



# Quick intro to the MIT CompBio Group





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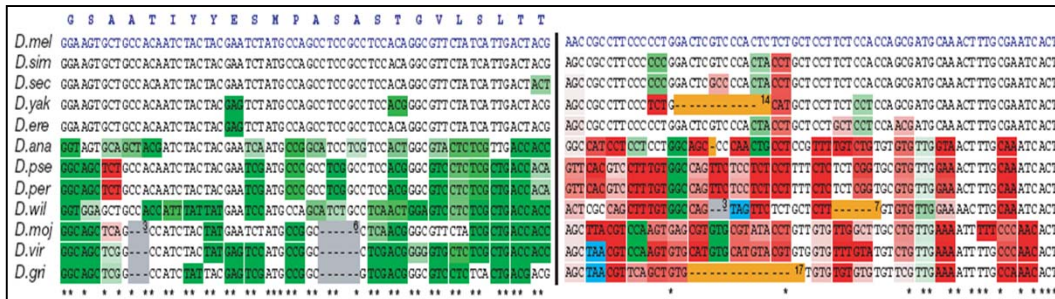
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# What we do: Research synopsis

- **Why biology in a computer science group?**
- **Fundamental biological questions:**
  1. Interpreting the human genome.
  2. Revealing the logic of gene regulation.
  3. Principles of evolutionary change.
- **Algorithmic/machine learning methods:**
  - Comparative genomics: evolutionary signatures
  - Regulatory genomics: motifs, networks, models
  - Epigenomics: chromatin states, dynamics, disease
  - Phylogenomics: evolution at the genome scale
- **Defining characteristics of our group:**
  - Learn genomic rules, exploit nature of problems
  - Interdisciplinary collaborations, high biology impact

# (1) Comparative genomics: evolutionary signatures

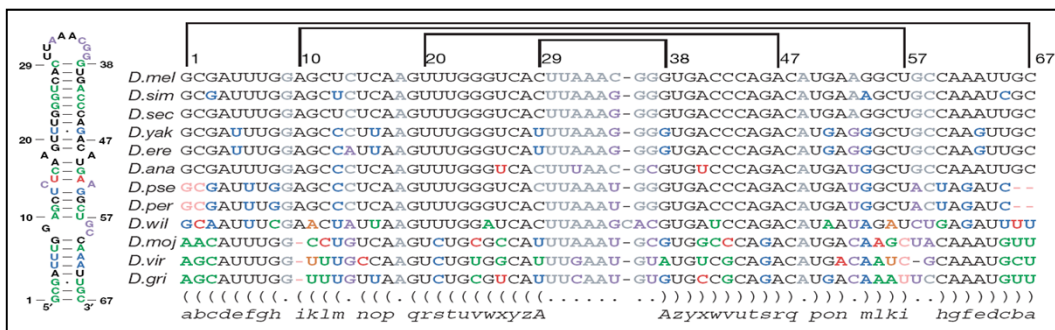


## Protein-coding signatures

- 1000s new coding exons
- Translational readthrough
- Overlapping constraints

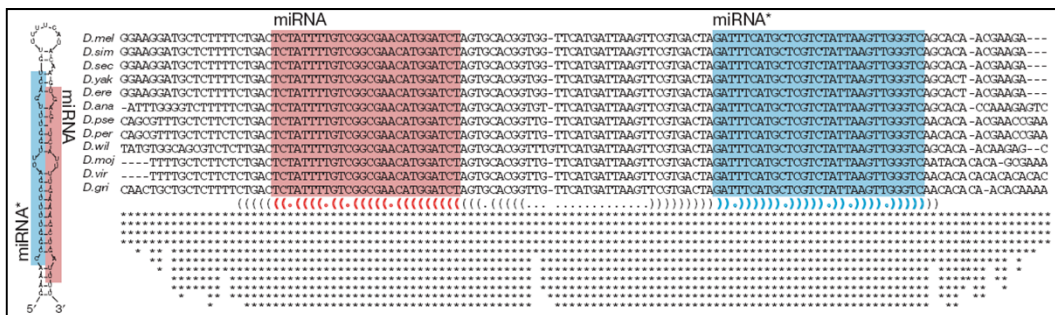
## Non-coding RNA signatures

- Novel structural families
- Targeting, editing, stability
- Structures in coding exons



## microRNA signatures:

- Novel/expanded miR families
- miR/miR\* arm cooperation
- Sense/anti-sense switches



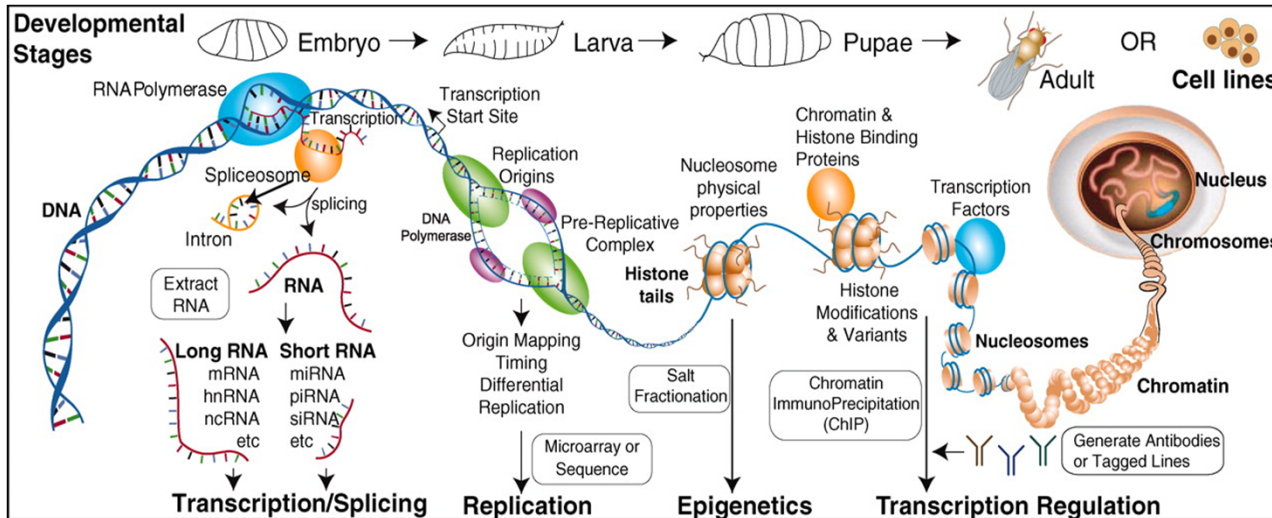
## Regulatory motif signatures

- Systematic motif discovery
- Regulatory motif instances
- TF/miRNA target networks
- Single binding-site resolution



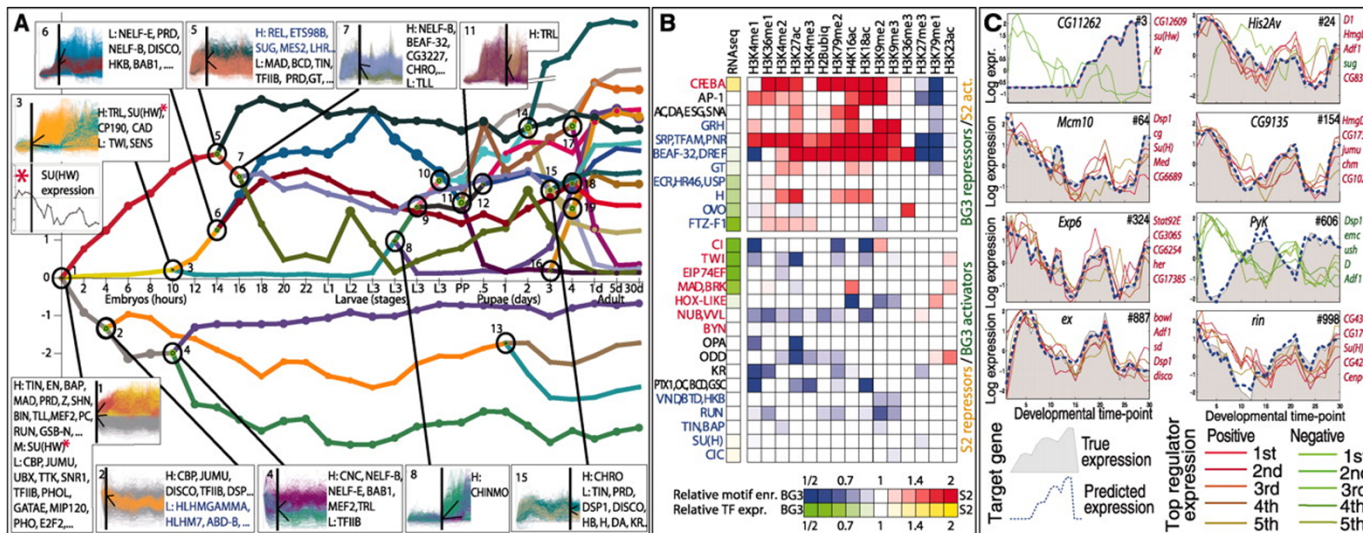


## (2) Regulatory genomics: circuits, predictive models



## ENCODE/modENCODE

- 4-year effort, dozens of experimental labs
- Integrative analysis
- Systematic genome annotation
- Flagship NIH project



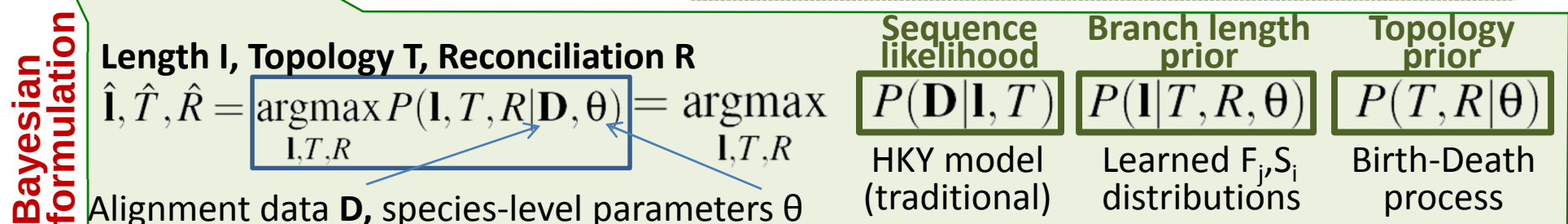
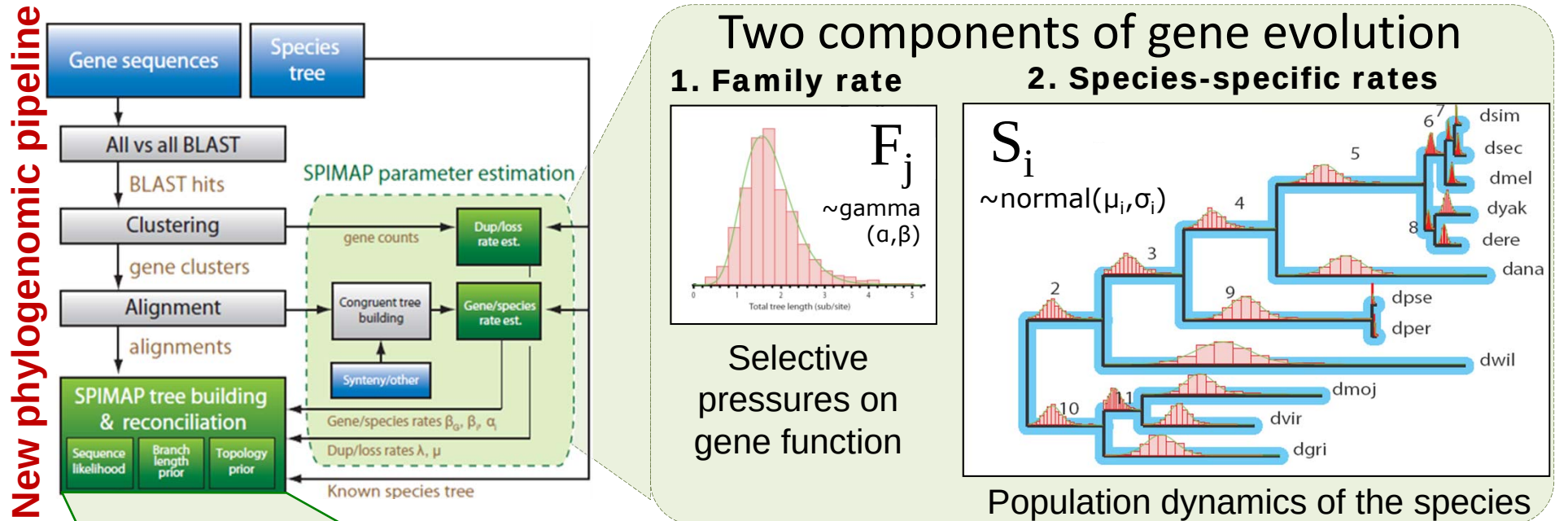
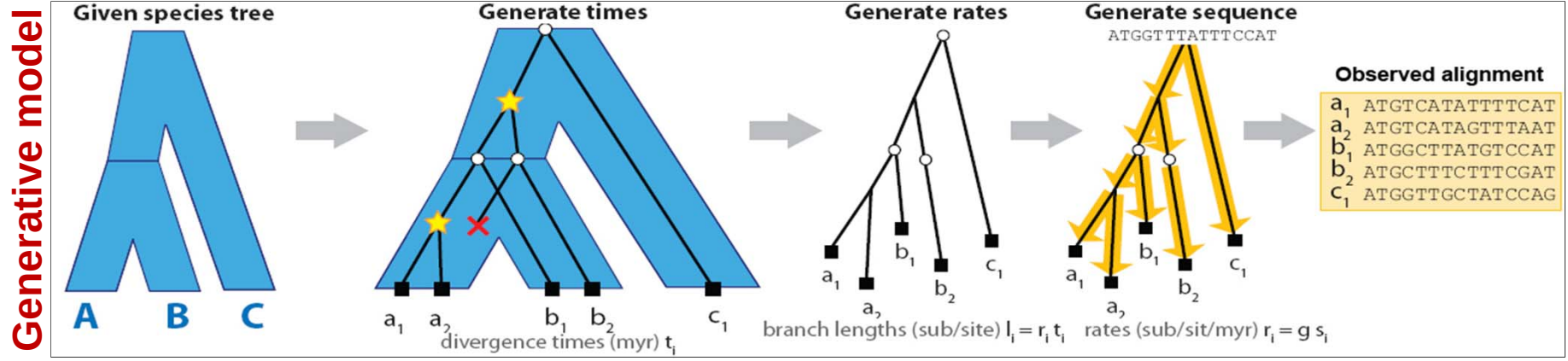
## Predictive models of gene regulation

- Infer networks
- Predict function
- Predict regulators
- Predict gene expression

- **Initial annotation of the non-coding genome, from 20% to 70%**
- **Systems biology for an animal genome for the first time possible**
- **Students and postdocs are co-first authors, leadership roles**



# (3) Phylogenomics: Bayesian gene-tree reconstruction







Jason Ernst

Discovery and characterization of chromatin states for systematic annotation of the human genome

Jason Ernst & Manolis Kellis

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## (4) Vignette on Epigenomics

Using chromatin information  
to understand human diseases

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### Mapping and analysis of chromatin state dynamics in nine human cell types

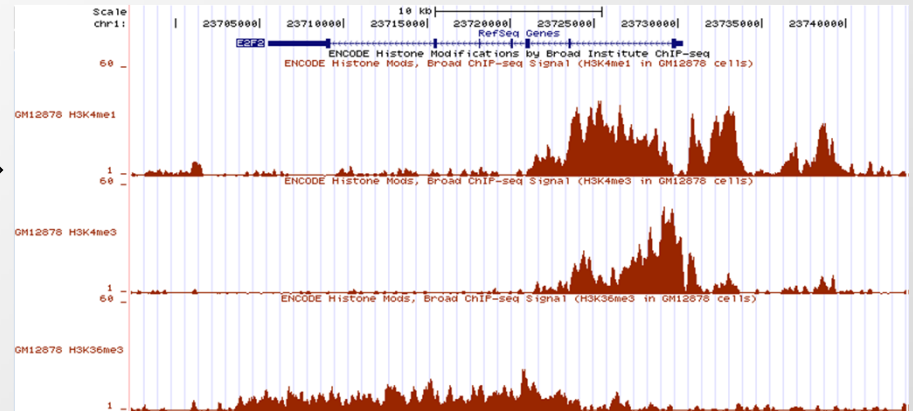
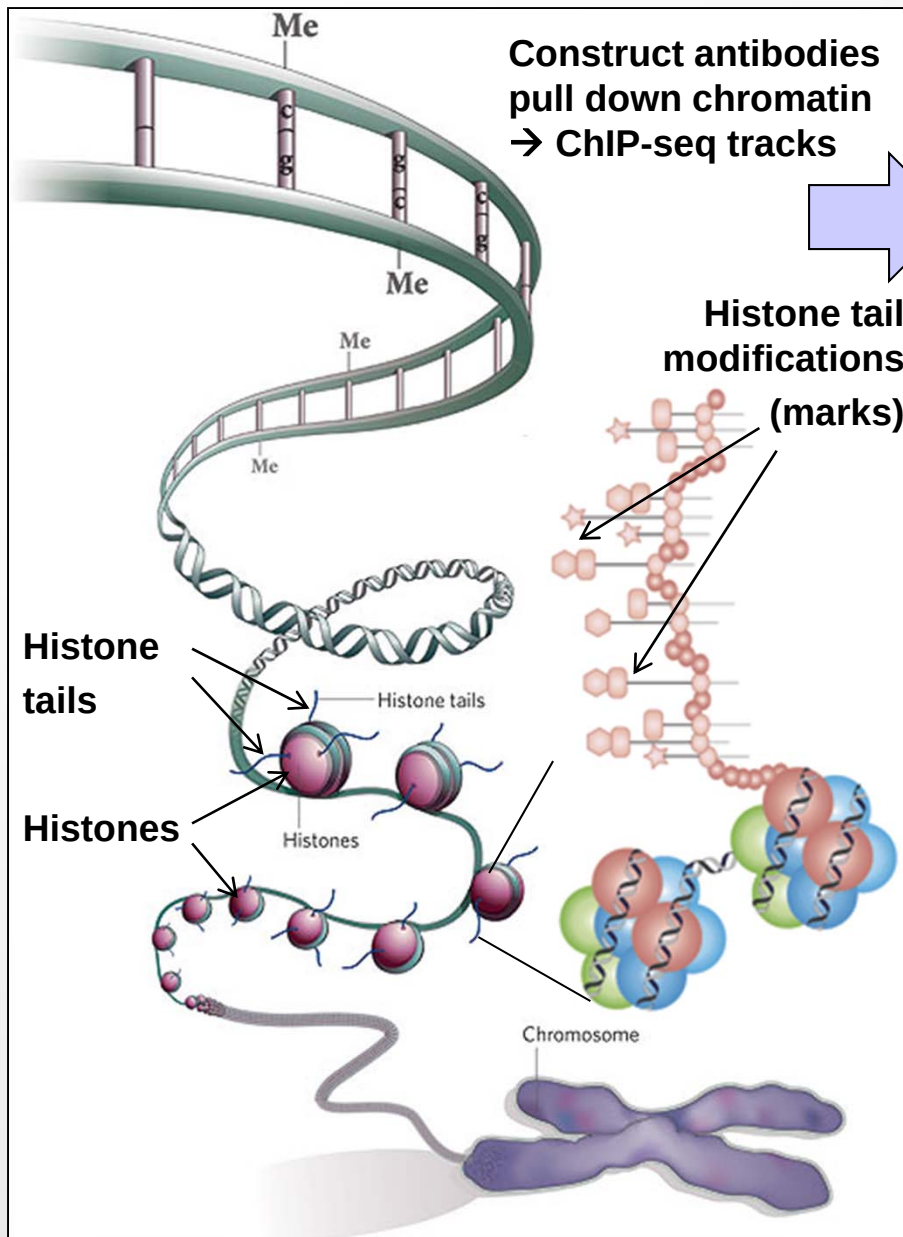
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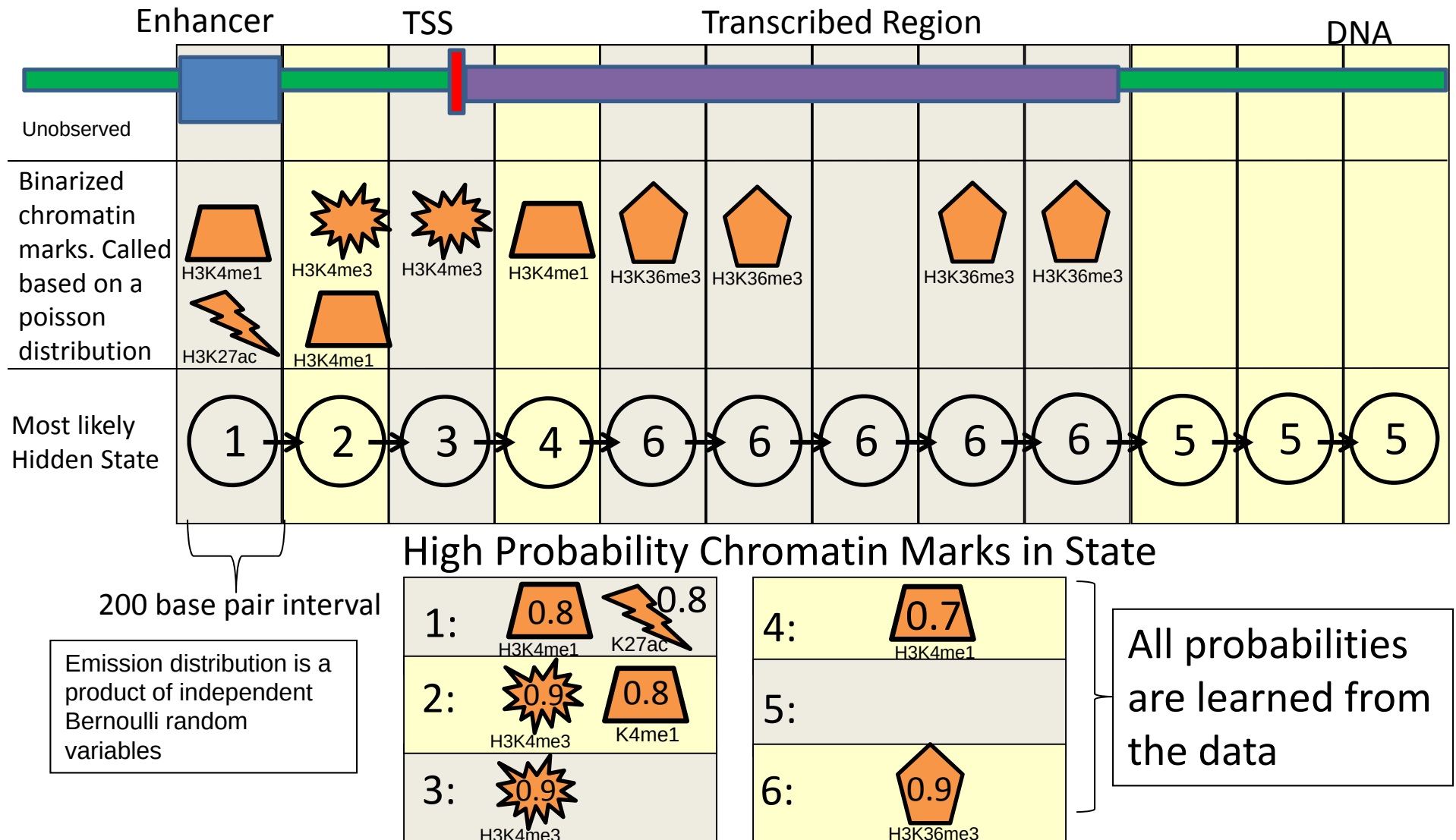
# Challenge of data integration in many marks/cells



- **Dozens of chromatin tracks**
  - Understand their function
  - Reveal their combinations
  - Annotate systematically
- **Our approach: learn common chromatin states**
  - Explicitly model combinations
  - Unsupervised approach, probabilistic model

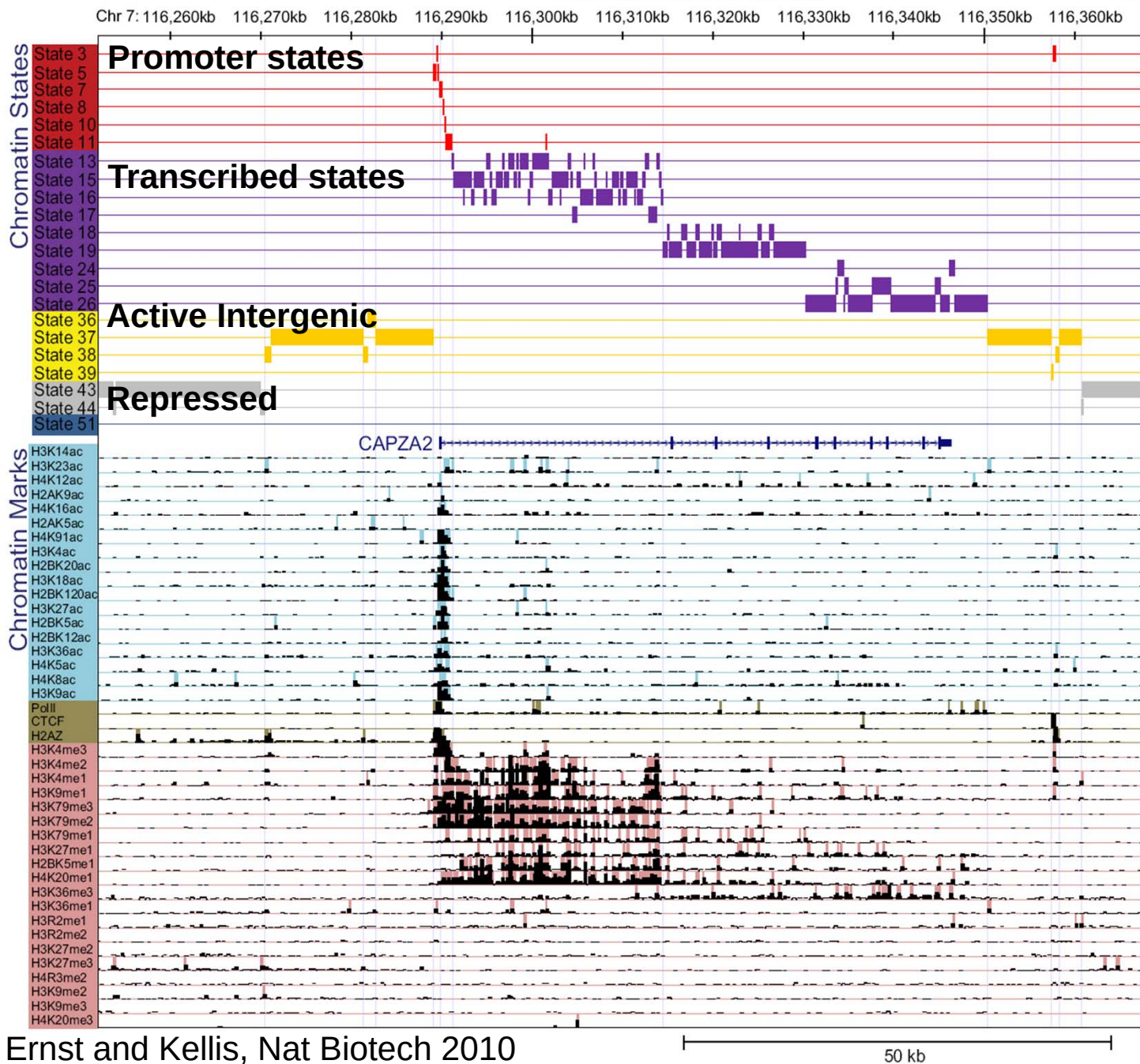


# Our approach: Multivariate Hidden Markov Model (HMM)



Binarization leads to explicit modeling of mark combinations and interpretable parameters

# From 'chromatin marks' to 'chromatin states'



- Learn *de novo* significant combinations of chromatin marks
- Reveal functional elements, even without looking at sequence
- Use for genome annotation
- Use for studying regulation dynamics in different cell types



# ENCODE: Study nine marks in nine human cell types

9 marks

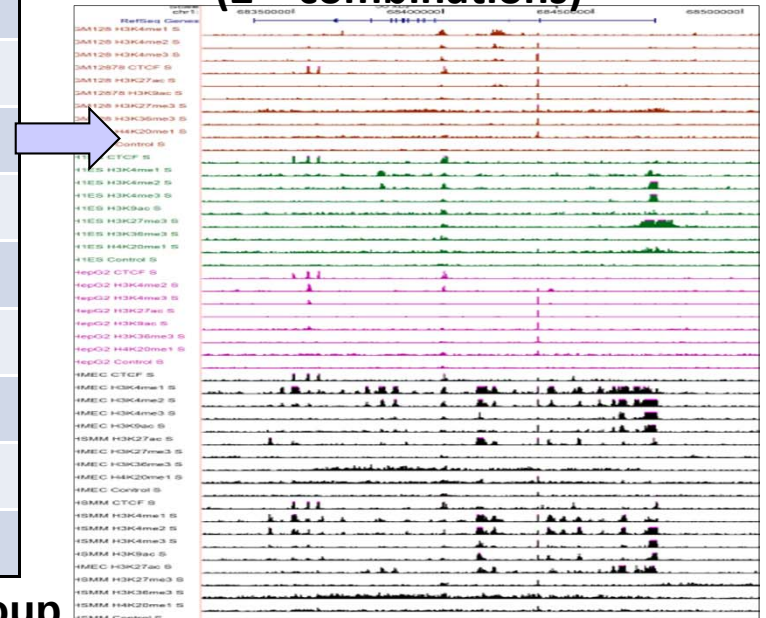
|          |
|----------|
| H3K4me1  |
| H3K4me2  |
| H3K4me3  |
| H3K27ac  |
| H3K9ac   |
| H3K27me3 |
| H4K20me1 |
| H3K36me3 |
| CTCF     |
| +WCE     |
| +RNA     |

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9 human cell types

|         |                              |
|---------|------------------------------|
| HUVEC   | Umbilical vein endothelial   |
| NHEK    | Keratinocytes                |
| GM12878 | Lymphoblastoid               |
| K562    | Myelogenous leukemia         |
| HepG2   | Liver carcinoma              |
| NHLF    | Normal human lung fibroblast |
| HMEC    | Mammary epithelial cell      |
| HSMM    | Skeletal muscle myoblasts    |
| H1      | Embryonic                    |

81 Chromatin Mark Tracks  
( $2^8$  combinations)



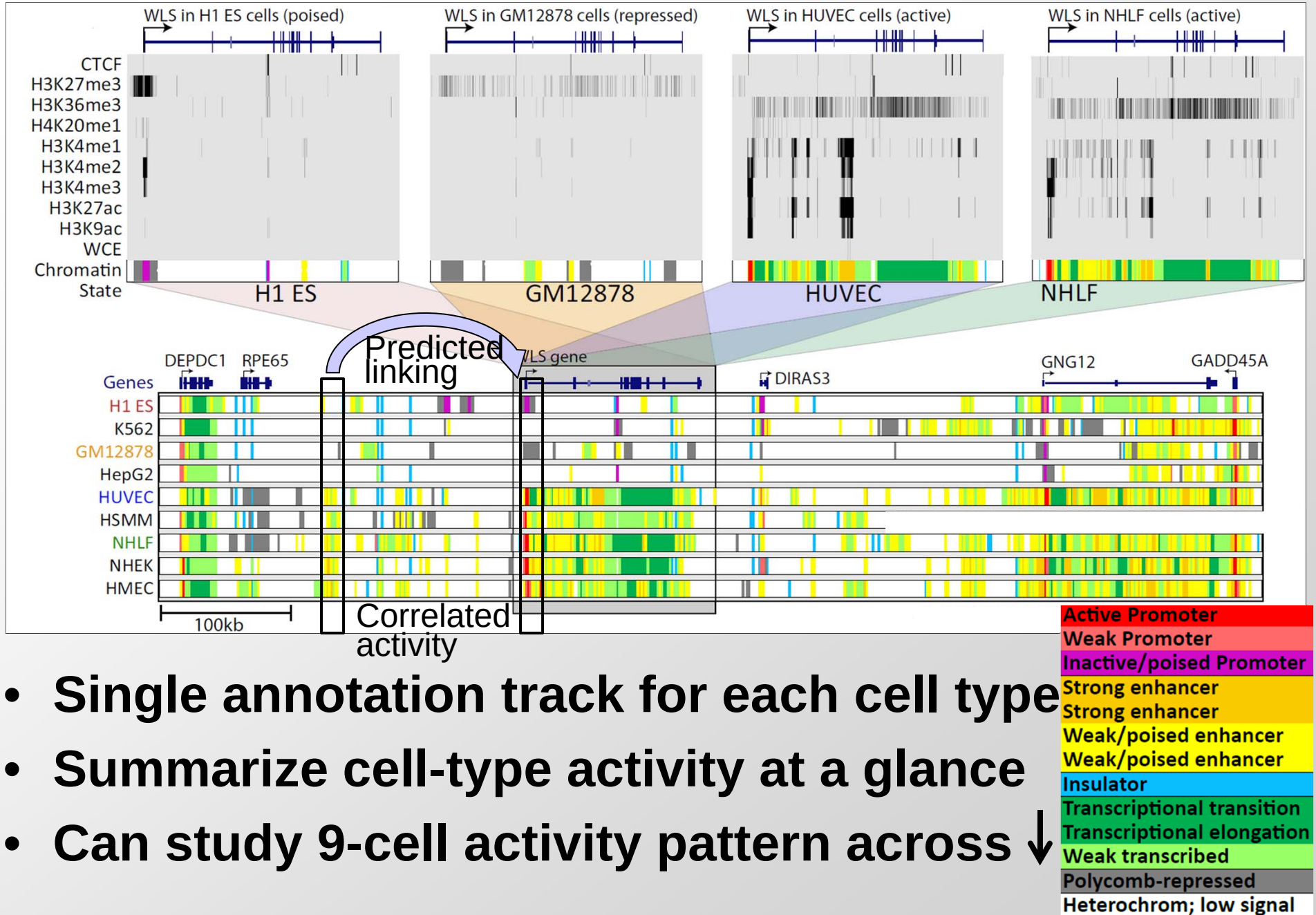
Brad Bernstein ENCODE Chromatin Group

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| Chromatin States | State | Chromatin Mark Observation Frequency (%) |          |          |          |         |         |         |         |        |      | Coverage |        |      | Median Length | +/-2kb TSS                    | Conserved non-exon | DNase (K562) | C-Myc (K562) | NF-κB (GM12878) | Transcript | Nuclear Lamina (NHLF)      | Candidate state annotation |    |
|------------------|-------|------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|------|----------|--------|------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----|
|                  |       | CTCF                                     | H3K27me3 | H3K36me3 | H4K20me1 | H3K4me1 | H3K4me2 | H3K4me3 | H3K27ac | H3K9ac | WCE  | Median   | H1 ES  |      |               |                               |                    |              |              |                 |            |                            |                            | GM |
|                  |       |                                          |          |          |          |         |         |         |         |        |      |          |        |      |               |                               |                    |              |              |                 |            |                            |                            |    |
| 1                | 16    | 2                                        | 2        | 6        | 17       | 93      | 99      | 96      | 98      | 2      | 0.6  | 0.5      | 1.2    | 1.0  | 83            | 3.8                           | 23.3               | 82.0         | 40.7         | 0.2             | 0.15       | Active Promoter            |                            |    |
| 2                | 12    | 2                                        | 6        | 9        | 53       | 94      | 95      | 14      | 44      | 1      | 0.5  | 1.2      | 1.3    | 0.4  | 58            | 2.8                           | 15.3               | 12.6         | 5.8          | 0.6             | 0.30       | Weak Promoter              |                            |    |
| 3                | 13    | 72                                       | 0        | 9        | 48       | 78      | 49      | 1       | 10      | 1      | 0.2  | 4.0      | 1.0    | 0.6  | 49            | 4.3                           | 10.8               | 3.1          | 1.0          | 0.4             | 0.68       | Inactive/poised Promoter   |                            |    |
| 4                | 11    | 1                                        | 15       | 11       | 96       | 99      | 75      | 97      | 86      | 4      | 0.7  | 0.1      | 1.1    | 0.6  | 23            | 2.7                           | 23.1               | 31.8         | 49.0         | 1.3             | 0.05       | Strong enhancer            |                            |    |
| 5                | 5     | 0                                        | 10       | 3        | 88       | 57      | 5       | 84      | 25      | 1      | 1.2  | 0.2      | 0.7    | 0.6  | 3             | 1.8                           | 13.6               | 6.3          | 15.8         | 1.4             | 0.10       | Strong enhancer            |                            |    |
| 6                | 7     | 1                                        | 1        | 3        | 58       | 75      | 8       | 6       | 5       | 1      | 0.9  | 1.3      | 1.0    | 0.2  | 17            | 2.4                           | 11.9               | 5.7          | 7.0          | 1.1             | 0.31       | Weak/poised enhancer       |                            |    |
| 7                | 2     | 1                                        | 2        | 1        | 56       | 3       | 0       | 6       | 2       | 1      | 1.9  | 1.2      | 1.1    | 0.4  | 4             | 1.5                           | 5.1                | 0.6          | 2.4          | 1.3             | 0.20       | Weak/poised enhancer       |                            |    |
| 8                | 92    | 2                                        | 1        | 3        | 6        | 3       | 0       | 0       | 1       | 1      | 0.5  | 1.4      | 1.0    | 0.4  | 3             | 1.5                           | 12.8               | 2.5          | 1.2          | 1.1             | 0.61       | Insulator                  |                            |    |
| 9                | 5     | 0                                        | 43       | 43       | 37       | 11      | 2       | 9       | 4       | 1      | 0.7  | 1.3      | 1.0    | 0.8  | 4             | 1.1                           | 4.5                | 0.7          | 0.8          | 2.4             | 0.02       | Transcriptional transition |                            |    |
| 10               | 1     | 0                                        | 47       | 3        | 0        | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 1      | 4.3  | 0.6      | 1.2    | 3.0  | 1             | 0.9                           | 0.3                | 0.0          | 0.0          | 2.5             | 0.11       | Transcriptional elongation |                            |    |
| 11               | 0     | 0                                        | 3        | 2        | 0        | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      | 12.5 | 1.3      | 0.8    | 2.6  | 2             | 0.9                           | 0.3                | 0.0          | 0.1          | 1.9             | 0.24       | Weak transcribed           |                            |    |
| 12               | 1     | 27                                       | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      | 4.1  | 0.3      | 0.7    | 2.8  | 5             | 1.4                           | 0.3                | 0.0          | 0.1          | 0.8             | 0.63       | Polycomb-repressed         |                            |    |
| 13               | 0     | 0                                        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0      | 71.4 | 1.0      | 1.0    | 10.0 | 1             | 0.9                           | 0.1                | 0.0          | 0.0          | 0.7             | 1.30       | Heterochrom; low signal    |                            |    |
| 14               | 22    | 28                                       | 19       | 41       | 6        | 5       | 26      | 5       | 13      | 37     | 0.1  | 0.9      | 1.2    | 0.6  | 3             | 0.4                           | 1.9                | 0.3          | 0.2          | 0.4             | 1.44       | Repetitive/CNV             |                            |    |
| 15               | 85    | 85                                       | 91       | 88       | 76       | 77      | 91      | 73      | 85      | 78     | 0.1  | 0.9      | 1.0    | 0.2  | 1             | 0.2                           | 5.9                | 9.5          | 7.4          | 0.4             | 1.30       | Repetitive/CNV             |                            |    |
|                  |       | Chromatin Mark Observation Frequency (%) |          |          |          |         |         |         |         |        |      | (%)      | (fold) | (kb) | (%)           | Functional enrichments (fold) |                    |              |              |                 |            |                            |                            |    |

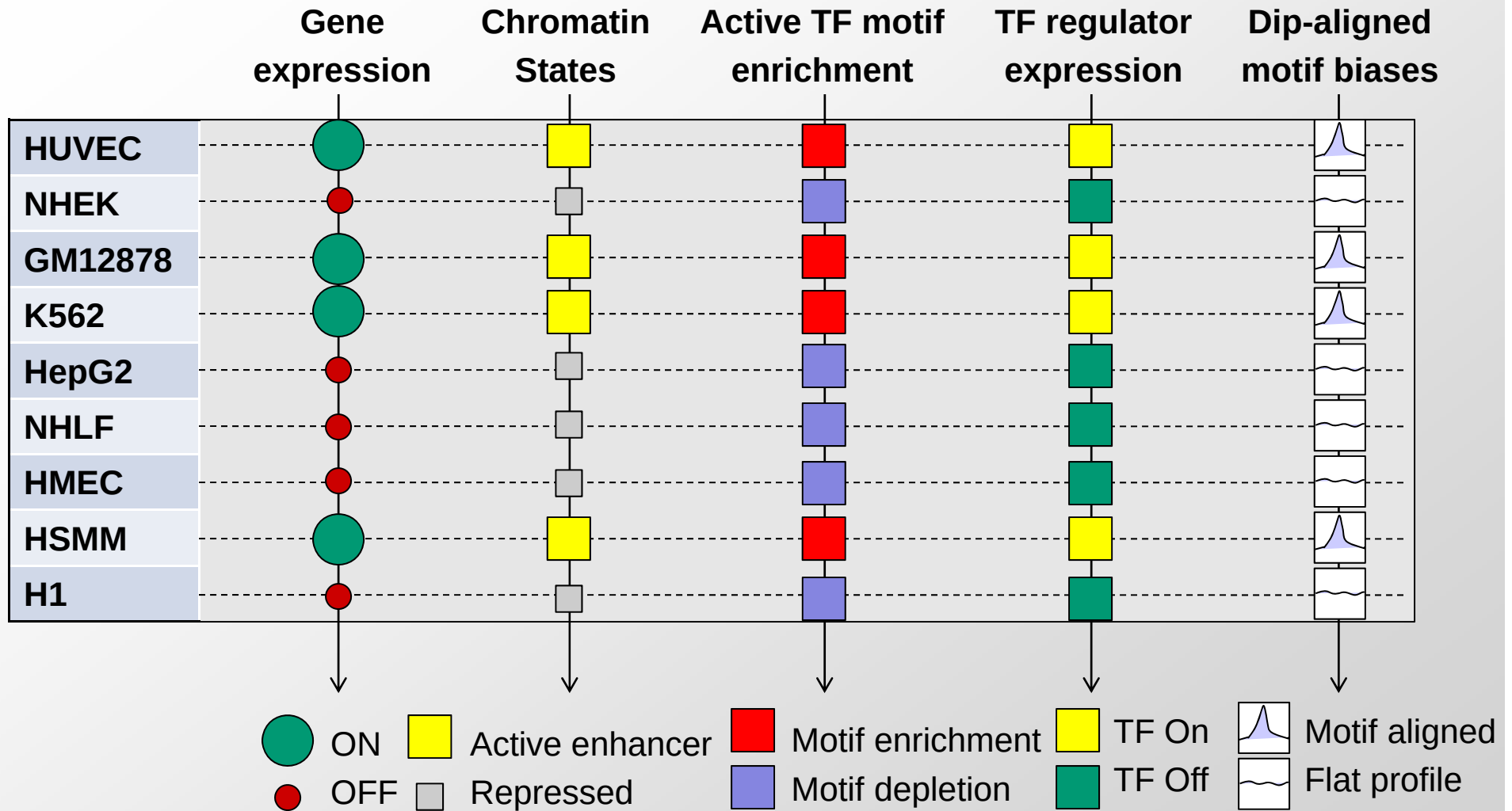
# Chromatin states dynamics across nine cell types



- Single annotation track for each cell type
- Summarize cell-type activity at a glance
- Can study 9-cell activity pattern across ↓



# Multi-cell activity profiles and their correlations



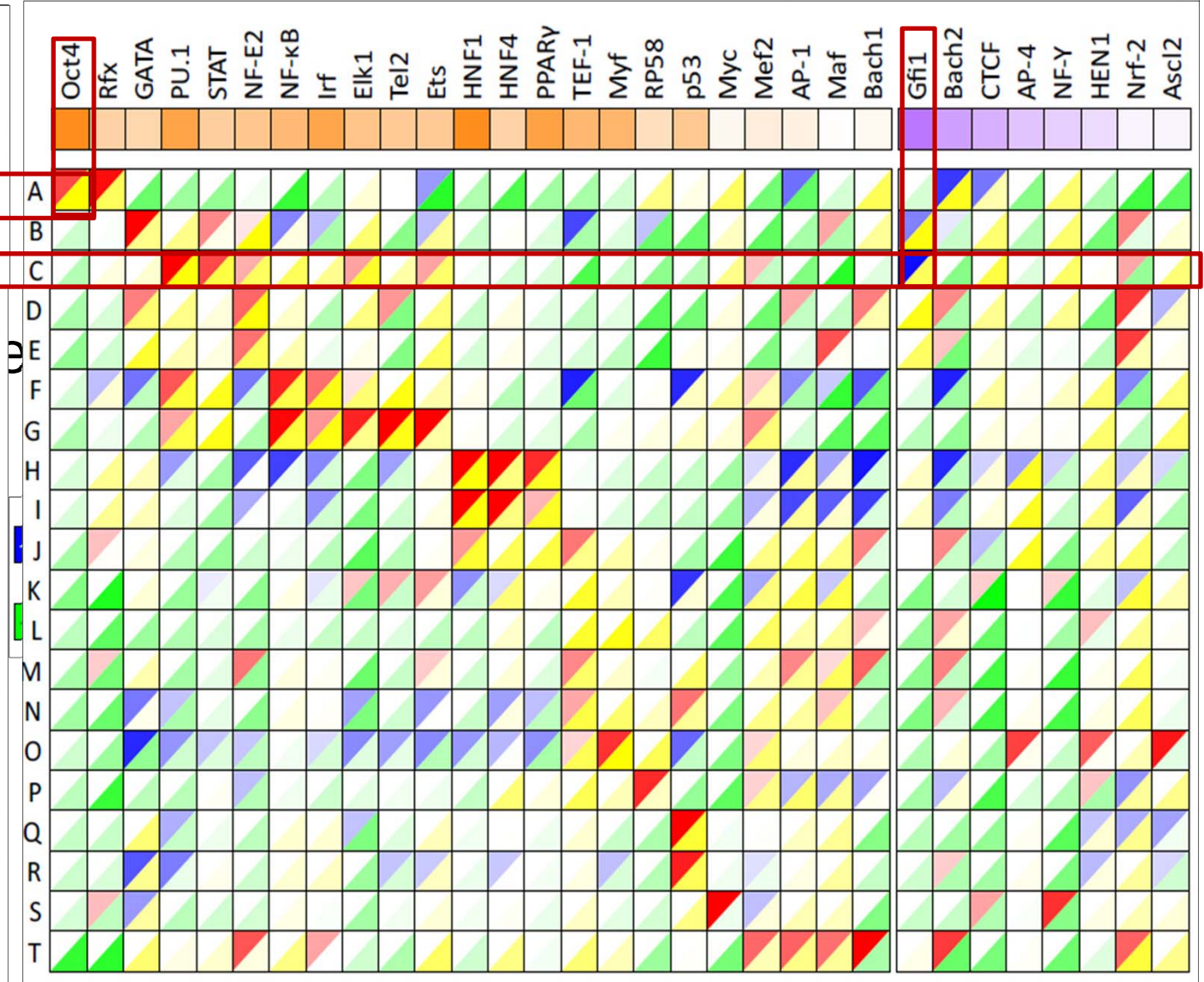
Chromatin state & gene expression → link enhancers and target genes  
 TF motif enrichment & TF expression → reveal activators / repressors

# Coordinated activity reveals activators/repressors

Enhancer activity

|   | H1 ES | K562 | GM12878 | HepG2 | HUVEC | HSMM | NHLF | NHEK | HMEC |
|---|-------|------|---------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| A | 44    | 3    | 2       | 3     | 2     | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    |
| B | 1     | 48   | 2       | 4     | 2     | 2    | 2    | 2    | 2    |
| C | 2     | 48   | 47      | 8     | 5     | 5    | 4    | 5    | 3    |
| D | 4     | 46   | 9       | 10    | 45    | 10   | 11   | 14   | 10   |
| E | 4     | 48   | 12      | 14    | 10    | 10   | 10   | 44   | 26   |
| F | 0     | 1    | 48      | 1     | 1     | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| G | 2     | 5    | 48      | 6     | 46    | 16   | 13   | 12   | 7    |
| H | 1     | 2    | 2       | 51    | 1     | 1    | 1    | 2    | 1    |
| I | 1     | 1    | 1       | 36    | 1     | 1    | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| J | 3     | 7    | 6       | 49    | 31    | 30   | 18   | 12   | 10   |
| K | 1     | 2    | 2       | 2     | 46    | 3    | 4    | 4    | 3    |
| L | 2     | 3    | 2       | 2     | 47    | 45   | 20   | 7    | 9    |
| M | 3     | 3    | 5       | 6     | 49    | 26   | 19   | 47   | 34   |
| N | 2     | 2    | 6       | 5     | 5     | 47   | 18   | 46   | 31   |
| O | 1     | 1    | 2       | 1     | 2     | 45   | 5    | 2    | 3    |
| P | 1     | 3    | 4       | 2     | 4     | 21   | 45   | 4    | 4    |
| Q | 2     | 1    | 5       | 5     | 3     | 3    | 4    | 49   | 45   |
| R | 1     | 1    | 3       | 2     | 3     | 3    | 3    | 45   | 8    |
| S | 2     | 4    | 4       | 4     | 8     | 6    | 5    | 8    | 43   |
| T | 11    | 40   | 27      | 25    | 45    | 41   | 39   | 45   | 41   |

Activity signatures for each TF



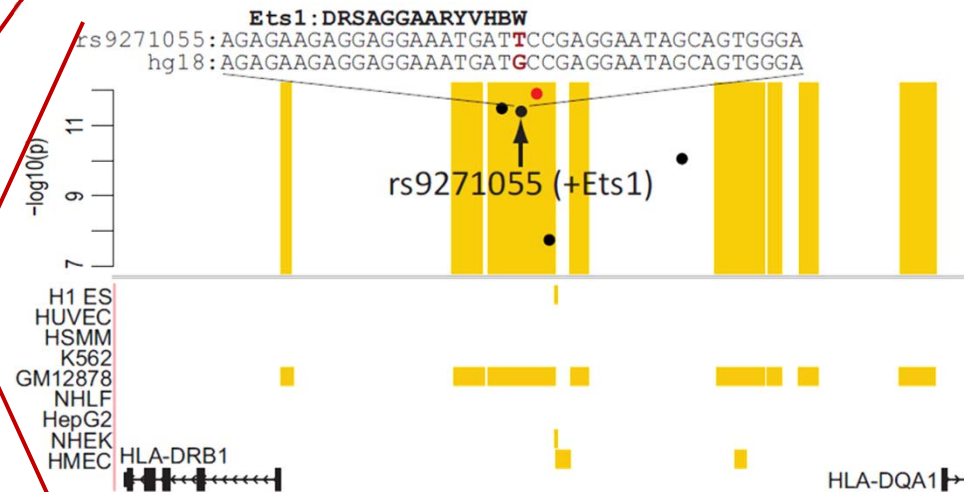
- Enhancer networks: Regulator → enhancer → target gene



# Revisiting disease-associated variants

| Phenotype                                       | Top Cell Type | Total #SNPs from Study | #SNPs in enh. States 4 and 5 | p-value              | FDR  | H1 ES | K562 | GM12878 | HepG2 | HUVEC | HSMM | NHLF | NHEK | HMEC |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------|-------|------|---------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Erythrocyte phenotypes (Ref. 38)                | K562          | 35                     | 9                            | $<10^{-7}$           | 0.02 | 9     | 17   | 4       | 0     | 0     | 1    | 2    | 1    | 1    |
| Blood lipids (Ref. 39)                          | HepG2         | 101                    | 13                           | $<10^{-7}$           | 0.02 | 3     | 5    | 0       | 11    | 2     | 3    | 3    | 4    | 3    |
| Rheumatoid arthritis (Ref. 40)                  | GM12878       | 29                     | 7                            | $2.0 \times 10^{-7}$ | 0.03 | 0     | 0    | 15      | 0     | 2     | 0    | 0    | 2    | 3    |
| Primary biliary cirrhosis (Ref. 41)             | GM12878       | 6                      | 4                            | $6.0 \times 10^{-7}$ | 0.03 | 0     | 11   | 41      | 0     | 0     | 0    | 0    | 8    | 8    |
| Systemic lupus erythematosus (Ref. 42)          | GM12878       | 18                     | 6                            | $9.0 \times 10^{-7}$ | 0.03 | 0     | 4    | 21      | 0     | 5     | 8    | 0    | 3    | 5    |
| Lipoprotein cholesterol/triglycerides (Ref. 43) | HepG2         | 18                     | 5                            | $1.2 \times 10^{-6}$ | 0.03 | 17    | 8    | 0       | 24    | 3     | 6    | 4    | 3    | 3    |
| Hematological traits (Ref. 44)                  | K562          | 39                     | 7                            | $1.7 \times 10^{-6}$ | 0.03 | 0     | 12   | 10      | 2     | 1     | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    |
| Hematological parameters (Ref. 45)              | K562          | 28                     | 6                            | $2.2 \times 10^{-6}$ | 0.03 | 0     | 15   | 7       | 0     | 5     | 7    | 7    | 3    | 2    |
| Colorectal cancer (Ref. 46)                     | HepG2         | 4                      | 3                            | $3.8 \times 10^{-6}$ | 0.03 | 0     | 0    | 0       | 66    | 0     | 12   | 0    | 12   | 12   |
| Blood pressure (Ref. 47)                        | K562          | 9                      | 4                            | $5.0 \times 10^{-6}$ | 0.04 | 0     | 30   | 14      | 0     | 10    | 6    | 7    | 5    | 11   |

| SNP        | H1 ES | K562 | GM | HepG2 | Huvec | HSMM | NHLF | NHEK | HMEC | Chrom. Band | Gene     | Link Scc | Distance |
|------------|-------|------|----|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|
| rs13385731 | ■     | ■    | ■  | ■     | ■     | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 2p22        |          |          |          |
| rs10036748 | ■     | ■    | ■  | ■     | ■     | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 5q33        |          |          |          |
| rs1385374  | ■     | ■    | ■  | ■     | ■     | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 12q24       | MGC16384 | -        | 1        |
| rs2230926  | ■     | ■    | ■  | ■     | ■     | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 6q23        | TNFAIP3  | 3.7      | 7        |
| rs4728142  | ■     | ■    | ■  | ■     | ■     | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 7q32        | IRF5     | -        | 4        |
| rs9271100  | ■     | ■    | ■  | ■     | ■     | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 6p21        | HLA-DRB1 | 4.5      | 19       |
| rs4917014  | ■     | ■    | ■  | ■     | ■     | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 7p12        | IKZF1    | 2.2      | 38       |
| rs7812879  | ■     | ■    | ■  | ■     | ■     | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 8p23        | BLK      | 2.9      | 11       |
| rs2205960  | ■     | ■    | ■  | ■     | ■     | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 1q25        |          |          |          |
| rs548234   | ■     | ■    | ■  | ■     | ■     | ■    | ■    | ■    | ■    | 6q21        |          |          |          |



- Disease-associated SNPs enriched for enhancers in relevant cell types
- E.g. **lupus** SNP in **GM enhancer** disrupts **Ets1** predicted **activator**

# Regulatory roles revealed for many studies

| Title                                                                                                                                                          | Author/<br>Journal                 | Total<br>#SNPs | Fold | Cell<br>Type   | # SNPs in<br>enhancers | FDR  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------|----------------|------------------------|------|
| Multiple loci influence <b>erythrocyte</b> phenotypes in the CHARGE Consortium.                                                                                | Ganesh et al<br>Nat Genet 2009     | 35             | 17   | <b>K562</b>    | 9                      | 0.02 |
| Biological, clinical and population relevance of 95 loci for <b>blood lipids</b>                                                                               | Teslovich et al<br>Nature 2010     | 101            | 11   | <b>HepG2</b>   | 13                     | 0.02 |
| Genome-wide association study meta-analysis identifies seven new <b>rheumatoid arthritis</b> risk loci                                                         | Stahl et al<br>Nat Genet 2010      | 29             | 15   | <b>GM12878</b> | 7                      | 0.03 |
| Genome-wide meta-analyses identify three loci associated with <b>primary biliary cirrhosis</b>                                                                 | Liu et al<br>Nat Genet 2010        | 6              | 41   | <b>GM12878</b> | 4                      | 0.03 |
| Chinese Han population identifies nine new susceptibility loci for <b>systemic lupus erythematosus</b> .                                                       | Han et al<br>Nat Genet 2009        | 18             | 21   | <b>GM12878</b> | 6                      | 0.03 |
| Six new loci associated with blood low-density <b>lipoprotein cholesterol</b> , high-density <b>lipoprotein cholesterol</b> or <b>triglycerides</b> in humans. | Kathiresan et al<br>Nat Genet 2008 | 18             | 24   | <b>HepG2</b>   | 5                      | 0.03 |
| Genome-wide association study of <b>hematological</b> and biochemical traits in a Japanese population                                                          | Kamatani et al<br>Nat Genet 2009   | 39             | 12   | <b>K562</b>    | 7                      | 0.03 |
| A genome-wide meta-analysis identifies 22 loci associated with eight <b>hematological</b> parameters in the HaemGen consortium.                                | Soranzo et al<br>Nat Genet 2009    | 28             | 15   | <b>K562</b>    | 6                      | 0.03 |
| Meta-analysis of genome-wide association data identifies four new susceptibility loci for colorectal cancer.                                                   | Houlston et al<br>Nat Genet 2008   | 4              | 66   | <b>HepG2</b>   | 3                      | 0.03 |
| Genome-wide association study identifies eight loci associated with <b>blood</b> pressure.                                                                     | Newton-Chen<br>Nat Genet 2009      | 9              | 30   | <b>K562</b>    | 4                      | 0.04 |



# We work hard...

We aim to further our understanding of the **human genome** by computational integration of large-scale functional and comparative genomics datasets.

- We use comparative genomics of multiple related species to recognize **evolutionary signatures** of protein-coding genes, RNA structures, microRNAs, regulatory motifs, and individual regulatory elements.
- We use combinations of epigenetic modifications to define **chromatin states** associated with distinct functions, including promoter, enhancer, transcribed, and repressed regions, each with distinct functional properties.
- We develop **phylogenomic** methods to study differences between species and to uncover evolutionary mechanisms for the emergence of new gene functions

Our methods have led to numerous new insights on diverse regulatory mechanisms, uncovered evolutionary principles, and provide mechanistic insights for previously uncharacterized disease-associated SNPs

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Nature  
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Nature Biotech  
Nature  
Nature  
PLoS Genetics

MBE  
Genome Research  
Nature

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Genes & Development  
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J. Comp. Bio.  
PNAS

## Computational Biology - Selected Publications

### Comparative and Integrative Genomics

modENCODE - Functional elements and regulatory circuits in fly  
12flies - Evolutionary signatures for systematic genome interpretation in fly  
4yeasts - Gene identification and motif discovery in yeast  
Scandida - Revealing pathogenic gene families in fungal genomes  
Other - Dog - Neurospora - Drosophila - Platypus - modENCODE - 29 mammals

### Epigenomics and Chromatin regulation

Chromatin States - Combinatorial chromatin patterns for genome annotation  
Fly landscape - Chromatin landscape of Drosophila genes and regulatory elements  
Human Enhancers - Tissue-specific enhancers in multiple human cell types  
Fly Insulators - Genome-wide map of fly boundary elements  
Other - PolII Stalling - Embryo patterning - Yeast code - Human Roadmap

### Gene and Genome Evolution

Phylogenomics - Bayesian gene-tree phylogenomic reconstruction  
Phylogeny - Learning common gene-tree properties to overcome sparse information  
Duplication - Proof and analysis of Whole-Genome Duplication (WGD) in yeast  
Other - FishDup - FlyEvo - Platypus - Candida - Birds

### Coding and non-coding genes

Uncommon genes - Unusual coding genes in fly: read-through, frameshifts, poly-cistronics  
lincRNAs - Chromatin reveals a new class of long intergenic non-coding RNAs  
Overlapping - Excess synonymous constraint in coding exons  
Signatures - Comparing evolutionary and single-species metrics  
Other - Revisiting Human and Yeast - CCDS - MassSpec

### Small Regulatory RNAs

AS-miRNAs - Discovery of a new class of anti-sense functional microRNAs  
microRNAs - Comparative identification of microRNAs in fly  
Other - endo-siRNAs - miR-targets - piRNAs - platypus - Tasmanian

### Regulatory Motifs

Human Motifs - *De novo* TF/miRNA motif discovery in human  
Long motifs - New class of long motifs in human CNEs, including insulators  
PSSMs - Position-specific constraints match motif information content  
Heart Beat - Motif discovery in cardiogram datasets to predict heart failure  
Other - Yeast Motifs - Motif Pairs

### Regulatory Networks

Motif Targets - Using motifs to infer regulatory networks in fly  
Network Motifs - Discovering large motifs using symmetry-breaking conditions  
SubMAP - Aligning large pathways with subnetwork mapping  
Network Evol - Post whole-genome duplication (WGD) network evolution



**But we also have fun**



**Kayaking**



**Whitewater Rafting**



**BBQs**

**Canadian  
Thanksgiving**



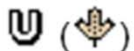
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# Want to get started?

## 6.047/6.878 – Computational Biology: Genomes, Networks, Evolution

### 6.047 Computational Biology: Genomes, Networks, Evolution



(Subject meets with [6.878J](#), [HST.507J](#))

Prereq: [6.006](#), [6.041](#), [Biology \(GIR\)](#); or permission of instructor

Units: 3-0-9



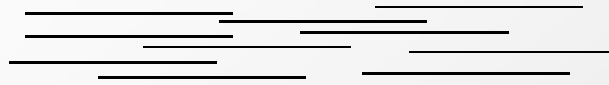
**Lecture:** *TR9.30-11* ([4-159](#)) **Recitation:** *F1* ([36-156](#))

Covers the algorithmic and machine learning foundations of computational biology, combining theory with practice. Principles of algorithm design, influential problems and techniques, and analysis of large-scale biological datasets. Topics include (a) genomes: sequence analysis, gene finding, RNA folding, genome alignment and assembly, database search; (b) networks: gene expression analysis, regulatory motifs, biological network analysis; (c) evolution: comparative genomics, phylogenetics, genome duplication, genome rearrangements, evolutionary theory. These are coupled with fundamental algorithmic techniques including: dynamic programming, hashing, Gibbs sampling, expectation maximization, hidden Markov models, stochastic context-free grammars, graph clustering, dimensionality reduction, Bayesian networks.

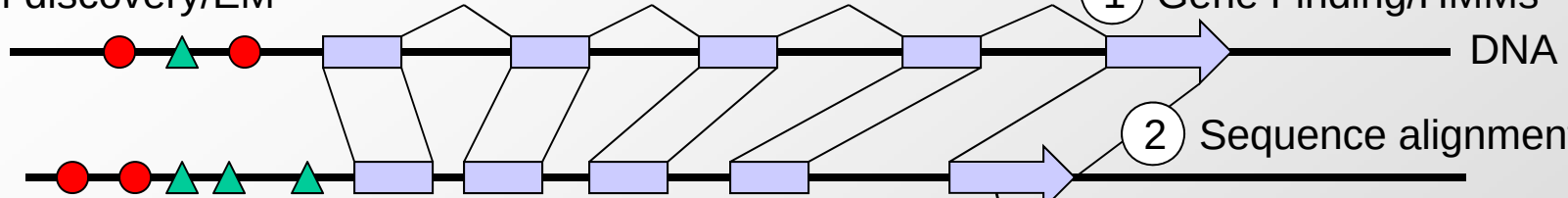
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# Challenges in computational biology

④ Assembly/BWT



⑤ Motif discovery/EM



① Gene Finding/HMMs

② Sequence alignment/DP

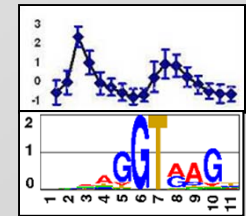
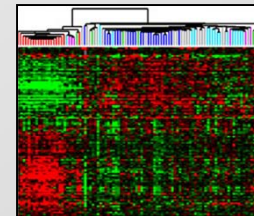
⑥ Comparative Genomics/model fits

⑦ Evolutionary Theory  
and phylogenetics

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③ Rapid lookup  
BLAST/Hashing

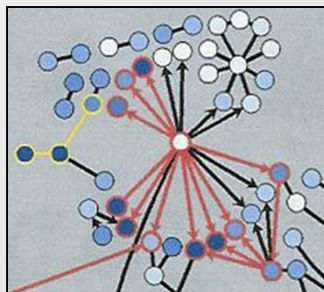
⑧ Gene expression/Bayesian classification



⑨ Cluster discovery  
unsupervised learning

⑩ Motif finding/  
Gibbs sampling

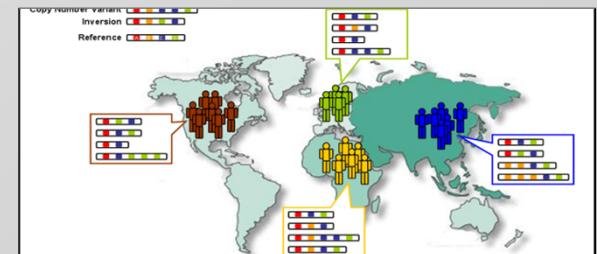
⑪ Network analysis/Graph theory



⑫ Metabolic modeling/systems

⑬ Predictive models/regression

⑭ Population Genomics/  
coalescent theory/selection





# 4 modules: Genomes, Genes, Networks, Evolution

| Psets                                                       | Week                                                          | Date        | Topic                                             | Category                                          | Lec         | Topic                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PS1 out<br>covers:L1-L5<br><br><div>due<br/>Mon 9/27</div>  | 1                                                             | Thu, Sep 09 | Introduction                                      |                                                   | L1          | Intro: Biology, Algorithms, Machine Learning                               |
|                                                             |                                                               | Fri, Sep 10 |                                                   |                                                   | R1          | Recitation1: Probability, Statistics, Biology                              |
|                                                             | 2                                                             | Tue, Sep 14 | Module I:<br>Comparative<br>Genomics              | Foundations                                       | L2          | Global/local alignment/DynProg                                             |
|                                                             |                                                               | Thu, Sep 16 |                                                   |                                                   | L3          | StringSearch/Blast/DB Search                                               |
|                                                             |                                                               | Fri, Sep 17 |                                                   |                                                   | R2          | Recitation 2 - Multiple, Progressive, Phylogenetic, Whole-genome alignment |
|                                                             | 3                                                             | Tue, Sep 21 |                                                   | Frontiers                                         | L4          | Comparative genomics, Selection, Evolutionary signatures of coding genes   |
|                                                             |                                                               | Thu, Sep 23 |                                                   |                                                   | L5          | Evolutionary Signatures of RNA structures, miRNAs, motifs, nucleotides     |
|                                                             |                                                               | Fri, Sep 24 |                                                   |                                                   | R3          | Recitation 3 - Evolutionary signatures and measures of selection           |
|                                                             | PS2 out<br>covers:L6-R5<br><br><div>due<br/>Wed 10/13</div>   | 4           | Tue, Sep 28                                       | Module II:<br>Coding and<br>non-coding<br>genes   | Foundations | L6                                                                         |
| Thu, Sep 30                                                 |                                                               |             | L7                                                |                                                   |             | HMMs2 - PosteriorDecoding/Learning                                         |
| Fri, Oct 01                                                 |                                                               |             | R4                                                |                                                   |             | Recitation4 - Posterior decoding review, Baum-Welch Learning               |
| 5                                                           |                                                               | Tue, Oct 05 | Frontiers                                         |                                                   | L8          | Gene finding in practice: CRFs, Discriminative training, GHMMs, RNAseq     |
|                                                             |                                                               | Thu, Oct 07 |                                                   |                                                   | L9          | Structural RNAs: Fold prediction and genome-wide annotation                |
|                                                             |                                                               | Fri, Oct 08 |                                                   |                                                   | R5          | Recitation 5 - SVMs and discriminative learning                            |
| PS3 out<br>covers:L10-R8<br><br><div>due<br/>Mon 11/1</div> | 6                                                             | Thu, Oct 14 | Module III:<br>Networks and<br>Gene<br>Regulation | Foundations                                       | L10         | Expression Analysis: Clustering, Classification, Feature Selection         |
|                                                             |                                                               | Fri, Oct 15 |                                                   |                                                   | R6          | Recitation 6 - Microarrays/RNAseq expression analysis                      |
|                                                             | 7                                                             | Tue, Oct 19 |                                                   |                                                   | Frontiers   | L11                                                                        |
|                                                             |                                                               | Thu, Oct 21 |                                                   | L12                                               |             | TF/miRNA target prediction and regulatory network inference                |
|                                                             |                                                               | Fri, Oct 22 |                                                   | R7                                                |             | Recitation 7 - Entropy, Information, Background models                     |
|                                                             | 8                                                             | Tue, Oct 26 |                                                   | Frontiers                                         | L13         | Regulatory Network Analysis, Bayesian Function Prediction                  |
|                                                             |                                                               | Thu, Oct 28 |                                                   |                                                   | L14         | Epigenomics: Chromatin marks, chromatin states, and their dynamics         |
|                                                             |                                                               | Fri, Oct 29 |                                                   |                                                   | R8          | Recitation 8 - Regulatory genomics and epigenomics                         |
|                                                             | PS4 out<br>covers:L15-R10<br><br><div>due<br/>Mon 11/22</div> | 9           | Tue, Nov 02                                       | Module IV:<br>Evolution<br>and Phylo-<br>genomics | Foundations | L15                                                                        |
| Thu, Nov 04                                                 |                                                               |             | L16                                               |                                                   |             | Phylogenomics: gene/species trees,reconciliation,coalescent,populations    |
| Fri, Nov 05                                                 |                                                               |             | R9                                                |                                                   |             | Recitation 9 - Gene Trees, Species Trees, Reconciliation                   |
| 10                                                          |                                                               | Tue, Nov 09 | Frontiers                                         |                                                   | L17         | Population genomics: Statistical genetics and human disease mapping        |
|                                                             |                                                               | Fri, Nov 12 |                                                   |                                                   | R10         | Recitation 10 - Population genetics and genomics                           |
| 11                                                          |                                                               | Tue, Nov 16 |                                                   |                                                   | L18         | Population genomics: Measuring natural selection in human populations      |
|                                                             |                                                               | Thu, Nov 18 |                                                   |                                                   | L19         | Population genomics: Learning population history from genetic data         |
|                                                             |                                                               | Fri, Nov 19 |                                                   |                                                   | R10         | Recitation 11 - Quiz Review                                                |
|                                                             |                                                               | 12          |                                                   |                                                   | Tue, Nov 23 | In Class (Friendly) Quiz                                                   |

- Foundations and frontiers. Practical/algorithmic problems



# Final project: mentoring, milestones

## Project planning

## Project execution

| Week | Term Project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Psets                        | Week | Date                                                     | Lec                                            |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | <b>I. Project Set-up.</b> Describe your previous research, areas of interest in computational biology, type of project that best fits your interests. Post these in a profile that lets your classmates know you and find potential partners.<br><b>Due Mon 9/27 with PS1</b> | PS1 out<br>covers: L1-L5     | 1    | Thu, Sep 09<br>Fri, Sep 10                               | Module I:<br>Comparative<br>Genomics           |
| 2    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              | 2    | Tue, Sep 14<br>Thu, Sep 16<br>Fri, Sep 17                |                                                |
| 3    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              | 3    | Tue, Sep 21<br>Thu, Sep 23<br>Fri, Sep 24<br>Fri, Sep 24 |                                                |
| 4    | <b>II. Brainstorming.</b> Identify previous project proposals, recent papers, and potential partners that match your areas of interest. List initial project ideas and partners.<br><b>Due Wed 10/13 with PS2</b>                                                             | PS2 out<br>covers: L6-R5     | 4    | Tue, Sep 28<br>Thu, Sep 30<br>Fri, Oct 01                | Module II: Coding<br>and non-coding<br>genes   |
| 5    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              | 5    | Tue, Oct 05<br>Thu, Oct 07<br>Fri, Oct 08                |                                                |
| 6    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              | 6    | Tue, Oct 12<br>Thu, Oct 14<br>Fri, Oct 15                |                                                |
| 7    | <b>III. Proposal.</b> Form teams (2 or 1), specify project goals, division of work, milestones, datasets, challenges, aims, algorithms, in form of NIH proposal. <b>Due Mon 10/25.</b>                                                                                        | PS3 out<br>covers: L10-R8    | 7    | Fri, Oct 15<br>Tue, Oct 19<br>Thu, Oct 21<br>Fri, Oct 22 | Module III:<br>Networks and<br>Gene Regulation |
| 8    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              | 8    | Tue, Oct 26<br>Thu, Oct 28<br>Fri, Oct 29<br>Fri, Oct 29 |                                                |
| 9    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              | 9    | Tue, Nov 02<br>Thu, Nov 04<br>Fri, Nov 05                |                                                |
| 10   | <b>b. Review.</b> Evaluate/discuss 3 peer proposals, NIH format, provide suggestions/advice. <b>Due Mon 11/1 with PS3.</b>                                                                                                                                                    | PS4 out<br>covers: L15-R10   | 10   | Tue, Nov 09<br>Thu, Nov 11<br>Fri, Nov 12<br>Fri, Nov 12 | Module IV:<br>Evolution and<br>Phylo-genomics  |
| 11   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              | 11   | Tue, Nov 16<br>Thu, Nov 18<br>Fri, Nov 19                |                                                |
| 12   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              | 12   | Tue, Nov 23<br>Thu, Nov 25<br>Fri, Nov 26                |                                                |
| 13   | <b>V. Final project report.</b> Finish methods, milestones, results, figures, write-up in conference paper format. In report, comment on lessons learned and overall project experience.<br><b>Due Mon 12/6.</b>                                                              | Complete<br>Final<br>Project | 13   | Tue, Nov 30<br>Thu, Dec 02<br>Fri, Dec 03<br>Fri, Dec 03 | Final<br>Project<br>Mode                       |
| 14   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              | 14   | Tue, Dec 07<br>Thu, Dec 09<br>Thu, Dec 09                |                                                |
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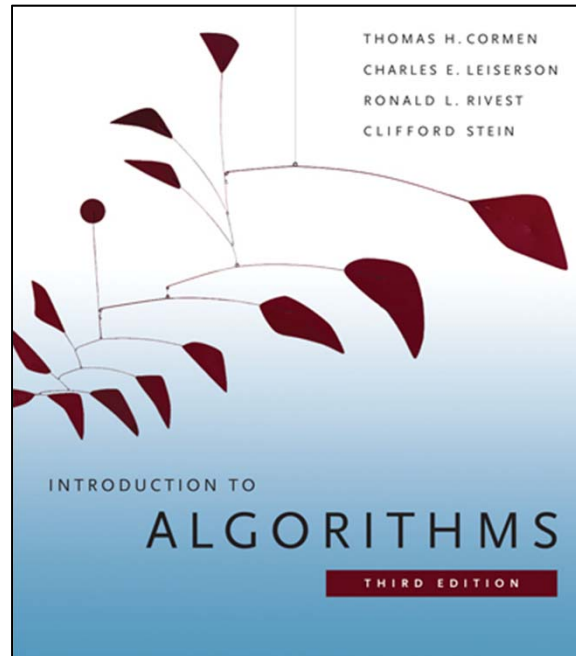


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6.006

# ***Introduction to Algorithms***



**Lecture 25 2/3**

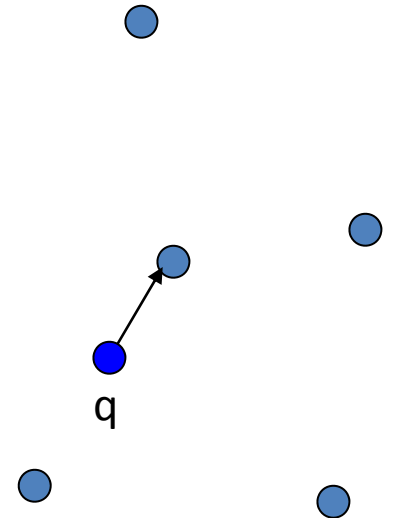
**(High-dimensional) geometry**

Or: 6.850 “Geometric Computing” preview



# Nearest Neighbor

- Given: a set  $P$  of  $n$  points in  $R^d$
- **Nearest Neighbor:** for any query  $q$ , returns a point  $p \in P$  minimizing the Euclidean distance  $||p - q||$



# The case of $d=1$

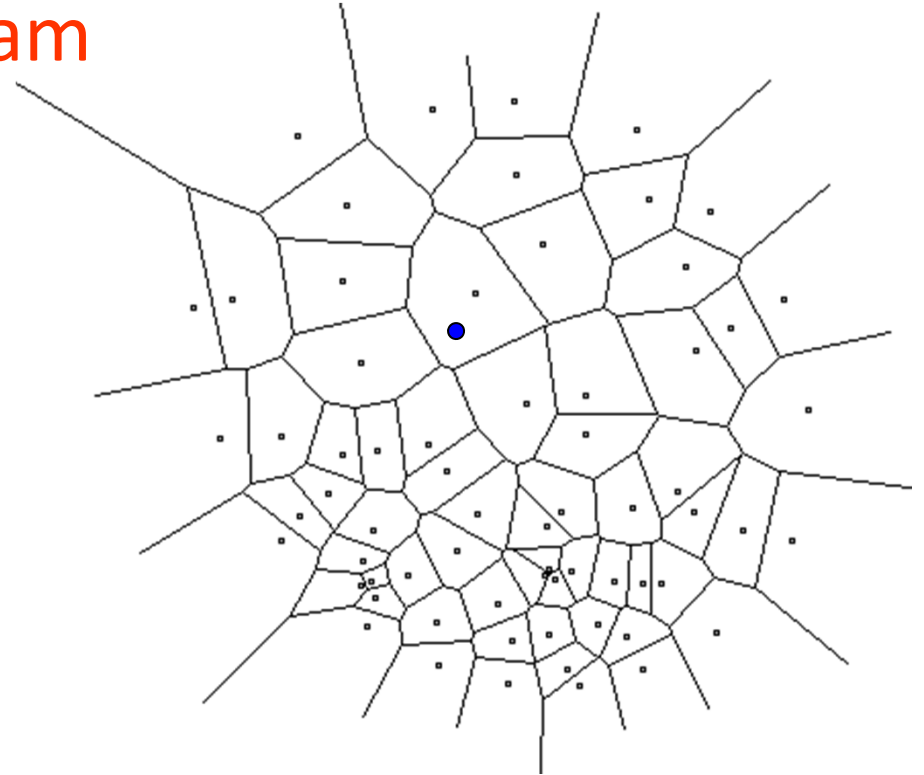
- Build BST
- Next-larger( $q$ ): finds the next element after element  $q$
- Next-smaller( $q$ ): analogous
- The closer of the two is the nearest neighbor
- Performance:
  - Space:  $O(n)$
  - Query time:  $O(\log n)$assuming balanced BST





# The case of $d=2$

- Compute **Voronoi diagram**
- Given  $q$ , perform **point location**
- Performance:
  - Space:  $O(n)$
  - Query time:  $O(\log n)$



# The case of $d > 2$

- Voronoi diagram has size  $n^{O(d)}$   
“Curse of dimensionality”
- We can also perform a linear scan:  $O(dn)$  time
- Both are pretty bad if  $d, n = \text{few million}$
- Why would  $d$  be a few million ?



# Example: Vector Space Model

[Salton, Wong, Yang 1975]

- Treat each document  $D$  as a vector of its words
  - One coordinate  $D(w)$  for every possible word  $w$

- Example:

- $D_1$  = “the cat”

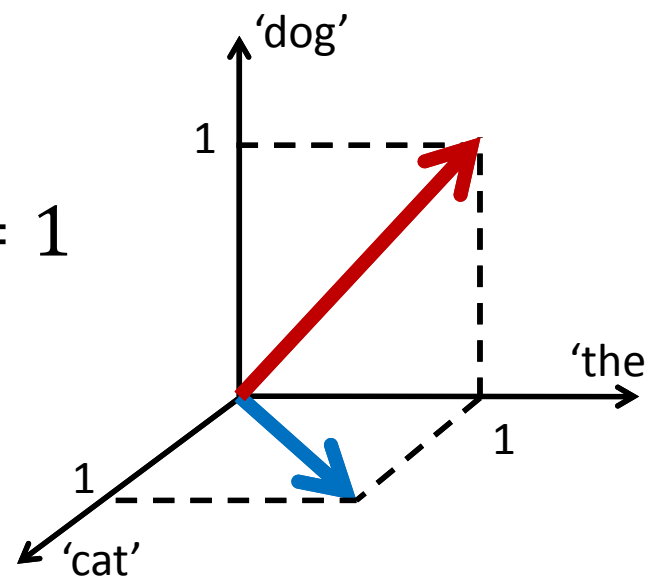
- $D_2$  = “the dog”

$$D_1 \cdot D_2 = 1$$

- Similarity between vectors?

- **Dot product:**

$$D_1 \cdot D_2 = \sum_w D_1(w) \cdot D_2(w)$$



# Vector Space Model ctd

[Salton, Wong, Yang 1975]

- We have

$$||D_1 - D_2||^2 = ||D_1||^2 + ||D_2||^2 - 2 D_1 \cdot D_2$$

- If we normalize  $D_1, D_2$  then

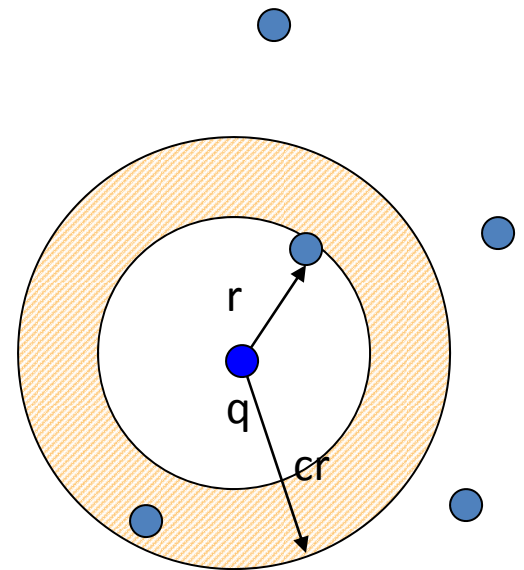
$$||D_1 - D_2||^2 = 2 - 2 D_1 \cdot D_2$$

- Minimizing Euclidean distance = Maximizing Dot Product
- Many other applications: searching for similar bio sequences, similar images, etc



# Approximate Near Neighbor

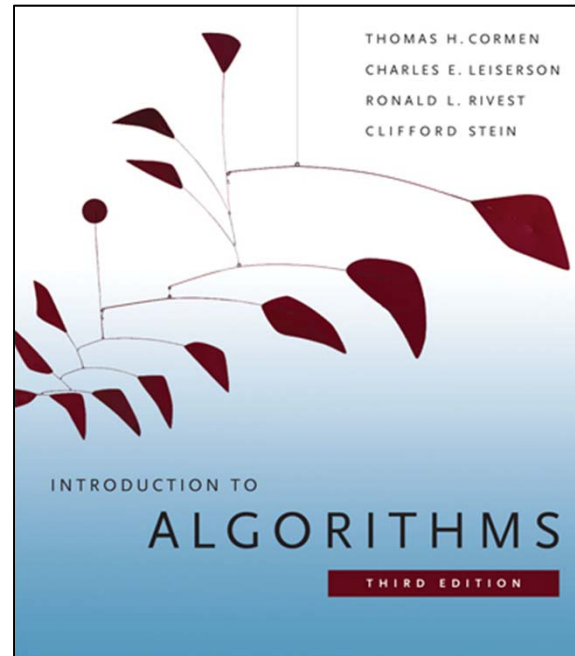
- $c$ -Approximate Nearest Neighbor: build data structure which, for any query  $q$ 
  - returns  $p' \in P$ ,  $\|p - q\| \leq cr$ ,
  - where  $r$  is the distance to the nearest neighbor of  $q$
- Can beat the curse
- Example algorithm:
  - Space:  $O(dn + n^{1+1/c})$
  - Query time:  $O(dn^{1/c})$



- 6.850 “Geometric Computing”
- Next Spring
- Coming to lecture room near you!

6.006

# *Introduction to Algorithms*



**Lecture 26c: Beyond**  
Prof. Erik Demaine



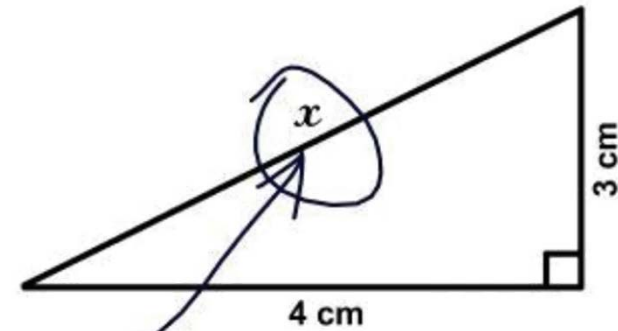
# **Erik's Main Research Areas**

- Data structures
- Graph algorithms
- Geometric folding algorithms
- Recreational algorithms

# 6.851: Advanced Data Structures

- Dynamic graphs
- Integer structures
- String structures
- Geometric DSs
- Reducing space
- Time travel
- Realistic models: cache, disk, GPUs, ...
- Best possible binary search trees

3. Find  $x$ .



*Here it is*

Ocular Trauma - by Wade Clarke ©2005

## Searching for $x$ ?

Learn how with

## Advanced Data Structures

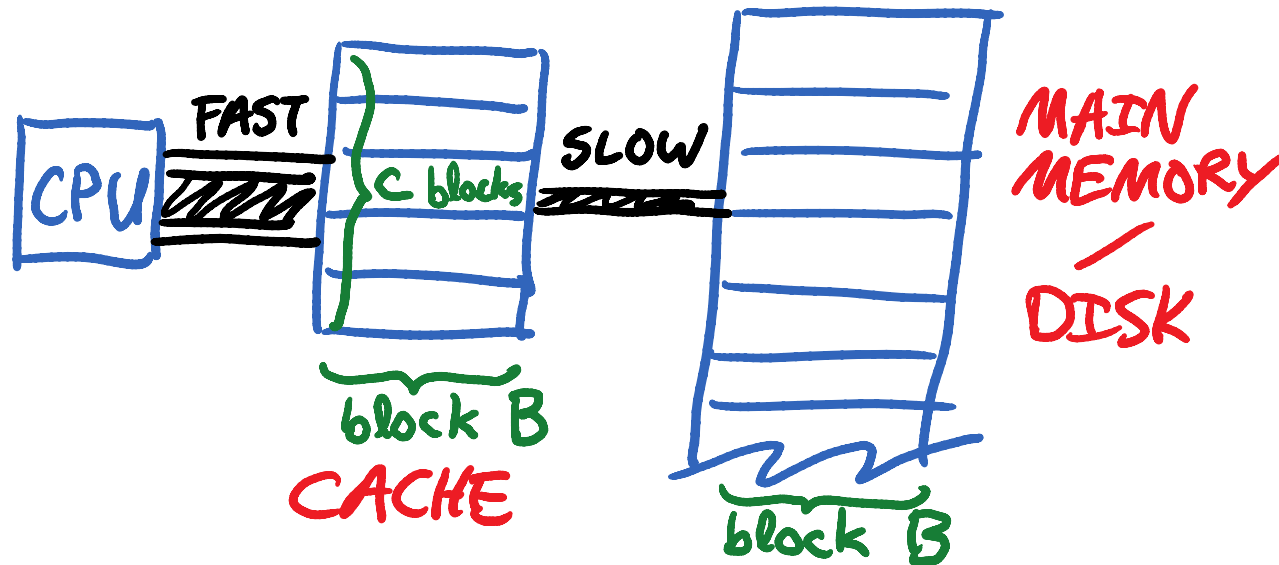
# Integer Data Structures

- Store  $n$  integers in range  $\{0, 1, \dots, u - 1\}$  subject to insert, delete, successor, and predecessor in
  - $O(\lg \lg u)$  time *[van Emde Boas]*
  - $O\left(\frac{\lg n}{\lg \lg u}\right)$  time *[fusion trees]*
  - $O\left(\sqrt{\frac{\lg n}{\lg \lg n}}\right)$  time *[combination]*



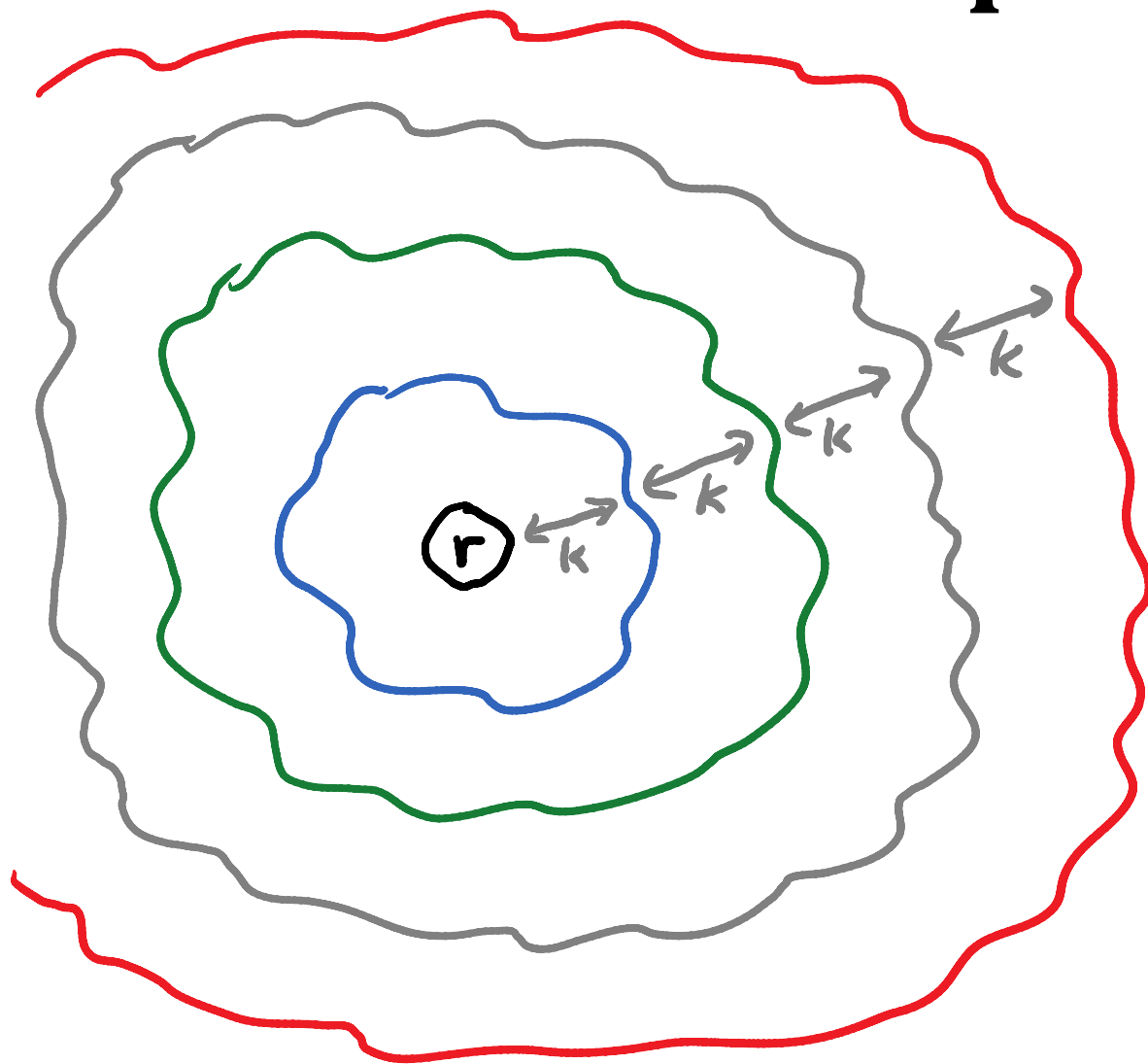
# Cache-Efficient Data Structures

- Memory transfers happen in blocks:



- Searching takes  $O(\log_B n)$  memory transfers
- Sorting takes  $O\left(\frac{n}{B} \log_C \frac{n}{B}\right)$  memory transfers
- ...even if you don't know  $B$  or  $C$ !

# Approximation Algorithms in Planar Graphs (& more)



- Delete every  $k$ th BFS layer
- Rings are width- $O(k)$  “trees”
  - Most problems solved in  $n^{O(k)}$
- Patch up at a factor  $\approx 1 + 1/k$
- Approximate better as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

## 6.849: Geometric Folding Algorithms: Linkages, Origami, Polyhedra (Fall 2010)

Prof. Erik Demaine

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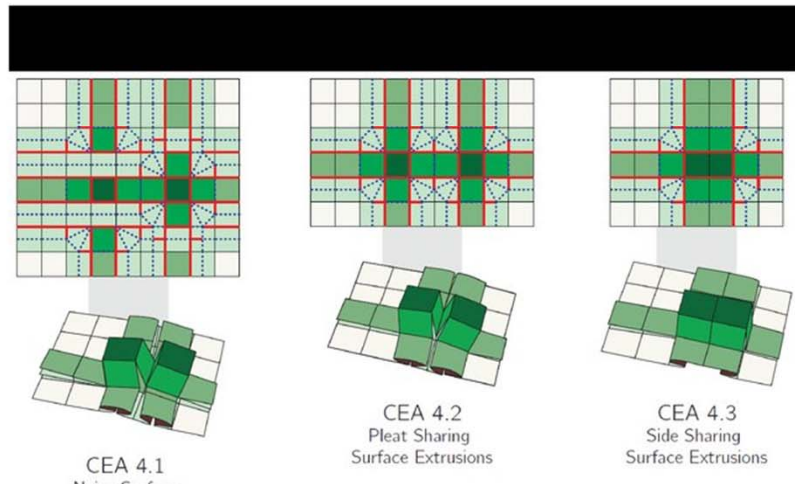
### Lecture 5 Video [previous]

[+] Universal hinge patterns: box pleating, polycubes; orthogonal maze folding. NP-hardness: introduction, reductions; simple foldability; crease pattern flat foldability; disk packing (for tree)



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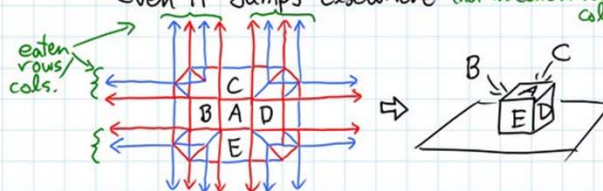


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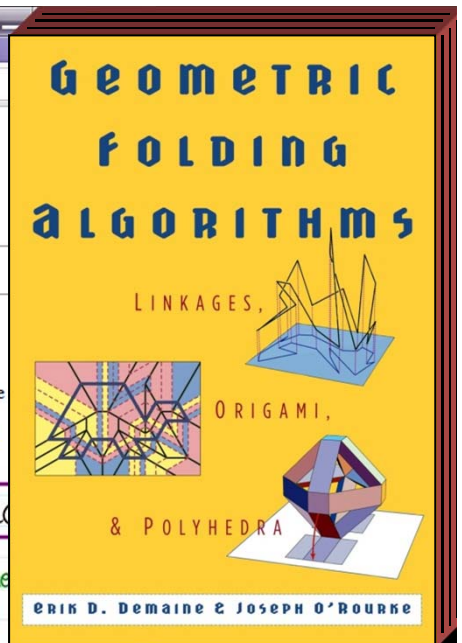
Universal hinge patterns: (for origami transformations)  
[Benbernou, Demaine, Demaine, O'Rourke 2010]

- suppose crease pattern required, to be subset of fixed "hinge pattern" (e.g. Origamizer uses completely different creases for every model)
- $n \times n$  box-pleat pattern can make any polycube of  $O(n)$  cubes, seamless:
  - cube gadget turns  $O(1)$  rows & columns into a cube sticking out of sheet ~ even if bumps elsewhere (not in eaten rows/cols.)



- to make a tree of cubes: (= any polycube)
  - make a leaf
  - conceptually remove it } "postorder traversal"
  - repeat
- actually need to reserve space ahead of time for all the cube gadgets

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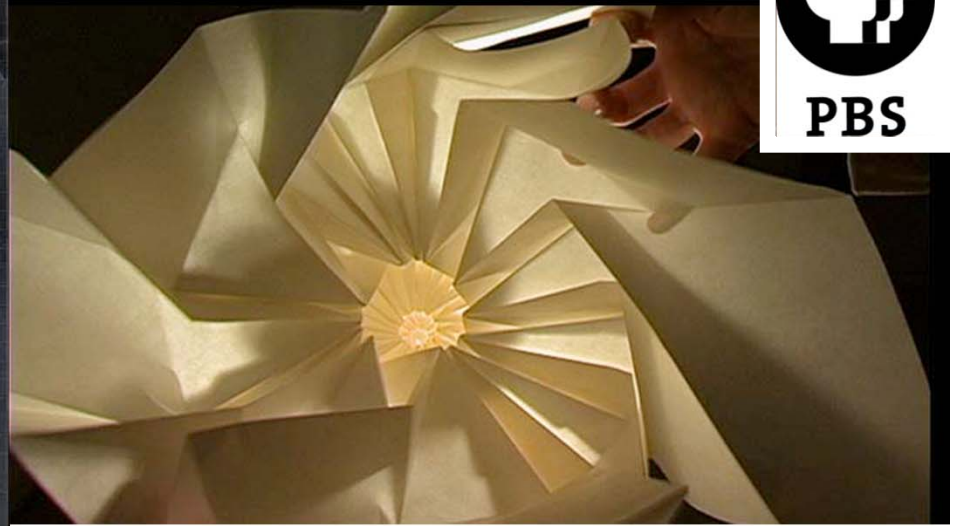
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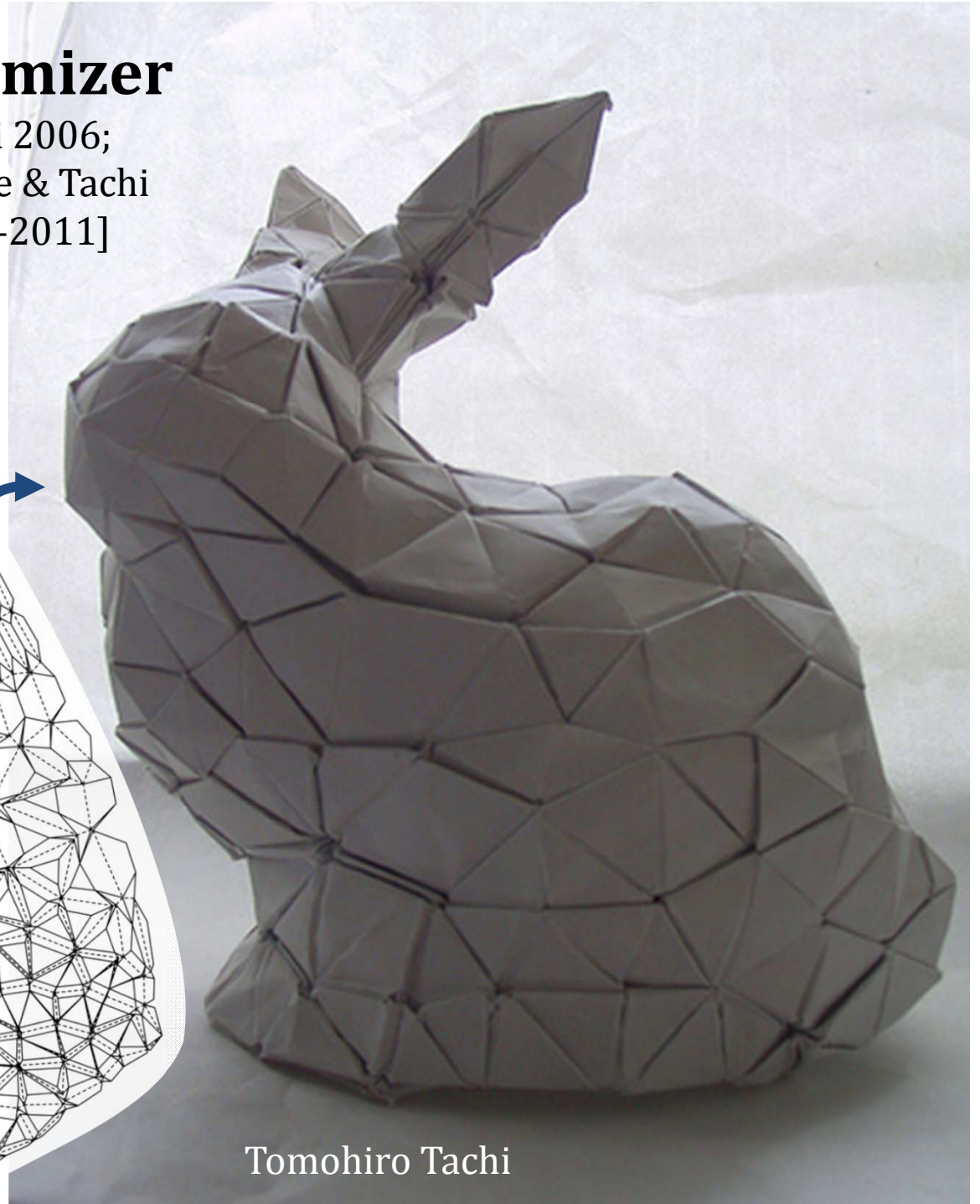
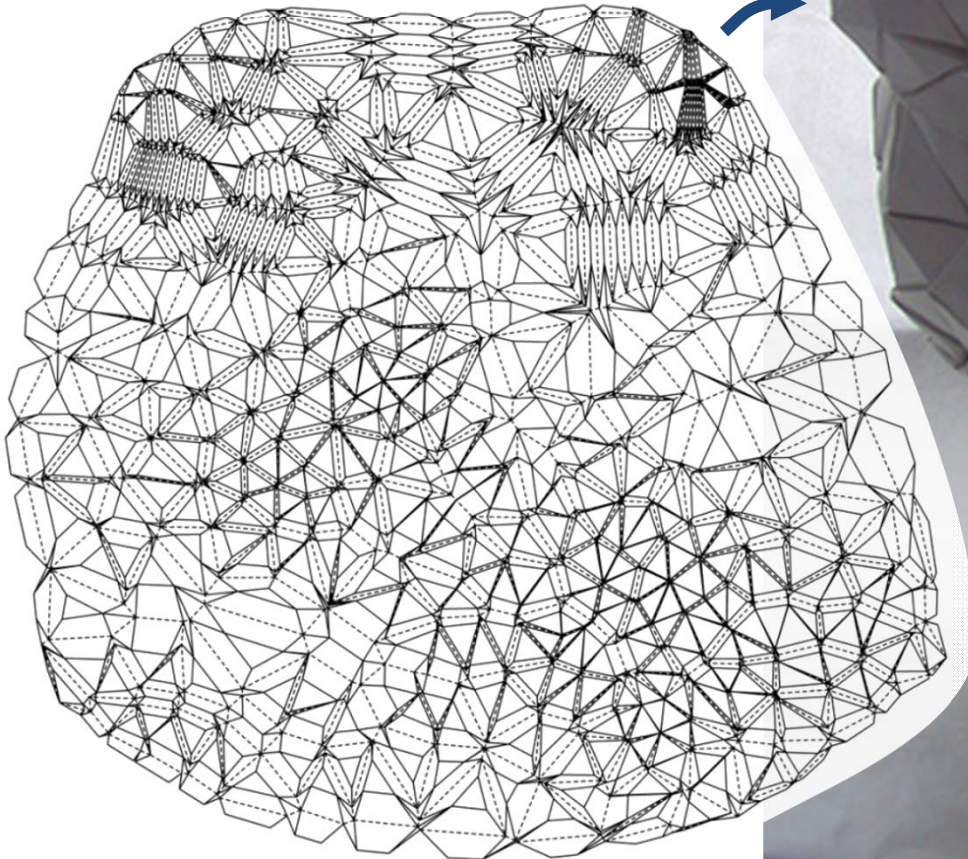
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# Origamizer

[Tachi 2006;  
Demaine & Tachi  
2009–2011]



Tomohiro Tachi





## “Natural Cycles”

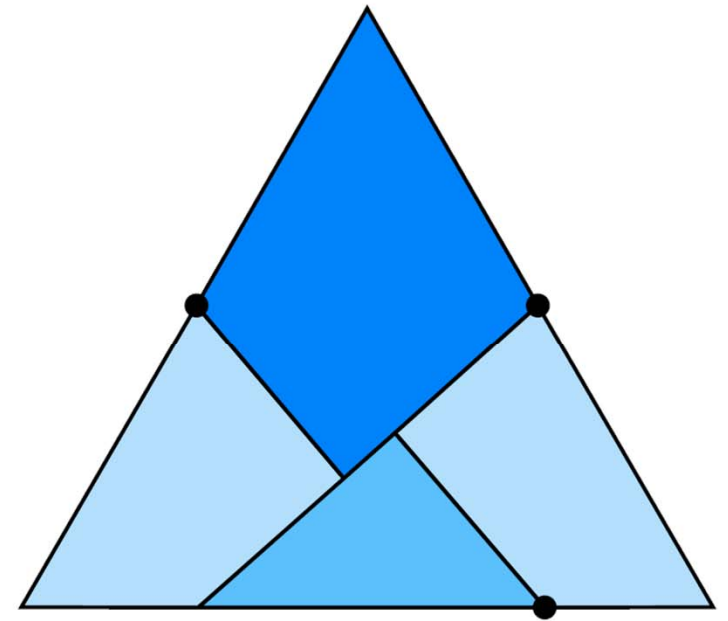
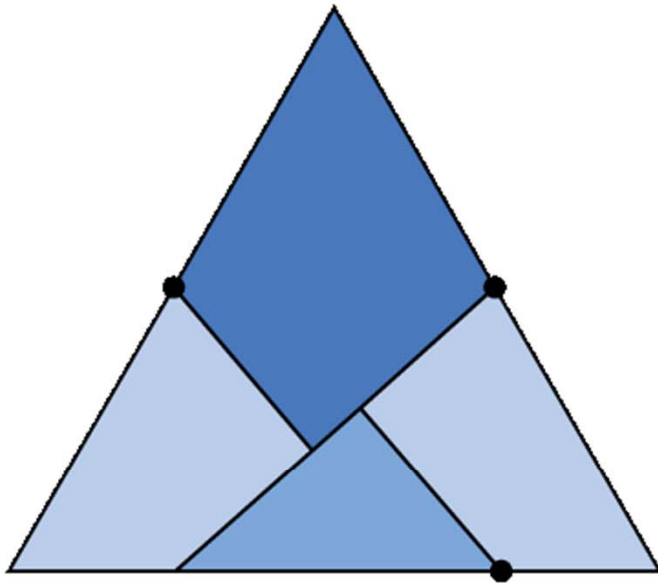
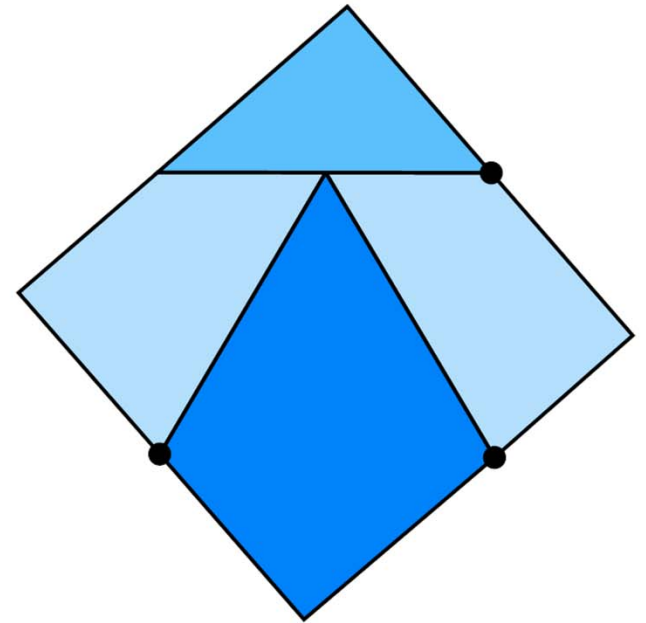
Erik & Martin Demaine

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# Hinged Dissection

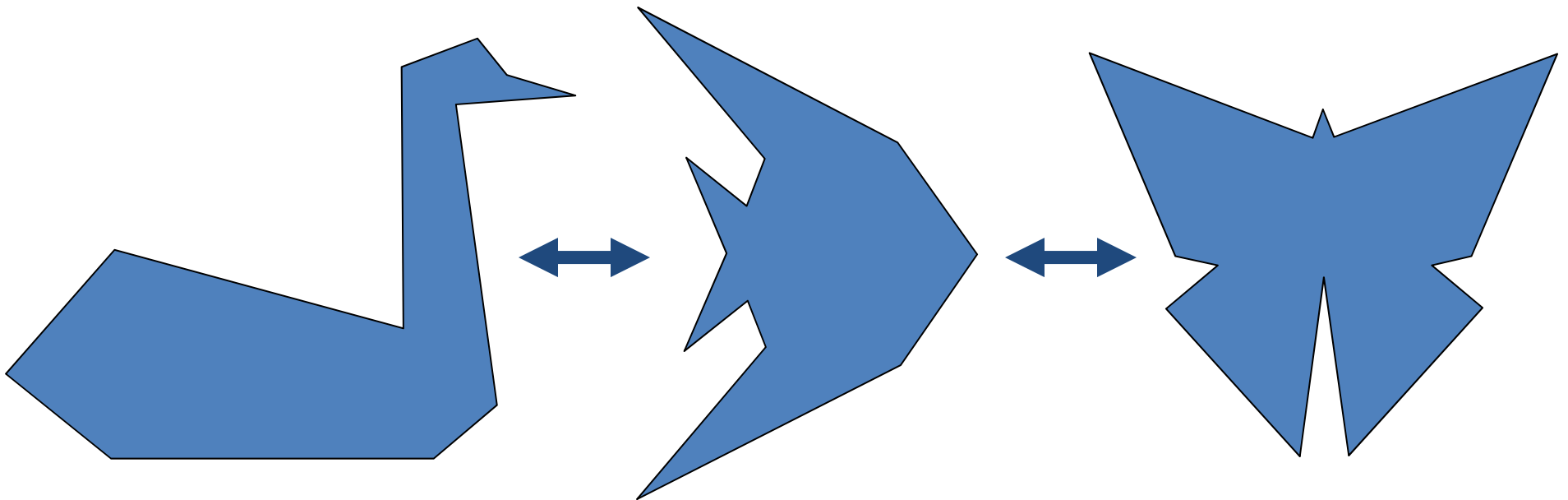


[Dudeney 1902]

# Hinged Dissection Universality

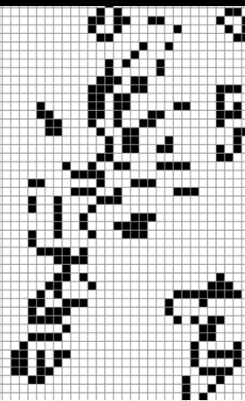
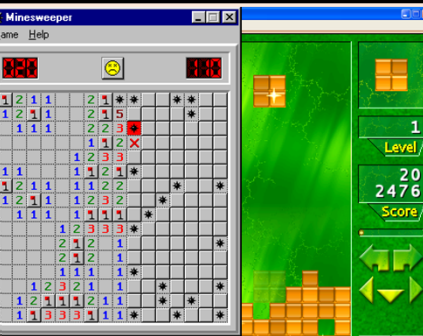
[Abbott, Abel, Charlton, Demaine, Demaine, Kominers 2008]

- Theorem: For *any finite set* of polygons of equal area, there is a hinged dissection that can fold into any of the polygons, *continuously without self-intersection*



# Complexity of Games & Puzzles

[Demaine, Hearn & many others]

|           |                                                                                                    |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| unbounded | <br><b>PSPACE</b> | <br><b>PSPACE</b> | <br><b>EXPTIME</b> | <br>Rengo Kriegspiel?<br><b>Undecidable</b> |
|           | <br><b>P</b>     | <br><b>NP</b>    | <br><b>PSPACE</b> | <br>bridge?<br><b>NEXPTIME</b>             |

0 players  
(simulation)

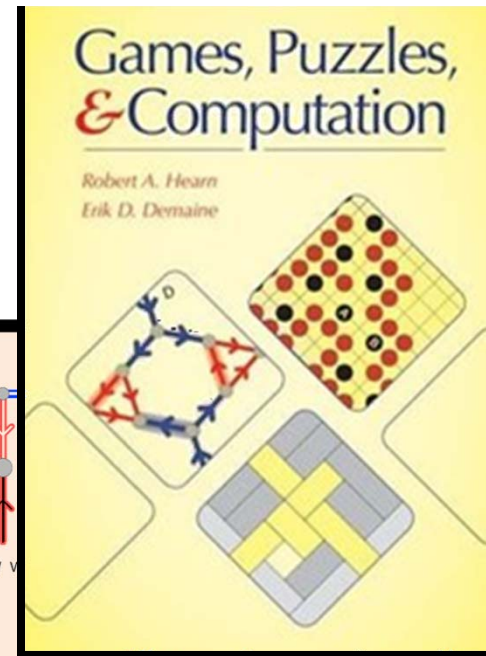
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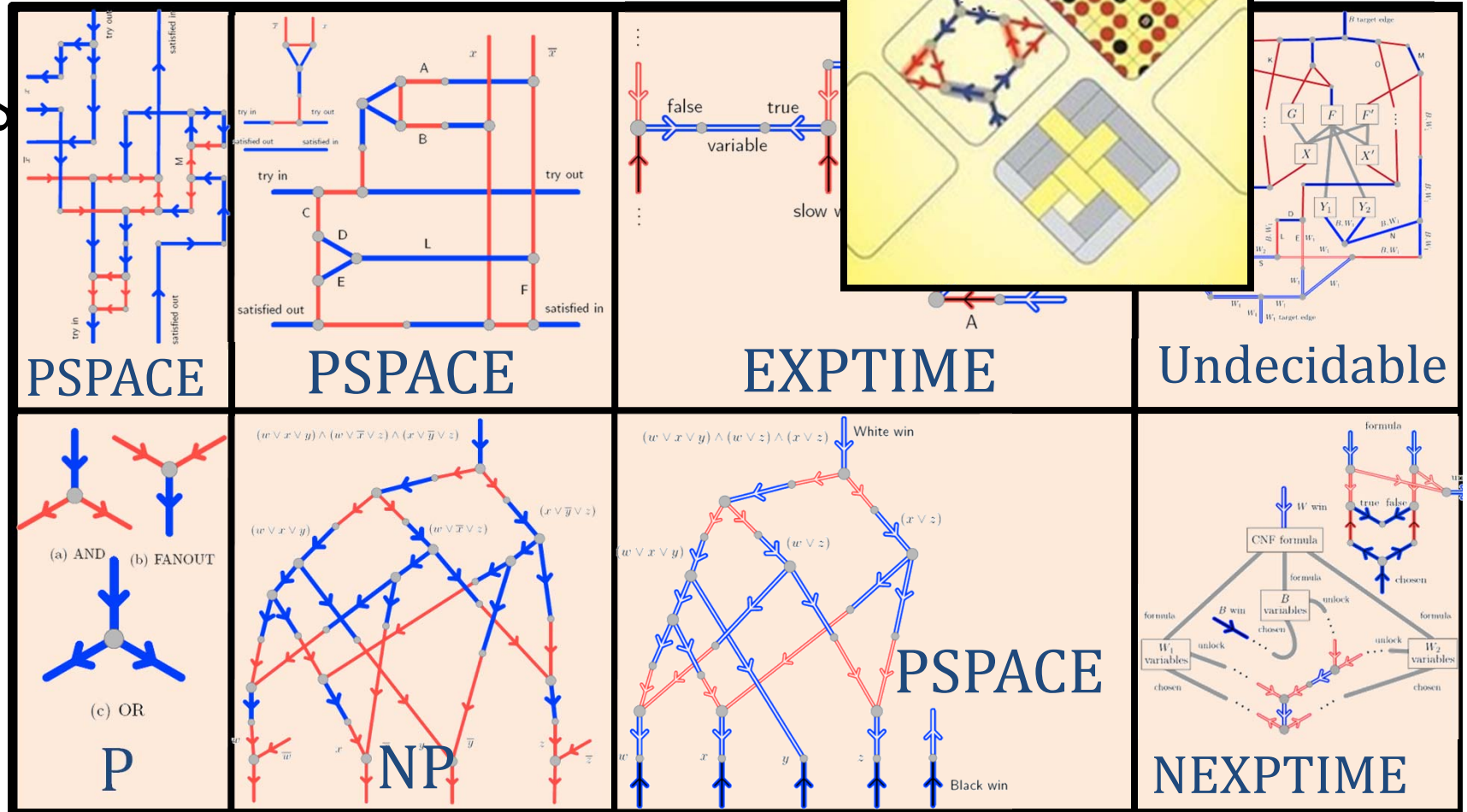


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# Follow-On Algorithms Classes

- 6.046: Intermediate Algorithms
- 6.047: Computational Biology
- 6.854: Advanced Algorithms
- 6.849: Geometric Folding Algorithms
- 6.850: Geometric Computing
- 6.851: Advanced Data Structures
- 6.852: Distributed Algorithms
- 6.853: Algorithmic Game Theory
- 6.855: Network Optimization
- 6.856: Randomized Algorithms
- 6.857: Network and Computer Security

# Follow-On Theory Classes

- 6.045: Automata, Computability, Complexity
- 6.840: Theory of Computing
- 6.841: Advanced Complexity Theory
- 6.842: Randomness & Computation
- 6.845: Quantum Complexity Theory