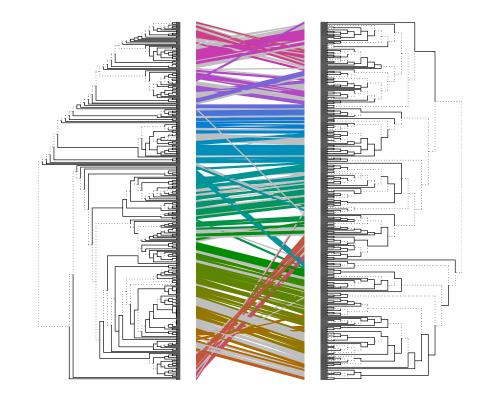
Computational Biology on the Open Science Grid



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DNA Transcription mRNA G G Codons Translation Pro Gly Amino acids Protein Asn Thr Created with BioRender.com

Classification / Annotation: Does this sequence have the same function or job as a sequence in some training data whose function or job is known?

Give a novel sequence a descriptive and succinct label that represents that sequence's function.

>NewSequence01 MSADDHGMRNVPKHIFNKGLK...

Does <u>this</u> sequence have a function with a representative in <u>this</u> library?



>LibrarySequence01 MQRNRLFSENTTELMSTPHHD...

>LibrarySequence02 MAIRQWMMIGKHLCRFELRRF...

>LibrarySequence03
MHLWPWIMQDEFEVAMCWRQK...

>LibrarySequence04 MSQWPSNERMEANDDGRTGYS...

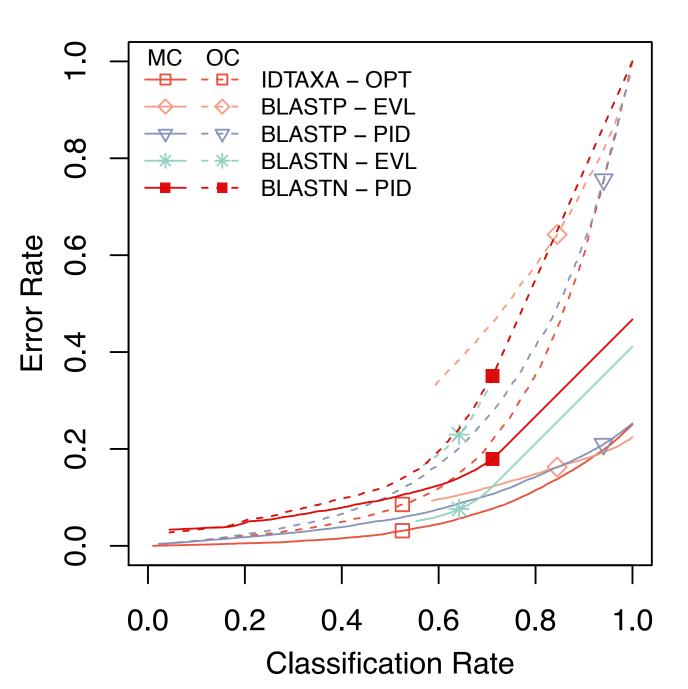
>LibrarySequence05 MKIHKLTPCEFMENRSQYKYA...

>LibrarySequence06
MDKKWYYKWEMRQECDPRSVD...

>LibrarySequence07 MNCWHTWMMKDRRNIGETCHM...

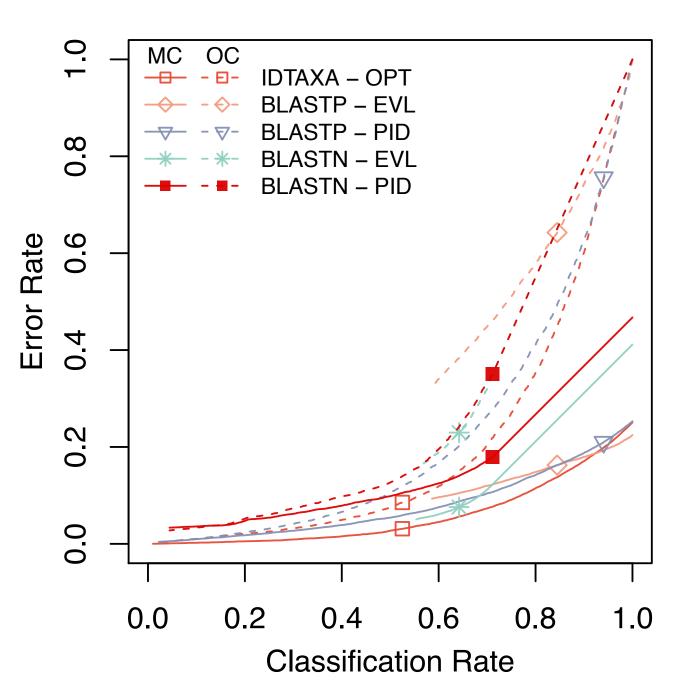
>LibrarySequence08 MFRARYHMPHTCYESGPMHKD...

- TL;DR we built a classifier:
- Accurate functional classification is difficult
- Emphasis on conservative classification to avoid overclassification of truly novel sequences



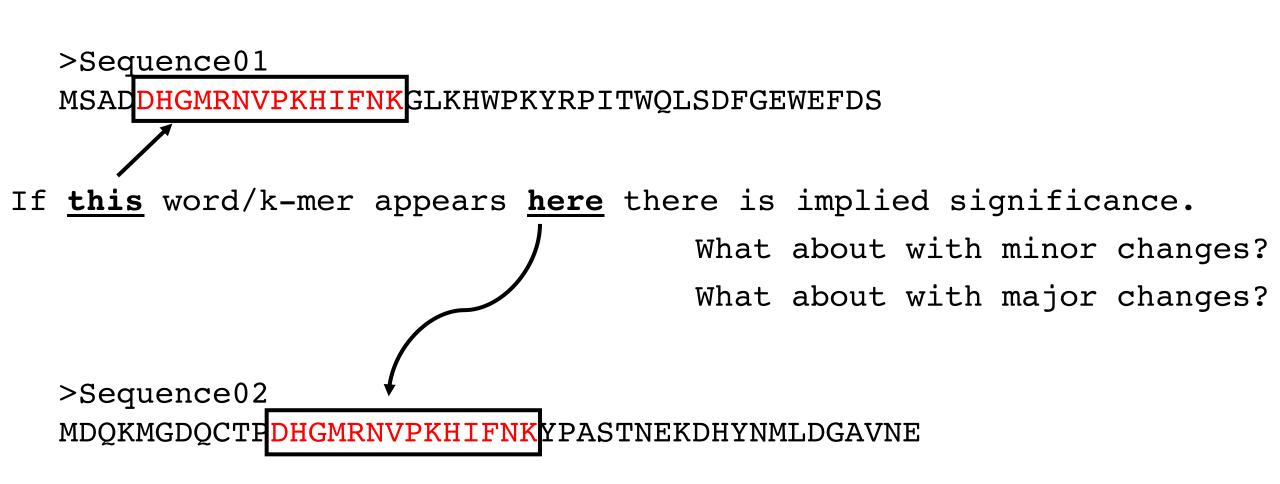
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- This work would not have been possible without the open science grid:
- Data preparation
- Parameter tuning
 - k-mer characteristics
- Cross validation
- Testing, testing, testing ...

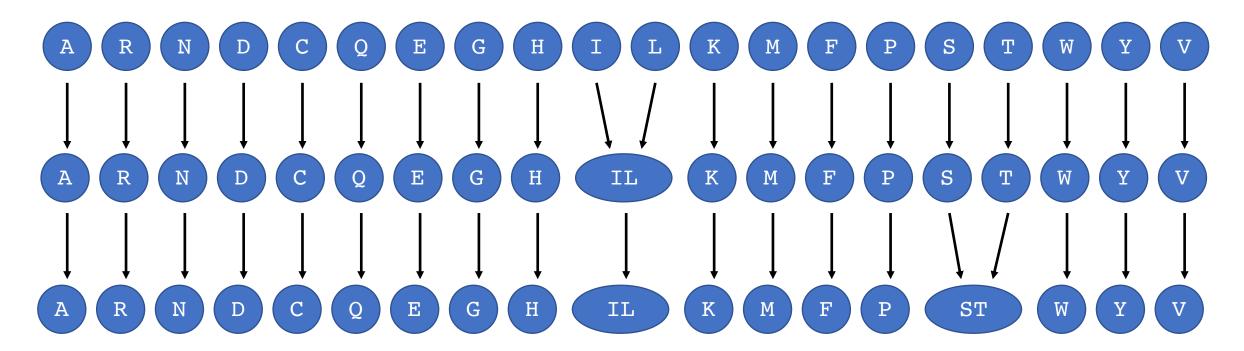


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One last bit of biology to introduce:

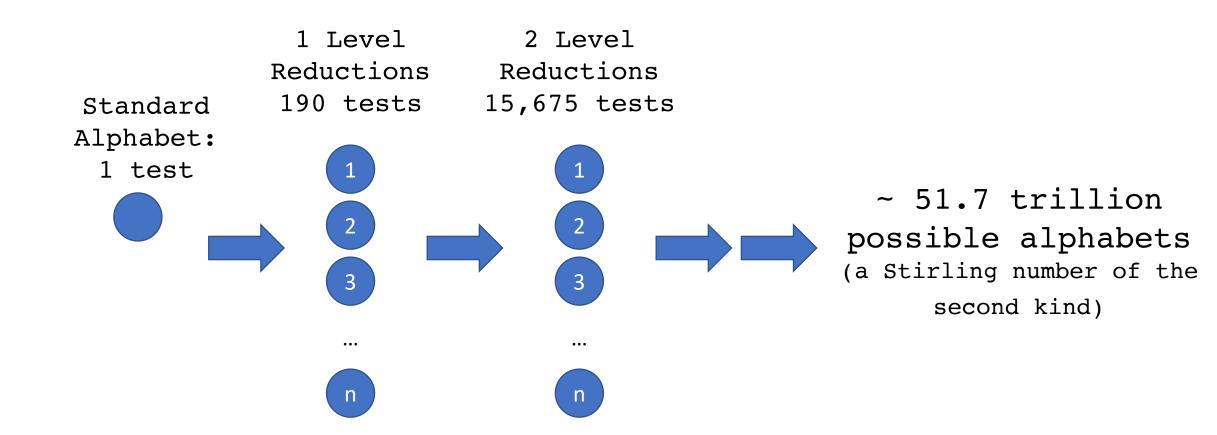


Performance of our classifier improves when the standard amino acid alphabet is substituted with a reduced alphabet:

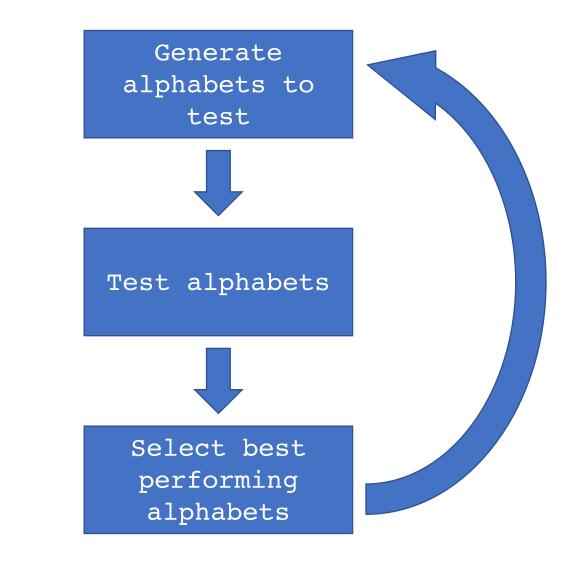


Test alphabet performance, perform a reduction, test again, repeat ad nauseum.

If reduced alphabets provide improved performance, how do we select the *best* reduced alphabet?



- 51.7 trillion tests is probably too many tests.
- Iterate down through alphabet sizes
- Only test reductions of highest performing alphabets from previous level
- Avoid brute force testing of every possible alphabet



We've got a DAG for that ...

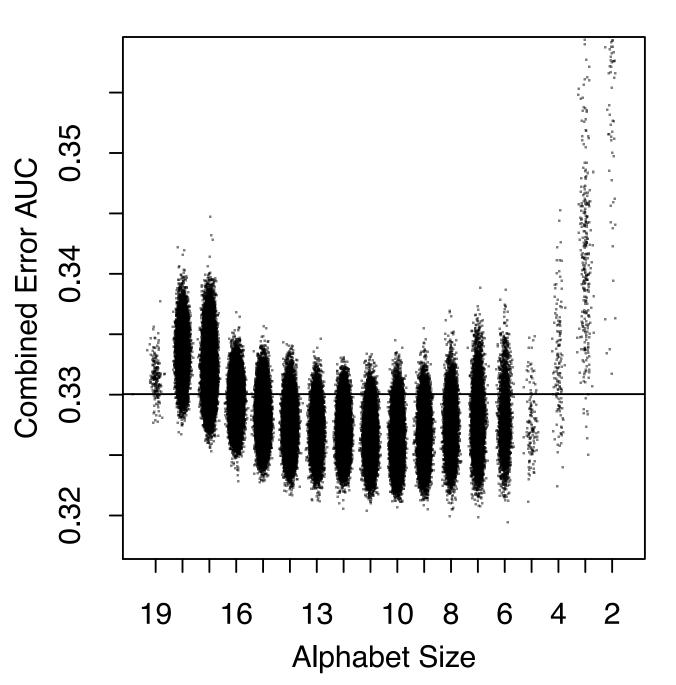
Test, Consolidate, Repeat

- Testing alphabets has modest requirements:
 - 1 CPU
 - 1 GB disk
 - > 4 GB memory
- Consolidating results at each level has trivial requirements:
 - 1 CPU
 - 1 GB disk
 - 2 GB memory
 - During consolidation, parameters for next level are set

1	JOB	А	OSG01Job.sh
2	JOB	В	OSG01Consolidate.sh
3	JOB	С	OSG02Job.sh
4	JOB	D	OSG02Consolidate.sh
5	JOB	Ε	OSG03Job.sh
6	JOB	F	OSG03Consolidate.sh
7	JOB	G	OSG04Job.sh
8	JOB	Η	OSG04Consolidate.sh
9	JOB	Ι	OSG05Job.sh
10	JOB	J	OSG05Consolidate.sh
11	JOB	К	OSG06Job.sh
12	JOB	L	OSG06Consolidate.sh
13	JOB	М	OSG07Job.sh
14	JOB	Ν	OSG07Consolidate.sh
15	JOB	0	OSG08Job.sh
16	JOB	Ρ	OSG08Consolidate.sh
17	JOB	Q	OSG09Job.sh
18	JOB	R	OSG09Consolidate.sh

We've got a DAG for that ... And we try to keep it simple:

1	#!/bin/bash
2	
3	# running inside a singularity container, ENV commands in the dockefile aren't r
4	# This path needs to match where the executable was installed in the dockerfile
5	<pre># export PATH=/blast/ncbi-blast-2.9.0+/bin:\$PATH</pre>
6	
7	Rscript JobScript.R \$1 Level01Alphabets.RData
8	
9	if [-e Result*.RData]
10	then
11	exit 0
12	else
13	exit 1
14	fi
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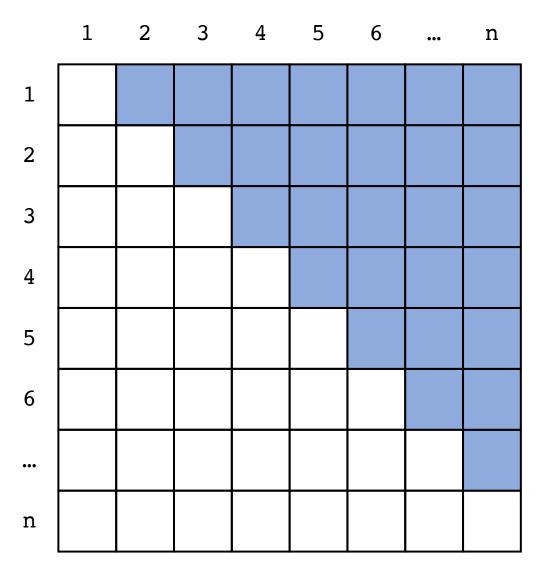


Generate alphabets to test

Test alphabets

Select best performing alphabets

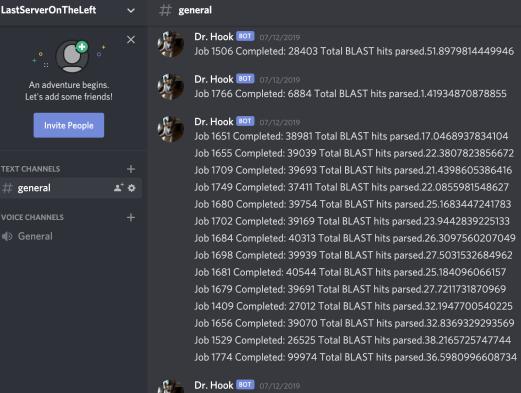
Other cool tidbits:



A typical job set up for us: Perform all pairwise comparisons in a set of genomes — give 1 comparison to each node.

With relatively trivial requirements for nodes (1 GB disk, 2 GB memory, 1 CPU) we can complete ~ 70,000 jobs at 10 minutes per job in a weekend.

Other cool tidbits:



Job 1673 Completed: 39190 Total BLAST hits parsed.14.7477245211601 Job 1683 Completed: 39523 Total BLAST hits parsed.15.7043575326602

Dr. Hook 💷 07/12/2019 Job 1506 Completed: 28403 Total BLAST hits parsed.1.19573640743891

Dr. Hook 107/12/2019 Job 1774 Completed: 99974 Total BLAST hits parsed.41.0617789268494 Monitoring jobs in real time is complicated.

npcooley\$ watch -n 5 condor_q

But we're not always at a work computer and ssh'd into our login node

Discord can collect results for us but ...

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