

# Science Presentation

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# What I learned:

- Nucleotide BLAST
- Using a Micropipette
- Plasmid Miniprep
- Protein Purification
- Series Dilution
- Protein Concentration Assay
- Protein Gel

## Basic Local Alignment Search Tool

**BLAST** finds regions of similarity between biological sequences. The program compares nucleotide or protein sequences to sequence databases and calculates the statistical significance. [Learn more](#)

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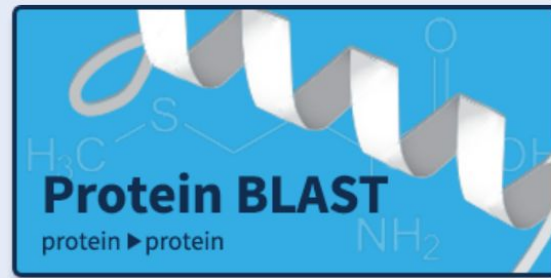
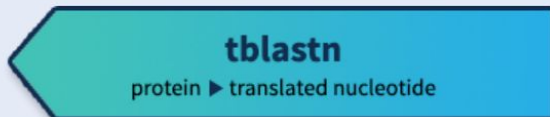
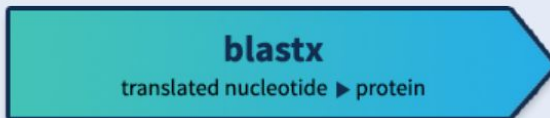
**BLAST+ 2.13.0 is here!**

Starting with this release, we are including the blastn\_vdb and tblastn\_vdb executables in the BLAST+ distribution.

Thu, 17 Mar 2022 12:00:00 EST

[More BLAST news...](#)

## Web BLAST



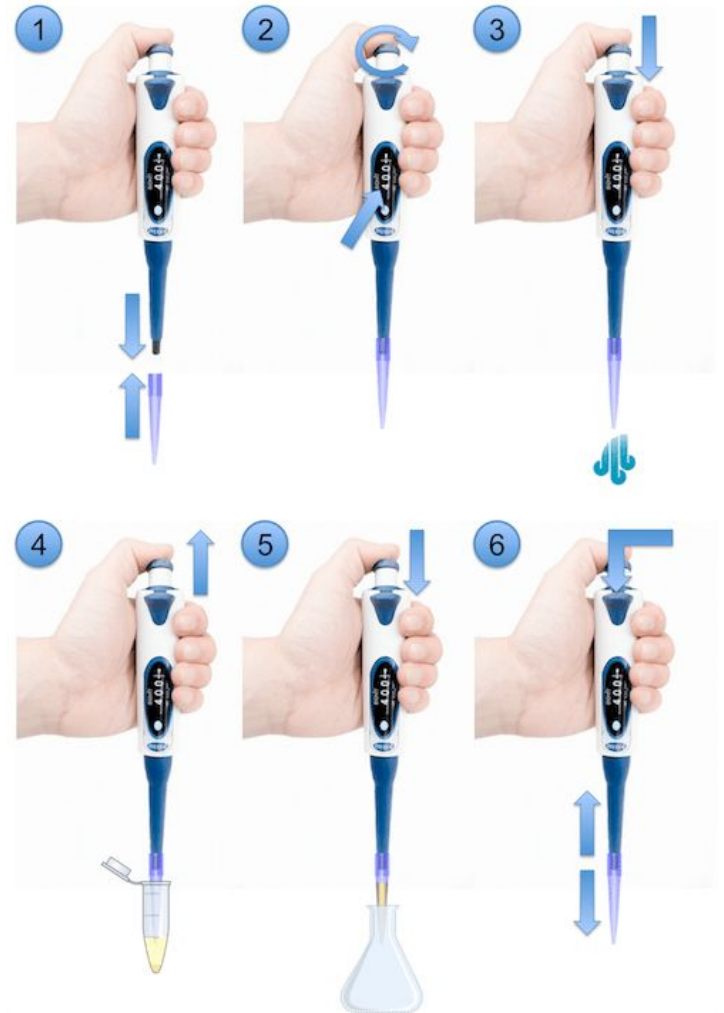
Nucleotide Blast

# Using a Micropipette

Purpose: To inject/collect an accurate amount of substance.

Things to remember:

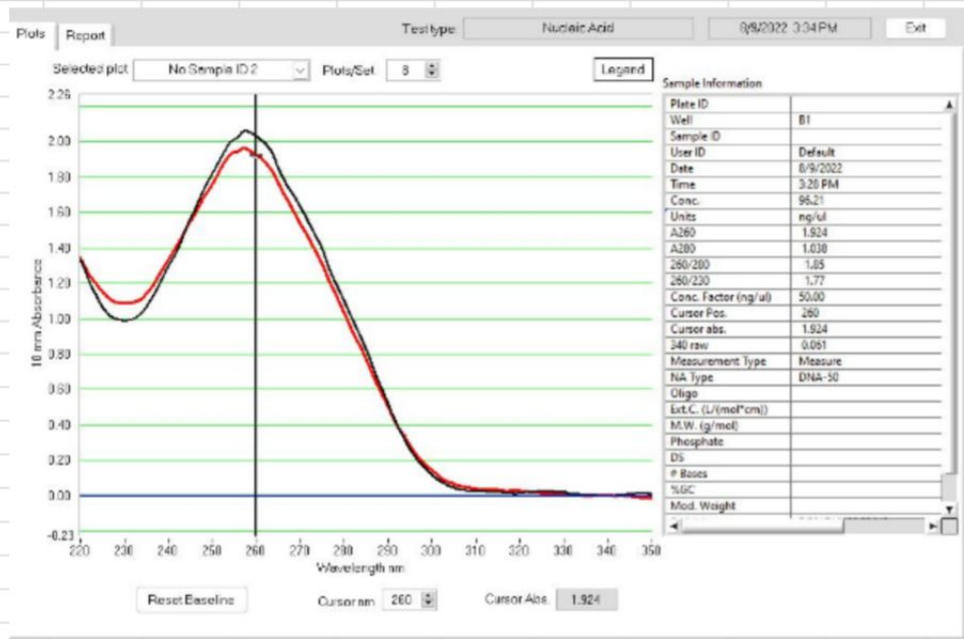
- Never adjust the knob above the set amount that a pipette can hold
- Be careful with detergents, can create bubbles
- Never cross contaminate
- Always preset the measure that you want to use





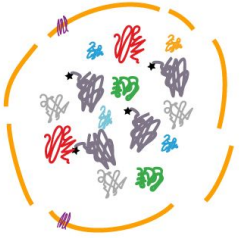
8/9/2022  
 Jacqueline Shum miniprep  
 plasmid grow over night in 4 ml LB (Kan), 1.5 ml used for miniprep  
 Zymo miniprep kit eluted in 25 ul

Plate ID	Well	Sample ID	User ID	Date	Time	Conc.	Units	A260	A280	260/280	260/230	Conc. Factor	Cursor Pos.	Cursor abs.	340 raw	NA Type
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	B1		Default	8/9/2022	3:28 PM	96.21	ng/ul	1.924	1.038	1.85	1.77	50	260	1.924	0.061	DNA-50



# protein purification

lysis  
break cells open



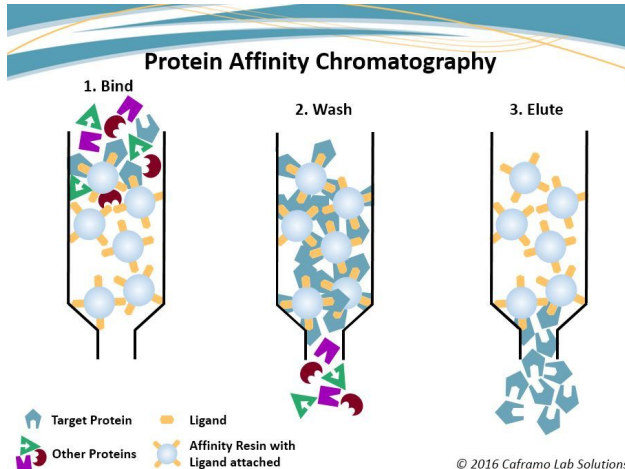
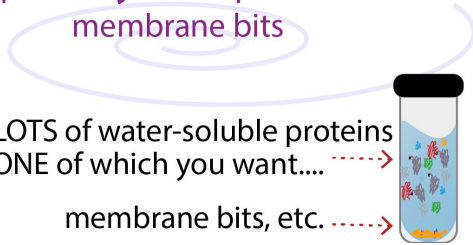
ultracentrifugation

collect the soluble proteins

spin *really* fast to pellet out  
membrane bits

LOTS of water-soluble proteins  
ONE of which you want....

membrane bits, etc.



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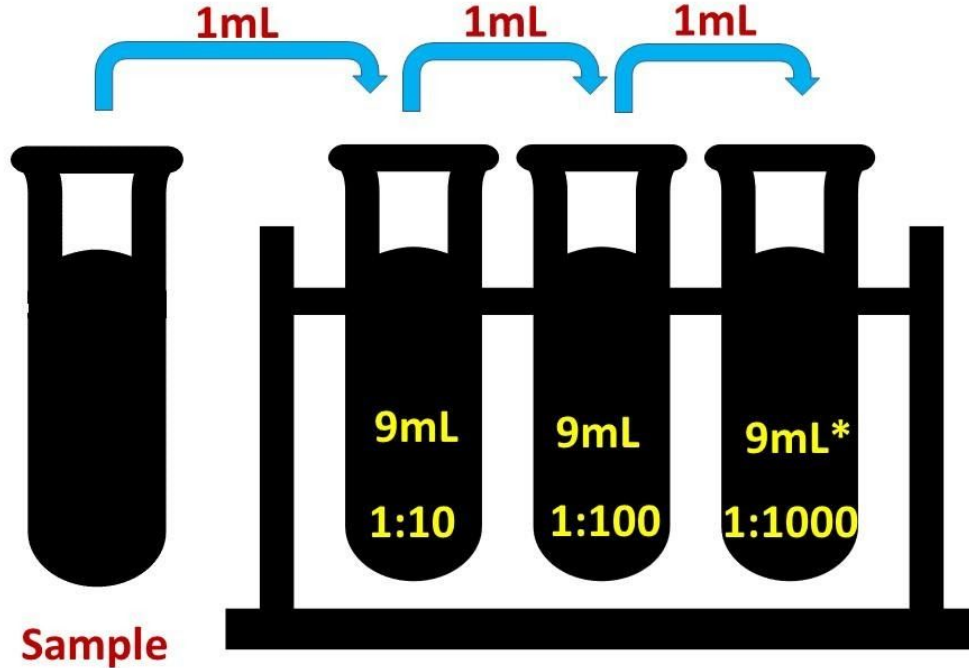
Purpose: To isolate a target protein.

This is important as it allows for us to study the protein by itself and get more accurate results.

Things to know:

- Lysis buffer contains protease inhibitor which is important to prevent denaturation of proteins
- Imidazole is used to elute out DNA

## Series Dilution



\*Dilution tubes begin with 9mL. 1mL is added, mixed then 1mL is transferred to next tube. The ending volume in last tube would be 10mL

Purpose: To produce samples of different concentrations.

This is important as it allows for us to determine the concentration of a sample.

Things to know:

- Dilution Factor
  - Volume of Stock Transferred : Total Volume
- Produces fractions
- The first fraction that is produced is likely to have the highest concentration

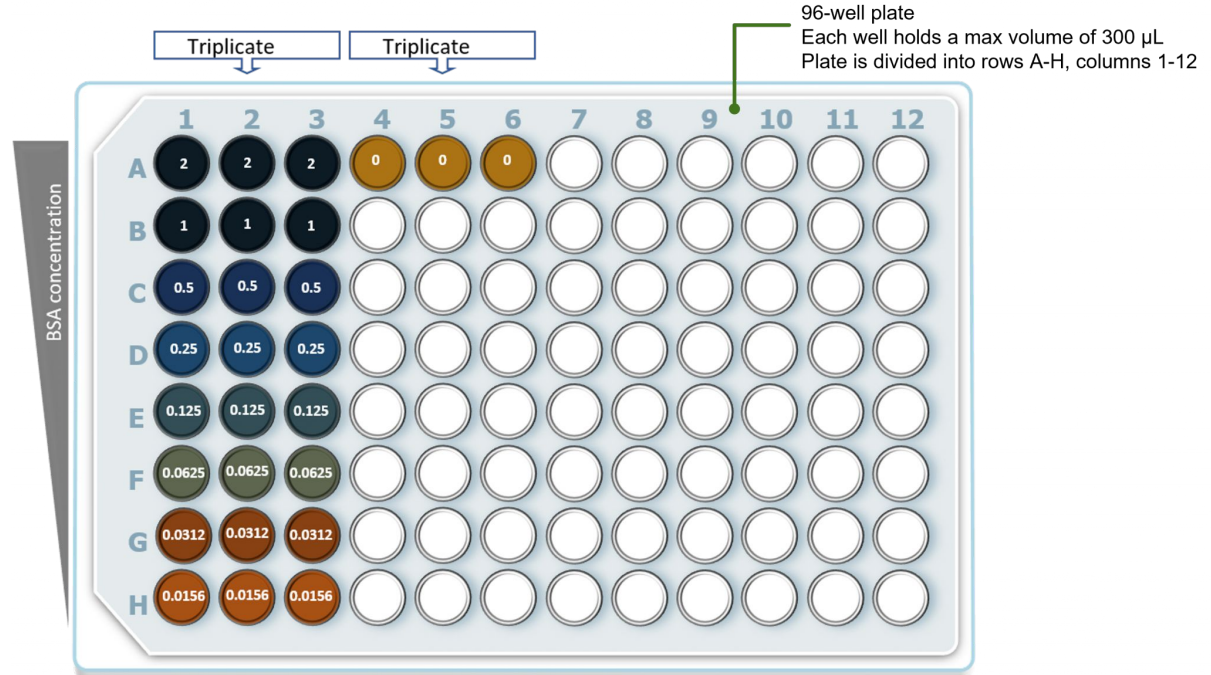
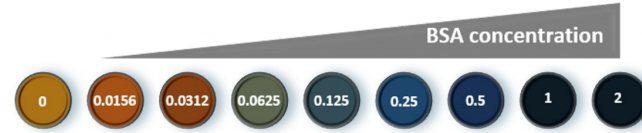


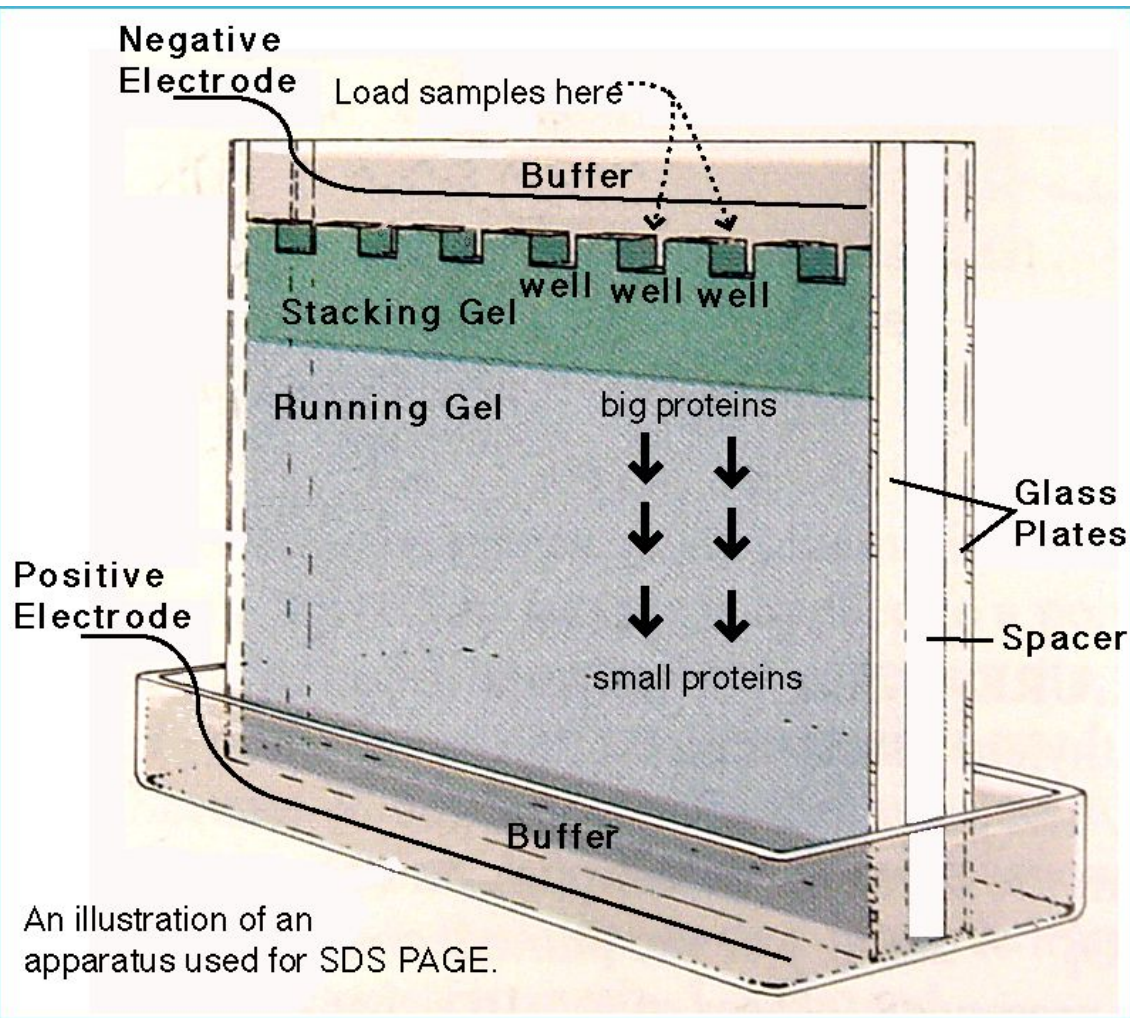
# Protein Concentration/Bradford Assay

Purpose: Determine the concentration of a sample in a solution.

Things to keep in mind:

- Blue dye binds to protein to express blue color
- Triplicates are made to determine more accurate results





An illustration of an apparatus used for SDS PAGE.

## Protein Gel

Purpose: To separate proteins by molecular weight.

This is important as it allows for us to determine the concentration of a sample.

Things to know:

- SDS in gel is used to eliminate movement of protein based off structure and charge
- Stacking Gel keeps protein together

Thanks for Listening!