

Efficient pseudoknot partition functions:

Results and (still some) open problems

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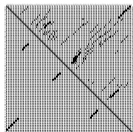


Non-crossing RNA partition functions

MFE prediction $\min_S E(S)$ $O(n^3)/O(n^2)$ [Zuker]

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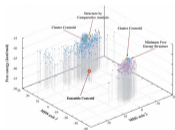
Partition Function $\sum_S \exp(-E(S)/RT)$ $O(n^3)/O(n^2)$ [McCaskill]



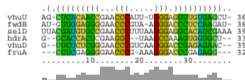
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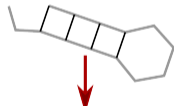
Local reliabilities



Structure sampling, Centroids, ...



RNA Alignment à la LocARNA



GAUCUCACGGUCAA

RNA Design: Pr, Ensemble defect, ...

Zuker, Stiegler 1981; Zuker, Sankoff 1984; McCaskill, Biopolymers 1990

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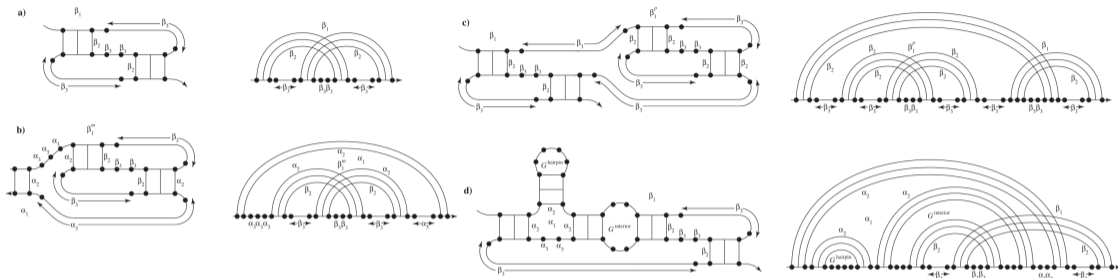
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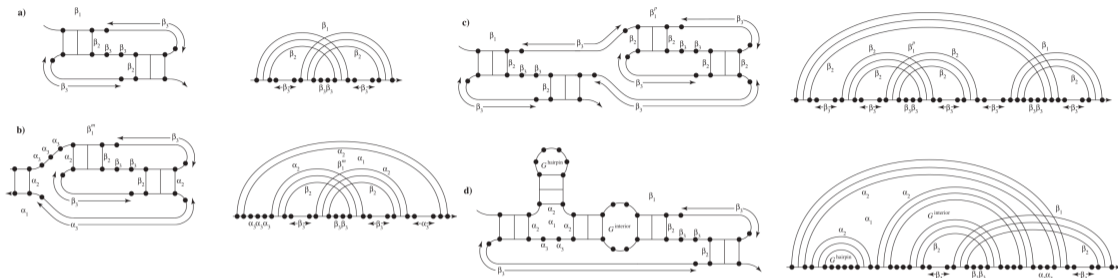


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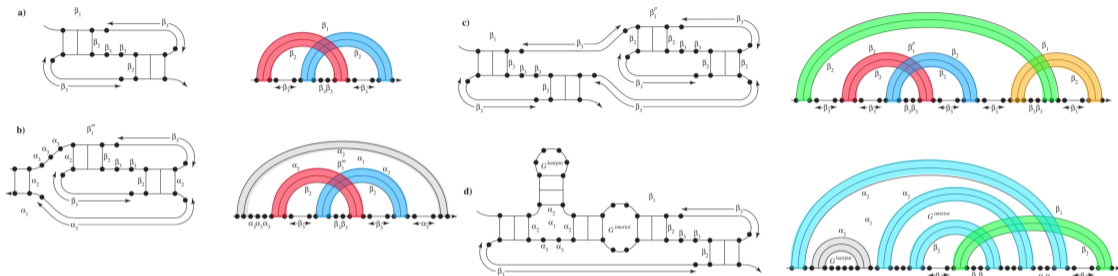


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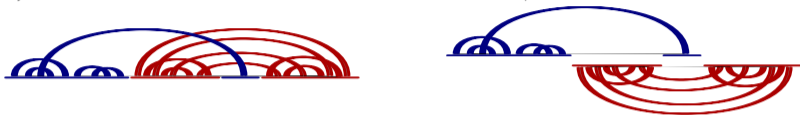
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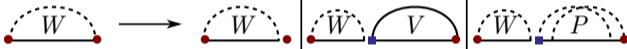
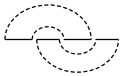
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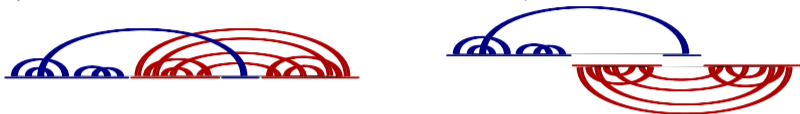
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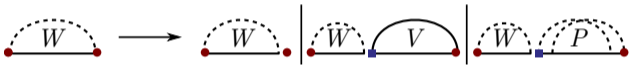
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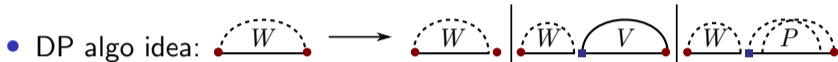



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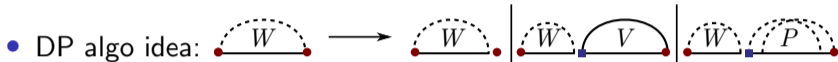
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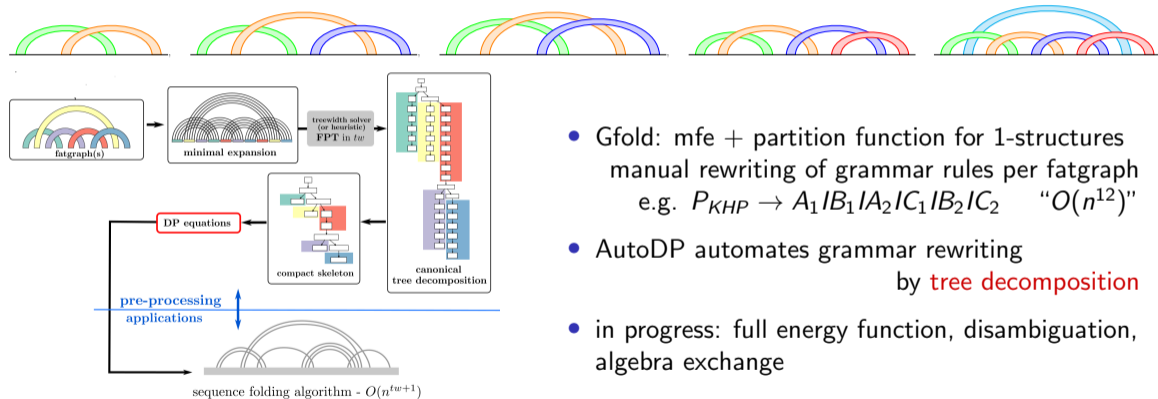
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Automatically generated algos based on fatgraphs

Recursive PK of controlled "band" configurations / topology



- Gfold: mfe + partition function for 1-structures
manual rewriting of grammar rules per fatgraph
e.g. $P_{KHP} \rightarrow A_1IB_1IA_2IC_1IB_2IC_2$ " $O(n^{12})$ "
- AutoDP automates grammar rewriting
by **tree decomposition**
- in progress: full energy function, disambiguation, algebra exchange

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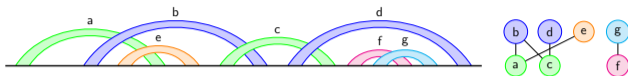
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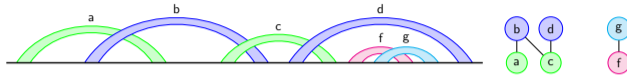


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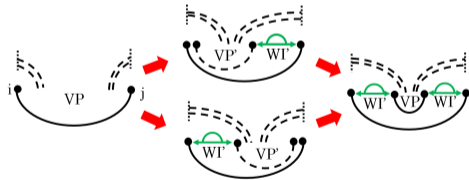
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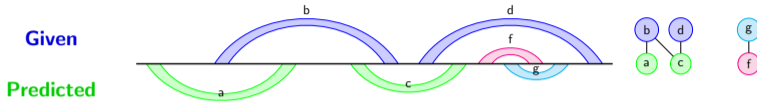
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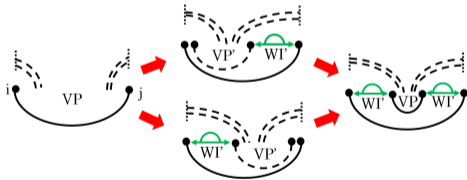
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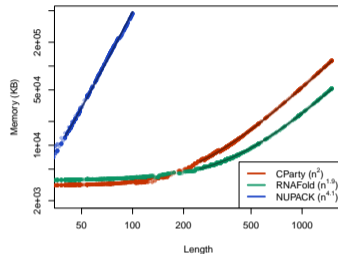
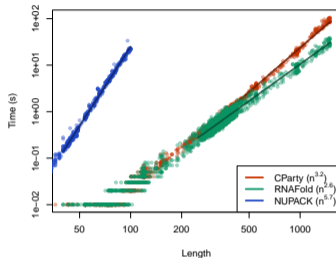


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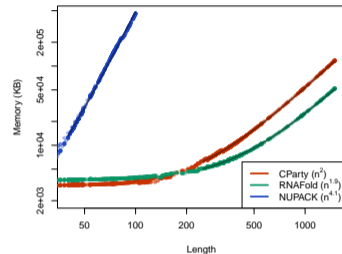
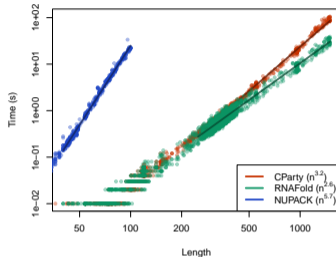
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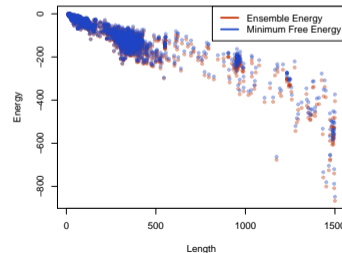
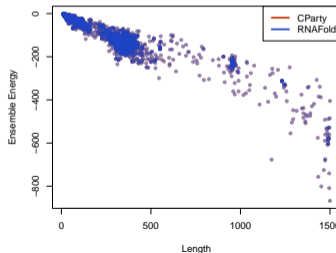


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