

Evolution of Translation: Dynamics of Recognition in RNA:Protein Complexes

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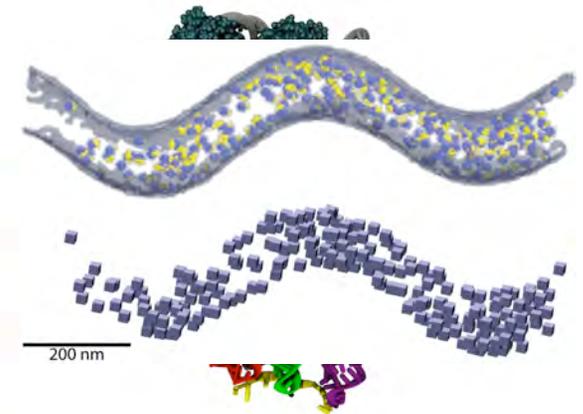
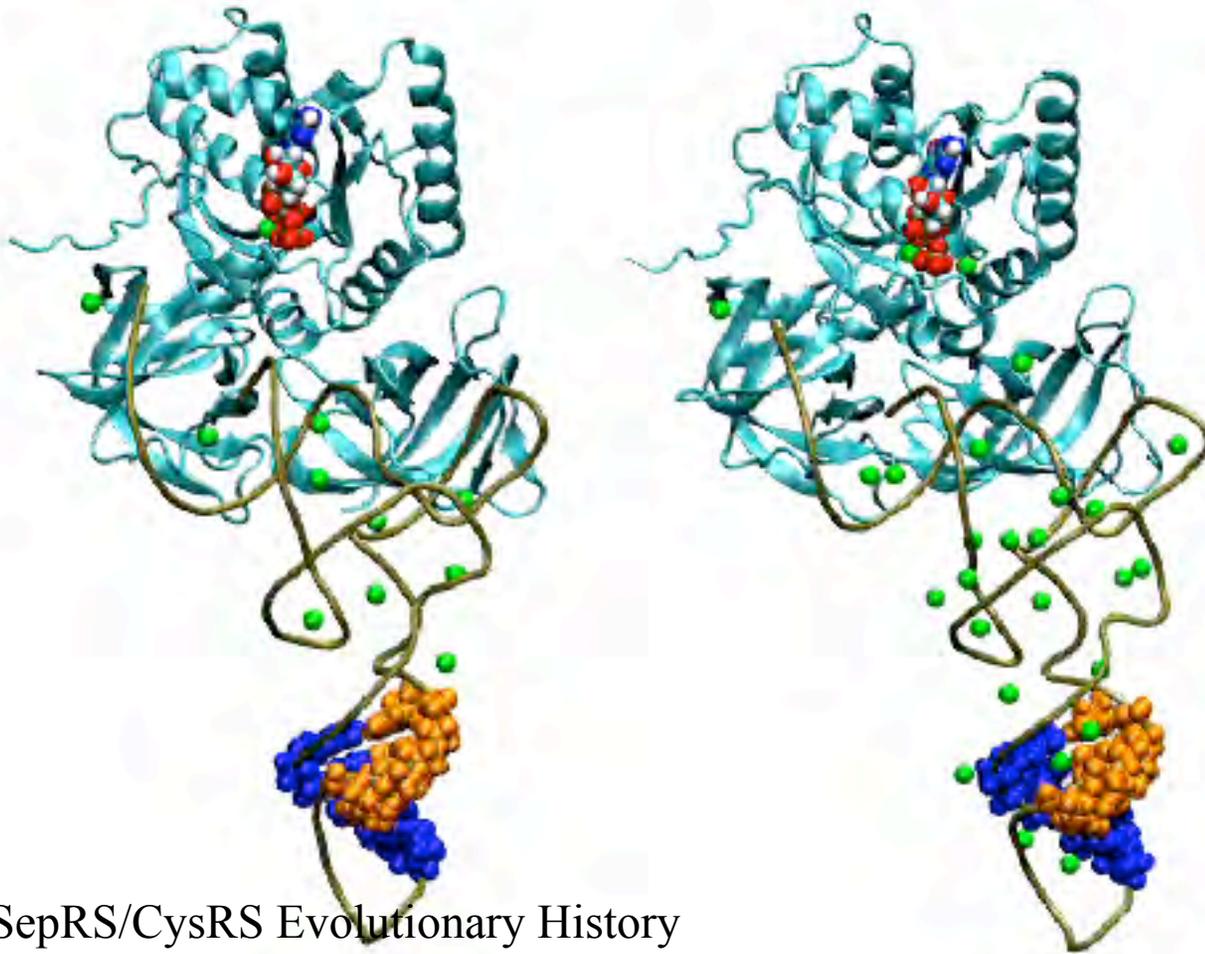
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On the Evolution of Translation in the Modern World



**Proteins/RNA
Polyribosomes
Ribosome**

SepRS/CysRS Evolutionary History
Sethi, O'Donoghue, ZLS, *PNAS* 2005
O'Donoghue, Sethi, Woese, ZLS,
PNAS 2005; Signaling Network
Sethi, Eargle, Black, ZLS, *PNAS* 2009

Dynamical Recognition Novel Amino Acids
Eargle, Sethi, Black, ZLS, *JMB* 2008

Evolutionary Analysis & Molecular Dynamics

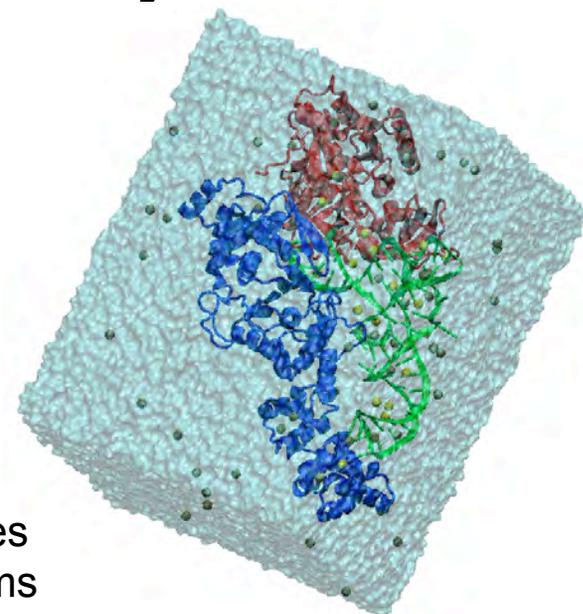
MD performed with NAMD2 - System Setup

Simulation Parameters

Minimization: 290,000 steps
Production run: 108 ns
Forcefield: CHARMM27(1)
Time step: 1 fs
VdW frequency: 2 fs
VdW cutoff: 12 Å
Switching distance: 10 Å
Pair list distance: 14 Å
Particle Mesh Ewald
Full electrostatic update: 4 fs
Ensemble: NPT
Langevin temperature: 298.15 K
Langevin pressure: 1 atm
Periodic boundary conditions

Contents of System

GluRS
Glu-tRNA^{Glu}
EF-Tu
GTP
Ions: Mg²⁺, K⁺
H₂O: ~27,000 molecules
System: ~130,000 atoms

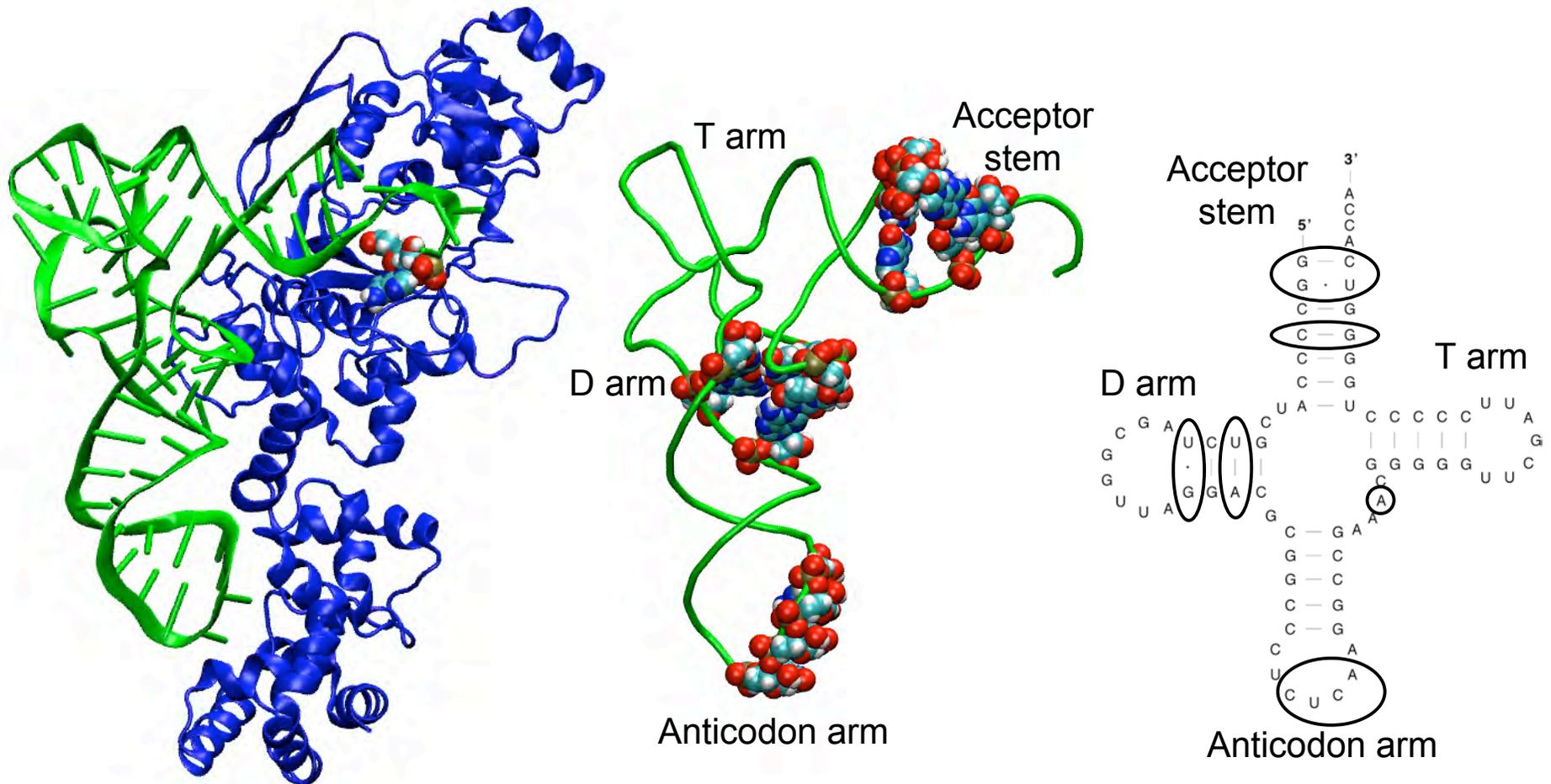


System Perturbations

Deprotonation/protonation of charged Glu backbone amine
Changing rotamer states of residues (2) involved in long-lived salt bridges

(1) MacKerell, A. et al. *Biopolymers* 56:257-265 (2001)
Phillips, J.C. et al. *J. Comput Chem*, 26(16):1781-1802 (2005)
(2) Dunbrack Jr. and Cohen. *Protein Sci.* 6:1661-1681 (1997)

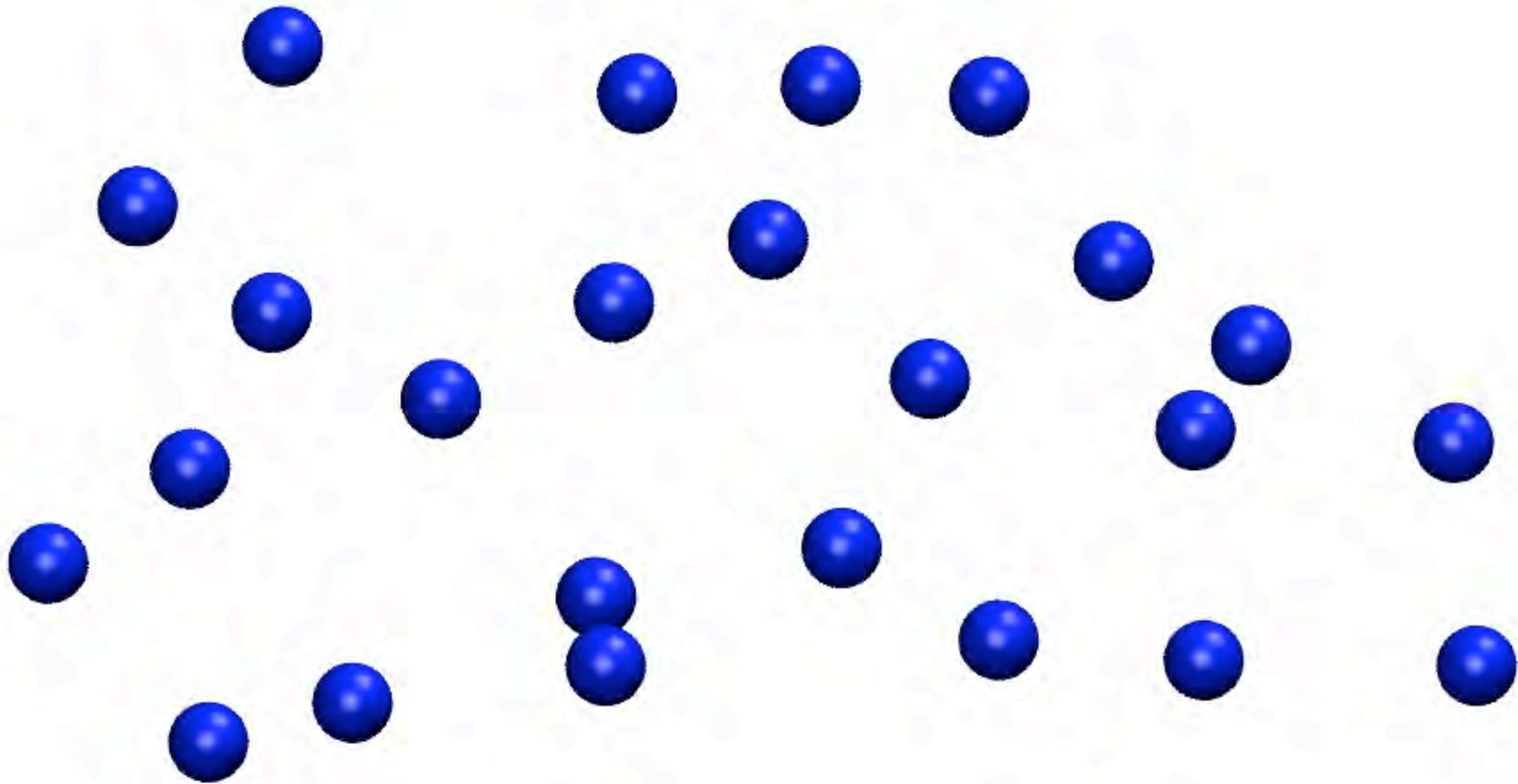
Charging tRNA through allosteric signaling



Identity Elements

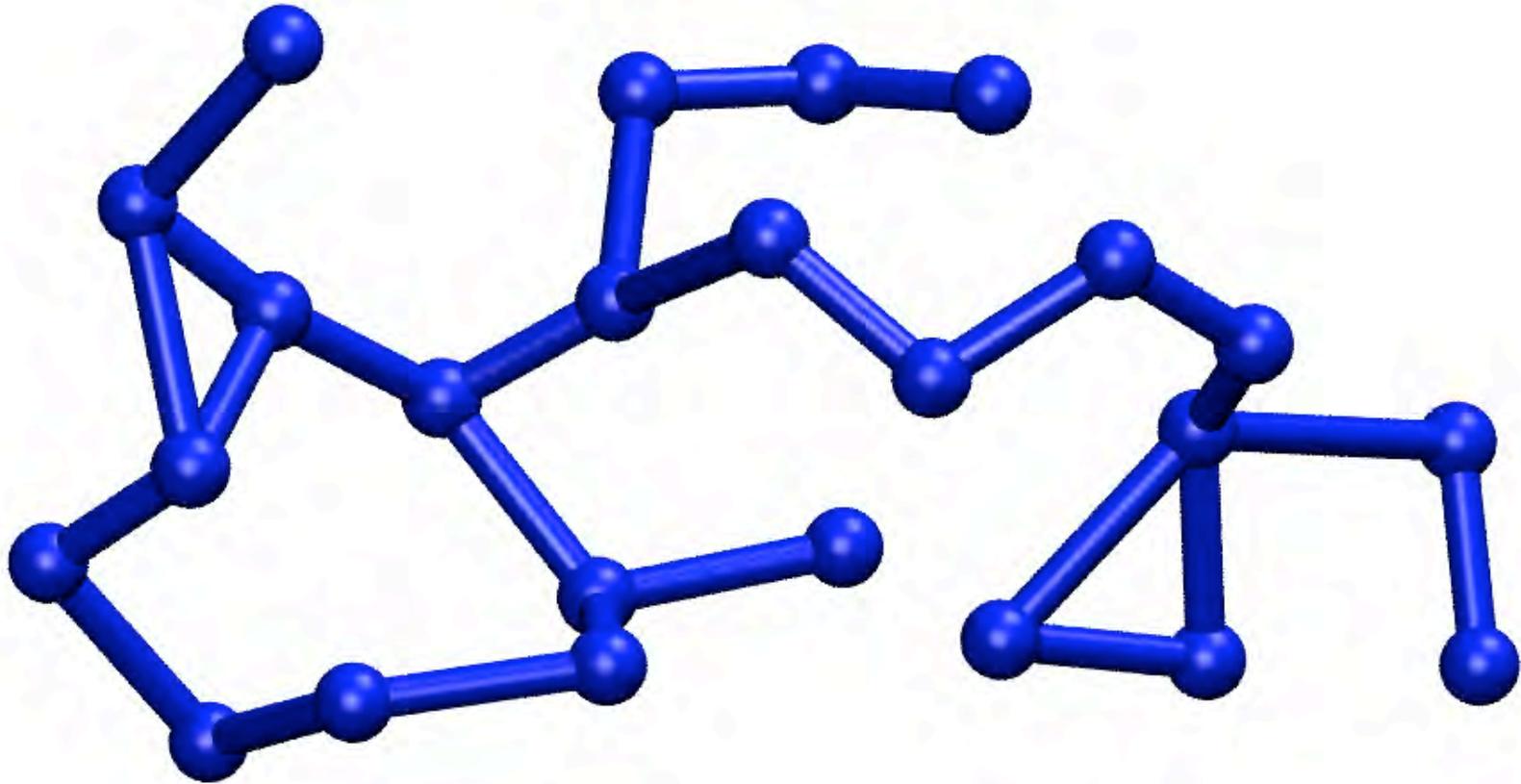


How to Construct a Network



Nodes - defined at C_{α} (protein) and P (nucleotide) atoms

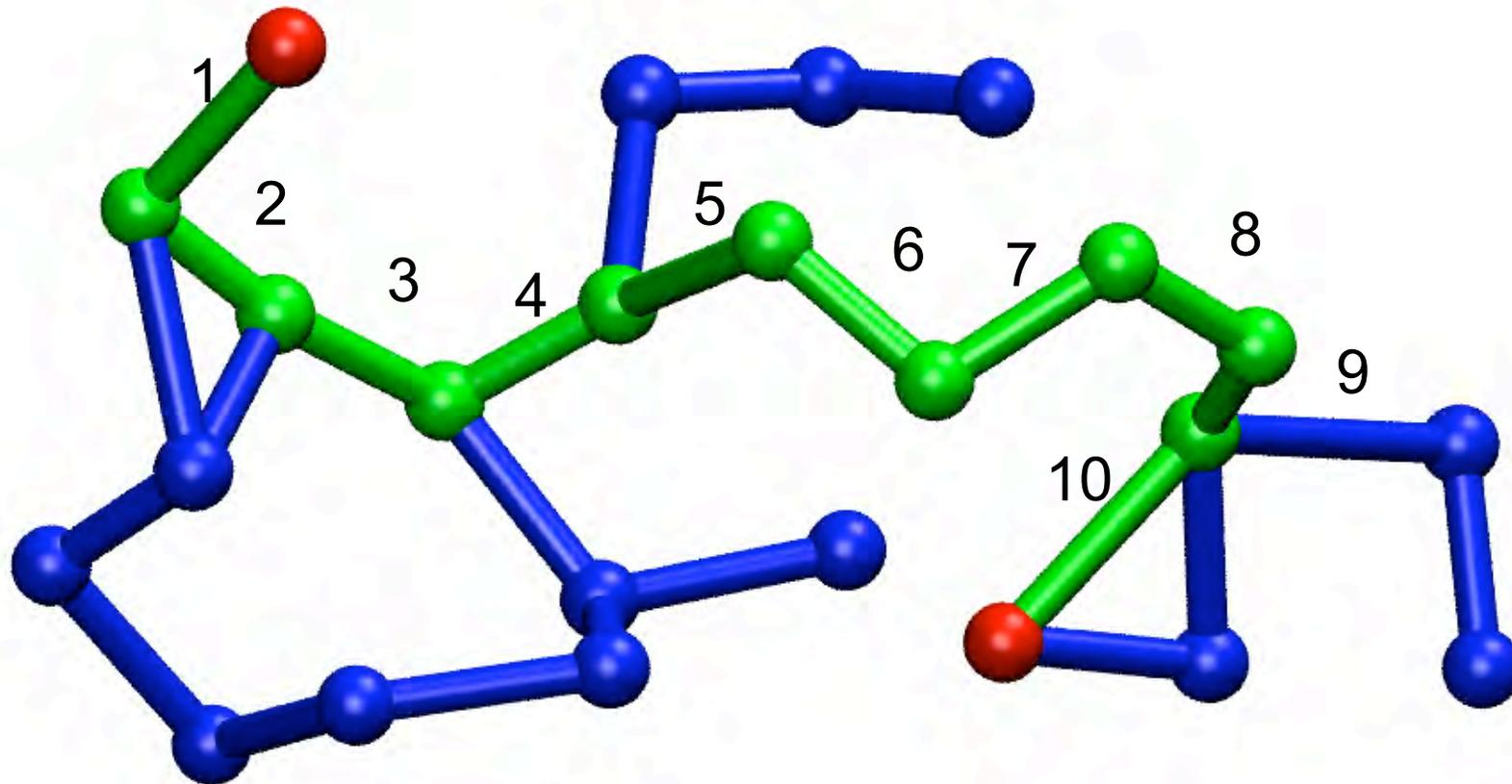
How to Construct a Network



Edges - connect nodes that are within a contact distance threshold for more than 75% of an MD trajectory

Communication between **Identity** Elements and **Site** of Chemistry

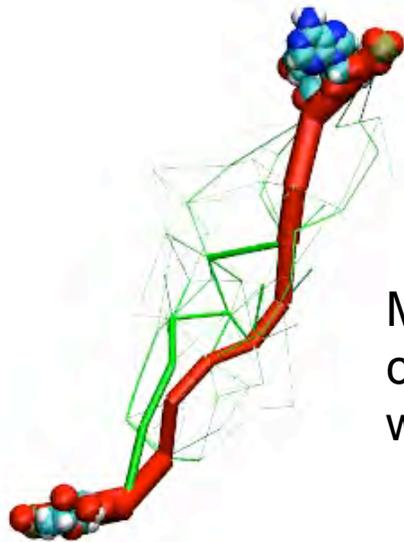
Different Paths can have Different Lengths



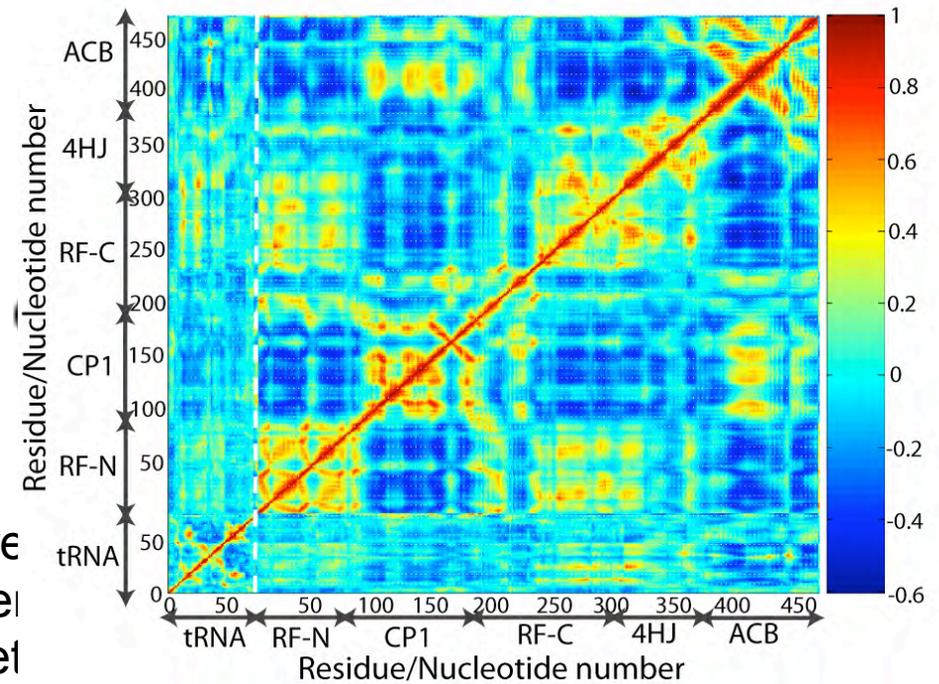
Path length = 10 (*unweighted*)

Information transfer? ***Weight contacts/links by correlations !***

Correlations (C_{ij}) define signaling pathways (shortest) in GluRS:tRNA



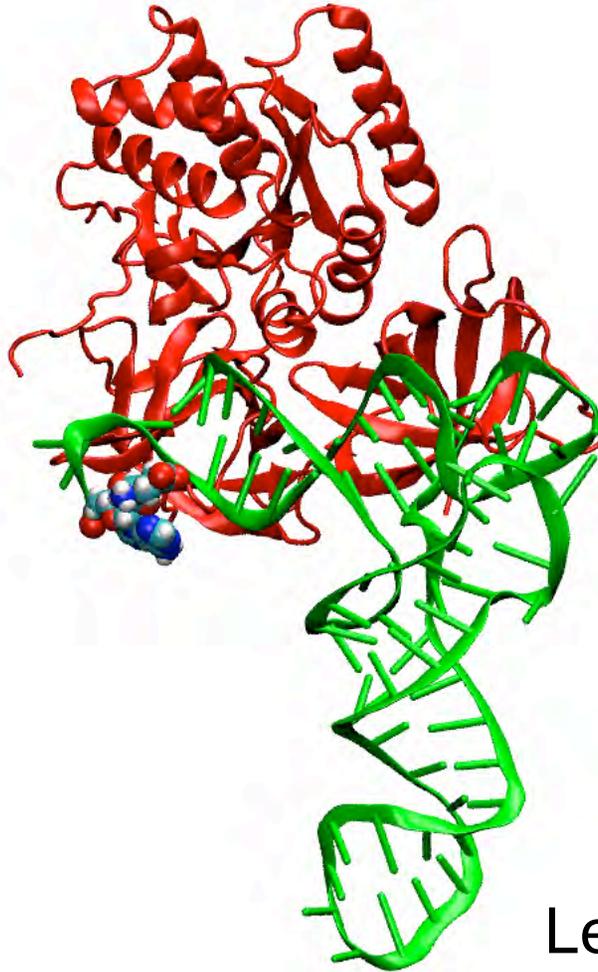
Modular structure communities seen with weighted net



- MD simulations run with NAMD
- NTP ensemble with explicit solvent
- Neutralized with Mg^{2+} and K^+
- C_{ij} values calculated over a 16-ns window

J. Eargle, A. Sethi, A. Black, Z. Luthey-Schulten, *PNAS* 2009

Change in the Network in Glu-tRNA Migration from GluRS to EF-Tu



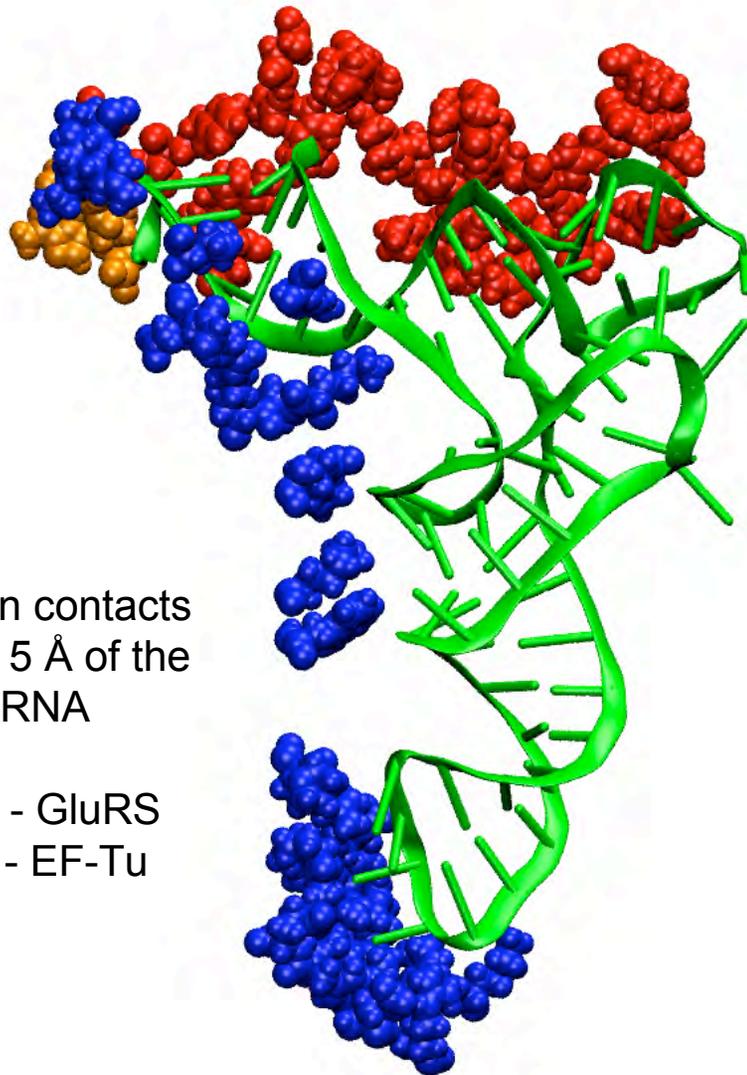
>2-fold increase
in k_{cat} for
CysRS:tRNA:EF-Tu

8-fold increase
in k_{cat} for
LeuRS:tRNA:EF-Tu

Zhang C, Perona J, Kang R,
Francklyn C, Hou Y. *JMB* 2006

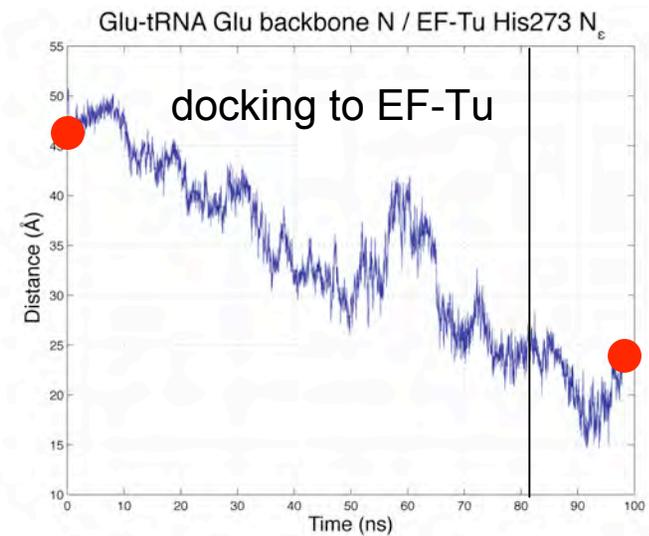
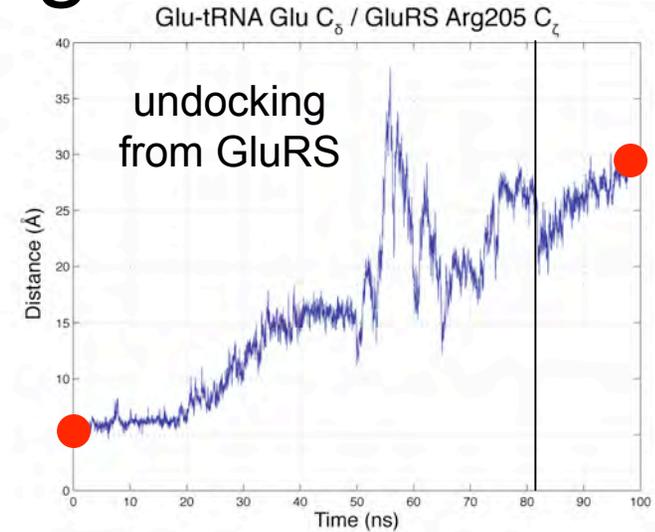
Hausmann C, Praetorius-Ibba M,
Ibba M. *NAR* 2007

Change in Protein:RNA Contacts During tRNA Migration

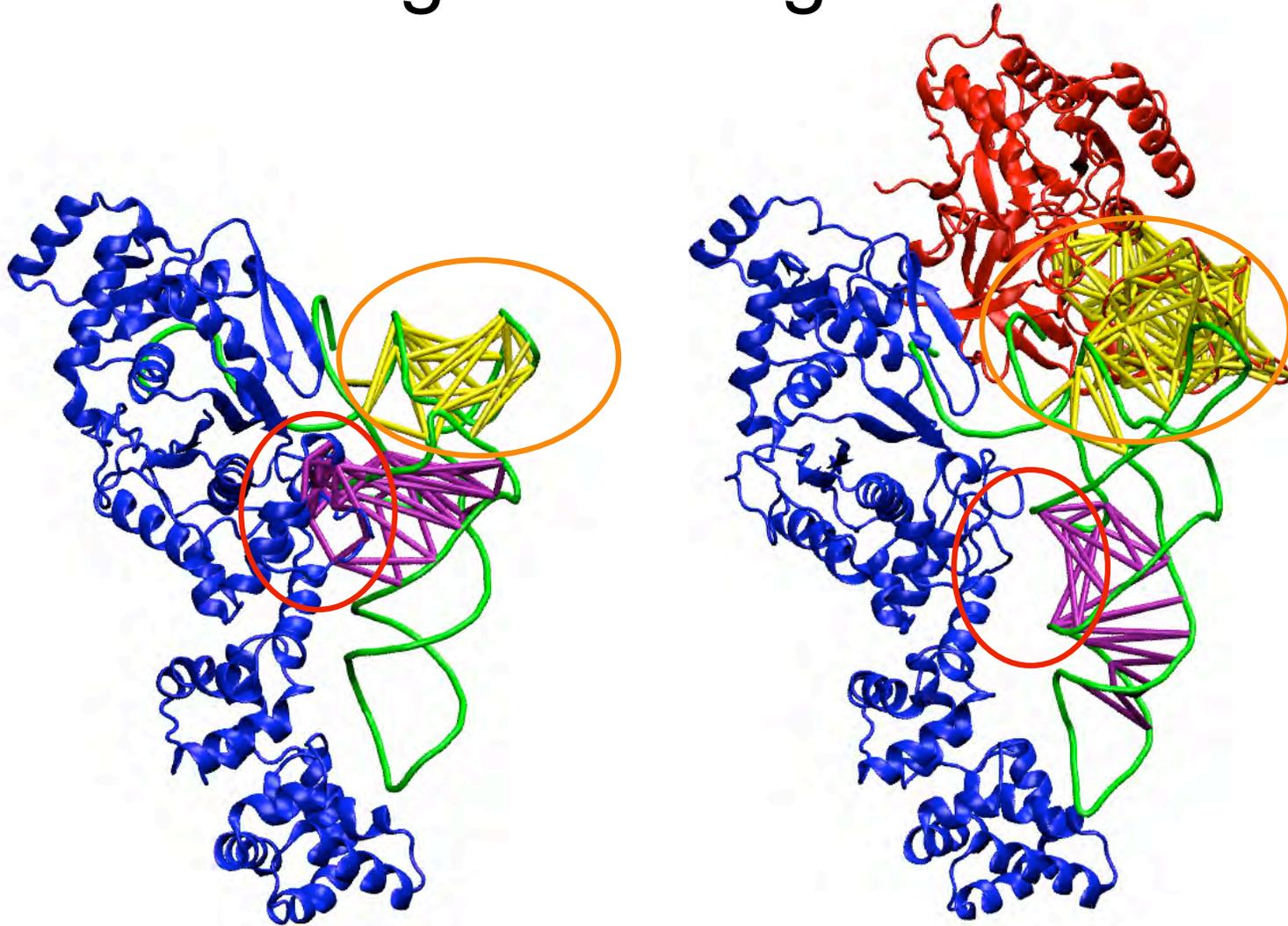


Protein contacts
within 5 Å of the
tRNA

blue - GluRS
red - EF-Tu



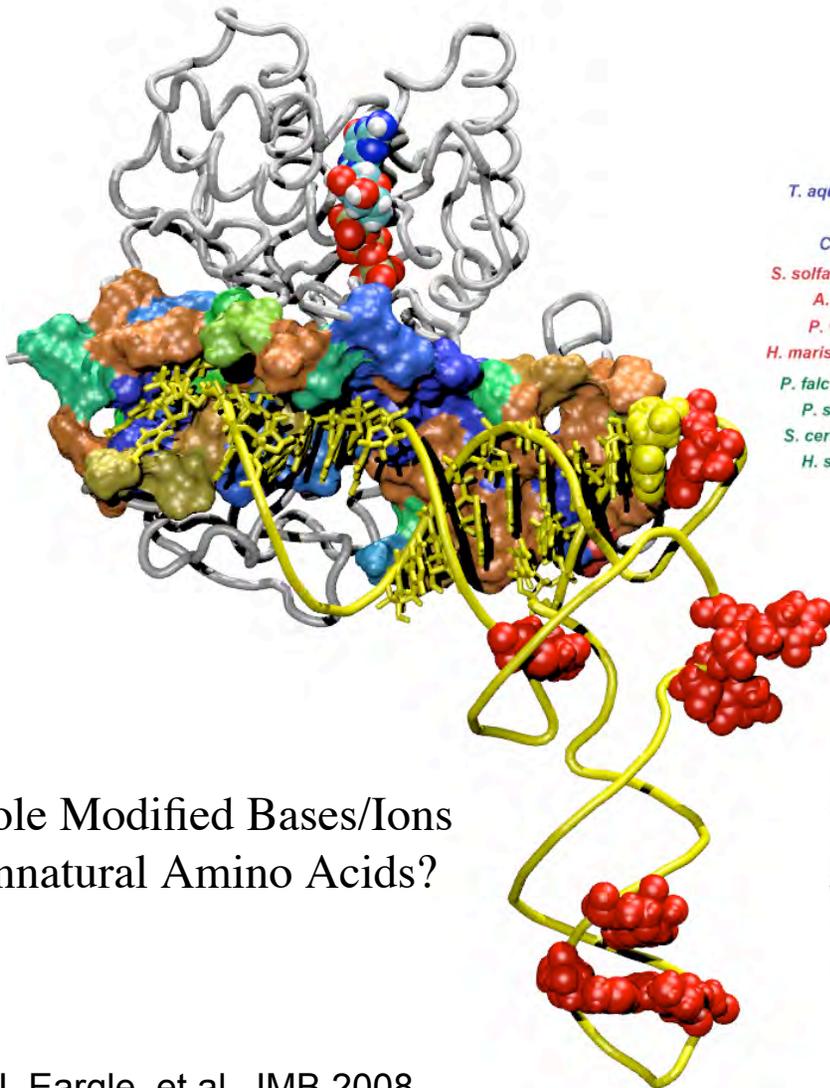
Change in Protein:RNA Contacts During tRNA Migration



purple - D arm community

yellow - T arm community

Evolution of Protein/RNA Interfaces: Dynamics of EF-Tu/tRNA Recognition

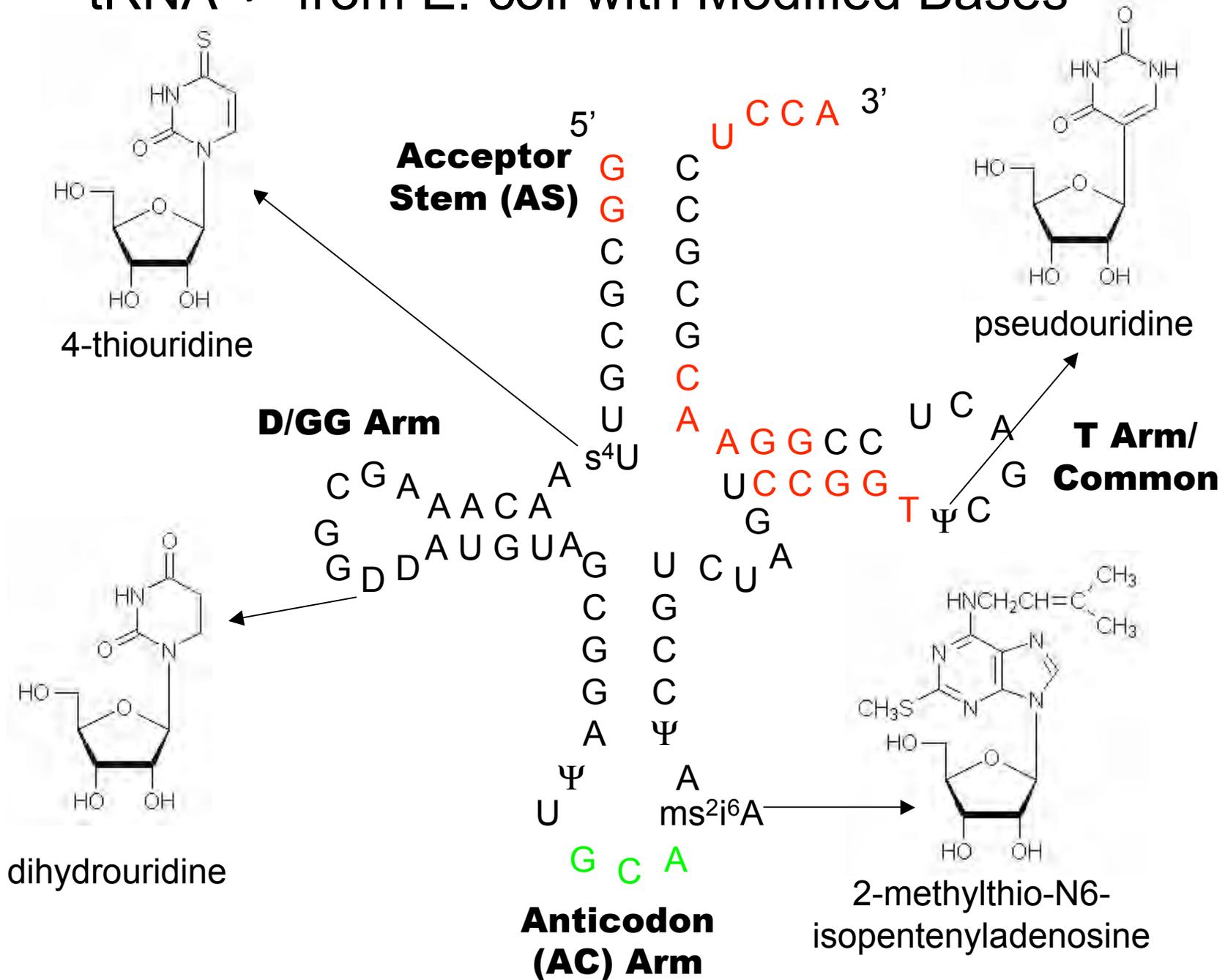


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<i>E. coli</i>	I	D	N	A	P	E	E	K	H	A	D	Y	V	K	N	M	P	I	E	D	V	F	S	I	S	G	R	G	T	V	V	T	G	
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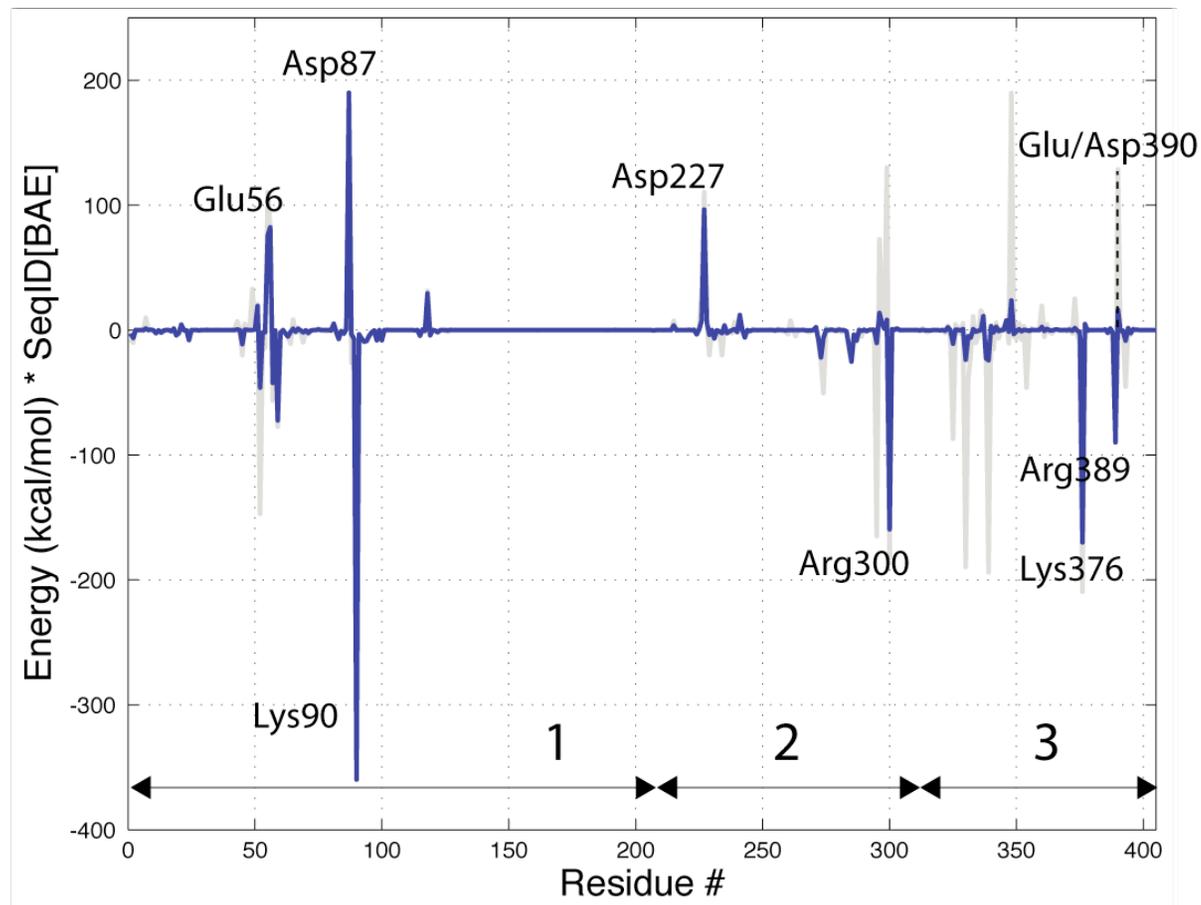
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Role Modified Bases/Ions
Unnatural Amino Acids?

tRNA^{Cys} from E. coli with Modified Bases



Interaction Energy at Interface EF-Tu^{T.th}/RNA^{Ecoli}



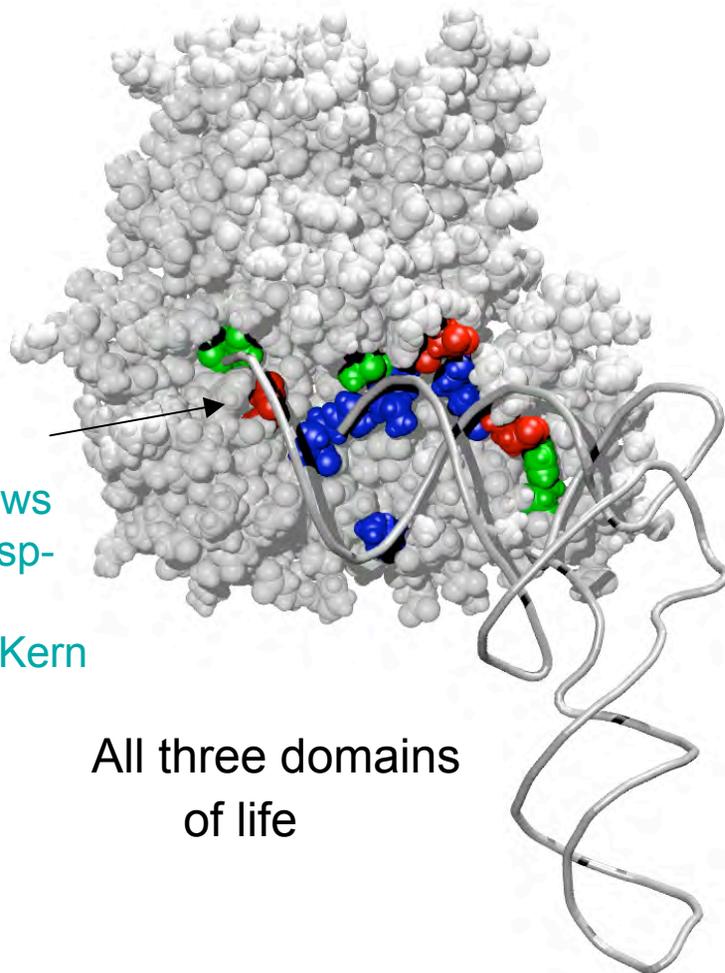
Averaging over last 16 ns/20ns MD trajectories

EF-Tu Interface Conservation

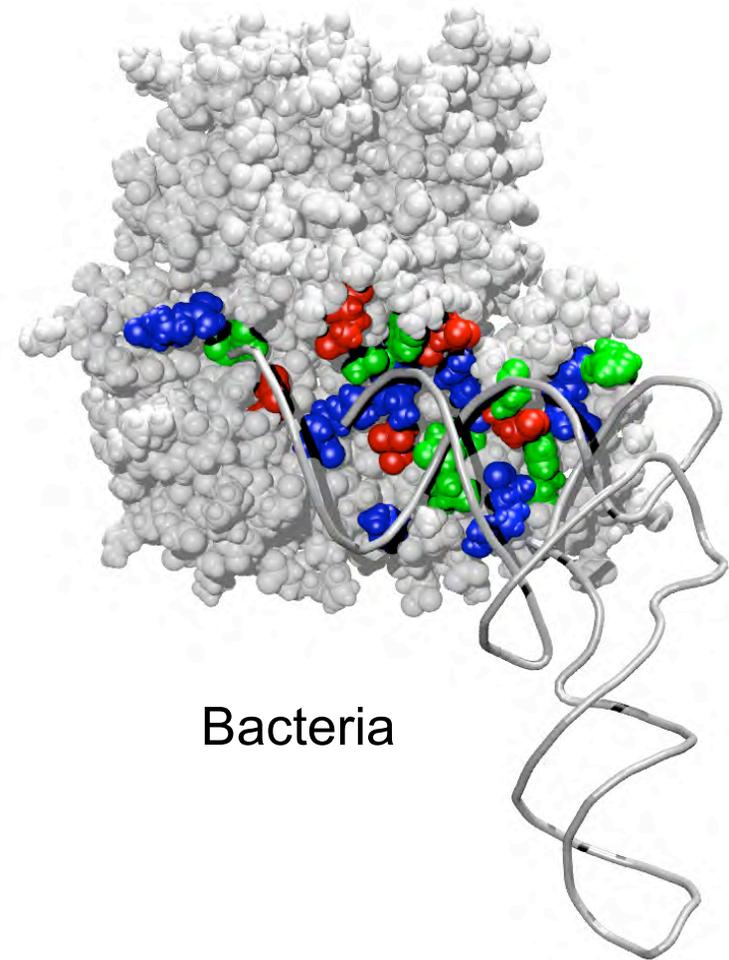
Asp227

Deletion allows
docking of asp-
tRNA:Asn

Roy,Becker,Kern
2007



All three domains
of life

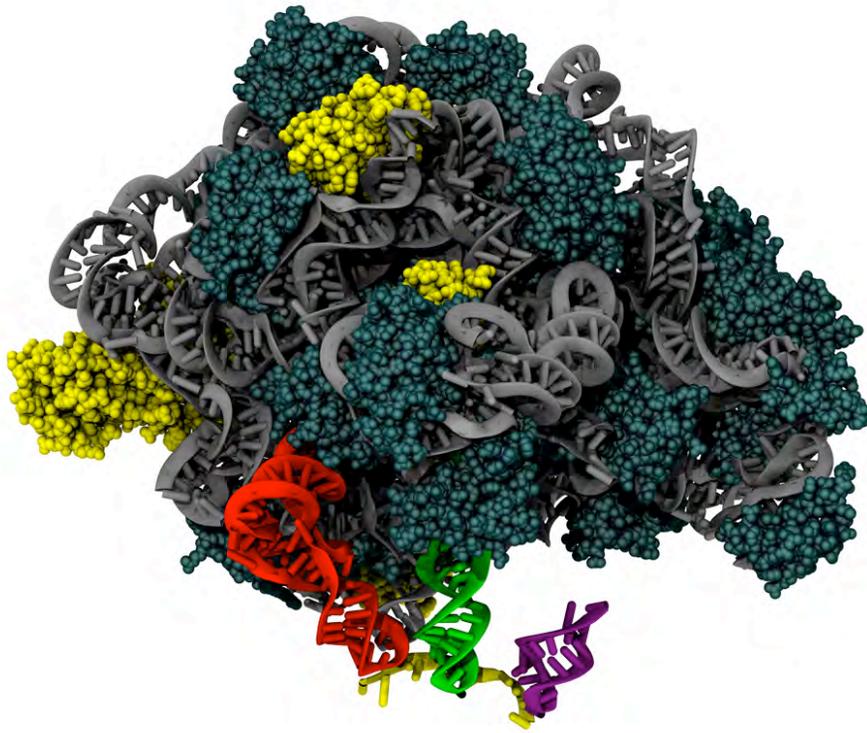


Bacteria

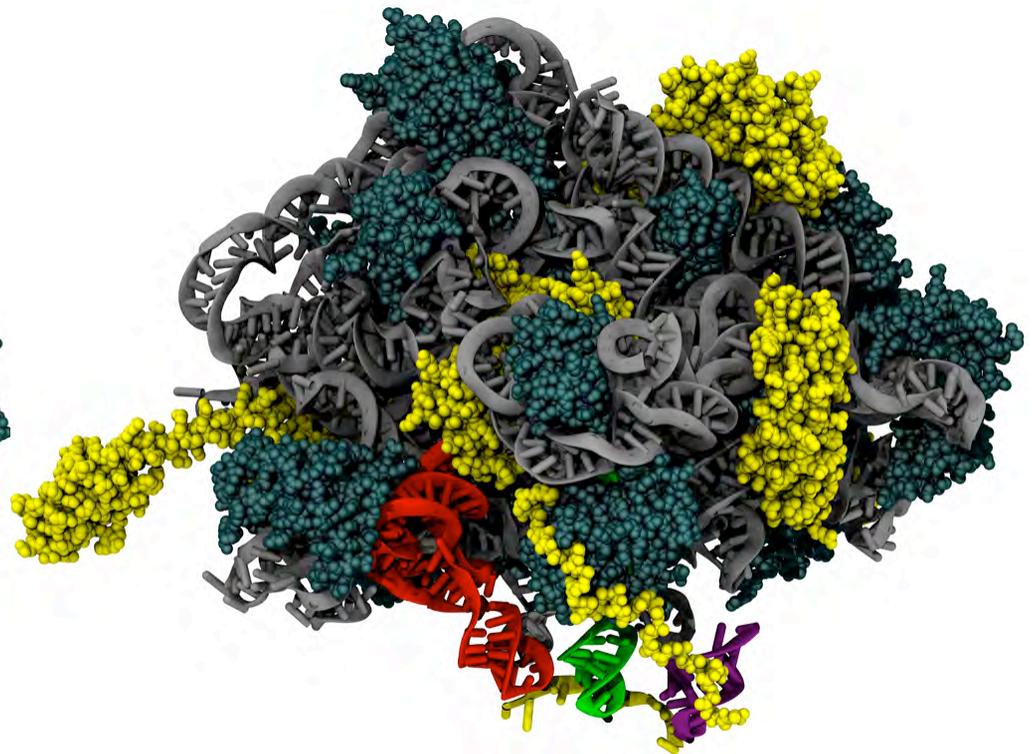
- Residues colored by type.
- Positive: **blue**, Negative: **red**, Polar: **green**

Molecular Signatures in Ribosome Evolution

Bacterial



Archaeal



Ribosomal signatures: idiosyncrasies in ribosomal RNA
and/or proteins characteristic of the domains of life

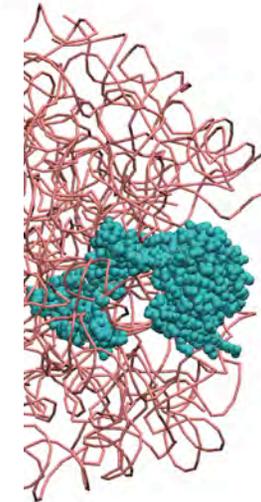
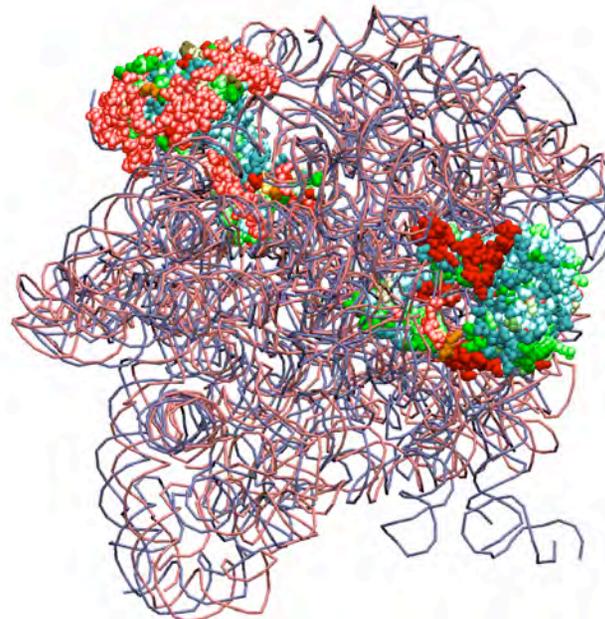
Roberts, Sethi, Montoya, Woese, Luthey-Schulten,
“Molecular Signatures of Ribosomal Evolution”,
Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 2008, 105:13953

Comparing Ribosomal Structures

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



E. coli



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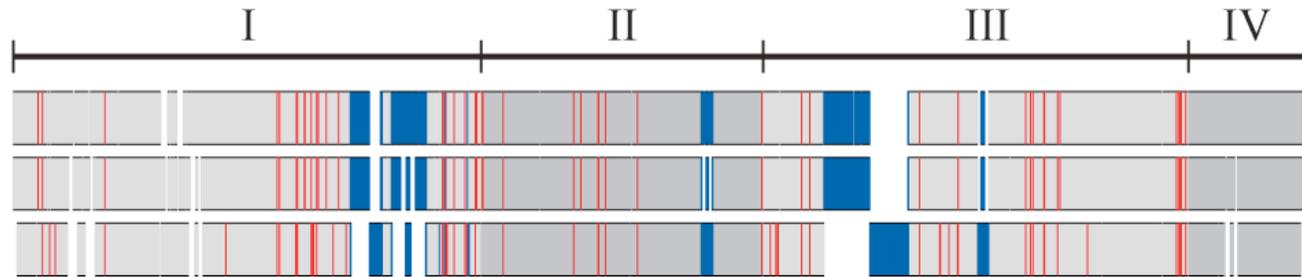
Sequence and Structure Signatures in Ribosomal RNA

16S rRNA

E. coli

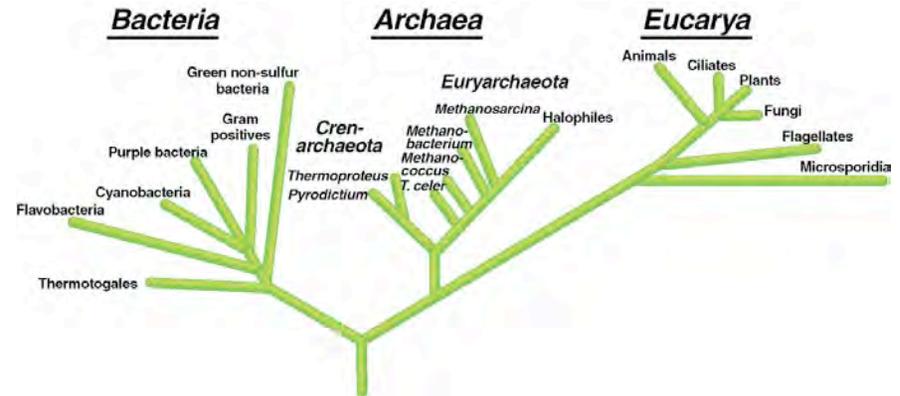
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Ribosomal Signatures: Idiosyncrasies in rRNA and/or rproteins characteristic of the domains of life

69 (119) & 6 (14) in 16S (23S)

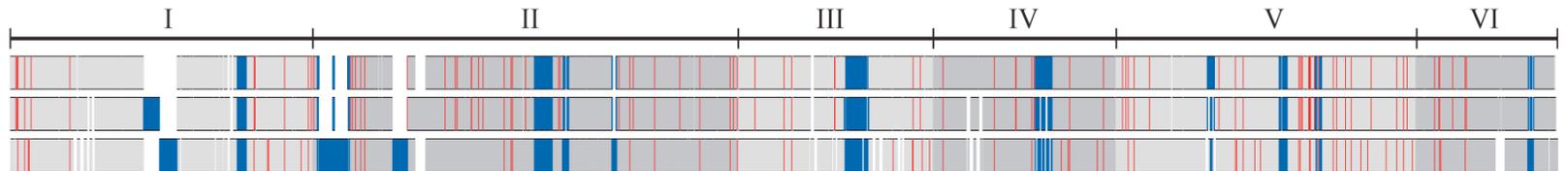


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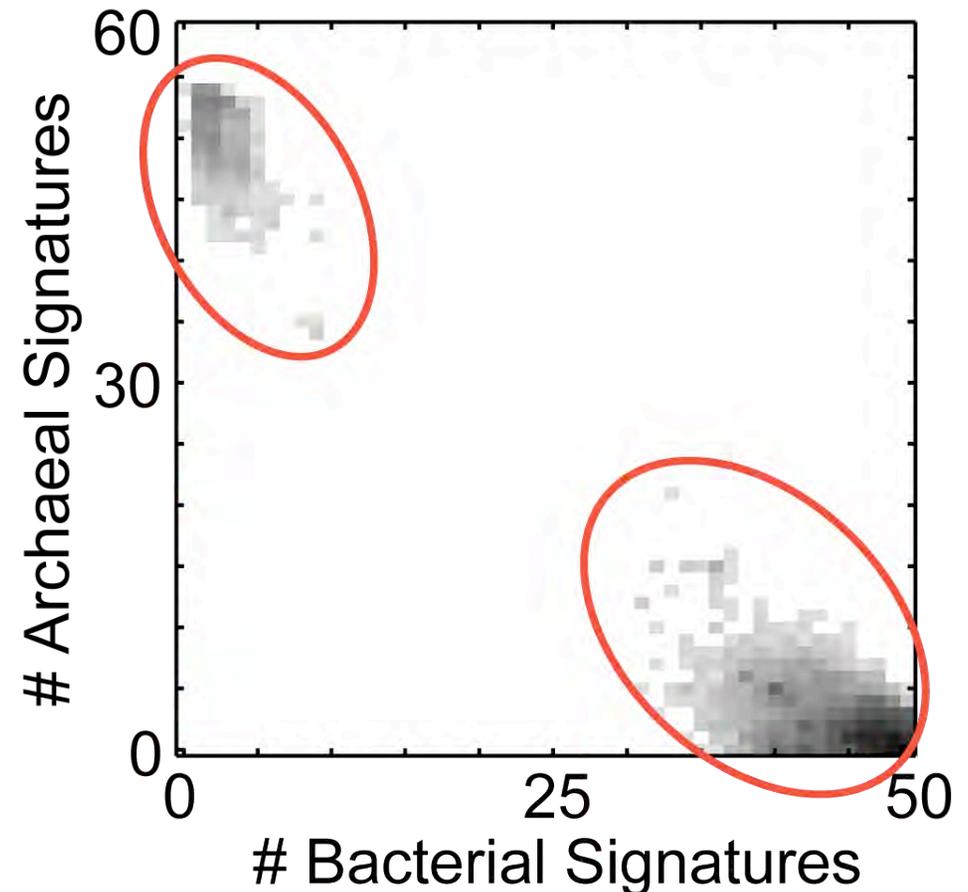
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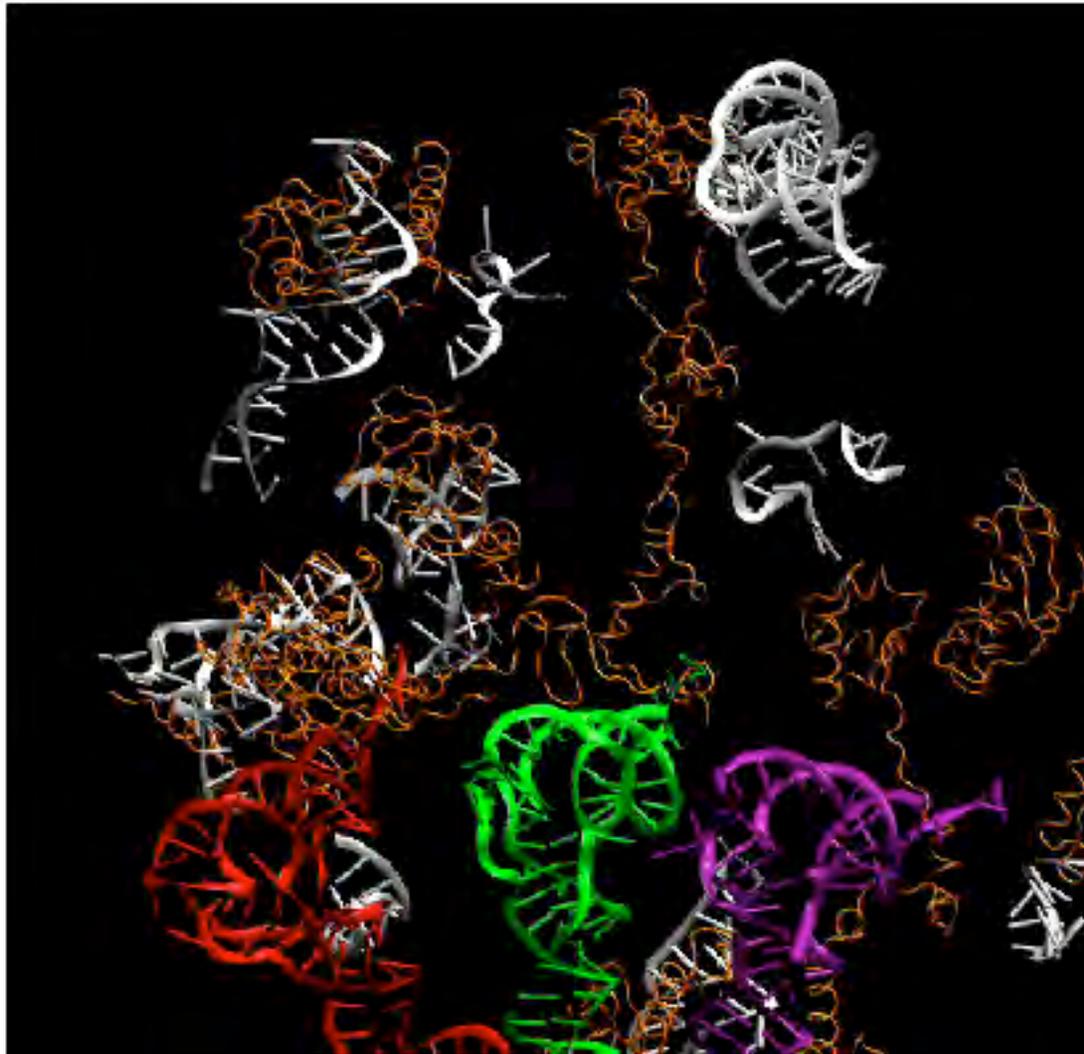


90,000 Environmental 16S rRNA Sequences Confirm

- Analysis of the ribosomal signatures in 90,000 environmental samples shows that no “gray” area exists: a ribosome is either bacterial or archaeal in nature.
- It follows then that for the domains of life there is also no continuum. The bacteria and archaea are separated by an evolutionary saltation.



Domain Specific Proteins & rRNA Structure Signatures



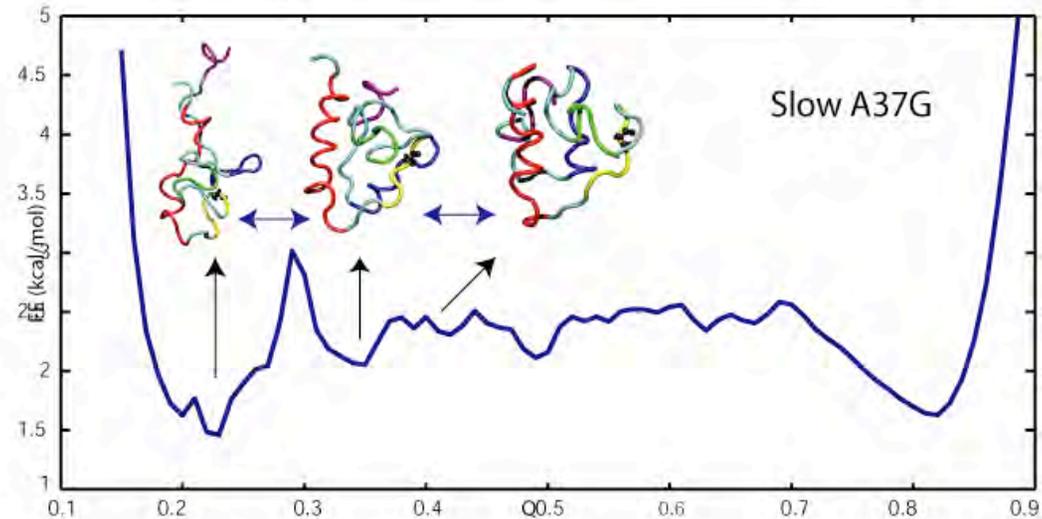
Archaea

Late or Early
Invention?

Effects on
Translation?

Roberts, Montoya, Sethi, Woese
ZLS, PNAS 2008

Protein Folding: hybrid MD Charmm + Go Potentials



Energy function:

$$E = E_{AA} + k * E_{Go} \quad E_{Go} = - \sum_i^{N_{C\alpha}} \sum_{j \neq i, \pm 1, \pm 2}^{N_{C\alpha}} \gamma_{ij} * \exp \left[- \frac{(r_{ij} - r_{ij}^{Nat})^2}{2 \left(|i - j|^{0.15} \right)^2} \right]$$

Free energy profiles: umbrella sampling & WHAM

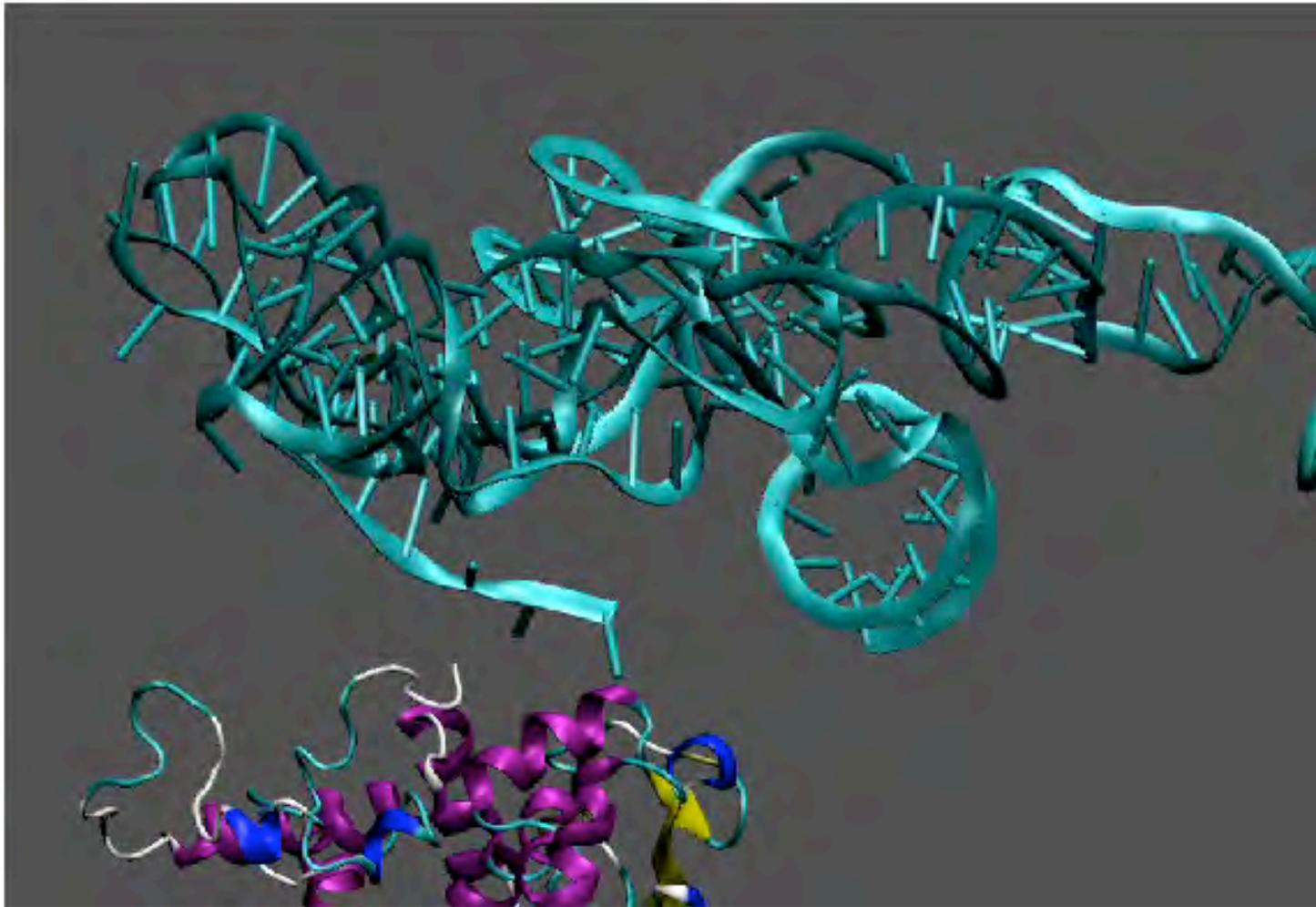
$$E_i = E_{CHARMM} + V_i(Q) \quad V_i(Q) = k_u (Q - Q_i)^4 \quad \Delta FE(Q) = -k_B T \ln p_0^{est}(Q)$$

Mean first-passage time:

$$\tau_{x_1 \rightarrow x_2} = \int_{x_1}^{x_2} dy \frac{\exp(\beta U(y))}{D(y)} \int_{\sim 0}^y \exp(-\beta U(z)) dz$$

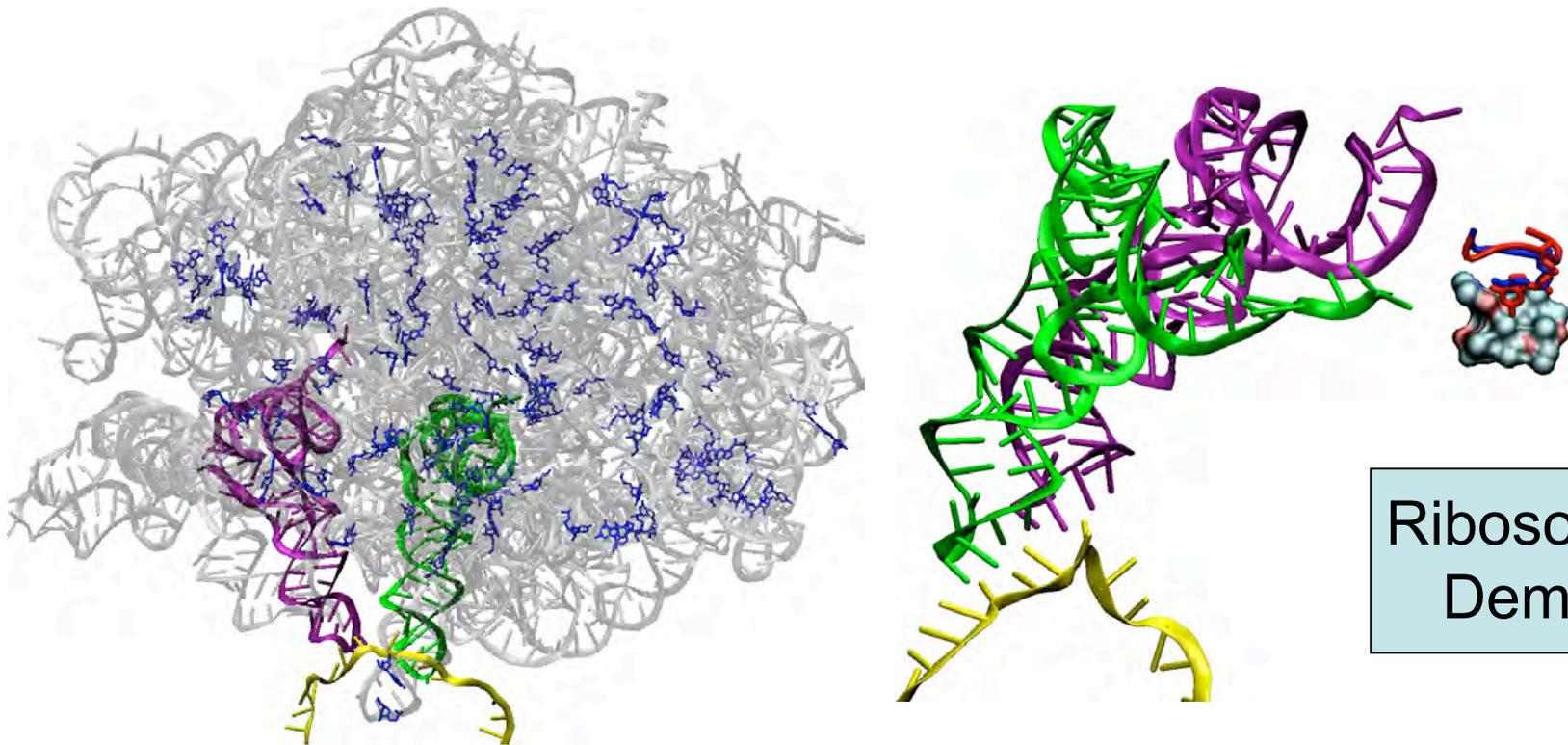
With T. Pogorelov , Biophys. J. 2004
Jonathan Montoya, 2007

R-protein S4 Docking



23S rRNA Sequence Signatures - Effects on Translation?

- Signatures are nucleotides that are conserved in and characteristic of a domain of life.
- 5% of 2900 nucleotides differentiate Bacteria from Archaea/Eukarya
- Signature A 2058 (*E. coli*) in exit channel is target of natural antibiotics like erythromycin
- In resistant bacterial strains, A2058DMA is post-translationally modified (riboswitch)



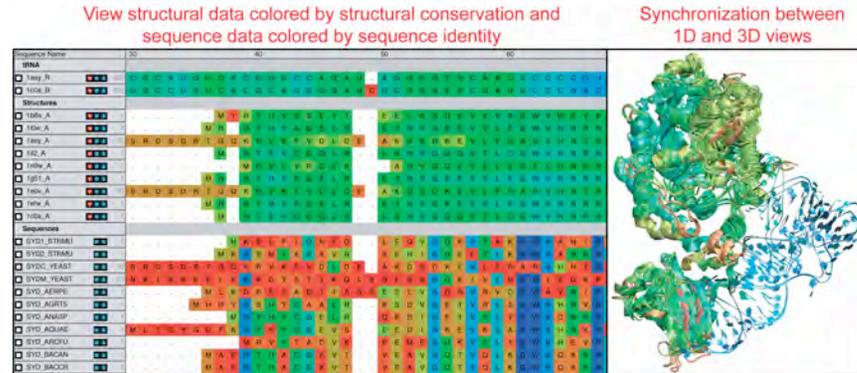
Evolutionary Analysis Tools in MultiSeq/VMD

J. Eargle, D. Wright, Z. Luthey-Schulten, *Bioinformatics*, 22:504 (2006)

E. Roberts, J. Eargle, D. Wright, Z. Luthey-Schulten, *BMC Bioinformatics*, 7:382 (2006)

Protein Sequence /
Structure Data

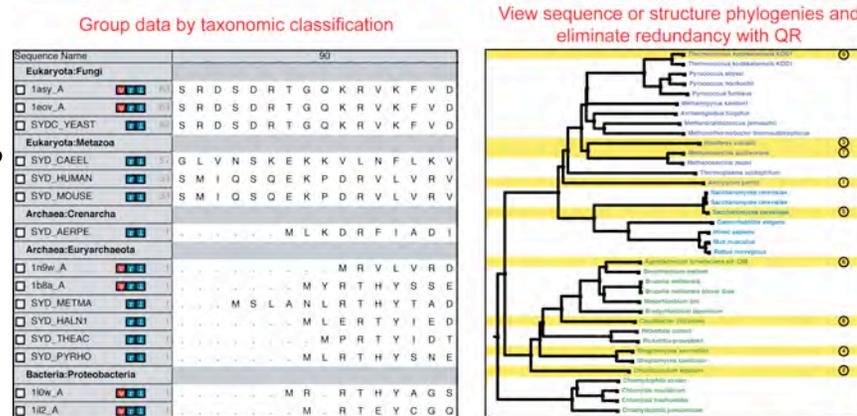
Entire SwissProt Seqs



RNA Sequence /
Structure Data

90,000 Envir. Seqs

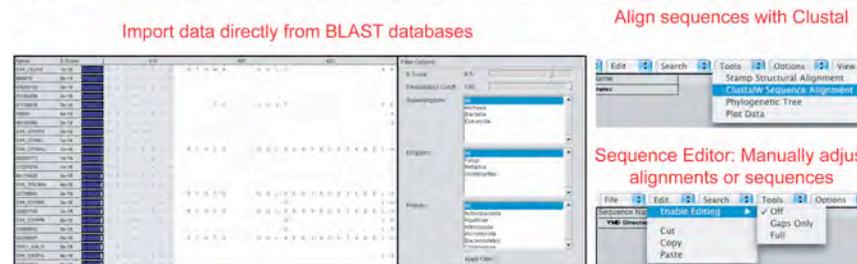
Metadata Information,
Clustal &
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Signature Analysis



QR non-redundant
seq/struct sets

Cluster analysis /
Bioinformatics scripting

Blast & PsiBlast
Sequence Editor



Tutorials
MultiSeq/AARS
EF-Tu/Ribosome

MultiSeq Tutorials