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- Extra Credit Lecture

Syllabus

- Webpage: http://woldlab.caltech.edu/bi188/
- Midterm (April 30)
- Project (May 18)
- Final (May 30 June 1)
- (Problem Sets associated with Readings)

Office Hours

- Barbara Wold
 - Tuesday, 3-4
- Ali Mortazavi
 - Friday, I-2
- Steven Kuntz
 - Thursday, 3-4

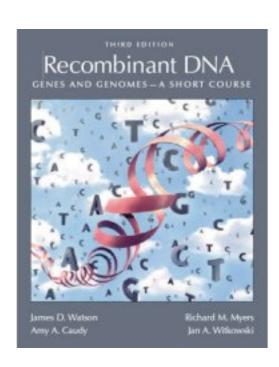
Textbook

Recombinant DNA: Genes and Genomes – A Short Course, 3rd edition 2007

J. Watson, A. Caudy, R. Myers, and J.

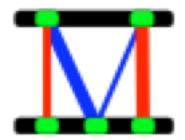
Witkowski

ISBN: 0-7167-2866-4



Mussa GL

An Introduction



Mussa GL

- Mussa Multiple Species Sequence Analysis
- Runs on any major platform (Linux, MacOSX, WindowsXP)
- Graphics require OpenGL

What it is for

- Identify conserved regions of DNA
- Conserved regions must be under evolutionary pressure
- Conserved regions possess some functionality
- Some conserved regions are associated with protein-binding sites
- Thus conserved regions may be associated with cis-regulatory elements

- Uses a sliding window for comparison
- Identifies all windows that match within a certain threshold
- Higher thresholds:
 - Less noise
 - More likely to miss a signal
- Window-size is clade-dependent (for mammals use 30)

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TCGTATCATGCAGATATATGCAGGCCTATTACAAG

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Why is this useful?

- Identify ungapped-matches
- Ungapped matches are a sign of evolutionary conservation
- Ungapped matches can be used on larger elements even if part of the element is frame-shifted or flipped
- Can split palindromes

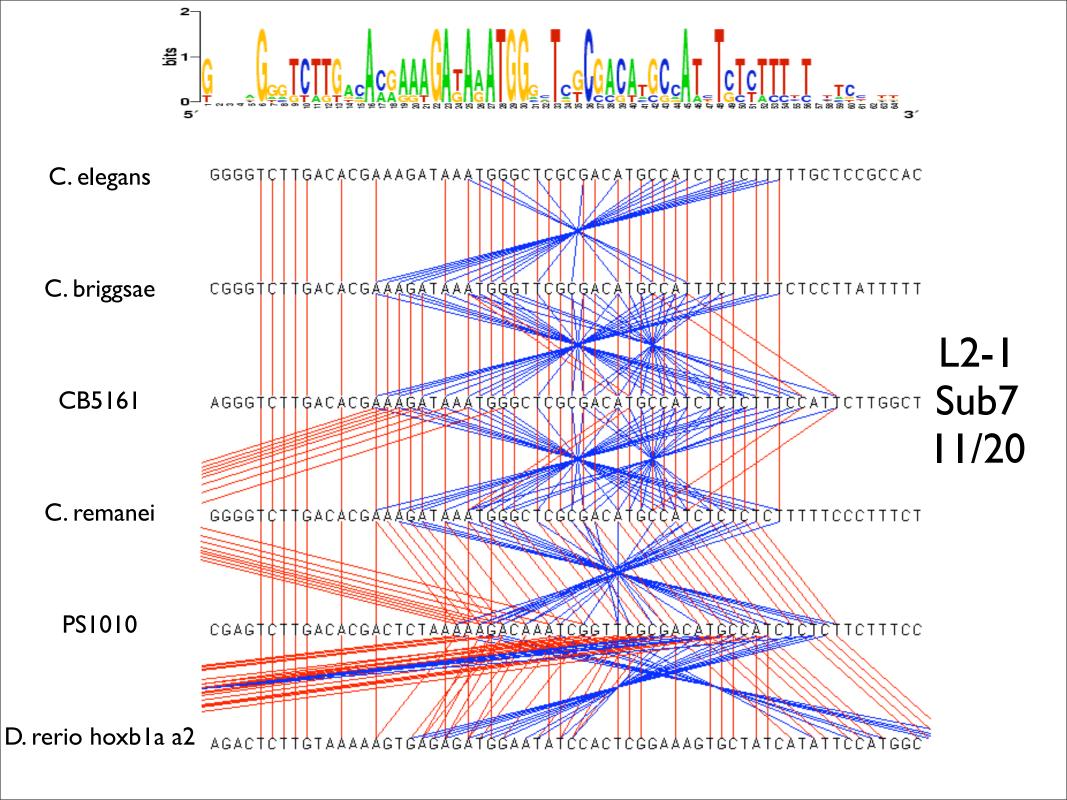
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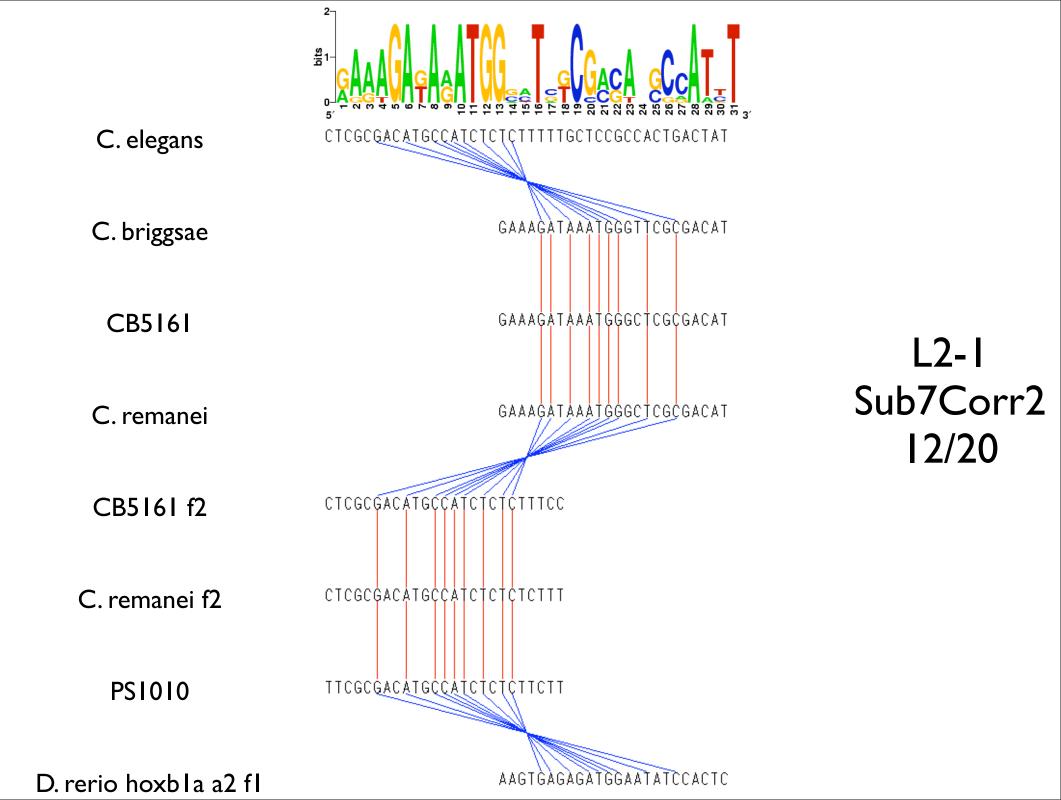
C. remanei GACGTATGCTTCATGTCAAAATGATTGGGGCCCAGCAGCTAGGGTTAC

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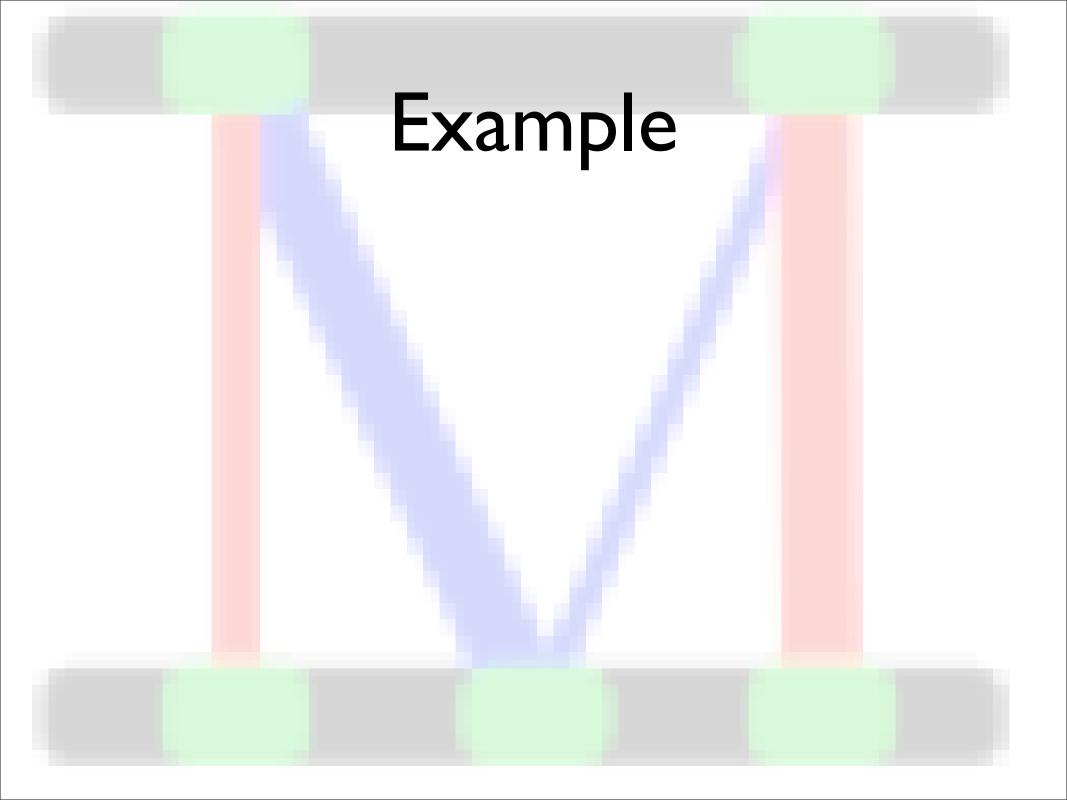


What it will miss

- Any significant insertion or deletion can 'hide' a conserved region
 - Luckily, most regulatory regions have rare insertions or deletions (in-dels)
- Conservation is very species-dependent
- Repeat-masking can mask real conserved regions

What you need to do to make it run

- Identify relevant sequence
- Download sequence
- Repeat-mask the sequence
- 2 options (results will not vary):
 - GUI set-up
 - Analysis from .mupa file
- Pick a window-size and threshold



Lecture Today

- James Noonan
- "Neanderthal Genomics and the Evolution of Modern Humans"
- **4** pm
- II9 Kerckhoff
- EC Problem Set to be posted online