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Cross species analysis of genomics data

**Motif discovery and regulatory
interactions**

Biological Motif Discovery

Concepts

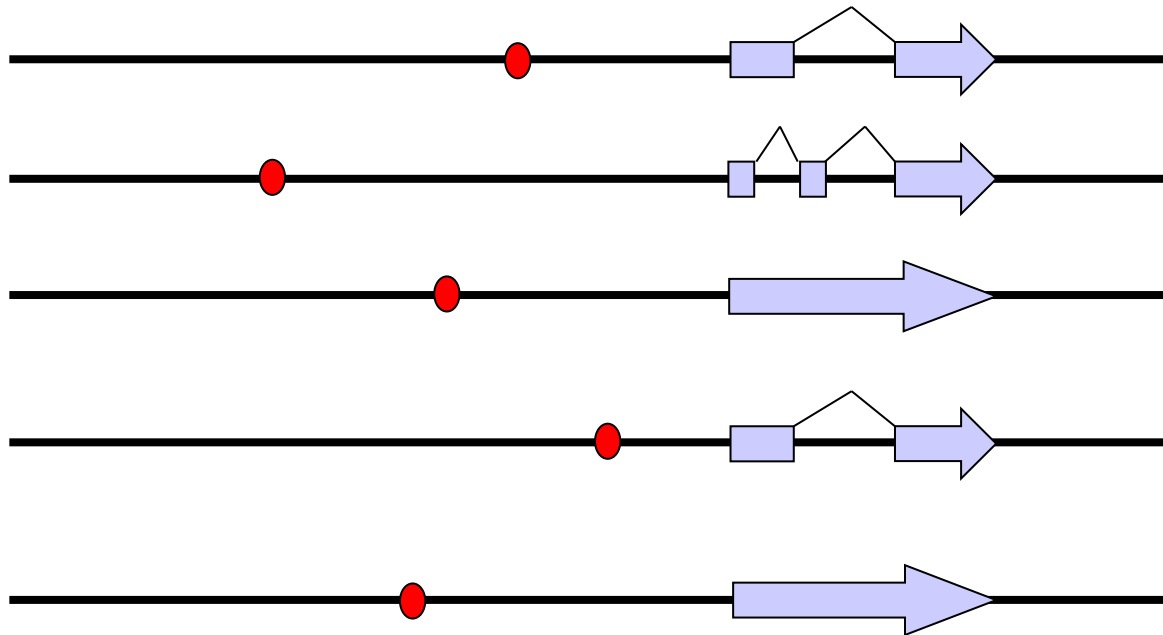
- Motif Modeling and Motif Information
- EM and Gibbs Sampling
- Comparative Motif Prediction

Applications

- Transcription Factor Binding Site Prediction

Regulatory Motifs

Find promoter motifs associated with **co-regulated** or **functionally related** genes



Transcription Factor Binding Sites

ATATAAA TTTT
 CTGATAA CAG
 GTGA TCA
 AGGGG AGC
 AA AAATAA
 TTTAA TAA
 GAAACGTTGCG
 AATAATAA
 TTTAATAA
 GGGACGAG
 AAAAATTT
 AGA AAAA
 TATAA TTT
 AAAA
 TTTA AA
 TTTTAA
 ATATATAA
 ATATAAAT

- Very Short
- Highly Variable
- ~Constant Size
- Often repeated
- Low-complexity-ish

Other “Motifs”

- **Splicing Signals**
 - Splice junctions
 - Exonic Splicing Enhancers (ESE)
 - Exonic Splicing Suppressors (ESS)
- **Protein Domains**
 - Glycosylation sites
 - Kinase targets
 - Targetting signals
- **MicroRNA target sites**
 - Complementary base pairing

Essential Tasks

- Modeling Motifs
 - How to computationally represent motifs
- Visualizing Motifs
 - Motif “Information”
- Predicting Motif Instances
 - Using the model to classify new sequences
- Learning Motif Structure
 - Finding new motifs, assessing their quality

Modeling Motifs

Consensus Sequences

Useful for publication

HEM13 CCCATTGTTCTC

Not very amenable to
computation

HEM13 TTTCTGGTTCTC

HEM13 TCAATTGTTTAG

IUPAC symbols for
degenerate sites

ANB1 CTCATTGTTGTC

ANB1 TCCATTGTTCTC

ANB1 CCTATTGTTCTC

Symbols:

Y = **T** or **C** (pyrimidine)

R = **G** or **A** (purine)

H = **A** or **C** or **T**

N = **A** or **C** or **G** or **T** (any)

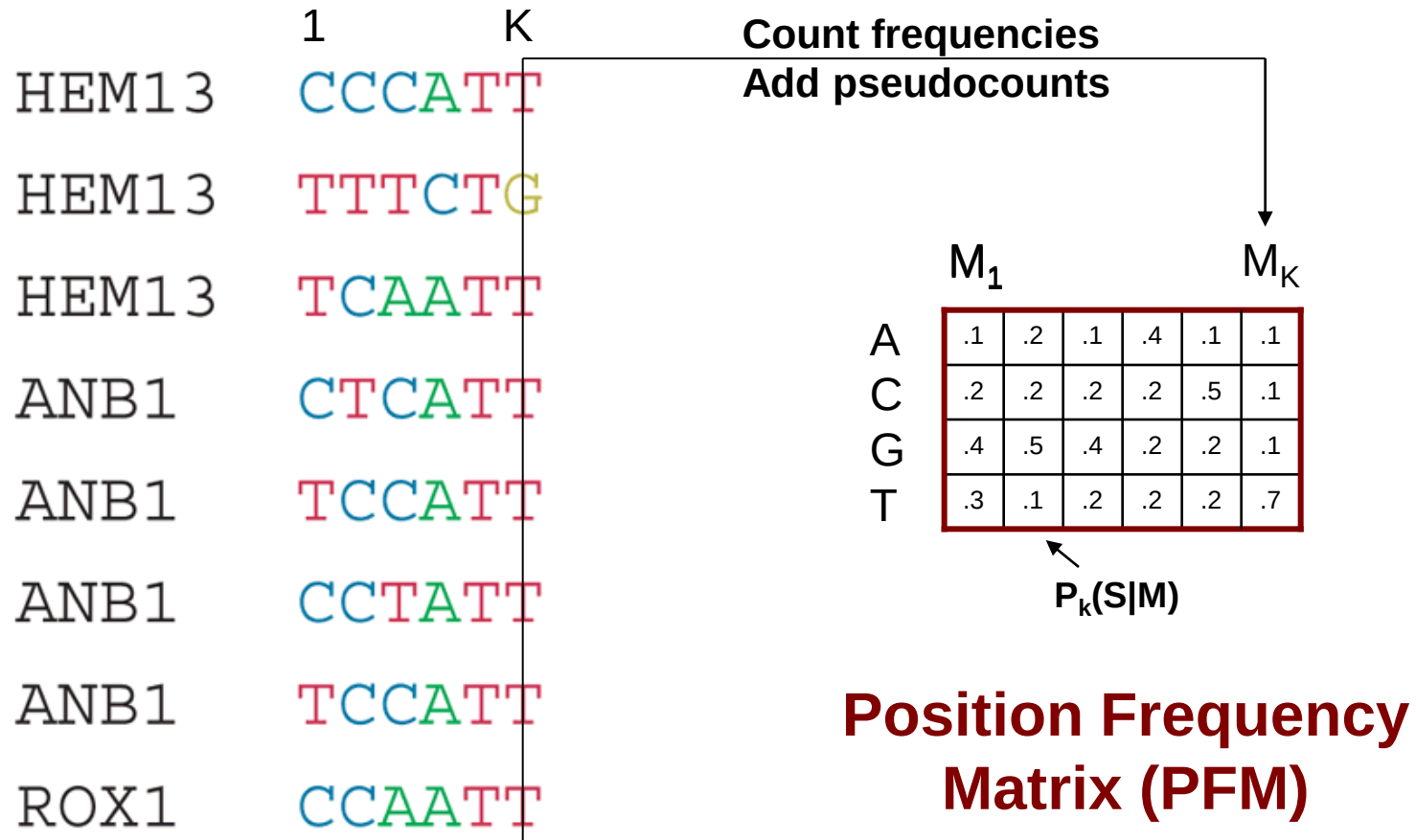
etc.

ANB1 TCCATTGTTCGT

ROX1 CCAATTGTTTGG

YCHATTGTTCTC

Probabilistic Model



Scoring A Sequence

To score a sequence, compare to a null model

Log likelihood
ratio

$$\text{Score} = \log \frac{P(S | PFM)}{P(S | B)}$$



PFM

A	.1	.2	.1	.4	.1	.1
C	.2	.2	.2	.2	.5	.1
G	.4	.5	.4	.2	.2	.1
T	.3	.1	.2	.2	.2	.7

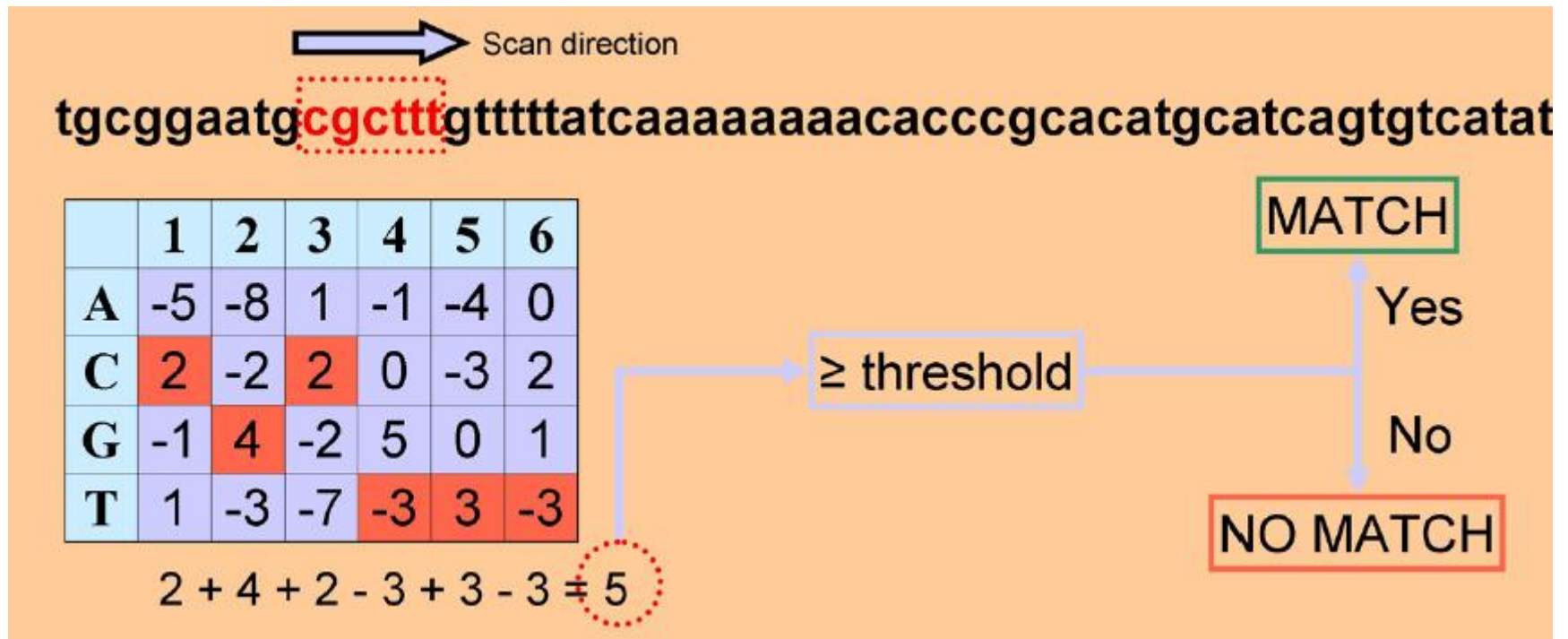
Background DNA (B)

A: 0.25	■
T: 0.25	■
G: 0.25	■
C: 0.25	■

Position Weight
Matrix (PWM)

A	-1.3	-0.3	-1.3	0.6	-1.3	-1.3
C	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	-0.3	1	-1.3
G	0.6	1	0.6	-0.3	-0.3	-1.3
T	0.3	-1.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	1.4

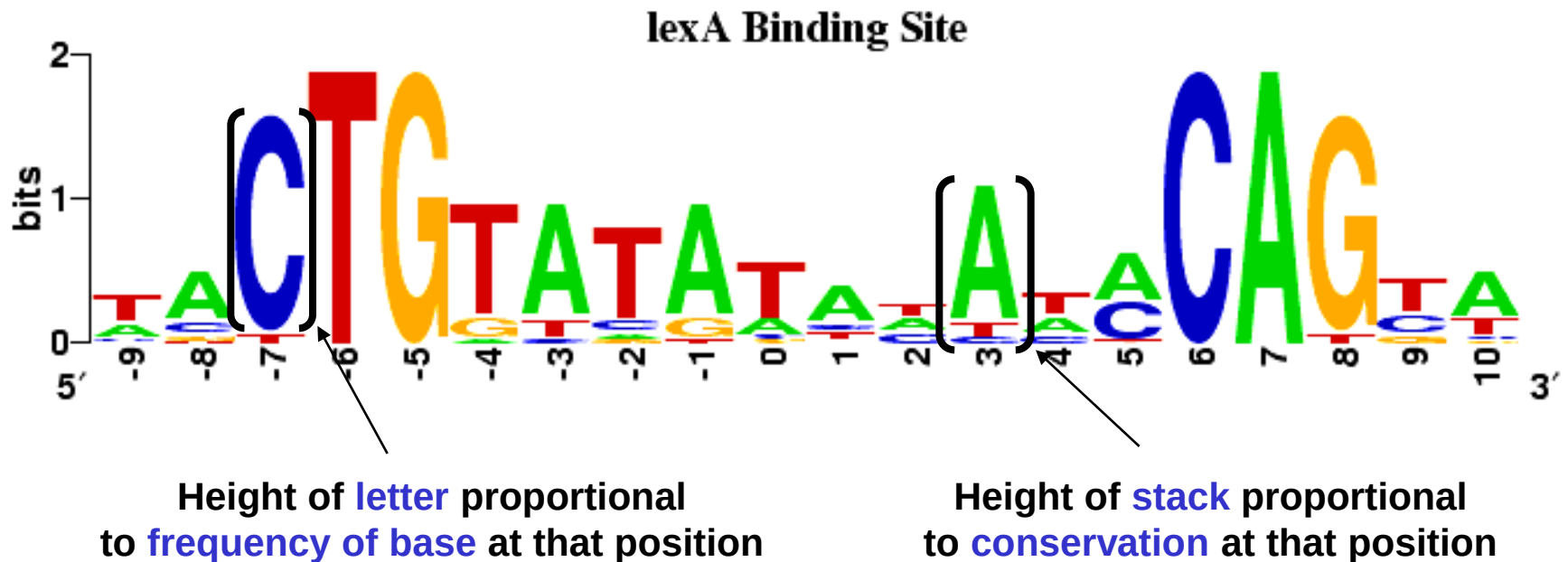
Scoring a Sequence



Common threshold = 60% of maximum score

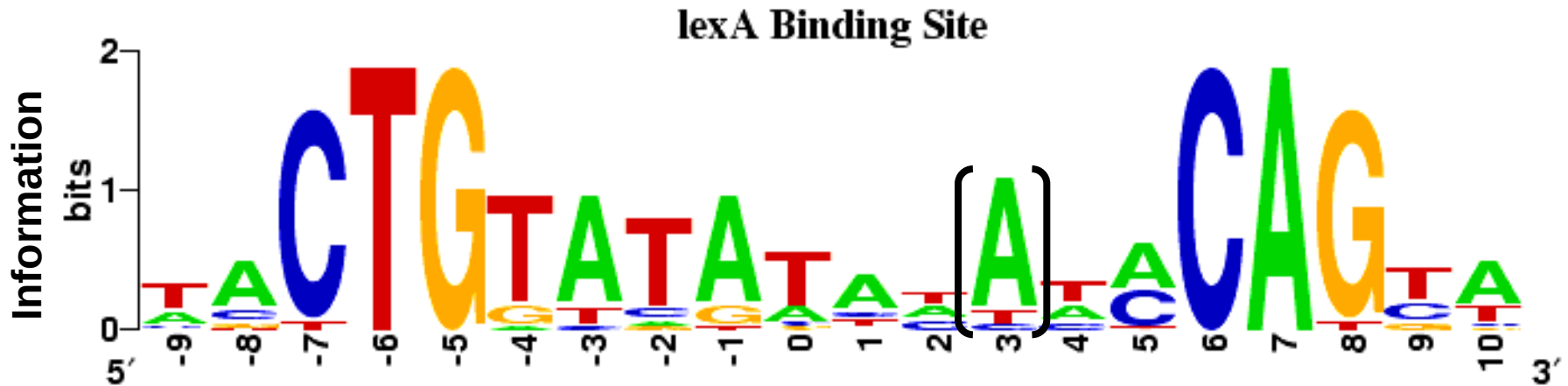
Visualizing Motifs – Motif Logos

Represent both **base frequency** and **conservation** at each position



Motif Information

The height of a stack is often called the **motif information** at that position measured in bits



$$\text{Motif Position Information} = 2 - \sum_{b=\{A,T,G,C\}} -p_b \log p_b$$

Why is this a measure of information?

Online Logo Generation

WebLogo

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(⇒ [WebLogo 3: Public Beta](#))

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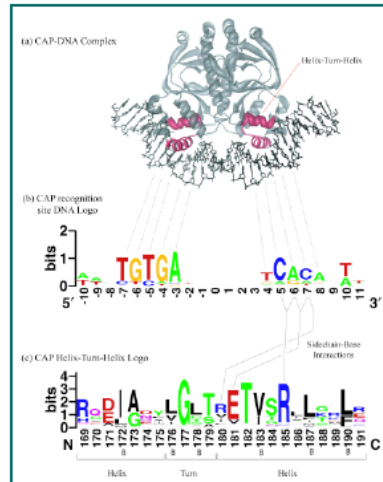
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Introduction

[WebLogo](#) is a web based application designed to make the [generation](#) of sequence logos as easy and painless as possible. Click [here](#) to create your own sequence logos.

[Sequence logos](#) are a graphical representation of an amino acid or nucleic acid multiple sequence alignment developed by [Tom Schneider](#) and [Mike Stephens](#). Each logo consists of stacks of symbols, one stack for each position in the sequence. The overall height of the stack indicates the sequence conservation at that position, while the height of symbols within the stack indicates the relative frequency of each amino or nucleic acid at that position. In general, a sequence logo provides a richer and more precise description of, for example, a binding site, than would a consensus sequence.



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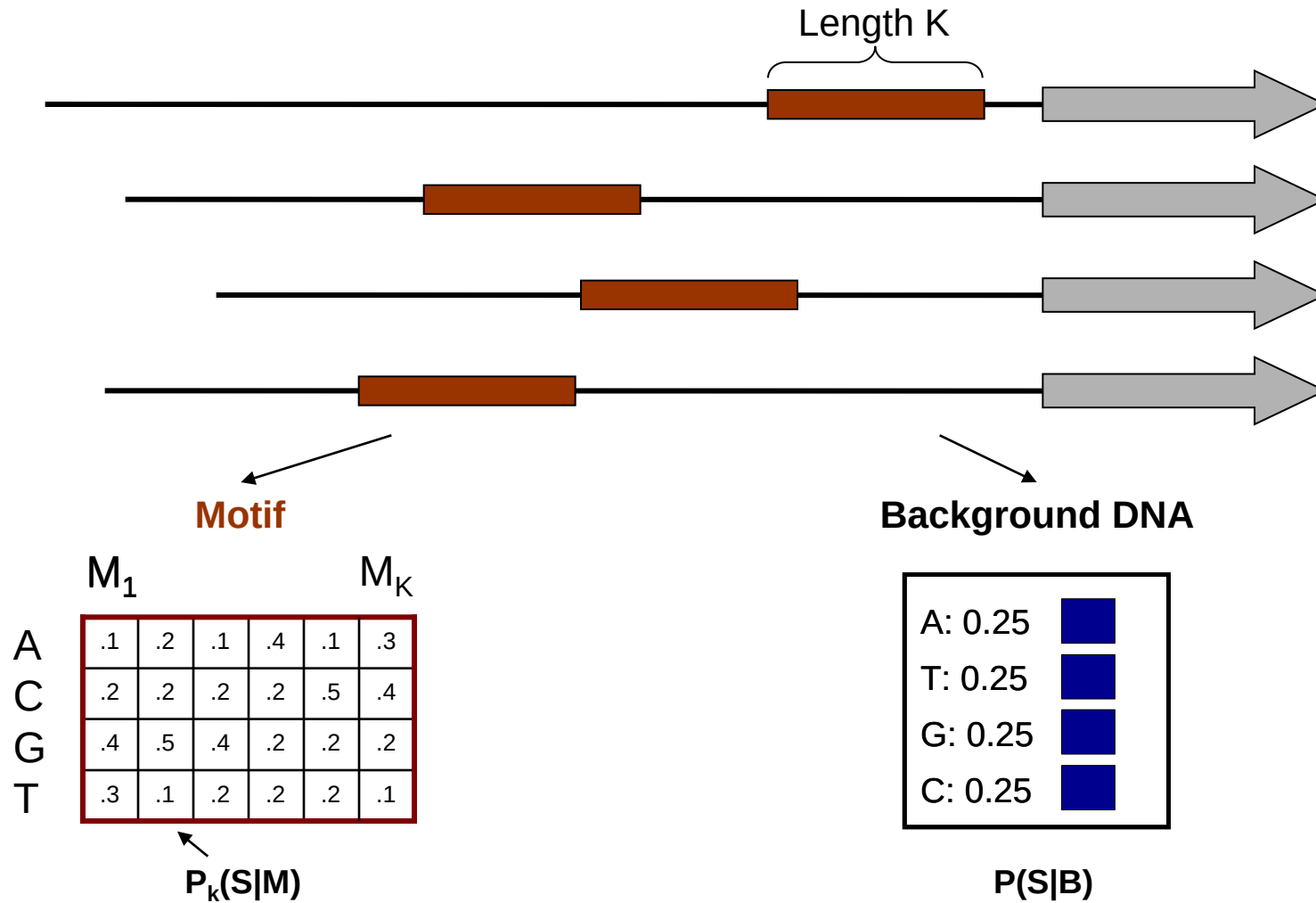
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Finding New Motifs

Learning Motif Models

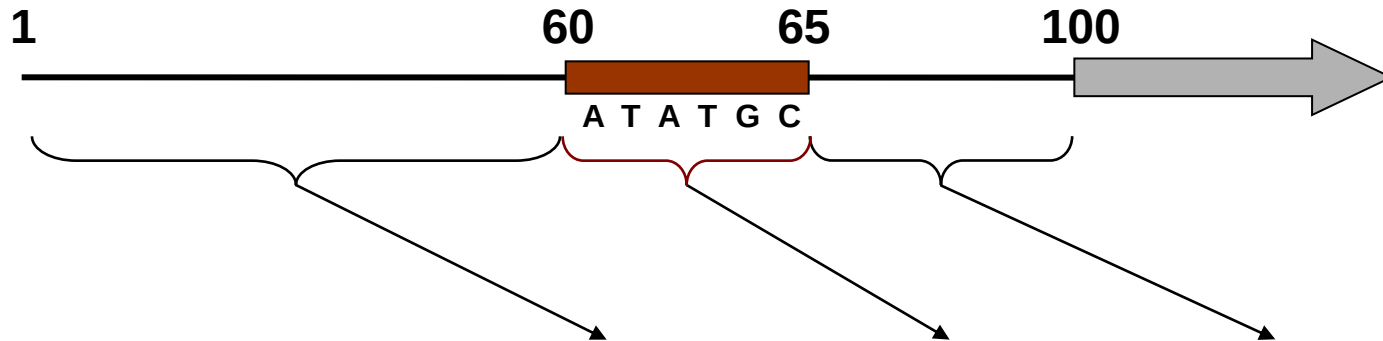
A Promoter Model



The same motif model in all promoters

Probability of a Sequence

Given a sequence(s), motif *model* and motif *location*



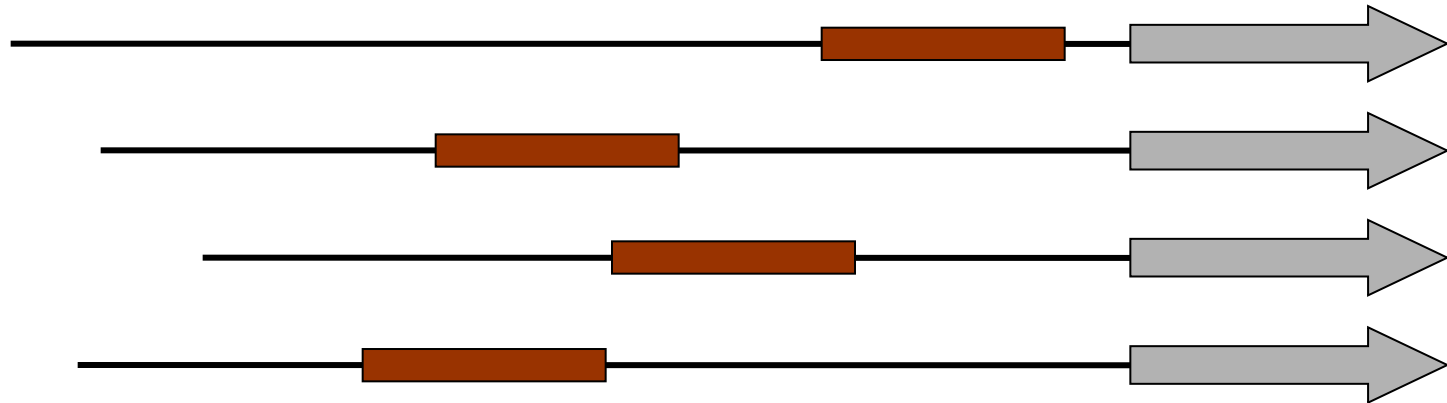
$$P(\text{Seq} \mid \text{Mstart} = 10, \text{Model}) = \prod_{i=1}^{59} P(S_i \mid B) \prod_{k=1}^6 P_k(S_{k+63} \mid M) \prod_{i=66}^{100} P(S_i \mid B)$$

S_i = nucleotide at position i in the sequence

	M_1				M_K	
A	.1	.2	.1	.4	.1	.3
C	.2	.2	.2	.2	.5	.4
G	.4	.5	.4	.2	.2	.2
T	.3	.1	.2	.2	.2	.1

Parameterizing the Motif Model

Given multiple sequences and motif locations but **no motif model**



AATGCG
ATATGG
ATATCG
GATGCA

Count Frequencies

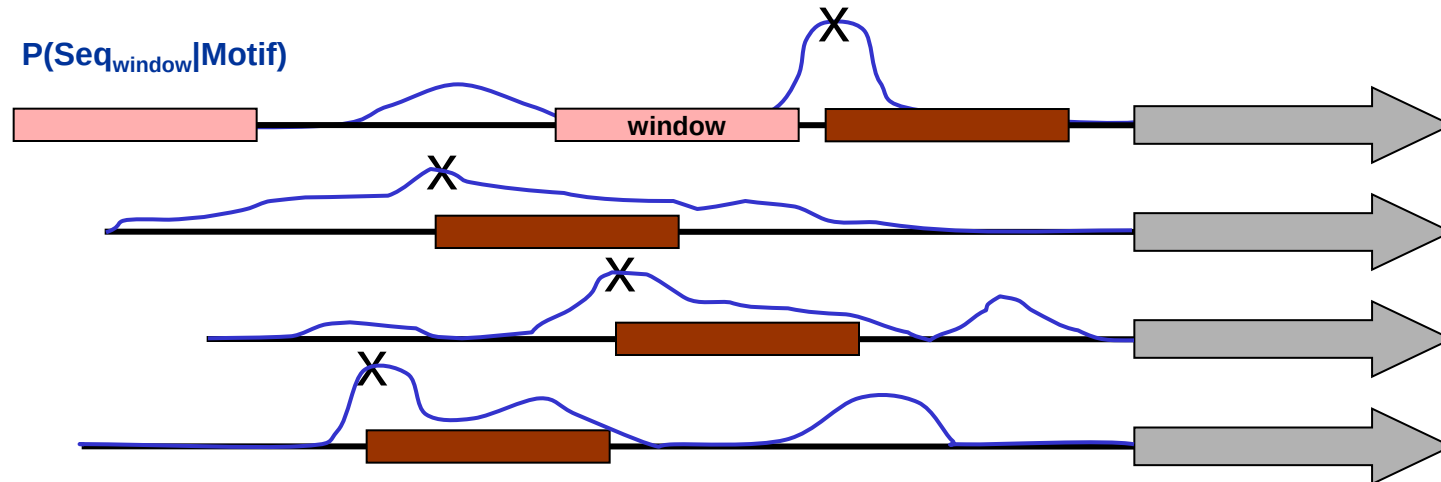
Add pseudocounts

	M ₁					M ₆
A	3/4					
C						
G						3/4
T						

ETC...

Finding Known Motifs

Given multiple sequences and motif model but **no motif locations**



Calculate $P(\text{Seq}_{\text{window}}|\text{Motif})$ for every starting location

Choose best starting location in each sequence

Discovering Motifs

Given a set of co-regulated genes, we need to discover
with **only sequences**

*We have neither a motif model nor motif locations
Need to discover both*

How can we approach this problem?

Expectation Maximization (EM)

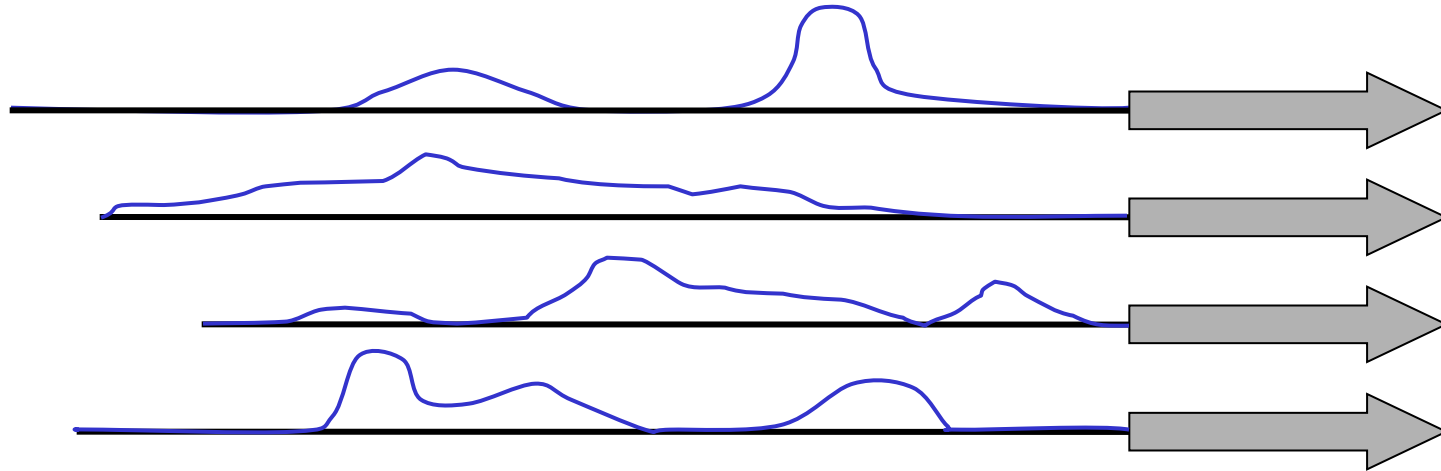
Remember the basic idea!

1. Use **model** to **estimate** (distribution of) **missing data**
2. Use estimate to **update** model
3. **Repeat** until convergence

Model is the motif model

Missing data are the motif locations

EM for Motif Discovery



A C G T	.1	.2	.1	.4	.1	.3
	.2	.2	.2	.2	.5	.4
	.4	.5	.4	.2	.2	.2
	.3	.1	.2	.2	.2	.1

A	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.3
C	.2	.3	.2	.2	.5	.1

At each iteration, $P(\text{Sequences}|\text{Model})$ guaranteed to increase

ETC...

MEME

- **MEME** - implements EM for motif discovery in DNA and proteins
- **MAST** – search sequences for motifs given a model



THE MEME/MAST SYSTEM

Motif Discovery and Search

Version 3.5.4

The MEME/MAST system allows you to

1. **discover** motifs (highly conserved regions) in groups of related DNA or protein sequences using **MEME** and,
2. **search** sequence databases using motifs using **MAST**.

- **Authors:** The MEME/MAST system was developed by **Timothy Bailey**, **Charles Elkan**, and **Bill Noble** at the UCSD Computer Science and Engineering department with input from **Michael Gribskov** at Purdue University.
- **Publications:** MEME and MAST are described in detail in the **papers** available here.
- **FAQ:** Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about MEME and MAST are given in the **GENERAL FAQ**.
- **User Forum:** Visit the **MEME User Forum** for online discussions with the MEME support team memebbers and other MEME users.
- **Email support:** **Contact us** if you have questions that are not answered in the FAQ or User Forum.
- **Sample Output:** You can see **sample MEME output** or **sample MAST output**.
- **Release Notes:** Differences between the current release of the MEME/MAST system and earlier releases are described in the **release notes**.
- **Downloads:** You can **download** the MEME/MAST software and install it on your own computer. This will allow you to use many features that are not available with the interactive versions of MEME and MAST.
- **License:** MEME and MAST are copyrighted software and can be **licensed** for commercial use.
- **Meta-MEME:** **Meta-MEME** combines motif models from MEME into a hidden Markov model framework for use in searching sequence databases.

Developed and maintained by:



<http://meme.sdsc.edu/meme/>

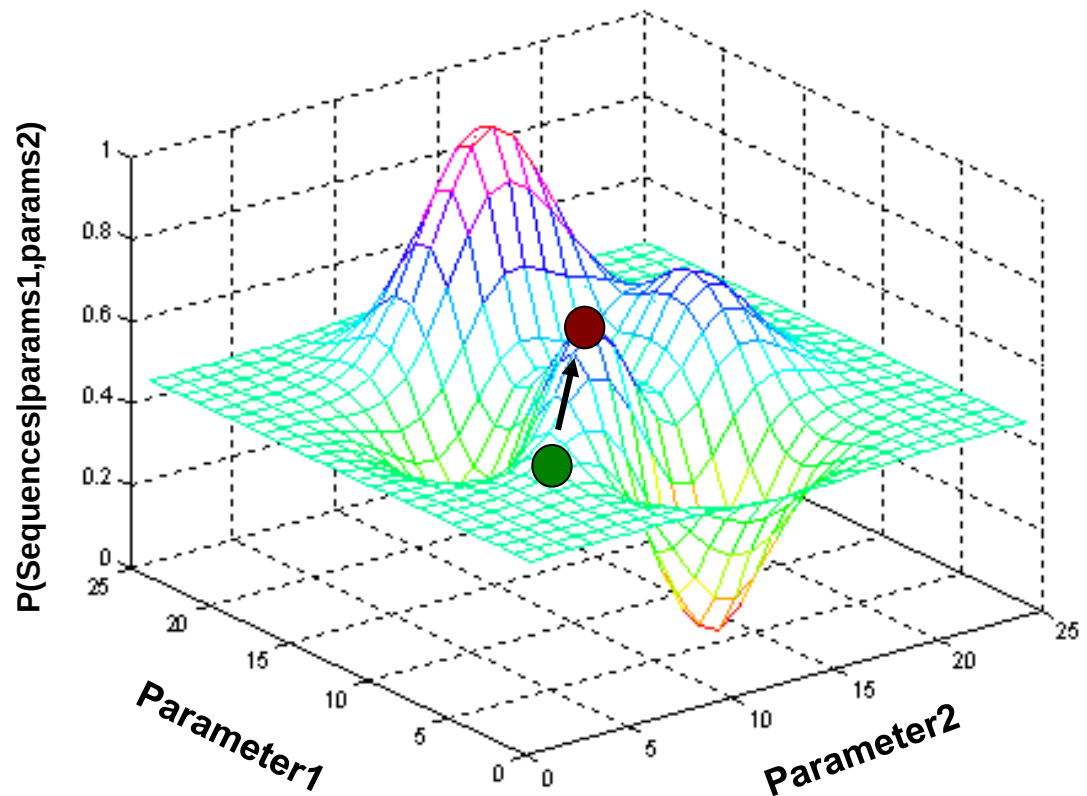
P(Seq|Model) Landscape

EM searches for parameters to increase $P(\text{seqs}|\text{parameters})$

Useful to think of $P(\text{seqs}|\text{parameters})$ as a **function of parameters**

EM starts at an **initial** set of parameters ●

And then “climbs uphill” until it reaches a **local maximum** ●



Where EM starts can make a big difference

Search from Many Different Starts

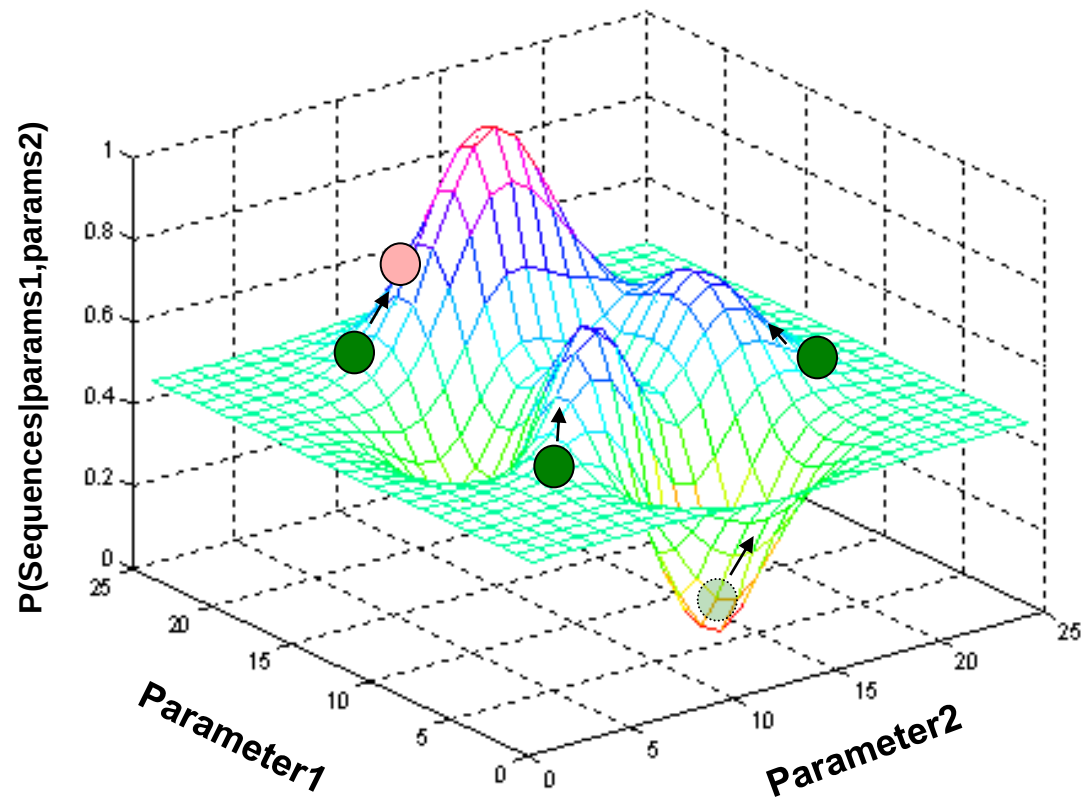
To minimize the effects of local maxima, you should search multiple times from different starting points

MEME uses this idea

Start at many points

Run for one iteration

Choose starting point that got the “highest” and continue

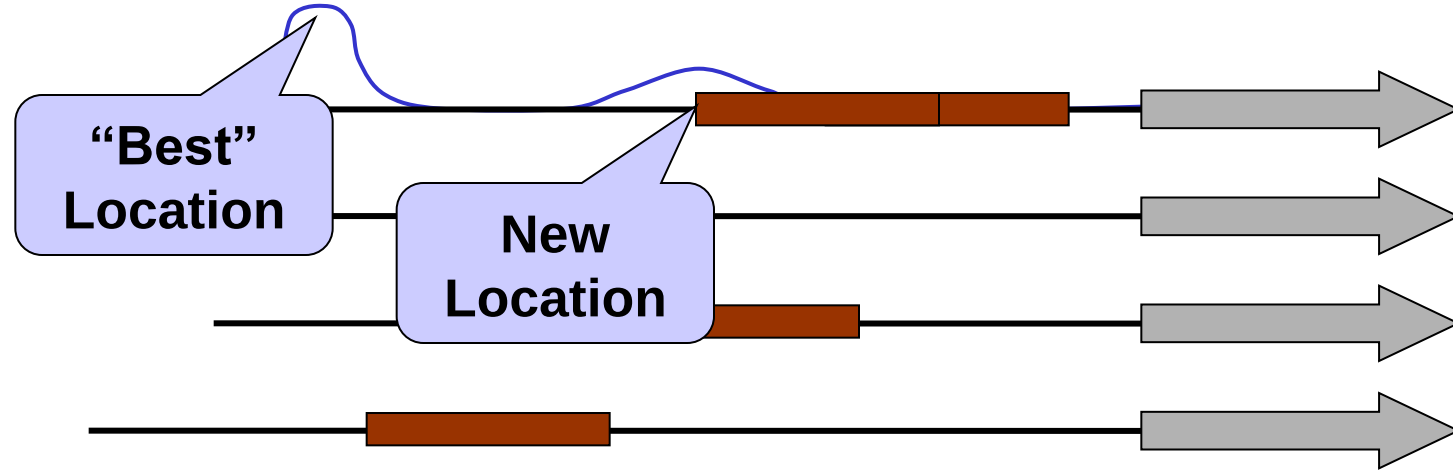


Gibbs Sampling

A stochastic version of EM that differs from deterministic EM in two key ways

- 1. At each iteration, we only update the motif position of a single sequence**
- 2. We may update a motif position to a “suboptimal” new position**

Gibbs Sampling



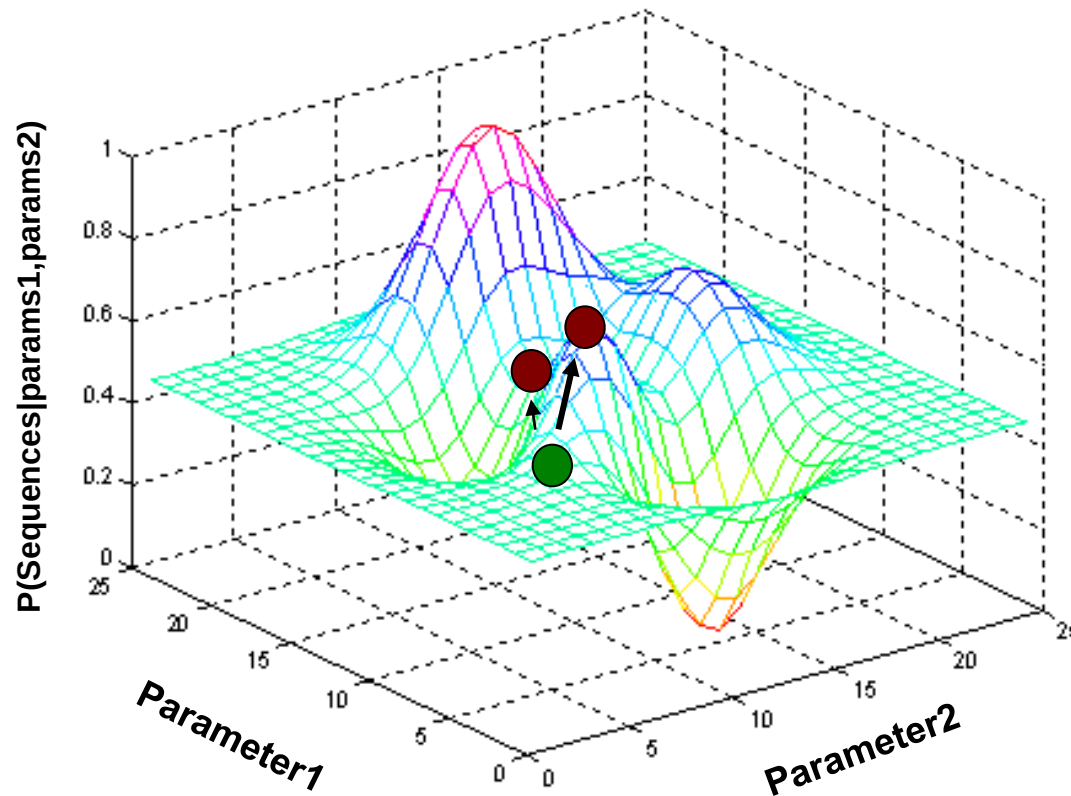
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	.3	.1	.2	.2	.2	.1

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ETC...

Gibbs Sampling and Climbing

Because gibbs sampling does not always choose the best new location
it can move to another place not directly uphill



In theory, Gibbs Sampling less likely to get stuck a local maxima

AlignACE

- **Implements Gibbs sampling for motif discovery**
 - Several enhancements
- **ScanAce** – look for motifs in a sequence given a model
- **CompareAce** – calculate “similarity” between two motifs (i.e. for clustering motifs)

AlignACE 3.0

Only input sequences of less than 50kb are allowed. Results will appear at the bottom of this page.

Enter sequence description (characters, numbers, and underscores only, no spaces or special symbols)

Number of columns to align

Number of sites to expect

Fractional background GC content

Enter FASTA-formatted sequence below:

<http://atlas.med.harvard.edu/cgi-bin/alignace.pl>

Assessing Motif Quality

Scan the genome for all instances and associate with nearest genes

- **Category Enrichment** – look for association between motif and sets of genes. Score using [Hypergeometric distribution](#)
 - Functional Category
 - Gene Families
 - Protein Complexes
- **Group Specificity** – how restricted are motif instances to the promoter sequences used to find the motif?
- **Positional Bias** – do motif instances cluster at a certain distance from the transcription start site (TSS)?
- **Orientation Bias** – do motifs appear preferentially upstream or downstream of genes?

Comparative Motif Prediction

Sequencing and comparison of yeast species to identify genes and regulatory elements

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Identifying the functional elements encoded in a genome is one of the principal challenges in modern biology. Comparative genomics should offer a powerful, general approach. Here, we present a comparative analysis of the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* based on high-quality draft sequences of three related species (*S. paradoxus*, *S. mikatae* and *S. bayanus*). We first aligned the genomes and characterized their evolution, defining the regions and mechanisms of change. We then developed methods for direct identification of genes and regulatory motifs. The gene analysis yielded a major revision to the yeast gene catalogue, affecting approximately 15% of all genes and reducing the total count by about 500 genes. The motif analysis automatically identified 72 genome-wide elements, including most known regulatory motifs and numerous new motifs. We inferred a putative function for most of these motifs, and provided insights into their combinatorial interactions. The results have implications for genome analysis of diverse organisms, including the human.

Extracting the complete functional information encoded in a genome—including the genic, regulatory and structural elements—is a central challenge in biological research. Ideally, one would be able to extract this information directly from the DNA sequence itself without recourse to extensive experimentation. At present, however, our ability to directly interpret genomes is rudimentary.

De novo identification of the complete set of protein-coding sequences remains imperfect, even in well-studied organisms with compact genomes. The yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, for example, has enjoyed a complete genome sequence since 1996 (ref. 1).

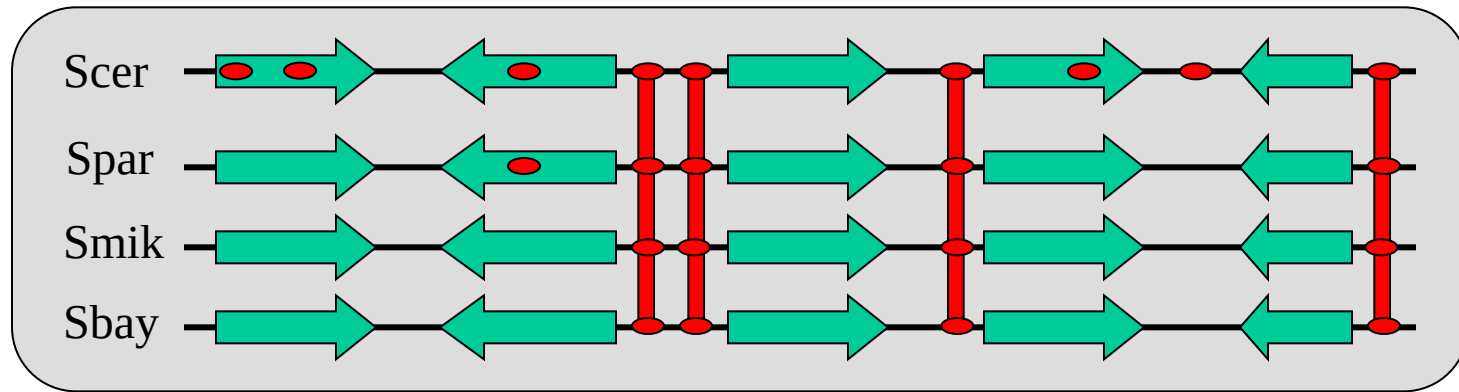
Previously been used to identify putative genes or regulatory elements in small genomic regions^{11–14}. Light sampling of whole-genome sequence has been studied as a way to improve genome annotation^{5,15}. Complete microbial genomes have been compared to identify pathogenic and other genes^{16–19}. Genome-wide comparison has been used to estimate the proportion of the mammalian genome under selection⁷.

The goal of this paper is to develop and apply general approaches for systematic analysis of protein-coding and regulatory elements within any genome by means of whole-genome comparisons with

Conservation of Motifs



Genome-wide conservation



Evaluate conservation within:	Gal4	Controls
(1) All intergenic regions	22%	5%
(2) Intergenic : coding	4:1	1:3
(3) Upstream : downstream	12:0	1:1

A signature for regulatory motifs

Finding Motifs in Yeast Genomes

M. Kellis PhD Thesis

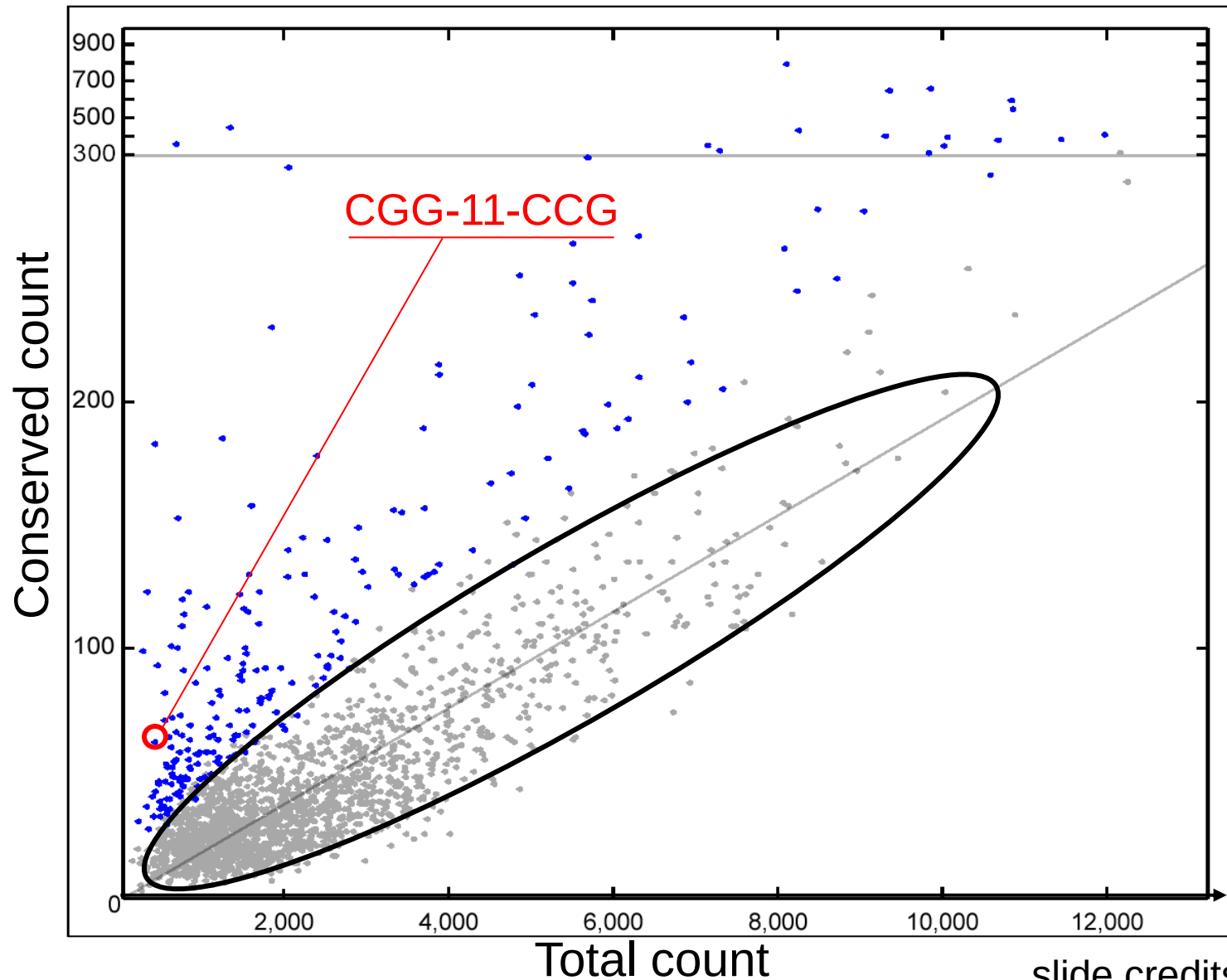
1. Enumerate all “mini-motifs”



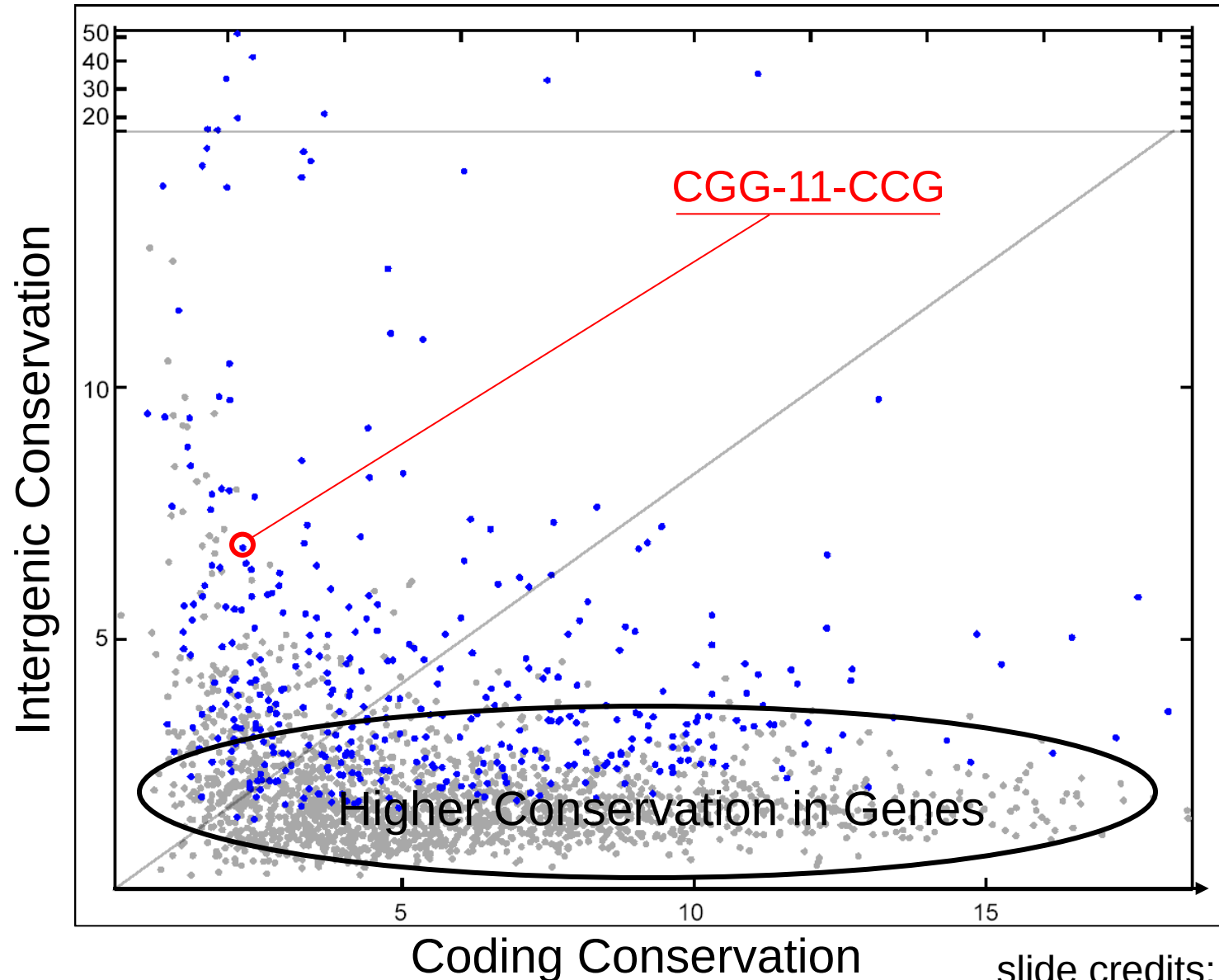
2. Apply three tests

1. Look for motifs **conserved in intergenic regions**
2. Look for motifs **more conserved intergenically than in genes**
3. Look for motifs **preferentially conserved upstream or downstream of genes**

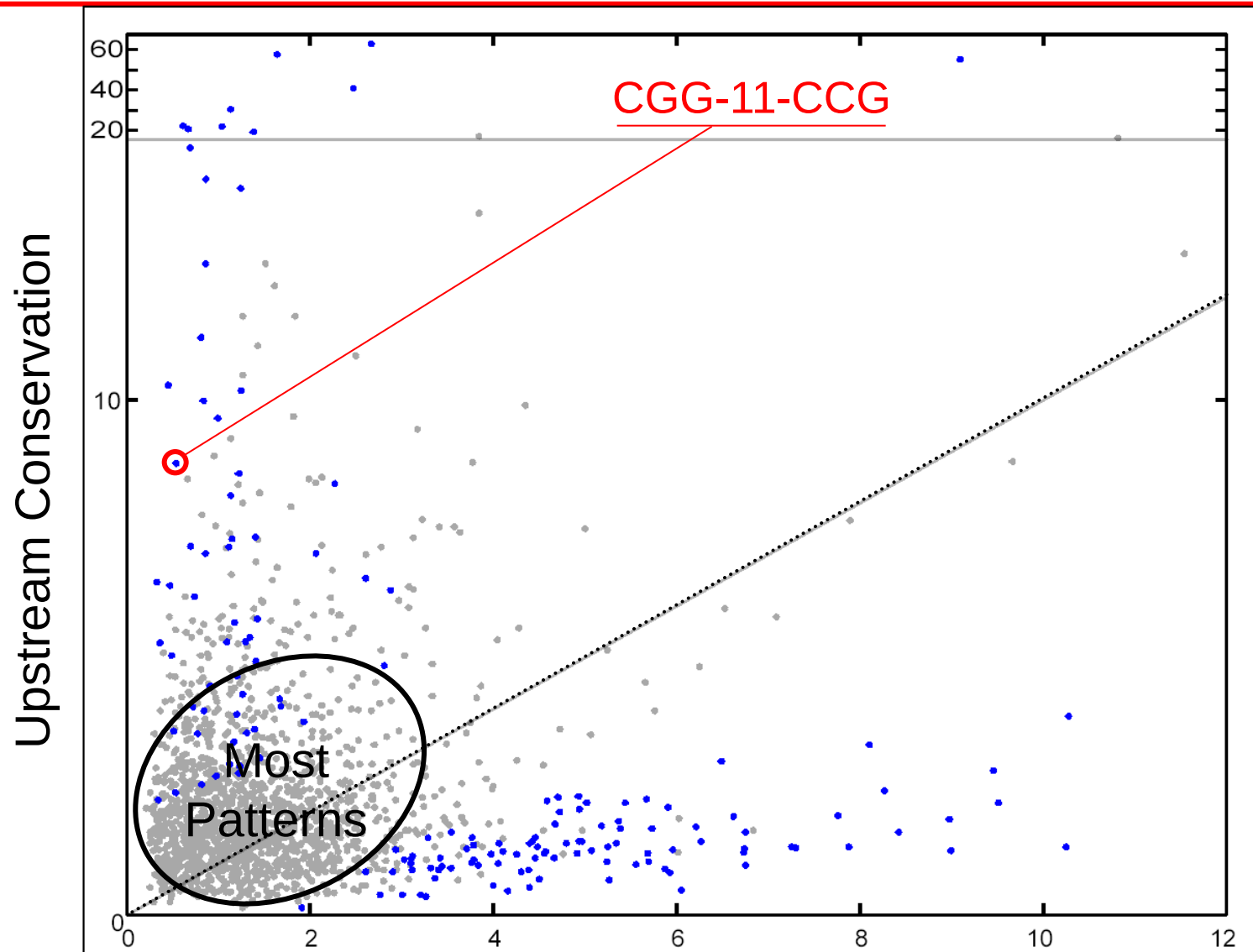
Test 1: Intergenic conservation



Test 2: Intergenic vs. Coding

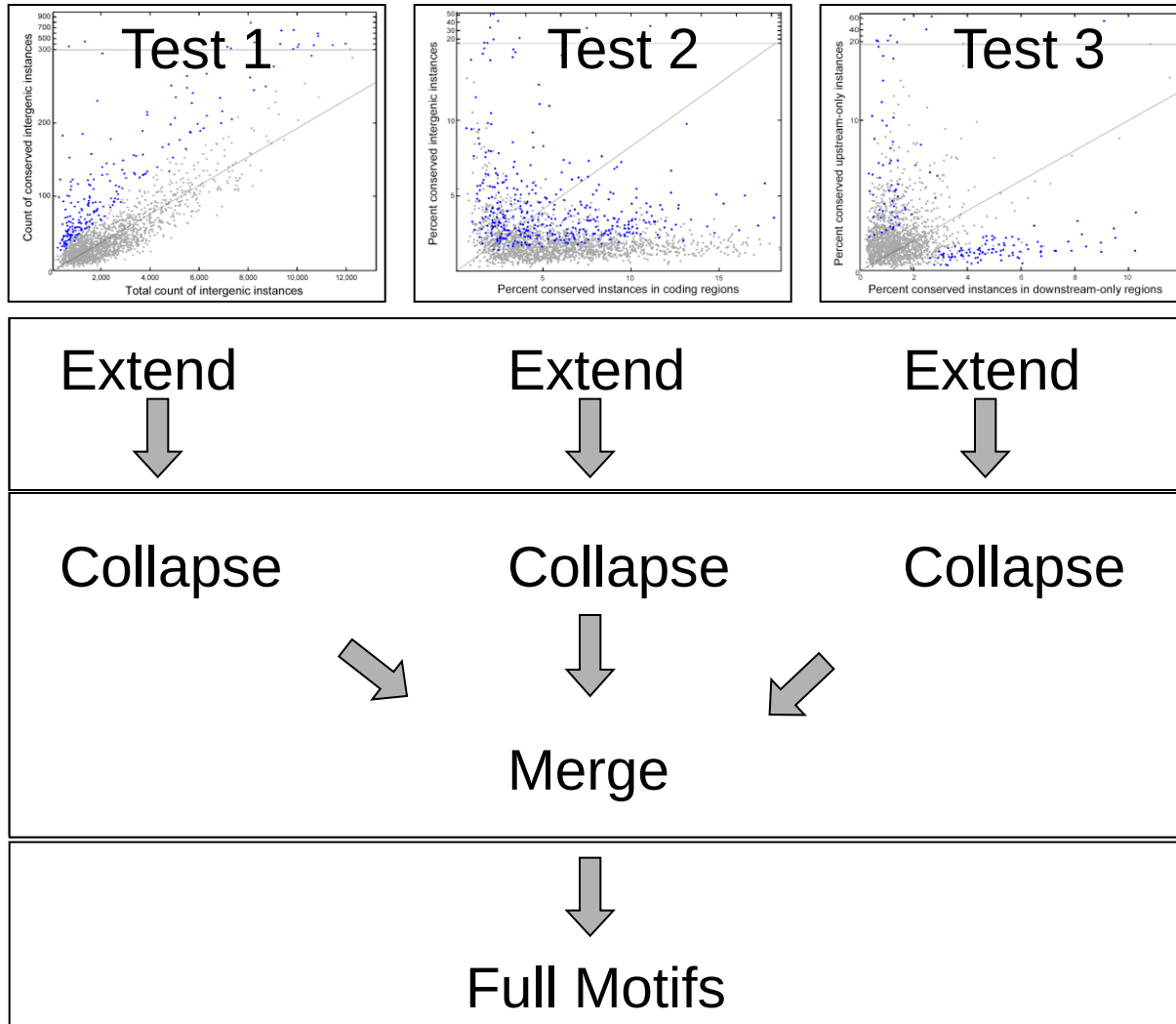


Test 3: Upstream vs. Downstream

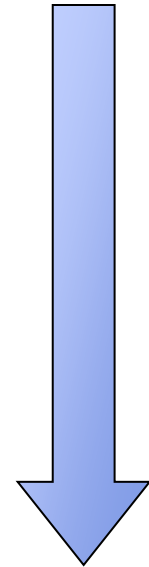


Downstream Conservation slide credits: M. Kellis

Constructing full motifs



2,000
Mini-motifs



72
Full motifs

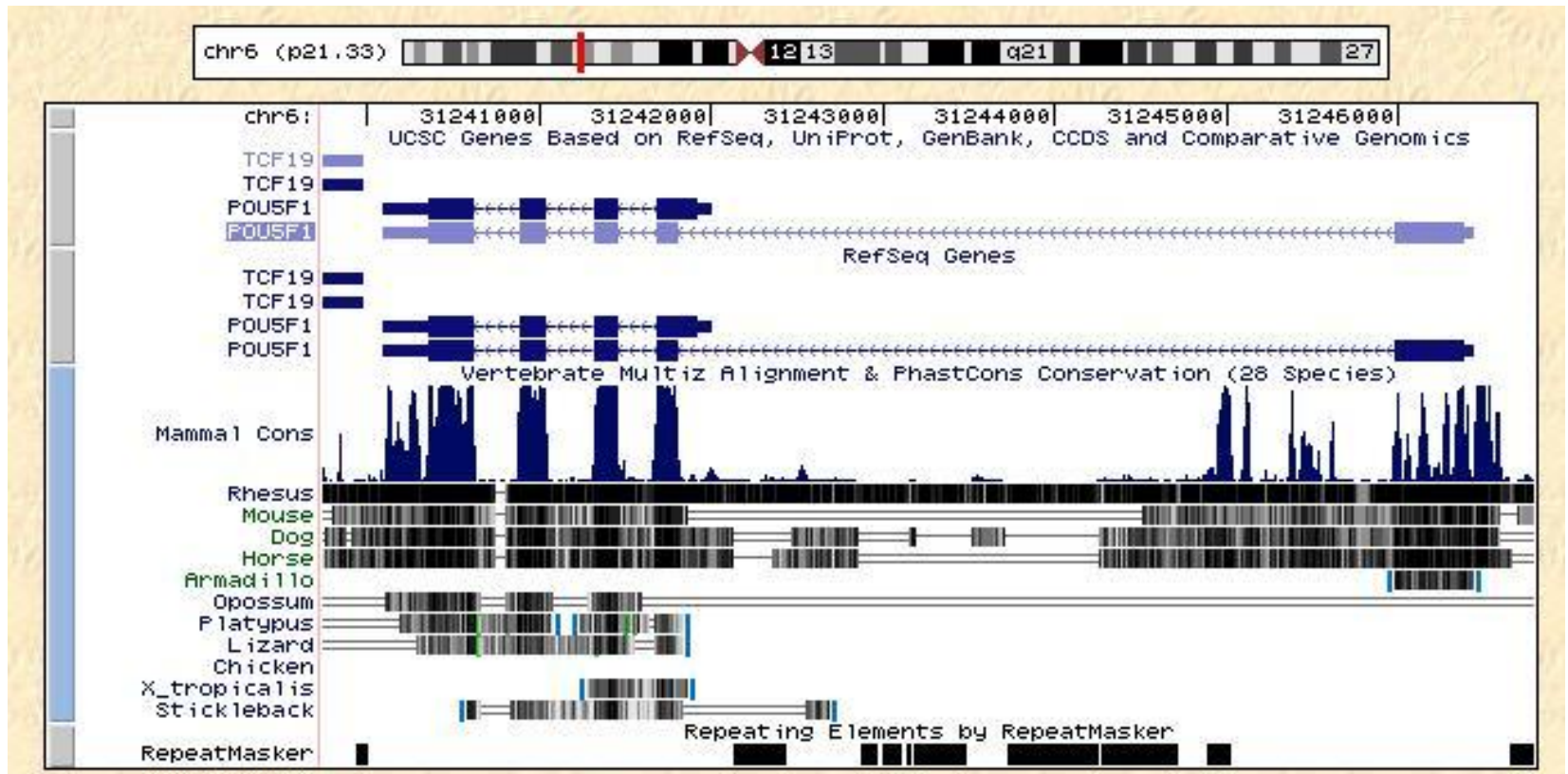
Results

Rank	Discovered Motif	Known TF motif	Tissue Enrichment	Distance bias
1	RCGCAnGCGY	NRF-1	Yes	Yes
2	CACGTG	MYC	Yes	Yes
3	SCGGAAGY	ELK-1	Yes	Yes
4	ACTAYRnnnCCCR		Yes	Yes
5	GATTGGY	NF-Y	Yes	Yes
6	GGGCGGR	SP1	Yes	Yes
7	TGAnTCA	AP-1	Yes	
8	TMTCGCGAnR		Yes	Yes
9	TGAYRTCA	ATF3	Yes	Yes
10	GCCATnTTG	YY1	Yes	
11	MGGAAGTG	GABP	Yes	Yes
12	CAGGTG	E12	Yes	
13	CTTTGT	LEF1	Yes	
14	TGACGTCA	ATF3	Yes	Yes
15	CAGCTG	AP-4	Yes	
16	RYTTCCTG	C-ETS-2	Yes	Yes
17	AACTTT	IRF1(*)	Yes	
18	TCAAnnTGAY	SREBP-1	Yes	Yes
19	GKCGCn(7)TGAY G		Yes	Yes

- 174 promoter motifs
 - ✓ 70 match known TF motifs
 - ✓ 60 show positional bias
 - ➔ 75% have evidence
- Control sequences
 - < 2% match known TF motifs
 - < 3% show positional bias
 - ➔ < 7% false positives

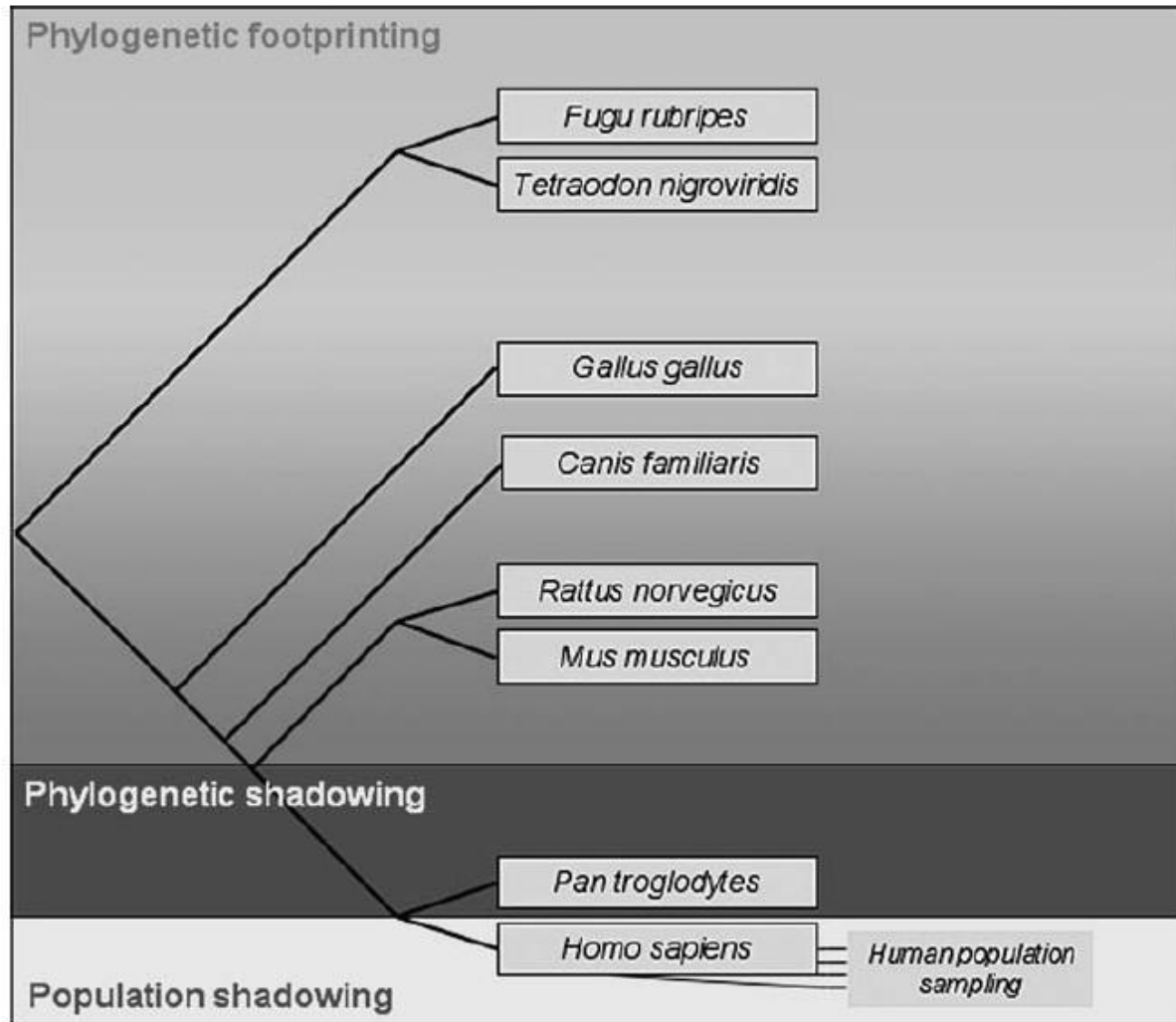
Phylogenetic Footprinting

Functional elements tend to be conserved across species



For example, exons are conserved due to the selection pressure. Introns and intergenic regions are less likely to be conserved.

Phylogenetic footprinting



Miller et al. Annu. Rev. Genomics Hum. Genet. 2004

Incorporating cross-species conservation into motif discovery

- A threshold method (Wasserman et al. Nature Genetics, 2000)

STEP1: construct cross-species alignment

STEP2: compute conservation measure from the alignment

STEP3: Non-conserved regions are filtered out

STEP4: Gibbs motif sampler is applied to conserved regions of the target genome

Phylogenetic footprinting & motif discovery

- CompareProspector (Liu Y. et al. Genome Res. 2004)

STEP1: construct cross-species alignment

STEP2: compute conservation measure (window percent identity, WPID) from the alignment

STEP3: multiply the likelihood ratio at a position by the corresponding WPID, thus likelihood landscape is changed to favor conserved sites

STEP4: apply a Gibbs motif sampler based algorithm

Phylogenetic footprinting & motif discovery

- Evolutionary model based approach
EMnEM (Moses et al. 2004)
PhyME (Sinha et al. 2004)
PhyloGibbs (Siddharthan et al. 2005)
Tree Sampler (Li and Wong, 2005)

Evolution of Regulation

Outline of Questions

- Conserved and evolved properties
- Mechanisms of conservation and evolution
- Bridging Genotype and Phenotype

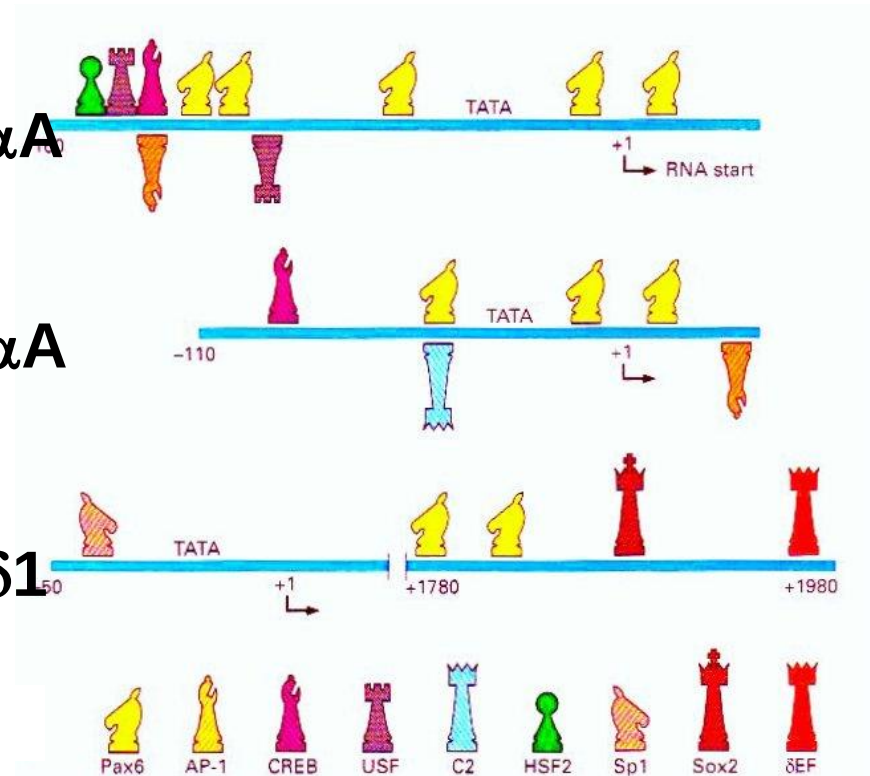
Cis-Regulatory Factors

- Composition
- Location
- Modules...

chicken αA

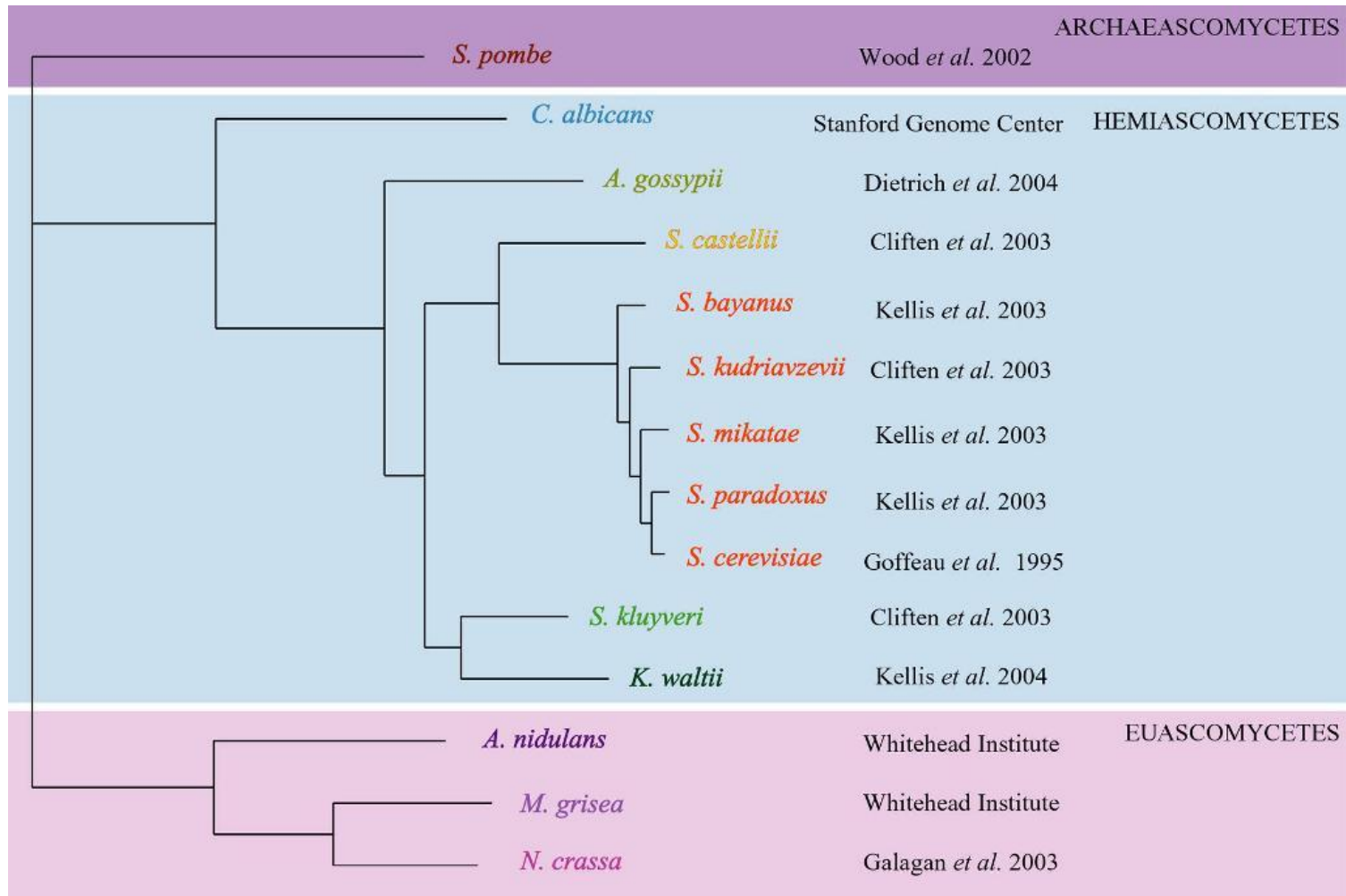
mouse αA

mouse $\delta 1$



Gene control regions for eye lens
crystallins

The Fungal Family



Conservation and Evolution of *Cis*-Regulatory Systems in Ascomycete Fungi

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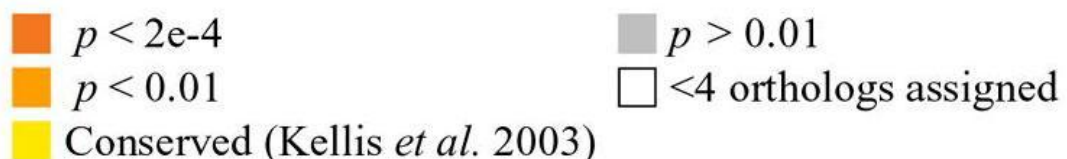
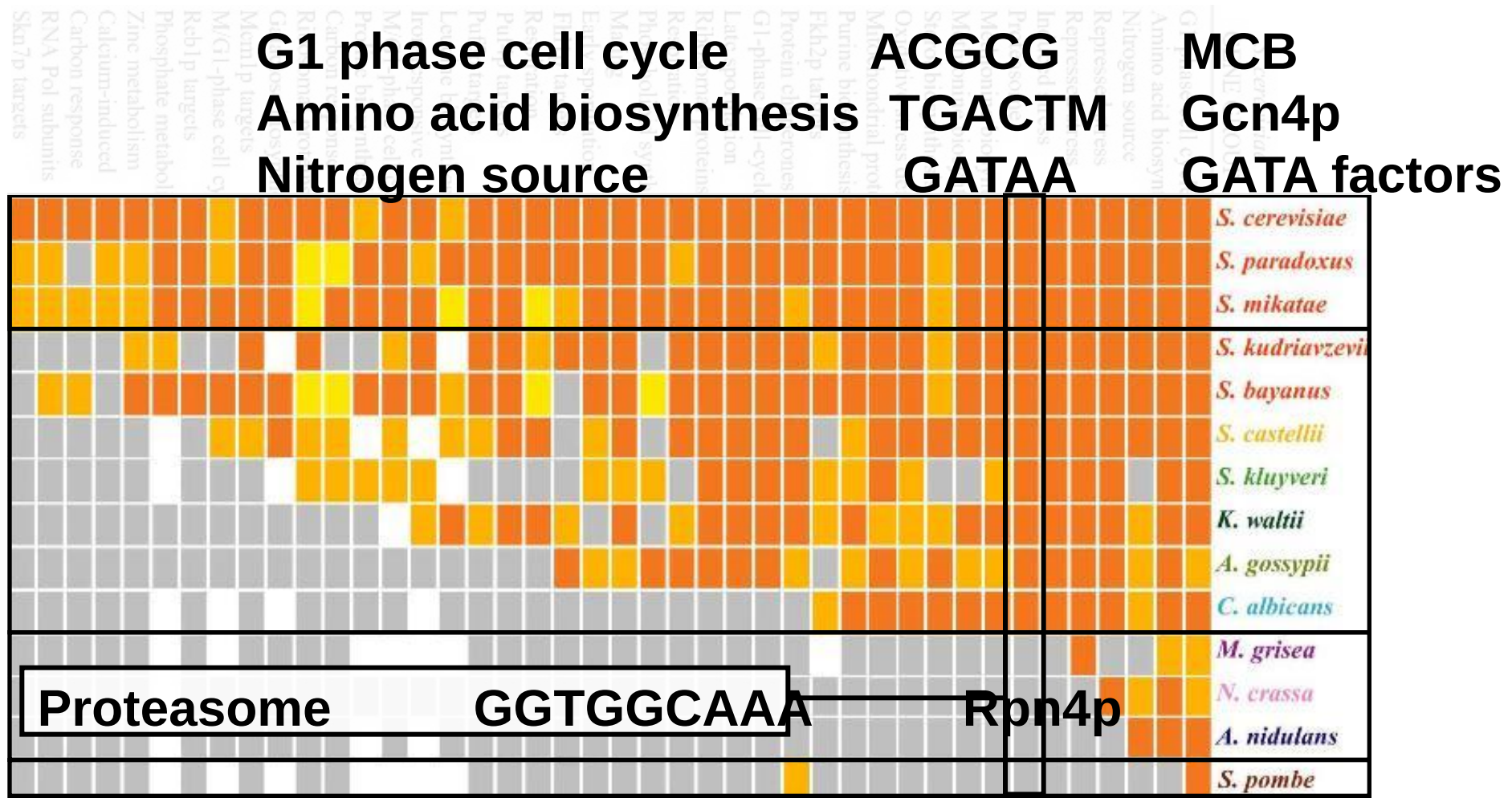
Goal

- Explore evolution of gene expression regulation
 - Mainly through examination of *cis-elements*

Large Scale Analysis

- Identify 264 co-regulated gene groups in *S. cerevisiae*
- Putative *cis*-regulatory elements
 - 80 known consensus binding sites
 - 597 elements by motif search with MEME
- Score enrichment of genes containing each putative element
 - 42 *cis*-elements in 35 unique groups
- Orthologous modules in other species
- Enrichment of orthologous modules

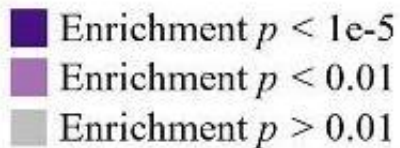
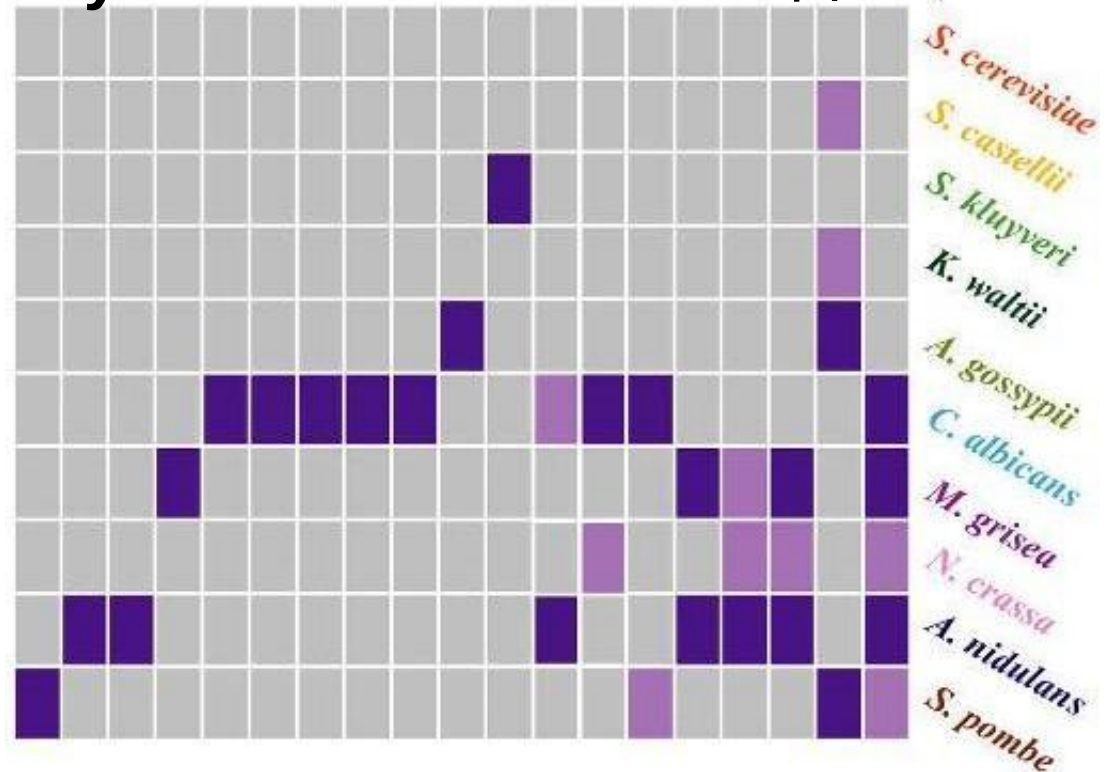
Conservation of *S. cerevisiae* motifs



Novel Sequences

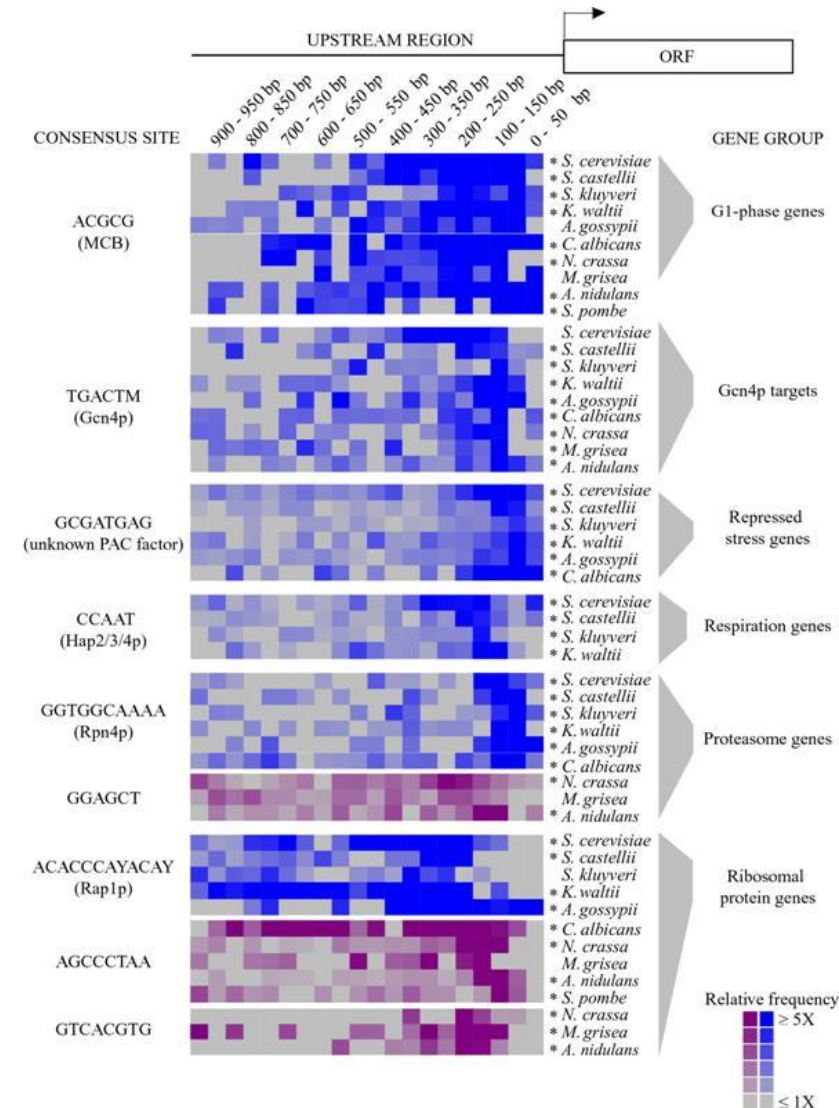
Ribosomal proteins
Ribosomal proteins
tRNA synthetases

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GTGACTGT
TGACTCAN

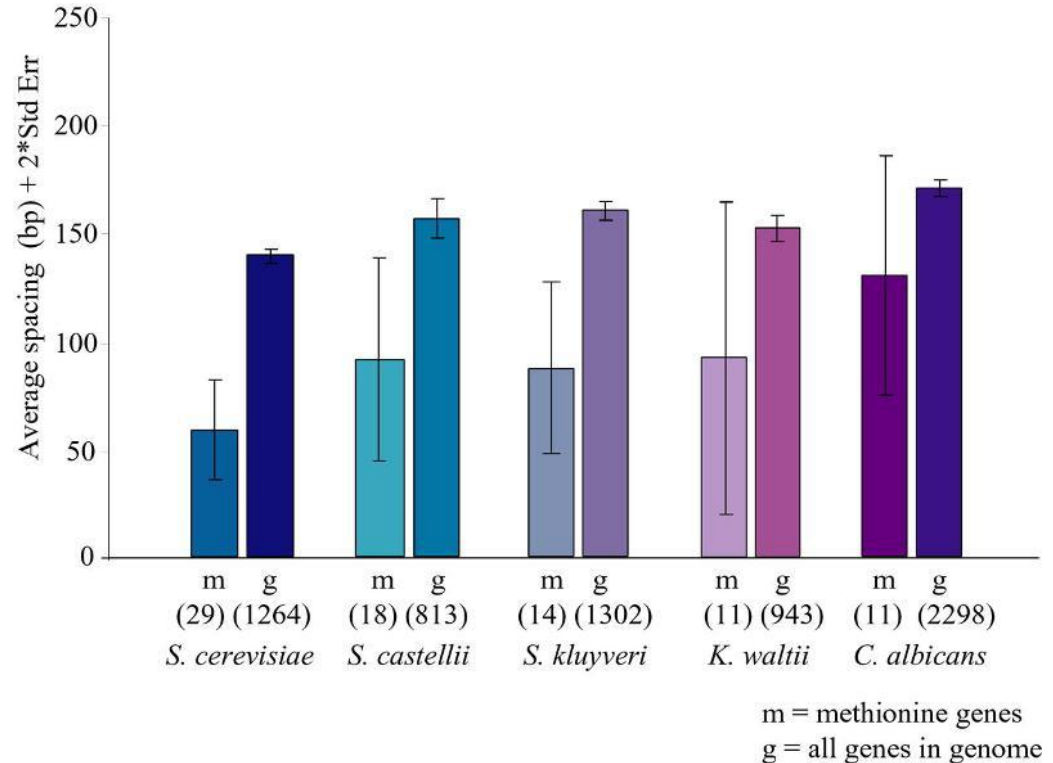


Positions of binding sites

- Non random distribution
- Similar across species



Spacing between binding sites in Methionine Biosynthesis genes



- Small distance between Cbf1p and Met31/32p
- Conserved across species
- Independent of exact positions

Zooming In – The Proteasome

- The proteasome is regulated by Rpn4p
 - Consensus sequence enriched across all hemiascomycete
 - Slight differences between *C. Albicans* and *S. Serevisiae*
- ➔ Exploring evolution of the sequence

Conservation and evolvability in regulatory networks: The evolution of ribosomal regulation in yeast

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Transcriptional modules of coregulated genes play a key role in regulatory networks. Comparative studies show that modules of coexpressed genes are conserved across taxa. However, little is known about the mechanisms underlying the evolution of module

boring both cis-elements in a tightly coupled configuration. The full spectrum of evolutionary events we discovered, encompassing both conservation and divergence, provides a general framework for the study of the evolution of transcription regulation and highlights the

Goals

- Learn mechanisms of evolution of regulation systems
- Integrating comparative expression and sequence analysis

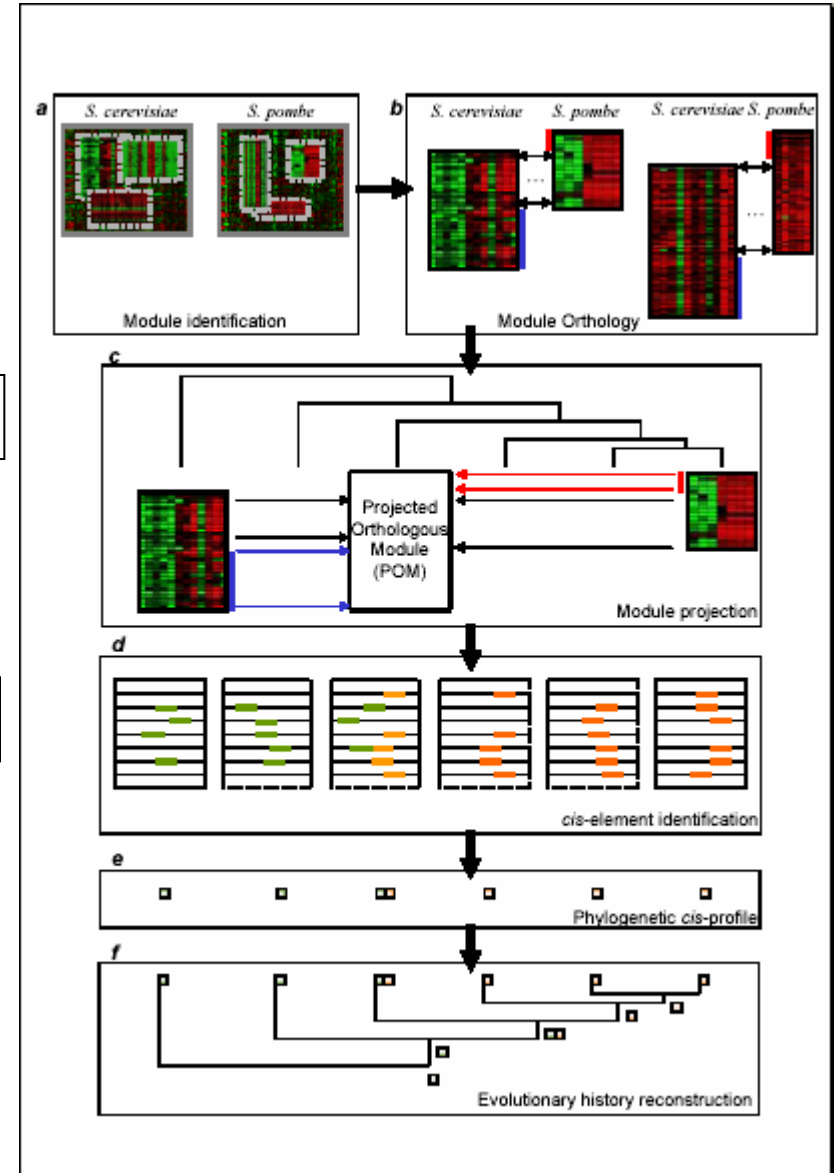
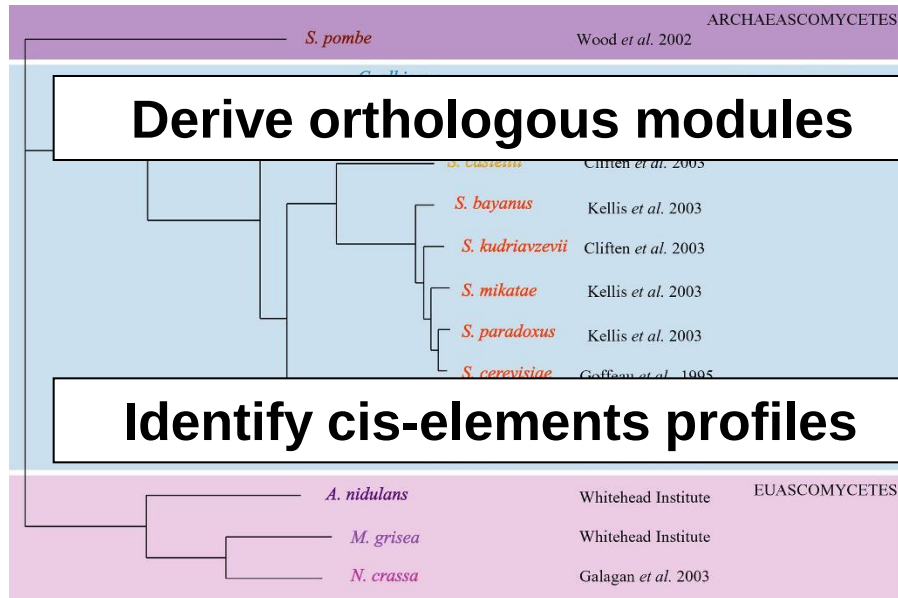
Computational framework

Identify conserved modules

Derive orthologous modules

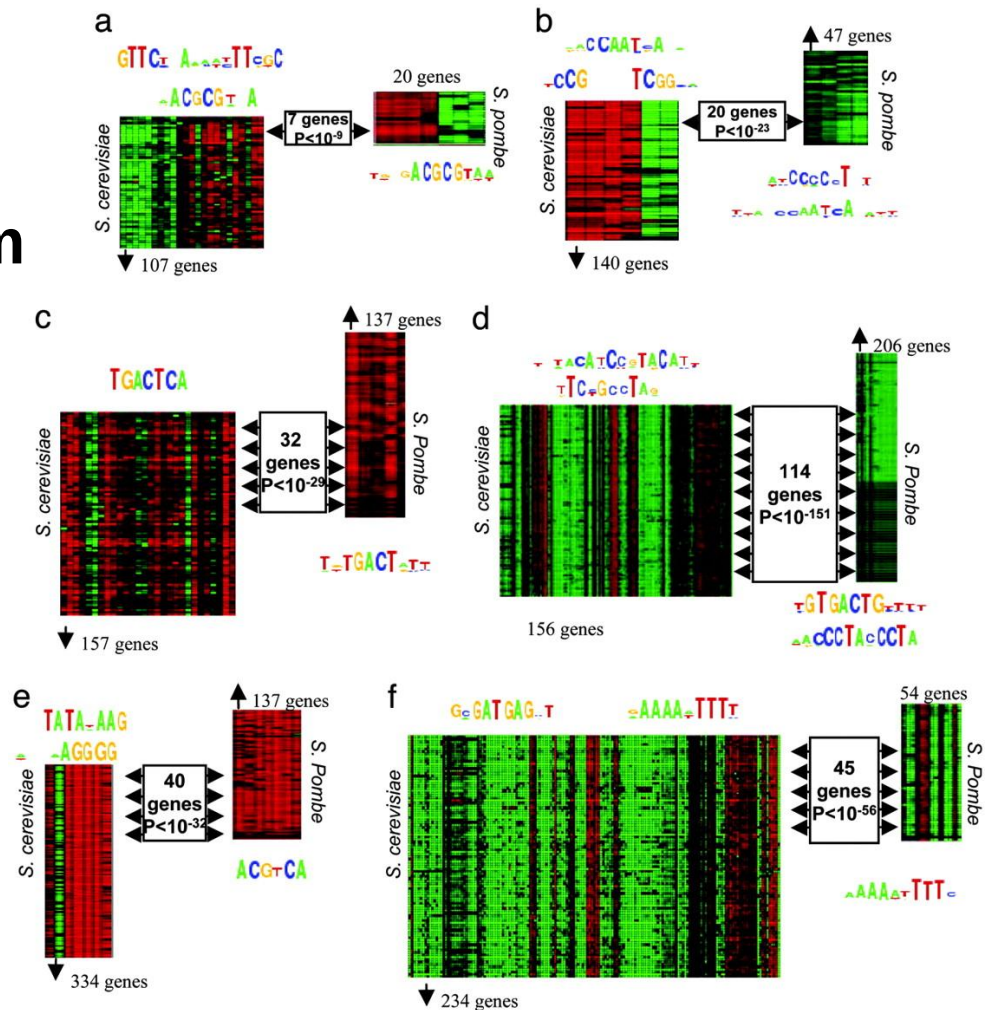
Identify cis-elements profiles

Reconstruction of evolution



Orthologous Modules in Yeast

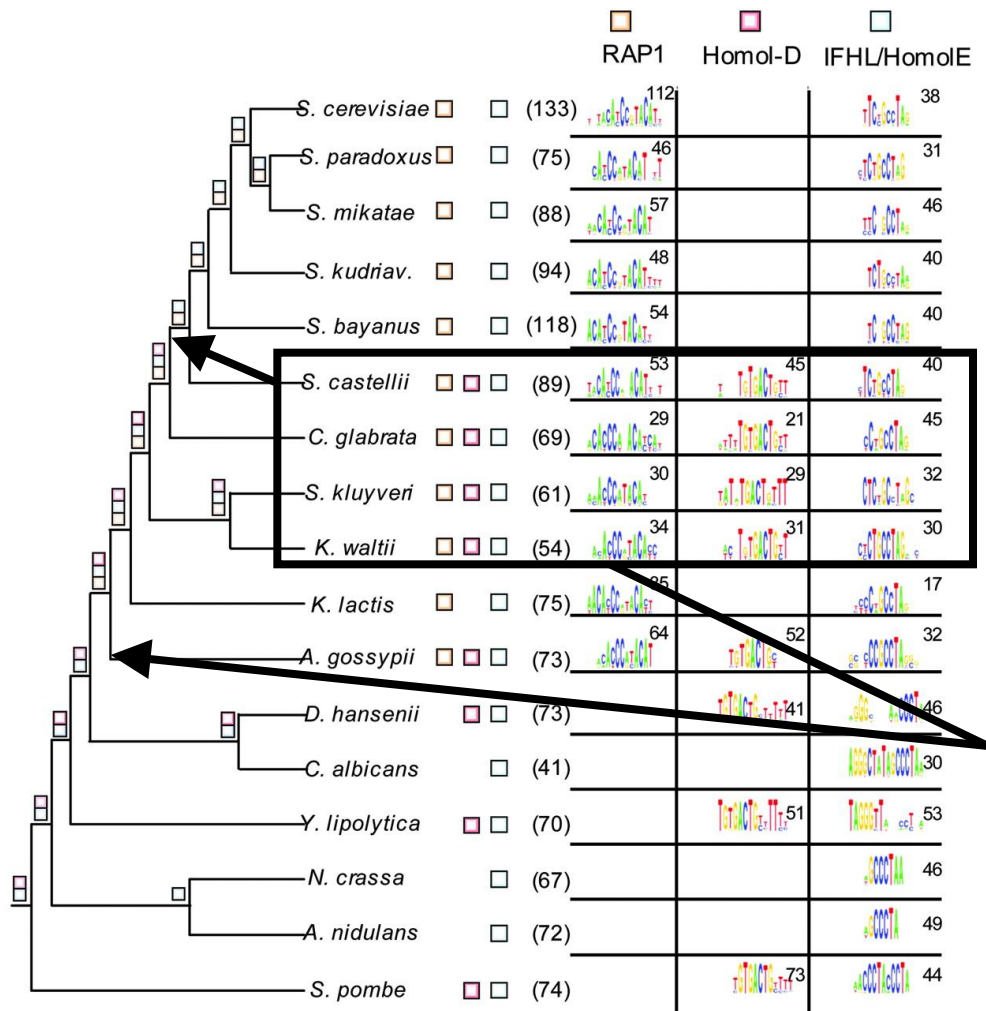
- a. S-phase module
- b. Respiration
- c. Amino acid metabolism
- d. Ribosomal proteins synthesis
- e. Stress
- f. Ribosome biogenesis



Conserved and Diverged ~~Regulatory Mechanisms~~

- Conserved cis-elements – Respiration module
 - Mlu cell cycle element (ACGCGT)
 - Bound by MBF complexes in both species
- Diverged - Ribosomal protein synthesis
 - RAP1 and IFHL in *S. cerevisiae*
(TACATCCGTACAT & TCCGCCTAG resp.)
 - Homol-D box and Homol-E site in *S. pombe*
(TGTGACTG & ACCCTACCCTA)
- Conserved and diverged – Ribosome biogenesis module

The evolution of the Ribosomal Regulatory Program



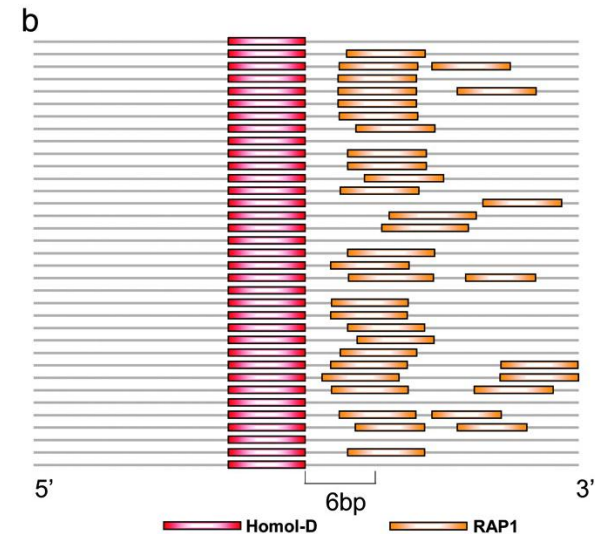
Gradual Evolution in the IFHL Box

Apparent redundancy of binding sites

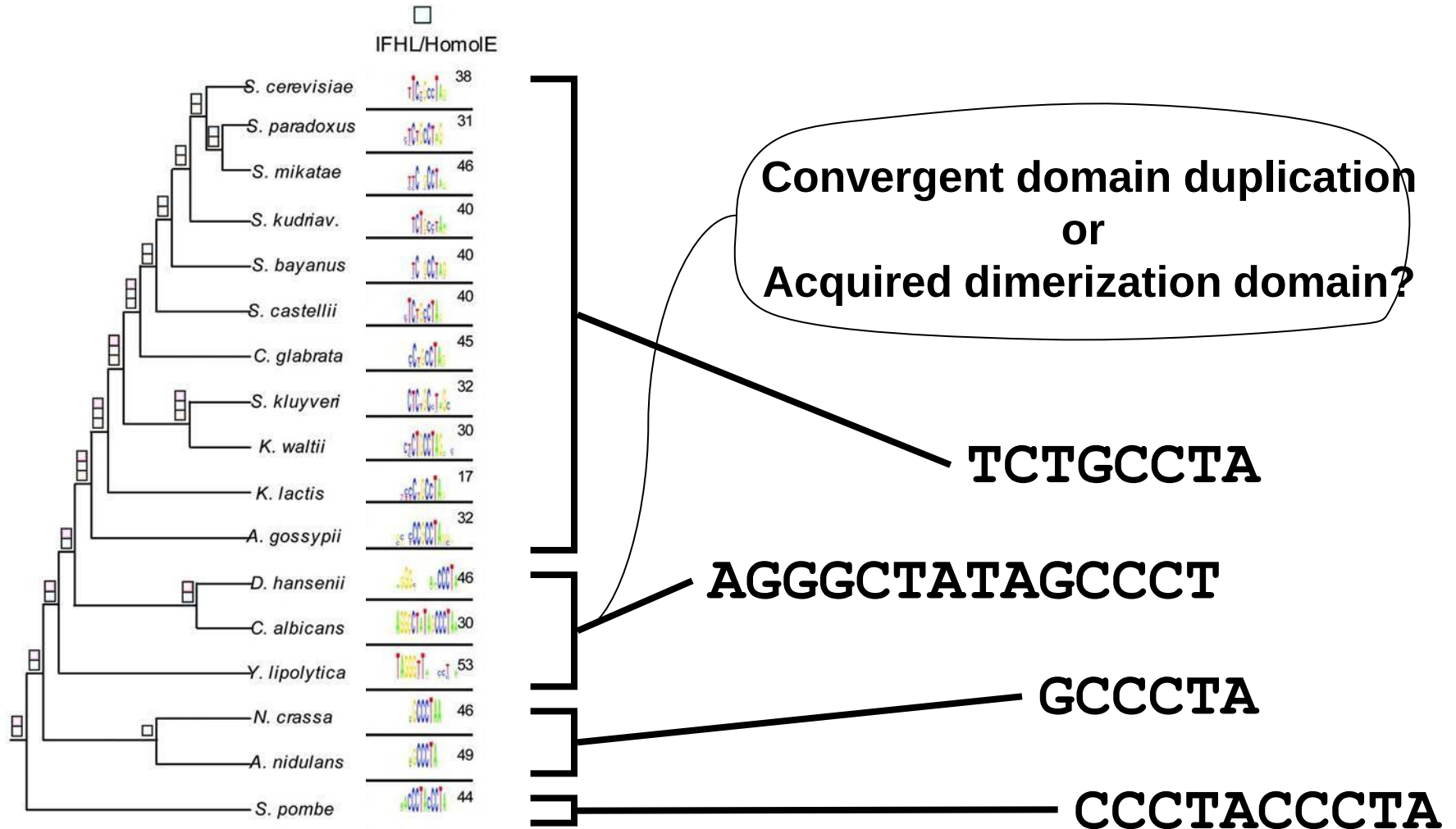
Switching from Homol-D to RAP1

Evidence for Regulator Switching

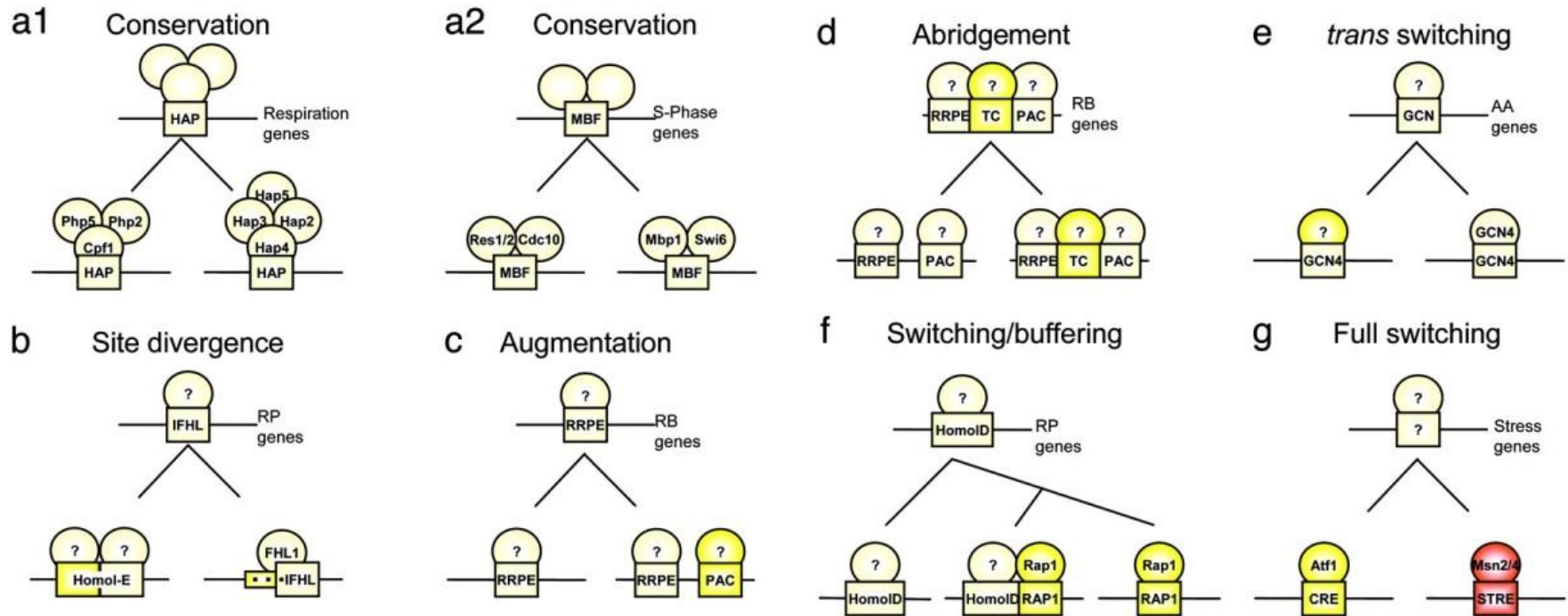
- Evolution of Transcription factor
 - RAP1 is a submotif of telomeric repeat
 - Rap1p regulates telomere length
 - Association of events:
Rap1p Gained of Trans activation domain, RAP1 joined RP module
- Interacation of RAP1 & Homol-D?
 - usually 2-6 base pairs apart
 - Conserved order



Gradual Evolution of IFHL Box



Intermediate Summary - ~~Modes of Evolution~~



- Conserved modules with diverged regulatory mechanisms
- Some changes via redundant intermediate programs

Rewiring of the Yeast Transcriptional Network Through the Evolution of Motif Usage

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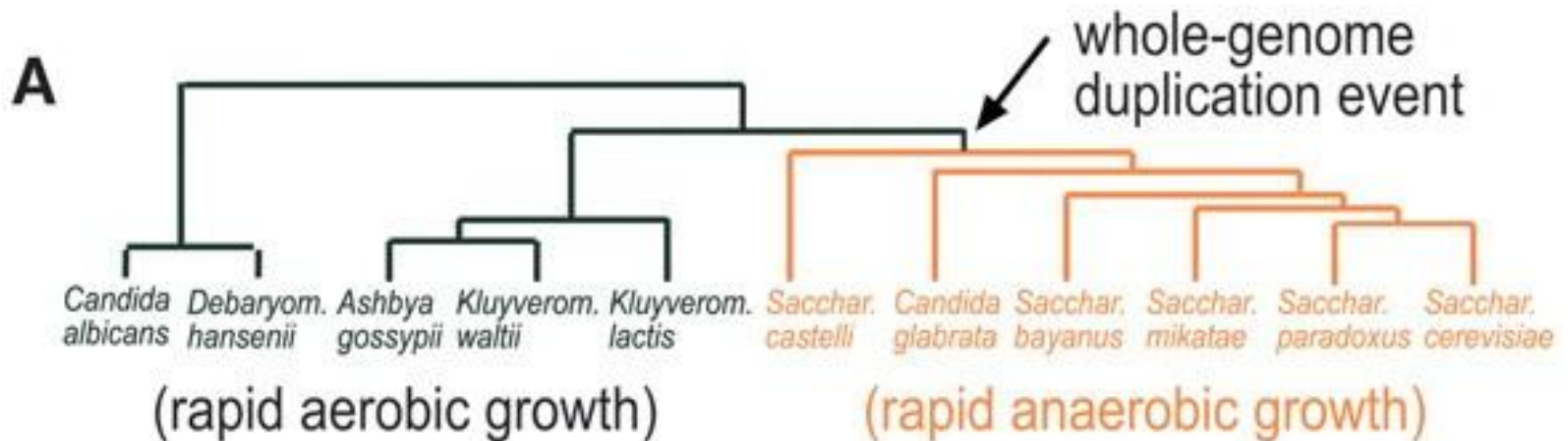
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Goals

- Genotype and Phenotype

Background – Yeast Growth

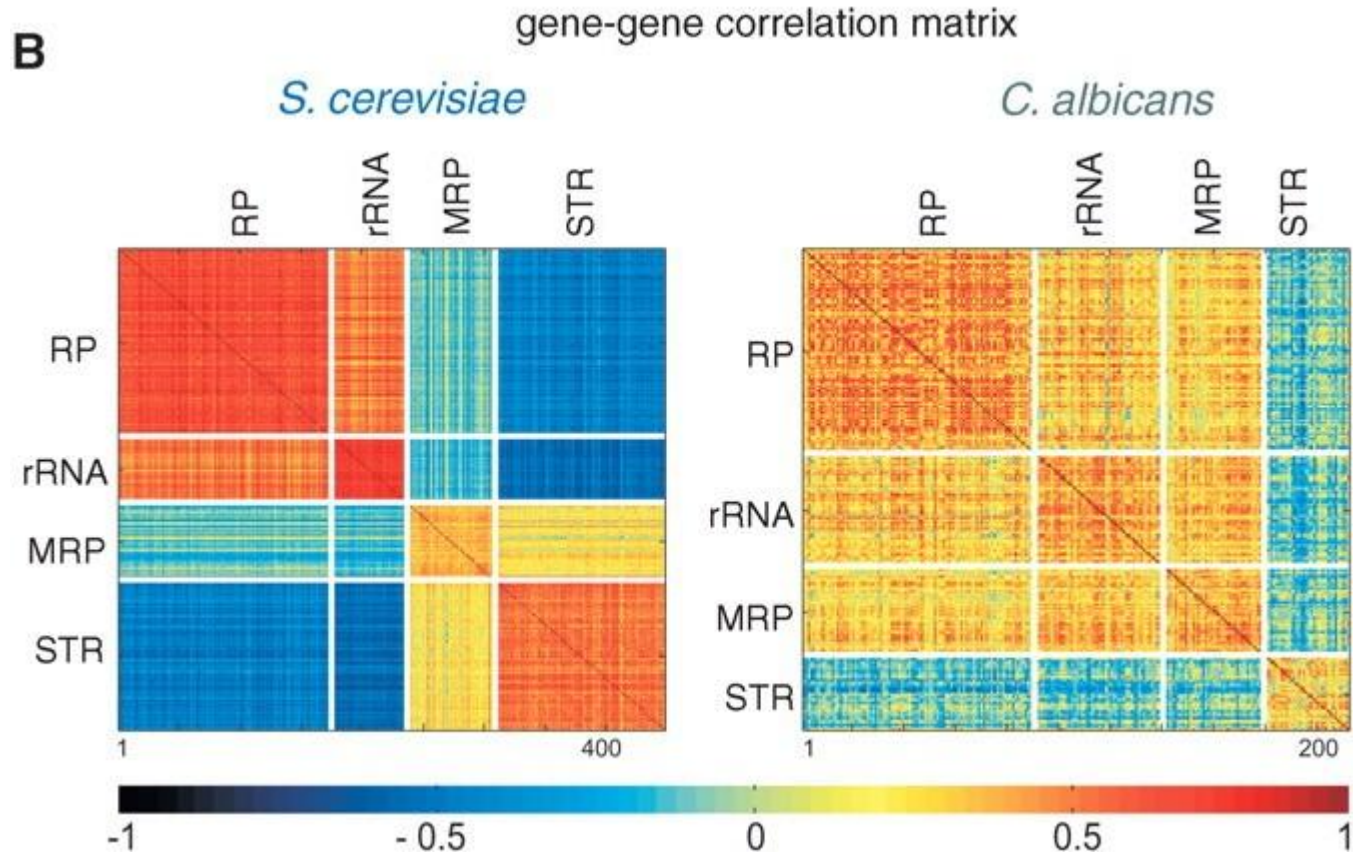
- Some Yeast species are fermentative
- Others can employ only respiration
- Connection to whole genome duplication



Analysis of Genetic Basis of Phenotypic Diversity

- Examine gene expression program
 - *S. Cerevisiae* with 1000 expression profiles
 - *C. Albicans* with 198 profiles
- Motif search in related modules
- Validation of motif role
- Comparison of motif and phenotype evolution

Transcriptional Wiring Differences



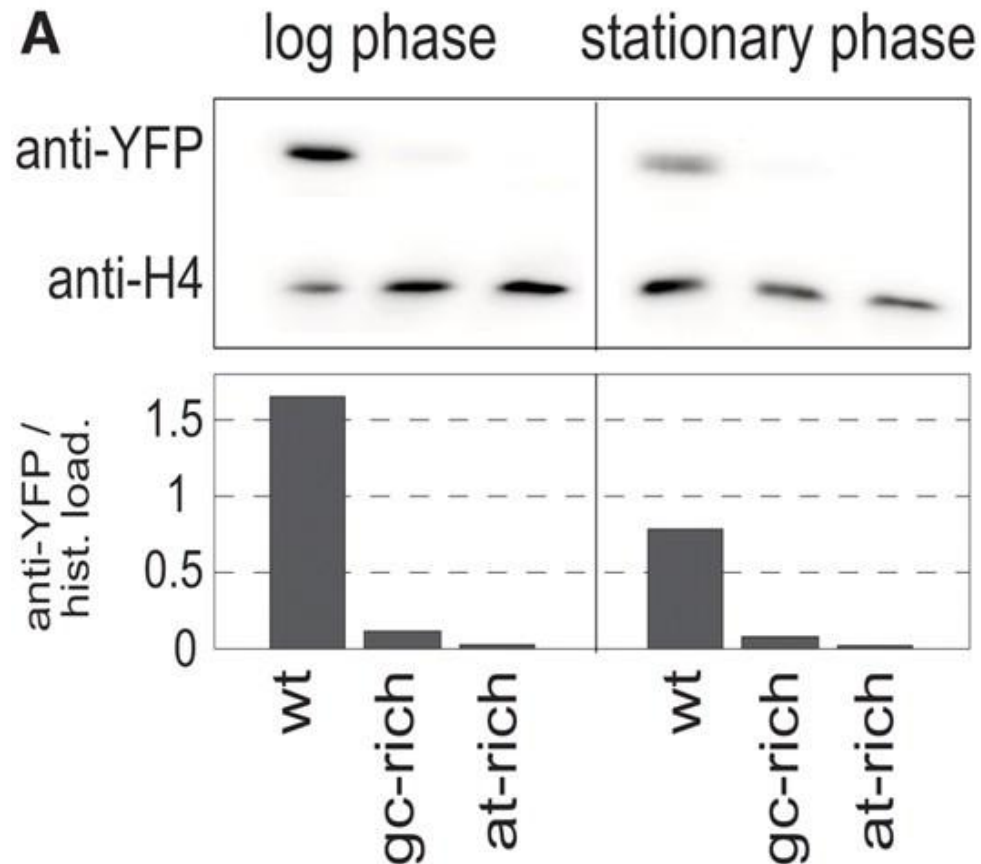
RP Cytoplasmic ribosomal proteins
rRNA rRNA processing genes
MRP Mitochondrial RP
STR Environmental Stress response

Cis or Trans?

Cis element search:

- PAC in rRNA of both species
- None for MRP in *S. Serevisiae*
- AATTTT in MRP, putative rRNA regulator

Validation of cis-regulatory
Role of AATTTT in MRP



Spatial Configuration of

~~AATTTT~~

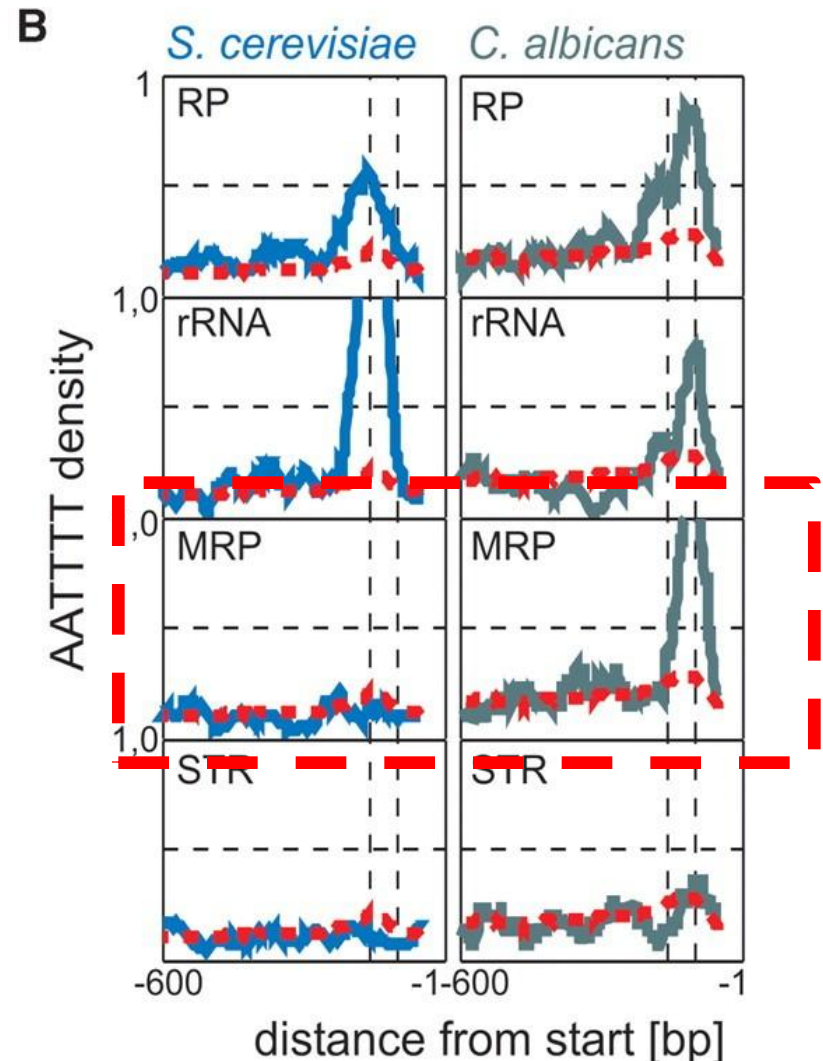
Both species:

- Position is confined in RP and rRNA
- Not represented in STR

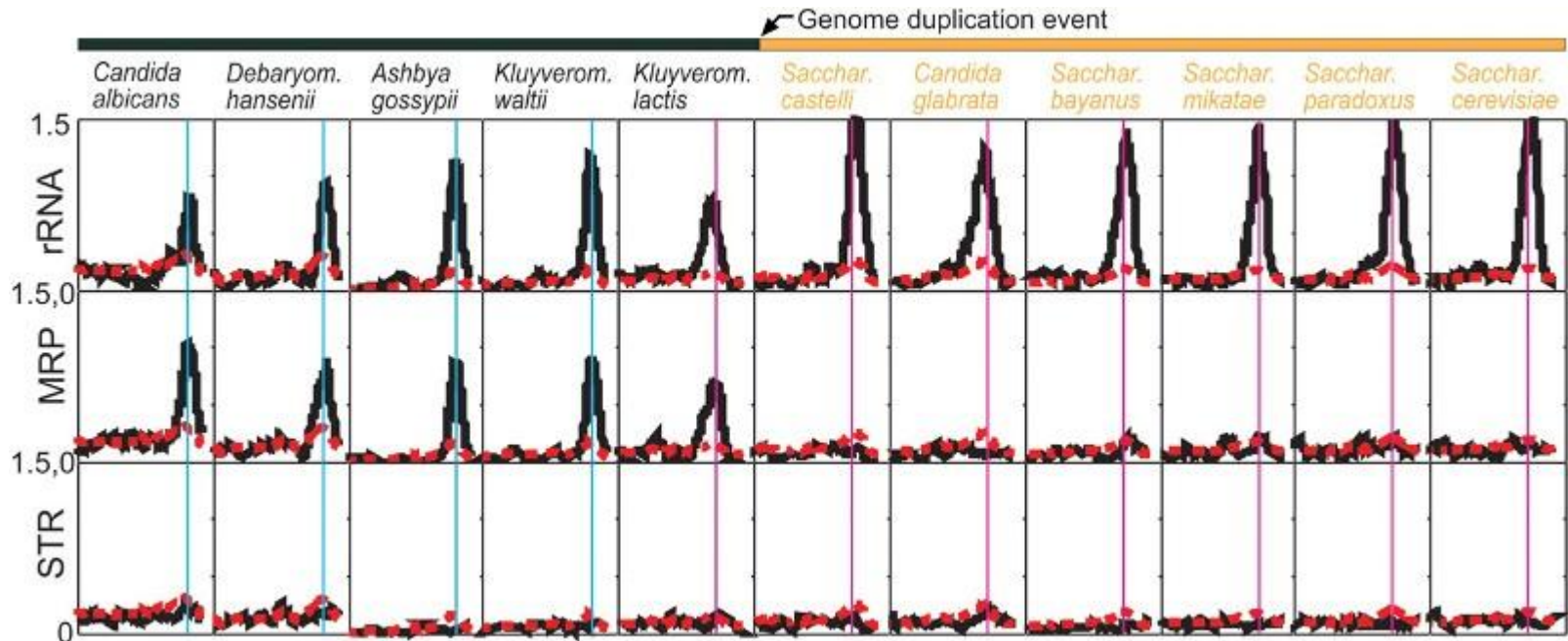
C. Albicans:

- ~~AATTTT~~ Regulates also MRP

➡ Rapid growth element



Loss or Gain of Binding Site?



- Loss of binding site in MRP associated with whole genome duplication

Evolution of Genome and ~~Phenotype~~

- “Gene duplication can facilitate the evolution of new function”
 - by specialization of new coding sequences
 - Also by facilitating the evolution of gene expression

Summary of methodologies

- Integration of sequence and gene-expression
 - Finding orthologous modules
 - Finding orthologous binding motifs
- Exploiting phylogenetic trees
 - Find genotype change rules
 - Associate phenotype and genotype changes
 - Exploit gene expression data of extremes

Summary of principles

- Conservation of regulatory programs
 - Binding site conservation
 - Position and spacing
- Conservation of module with evolution of control
 - Loss and gain
 - Drift
 - Switching, could be explained via redundancy
- Evolution of regulatory programs -> Evolution of phenotype
 - Addition of gene targets
 - Cooption or loss of TF
 - Also facilitated by whole genome duplication

Uncertainty and probability

Uncertainty is related to our **surprise** at an event

“The sun will rise tomorrow” Not surprising ($p \sim 1$)

“The sun will not rise tomorrow” Very surprising ($p \ll 1$)

Uncertainty is **inversely related to probability of event**

$$\text{Uncertainty} \propto \log \frac{1}{p_{\text{event}}}$$

Average Uncertainty

Two possible outcomes for sun rising

A “The sun will rise tomorrow” $P(A)=p_1$

B “The sun will not rise tomorrow” $P(B)=p_2$

What is our *average uncertainty* about the sun rising

Entropy

Entropy measures average uncertainty

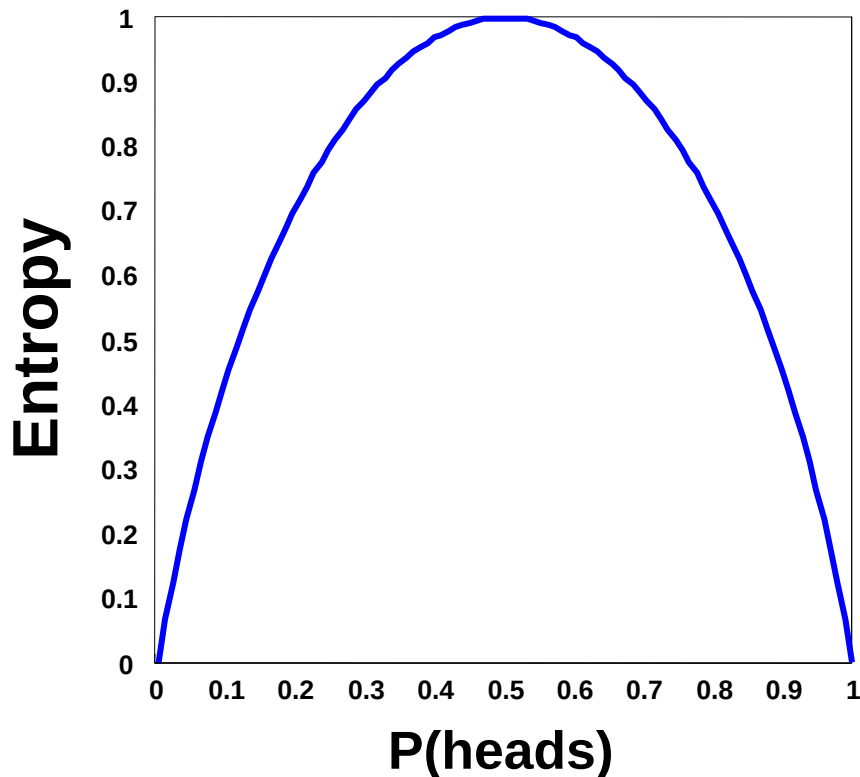
Entropy measures randomness

$$H(X) = -\sum_i p_i \log_2 p_i$$

If log is base 2, then the units are called bits

Entropy versus randomness

Entropy is maximum at **maximum randomness**

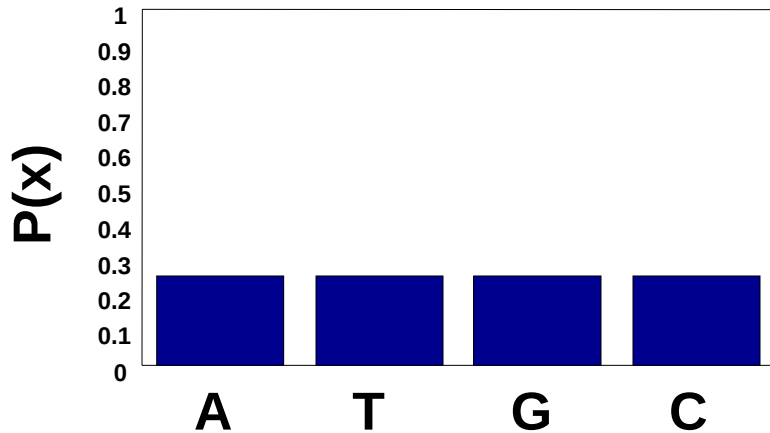


Example: Coin Toss

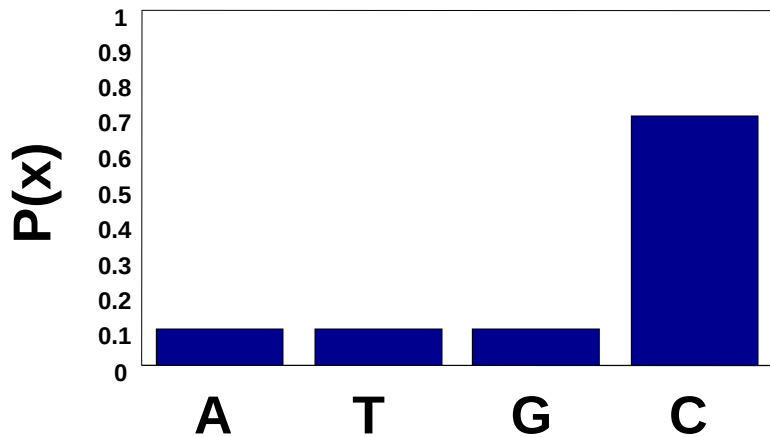
$P(\text{heads})=0.1$ Not very random
 $H(X)=0.47$ bits

$P(\text{heads})=0.5$ Completely random
 $H(X)=1$ bits

Entropy Examples



$$\begin{aligned} H(X) &= -[0.25\log(0.25) + 0.25\log(0.25) \\ &\quad + 0.25\log(0.25) + 0.25\log(0.25)] \\ &= 2 \text{ bits} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} H(X) &= -[0.1\log(0.1) + 0.1\log(0.1) \\ &\quad + 0.1\log(0.1) + 0.75\log(0.75)] \\ &= 0.63 \text{ bits} \end{aligned}$$

Information Content

Information is a decrease in uncertainty

Once I tell you the sun will rise, your uncertainty about the event decreases

$$\text{Information} = H_{\text{before}}(X) - H_{\text{after}}(X)$$

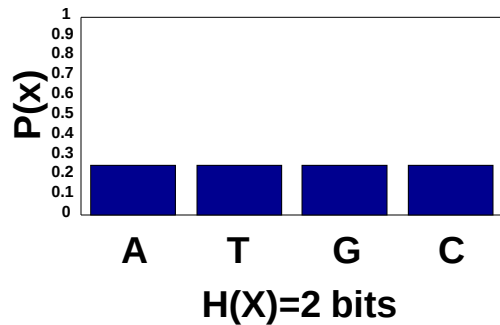
*Information is **difference in entropy** after receiving information*

Motif Information

$$\text{Motif Position Information} = 2 - \sum_{b=\{A,T,G,C\}} -p_b \log p_b$$

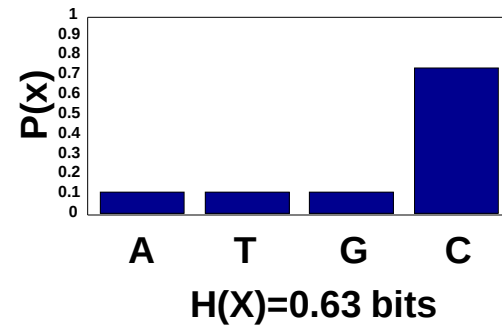
$H_{\text{background}}(X)$

Prior uncertainty about
nucleotide



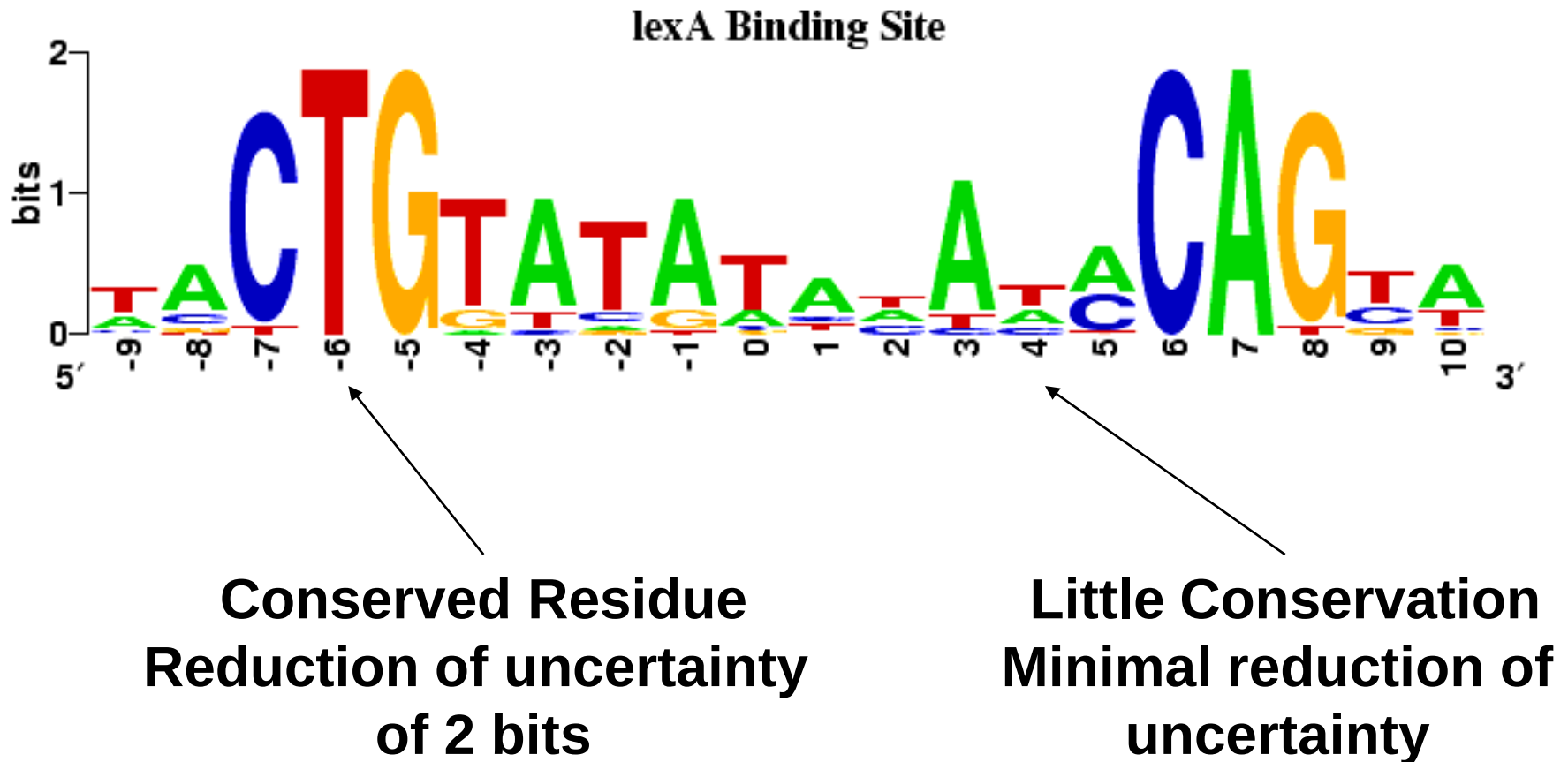
$H_{\text{motif}_i}(X)$

Uncertainty after learning it is
position i in a motif



Uncertainty at this position has been reduced by 0.37 bits

Motif Logo

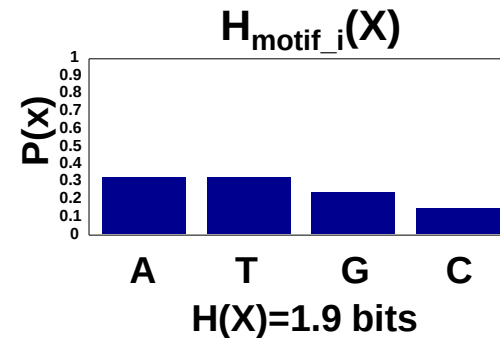
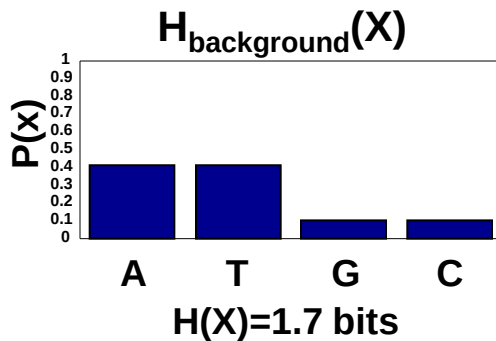


Background DNA Frequency

The definition of information assumes a uniform background DNA nucleotide frequency

What if the background frequency is not uniform?

(e.g. *Plasmodium*)



$$\text{Motif Position Information} = 1.7 - \sum_{b=\{A,T,G,C\}} -p_b \log p_b = -0.2 \text{ bits}$$

Some motifs could have negative information!