Probabilistic walks with Graeme

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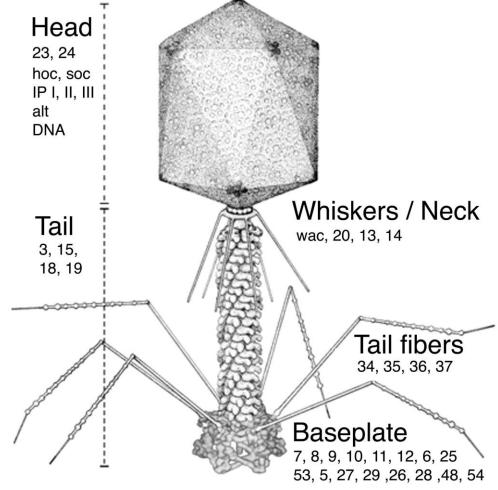
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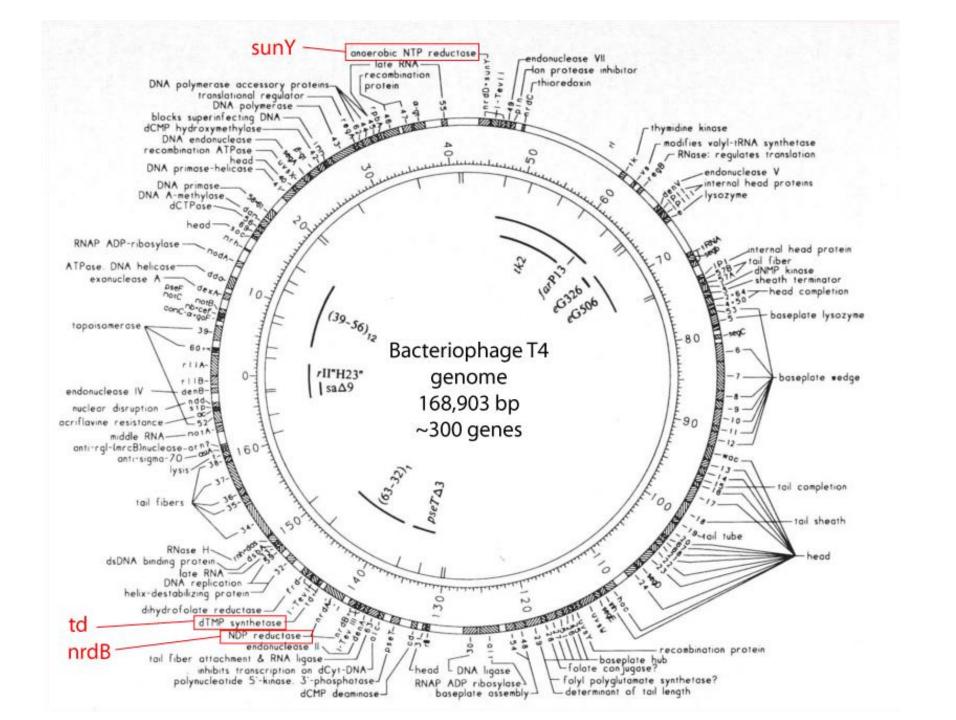
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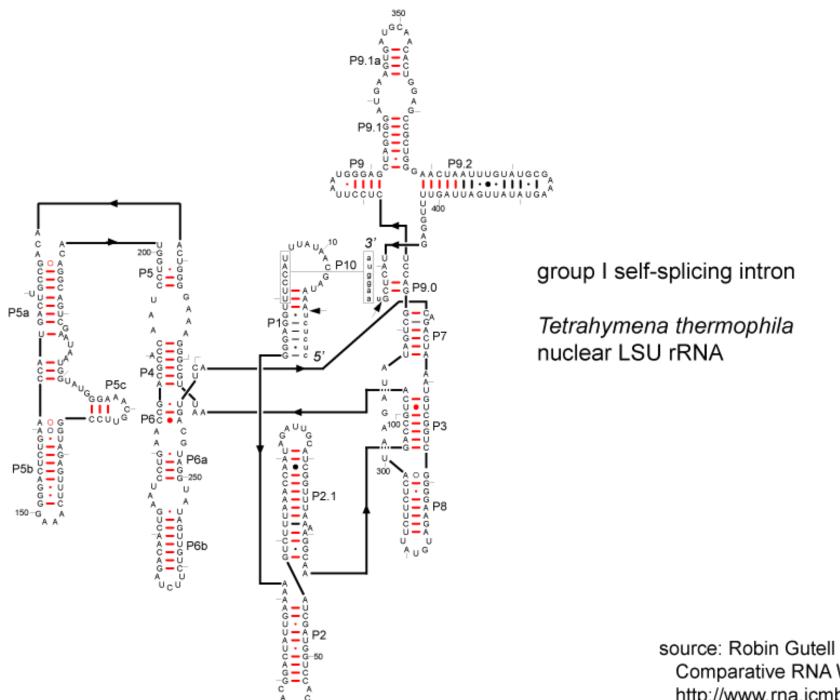


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Comparative RNA Website http://www.rna.icmb.utexas.edu/

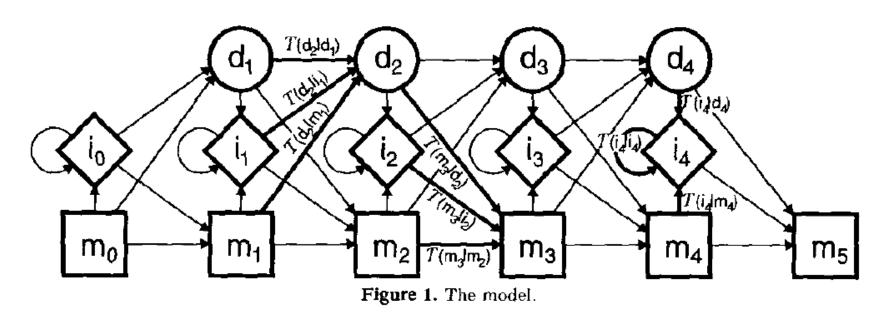
Hidden Markov Models in Computational Biology: Applications to Protein Modeling UCSC-CRL-93-32

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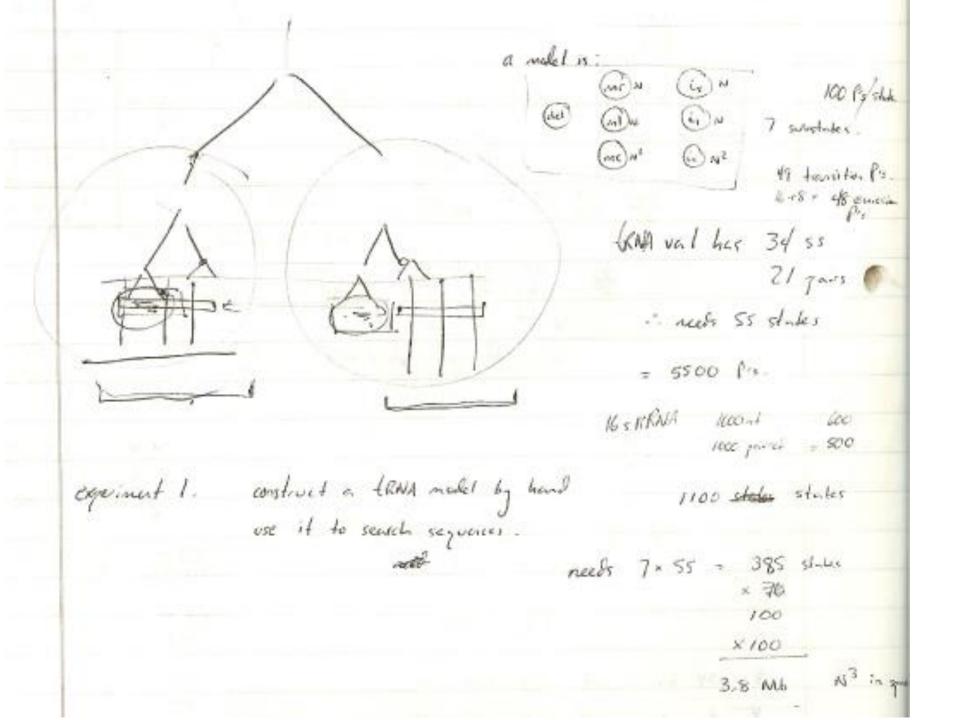
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Attempt to repeat some analytic method that is considered unreliable and difficult until patience and hard work yield results similar to those published by the author. Pleasure derived from success, especially if it has come without the supervision of an instructor (that is, working alone), is a clear indication of aptitude for experimental work.

Santiago Ramon y Cajal (1916)

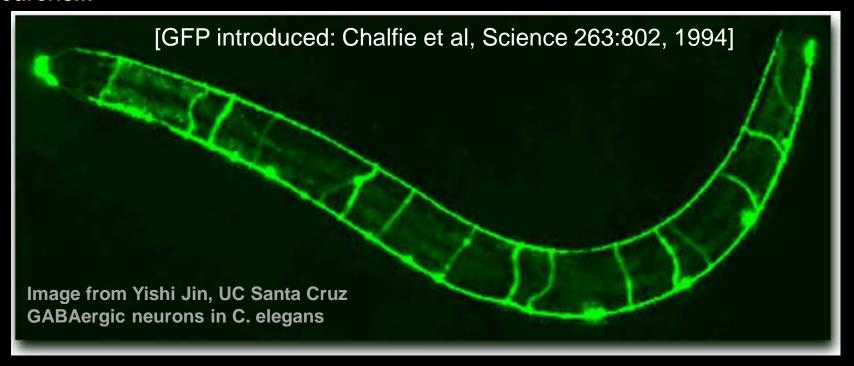


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I had proposed to develop reporter fusions to neural-specific promoters as a tool to visualize axonal processes in live animals, facilitating genetic screens...

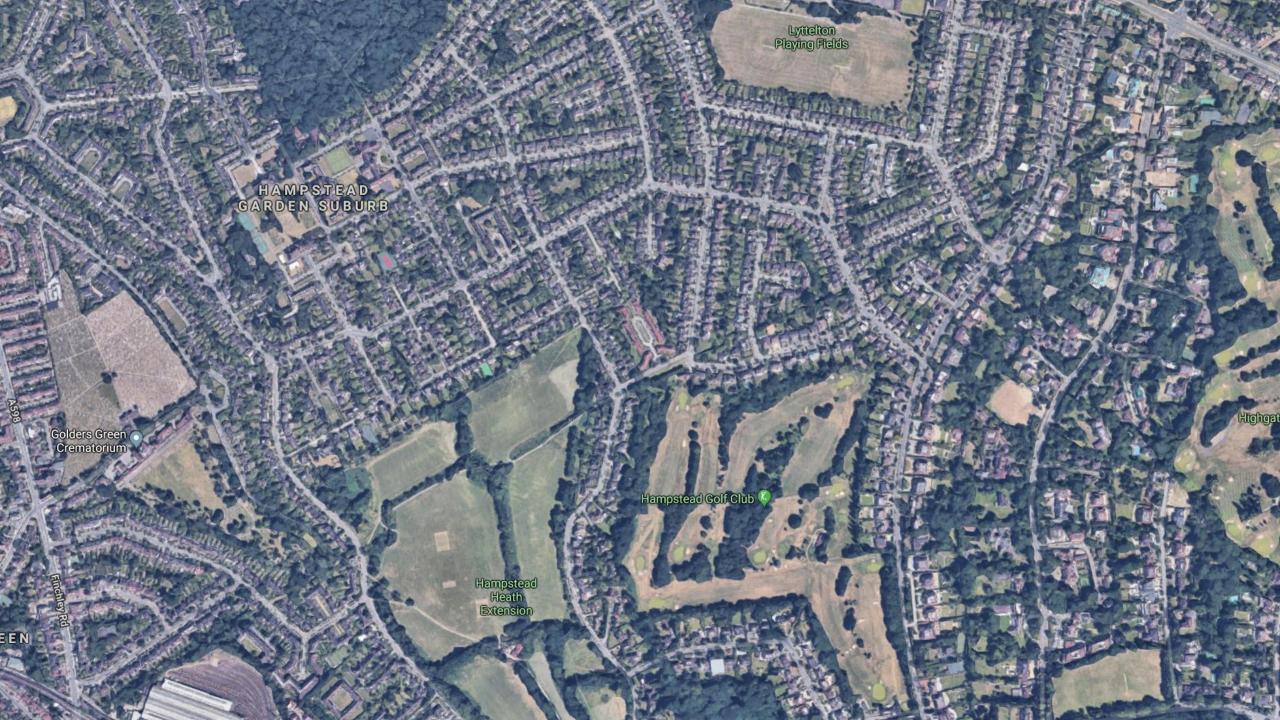
I have started to play with... green fluorescent protein (GFP) from the jellyfish...

I found out at the worm meeting in June that Marty Chalfie's lab is onto the same idea. Chalfie has already obtained bright fluorescence in the axons of the six touch neurons...



Somewhat embarrassingly, my most productive work has been unrelated to the original proposal, resulting from some moonlighting as a computational biologist... and a lingering interest in RNA structure from my thesis work.... I invented a new kind of statistical model, related to HMMs, which can model the two-dimensional structure consensus of RNAs.

- progress report for my postdoc grant, 1993



From sequence to RNA structure analysis

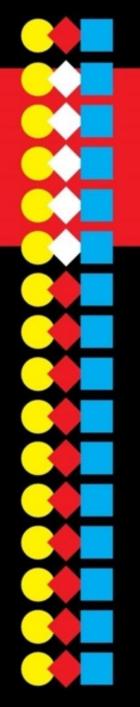
Goal	HMM algorithm (sequence)	SCFG algorithm (RNA structure)
optimal alignment	Viterbi	CYK
P(sequence model)	Forward	Inside
EM parameter estimation	Forward-Backward	Inside-Outside
memory complexity:	O(MN)	$O(MN^2)$
time complexity (general):	$O(M^2N)$	$O(M^3N^3)$
time complexity (as used):	O(MN)	$O(MN^3)$

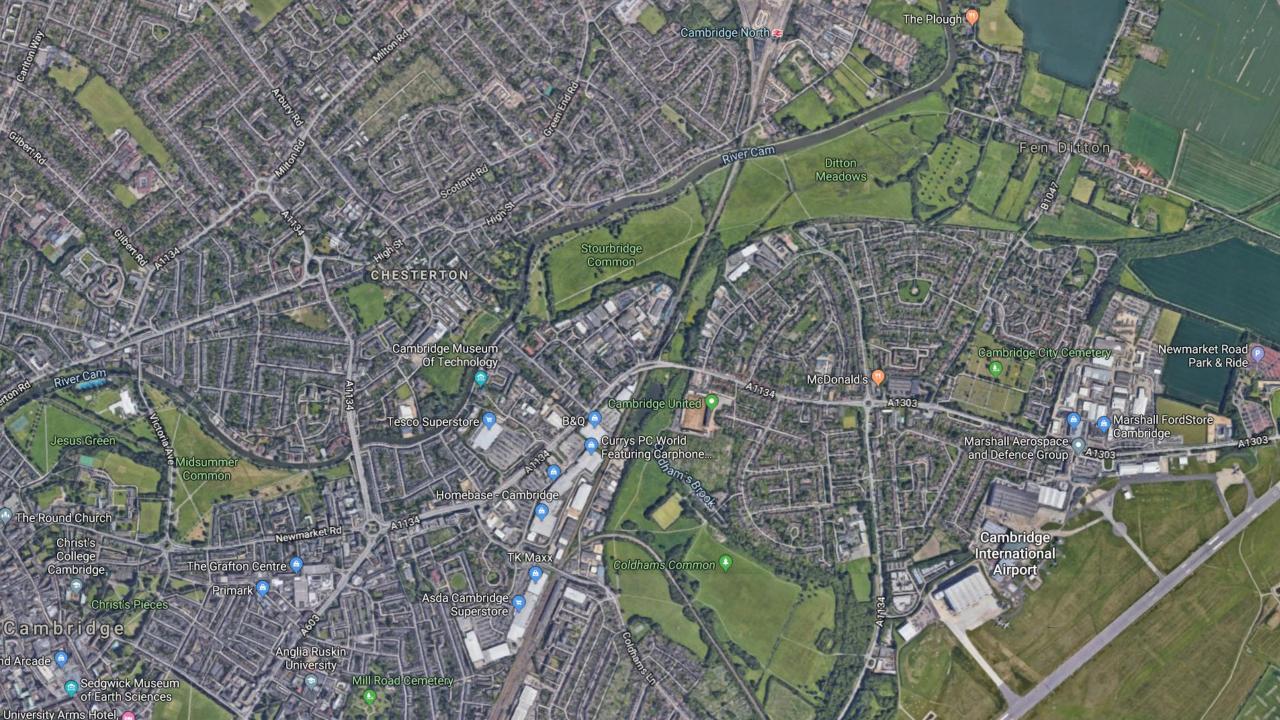
- we can analyze target sequences with secondary structure models;
- but the algorithms are computationally expensive.

Biological sequence analysis

Probabilistic models of proteins and nucleic acids

- R. Durbin
- S. Eddy
- A. Krogh
- G. Mitchison





Software tools for homology search and alignment

HMMER

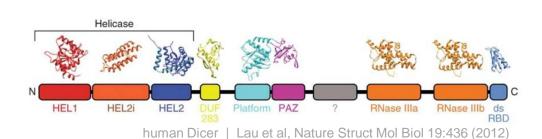
protein homology search: profile HMMs http://hmmer.org

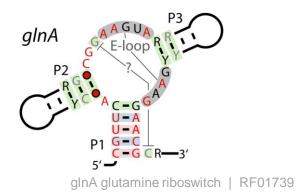
55K lines source code >40,000 downloads/yr

Infernal

RNA homology search: profile SCFGs http://eddylab.org/infernal

90K lines source code >10,000 downloads/yr





Pfam

17929 protein domain families

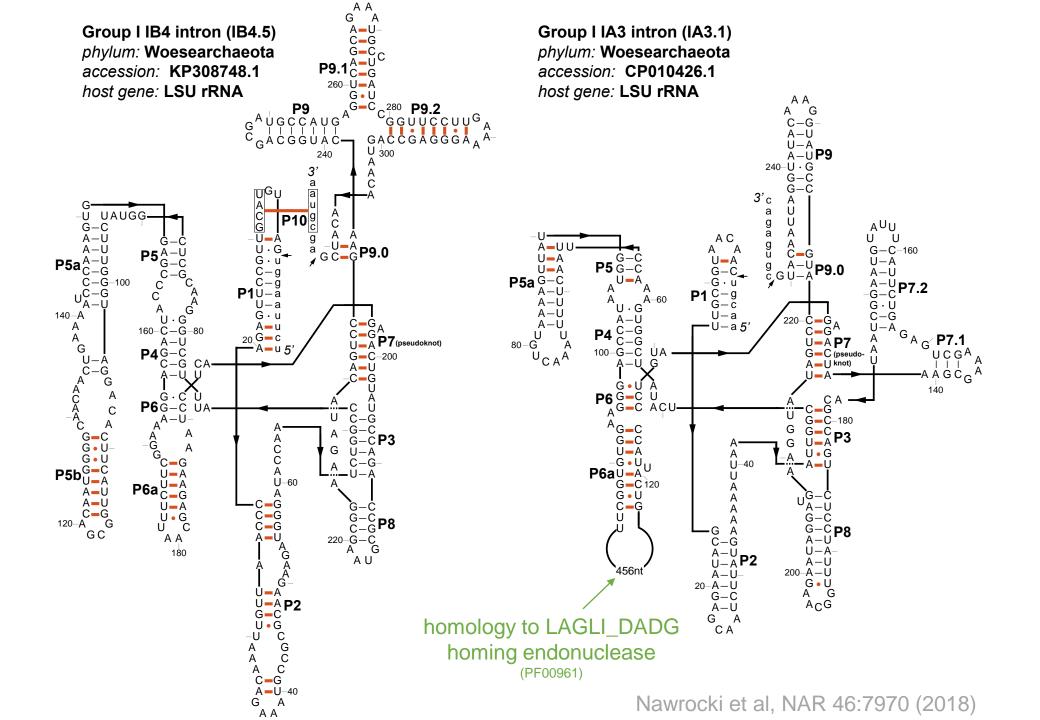
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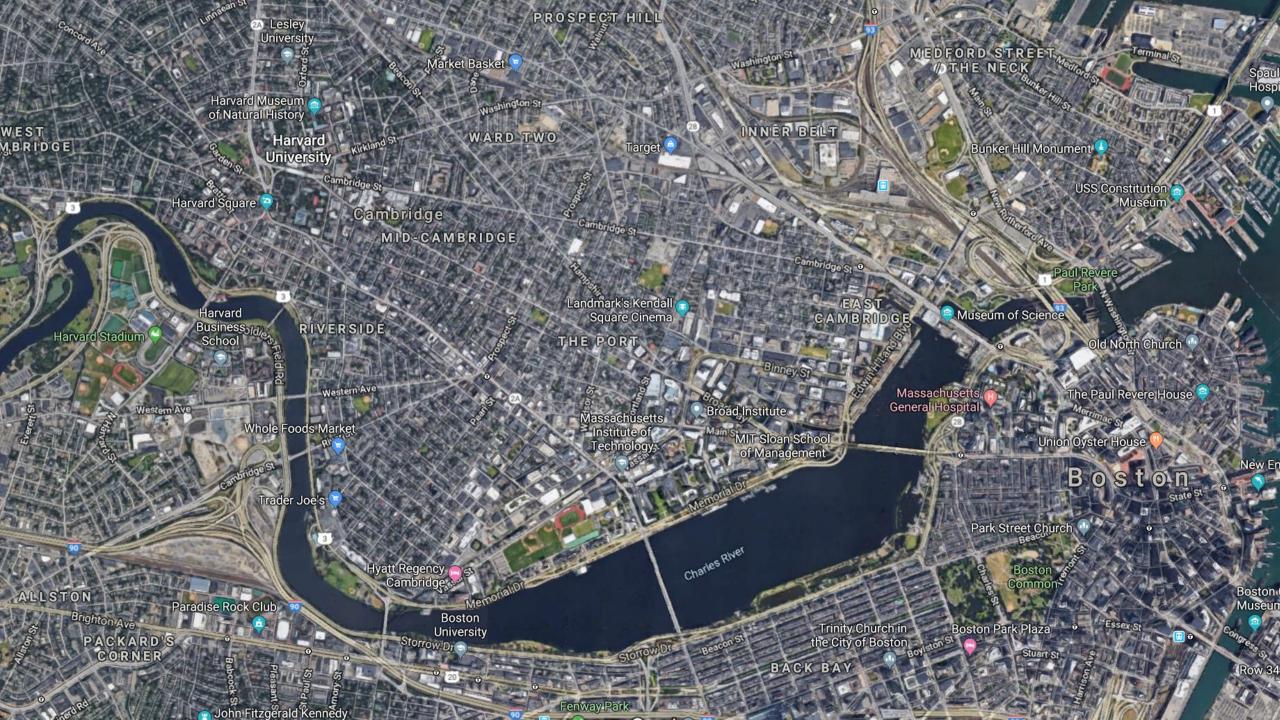
Rfam

3016 RNA structure families

http://rfam.xfam.org

Xfam Consortium and HMMER server team: Rob Finn, Alex Bateman European Bioinformatics Institute, Cambridge UK





"In my view, biology needs numbers; not after the fashion of physics, but in a good engineering, computational spirit."

