

# **HMM based classification for conserved protein domains (SNARE)**

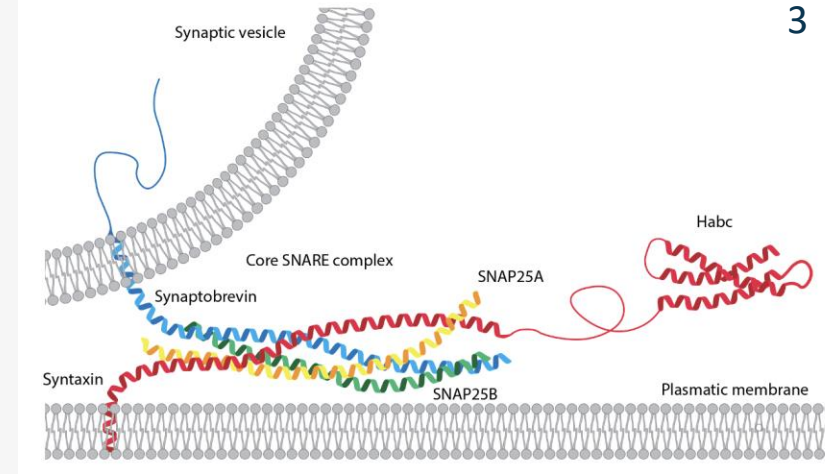
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## Background

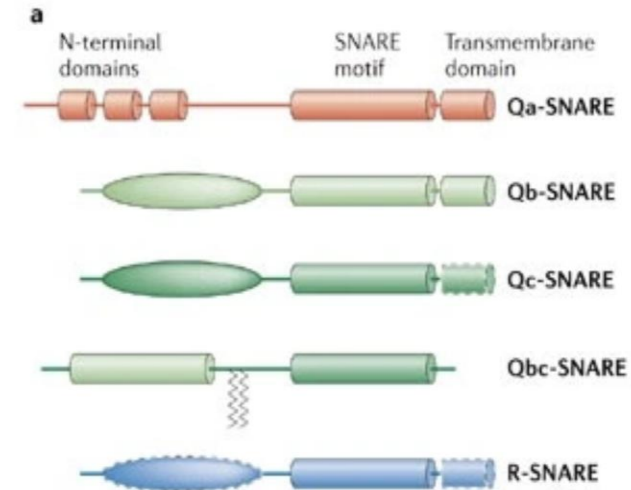


# SNAREs

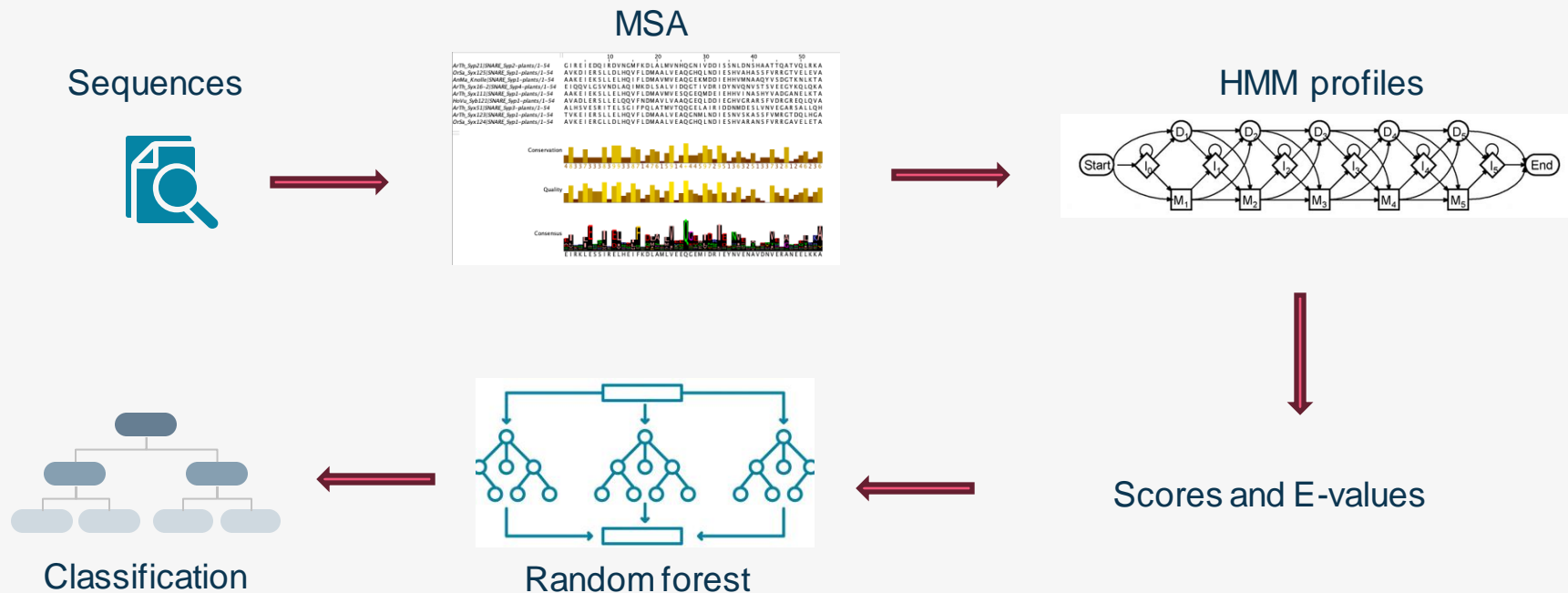
- Role : membrane fusion
- Conserved domain : SNARE motif
- Classification : Qa, Qb, Qc, R, SNAP



- **Goal** : automatise the classification with a model
- Classification can be used to hypothesize important informations about a protein (function, location, etc...)



# Classification – broad picture



# 02

## MSA

Multiple Sequence Alignment

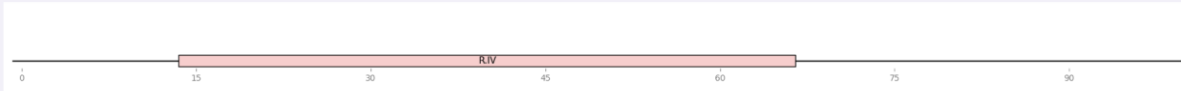


# Data Collection

- Tracey database : SNAREs protein collection
- Motif sequences and full sequences
- Sequences from specific taxa :
  - Archaeplastida --> Viridiplantae
  - Opisthokonta --> Metazoa and Fungi

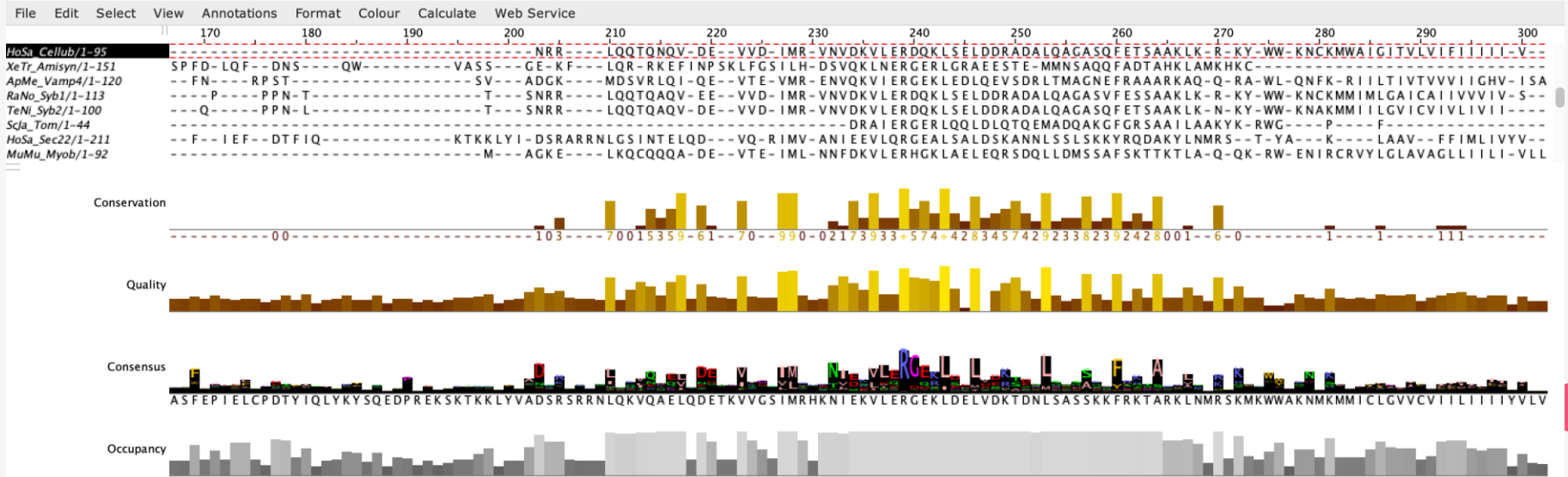
# Alignment

HoSa\_Cellub



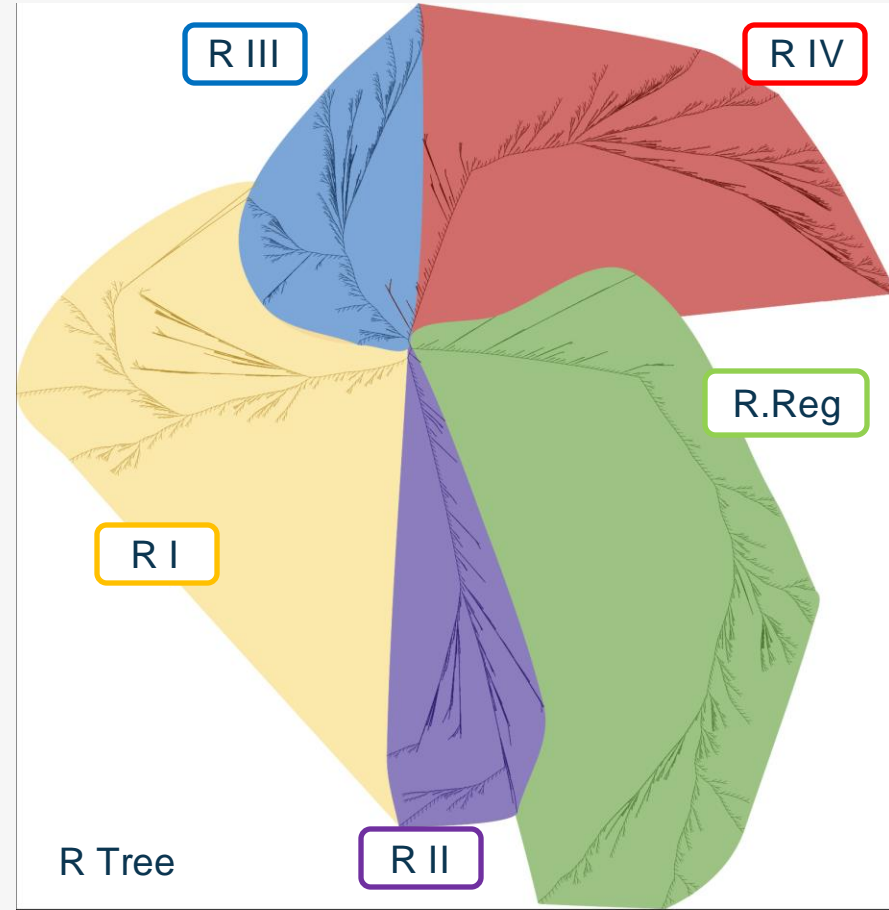
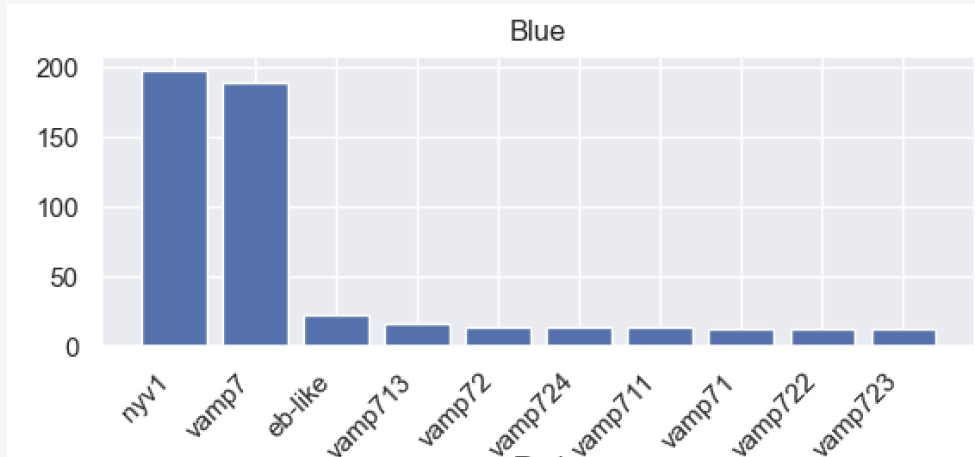
Sequence with motif:

M S T G P T A A T G S N R **R L Q Q T Q N Q V D E V V D I M R V N V D K V L E R D Q**  
**K L S E L D D R A D A L Q A G A S Q F E T S A A K L K R K Y W W K N C K M W A I G I**  
 T V L V I F I I I I I V W V V S S



# Identification of sub-groups

- Full sequences alignment to build the trees
- Average distance, visualisation with ITOL
- Labelling of sub-groups
- MSA for each of the sub-groups





# Sequences distribution across taxa

	V	M	F
Qa	471	3081	1481
Qb	316	1042	972
Qc	335	947	1327
R	448	2294	1416
SN	60	786	283

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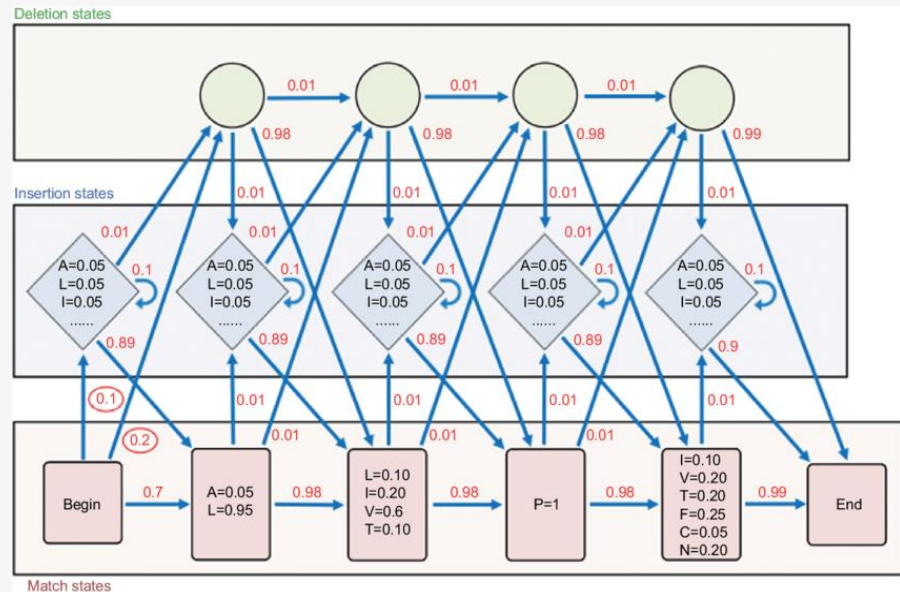
## HMM

Hidden Markov Models, Profiles and search



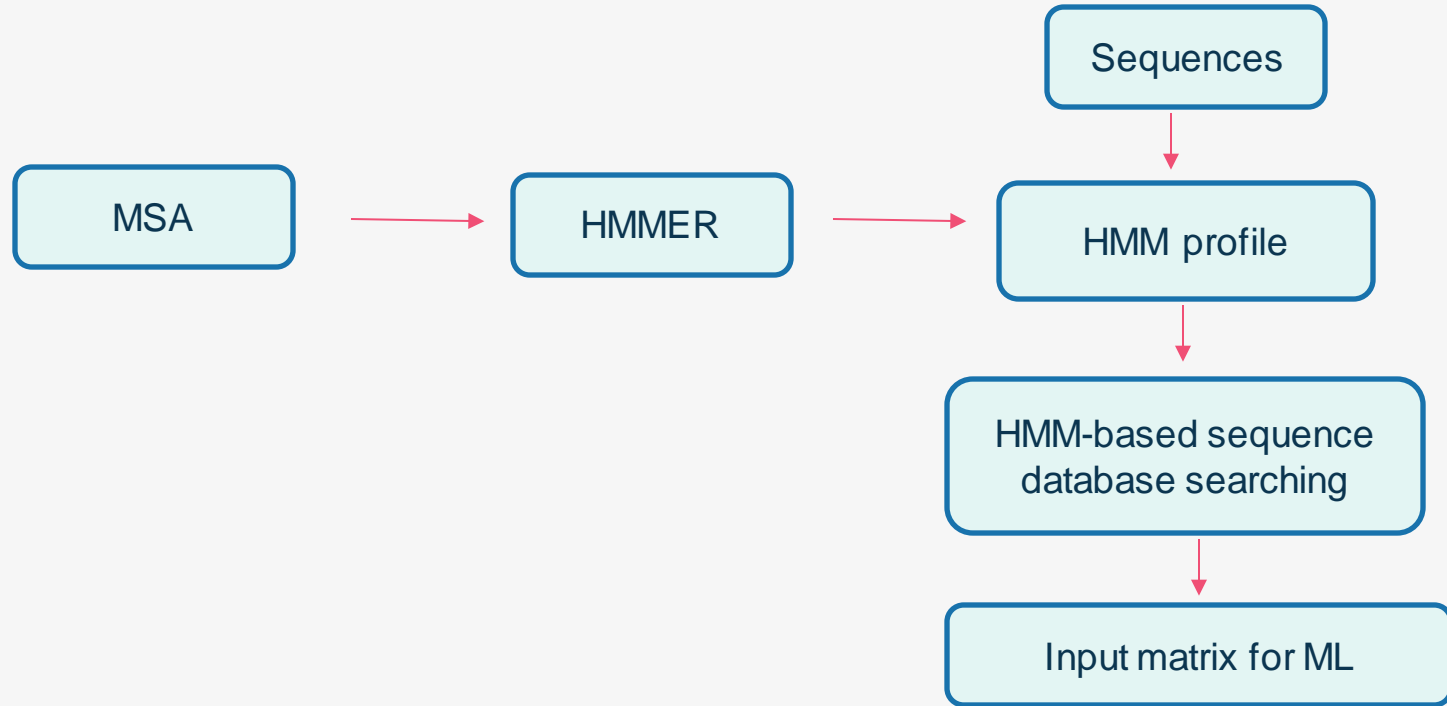
# What are HMM profiles?

- Based on multiple sequences alignments
- Probabilistic models used to represent a family of sequences
- They capture conserved and variable regions, as well as insertions and deletions
- Allow to determine how likely it is for a sequence to belong a specific group

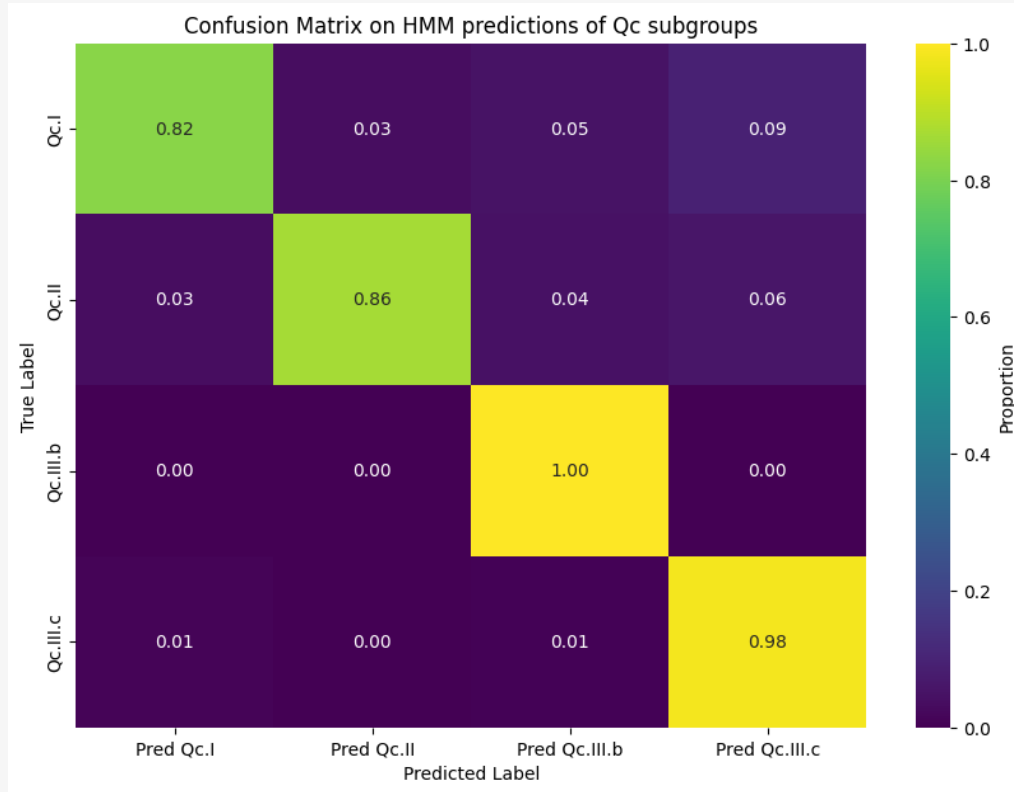


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# Building and using the HMM profiles



# HMM profiles performance

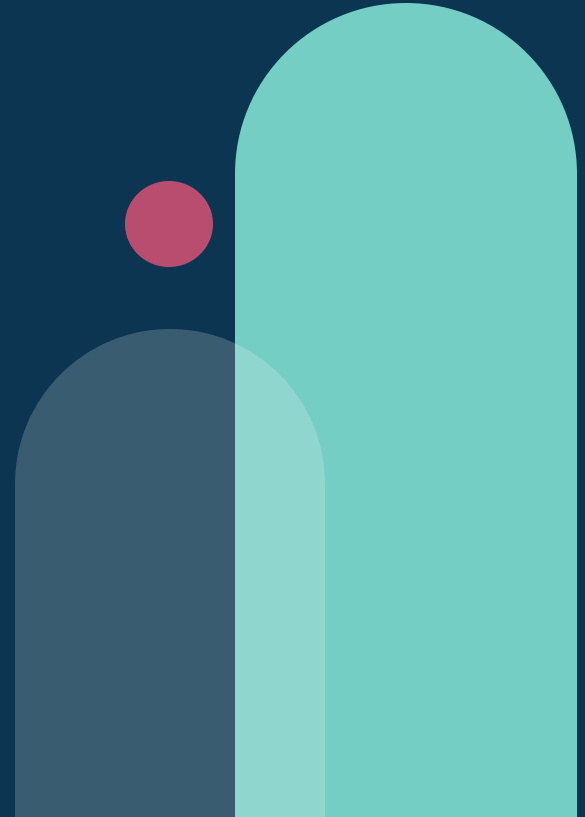


Accuracy = 0.92

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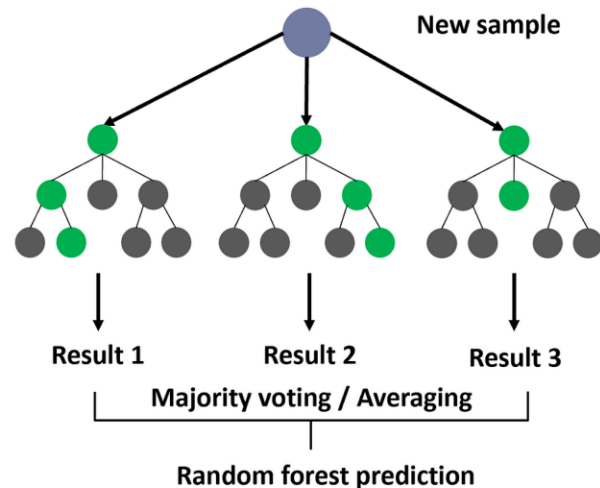
## Machine learning

Random forests



# Machine learning – Random forests

- Commonly used model for classification
- Ensemble learning technique
- Creation of multiple decision trees
- Aggregation of results
- High accuracy and reduced overfitting



# Machine learning - input

Sequence	Score/length Qa	EvalQa	Score/length Qb	Eval Qb	Score/length Qc	Eval Qc	Score/length R	Eval R	Label
DiOr_Syx1a	0.86254	2.2e-79	NaN	NaN	0.076	6.6e-06	NaN	NaN	Qa
TrVi_Bos1	NaN	NaN	0.47964	8.2e-40	NaN	NaN	NaN	NaN	Qb
ChMy_Syx6	0.38248	9.4e-15	0.13983	0.0011	1.1024	6.2e-41	NaN	NaN	Qc
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- No hits from the HMM profile do not return anything
- Need to set an appropriate value for the missing data for the model to work
- Different replacement values were tested, from 0.001 to 0.95
- Specific to the score
- Specific to the E-value

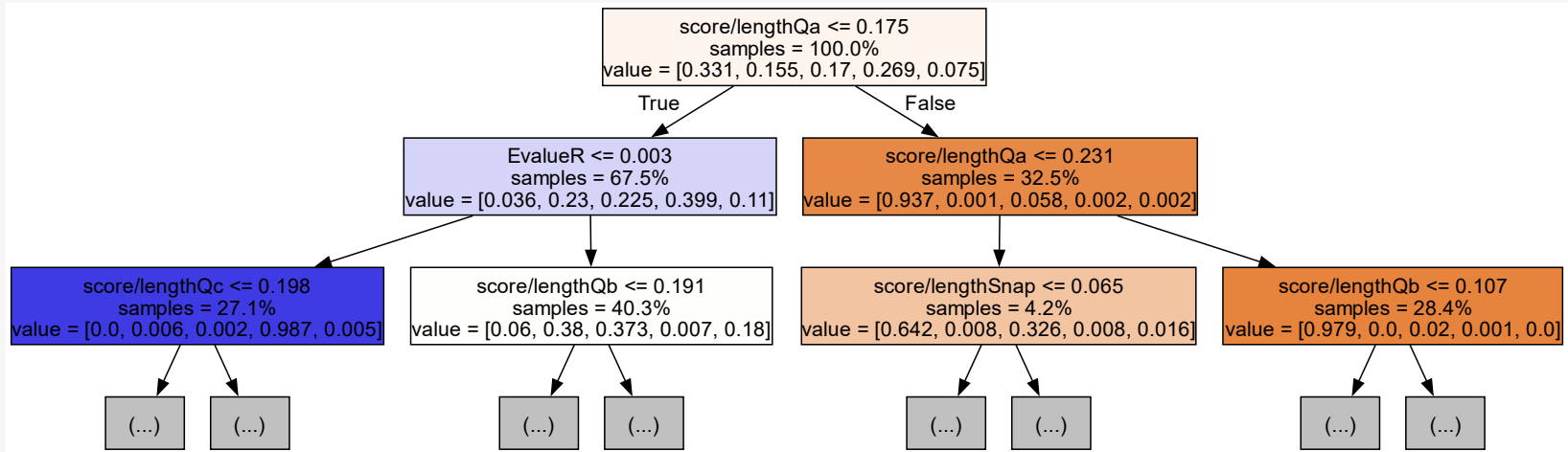


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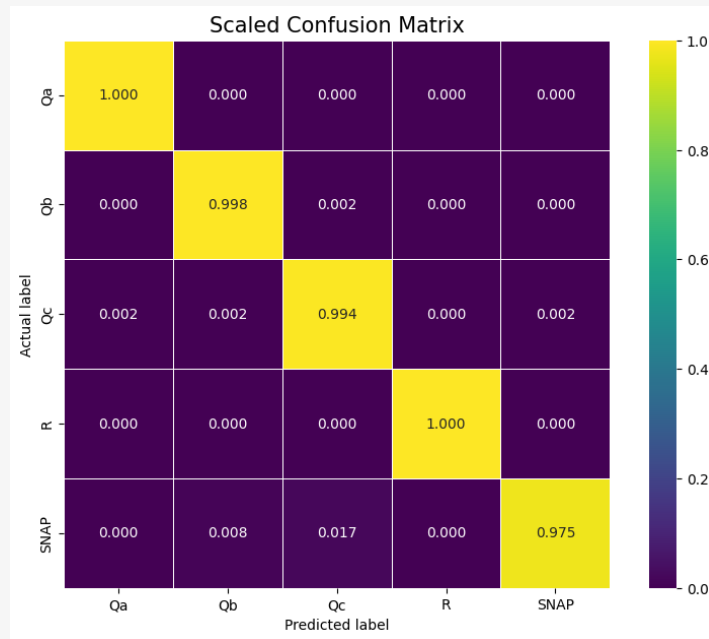
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- Need to set an appropriate value for the missing data for the model to work
- Best working values :
  - Low replacement value for the score : 0.01
  - High replacement value for the E-values : 0.9

# Machine Learning – Example tree



# Machine learning – Main group results

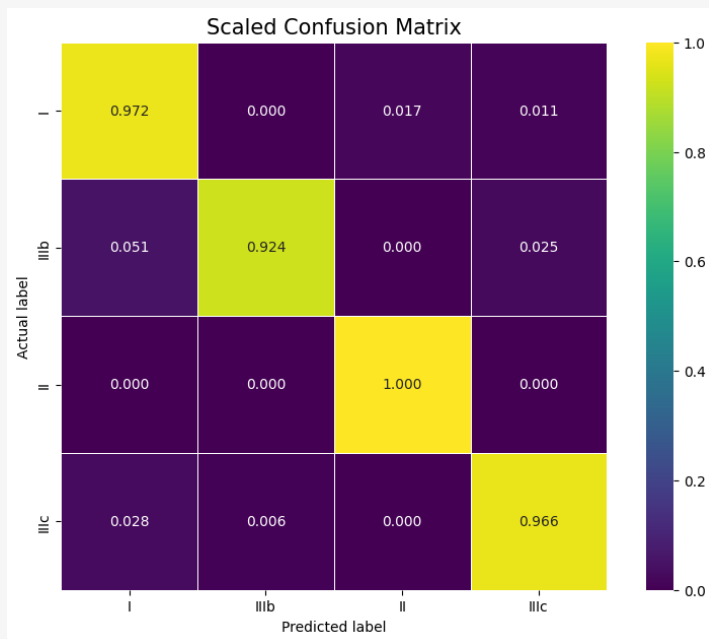
- Confusion matrix



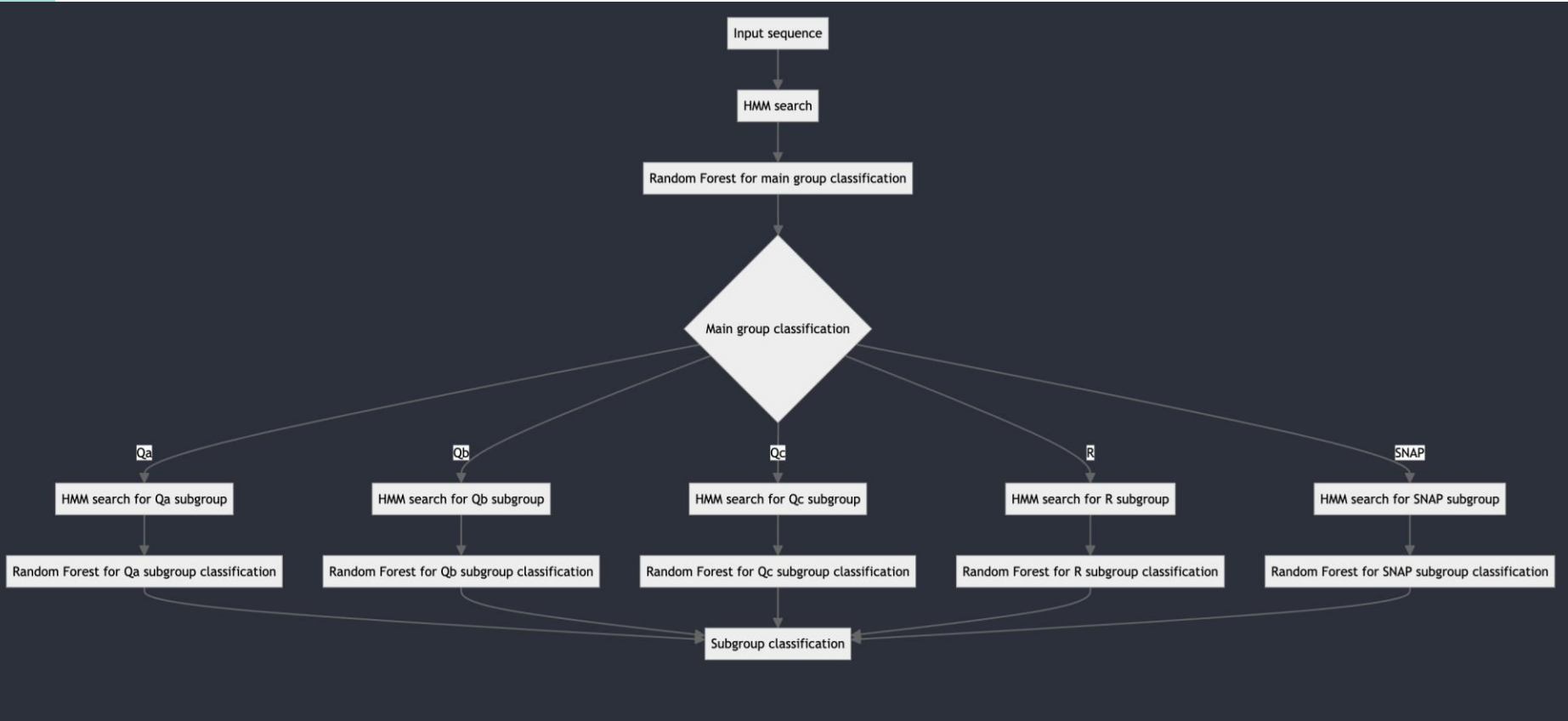
- Evaluation metrics:
  - Accuracy: Correctly classified instances out of the total instances
  - Precision: Ratio of TPs to the sum of TPs and FPs
  - Recall: Ratio of TPs to the sum of TPs and FNs
  - F1 score: Harmonic mean of precision and recall
- Accuracy: 0.9996
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  - F1: 0.9996

# Machine learning – Qc subgroups results

- Confusion matrix



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  - F1: 0.967



# 05

## What's next

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Future things to implement



# Challenges

- Using IqTree for better classification
- Using a tree to classify the main groups
- Investigating other ML models to upgrade the HMMs performance

# Feedback

- It was really interesting to work practically
- Projects had a real biological meaning and were based on real data
- More time for the presentation would be appreciated



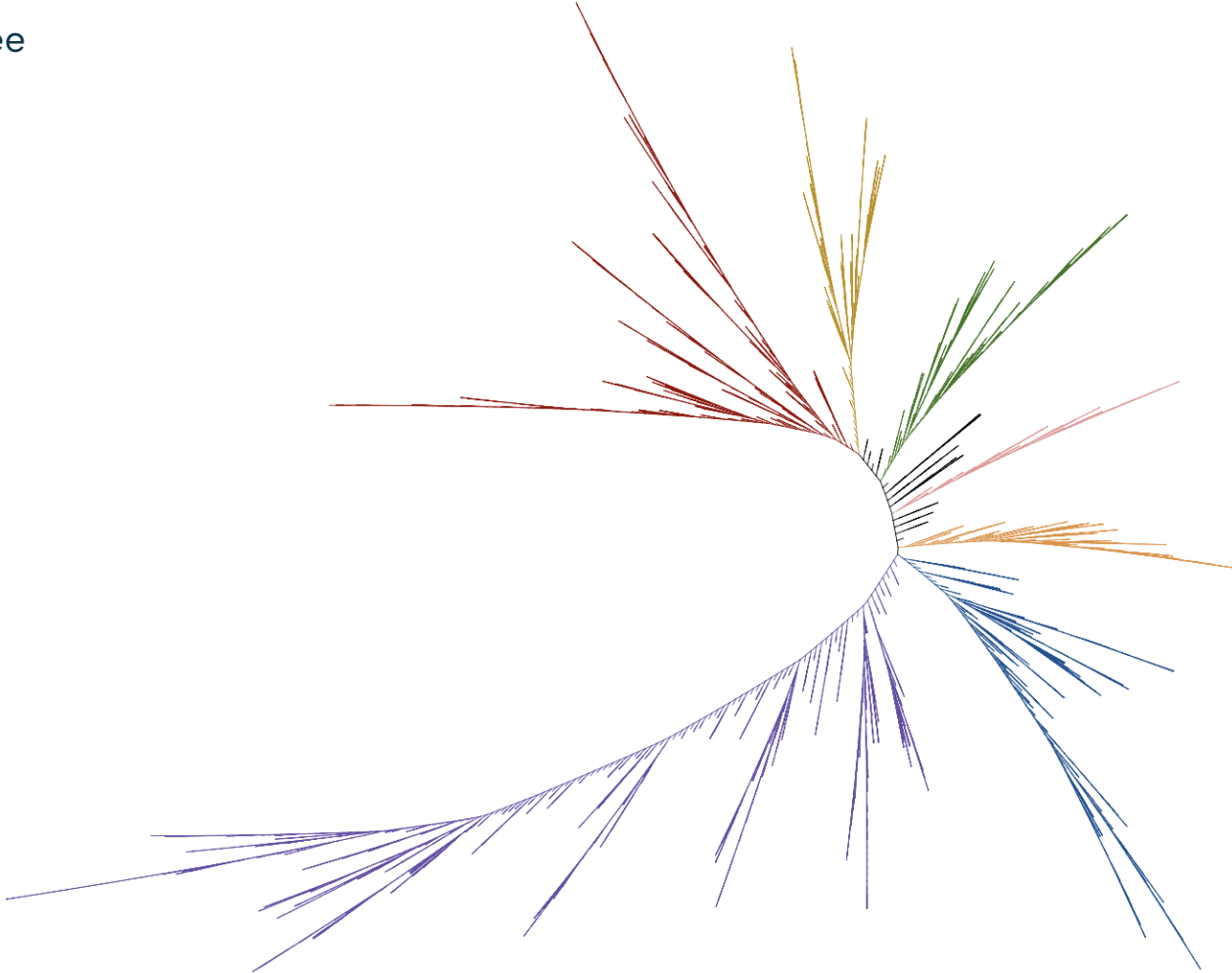
# Thanks!

Do you have any questions?

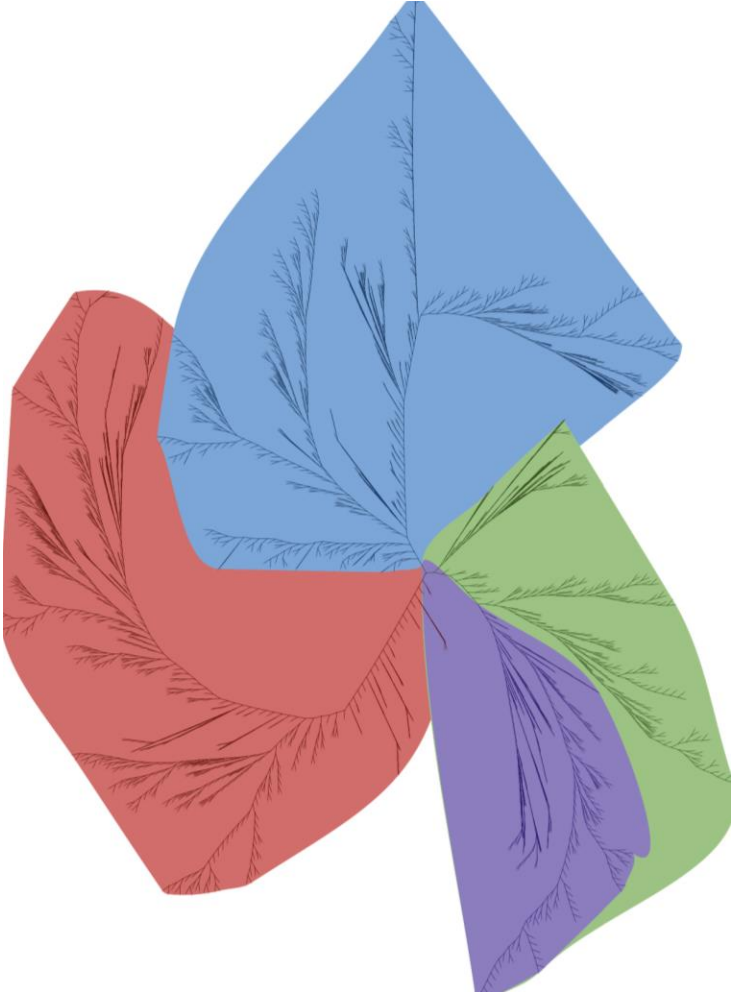
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Qa Tree



Qc Tree



SNAP Tree

