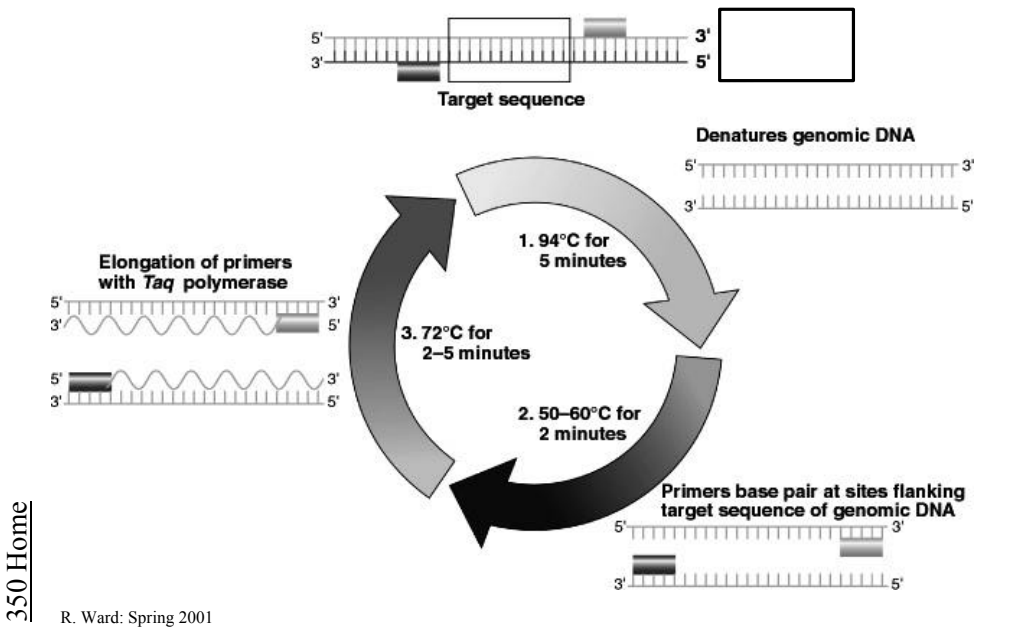


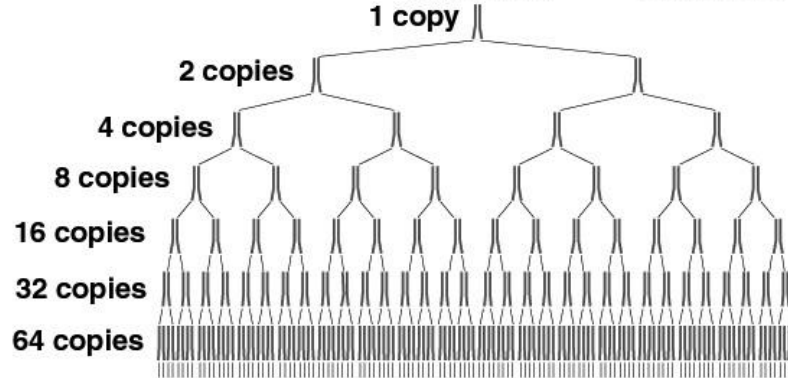
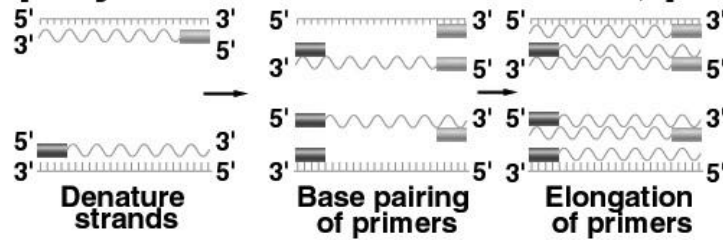
The polymerase chain reaction, part 1



- heat (e.g. 94C) ‘denatures’ dsDNA by disassociating the two strands
 - hydrogen bonds are broken
- single stranded DNA will ‘reanneal’ or hybridize with complementary sequences extremely rapidly once temperatures are dropped below 60C or so.
- Primer sequences greatly outnumber the number of original template molecules and will therefore preferentially anneal with target DNA
- TAQ polymerase is a DNA polymerase isolated from a bacteria that lives in very hot water
 - optimum temp for polymerization is around 72C
- Note that the targeted sequence may be imbedded in extremely large fragments of DNA
 - genomic DNA
 - large fragment vectors (YAC-yeast artificial chromosomes, BAC-bacteria artificial chromosomes)

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The polymerase chain reaction, part 2



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- after the first few cycles, most of the templates molecules are copies created during the previous cycles of PCR.
- all products or amplicons begin and end with primer sequences or their complement

PCR: Polymerase Chain Reaction: in vitro Selective exponential amplification (replication) of a defined sequence of DNA

❖ Requirements:

- DNA template that has the targeted sequence
 - genomic DNA (all there is from a plant)
 - small or large fragment clones
- you know the bp sequence (15 or more bp) of the sequences flanking the subsequence you want to amplify
- oligonucleotide “primer” sequences complementary to the template terminal sequences
- Thermal-stable DNA polymerase (Taq)
 - active at 70C, and not denatured at 95C
- all four deoxy-nucleotides (dNTP)
- “thermal cycler” unit to cyclically vary temperature with a defined sequence and timing

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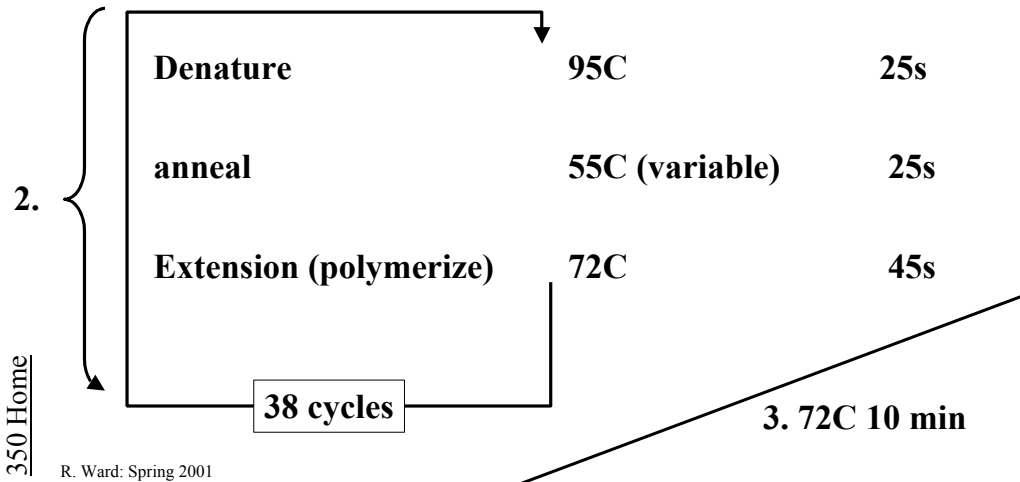
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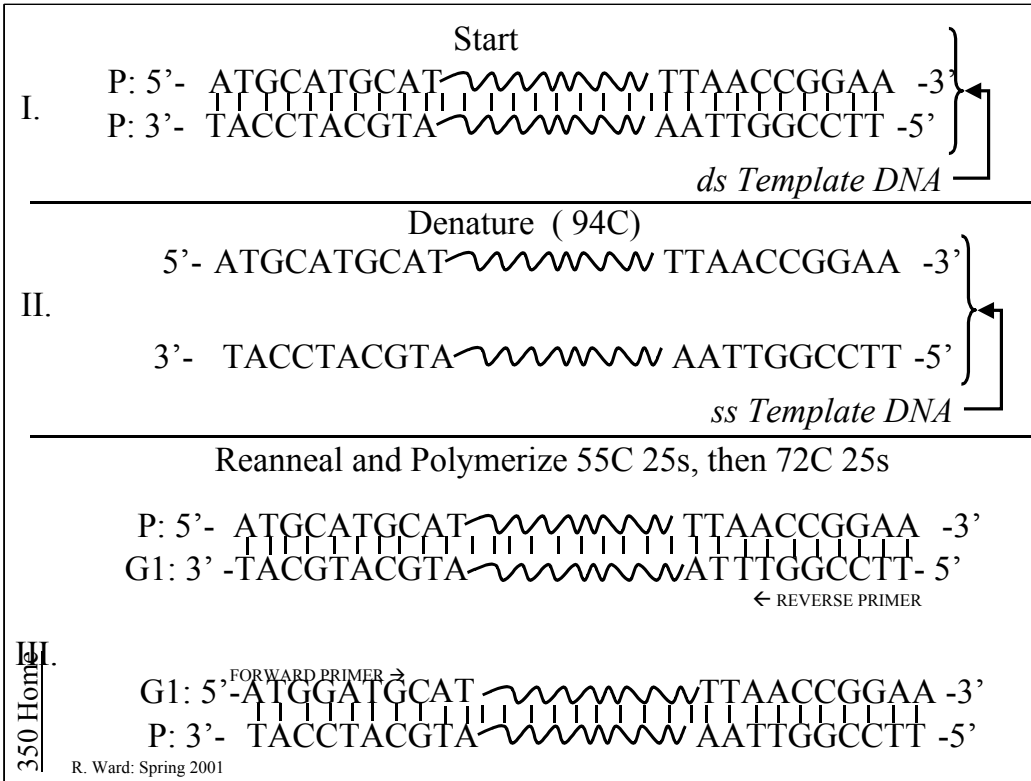
See pages 294 and 295 in your text book.

Notes:

MSU PCR reaction steps for Wheat Microsatellite amplification

1. 95C 3 min.





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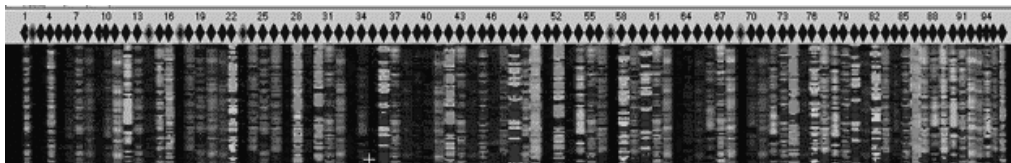
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PCR products

- ❖ All “amplicons” or amplified fragments are identical in length
 - and start and end with the primer sequences
- ❖ # molecules of product vastly outnumbers the number of initial template molecules
- ❖ primers or nucleotides can be labeled for subsequent auto-detection



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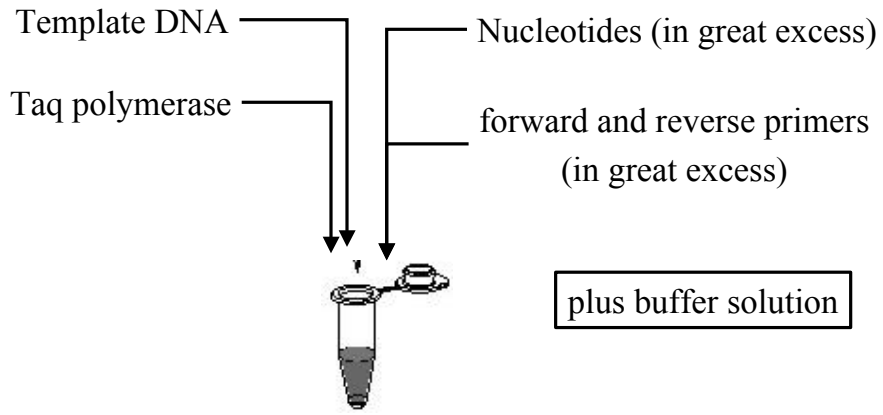
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PCR Products (II)

- ❖ different sources of template can be amplified if they are complementary to the 3' ends of both primers- even if they differ in the intervening sequences
- ❖ exclusion of one primer results in a linear increase in copies of one strand of a template duplex

PCR: Ingredients

All in a single tube



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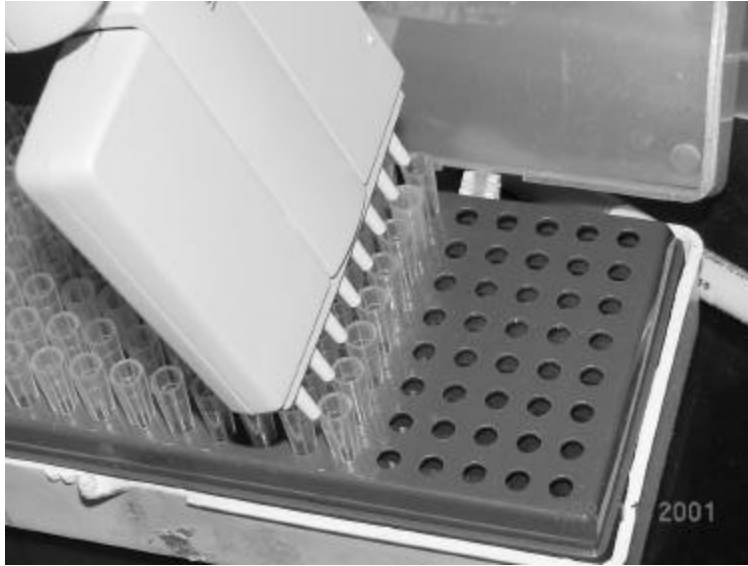
Multi-channel pipetter



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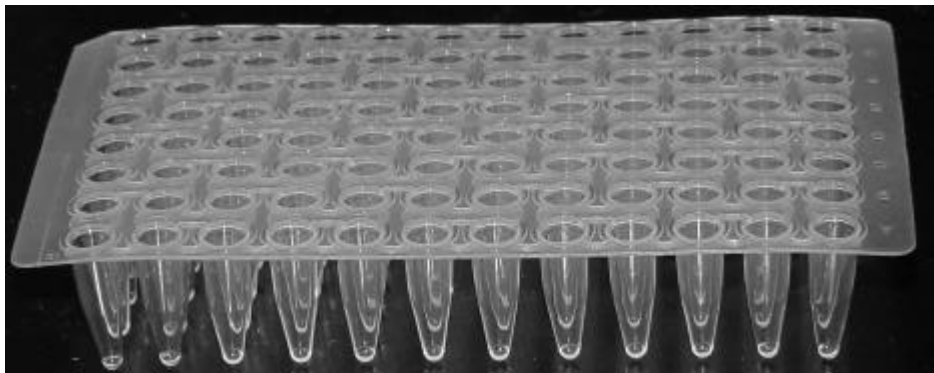
Tip attachment with Multi-channel pipetter



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96 well PCR plate



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MJ Quad PCR unit: 4 x 96 reactions



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