

Prediction of RNA and DNA binding sites: preliminary presentation

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Outline

- ▶ CAFA.
- ▶ Background: RNA and RNA binding proteins.
- ▶ Background: datasets.
- ▶ Project plan.

Definition

- ▶ **RNA/DNA Binding Protein prediction:** given a protein, determine whether a protein is RNA/DNA binding.
- ▶ **RNA/DNA binding site prediction:** given a protein sequence, determine side chains that bind with a DNA/RNA.

Methods: abstraction level

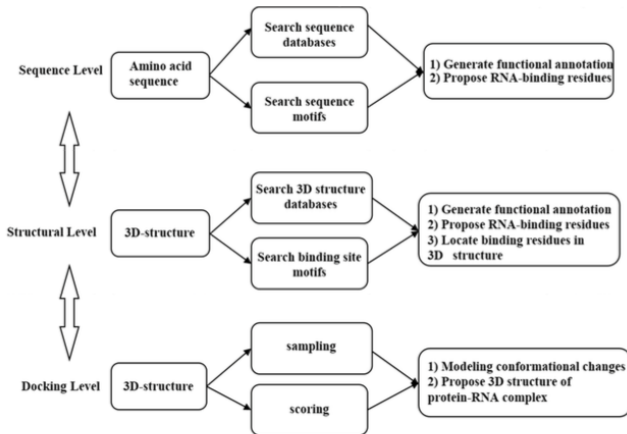


Figure 1. Strategies for RNA-binding site and RBP prediction.

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Possible Features

Sequence-based features:

- ▶ **Amino acid composition.**
- ▶ **Sequence similarity**, such as MSA.
- ▶ **Evolutionary invormation**, such as PSSM.
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Structure-based features:

- ▶ **Secondary structure:** experimental (assigned using DSSPcont) or predicted.
- ▶ **Accessible surface area**, in percent (%).

Chemical and physical features:

- ▶ **Hydrophobicity.**
- ▶ **Electrostatic patches.**
- ▶ **Cleft Size.**