

## Goals

• To help your survive the RNA data jungle.

- To conceptually and practically connect the three levels of RNA structural information.
- To introduce mature prediction and annotation tools.
- To illustrate the structure-informed curation RNA alignments.
- To keep this fun and interactive.

# Schedule (French)

When?	What?		
9:30	Introduction		
9:45	First session: Databases, 2D structure prediction tools, 3D annotations tools, hands on.		
10:30	Interactive coffee break		
10:45	Second session: Ensemble approaches, comparative methods, further refinement of alignments, assessment.		
12:30	Discussion		
13:00	Lunch		

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# How RNA folds



RNA folding = Hierarchical stochastic process driven by/resulting in the pairing (hydrogen bonds) of a subset of its bases.

# Sources of RNA data

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Name	Data type	Scope	Description	File formats #Entries		URL
PDB	All-atoms	General	RCSB Protein Data Bank – Global repository for 3D molecular models	PDB	~1,900 models	http://www.pdb.org
NDB	All-atoms, Secondary structures	General	Nucleic Acids Database – Nucleic acids models and structural annotations.	PDB, RNAML	~2,000 models	http://bit.ly/rna-ndb
RFAM	Alignments, Secondary structures <sup>3</sup>	General	RNA FAMilies – Multiple alignments of RNA as functional families. Features consensus secondary structures, either predicted and/or manually curated.	stockholm, fasta	~1,973 Alignments/ structures, 2,756,313 sequences	http://bit.ly/rfam-db
STRAND	Secondary structures	General	The RNA secondary STRucture and statistical ANalysis Database – Curated aggregation of several databases	CT, BPSEQ, RNAML, FASTA, Vienna	4,666 structures	http://bit.ly/sstrand
PseudoBase	Secondary structures	Pseudokn otted RNAs	PseudoBase – Secondary structure of known pseudonotted RNAs.	Extended Vienna RNA	359 structures	http://bit.ly/pkbase
CRW	Sequence alignments, Secondary structures	Ribosoma I RNAs, Introns	Comparative RNA Web Site – Manually curated alignments and statistics of ribosomal RNAs.	FASTA, ALN, BPSEQ	I,109 structures, 91,877 sequences	http://bit.ly/crw-rna

### RNA file formats: Sequences (alignments)

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#### Fasta

CLUSTAL 2.1 multiple sequence alignment

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H.sapiens.2	UGGUUACUUGCACGGGGAC 72
H.sapiens.3	CCAUUACUUGGCUCGGGGAC 71

Aln

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#### Stockholm (RFAM)

> Rat Alanine tRNA

#### Vienna (RNAFold)

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#### PseudoBase

#### **BPSeq (CRW)**

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# Secondary Structure representations



http://varna.lri.fr

Run the web start version of VARNA at: http://varna.lri.fr/downloads.html

Locate and save on disk a bunch of secondary structures from the RNA Strand Database (CT or BPseq): http://www.rnasoft.ca/strand/

 Load these files and using the region highlight feature of VARNA, highlight a region of interest.

Menu Edit Annotation New Region

# Basic prediction

Minimal free-energy folding

# Minimal Free-Energy (MFE) Folding

#### ...CAGUAGCCGAUCGCAGCUAGCGUA...



- > Turner model associates energy to each compatible secondary structure.
- Vienna RNA package implements a O(n<sup>3</sup>) algorithm for computing the most stable folding...
- but also offers nice visualization features.

### **RFAM: RNA functional families**

#### http://rfam.sanger.ac.uk/



# Minimal Free-Energy folding of RNA

 Get the RFAM alignment for the the DI-D4 domain of the Group II intron (RFAM ID: RF02001 – Seed – Stockholm format)

http://rfam.sanger.ac.uk/

- Load the A. Capsulatum (Acidobacterium\_capsu.1) sequence in VARNA.
- Run RNAFold on this sequence using the Vienna RNA web tools suite: http://rna.tbi.univie.ac.at/
- Retrieve the result (Vienna format) and compare it with the consensus structure.
- Rerun RNAFold using more recent energy parameters (Show advanced options → Turner 2004 energy model)
- Compare the predictions in both models.

### Advanced structural features

Tertiary motifs and pseudoknots

## Non canonical interactions



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### Leontis/Westhof nomenclature: A *visual grammar* for tertiary motifs



+ Tools to infer base-pairs from experimentally-derived 3D models RNAView, MC-Annotate...

### Automated annotation of 3D RNA models

- Get from the NDB and compile (see Readme) the RNAView software\* http://ndbserver.rutgers.edu/services/download/
- Retrieve the 3IGI model from the RSCB PDB as a PDB file.
- Annotate it using RNAview (-p option) to create a RNAML file
- Visualize the output RNAML file within VARNA
- Run RNAFold (default options) on the sequence and compare the prediction with the one inferred from the 3D model.

# Pseudoknots

Pseudoknots are complex topological models indicated by crossing interactions.



- Pseudoknots are largely ignored by computational prediction tools:
  - Lack of accepted energy model
  - Algorithmically challenging
- Yet heuristics can be sometimes efficient.
- Visualizing of secondary structure with pseudoknots is supported by:
  - PseudoViewer
  - VARNA



# Predicting and visualizing Pseudoknots

Get seq./struct. data for a pseudoknot tmRNA the PseudoBase (ID: PKB210) http://pseudobaseplusplus.utep.edu/

- Visualize the structure using VARNA and the Pseudoviewer: http://pseudoviewer.inha.ac.kr/
- Fold this sequence using RNAFold and compare the result to the native structure
- Fold this sequence using Pknots-RG (Program type: Enforcing PK): http://bibiserv.techfak.uni-bielefeld.de/pknotsrg/

# Ensemble approaches in RNA folding

- RNA in silico paradigm shift:
  - From single structure, minimal free-energy folding...
  - ... to ensemble approaches.



Ensemble diversity? Structure likelihood? Evolutionary robustness?

#### Example:

# Comparative data

# RNA Alignment curation

- Different tools for different tasks
  - 'top down' Structure guided modelling
    - S2S/Assemble
    - Interactive 3D modelling edit structure based on fold predictions and manual manipulation
    - Alignments arise from RNA structure comparisons
  - 'Bottom up'
    - Use evolutionary information (conservation patterns) to infer structural homology
    - Alignment methods like locaRNA or R-COFFEE maximise similarity in base pair contacts
    - Still need to curate/correlate with respect to other evidence for homology
  - Why curate when no structure is available
    - INFERNAL tool to search genomes for matches to RFAM alignments
      - □ Functional modules, etc.

# A selection of tools ..

- RALEE (based on Emacs)
  - ▶ Favourite for hardcore RNA modellers (, ), space and delete to edit

#### 4SALE

- Visual editor also accesses RNA alignment and folding services
- BoulderAle: <u>http://boulderale.sourceforge.net/</u>
  - Web based RNA alignment annotator/editor (up to 1000 nucleotides)
  - Uses VARNA for 2D visualization & KineMAGE for 3D structure
    - Stockholm file + Vienna files + GFF
  - Model 2D structure based on isostericity
  - Curate alignments to align bases that can form similar base-base interactions
- Jalview new kid on the block...

### 4SALE



# Upcoming Jalview features



### Jalview's features relevant to RNA



#### Lauren Lui, UC Santa Cruz. http://jalview-rnasupport.blogspot.com/



# Jan Engelhardt (Uni. Leipzig)

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VARNA: Visualization Applet ×

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#### **VARNA: Visualization Applet for RNA**

A Java lightweight component and applet for drawing the RNA secondary structure



# RNA alignment tutorial with Locarna and Jalview

- I. Start Development version of Jalview http://www.compbio.dundee.ac.uk/users/wsdevI/jalview/develop/webstart/jalview\_IG.jnlp
- 2. Import RF00162 from RFAM seed alignment
- 3. Select first 6 sequences in alignment, copy and paste to new alignment (shift + cmd/CTRL+V)
- 4. Select 'Edit->remove all gaps'
- 5. Add PDB sequence 2gis
- 6. Open locarna server page at <u>http://rna.informatik.uni-</u> <u>freiburg.de:8080/LocARNA.jsp</u>
- Select/copy all 7 (ctrl+a + ctrl+c) and paste into locarna input
- 8. Wait a few minutes...

# Viewing the locarna results in Jalview

alifold

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- Jalview doesn't support direct retrieval of LocaRNA results = just yet
- I. Download '[alignment]' link
- 2. Open in a text editor
- Replace the lower RNA secondary structure line with the 'alifold' prediction given in the locarna output
- 4. Save and load into Jalview

#### download [alignment] [matrix] [tree]

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# LocaRNA and RNAliFold in Jalview



# VARNA in Jalview



# Linked Highlighting & Selections



# Inspection and curation of prediction



# Summary/Discussion