## SHAPE-Reactivity and RNA Structure

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# **RNA** Probing

#### Different methodological approches

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# RNA Probing

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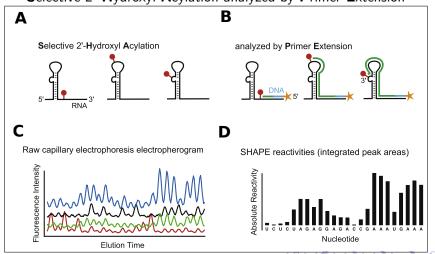
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### SHAPE

#### Investigating nucleotide flexibility

### Selective 2'-Hydroxyl Acylation analyzed by Primer Extension

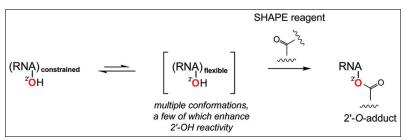


### **SHAPE**

#### Why use SHAPE?

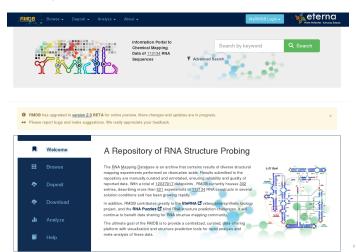
- Simple protocol
- Can be performed via high-throughput
- No intrinsically different reactivity of different bases
- Reactivity can be converted to Pseudo Free Energies for usage as folding constraints:

$$\Delta G_{SHAPE}(i) = m \ln(SHAPE \text{ reactivity}(i) + 1) + b$$



### SHAPE - Databases

RMDB - Stanford RNA Mapping Database (> 100000 probing experiments)



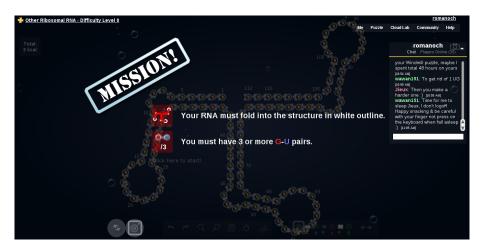


- "High-troughput" sequence design by (many) hands
- Each design is scored by SHAPE-Probing
- Successful design rules are used for inverse folding algorithm
- EteRNA Score:

$$S_{EteRNA} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \Delta}{N}, \quad \Delta egin{cases} 1 & ext{if } r_i > 0.25 ext{ (designed to be unpaired)} \\ 1 & ext{if } r_i < 0.5 ext{ (designed to be paired)} \\ 0 & ext{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

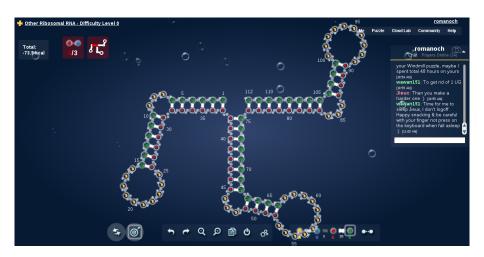
 $r_i$ : Reactivity of Nucleotide i

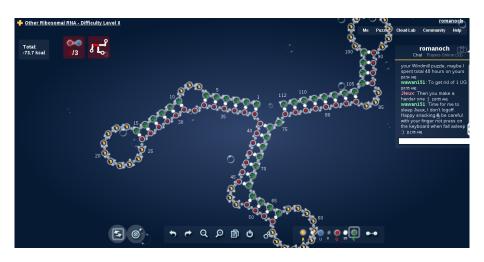


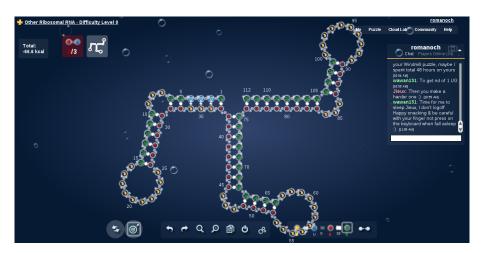














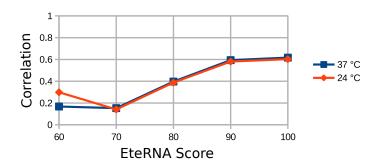


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## Scoring EteRNA Scores

(Linear) Correlation of P(i is paired) vs. Reactivity(i)

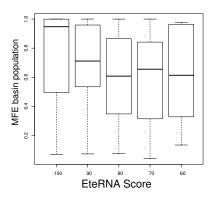


- Interesting drop in correlation with lower EteRNA-Scores
- Change of temperature has no effect



## Structural Ensembles and Probing

Equilibrium Population vs. Probing Quality

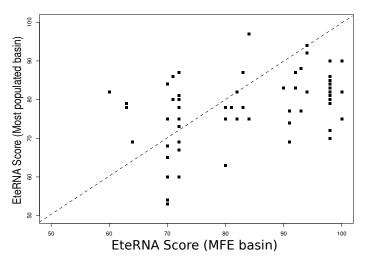


• Lower EteRNA-scores are correlated to low MFE population rates



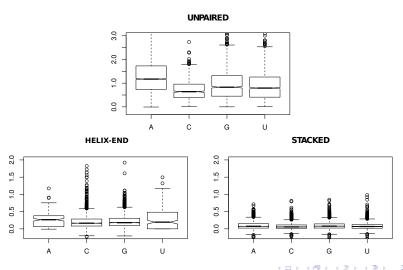
## Dominant structures

#### How well scores the dominant structure?



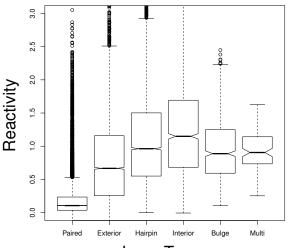
# Base-dependent Reactivity

Reactivity of all 4 bases in different structural contexts:



# Loop-Type and Reactivity

Reactivity of Nucleotides in all possible Loop-types:



Loop Type

## Take-Home message

- Large amounts of SHAPE data sets are freely available
- Reactivity reflects more than just nucleotide flexibility also Loop-Types and Ensemble structures are important



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