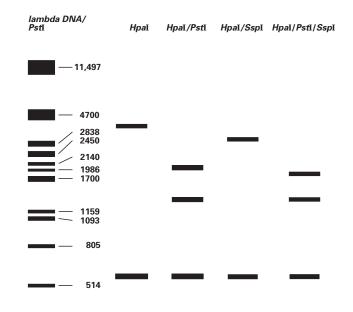
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**Restriction Mapping of Plasmid DNA** 

Problem 1: Digested with HpaI, HpaI/PstI, HpaI/SspI, and HpaI/PstI/SspI



1. Estimate the sizes of the DNA fragments (in base pairs) by comparing them with the lambda/*PstI* size marker. These estimated sizes do not have to be exact. Sizing of the smaller fragments will be more accurate than sizing of the larger fragments.

- 2. Determine the total size of the digested DNA by adding up the sizes of the fragments from each digest. You may take an average size from the four digests. The same DNA was digested in each sample, so the fragment sizes from the different digests should always add up to the same total.
- **3.** There are two *HpaI* sites present. Based on the number of fragments obtained from the *HpaI* digest, is this DNA linear or circular? Draw the DNA with the *HpaI* sites present.

- 4. How many *PstI* sites are present?
- 5. Where is the PstI site? Draw the position of the PstI site on the plasmid, relative to the HpaI sites.

- 6. How many SspI sites are present?
- 7. Where is the SspI site? Draw the position of the SspI site on the plasmid, relative to the *HpaI* sites. It might be best if this is done in a separate sketch from the *PstI* site sketch since we have not yet determined where the SspI and *PstI* sites are relative to one another.
- 8. Will the 600-bp *HpaI* fragment remain unchanged after digestion with eitherPstI or SspI? (Check the gel.)
- **9.** Which fragments are unchanged from the *HpaI/PstI* digest to the *HpaI/PstI/SspI* digest? Which fragments disappeared? Why did those fragments disappear?
- **10.** Which fragments are unchanged from the *HpaI/SspI* digest to the *HpaI/PstI/SspI* digest? Which fragments disappeared? Why did those fragments disappear?
- 11. Is there a fragment that appears only in the HpaI/PstI/SspI digest? What does this mean?
- **12.** Draw the full plasmid map, with all restriction enzyme recognition sites present in their relative locations.

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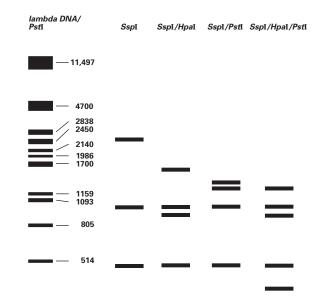
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## **Restriction Mapping of Plasmid DNA**

## Problem 2: Digested with SspI, SspI/HpaI, SspI/PstI, and SspI/HpaI/PstI



1. Estimate the sizes of the DNA fragments (in base pairs) by comparing them to the lambda/PstI size marker. These estimated sizes do not have to be exact. Sizing of the smaller fragments will be more accurate than sizing of the larger fragments.

- 2. Determine the total size of the digested DNA by adding up the sizes of the fragments from each digest. You may take an average size from the four digests. The same DNA was digested in each sample so the fragment sizes from the different digests should always add up to the same total.
- **3.** This is plasmid DNA, which is circular. How many *SspI* sites are present? Draw the relative positions of the *SspI* restriction sites on the plasmid.

- 4. How many *HpaI* sites are present?
- 5. Where is the *HpaI* site? Draw the position of the *HpaI* sites on the plasmid, relative to the SspI sites.

- 6. How many PstI sites are present?
- 7. Where is the *PstI* site? Draw the position of the *PstI* site on the plasmid, relative to the *SspI* sites. It might be best if this is done in a separate sketch from the *HpaI* site sketch, since we have not yet determined where the *HpaI* and *PstI* sites are relative to one another.
- 8. Will the 500- and 1000-bp SspI fragments remain unchanged after digestion with either PstI or *HpaI*? (Check the gel.)
- **9.** Which fragments are unchanged from the SspI/HpaI digest to the SspI/PstI/HpaI digest? Which fragment disappeared? Why did that fragment disappear?
- **10.** Which fragments are unchanged from the SspI/PstI digest to the SspI/HpaI/PstI digest? Which fragment disappeared? Why did that fragment disappear?
- 11. Which fragment appears only in the SspI/HpaI/PstI digest? Why is it present only in this digest?
- **12.** Draw the full plasmid map with all restriction enzyme recognition sites present in their relative locations.

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