



**Técnicas de estudio de la interacción de compuestos metálicos con ADN:**

**IV. Electroforesis en gel**

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**Gel electrophoresis**

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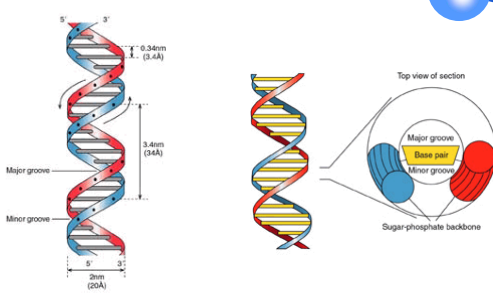
**Electrophoresis**

Transport of particles through a solvent by an electric field

most biological polymers are charged and will move in an electric field

characterization of a molecule by its rate of movement in the electric field

determine protein MW  
distinguish molecules by their net charge or shape  
separate molecular species quantitatively



**Electrophoresis**

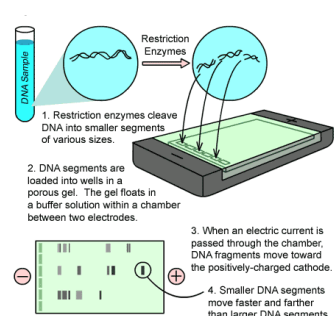
molecule of charge  $q$  submitted to an electric field  $E$

electrical force  $Eq = fv$  viscous drag

$\mu = v/E = q/f$

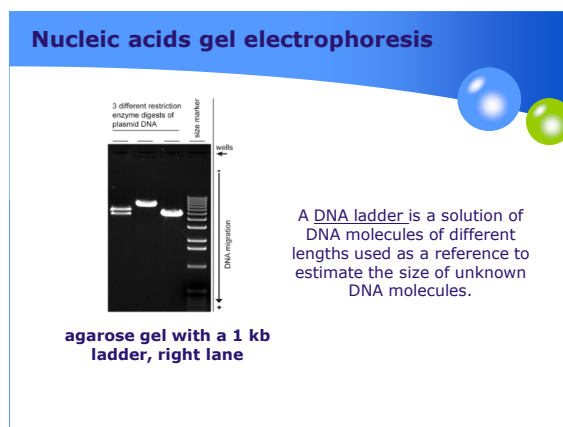
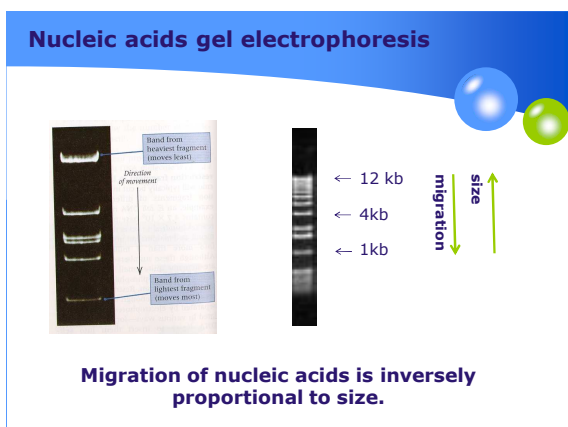
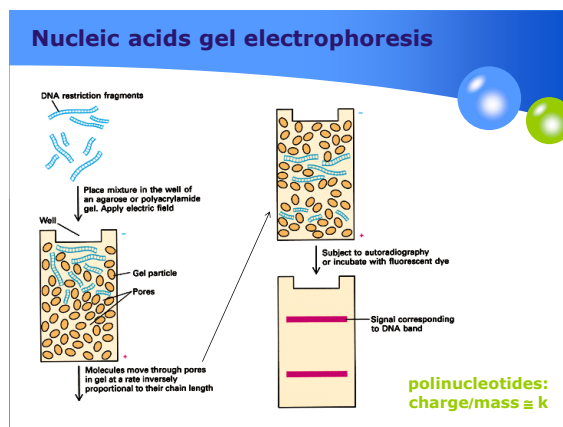
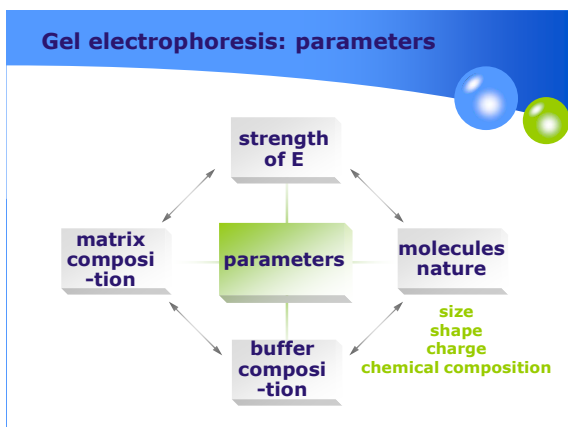
$f$  frictional coefficient  
 $\mu$  mobility

**Gel electrophoresis**



separation of charged molecules through a matrix

matrix: paper, starch, agarose, polyacrylamide



### Nucleic acids gel electrophoresis

Nucleic acids are separated on a gel or matrix of agarose or acrylamide.

The gel is prepared in a mold with wells to put the sample.

Each end of the gel is in contact with the electrophoresis buffer or the whole gel is immersed in it.

Buffer ions transport the charge and maintain the pH value approximately constant.

### Electrophoresis on agarose gels: agarose


Agarose is a polysaccharide obtained from marine algae.

Agarose molecule: approx. 120,000 dalton MW

Basic Agarobiose Repeating Unit ENLARGEMENT

Low melting point (65°C) agarose beds are used in Molecular Biology experiments for the analysis and separation of DNA fragments and shapes. It allows bands isolation and quantification.

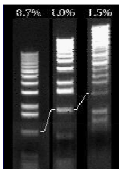
### Electrophoresis on agarose: % of agarose



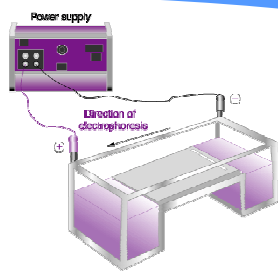
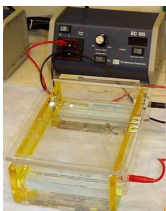
**% agarose 0.7-2.0 in buffer (TBE or TAE)**

resolution varies with % agarose

| % agarose | size range           |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 0.7       | 5-10kb               |
| 2.0       | 0.2-1kb              |
| 3.0       | very small fragments |




### Electrophoresis on agarose gels: technique

**Gel electrophoresis apparatus** - An agarose gel is placed in this buffer-filled box and electrical field is applied via the power supply to the rear. The negative terminal is at the far end (black wire), so DNA migrates toward the camera.

### Electrophoresis on agarose gels: sample



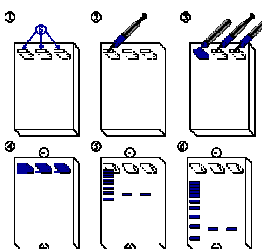
volume: 10-20  $\mu$ L

buffer

dye\*

MW marker

well size, number

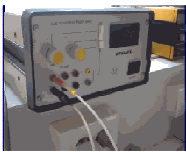
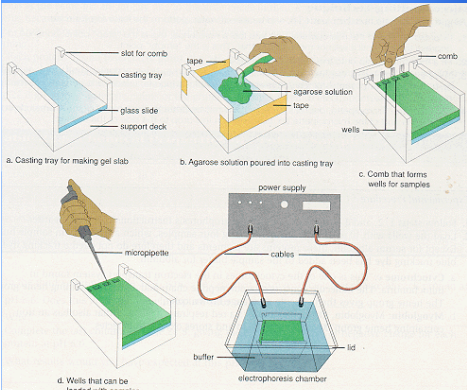


\* bromophenol blue (300bp), xylencianol (4kb)

### Electrophoresis on agarose: intensity

generally: 50-100 V for a couple of hours

High voltages diminish resolution.

a. Casting tray for making gel slab

b. Agarose solution poured into casting tray

c. Comb that forms wells for samples

d. Wells that can be loaded with samples

e. Electrophoresis chamber and power supply

### Electrophoresis on agarose: NA visualization



Nc1ccc2c(c1)c(c3c2c(N)cc3)N(C)C

stain: **ethidium bromide**

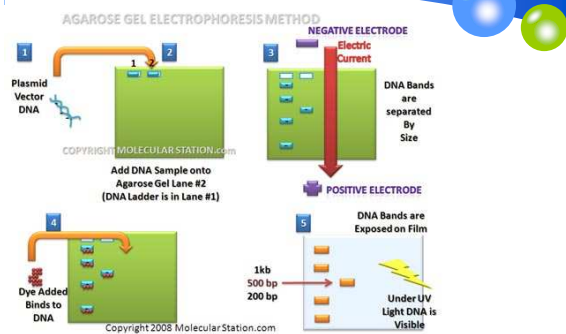
fluorescent intercalator: absorbs light and emits in the visible region (orange); its quantum yield is enhanced when bound to DNA

included in the gel before run, added to the sample in the buffer or after electrophoretic run

a transilluminator is needed

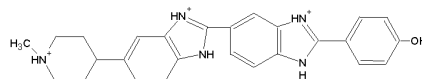



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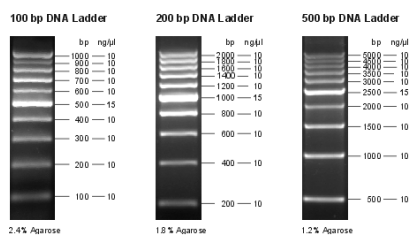
### Electrophoresis on agarose: NA visualization

ethidium bromide: carcinogenic, mutagenic

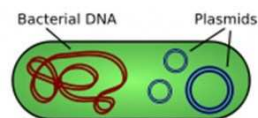


**Hoechst 33258**

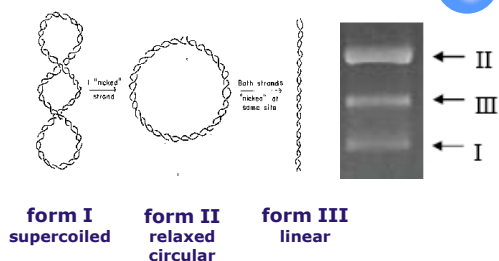
### Electrophoresis on agarose: NA quantification



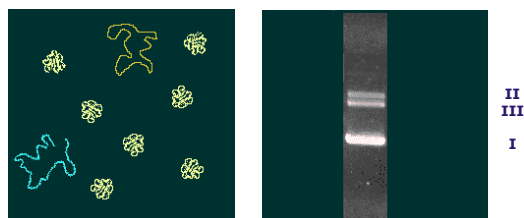
### Electrophoresis on agarose: plasmid DNA

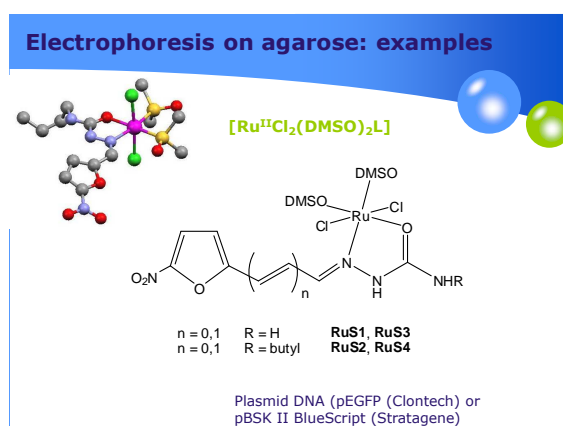
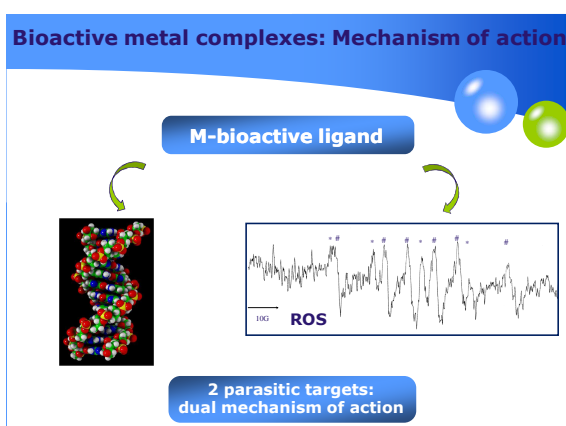
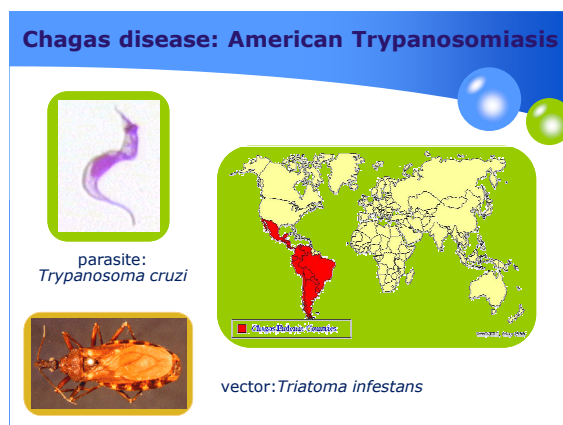
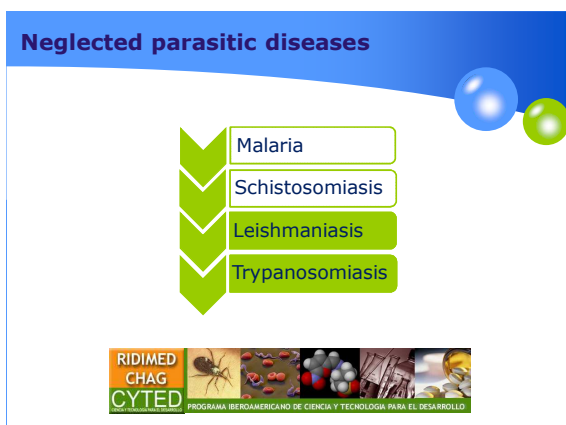
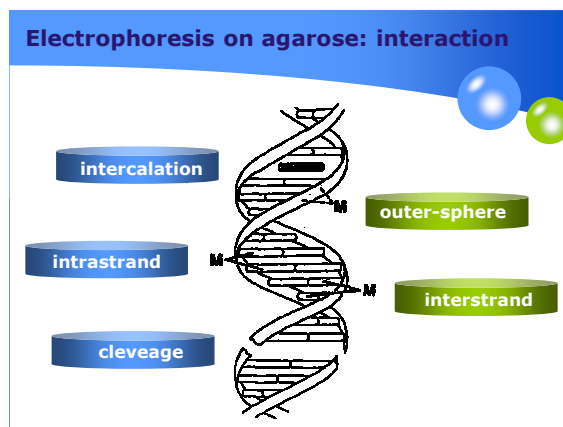
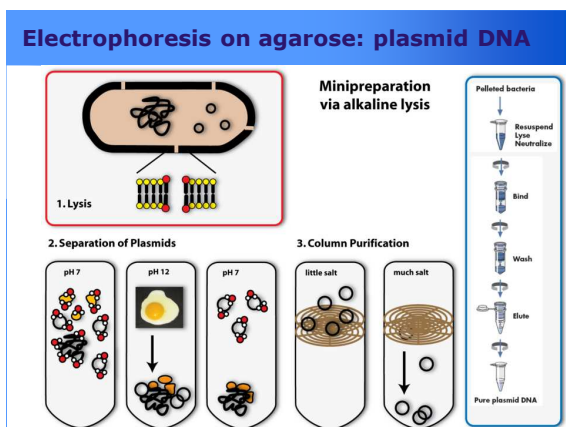


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### Electrophoresis on agarose: examples

$r_i = \text{mol complex/mol base pairs}$

**[PdCl<sub>2</sub>L6]**

dose-dependent diminution of supercoiled DNA mobility

|       |   |     |      |     |     |     |     |
|-------|---|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| $r_i$ | - | 0.1 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 3.0 | 6.0 |
| II    |   |     |      |     |     |     |     |
| I     |   |     |      |     |     |     |     |

### Electrophoresis on agarose: examples

|       |                     |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |
|-------|---------------------|--|--|--|---------------------|--|--|--|
| $r_i$ | 0.5 1.0 3.0 control |  |  |  | 0.5 1.0 3.0 control |  |  |  |
| II    |                     |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |
| I     |                     |  |  |  |                     |  |  |  |
|       | - distamycin        |  |  |  | + distamycin        |  |  |  |

**[PdCl<sub>2</sub>L5]**

Does not bind in minor groove

### Electrophoresis on agarose: examples

migration/% (respect to control)

time/h

■ [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(L6)]  
● [PdCl<sub>2</sub>(L7)]

[PdCl<sub>2</sub>L] complexes show a quick effect on DNA

|          |   |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------|---|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| time (h) | 0 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 0 | 0.25 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| II       |   |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| I        |   |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |   |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |

### Electrophoresis on agarose: examples

[Pd(L6)<sub>2</sub>]

*Muchas Gracias*