RNAseq

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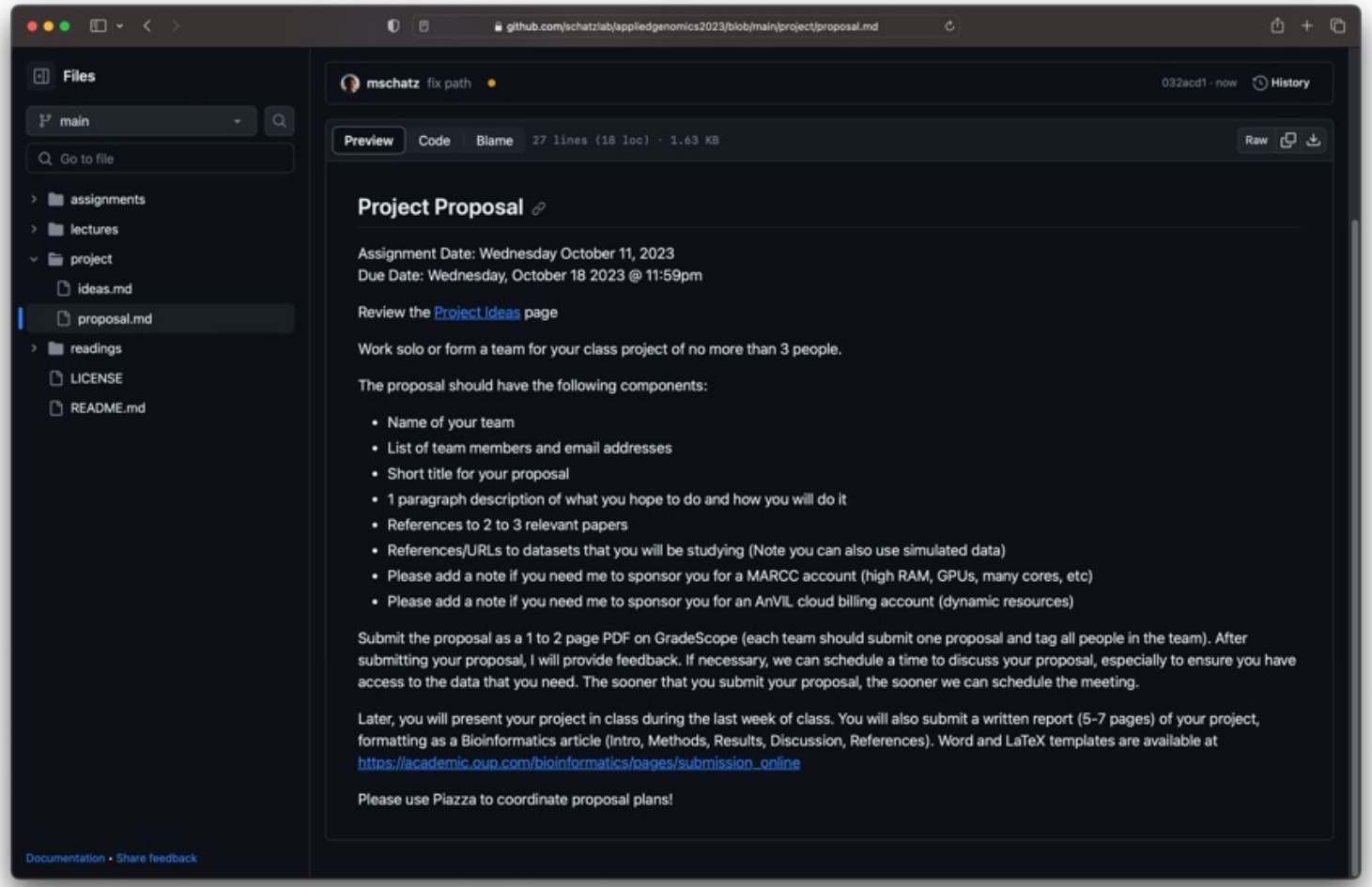
Lecture 16. Applied Comparative Genomics

Project Proposal
Due Wednesday Oct 18 by 11:59pm



https://github.com/schatzlab/appliedgenomics2023/blob/main/project/proposal.md

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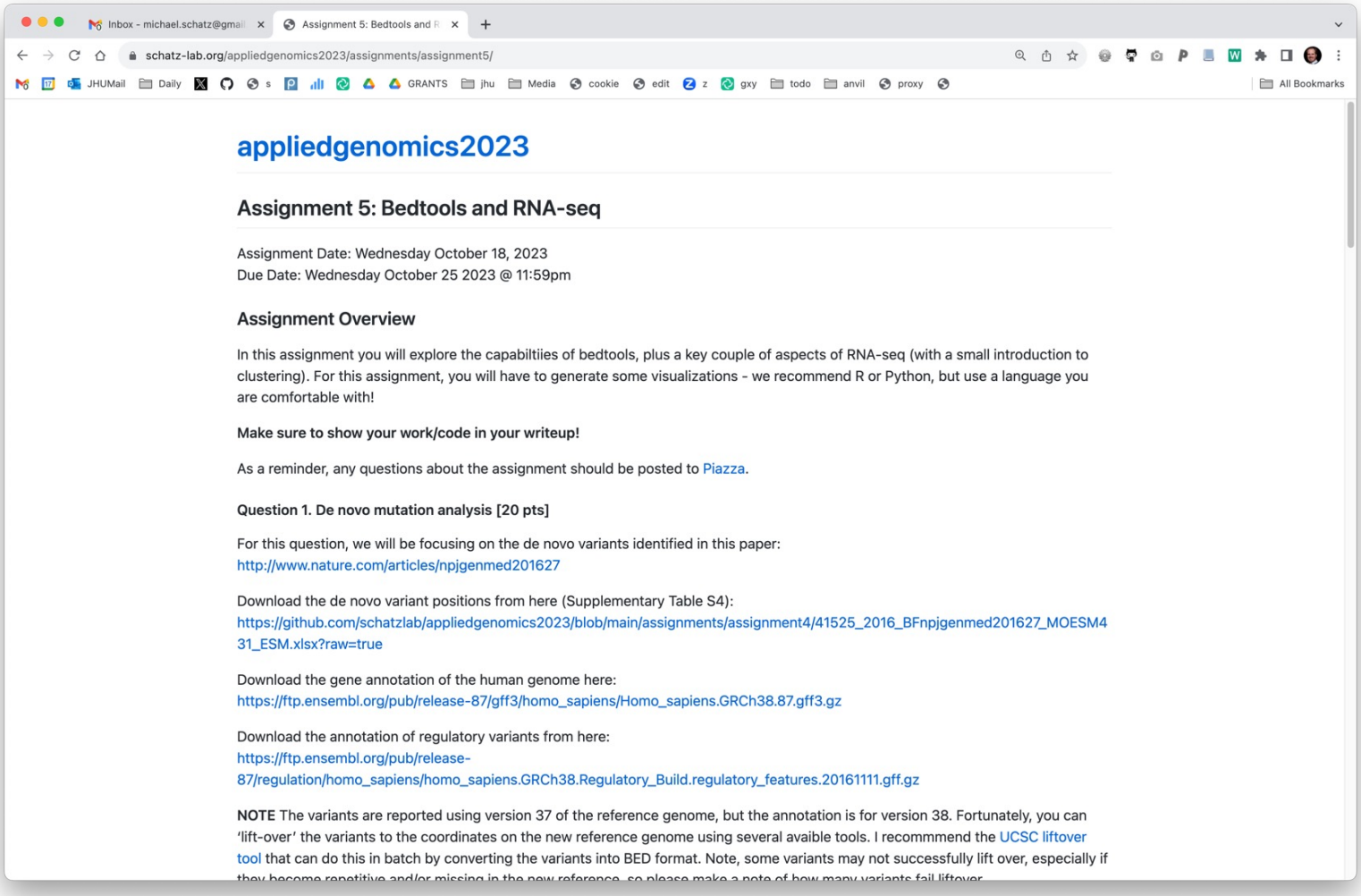
Assignment 5
Due: Wednesday Oct 25, 2023 by 11:59pm



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Assignment 5: Bedtools and RNA-seq

Assignment Date: Wednesday October 18, 2023
Due Date: Wednesday October 25 2023 @ 11:59pm

Assignment Overview

In this assignment you will explore the capabiltiies of bedtools, plus a key couple of aspects of RNA-seq (with a small introduction to clustering). For this assignment, you will have to generate some visualizations - we recommend R or Python, but use a language you are comfortable with!

Make sure to show your work/code in your writeup!

As a reminder, any questions about the assignment should be posted to Piazza.

Question 1. De novo mutation analysis [20 pts]

For this question, we will be focusing on the de novo variants identified in this paper:
http://www.nature.com/articles/npjgenmed201627

Download the de novo variant positions from here (Supplementary Table S4):
https://github.com/schatzlab/appliedgenomics2023/blob/main/assignments/assignment4/41525_2016_BFnpjgenmed201627_MOESM431_ESM.xlsx?raw=true

Download the gene annotation of the human genome here:
https://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-87/gff3/homo_sapiens/Homo_sapiens.GRCh38.87.gff3.gz

Download the annotation of regulatory variants from here:
https://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-87/regulation/homo_sapiens/homo_sapiens.GRCh38.Regulatory_Build.regulatory_features.20161111.gff.gz

NOTE The variants are reported using version 37 of the reference genome, but the annotation is for version 38. Fortunately, you can 'lift-over' the variants to the coordinates on the new reference genome using several avaible tools. I recommmend the UCSC liftover tool that can do this in batch by converting the variants into BED format. Note, some variants may not successfully lift over, especially if they become repetitive and/or missing in the new reference, so please make a note of how many variants fail liftover.

https://schatz-lab.org/appliedgenomics2023/assignments/assignment5/

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Clustering Refresher

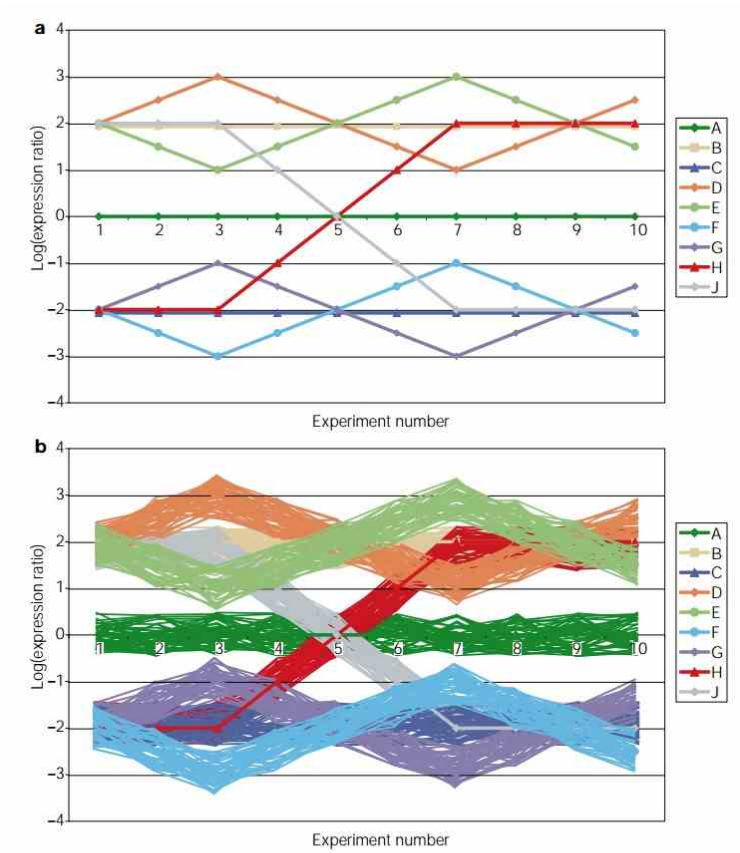
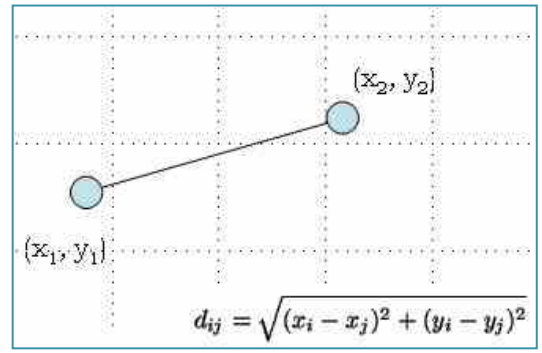
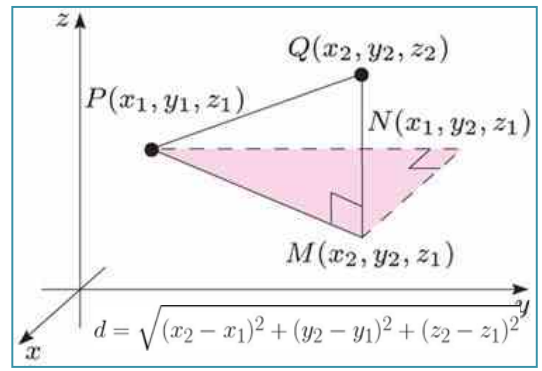


Figure 2 | **A synthetic gene-expression data set.** This data set provides an opportunity to evaluate how various clustering algorithms reveal different features of the data. **a** | Nine distinct gene-expression patterns were created with $\log_2$(ratio) expression measures defined for ten experiments. **b** | For each expression pattern, 50 additional genes were generated, representing variations on the basic patterns.

Euclidean Distance



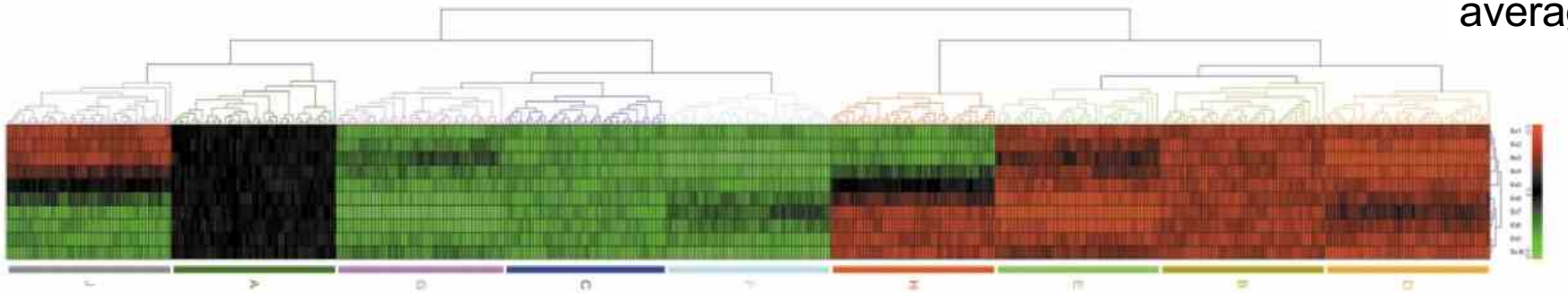


$$\mathrm{d}(\mathbf{p},\mathbf{q}) = \mathrm{d}(\mathbf{q},\mathbf{p}) = \sqrt{(q_1 - p_1)^2 + (q_2 - p_2)^2 + \cdots + (q_n - p_n)^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (q_i - p_i)^2}.$$

Computational genetics: Computational analysis of microarray data
Quackenbush (2001) *Nature Reviews Genetics*. doi:10.1038/35076576

Hierarchical Clustering

average



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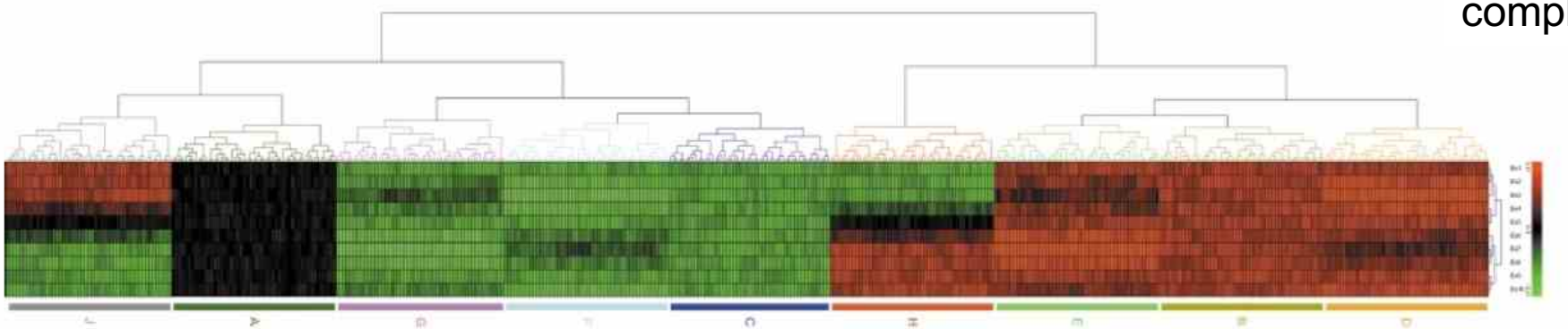

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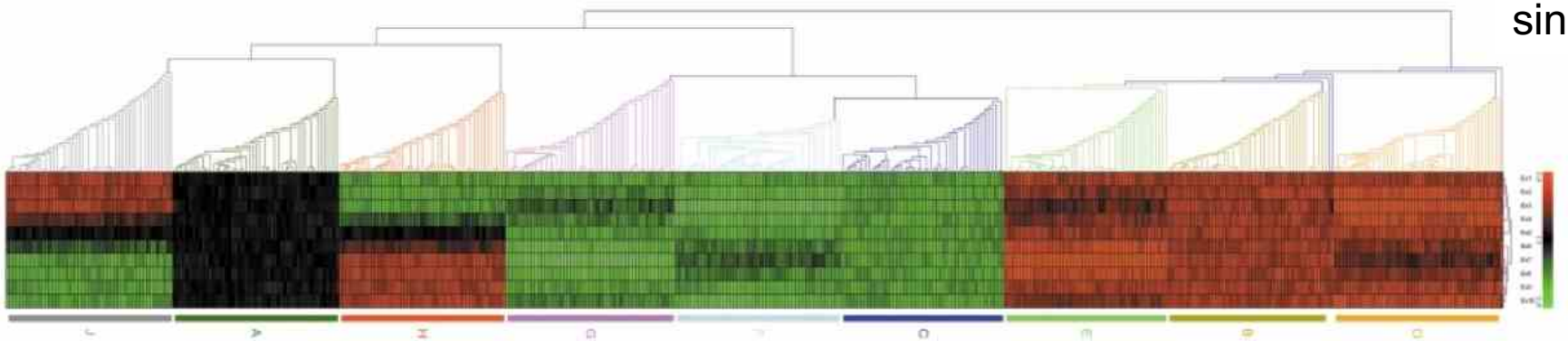
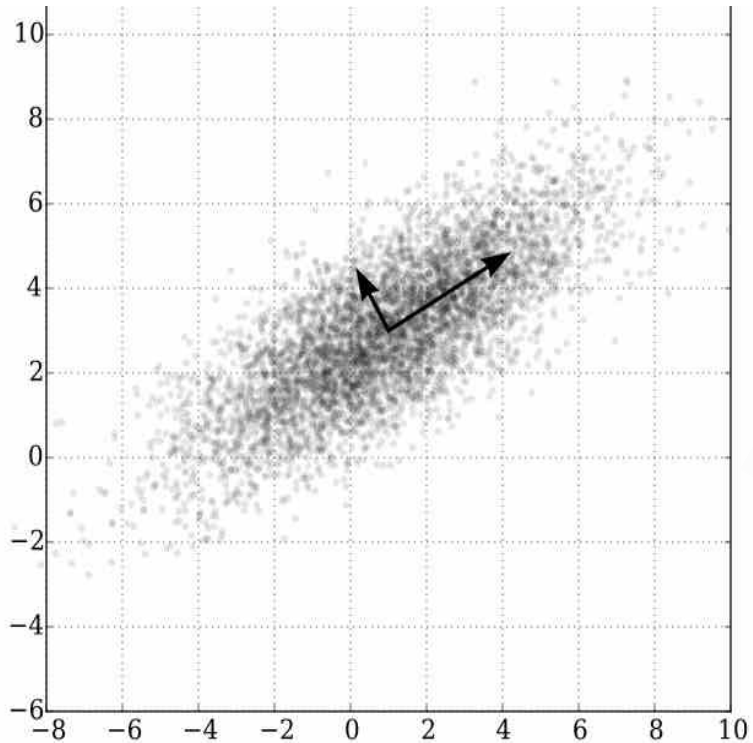
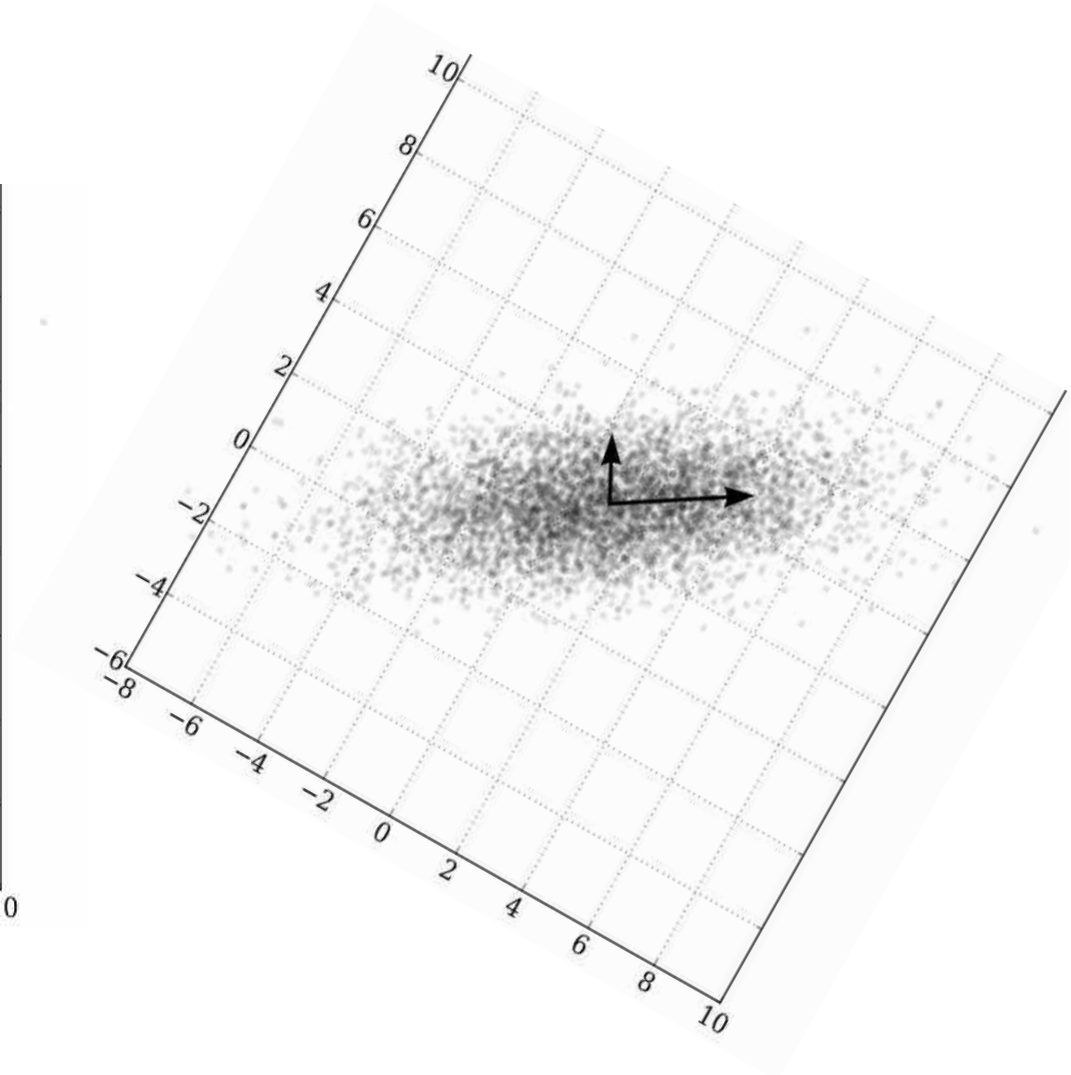


Principle Components Analysis (PCA)





PC1: “New X”- The dimension with the most variability
PC2: “New Y”- The dimension with the second most variability

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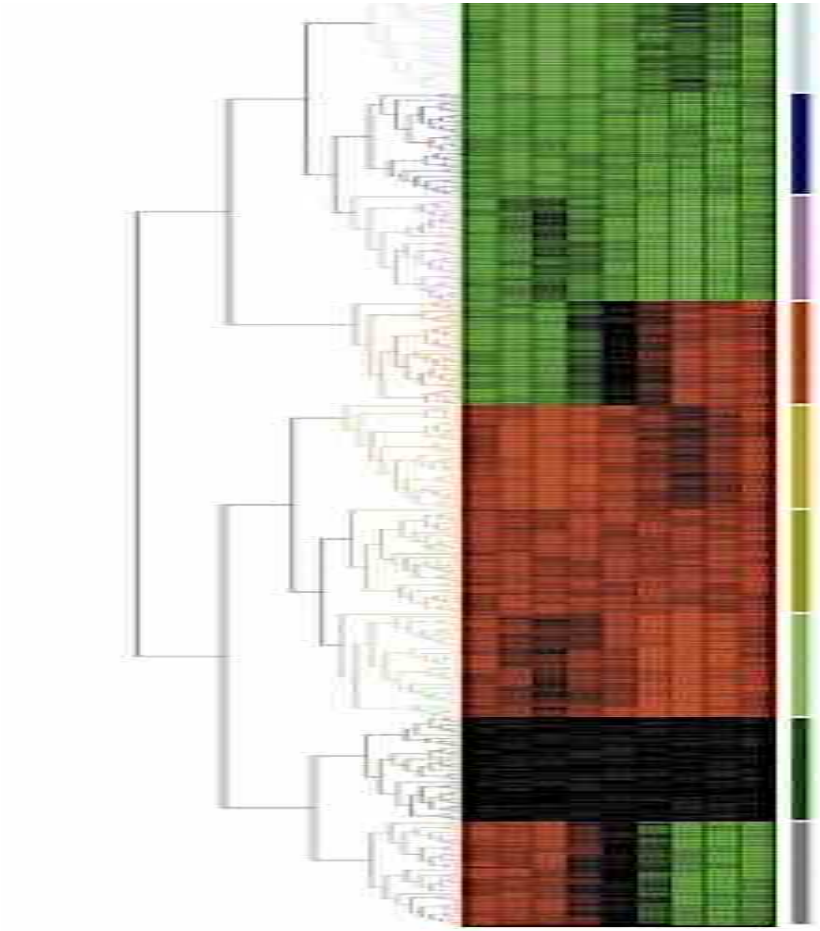
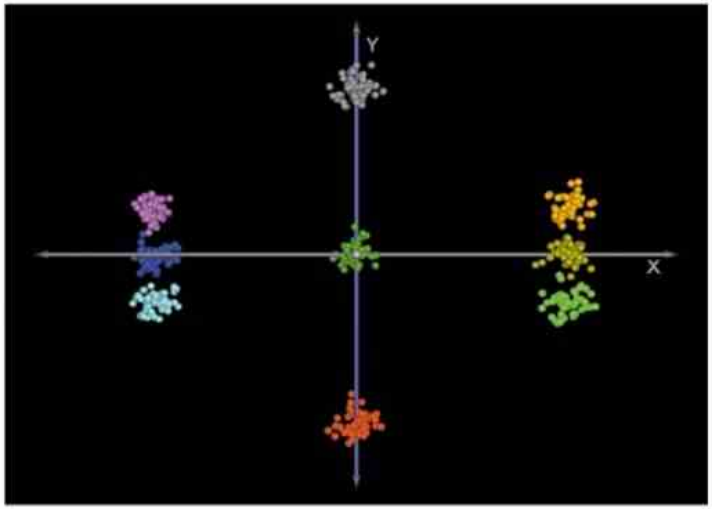




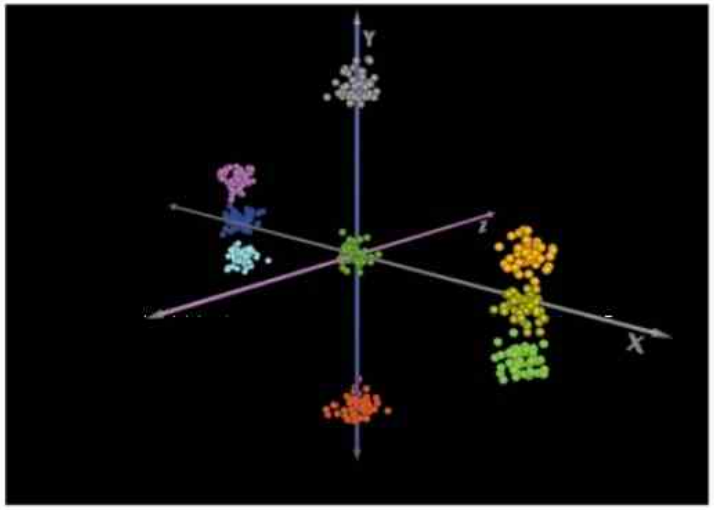
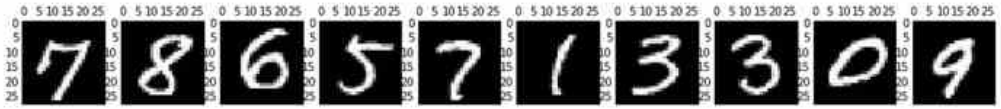
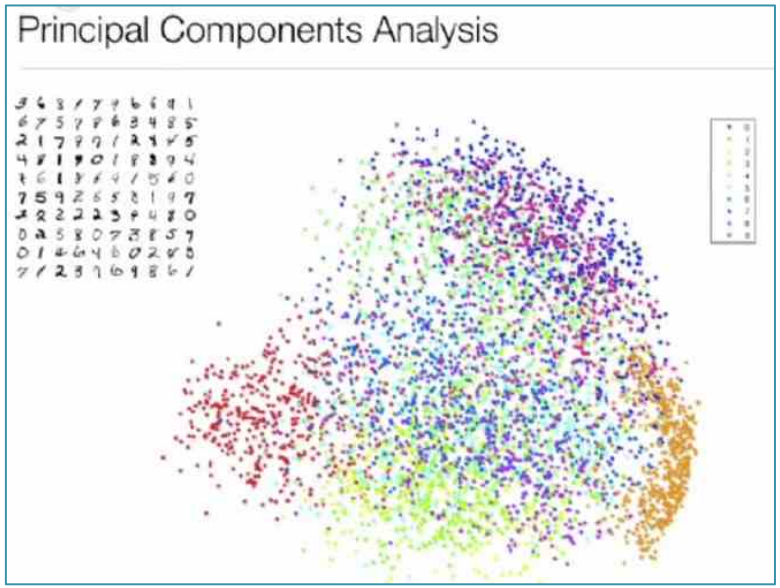
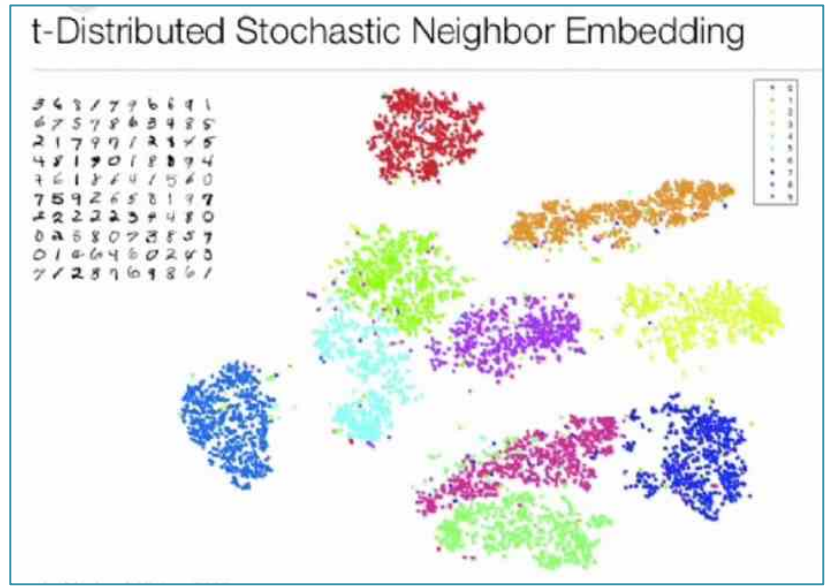


Figure 4 | **Principal component analysis.** The same demonstration data set was analysed using **a** | hierarchical (average-linkage) clustering and **b** | principal component analysis using Euclidean distance, to show how each treats the data, with genes colour coded on the basis of hierarchical clustering results for comparison.

PCA and t-SNE







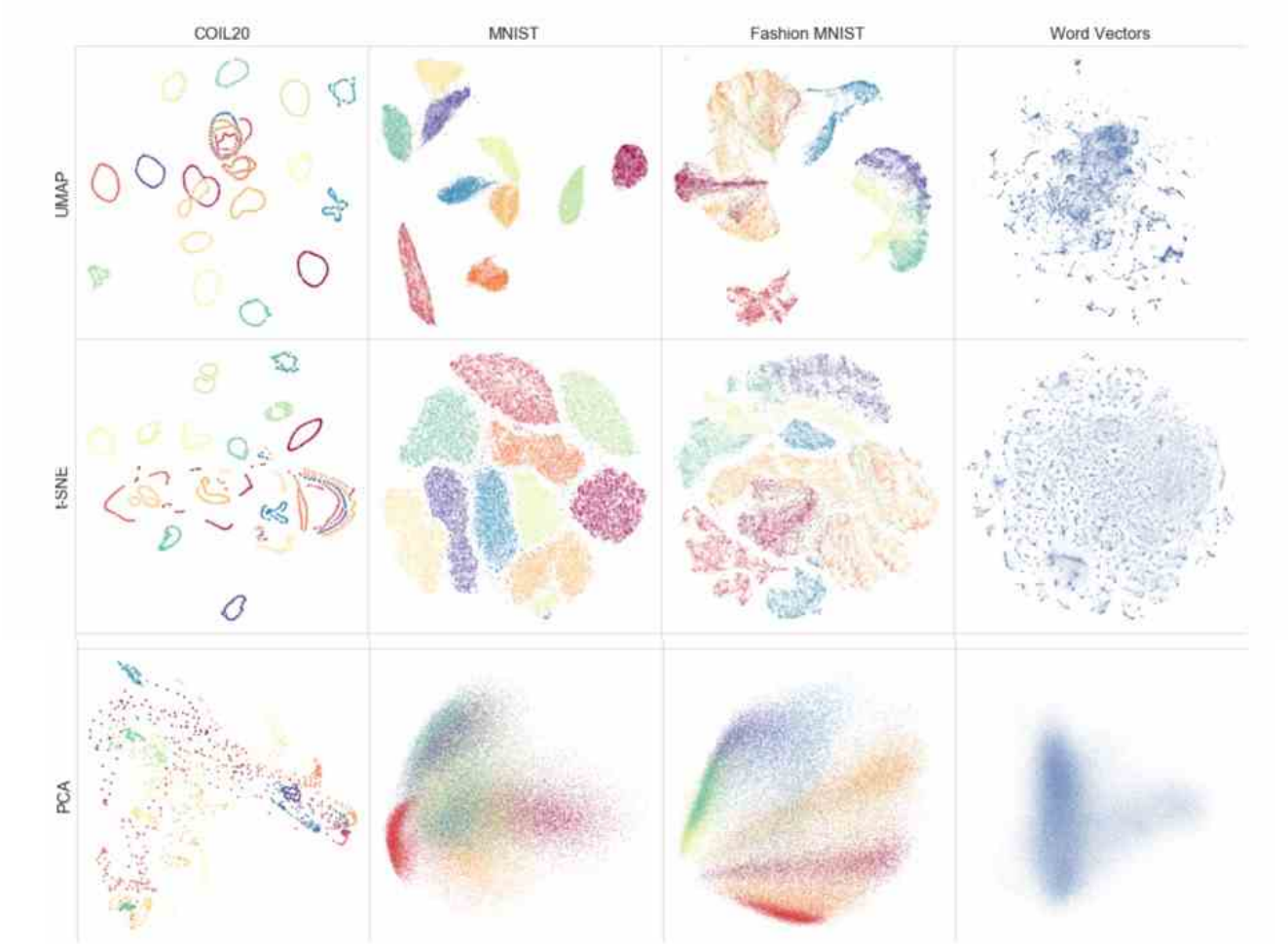
t-distributed Stochastic Neighborhood Embedding

- Non-linear dimensionality reduction technique: distances are only locally meaningful
- Rather than Euclidean distances, for each point fits a Gaussian kernel to fit the nearest N neighbors (perplexity) that define the probabilities that two points should be close together
- Using an iterative spring embedding system to place high probability points nearby

Visualizing Data Using t-SNE

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJVL80Gg3lA

UMAP



UMAP: Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection for Dimension Reduction
McInnes et al (2018) arXiv. 1802.03426
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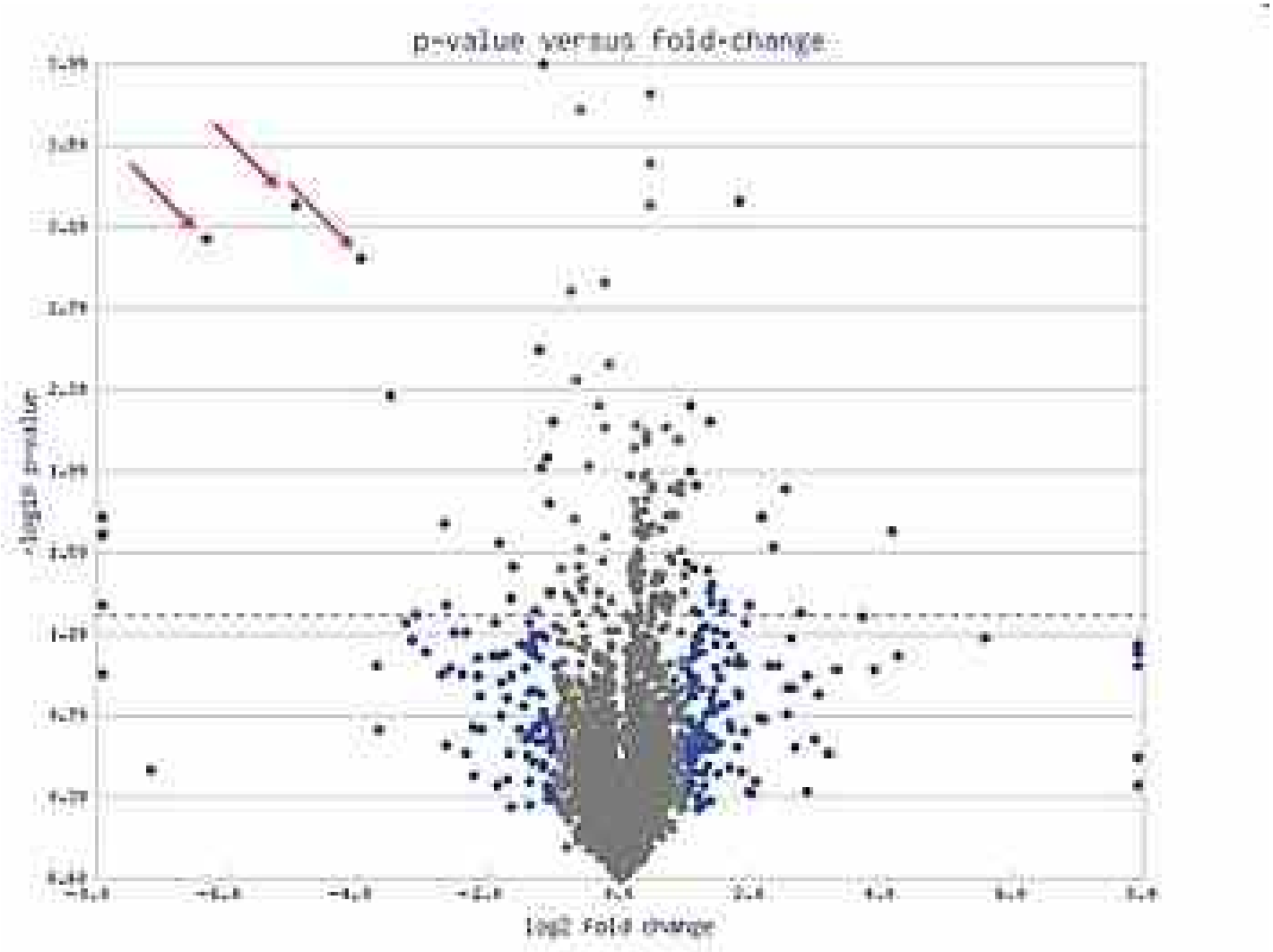
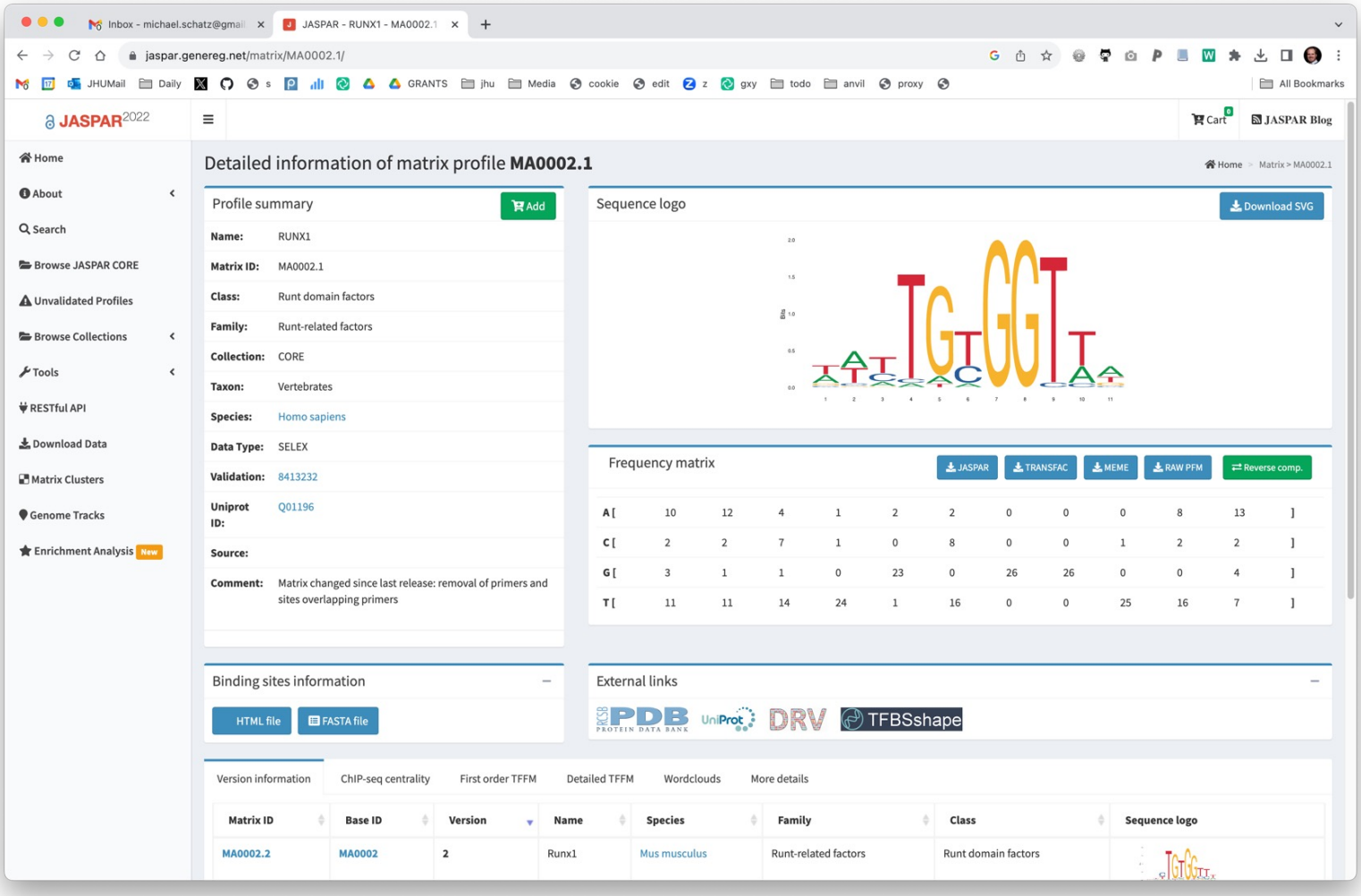
Volcano Plot



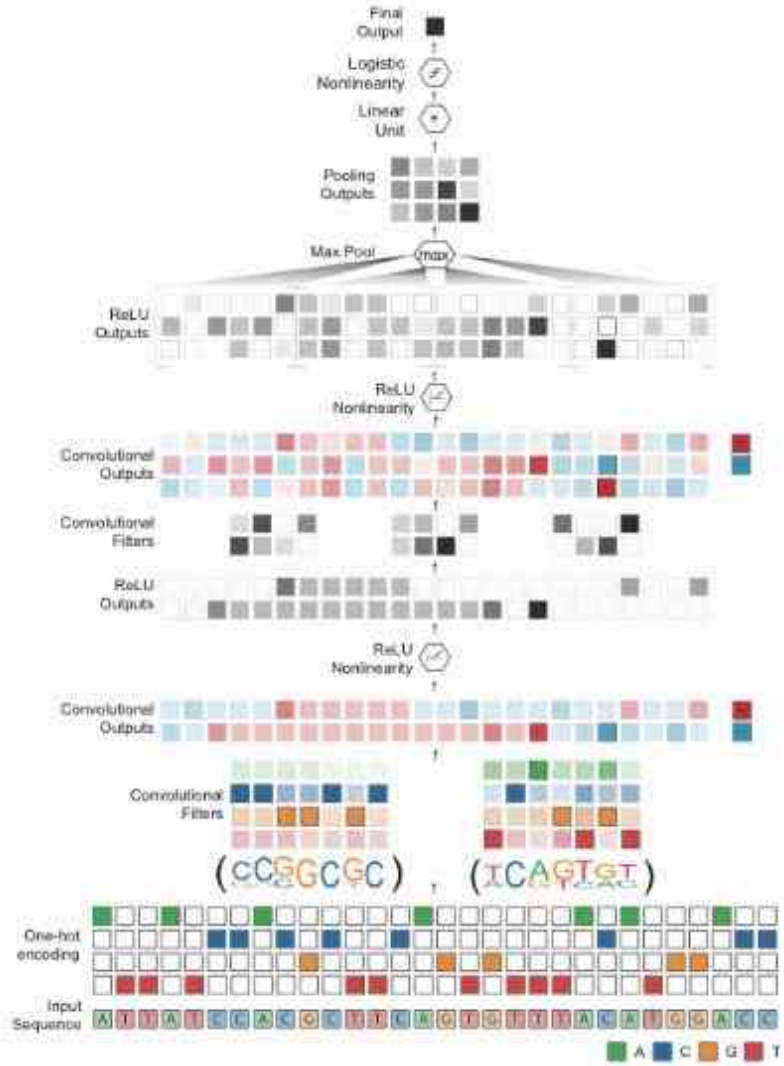
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volcano_plot_%28statistics%29

JASPAR Database



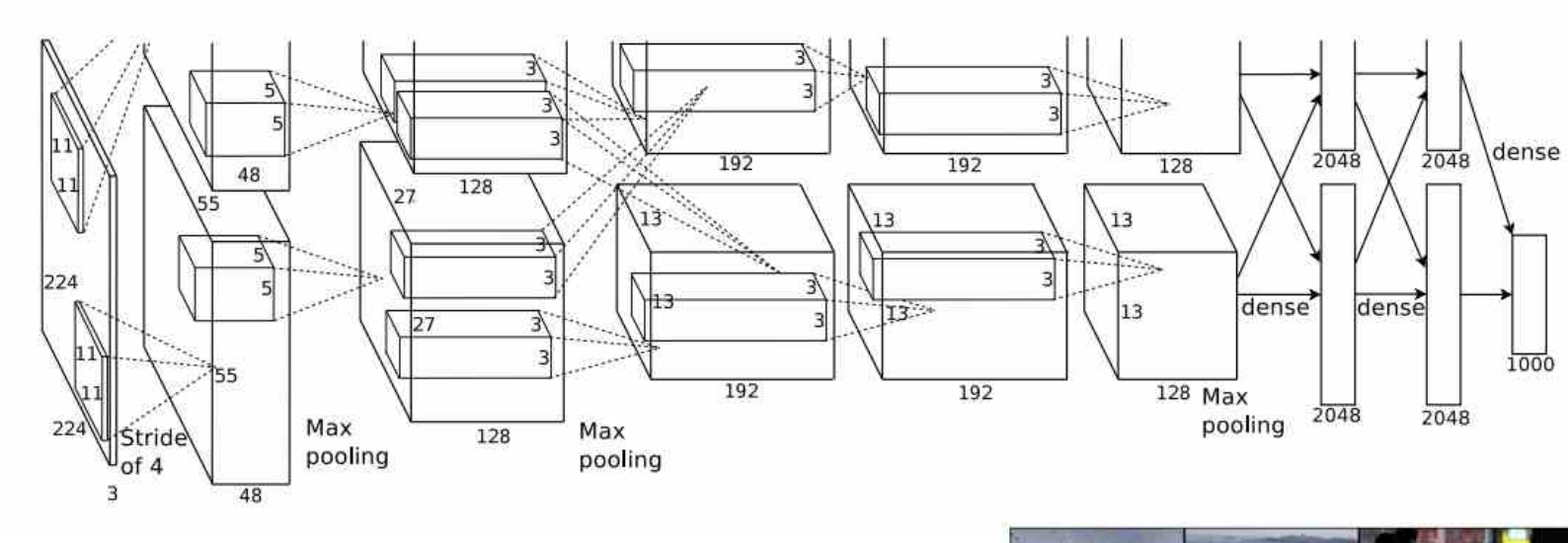
https://jaspar.genereg.net/matrix/MA0002.1/

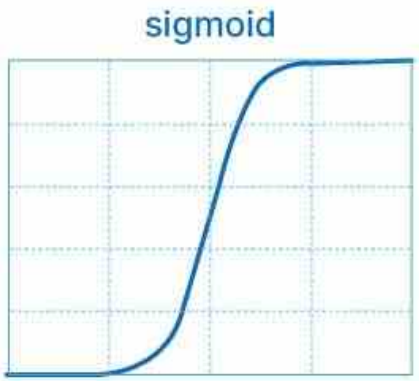
ML with Strings



One hot encoding to sequence classification

https://kundajelab.github.io/dragonn/tutorials.html





ImageNet Classification with Deep Convolutional Neural Networks
Krizhevsky et al. (2012) Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 25

Annotation

Goal: Genome Annotations

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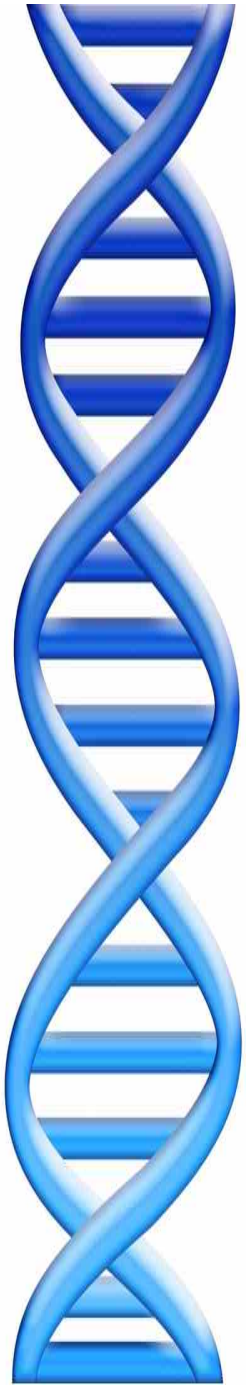

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2. Prediction aka "Gene Finding"
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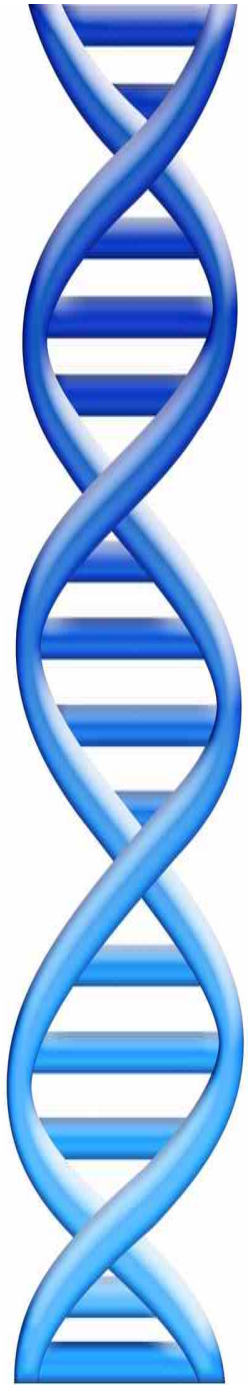

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Very Similar Sequences

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Query: HBA_HUMAN Hemoglobin alpha subunit
Sbjct: HBB_HUMAN Hemoglobin beta subunit

Score =  114 bits (285),  Expect = 1e-26
Identities = 61/145 (42%), Positives = 86/145 (59%), Gaps = 8/145 (5%)

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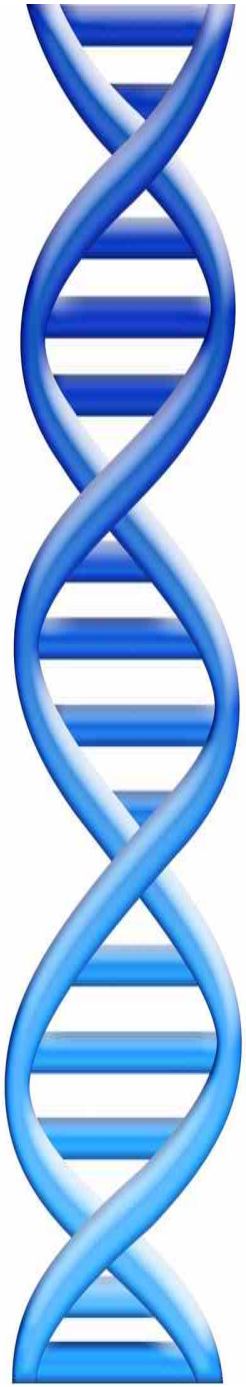

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Bacterial Gene Finding and Glimmer

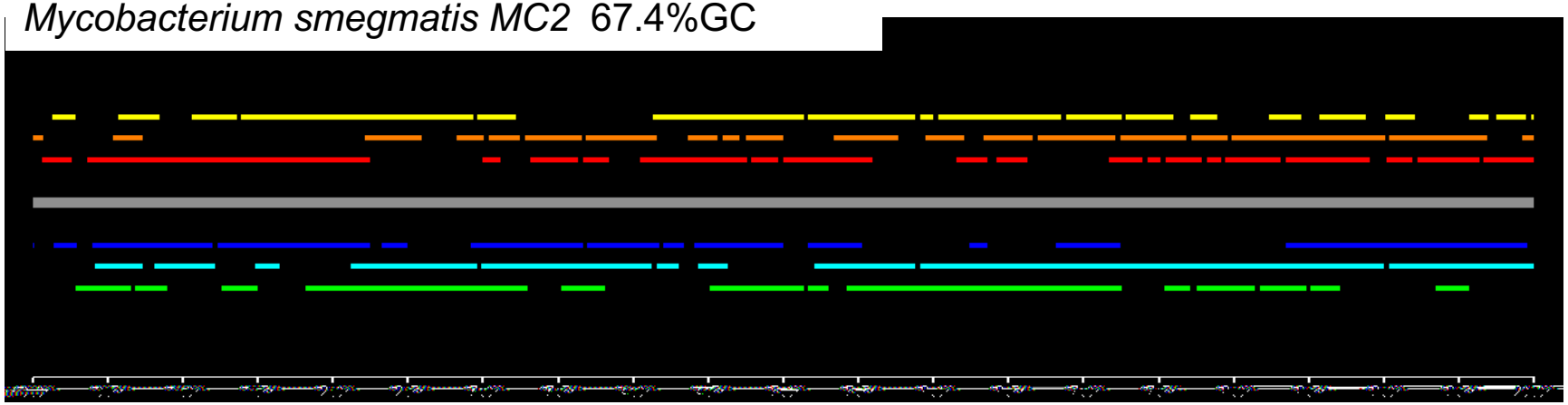
(also Archaeal and viral gene finding)

Arthur L. Delcher and Steven Salzberg

Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology

Johns Hopkins University

Mycobacterium smegmatis MC2 67.4%GC



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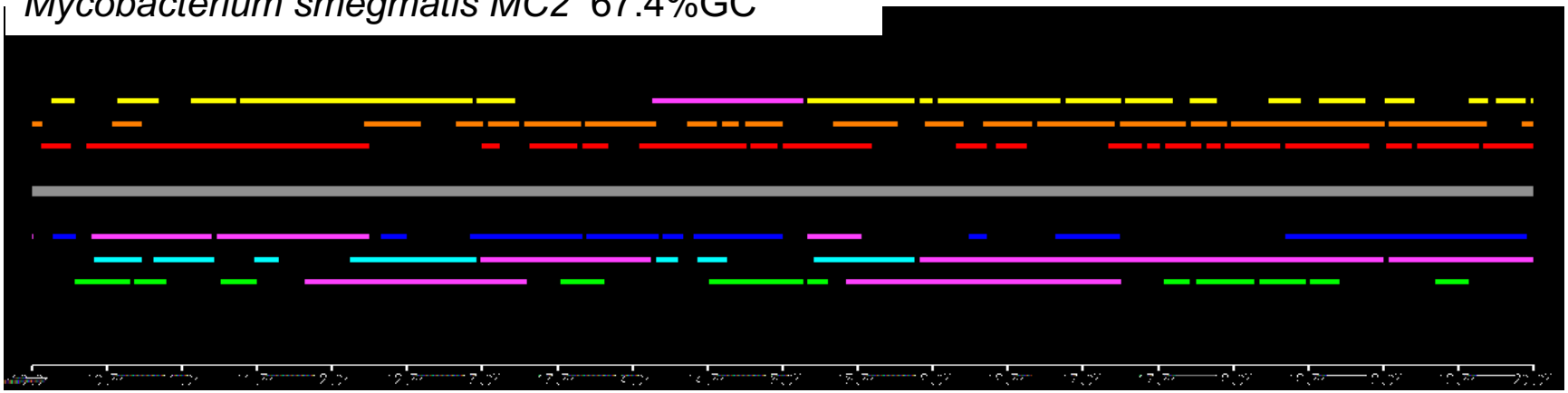
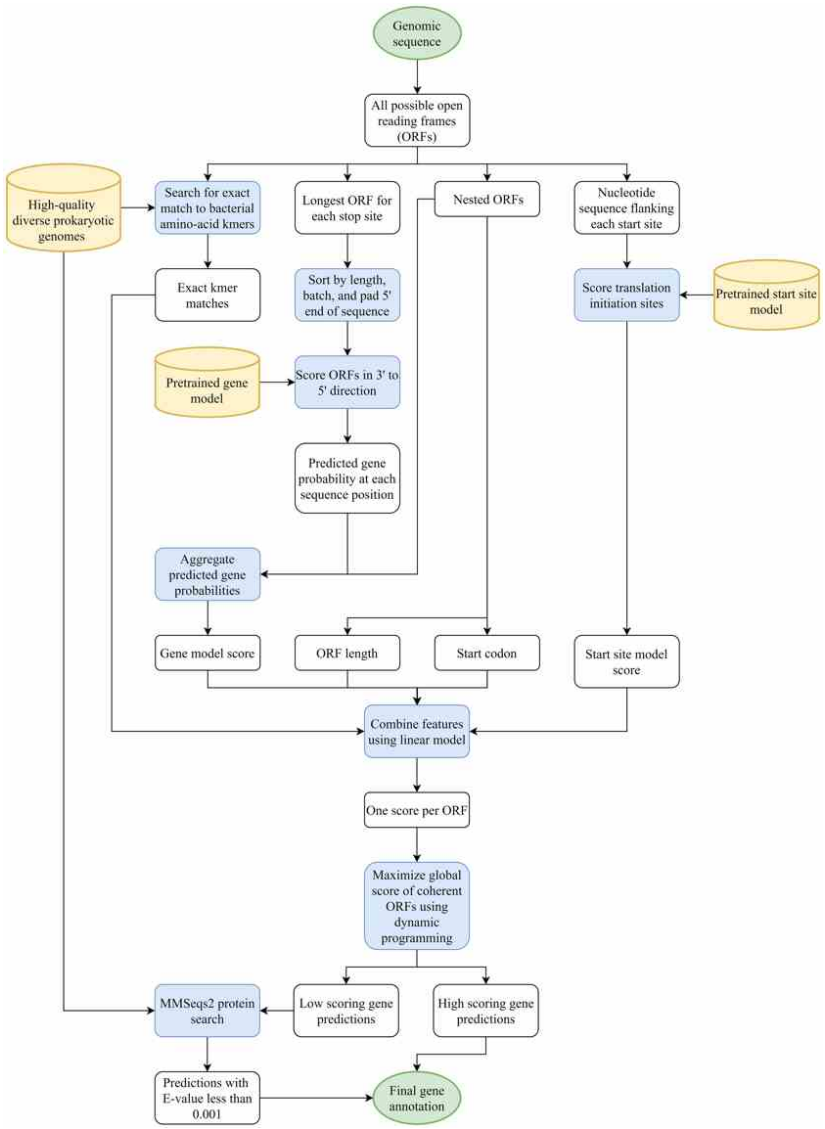
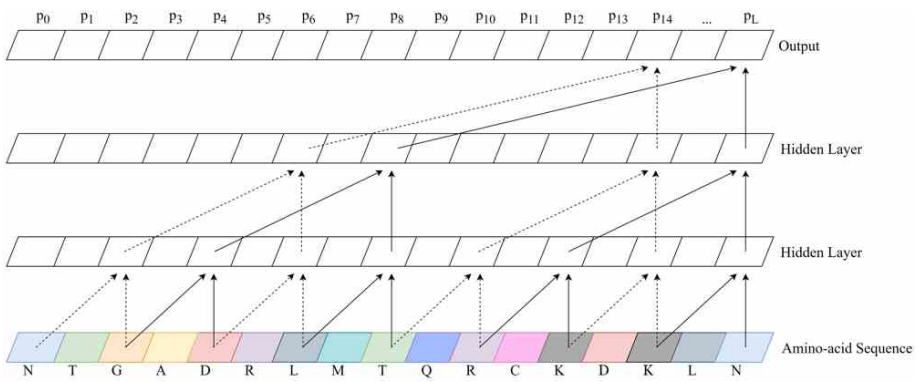




Temporal Convolutional Network



Balrog: A universal protein model for prokaryotic gene prediction
Sommer, MJ, Salzberg, SL (2021) PLOS Comp. Bio. doi: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1008727

Probabilistic Methods

- Create models that have a probability of generating any given sequence.
  - Evaluate gene/non-genome models against a sequence
- Train the models using examples of the types of sequences to generate.
  - Use RNA sequencing, homology, or "obvious" genes
- The "score" of an orf is the probability of the model generating it.
  - Most basic technique is to count how kmers occur in known genes versus intergenic sequences
  - More sophisticated methods consider variable length contexts, "wobble" bases, other statistical clues

Overview of Eukaryotic Gene Prediction

CBB 231 / COMPSCI 261

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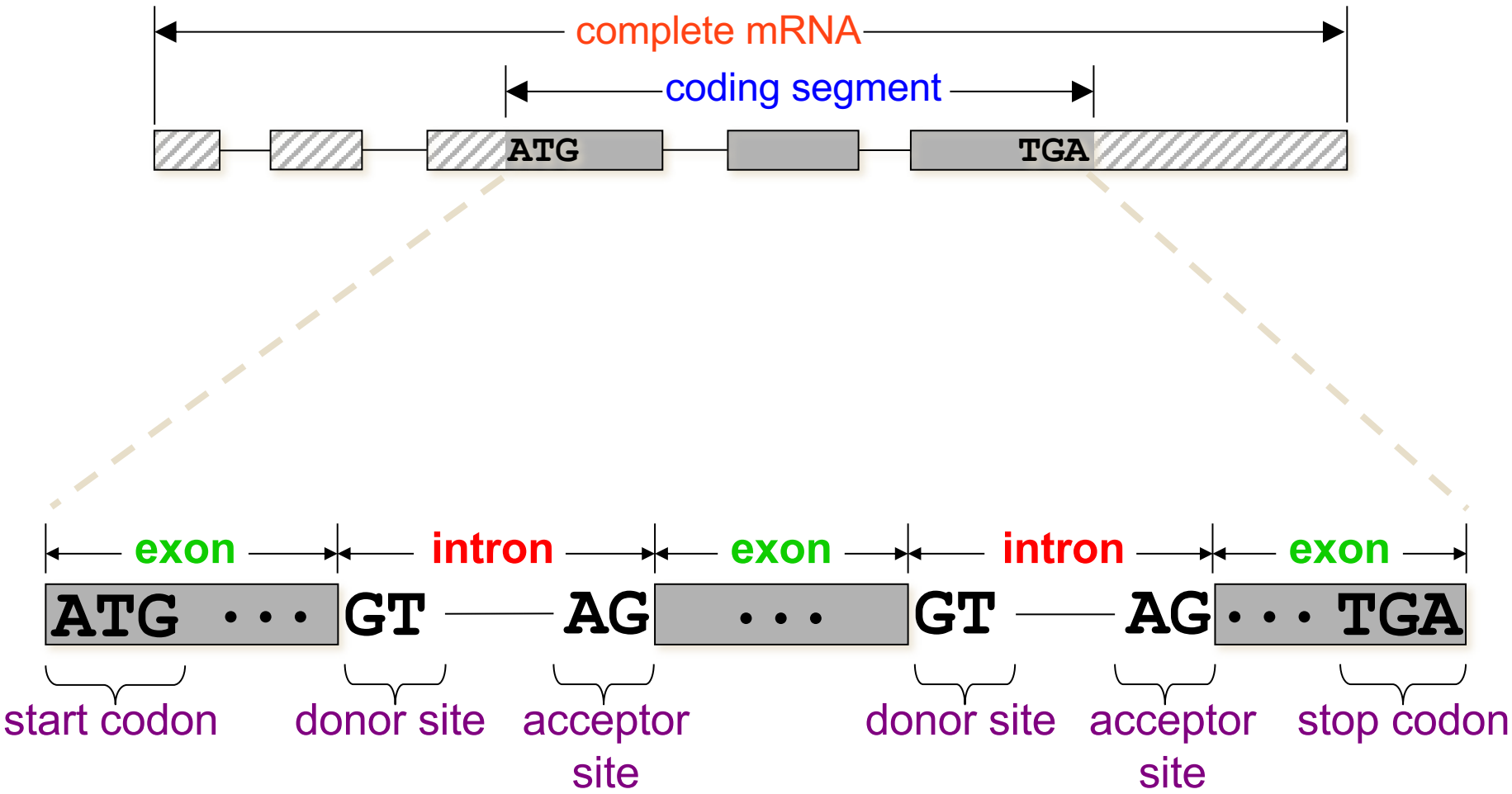
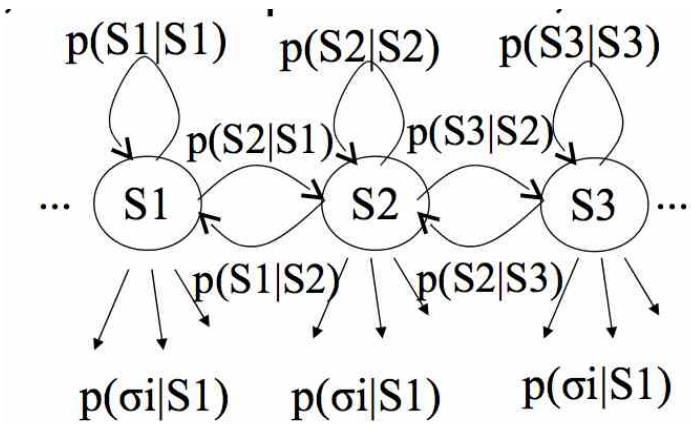
Eukaryotic Gene Syntax



Regions of the gene outside of the CDS are called *UTR*'s (*untranslated regions*), and are mostly ignored by gene finders, though they are important for regulatory functions.

What is an HMM?

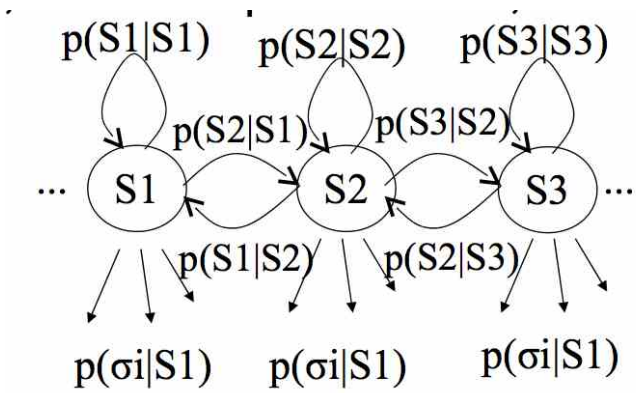
- Dynamic Bayesian Network
  - A set of states
    - {Fair, Biased} for coin tossing
    - {Gene, Not Gene} for Bacterial Gene
    - {Intergenic, Exon, Intron} for Eukaryotic Gene
    - {Modern, Neanderthal} for Ancestry



  - A set of emission characters
    - E={H,T} for coin tossing
    - E={1,2,3,4,5,6} for dice tossing
    - E={A,C,G,T} for DNA
  - State-specific emission probabilities
    - P(H | Fair) = .5, P(T | Fair) = .5, P(H | Biased) = .9, P(T | Biased) = .1
    - P(A | Gene) = .9, P(A | Not Gene) = .1 …
  - A probability of taking a transition
    - $P(s_i=\text{Fair}|s_{i-1}=\text{Fair}) = .9$, $P(s_i=\text{Bias}|s_{i-1} = \text{Fair})$ .1
    - $P(s_i=\text{Exon} \mid s_{i-1}=\text{Intergenic})$, …

Why Hidden?

- Similar to Markov models used for prokaryotic gene finding, but system may transition between multiple models called states (gene/non-gene, intergenic/exon/intron)
- Observers can see the emitted symbols of an HMM (i.e., nucleotides) but have no ability to know which state the HMM is currently in.
  - But we can ***infer*** the most likely hidden states of an HMM based on the given sequence of emitted symbols.



See lecture notes!

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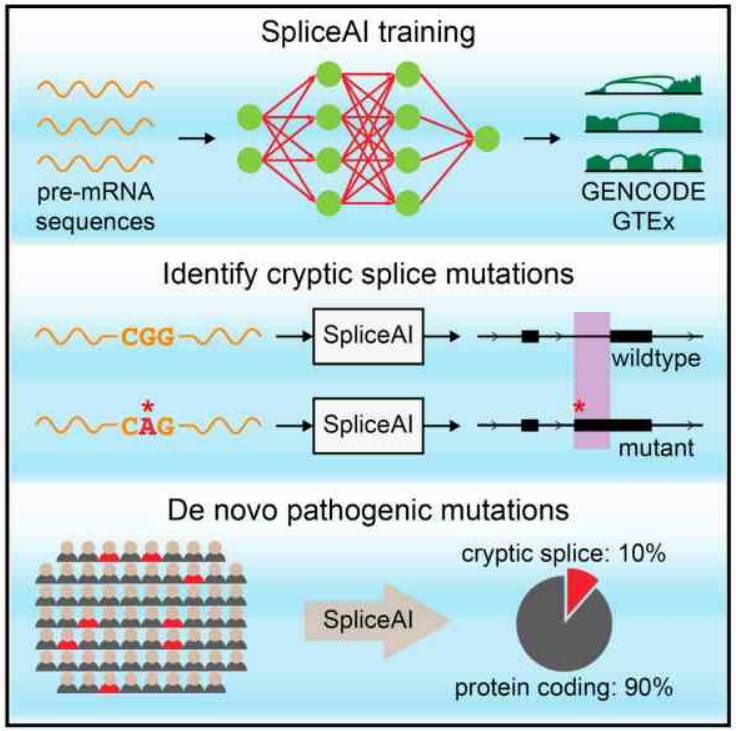
Article

Predicting Splicing from Primary Sequence with Deep Learning

Graphical Abstract



Highlights

- SpliceAI, a 32-layer deep neural network, predicts splicing from a pre-mRNA sequence
- 75% of predicted cryptic splice variants validate on RNA-seq
- Cryptic splicing may yield ~10% of pathogenic variants in neurodevelopmental disorders
- Cryptic splice variants frequently give rise to alternative splicing

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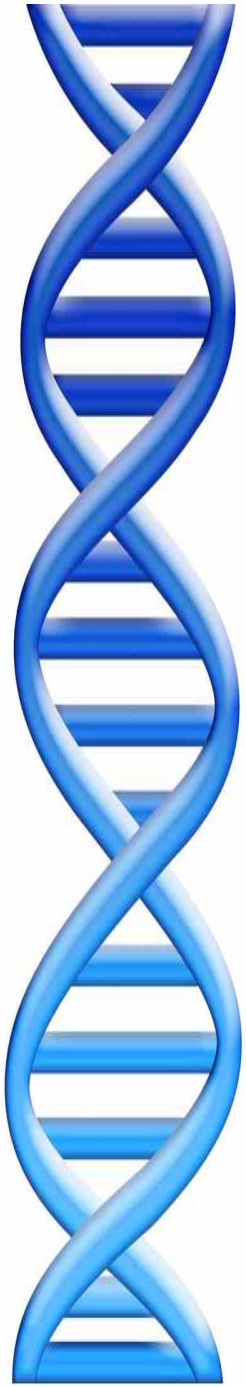
In Brief

A deep neural network precisely models mRNA splicing from a genomic sequence and accurately predicts noncoding cryptic splice mutations in patients with rare genetic diseases.

Gene Finding Overview

- Prokaryotic gene finding distinguishes real genes and random ORFs
  - Prokaryotic genes have simple structure and are largely homogenous, making it relatively easy to recognize their sequence composition
- Eukaryotic gene finding identifies the genome-wide most probable gene models (set of exons)
  - "Probabilistic Graphical Model" to enforce overall gene structure, separate models to score splicing/transcription signals
  - Accuracy depends to a large extent on the quality of the training data



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Sequencing Assays

The *Seq List (in chronological order)

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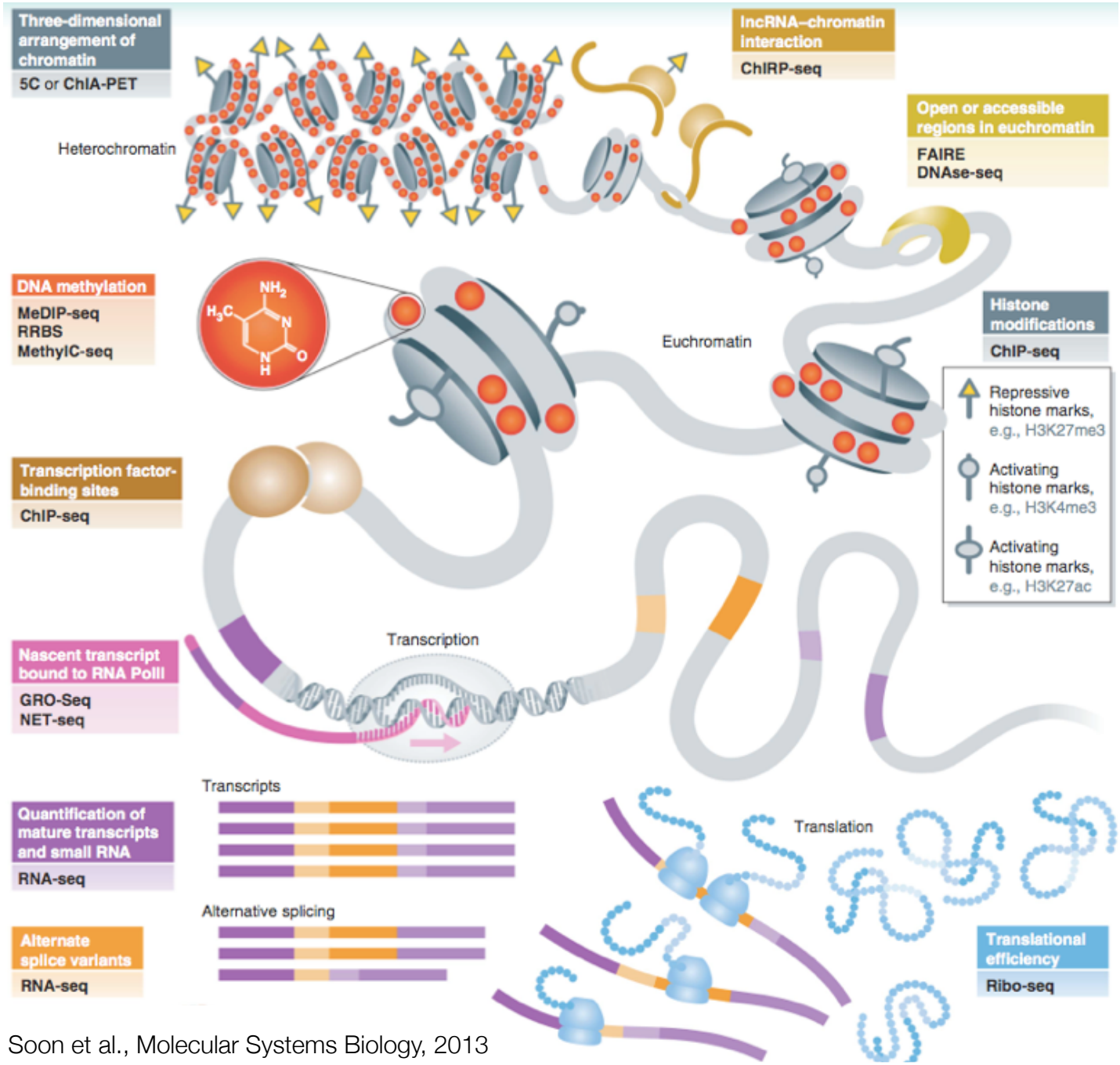

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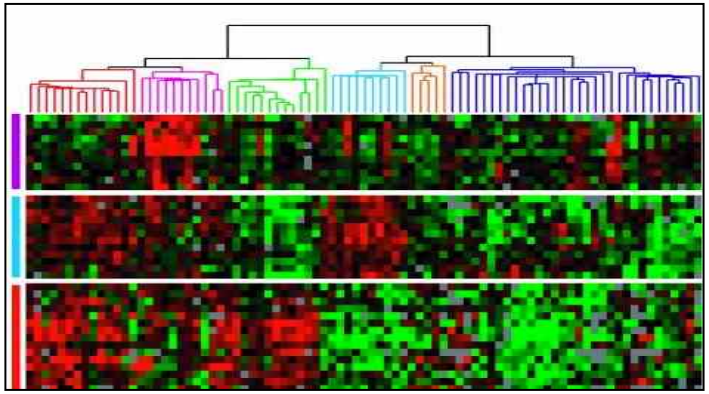

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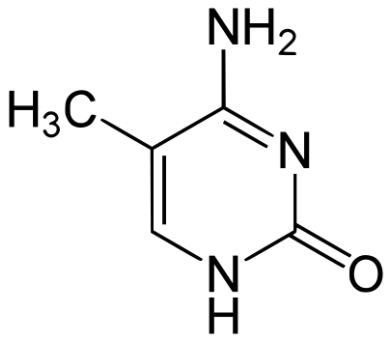

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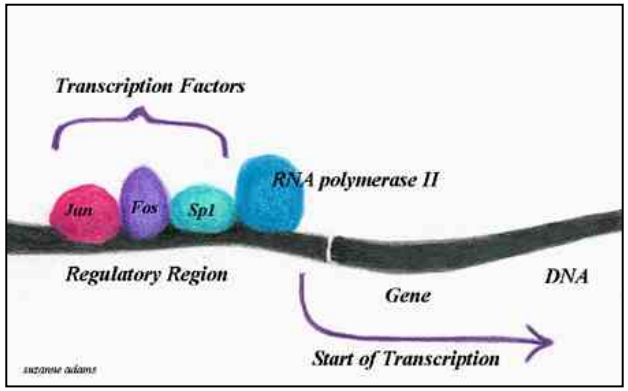

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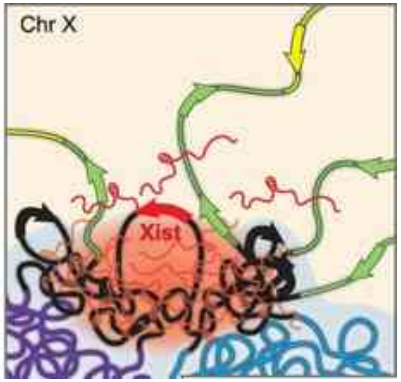

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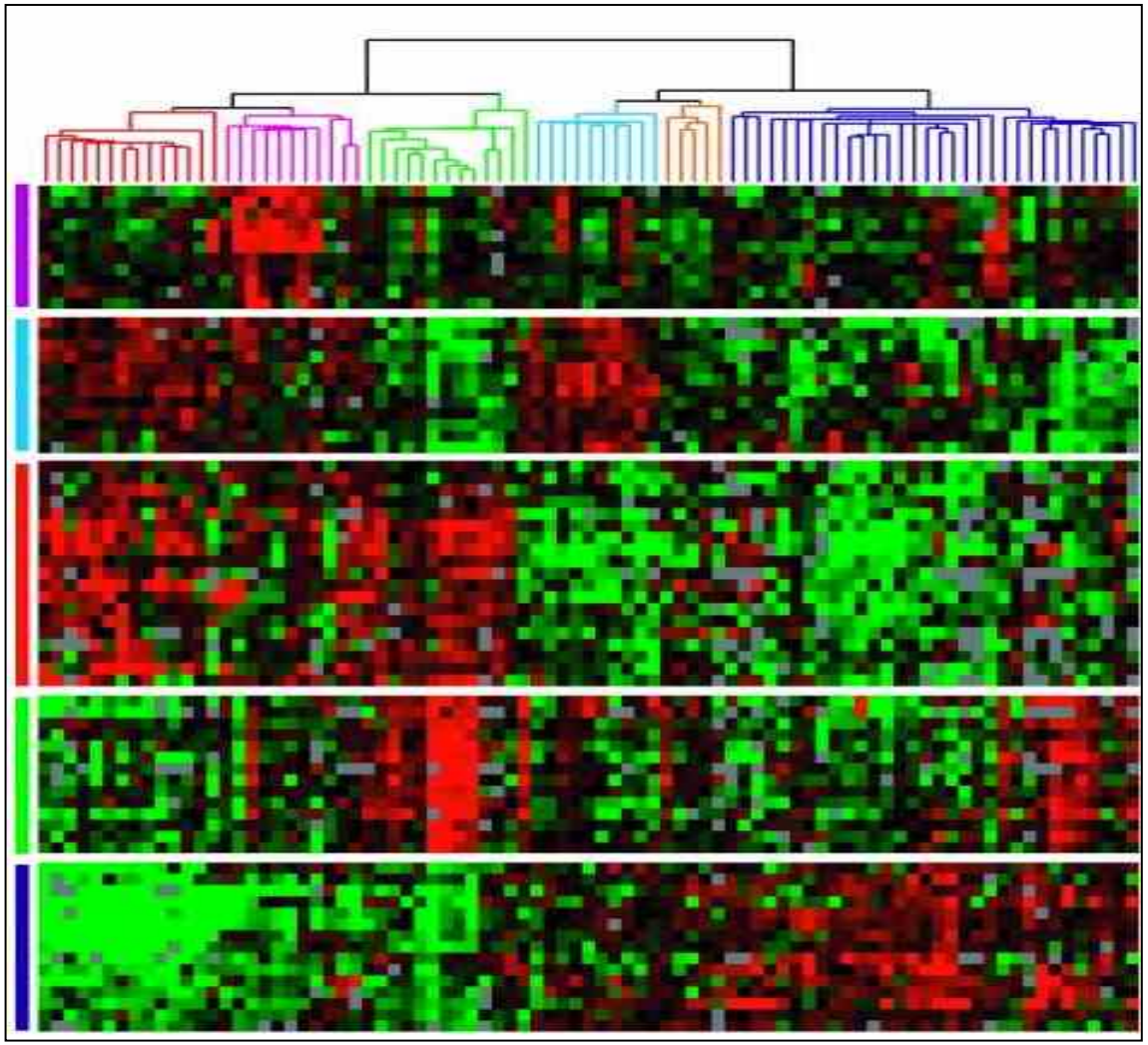

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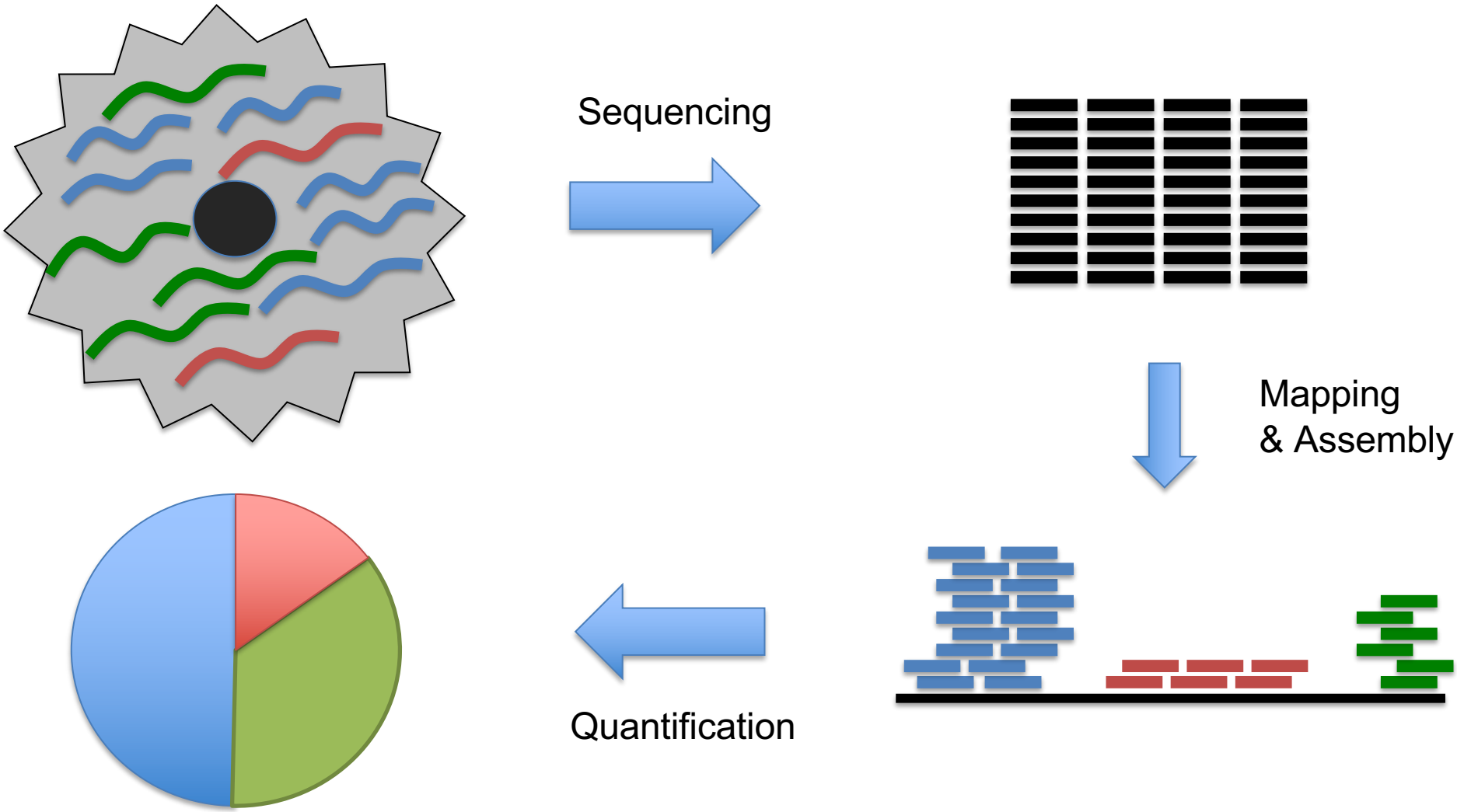

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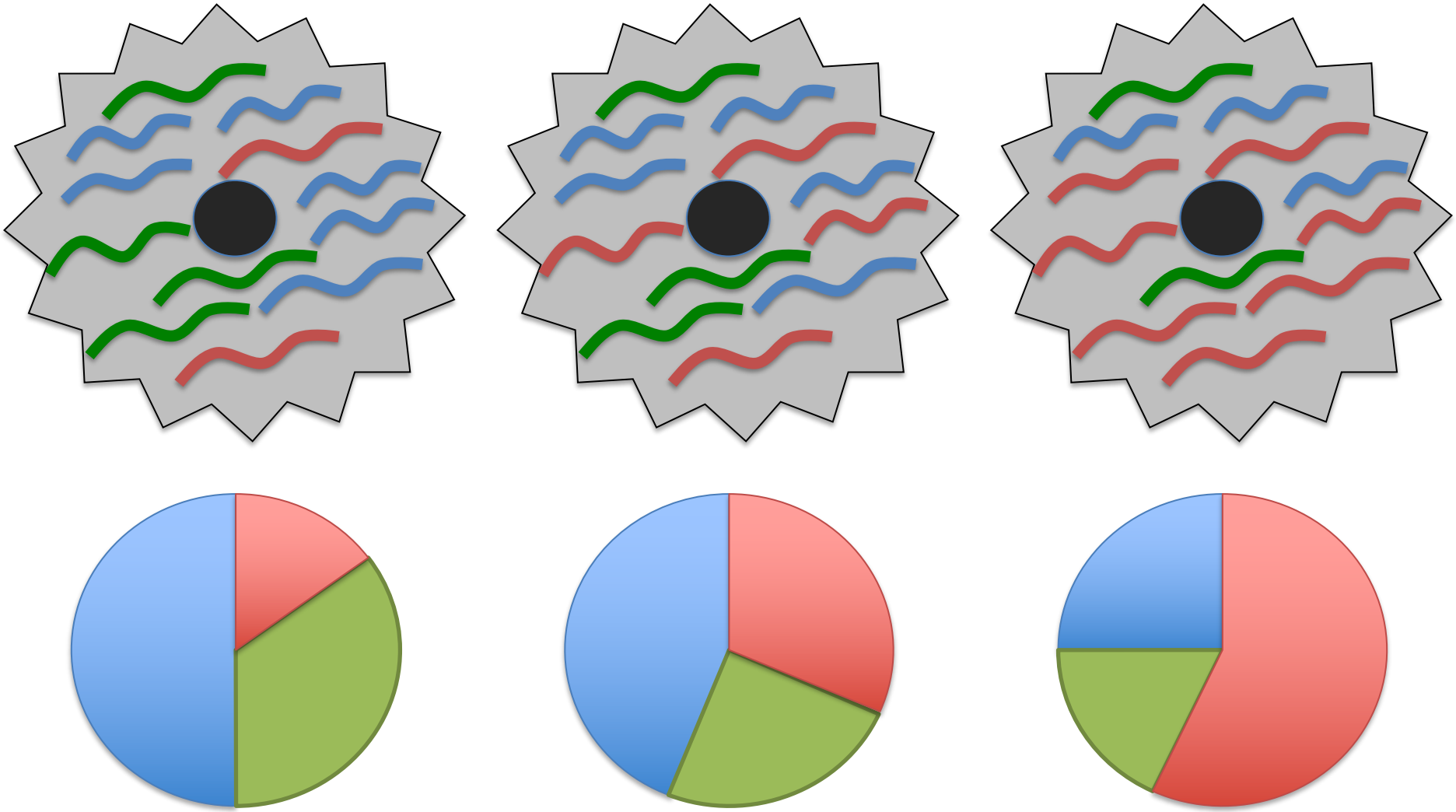

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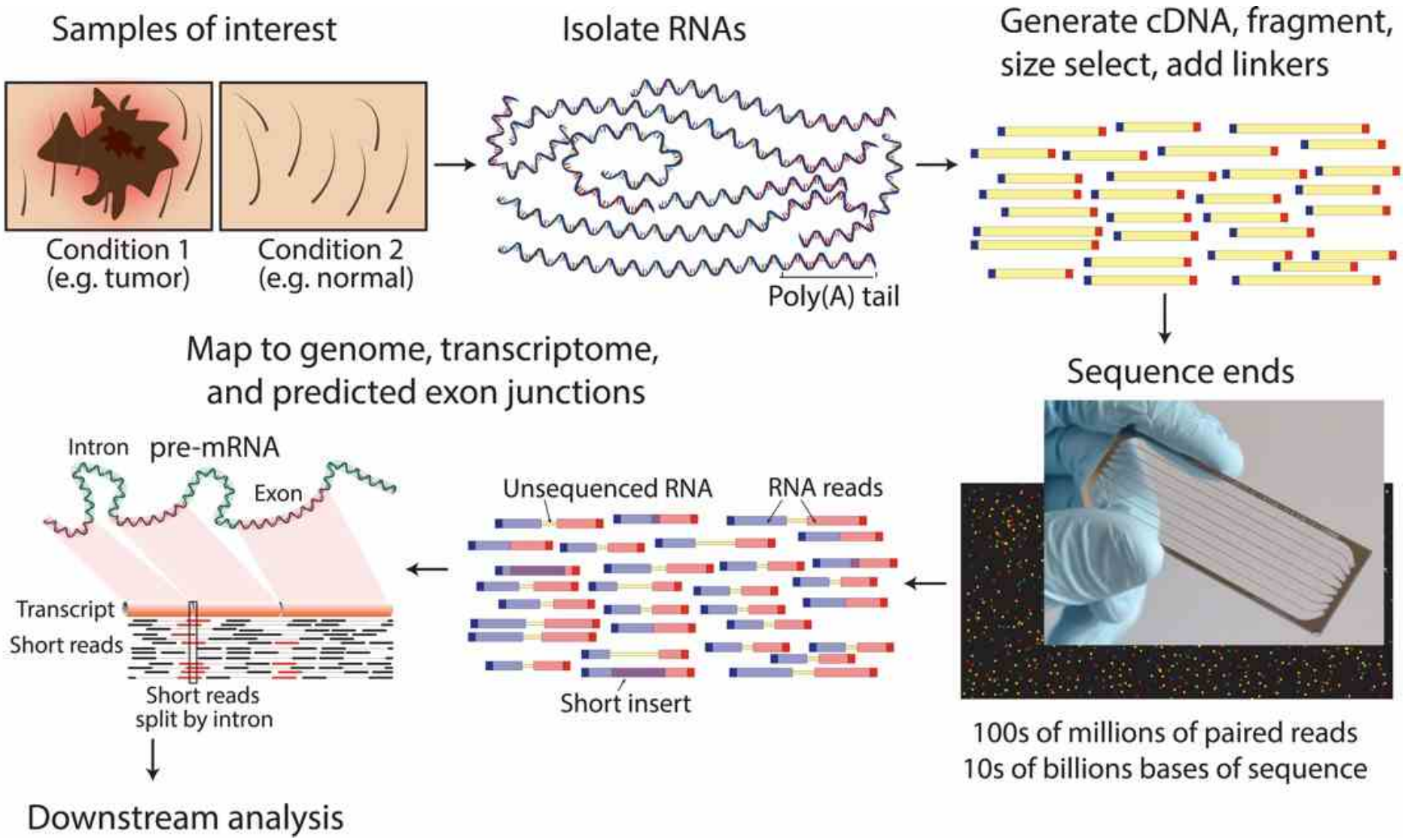

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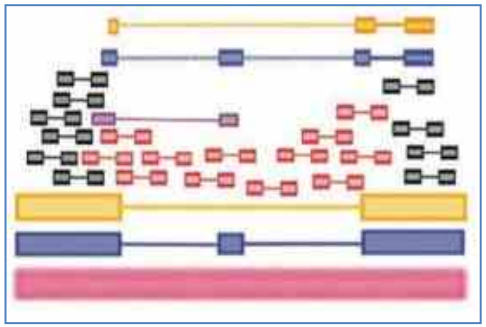

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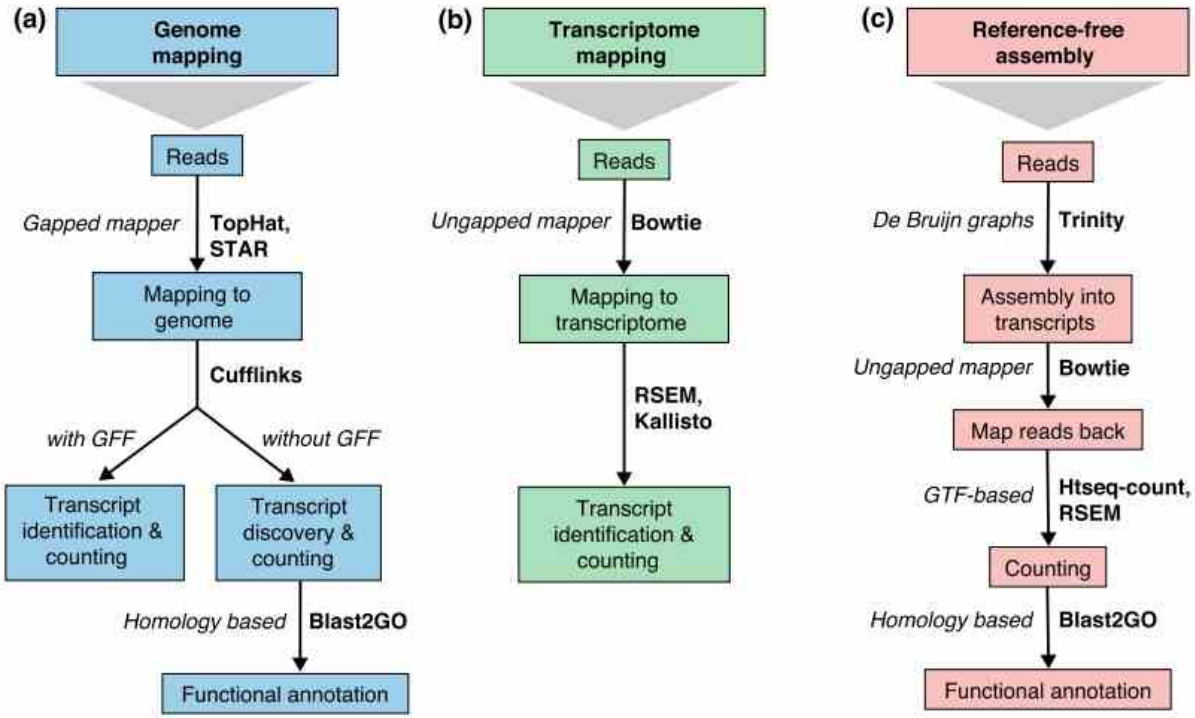

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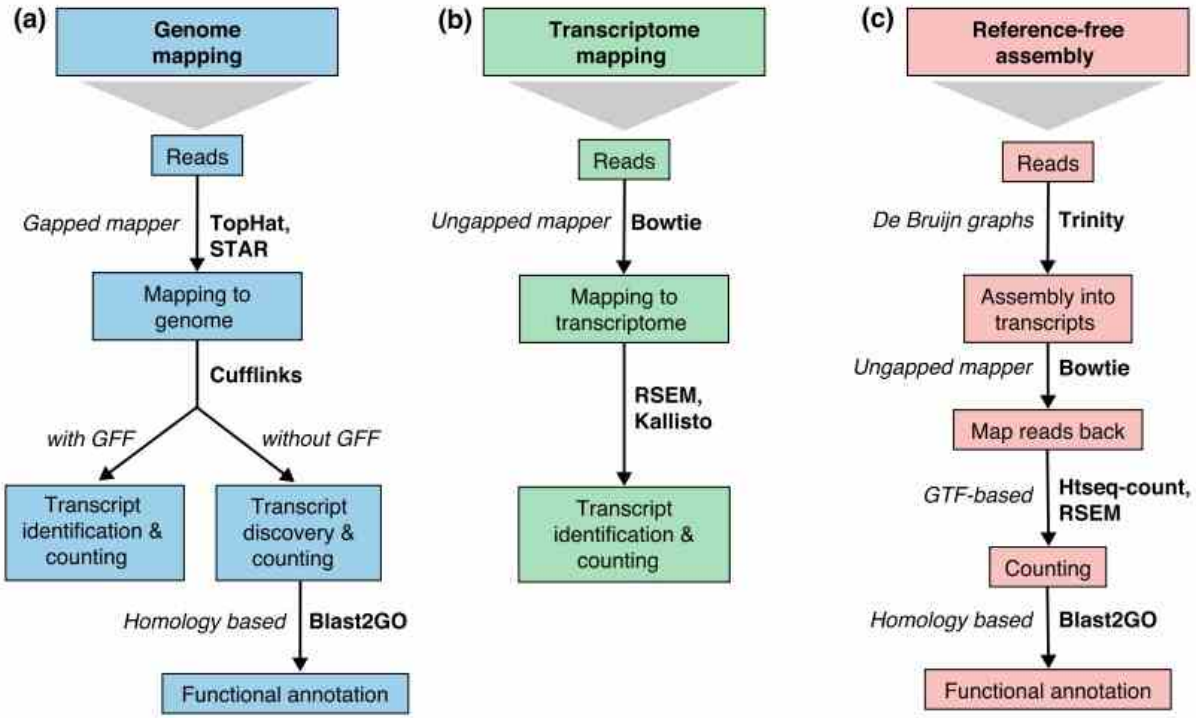

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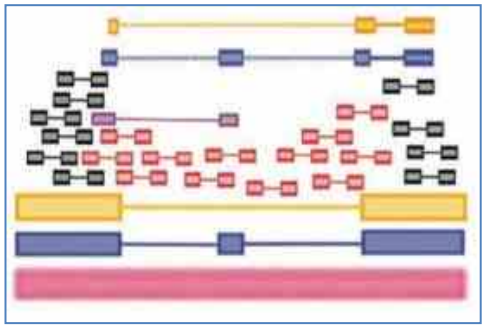

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Solution: Use a spliced aligner, and assemble isoforms

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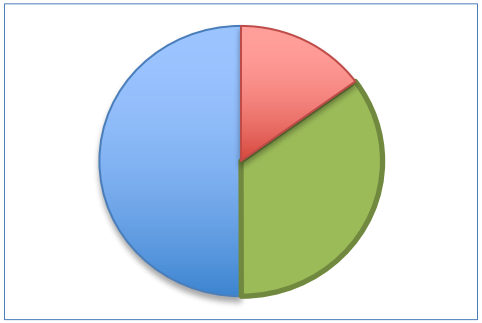

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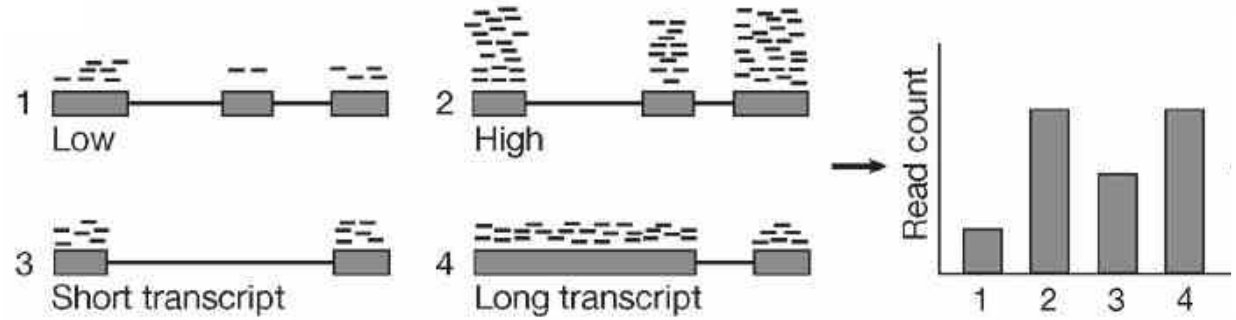
RPKM, FPKM, TPM



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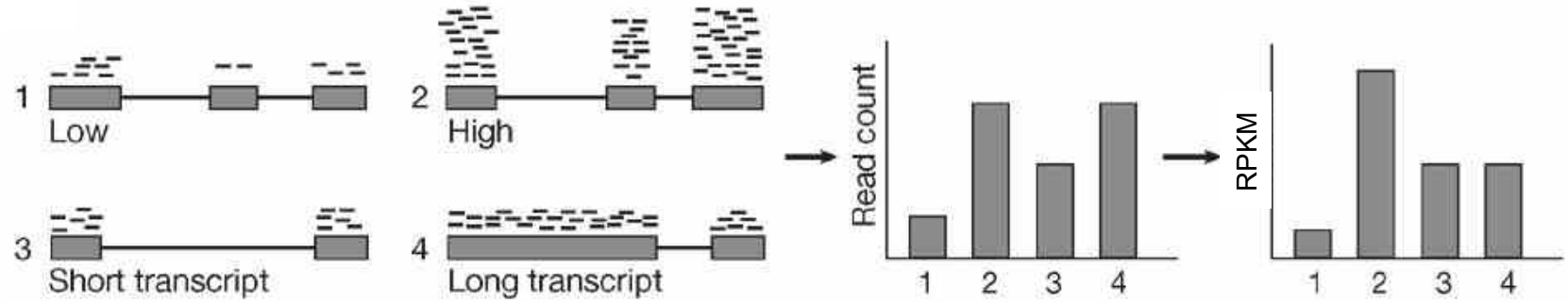

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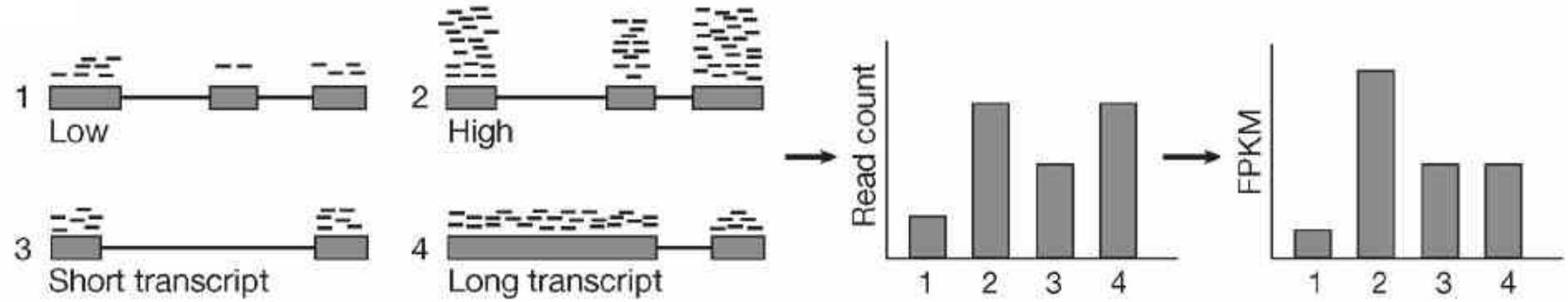

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$\Rightarrow$ Does a much better job with short exons & short genes by boosting coverage

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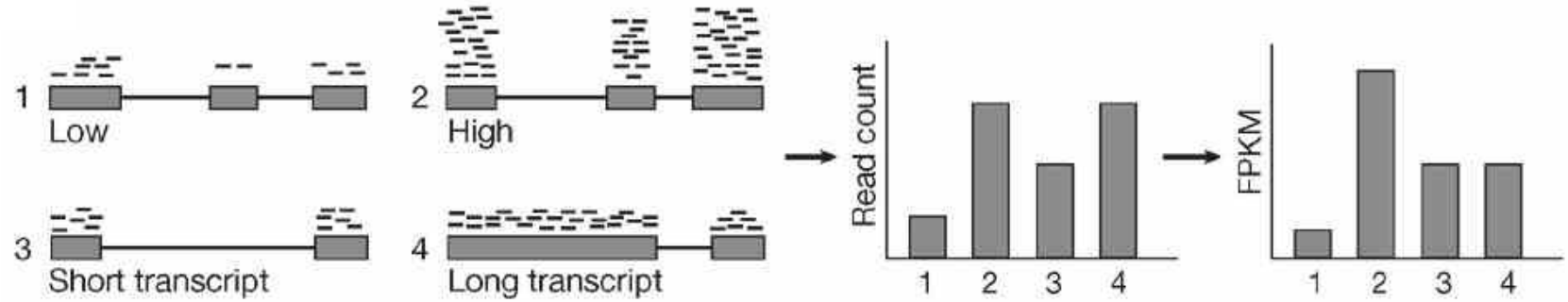

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3. TPM: Transcripts Per Million (Li et al, 2011)
⇒ If you were to sequence one million full length transcripts, TPM is the number of transcripts you would have seen of type i, given the abundances of the other transcripts in your sample

=> Recommend you use TPM for all analysis, easy to compute given FPKM

$$\mathrm{TPM}_i = \left(\frac{\mathrm{FPKM}_i}{\sum_j \mathrm{FPKM}_j}\right) \cdot 10^6$$

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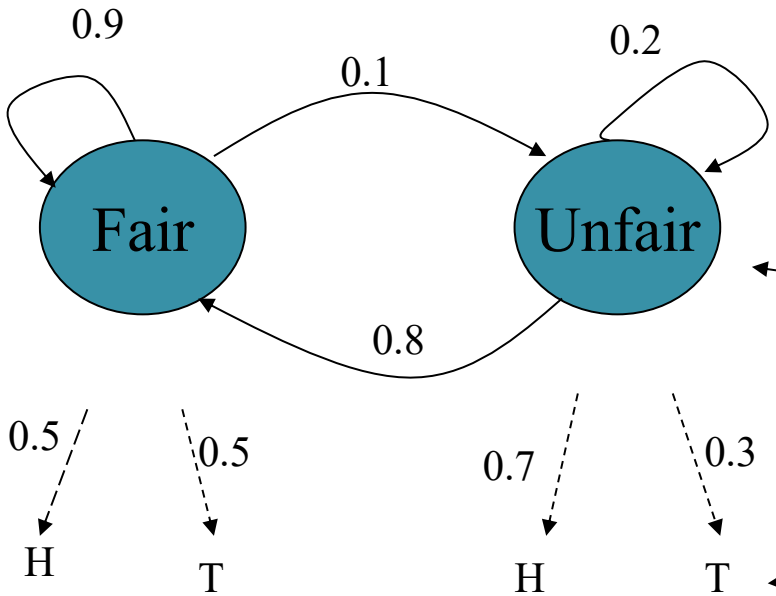
HMM Example - Casino Coin



State transition probs.

States

Symbol emission probs.

Observation Symbols

Observation Sequence

HTHHTTHHHTHTHTHHTHHHHHHTHTHH

State Sequence

FFFFFFUUUFFFFFFUUUUUUUFFFFFF

Motivation: Given a sequence of H & Ts, can you tell at what times the casino cheated?

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Solving the Decoding Problem: The Viterbi algorithm

- To solve the decoding problem (find the most likely sequence of states), we evaluate the Viterbi algorithm

$$V_i(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & : \quad t = 0 \wedge i \neq S_I \\ 1 & : \quad t = 0 \wedge i = S_I \\ \max V_j(t-1) a_{ji} b_{ji}(y) & : \quad t > 0 \end{cases}$$

Where $V_i(t)$ is the probability that the HMM is in state i after generating the sequence $y_1, y_2, \ldots, y_t$, following the *most probable path* in the HMM

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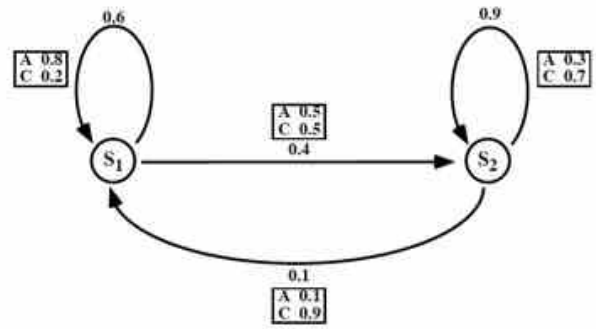

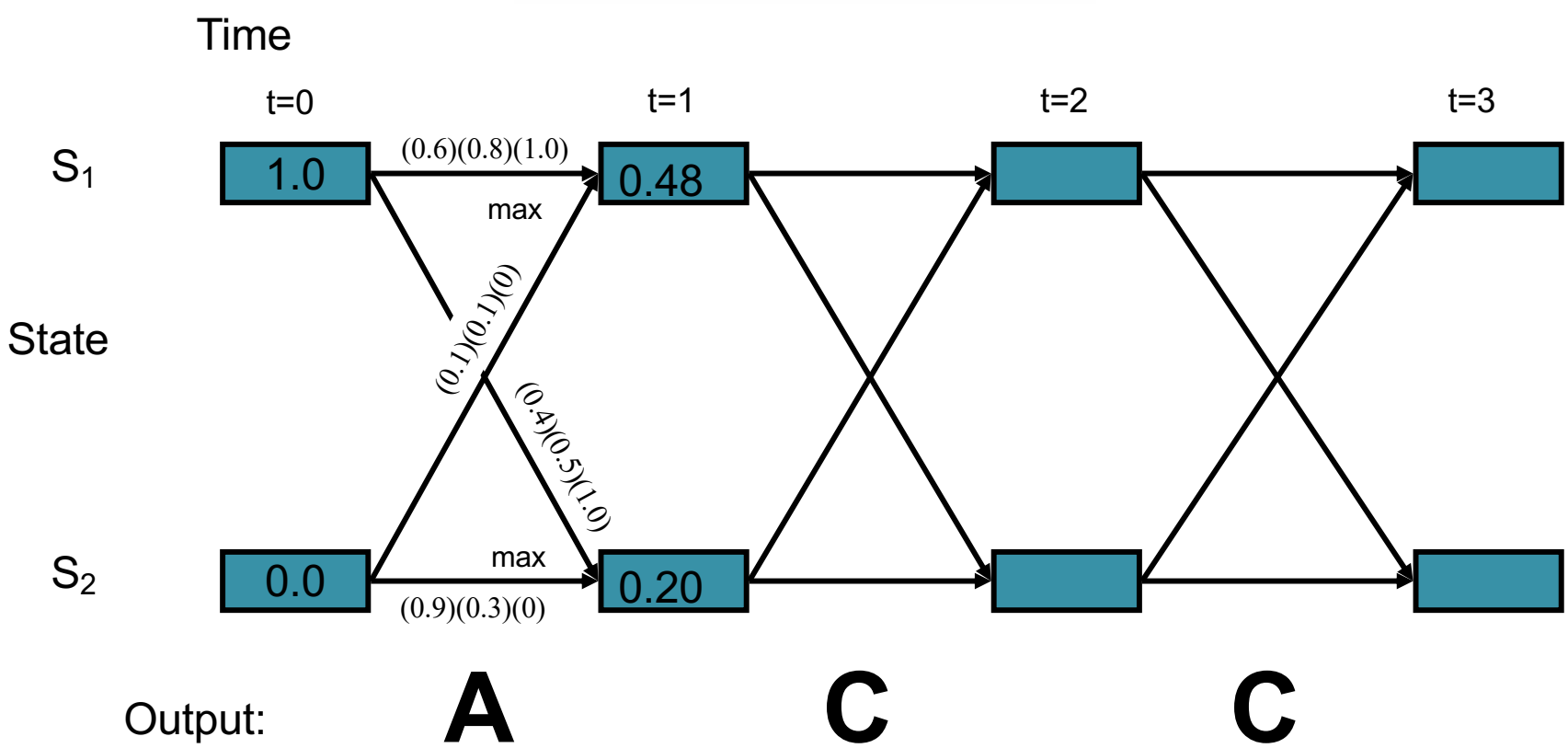

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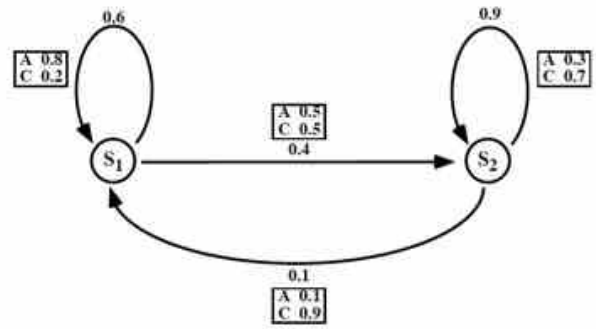

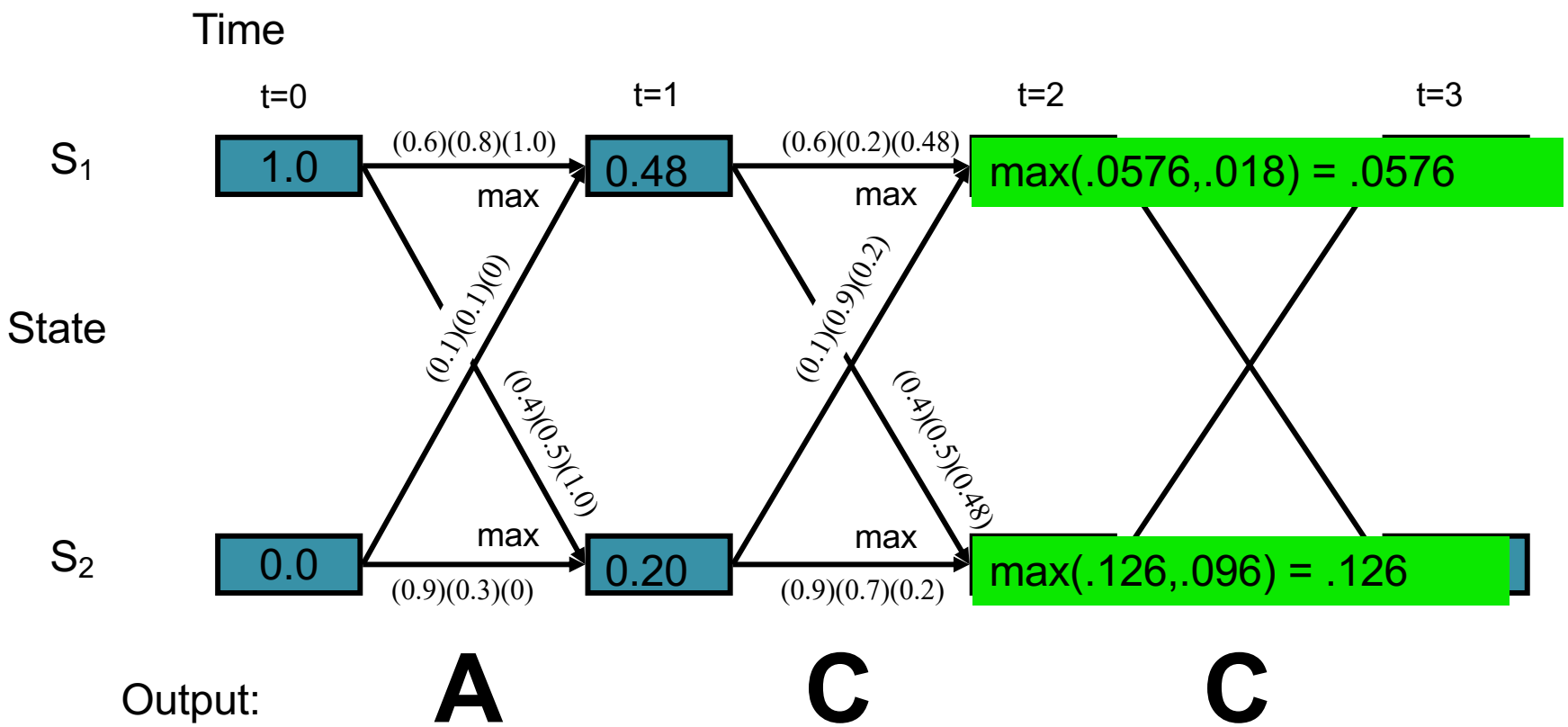

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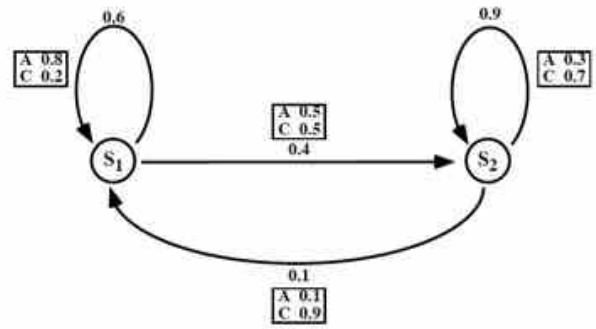

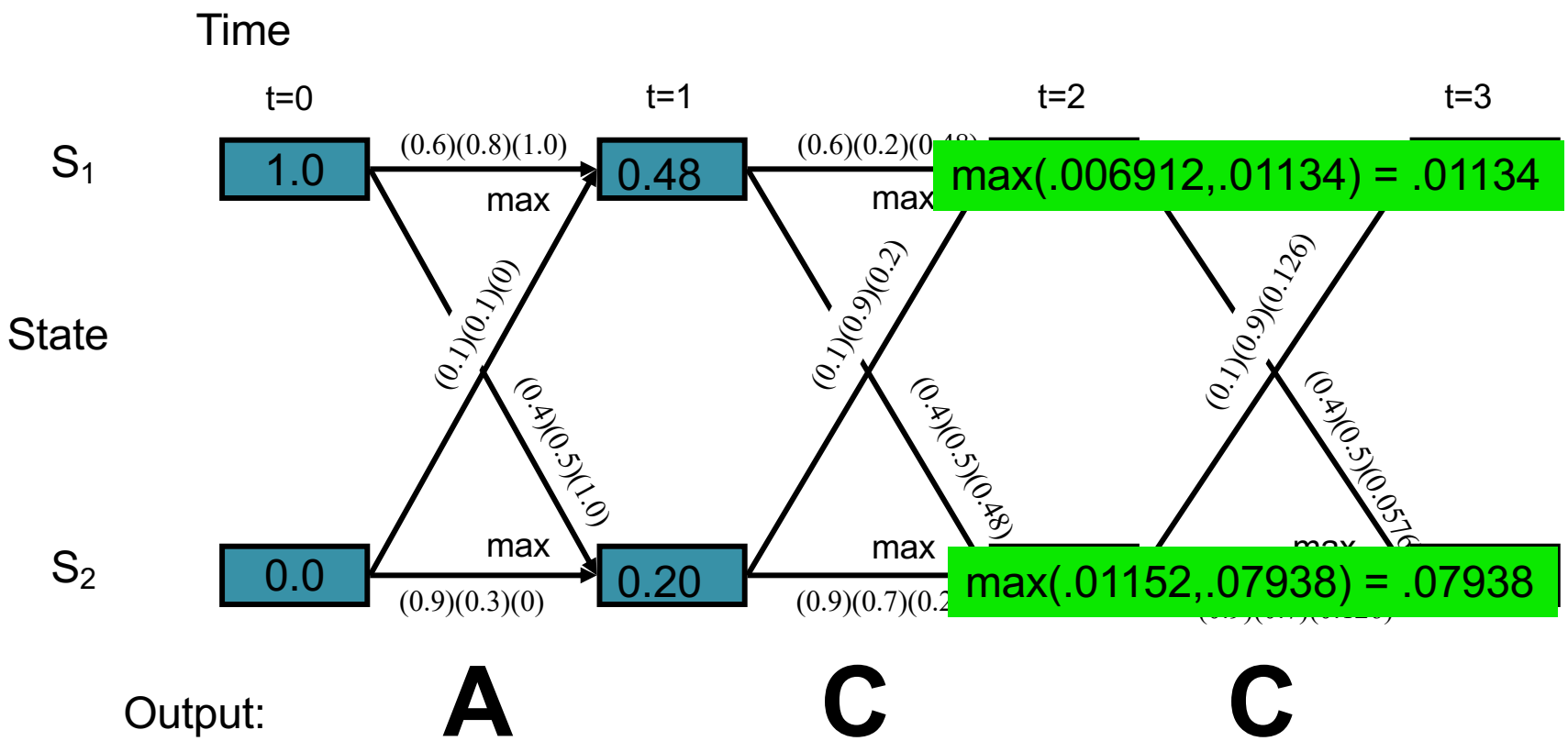

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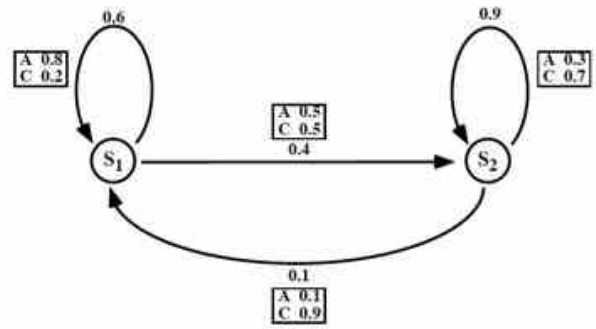

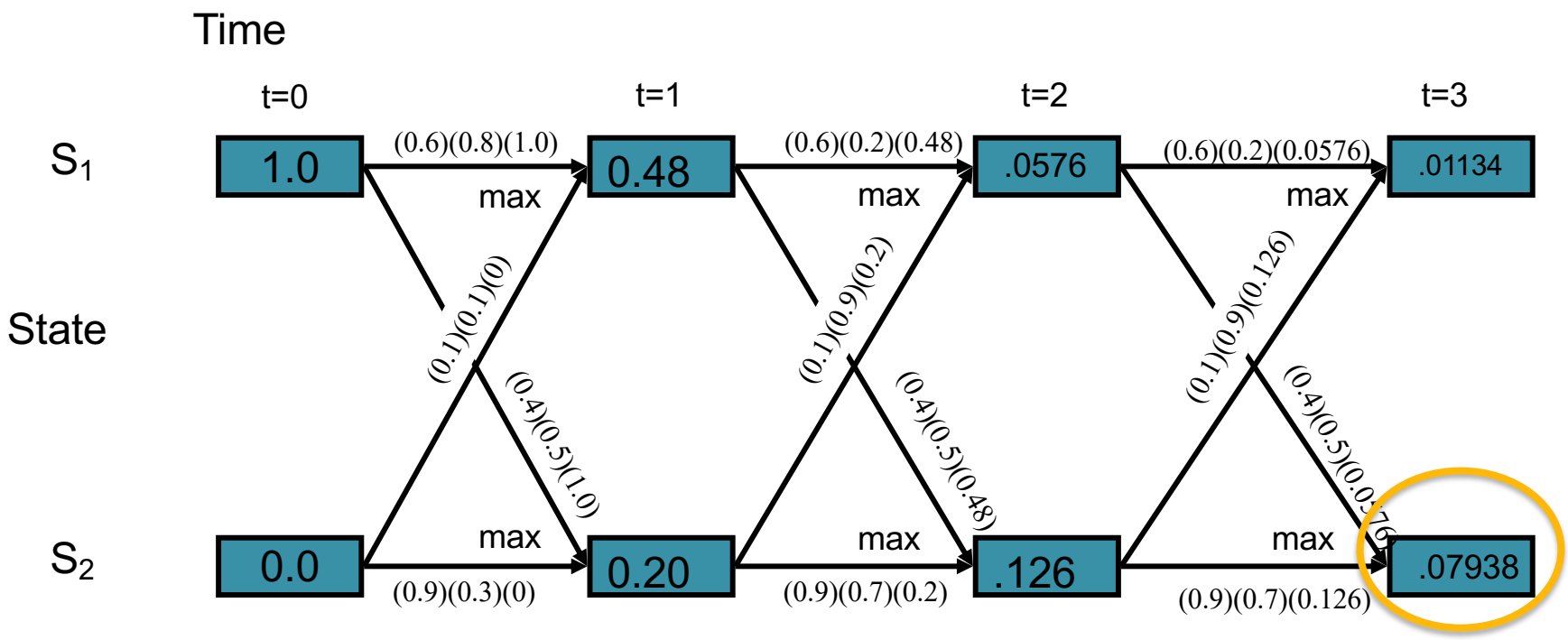

S2 is final state➔ the most probable sequence of states has a 7.9% probability

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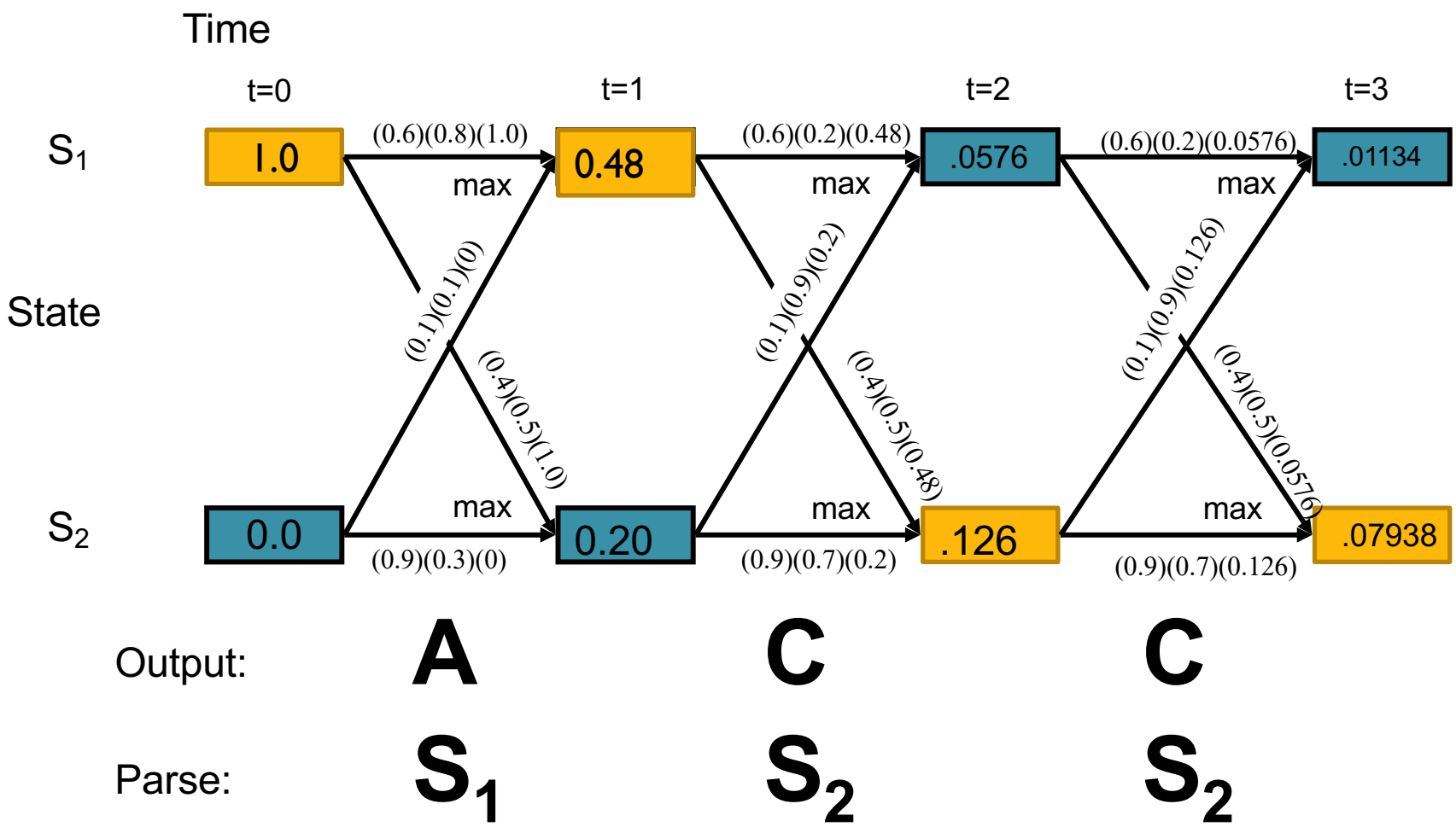

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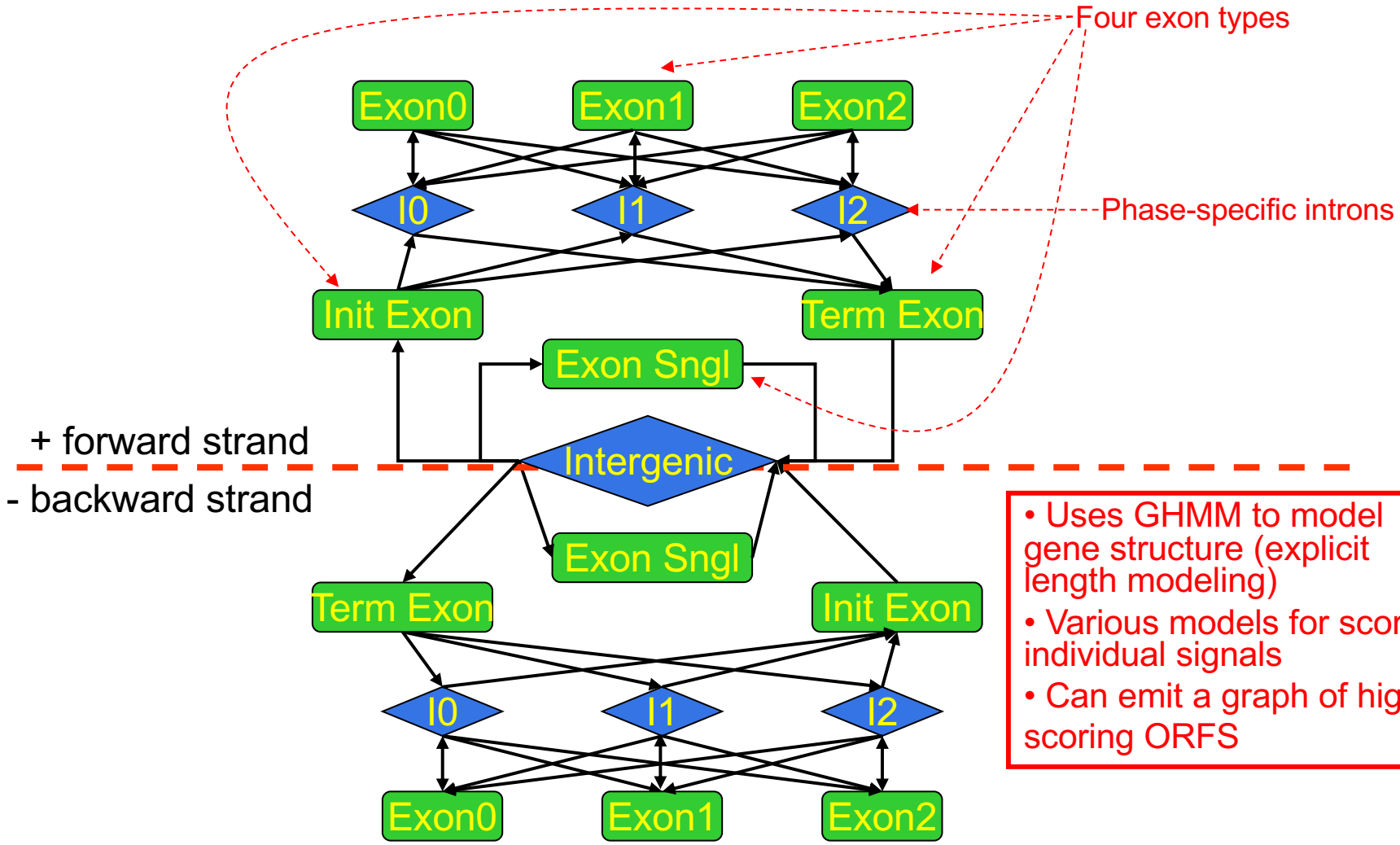

- Uses GHMM to model gene structure (explicit length modeling)
- Various models for scoring individual signals
- Can emit a graph of high-scoring ORFS