

Nucleic Acid Isolation Methods

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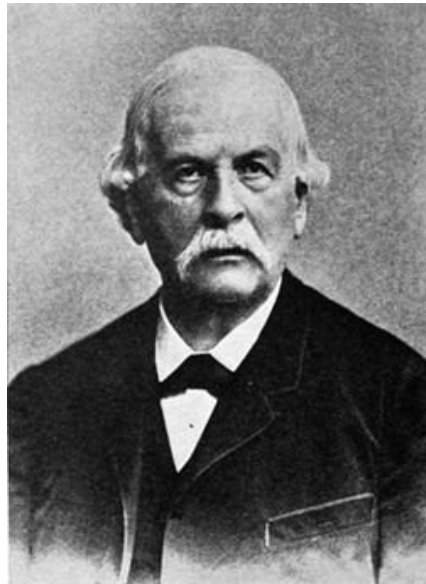
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History

- The very **first DNA isolation** was done by a Swiss physician, **Friedrich Miescher** in 1869

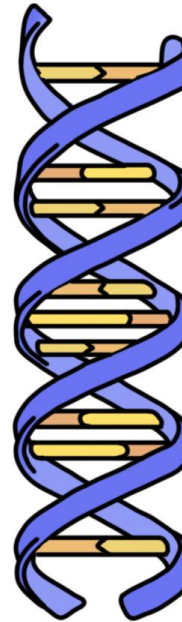
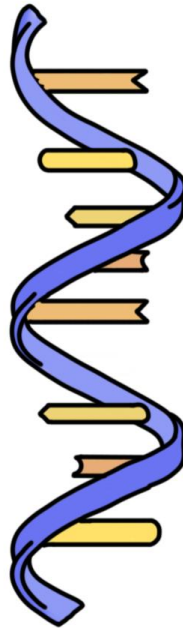


His student, Richard Altman



STARTING POINT

RNA
extractions



DNA
extractions

- Most molecular applications.
+Diagnostic kits

DNA isolation

- Effective disruption of cells or tissue; denaturation of nucleoprotein complexes; inactivation of nucleases, for example, RNase for RNA extraction and DNase for DNA extraction; away from contamination

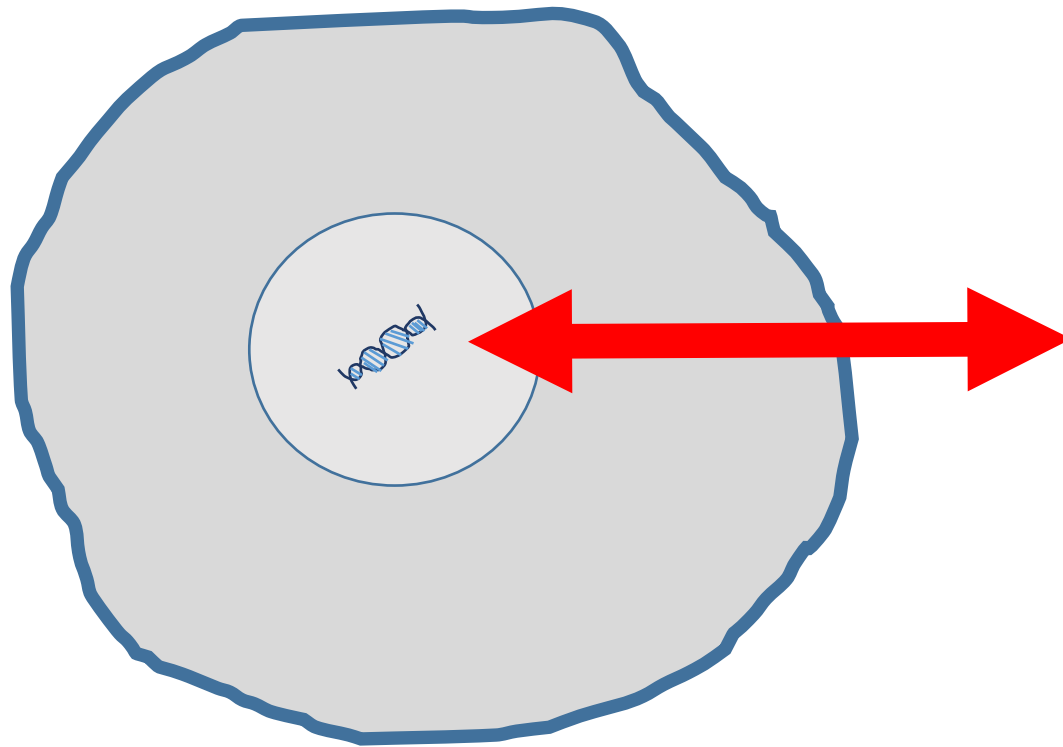


NUCLEIC ACID isolation

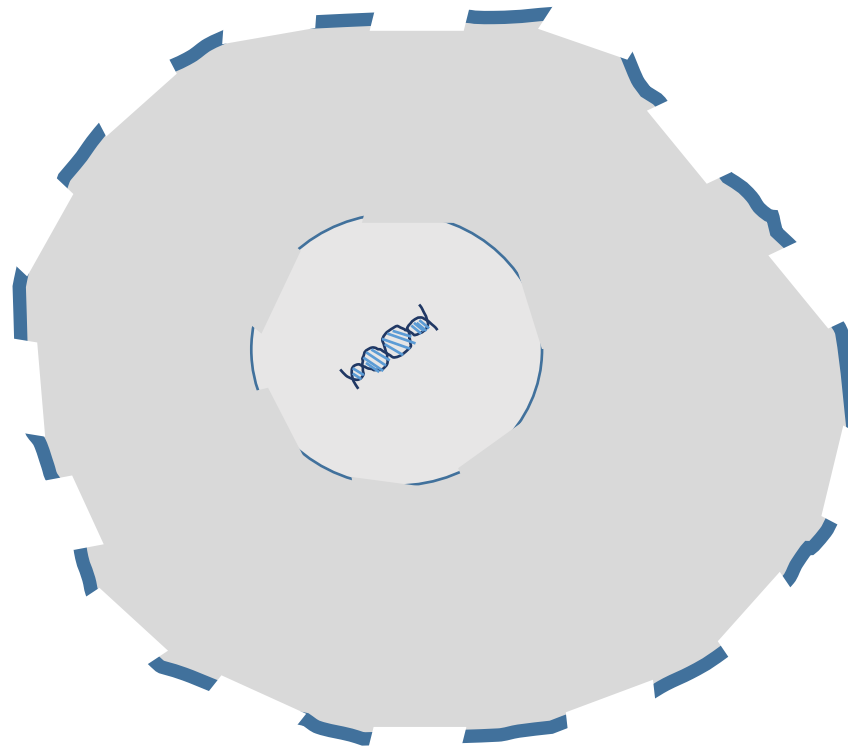
- 3 important steps;

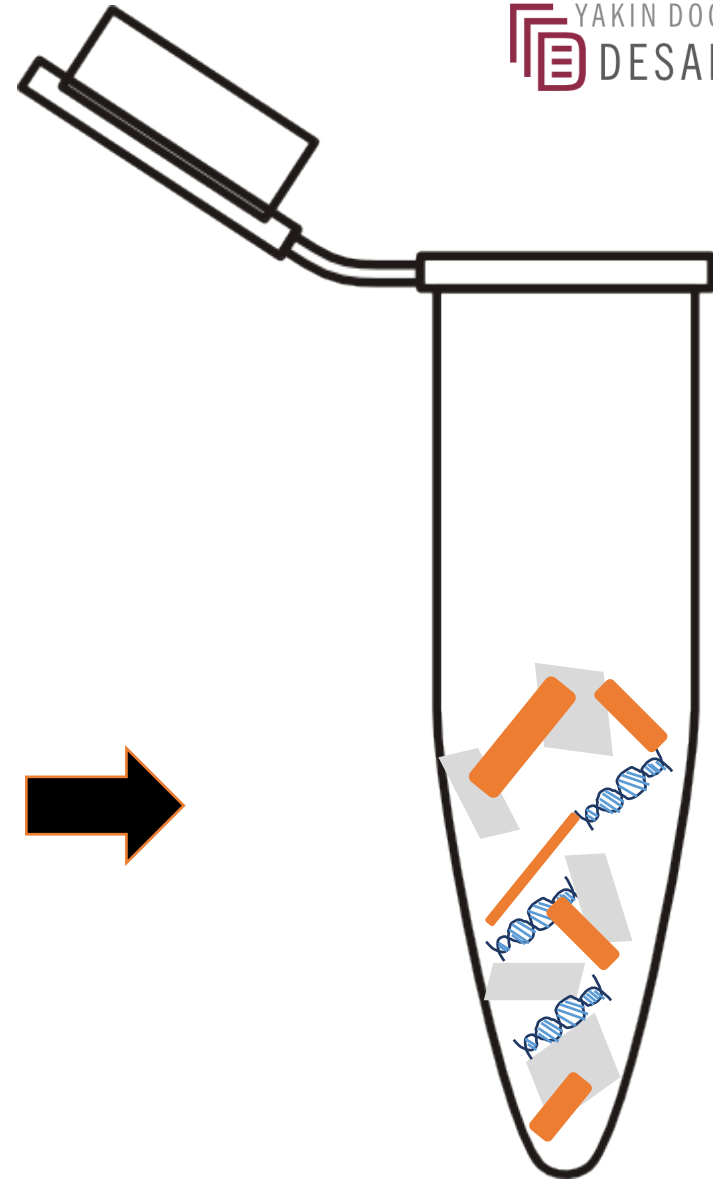
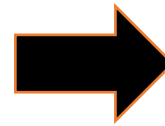
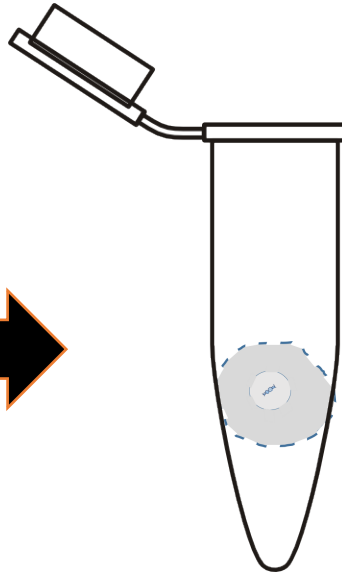
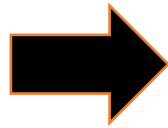
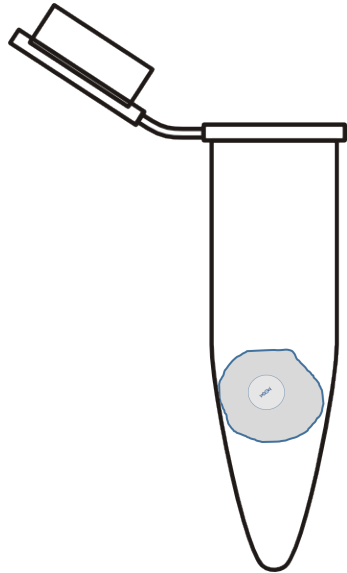


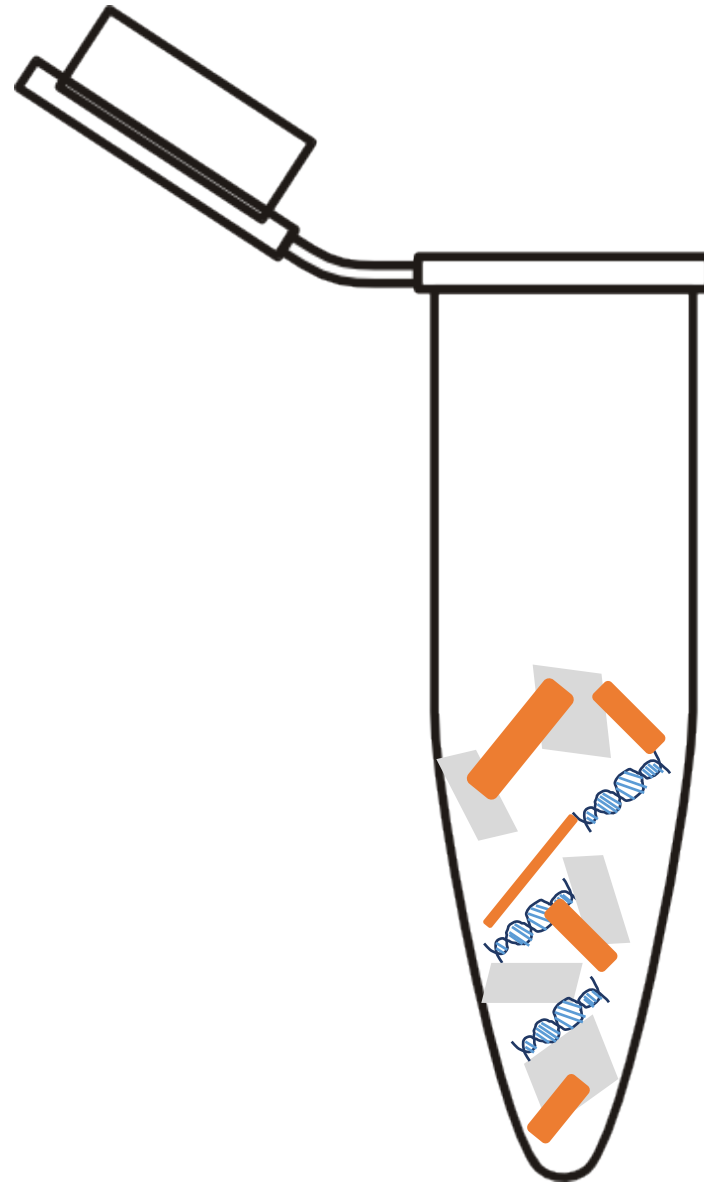
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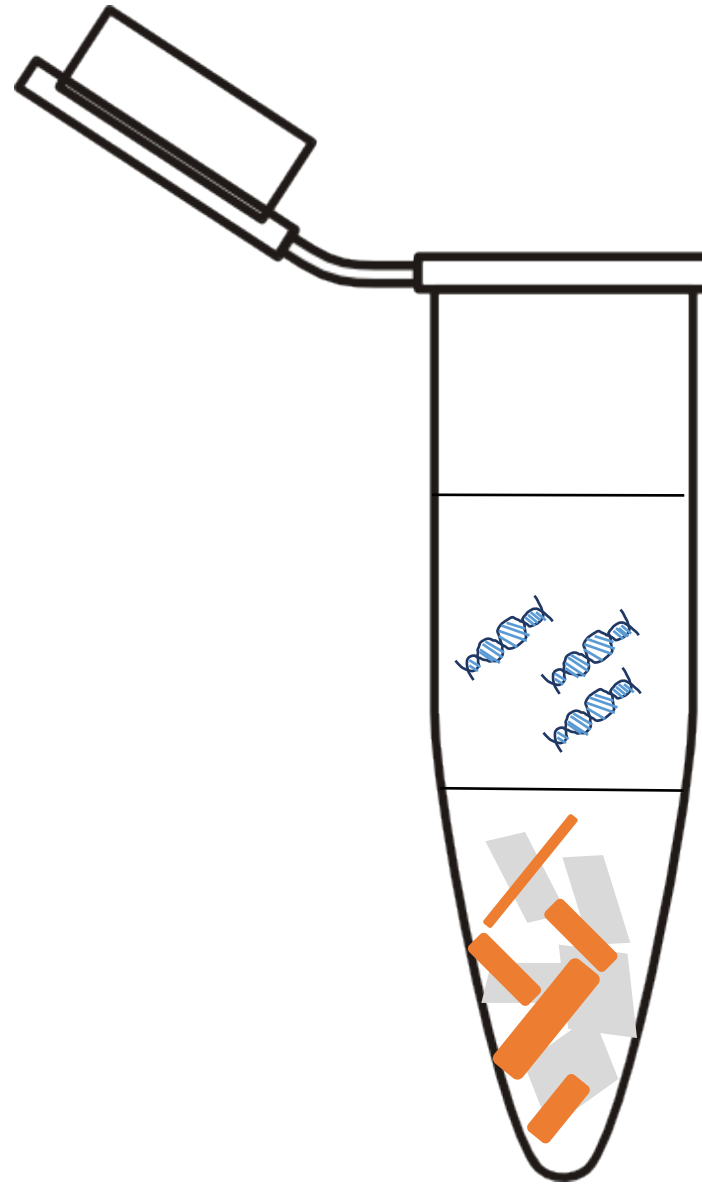






Important!

To improve quality of DNA



After precipitation



DNA is rinsed with Ethanol or isopropanol



Removal of cell debris and unwanted materials



Storage and handling



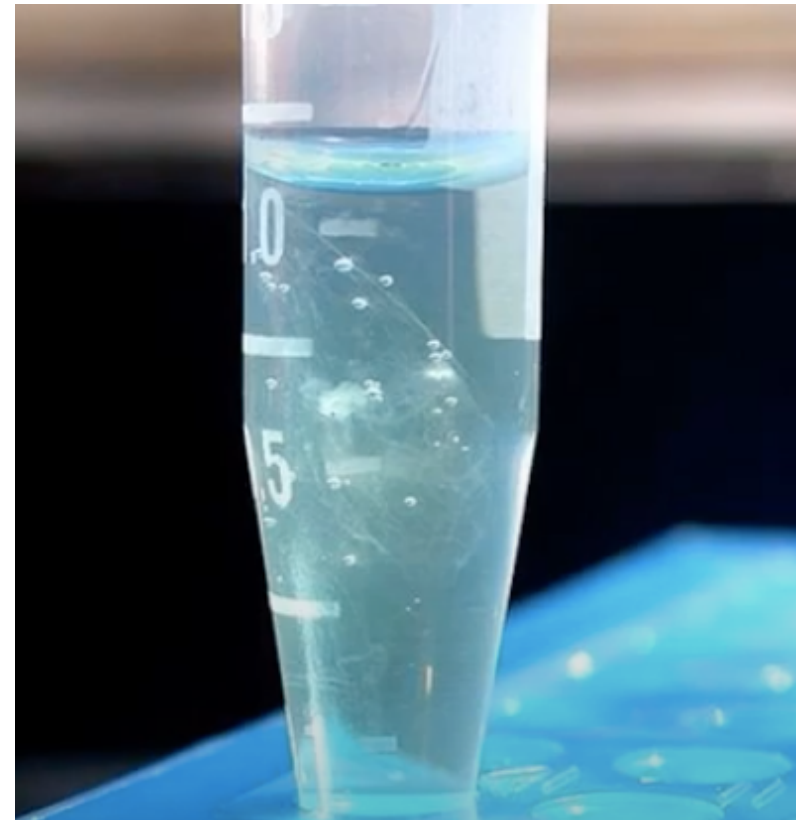
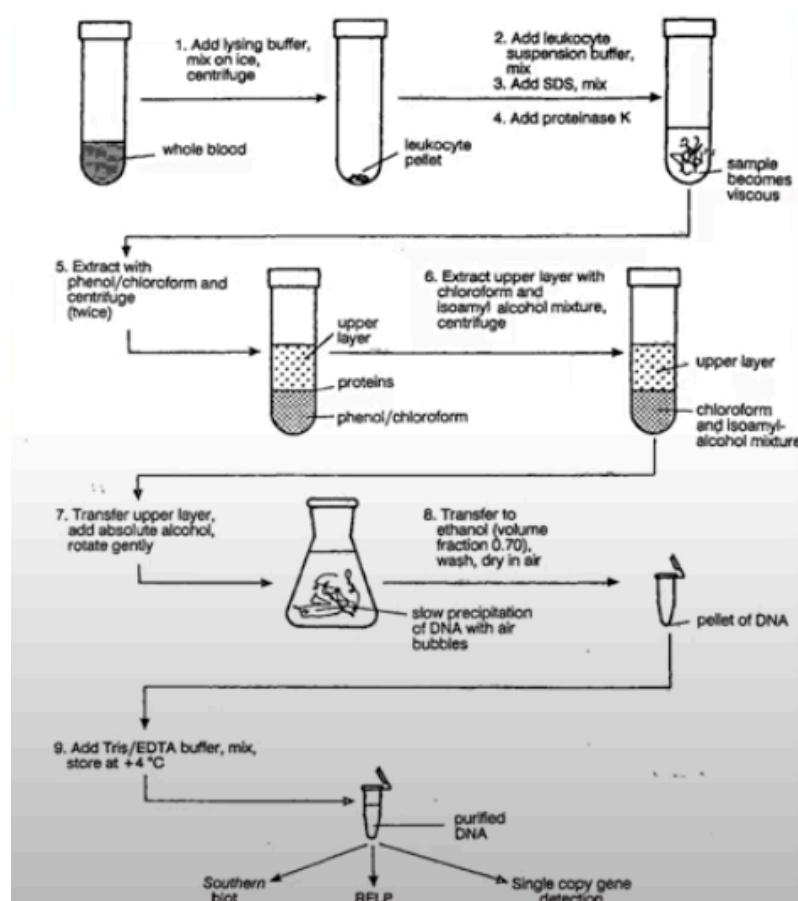
In the **Past**, the process of extraction and purification of nucleic acids

COMPLICATED

LABOR-
INTENSIVE

TIME-
CONSUMING

Phenol Chlorophorm method



Protocol

- Centrifugate cells at 1000 x g for 1 minute and discard supernatant.
- Resuspend the cell pellet in 100 µL cold PBS and mix by pipetting up and down repeatedly.
- Add 100 µL of cell **lysis buffer** and 2 µL of 20 mg/mL proteinase K and mix by vortexing.
 - **(Optional):** Add 3 µL of RNase A
- Incubate in a thermal mixer at 56°C for 1 hour with agitation at 1400 rpm. Alternatively if a thermal mixer is not available, use a 56°C water bath or heating block and vortex occasionally.
- Thoroughly extract the samples with an equal volume of phenol/chloroform/isoamyl alcohol (25:24:1) and mix well by inverting the tube until the phases are completely mixed.
- Spin at max speed for 5 minutes, and carefully transfer the upper aqueous layer to a fresh Eppendorf tube.
- To precipitate DNA add 1 mL of 100% EtOH (room temperature), close tube and gently invert until DNA precipitate forms.
- Incubate the tube at room temperature for 15 – 30 minutes.
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- Wash the DNA pellet with 1 mL 70% EtOH (-20°C) and invert several times.
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Cell Lysis Buffer Recipe

Reagent	Final Concentration	per 500 mL
1 M Tris pH 8.0	10 mM	5 mL
5 M NaCl	100 mM	10 mL
0.5 M EDTA pH 8.0	10 mM	10 mL
10% SDS	0.50%	25 mL
dH ₂ O		to 500 mL

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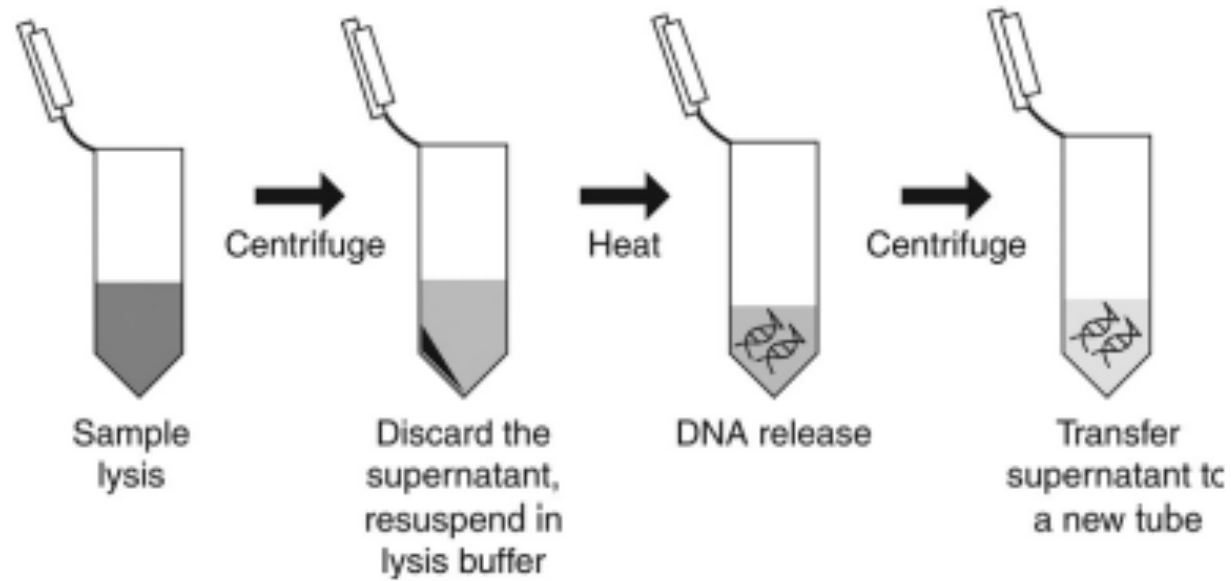
- Cheap
- Good amount of product

- **Disadvantages:**

- Labor-sensitive
- A lot of repeating steps

Boiling Method

Boiling method



- **Advantages:**

- Cheap
- Easy
- Less Laborious

- **Disadvantages:**

- Lower yield
- Lower Purity



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have come a long way...

Complete Kits

Commercial
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NOW, the process of extraction and purification of nucleic acids

Magnetic Bead
Method

Silica Spin Column
Method

Paper Method

High Purity

Good Yield

FAST

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REPEATED CENTRIFUGATION
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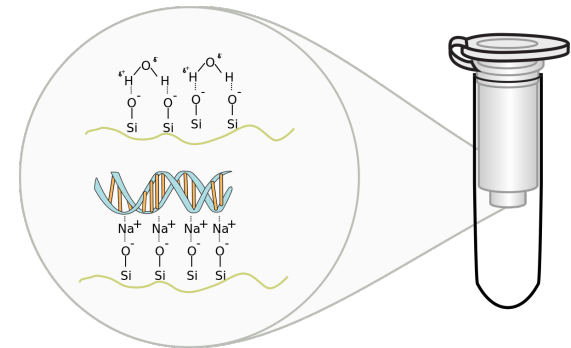
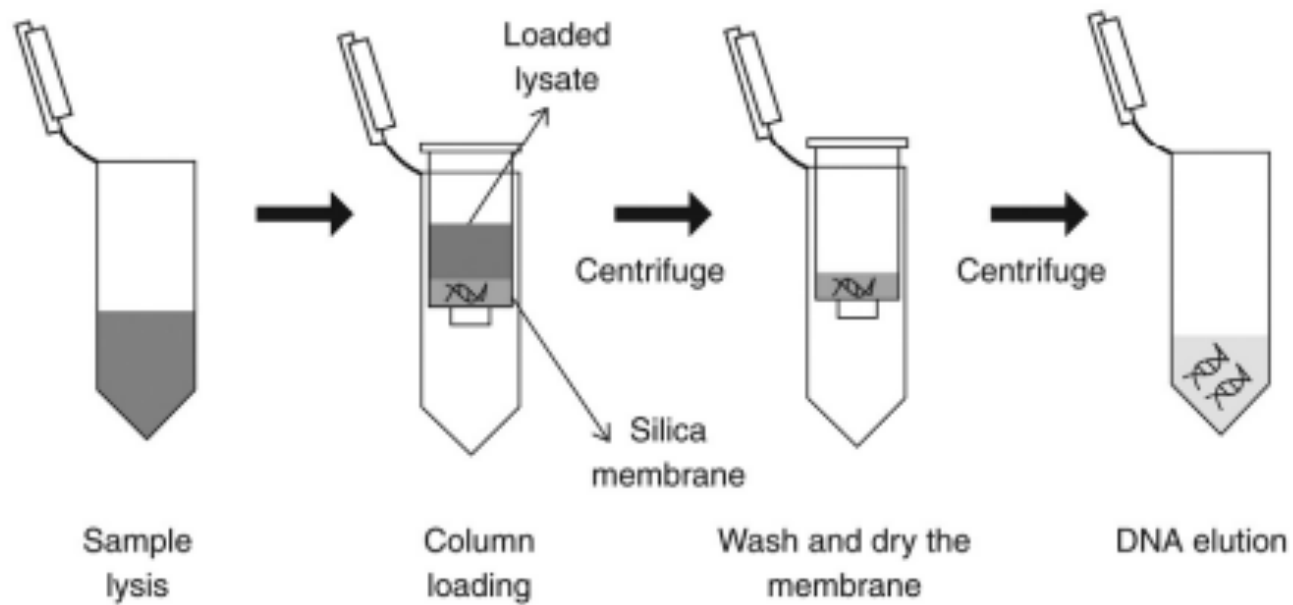
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Silica Spin Column Protocol

Column DNA extraction



- **Advantages:**

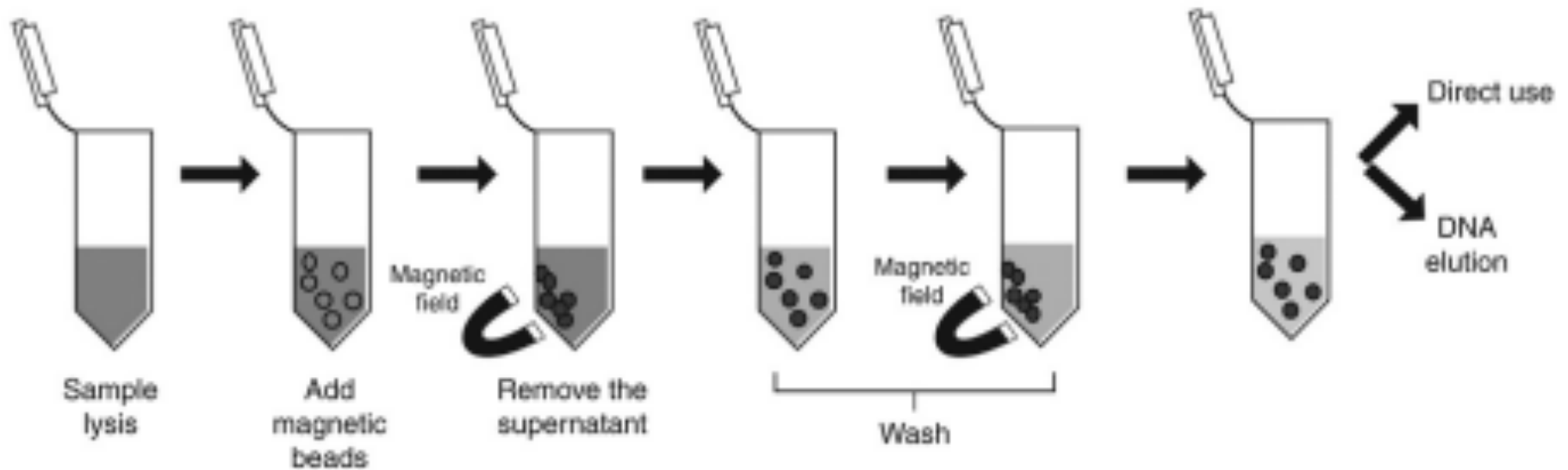
- Simple
- Can be applied to large number of samples
- High yield
- High Purity

- **Disadvantages:**

- Cost
- Can be time consuming and labor-intensive

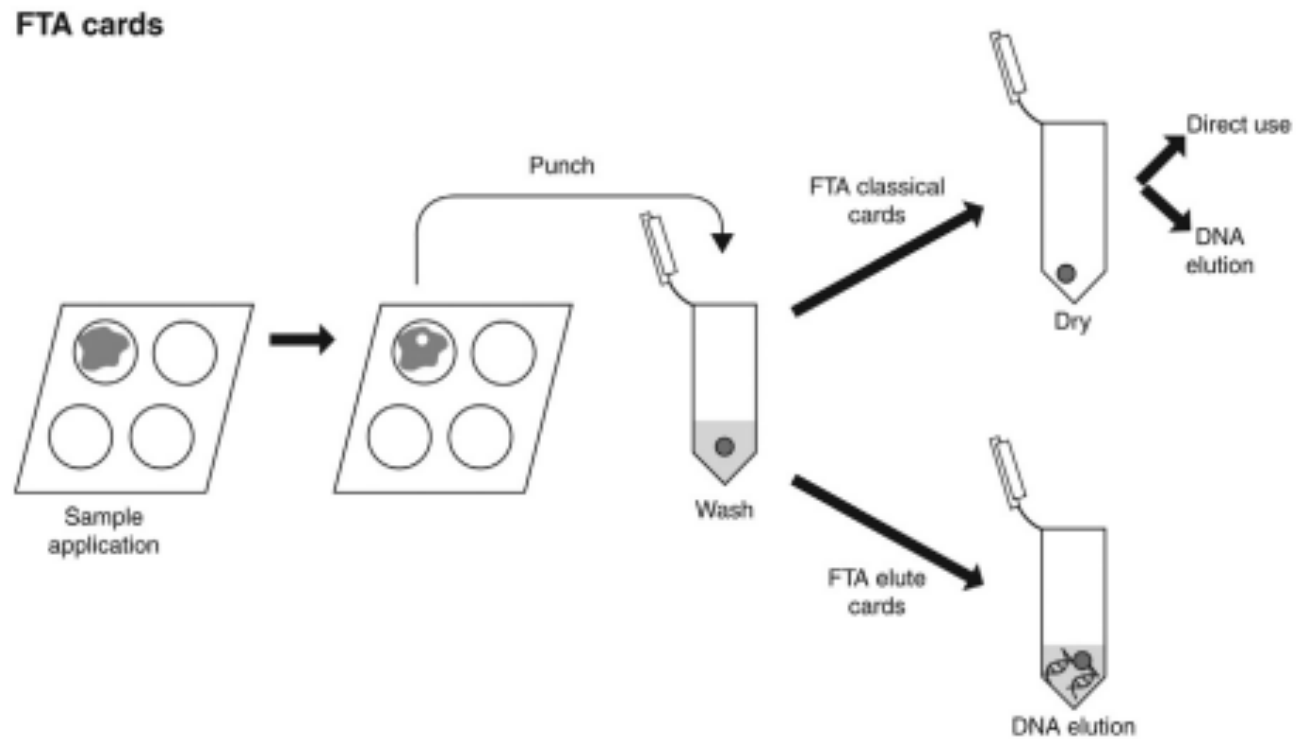
Magnetic Beads

Magnetic bead purification



- Advantages:
 - Fast
 - Simple to handle
 - Good yield
 - Good quality
 - Less labor sensitive
- Disadvantage:
 - High Cost

FTA Paper Cards



- Advantages:
 - Cost Effective storage
 - Fast
- Disadvantages:
 - Limitations / max vol applied on card
 - Insufficient yield

In general, new methods;

- Advantages;

Fast

Safe

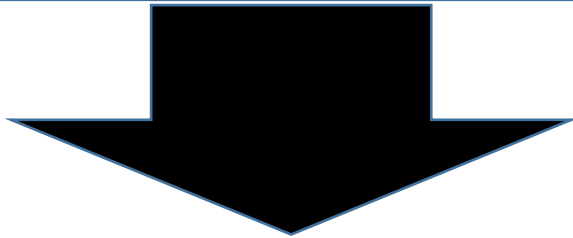
More Pure DNA

RNA Extraction

- RNAses → Everywhere
- More difficult than DNA extraction
- Easily degraded.
- Should be processed quickly

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Complete Kits

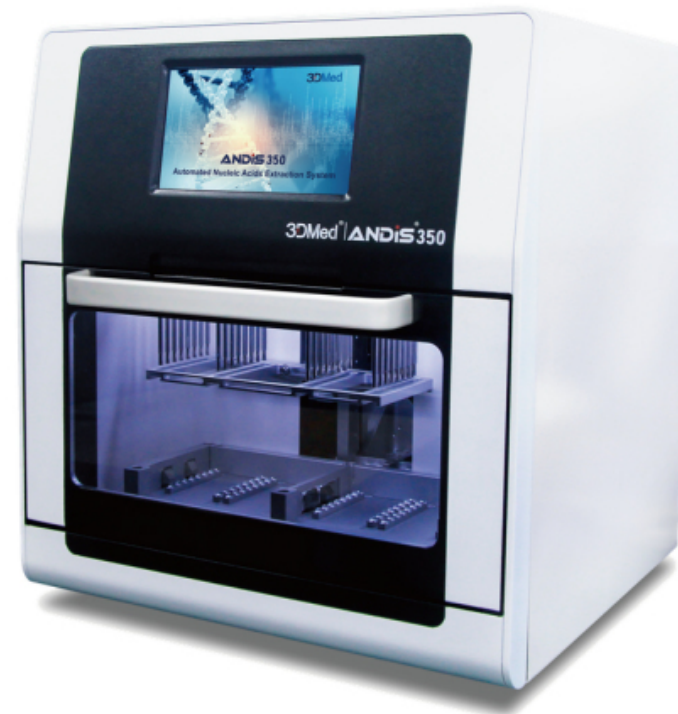
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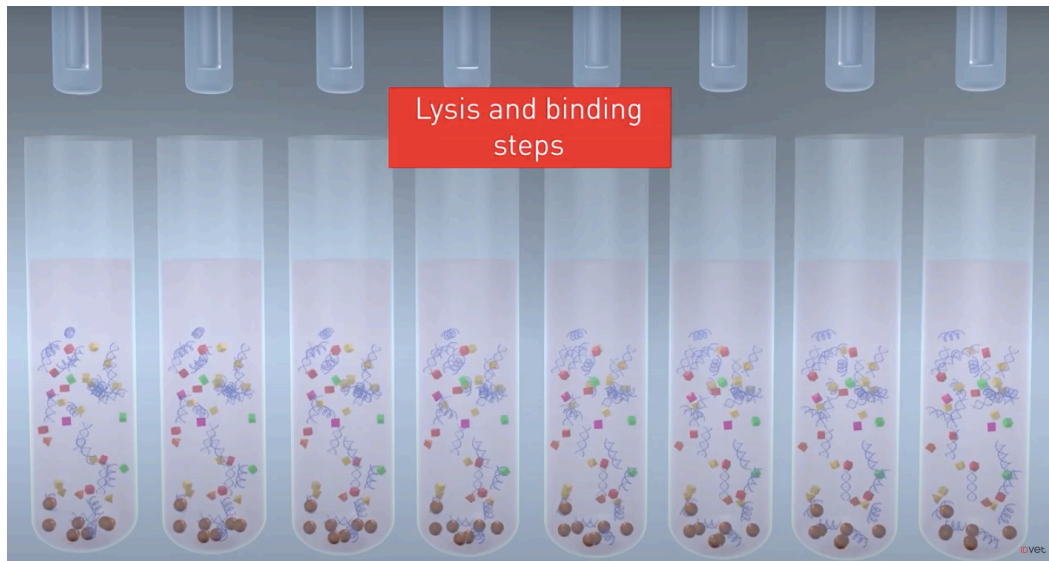
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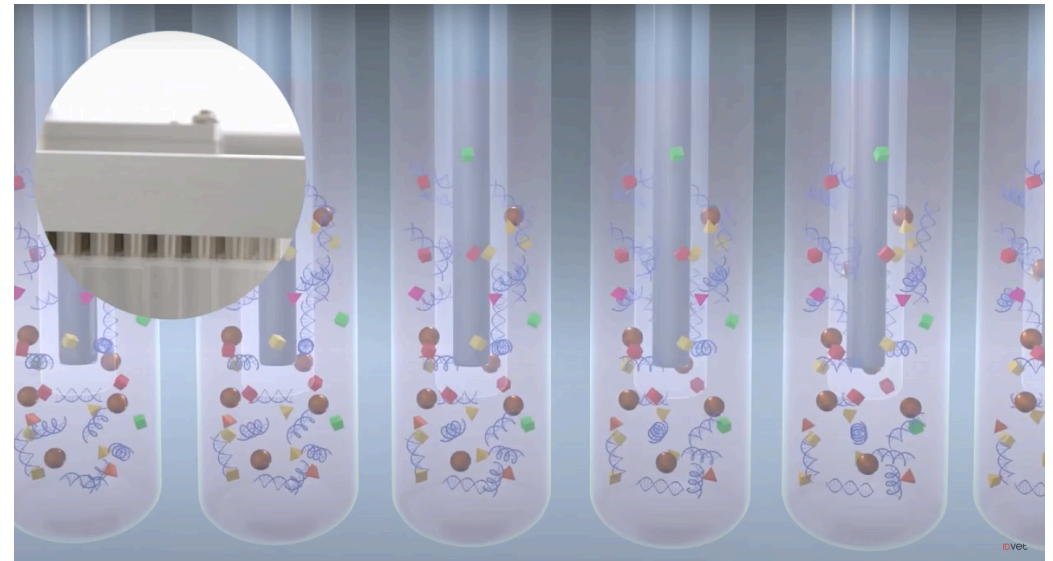
- Routine clinical laboratories.
- ADVANTAGES:
 - Fast
 - Efficient
 - Load many samples
 - Higher yield
 - Lower risk of contamination



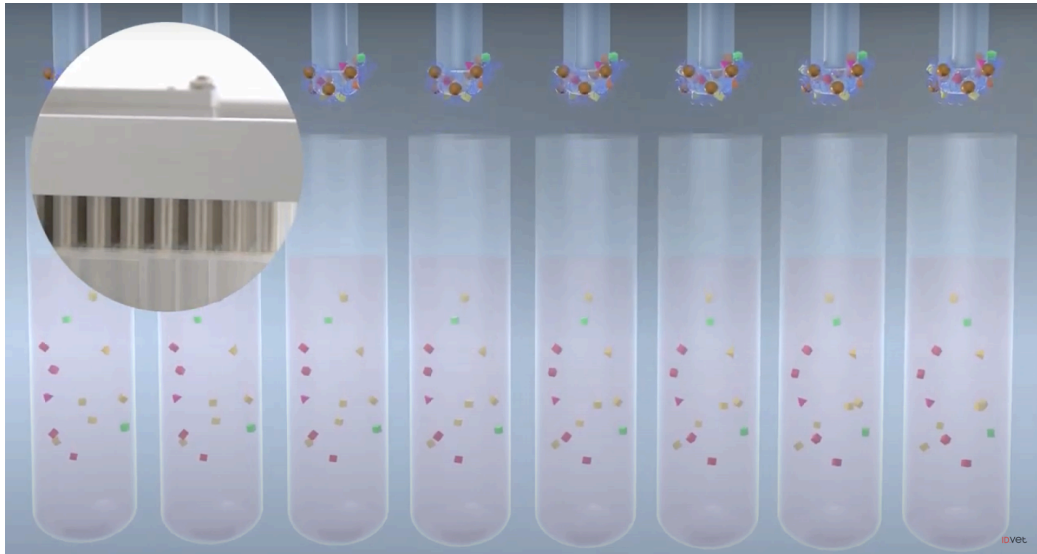
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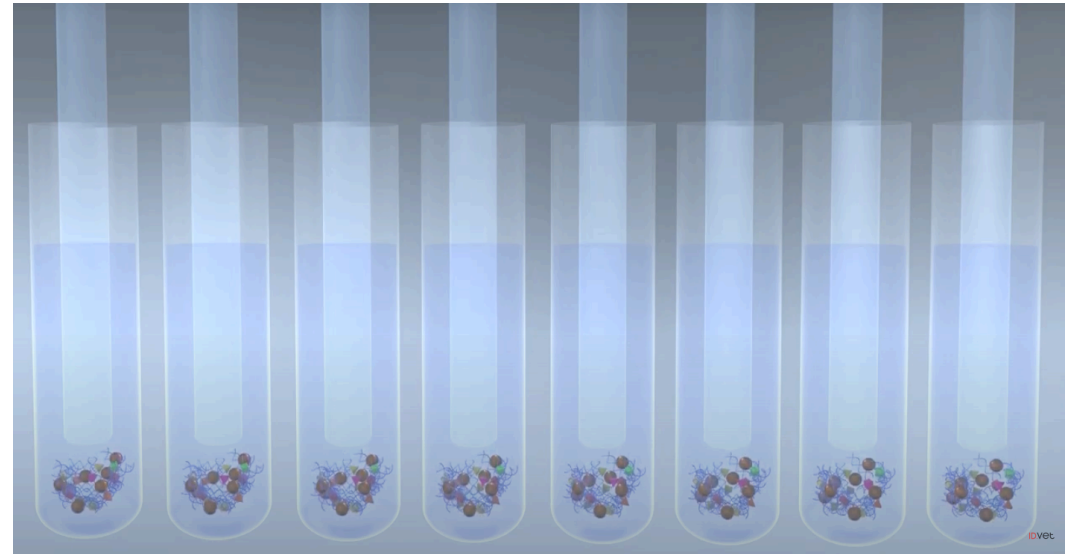
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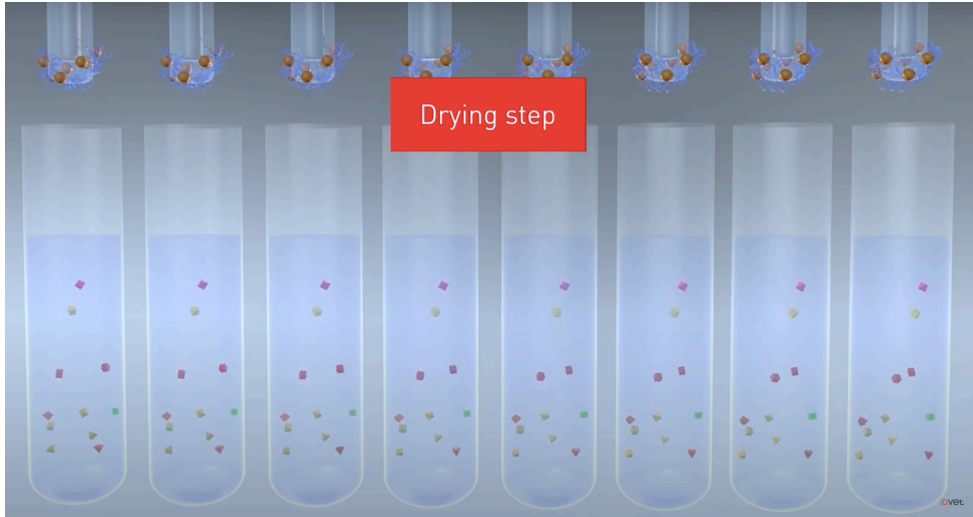
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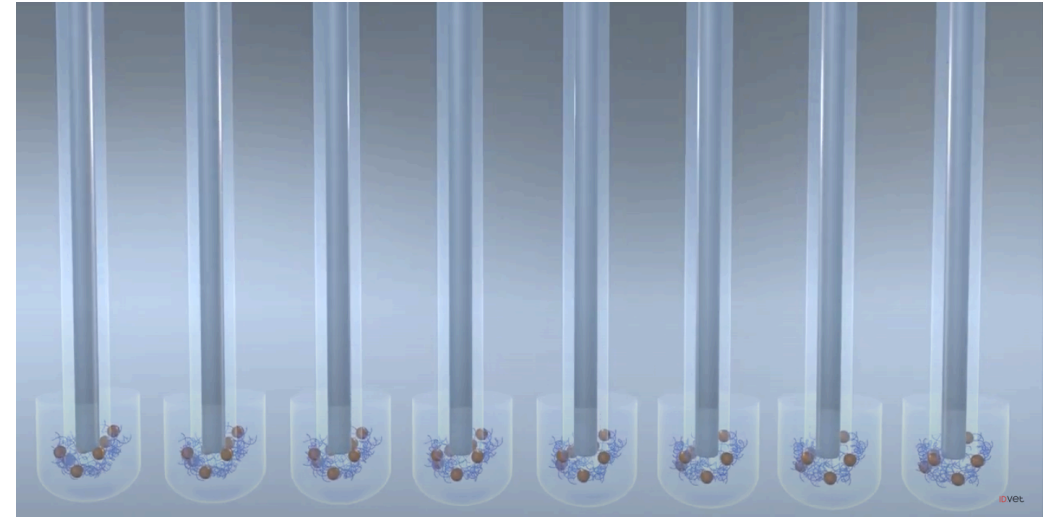
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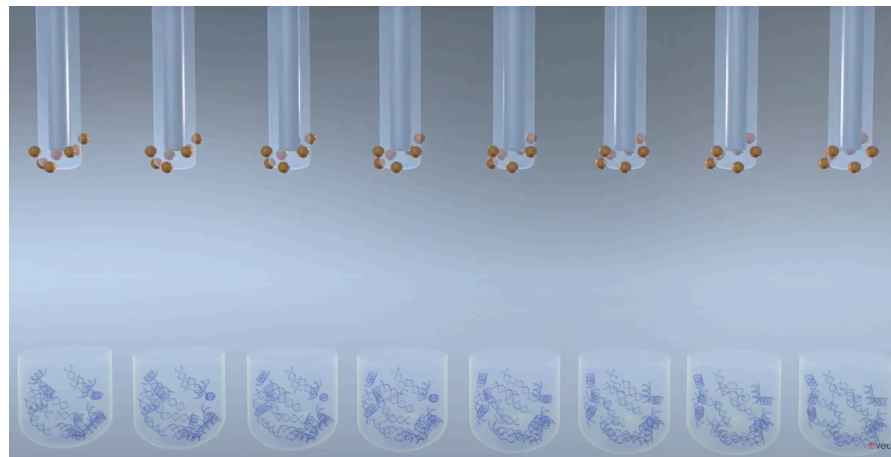
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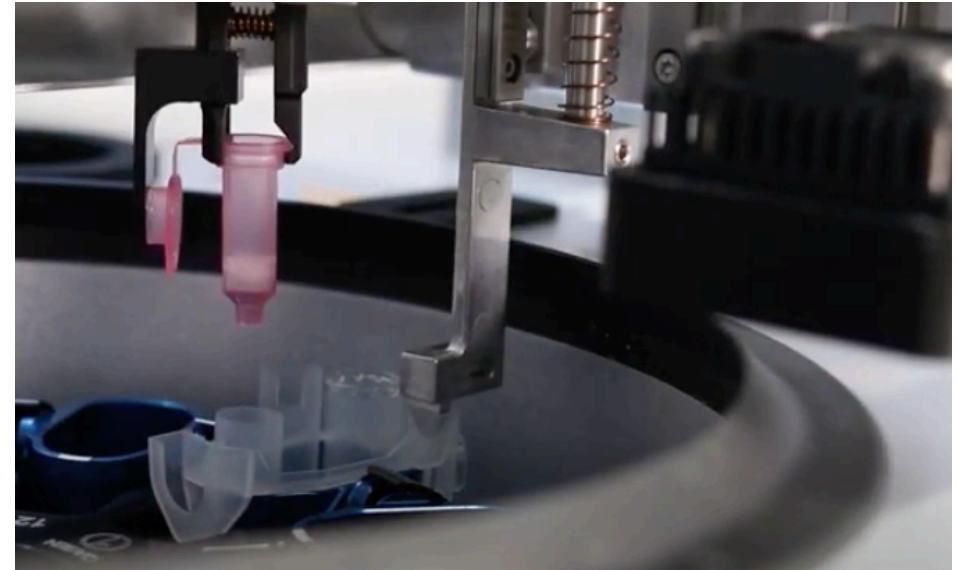
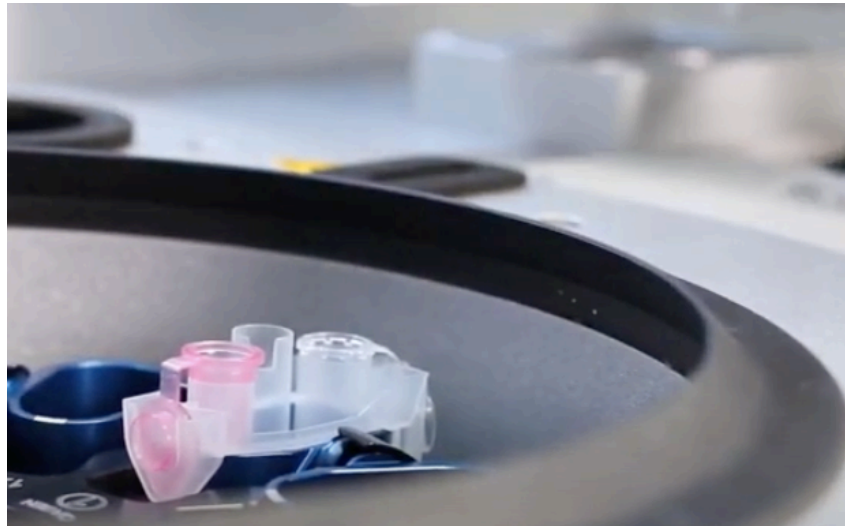
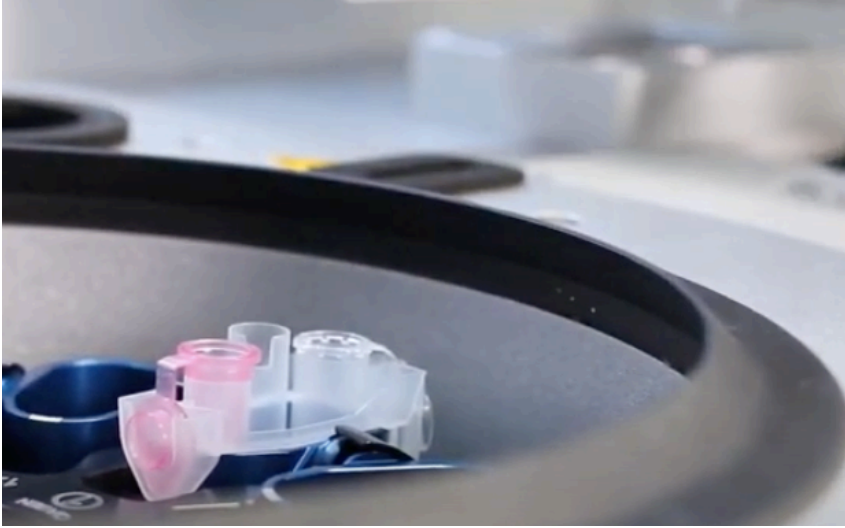


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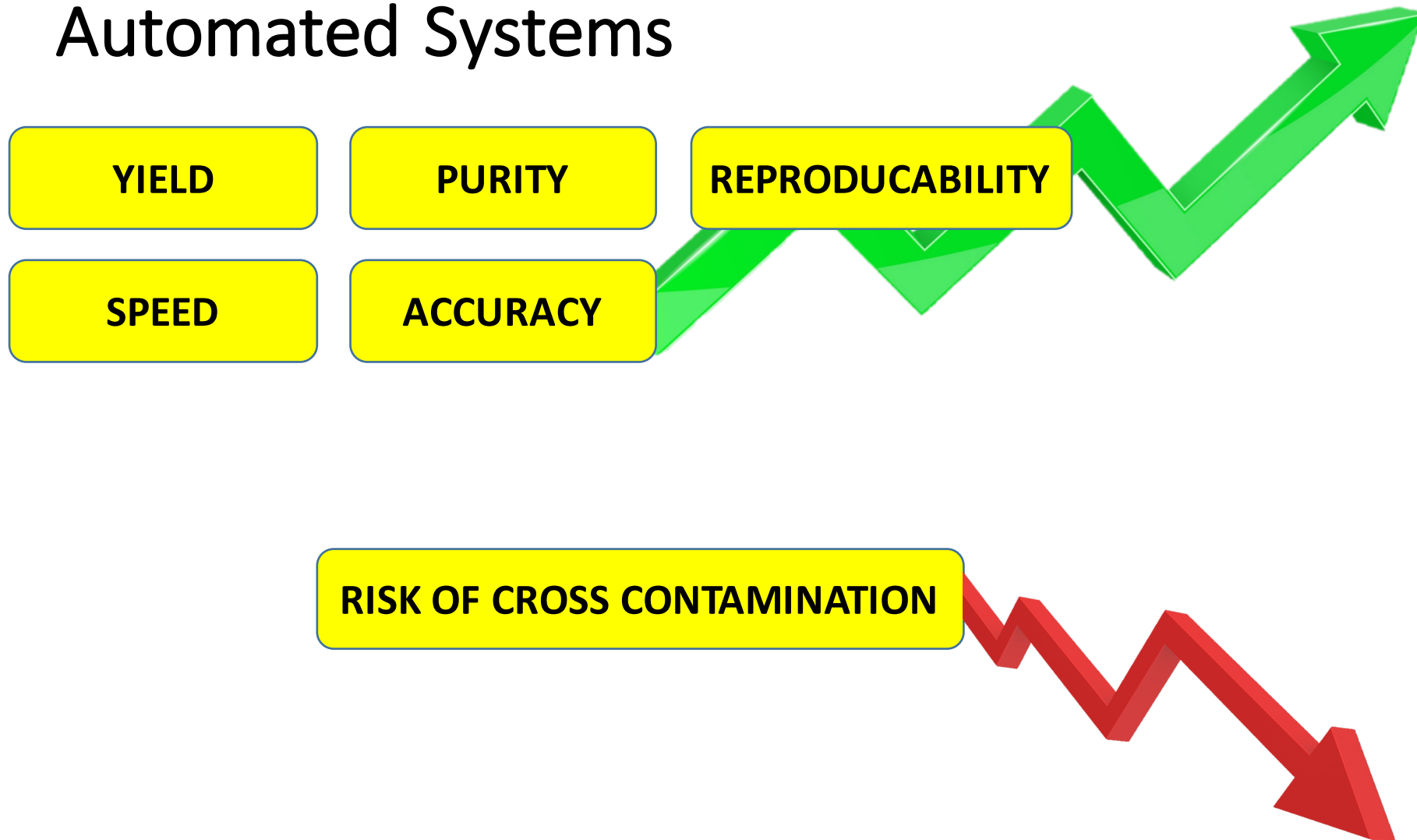


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Automated Systems

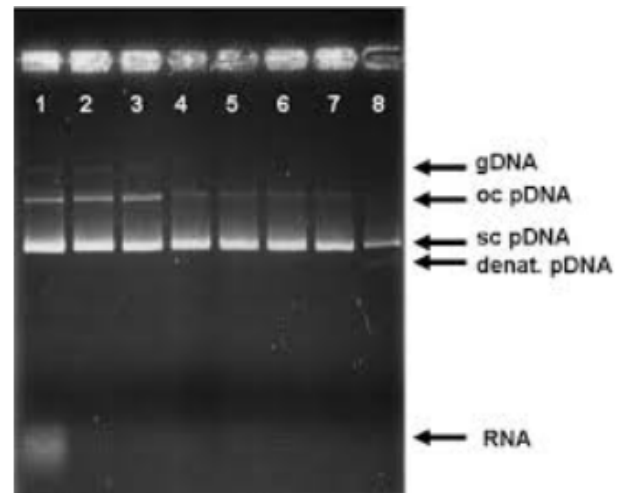


After performing isolation..

- Concentration
- Quality /Purity



Bioanalyzer



Gel electrophoresis



Spectrophotometry





Nucleic acid isolation – Diagnosis ?



- We need to be faster!
- VTM
- Protocols changed!

Thank you.

