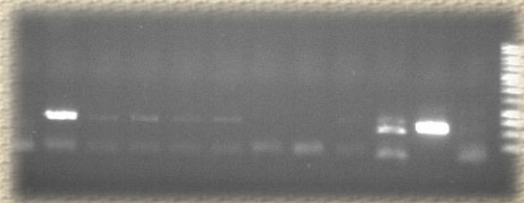
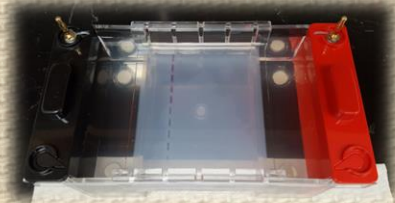
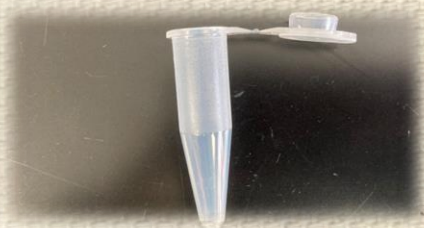
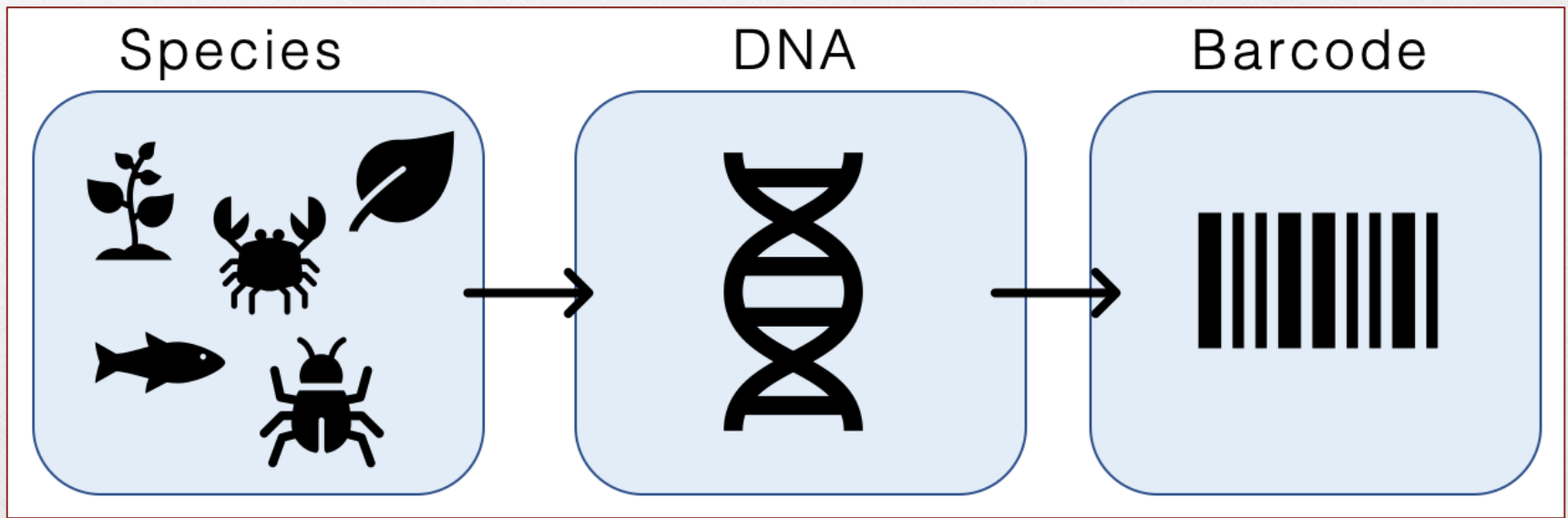


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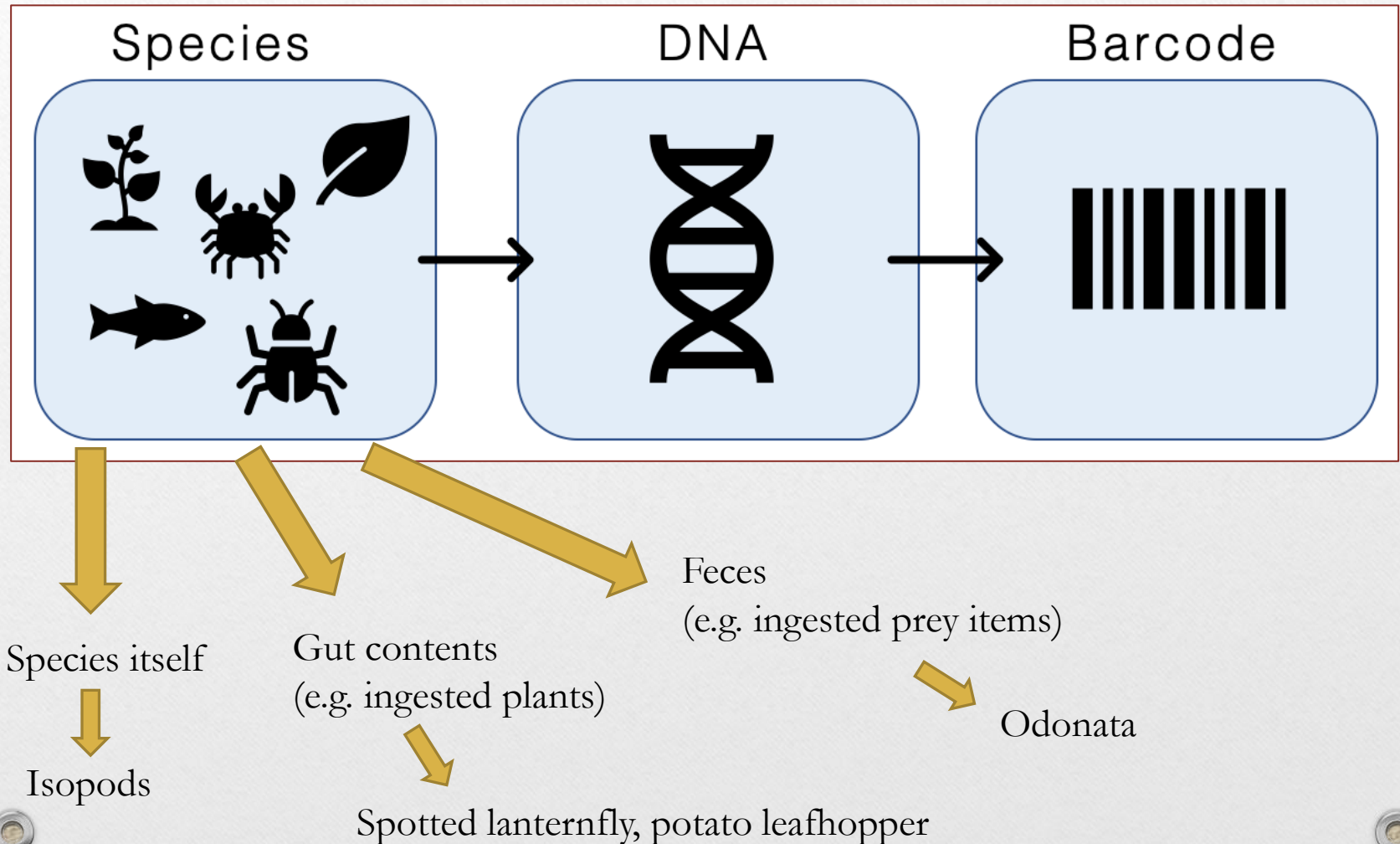


# DNA Barcoding

- method of **species identification** using a short section of DNA from a specific gene or genes

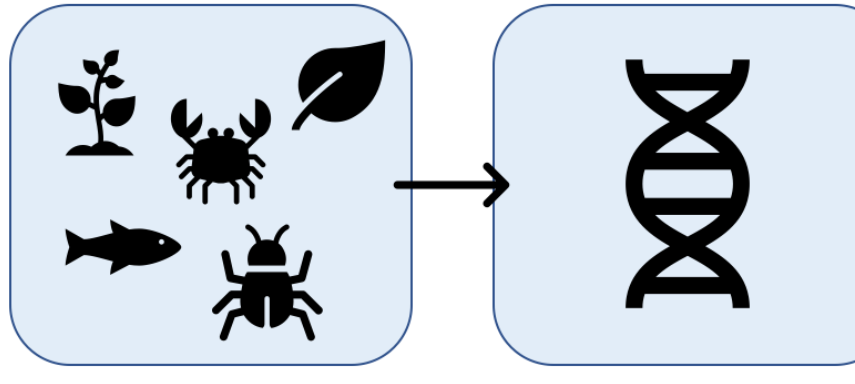


# Sources of DNA



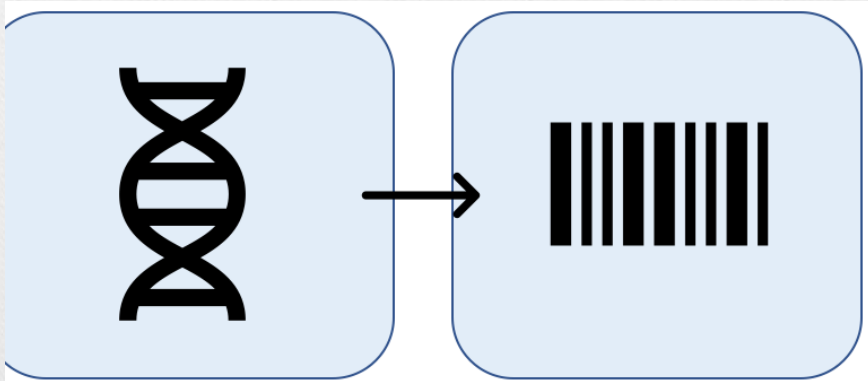
# DNA Barcoding: How do we do it?

- Step 1. DNA extraction



Final product: genomic DNA

- Step 2. PCR amplification



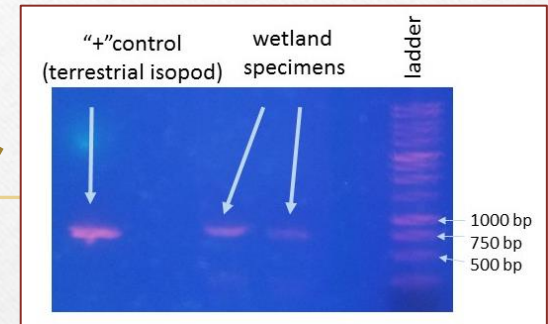
Final product: targeted piece of DNA



Piece of plant DNA, piece of insect mitochondrial DNA, etc.

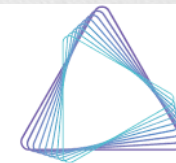
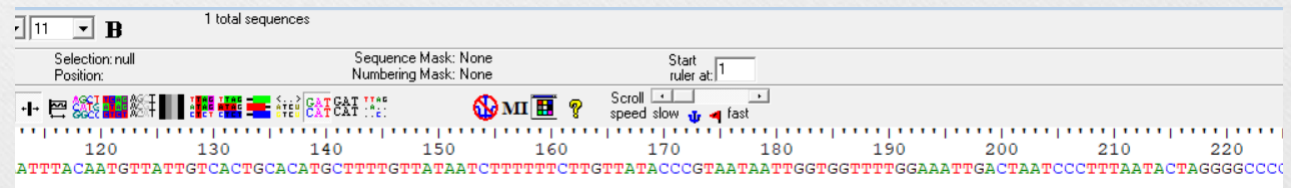
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- Step 3. Gel electrophoresis



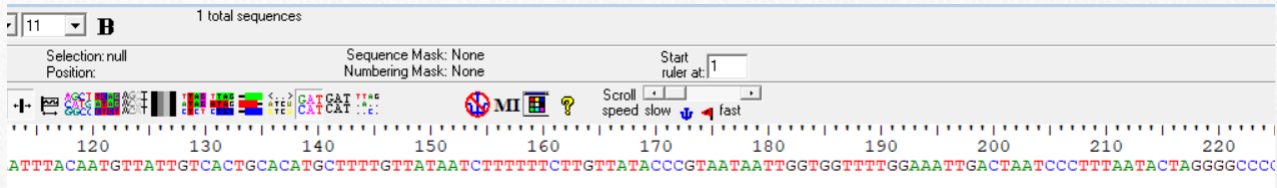
Verification of presence of targeted DNA

- Step 4. Sequencing



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# DNA Barcoding: What's next?



Web BLAST

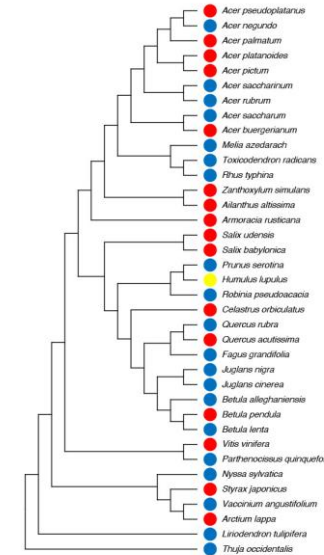


Identification of species

Matching DNA sequences  
and host plant identification

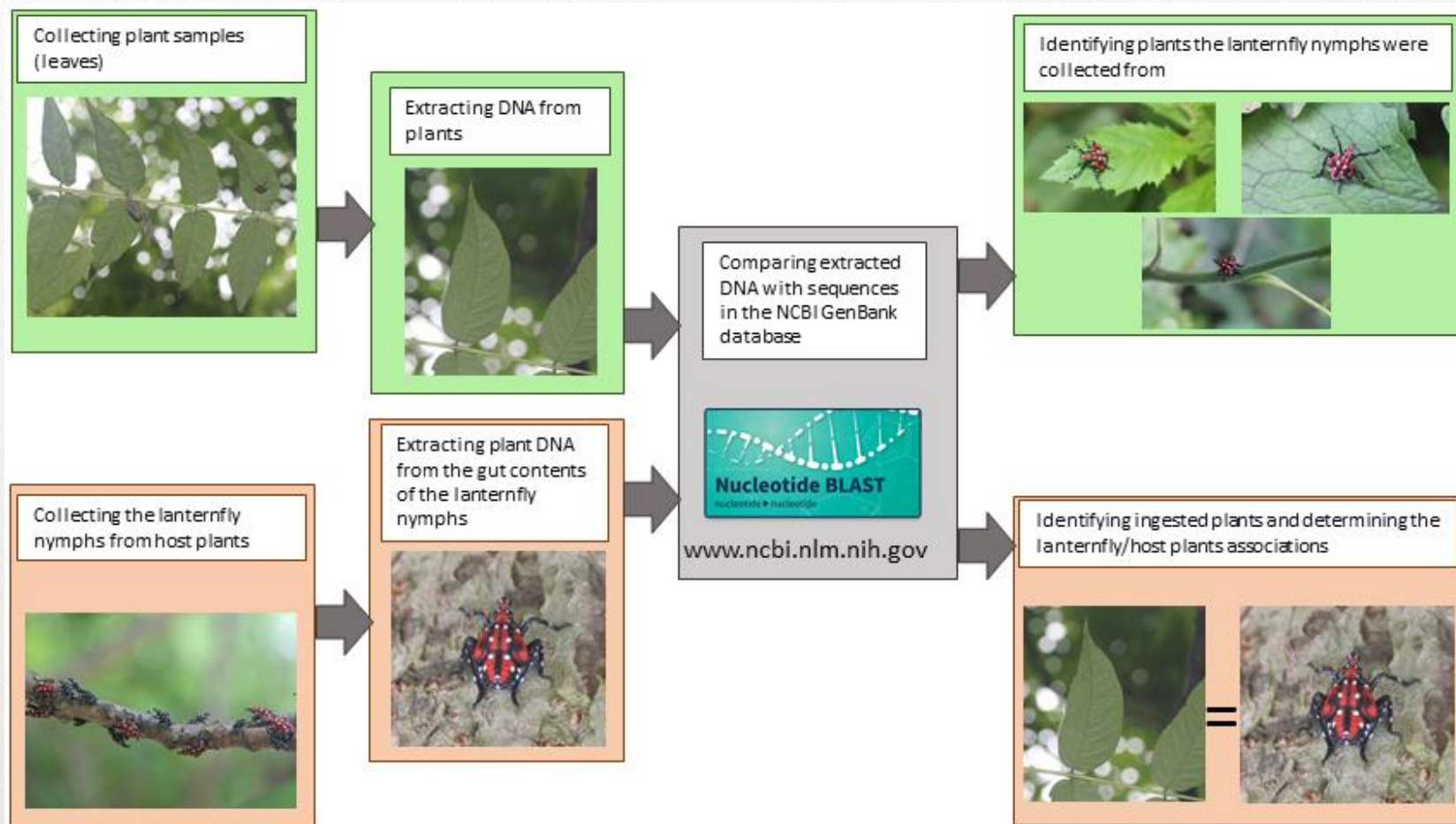


Identification of species  
interactions



Constructing phylogenetic  
relationships

# Identification of plant-insect interactions



# DNA Barcoding Protocols

- There are protocols for each DNA barcoding step

- Tissue preparation
- DNA extraction
- PCR
- DNA purification
- Gel electrophoresis
- Sequencing analysis

**DNA Extraction Protocol**  
(more details are in DNeasy Blood & Tissue Handbook at [www.qiagen.com](http://www.qiagen.com))

**Day 1**

1. Prepare 1.5 µl microcentrifuge tubes (n = # samples), label them.
2. Turn on the incubator, check settings (should be 50°C).
3. Add 100 µl Buffer ATL.
4. Place an insect/tissue in each tube (sterilize forceps between samples, especially if the tissue was cut before).
5. Add 20 µl proteinase K.
6. Vortex the tubes.
7. Place in the incubator at 50°C overnight. Vortex every 2-3 hours if possible.

**Day 2**

1. Take the tubes out of the incubator. Turn off the incubator.
2. Vortex the tubes 15 sec.
3. Add 200 µl Buffer AL.
4. Vortex the tubes thoroughly.
5. Add 200 µl ethanol (100% in the metal cap).
6. Vortex the tubes thoroughly.
7. Prepare DNeasy Mini spin columns placed in a 2 ml collection tube.
8. Set up pipet (1000 to 500 µl). Pipet the mix in a 2 ml collection tube.
9. Centrifuge at 8000 rpm for 1 min.
10. Prepare new 2 ml collection tubes (same as 8).
11. Take the tubes out of the centrifuge. Discard 2 ml.
12. Place the spin columns in a new 2 ml collect.
13. Add 500 µl Buffer AW1.
14. Centrifuge at 8000 rpm for 1 min.
15. Prepare new 2 ml collection tubes.
16. Take the tubes out of the centrifuge. Discard 2 ml.
17. Place the spin columns in a new 2 ml collect.
18. Add 500 µl Buffer AW2.
19. Centrifuge at 14,000 rpm for 3 min.
20. Prepare new 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tubes.
21. Take the tubes out of the centrifuge. Discard 2 ml.
22. Transfer the spin column to a new 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube.
23. Add 200 µl Buffer AE directly to the center.
24. Incubate for 1 min at room temperature.
25. Centrifuge at 8000 rpm for 1 min.

**PCR protocol**  
(plant DNA detection from leafhoppers)

1. Turn the thermocycler on (the black one on the left)
2. Take out from the freezer PCR PreMix, primers (working solution, 4 µM)
3. Prepare on the bench ddH<sub>2</sub>O (in the right drawer), one 1.5 ml microcentrifuge tube.
4. Prepare PCR cocktail (reactions = #samples \* 1); to cover pipetting error):

PCR reagent	1 reaction	5 reactions	10 reactions
PCR PreMix	10 µl	50 µl	100 µl
Primer 1 (2 µM)	2 µl	10 µl	20 µl
Primer 2 (2 µM)	2 µl	10 µl	20 µl
ddH <sub>2</sub> O	5.2 µl	26 µl	52 µl

5. Prepare 0.2 ml PCR strip tubes (in the drawer, next to the window)
6. Take DNA samples out from the fridge.
7. Place 0.2 µl of PCR cocktail in each tube.
8. Add 0.8 µl of a DNA sample in each tube. Mixed by pipetting.
9. Place strip tubes in the thermocycler (in any black, right or left)
10. Click on "RUN" → "PROCEED" → Under "MAIN" find protocol ALINA1LH. Run it.

PCR settings:

- 94°C for 4 min
- \*35 cycles
  - 94°C for 30 sec
  - 57°C for 30 sec
  - 72°C for 30 sec
- 72°C for 2 min
- Hold at 4°C for 9 hours

11. To stop the protocol, press on "CANCEL". Turn the thermocycler off. Take the tubes out and place them in the freezer.

\* Annealing temperature and amount of DNA in a tube can be adjusted if needed.  
\*\* After step 11 you can proceed immediately to gel electrophoresis if needed.

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**ExoSAP-IT™ PCR Product Cleanup**  
Brief Protocol  
Catalog Number 78200, 78201, 78202, 78205, and 78206  
Doc. Part No. 78200 Rev. No. MAN010463 Rev. A.1 (02/2017)

**WARNING:** Read the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and follow the handling instructions. Wear appropriate protective equipment, clothing, and gloves. Safety Data Sheet (SDS) are available from [thermofisher.com/legmat](http://www.thermofisher.com/legmat)

**Product description**  
ExoSAP-IT™ reagent cleans PCR products ranging in size from less than 10 bp to over 10 kb with absolutely no sample loss for removing external primers and nucleotides. Add ExoSAP-IT™ reagent directly to the reaction products following PCR. ExoSAP-IT™ PCR Product Cleanup is used for PCR cleanup, as well as for other applications. ExoSAP-IT™ reagent is 60% in EtOH. The heated PCR is for subsequent analysis in applications that require primers and nucleotides.

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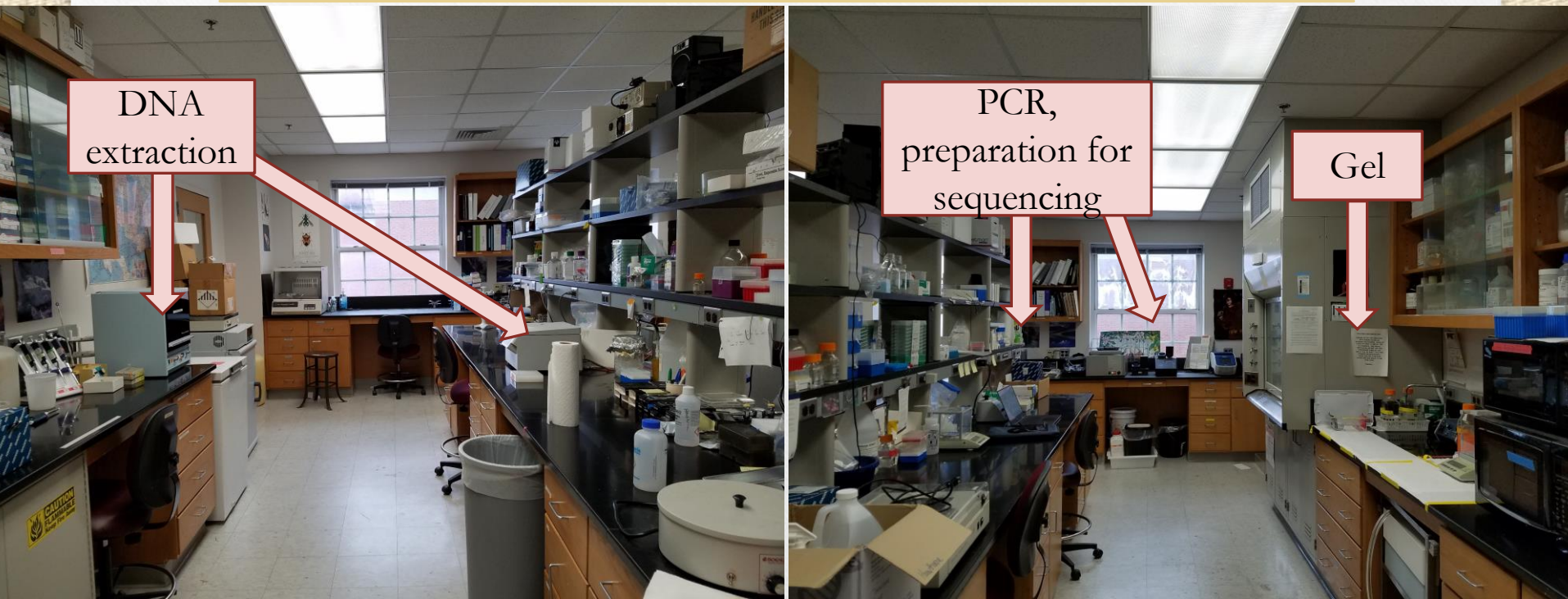
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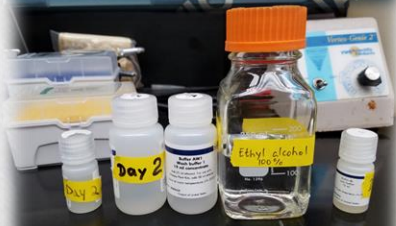
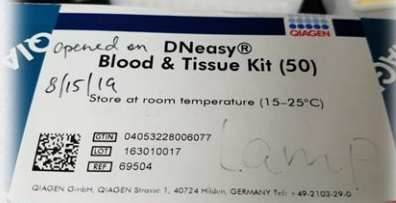
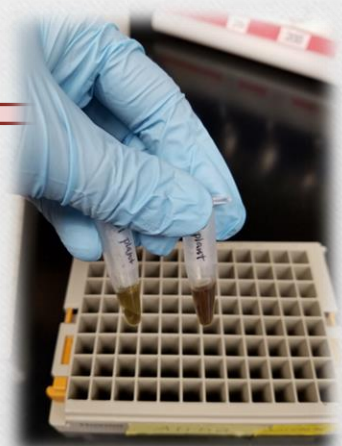


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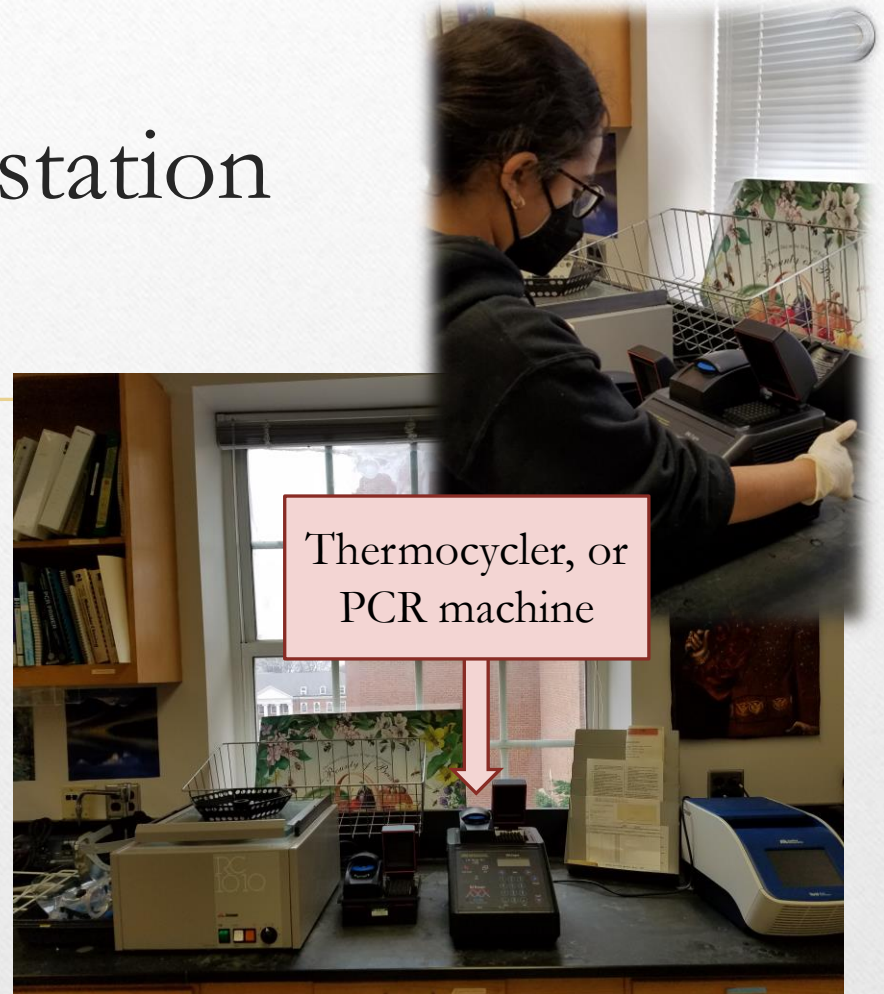
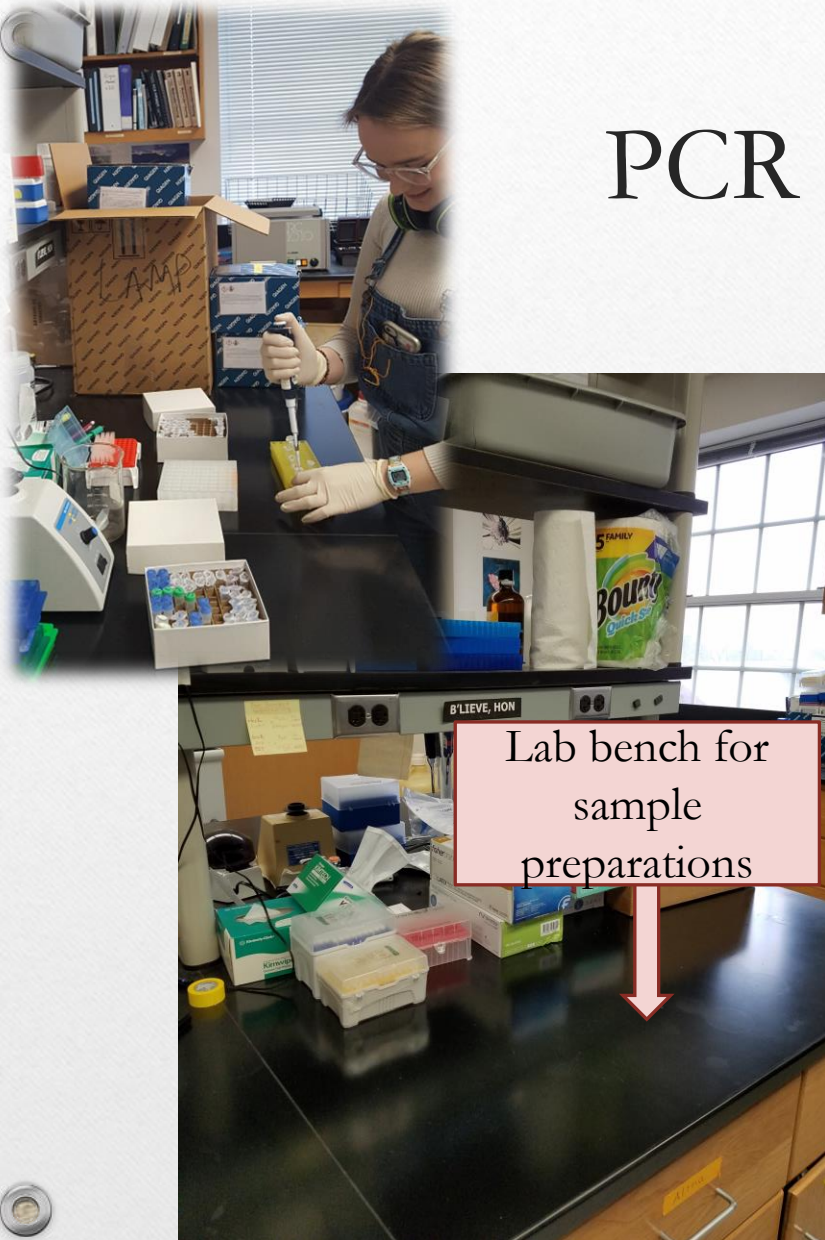
- There are designated places (“stations”) for each DNA barcoding step



# DNA extraction station

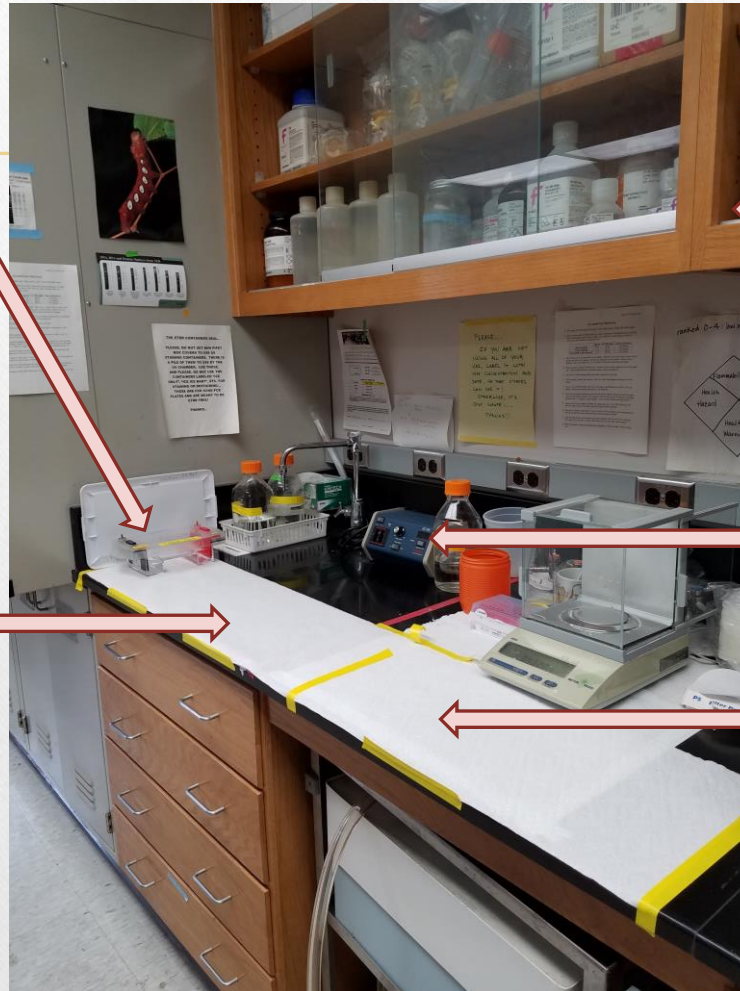
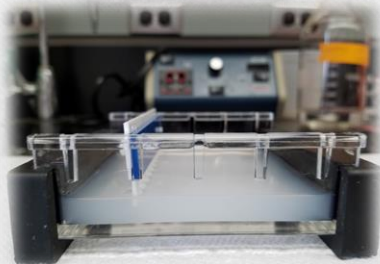
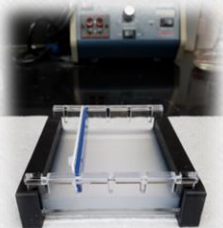


# PCR station



- PCR
- DNA purification
- Preparing samples for sequencing

# Gel station



# Sequencing

- Open an account at [genewiz.com](http://genewiz.com) (Azenta Life Sciences)
- Follow the guidelines for sample preparations
- Samples drop-off: dropbox on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor



- Results are ready on the next day (Sanger sequencing) or in ~2-3 weeks (NGS)
- Contact Azenta customer service if you have any questions

# Helpful Resources

## Textbook:

- Genetics: Analysis and Principles, Brooker et al, 6th edition, 2017

## Coursera:

- Introduction to Genetics and Evolution: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/genetics-evolution>
- DNA decoded: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/dna-decoded>

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, DNA Learning Center: <https://dnabarcoding101.org/lab/index.html>

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Thank you!

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Happy DNA barcoding!

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