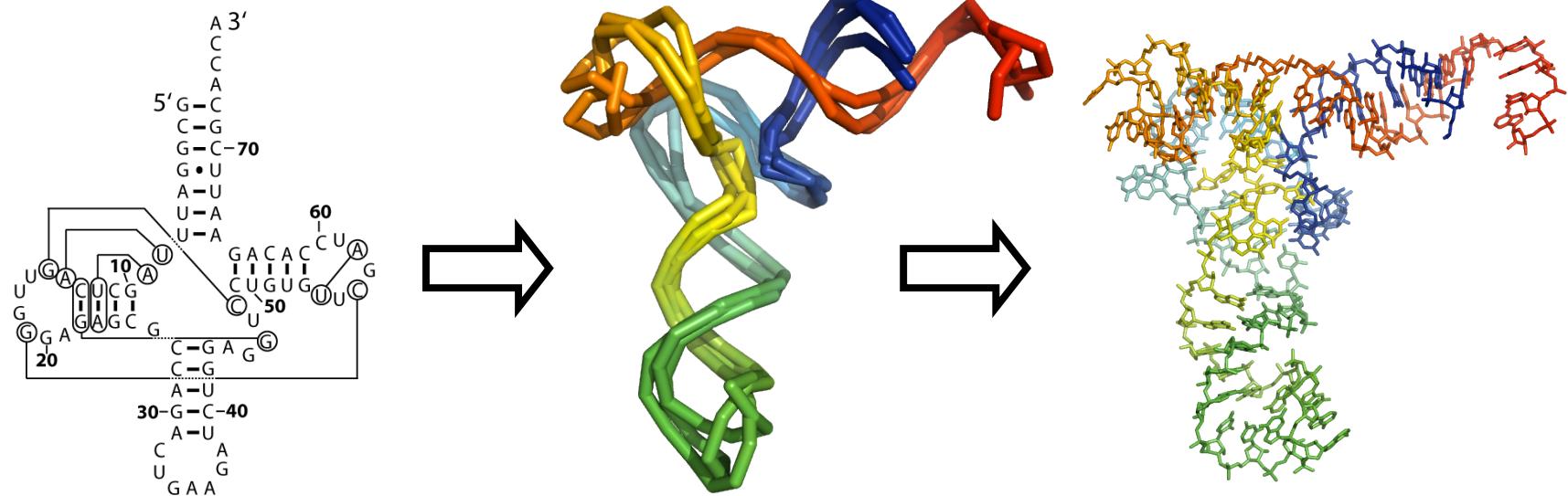


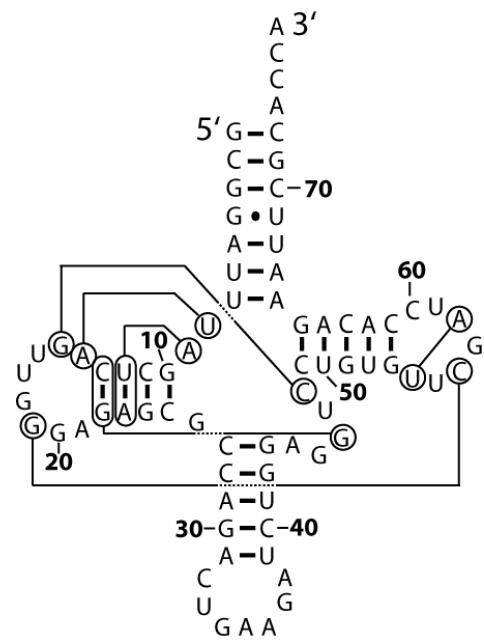
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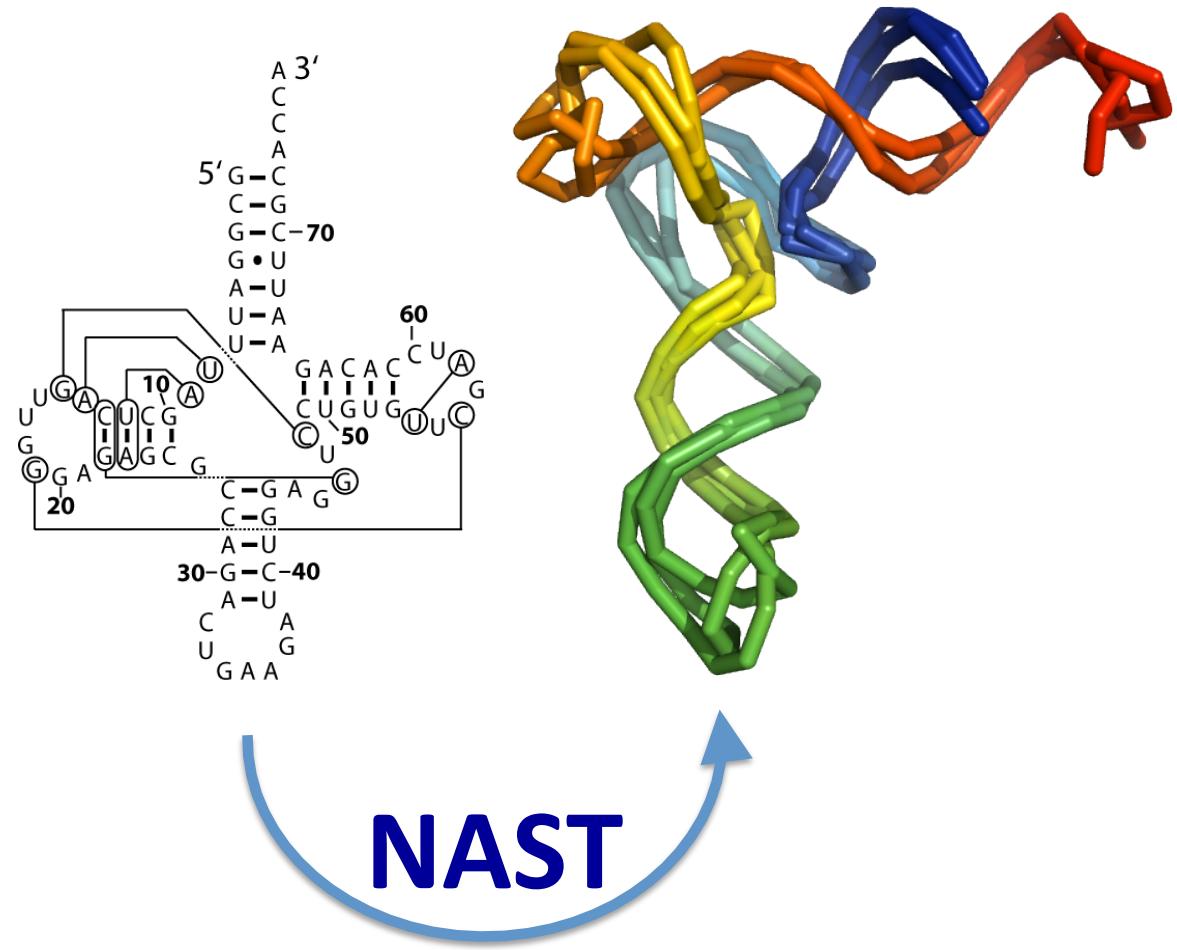


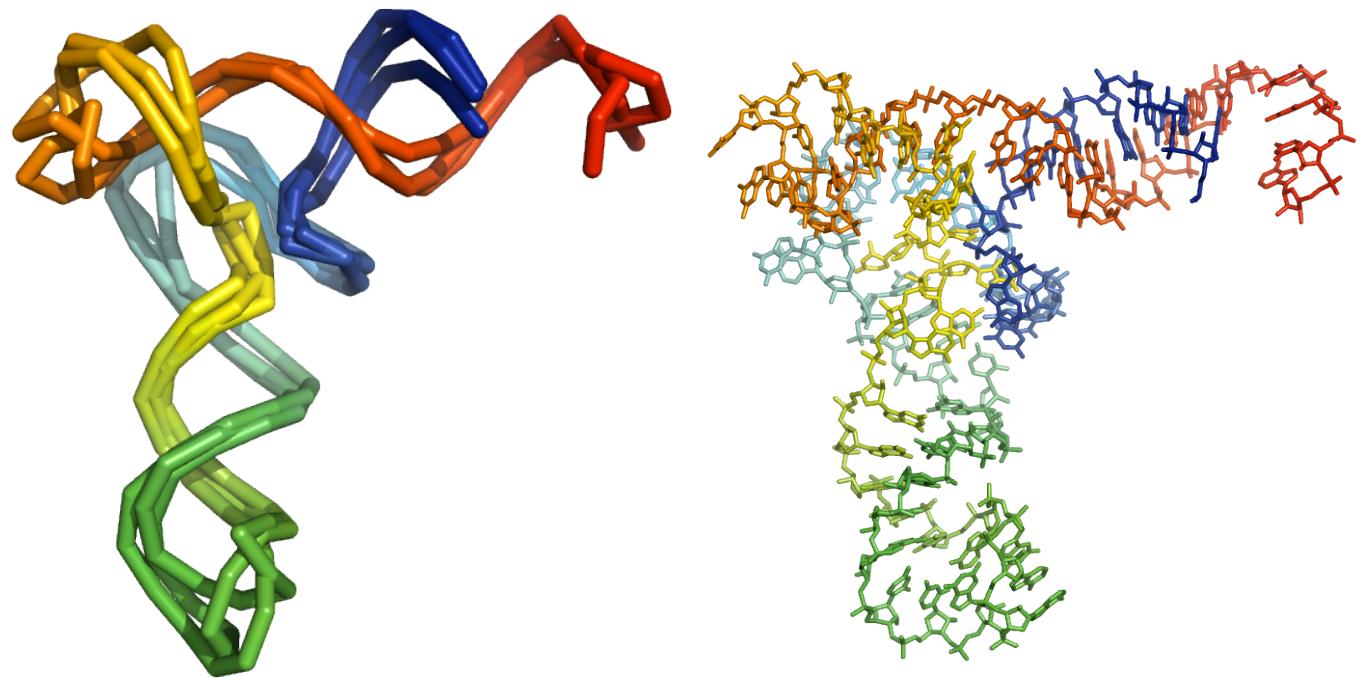
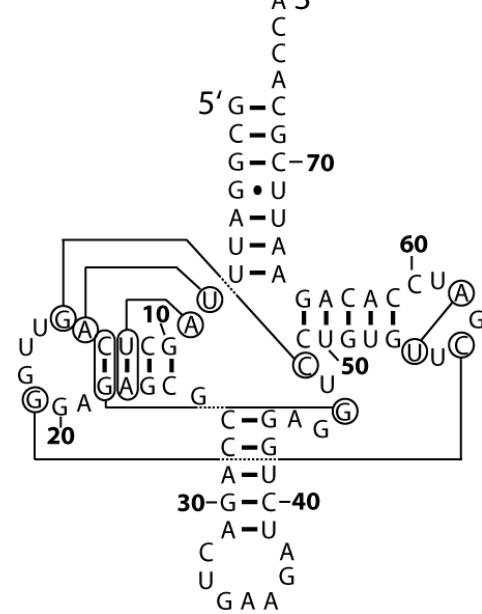
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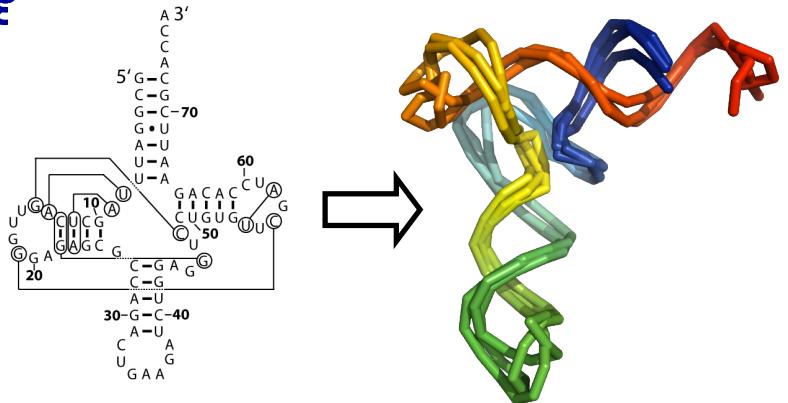
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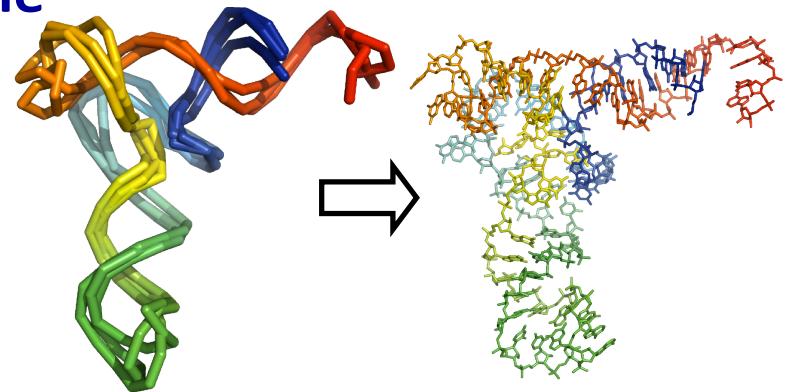
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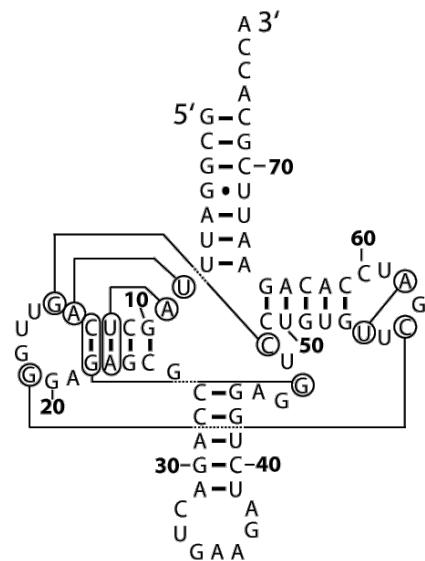
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NAST Overview

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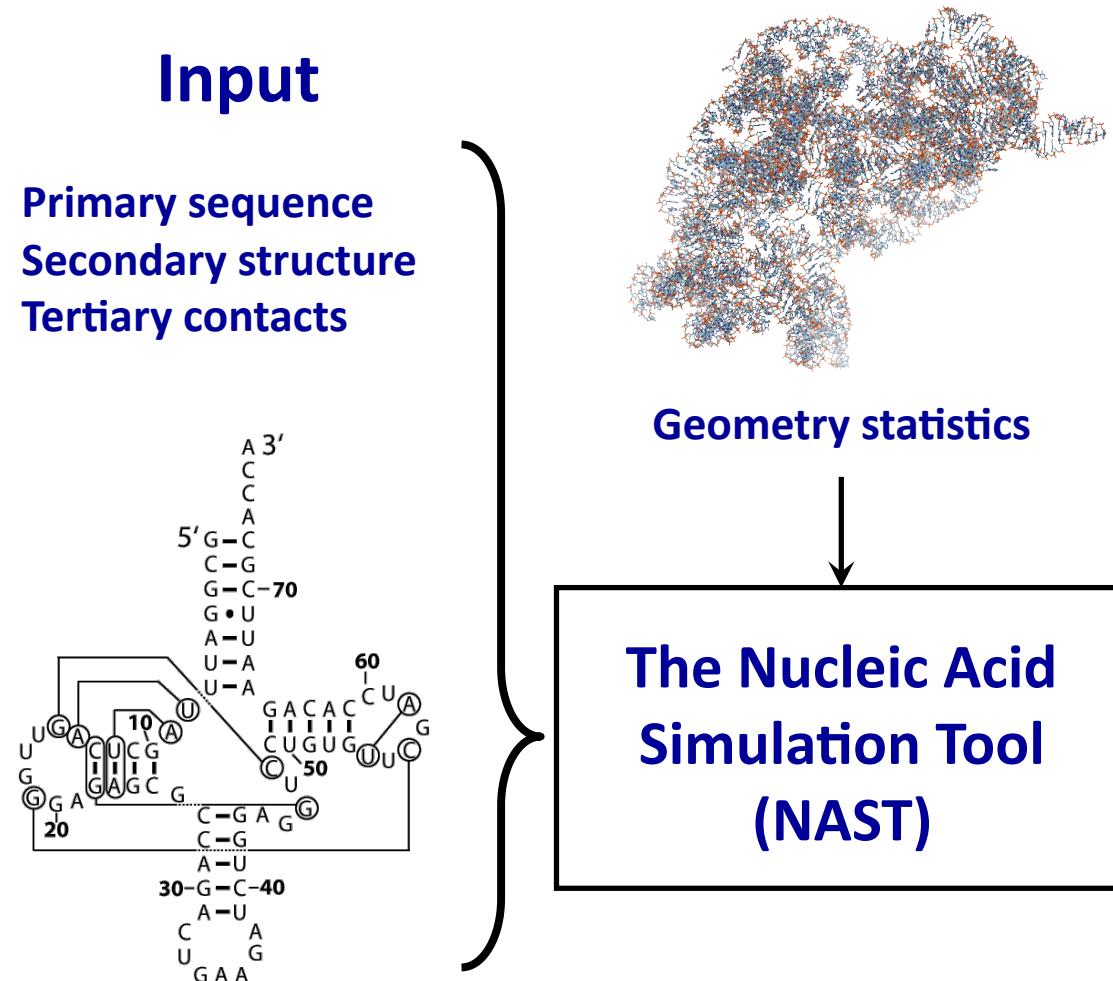
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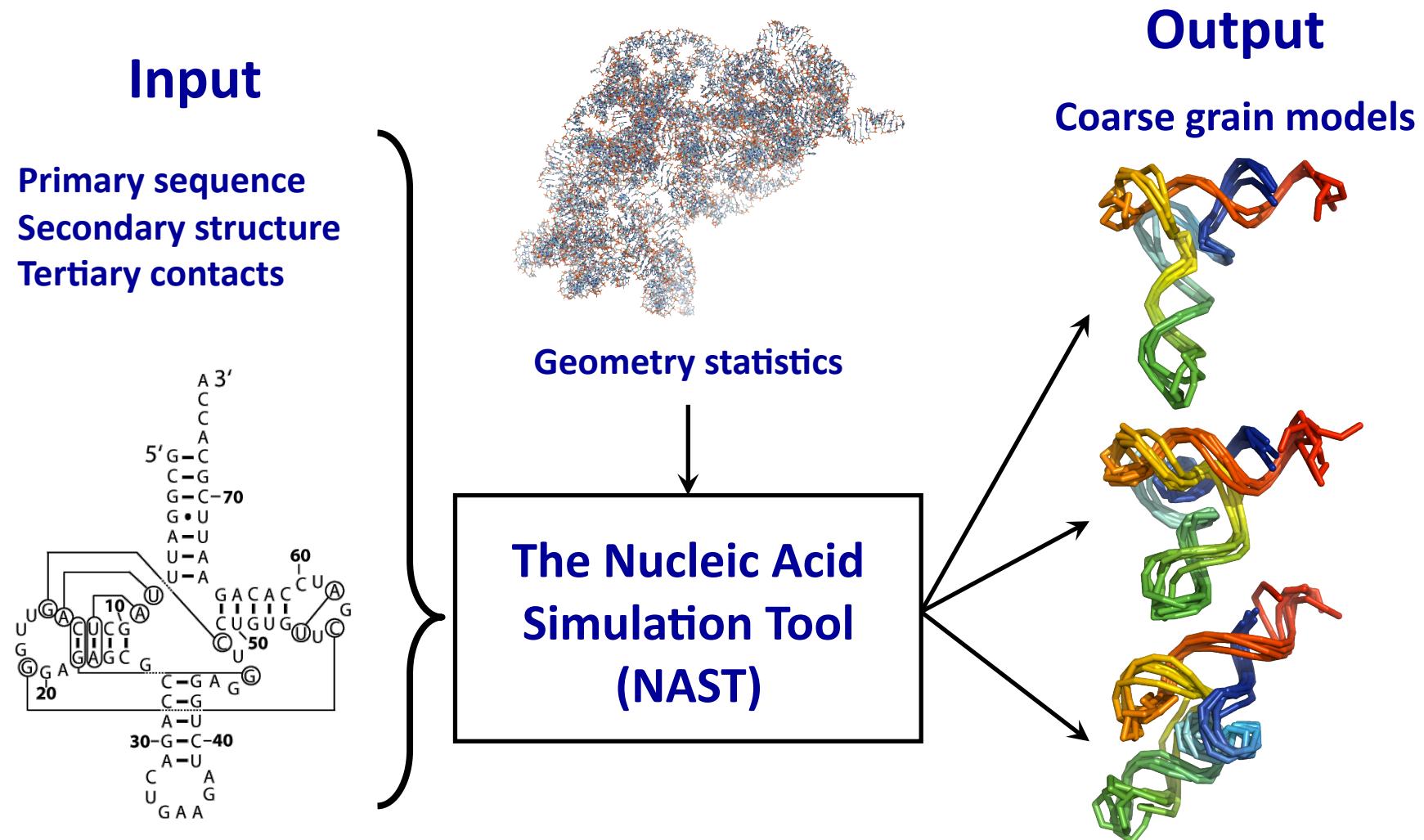
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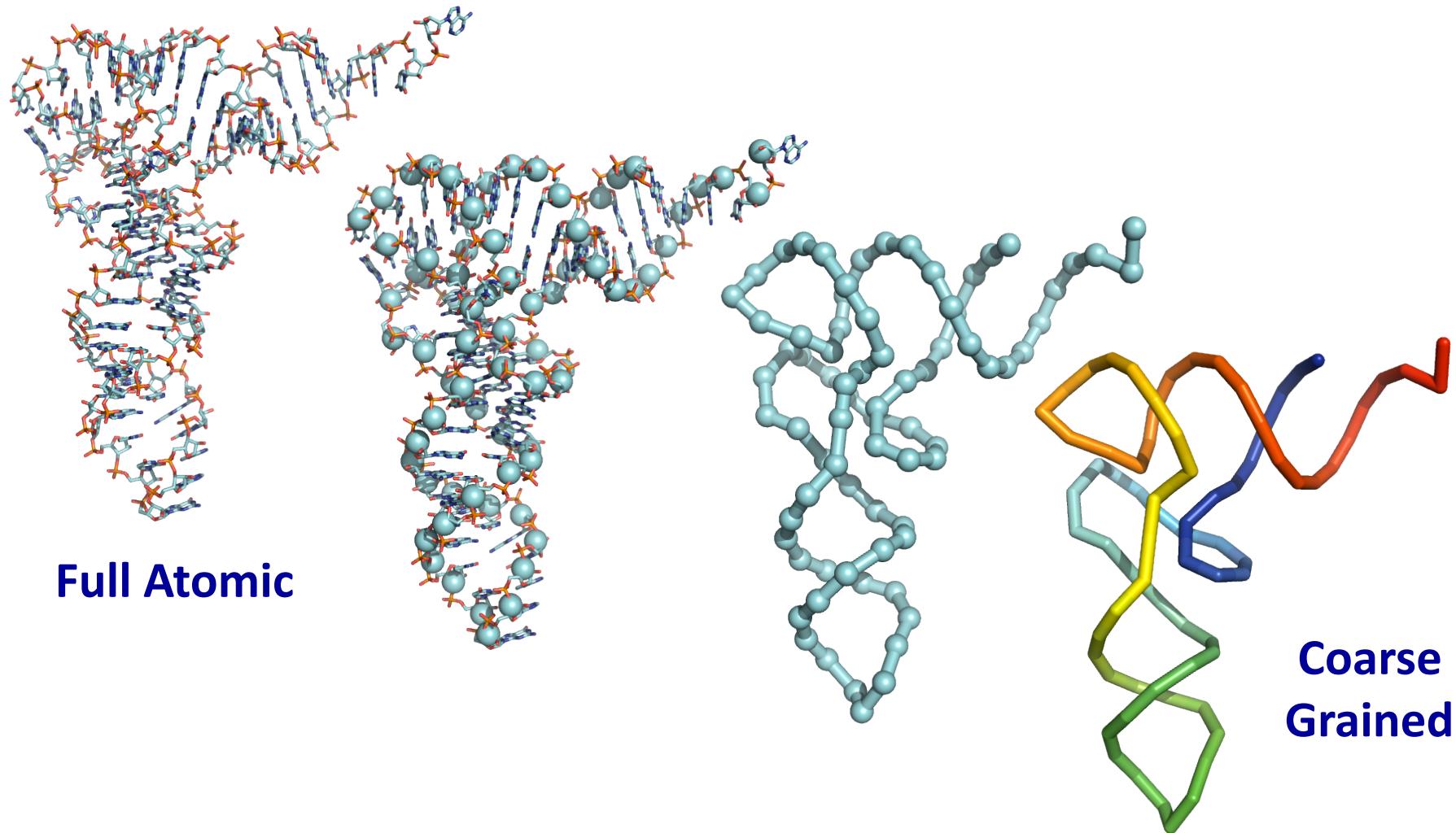


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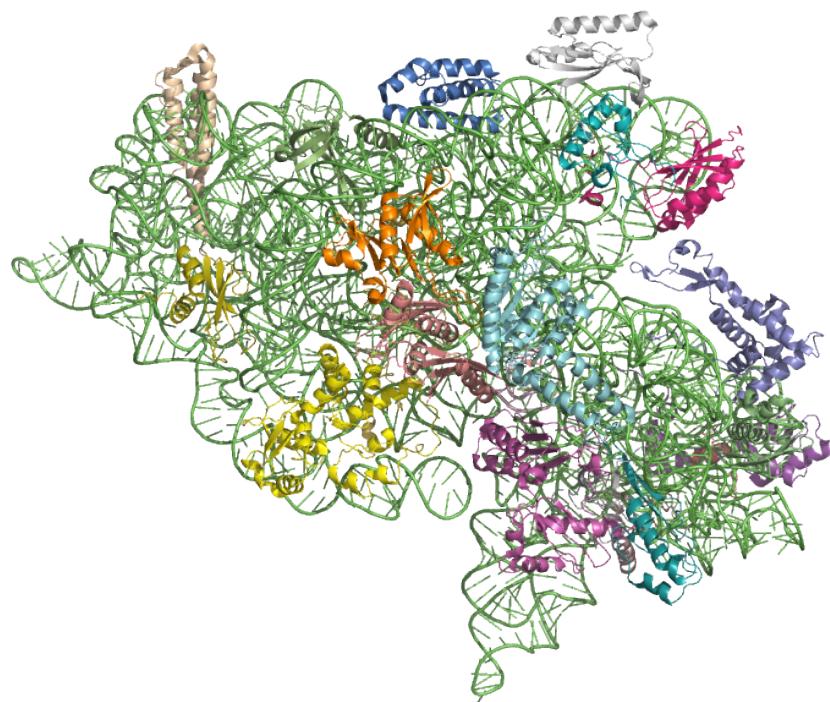
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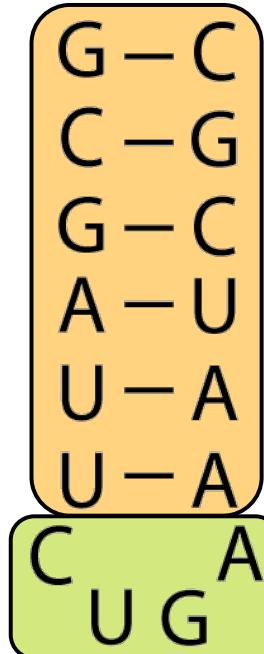
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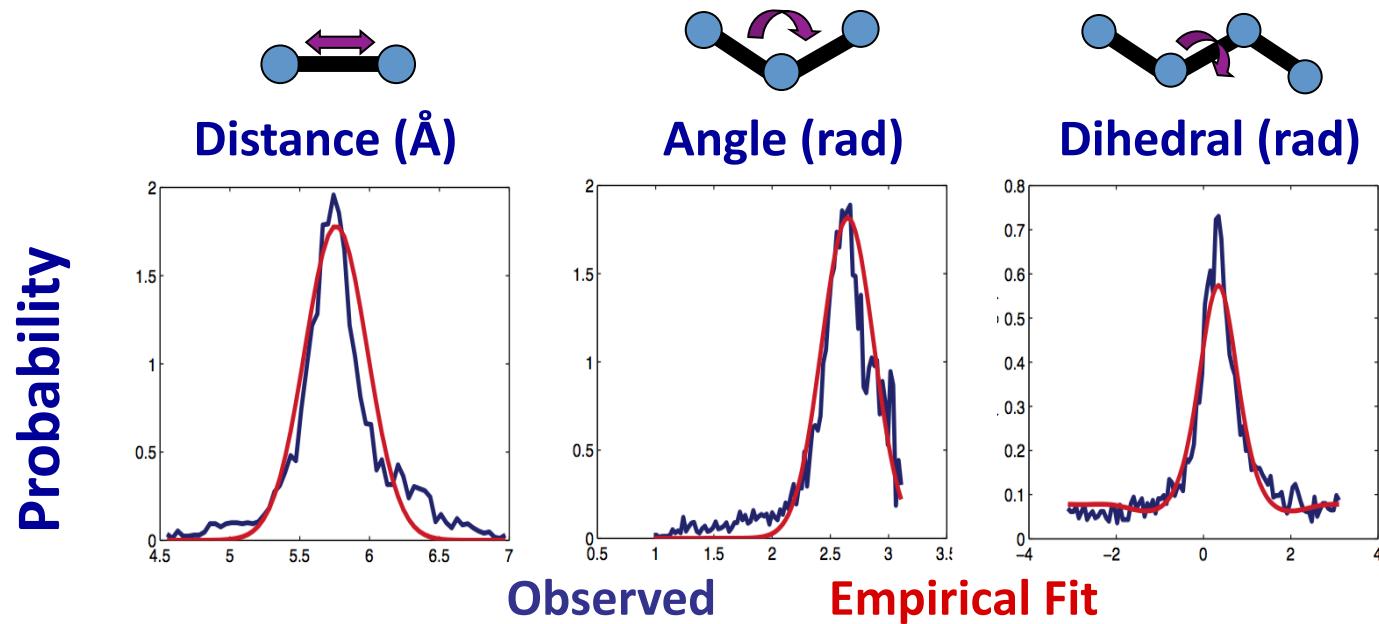
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Ogle et al., 2002 Cell**

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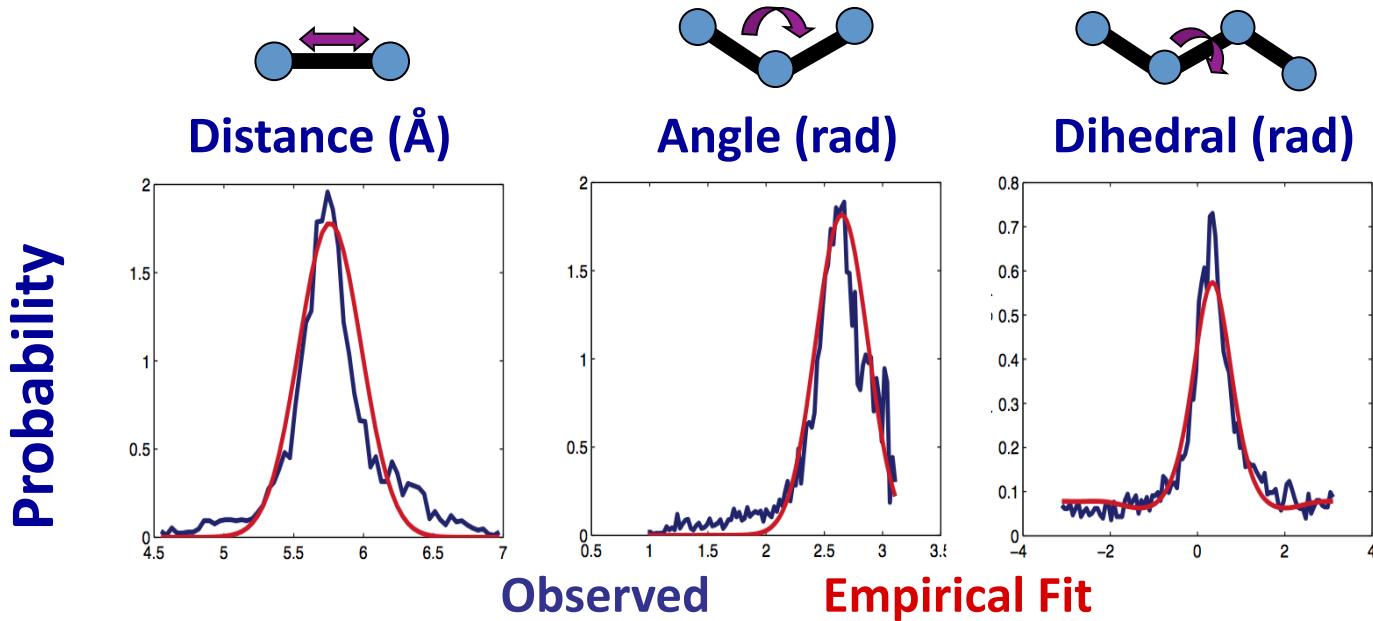
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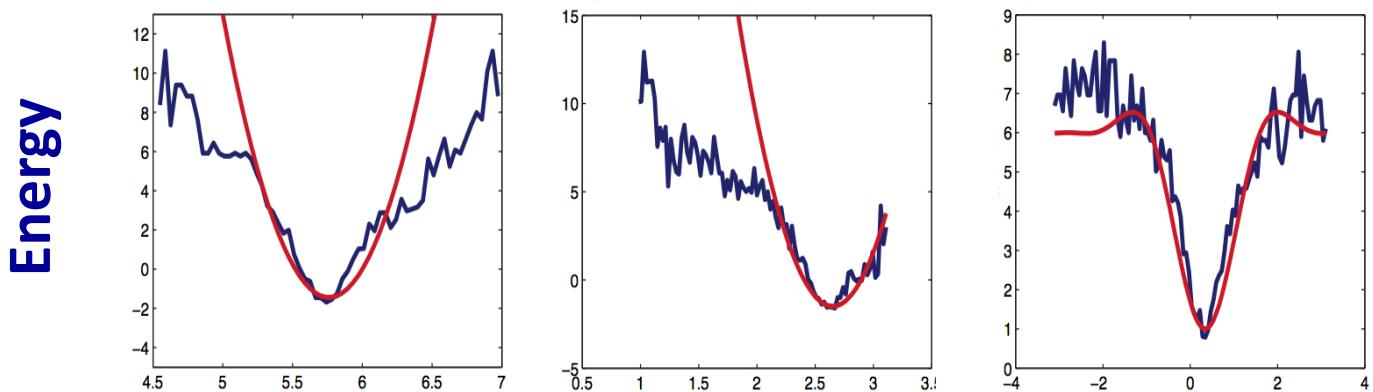
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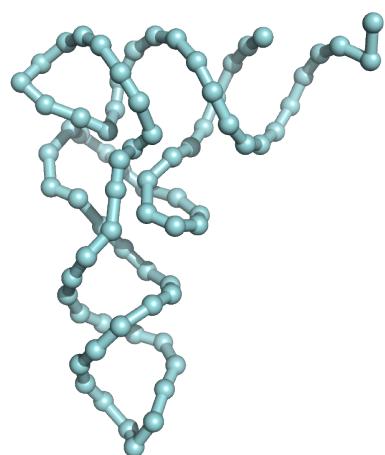


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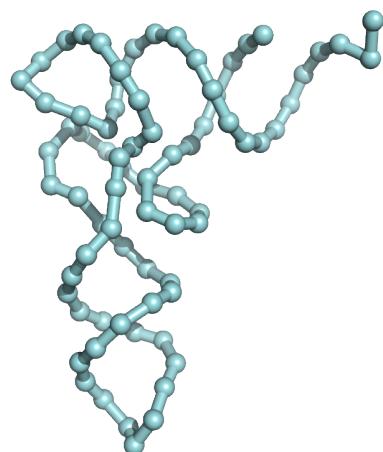
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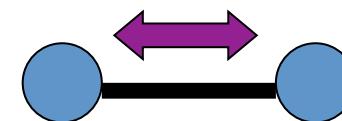


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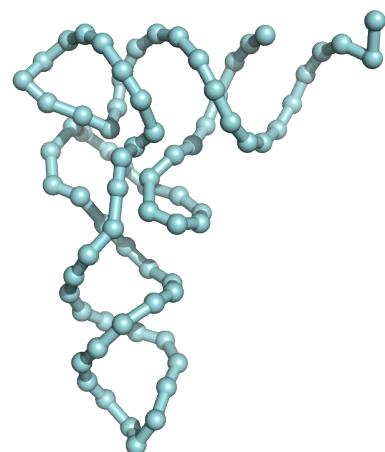


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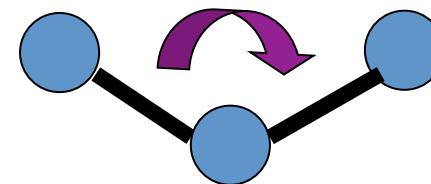


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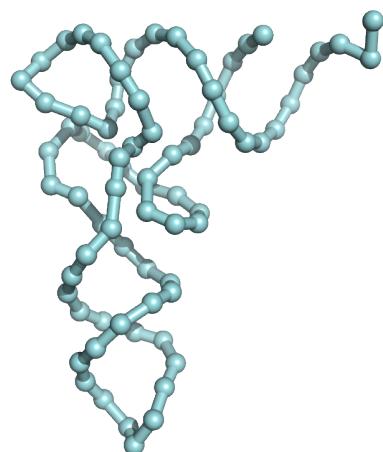


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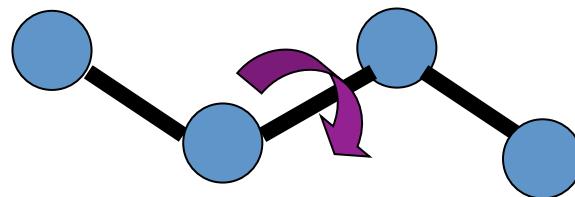


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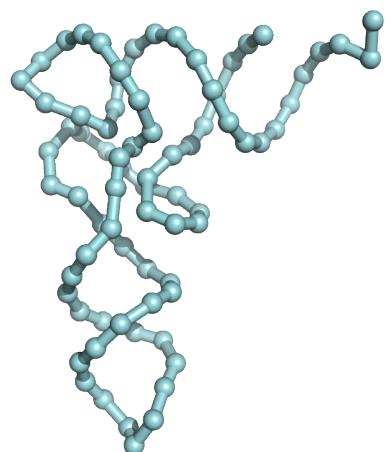


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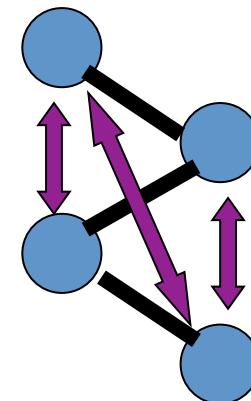


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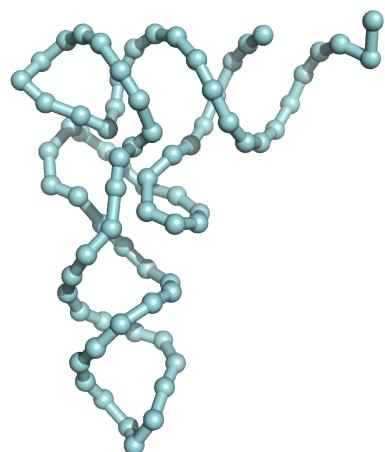


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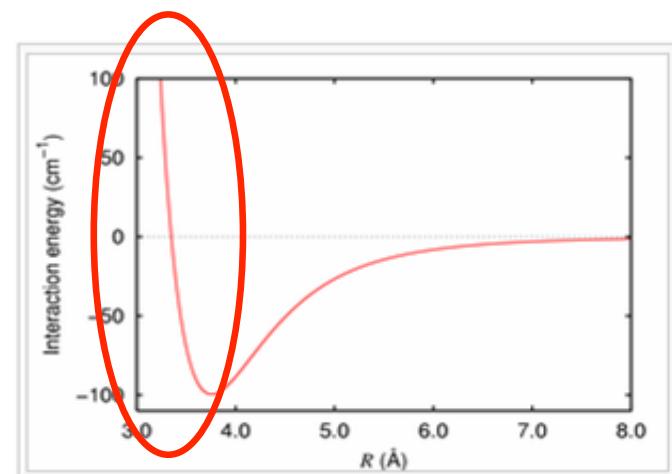


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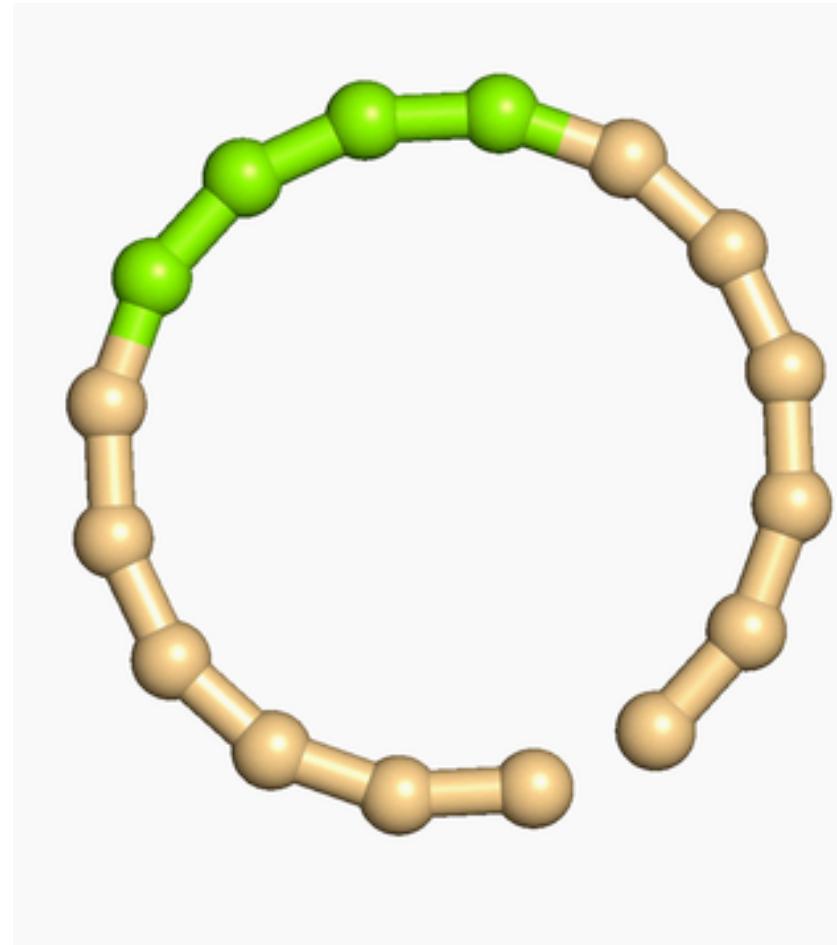
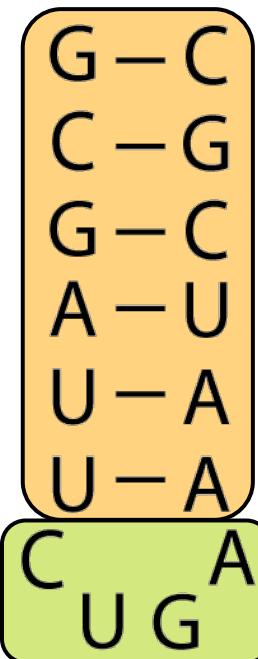
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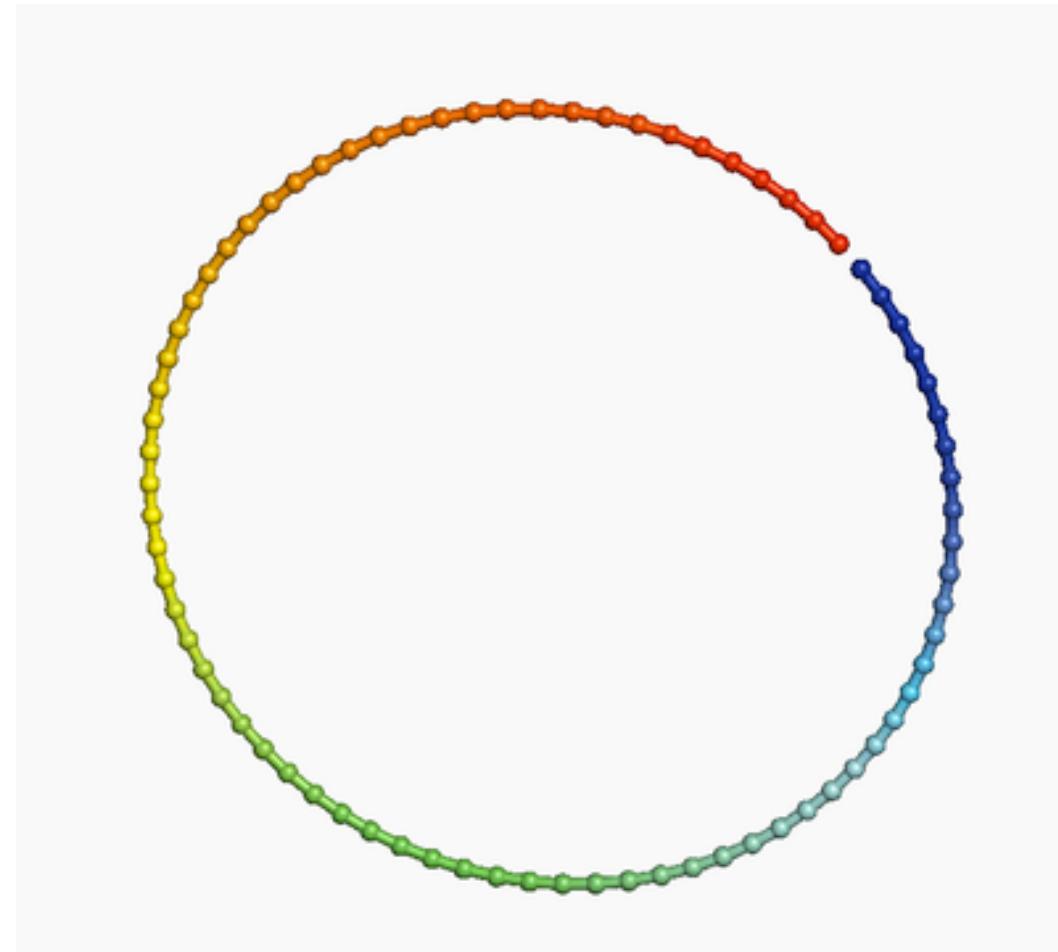
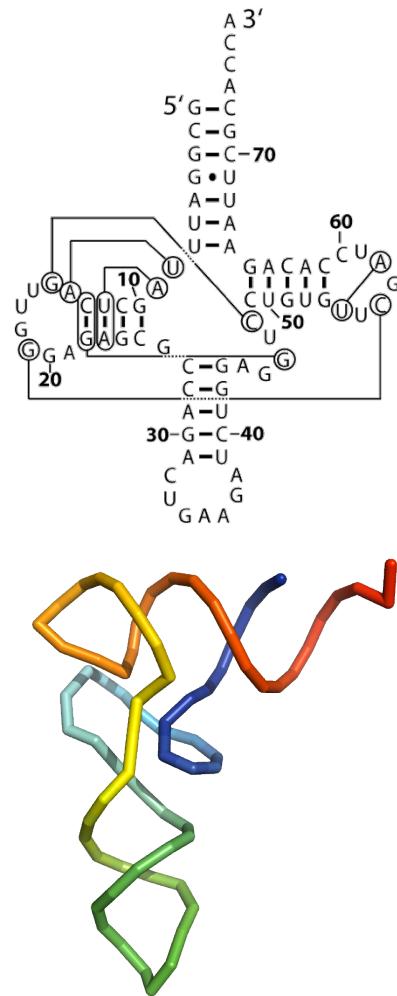
Simple helix

Helical regions

Non-helical regions



Modeling tRNA from primary sequence



Questions about theory before moving to tutorial?

Prerequisites

- NAST downloaded from www.simtk.org/home/nast
- NAST installed and test example run successfully
- Python 2.5 or 2.6

1. Open a command prompt or terminal window

|| *(Windows)* Start -> All Programs -> Accessories -> Command Prompt
|| *(Mac OS)* Macintosh HD -> Applications -> Utilities -> Terminal

2. Navigate to the nast examples directory

|| *(Windows)* cd "c:\Documents and Settings\<user_name>\Desktop\nast-0.5.examples\nast"
|| *(Mac OS)* cd /Users/<user_name>/Desktop/NAST/nast-0.5/examples/nast

Running the test example

3. Navigate to the 6TNA_MD example folder

```
|| (Windows)      cd 6TNA_MD  
|| (Mac OS)       cd 6TNA_MD
```

4. Run the NAST test example

```
|| (Windows)      \Python26\python runTest.py  
|| (Mac OS)       python runTest.py
```

What happens?

Let's visualize the output trajectory in VMD

Visualize the test run

5. Open VMD

6. Load the test trace file ‘6TNA_nast.pdb’ in VMD

VMD Main -> File -> New Molecule

Molecule File Browser -> Browse

Chose a molecule file -> 6TNA_nast.pdb -> Open

Molecule File Browser -> Load

7. Connect the residues with a .psf file

Molecule File Browser -> Load files for: 0: 6TNA_nast.pdb -> Browse

Chose a molecule file -> 6TNA_nast.psf -> Open

Molecule File Browser -> Load

Simulate tRNA from unfolded

7. Return to your terminal

8. Copy runNast.py to myRunNast.py

(Windows) `copy runNast.py myRunNast.py`

(Mac OS) `cp runNast.py myRunNast.py`

9. Edit myRunNast.py

Do *not* use Microsoft Word

(Windows) Start -> All Programs -> Accessories -> WordPad

(Mac OS) emacs, vi ,TextEdit

```
#!/usr/bin/env python

__author__ = "Randall J. Radmer"
__version__ = "1.0"
__doc__ = """Example script to run a Nast simulation for tRNA."""

pdbInFilename      = "6TNA_C3.pdb"
pdbOutFilename     = "6TNA_nast.pdb"
helixFilename       = "6TNA_helix.txt"
contactsFilename   = "6TNA_contacts.txt"
numSteps           = 100000
stepsPerReport     = 1000
defaultTemperature = 300.0
randomSeed          = 1
useGpu              = False
verbose             = False

import simtk.nast.molecule as molecule
molecule.run(pdbInFilename=pdbInFilename,
              pdbOutFilename=pdbOutFilename,
              helixFilename=helixFilename,
              contactsFilename=contactsFilename,
              numSteps=numSteps,
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              verbose=verbose)
```

Make some changes to the file

	OLD runNast.py	NEW myRunNast.py
<code>pdbInFilename</code>	= "6TNA_C3.pdb"	= "6TNA_C3.seq"
<code>pdbOutFilename</code>	= "6TNA_nast.pdb"	= "T1.pdb"
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<code>numSteps</code>	= 100000	= 100000
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<code>defaultTemperature</code>	= 300.0	= 300.0
<code>randomSeed</code>	= 1	= None
<code>useGpu</code>	= False	= False
<code>verbose</code>	= False	= True

Run the new simulation

10. Run the new script

|| *(Windows)* \Python26\python myRunNast.py
|| *(Mac OS)* python myRunNast.py

11. Visualize trace T1.pdb in VMD

(Load T1.psf onto T1.pdb to connect the residues)

Things to notice:

- Started from unfolded circle.
- Secondary structure becomes constrained over the course of the simulation.

Run a longer simulation

12. Modify myRunNast.py with the following changes:

pdbOutFilename = T2.pdb

numSteps = 200000

13. Run the new myRunNast.py

14. Visualize the new trace T2.pdb

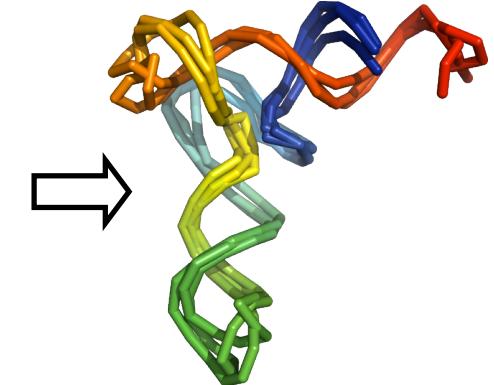
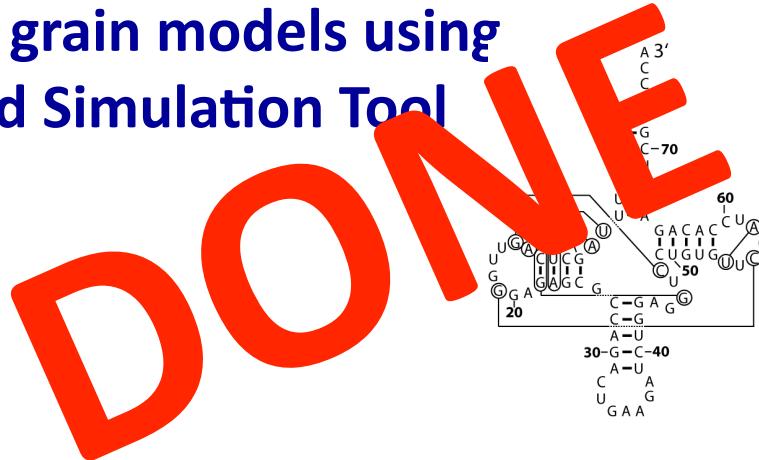
15. Save the last (or a favorite) frame as T2-last.pdb

We will use this structure later to add full atomic detail.

Outline

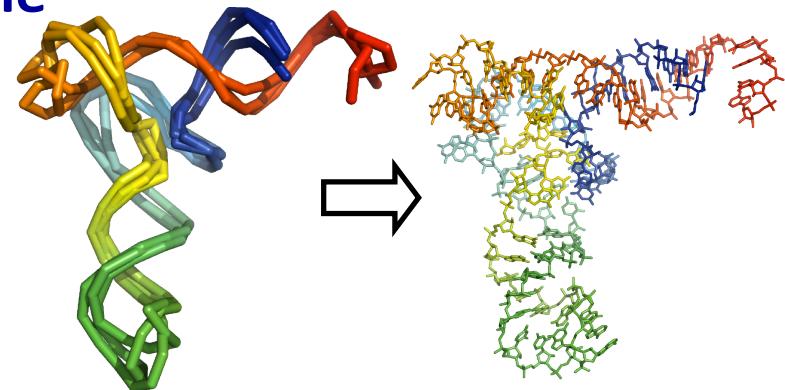
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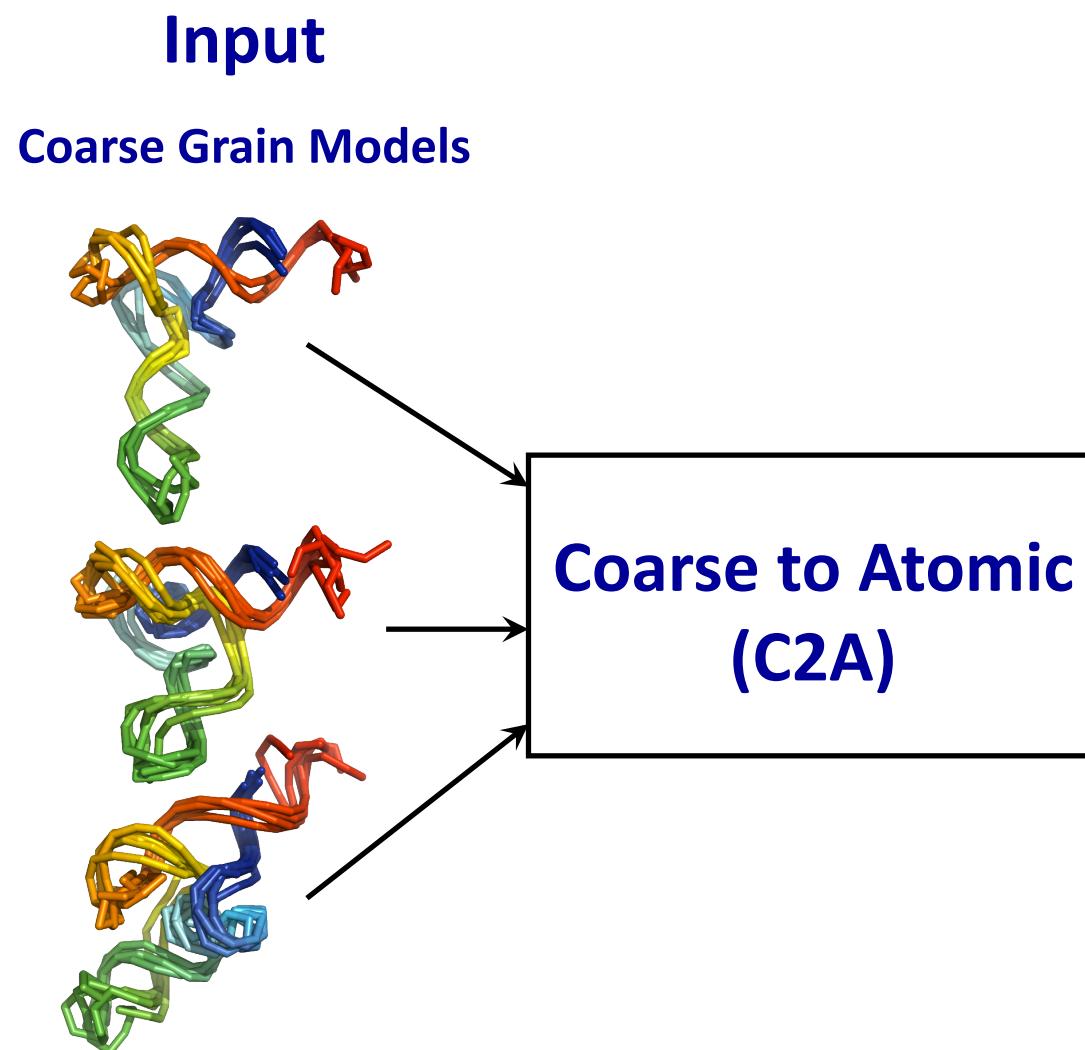
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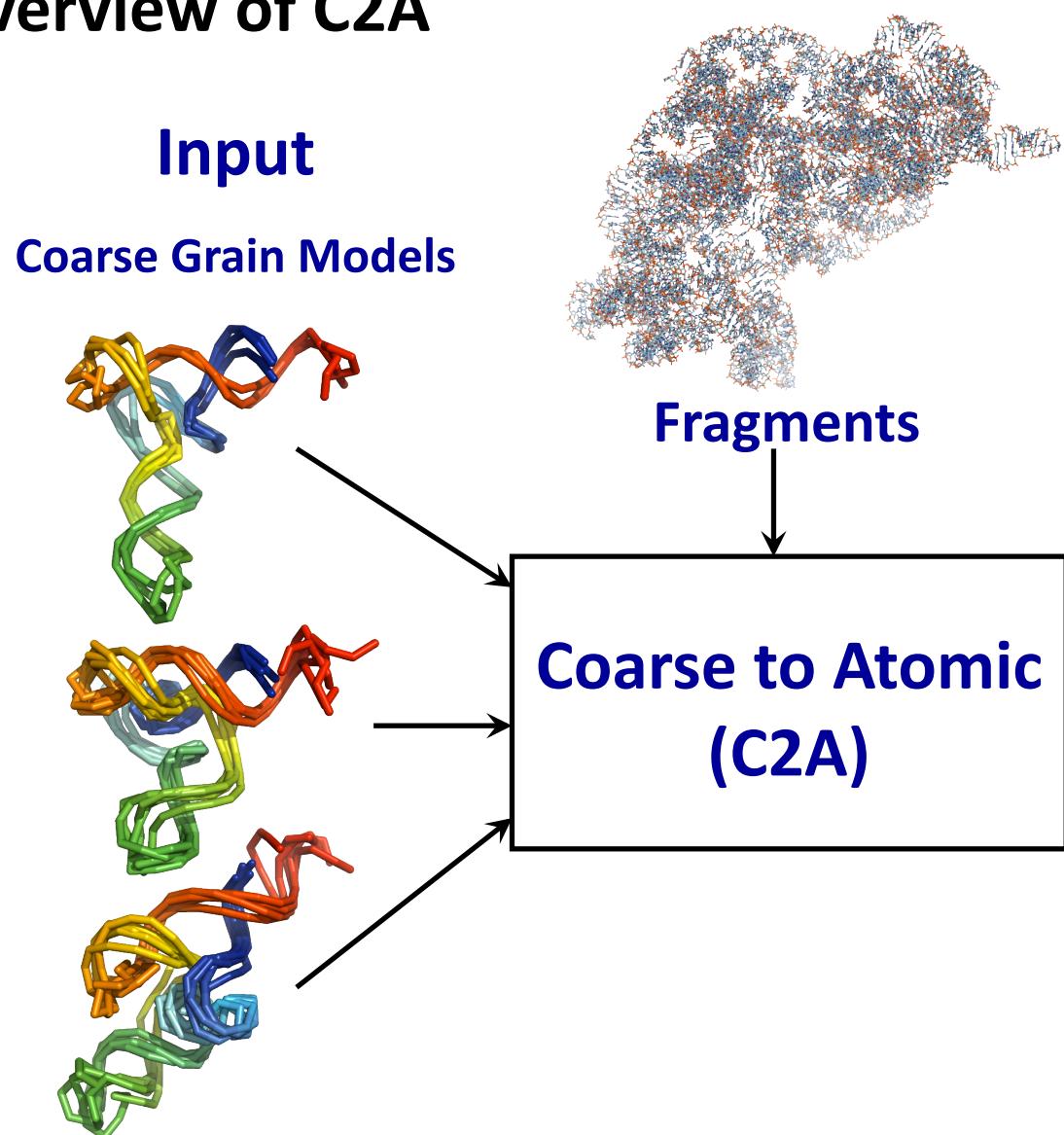
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Overview of C2A



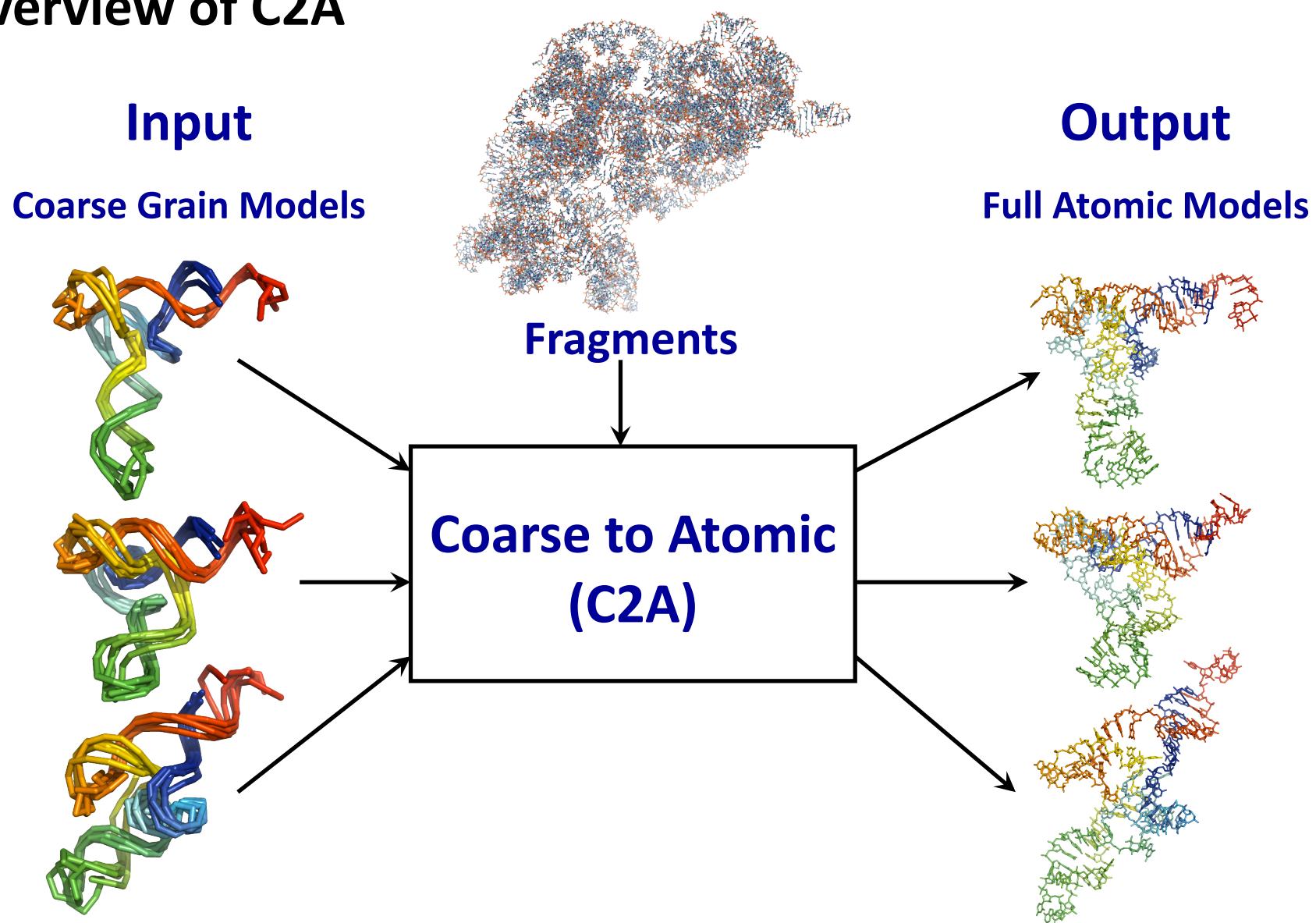
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Overview of C2A



C2A is a two part process

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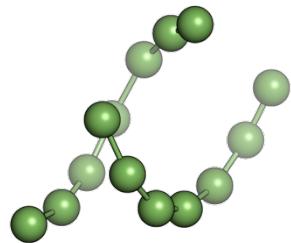
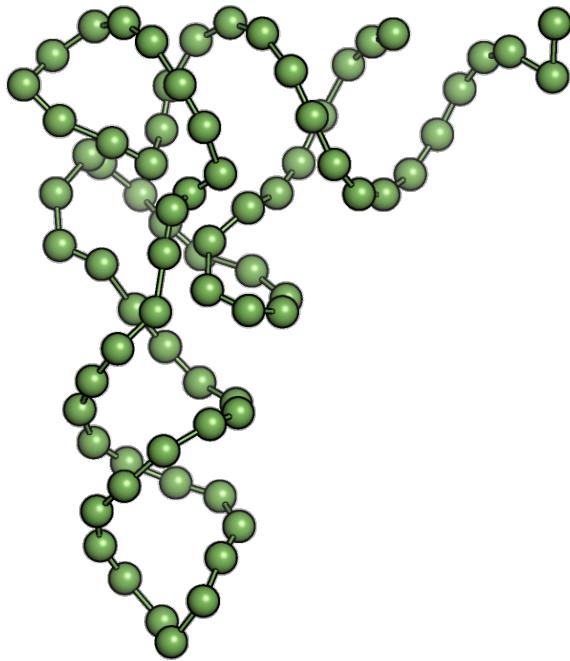
This is done once per template structure.

Part 2: Assembling fragments into a full atomic model.

Using the library of fragment matches generated in Part 1.

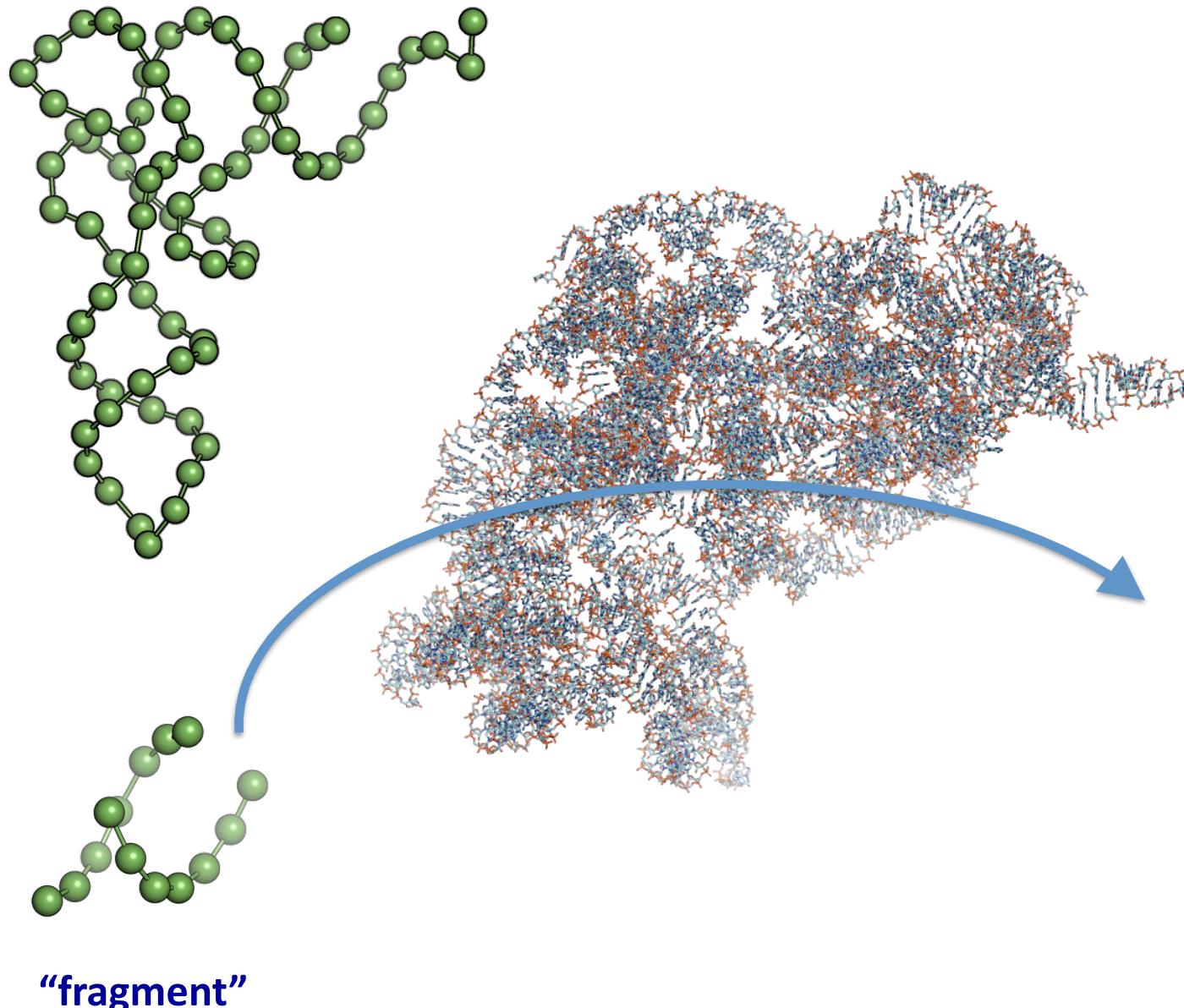
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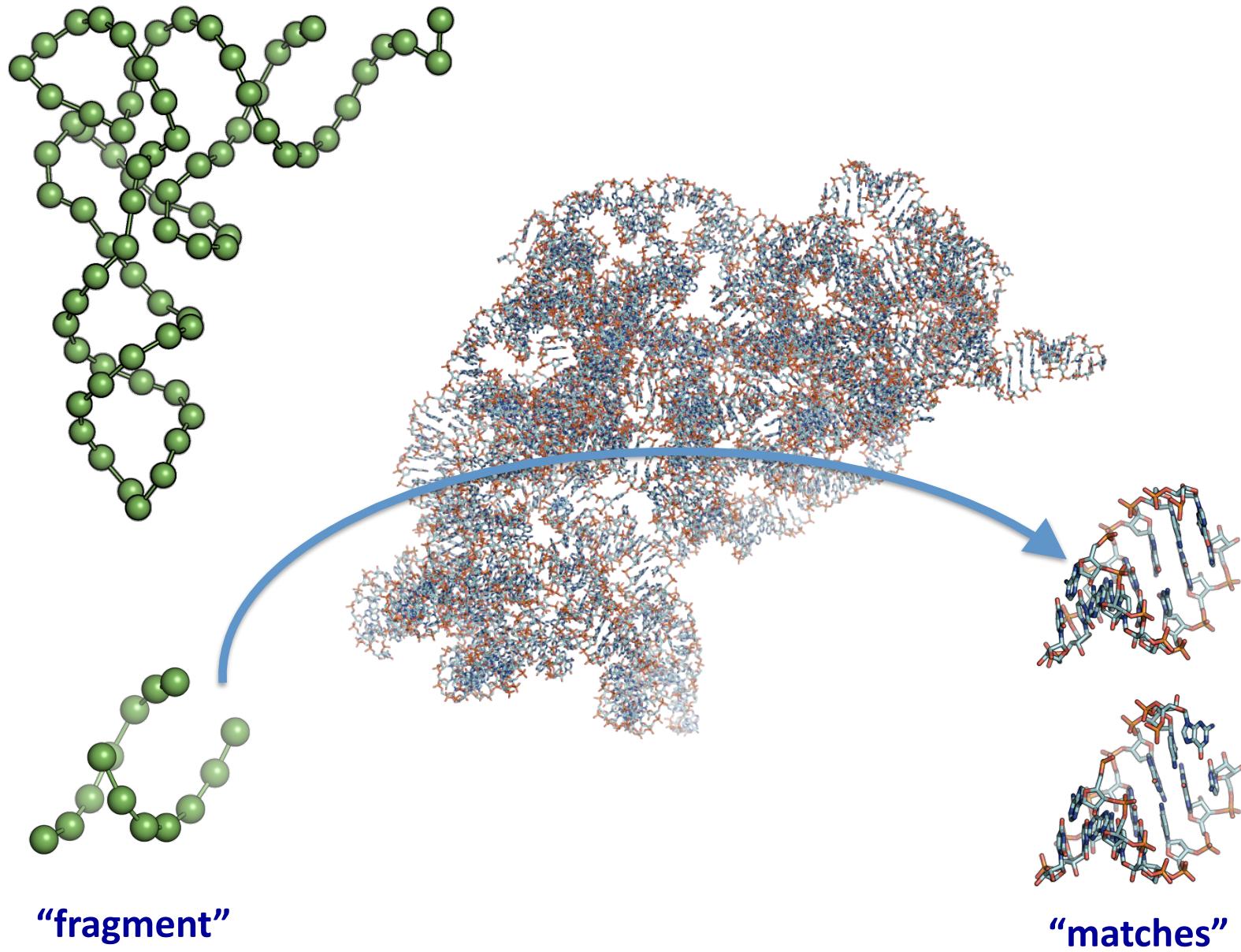


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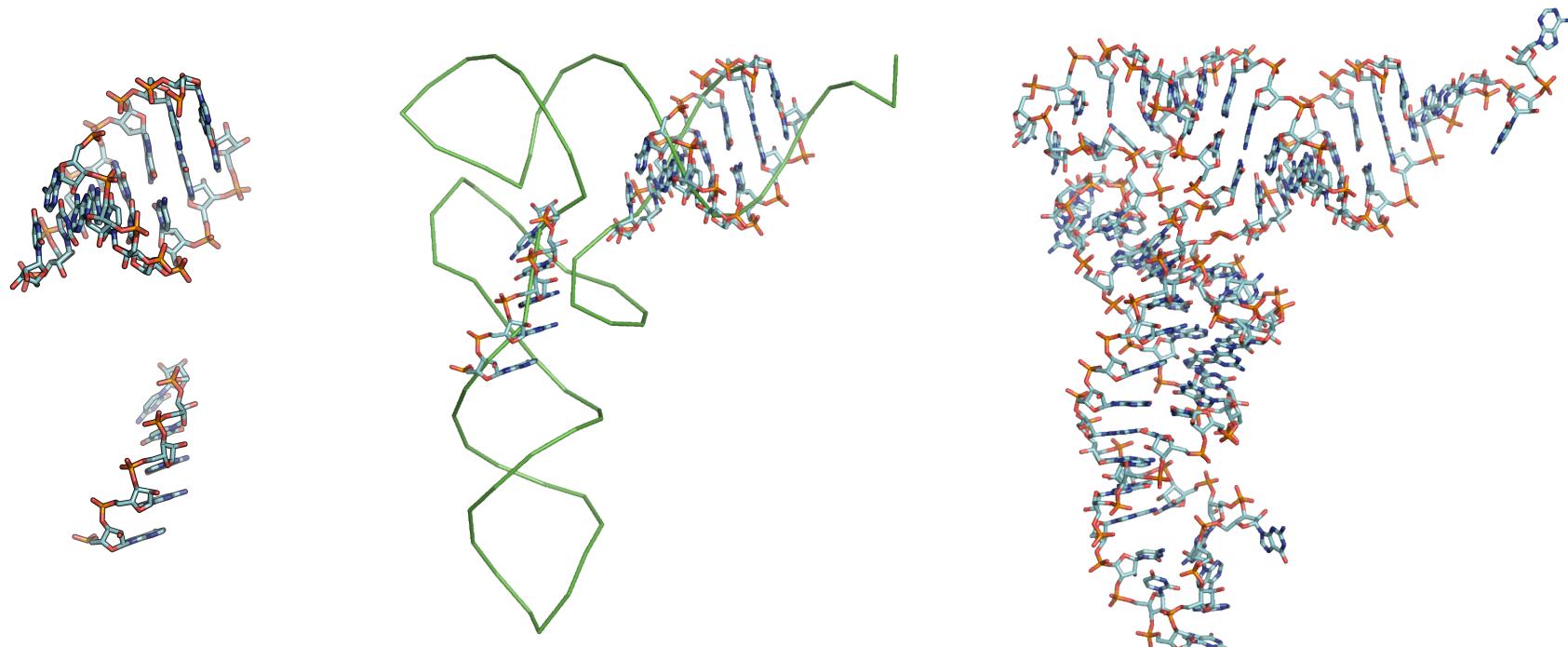
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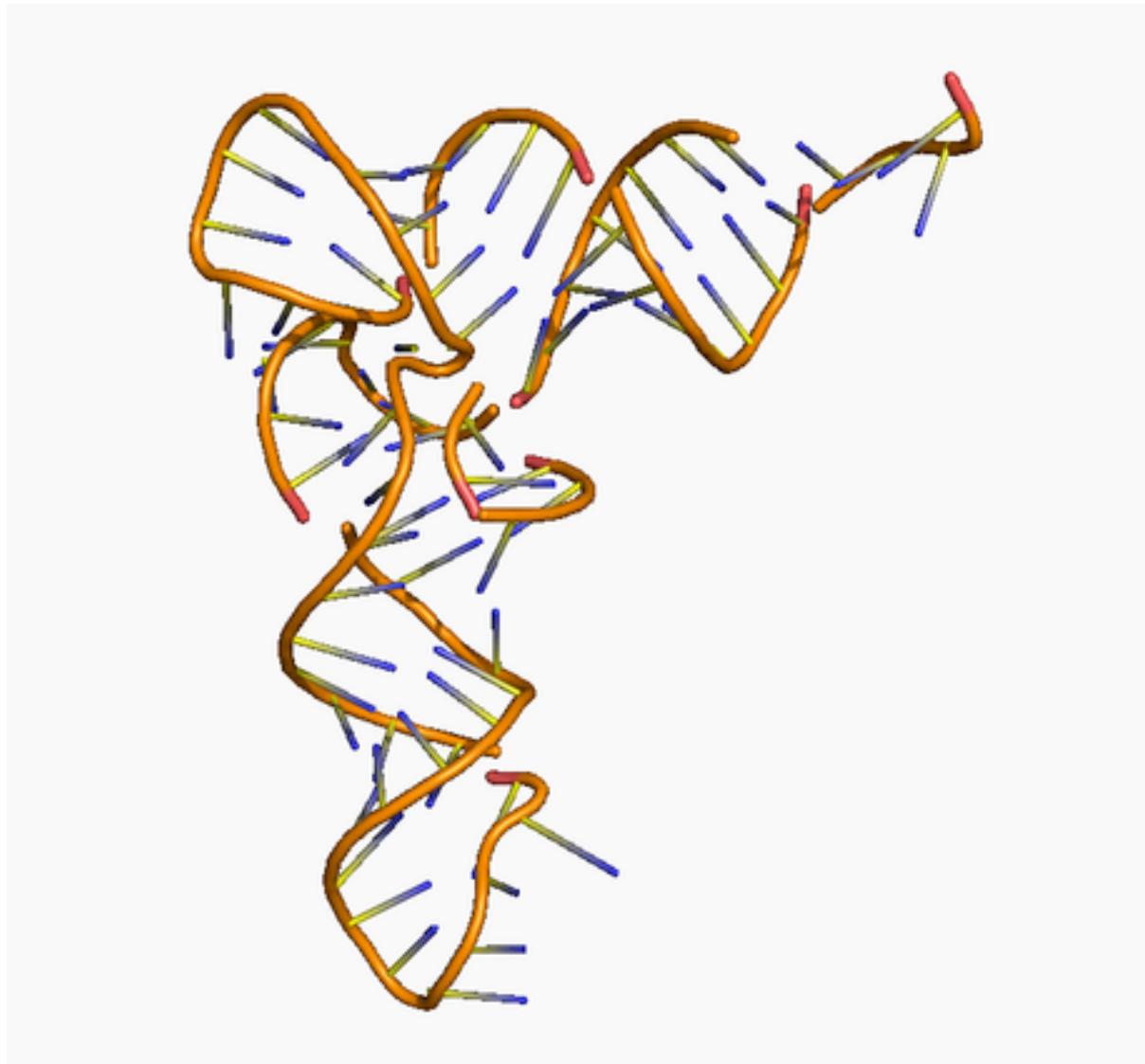
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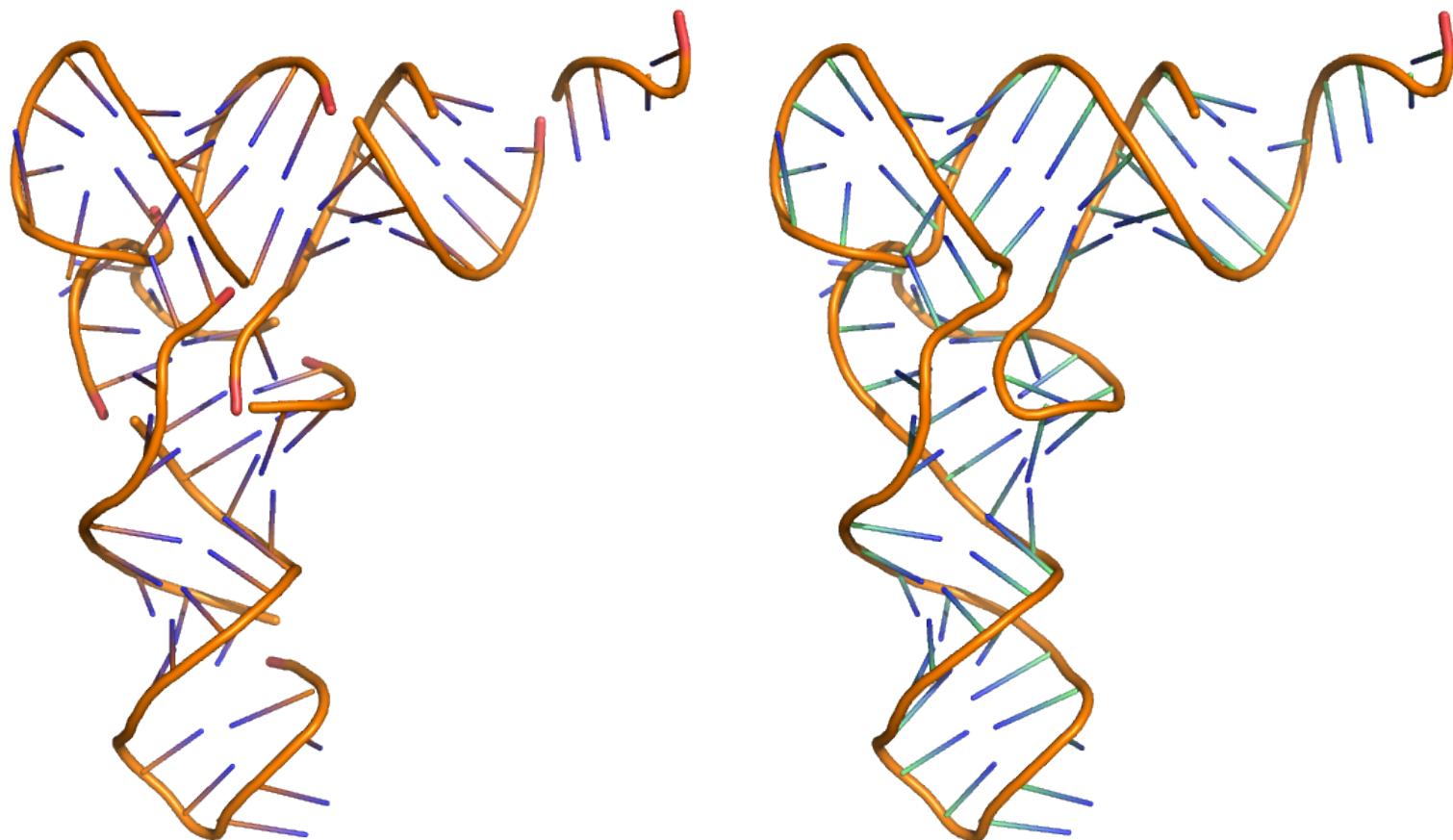
Part 2: Assembling a full atomic structure



Movie of structure assembly search



Reducing gaps with Zephyr



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Part 1: Creating a library of full atomic fragments

1. Return to command prompt or terminal window

2. Navigate to the C2A example folder

|| *(Windows)* cd ..\6TNA_c2a

|| *(Mac OS)* cd ../6TNA_c2a

3. Let's look at the contents of file ex1.py

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import simtk.nast.c2a_findMatches as fm

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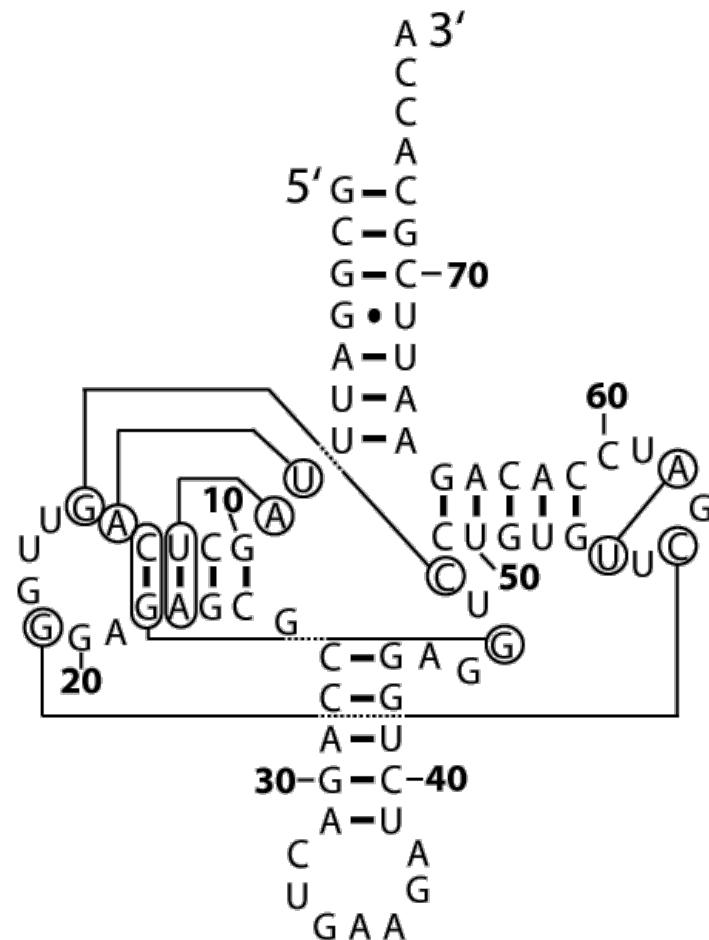
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A quick look at fragment definitions

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H2	10:13,22:25	10
H3	27:31,39:43	10
H4	49:53,61:65	10
L1	H2	10
L2	H3	10
L3	H4	10
J1	H1:5,H2:5	10
J2	H2:3,H3:5	10
J3	H3:3,H4:5	10
E1	H1:3+4	10



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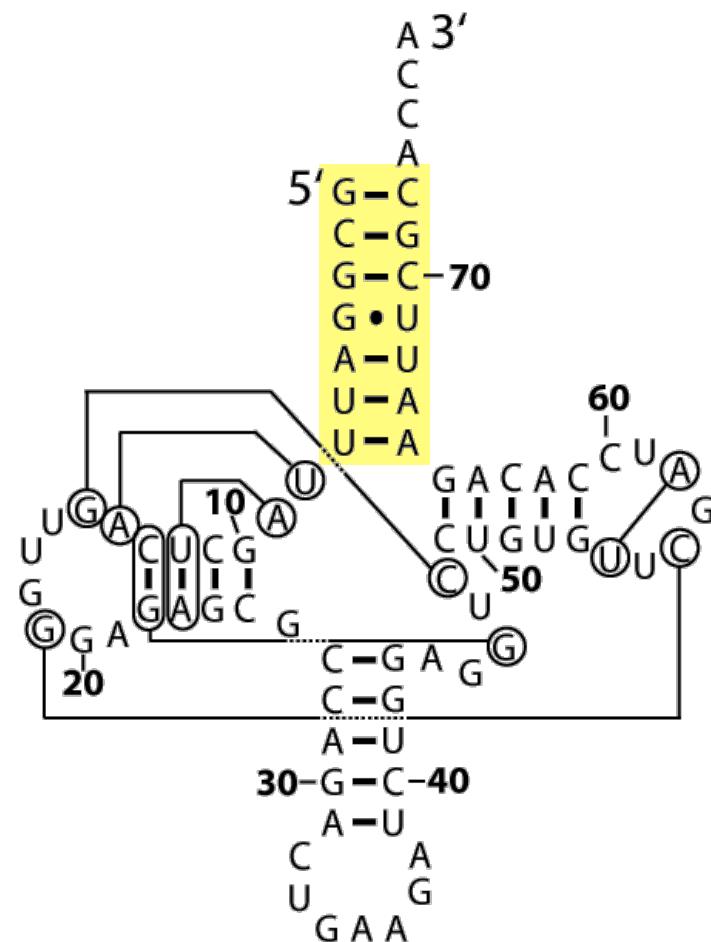
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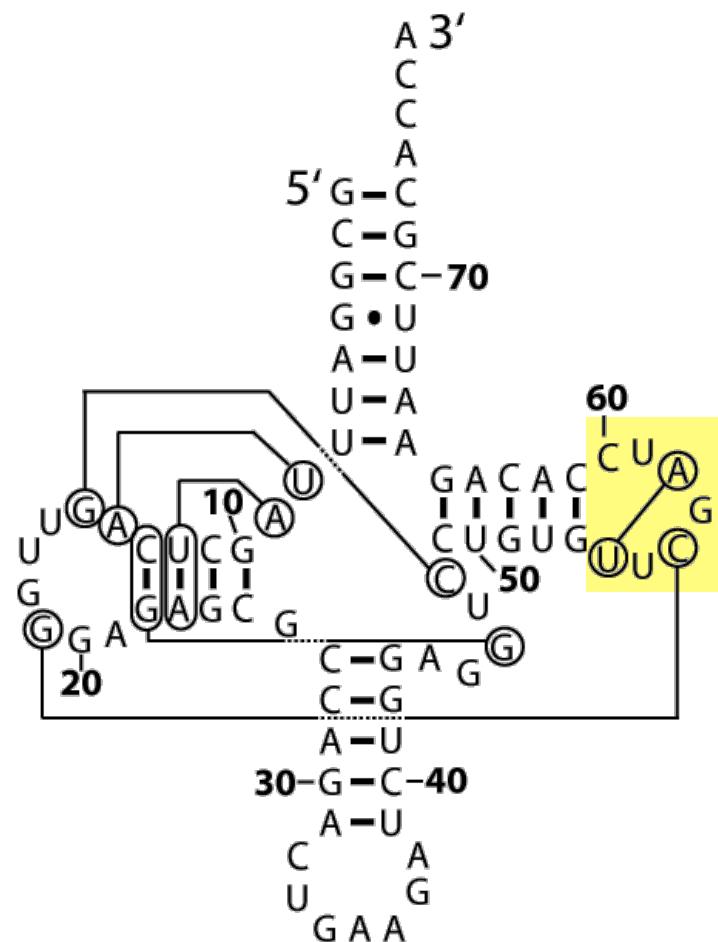
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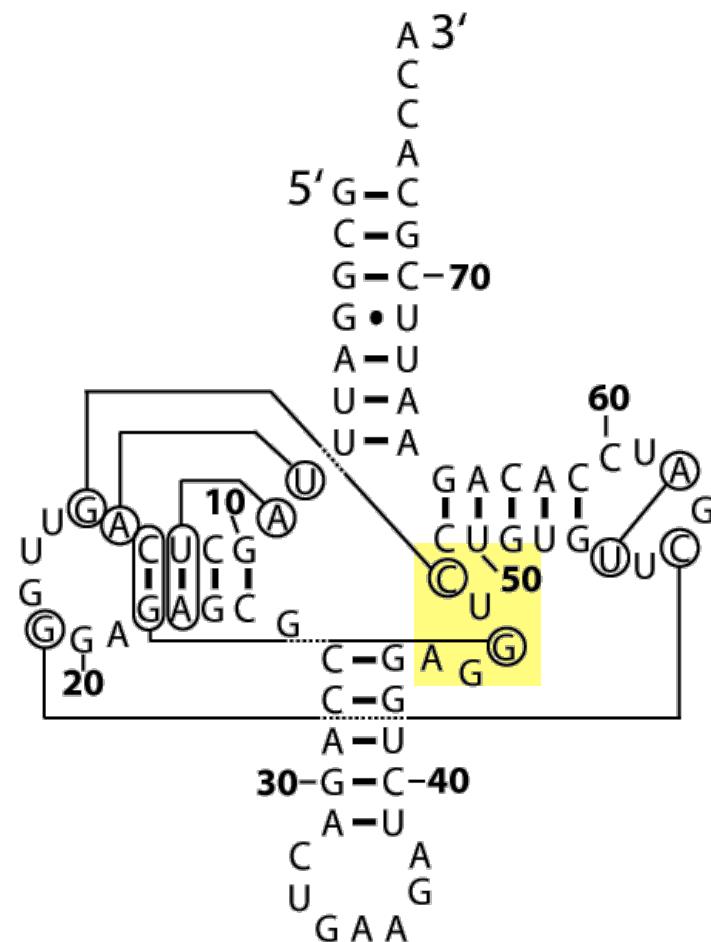
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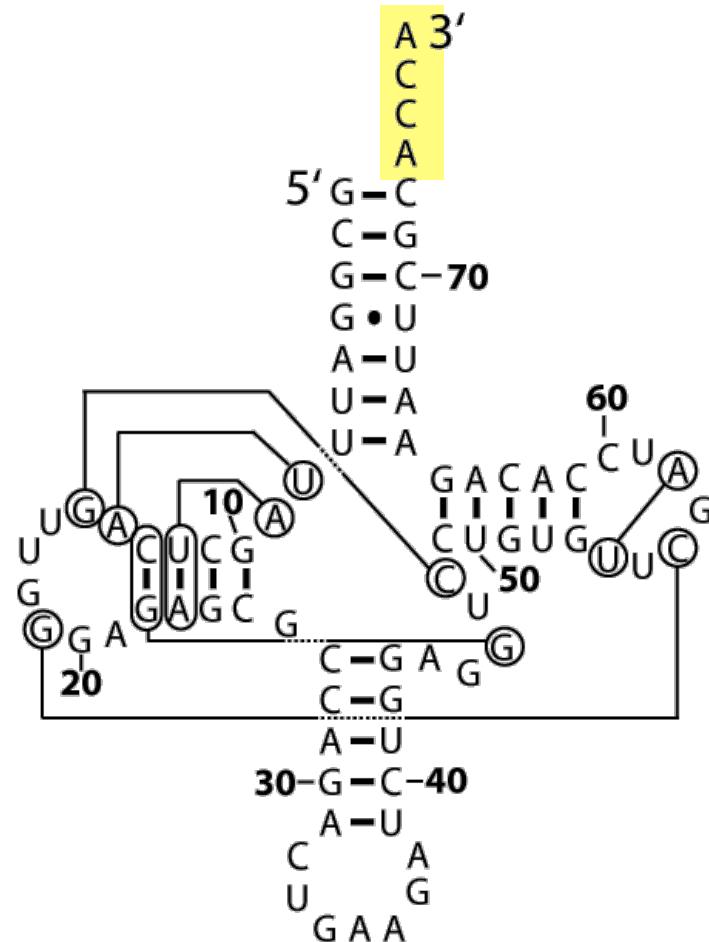
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4. Run ex1.py

|| **(Windows)** \Python26\python ex1.py
|| **(Mac OS)** python ex1.py

5. Check the size of the output files

|| **(Windows)** dir *-stats.dat
|| **(Mac OS)** ls -l *-stats.dat

- Make sure none of the *-stats.dat files have size 0. This would indicate that no matches were found for a particular fragment and prevent us from moving on to Part 2 of C2A.

- The library of full atomic fragment matches is saved in the file:

6TNA-C3-1N32-subA-0-lib.pkl

Using naming format:

<model name>-<reference name>-<model frame id>-lib.pkl

Part 2: Assembling a full atomic model – ex2.py

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import simtk.nast.c2a_assembleOptions as ao

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7. Run ex2.py

|| *(Windows)* \Python26\python ex2.py
|| *(Mac OS)* python ex2.py

8. Visualize the output full atomic structure test-0.pdb in VMD

Run C2A on our NAST tRNA model

9. Copy T2-last.pdb from the 6TNA_MD directory

(Windows) copy ..\6TNA_MD\T2-Last.pdb .

(Mac OS) cp ../6TNA_MD/T2-Last.pdb .

10. Fix pdb syntax for c2a

(Windows) \Python26\python fixvmdforc2a.py T2-Last.pdb T2-M1.pdb

(Mac OS) python fixvmdforc2a.py T2-Last.pdb T2-M1.pdb

11. Copy ex1.py to myEx1.py and make the following change:

templateTrace = T2-M1.pdb

12. Run myEx1.py

Check for warnings that 0 options were found.

Check that the file T2-M1-1N32-subA-0-lib.pkl was created.

13. Copy ex2.py to myEx2.py and make the following change:

coarseIn = T2-M1.pdb

pieceLib = T2-M1-1N32-subA-0-lib.pkl

outName = T2-M1

14. Run myEx2.py:

(Windows) \Python26\python myEx2.py

(Mac OS) python myEx2.py

15. Visualize the full atomic output file T2-M1-0.pdb in VMD

The quality of the full atomic reconstruction depends very highly on the quality of the coarse-grain model.

C2A part 2 is a stochastic process -> repeat many times to get different results.

One last step

16. Modify the two output files for later use with Zephyr

(Windows) \Python26\python fixpdbforgromacs.py
test-0.pdb 6TNA-0-fixed.pdb

(Mac OS) python fixpdbforgromacs.py test-0.pdb
6TNA-0-fixed.pdb

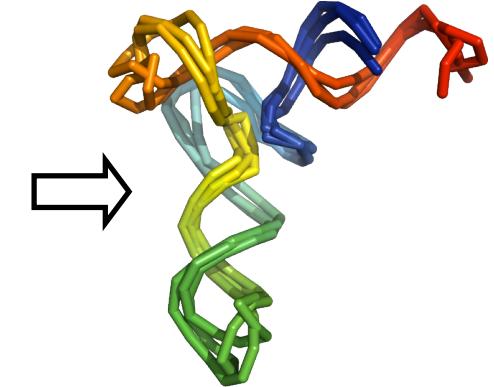
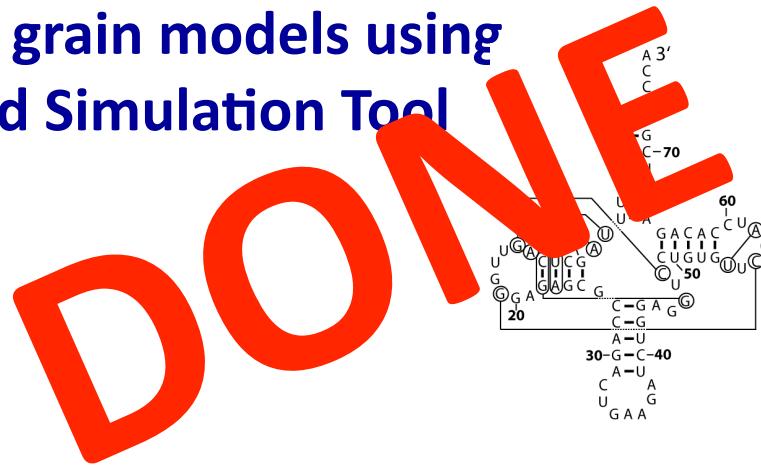
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Outline

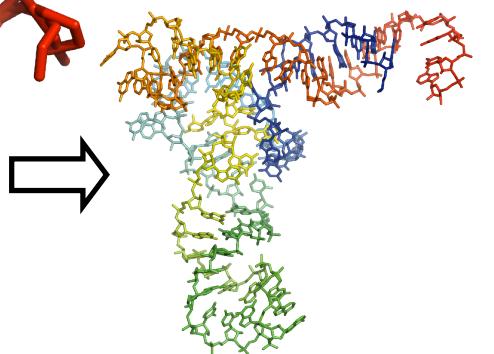
1. Building coarse grain models using the Nucleic Acid Simulation Tool (NAST)

- a) Theory
- b) Tutorial



2. Adding full atomic detail using the Coarse to Atomic (C2A) tool

- a) Theory
- b) Tutorial



3. Bringing it together: from primary sequence to full atomic structure

Bringing it all together: from secondary structure to full atomic 3D model.

Last exercise:

Download a secondary structure from the RNA STRAND database and build a full atomic 3D model.

The RNA STRAND database contains known and predicted secondary structures form 1000's of RNA molecules:

1. Open a web browser and navigate to:

www.rnasoft.ca/strand

www.rnasoftware.ca/strand

2. Search for PDB_00005

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RNA STRAND contains **known RNA secondary structures** of any type and organism. The ultimate goal of this database is to incorporate a comprehensive collection of known RNA secondary structures, and to provide the scientific community with simple yet powerful ways of **analysing, searching and updating** the proposed database.

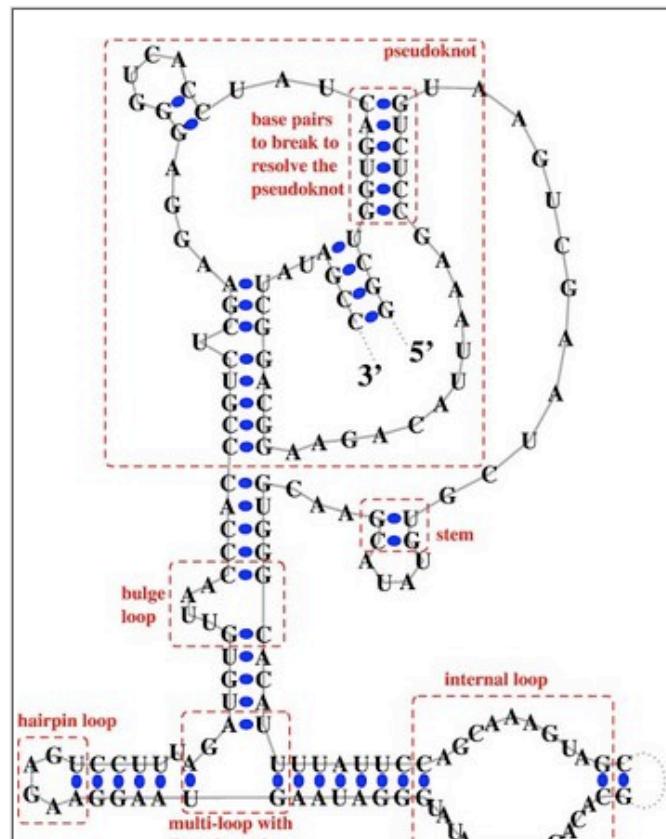
Current holdings: [4666](#) secondary structures in total.

PDB_00005

Search RNA STRAND ID

Search	Search for RNA STRAND entries, supports multiple search criteria
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Provenance of RNA STRAND structures	
#RNAs	Source and link to source
1059	RCSB Protein Data Bank
1056	Gutell Lab CRW Site
726	tmRNA Database
622	Sprinzl tRNA Database
454	RNase P Database
383	SRP Database
313	Rfam Database
53	Nucleic Acid Database



Structural feature occurrences in RNA STRAND

#RNAs	#Occurrences	Structural motif
2333	6746	Pseudoknots
3582	17537	Multibranched loops
2992	35650	Internal loops
2898	31392	Bulge loops
4575	43442	Hairpin loops
2296	48730	Non-canonical base pairs

Most common RNA types in RNA STRAND

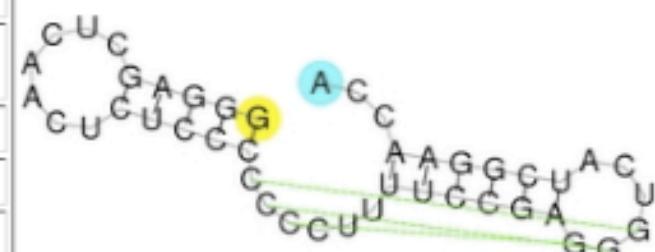
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726	Transfer Messenger RNA
723	16S Ribosomal RNA
707	Transfer RNA
470	Ribonuclease P RNA
450	Synthetic RNA
394	Signal Recognition Particle RNA
205	23S Ribosomal RNA
161	5S Ribosomal RNA
152	Group I Intron
146	Hammerhead Ribozyme
64	Other Ribosomal RNA
53	Other Ribozyme
42	Group II Intron

3. Select the Bpseq secondary structure format for PDB_00005

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General features for molecule PDB_00005 (click to expand/contract all tables)	
Format:	CT CT RNAML Bpseq Dot-parentheses FASTA
Molecule ID [?]:	PDB_00005
Molecule name [?]:	NMR STRUCTURE OF A CLASSICAL PSEUDOKNOT: INTERPLAY OF SINGLE-AND DOUBLE-STRANDED RNA, 24 STRUCTURES
Source [?]:	RCSB Protein Data Bank
Source ID [?]:	1A60
Reference [?]:	M.H.KOLK,M.VAN DER GRAAF,S.S.WIJMENGA,C.W.PLEIJ, H.A.HEUS,C.W.HILBERS. NMR STRUCTURE OF A CLASSICAL PSEUDOKNOT: INTERPLAY OF SINGLE- AND DOUBLE-STRANDED RNA.. SCIENCE V. 280 434 1998 ASTM SCIEAS US ISSN 0036-8075
Type [?]:	Other RNA
Organism [?]:	N/A
Validated by NMR or X-Ray [?]:	Yes
Method for secondary structure determination [?]:	NMR; ran through RNAview
Number of molecules [?]:	1
Length [?]:	44
Fragments used [?]:	Yes



4. Copy the data into a file named PDB_00005.bpseq

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The *Bpseq* file for molecule PDB_00005.

```
# File PDB_00005.ct
# RNA SSTRAND database
# External source: RCSB Protein Data Bank 1A60, number of molecules: 1
# The secondary structure annotation was obtained with RNAview
1 G 17
2 G 16
3 G 15
4 A 14
5 G 13
6 C 0
7 U 0
8 C 0
9 A 0
10 A 0
11 C 0
12 U 0
13 C 5
14 U 4
15 C 3
16 C 2
17 C 1
18 C 32
19 C 31
20 C 30
21 C 0
22 U 0
```

5. Create a new directory for this exercise in the examples directory

```
|| cd ..  
|| mkdir PDB_00005  
|| cd PDB_00005
```

6. Place your new file PDB_00005.bpseq into this directory

7. Generate necessary input file for NAST:

```
|| (Windows)      \Python26\python ../parseBPseq.py PDB_00005  
|| (Mac OS)       python ../parseBPseq.py PDB_00005
```

8. The following files should have been created:

PDB_00005-helix.txt

PDB_00005.seq

PDB_00005-FD.txt

9. Copy the following files into your PDB_00005 directory:

..../6TNA_MD/myRunNast.py	(modify all four filenames to run NAST)
..../6TNA_c2a/1N32-subA.pdb	(needed for c2a part 1)
..../6TNA_c2a/baseConvert.pkl	(needed for c2a part 1)
..../6TNA_c2a/fixvmdforc2a.py	(needed to fix pdb files saves in vmd)
..../6TNA_c2a/fixpdbforgromacs.py	(needed for final syntax fix)
..../6TNA_c2a/myEx1.py	(modify templateTrace and fragmentFile)
..../6TNA_c2a/myEx2.py	(modify fragIn, coarseIn, pieceLiv and outName)

10. Modify myRunNast.py and run NAST on PDB_00005

Note: set contactsFilename = ""

11. Use VMD to save a coarse-grain template

12. Fix the pdb syntax for C2A using fixvmdforc2a.py

13. Modify ex1.py and ex2.py and run C2A parts 1 & 2

14. Use fixpdbforgromacs.py to fix the pdb syntax for later Zephyr minimization