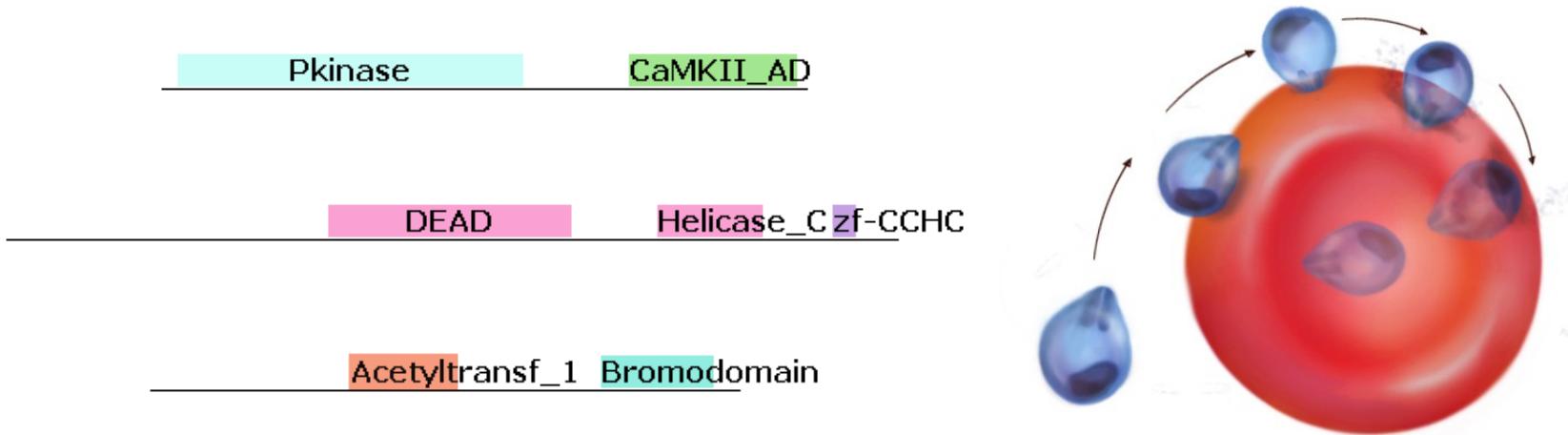
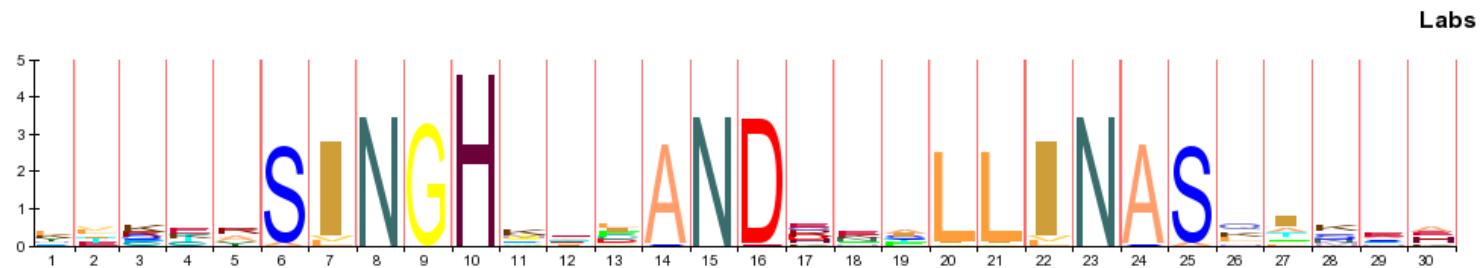


# Domain Prediction Using Context in *Plasmodium falciparum*

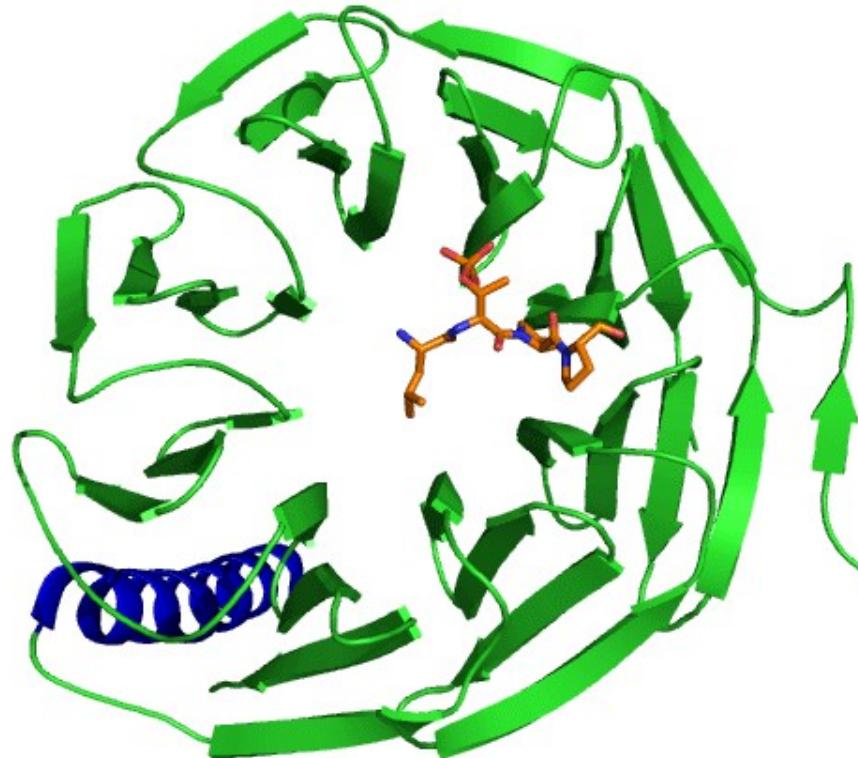


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# Protein domains

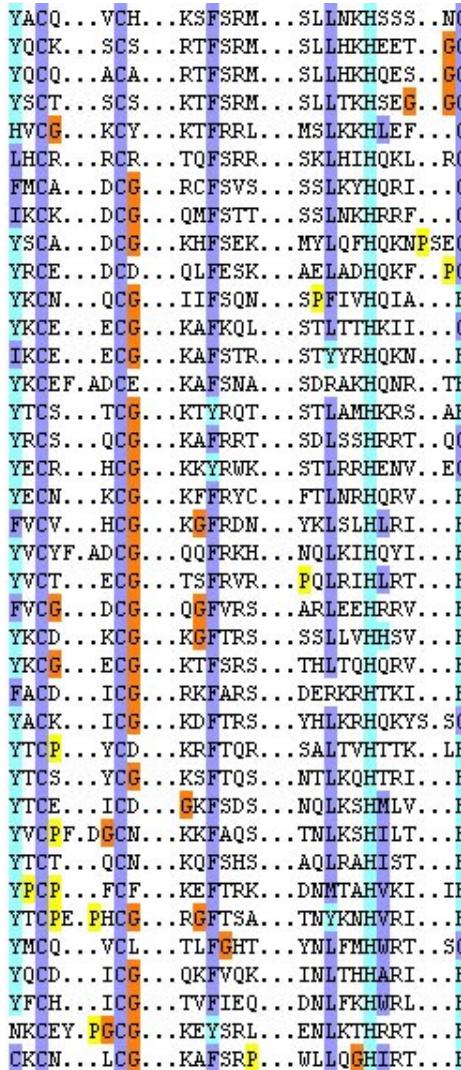


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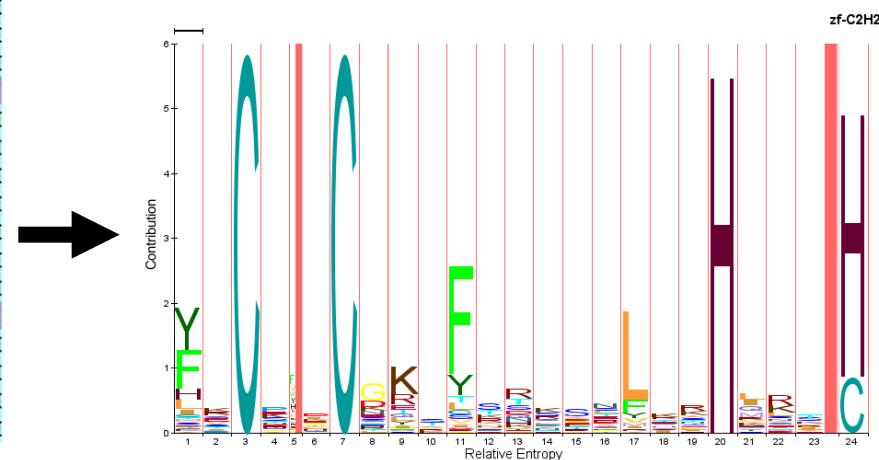


# Pfam: a database of protein domain families

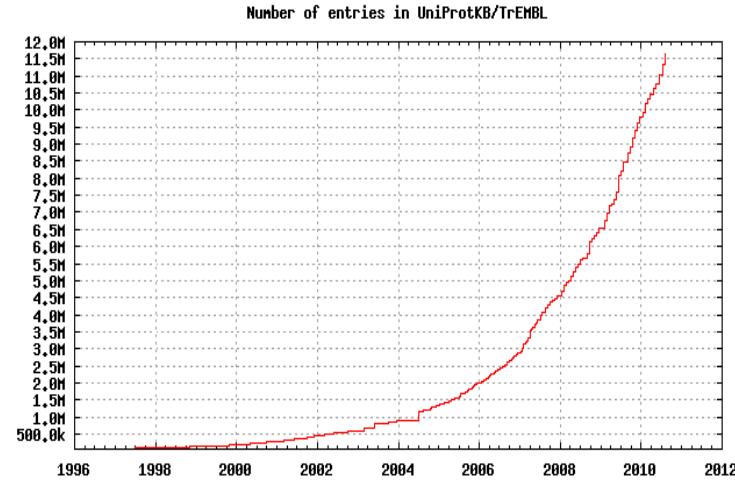
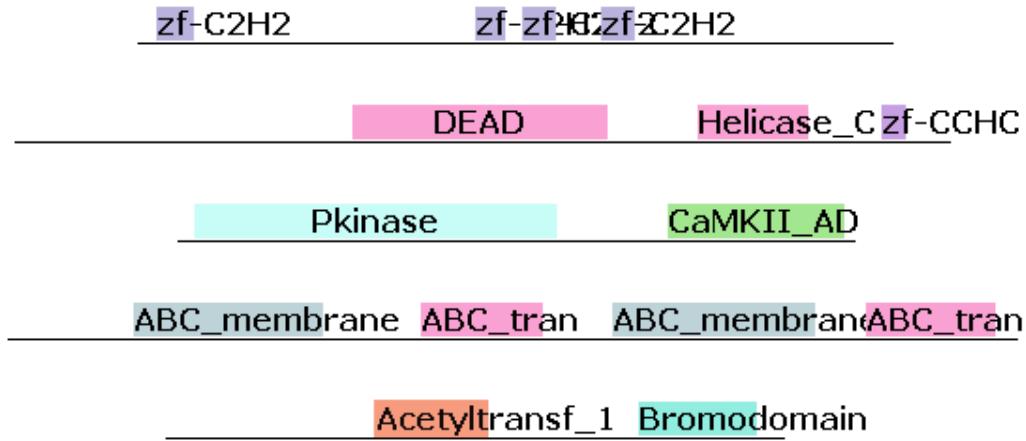
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- 11,912 curated families!
- Profile Hidden Markov Models (HMMs): probabilistic models of sequence families



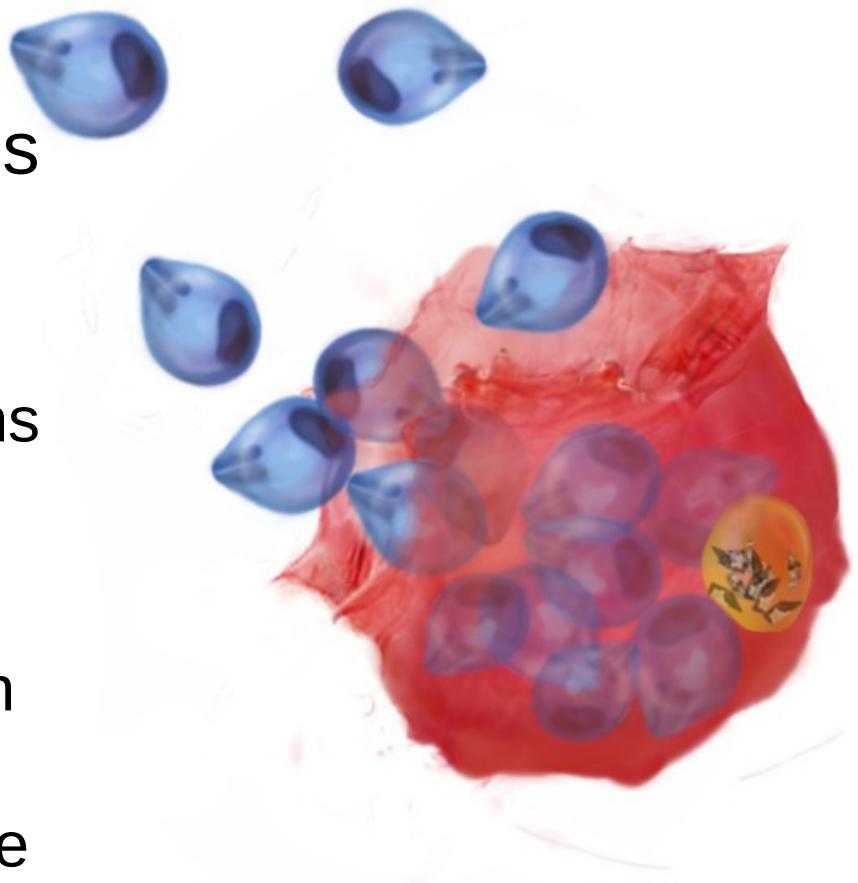
# Why predict domains?



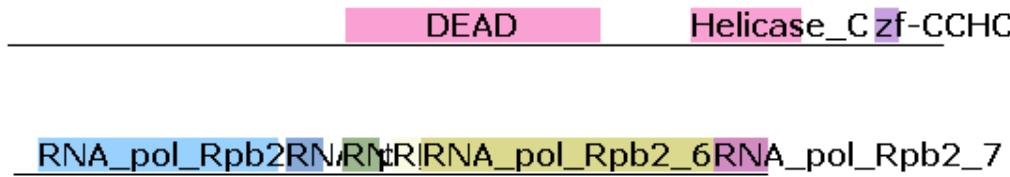
- For new sequences, before experiments start...
- Domains may imply functions
- Experimental alternatives are unfeasible as protein databases grow exponentially

# *Plasmodium falciparum*

- Malaria
- Information challenges
  - Diverged eukaryote
  - 80% AT-bias
  - Low-complexity regions
- Annotation
  - 5.5K proteins
  - 45% unknown function
    - 20% unknown in yeast
  - 88% of annotations are bioinformatical

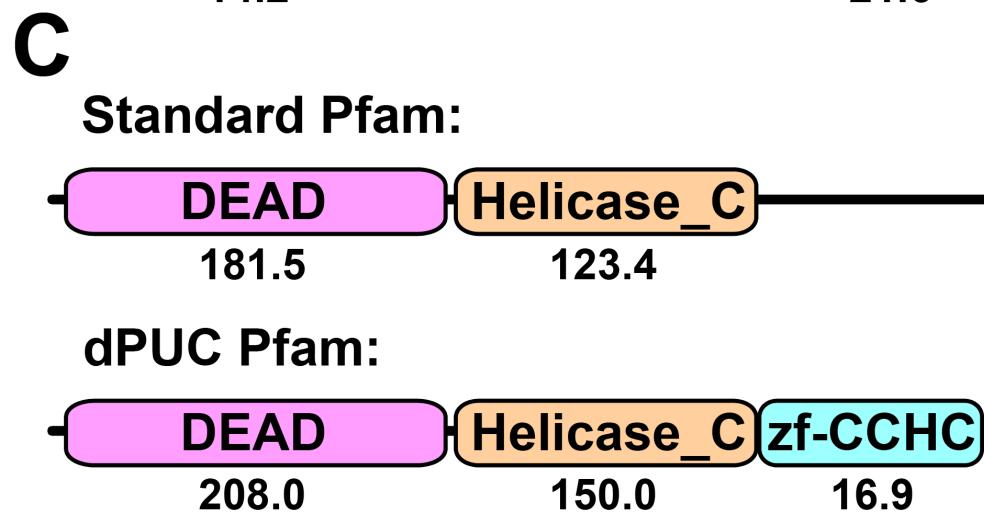
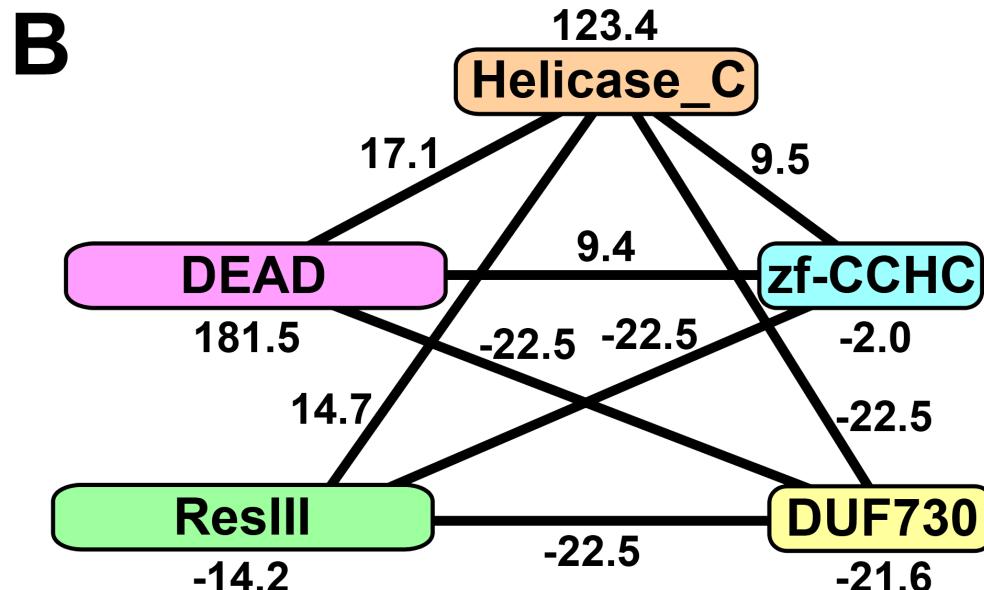
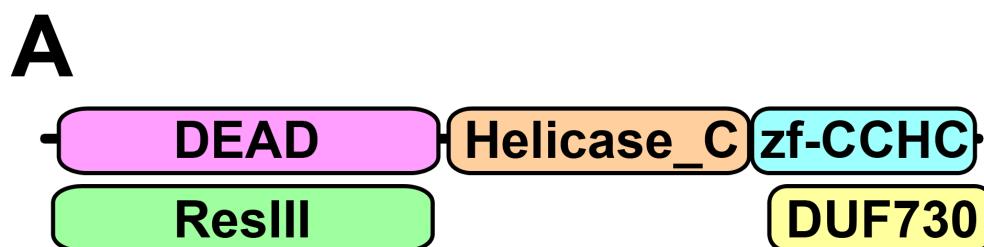


# Domain Prediction Using Context: dPUC



- Background
  - Domains co-occur in limited combinations
  - Domains are scored independently of each other
- Idea
  - Score domains in combination
  - Context + Sequence evidence

# The dPUC method



# General Solution: Integer Linear Programming

Max:  $\sum_i S_i$

$$S_i = H_i x_i + \sum_j C_{ij} x_{ij} \quad \forall i \text{ (domain score)}$$

$$x_i, x_j, x_{ij} \in \{0, 1\} \quad \forall i, j,$$

$$0 \leq x_i + x_j - 2 x_{ij} \leq 1 \quad \forall i, j \text{ } (x_{ij} = x_i \& x_j),$$

$$x_i + x_j \leq 1 \quad \forall i, j \text{ with overlaps},$$

$$S_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i \text{ (domain thresh)}$$

# Speedup: positive elimination

Problem: ILP is too slow with too many domains.

$$S_{i,P}^+ = H_i + \sum_{j \in P} \max \{ 0, C_{ij} \}$$

Eliminate  $i$  unless  $S_{i,P}^+ \geq 0$ , iterate.

Very fast and effective!

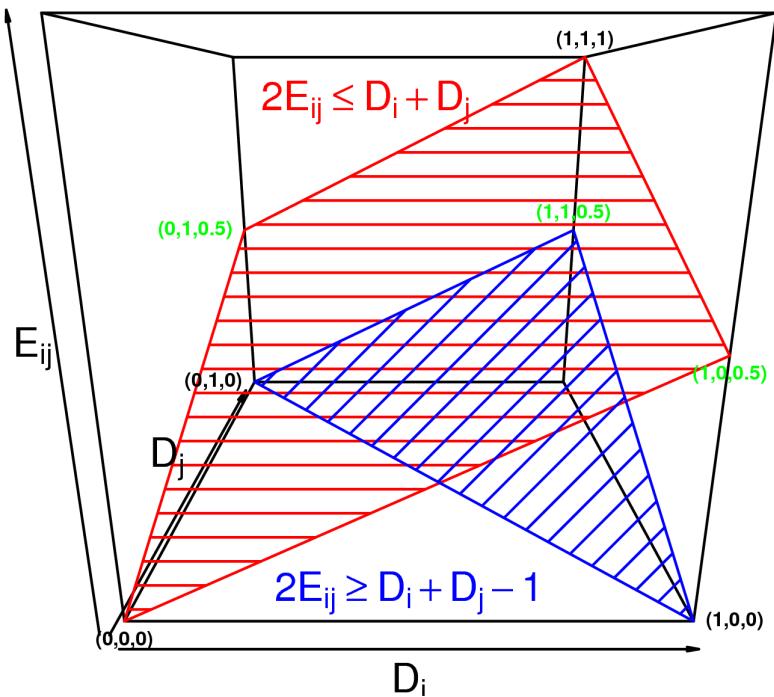
Then solve remaining domains with ILP.

Other speedups (version 2):

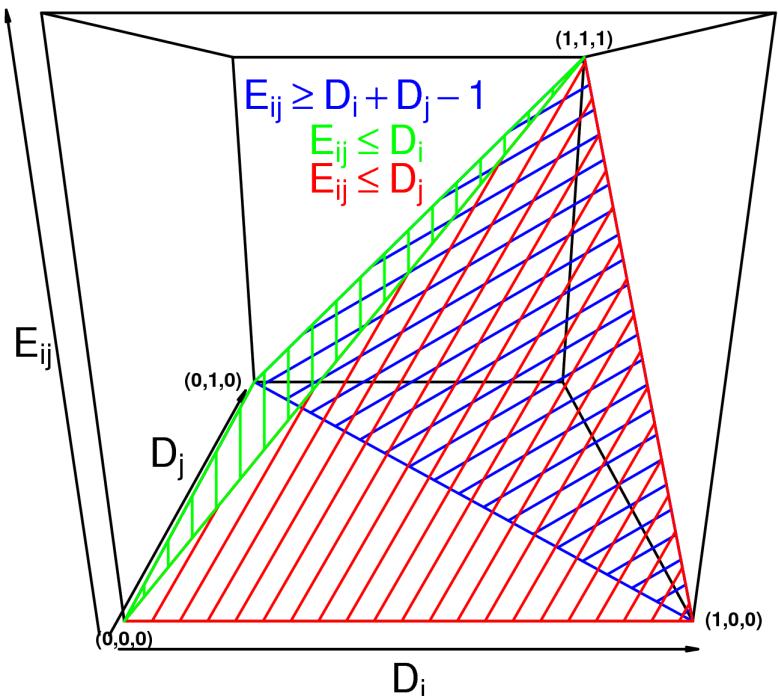
- Trivial cases (no overlaps, all positive context)
- Use C library rather than call executable
- Better constraints

# dPUC 2.0: LP constraints

Old  $E_{ij} = D_i \& D_j$ ,  $V = 5/12$



New  $E_{ij} = D_i \& D_j$ ,  $V = 2/12$

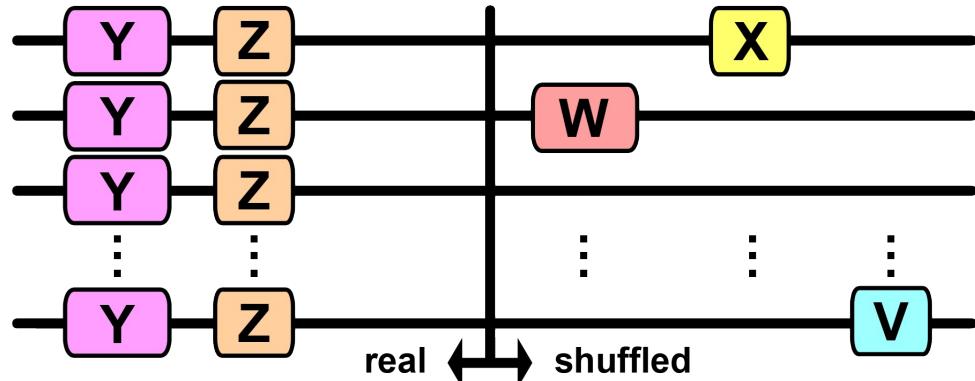


# Improved signal to noise

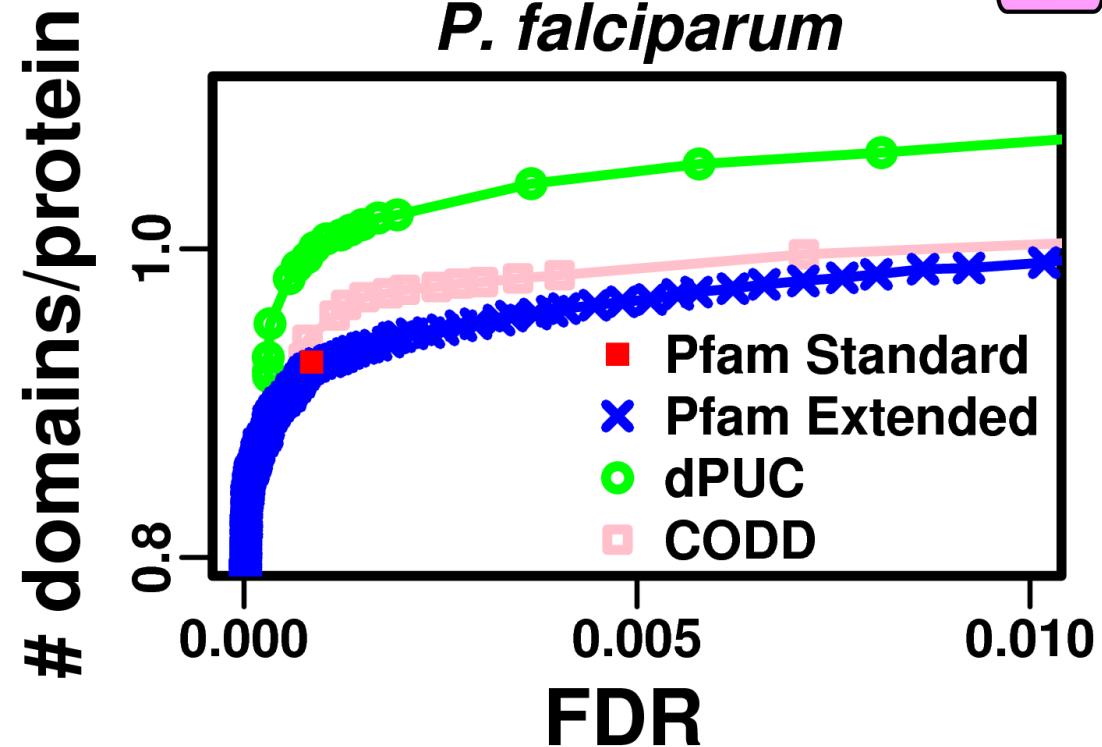
Real protein



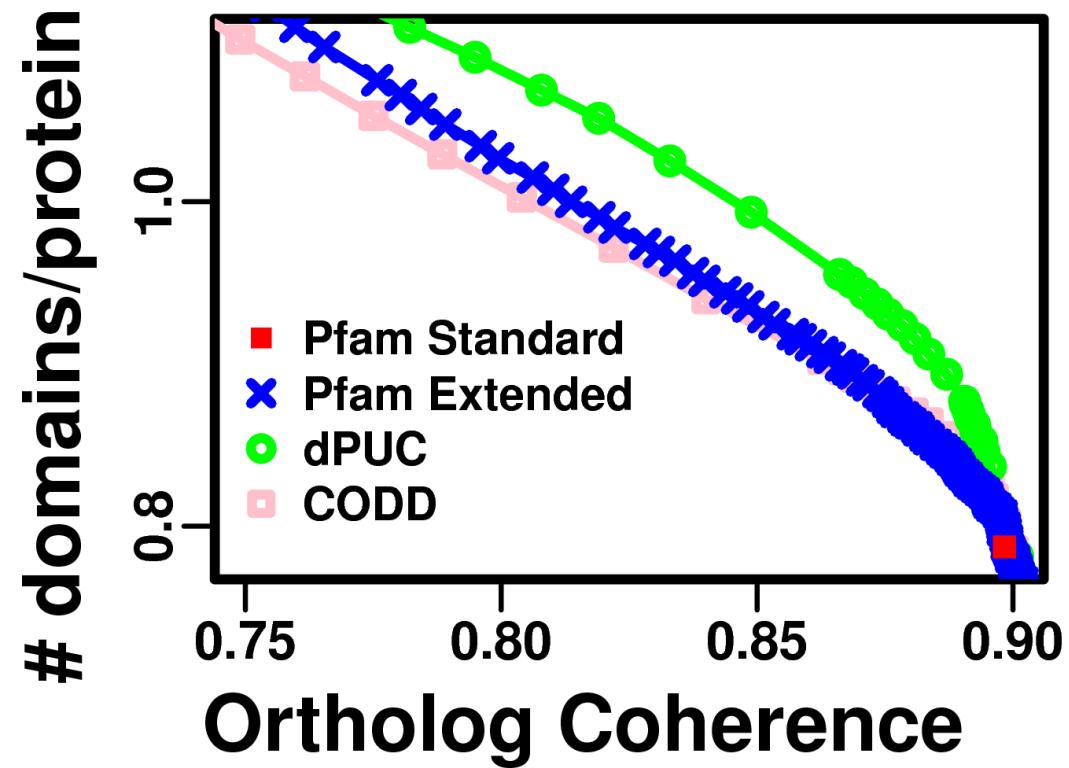
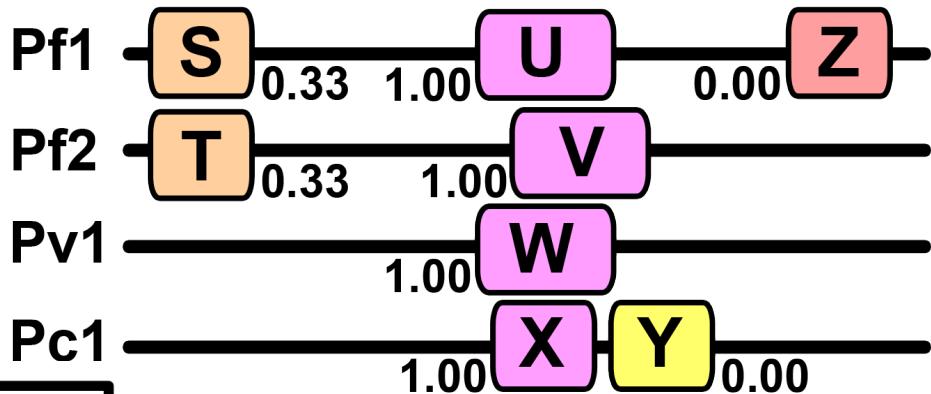
Real protein with shuffled sequences



*P. falciparum*



# Improved ortholog coherence on *Plasmodium* species



# New predictions

- Phosphatase -> RNA lariat debranching enzyme
- *P. falciparum*

**Standard Pfam**  
**dPUC Pfam**

**Metallophos**

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**DBR1**

- *S. cerevisiae*

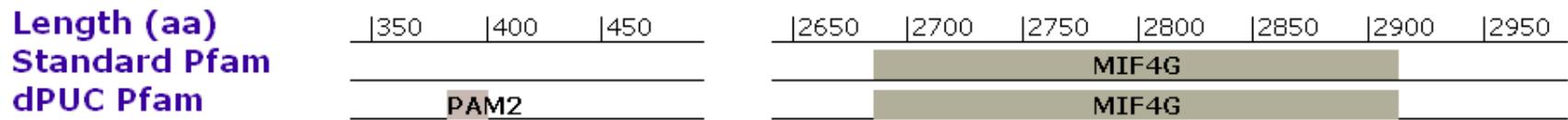
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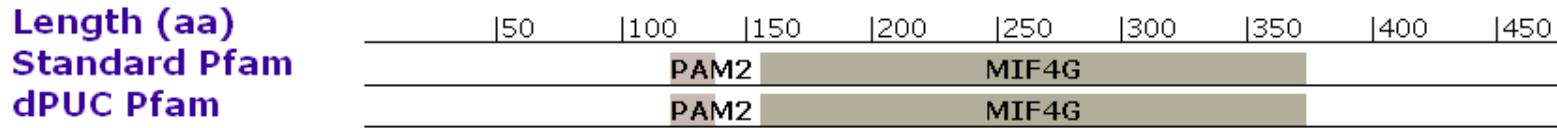
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# New predictions

- MIF4G domain-containing protein -> Poly-A binding protein-interacting protein 1
- *P. falciparum*



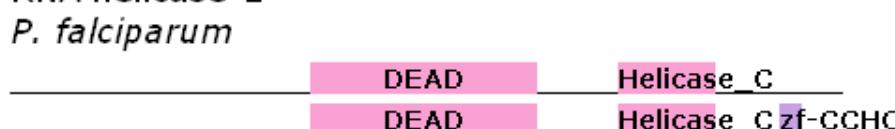
- *H. sapiens*



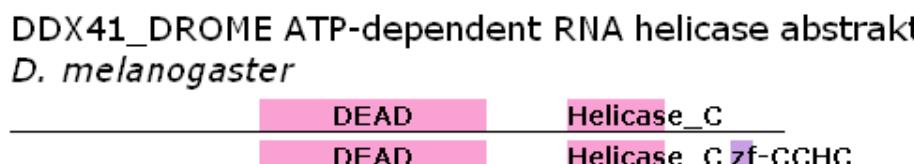
# New predictions

- RNA helicase -> mRNA sequestration

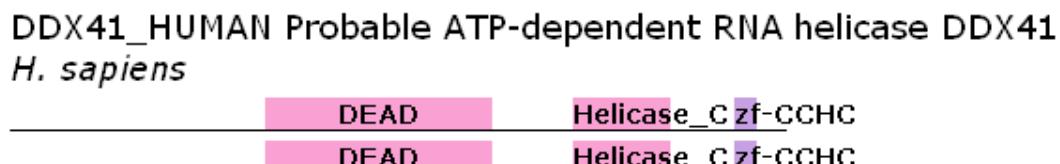
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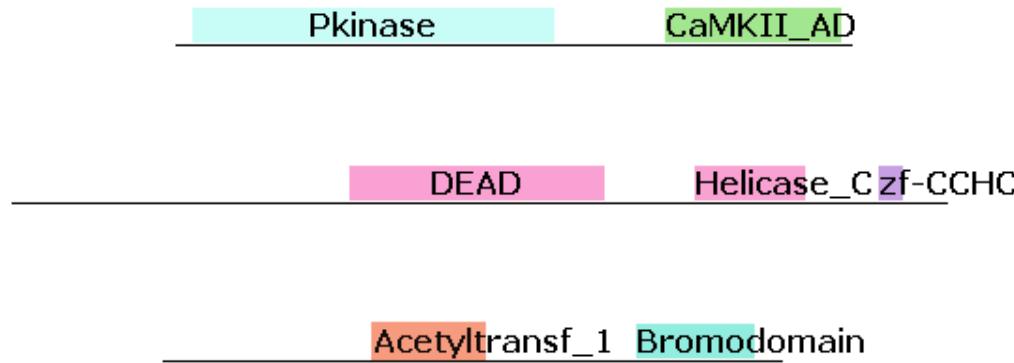
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Organism *H. sapiens*  
Standard Pfam  
dPUC Pfam



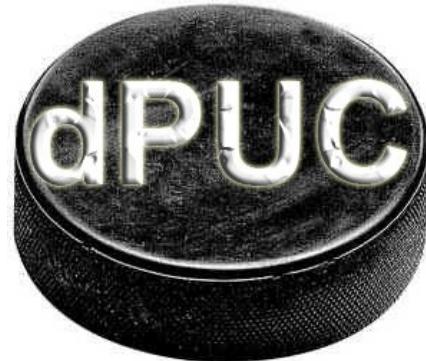
# Domain context



- Complements sequence evidence
- Improves domain predictions
- Works best on *Plasmodium*



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