#### Flexible RNA-RNA Interactions in Influenza A Virus

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# Influenza A Virus (IAV): Selective '7+1' Segment Packaging





[Eisfeld et al., 2015]

## Inter Segment RNA-RNA Interactions: Pairing of IAV Segments



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## Electron Tomography: Variable Packaging of IAV Segments



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## Reassortment: Packaging of Multiple Strains



[Li et al., 2010]

#### Mutation Experiment



[Gavazzi et al., 2013]

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	(.&)))))))))))))))	-15.00	28	0.4002
	(.&)))))))))))))))	-14.90	30	0.4260

[Lorenz et al., 2011]

## Flexible IAV Segment Interaction

Dadonaite et al. Constrained Structure



[Dadonaite et al., 2019]

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## Dinucleotide Shuffling Distribution





#### TPP Riboswitch: Problems with Complex Structures





[Mironov et al., 2019]

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#### HIV-1 Rev Response Element: Focus on Flexible Part

#### Sherpa et al.



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Sub Structure -21.70 kcal/mol score: 0.5696



Top Structure -22.60 kcal/mol

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Human Swine	H1N1 WSN H3N2 UTS H1N1 PR8 H9N2 S15	(A/WSN/1933 TS61) (A/Tokyo/Ut-Sk-1/2007) (A/Puerto Rico/8/34) (A/swine/Guangxi/S15/2005)
Avian	H5N1 UT6 H6N6 165	(A/chicken/South Kalimantan/UT6028/2006) (A/duck/Fujian/1651/2006)
Seal	H4N6 T12 H7N7 1SC	(A/Caspian seal/Russia/T1/2012) (A/seal/Mass/1-SC35M/1980)

#### 8 different strains

- (a) split vRNA segments
- (b) align each segment type
- (c) concatenate alignments

(d1) multi LRIscan(d2) single LRIscan(e) visualize with circos



# LRIscan Overview

- (a) calculate alignment scores
  - coverage
  - complexity
- (b) RNAalifold seed finding via dotplot
  - no gaps
  - min length
  - min distance
- (c) seed filtering
  - p-value
  - minimum free energy (MFE)
  - compensatory score
- (d) seed extension

[Fricke and Marz, 2016]



#### properties

- MFE  $\leq$  -10 kcal/mol
- link colors = segments

#### observations

- vast # of links
- $\bullet\,$  fewer links on HA  $+\,$  NA

interpretation

- constant evolutionary interactions
- $\bullet \ HA + NA \ strain/host \ dependent$
- supports reassortment



Hot Spots ?



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IAV RNA-RNA Interactions

641-701 AUGUAGCGUUUCUGUUUUGGAGGGAGUGGAGGUCCCCCAU 491-551 UCUGUAGAAUGUCCUGGCAUGGAGGGAAUGGGAGAUAUUU 251-311 UCAGUGAUAUACCGAGGAGCAGGACUAGAGGCUAUGGCGA