

# Comparison of Non-Coding RNAs in Drosophila and Human

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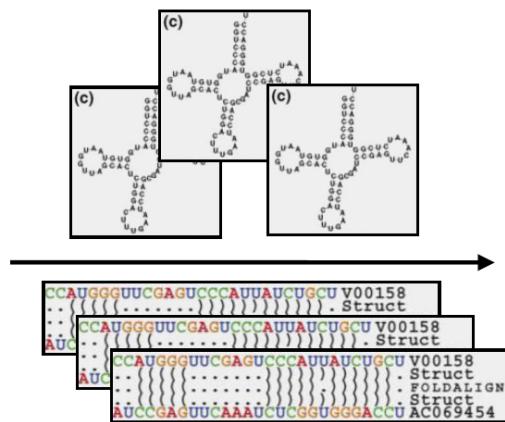
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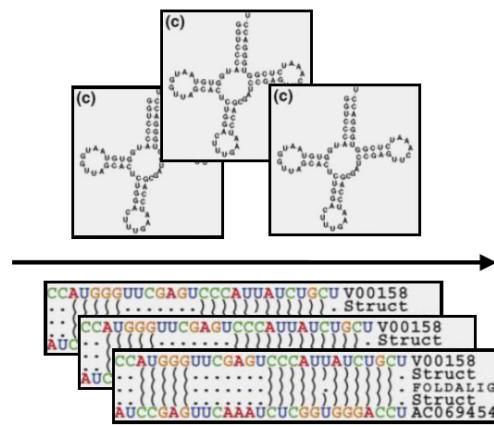
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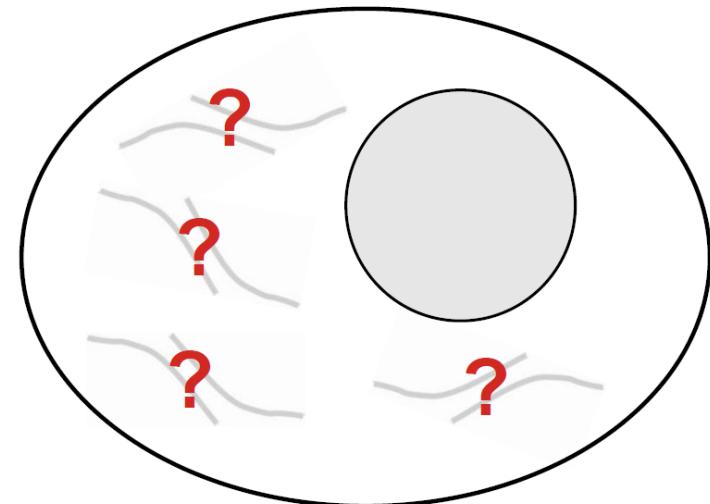


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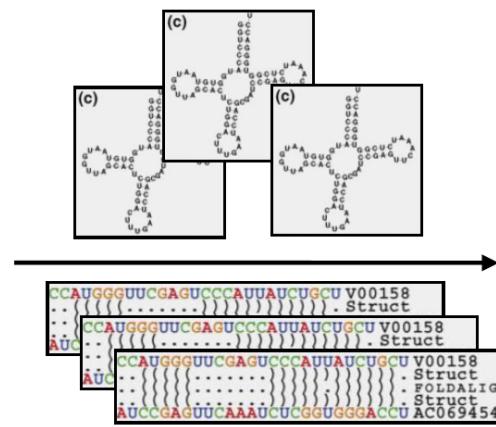


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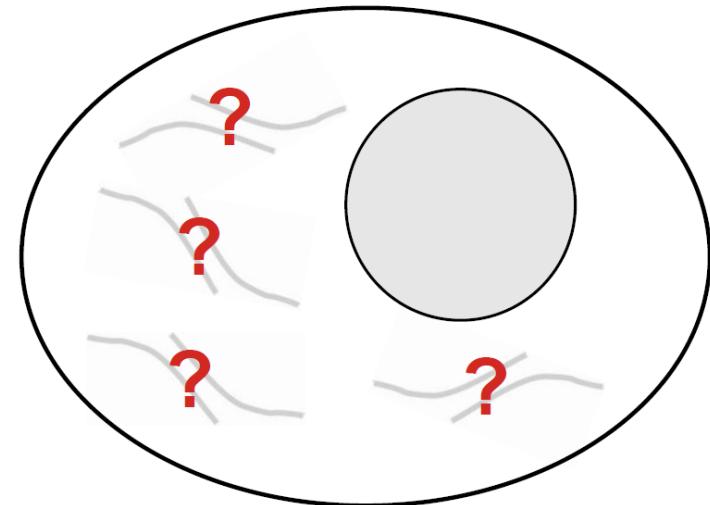


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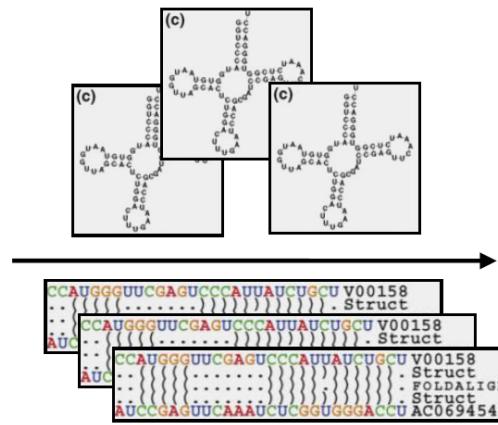
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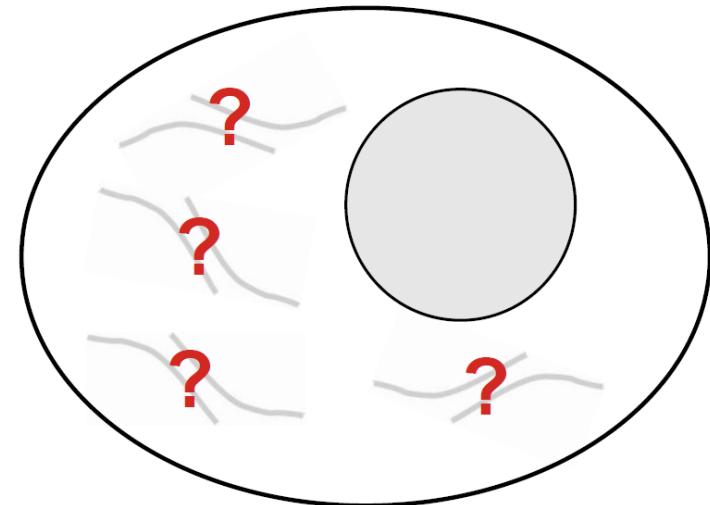


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**Continued by**  
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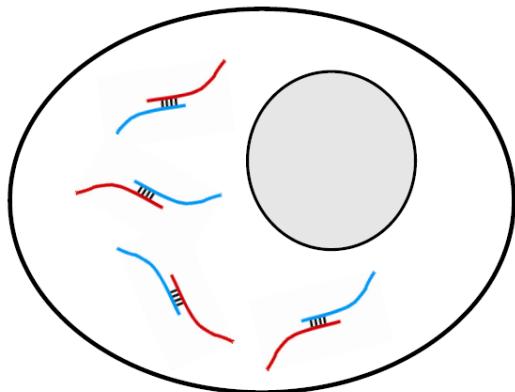
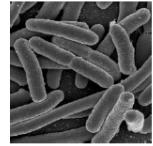


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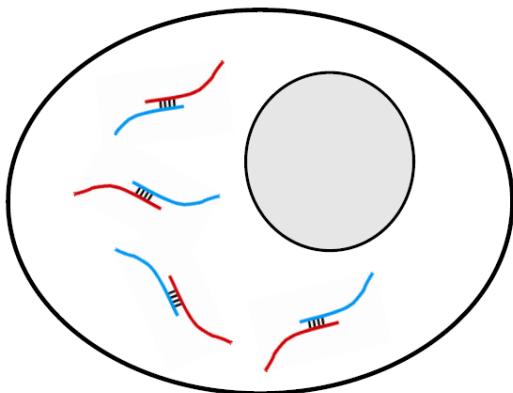
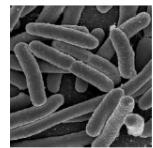
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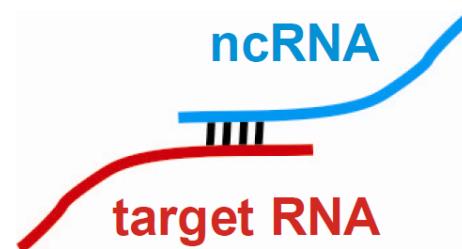
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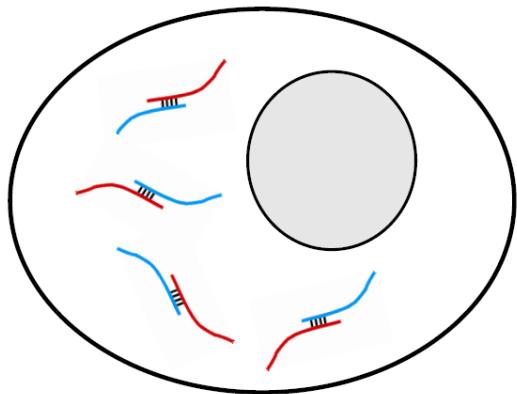
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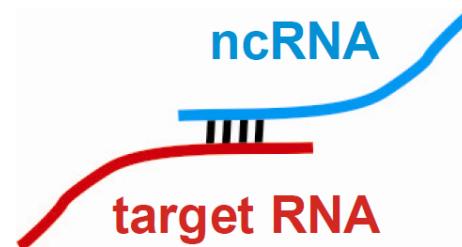
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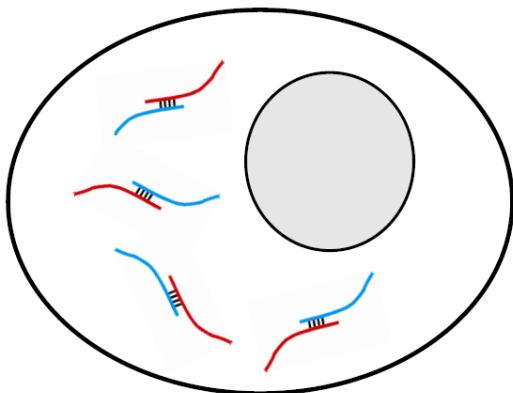
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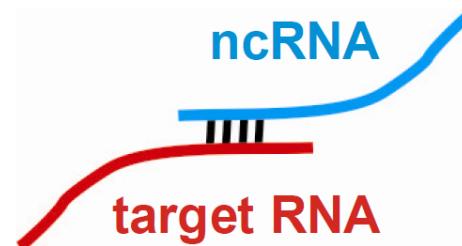
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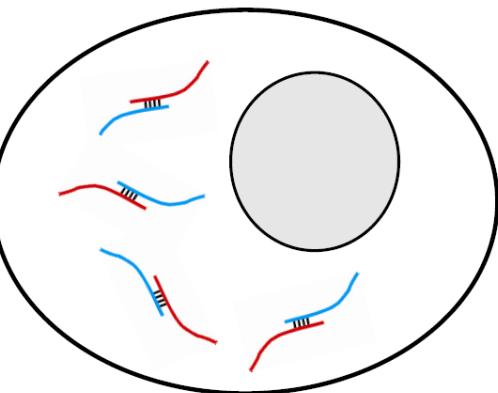
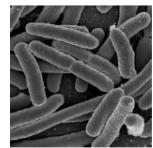


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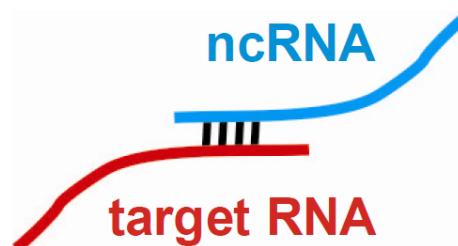
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candidate selection

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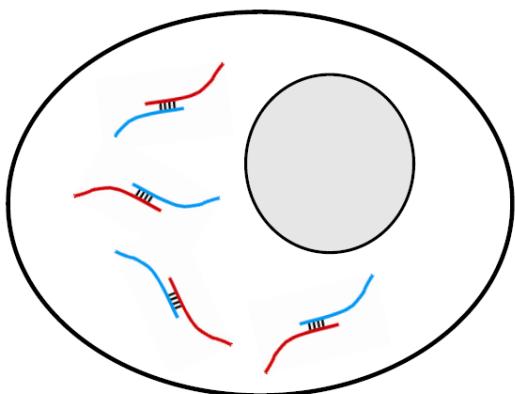
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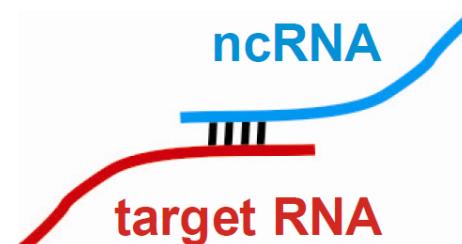
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no list of  
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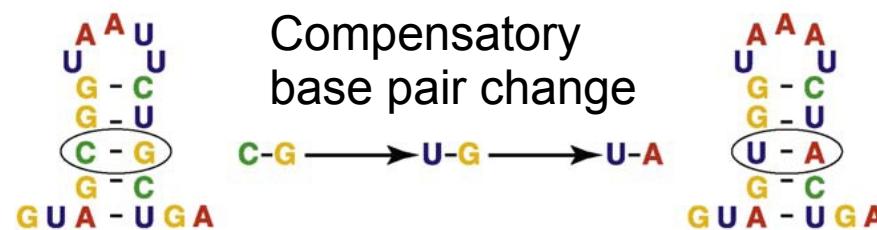
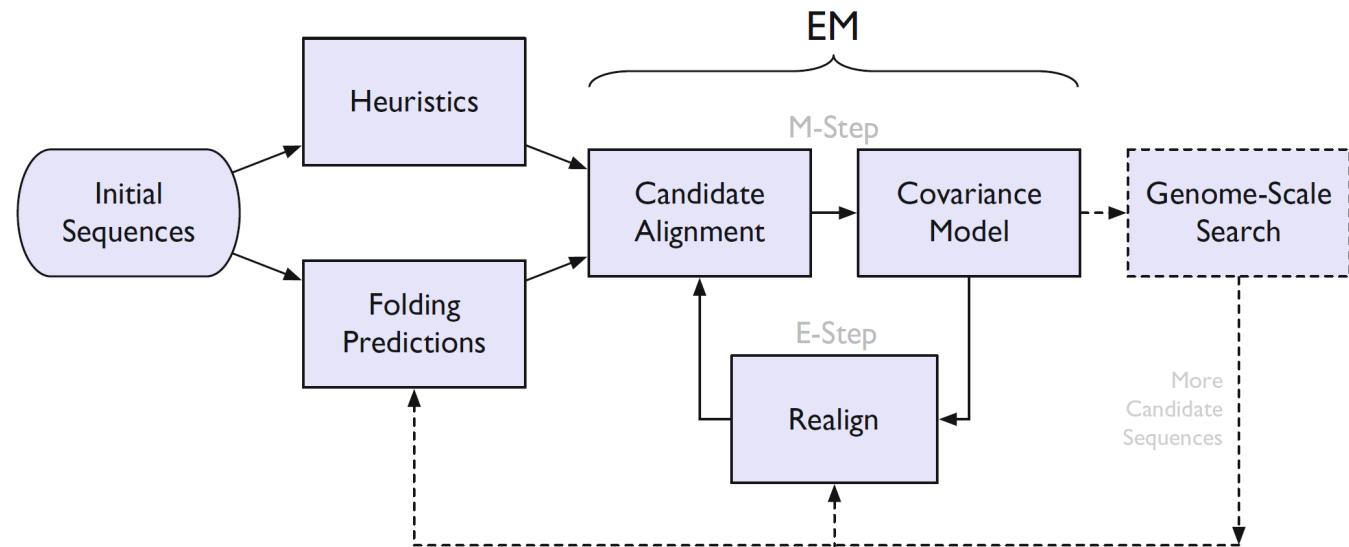
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# Prediction of Structured RNAs in Drosophilids

Multiple alignment of 15 insect species → CMfinder (Yao, 2006)

*D. melanogaster* (dm3, Apr. 2006, BDGP Release 5)

*D. simulans* (droSim1, Apr. 2005)

*D. sechellia* (droSec1, Oct. 2005)

*D. yakuba* (droYak2, Nov. 2005)

*D. erecta* (droEre2, Feb. 2006)

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*D. pseudoobscura* (dp4, Feb. 2006)

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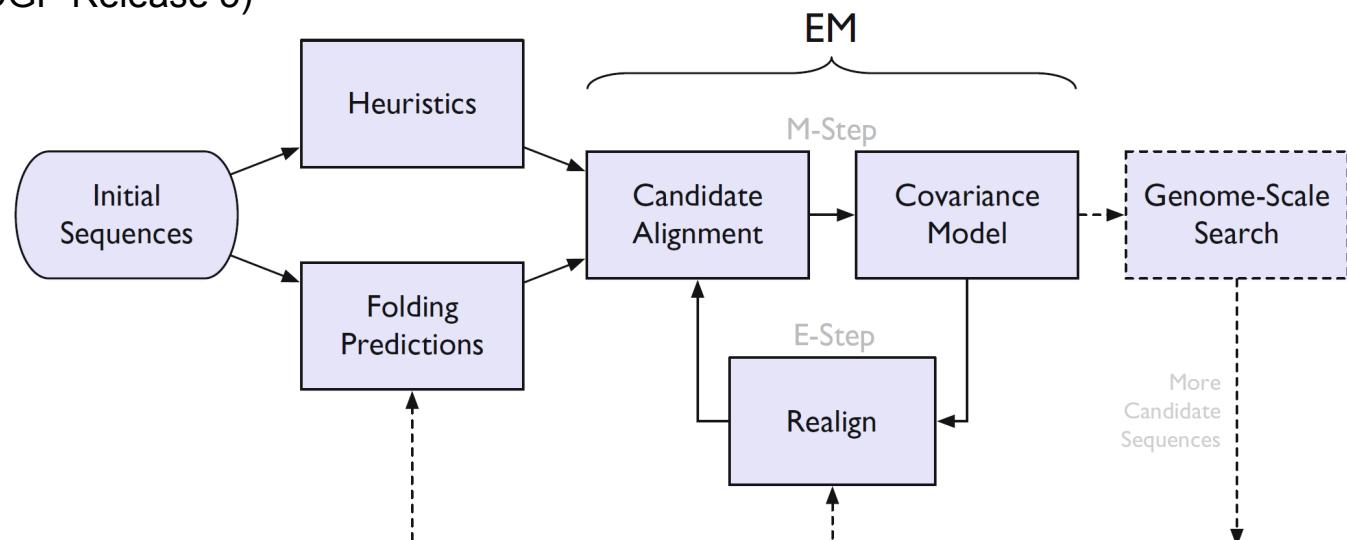
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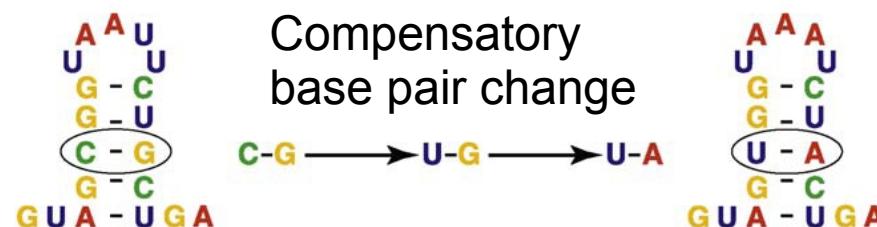
*A. gambiae* (anoGam1, Feb. 2003)

*A. mellifera* (apiMel3, May 2005)

*T. castaneum* (triCas2, Sep. 2005)



Ruzzo, 2014

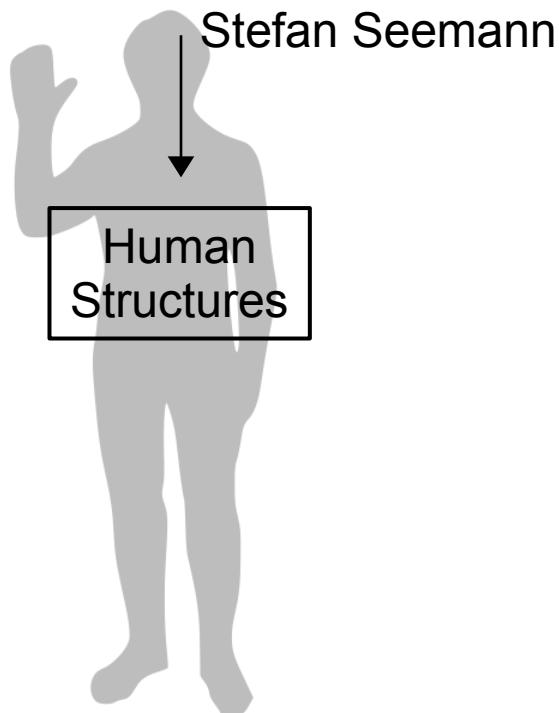


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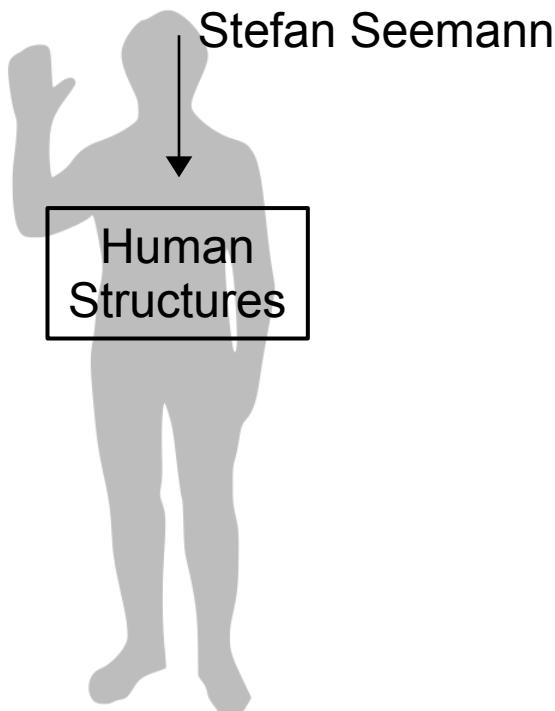
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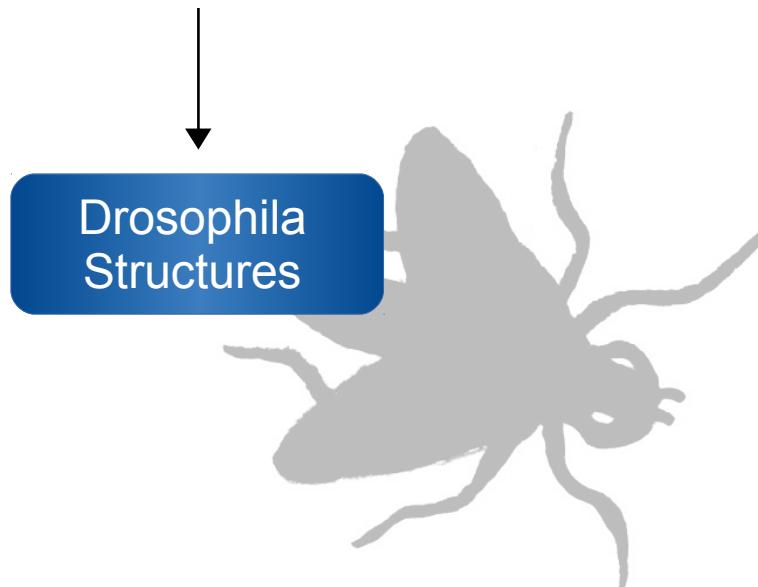


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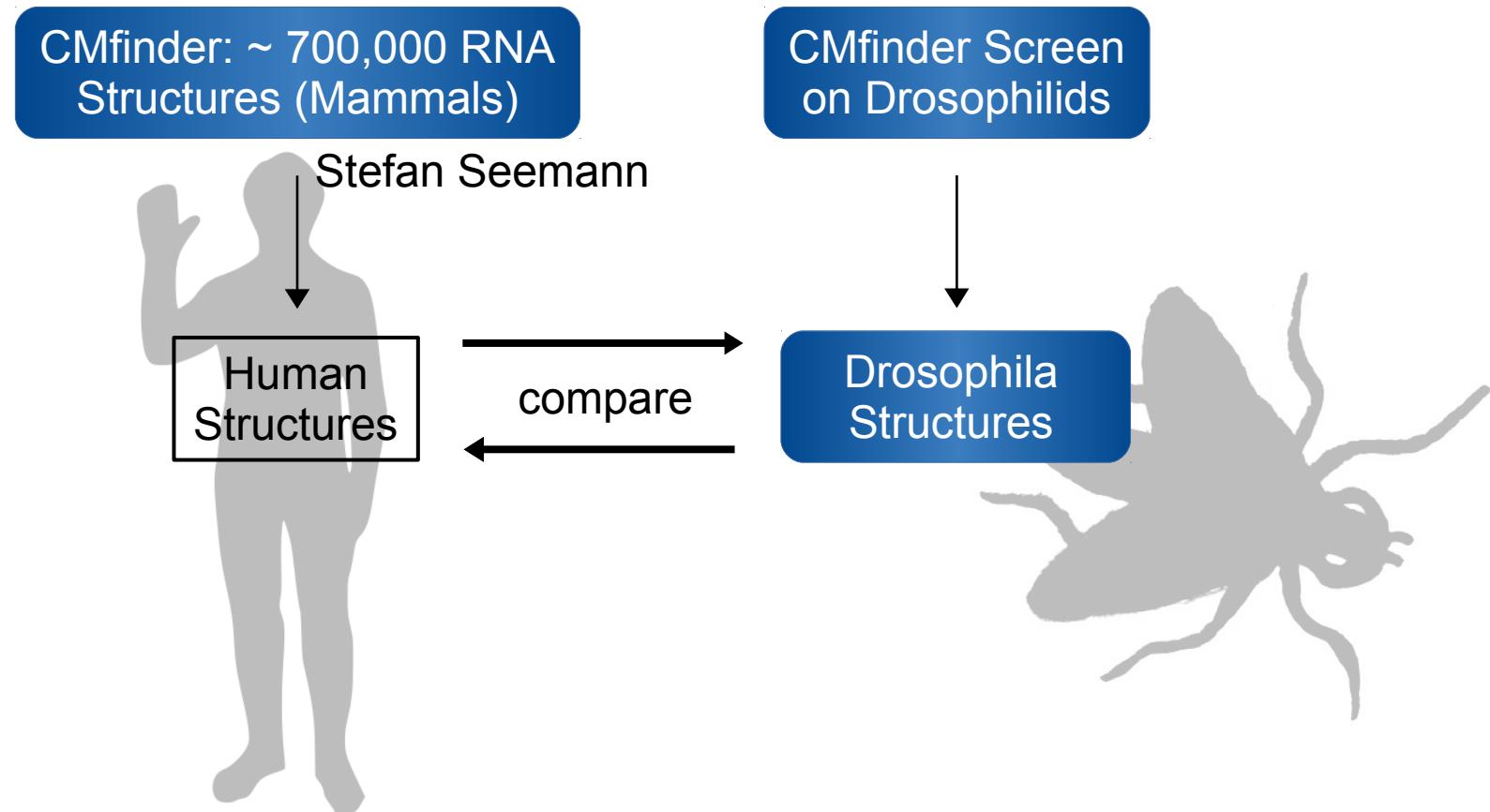
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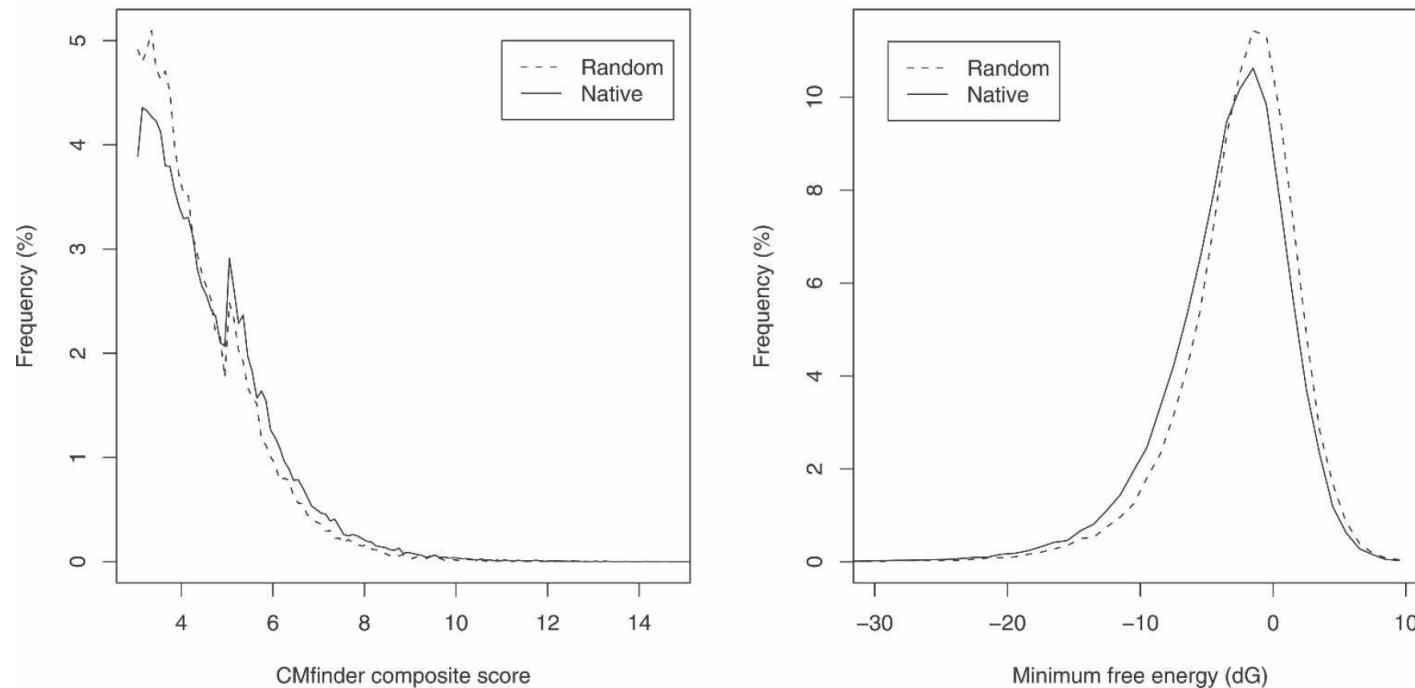
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# CMfinder on ENCODE Regions



Torarinsson et al. 2008

**Cut-off criteria**

**Composite Score:**

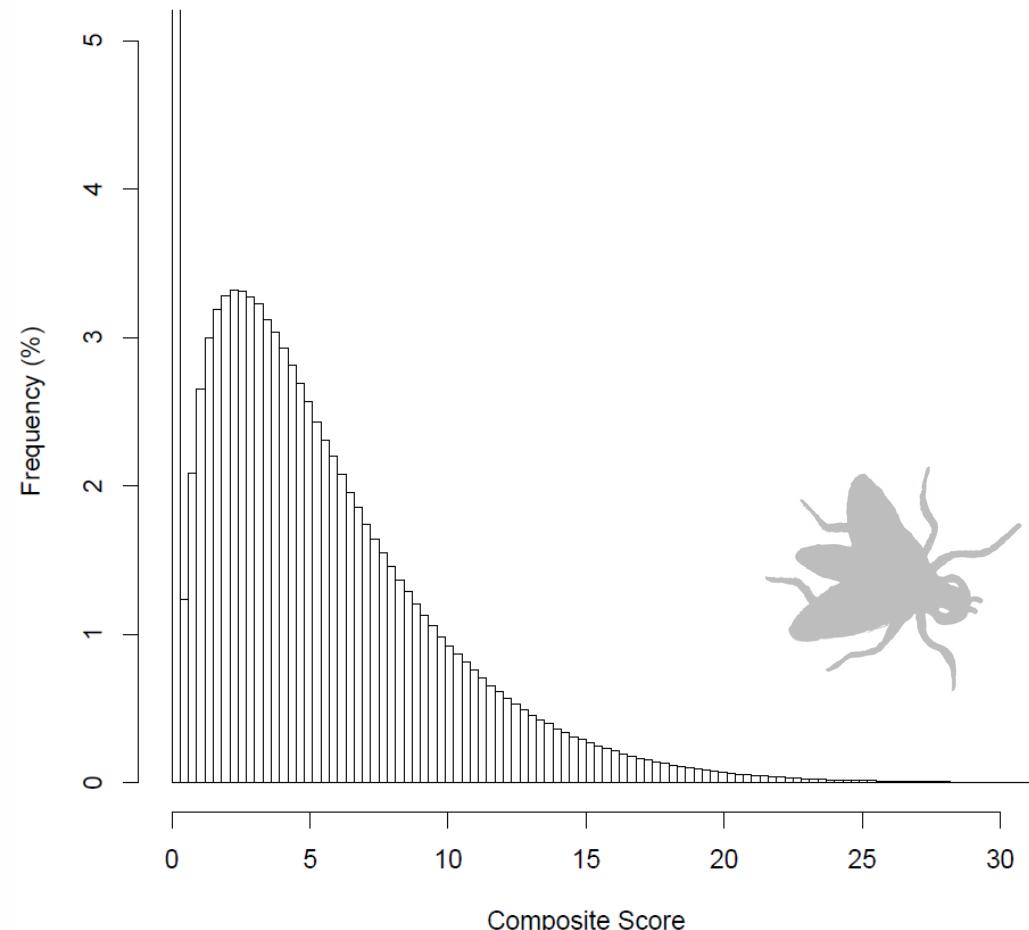
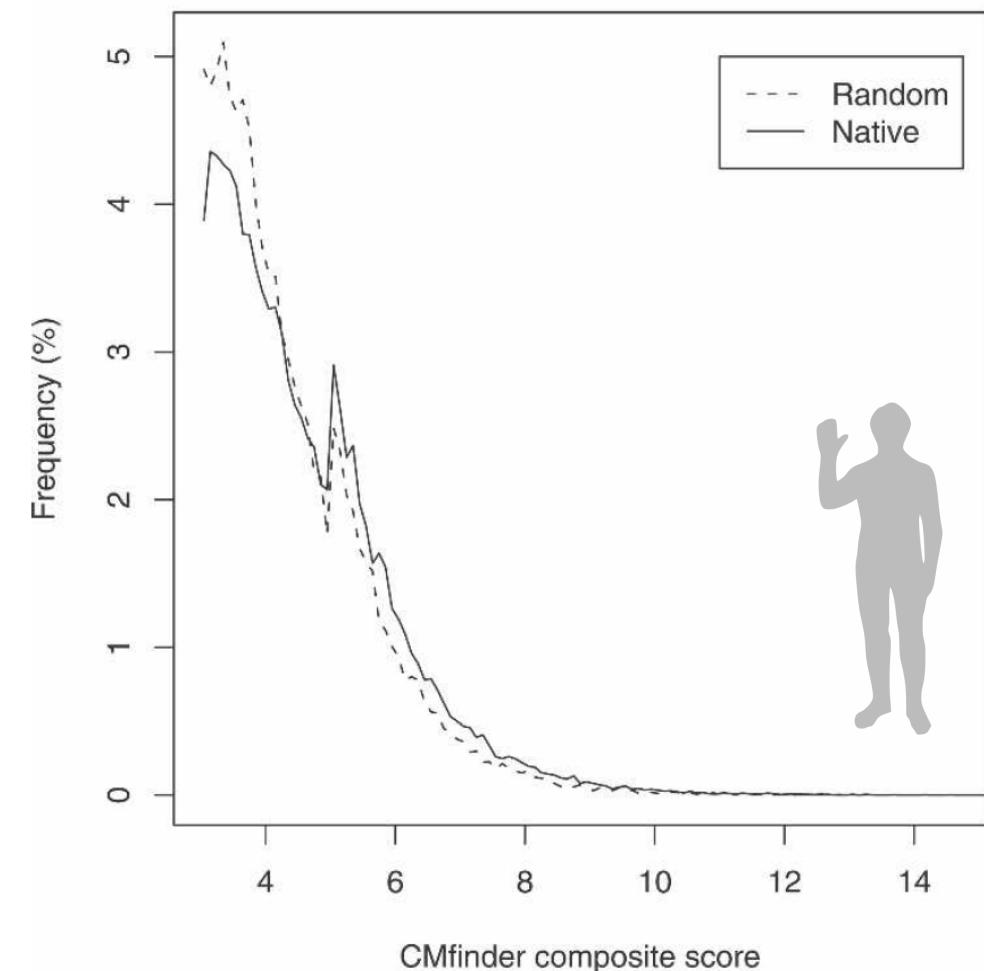
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takes motif and sequence conservation, sequence identity, number of base pairs and alignment length into account

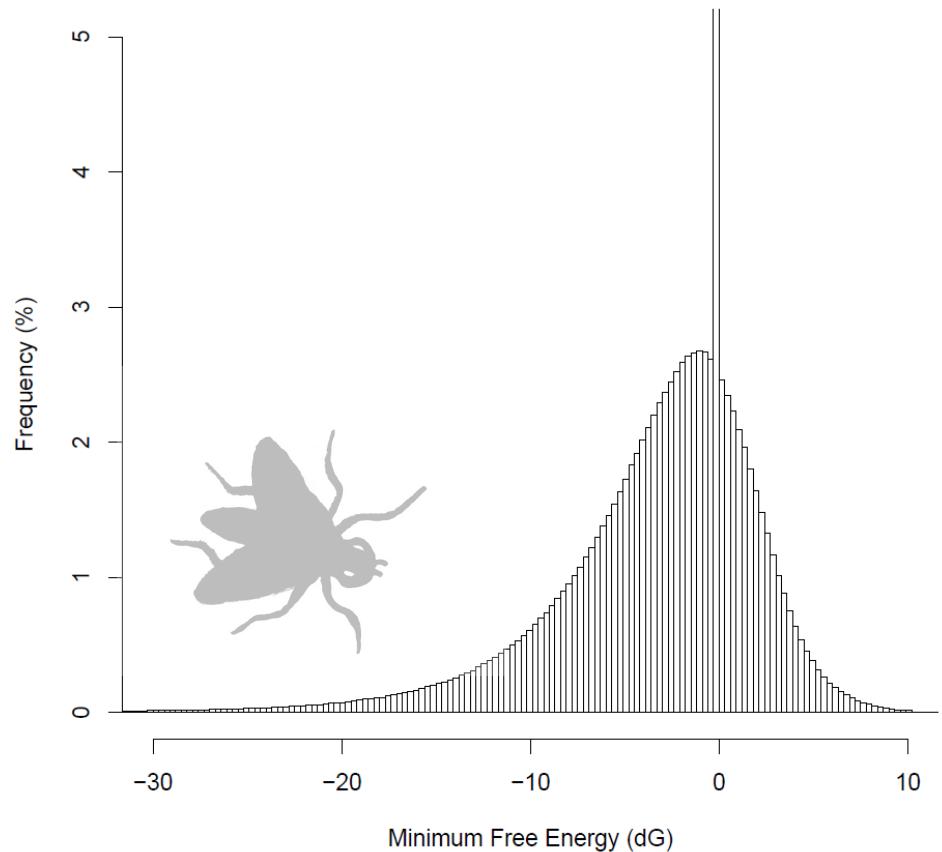
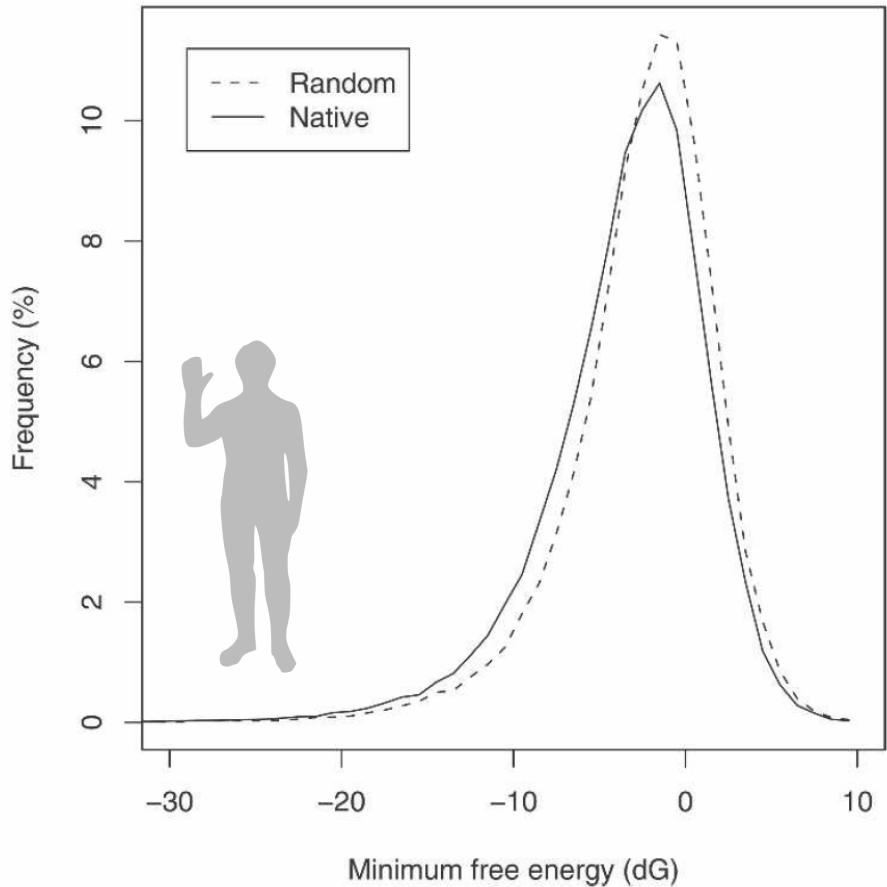
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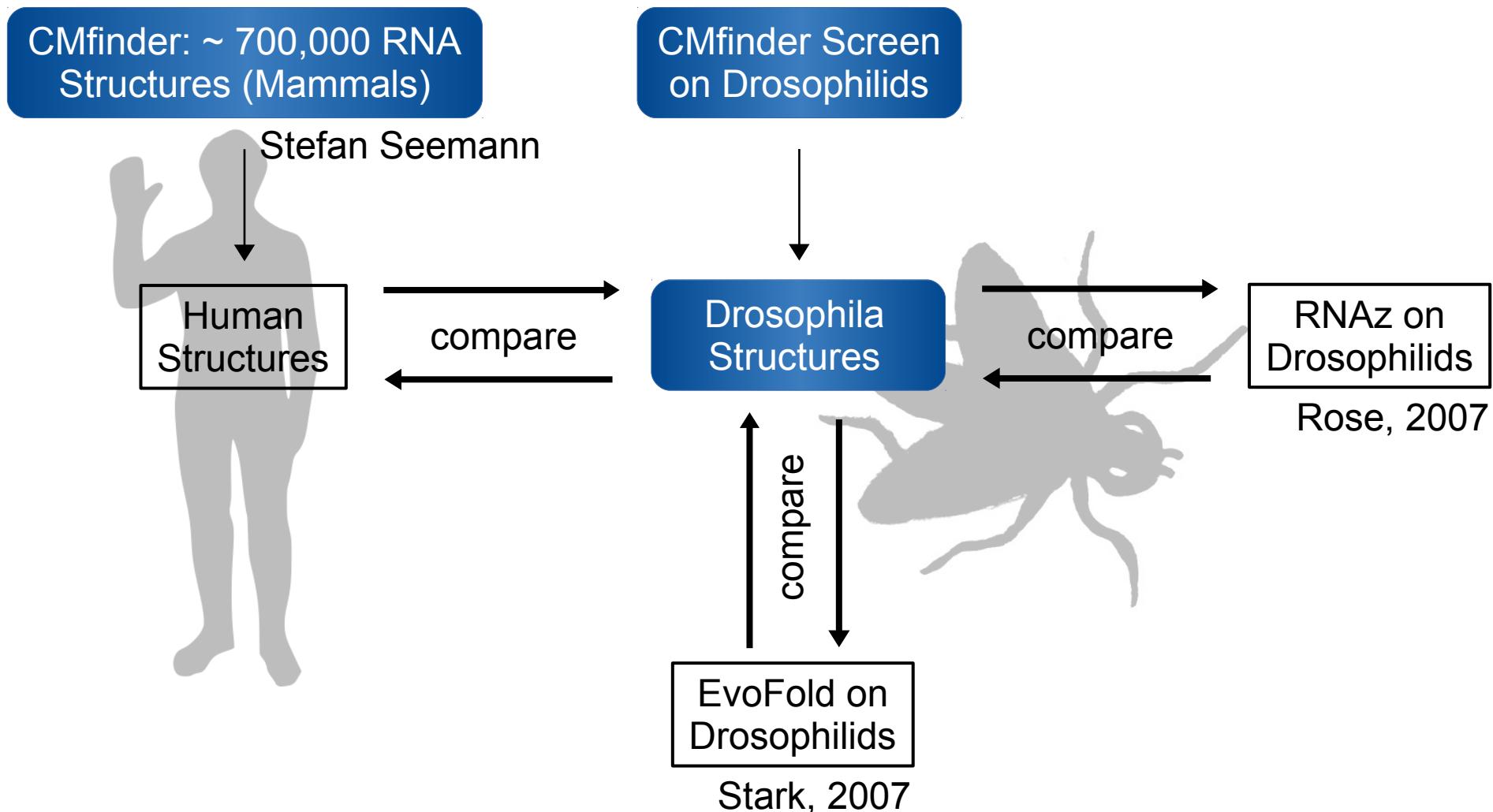
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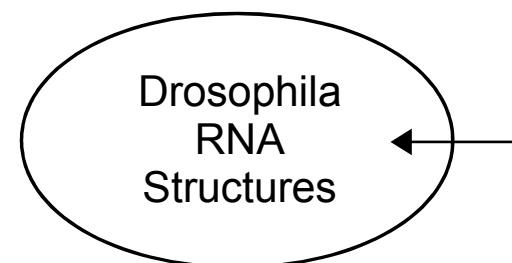


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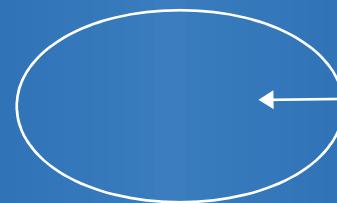


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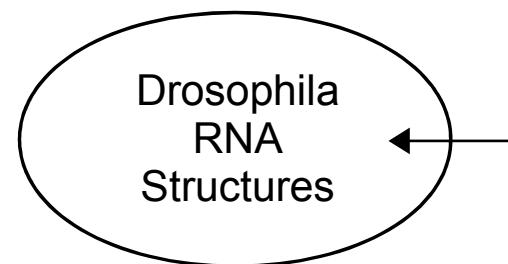


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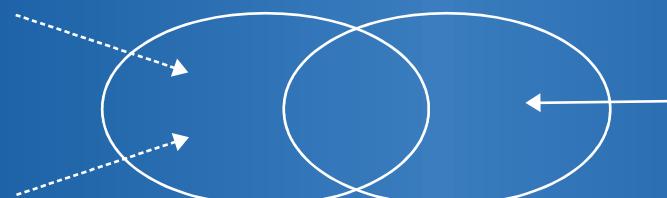
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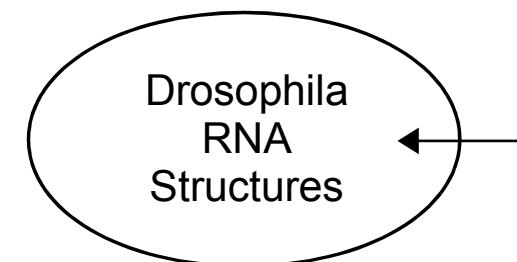


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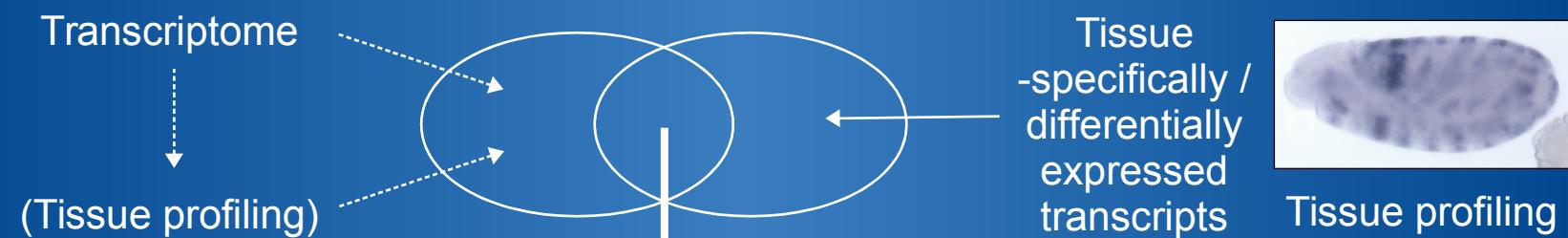


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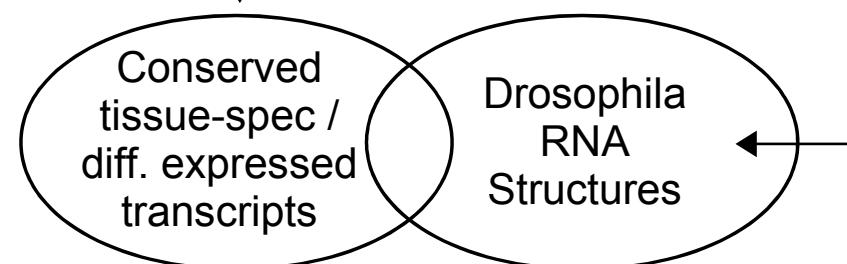


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