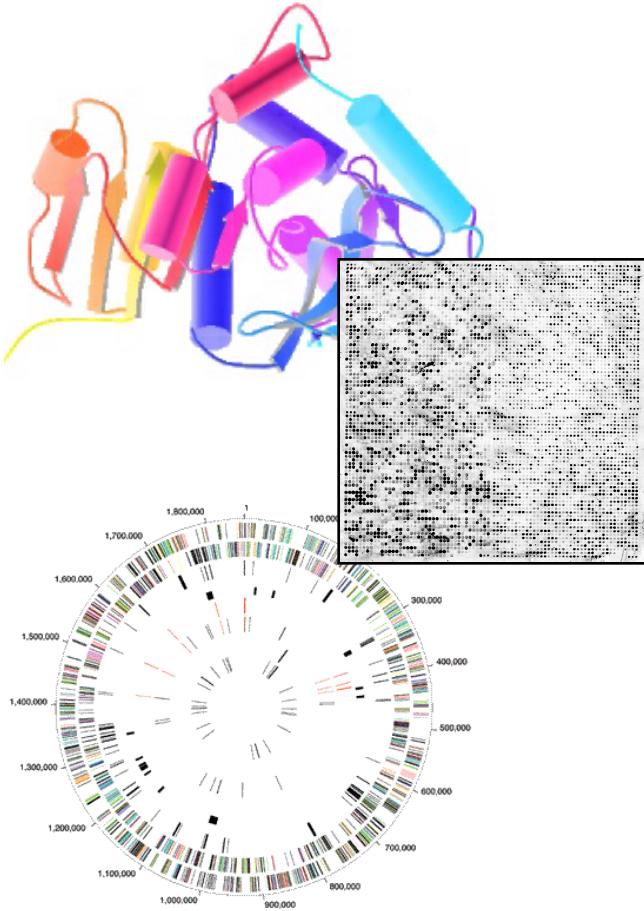


# BIOINFORMATICS

## Multiple Sequences



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# Multiple Sequence Alignment Topics

- Multiple Sequence Alignment
- Motifs
  - Fast identification methods
- Profile Patterns
  - Refinement via EM
  - Gibbs Sampling
- HMMs
- Applications
  - Protein Domain databases
  - Regression vs expression

- One of the most essential tools in molecular biology

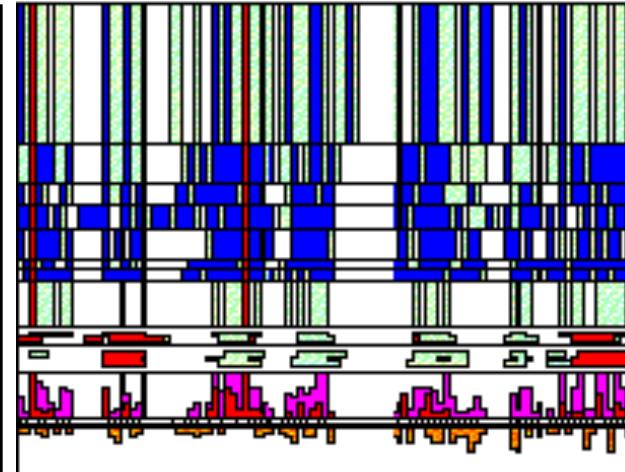
It is widely used in:

- Phylogenetic analysis
- Prediction of protein secondary/tertiary structure
- Finding diagnostic patterns to characterize protein families
- Detecting new homologies between new genes and established sequence families

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# Multiple Sequence Alignments

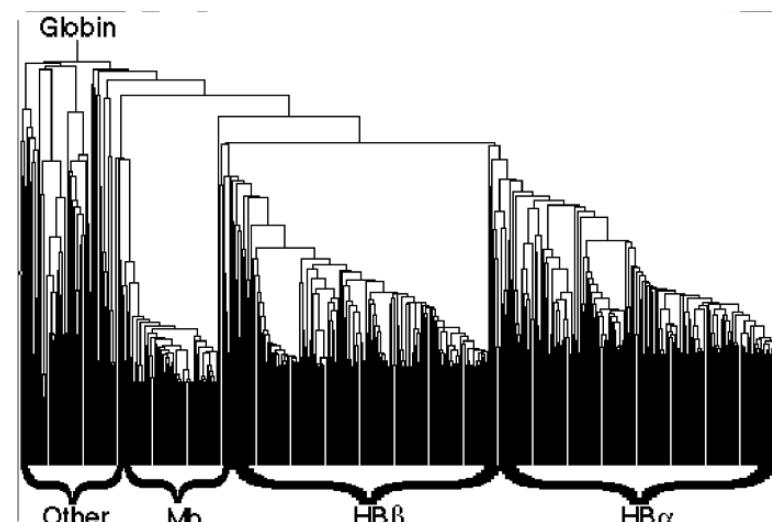
- Practically useful methods only since 1987
- Before 1987 they were constructed by hand
- The basic problem: no dynamic programming approach can be used
- First useful approach by D. Sankoff (1987) based on phylogenetics



(LEFT, adapted from Sonhammer et al. (1997). “Pfam,” Proteins 28:405-20. ABOVE, G Barton AMAS web page)

# Progressive Multiple Alignments

- Most multiple alignments based on this approach
- Initial guess for a phylogenetic tree based on pairwise alignments
- Built progressively starting with most closely related sequences
- Follows branching order in phylogenetic tree
- Sufficiently fast
- Sensitive
- Algorithmically heuristic, no mathematical property associated with the alignment
- Biologically sound, it is common to derive alignments which are impossible to improve by eye

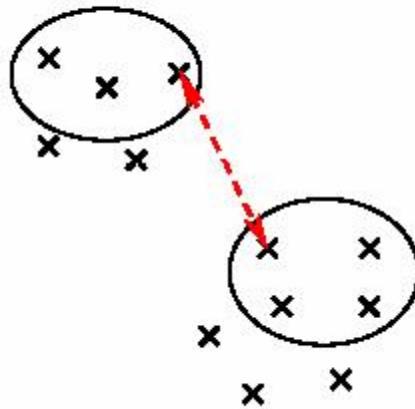


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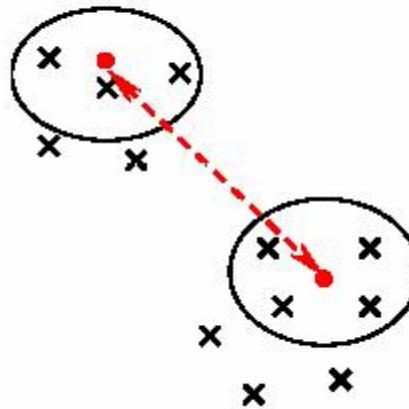
# Clustering approaches for multiple sequence alignment

- Clustal uses average linkage clustering
  - ◊ also called UPGMA  
Unweighted Pair Group Method with Arithmetic mean

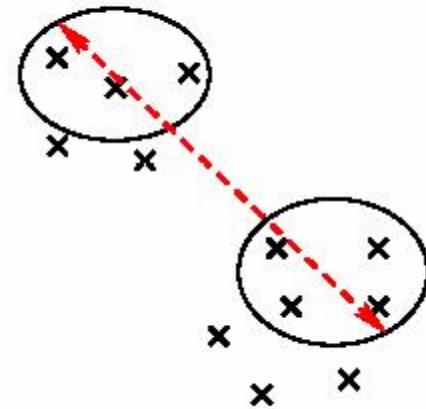
- Simple linkage



- Average linkage



- Complete linkage



<http://compbio.pbworks.com/f/linkages.JPG>

# C1Q - Example

Ca28\_Human

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C1qb\_Human

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Cerb\_Human

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# Clustal Alignment

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CA18_MOUSE.597	HAYAGKKGKHGGPA-----YEMPAFTAELT--VPFPP---VGAPVKFDKLLYNGRQNY
Ca28_Human	-----ELSA-----HATPAFTAVALT--SPLPA---SGMPVKFDRTLYNGHSGY
MM37222_1.98	-----GTPGRKGEPGE--AAYMYRSASFVGLETRVTVP----NVPIRFTKIFYNQQNHY
COLE_LEPMA.264	-----RGPKGPPGE--SVEQIIRSAFSVGLFPSRSFPP---PSLPVKFDKVFYNGEGHW
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C1qb_Human	TGGMVLKLEQGENVFLQATD---KNSLLGMEGANSIFSGFLFPD-----
Cerb_Human	SNGVLIQMEKGDRAYLKER---GN-LMGG-WKYSTFSGFLVFPL-----
2.HS27109_1	TGDALLELNYGQEVLRLAK---GTIPAKFPPVTTFSGFLYRT-----
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# Problems with Progressive Alignments

- Local Minimum Problem
  - Parameter Choice Problem

## 1. Local Minimum Problem

- It stems from greedy nature of alignment  
(mistakes made early in alignment cannot be corrected later)
- A better tree gives a better alignment  
(UPGMA neighbour-joining tree method)

## 2. Parameter Choice Problem

- - It stems from using just one set of parameters  
(and hoping that they will do for all)

# Domain Problem in Multiple Alignment

Match 3



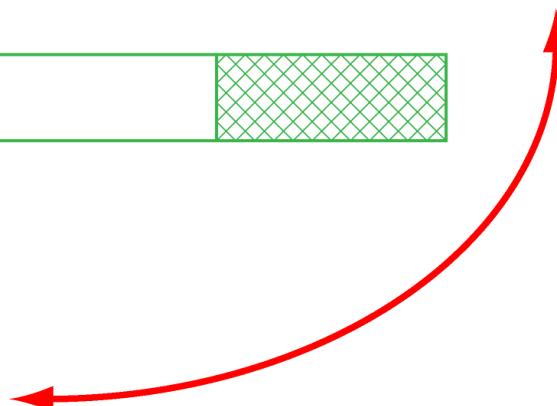
Match 2



Match 1



Query



Fuse multiple alignment into:

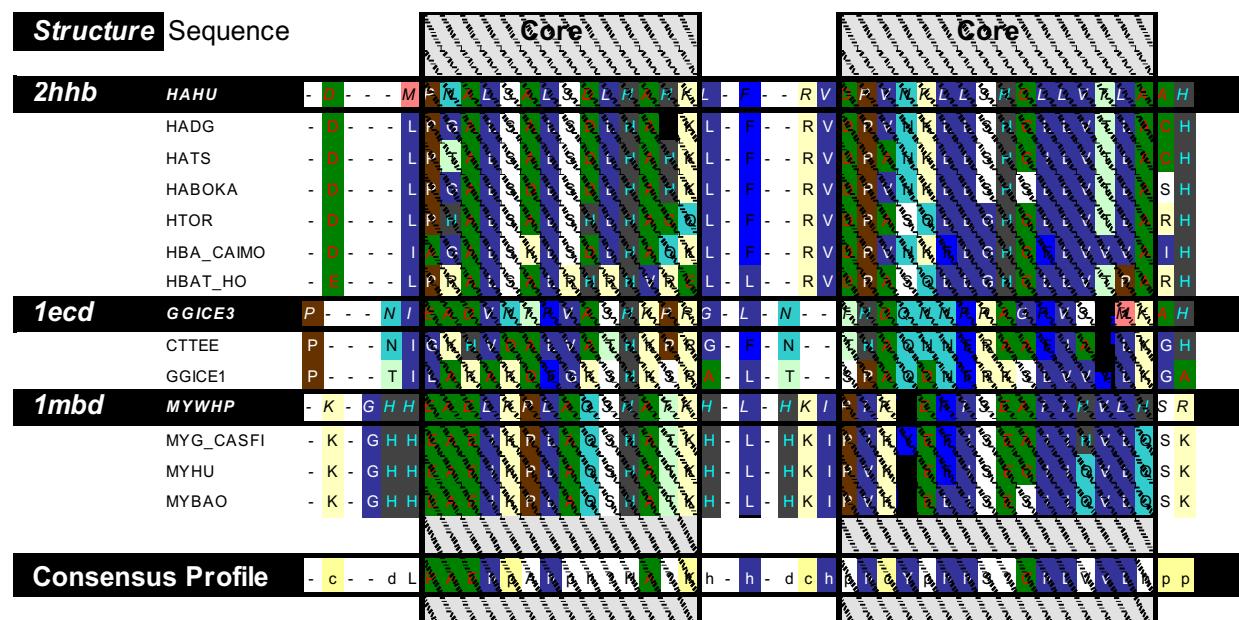
- **Motif**: a short signature pattern identified in the conserved region of the multiple alignment
- **Profile**: frequency of each amino acid at each position is estimated
- **HMM**: Hidden Markov Model, a generalized profile in rigorous mathematical terms

# Profiles

## Motifs

### HMMs

Can get more sensitive searches with these multiple alignment representations  
(Run the profile against the DB.)



# **Multiple Alignment**

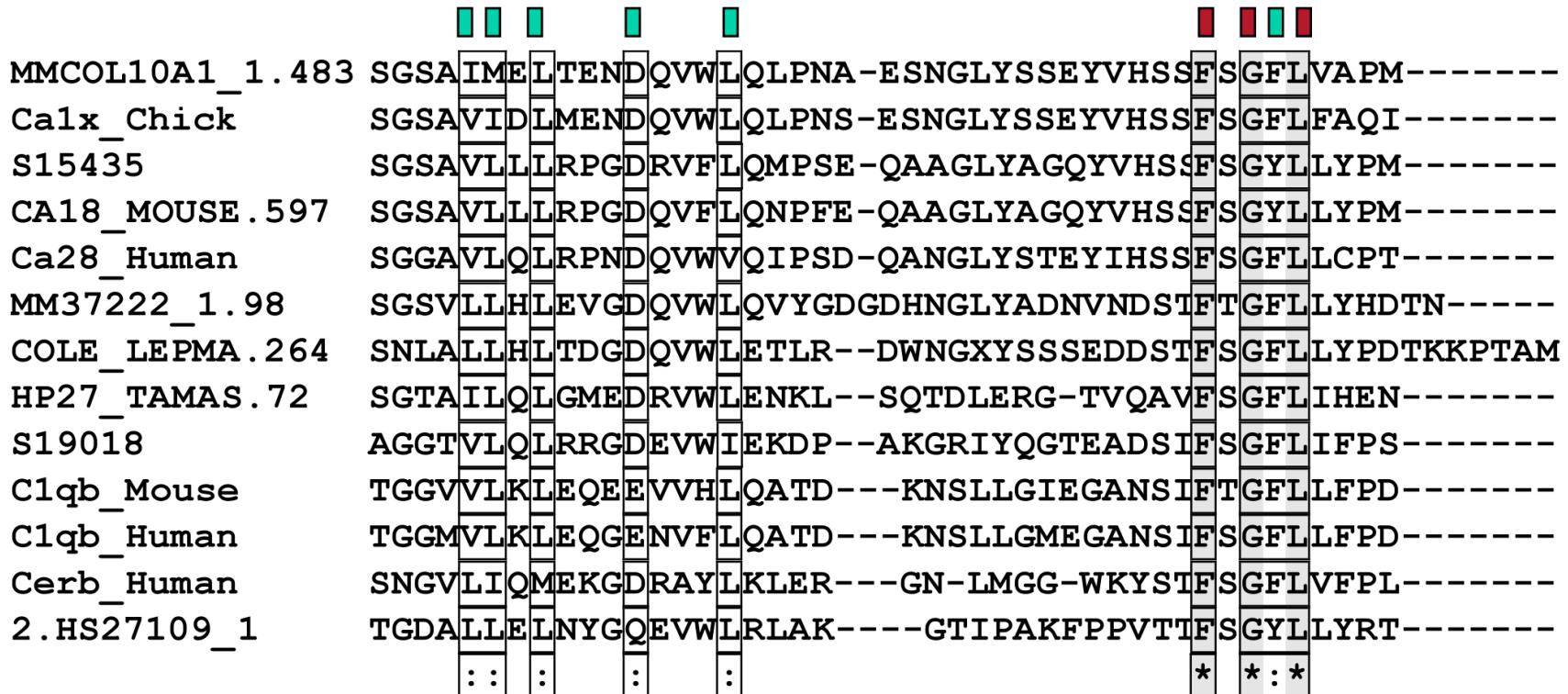
**MOTIFS**

## 2 different applications for motif analysis

- Given a collection of binding sites (or protein sequences with binding motifs), develop a representation of those sites that can be used to search new sites and reliably predict where additional binding sites occur.
- Given a set of sequences known to contain binding sites for a common factor, but not knowing where the sites are, discover the location of the sites in each sequence and a representation of the protein.

# Motifs

- several proteins are grouped together by similarity searches
- they share a conserved motif
- motif is stringent enough to retrieve the family members from the complete protein database
- PROSITE: a collection of motifs (1135 different motifs)



# Prosite Pattern -- EGF like pattern

A sequence of about thirty to forty amino-acid residues long found in the sequence of epidermal growth factor (EGF) has been shown [1 to 6] to be present, in a more or less conserved form, in a large number of other, mostly animal proteins. The proteins currently known to contain one or more copies of an EGF-like pattern are listed below.

- Bone morphogenic protein 1 (BMP-1), a protein which induces cartilage and bone formation.
- *Caenorhabditis elegans* developmental proteins lin-12 (13 copies) and glp-1 (10 copies).
- Calcium-dependent serine proteinase (CASP) which degrades the extracellular matrix proteins type ...
- Cell surface antigen 114/A10 (3 copies).
- Cell surface glycoprotein complex transmembrane subunit .
- Coagulation associated proteins C, Z (2 copies) and S (4 copies).
- Coagulation factors VII, IX, X and XII (2 copies).
- Complement C1r/C1s components (1 copy).
- Complement-activating component of Ra-reactive factor (RARF) (1 copy).
- Complement components C6, C7, C8 alpha and beta chains, and C9 (1 copy).
- Epidermal growth factor precursor (7-9 copies).

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| | | |  
**x(4)-C-x(0,48)-C-x(3,12)-C-x(1,70)-C-x(1,6)-C-x(2)-G-a-x(0,21)-G-x(2)-C-x**  
| | \* \*\*\*\*\*  
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'**C**': conserved cysteine involved in a disulfide bond.

'**G**': often conserved glycine

'**a**': often conserved aromatic amino acid

'\*'': position of both patterns.

'**x**': any residue

-Consensus pattern: C-x-C-x(5)-G-x(2)-C

[The 3 C's are involved in disulfide bonds]

# **Multiple Alignment**

## **PROFILES**

# Profiles

2hhb Human Alpha Hemoglobin		R	V	D	C	V	A	Y	K	
HAHU		R	V	D	C	V	A	Y	K	100
HADG		R	V	D	C	V	A	Y	K	89
HTOR		R	V	D	C	A	A	Y	Q	76
HBA_CAIMO		R	V	D	P	V	A	Y	K	73
HBAT HORSE		R	V	D	P	A	A	Y	Q	62

1mbd Whale Myoglobin		A	I	C	A	P	A	Y	E	
MYWHP		A	I	C	A	P	A	Y	E	100
MYG_CASFI		R	I	C	A	P	A	Y	E	85
MYHÜ		R	I	C	V	C	A	Y	D	75
MYBAO		R	I	C	V	C	A	Y	D	71

Eisenberg Profile Freq. A

Eisenberg Profile Freq. C

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Eisenberg Profile Freq. V

Eisenberg Profile Freq. Y

1	0	0	2	2	9	0	0		↑
0	0	4	3	2	0	0	0		Identity
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.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	5	0	2	3	0	0	0		
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	

Consensus = Most Typical A.A.

R V D C V A Y E

Better Consensus = Freq. Pattern (PCA)

ſ = (A,2V,C,P);  $\mu$ =(4K,2Q,3E,2D)

Entropy => Sequence Variability

3 7 7 14 14 0 0 14

Profile : a position-specific scoring matrix composed of 21 columns and N rows (N=length of sequences in multiple alignment)

What happens with gaps?

# EGF Profile Generated for SEARCHWISE

Cons	A	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	V	W	Y	Gap
V	-1	-2	-9	-5	-13	-18	-2	-5	-2	-7	-4	-3	-5	-1	-3	0	0	-1	-24	-10	100
D	0	-14	-1	-1	-16	-10	0	-12	0	-13	-8	1	-3	0	-2	0	0	-8	-26	-9	100
V	0	-13	-9	-7	-15	-10	-6	-5	-5	-7	-5	-6	-4	-4	-6	-1	0	-1	-27	-14	100
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P	3	-18	1	3	-26	-9	-5	-14	-1	-14	-12	-1	12	1	-4	2	0	-9	-37	-22	100
C	5	115	-32	-30	-8	-20	-13	-11	-28	-15	-9	-18	-31	-24	-22	1	-5	0	-10	-5	100
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g	1	-13	0	0	-20	-3	-3	-12	-3	-13	-8	0	-7	0	-5	2	0	-7	-29	-16	31
L	-5	-11	-20	-14	0	-23	-9	9	-11	8	7	-14	-17	-9	-14	-8	-4	7	-17	-5	100
E	0	-20	14	10	-33	5	0	-25	2	-26	-19	11	-9	4	0	3	0	-19	-34	-22	100
S	3	-13	4	3	-28	3	0	-18	2	-20	-13	6	-6	3	1	6	3	-12	-32	-20	100
Y	-14	-9	-25	-22	31	-34	10	-5	-17	0	-1	-14	-13	-13	-15	-14	-13	-7	17	44	100
T	0	-10	-6	-1	-11	-16	-2	-7	-1	-9	-5	-3	-9	0	-1	1	3	-4	-16	-8	100
C	5	115	-32	-30	-8	-20	-13	-11	-28	-15	-9	-18	-31	-24	-22	1	-5	0	-10	-5	100
R	0	-13	0	2	-19	-11	1	-12	4	-13	-8	3	-8	4	5	1	1	-8	-23	-13	100
C	5	115	-32	-30	-8	-20	-13	-11	-28	-15	-9	-18	-31	-24	-22	1	-5	0	-10	-5	100
P	0	-14	-8	-4	-15	-17	0	-7	-1	-7	-5	-4	6	0	-2	0	1	-3	-26	-10	100
P	1	-18	-3	0	-24	-13	-3	-12	1	-13	-10	-2	15	2	0	2	1	-8	-33	-19	100
G	4	-19	3	-4	-48	53	-11	-40	-7	-40	-31	5	-13	-7	-7	4	-7	-29	-39	-36	100
Y	-22	-6	-35	-31	55	-43	11	-1	-25	6	4	-21	-34	-20	-21	-22	-20	-7	43	63	50
S	1	-9	-3	-1	-14	-7	0	-10	-2	-12	-7	0	-7	0	-4	4	4	-5	-24	-9	100
G	5	-20	1	-8	-52	66	-14	-45	-11	-44	-35	4	-16	-10	-10	4	-11	-33	-40	-40	100
E	2	-20	10	12	-31	-7	0	-19	6	-20	-15	5	4	7	2	4	2	-13	-38	-22	100
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C	5	115	-32	-30	-8	-20	-13	-11	-28	-15	-9	-18	-31	-24	-22	1	-5	0	-10	-5	100
E	0	-26	20	25	-34	-5	6	-25	10	-25	-17	9	-4	16	5	3	0	-18	-38	-23	100
T	-4	-11	-13	-8	-1	-21	2	0	-4	-1	0	-6	-14	-3	-5	-4	0	0	-15	0	100
D	0	-18	5	4	-24	-11	-1	-11	2	-14	-9	1	-6	2	0	0	0	-6	-34	-18	100
I	0	-10	-2	-1	-17	-14	-3	-4	-1	-9	-4	0	-11	0	-4	0	2	-1	-29	-14	100
D	-4	-15	-1	-2	-13	-16	-3	-8	-5	-6	-4	-1	-7	-2	-7	-3	-2	-6	-27	-12	100

Cons.  
Cys

<b>2hhb</b>	<b>Human Alpha Hemoglobin</b>	R	V	D	C	V	A	Y	K	
	HAHU	R	V	D	C	V	A	Y	K	100
	HADG	R	V	D	C	V	A	Y	K	89
	HTOR	R	V	D	C	A	A	Y	Q	76
	HBA_CAIMO	R	V	D	P	V	A	Y	K	73
	HBAT_HORSE	R	V	D	P	A	A	Y	Q	62
<b>1mbd</b>	<b>Whale Myoglobin</b>	A	I	C	A	P	A	Y	E	
	MYWHP	A	I	C	A	P	A	Y	E	100
	MYG_CASFI	R	I	C	A	P	A	Y	E	85
	MYHÜ	R	I	C	V	C	A	Y	D	75
	MYBAO	R	I	C	V	C	A	Y	D	71
Eisenberg Profile Freq. A		1	0	0	2	2	9	0	0	
Eisenberg Profile Freq. C		0	0	4	3	2	0	0	0	
:		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	
Eisenberg Profile Freq. V		0	5	0	2	3	0	0	0	
Eisenberg Profile Freq. Y		0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	
Consensus = Most Typical A.A.		R	V	D	C	V	A	Y	E	
Better Consensus = Freq. Pattern (PCA)		R	iv	cd	š	š	A	Y	μ	
		š = (A,2V,C,P); $\mu$ =(4K,2Q,3E,2D)								
Entropy => Sequence Variability		3	7	7	14	14	0	0	14	

Profiles  
formula for  
position  
M(p,a)

**M(p,a) = chance of finding amino acid a at position p**

$M_{simp}(p,a)$  = number of times a occurs at p divided by number of sequences

However, what if don't have many sequences in alignment?  $M_{simp}(p,a)$  might be biased. Zeros for rare amino acids. Thus:

$$M_{cplx}(p,a) = \sum_{b=1 \text{ to } 20} M_{simp}(p,b) \times Y(b,a)$$

$Y(b,a)$ : Dayhoff matrix for *a* and *b* amino acids

$$S(p,a) \sim \sum_{a=1 \text{ to } 20} M_{simp}(p,a) \ln M_{simp}(p,a)$$

2hhb	Human Alpha Hemoglobin	R	V	D	C	V	A	Y	K	
HAHU		R	V	D	C	V	A	Y	K	100
HADG		R	V	D	C	V	A	Y	K	89
HTOR		R	V	D	C	A	A	Y	Q	76
HBA_CAIMO		R	V	D	P	V	A	Y	K	73
HBAT_HORSE		R	V	D	P	A	A	Y	Q	62
1mbd	Whale Myoglobin	A	I	C	A	P	A	Y	E	
MYWHP		A	I	C	A	P	A	Y	E	100
MYG_CASFI		R	I	C	A	P	A	Y	E	85
MYHU		R	I	C	V	C	A	Y	D	75
MYBAO		R	I	C	V	C	A	Y	D	71

Eisenberg Profile Freq. A  
Eisenberg Profile Freq. C  
⋮  
Eisenberg Profile Freq. V  
Eisenberg Profile Freq. Y

1	0	0	2	2	9	0	0
0	0	4	3	2	0	0	0
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
0	5	0	2	3	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0

↑ Identity

Consensus = Most Typical A.A.  
Better Consensus = Freq. Pattern (PCA)  
 $\check{s} = (A, 2V, C, P); \mu = (4K, 2Q, 3E, 2D)$

Entropy => Sequence Variability

R	V	D	C	V	A	Y	E
R	iv	cd	š	š	A	Y	μ

3	7	7	14	14	0	0	14
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$H(p,a) = - \sum_{a=1 \text{ to } 20} f(p,a) \log_2 f(p,a),$   
where  $f(p,a)$  = frequency of amino acid a occurs at position p ( $M_{simp}(p,a)$ )

Say column only has one aa (AAAAAA):

$$H(p,a) = 1 \log_2 1 + 0 \log_2 0 + 0 \log_2 0 + \dots = 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots = 0$$

Say column is random with all aa equiprobable (ACD..ACD..ACD..):

$$H_{rand}(p,a) = .05 \log_2 .05 + .05 \log_2 .05 + \dots = -.22 + -.22 + \dots = -4.3$$

Say column is random with aa occurring according to probability found in the sequence databases (ACAAAADAADDAAA....):

$$H_{db}(a) = - \sum_{a=1 \text{ to } 20} F(a) \log_2 F(a),$$

where  $F(a)$  is freq. of occurrence of a in DB

$$H_{corrected}(p,a) = H(p,a) - H_{db}(a)$$

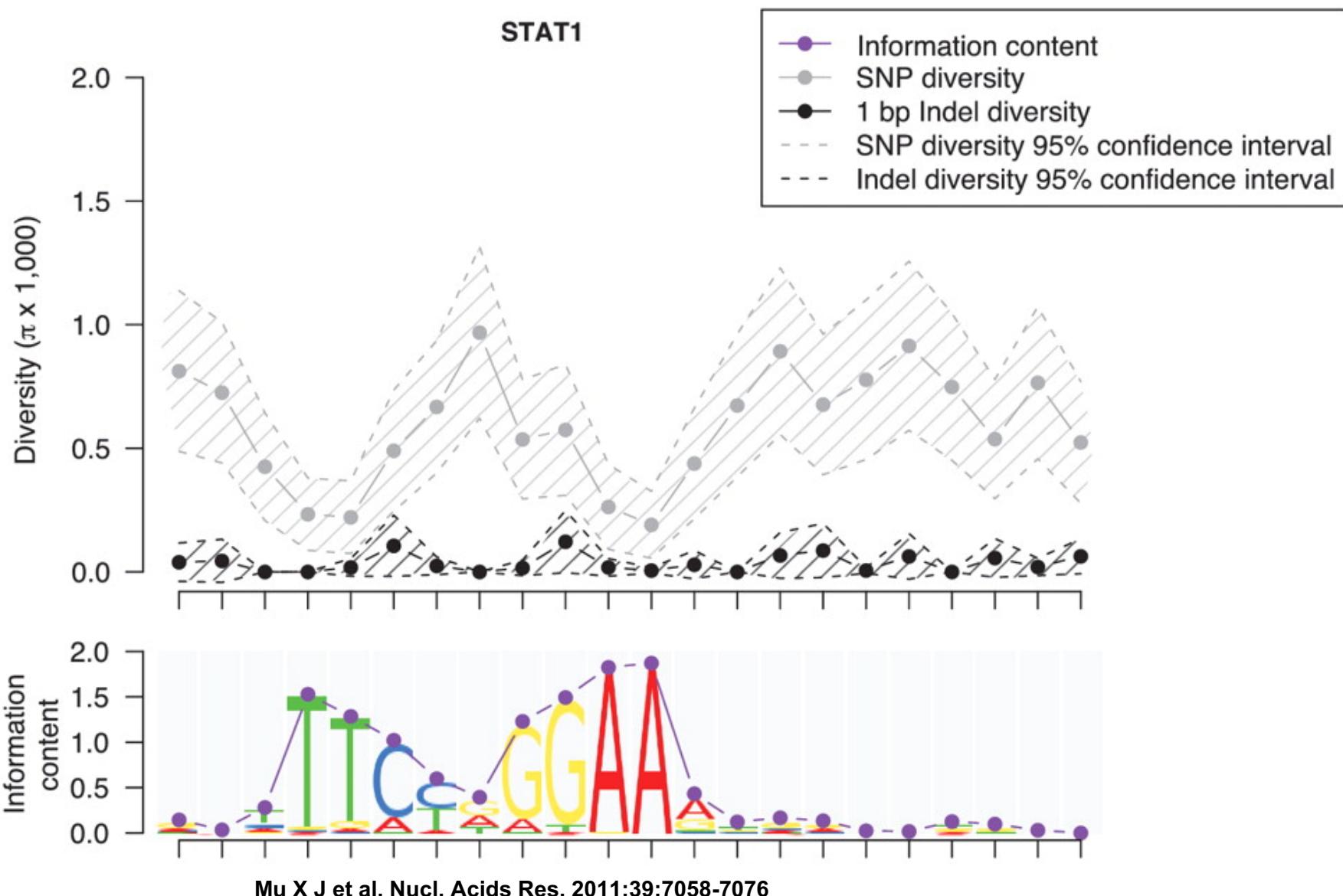
# Profiles

## formula for entropy

### $H(p,a)$

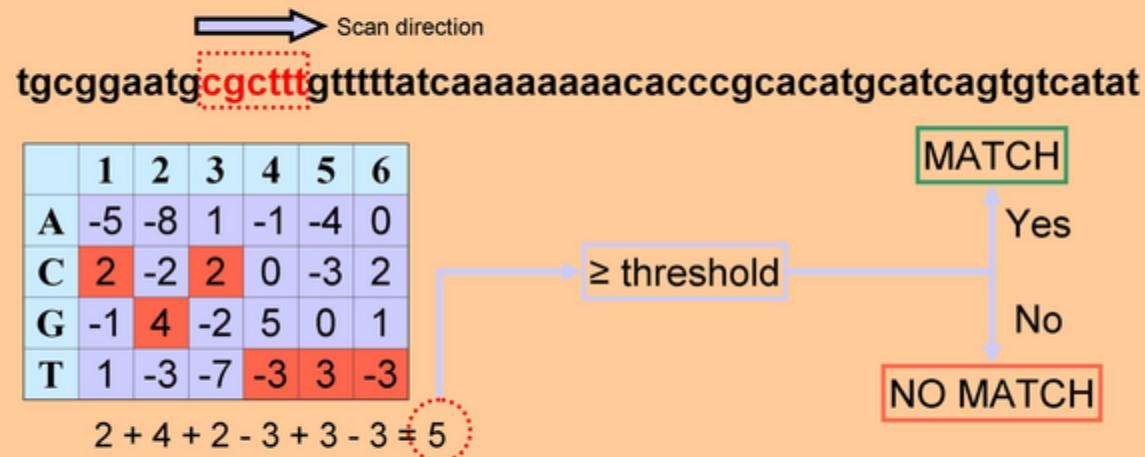
### (A) Aggregation of nucleotide diversity across STAT1 motifs.

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# Scanning for Motifs with PWMs

Position Weight Matrices define an additive scheme for scoring sequence. Often, the weights are simply log likelihood ratios of observing a nucleotide in a binding site relative to genomic background. Sequences are scanned by scoring every site, on both the forward and reverse complement strands, and identifying matches as shown in the schematic below:



A particular site is evaluated by adding up the entries from the scoring matrix at each position, and comparing the sum to a match threshold. For log ratio PWMs, an empirically chosen threshold of 60% of the maximum positive score has been used by Harbison et al. and is approximately equal to cutoffs determined by the principled cross-validated method presented in MacIsaac et al. More sophisticated algorithms developed specifically for motif scanning are described briefly in Figure 3.

# Ψ-Blast

Parameters: overall threshold, inclusion threshold, iterations

- Automatically builds profile and then searches with this
- Also PHI-blast

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## Gapped BLAST and PSI-BLAST: a new generation of protein database search programs

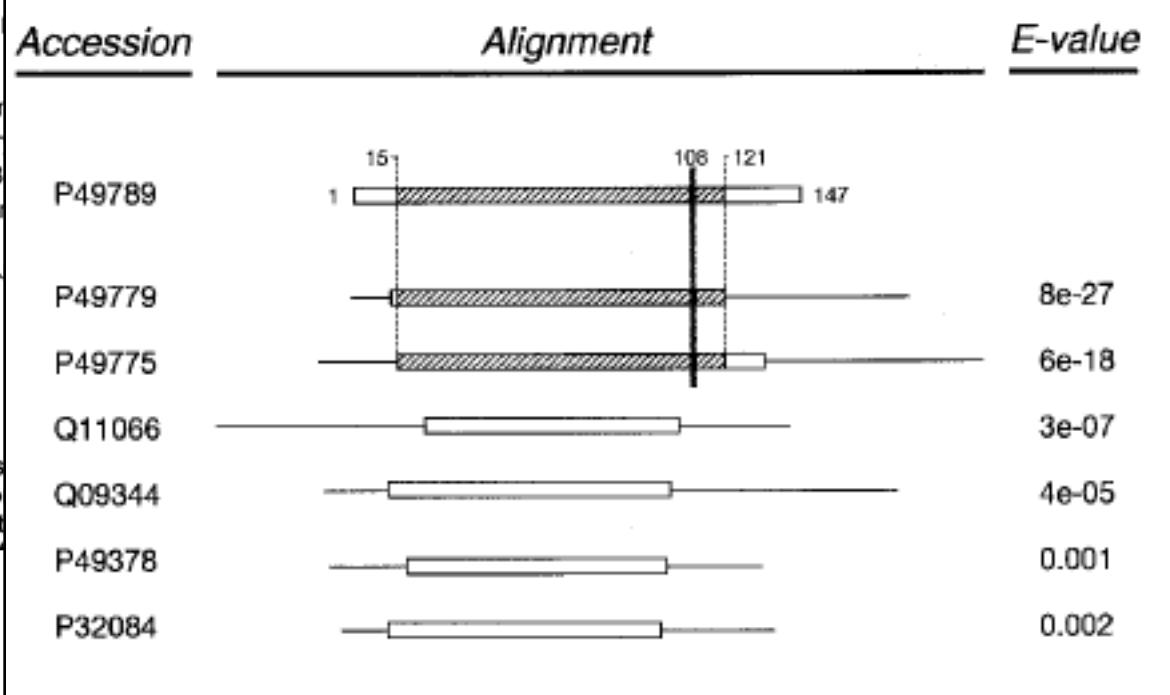
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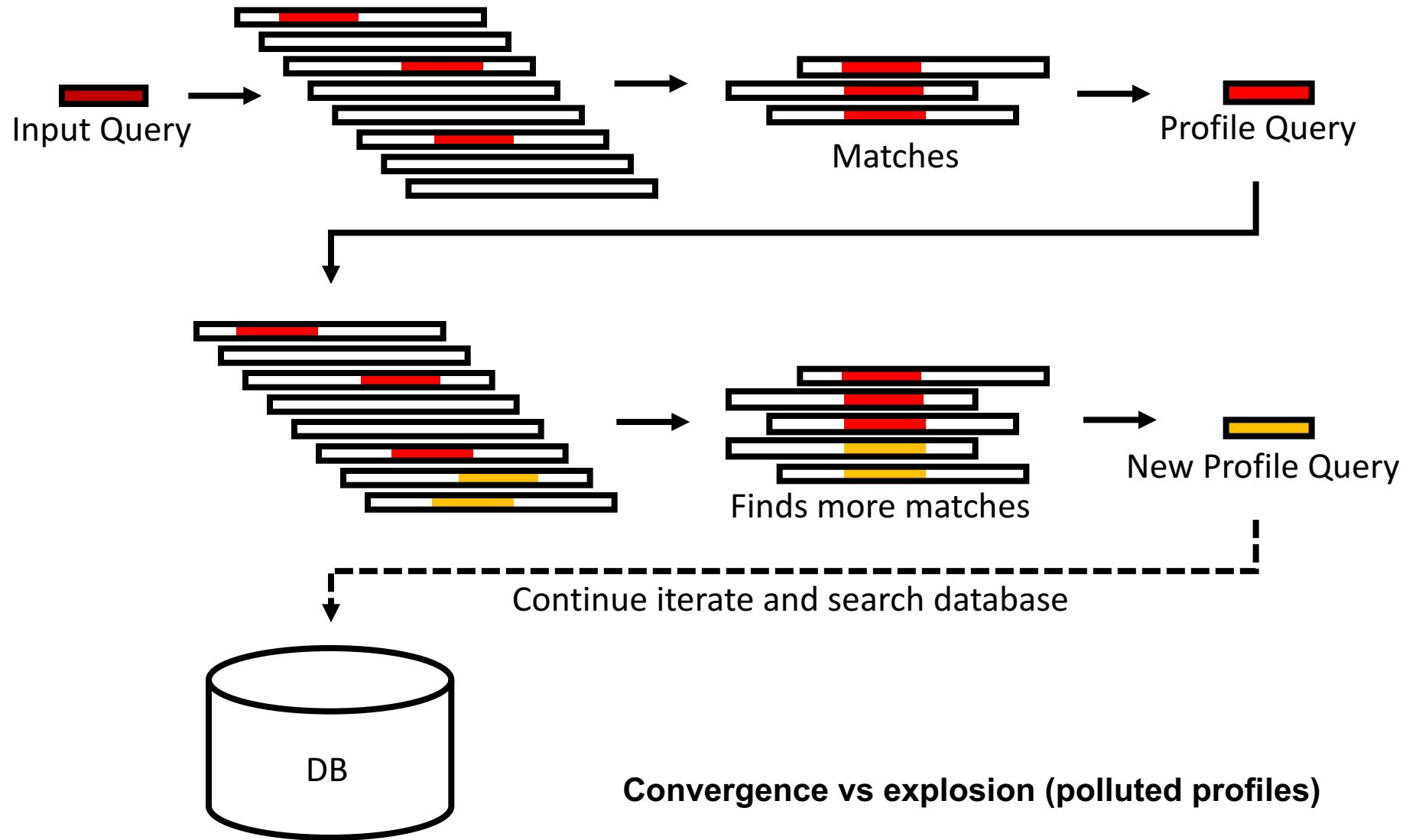
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### ABSTRACT

The BLAST programs are widely used for quickly searching protein and DNA databases for sequence similarities. For protein comparison, BLAST uses a local alignment search strategy that is based on a probabilistic model of sequence evolution. This model is defined by a scoring matrix and a gap penalty function. The algorithm is based on a dynamic programming approach that is similar to the Smith-Waterman local alignment algorithm. The local alignments are then combined to produce a global alignment between the two sequences.



# PSI-BLAST (Position-Specific Iterative Basic Local Alignment Search Tool)



# Low-Complexity Regions

- Low Complexity Regions must be filtered out
  - ◊ Different Statistics for matching  
AAATTAAATTTAAAATTAAATTAAATT  
than  
ACSRPLRVSHRSENCVASNKPQLVKLMTHVKDFCV
  - ◊ Automatic Programs Screen These Out (SEG)
  - ◊ Identify through computation of sequence entropy in a window of a given size  
$$H = \sum f(a) \log_2 f(a)$$
- Also, Compositional Bias
  - ◊ Matching A-rich query to A-rich DB vs. A-poor DB



# Multiple Alignment: Probabilistic Approaches for Determining PWMs

- Expectation Maximization: Search the PWM space randomly
- Gibbs sampling: Search sequence space randomly.

# Expectation-Maximization (EM) algorithm

- Used in statistics for finding maximum likelihood estimates of parameters in probabilistic models, where the model depends on unobserved latent variables.
  - EM alternates between performing
    - an expectation (E) step, which computes an expectation of the likelihood by including the latent variables as if they were observed, and
    - a maximization (M) step, which computes the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters by maximizing the expected likelihood found on the E step.
  - The parameters found on the M step are then used to begin another E step, and the process is repeated.
1. Guess an initial weight matrix
  2. Use weight matrix to predict instances in the input sequences
  3. Use instances to predict a weight matrix
  4. Repeat 2 [E-step] & 3 [M-step] until satisfied.

Another good source is Wes Craven's 776 course: <https://www.biostat.wisc.edu/~craven/776/lecture9.pdf>

[Adapted from B Noble, GS 541 at UW, <http://noble.gs.washington.edu/~wnoble/genome541/>]

[Also Adapted from C Bruce, CBB752 '09]

# EM (again!)

```
foreach subsequence of width W
    convert subsequence to a matrix
    do {
        re-estimate motif occurrences from matrix
        re-estimate matrix model from motif occurrences
    } until (matrix model stops changing)
end
select matrix with highest score
```

**EM**

# Sample DNA sequences

```
>celcg
TAATGTTGTGCTGGTTTGTCATCGGGCGAGAATA
GCGCGTGGTGTGAAAGACTGTTTTGATCGTTTCAC
AAAAATGGAAGTCCACAGTCTTGACAG

>ara
GACAAAAACGCGTAACAAAAGTGTCTATAATCACGGCAG
AAAAGTCCACATTGATTATTGCACGGCGTCACACTTG
CTATGCCATAGCATTATCCATAAG

>bglr1
ACAAATCCAATAACTTAATTATTGGGATTGTTATATA
TAACTTATAAATTCTAAAATTACACAAAGTTAATAAC
TGTGAGCATGGTCATATTATCAAT

>crp
CACAAAGCGAAAGCTATGCTAAAACAGTCAGGATGCTAC
AGTAATACATTGATGTACTGCATGTATGCAAAGGACGTC
ACATTACCGTGCAGTACAGTTGATAGC
```

# Motif occurrences

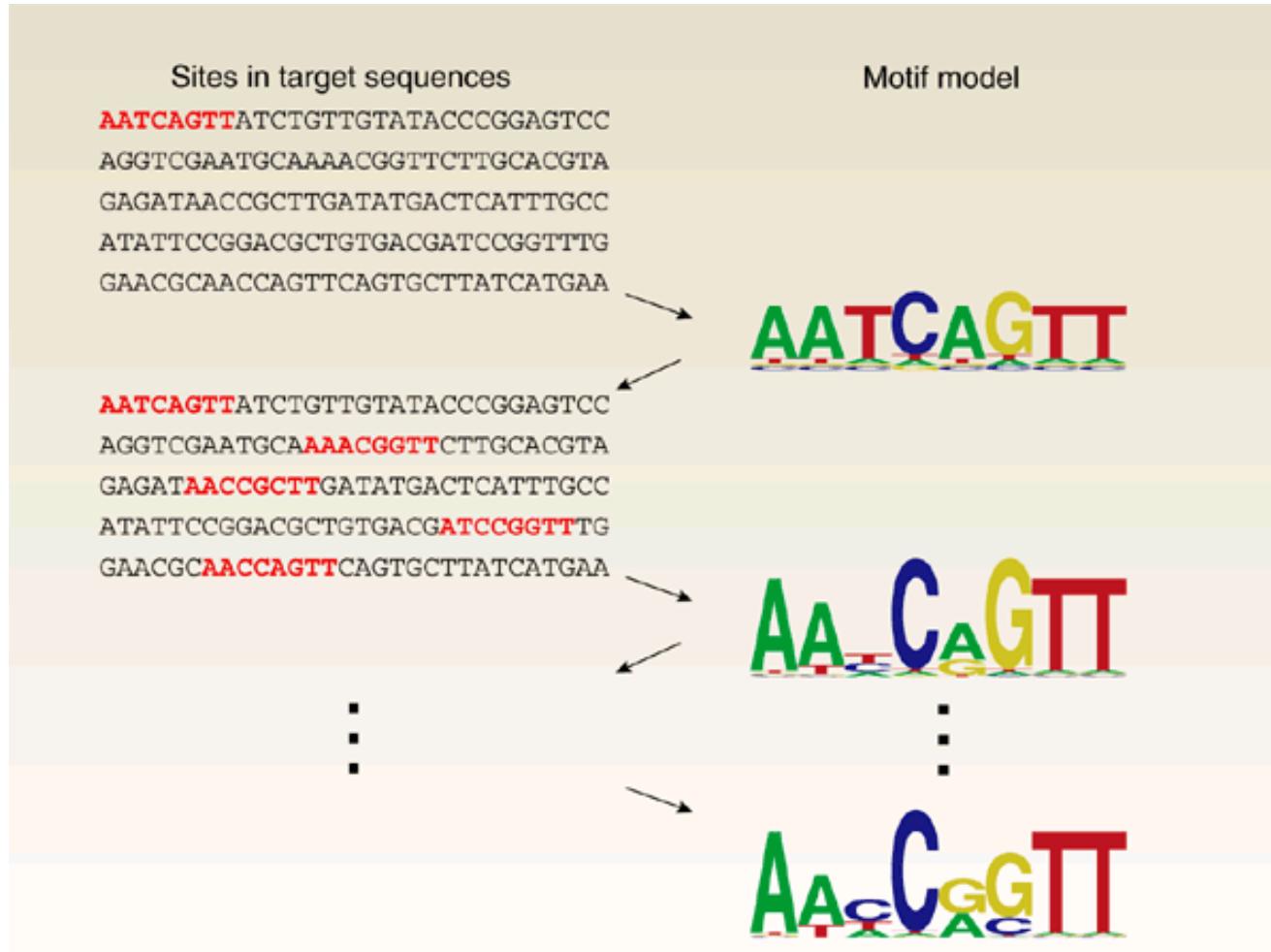
```
>celcg
taattttgtgctggttttgtggcatggcgagaata
gcgcgtggtgtgaaagactgtttTTTGATCGTTTCAC
aaaaatggaagtccacagtcgttgcacag

>ara
gacaaaaacgcgtaacaaaagtgtctataatcacggcag
aaaagtccacattgattaTTTGCACGGCGTCACacttg
ctatgccatagcatttatccataag

>bglr1
acaaatcccaataacttaattattggatttggatata
taactttataaaattcctaaaattacacaaagttataaac
TGTGAGCATGGTCATattttatcaat

>crp
cacaaggcgaaagctatgctaaaacagtcaggatgtac
agtaatacattgtactgcgtgtTGCAAAGGACGTC
ACattaccgtgcagtacagttgatagc
```

# How does EM algorithm work?

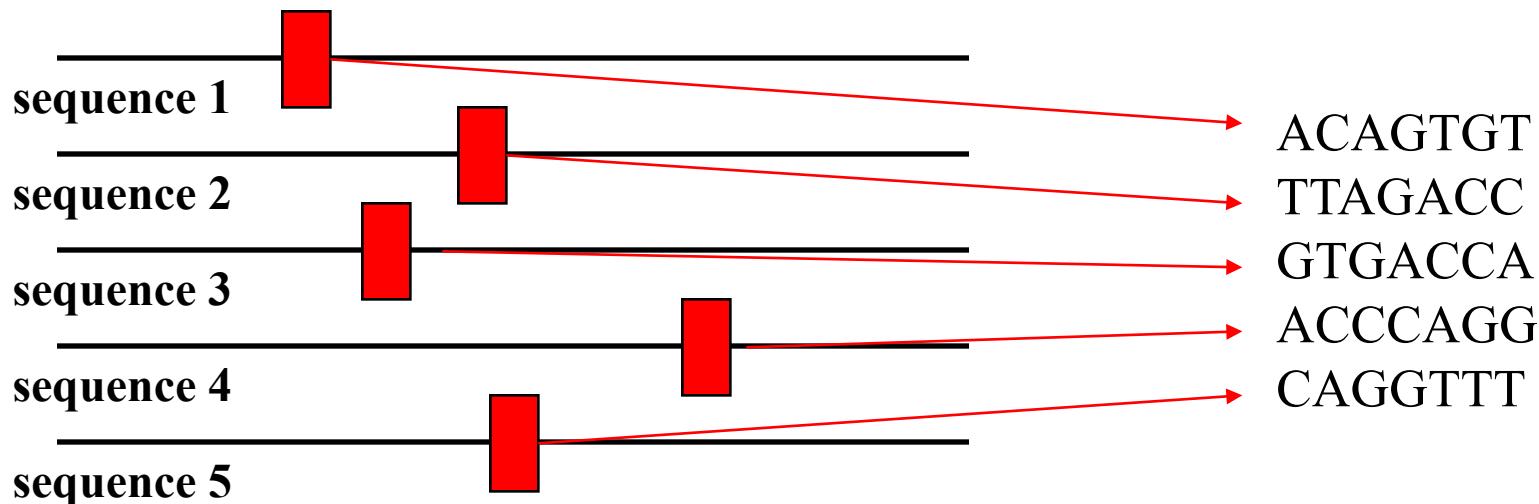


# **Multiple Alignment**

## **Gibbs Sampling**

# Initialization

- Step 1: Randomly guess an instance  $s_i$  from each of  $t$  input sequences  $\{S_1, \dots, S_t\}$ .



# Gibbs sampler

- Steps 2 & 3 (search):
  - Throw away an instance  $s_i$ : remaining ( $t - 1$ ) instances define weight matrix.
  - Weight matrix defines instance probability at each position of input string  $S_i$
  - Pick new  $s_i$  according to probability distribution (not necessarily always the  $s_i$  giving the highest prob.)
- Return highest-scoring motif seen

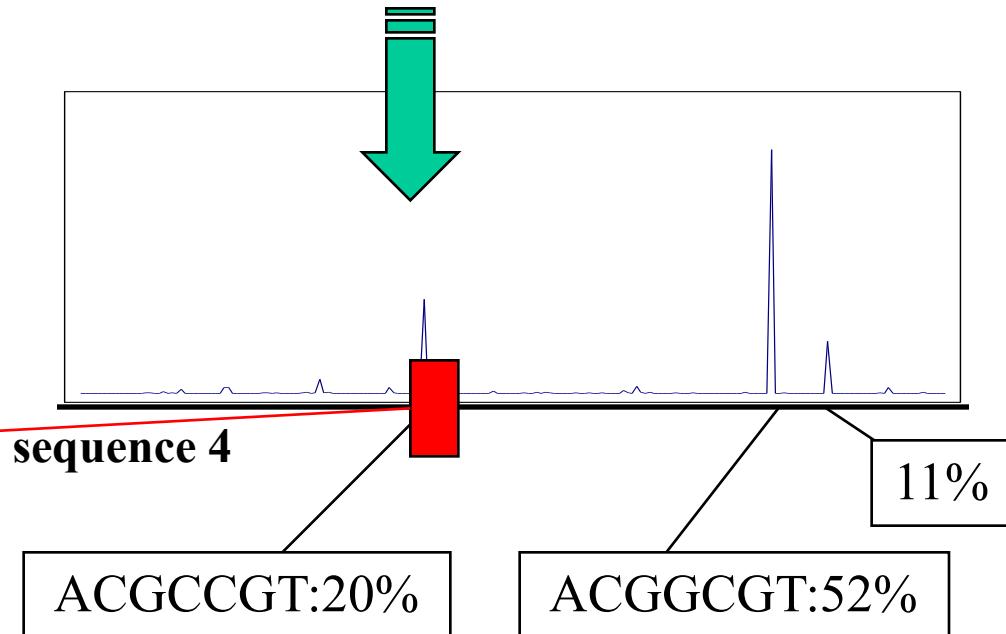
# Sampler step illustration:

ACAGTGT  
TAGGCGT  
ACACCGT  
??????  
CAGGTTT



A	.45	.45	.45	.05	.05	.05	.05
C	.25	.45	.05	.25	.45	.05	.05
G	.05	.05	.45	.65	.05	.65	.05
T	.25	.05	.05	.05	.45	.25	.85

ACAGTGT  
TAGGCGT  
ACACCGT  
**ACGCCGT**  
CAGGTTT



# Comparison

- Both EM and Gibbs sampling involve iterating over two steps
- Convergence:
  - EM converges when the PSSM stops changing.
  - Gibbs sampling runs until you ask it to stop.
- Solution:
  - EM may not find the motif with the highest score.
  - Gibbs sampling will provably find the motif with the highest score, if you let it run long enough.

# **Multiple Alignment**

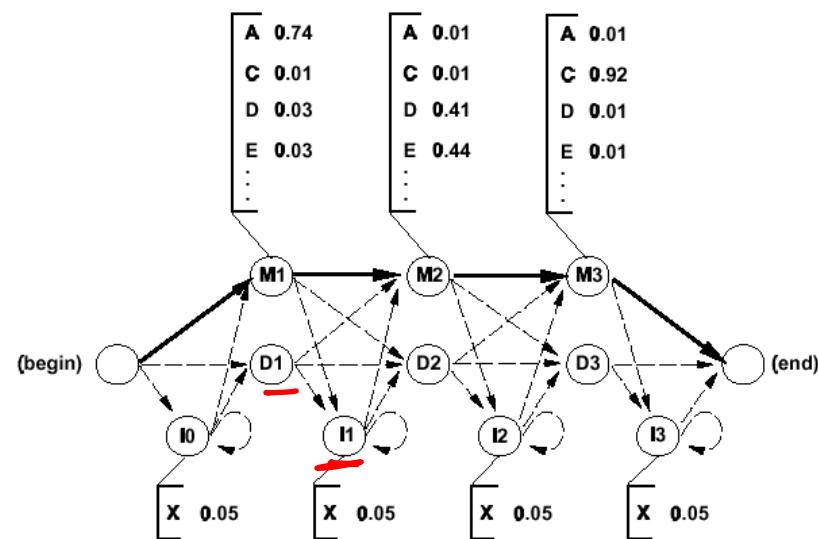
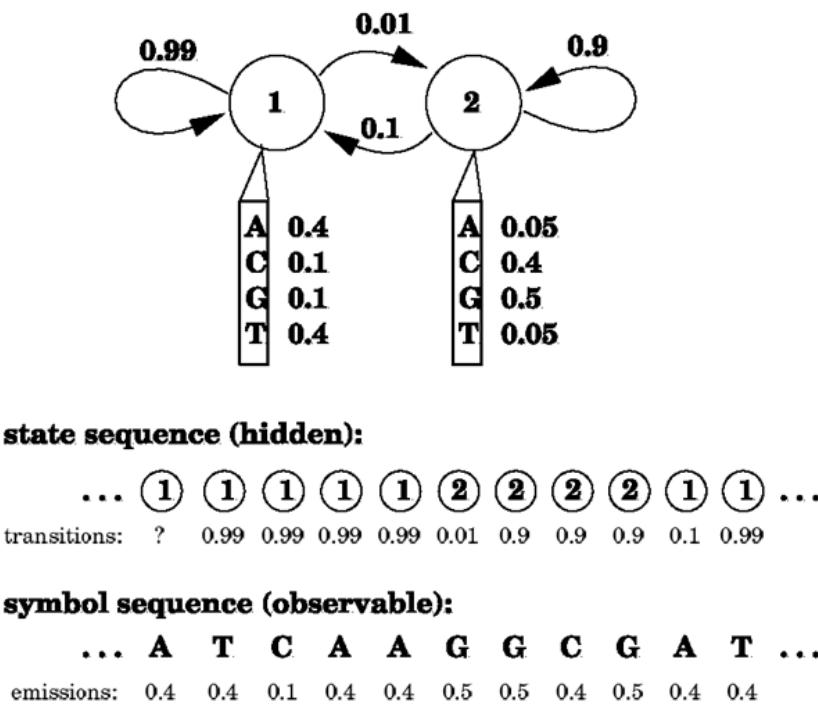
**HMMs**

## Hidden Markov Model:

- a composition of finite number of states,
- each corresponding to a column in a multiple alignment
- each state emits symbols, according to symbol-emission probabilities

## HMMs

Starting from an initial state, a sequence of symbols is generated by moving from state to state until an end state is reached.



(Figures from Eddy, Curr. Opin. Struct. Biol.)

# Profile HMMs

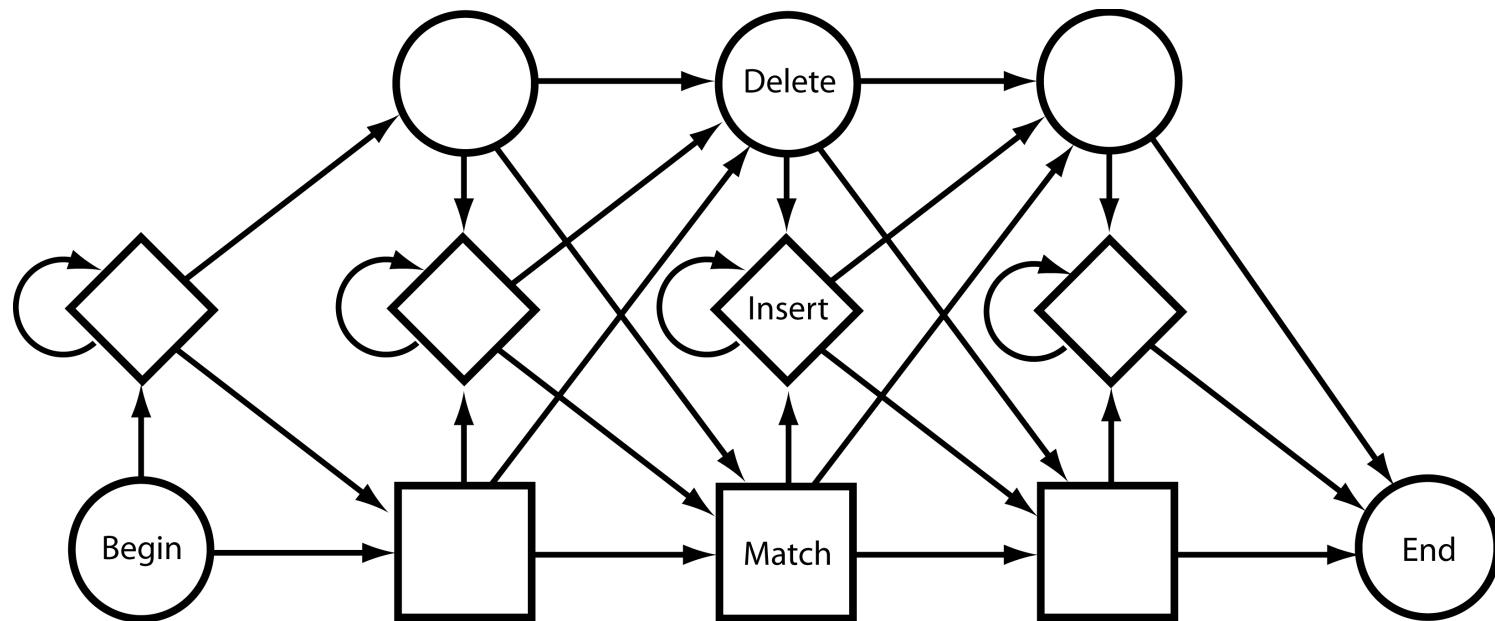
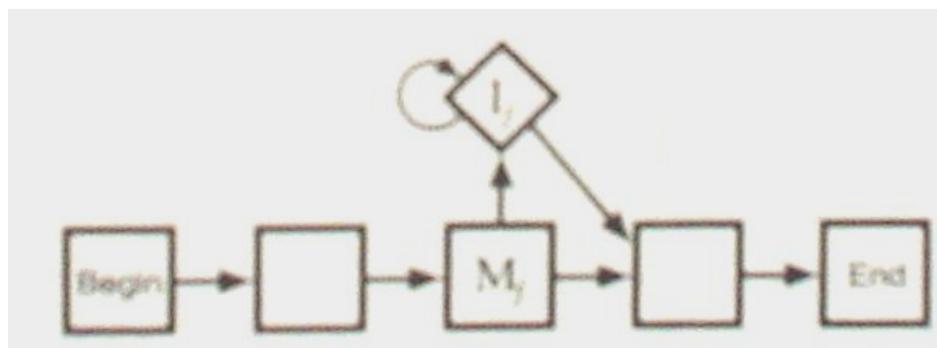


Figure 5.2, Durbin, Eddy, Krogh, and Mitchison, Biological Sequence Analysis (1998)

## Sequence profile elements

- Insertions:

C	A	-	T	G
-	-	-	-	-
C	A	T	T	G



# Algorithms

**Probability of a path through the model**

**Viterbi maximizes for seq**

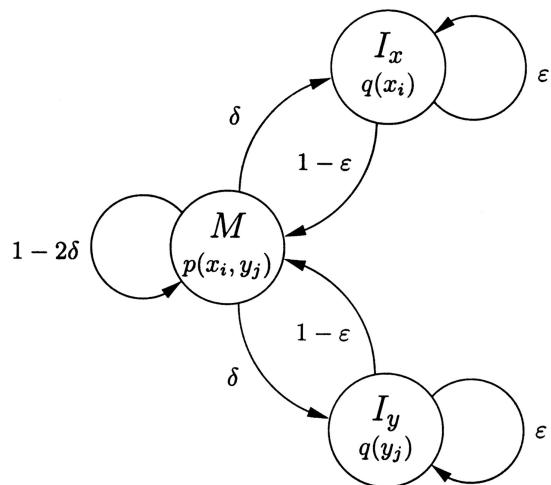
**Forward sums of all possible paths**

**Forward Algorithm** – finds probability  $P$  that a model  $\lambda$  emits a given sequence  $O$  by summing over all paths that emit the sequence the probability of that path

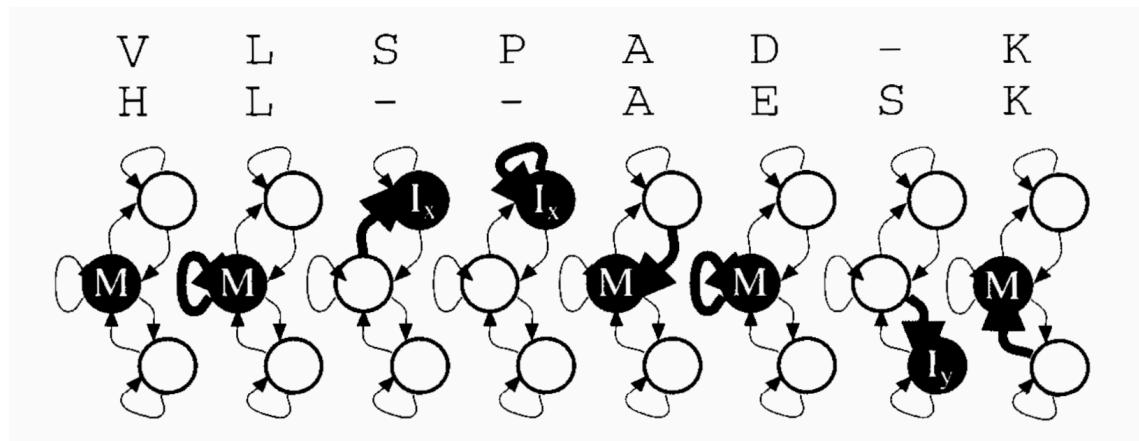
**Viterbi Algorithm** – finds the most probable path through the model for a given sequence  
(both usually just boil down to simple applications of dynamic programming)

# Pair Hidden Markov Models and Sequence Alignment

HMM for pairwise sequence alignment

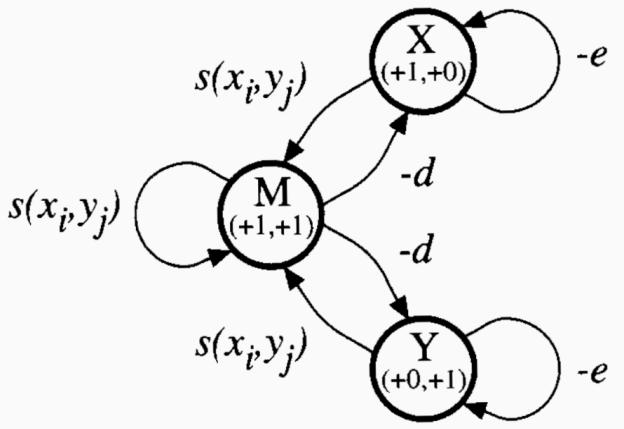


Example alignment using HMM  
and corresponding states



$\delta$  and  $\epsilon$  determine gap creation extension penalties

# HMM algorithms are similar to those in sequence alignment



## Algorithm: Optimal log-odds alignment

Initialisation:

$$V^M(0,0) = 2 \log \eta, V^X(0,0) = V^Y(0,0) = -\infty.$$

All  $V^*(i,-1)$ ,  $V^*(-1,j)$  are set to  $-\infty$ .

Recursion:  $i = 0, \dots, n, j = 0, \dots, m$  except  $(0,0)$ :

$$V^M(i,j) = s(x_i, y_j) + \max \begin{cases} V^M(i-1, j-1), \\ V^X(i-1, j-1), \\ V^Y(i-1, j-1); \end{cases}$$

$$V^X(i,j) = \max \begin{cases} V^M(i-1, j) - d, \\ V^X(i-1, j) - e; \end{cases}$$

$$V^Y(i,j) = \max \begin{cases} V^M(i, j-1) - d, \\ V^Y(i, j-1) - e. \end{cases}$$

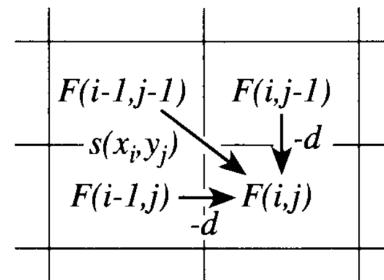
Termination:

$$V = \max(V^M(n,m), V^X(n,m) + c, V^Y(n,m) + c).$$

	H	E	A	G	A	W	G	H	E	E
P	0 ← -8 ← -16 ← -24 ← -32 ← -40 ← -48 ← -56 ← -64 ← -72 ← -80									
A	-8 → -2 → -9 → -17 → -25 → -33 → -42 → -49 → -57 → -65 → -73									
W		-16 → -10 → -3 → -4 → -12 → -20 → -28 → -36 → -44 → -52 → -60								
H			-24 → -18 → -11 → -6 → -7 → -15 → -5 → -13 → -21 → -29 → -37							
E				-32 → -14 → -18 → -13 → -8 → -9 → -13 → -7 → -3 → -11 → -19						
A					-40 → -22 → -8 → -16 → -16 → -9 → -12 → -15 → -7 → 3 → -5					
A						-48 → -30 → -16 → -3 → -11 → -11 → -12 → -12 → -15 → -5 → 2				
E							-56 → -38 → -24 → -11 → -6 → -12 → -14 → -15 → -12 → -9 → 1			

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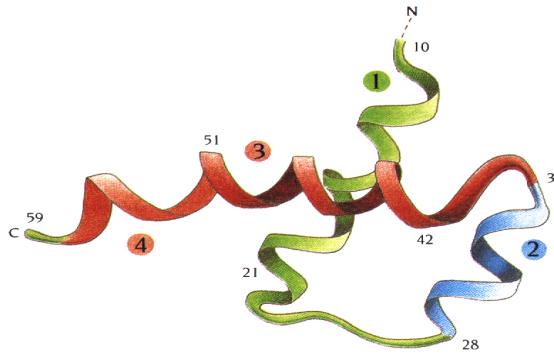
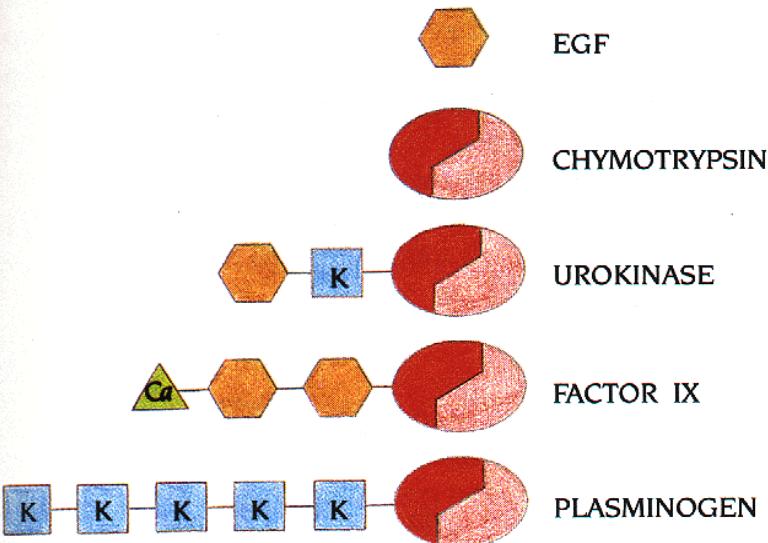
--P-AW-HEAE



$$F(i,j) = \max \begin{cases} F(i-1, j-1) + s(x_i, y_j), \\ F(i-1, j) - d, \\ F(i, j-1) - d. \end{cases}$$

# Domains

HMMs, Profiles,  
Motifs, and Multiple  
Alignments used to  
define domains



- Another example of the helix-loop-helix motif is seen within several DNA binding domains including the homeobox proteins which are the master regulators of development

(Figures from Branden & Tooze)

**Figure 2.19** Organization of polypeptide chains into domains. Small protein molecules like the epidermal growth factor, EGF, comprise only one domain. Others like the serine proteinase chymotrypsin are arranged in two domains that are both required to form a functional unit (Chapter 15). Many of the proteins that are involved in blood coagulation and fibrinolysis, such as urokinase, factor IX, and plasminogen have long polypeptide chains that comprise different combinations of domains homologous to EGF and serine proteinases and, in addition, calcium-binding domains and Kringle domains.



Domains that are homologous to the epidermal growth factor, EGF, which is a small polypeptide chain of 53 amino acids;



Serine proteinase domains that are homologous to chymotrypsin, which has about 245 amino acids arranged in two domains;



Kringle domains that have a characteristic pattern of three internal disulphide bridges within a region of about 85 amino acid residues;



Calcium-binding domain (see Figure 2.13).

## Domain Databases

Pfam

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

SMART

<http://smart.embl-heidelberg.de/>

CDD, Interpro