



BIMM 143

Hands-on Lab Session

Class 03

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Questions:

[Q1] Tell me the name of a protein you are interested in. Include the species and the accession number. This can be a human protein or a protein from any other species as long as its function is known.

If you do not have a favorite protein, select human RBP4 or KIF11. Do not use beta globin as this is in the worked example report that I provide you with online.

[Q2] Perform a BLAST search against a DNA database, such as a database consisting of genomic DNA or ESTs. The BLAST server can be at NCBI or elsewhere. Include details of the BLAST method used, database searched and any limits applied (e.g. Organism).

Also include the output of that BLAST search in your document. If appropriate, change the font to Courier size 10 so that the results are displayed neatly. You can also screen capture a BLAST output (e.g. alt print screen on a PC or on a MAC press ⌘-shift-4. The pointer becomes a bulls eye. Select the area you wish to capture and release. The image is saved as a file called Screen Shot [].png in your Desktop directory). It is not necessary to print out all of the blast results if there are many pages.

On the BLAST results, clearly indicate a match that represents a protein sequence, encoded from some DNA sequence, that is homologous to your query protein. I need to be able to inspect the pairwise alignment you have selected, including the E value and score. It should be labeled a "genomic clone" or "mRNA sequence", etc. - but include no functional annotation.

In general, [Q2] is the most difficult for students because it requires you to have a "feel" for how to interpret BLAST results. You need to distinguish between a perfect match to your query (i.e. a sequence that is not "novel"), a near match (something that might be "novel", depending on the results of [Q4]), and a non-homologous result.

If you are having trouble finding a novel gene try restricting your search to an organism that is poorly annotated.

[Q3] Gather information about this "novel" **protein**. At a minimum, show me the protein sequence of the "novel" protein as displayed in your BLAST results from [Q2] as FASTA format (you can copy and paste the aligned sequence subject lines from your BLAST result page if necessary) or translate your novel DNA sequence using a tool called EMBOSS Transeq at the EBI. Don't forget to translate all six reading frames; the ORF (open reading frame) is likely to be the longest sequence without a stop codon. It may not start with a methionine if you don't have the complete coding region. Make sure the sequence you provide includes a header/subject line and is in traditional FASTA format.

Here, tell me the name of the novel protein, and the species from which it derives. It is very unlikely (but still definitely possible) that you will find a novel gene from an organism such as *S. cerevisiae*, human or mouse, because those genomes have already been thoroughly annotated. It is more likely that you will discover a new gene in a genome that is currently being sequenced, such as bacteria or plants or protozoa.

[Q4] Prove that this gene, and its corresponding protein, are novel. For the purposes of this project, "novel" is defined as follows. Take the protein sequence (your answer to [Q3]), and use it as a query in a blastp search of the nr database at NCBI.

- If there is a match with 100% amino acid identity to a protein in the database, from the same species, then your protein is NOT novel (even if the match is to a protein with a name such as "unknown"). Someone has already found and annotated this sequence, and assigned it an accession number.
- If the top match reported has less than 100% identity, then it is likely that your protein is novel, and you have succeeded.
- If there is a match with 100% identity, but to a different species than the one you started with, then you have likely succeeded in finding a novel gene.
- If there are no database matches to the original query from [Q1], this indicates that you have partially succeeded: yes, you may have found a new gene, but no, it is not actually homologous to the original query. You should probably start over.

[Q5] Generate a multiple sequence alignment with your novel protein, your original query protein, and a group of other members of this family from different species. A typical number of proteins to use in a multiple sequence alignment for this assignment purpose is a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 20 - although the exact number is up to you. Include the multiple sequence alignment in your report. Use Courier font with a size appropriate to fit page width.

Side-note: Indicate your sequence in the alignment by choosing an appropriate name for each sequence in the input unaligned sequence file (i.e. edit the sequence file so that the species, or short common, names (rather than accession numbers) display in the output alignment and in the subsequent answers below). The goal in this step is to create an interesting alignment for building a phylogenetic tree that illustrates species divergence.

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Videos:

- [3.1 - Project introduction](#) Please note: due dates may differ from those in video.

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A red box highlights the optional session on sequence alignment and database searching (Tuesday, October 5th). A red arrow points to the 'Schedule' link in the sidebar.

► Details:

Sequence 1: GATTAC

Sequence 2: GTCGACGC

		Match Score	Mismatch Score	Gap Score					
1	<input type="button" value="0"/>	-1	<input type="button" value="0"/>	-2	<input type="button" value="0"/>				
<input type="button" value="Compute Optimal Alignment"/> <input type="button" value="Clear Path"/> <input type="button" value="Custom Path"/>									

G T C G A C G C
G A T T A C - -
Score = -4

Score from Diagonal cell
 $-6 + 1$ (Due to a match between G & G) = -5

Score from Upper cell
 $-8 + -2$ (The Gap score) = -10

Score from Side cell
 $-3 + -2$ (The Gap score) = -5

Winning (max) score is -5

▼ Reference:
See the lecture and hands-on session for class 2 for a full discussion of Global, Local, and various Heuristic approaches to biomolecular sequence alignment.
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[NW App Link](#)

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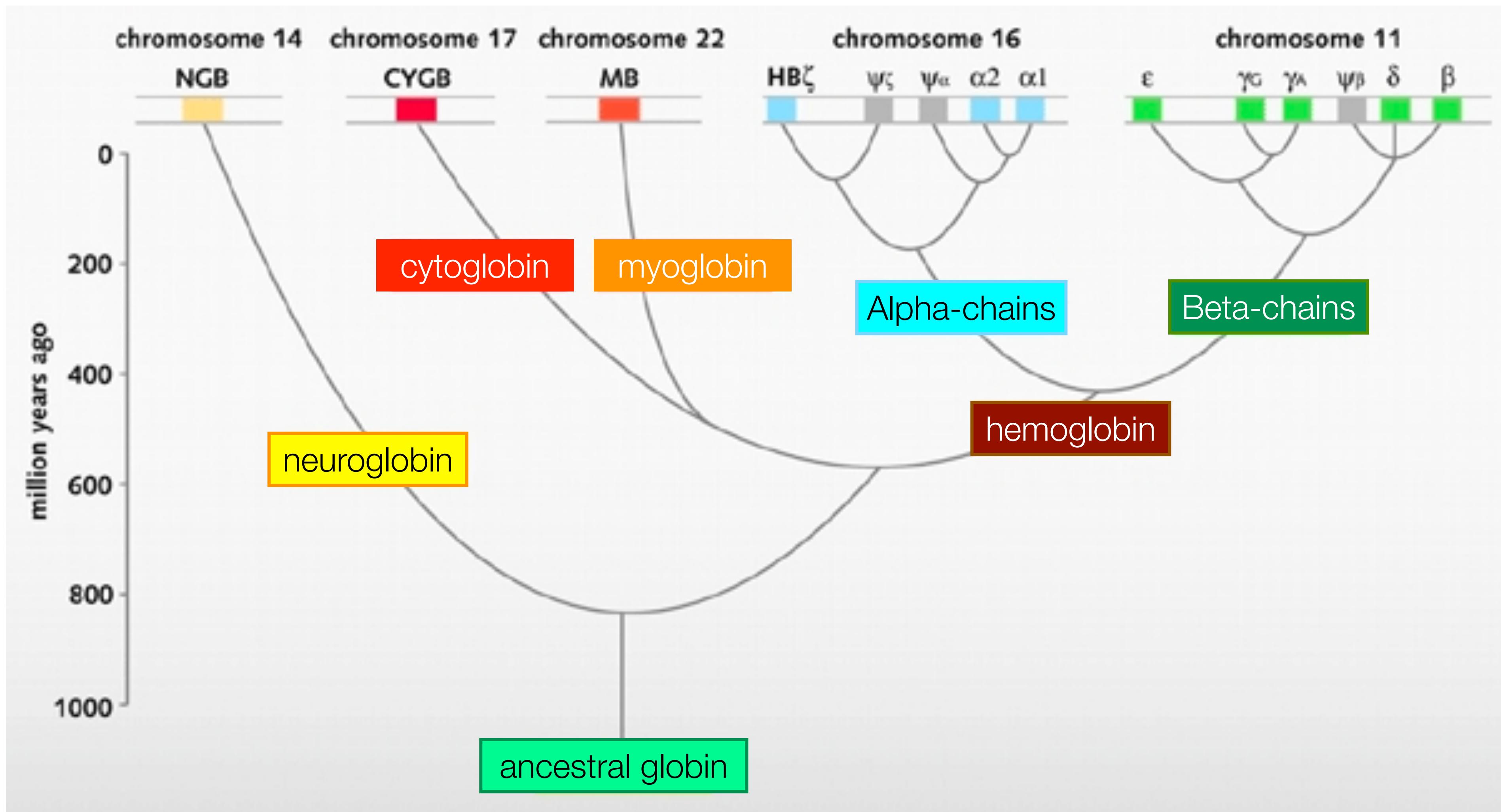
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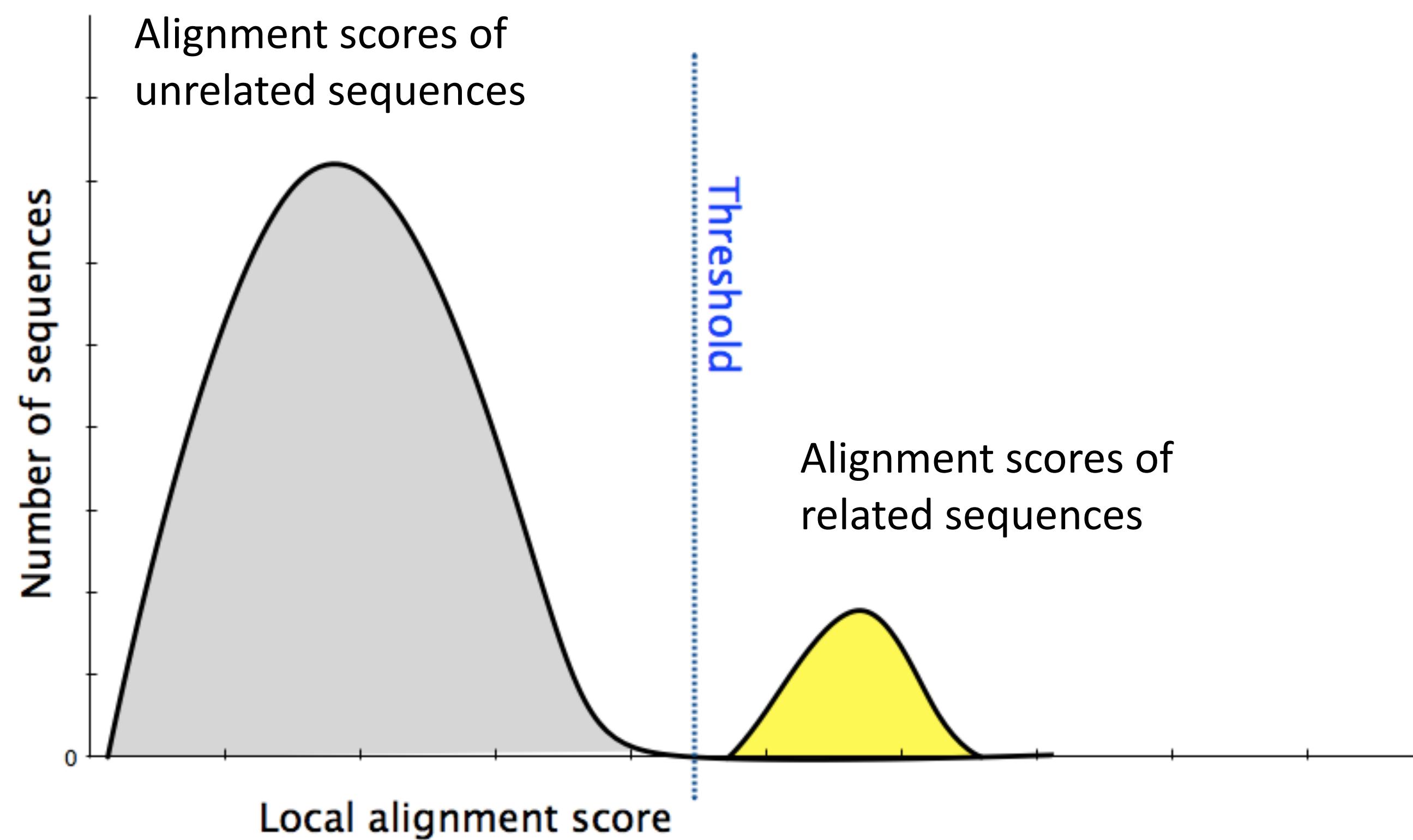
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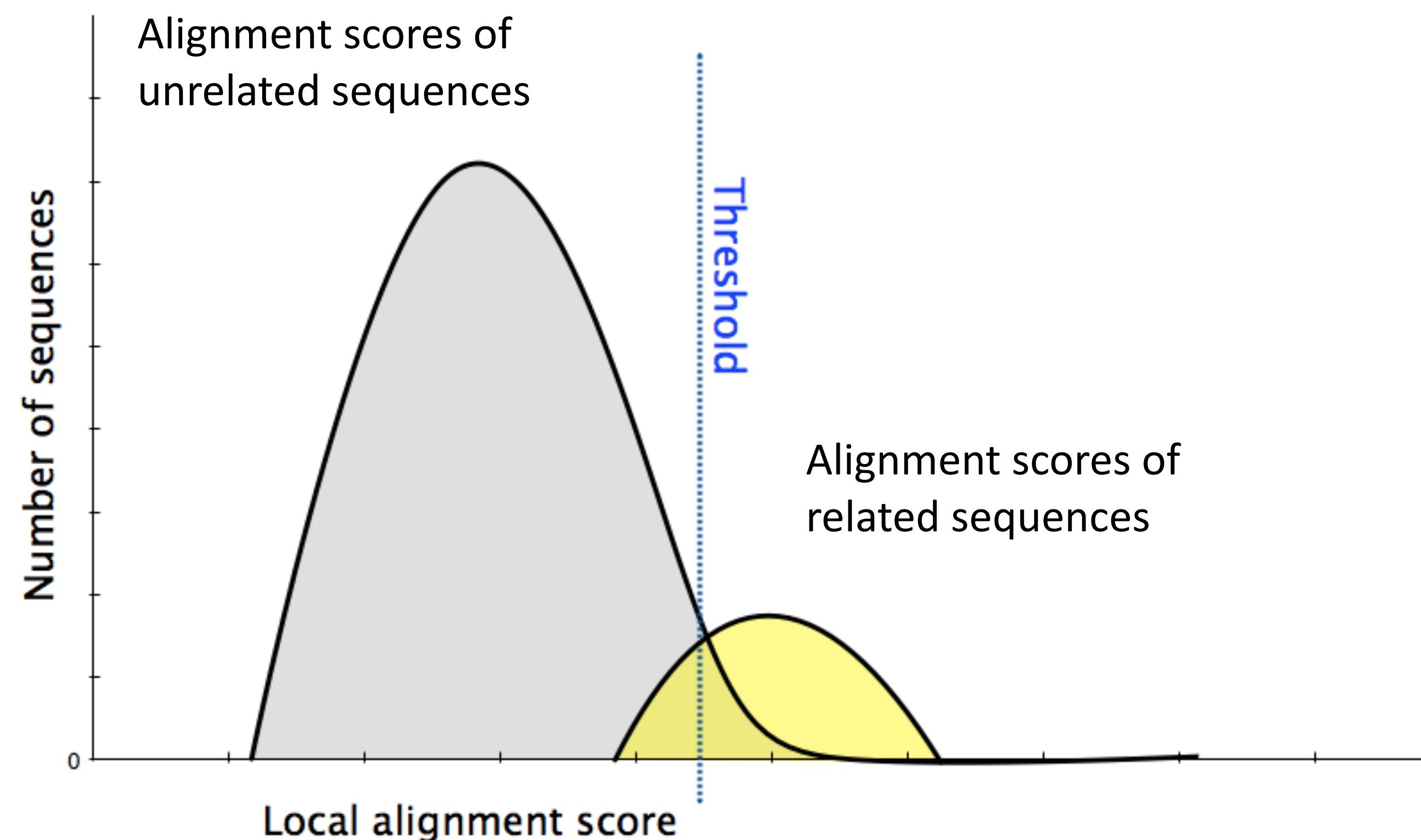
An evolutionary model of human globins.

The different locations of globin genes in human chromosomes are reported at the top of the figure, distinguishing between the functional genes (in color) and the pseudogenes (in grey).

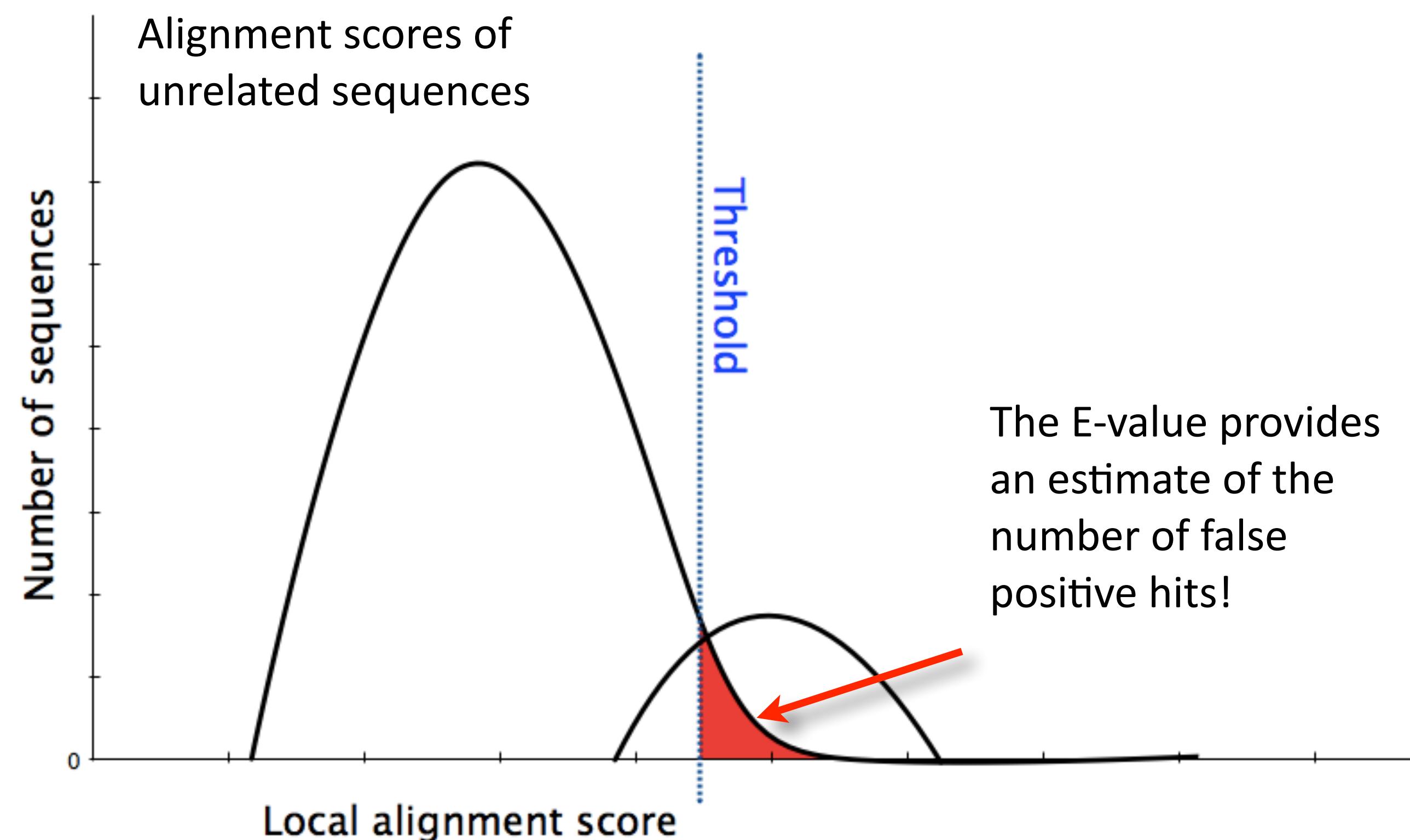
- Ideally, a threshold separates all query related sequences (yellow) from all unrelated sequences (gray)



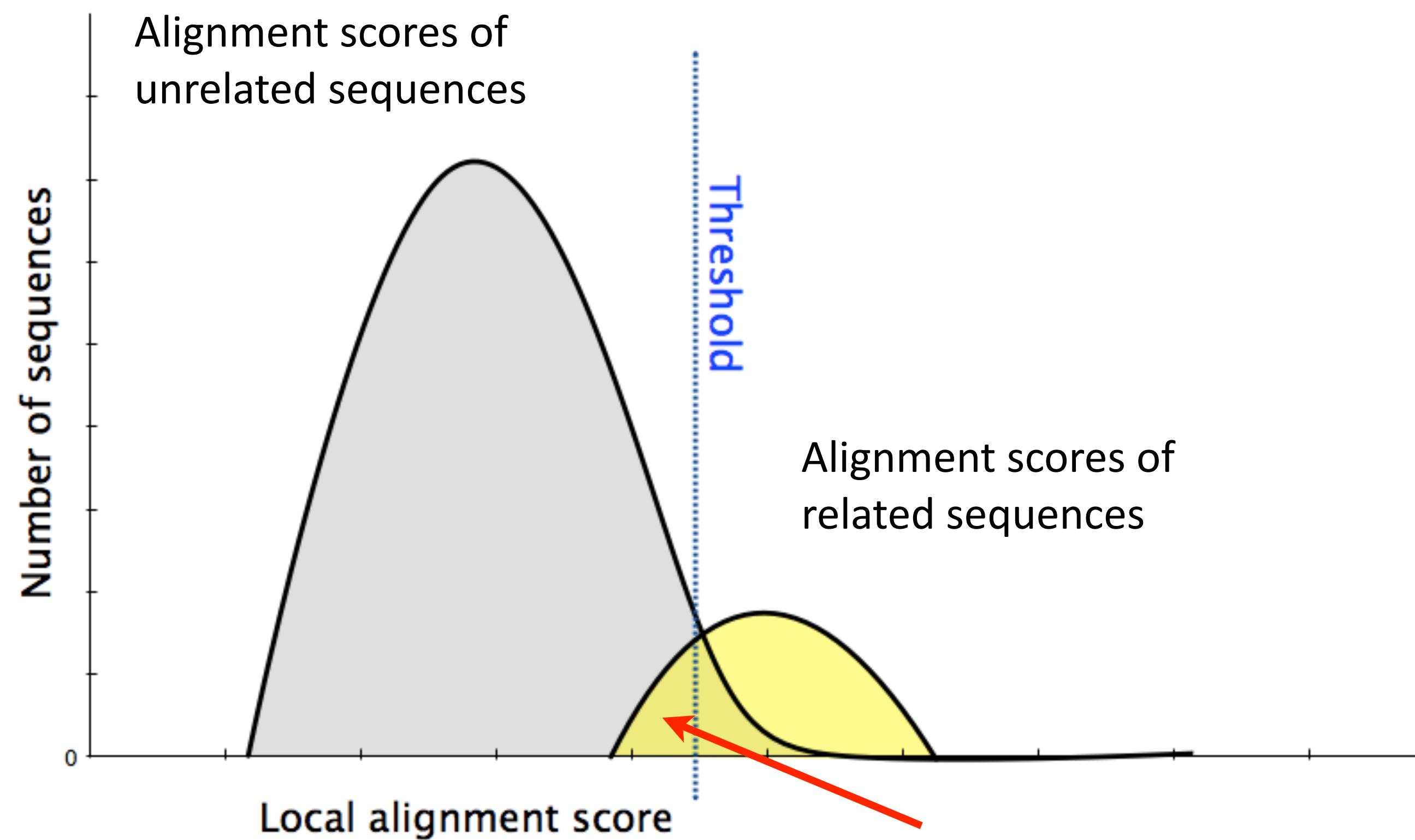
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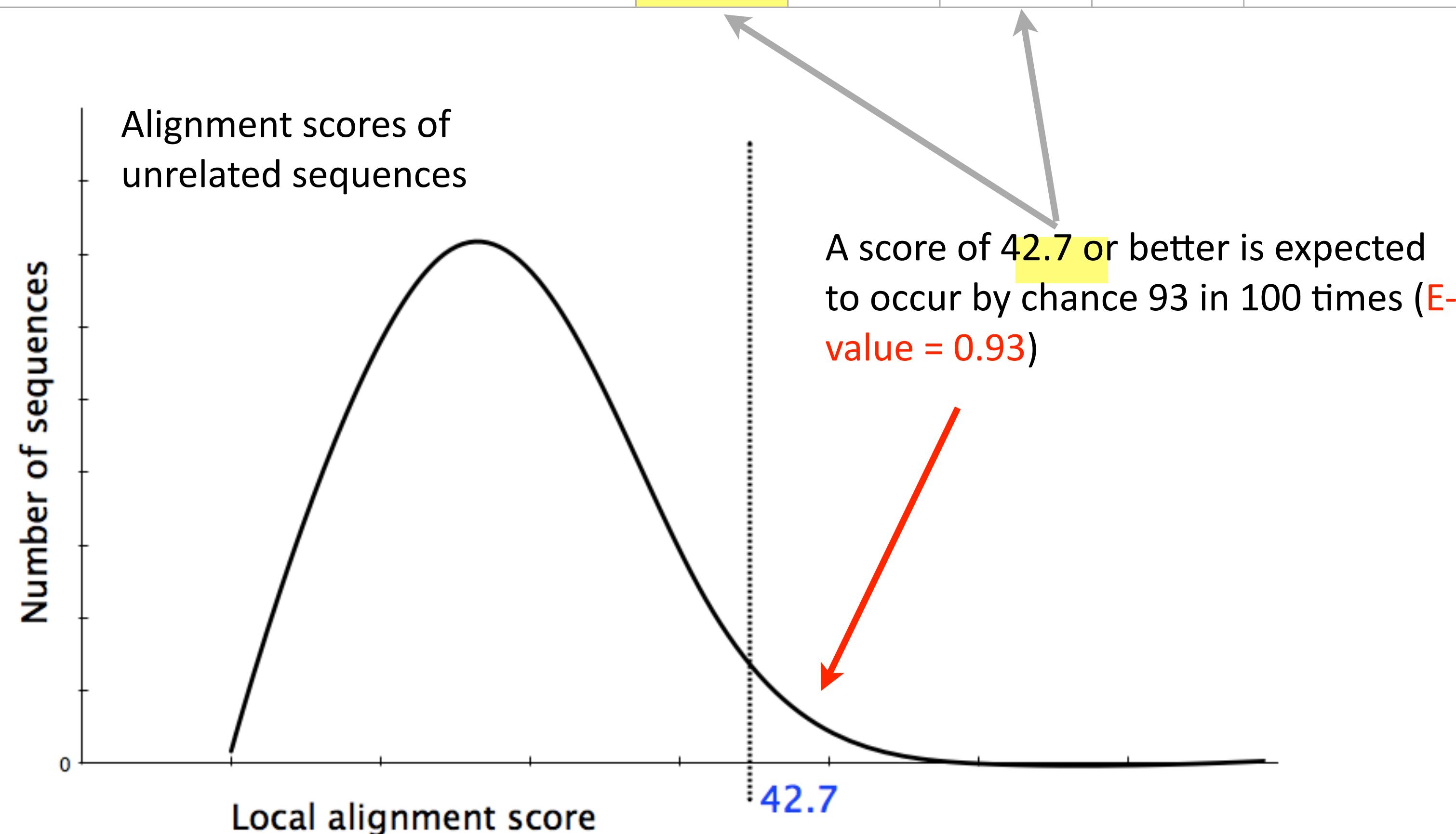
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- Maybe myoglobin, cytoglobin, neuroglobin etc. are found but not reported because of our E-value cutoff?
 - Lets change the cutoff and see...



Description	Max score	Query cover	E value	Max ident	Accession
hemoglobin subunit beta	284	100%	0	100%	NP_000510.1
hemoglobin subunit delta	240	100%	0	75.5%	NP_005321.1
hemoglobin subunit alpha	114	97%	0	43.45%	NP_000508.1
probable ATP-dependent RNA helicase	42.7	10%	0.93	32%	XP_011530405.1



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Recall: BLOUSM62 does not take the local context of a particular position into account

(i.e. all like substitutions are scored the same regardless of their location in the molecules).

Algorithm parameters

Protein BLAST (BLASTp)

General Parameters

Max target sequences: 100
Select the maximum number of aligned sequences to display 

Short queries: Automatically adjust parameters for short input sequences 

Expect threshold: 10 

Word size: 3 

Max matches in a query range: 0 

Scoring Parameters

Matrix: BLOSUM62 

Gap Costs: Existence: 11 Extension: 1 

Compositional adjustments: Conditional compositional score matrix adjustment 

Filters and Masking

Filter: Low complexity regions 

Mask: Mask for lookup table only 
 Mask lower case letters 

BLAST

Search database Non-redundant protein sequences (nr) using Blastp
 Show results in a new window

Scoring matrix
For match & mis-match scores

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Blocks Substitution Matrix. Scores obtained from observed frequencies of substitutions in blocks of aligned sequences with no more than 62% identity.

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	C	S	T	P	A	G	N	D	E	Q	H	R	K	M	I	L	V	F	Y	W
C	9																			
S	-1	4																		
T	-1	1	5																	
P	-3	-1	-1	7																
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Q	-3	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	0	0	2	5										
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R	-3	-1	-1	-2	-1	-2	0	-2	0	1	0	5								
K	-3	0	-1	-1	-1	-2	0	-1	1	1	-1	2	5							
M	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	-3	-2	-3	-2	0	-2	-1	-1	5						
I	-1	-2	-1	-3	-1	-4	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	1	4						
L	-1	-2	-1	-3	-1	-4	-3	-4	-3	-2	-3	-2	-2	2	2	4				
V	-1	-2	0	-2	0	-3	-3	-3	-2	-2	-3	-3	-2	1	3	1	4			
F	-2	-2	-2	-4	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-1	-3	-3	0	0	0	-1	6			
Y	-2	-2	-2	-3	-2	-3	-2	-3	-2	-1	2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	3	7	
W	-2	-3	-2	-4	-3	-2	-4	-4	-3	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-3	-2	-3	1	2	11

Note. All matches of Alanine for Alanine score +4 regardless of their position or context in the molecule.

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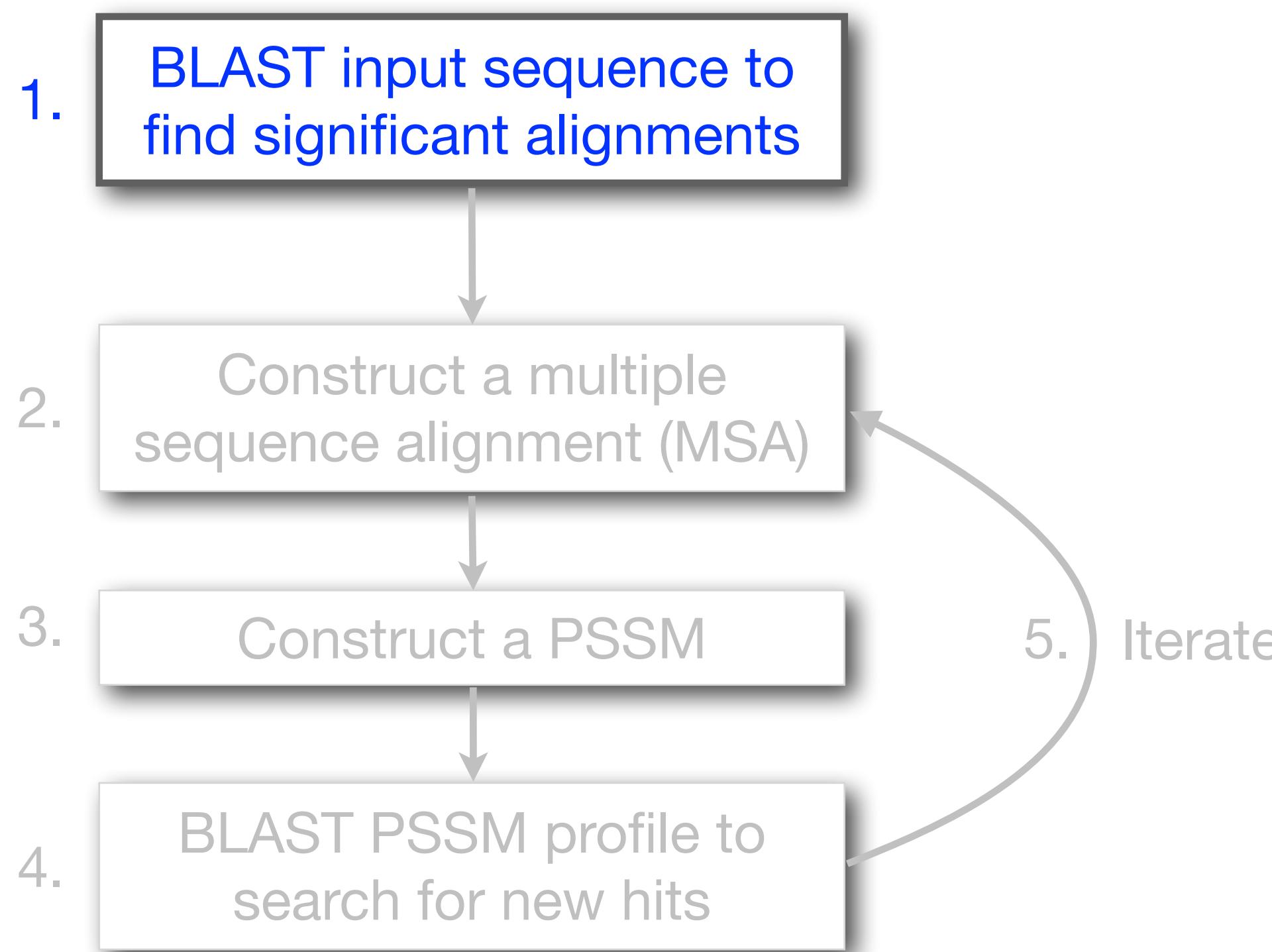
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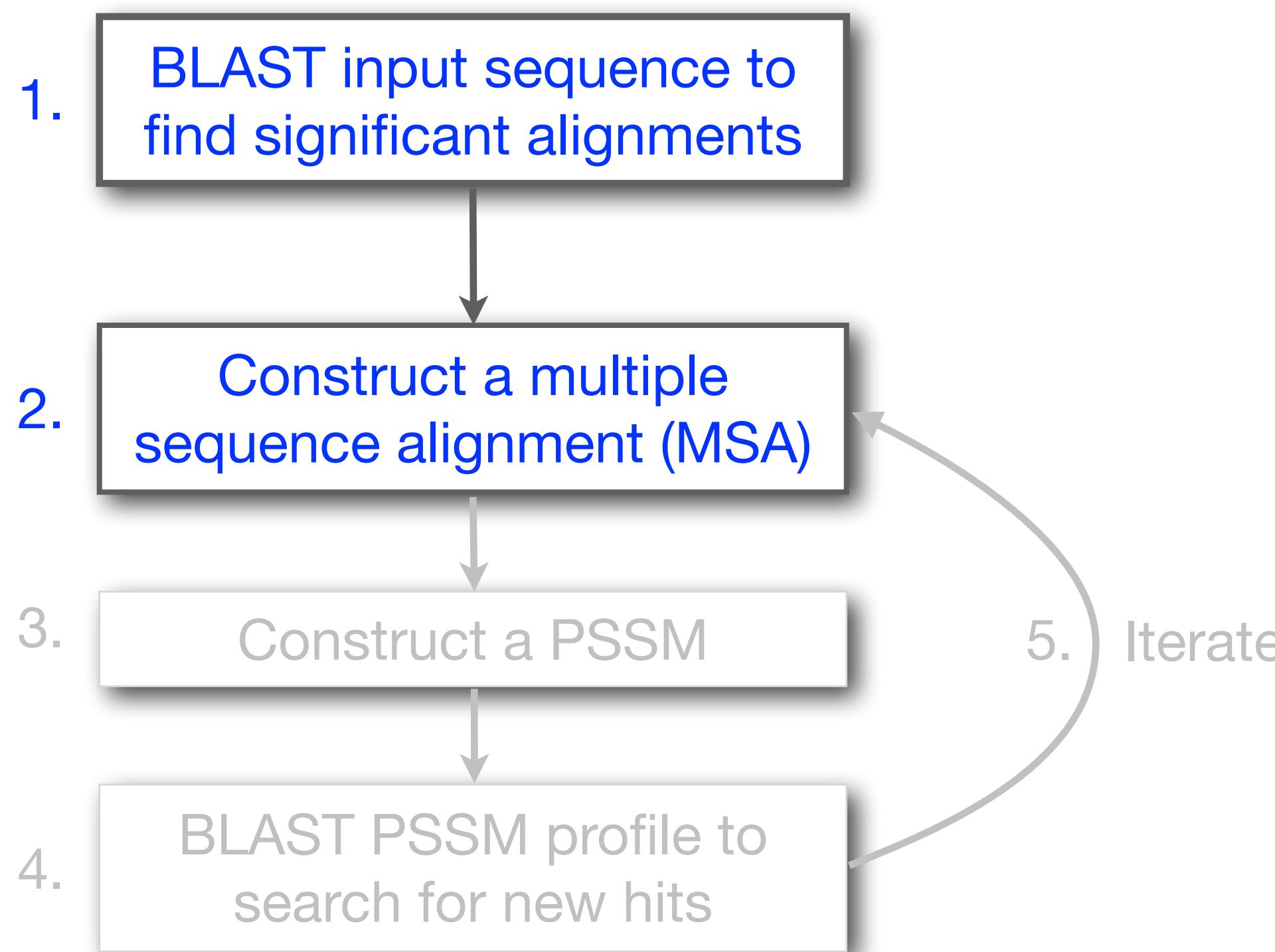
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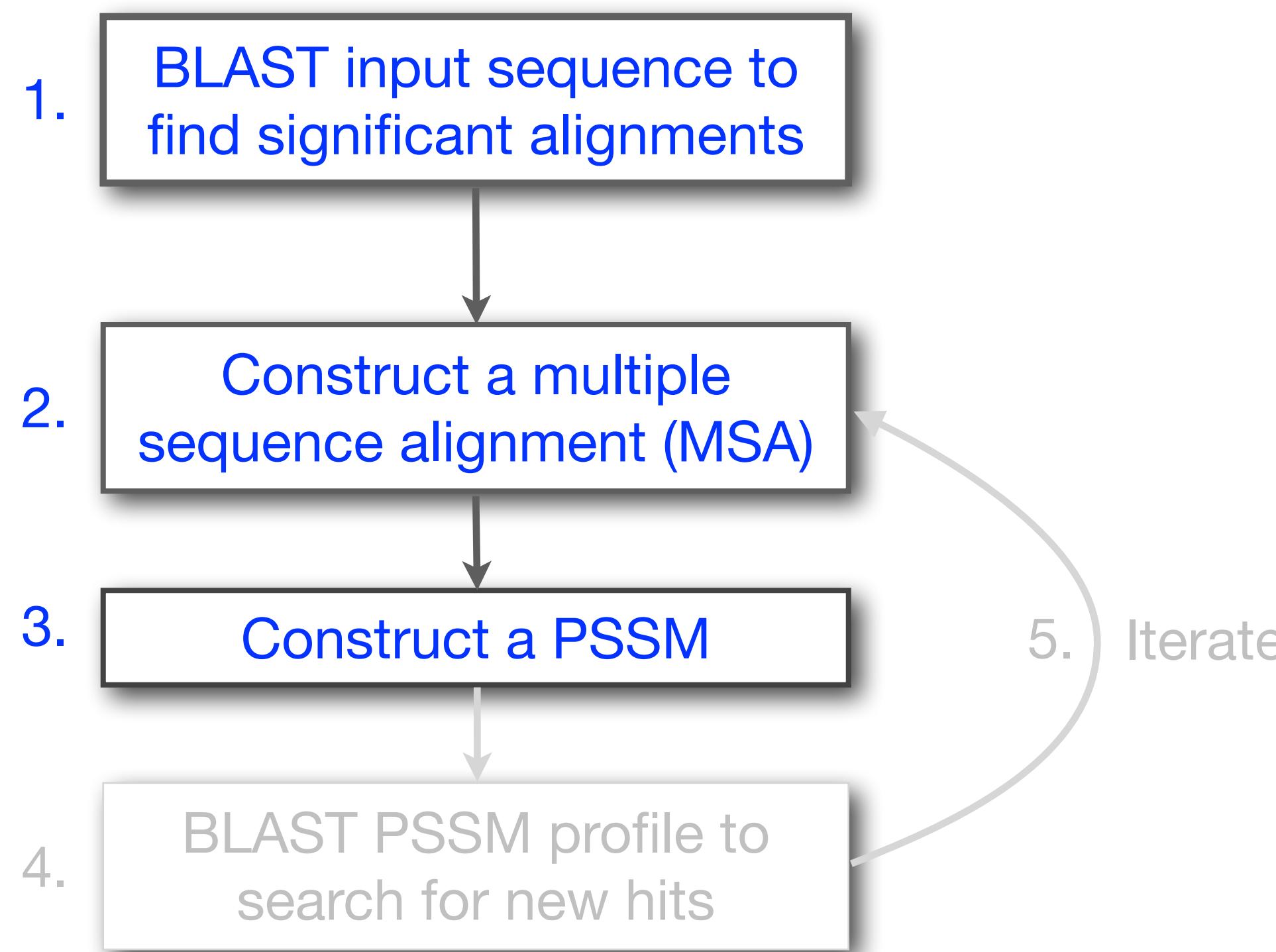
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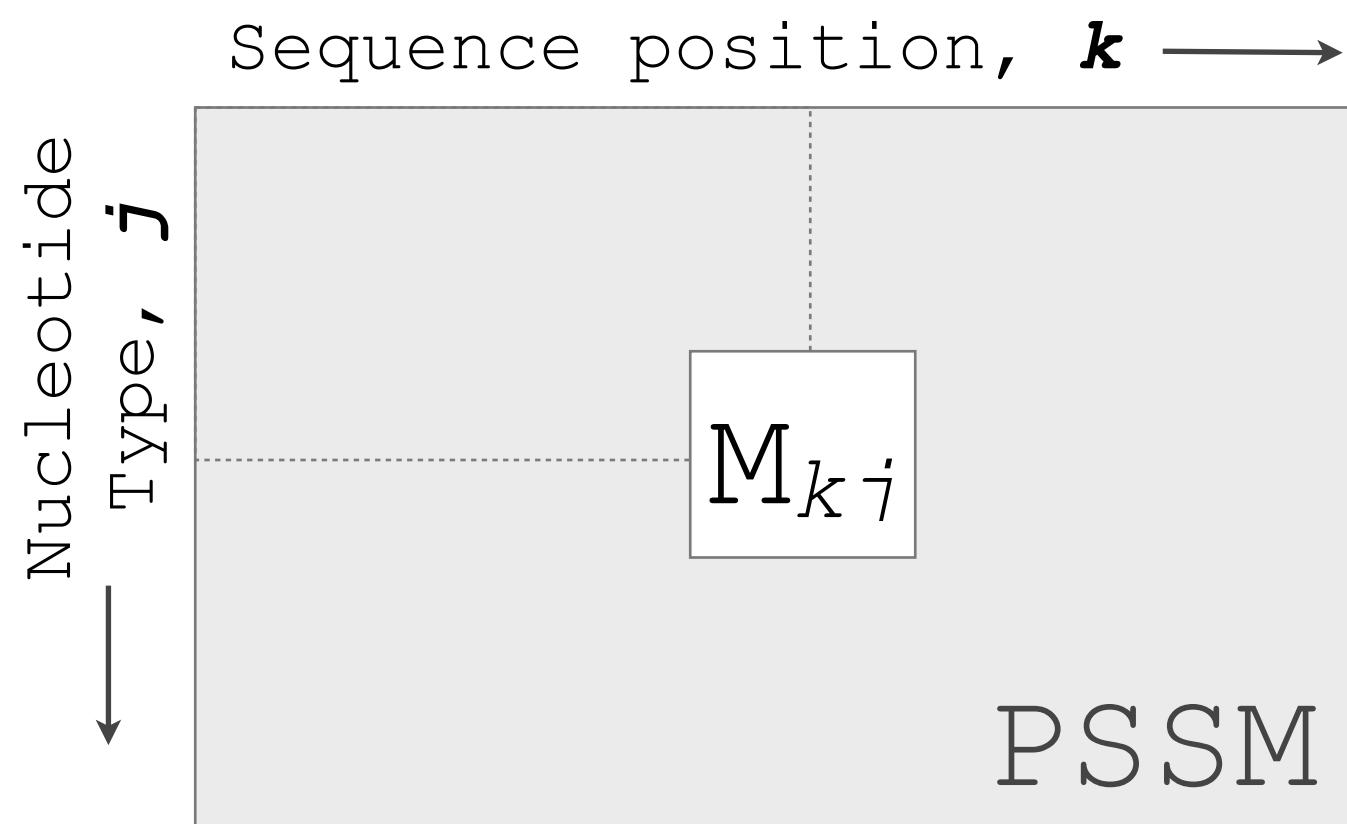
What is a PSSM?

What are PSSM sequence profiles?

A sequence profile is a **position-specific scoring matrix** (or **PSSM**, often pronounced 'possum') that gives a *quantitative* description of a set of aligned sequences.

PSSMs assign a score to a query sequence and are widely used for database searching.

A simple PSSM has as many columns as there are positions in the alignment, and either 4 rows (one for each DNA nucleotide) or 20 rows (one for each amino acid).



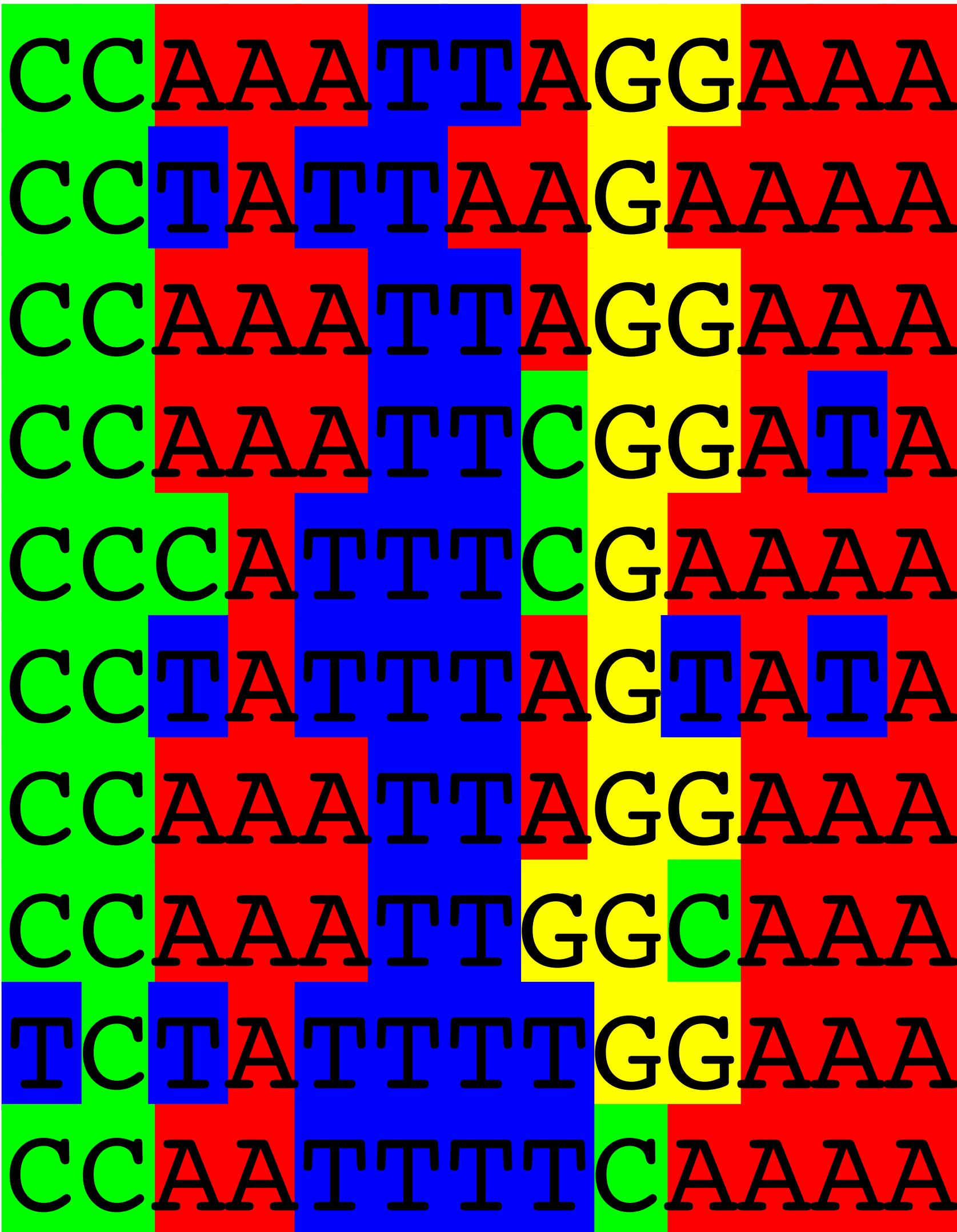
$$M_{kj} = \log\left(\frac{p_{kj}}{p_j}\right)$$

M_{kj} score for the j th nucleotide at position k

p_{kj} probability of nucleotide j at position k

p_j “background” probability of nucleotide j

Example: Computing a transcription factor bind site PSSM



Here we have **10 aligned** transcription factor binding site nucleotide sequences

That span **13 positions** (i.e. columns of nucleotides).

We will build a 13×4 **PSSM** ($k=13$, $j=4$).

Computing a transcription factor bind site PSSM

CCAAATTAGGAAA
CCTATTAAAGAAAA
CCAAATTAGGAAA
CCAAATTGGATA
CCCATTTCGAAAAA
CCTATTTAGTATA
CCAAATTAGGAAA
CCAAATTGGCAAA
TCTATTTGGAAA
CCAATTTCAAAAA

First we will build an alignment **Counts** matrix

Computing a transcription factor bind site PSSM

Sequence logo showing a transcription factor bind site with 10 sequences and 13 positions. Positions 1-4 are green, 5-6 blue, 7 yellow, 8 red, 9-10 green, 11 blue, 12 red, 13 blue.

Alignment Counts matrix:

Position k =	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A:													
C:													
G:													
T:													

Position k = 1



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Sequence logo showing a transcription factor bind site with four consensus sequences:

- CCAAATTAGGAAA
- CCTATTAAGAAAA
- CCAAATTAGGAAA
- CCAAATTGGATA

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A:	0												
C:	9												
G:	0												
T:	1												

Position k = 1



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A sequence logo visualization showing the consensus sequence CCAAAATTAGGAAA. The logo uses four colors: green for C, red for A, blue for T, and yellow for G. Below the logo, the sequence is shown in its original form: CCAAAATTAGGAAA.

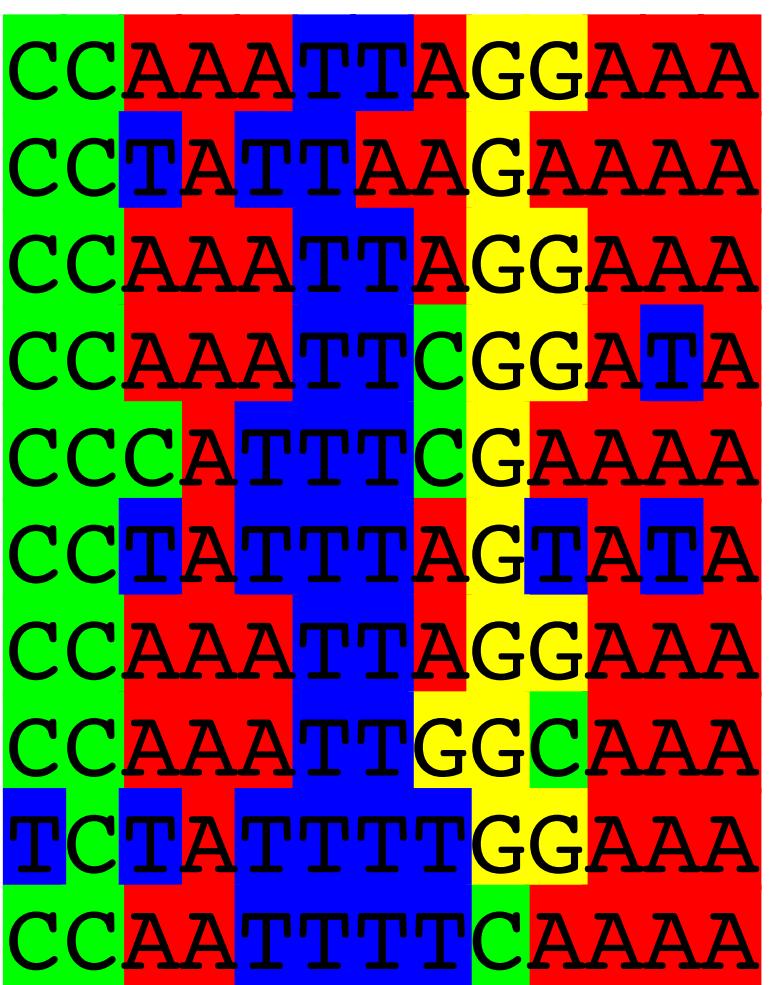
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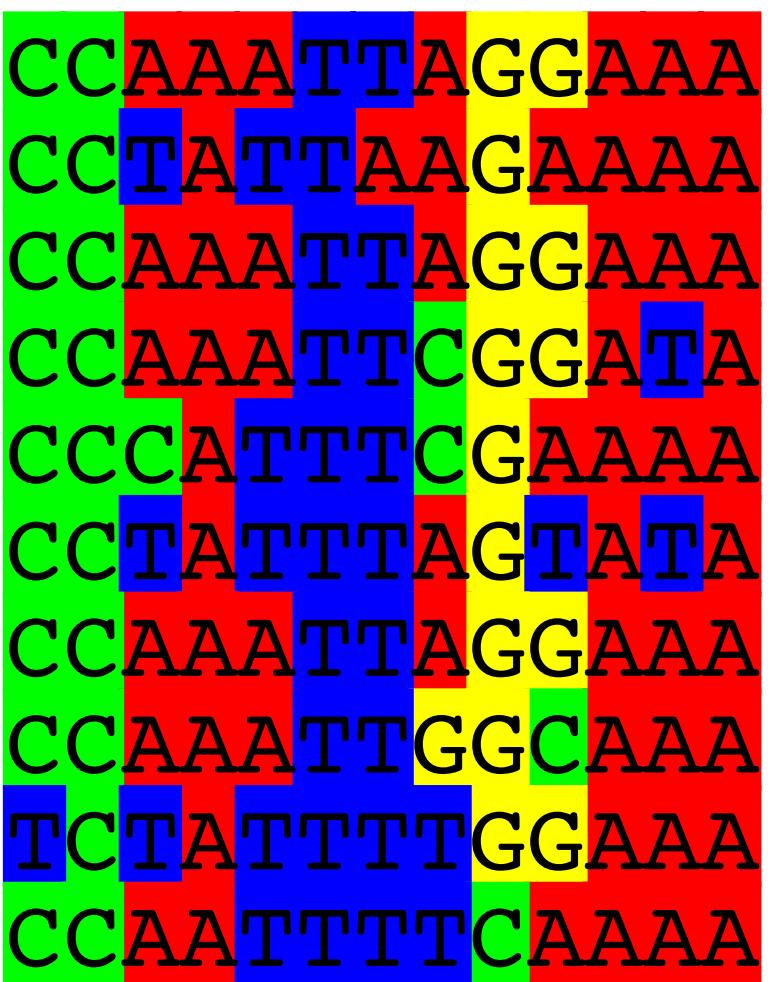
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Position $k = 2$



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T:	1	0	3										
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Position $k = 3$



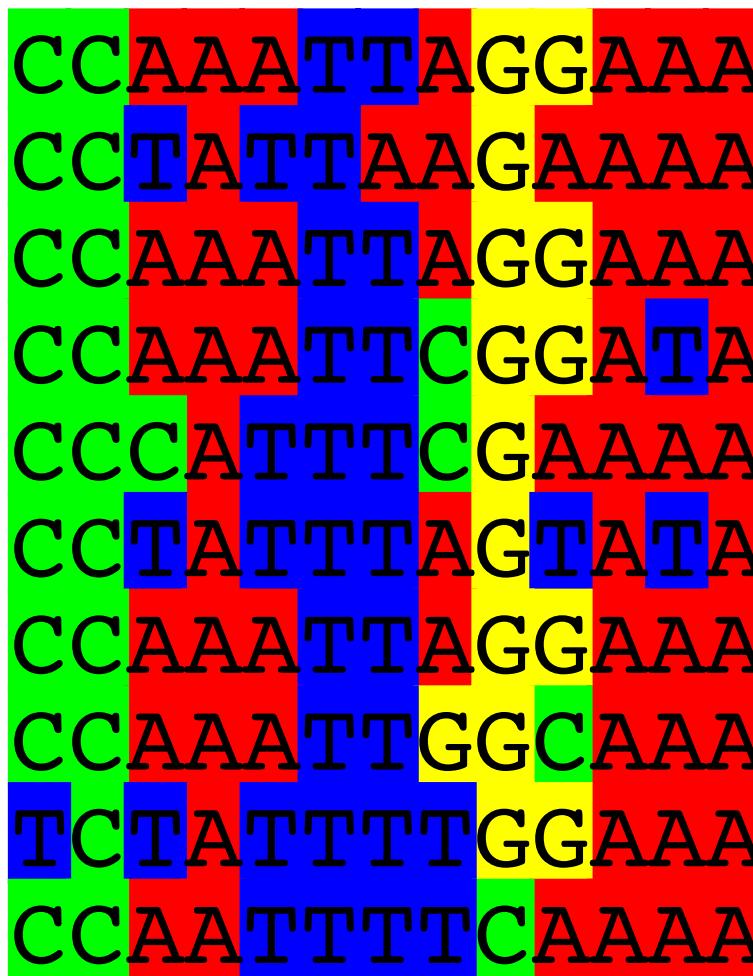
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C:	9	10	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
G:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	5	0	0	0
T:	1	0	3	0	5	10	9	2	0	1	0	2	0
Consensus	C	C	[AT]	A	[AT]	T	T	[ACT]	G	[GA]	A	[AT]	A

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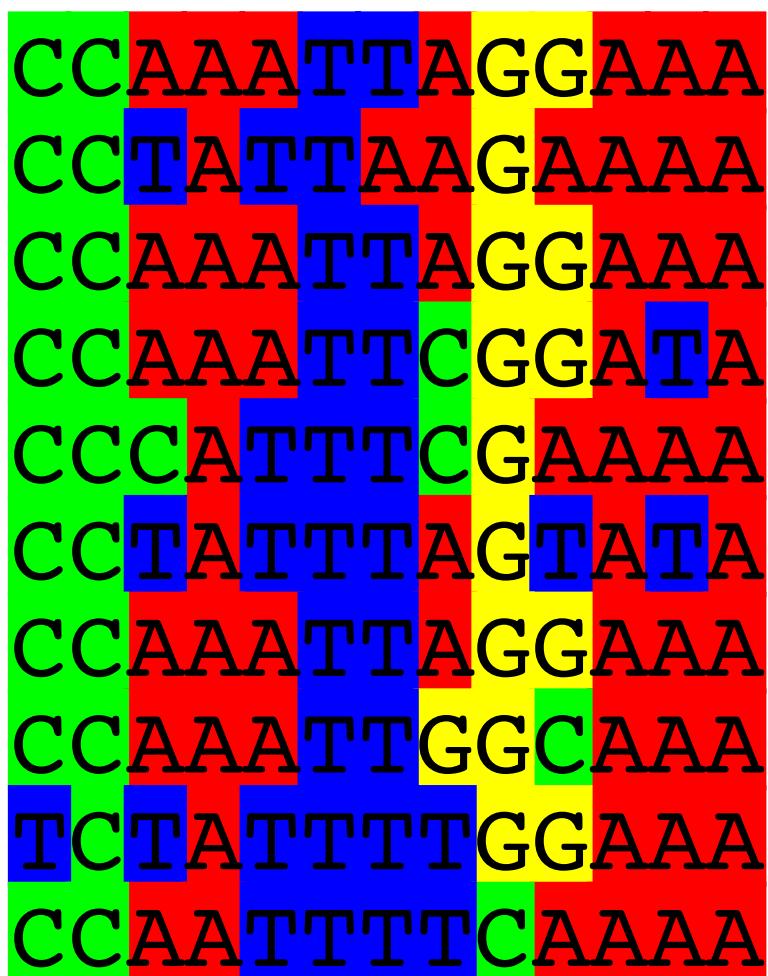
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A:	0	0	6	10	5	0	1	5	0	3	10	8	10
C:	9	10	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
G:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	5	0	0	0
T:	1	0	3	0	5	10	9	2	0	1	0	2	0
Consensus	C	C	[AT]	A	[AT]	T	T	[ACT]	G	[GA]	A	[AT]	A

Average Profile (Frequency) matrix:

Position k =	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A:	0	0	0.6	1	0.5	0	0.1	0.5	0	0.3	1	0.8	1
C:	0.9	1	0.1	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0	0	0
G:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.9	0.5	0	0	0
T:	0.1	0	0.3	0	0.5	1	0.9	0.2	0	0.1	0	0.2	0
Consensus	C	C	[AT]	A	[AT]	T	T	[ACT]	G	[GA]	A	[AT]	A

Often we will not communicate with the count matrix but rather the derived **average profile** (a.k.a. frequency matrix).

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C:	9	10	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
G:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	5	0	0	0
T:	1	0	3	0	5	10	9	2	0	1	0	2	0
Consensus	C	C	[AT]	A	[AT]	T	T	[ACT]	G	[GA]	A	[AT]	A

Or the "score (M_{kj}) matrix" = PSSM

C_{kj} Number of j th type nucleotide at position k

Z Total number of aligned sequences

p_j “background” probability of nucleotide j

p_{kj} probability of nucleotide j at position k

$$M_{kj} = \log\left(\frac{p_{kj}}{p_j}\right) \quad p_{kj} = \frac{C_{kj} + p_j}{Z + 1}$$

$$M_{kj} = \log\left(\frac{C_{kj} + p_j / Z + 1}{p_j}\right)$$

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Alignment Matrix: C_{kj}

Position k =	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A:	0	0	6	10	5	0	1	5	0	3	10	8	10
C:	9	10	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
G:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	5	0	0	0
T:	1	0	3	0	5	10	9	2	0	1	0	2	0

$$k=1, j=A: M_{kj} = \log\left(\frac{C_{kj} + p_j / Z + 1}{p_j}\right) = \log\left(\frac{0 + 0.25 / 10 + 1}{0.25}\right) = -2.4$$

$$k=1, j=C: M_{kj} = \log\left(\frac{C_{kj} + p_j / Z + 1}{p_j}\right) = \log\left(\frac{9 + 0.25 / 10 + 1}{0.25}\right) = 1.2$$

$$k=1, j=T: M_{kj} = \log\left(\frac{C_{kj} + p_j / Z + 1}{p_j}\right) = \log\left(\frac{1 + 0.25 / 10 + 1}{0.25}\right) = -0.8$$

PSSM: M_{kj}

Position k =	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A:	-2.4	-2.4	0.8	1.3	0.6	-2.4	-0.8	0.6	-2.4	0.2	1.3	1.1	1.3
C:	1.2	1.3	-0.8	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-0.2	-0.8	-0.8	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4
G:	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-0.8	1.2	0.6	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4
T:	-0.8	-2.4	0.2	-2.4	0.6	1.3	1.2	-0.2	-2.4	-0.8	-2.4	-0.2	-2.4

Scoring a test sequence

Query Sequence
CCTATTTAGGATA

PSSM:

Position k =	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A:	-2.4	-2.4	0.8	1.3	0.6	-2.4	-0.8	0.6	-2.4	0.2	1.3	1.1	1.3
C:	1.2	1.3	-0.8	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-0.2	-0.8	-0.8	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4
G:	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-0.8	1.2	0.6	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4
T:	-0.8	-2.4	0.2	-2.4	0.6	1.3	1.2	-0.2	-2.4	-0.8	-2.4	-0.2	-2.4

Test seq: C C T A T T A T A G G A T

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Query Score} &= 1.2 + 1.3 + 0.2 + 1.3 + 0.6 + 1.3 + 1.2 \\ &\quad + 0.6 + 1.2 + 0.6 + 1.3 + -0.2 + 1.3 \\ &= 11.9\end{aligned}$$

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A:	-2.4	-2.4	0.8	1.3	0.6	-2.4	-0.8	0.6	-2.4	0.2	1.3	1.1	1.3
C:	1.2	1.3	-0.8	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-0.2	-0.8	-0.8	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4
G:	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-0.8	1.2	0.6	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4
T:	-0.8	-2.4	0.2	-2.4	0.6	1.3	1.2	-0.2	-2.4	-0.8	-2.4	-0.2	-2.4

Test seq: C C T A T T A T A G G A T

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Query Score} &= 1.2 + 1.3 + 0.2 + 1.3 + 0.6 + 1.3 + 1.2 \\ &\quad + 0.6 + 1.2 + 0.6 + 1.3 + -0.2 + 1.3 \\ &= 11.9\end{aligned}$$

Q. Does the query sequence match the DNA sequence profile?

Scoring a test sequence...

Query Sequence
CCTATTTAGGATA

Best Possible Sequence
CCAAATTTAGGAAA

PSSM:

Position k =	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A:	-2.4	-2.4	0.8	1.3	0.6	-2.4	-0.8	0.6	-2.4	0.2	1.3	1.1	1.3
C:	1.2	1.3	-0.8	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-0.2	-0.8	-0.8	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4
G:	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4	-0.8	1.2	0.6	-2.4	-2.4	-2.4
T:	-0.8	-2.4	0.2	-2.4	0.6	1.3	1.2	-0.2	-2.4	-0.8	-2.4	-0.2	-2.4

Max Score: C C A A T T T A G G A A A

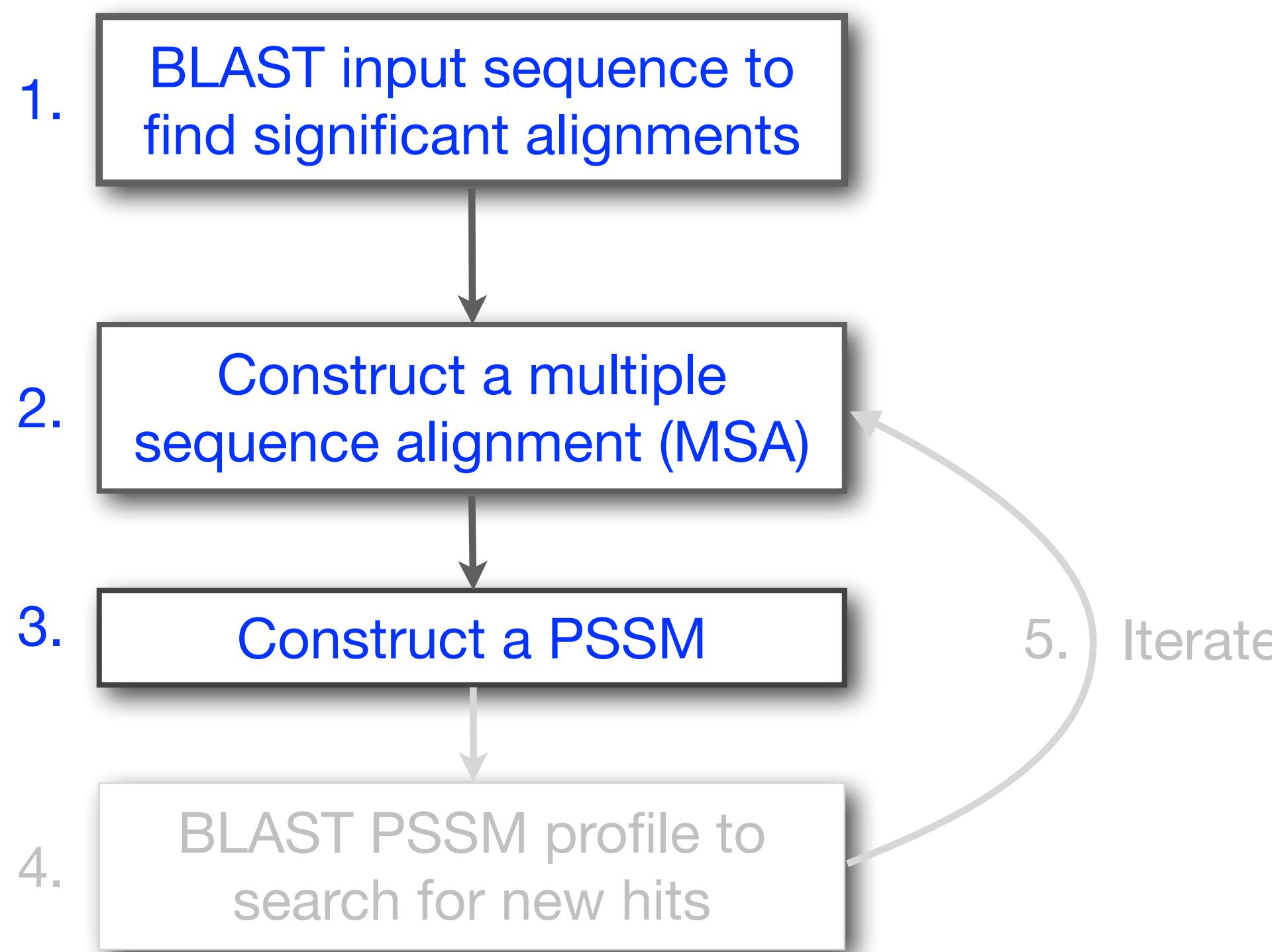
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Max Score} &= 1.2 + 1.3 + 0.8 + 1.3 + 0.6 + 1.3 + 1.2 \\ &\quad + 0.6 + 1.2 + 0.6 + 1.3 + 1.1 + 1.3 \\ &= 13.8\end{aligned}$$

A. Following method in Harbison *et al.* (2004) Nature 431:99-104

Heuristic threshold for match = $60\% \times \text{Max Score} = (0.6 \times 13.8 = 8.28)$;
 $11.9 > 8.28$; Therefore our query is a potential TFBS!

PSI-BLAST: Position-Specific Iterated BLAST

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(see Altschul *et al.*, Nuc. Acids Res. (1997) 25:3389-3402)

Inspect the blastp output to identify empirical “rules” regarding amino acids tolerated at each position

730496	66	FTVDENGQMSATAKGRVRLFNNWDVCADMIGSFTDTEPAKFKMKYWGVASFLQKGNDH	125
200679	63	FSVDEKGHMSATAKGRVRLLSNWEVCADMVGTFDTEDPAFKMKYWGVASFLQRGNDDH	122
206589	34	FSVDEKGHMSATAKGRVRLLSNWEVCADMVGTFDTEDPAFKMKYWGVASFLQRGNDDH	93
2136812	2	MSATAKGRVLLNNWDVCADMVGTFDTEDPAFKMKYWGVASFLQKGNDH	53
132408	65	FKIEDNGKTTATAKGRVRILDKLELCANMVGTFIETNDPAKYRMKYHGALAILERGLDDH	124
267584	44	FSVDESGKVTATAHGRVIIILNNWEMCANMFGTfedTPDPAFKMRYWGAASYLQTGNDDH	103
267585	44	FSVDGSGKVTATAQGRVIIILNNWEMCANMFGTfedTPDPAFKMRYWGAAYLQSGNDDH	103
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6687453	60	FKVEEDGTMTATAIGRVIILNNWEMCANMFGTfedTEDPAFKMKYWGAAYLQTGYDDH	119
10697027	81	FKVQEDGTMTATATGRVIIILNNWEMCANMFGTfedTEEPARFKMKYWGAAYLQTGYDDH	140
13645517	1	MVGTFDTEDPAFKMKYWGVASFLQKGNDH	32
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M

N,M,L,Y,G

	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V
1 M	-1	-2	-2	-3	-2	-1	-2	-3	-2	1	2	-2	6	0	-3	-2	-1	-2	-1	1
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3 W	-3	-3	-4	-5	-3	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	12	2	-3	
4 V	0	-3	-3	-4	-1	-3	-3	-4	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-2	0	-3	-1	4	
5 W	-3	-3	-4	-5	-3	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	12	2	-3	
6 A	5	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-3	-1	1	0	-3	-2	0
7 L	-2	-2	-4	-4	-1	-2	-3	-4	-3	2	4	-3	2	0	-3	-3	-1	-2	-1	1
8 L	-1	-3	-3	-4	-1	-3	-3	-4	-3	2	2	-3	1	3	-3	-2	-1	-2	0	3
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11 A	5	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-3	-1	1	0	-3	-2	0
12 A	5	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	0	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-3	-1	1	0	-3	-2	0
13 W	-2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	2	1	-3	-3	-2	7	0	0	
14 A	3	All the amino acids from position 1 to N (the end of your query protein)	1	-2	-3	-1	1	-1	-3	-1	1	-1	-3	-3	-1	1	0	-3	-2	0
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3 W	-3	-3	-4	-5	-3	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-2	-3	-2	1	-4	-3	-3	12	2	-3
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42 A	4	-2	-2	-2	-1	-2	-3	-4	-3	2	4	-3	2	0	-3	-2	-1	-2	0	

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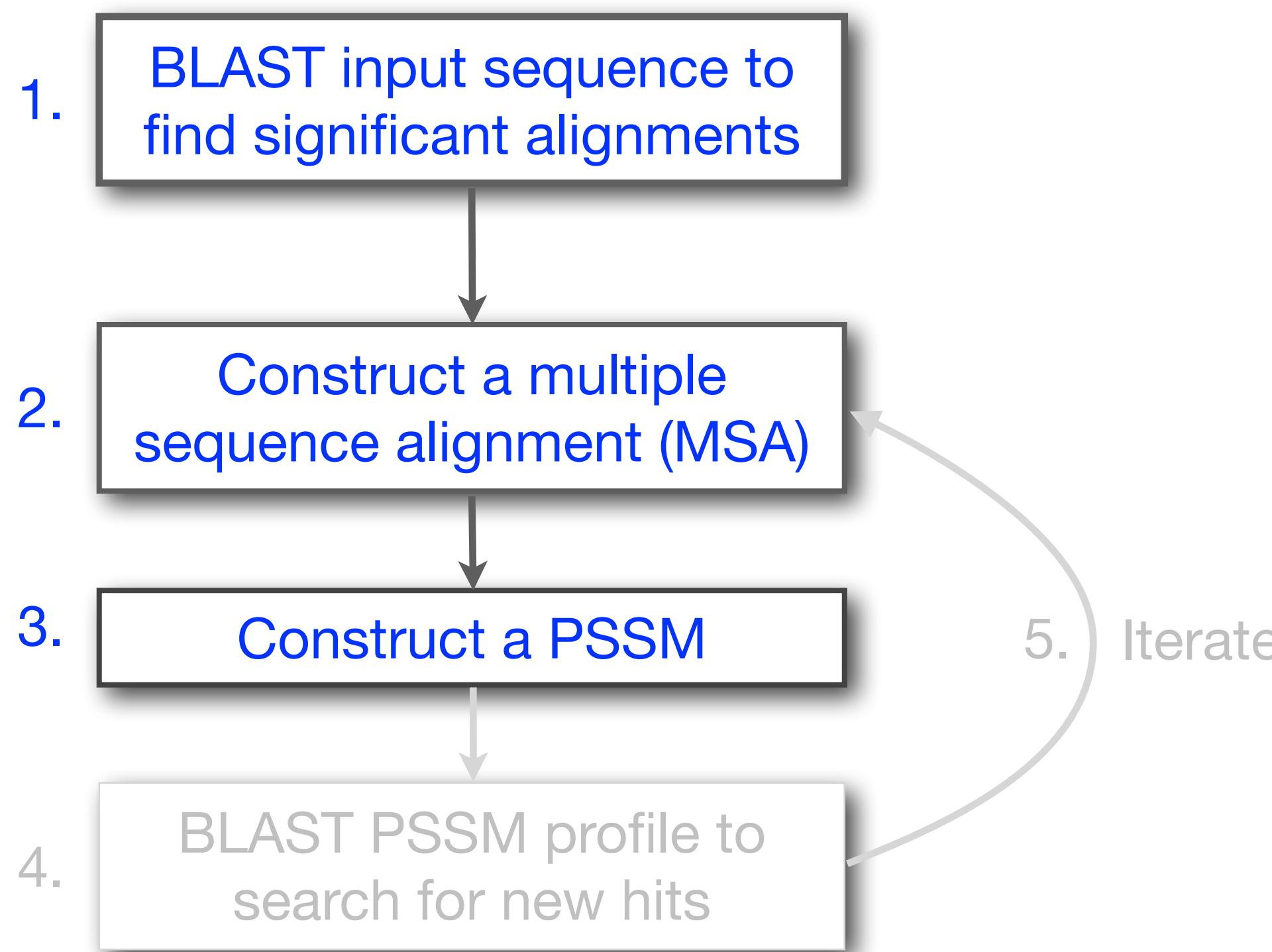
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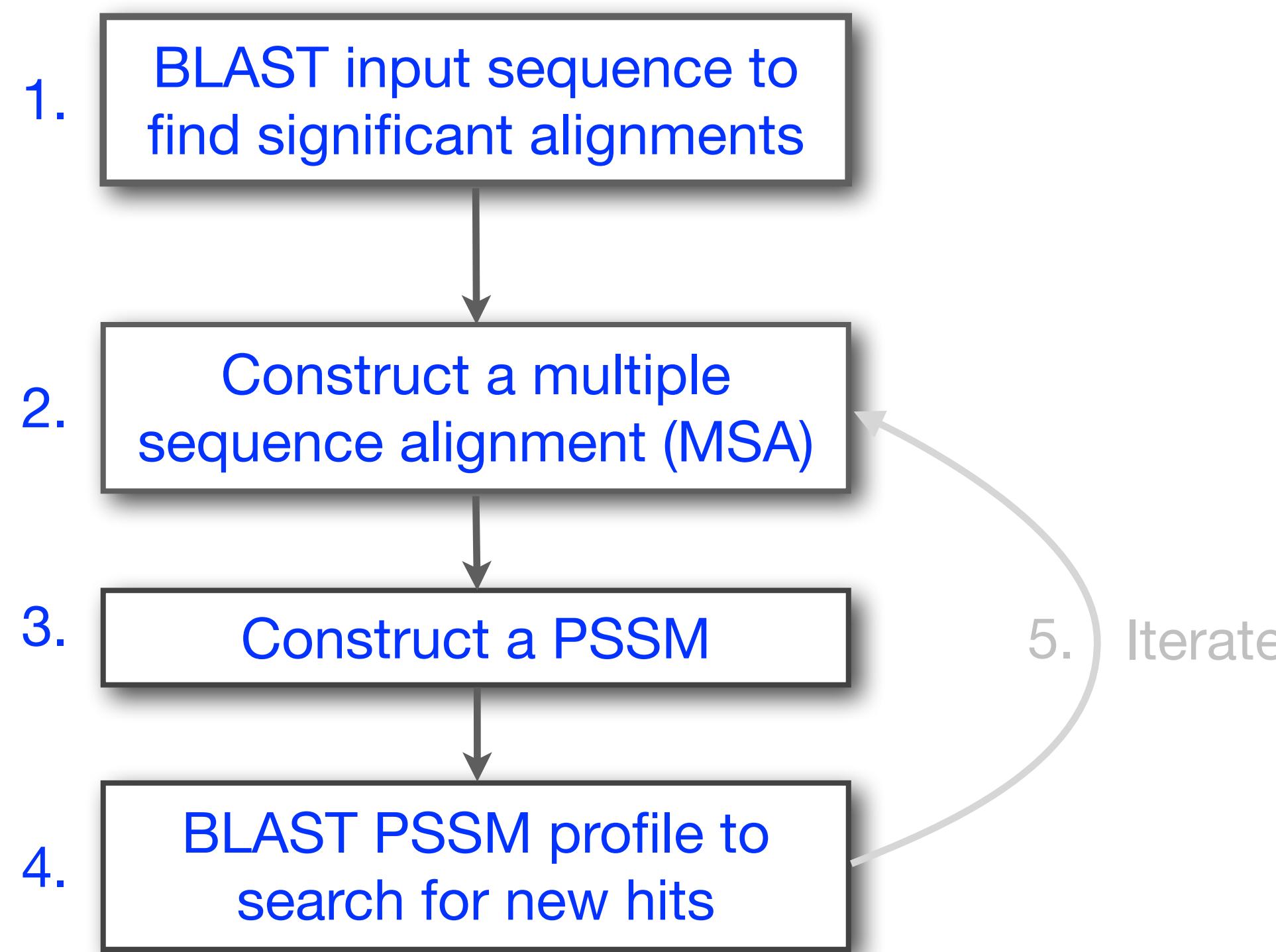
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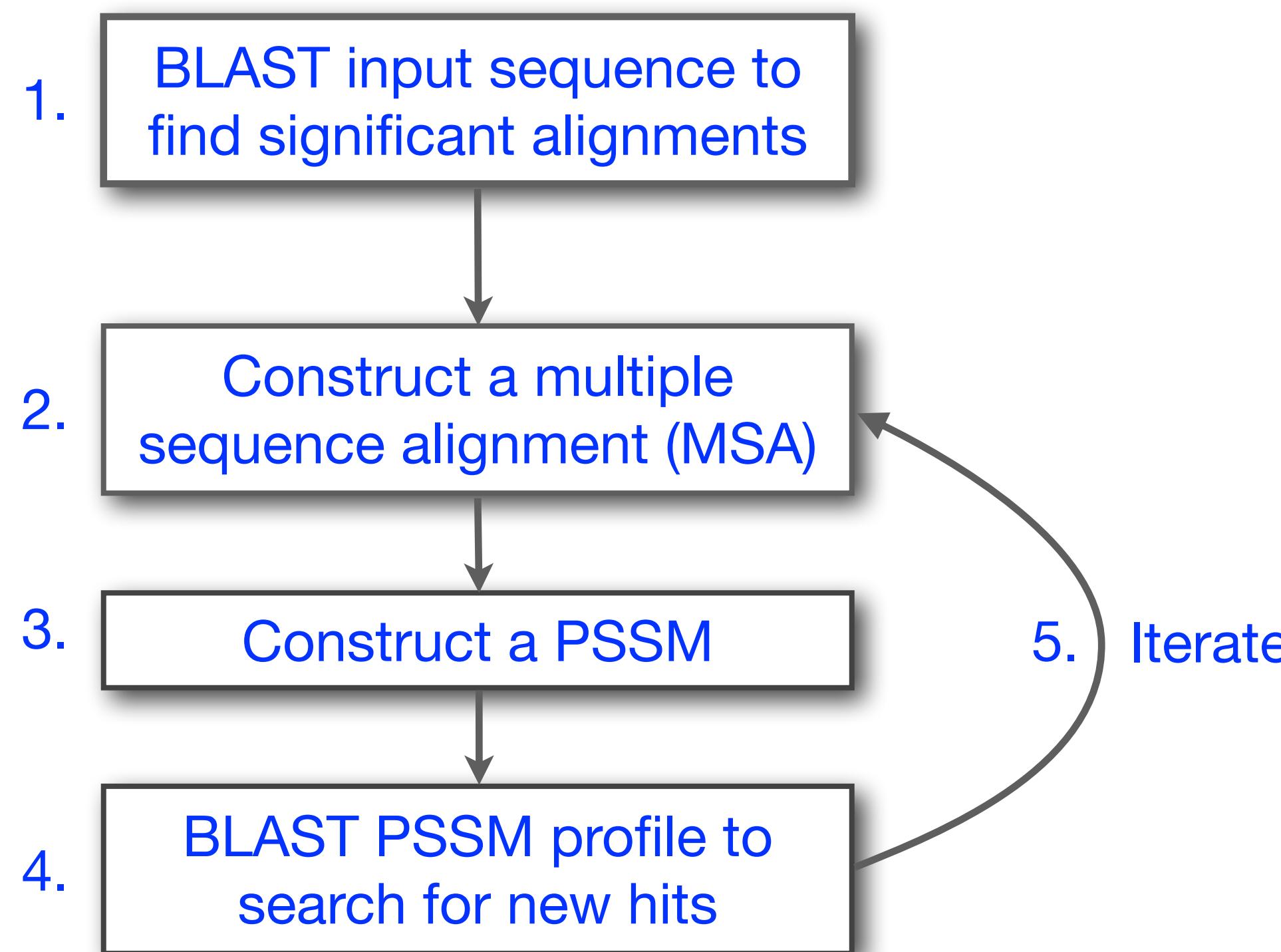
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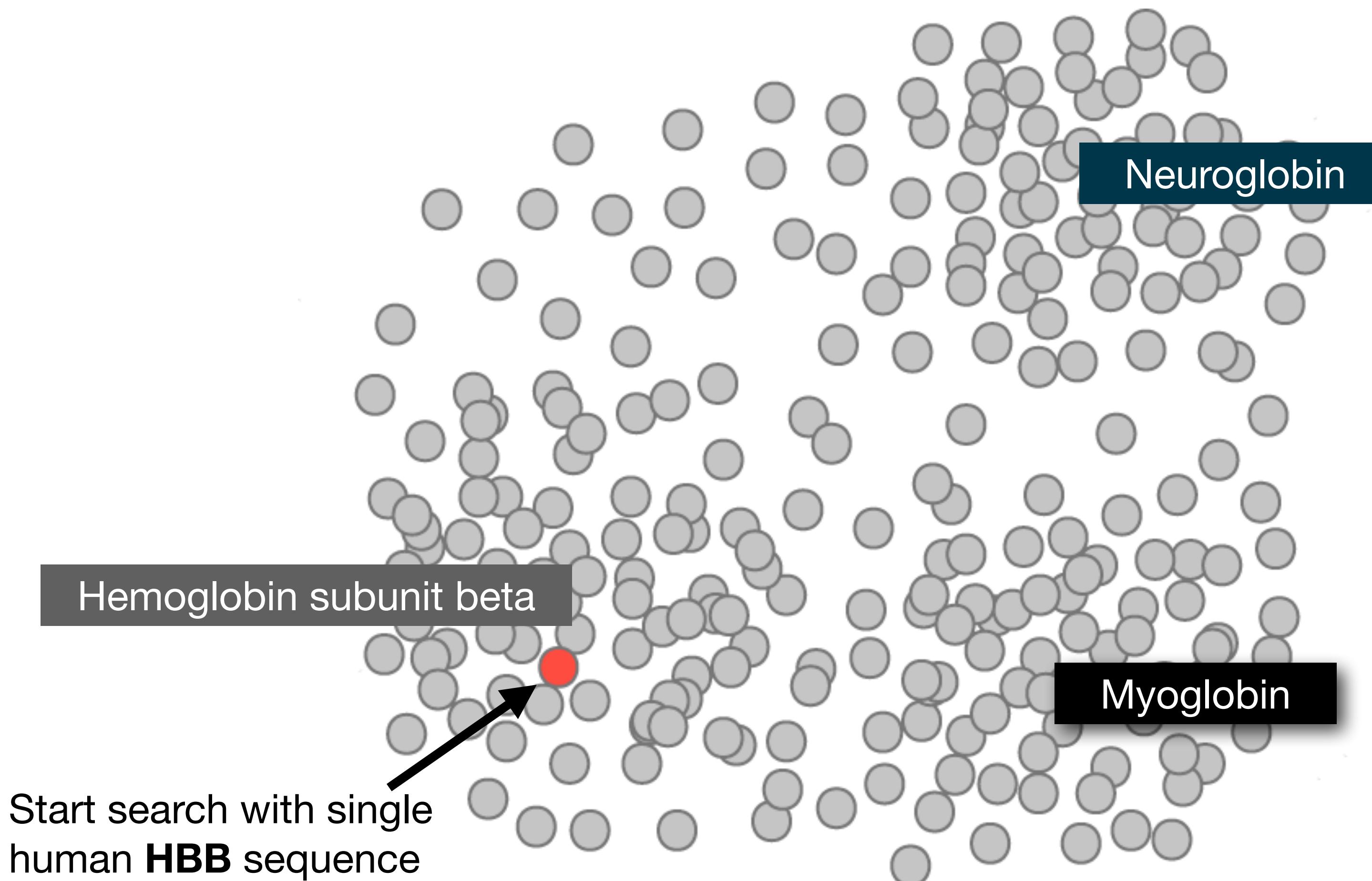
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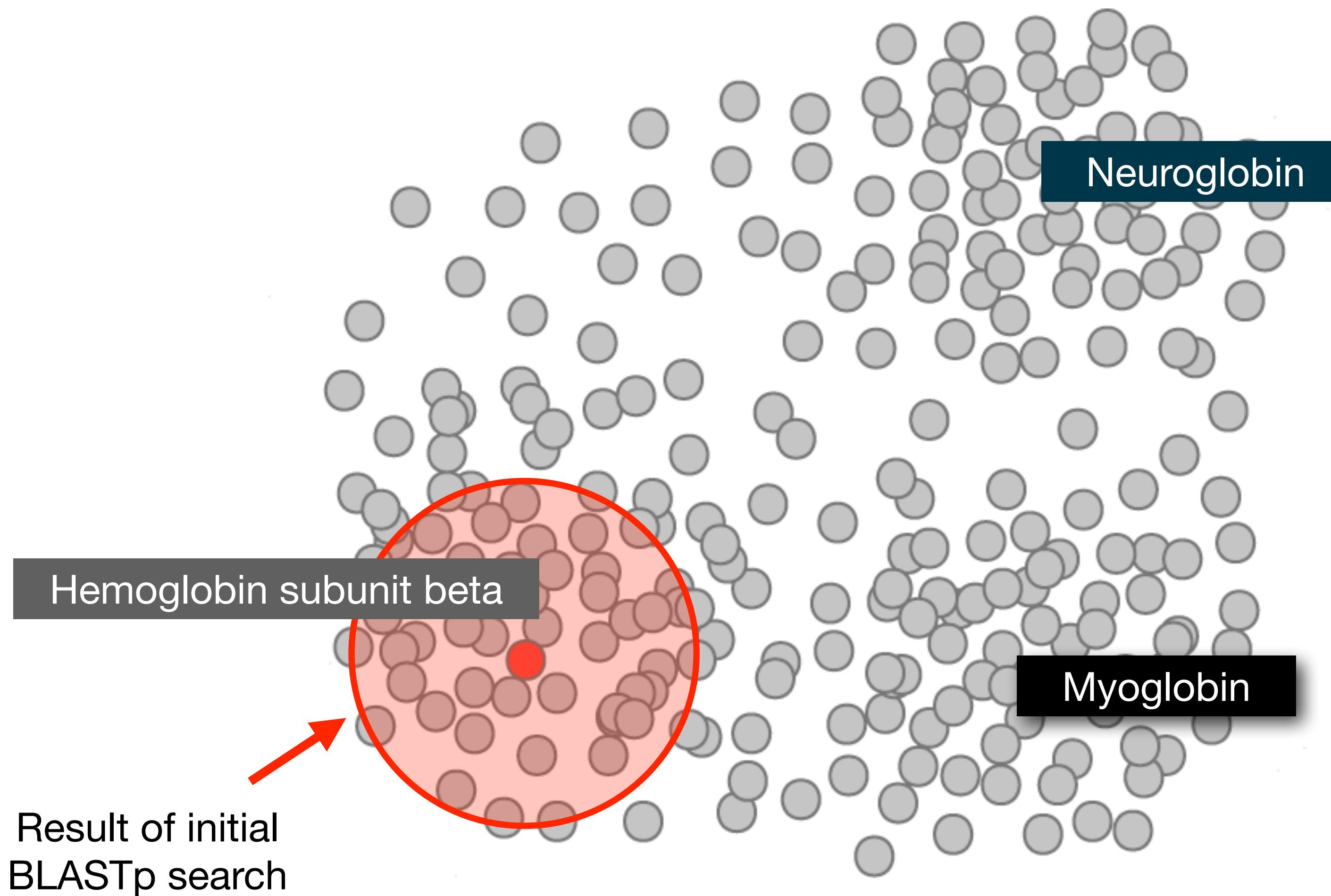
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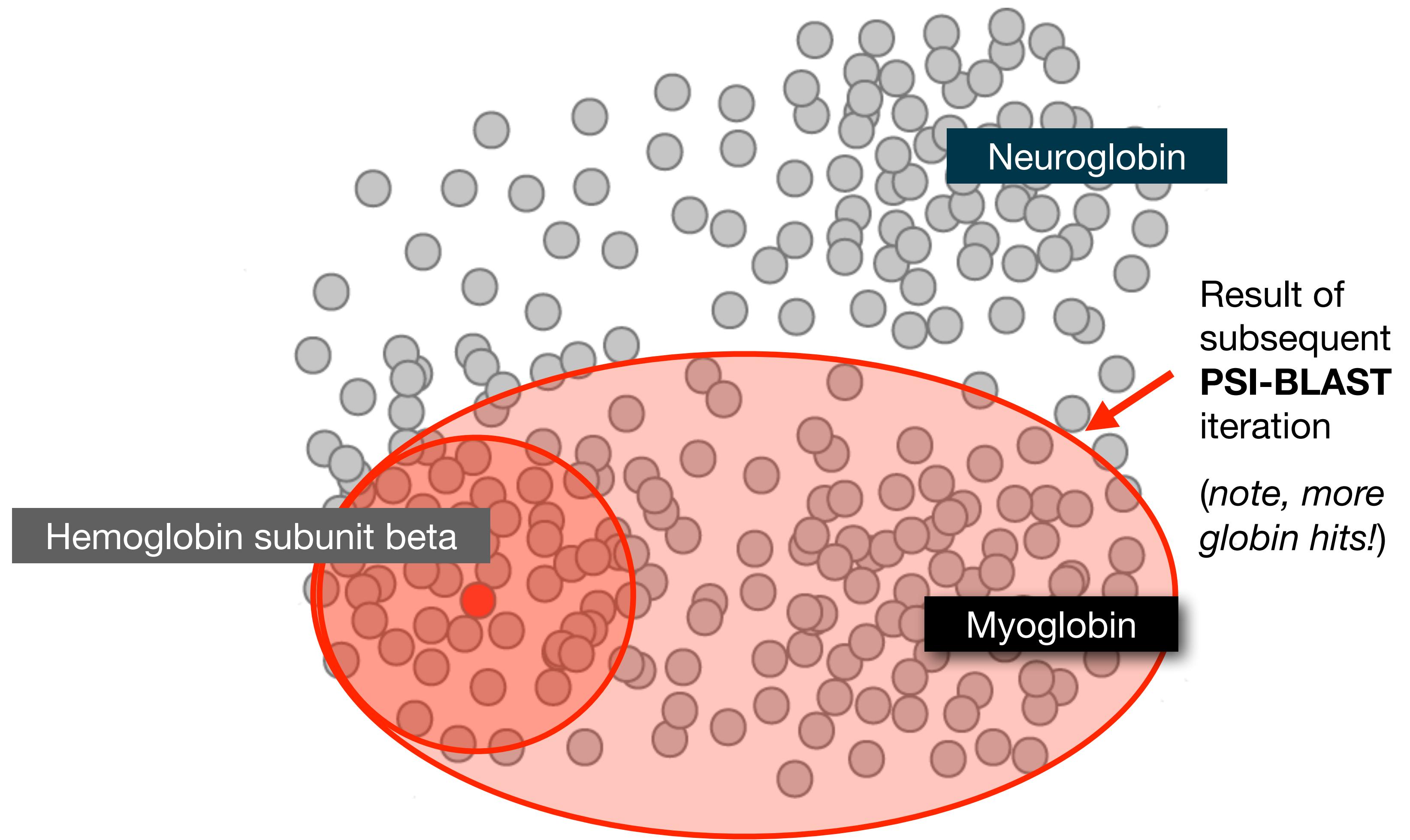
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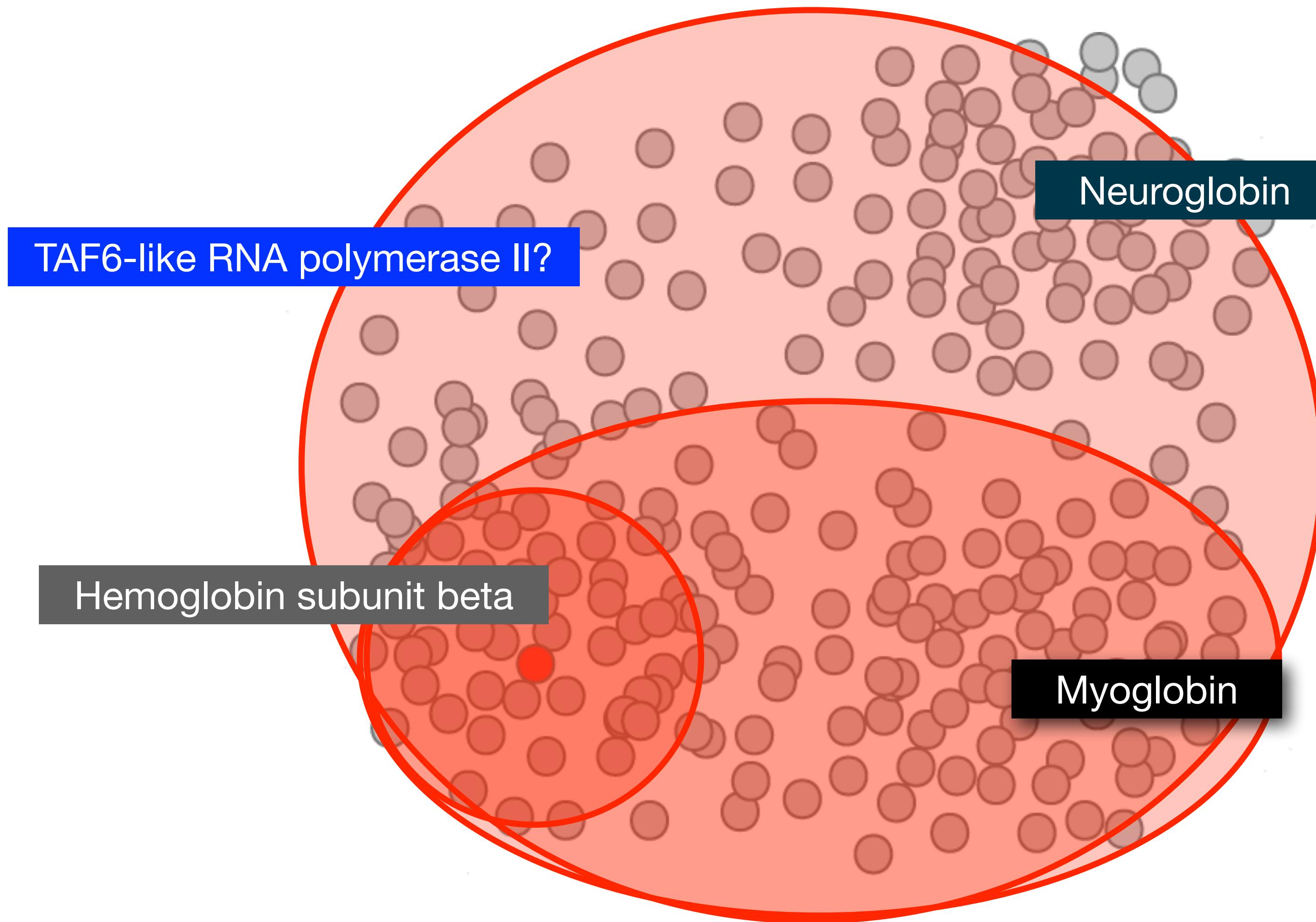


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Result of later
PSI-BLAST
iteration
(note, potential
“corruption”!)

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New relevant globins found only by PSI-BLAST

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hemoglobin subunit alpha [Homo sapiens]	151	151	97%	3e-47	42%	NP_000508.1
hemoglobin subunit mu [Homo sapiens]	147	147	97%	6e-46	35%	NP_001003938.1
hemoglobin subunit theta-1 [Homo sapiens]	147	147	97%	2e-45	37%	NP_005322.1
neuroglobin [Homo sapiens]	134	134	92%	3e-40	23%	NP_067080.1
PREDICTED: cytoglobin isoform X2 [Homo sapiens]	115	115	66%	3e-33	25%	XP_016879605.1
PREDICTED: microtubule cross-linking factor 1 isoform X1 [Homo sapien	46.3	46.3	27%	7e-06	39%	XP_011523942.1
PREDICTED: microtubule cross-linking factor 1 isoform X4 [Homo sapie	46.3	46.3	27%	7e-06	39%	XP_005258156.1

Inclusion of irrelevant hits can lead to PSSM corruption

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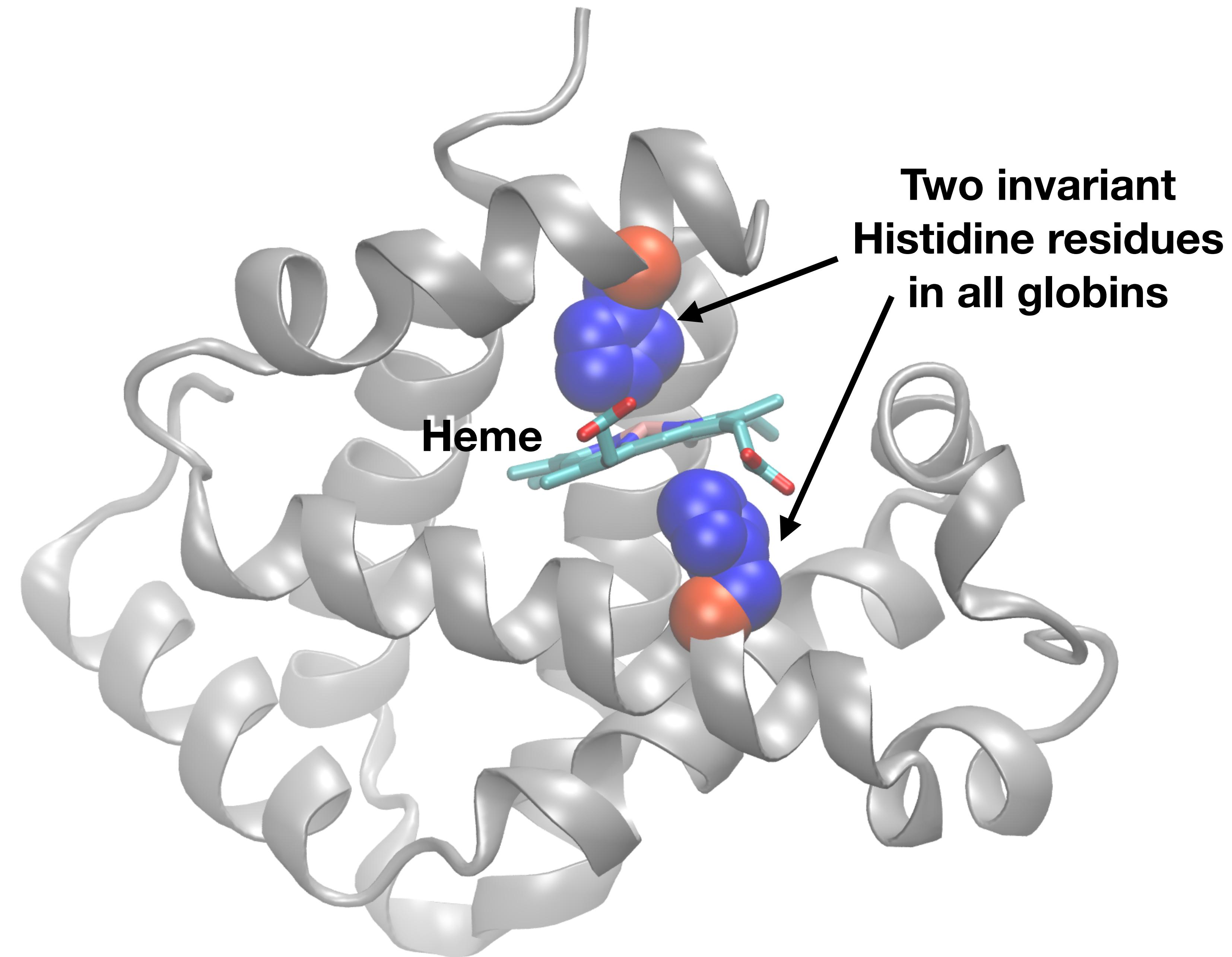
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Problems with PSSMs: Positional dependencies

Do not capture positional dependencies

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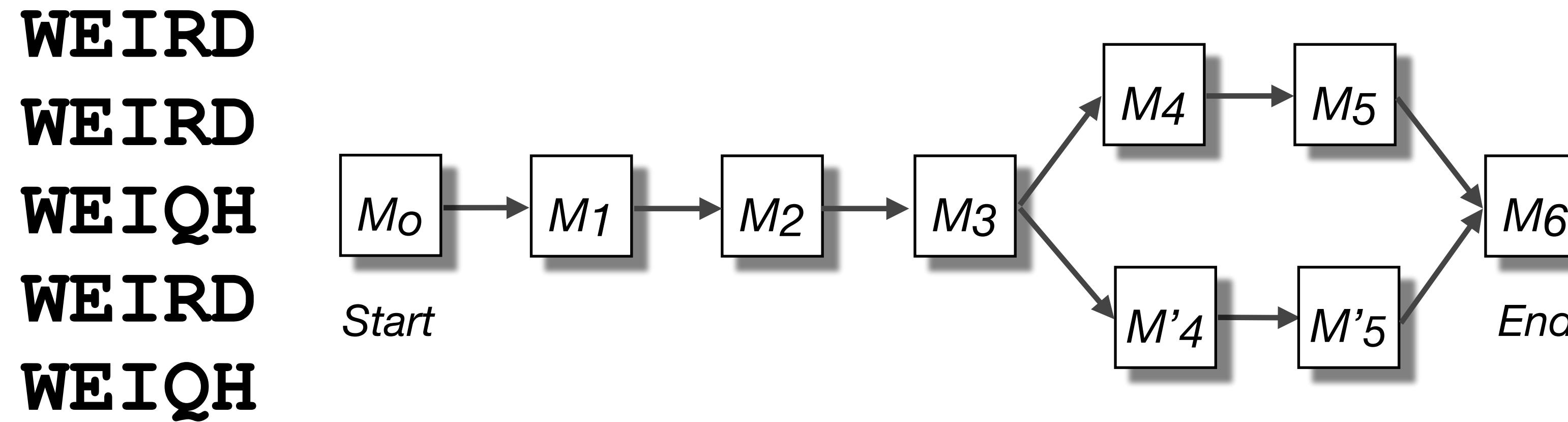
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Note: We never see **QD** or **RH**, we only see **RD** and **QH**.
However, $P(RH)=0.24$, $P(QD)=0.24$, while $P(QH)=0.16$

Markov chains: Positional dependencies



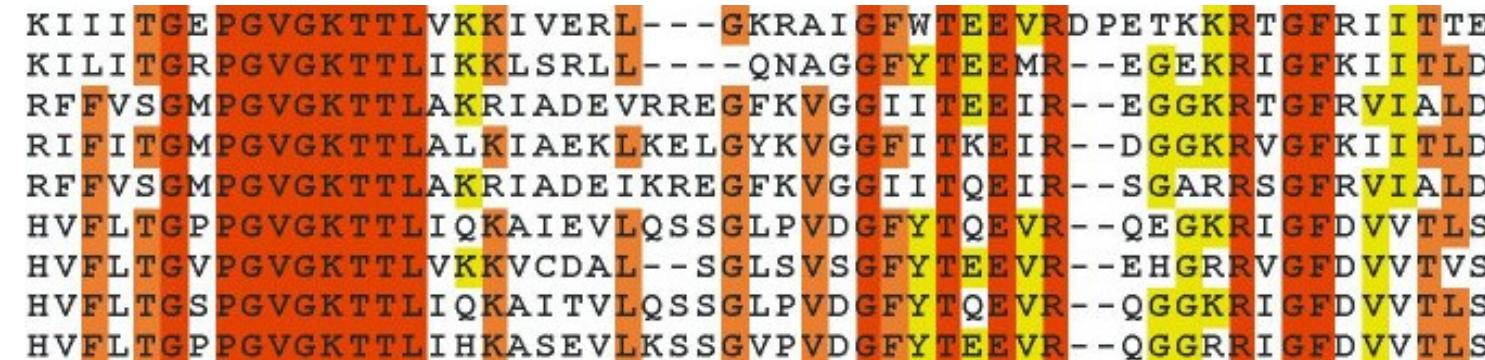
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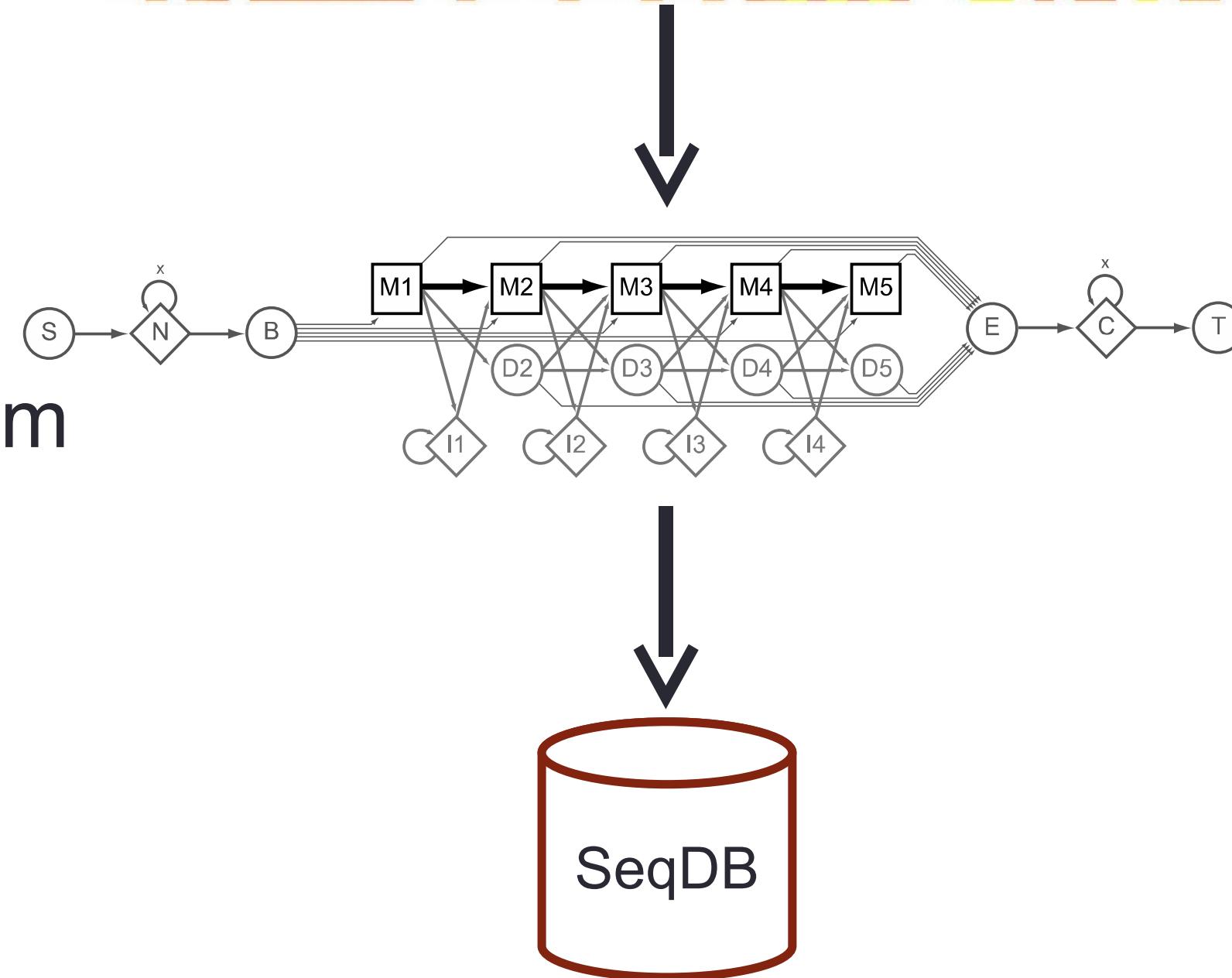
Recall that a PSSM for this motif would give the sequences **WEIRD** and **WEIRH** equally good scores even though the **RH** and **QR** combinations were not observed

Use of HMMER

- Widely used by protein family databases
 - Use ‘seed’ alignments
- Until 2010
 - Computationally expensive
 - Restricted to HMMs constructed from multiple sequence alignments
- Command line application

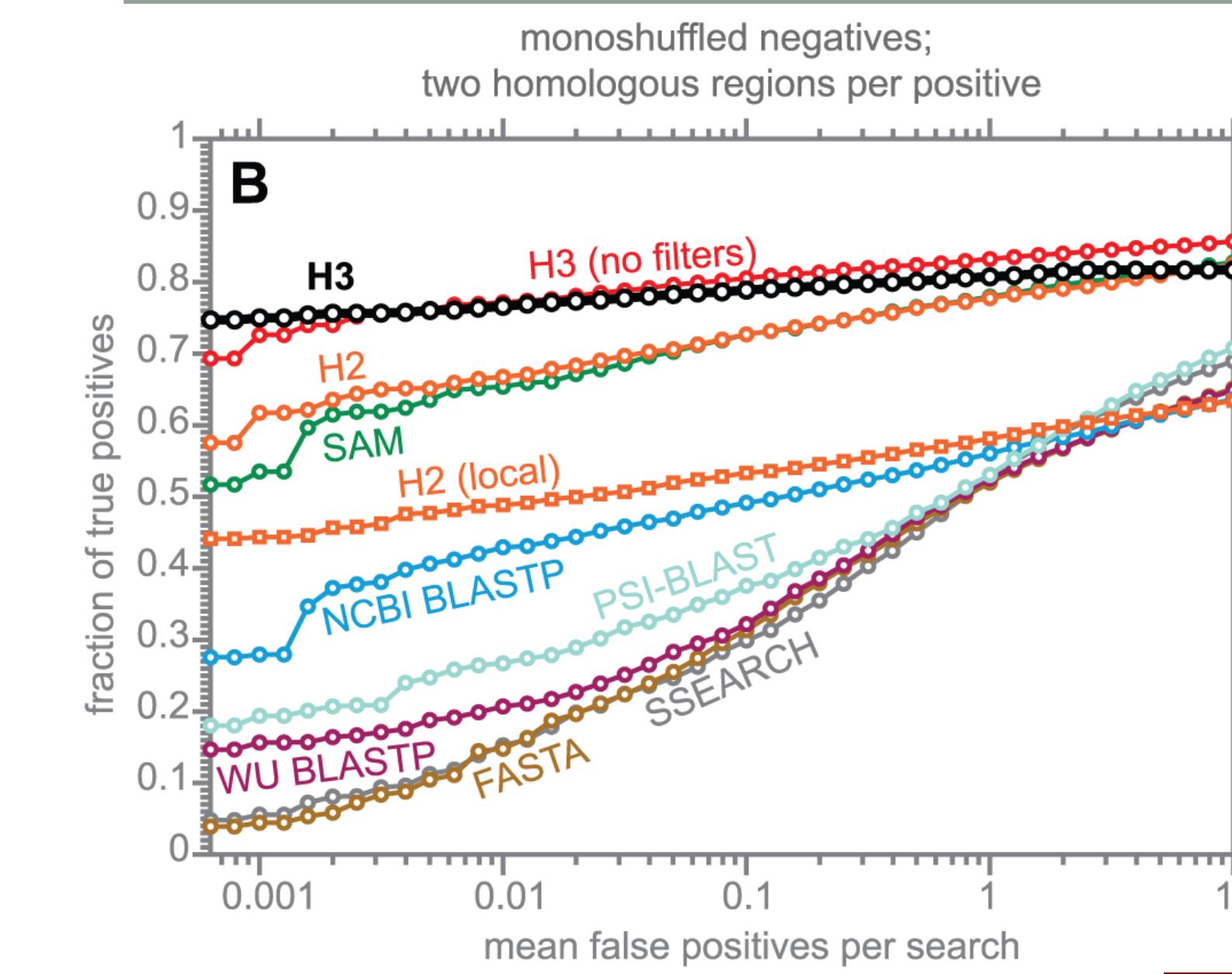
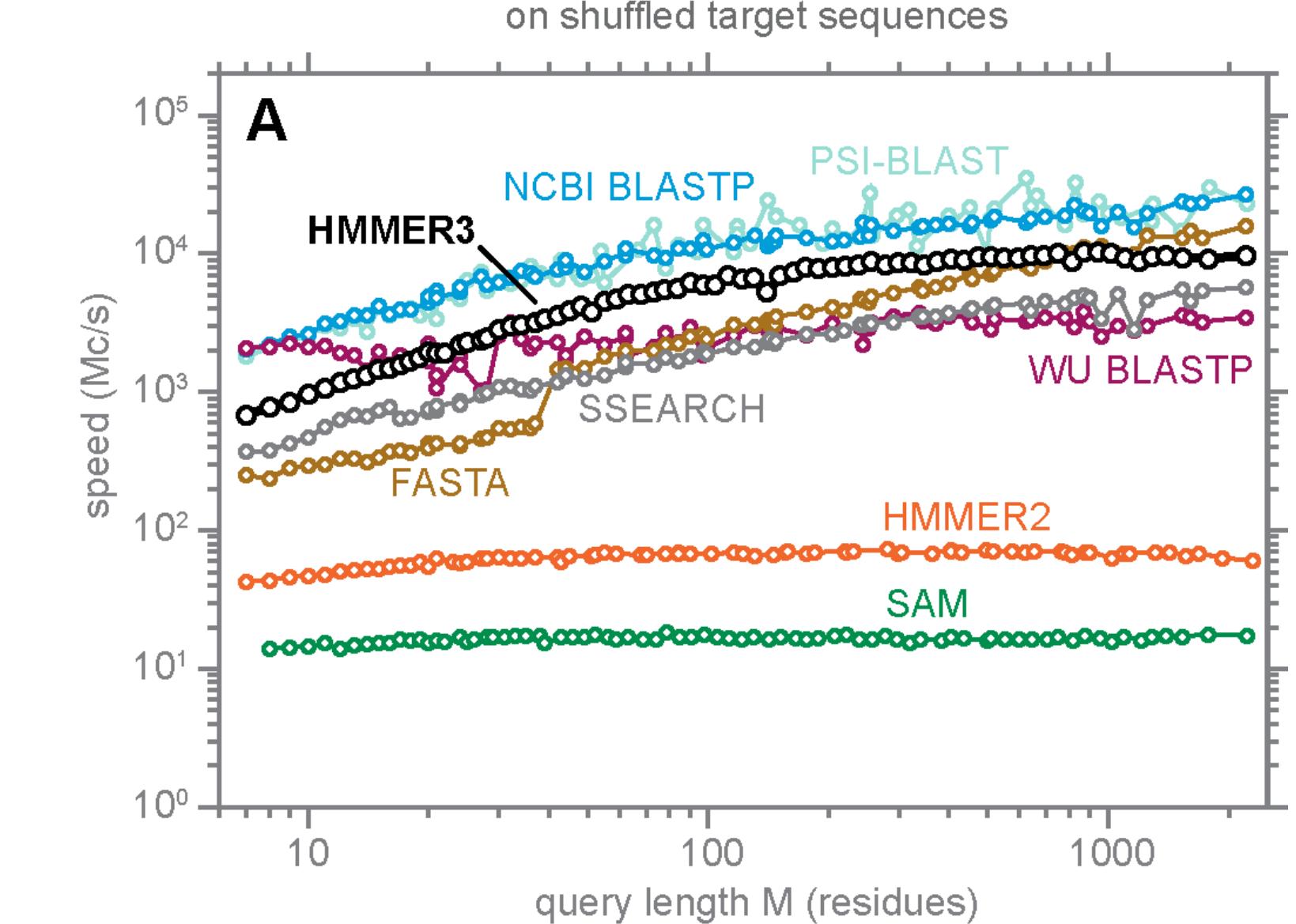


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HMMER vs BLAST

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Query	Single sequence	
Target Database	Sequence database	
Program	<i>HMMSCAN</i>	<i>RPSBLAST</i>
Query	Single sequence	
Target Database	Profile HMM database, e.g. Pfam	PSSM database, e.g. CDD
Program	<i>HMMSEARCH</i>	<i>PSI-BLAST</i>
Query	Profile HMM	PSSM
Target Database	Sequence database	
Program	<i>JACKHMMER</i>	<i>PSI-BLAST</i>
Query	Single sequence	
Target Database	Sequence database	



Modified from: S. R. Eddy
PLoS Comp. Biol., 7:e1002195, 2011.



Fast Web Searches

- Parallelized searches across compute farm
 - Average query returns ~1 sec
- Range of sequence databases
 - Large Comprehensive
 - Curated / Structure
 - Metagenomics
 - Representative Proteomes
- Family Annotations
 - Pfam
- Batch and RESTful API
 - Automatic and Human interface





HMMER

Biosequence analysis using profile hidden Markov Models

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protein sequence vs protein sequence database

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ALAHKYH
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Taxon search Pre-defined representatives

Organism:

Significant Query Matches (12) in *swissprot* (v.2018_11)

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Target	Description	Species	Cross-references	E-value
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> HBD_HUMAN	Hemoglobin subunit delta	Homo sapiens		1.6e-91
> HBE_HUMAN	Hemoglobin subunit epsilon	Homo sapiens		1.5e-74
> HBG2_HUMAN	Hemoglobin subunit gamma-2	Homo sapiens		8.8e-73
> HBG1_HUMAN	Hemoglobin subunit gamma-1	Homo sapiens		6.2e-72
> HBA_HUMAN	Hemoglobin subunit alpha	Homo sapiens		3.8e-29
> HBAZ_HUMAN	Hemoglobin subunit zeta	Homo sapiens		4.5e-23
> HBAT_HUMAN	Hemoglobin subunit theta-1	Homo sapiens		5.2e-22
> HBM_HUMAN	Hemoglobin subunit mu	Homo sapiens		3.4e-19
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> MYG_HUMAN	Myoglobin	Homo sapiens		2.3e-06
> NGB_HUMAN	Neuroglobin	Homo sapiens		0.0017

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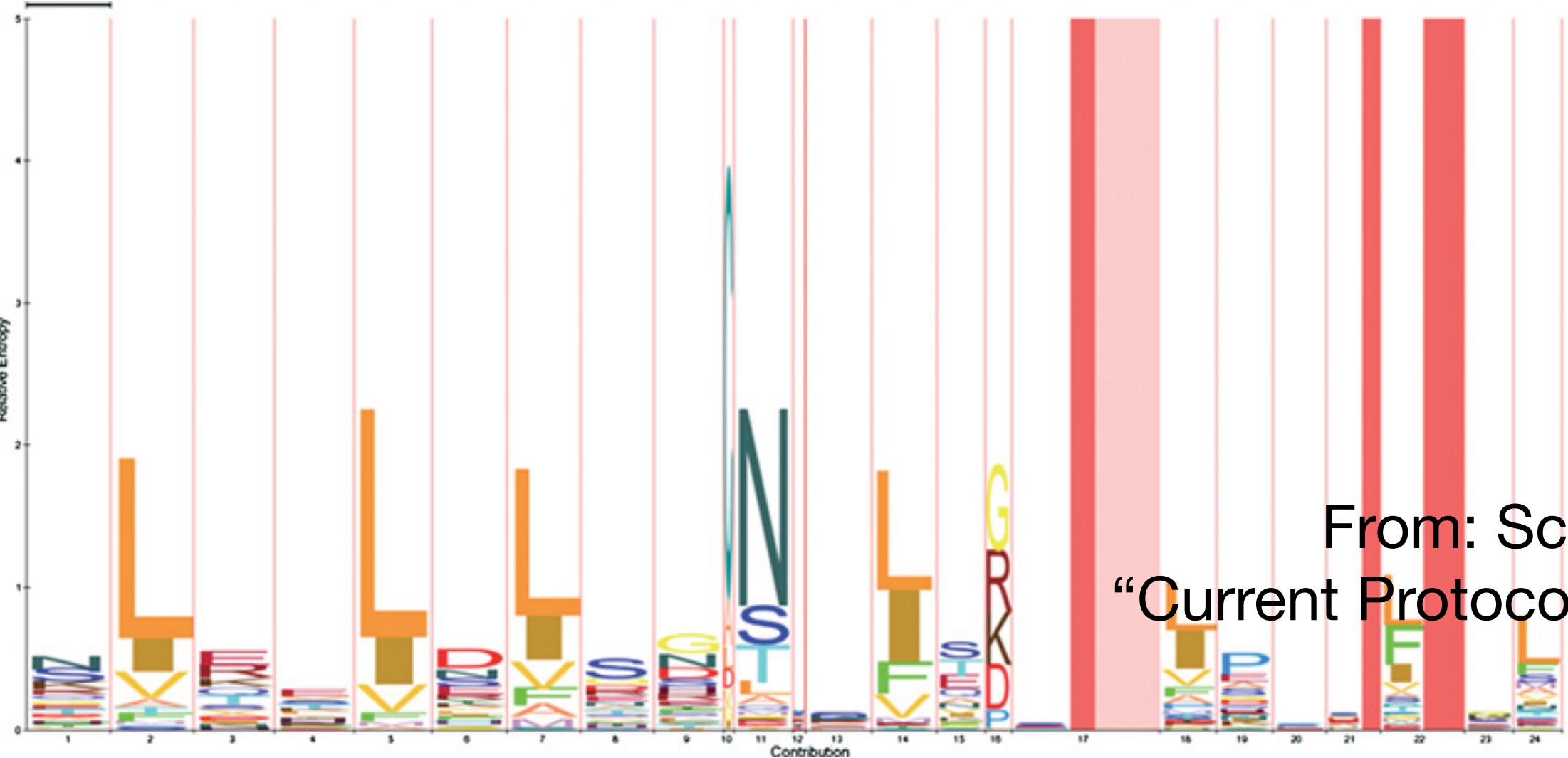
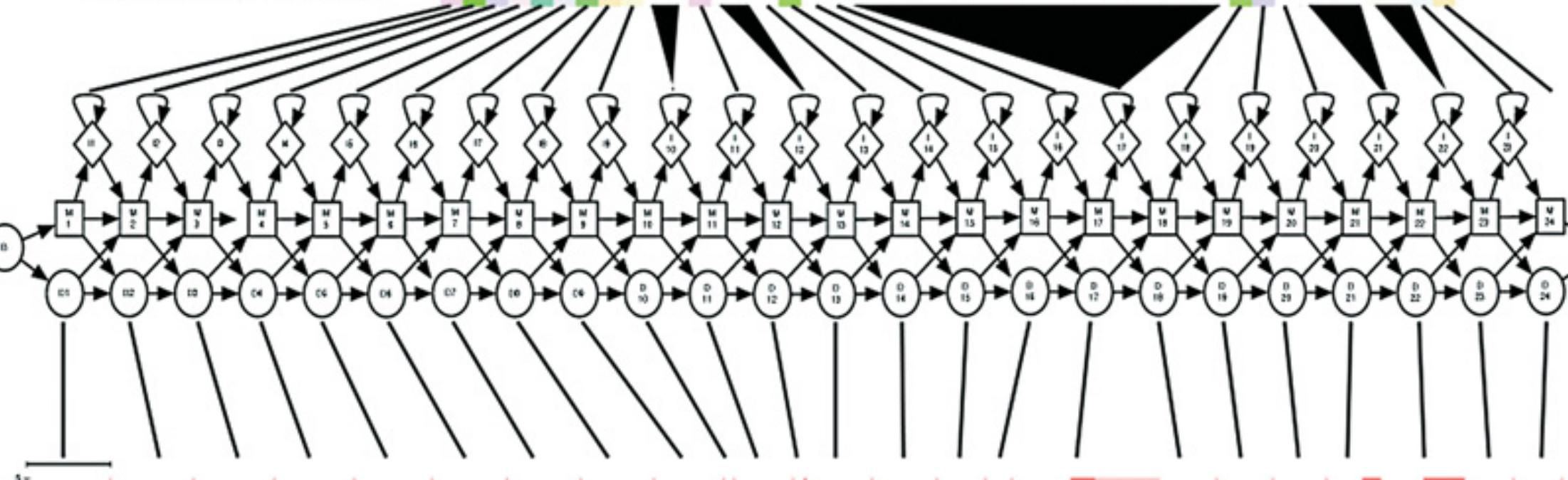
Comprehensive compilation of both multiple sequence alignments and profile HMMs of protein families.

<http://pfam.sanger.ac.uk/>

PFAM consists of two databases:

- **Pfam-A** is a manually curated collection of protein families in the form of multiple sequence alignments and profile HMMs. HMMER software is used to perform searches.
- **Pfam-B** contains additional protein sequences that are automatically aligned. Pfam-B serves as a useful supplement that makes the database more comprehensive.
- Pfam-A also contains higher-level groupings of related families, known as **clans**

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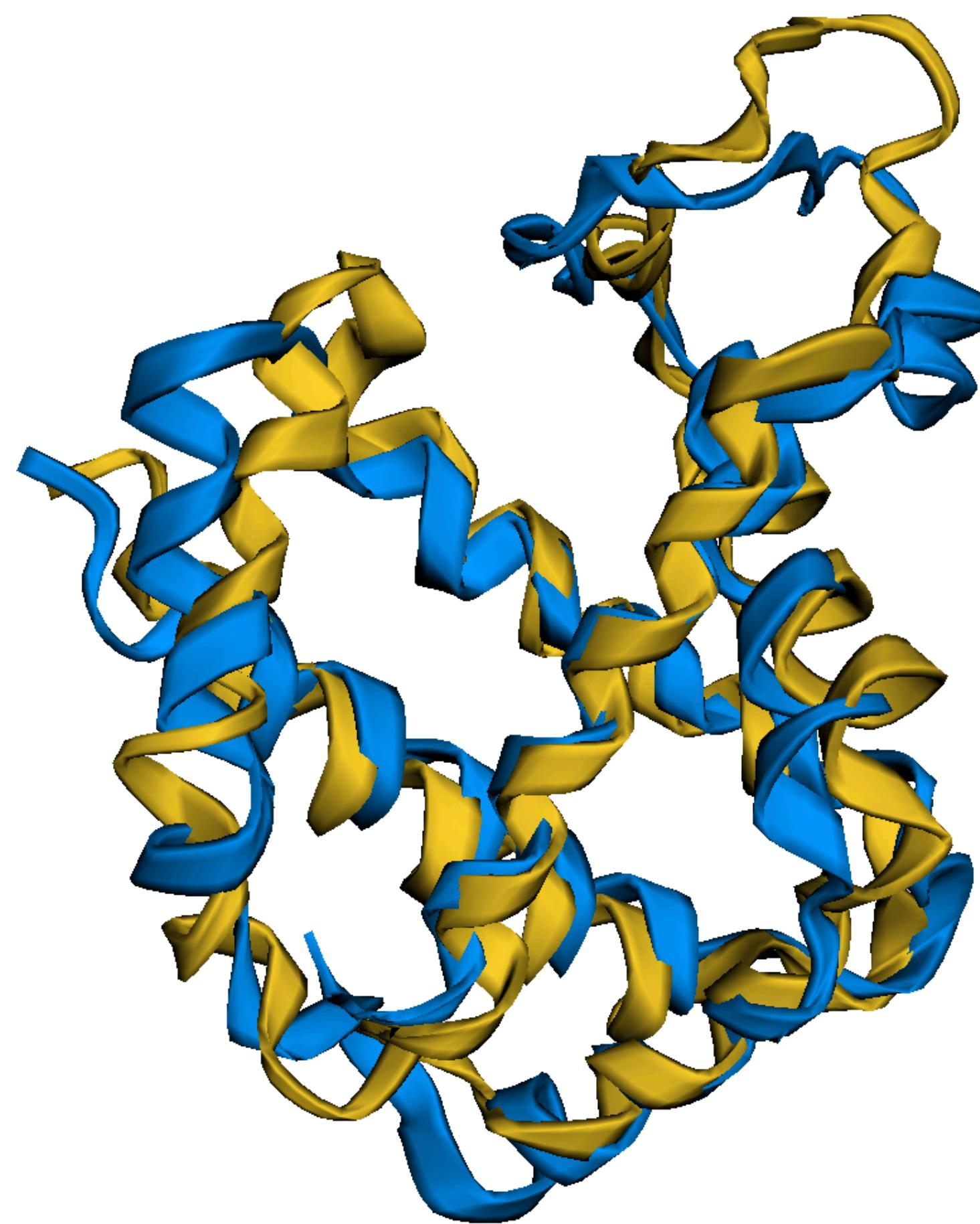
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- Hidden Markov models (HMMs): More versatile probabilistic model for detection of remote similarities
- Structure comparisons as gold standards: Structure is more conserved than sequence

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(Check Piazza for your DataCamp invite and sign up with your
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Let me know **NOW** if you don't have access to DataCamp!