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Estudio de la interacción de compuestos metálicos con ADN por técnicas de electroforesis en gel

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Gel electrophoresis



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Electrophoresis

Transport of charged 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 or nucleic acid MW
distinguish molecules by their net charge or shape
separate species quantitatively

Electrophoresis

molecule of charge q submitted to an electric field E

electrical force

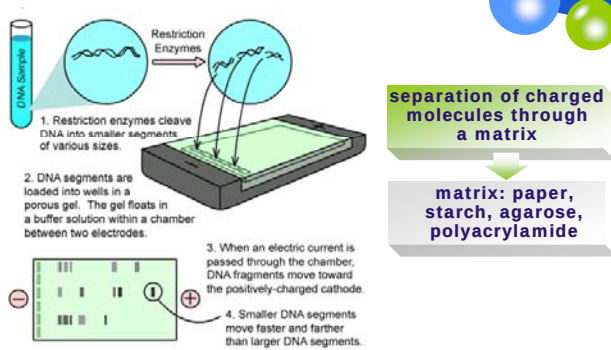
$$Eq = fv$$

viscous drag

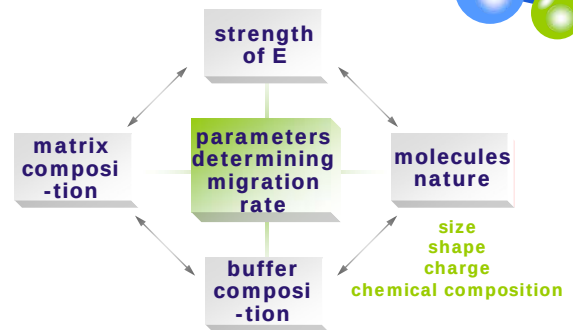
$$\mu = v/E = q/f$$

f frictional coefficient
 μ mobility

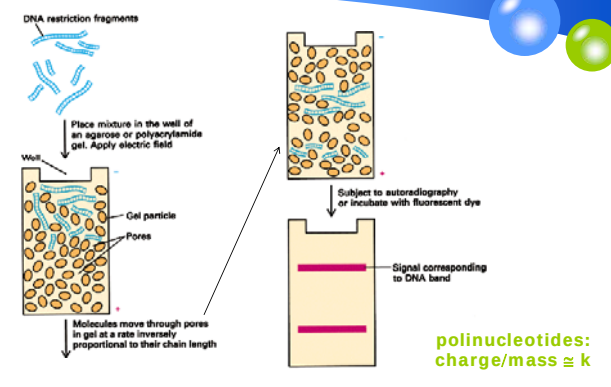
Gel electrophoresis



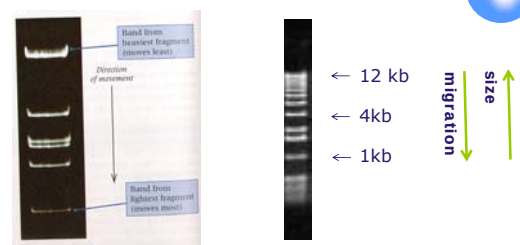
Gel electrophoresis: parameters



Nucleic acids gel electrophoresis

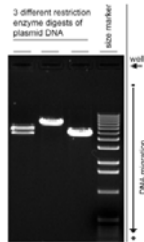


Nucleic acids gel electrophoresis



Migration of nucleic acids is inversely proportional to size.

Nucleic acids gel electrophoresis



agarose gel with a 1 kb ladder, right lane

A **DNA ladder** is a solution of DNA molecules of different lengths used as a reference to estimate the size of unknown DNA molecules.

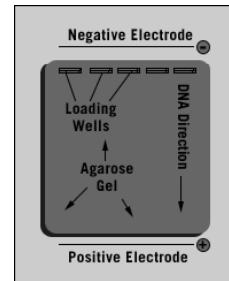
Nucleic acids gel electrophoresis

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

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

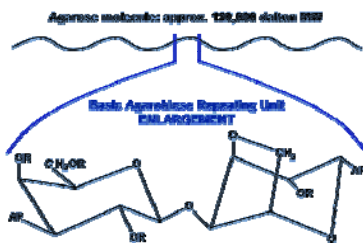
Each end of the gel is in contact with the electrophoresis buffer or the whole gel is immersed in it.

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.



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.

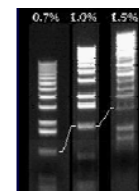
Electrophoresis on agarose: % of agarose



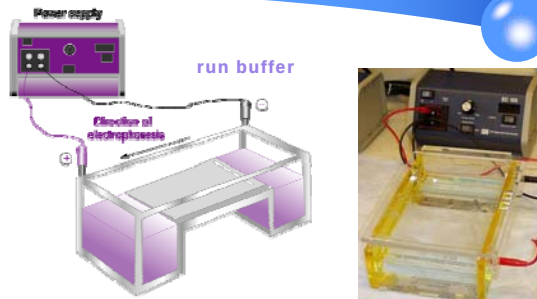
% agarose 0.7-2.0 in buffer (TBE or TAE)

resolution and speed 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

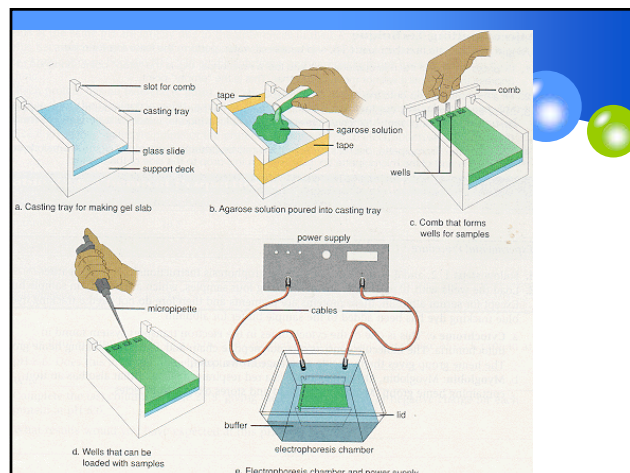


* bromophenol blue (300bp), xylencianol (4kb)

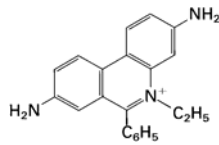
Electrophoresis on agarose: intensity

generally: 50-100 V
for a couple of hours

High voltages
diminish resolution.



Electrophoresis on agarose: NA visualization



stain:
**ethidium
bromide**

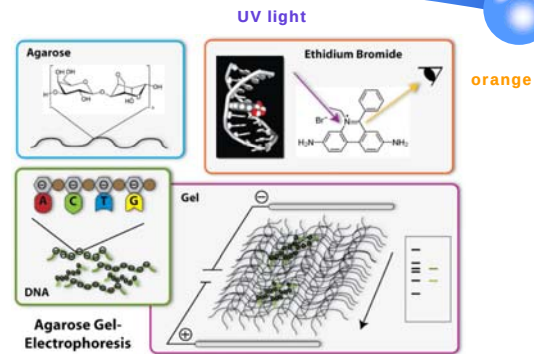
fluorescent intercalator: absorbs UV light and emits in the visible region (orange); its quantum yield is enhanced when bound to DNA

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

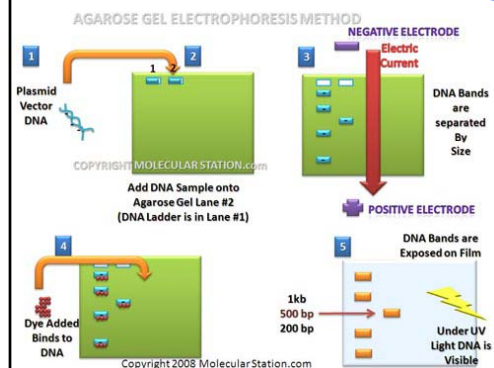
a transilluminator and a camera are needed



Electrophoresis on agarose: NA visualization

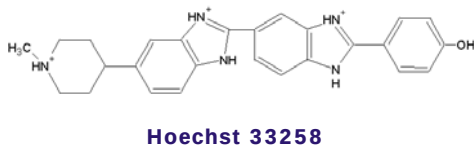


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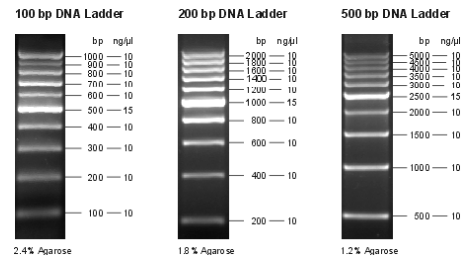


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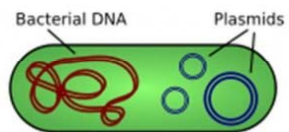
ethidium bromide: carcinogenic, mutagenic



Electrophoresis on agarose: NA quantification

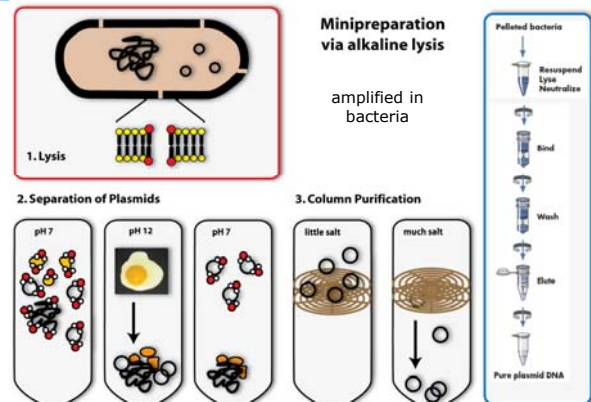


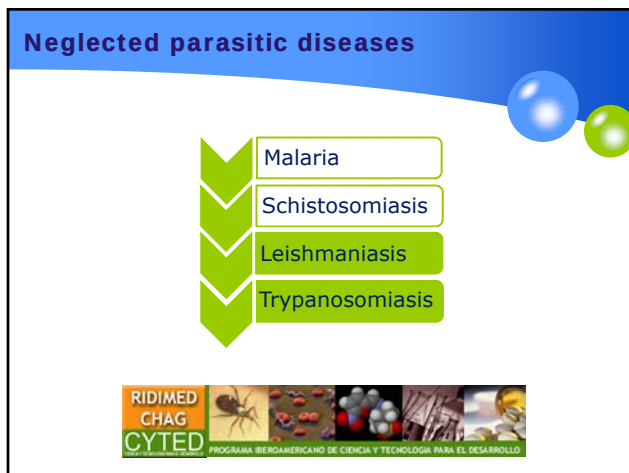
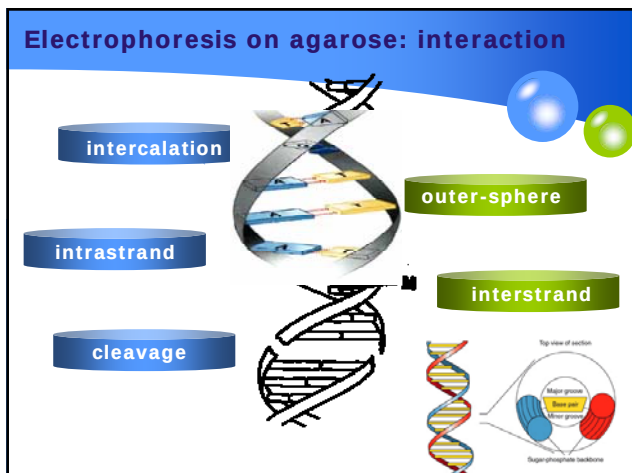
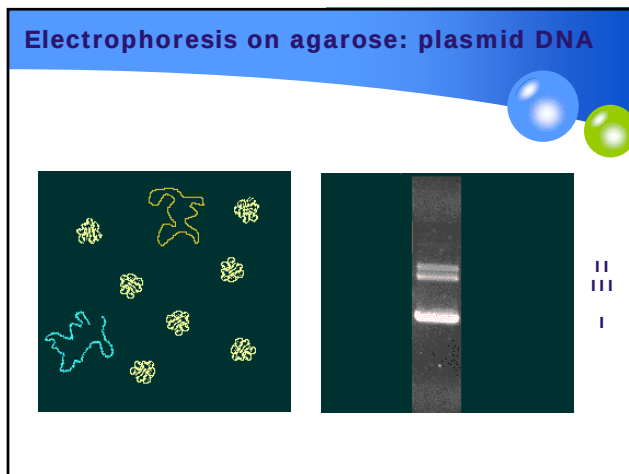
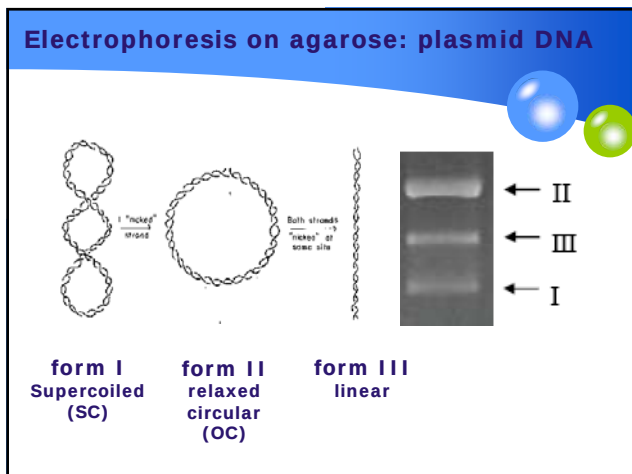
Electrophoresis on agarose: plasmid DNA



Bacterial non-chromosomal DNA

Electrophoresis on agarose: plasmid DNA





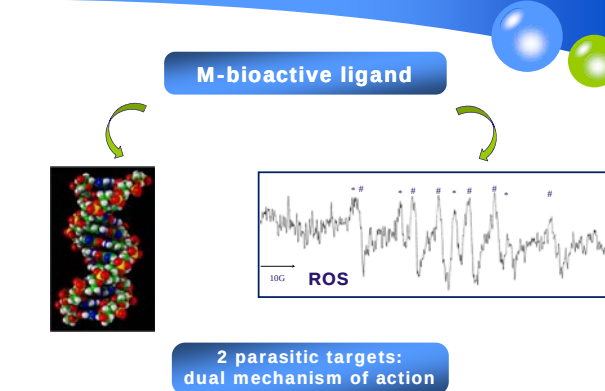
Chagas disease: American Trypanosomiasis



parasite: *Trypanosoma cruzi*

vector: *Triatoma infestans*

Bioactive metal complexes: Mechanism of action

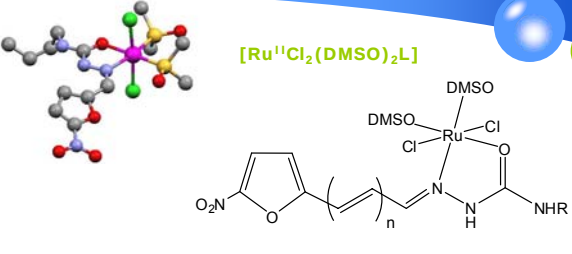


M-bioactive ligand

ROS

2 parasitic targets:
dual mechanism of action

Electrophoresis on agarose: examples



$[Ru^{II}Cl_2(DMSO)_2L]$

$n = 0, 1$ $R = H$ **RuS1, RuS3**
 $n = 0, 1$ $R = \text{butyl}$ **RuS2, RuS4**

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Plasmid DNA (pEGFP (Clontech)
 pBSK II BlueScript (Stratagene))

