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## Optimizing Cell-Free System: From Basic Research to Industrial Applications

*Reconstituted cell-free protein synthesis kit*  
**PUREflex®**

**PEGS Boston**  
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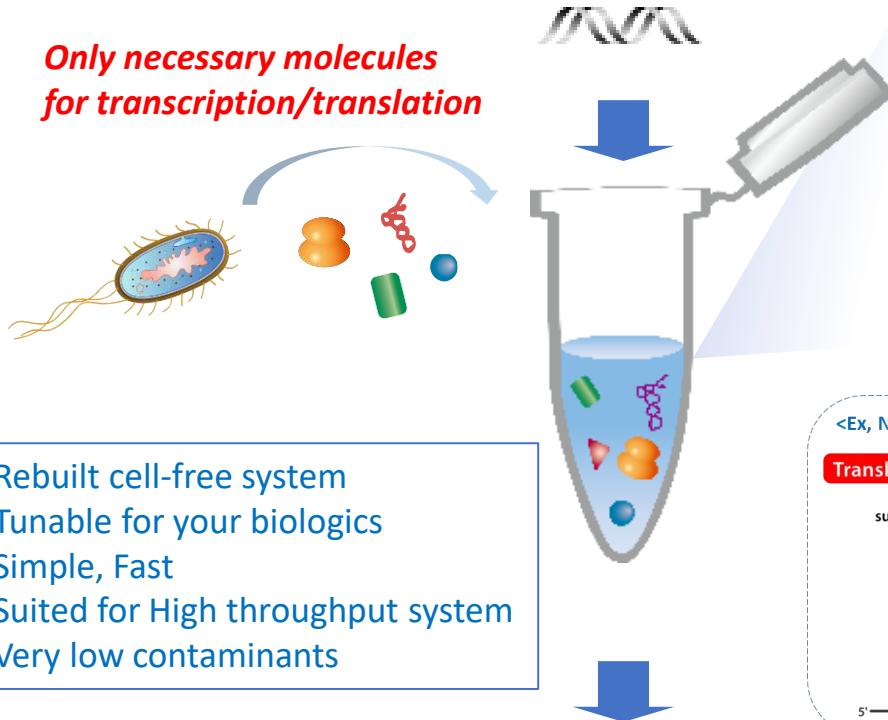


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# PUREflex®

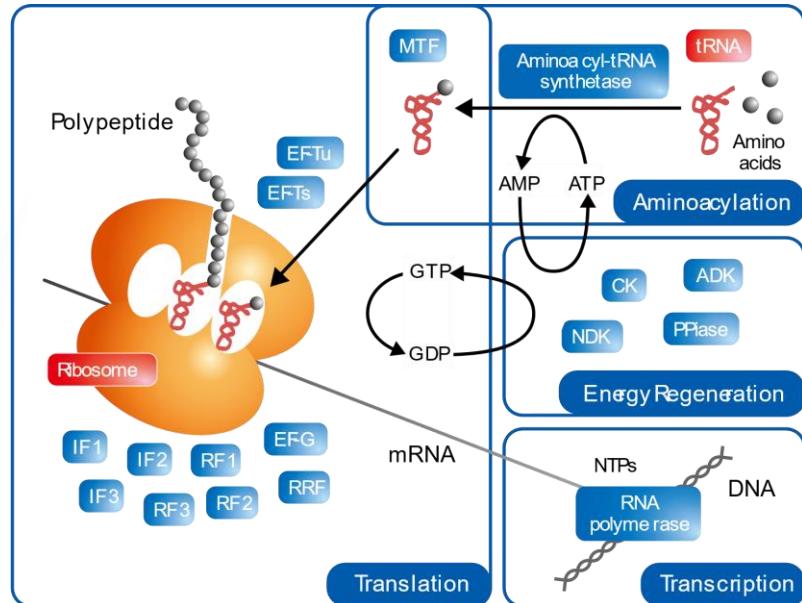
-Customize expression toolbox for your research-

**Only necessary molecules  
for transcription/translation**



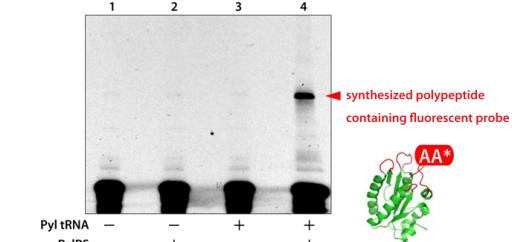
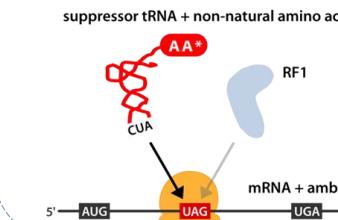
- ✓ Rebuilt cell-free system
- ✓ Tunable for your biologics
- ✓ Simple, Fast
- ✓ Suited for High throughput system
- ✓ Very low contaminants

Totally constructive, molecular based system

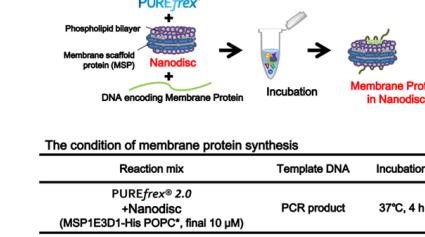


<Ex, Non-natural AA introduction>

#### Translation - RF1

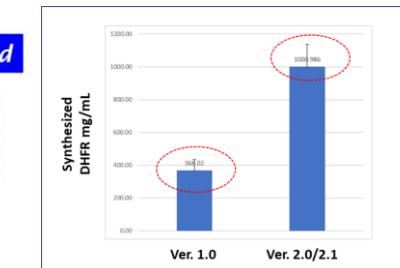
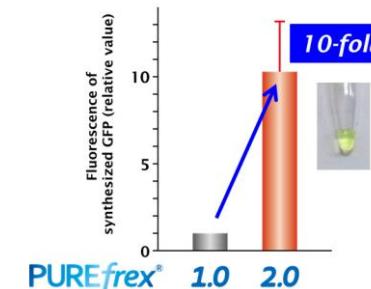


<Ex, Membrane protein with Nanodisc; artificial membrane-like structure>



\*Ref: Denisov et al. (2007). J.Biol.Chem., vol. 282, p. 7066.

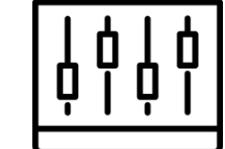
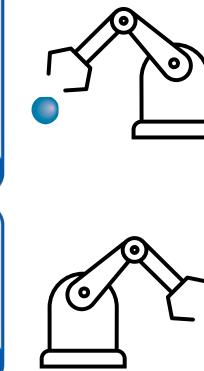
Solubilized hCLDN1 was synthesized using PUREflex® and Nanodisc.



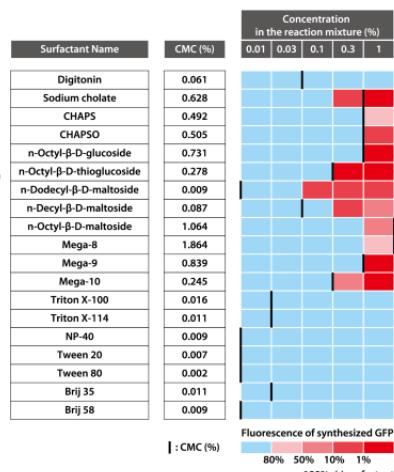
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Translation factors  
Chaperones  
Detergent  
Temperature / pH

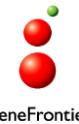


Experimental conditions  
for protein synthesis

Reaction mixture	Incubation	Template DNA
PUREflex® 2.1 (4 mM GSH) + Sufactants	37°C 4 h	sGFP PCR product (1 ng/μL)

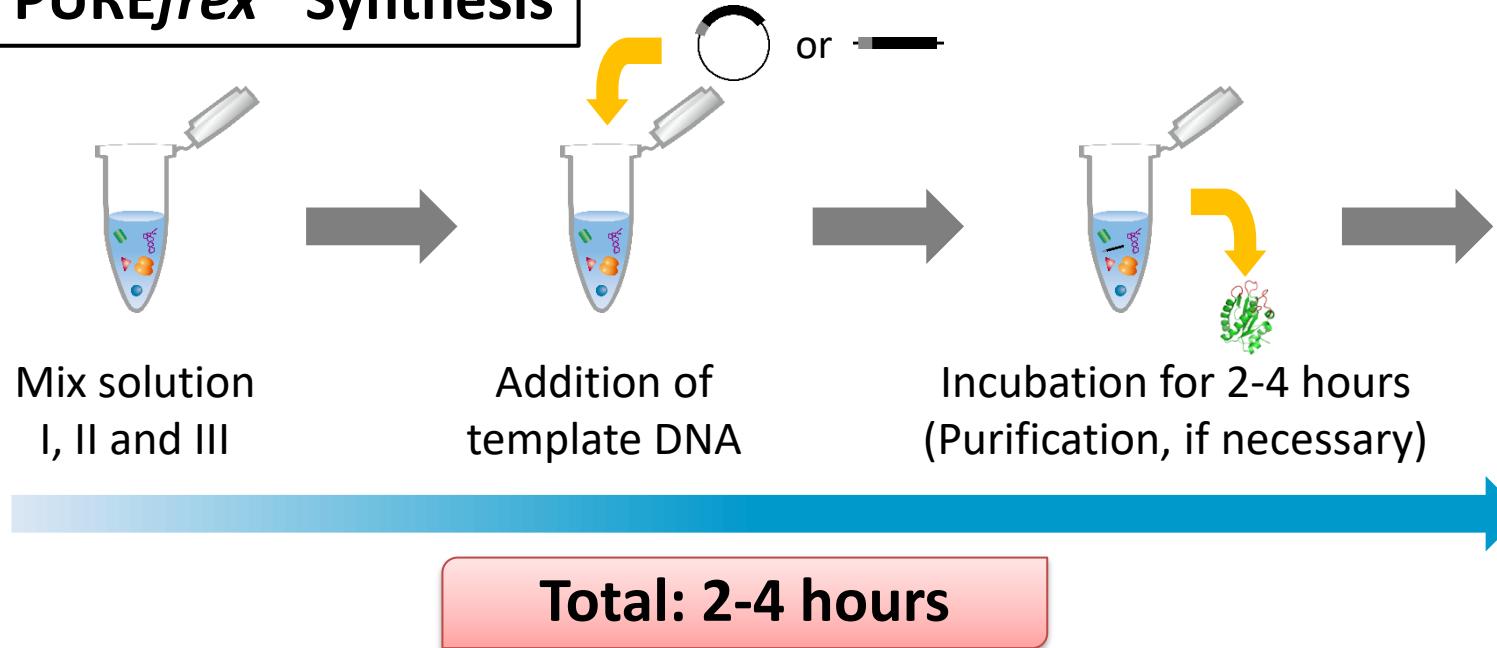
→ Measurement of GFP fluorescence

- Most surfactants did not inhibit the protein synthesis reaction by PUREflex® below the CMC.
- Some surfactants such as Triton X-100 and Tween 20 could be used even above the CMC.

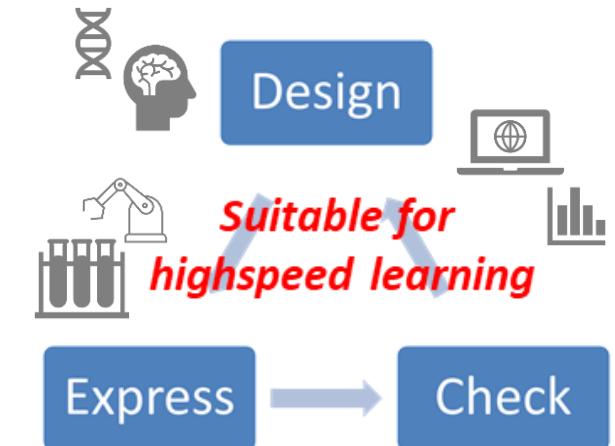


# -Improve Expression from Days to Hours-

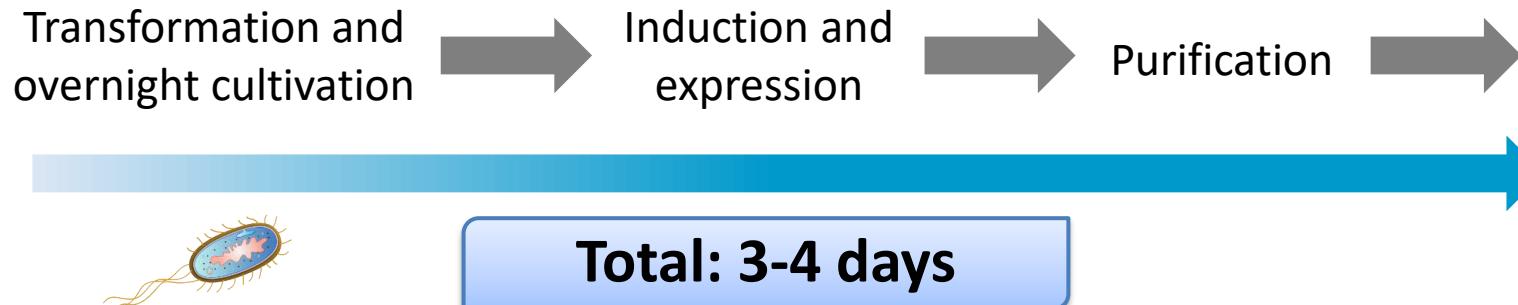
## PUREflex® Synthesis



Use for application



## E. coli Expression

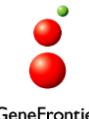


100mL package will be launched soon!



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Great Flexibility  
from basic research  
to industrial applications



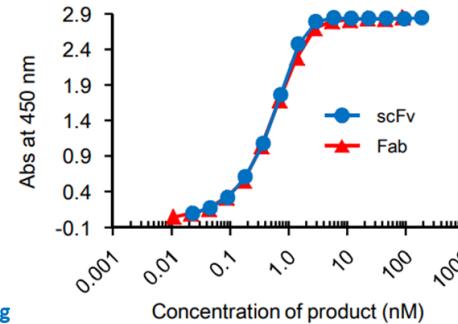
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## -Expression of scFv, Fab and more-



+/- DsbC Set  
DnaK Mix  
For correct folding

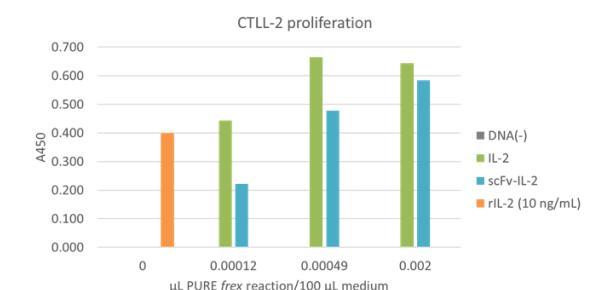
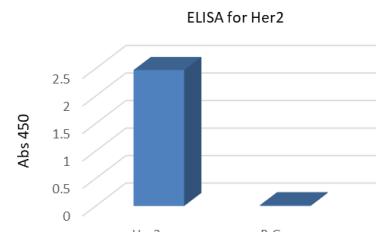
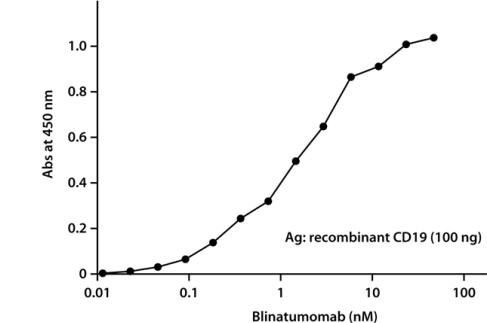
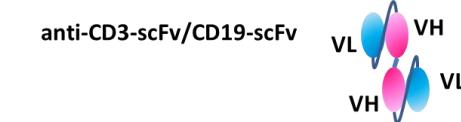
### Activity

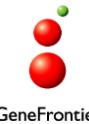


[Murakami et al. \(2019\) Sci. Rep. vol.9, p.671. \(Supplementary Information\)](#)

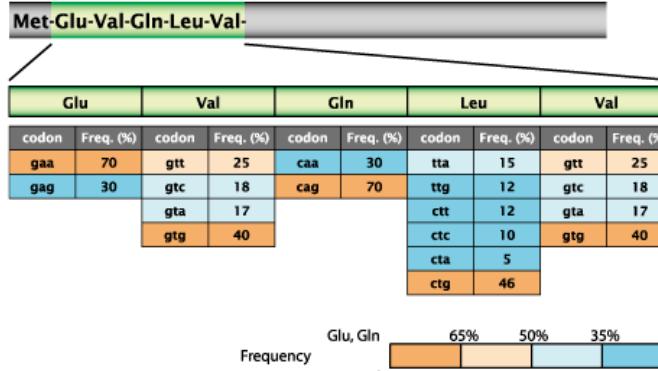
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	Proinsulin Aspart	Proinsulin Lispro	Proinsulin Glargin	Regular Proinsulin	Insulin A Chain	Insulin B Chain	Insulin A Chain Heterodimer	Insulin B Chain Heterodimer	Oxytocin	Glucagon
PURE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIm24	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
BL21	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
759	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Glucagon Like Peptide 1 mutant (GLP-1 mut)	Glucagon Like Peptide 1 (GLP-1)	Insulin Like Growth Factor	Growth Hormone (GH)	Leptin	Vaso-pressin	Angiotensin II	Parathyroid Hormone (PTH)	Somatostatin	Leuprolide
PURE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CIm24	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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759	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓

[DeWinter et al. \(2023\) ACS Synth. Biol. vol.12, 4, p1216. \(Supplementary Information\)](#)

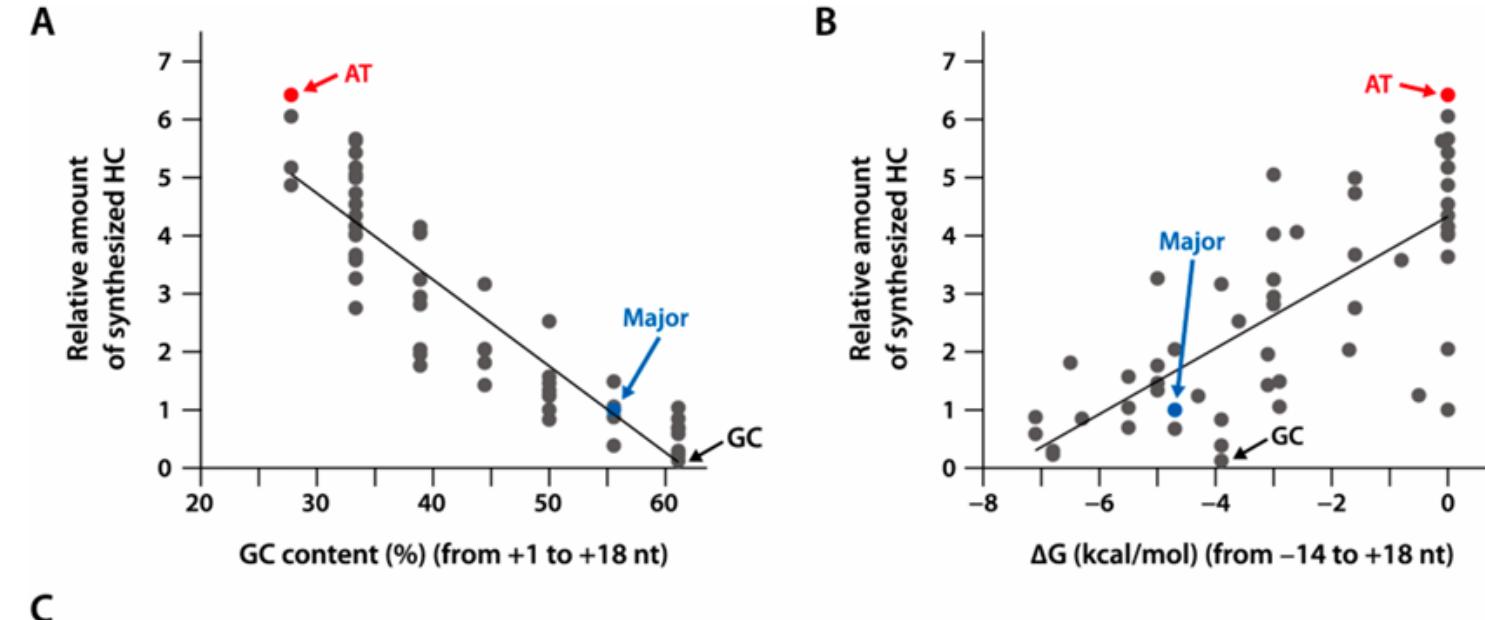
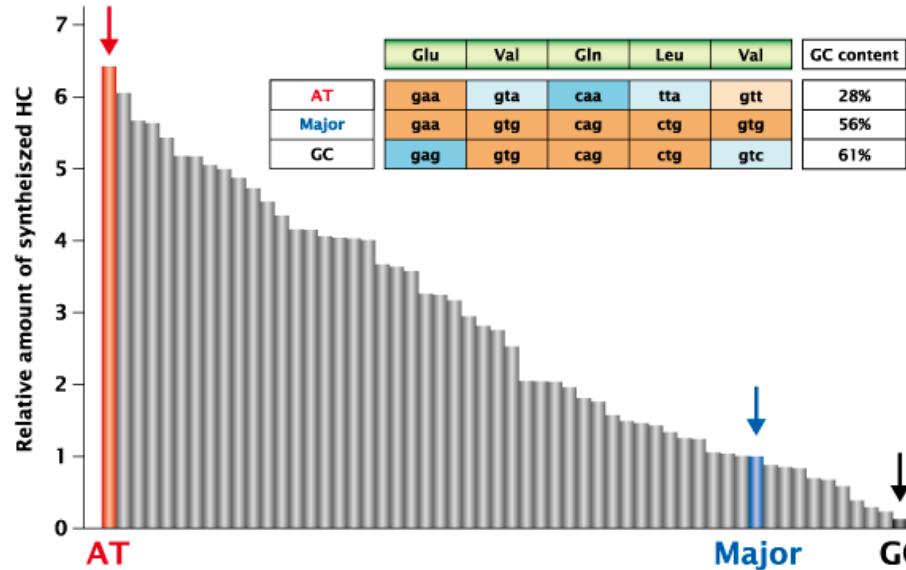




# -To harness the potential of translation-

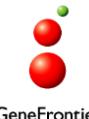


\*Frequency is calculated from Codon Usage Database in Kazusa DNA Res. Inst. (E.coli K-12 strain)



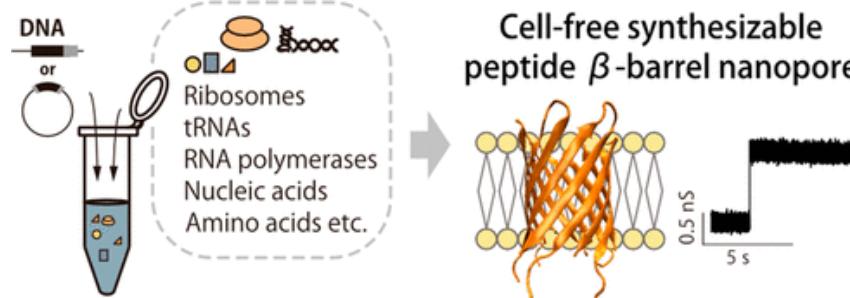
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Murakami et al. (2024) Int. J. Mol. Sci. 2024, 25(10), 5264

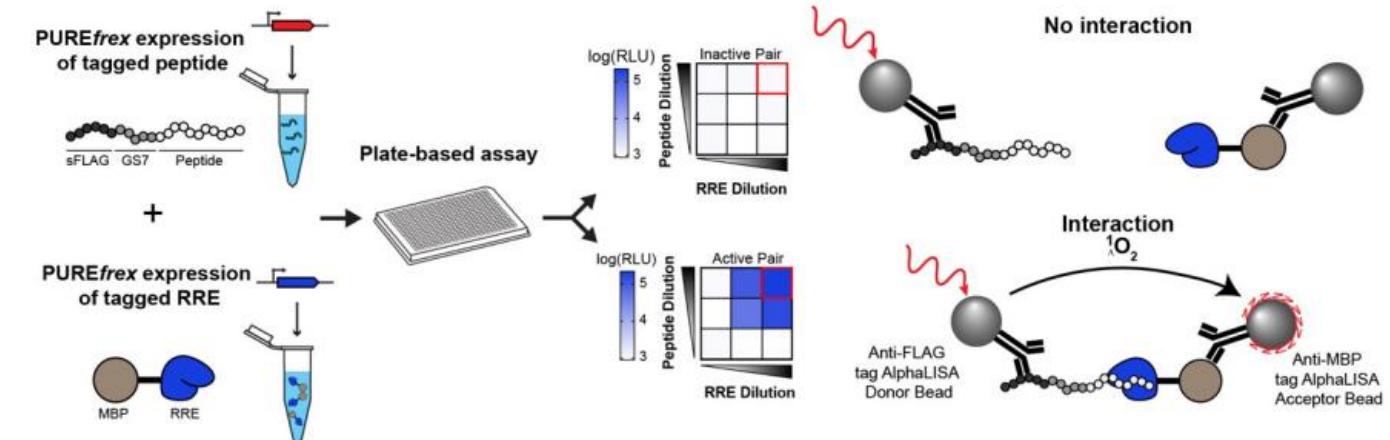


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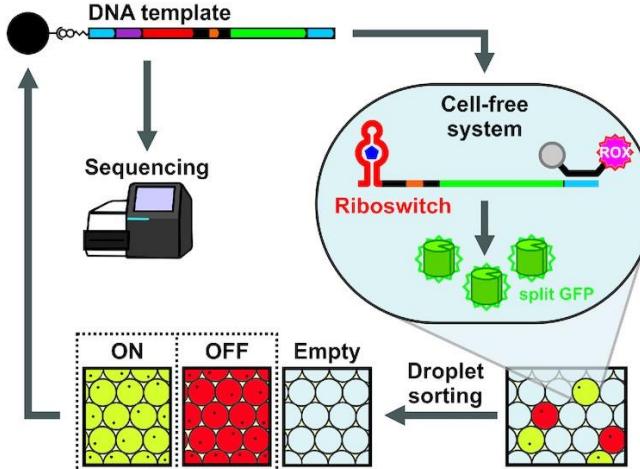
## -Broad applications, yet to come!-



[Fujita et al. \(2023\) ACS Nano. vol.17\(4\), p.3358.](https://doi.org/10.1021/acsnano.2c0358)

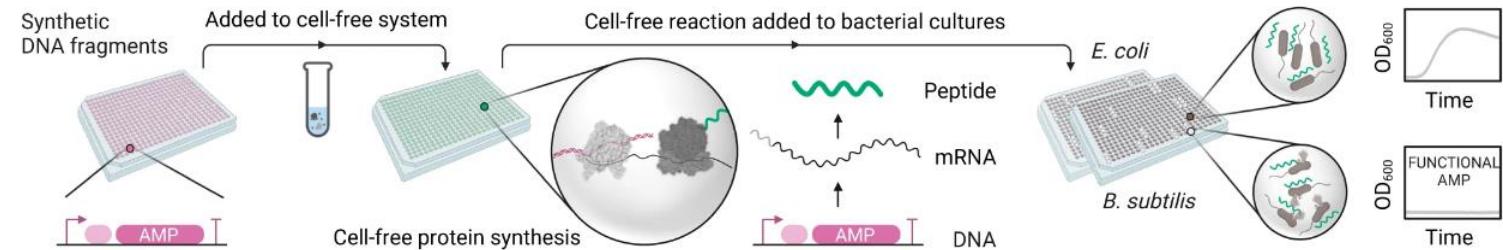


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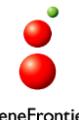


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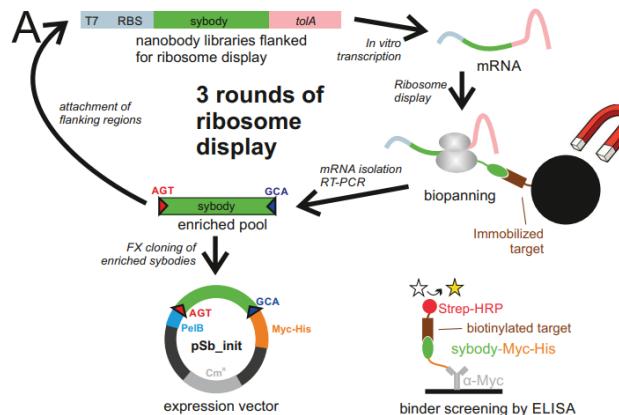
WET LAB EXPERIMENT: cell-free production and activity test of AMPs (24 hr)



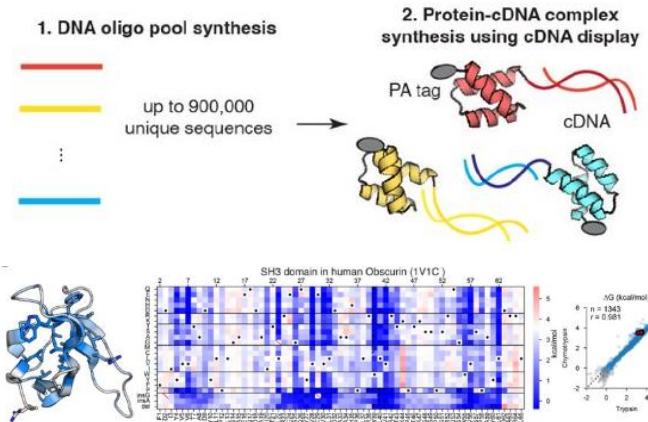
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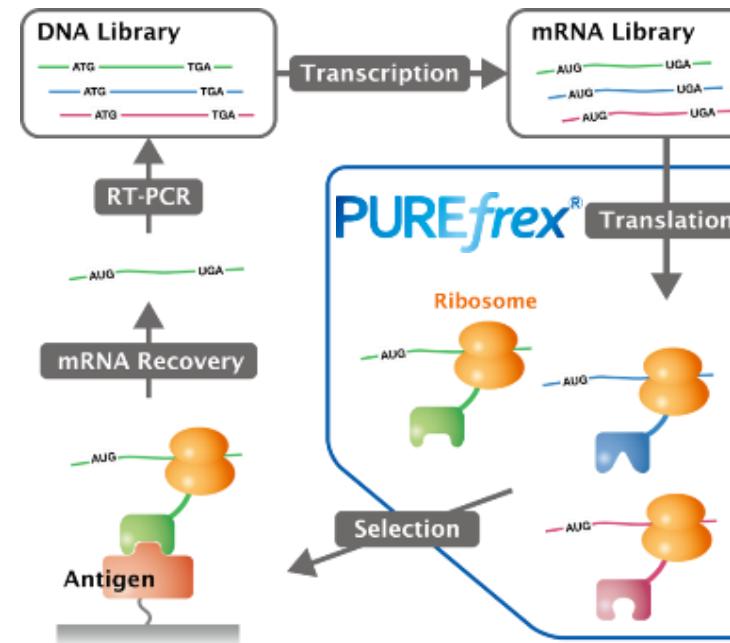


[Zimmermann I. et al. \(2018\) eLife, 7, e34317.](#)

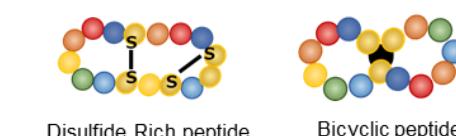
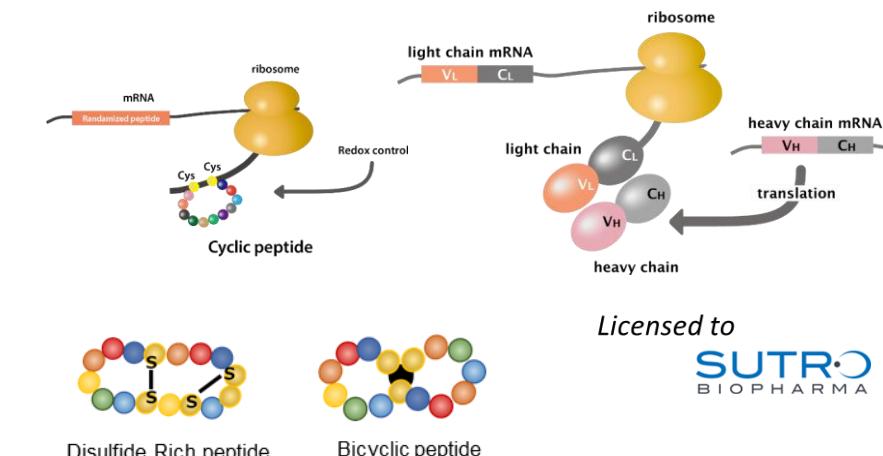


[Tsuboyama et al. \(2023\) Nature, 620, p434.](#)

## *in vitro* protein selection technology **PUREflex<sup>®</sup> RD**



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for generation of new biologics*

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