

Molecular methods and bioanalytics:

Introduction to the field and didactic approaches
for Bachelor and Master level

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What are molecular methods?



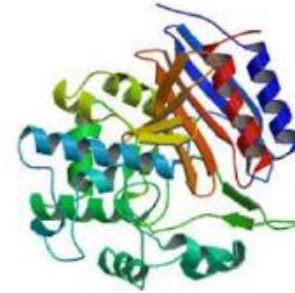
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DNA



RNA



Protein

Our target molecules

Existing technologies
(e.g., antibodies)

DNA and RNA are defined by a combination of four simple bases (A/C/G/T).

Proteins are complex, because they are defined by 20 amino acids and a steric structure (three-dimensional).

- used in molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics and biophysics which generally involve manipulation and analysis of DNA, RNA and proteins
- Application fields: diagnostics, ecology, strain development, basic biological research, ...

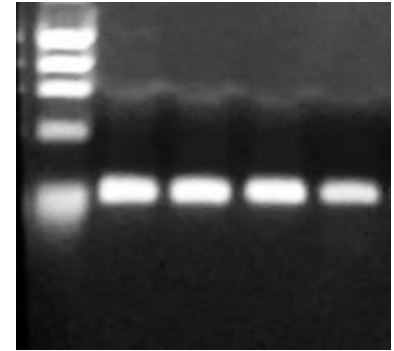
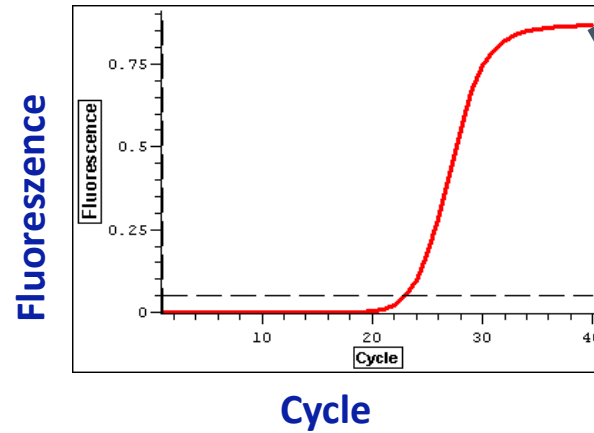
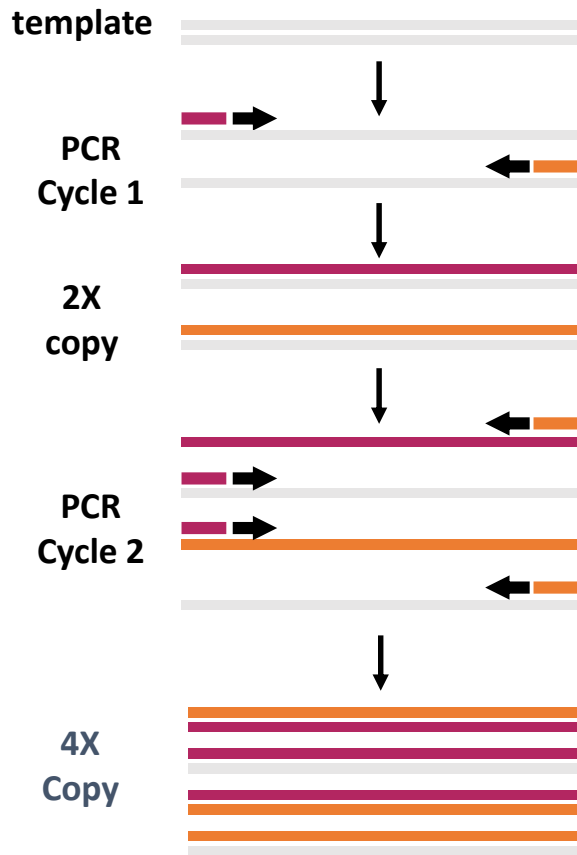
Method types



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- Amplification techniques – PCR and its modifications
- Blot hybridisation techniques – Southern blot, Dot blot, RFLP
Northern blot Western blot
- Hybridization techniques – In situ hybridization FISH and its
modifications, Microarray
- (Immunological methods)

PCR: principle



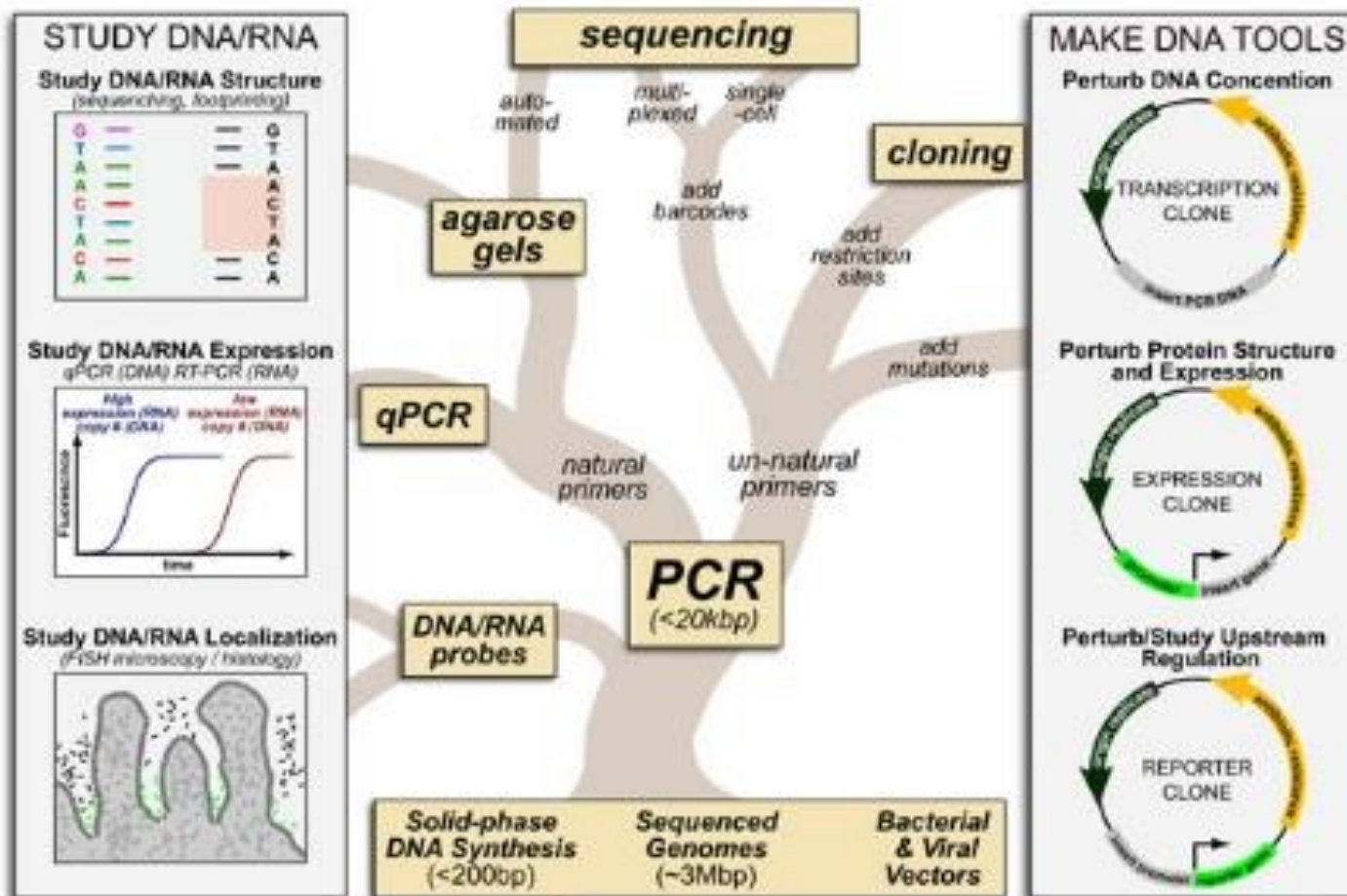
Agarose gel

20-40 reaction cycles

Amplification: PCR based methods



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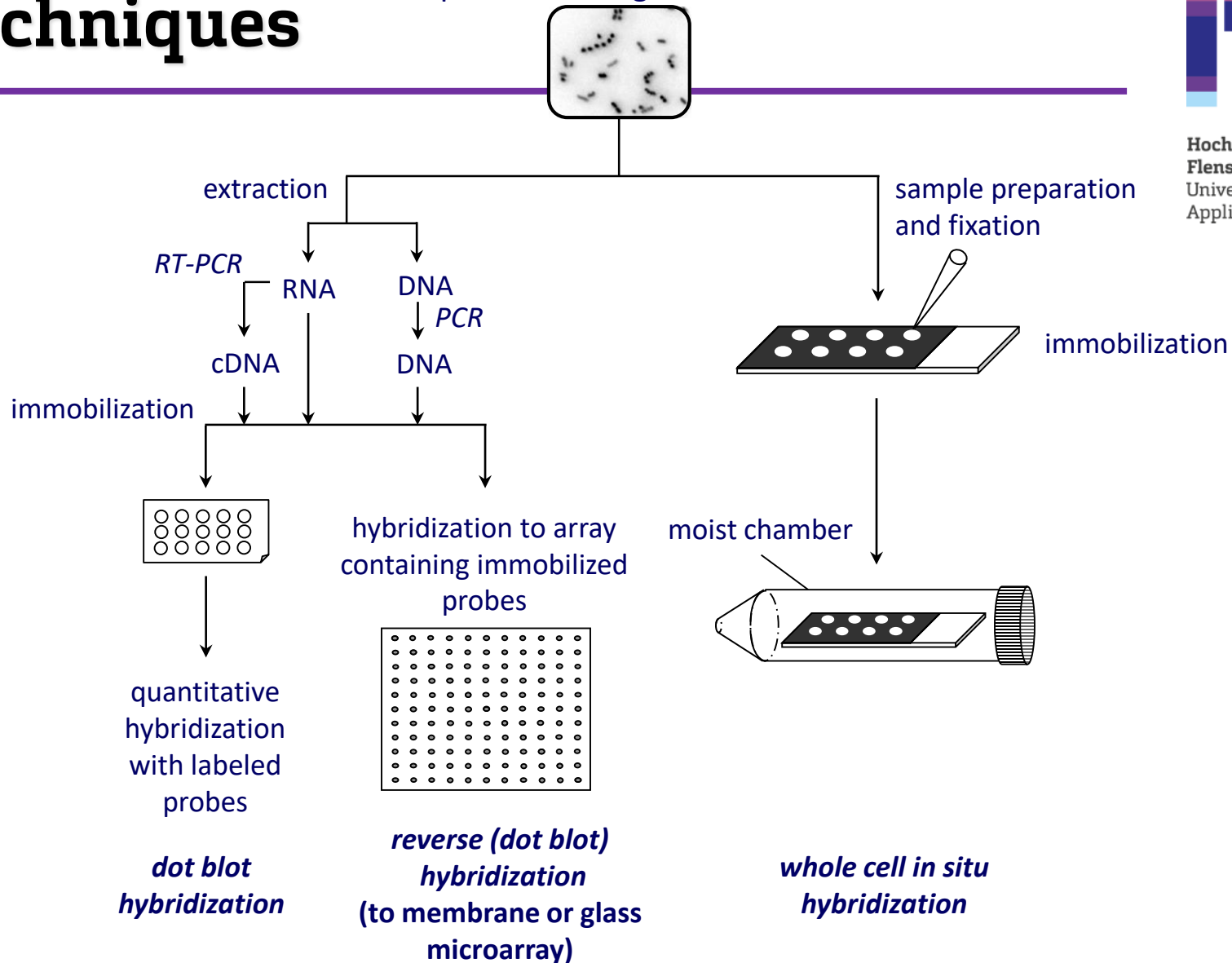


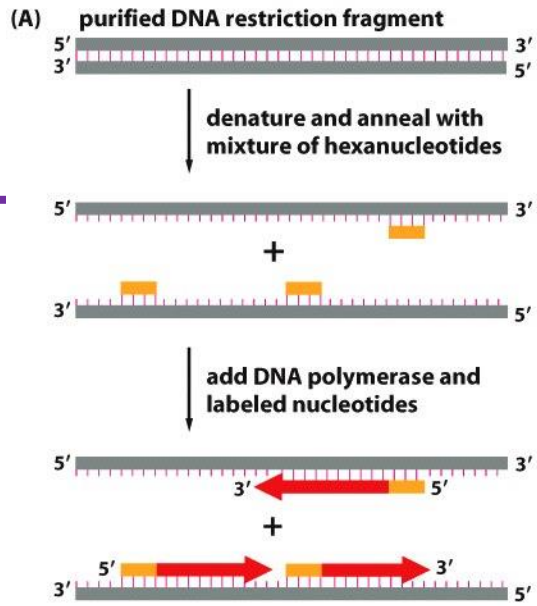
Hybridisation techniques

sample derived e.g. from a bioreactor

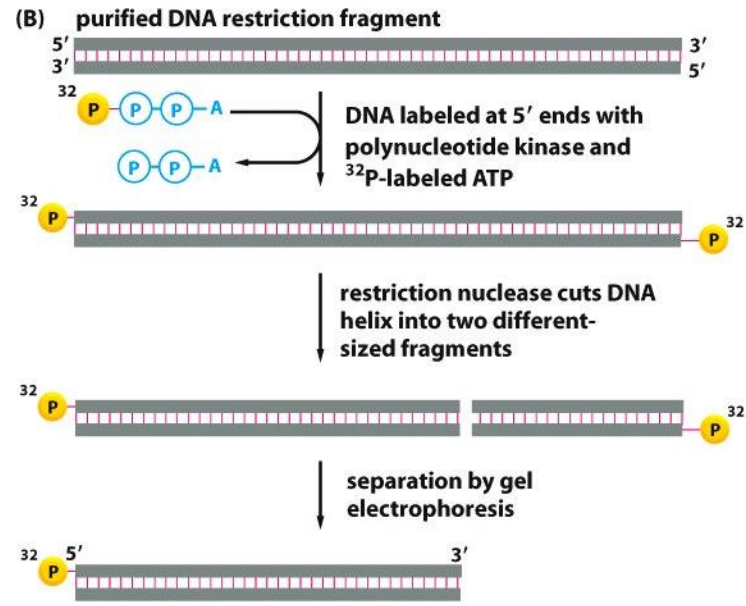
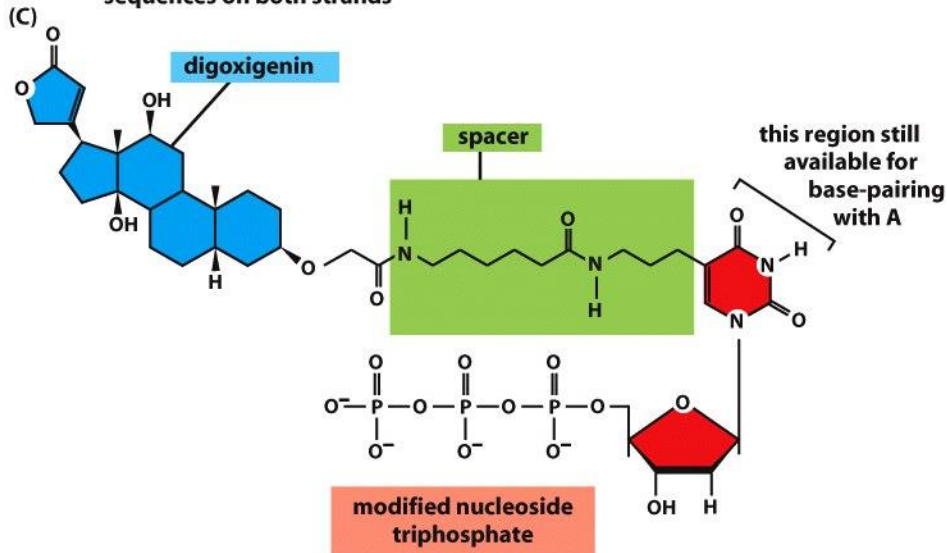


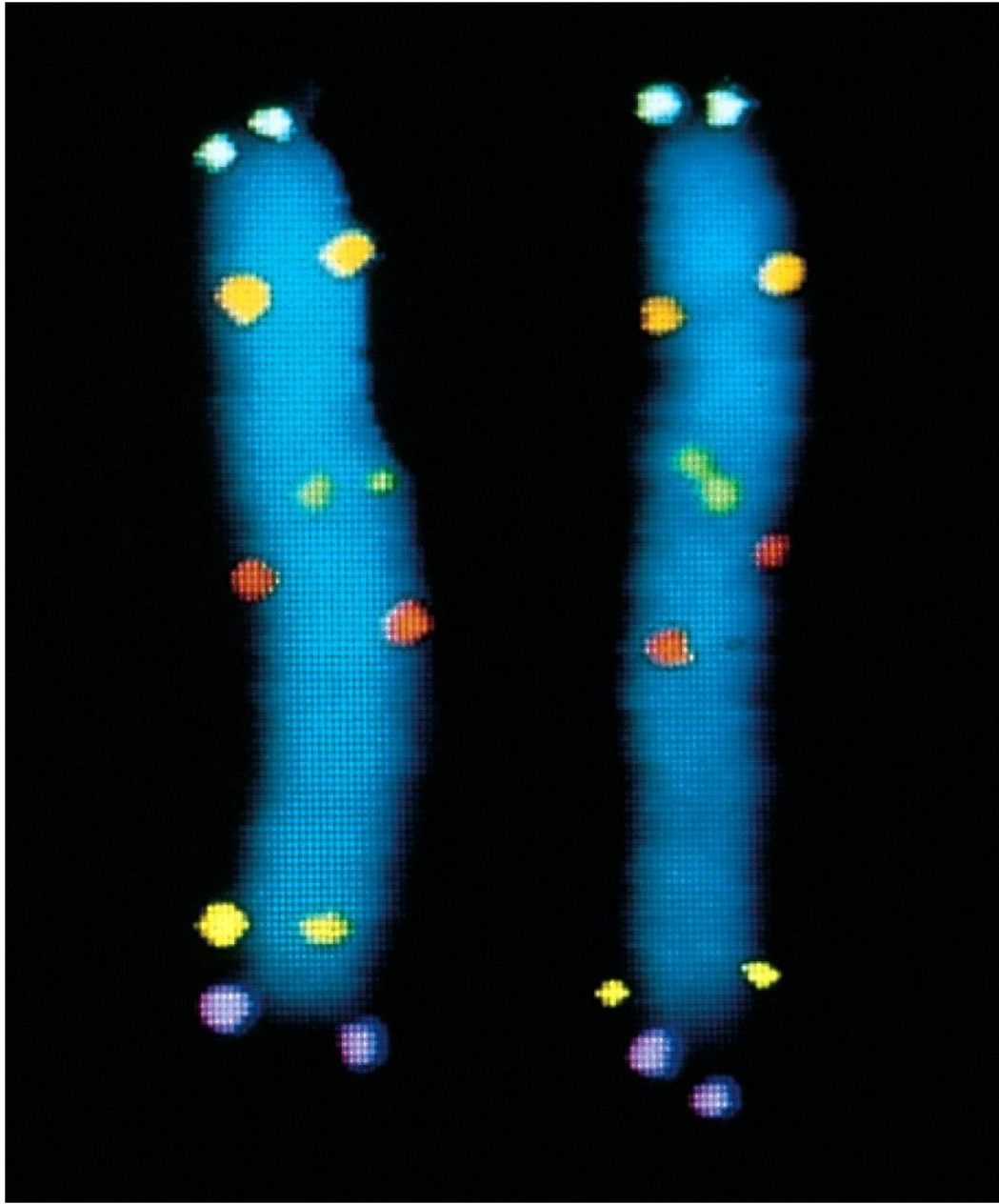
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DNA polymerase incorporates labeled nucleotides, resulting in a population of DNA molecules that contain labeled examples of all sequences on both strands

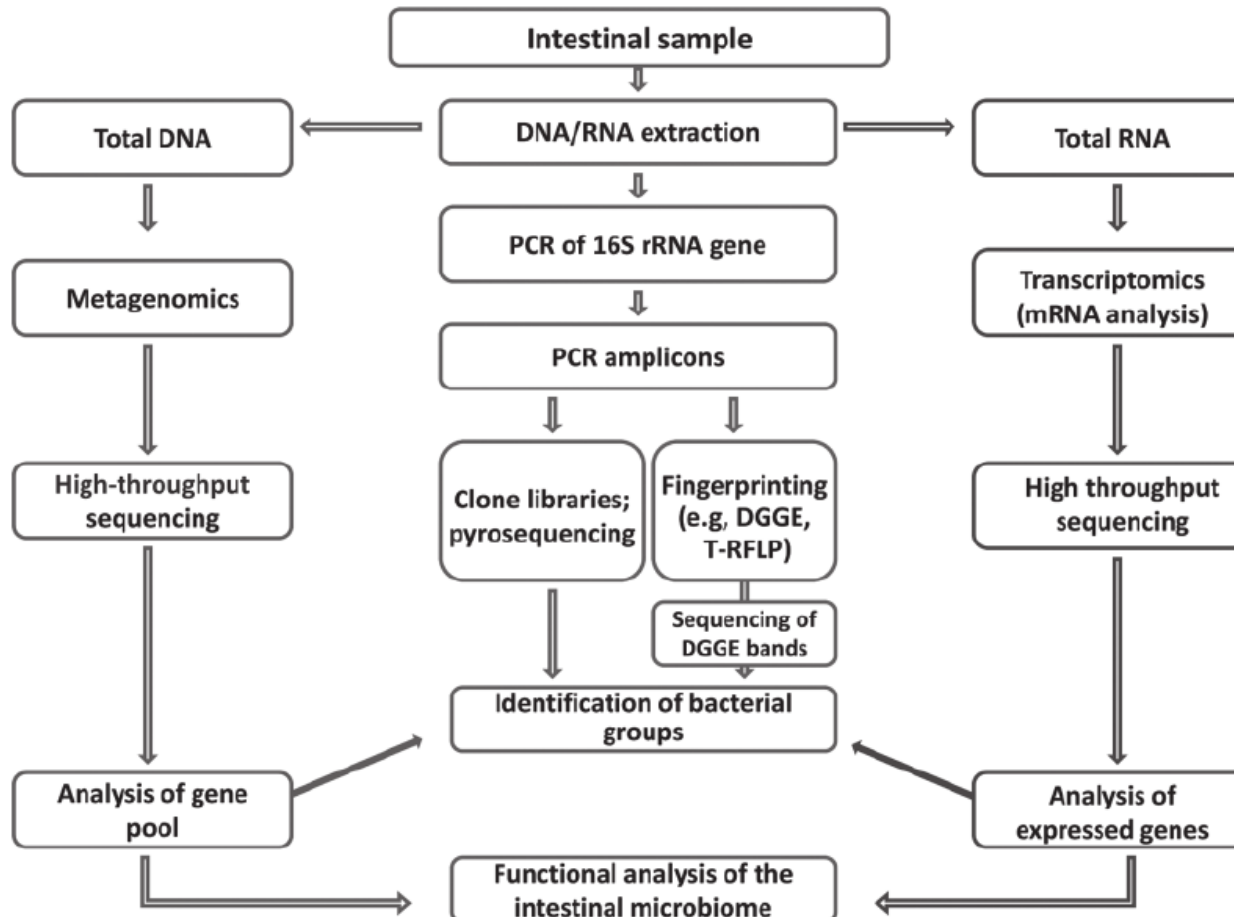




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Figure 8-35 *Molecular Biology of the Cell* (© Garland Science 2008)

Example: functional microbiom description





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Teaching molecular methods

Teacher vs. Student oriented aims



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Why teaching molecular methods?

- What shall students know?
- What are their competences?
- What is of importance to understand?

Why learning molecular methods?

- What is the benefit of knowing it?
- What will I need for my job?
- How can I use it?

Aligning Teaching and Learning Methods with Intended Learning Outcomes



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- When selecting any teaching and learning method it is obviously important to ensure that the method will enable the students to achieve what are intended as learning outcomes. There are different kinds of methods available. Some of them are more effective in building up subject knowledge while some make more contribution to developing generic skills.
- Q: From your point of view, what are the needs in molecular methods?

B. Sc. Study Programme Bio-, Food and Process Engineering



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Bachelor Bio-, Lebensmittel- und Verfahrenstechnologie

1. - 2. Sem.	3. - 6. Sem.	7. Sem.
Introduction natural sciences and engineering basics	Bio and food technology	Practical Bachelor Thesis
	Process Engineering	

- 80 students
- Full time (210 CP)
- Specific study lines:
 - Bio- & Food technology
 - Process Engineering
- BSc thesis in cooperation with companies of the region (appr. 90%)

Study programme Applied Bio and Food Sciences (Master)



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Master Applied Bio and Food Sciences

1. Semester	2. Semester	3. Semester
Theorie- betonung Advanced Process Engineering, Industrial Food Processing, Production Organisms, Product Innovations, Elective Course	Projekt- arbeit Research Proposal, Project Theory, Team Project, Scientific Conference	Master- Thesis

- Natural Sciences and Technology
- Sectors: Food, Pharma, Cosmetics
- German/English/ Integration of international students in 2nd Semester
- Full time or dual
- 90 CP

	Pharma			
	Cosmetics			
	Food			
Application field	Product development, innovation	Quality management	Process	Research
Topics	Cell cultures, aquaculture, proteins, genetic modification	Applied product analytics, microbial risks	Fermentation, cell culture, bio process eng., HACCP,	New assay systems, metabolic pathways and their regulation
Skills	Project management, creativity	Data curation, management, compliance	Analyse processes, LCA	Analytical thinking, scientific writing and presentations

Teaching molecular methods



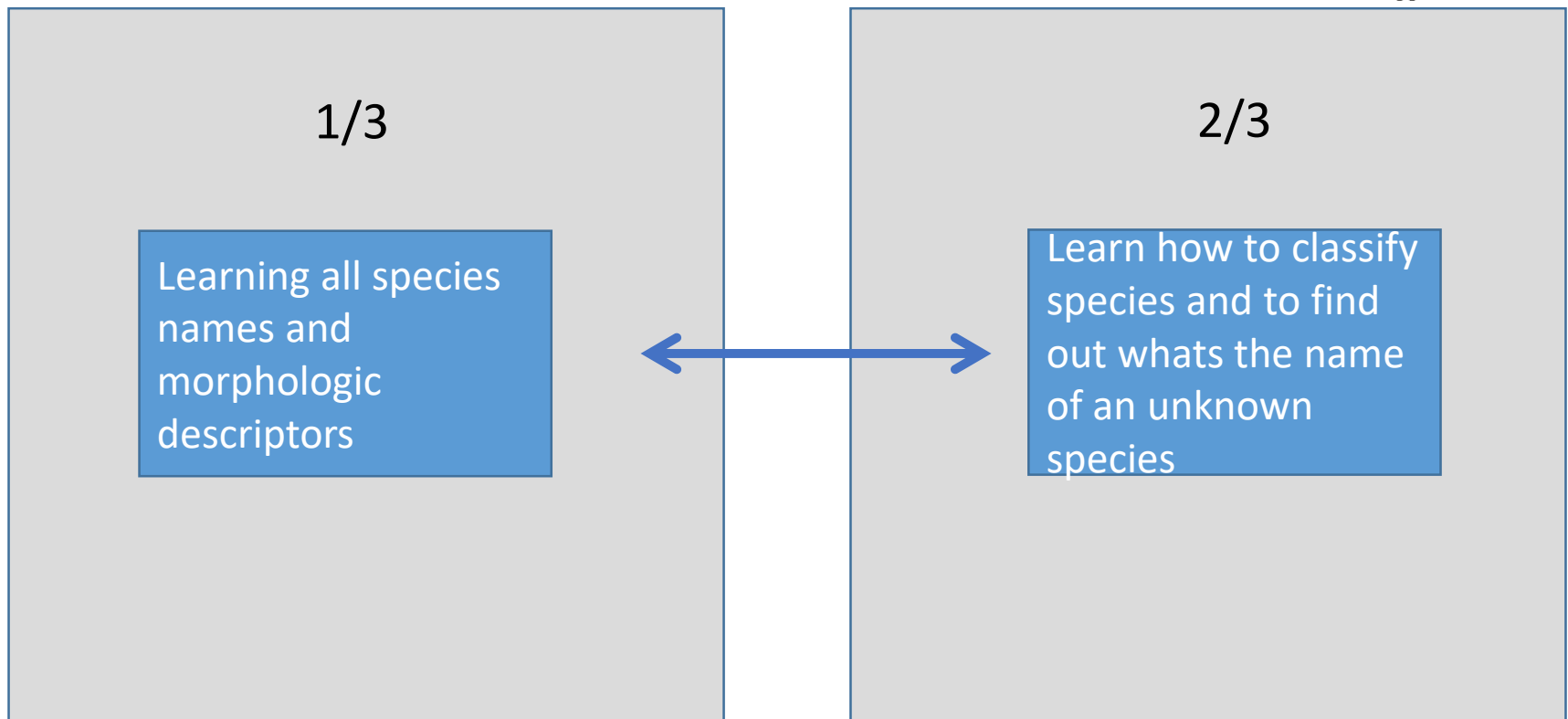
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- Big ideas
 - Holistic systems biology
 - Interaction of molecules as the basis for functionality
- Experimental approaches
 - Handling bio molecules
 - Sequencing
 - Instrumental analytics
- Current controversies
 - No technique fits all
- Non-solved questions
 - Systems complexity
 - Data handling

Proportion knowledge/competencies



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Given a fish, one can eat for a day; taught to fish, one can eat for a lifetime.

- Think of effective science teaching as teaching learners to fish. Once learners come to understand and use scientific thinking to learn more about the world around them, they have become fishers with a lifetime thirst for knowledge and the skills to seek and learn on their own.

Competence depends on....



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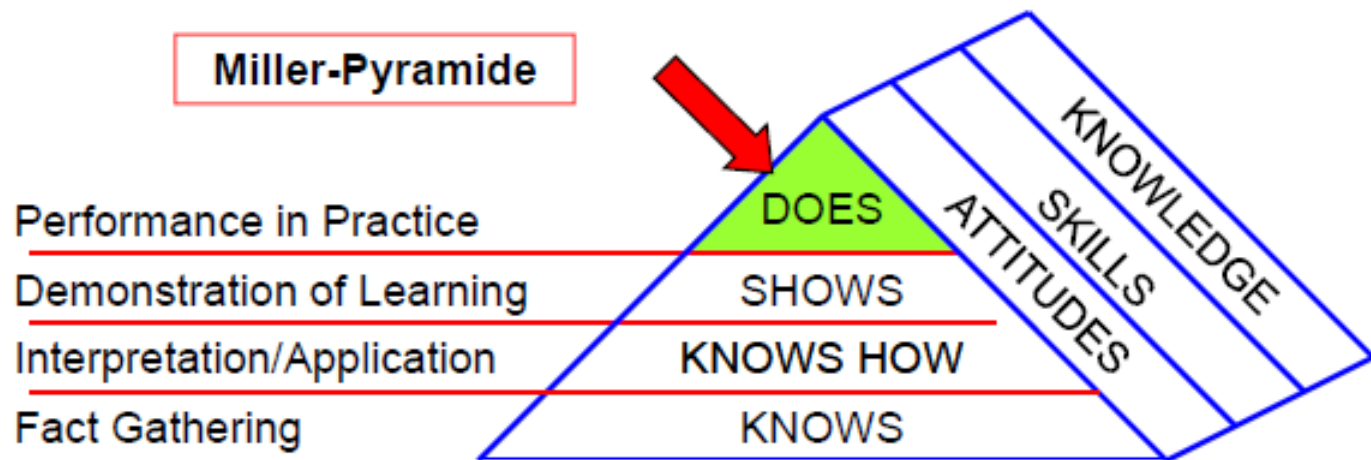
- Declarative Knowledge – know
- Procedural Knowledge - do
- Conditional Knowledge – control
- Conceptual Knowledge – react and change
- **Q: part of each knowledge field in your learning outcomes and subsequently in your courses?**

How do I see competence in a student?



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Competence: Doing the right thing at the right time in the right way in complex situations



Lab

Classroom

A Competency-based Program Includes...

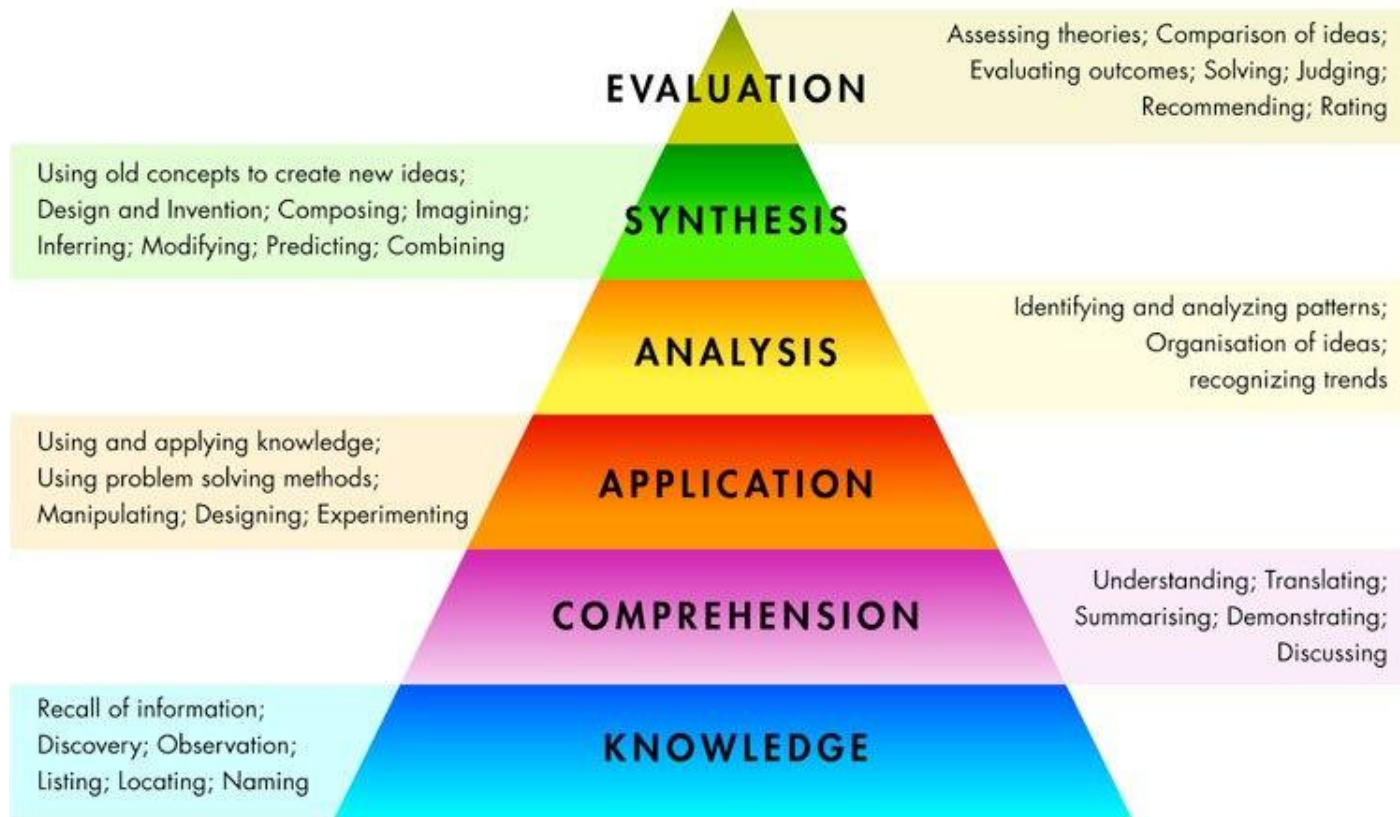


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- Defining program outcomes: expected competencies of the graduate
- Providing relevant learning opportunities: through a curriculum that allows for the development of the competencies
- Assessing residents for competence: assessment of competencies as a component of the training program



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How to define the goals?



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	Knowledge	Skills	proficiency
Specific field competence			
Social competence			
Self competence			

Check Questions for Teaching and Learning Plan



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When selecting teaching and learning methods, keep asking yourself these 3 check questions:

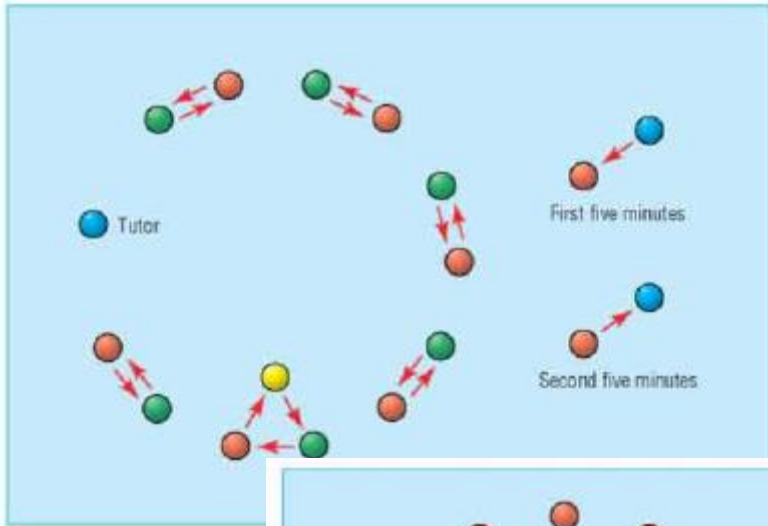
- How active is it?
- How related is it to real life?
- What outcomes does it promote?

Teaching: Methods

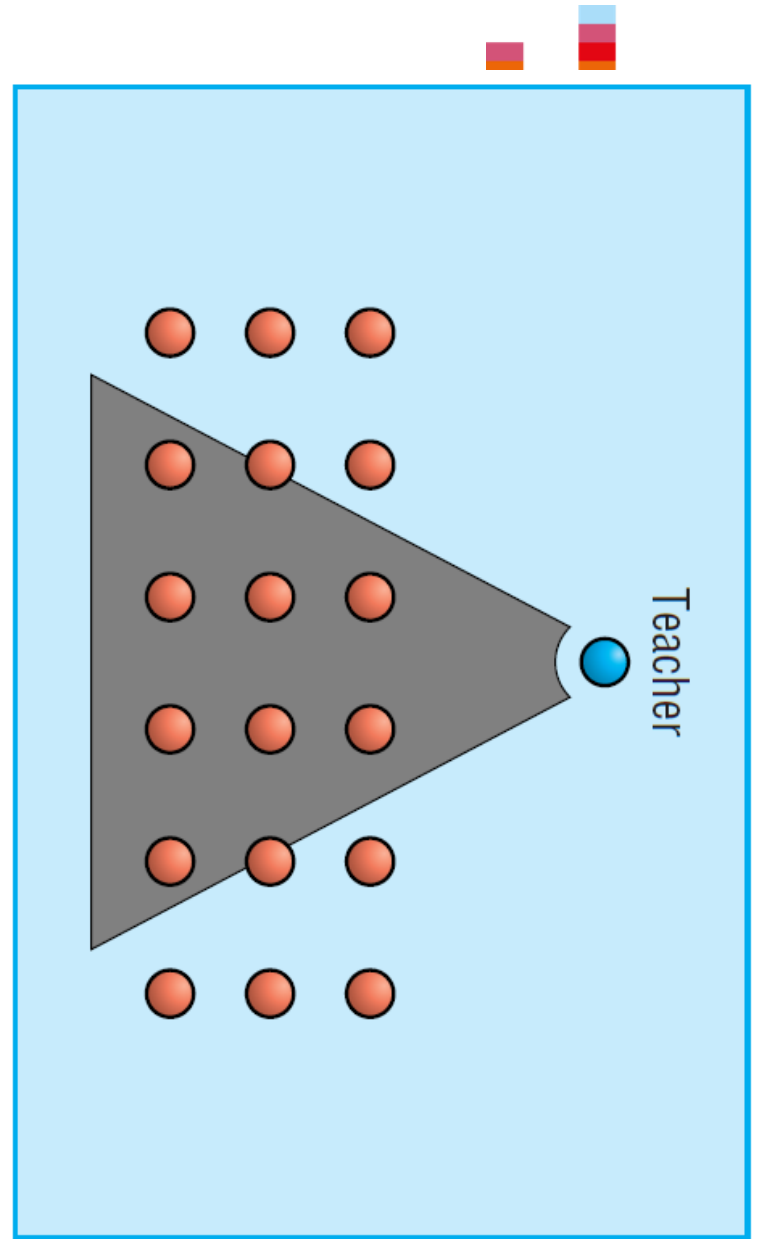
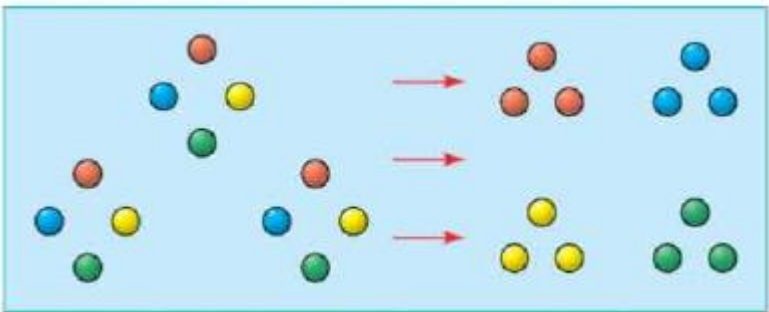
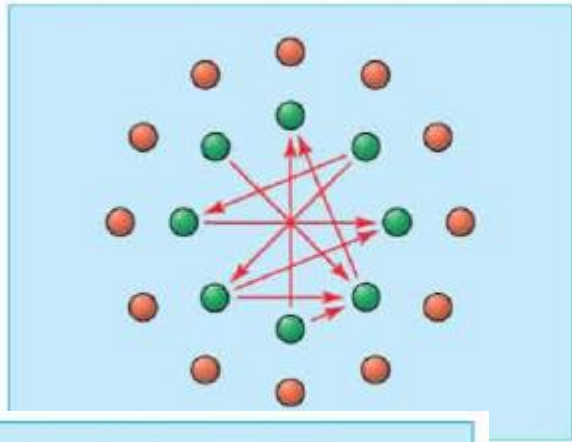


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- Media and methods:
 - Blackboard
 - Powerpoint
 - Video
 - Flipped classroom
 - Laboratory
 - voluntary homeworks, feedback included
 - Problem based learning



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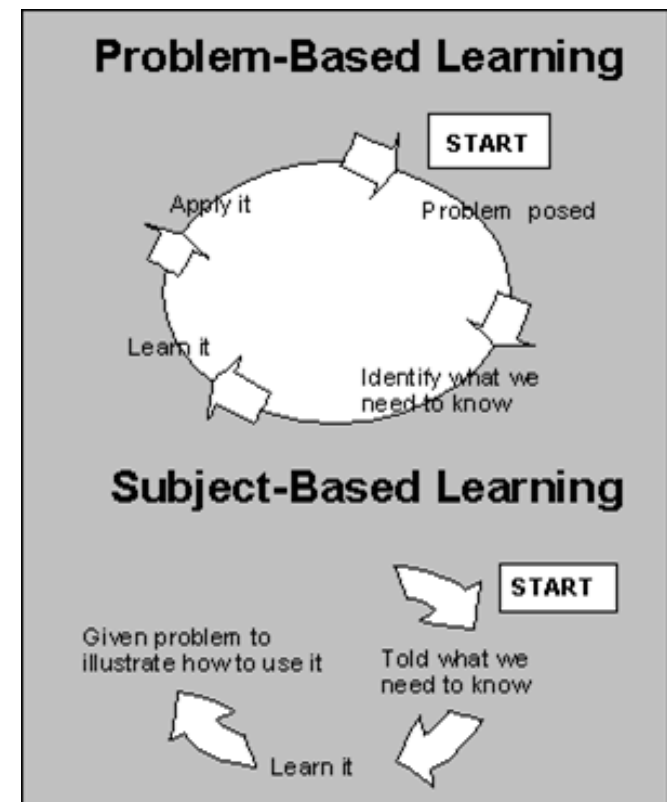


Problem Solving vs Problem Based Learning

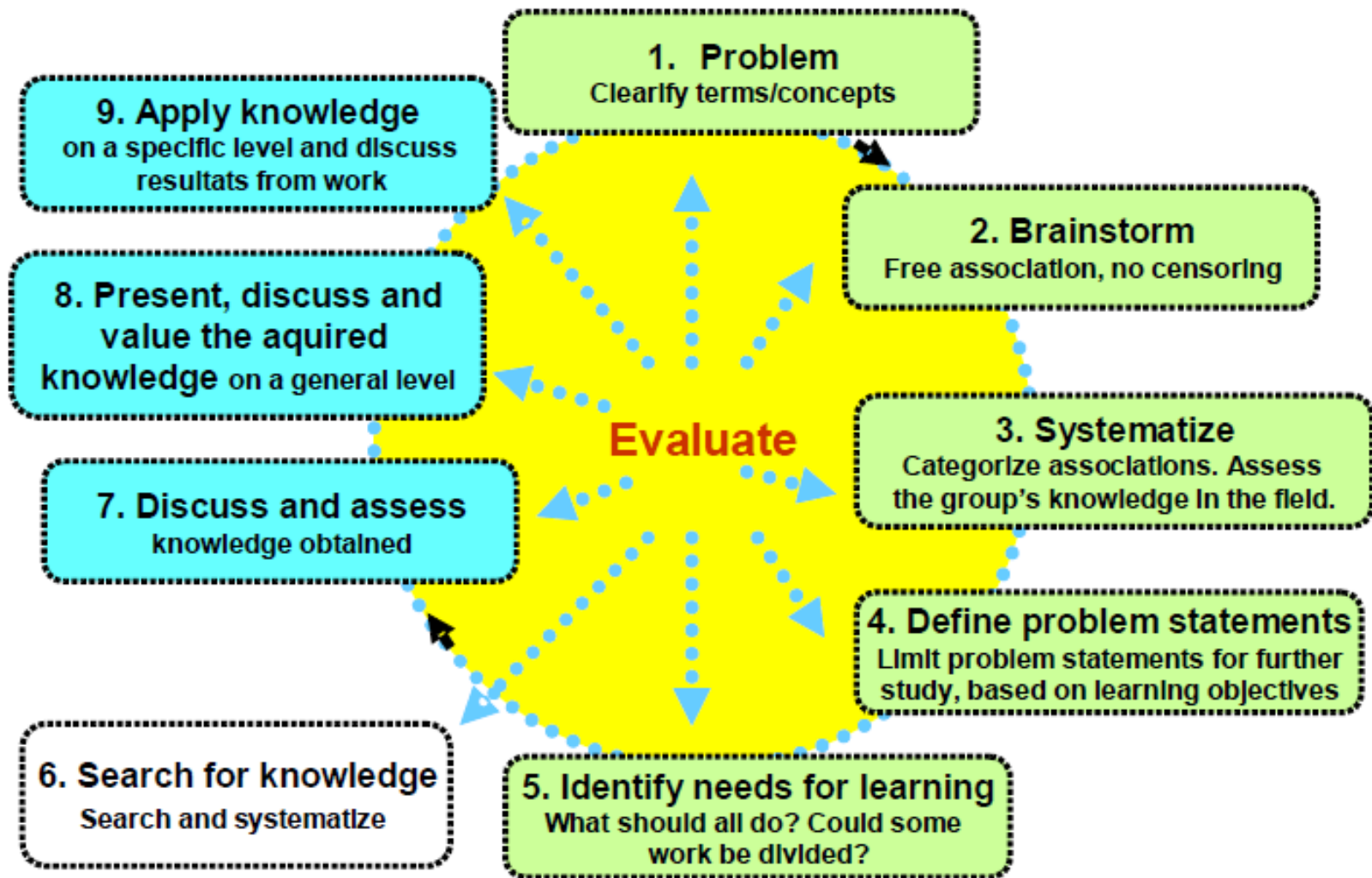


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- Problem Solving: Arriving at decisions based on prior knowledge and reasoning
- Problem Based Learning: The process of acquiring new knowledge based on recognition of a need to learn.



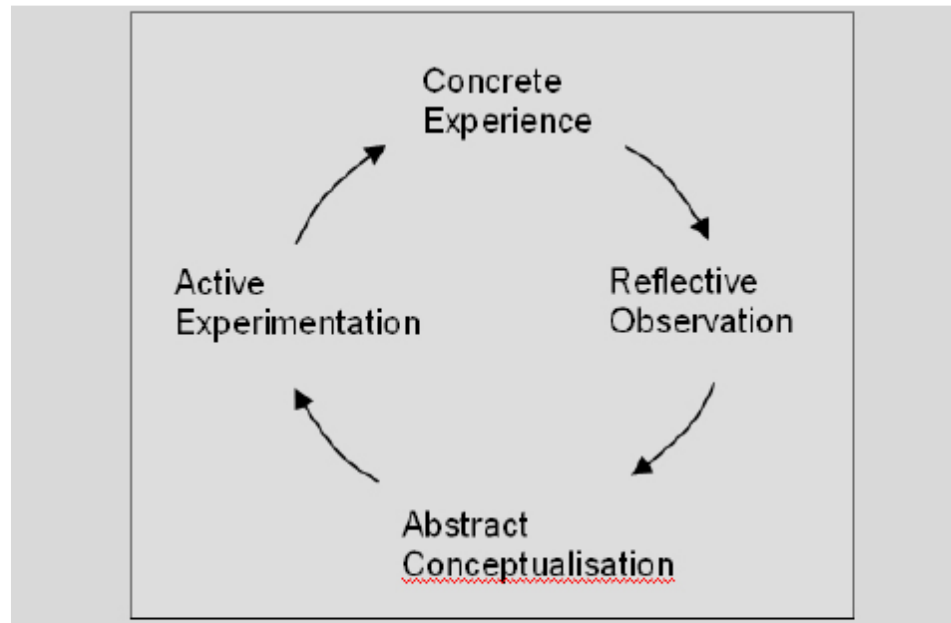
The Seven Step Model (Wood, 2003)



Doing things practically



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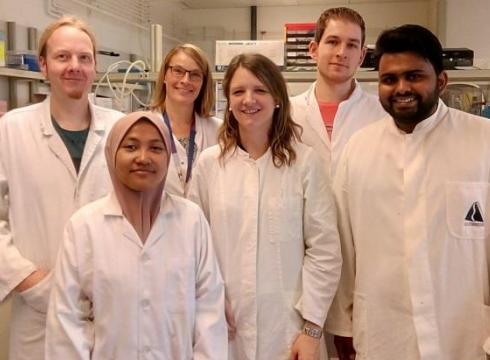
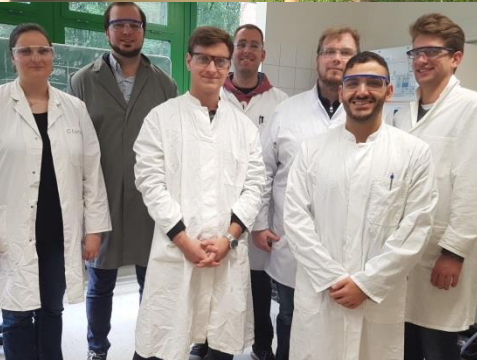
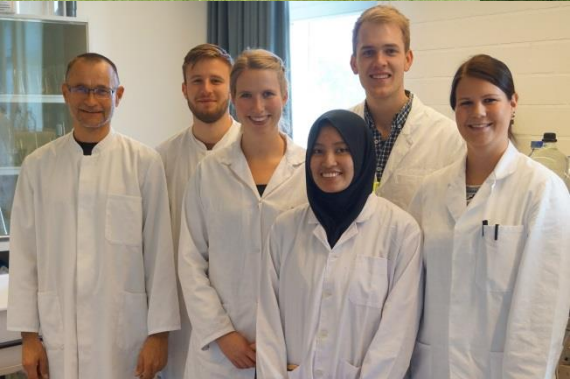
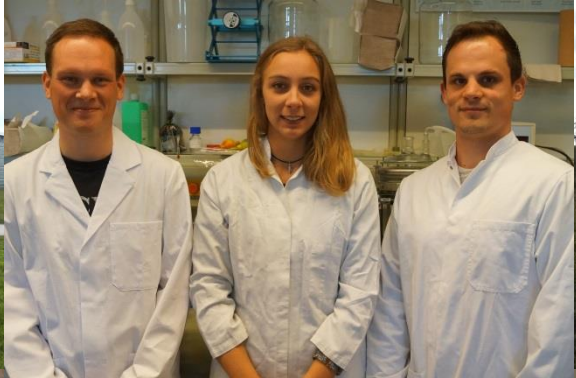
Differences at learning levels



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	Students	Graduates	Practising Scientists
To train students in making deductions from measurements and interpretation of data	✓	✓	✓
To familiarize students with important apparatus and measurement techniques	✓	✓	✓
To teach basic practical skills	✓	✓	✓
To train students in observation		✓	✓
To foster critical awareness		✓	✓
To illustrate material taught in lectures	✓		
To help bridge theory and practice	✓		

Table 1: The five top aims ranked highest by each response group
(After Boud, Dunn, Kennedy and Thorley, 1980)



Useful links



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- <http://www.scienceprofonline.com/instructors-corner/instructors-corner-main.html>
- <https://www.goconqr.com/en/examtime/blog/how-to-study-biology/>
- https://www.aibs.org/education/teaching_resources.html
- <http://www.didactics.eu/index.php?id=170&L=0%27%60%28%5B%7B%5E~>
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