



# Automated prediction of RNA structure using trRosettaRNA2 and template

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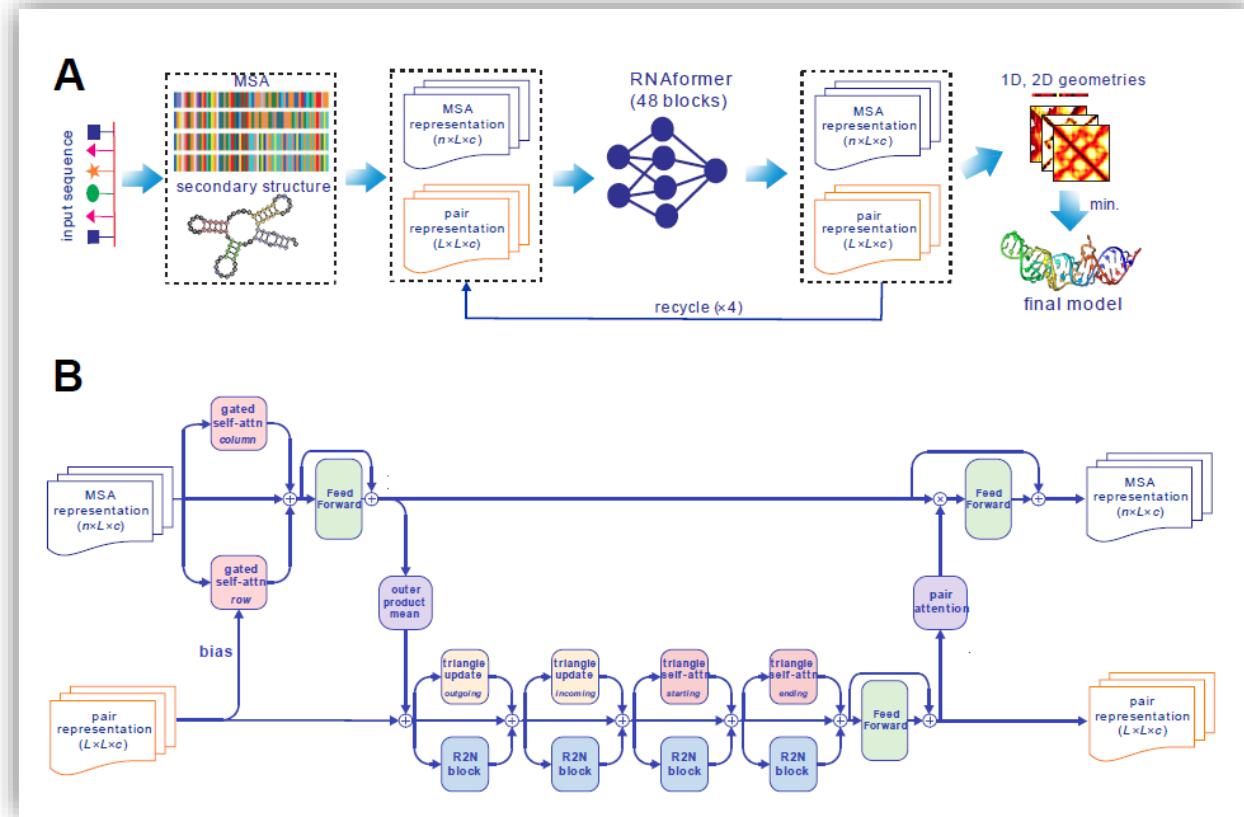
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# trRosettaRNA: two-step approach



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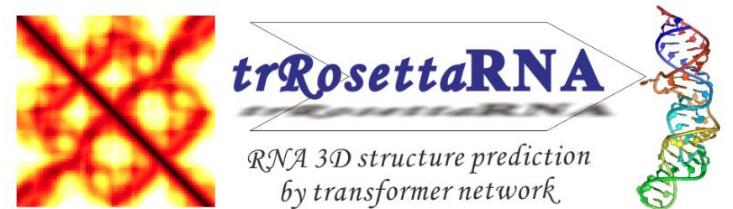
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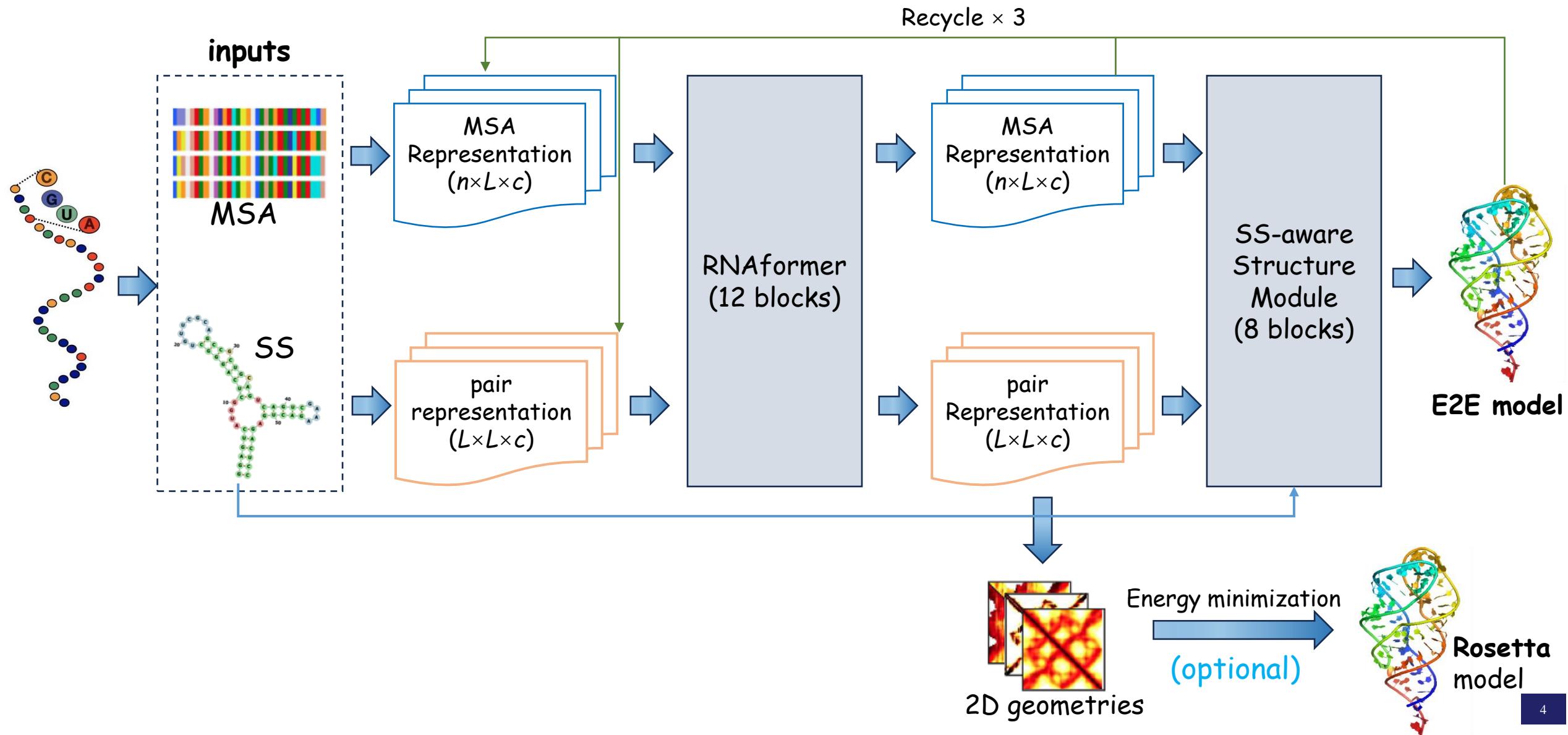
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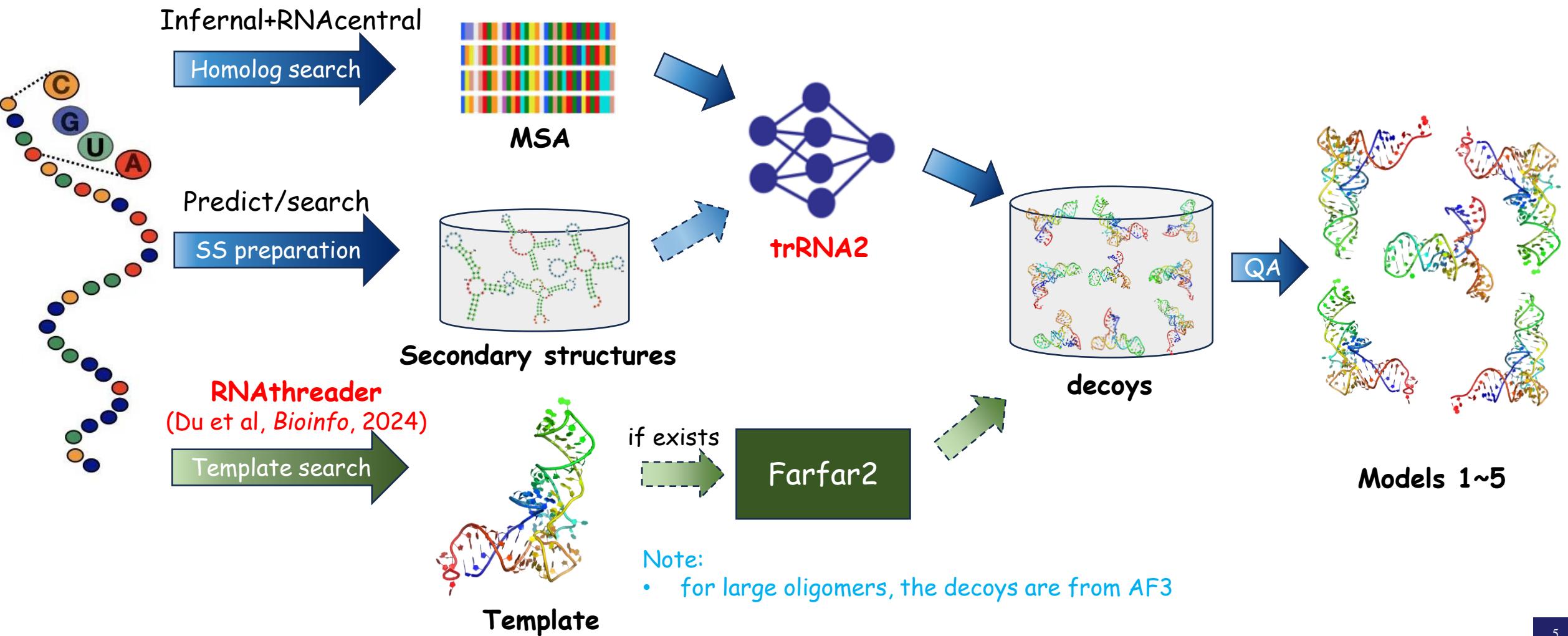


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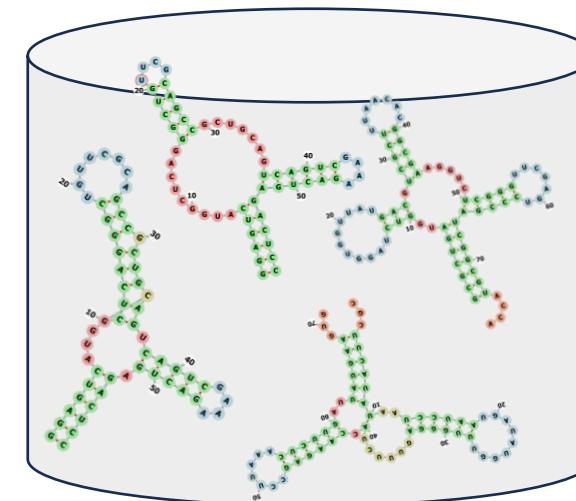
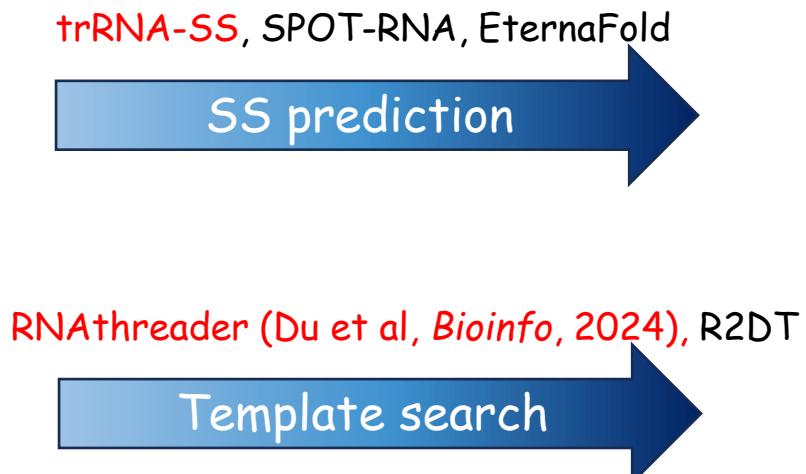
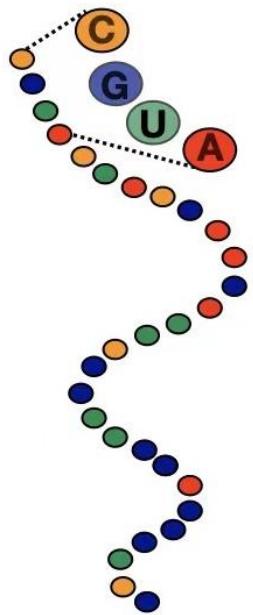
# trRosettaRNA2: end-to-end approach



# Yang-Server for RNA monomers in CASP16



# Secondary structure preparation



Secondary structures

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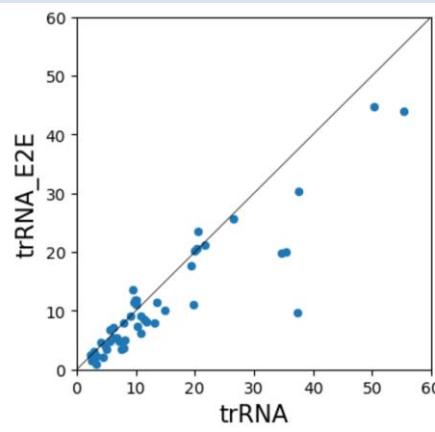
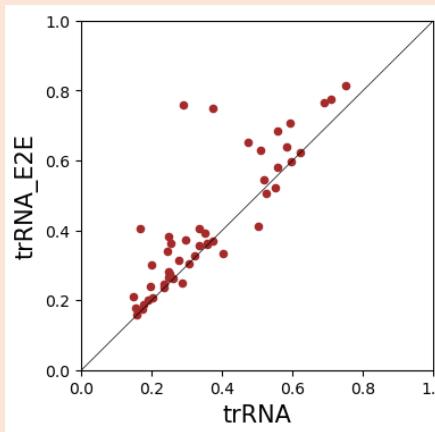
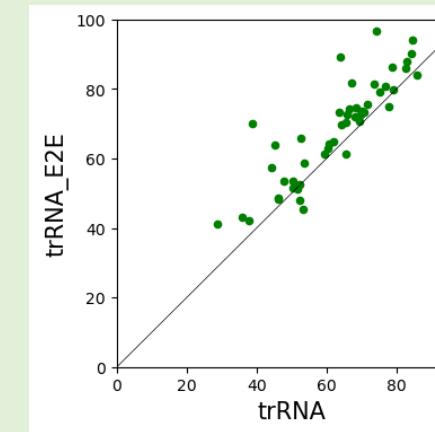
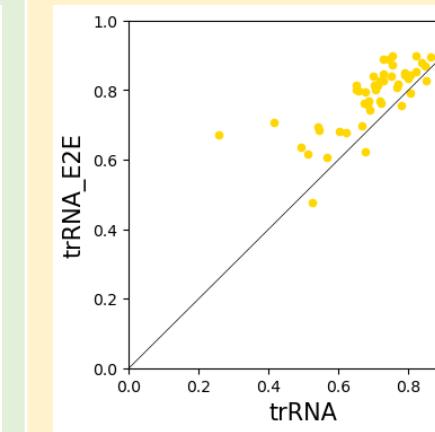
# trRosettaRNA2 vs trRosettaRNA

Two benchmark datasets:

- **TS36**: 36 RNAs released after 2022-01
- **CASP15**: 12 RNAs from CASP15

Note:

- with same inputs (MSA/SS)
- training set earlier than 2022-01

Metrics		RMSD(Å) ↓		TM-score ↑		IDDT ↑		INF ↑	
		TS36	CASP15	TS36	CASP15	TS36	CASP15	TS36	CASP15
Average value	trRNA	9.7	26.0	0.401	0.243	0.659	0.516	0.719	0.617
	trRNA2	<b>7.8</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>0.458</b>	<b>0.292</b>	<b>0.716</b>	<b>0.579</b>	<b>0.790</b>	<b>0.751</b>
Head-to-head comparison									

# Comparison with other methods on CASP16

**Yang-Multimer (TS456): for blind benchmark**

Note: with same inputs

- MSA: infernal+RNACentral
- SS: trRNA-SS

Model names	Methods	RMSD(Å) ↓	TM-score ↑	IDDT ↑	INF ↑	Clashscore ↓
TS456_5	RhoFold	50.7	0.273	43.7	0.438	234.4
Run on local	RhoFold+	37.7	0.287	45.5	0.470	418.1
TS456_4	DeepFoldRNA	30.3	0.279	49.9	0.694	12.8
TS456_3	RFNA	24.6	0.329	50.9	0.661	40.8
TS456_2	trRNA	26.0	0.333	54.6	0.678	9.3
TS456_1	trRNA2	<b>24.5</b>	<b>0.393</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>0.737</b>	<b>2.0</b>

Metric Distribution

A box plot showing the distribution of RMSD values for five methods: RhoFold+, DeepFd, RFNA, trRNA, and trRNA-E2E. The y-axis ranges from 0 to 100 Å. The median RMSD for trRNA2 is significantly lower than the others.

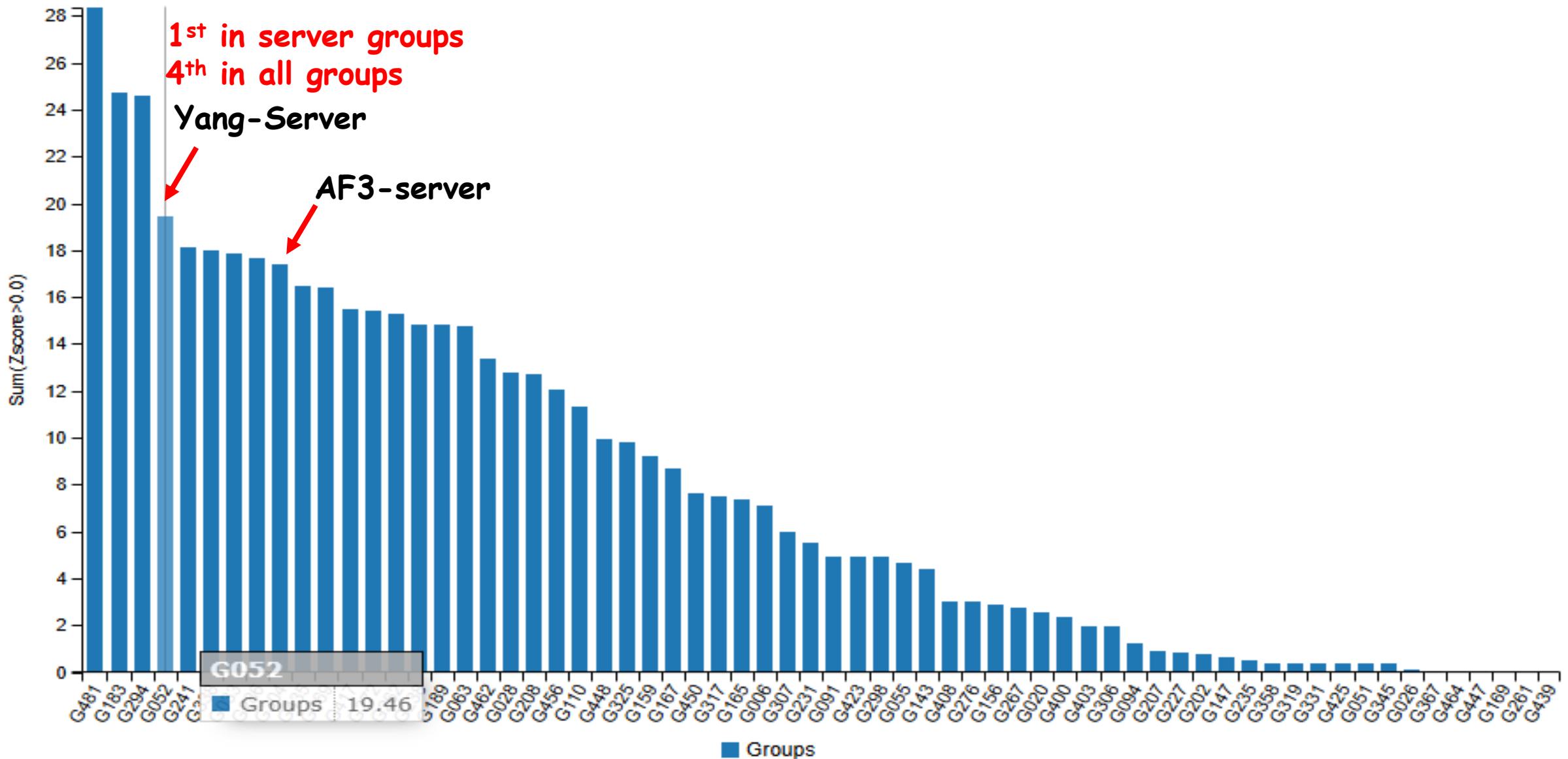
A box plot showing the distribution of TM-score values for five methods: RhoFold+, DeepFd, RFNA, trRNA, and trRNA-E2E. The median TM-score for trRNA2 is the highest among the methods shown.

A box plot showing the distribution of IDDT values for five methods: RhoFold+, DeepFd, RFNA, trRNA, and trRNA-E2E. The median IDDT for trRNA2 is the highest.

A box plot showing the distribution of INF values for five methods: RhoFold+, DeepFd, RFNA, trRNA, and trRNA-E2E. The median INF for trRNA2 is the highest.

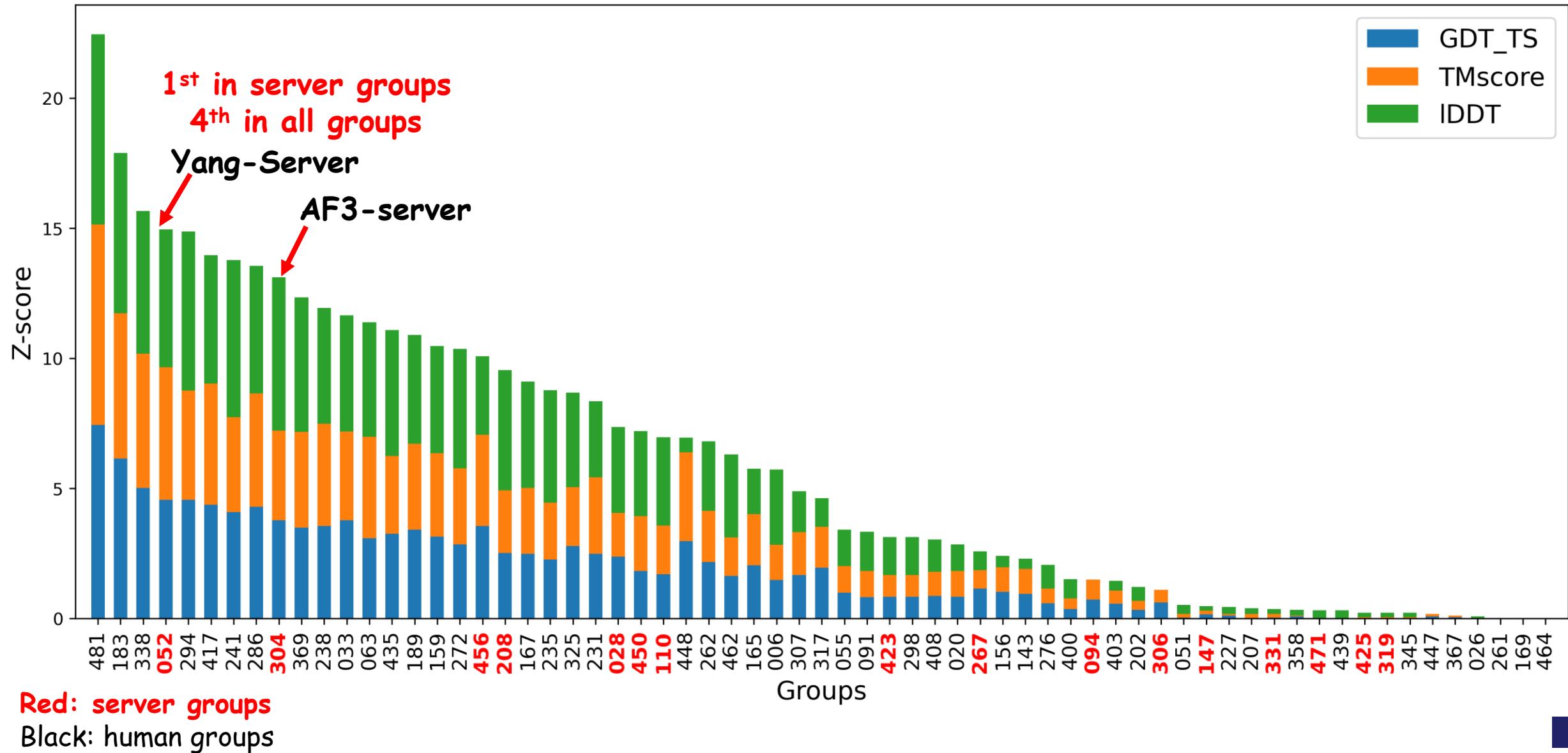
A box plot showing the distribution of Clashscore values for five methods: RhoFold+, DeepFd, RFNA, trRNA, and trRNA-E2E. The median Clashscore for trRNA2 is the lowest.

# Official ranking on CASP16 (36 targets)

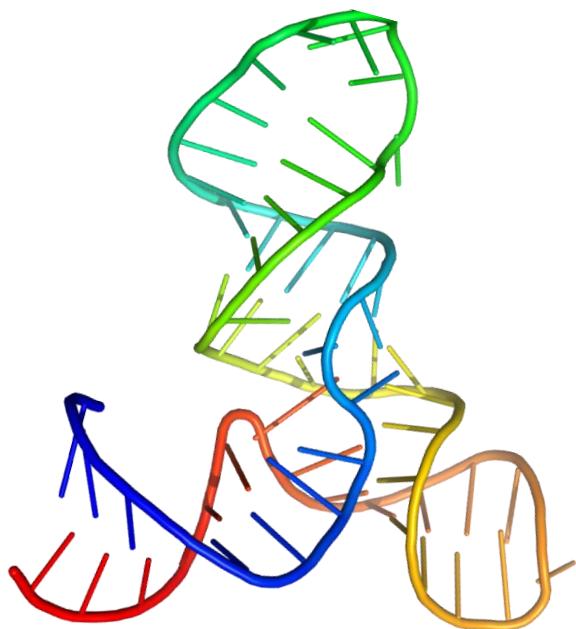


# Ranking on single-phase targets

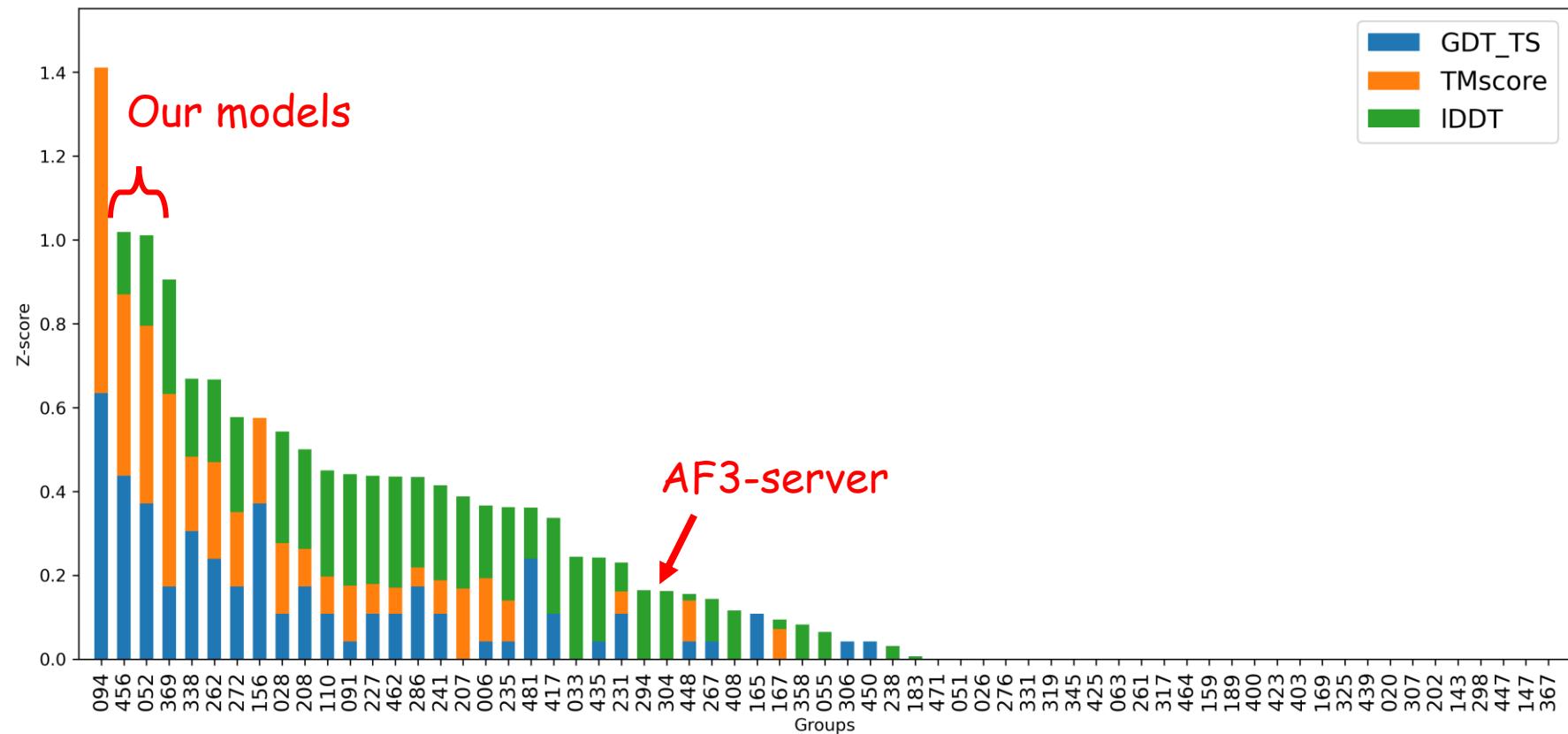
(25 targets out of 36)



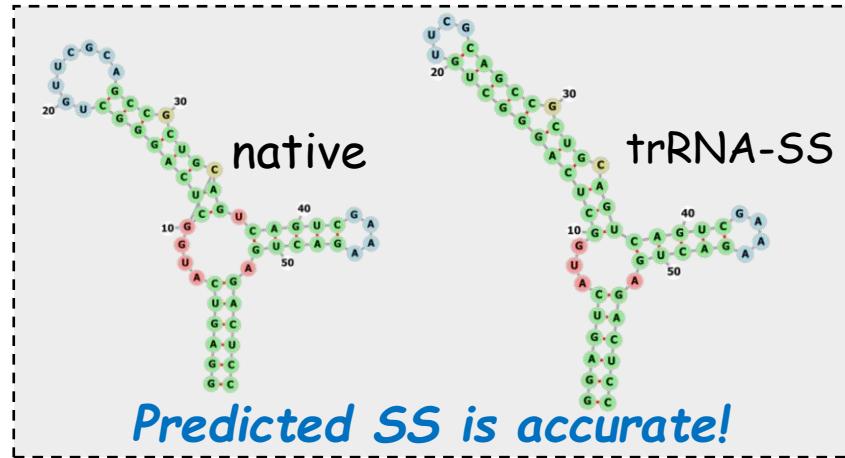
# What went right? R1288



Z-score ranking for R1288

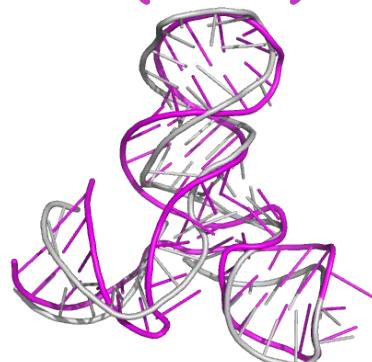


# What went right? R1288



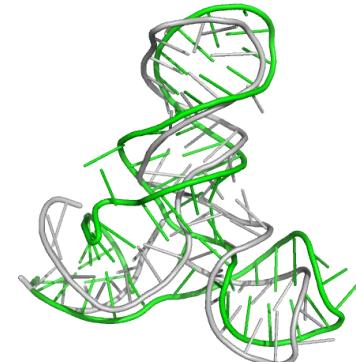
- Competitive with AF3 w/o SS
- Further improved by SS restraints
- Has less steric clashes

Overall best model  
(Vfold)



RMSD=5.1 Å  
Clashscore=14.5

AF3 best model



RMSD=8.5 Å  
Clashscore=13.9

trRNA2 models



pIDDT=73.4

w/o SS  
RMSD=8.9 Å  
Clashscore=2.1



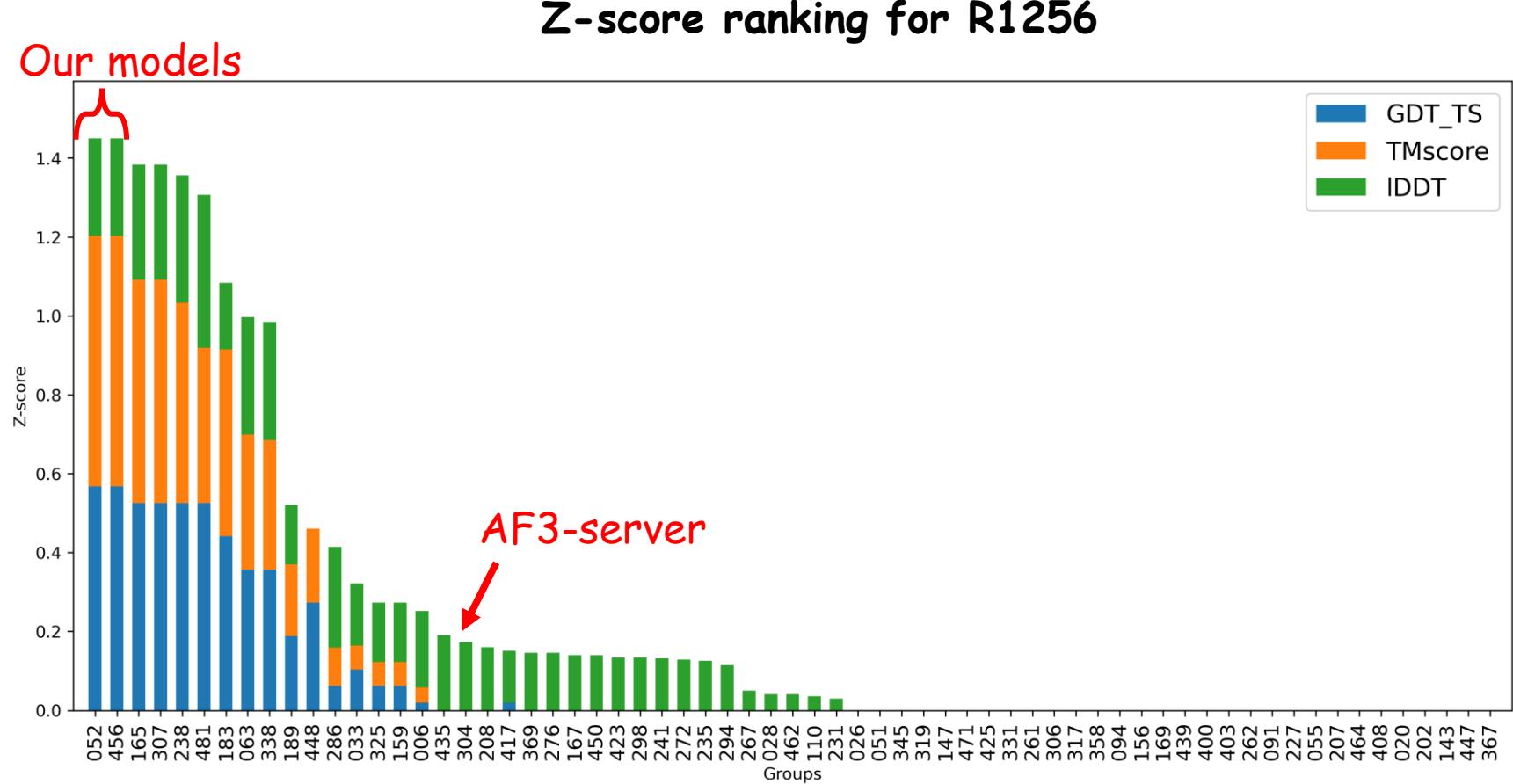
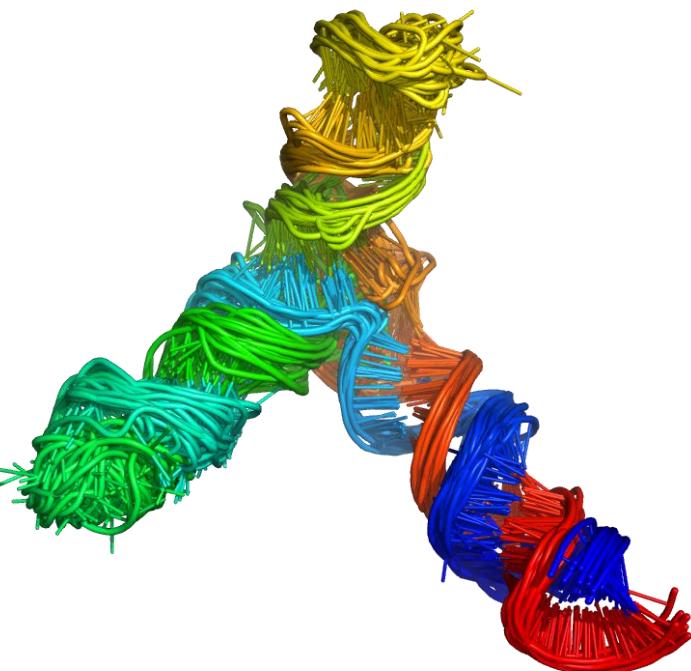
Yang-Server

pIDDT=89.2

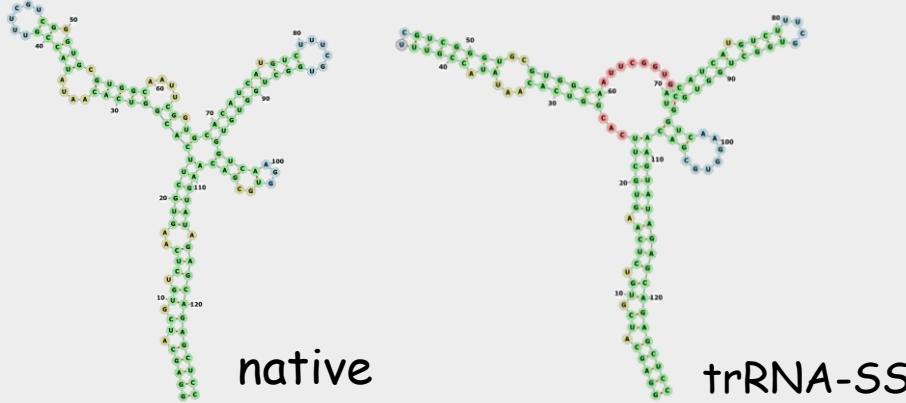
w/ predicted SS  
RMSD=6.4 Å  
Clashscore=2.1

Gray: native

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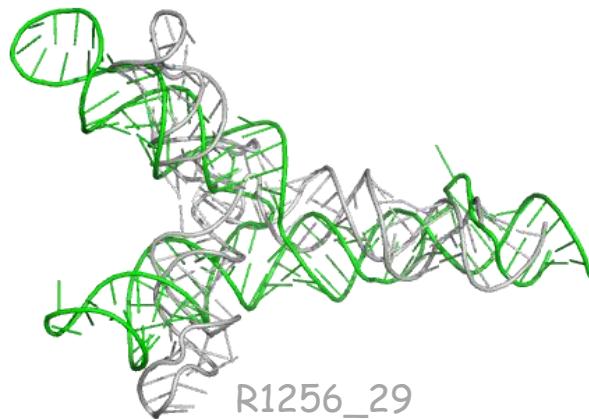


# What went right? R1256



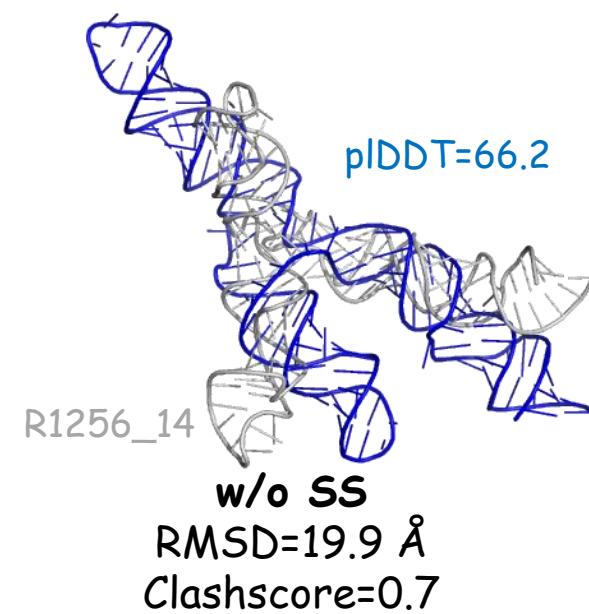
- Competitive with AF3 w/o SS
- Further improved by SS restraints
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AF3 best model

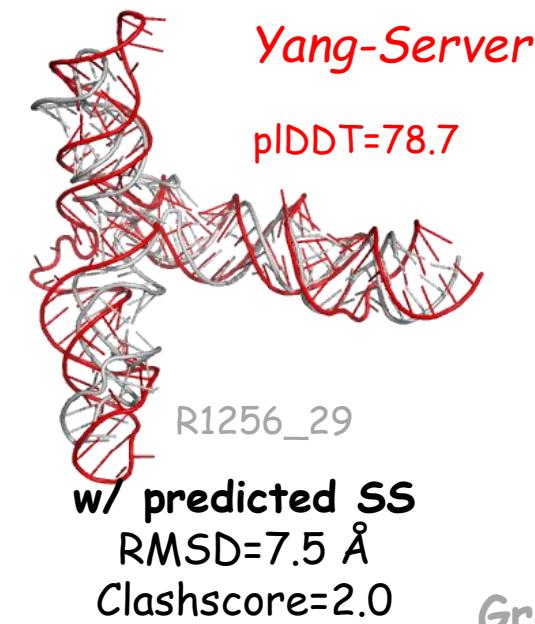


RMSD=19.7 Å  
Clashscore=12.1

trRNA2 models



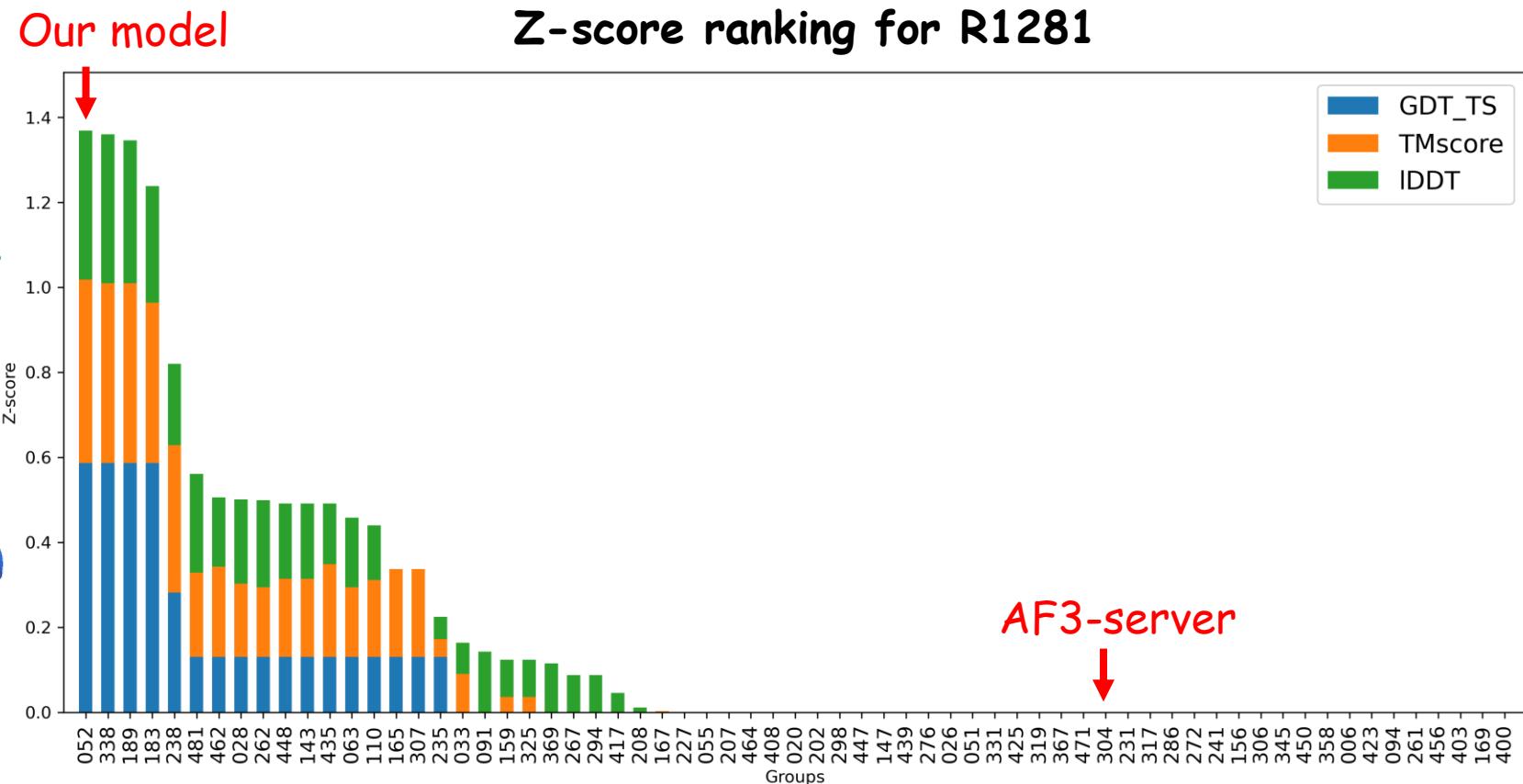
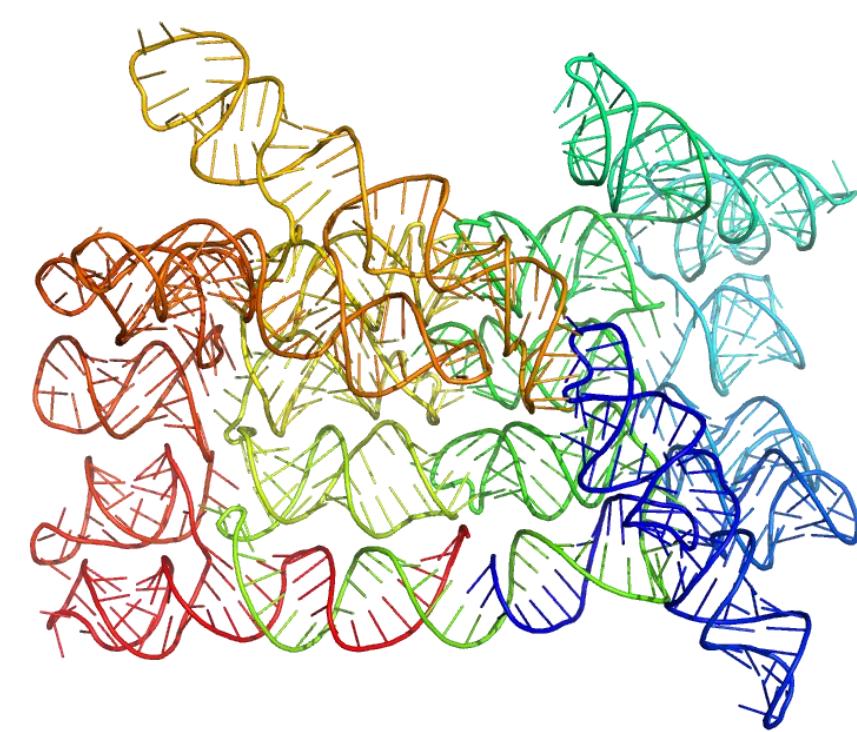
R1256\_14  
w/o SS  
RMSD=19.9 Å  
Clashscore=0.7



R1256\_29  
w/ predicted SS  
RMSD=7.5 Å  
Clashscore=2.0

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# What went right? R1281

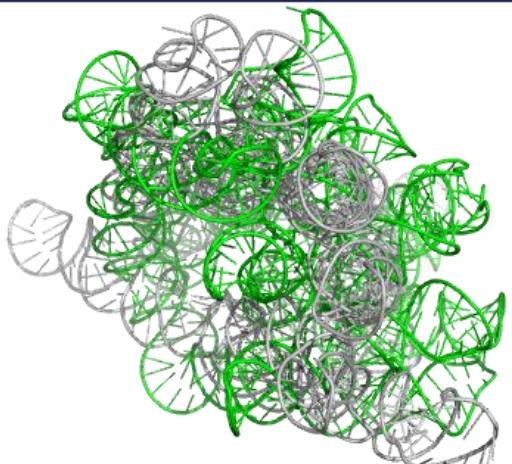


# What went right? R1281

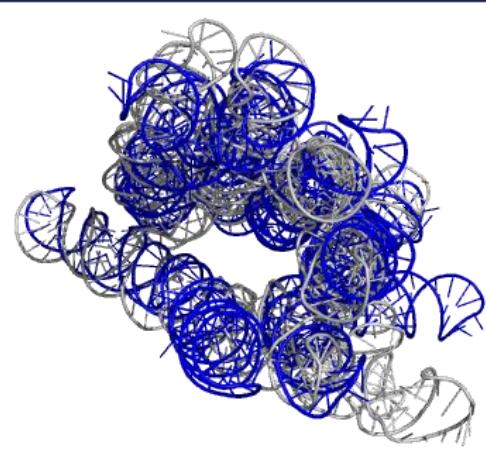
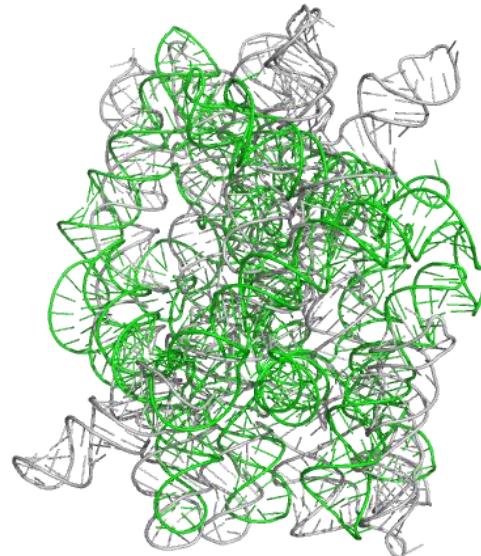
- template is helpful

**Detected template:**  
7PTK; 7PTL  
(by RNAthreader)

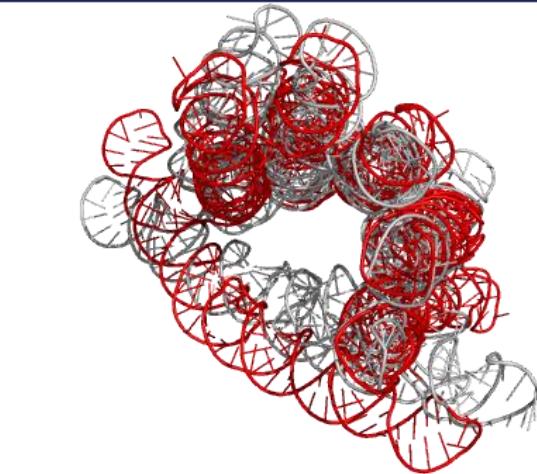
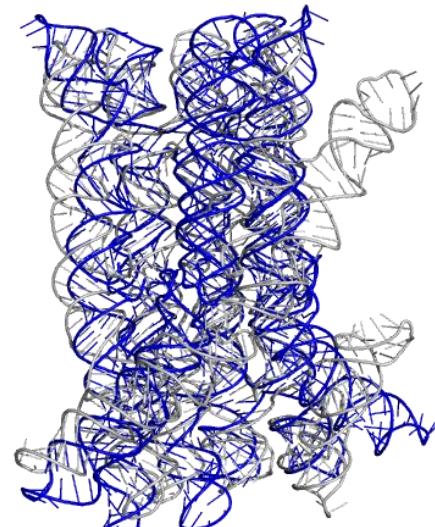
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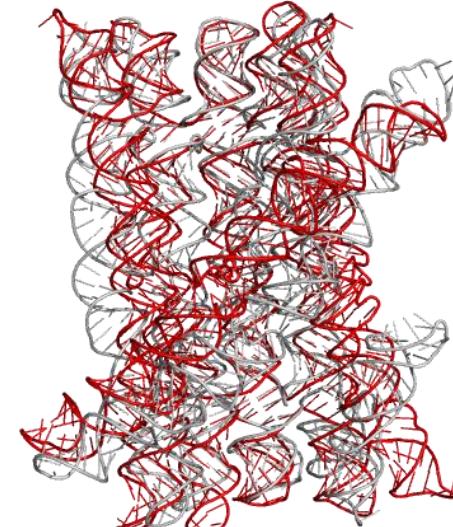
**AF3 best model**  
RMSD=28.0 Å  
Clashscore=17.6



**trRNA2 model**  
with template SS  
RMSD=18.6 Å  
Clashscore=2.5



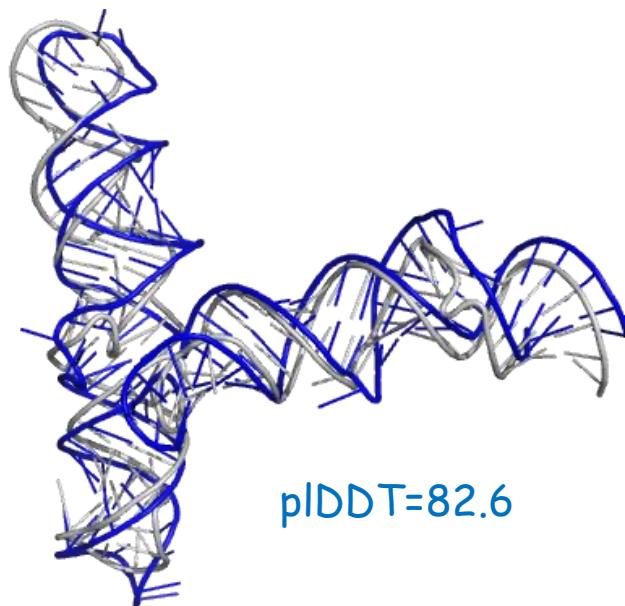
**Yang-Server best model**  
by RNAthreader  
RMSD=17.5 Å  
Clashscore=6.5



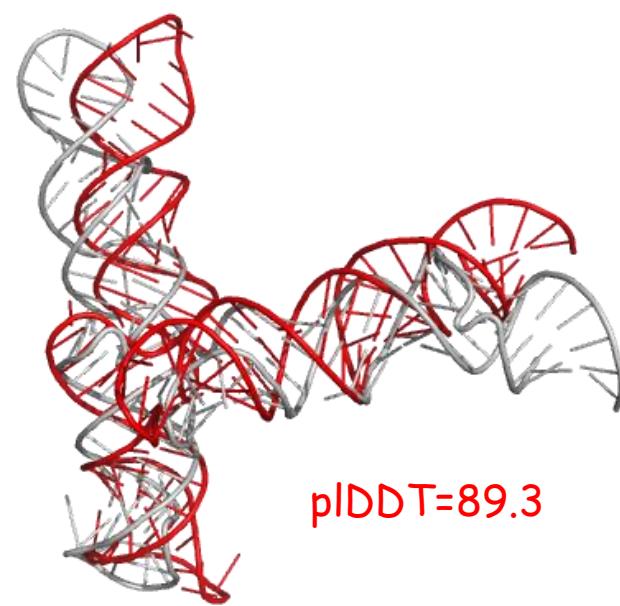
# What went wrong? R1255

- QA fails on R1255

trRNA2 models

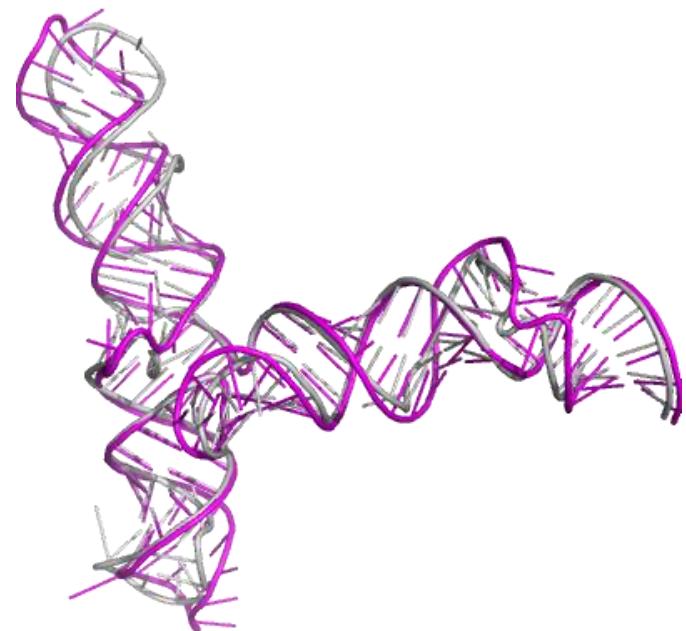


Yang-Multimer model  
(trRNA-SS)  
RMSD=5.3 Å



Yang-Server model  
(w/o SS)  
RMSD=10.3 Å

Overall best model



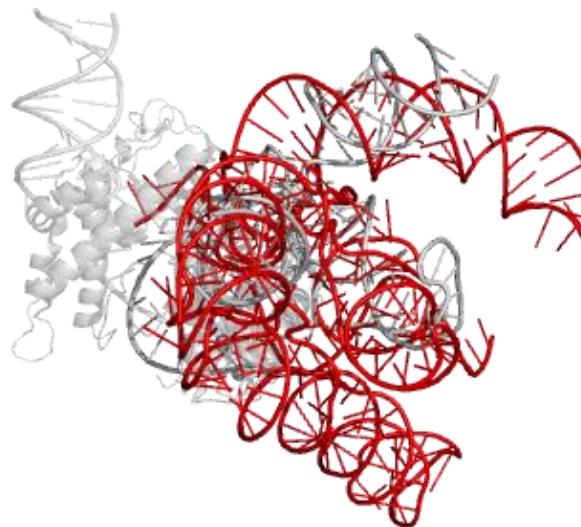
GuangzhouRNA-human  
RMSD=3.4 Å

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# What went wrong? R1212(Prot-NucA)

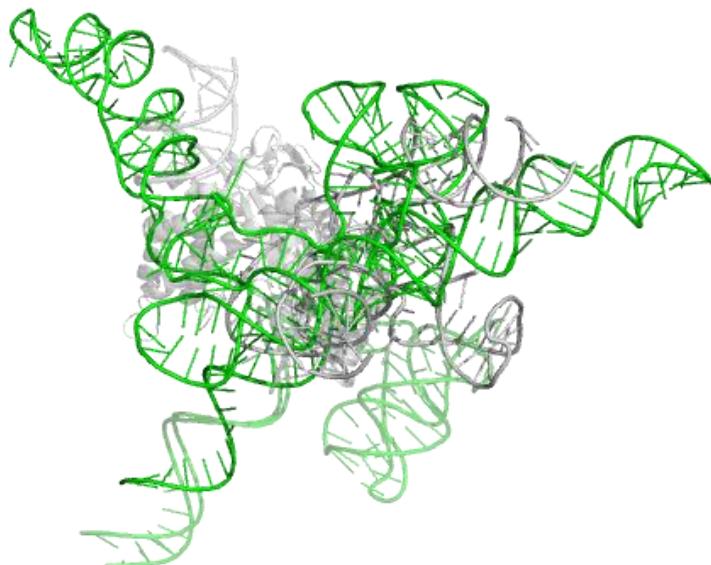
- Protein-RNA complex modeling is still challenging

Yang-Server model

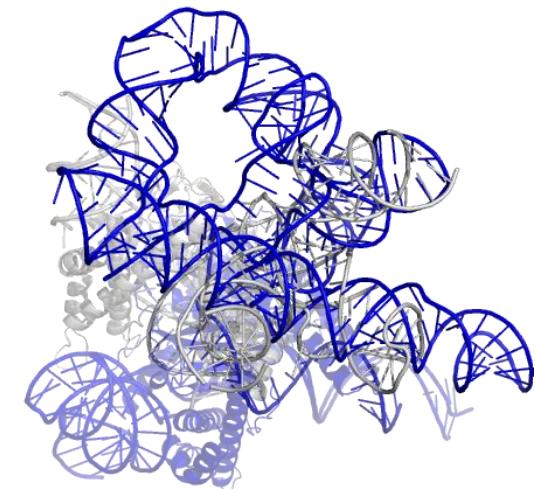


w/o protein  
RMSD=25.4 Å

AF3 models



w/o protein  
RMSD=25.6 Å



w/ protein  
RMSD=27.7 Å

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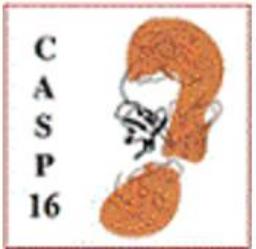
# Conclusion

- trRosettaRNA2 significantly outperforms trRosettaRNA
- SS/template restraints are helpful

## Challenges:

- Long RNAs (>500 nt)
- Oligomers with >2 chains
- Protein-RNA complexes

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