



Preparation of Modified Oligonucleotides by Nicking Enzyme Amplification Reaction

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Nicking Enzyme Amplification Reaction (NEAR)^[2]

Introduction – Base-modified DNA^[1]

- Functionalized nucleic acids have found applications in chemical biology, bioanalysis, catalysis and nanotechnology.
- Modifications can be introduced into the phosphate backbone, sugar moiety and, most often, onto a nucleobase.
- ➤ Base-modified DNA can be synthesized chemically or enzymatically.
- > Chemical synthesis is carried out on solid support and utilizes phosphorimidate building blocks.
- Enzymatic synthesis of (base-modified) DNA is based on the incorporation of (functionalized) nucleoside triphosphates by a DNA polymerase.

Methods for enzymatic synthesis:

PCR – polymerase chain reaction

> DNA polymerases: Vent(exo-), KOD XL,

primer

extension

Vent(exo-)

dATP, dGTP

dTTP, dCTP

GAGTC

template

100 nt —

50 nt —

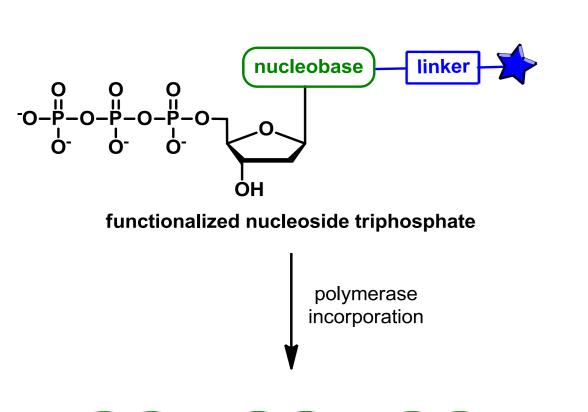
20 nt —

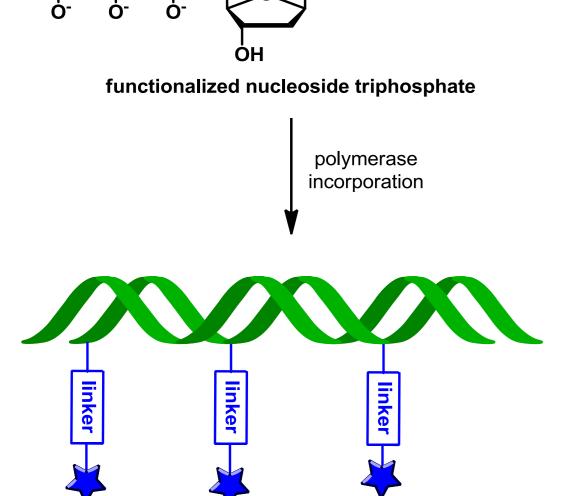
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primer

PEX – primer extension

Pwo, Bst large fragment...

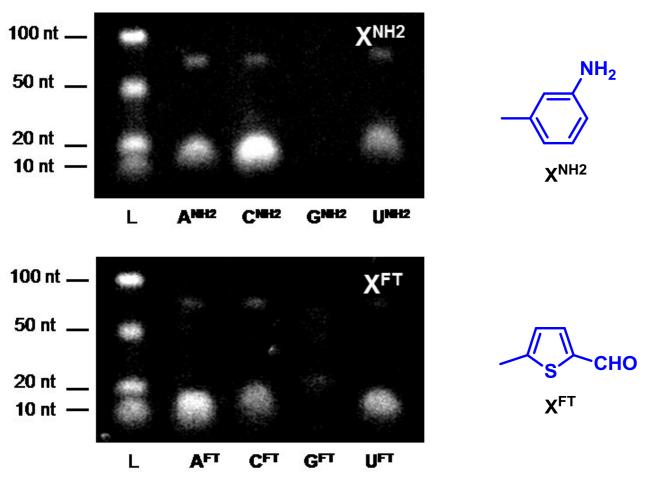




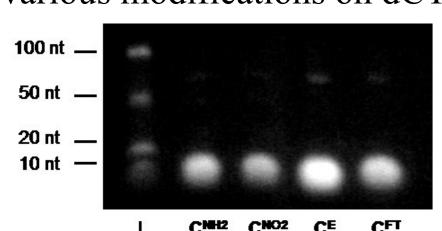
functionalized nucleic acid

Scope^[3]

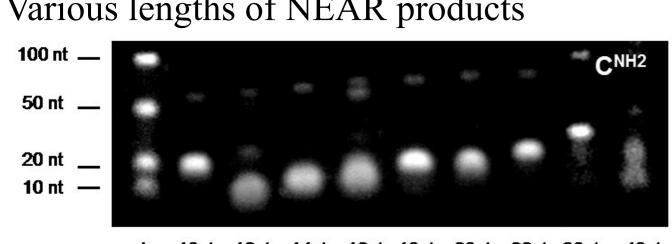
Various modified nucelobases



- Modified cytidines proved to be the best substrates
- Various modifications on dCTP

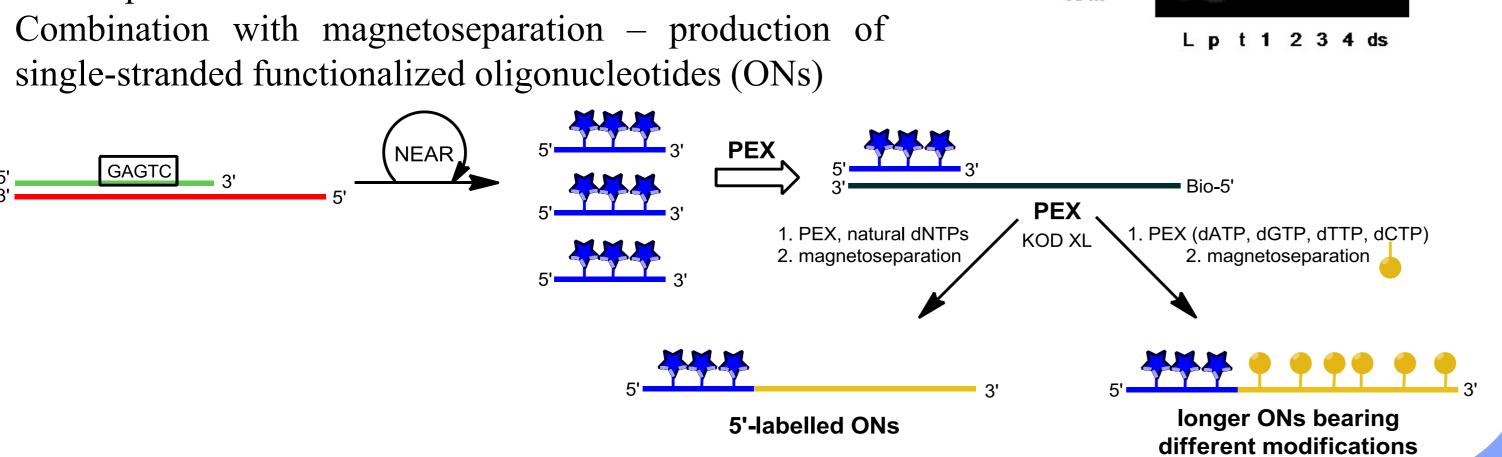


Various lengths of NEAR products



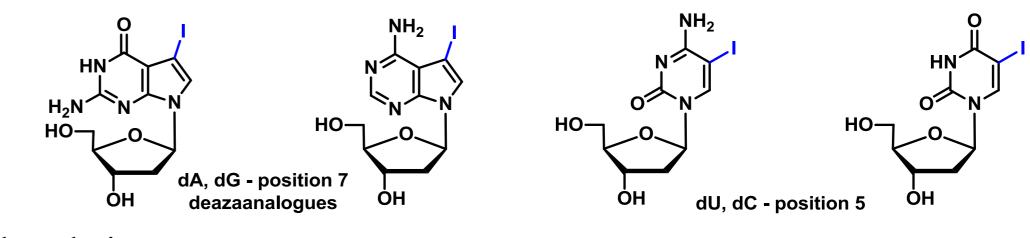
Application – Primers in PEX^[4]

- PEX = primer extension
- > Combination with magnetoseparation production of single-stranded functionalized oligonucleotides (ONs)



Introduction – Base-modified Nucleoside Triphosphates^[1]

Starting from 7-iodo-7-deazapurines and 5-iodopyrimidines



Triphosphorylation

nicking

Nt.BstNBI

release

modification

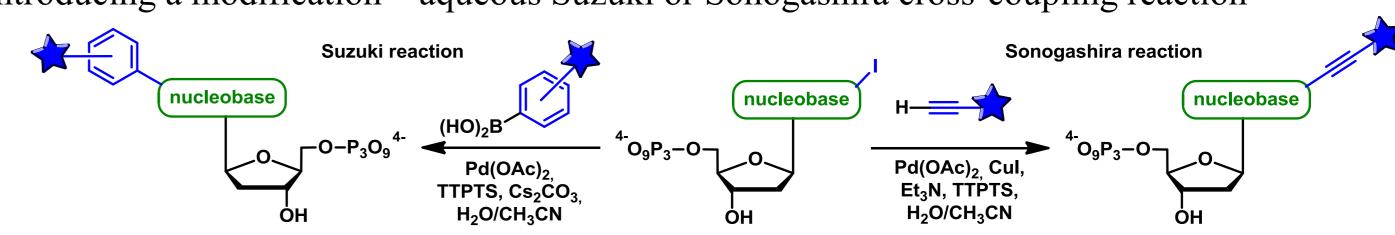
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after many cycles:

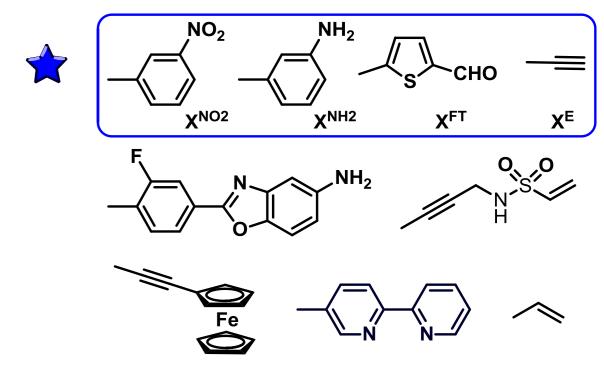
linear amplification of short

cytosine-modified ONs

➤ Introducing a modification — aqueous Suzuki or Sonogashira cross-coupling reaction



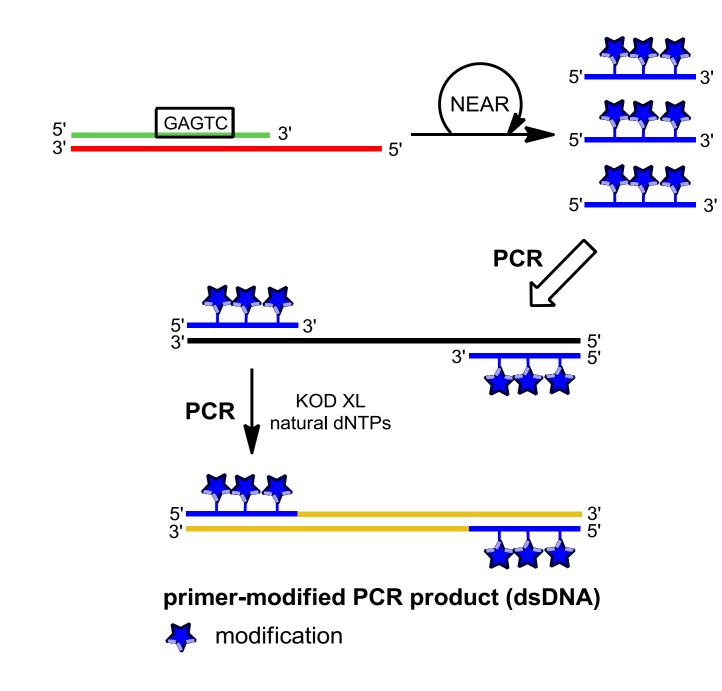
Modifications: redox labels, fluorescent labels, conjugation precursors etc.



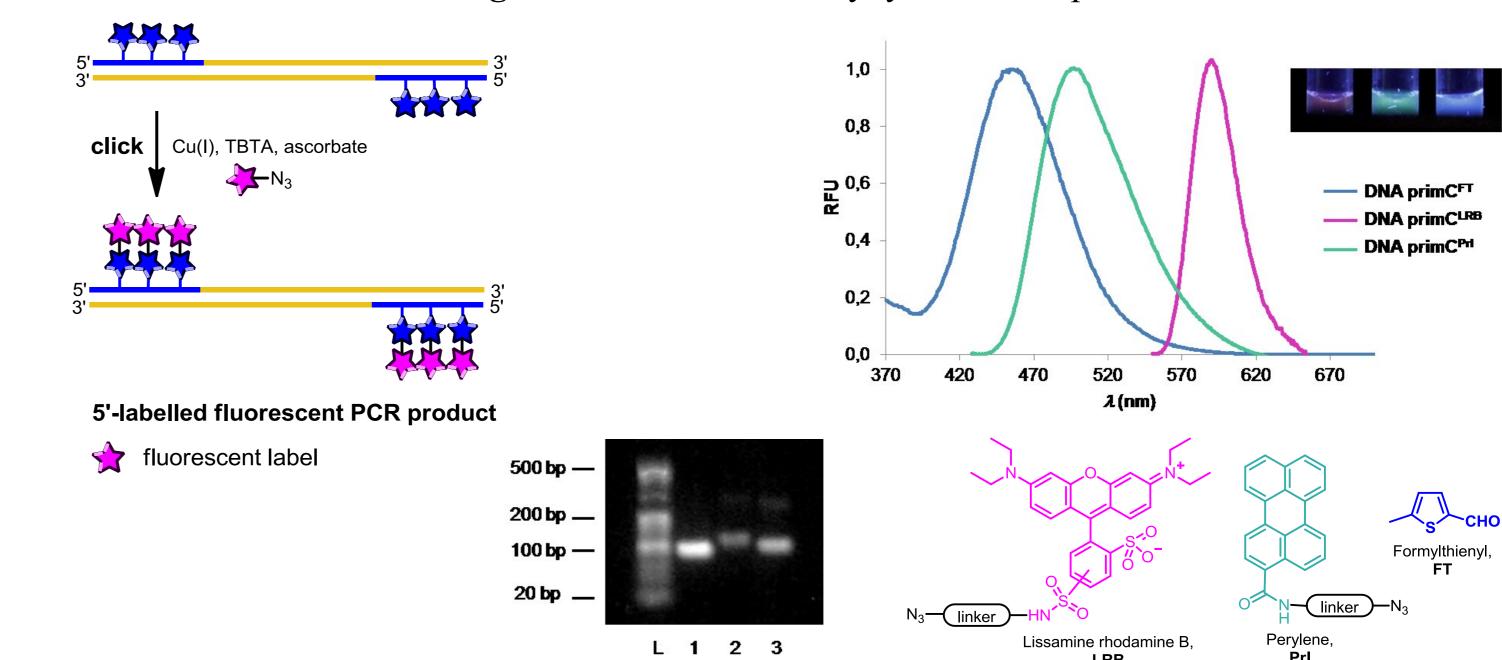
Application – Primers

in PCR^[4] > PCR = polymerase chain reaction

- Production of double-stranded functionalized oligonucleotides
- Direct fluorescent labelling formylthienyl-modified primers



➤ Indirect fluorescent labelling — click reaction on ethynyl-modified primer after PCR



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