Introduction to evolutionary concepts and VMD/MultiSeq - Part I

Characterizing molecular systems

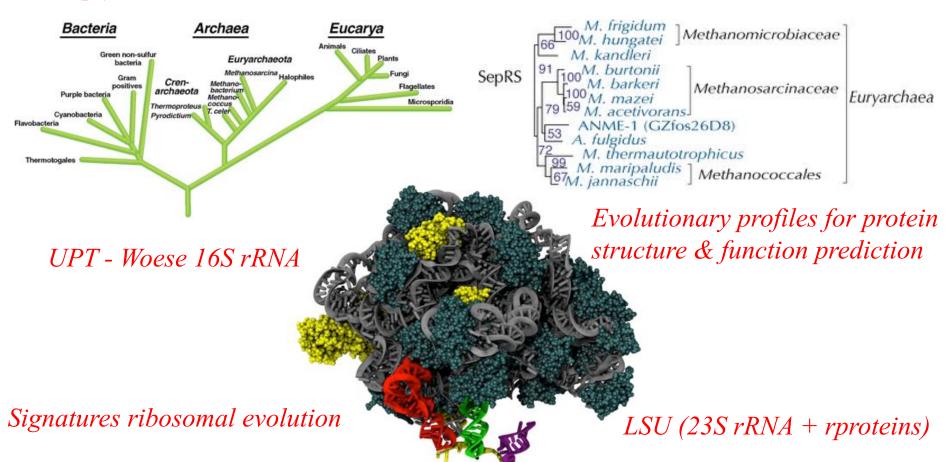
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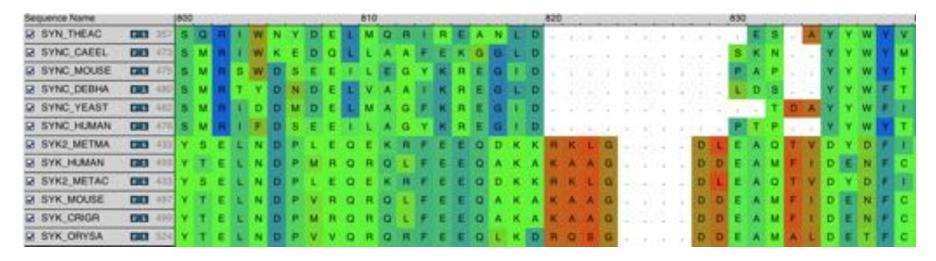
VMD/MultiSeq - "A Tool to Think"

Carl Woese - "VMD is far from a simple visualization tool for a biologist, it is a true thinking tool. Without it a whole class of biological hypotheses would simply not exist."



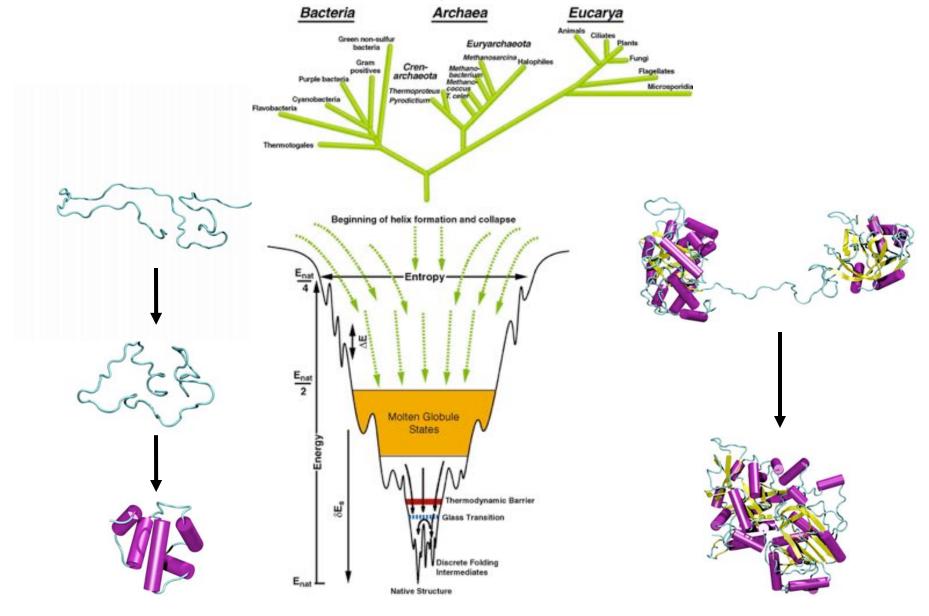
Why Look at More Than One Sequence?

1. Multiple Sequence Alignment shows patterns of conservation



- 2. Are these positions functionally important? Active sites, folding,...
- 3. What and how many sequences should be included?
- 4. Where do I find the sequences and structures for MS alignment?
- 5. How to generate pairwise and multiple sequence alignments?

Protein (RNA) Folding, Structure, & Function



New Tools in VMD/MultiSeq

Protein / RNA Sequence Data

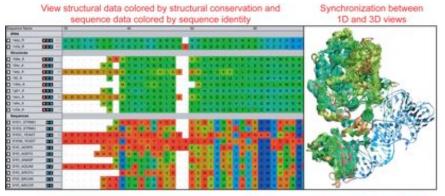
SwissProt DB (400K), Greengenes RNA (100K) Signatures, Zoom

Metadata Information, Clustal, MAFFT & Phylogenetic Trees

RAXml Trees, Genomic Content, Temperature DB

Blast & PsiBlast

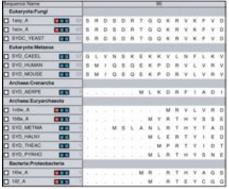
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eliminate redundancy with QR

Align sequences with Clustal

Group data by taxonomic classification



Import data directly from BLAST databases



Sequence /Structure Alignment

Protein & RNA secondary structure

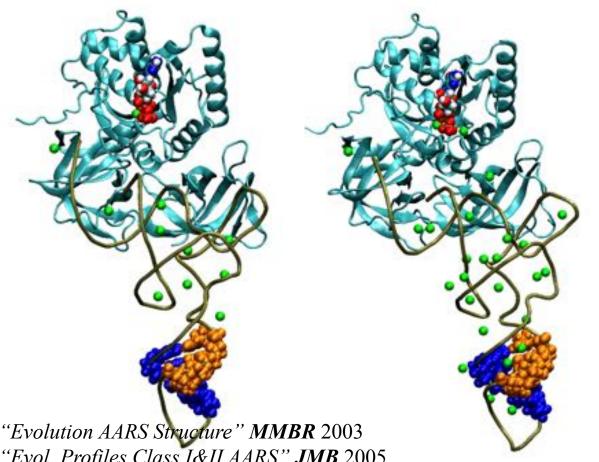
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Bioinformatics
scripting
Tutorials MultiSeq/
AARS
EF-Tu/Ribosome

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Protein: RNA Complexes in Translation

Evolutionary Analysis & Dynamics



"Evol. Profiles Class I&II AARS" **JMB** 2005

"Evolution SepRS/CysRS" PNAS 2005

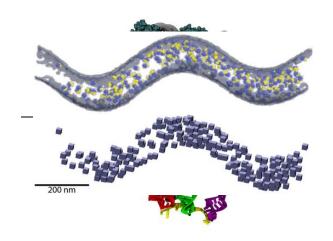
"Dynamic Signaling Network" PNAS 2009

"Exit Strategy Charged tRNA" **JMB** 2010

"Mistransl. in Mycoplasma" PNAS 2011

"Capture & Selection of ATP" JACS 2013

"Recognition & tRNA Dynamics" JMB 2008, FEBS 2010, RNA 2012 Network Viewer, Bioinf., JCTC 2012



r-Proteins/r-RNA

"Signatures ribosomal evolution" **PNAS** 2008, **BMC** 2009, **BJ** 2010 "Motion L1 Stalk:tRNA" JMB 2010. "Ribosome Biogenesis" **JPC** 2012,3 "Whole cell simulations on GPUs" *IEEE* 2009, *Plos CB* 2011, *PRL*2011, *JCC* 2013, *PNAS* 2013, **PRL** 2013, **CSB** 2013

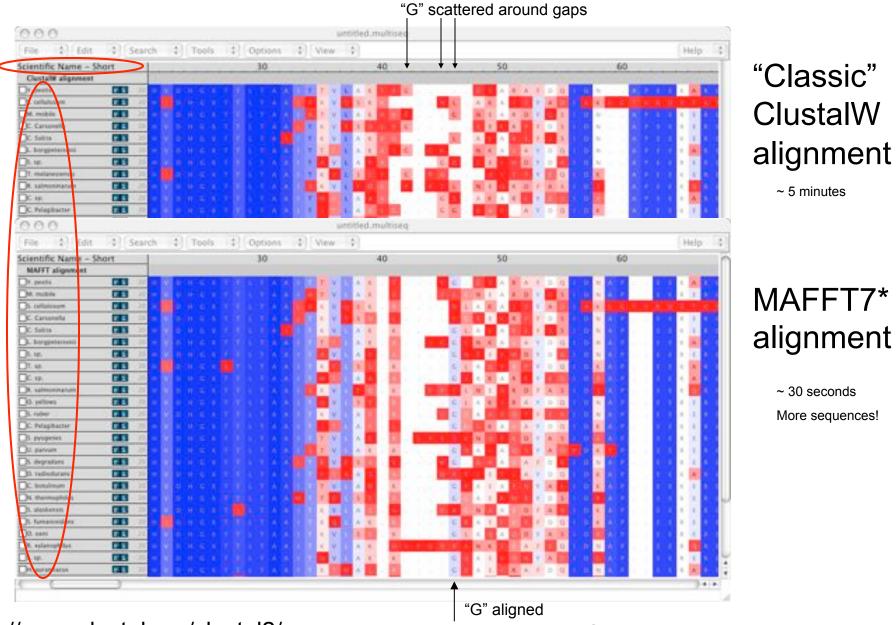
Nature 2014. **BJ** 2015

Basic principles of evolutionary analysis for proteins & RNAs

- Comparative analysis of sequences and structures
- Multiple sequence alignments (gaps and editing)
- Sequence and structure phylogenetic trees*
- Reference to 16S rRNA tree
- Horizontal or lateral gene transfer events
- Genomic context
- Evolutionary profiles representing diversity
- Conservation analysis of evolutionary profiles

^{*}Various models of evolutionary change

Alignment of ~200 EF-Tu sequences in VMD/MultiSeq



http://www.clustal.org/clustal2/

* MAFFT v7.221, Katoh and Standley, Mol.Biol and Evol. 2015

Sequence Alignment & Dynamic Programming

number of possible alignments:

Seq. 1:
$$a_1 a_2 a_3 - a_4 a_5 ... a_n$$

Seq. 2: $c_1 - c_2 c_3 c_4 c_5 - ... c_m$

$$= \binom{2n}{n} = 2^{2n} \left(\sqrt{n\pi} \right)^{-1}$$

Needleman-Wunsch alignment algorithm

$$H(i,j) = MAX \begin{cases} H(i-1,j-1) + S[a(i),b(j)] \\ H(i,j-k) - W(k), \\ H(i-m,j) - W(m) \end{cases}$$

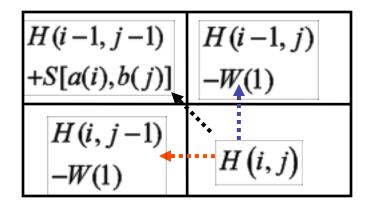
S: substitution matrix

1 0 -1 1 0 0 -1 -2 -3 0 -2 -2 -1 5

1 -1 -4 8 2 -2 0 -3 -2 1 -1 -4 -2 1 -1 -1 -1

-1 -1 4 6 -2 0 1 -1 0 -3 -3 0 -3 -3 -2 0 0 -4 -3 -3 5 2 -1 B

-1 0 0 1 -3 4 5 -2 0 -4 -2 1 -2 -4 -1 0 -1 -2 -2 -3 2 5 -1 **Z** 0 -1 -1 -1 -2 -2 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 **X**



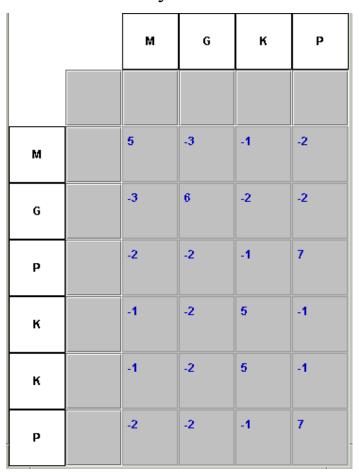
Score Matrix H: Traceback

gap penalty W = -6

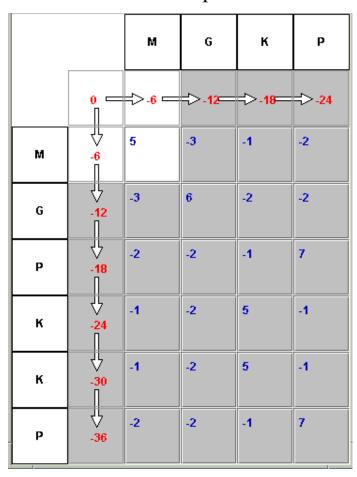
Reference: "Biological Sequence Analysis - Probabilistic Models of Proteins and Nucleic Acids" R. Durbin, S. Eddy, A. Krogh, and G. Mitchison, Cambridge U. P.London, 1998; pp. 19-22 (see also other sections)

Needleman-Wunsch Global Alignment

Similarity Values

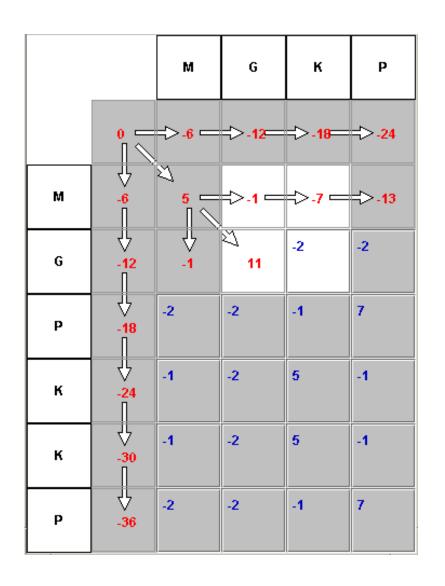


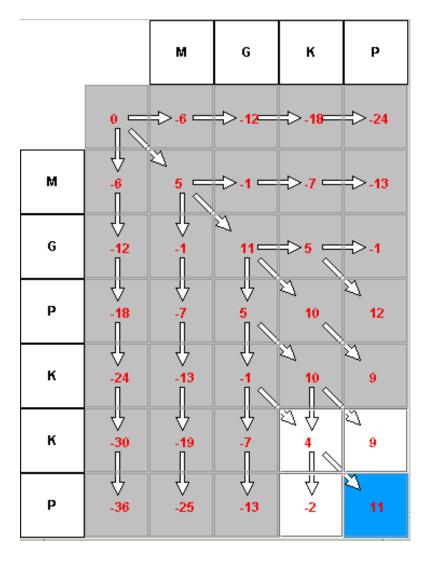
Initialization of Gap Penalties



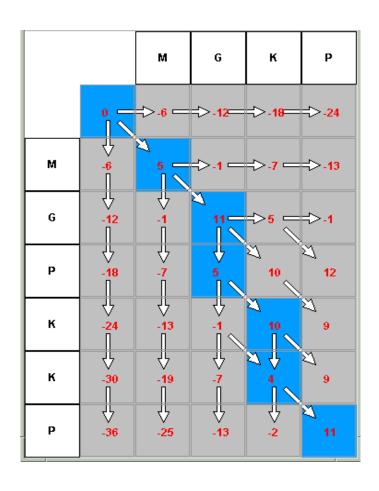
http://genome.dkfz-heidelberg.de/husar/fileadmin/handouts/02pairwise_method.pdf

Filling out the Score Matrix H

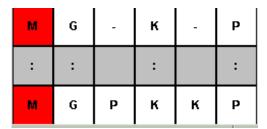




Traceback and Alignment



The Alignment



Traceback (blue) from optimal score

STAMP - Multiple Structural Alignments

- 1. Initial Alignment Inputs
- Multiple Sequence alignment
- Ridged Body "Scan"
- Pairwise Alignments and Hierarchical Clustering
- 2. Refine Initial Alignment & Produce Multiple Structural Alignment

$$P_{ij} = \left\{ e^{-d_{ij}^2/2E_1} \right\} \left\{ e^{-s_{ij}^2/2E_2} \right\}$$

probability that residue ion structure A is equivalent to residue jon structure B.

 d_{ij} — distance between i& j

 S_{ij} —conform ational sim ilarity; function of rms bew teen i-1, i, i+1 and j-1, j, j+1.

- •Dynamic Programming (Smith-Waterman) through P matrix gives optimal set of equivalent residues.
- •This set is used to re-superpose the two chains. Then iterate until alignment score is unchanged.
- •This procedure is performed for all pairs with no gap penalty

Multiple Structural Alignments

STAMP - cont' d

2. Refine Initial Alignment & Produce Multiple Structural Alignment

Alignment score:

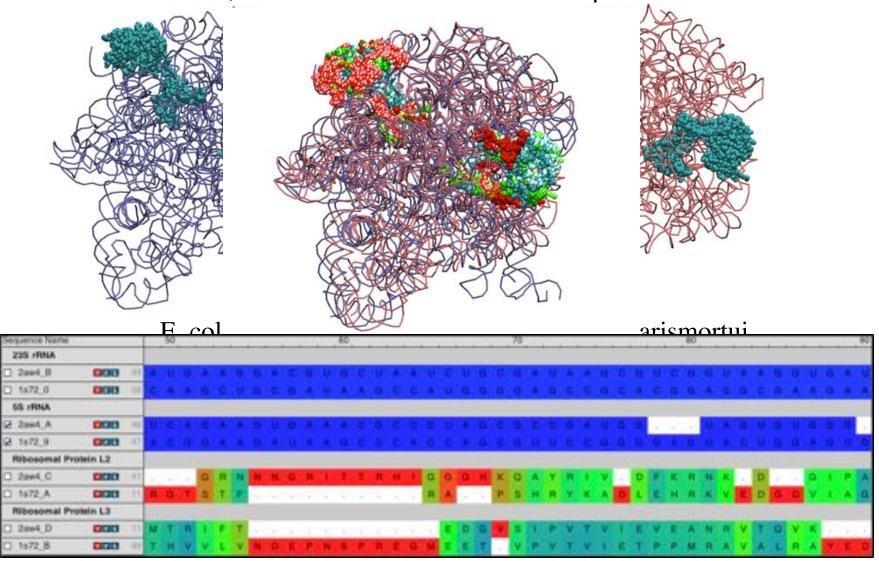
$$\begin{split} S_{C} &= \frac{S_{p}}{L_{p}} \frac{L_{p} - i_{A}}{L_{A}} \frac{L_{p} - i_{B}}{L_{B}} \\ S_{p} &= \sum_{\text{aln.path}} P_{ij} \\ \\ L_{p} \not L_{A} \not L_{B} &- \text{length of alignment, sequence A , sequence B} \\ i_{A} \not i_{B} &- \text{length of gaps in A and B}. \end{split}$$

Multiple Alignment:

- •Create a dendrogram using the alignment score.
- •Successively align groups of proteins (from branch tips to root).
- •When 2 or more sequences are in a group, then average coordinates are used.

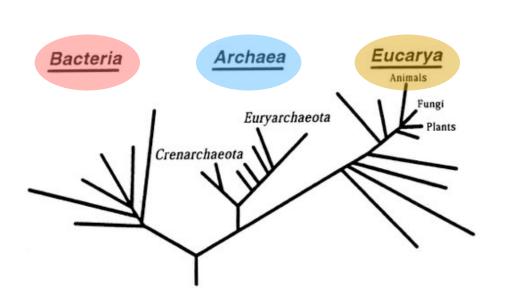
Structural Overlaps - STAMP

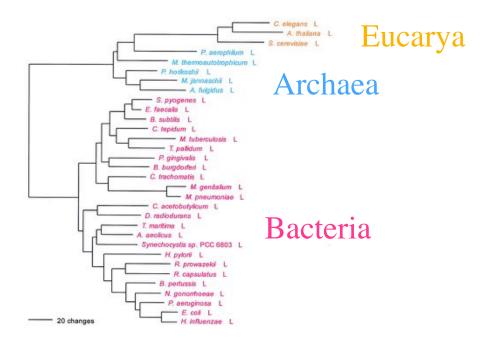
Ribosome large subunit showing ribosomal proteins L2 and L3 180,000 atoms in 4 rRNAs and 58 proteins



Universal Phylogenetic Tree

3 domains of life

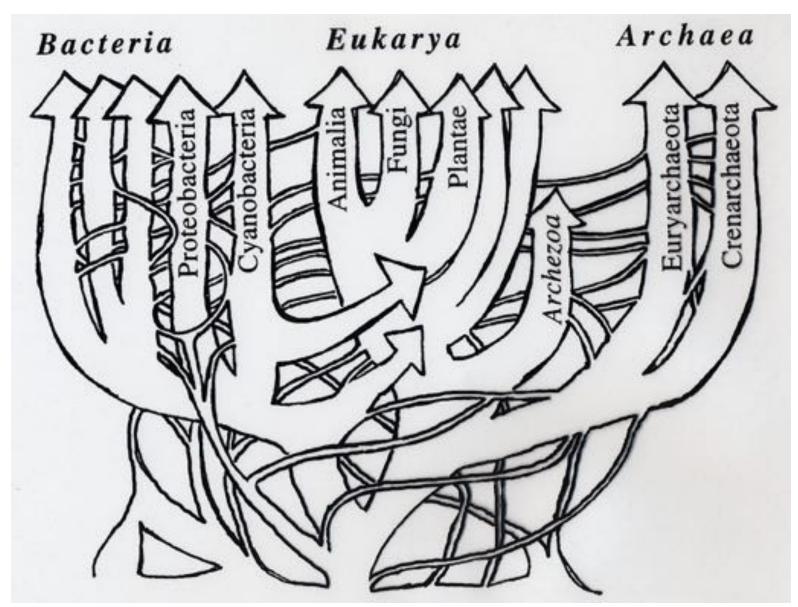




Reference 16S rRNA tree

Leucyl-tRNA synthetase displays the full canonical phylogenetic distribution.

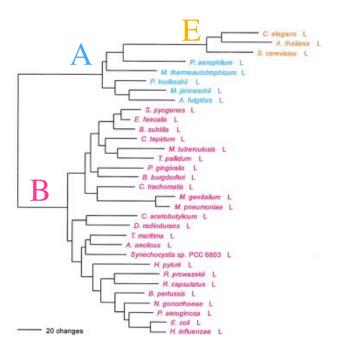
Look for horizontal gene transfer events



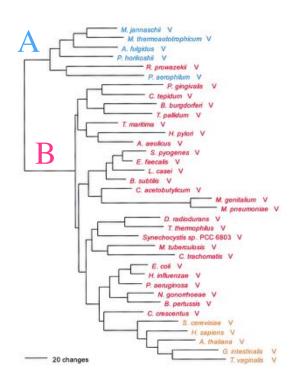
After W. Doolittle, modified by G. Olsen

Phylogenetic Distributions

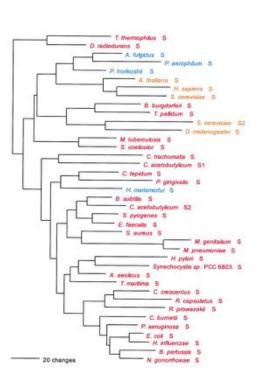
Full Canonical



Basal Canonical



Non-canonical



increasing inter-domain of life Horizontal Gene Transfer

"HGT erodes the historical trace, but does not completely erase it...." G. Olsen

Woese, Olsen, Ibba, Soll MMBR 2000

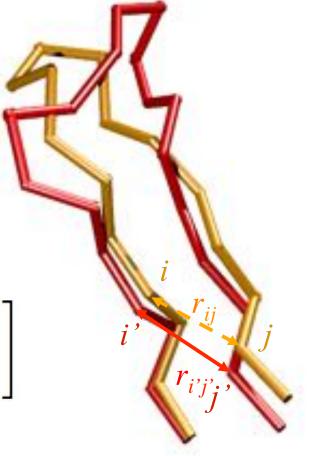
Protein Structure Similarity Measure

Q_H Structural Homology

fraction of native contacts for aligned residues + presence and perturbation of gaps

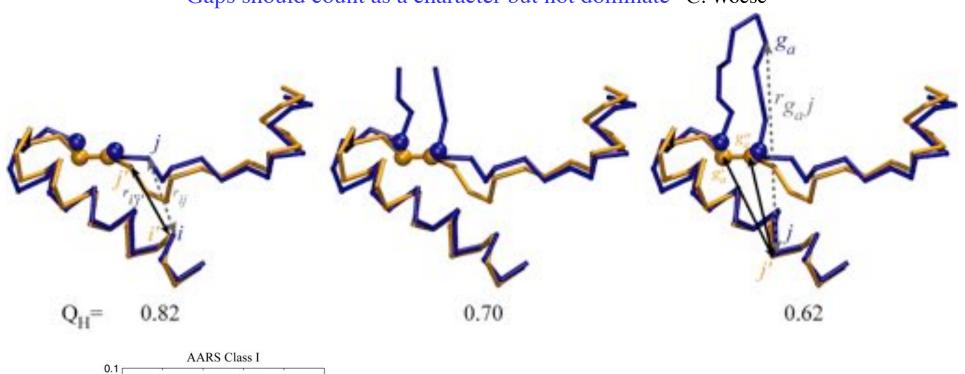
$$Q_H = \aleph \left[q_{aln} + q_{gap} \right]$$

$$q_{aln} = \sum_{i < j-2} \exp \left[-\frac{(r_{ij} - r_{i'j'})^2}{2\sigma_{ij}^2} \right]$$



Structural Similarity Measure: The effect of insertions

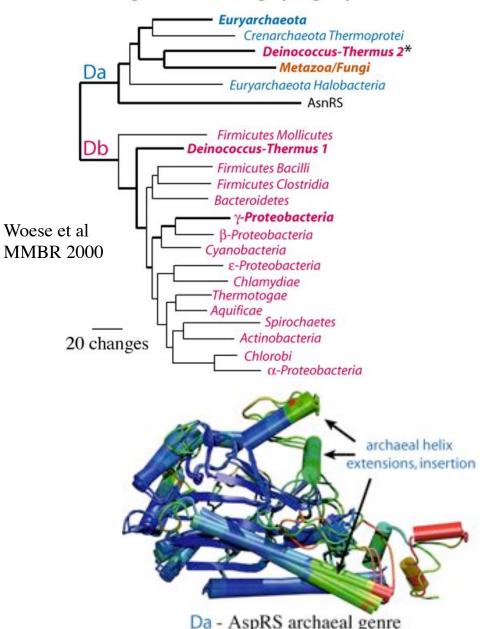
"Gaps should count as a character but not dominate" C. Woese



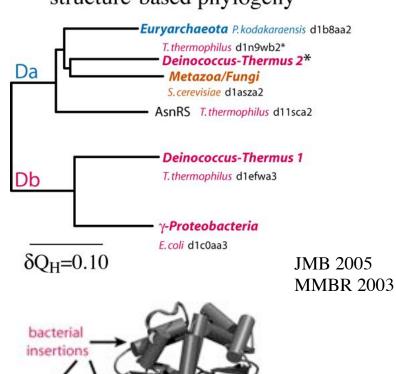
$$q_{gap} = \sum_{g_a} \sum_{j}^{N_{aln}} \max \left\{ \exp \left[-\frac{\left(r_{g_aj} - r_{g'_aj'} \right)^2}{2\sigma_{g_aj}^2} \right], \exp \left[-\frac{\left(r_{g_aj} - r_{g''_aj'} \right)^2}{2\sigma_{g_aj}^2} \right] \right\} + \sum_{g_b} \sum_{j}^{N_{aln}} \max \left\{ \exp \left[-\frac{\left(r_{g_bj} - r_{g'_bj'} \right)^2}{2\sigma_{g_bj}^2} \right], \exp \left[-\frac{\left(r_{g_bj} - r_{g''_bj'} \right)^2}{2\sigma_{g_bj}^2} \right] \right\}$$

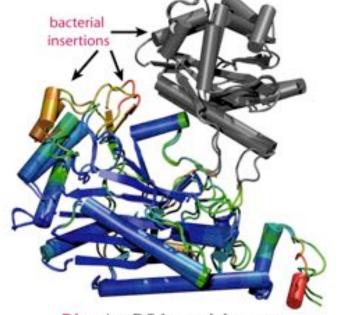
Structure encodes evolutionary information!

sequence-based phylogeny



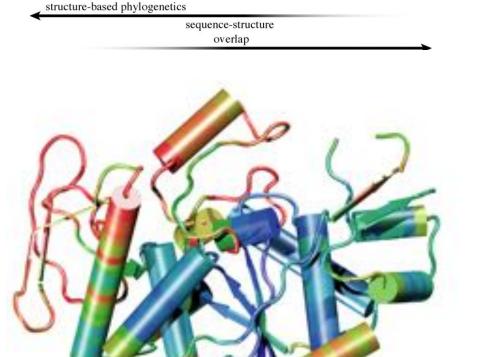
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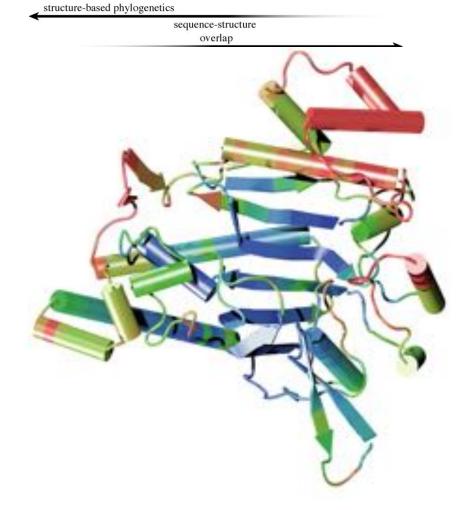


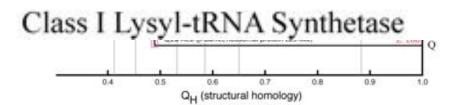


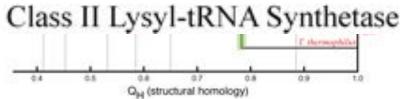
Db - AspRS bacterial genre

Structure reveals distant evolutionary events Class I AARSs









Sequences define more recent evolutionary

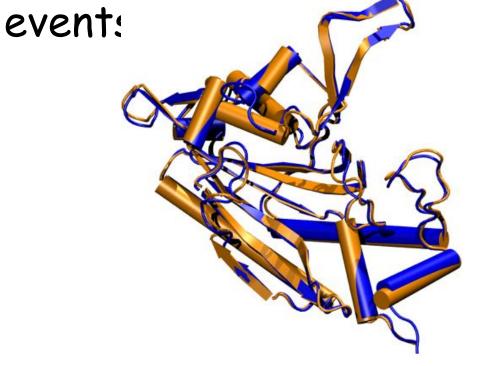


Conformational changes in the same protein.

ThrRS

T-AMP analog, 1.55 A. T, 2.00 A.

 $Q_H = 0.80$ Sequence identity = 1.00



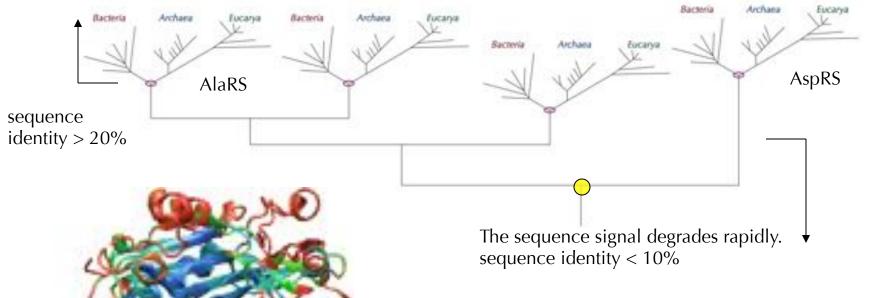
Structures for two different species.

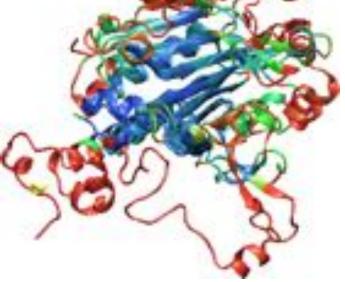
ProRS

M. jannaschii, 2.55 A. M. thermoautotrophicus, 3.20 A.

 $Q_H = 0.89$ Sequence identity = 0.69

Relationship Between Sequence & Structure

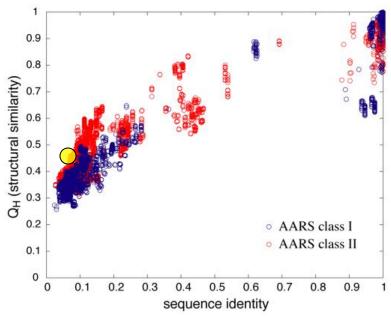




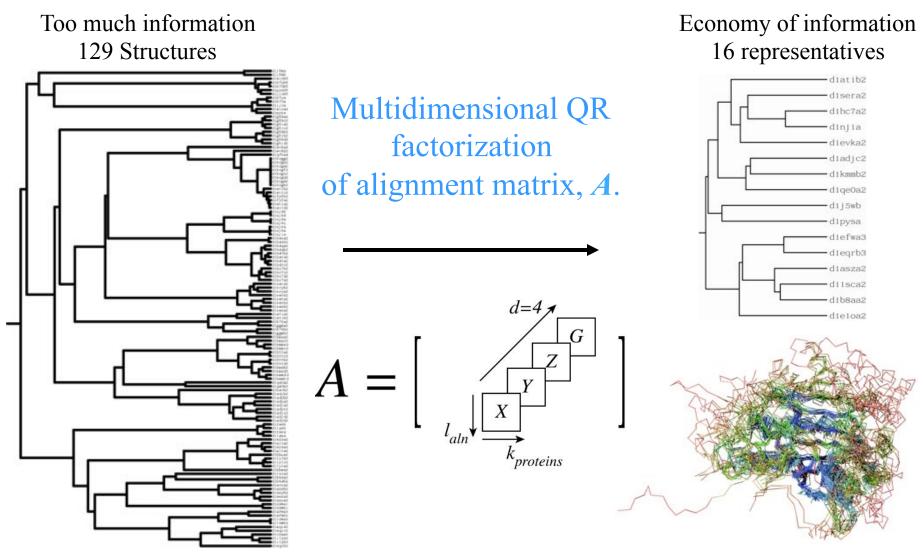
Structural superposition of AlaRS & AspRS.

 \bigcirc Sequence id = 0.055, Q_H= 0.48

O'Donoghue & Luthey-Schulten (2003) *MMBR* 67: 550–73. Structural alignment & visualization software MultiSeq/VMD



Non-redundant Representative Profiles



QR computes a set of maximal linearly independent structures.

P. O'Donoghue and Z. Luthey-Schulten (2003) MMBR 67:550-571.

P. O'Donoghue and Z. Luthey-Schulten (2005) *J. Mol. Biol.*, **346**, 875-894.

Numerical Encoding of Proteins in a Multiple Alignment

Encoding Structure

Rotated Cartesian + Gap = 4-space

Aligned position $(x_{C_{\alpha}}, y_{C_{\alpha}}, z_{C_{\alpha}}, 0)$

Gapped position (0,0,0,g)

Gap Scaling $g = \gamma \frac{\|X\|_{F_4} + \|Y\|_{F_4} + \|Z\|_{F_4}}{\|G\|_{F_4}}$

adjustable parameter

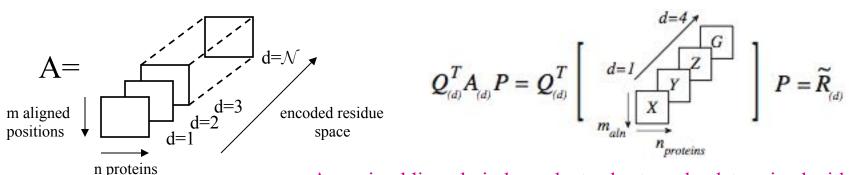
Sequence Space

Orthogonal Encoding = 24-space

23 amino acids (20 + B, X, Z) + gap

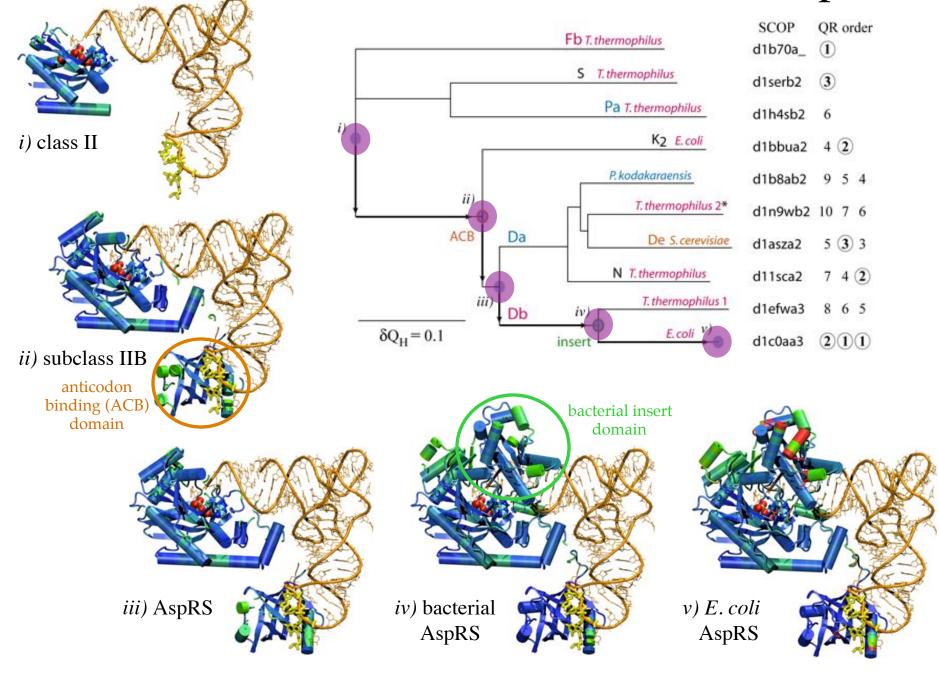
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Alignment is a Matrix with Linearly Dependent Columns



A maximal linearly independent subset can be determined with respect to a threshold, e.g., similarity measure threshold.

Evolution of Structure and Function in AspRS



Summary Structural Evolutionary Profiles

- 1.Structures often more conserved than sequences!! Similar structures at the Family and Superfamily levels. Add more structural information to identify core and variable regions
- 2.Which structures and sequences to include? Use evolution and eliminate redundancy with QR factorization

New Tools in VMD/MultiSeq

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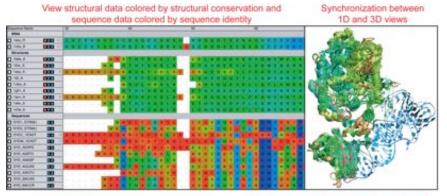
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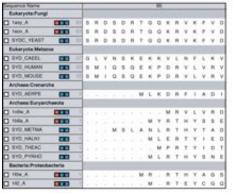
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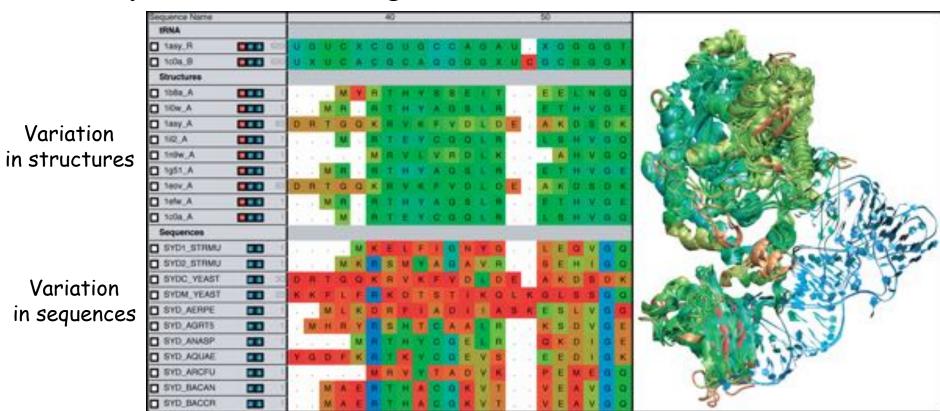
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MultiSeq Combines Sequence and Structure

- Align sequences or structures; manually edit alignments
- View data colored by numerous metrics including structural conservation and sequence similarity
- Synchronized coloring between 1D and 3D views



Load large sequence sets*

Swiss-Prot (Proteins)

Curated sequences

392,667 sequences

Unaligned

177 MB on disk

2 minutes to load

2.4 GB memory used

Greengenes (RNA)*

Environmental 16S rRNA

90,654 entries

Aligned (7682 positions)

670 MB on disk

2.5 minutes to load *

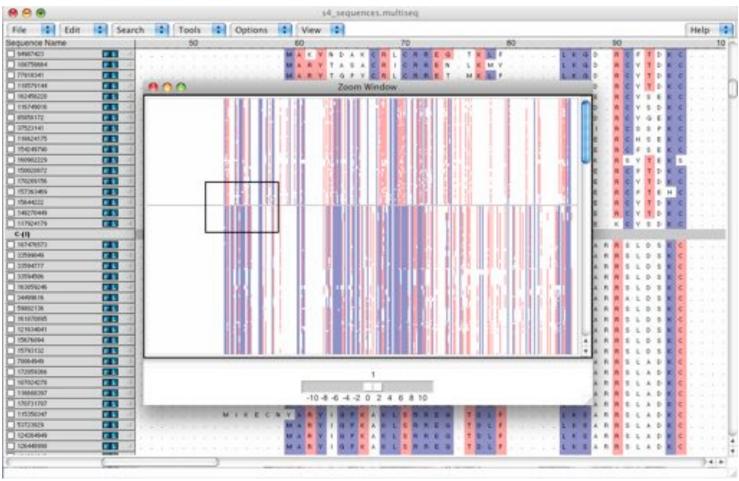
4.0 GB memory used*

^{*&}quot;Signatures of ribosomal evolution" with Carl Woese, PNAS (2008)

^{*}Release May 2013 contains 1.2 million sequences – Memory??

Sequence editor

- New sequence API allows editing of large alignments. Align closely related sequences by group, combine groups, and then manually correct.
- Zoom window gives an overview of the alignment, quickly move the editing window to any part of the alignment.

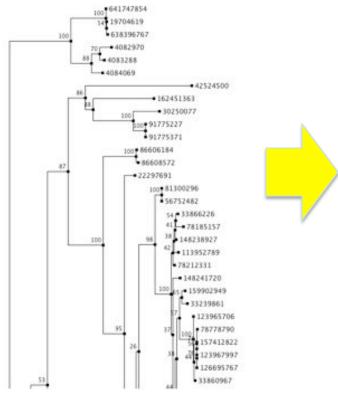


660 sequences of ribosomal protein S4 from all complete bacterial genomes*.

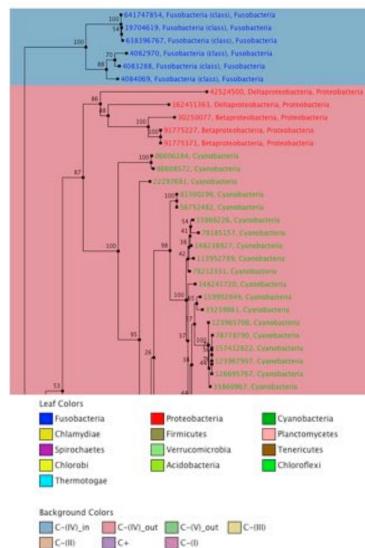
^{*} K. Chen, E. Roberts, Z Luthey-Schulten (2009) BMC Bioinformatics

Phylogenetic tree editor

 Automatically add annotations and colors to phylogenetic trees based on taxonomy, enzyme, temperature class, and/or MultiSeq groupings.



Maximum likelihood tree of 660 S4 sequences reconstructed using RAxML.





A cluster of five proteobacterial sequences branch near the cyanobacterial sequences. These are cases of horizontal gene transfer.

Elijah Roberts 2009

Scripting MultiSeq

- All MultiSeq functions can be scripted.
- Scripting an analysis provides benefits:
 - It can be checked for correctness.
 - It can be quickly repeated by anyone.
 - It can be modified later with new functionality.
 - It can be run on a cluster in VMD text mode.
 (if it can be easily broken into independent chunks)
- Many functions are too user specific and/or too complex to be turned into a GUI.
- Some examples of MultiSeq scripts...

Genome content

- When using sequence from fully sequenced genomes, additional information is available in the genome content.
- Conservation of gene ordering, neighbors, or intergenic regions can provide additional evolutionary information not contained in the sequence.
- Gene names and ordering can be obtained from the genome PTT files, want to organize the information in an evolutionarily meaningful manner.

```
Location
                 Strand Length PID
                                                Synonym
                                                             Code COG
                                                                               Product
3437638..3438021 -
                                                b3294 -
                                                                         50S ribosomal subunit protein L17
                        127
                              16131173
                                          rplQ
                                                             COG0203J
3438062..3439051 -
                                                                         RNA polymerase, alpha subunit
                        329
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                                          rpoA b3295 -
                                                             COG0202K
3439077..3439697 -
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                                          rpsD b3296 -
                                                             COG0522J
                                                                         30S ribosomal subunit protein S4
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```

Combined genomic context/phylogenetic tree

 Use a script to walk through a phylogenetic tree, find the genome content near the source gene, create a graphical representation of the combined data.

```
proc draw_genome_context_of_phylogeny {args} {
   # Load the sequences.
    set alignment [::SeqData::Fasta::loadSequences $alignmentFilename]
    # Load the tree
   set tree [::PhyloTree::Newick::loadTreeFile $treeFilename]
   # Reorder the alignment by the tree.
    set treeAlignment {}
    set leafNodes [::PhyloTree::Data::getLeafNodes $tree]
    foreach node $leafNodes {
        set foundNode 0
        set nodeName [::PhyloTree::Data::getNodeName $tree $node]
        foreach sequence $alignment {
            if {$nodeName == [::SeqData::getName $sequence]} {
                lappend treeAlignment $sequence
                set foundNode 1
                break
```

}

Draw the genomic context.
drawGenomicContextOfAlignment \$outputFilename \$treeAlignment \$contextDistance \$scaling \$genomeDirectory

Combined genomic context/phylogenetic tree

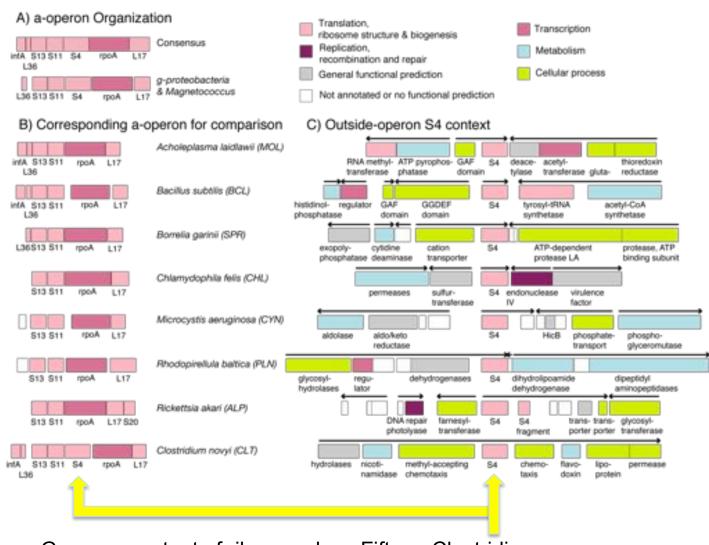
```
proc drawGenomicContextOfAlignment {outputFilename alignment contextDistance scaling genomeDirectory} {
    foreach sequence $alignment {
        # Make sure we have the GI number for this sequence.
        set qiNumber [::SeqData::qetSourceData $sequence "qi"]
        # Make sure we can tell which genome this sequence is from.
        set taxonomy [join [::SeqData::qetLineage $sequence 1 0 1] ","]
        if {![info exists genomeTaxonomyMap($taxonomy)]} {
             error "ERROR) Unknown genome for sequence [::SeqData::getName $sequence]: $taxonomy"
        # Go through each of the genome context files for the genome.
        set foundGene 0
        foreach genomeName $genomeTaxonomyMap($taxonomy) {
    }
    # Draw the genomic context.
    drawMultipleGenomicContext $outputFilename $alignment $geneFiles $genePositions $geneStrands $contextDistance
}
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Genome content future directions

- Genome content still a work in progress.
- Good candidate for a GUI: combined phylogenetic tree/ genome content viewer.
- Can also use COG codes to color by gene function.
- Still need API for manipulating PTT files.

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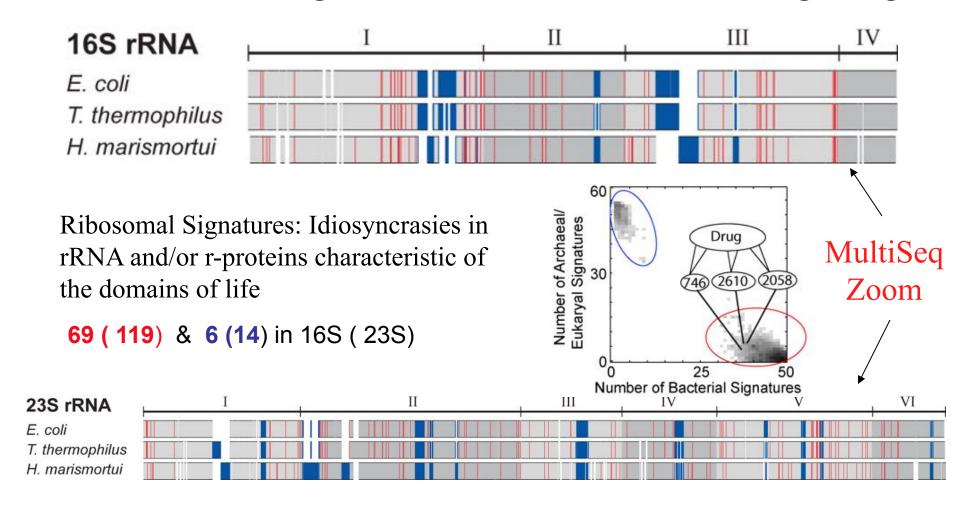
See also ITEP for microbial genomes, Benedict et al. **BMC Genomics 2014**



Genome content of ribosomal protein S4 by occurrence of the gene in the alpha operon.

Fifteen Clostridia genomes contain two copies of S4: one zinc-binding and one zinc-free.

Molecular Signatures of Translation- Drug Targets

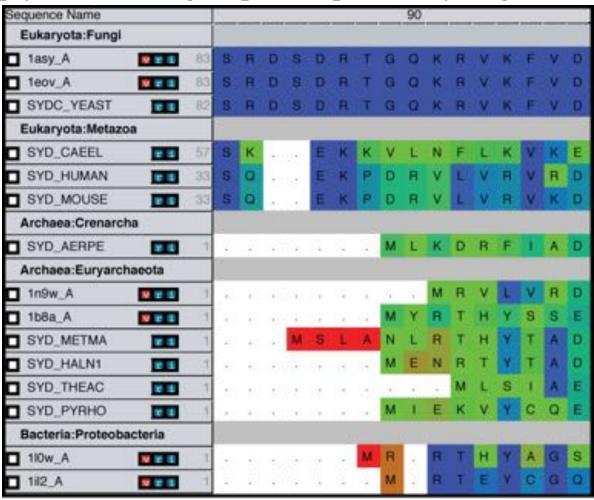


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Flexible Grouping of Data

- Automatically group data by taxonomic classification to assist in evolutionary analysis (HGT) or create custom groups
- Apply metrics to groups independently, e.g bacterial signal



MultiSeq: Display and Edit Metadata

- External databases are crossreferenced to display metadata such as taxonomy (lineage), data source (sp, Uniprot #),
 EC, enzymatic function
- Changes to metadata should periodically be updated!!!
- Electronic Notebook: Notes and annotations about a specific sequence or structure can be added and saved

