNA circuits



r0040:prom; b0034:rbs; c0040:pcr; b0015:ter

### Specific set of parts:

[r0040; b0034; c0040; b0015]



#### tetR negative feedback

[r0040; b0034; c0040; b0015]

X1:prom<neg(tetR)>; X2:rbs; X3:pcr<codes(tetR)>; X4:ter



prom<neg(Y)>; rbs; pcr<codes(Y)>; ter

### Any negative feedback:

[r0051; b0034; c0051; b0015] [r0040; b0034; c0040; b0015] [i0500; b0034; c0080; b0015] [r0011; b0034; c0012; b0015]

Systems Biology Markup Language (SMBL), Synthetic Biology Open Language (SBOL), Microsoft GEC

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# SBOL

Synthetic Biology Open Language: is a software standard for the electronic exchange of specifications and descriptions of genetic parts, genetic devices, genetic modules, genetic systems, and engineered genomes.



#### **SBOL Compliant Software Tools**

<u>**TinkerCell</u>** - Synthetic biology CAD tool offering drawing and quantitative simulation</u>

<u>Clotho</u> - Biological engineering tool set for development and management of biological systems

<u>GenoCAD</u> – Design of synthetic DNA sequences based on grammatical models of genetic part

<u>GD-ICE</u> - Laboratory registry software to track and search composable DNA constructs

<u>Device Editor</u> - Graphical user interface for J5. J5 is a bioCAD tool that provides rule-based validation of genetic designs that are constructed using SLIC, Gibson, Golden-gate, or CPEC assembly methods.

<u>SBPkb</u> - Knowledgebase of standard biological parts using all the data from the <u>Registry of Standard Biological Parts</u> at MIT.

<u>**iBiosim</u></u> - Analysis tool for design of genetic circuits and discovery of their connectivity from experimental data</u>** 

<u>Electronic Datasheets</u> - Human- and machine-readable datasheets for the standard biological parts being developed at the BIOFAB

### High-Level DNA Language

### Given a design, automatically determine the DNA



## Low-Level DNA Language

### A simplified view of DNA instructions



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#### 2008 - DNA synthesis of the first bacterial genome...

# Chemical synthesis of a Bacterial Genome: *Mycoplasma mycoides*, JCVI 2010



#### Assembly of *M. mycoides* genome

1. Overlapping oligonucleotides (including yeast vector, *lacZ*) recombined to make 1080 bp cassettes (orange arrows).

2. In sets of 10, the cassettes recombined to produce 109 ~10kb assemblies (blue arrows)

3. In sets of 10, the ~10kb assemblies recombined to produce 11 ~100kb assemblies (green arrows)

4. These 11 assemblies were recombined to the final genome, sMmYCp235 synthetic genome to create JCVI-syn1.0 cell line

#### Gibson assembly Breakthrough in largescale, rapid DNA assembly

#### Enzymatic assembly of DNA molecules up to several hundred kilobases

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We describe an isothermal, single-reaction method for assembling multiple overlapping DNA molecules by the concerted action of a 5' exonuclease, a DNA polymerase and a DNA ligase. First we recessed DNA fragments, yielding single-stranded DNA overhangs that specifically annealed, and then covalently joined them. This assembly method can be used to seamlessly construct synthetic and natural genes, genetic pathways and entire genomes, and could be a useful molecular engineering tool.

Nature Biotechnology, May 2009



**Figure 1** One-step isothermal *in vitro* recombination. Two adjacent DNA fragments (magenta and green) sharing terminal sequence overlaps (black) were joined into a covalently sealed molecule in a one-step isothermal reaction. T5 exonuclease removed nucleotides from the 5' ends of double-stranded DNA molecules, complementary single-stranded DNA overhangs annealed, Phusion DNA polymerase filled the gaps and *Taq* DNA ligase sealed the nicks. T5 exonuclease is heat-labile and is inactivated during the 50 °C incubation.



# Large DNA fragment assembly via homologous recombination in yeast



**FIGURE 2** | Synthesis of large DNA molecules in yeast. (a) Yeast homologous recombination mechanism. DNA fragments sharing an overlap region at 3'- and 5'-ends with the neighboring DNA fragments can be assembled into a single larger DNA molecule. (b) Construction of a synthetic *M. genitalium* genome. Twenty-five different overlapping DNA segments (blue arrows, 17–35 kb each) composing the genome were co-transformed into yeast followed by assembly of the entire genome in a single step.

### **Creating Bacterial Strains from Genomes that have been cloned and engineered in yeast**



### Transplantation of *M. mycoides* genome via yeast engineering

- 1. Insertion of yeast vector into bacterial genome
- 2. Transform yeast with entire genome, engineer in yeast
- 3. Isolate DNA, protect (methylation)
- 4. Transform recipient bacteria
- 5. Resolve (loss of recipient genome)

# Transplantation of a synthetic bacterial genome: *Mycoplasma mycoides*, JCVI 2010

#### **Genome transplantation**

DNA from the final assembly in yeast sMmYCp235 synthetic genome was transplanted into a *M. capricolum* cell to ultimately produce JCVI-syn1.0

A&B. WT *M. mycoides* colonies are white, JCVI-syn1.0 are blue (*lacZ/*beta galactosidase + Xgal). "Fried egg" morphologies characteristic of mycoplasma species.

C,D,E & F. Electron micrographs of cells. Both WT and JCVI-syn1.0 show the same morphology



### **SC2.0 Synthetic Yeast Genome Project**



#### A Step 1: Synthesize Building Blocks (BBs) from oligonucleotides



#### Fig. 2. SynIII construction



### SynIII: refactored synthetic chromosome III for yeast



- IoxP insertion at deletion
- OPCR Tag
  - Deleted regions

### Multi-scale DNA assembly methods

Table 2. Technical specifications of several DNA assembly methods.

Assembly methods	Fragment overhangs	Typical number of fragments for assembly	Demonstrated size of assembled construct (kb)	Efficiency	References
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Gibson	40 bp overlaps	c. 4	900	90% (for 3 fragments)	Gibson et al. (2009)
In-fusion	>15 bp overlaps	2–3	c. 5	>60% (for 2 fragments) <40% (for 3 fragments)	Sleight et al. (2010)
USER	7–12 bp overlaps, must contain one dU at the base	3–7	c. 8	>90% (for up to 7 fragments)	Jensen et al. ( <mark>2014</mark> ) Lund et al. ( <mark>2014</mark> )
CPEC	15–25 bp overlaps	>4	c. 8	95–100%	Quan and Tian (2009)
MoClo	4 bp overlaps and recognition site for type IIS restriction enzyme	c. 10	33 (in three rounds)	>90%	Engler et al. (2009) Weber et al. (2011)
LCR	Fragments must be 5'-phosphorylated, 60- to 90-bp-long bridging oligos are also needed	>10	20	>90% (up to 6 fragments) c. 75% (12 fragments)	de Kok et al. ( <mark>2014</mark> )
In vivo recom- bination in S. cerevisiae	>40 bp overlaps	>10	>20	>90% (up to 6 fragments) c. 75% (12 fragments)	de Kok et al. ( <mark>2014</mark> )



**Fig. 1.** A continuum of synthetic biology. Wild-type cells (**A**) can be subject to two basic types of synthetic manipulation. (**B**) Autonomous synthetic circuits, consisting of ectopic components, may be introduced into the cell. Such circuits process inputs and implement functions (orange arrows) separate from the endogenous circuitry (black). However, unknown interactions with the host cell may affect their function (purple arrows). (**C**) An alternative is to rewire (orange lines) the endogenous circuits themselves to have new connectivity. (**D**) Extending this line of synthetic manipulation, synthetic circuits could be integrated into appropriately rewired endogenous circuitry to act as sensors and to implement additional functionality. Ultimate goals of this program are to be able to design and construct (**E**) synthetic circuits that can functionally replace endogenous circuits or (**F**) fully autonomous circuits that operate independently of the cellular mileu.



Rice plants have beed developed containing two genes that carry out the four steps required for the production of beta-carotene in rice endosperm. Endosperm is the nutritive tissue surrounding the embryo of a seed and makes up the majority of the rice grain that we eat. The resulting plants appear normal except that after milling (to remove the brown bran), their grain is a golden yellow color due to the presence of provitamin-A.

Dr. Ingo Potrykus of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich and Dr. Peter Beyer of the University of Freiburg in Germany

### **Golden rice**





#### Golden Rice 2

Engineered metabolic pathway with Maize phytoene synthase 37 µg carotenoids per gram



**Figure 3.** Golden Rice colors. **(a)** Wild-tape rice; **(b)** GR1, expressing the phytoene synthase from daffodil along with CRTI; **(c)** GR2 expressing the phytoene synthase from maize along with CRTI. Photograph courtesy of Aron Silverstone.

### Malaria kills ~1m annually and threatens 300-500m



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### DRUG RESISTANCE



CQ:	chloroquine	Art:	artemisinin
PG:	proguanil	Art-com:	artemisinin combinations
Pyr:	pyrimethanine		

- Pyr-SDX: pyrimethanine-sulfadoxine
- Mef: mefloquine
- Hal: halofantrine
- Ato: atovaquone
- Ato-PG: atovaquone-proguanil
- LD: LapDap

Jacob Koella, Imperial College





(a) Ming dynasty version (1574 CE) of the handbook. (b) "A handful of qinghao immersed with 2 liters of water, wring out the juice and drink it all" is printed in the fifth line from the right. (From volume 3.)













Figure 1.2: Schematic (left) and photo (right) of *Artemisia annua* trichomes. The trichomes on the right autofluoresce when visualized using UV fluorescence microscopy; bar = 100  $\mu$ m. ADS, amorphadiene 4,11 synthase; CYP, cytochrome P 450 CYP71AV1; DBR2, double bond reductase 2; DXR, 1-deoxyxylulouse 5-phosphate reductoisomerase; DXS, 1-deoxyxylulose 5- phosphate synthase; FPS, farnesyl diphosphate synthase.





Figure 1 | Artemisinin biosynthesis pathway in the plant Artemisia annua. Sugars

#### **Plant-derived Artemisinin**



Semisynthetic Artemisinin



### LETTERS

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# Production of the antimalarial drug precursor artemisinic acid in engineered yeast

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FIGURE 1 | Artemisinin precursor synthesis pathways in yeast. In the native isoprenoid biosynthesis pathway in yeast (A), IPP synthesized via the MVA pathway is converted to FPP. HMGR is a key enzyme in the isoprenoid biosynthetic pathway that feeds the artemisinin precursor synthesis pathway (B). Steps that are not known to be catalyzed by enzymes are depicted with dashed lines. Enzyme and metabolite name abbreviations: AaDBR2, *A. annua* double bond reductase; ADH, (dihydroartemisinic) aldehyde dehydrogenase;

ADS, amorpha-4,11-diene synthase; CYP71AV1, cytochrome P450 monooxygenase; CPR, *A. annua* cytochrome P450 reductase; CoA, coenzyme A; DMAPP, dimethylallyl diphosphate; FDS, farnesyl diphosphate synthase; FPP, farnesyl pyrophosphate; HMG-CoA, 3-hydroxy-3-methylglutaryl-CoA; HMGR, HMG-CoA reductase; IPA, isopentenyladenine; IPP, isopentenyl diphosphate; MVA, mevalonate; SQS, squalene synthase. Adapted from Zhang et al. (2008) and Teoh et al. (2006).





Overall 500x higher amorphadiene expression than previous engineered systems





Figure 2 | Production of amorphadiene by S. cerevisiae strains. The various S. cerevisiae strains are described in the text. Cultures were sampled after 144 h of growth, and amorphadiene levels were quantified. Data, shown as total production, are mean  $\pm$  s.d. (n = 3).



Figure 2 | The main stages involved in the synthesis of semi-synthetic artemisinin. The initial stage involved the



#### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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Because health matters



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