

Introduction to Bioengineering

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Week 4 reprise

CONCEPT
SKILL

Abstraction as a tool for **managing** biocomplexity

- Bioengineers can compose higher-level human-defined functions (i.e., devices) from functional biomolecules.
- Common-signal carriers facilitate device reuse.
- Synthetic logic can operate inside living systems.

General system architecture for genetic engineering

- Sense, Compute, Act enables general purpose cell-system programming.

Brain Storm; I Like, I Wish; What If

- Go for quantity (how many ideas can you imagine?)
- Don't be constrained by what exists (> vanilla ice cream)
- Engage others on a constructive basis

Week 5 look ahead

CONCEPT
SKILL

DNA sequencing (reading)

DNA synthesis (writing)

Surfing exponentials

Interconvertibility of matter and information

Team rules & priority setting tools

sequencing
(reading DNA)

((see separate slide deck from Brianna))

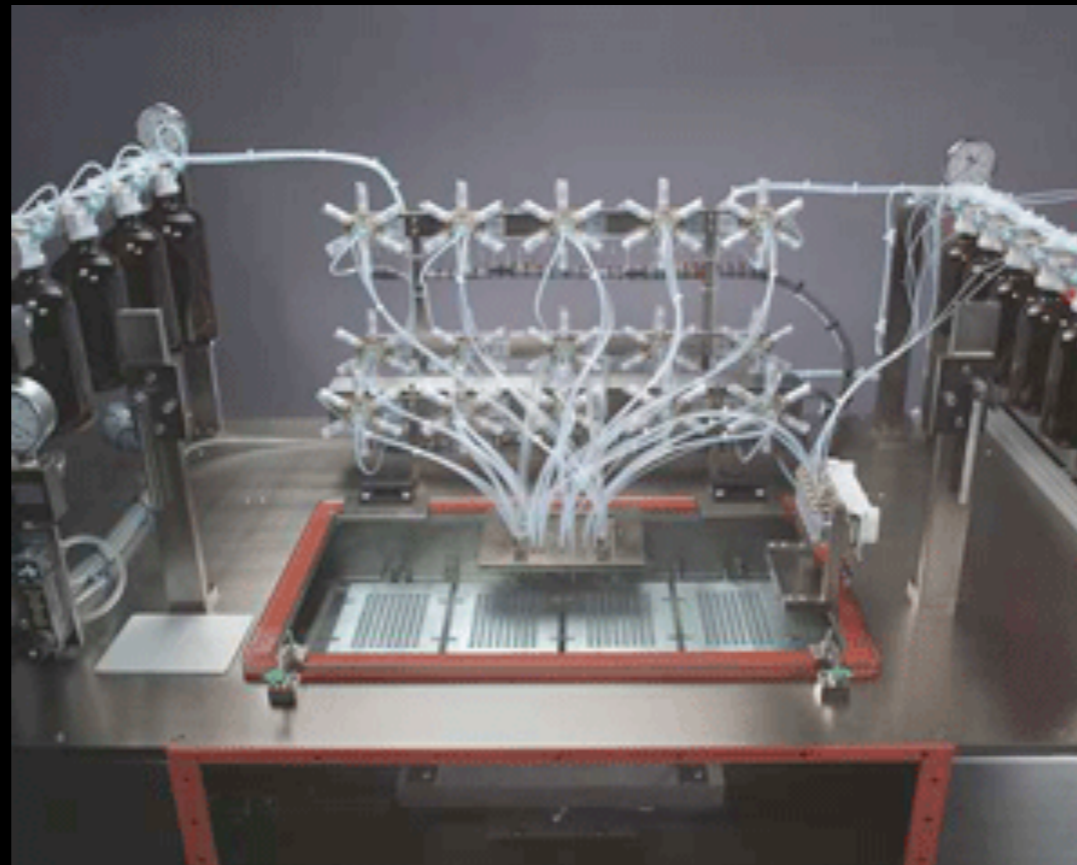
synthesis
(writing DNA)
((slides follow in this deck))

DNA synthesis = 4 key keyboard for genetic stuff

Raw chemicals,
not derived
from existing
DNA

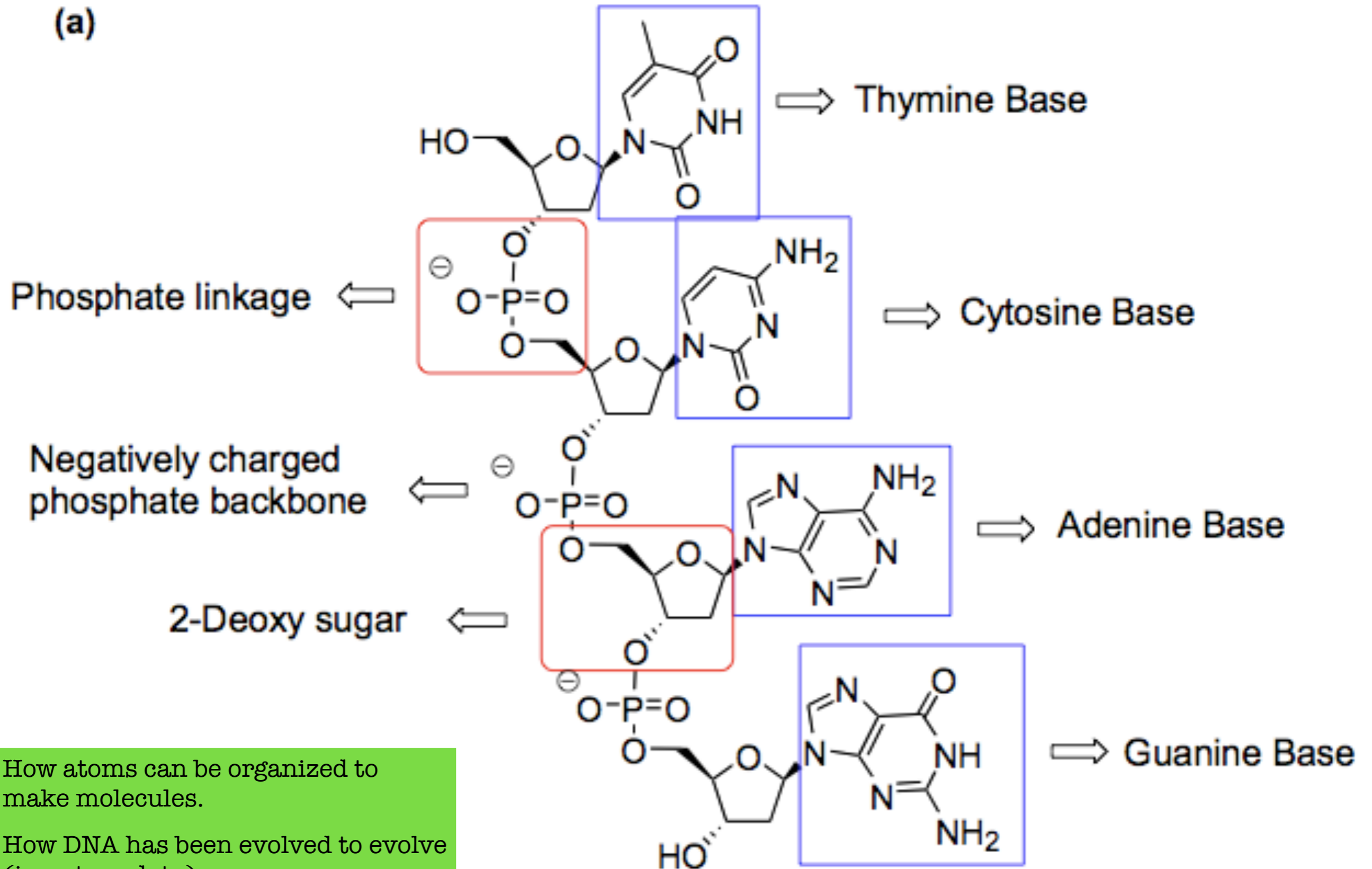


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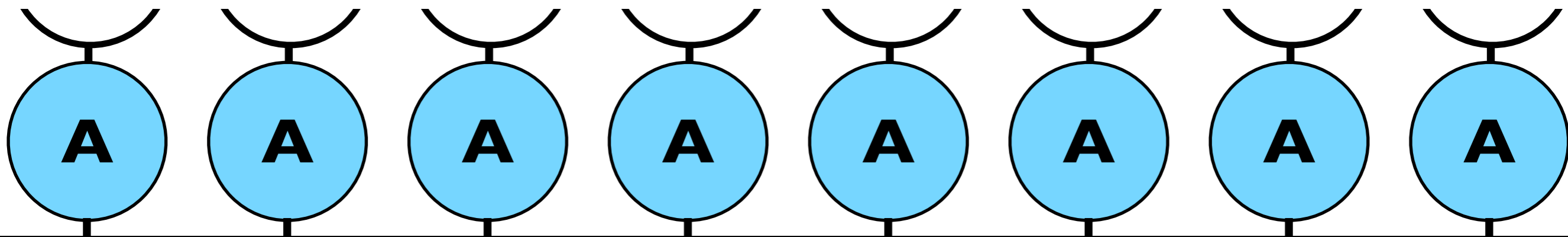
Play however you
like to get the
DNA you want,
from scratch.

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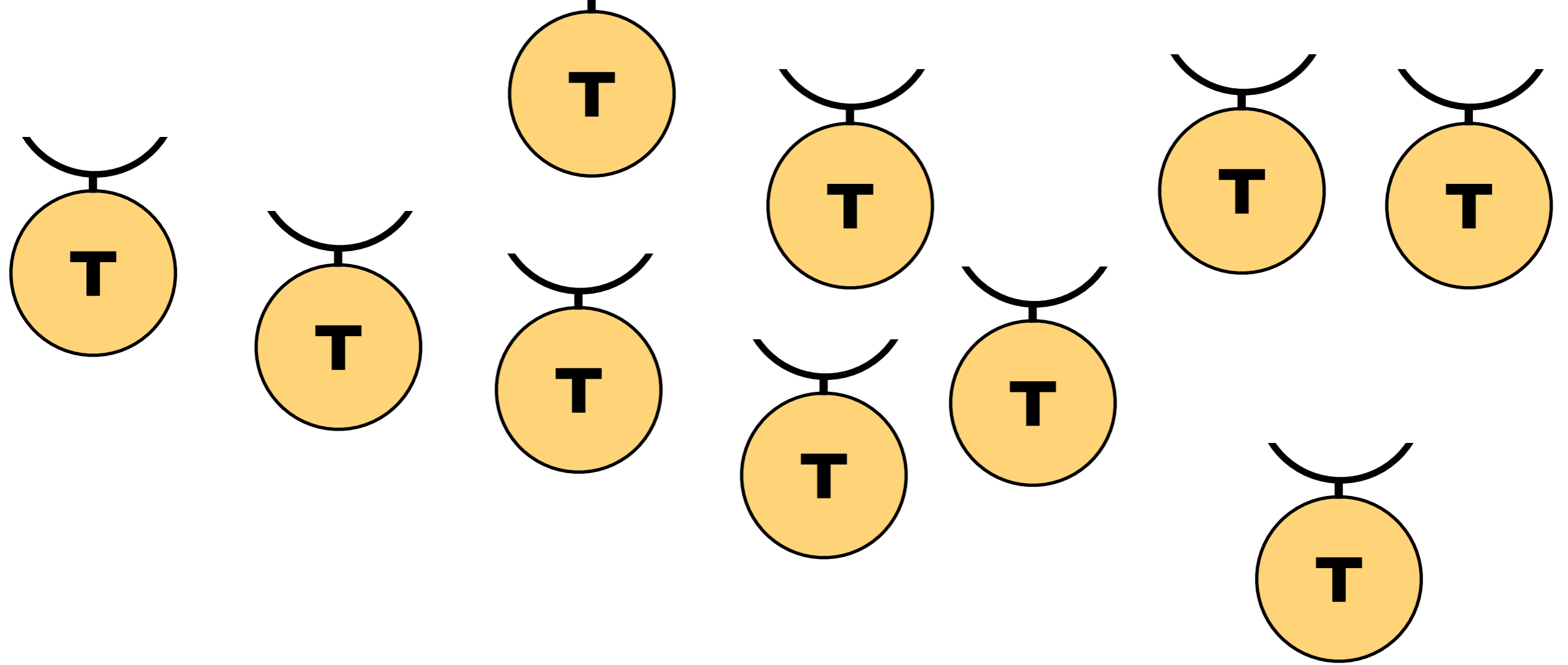


How atoms can be organized to make molecules.

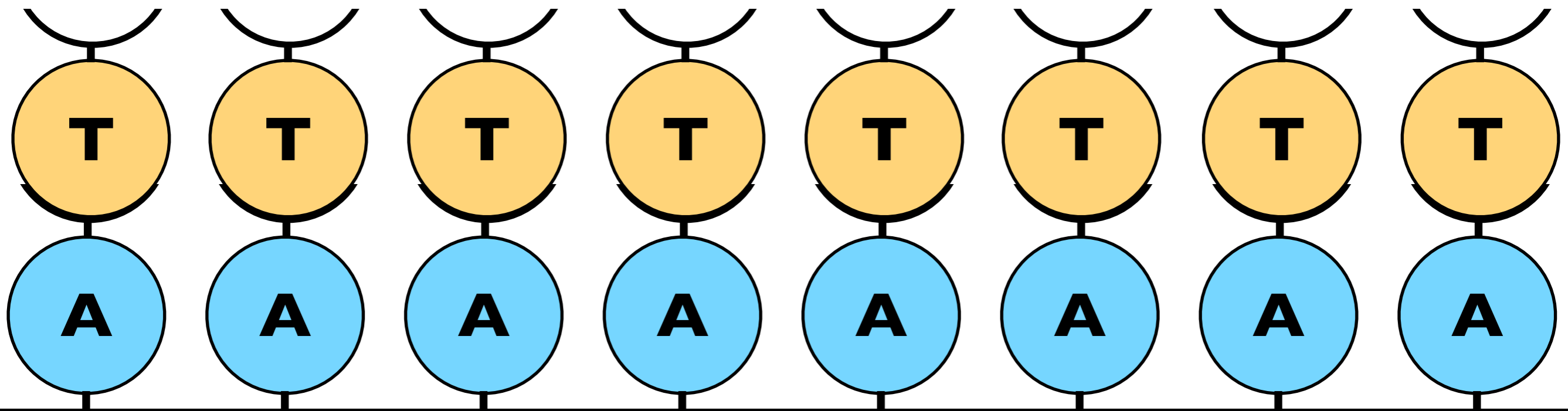
How DNA has been evolved to evolve (i.e., store data).



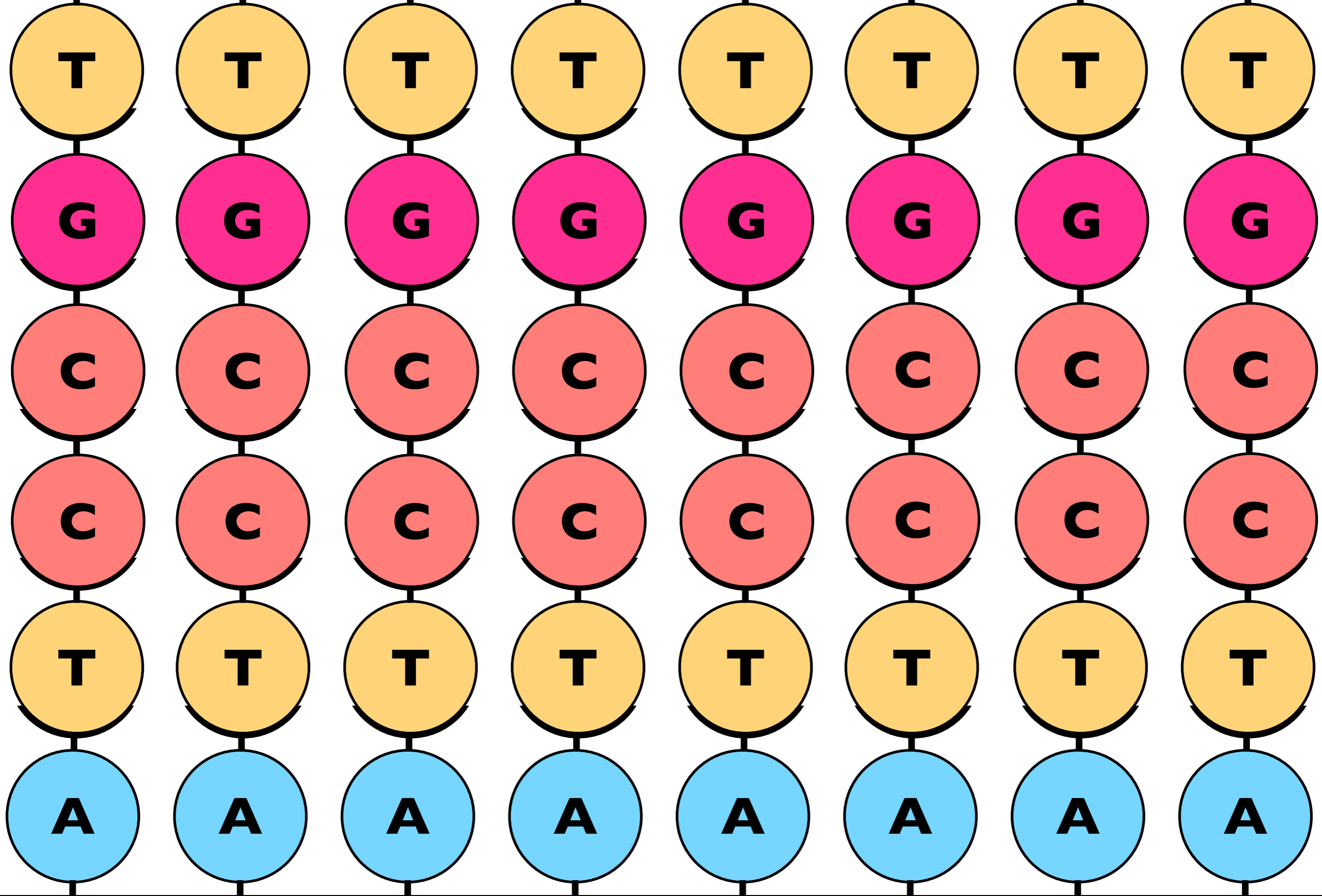
Step 1. Couple 1st base to a surface



Step 2. Add & attach desired 2nd base

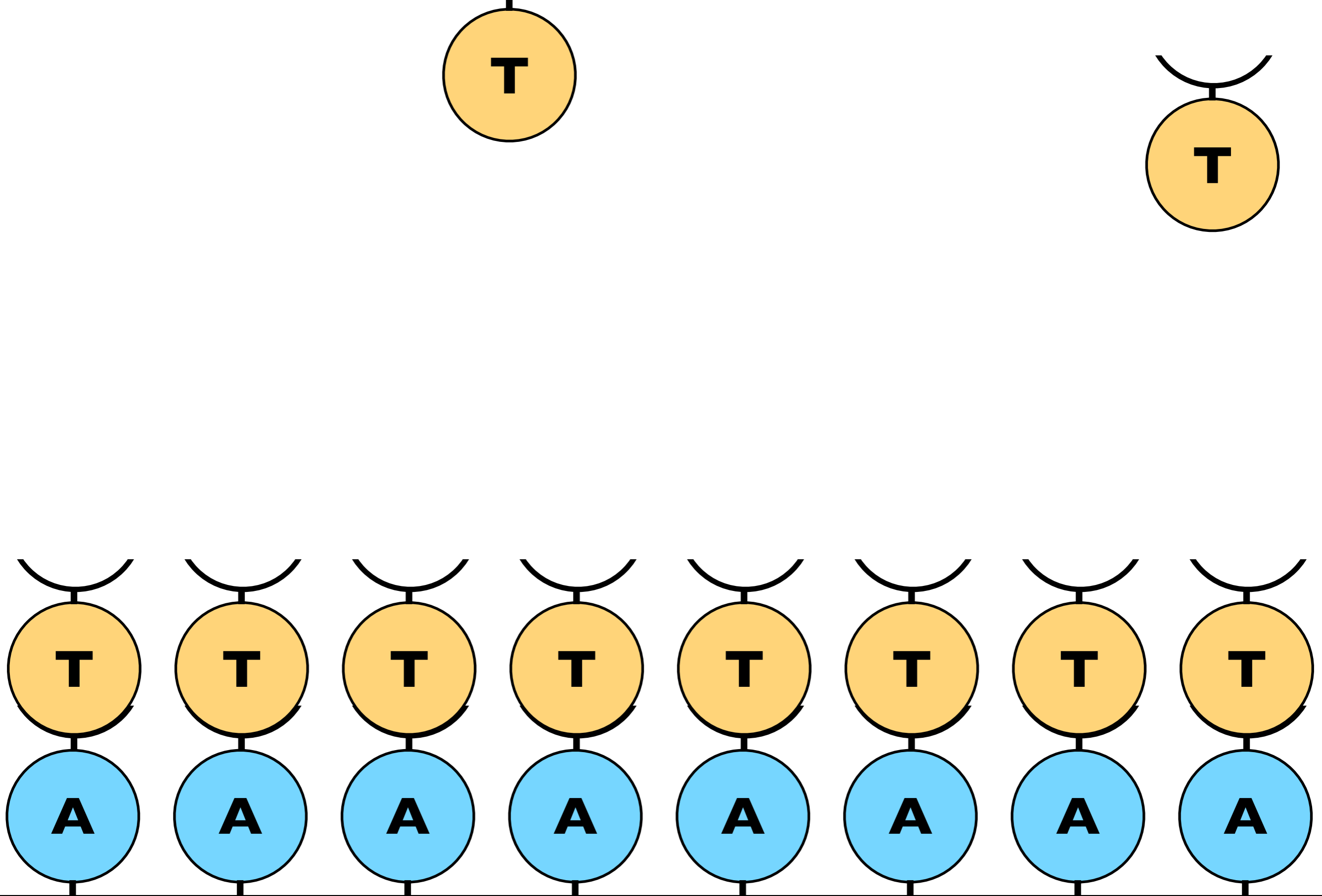


Step 3 (Ideal). Couple 2nd base to 1st

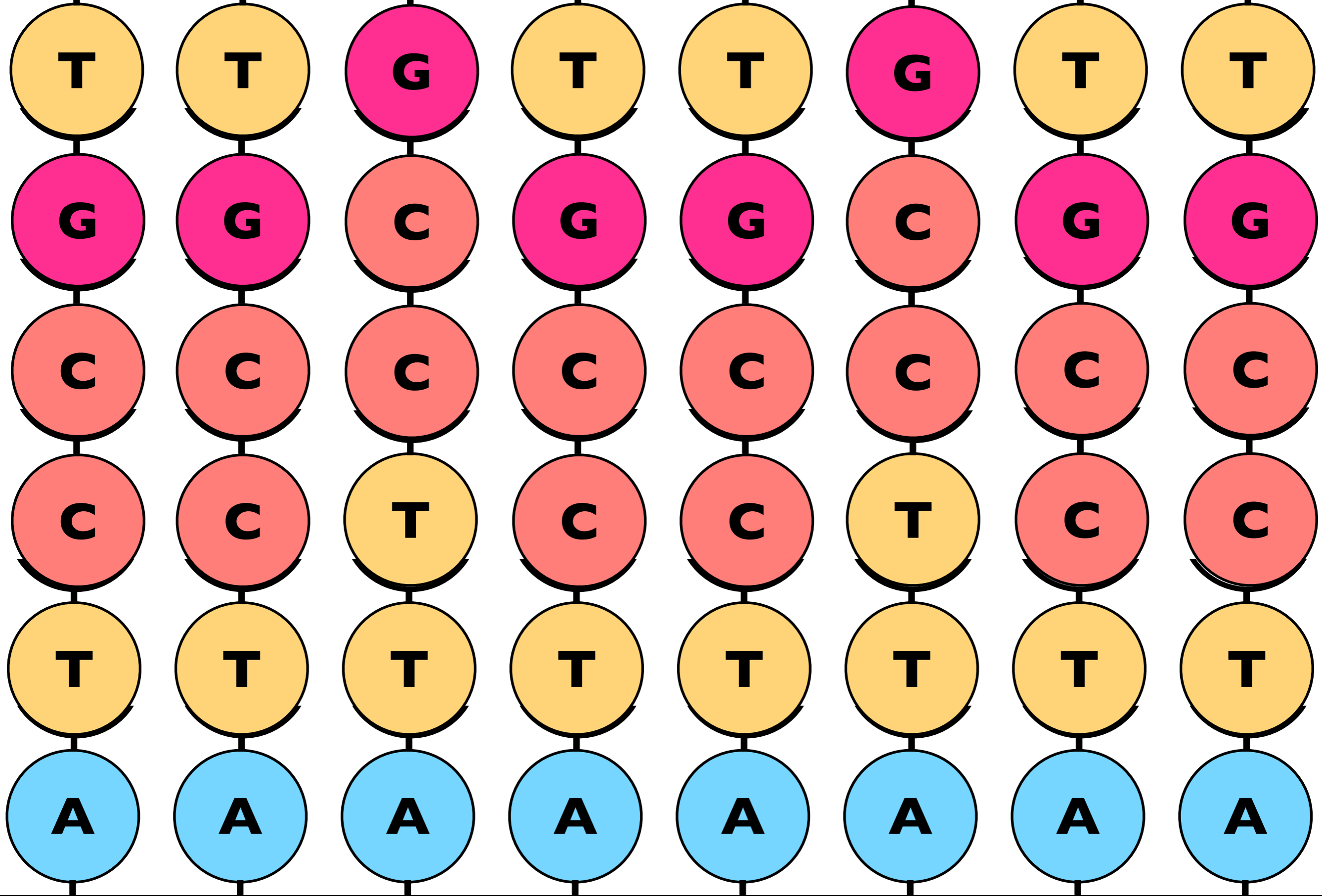


Repeat steps 2 & 3 as you wish! (Ideally)

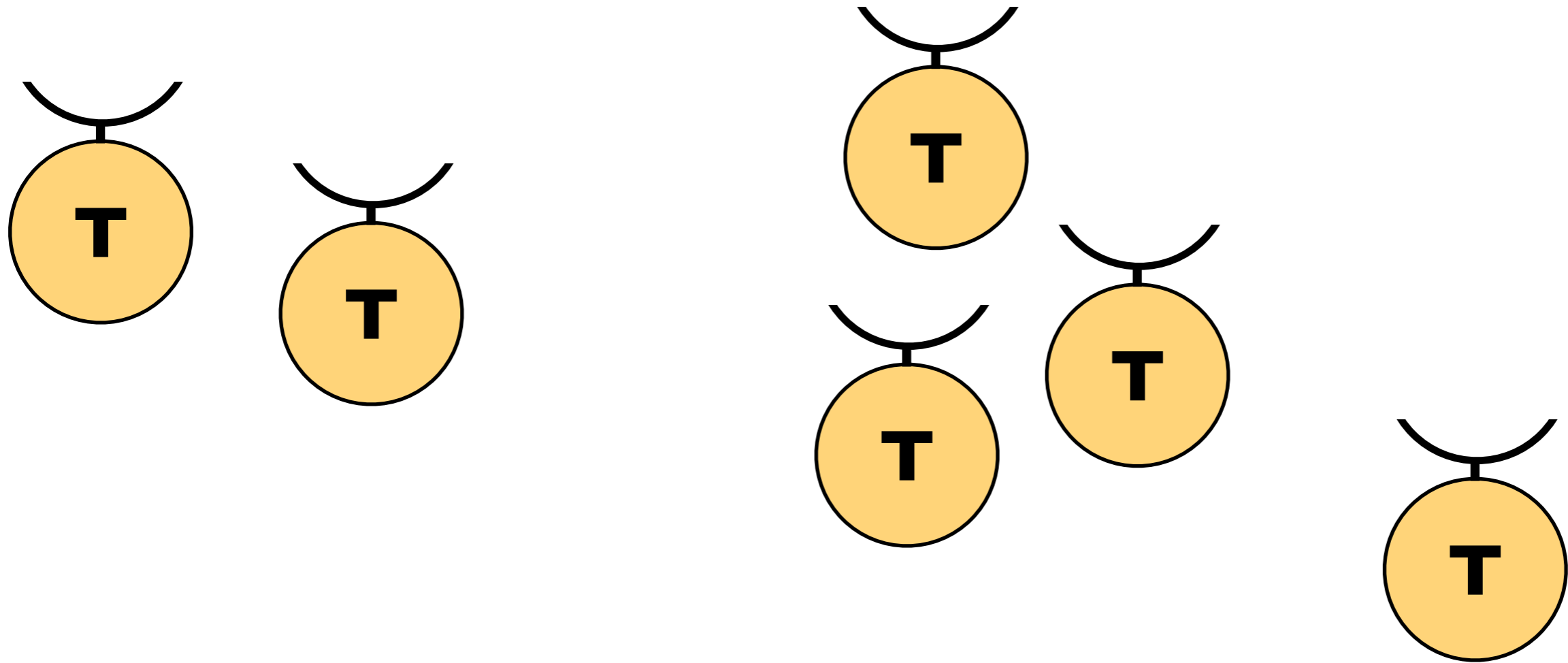
*Unfortunately, things are
not so simple...*



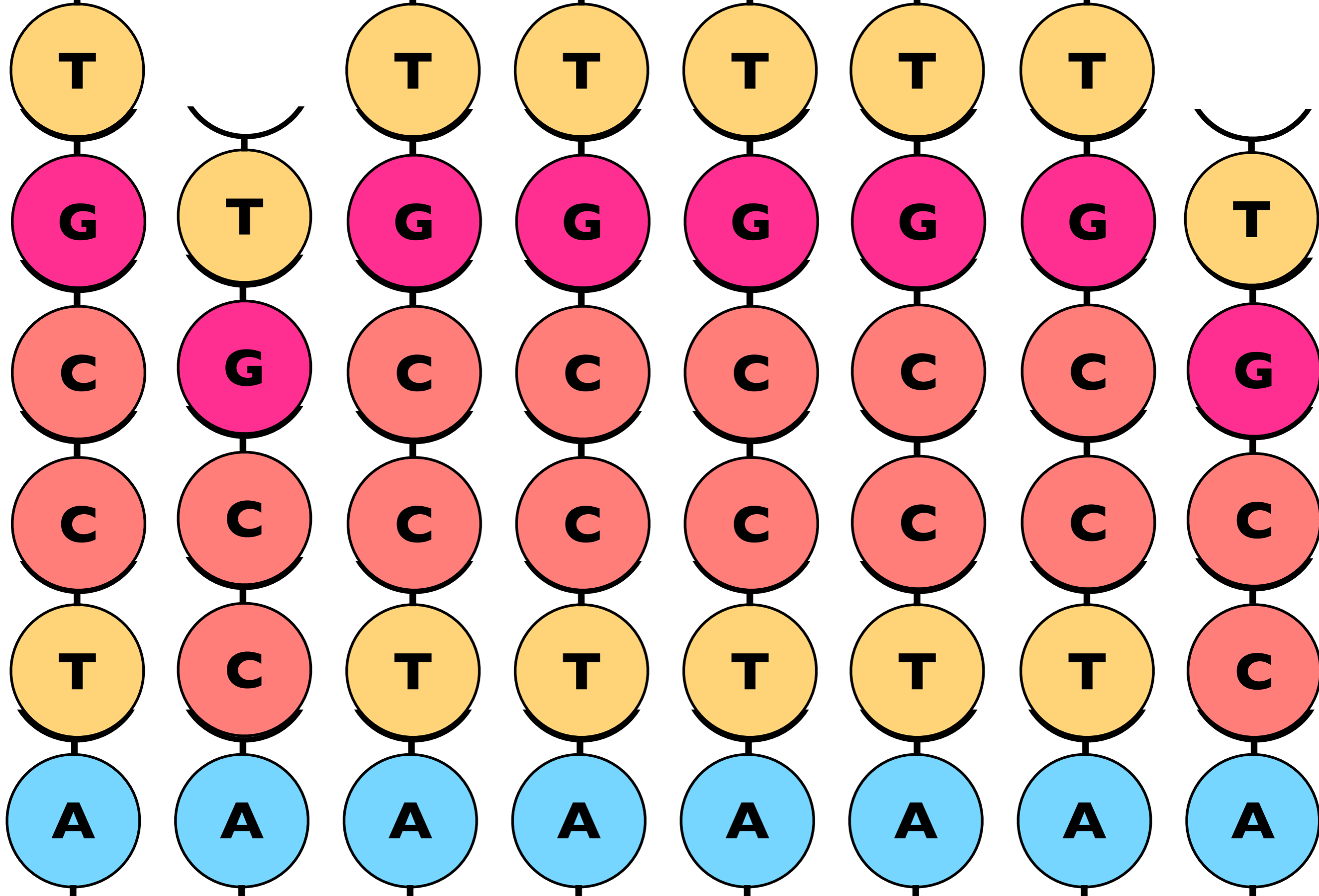
Fail I. Extra bases added (insertion mutations)



Fail I. Extra bases added (insertion mutations)



Fail 2. Bases missing (deletion mutations)



Fail 2. Bases missing (deletion mutations)

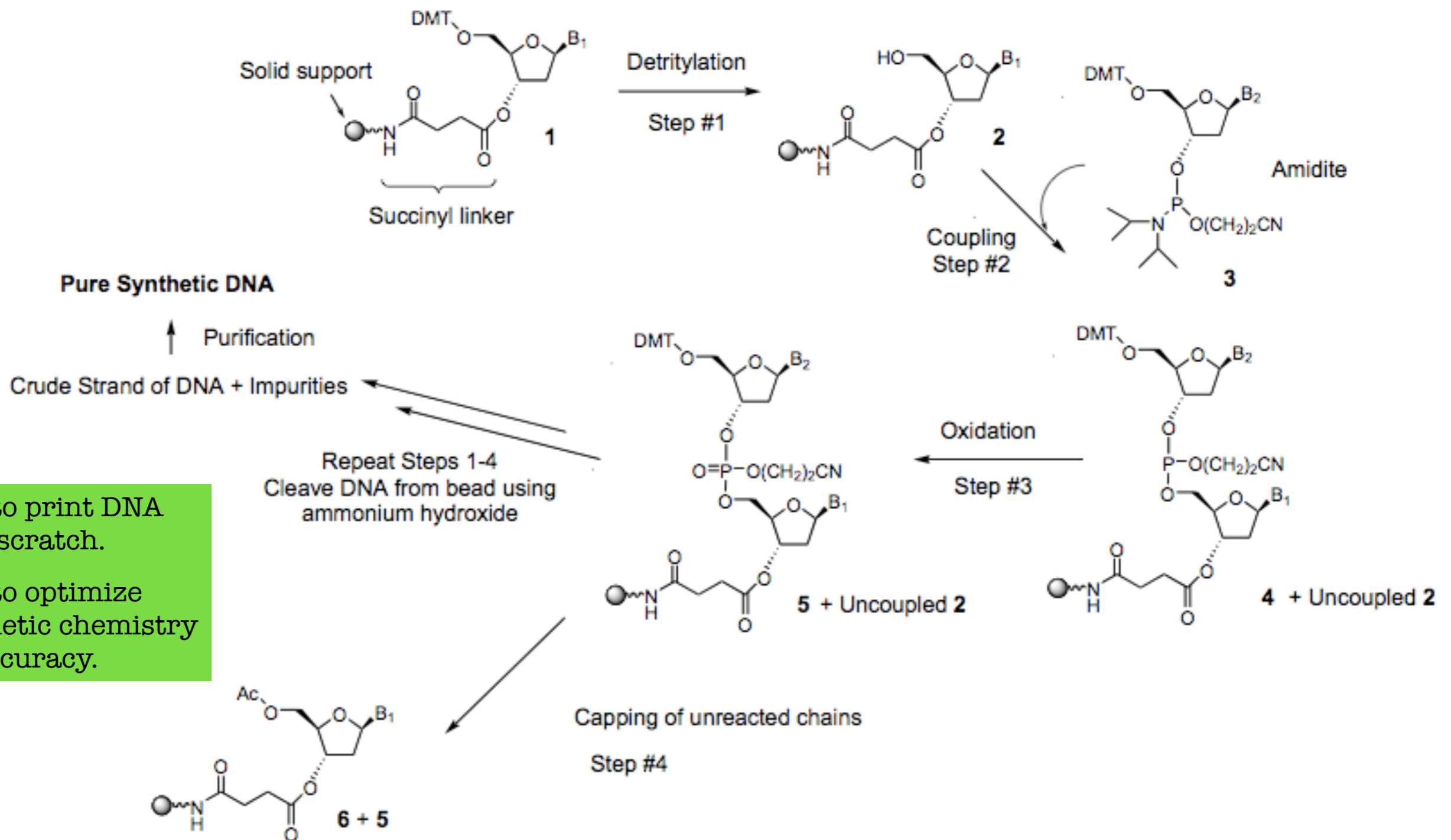


Figure 5: General scheme for automated synthesis of DNA using amidites

How to print DNA from scratch.

How to optimize synthetic chemistry for accuracy.

Chemistry of DNA defines what must be added (e.g., bases).

Sources of error in synthesis process define added necessary steps:

- propensity to react leads to blocking group that prevents insertions.**
- failure to couple leads to capping step that prevents deletions.**

Cycle efficiency limits length of what can be made from scratch (on conventional DNA synthesizers).

$$\text{yield} = (\text{coupling \%})^{\text{\#bp}}$$

$$36\% = (0.99)^{100\text{mer}}$$

E.g., how do I make KumaMax?

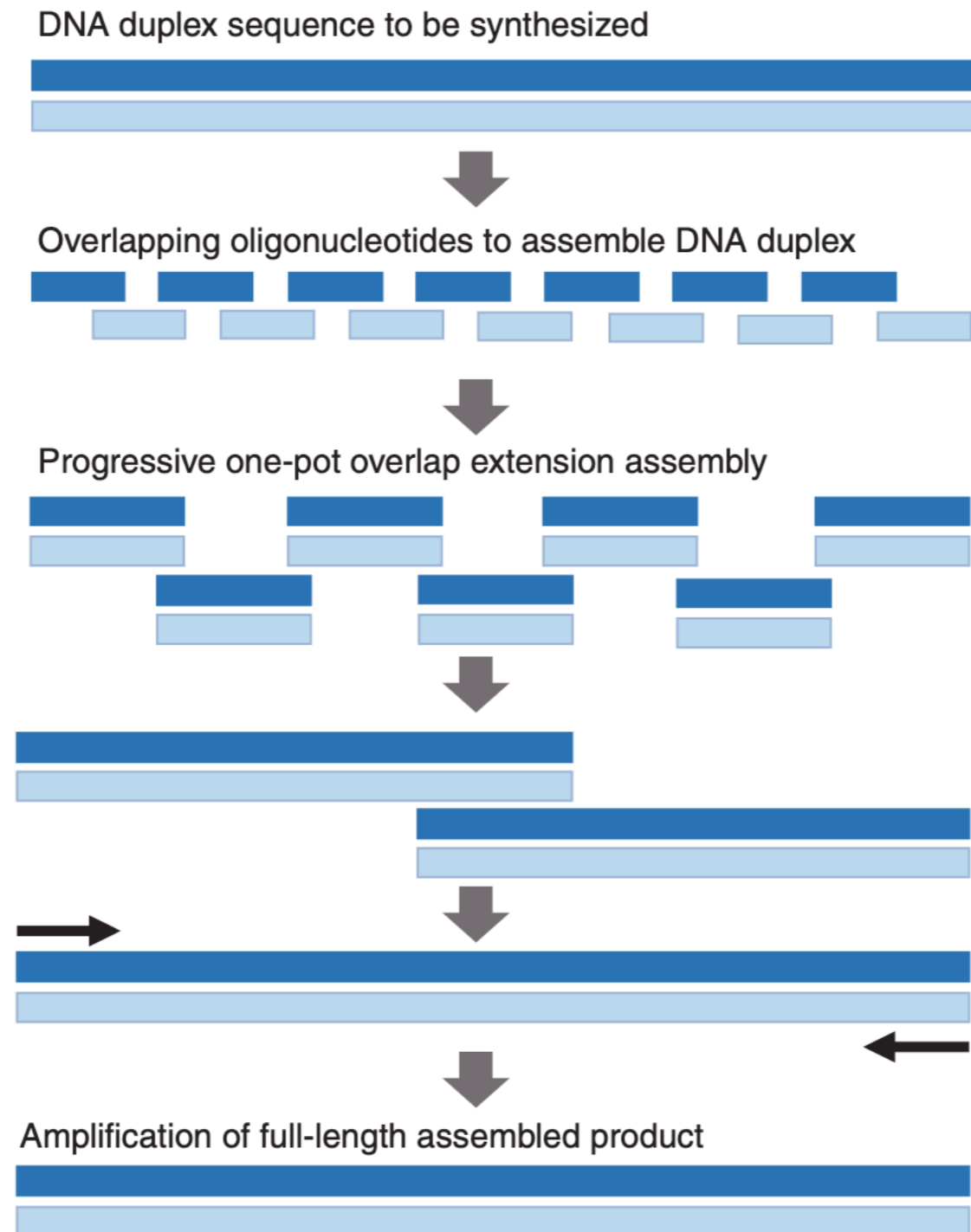
>KumaMax (amino acid sequence)

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>KumaMax (DNA sequence)

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Short synthetic DNA fragments can be assembled into longer and longer fragments



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