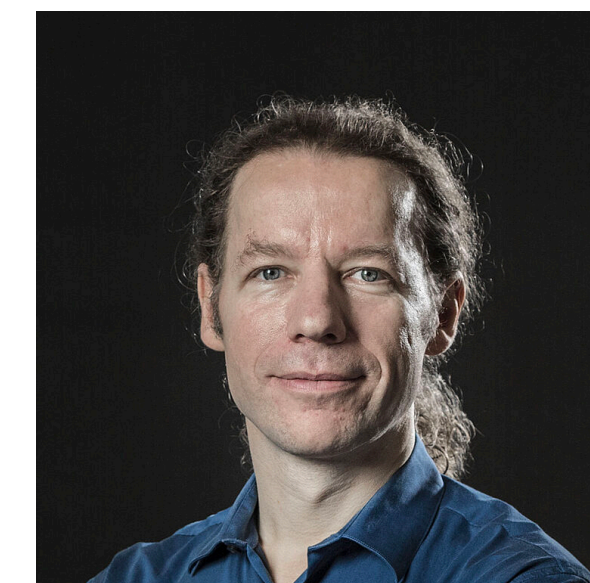


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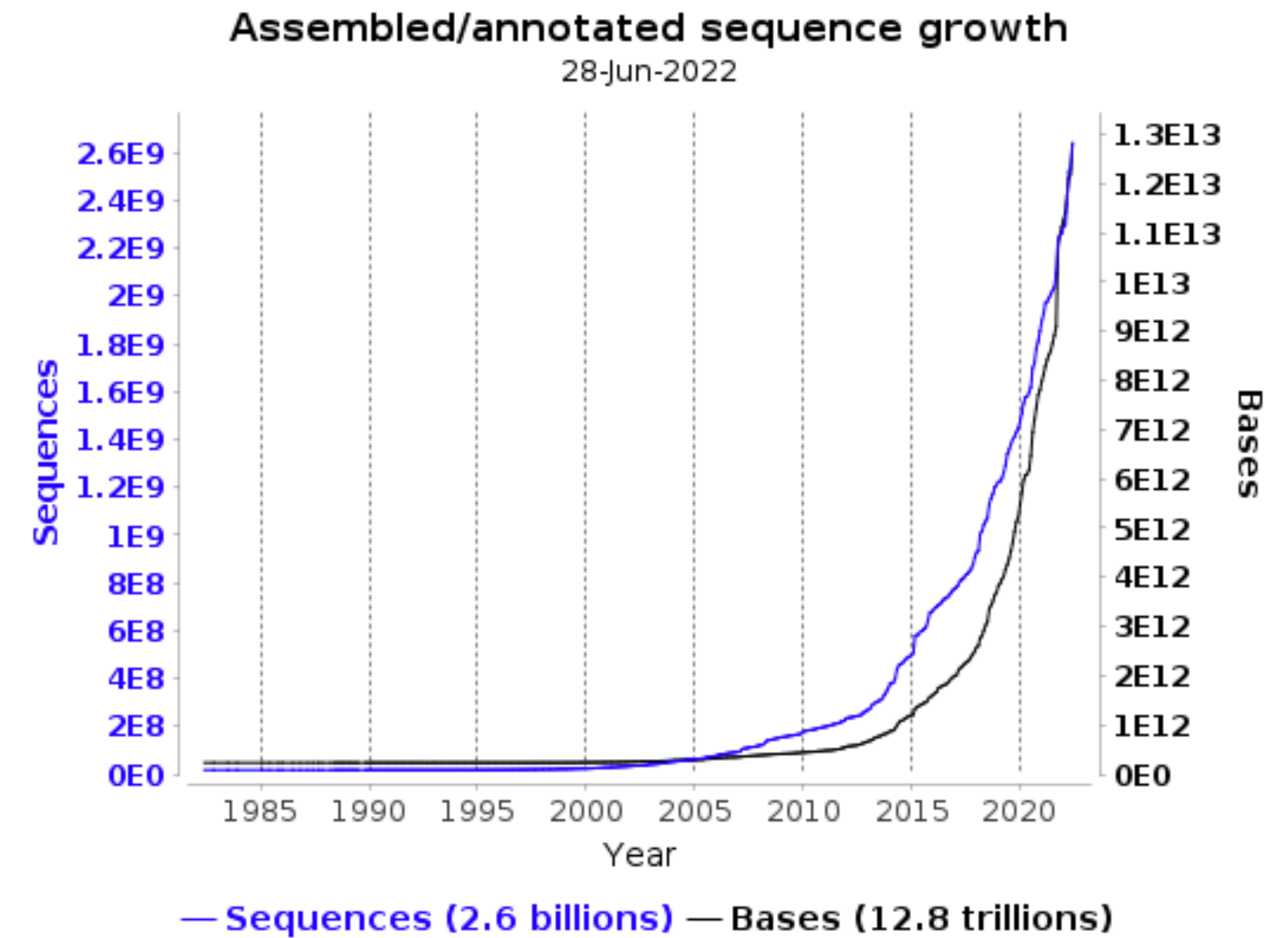
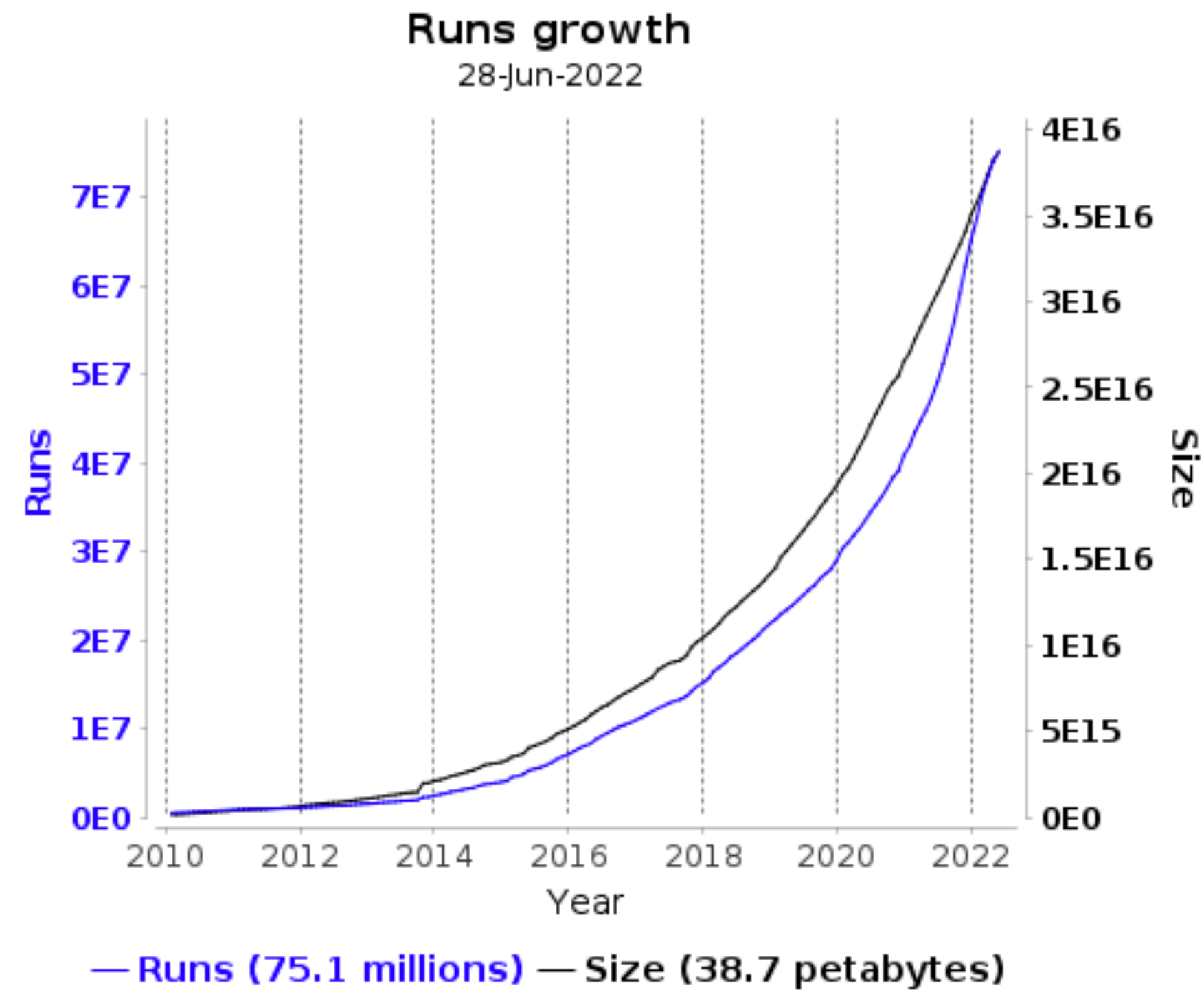
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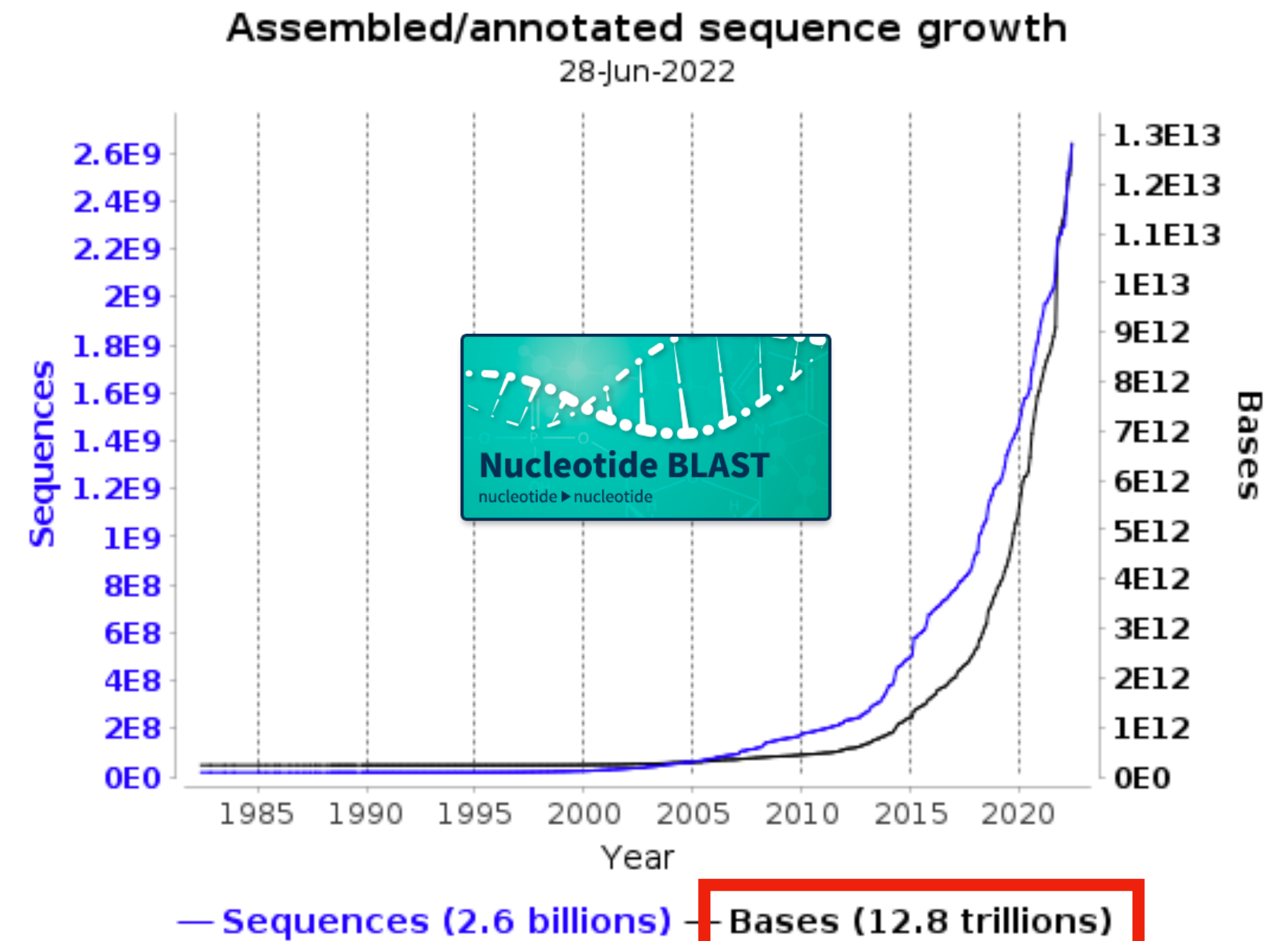
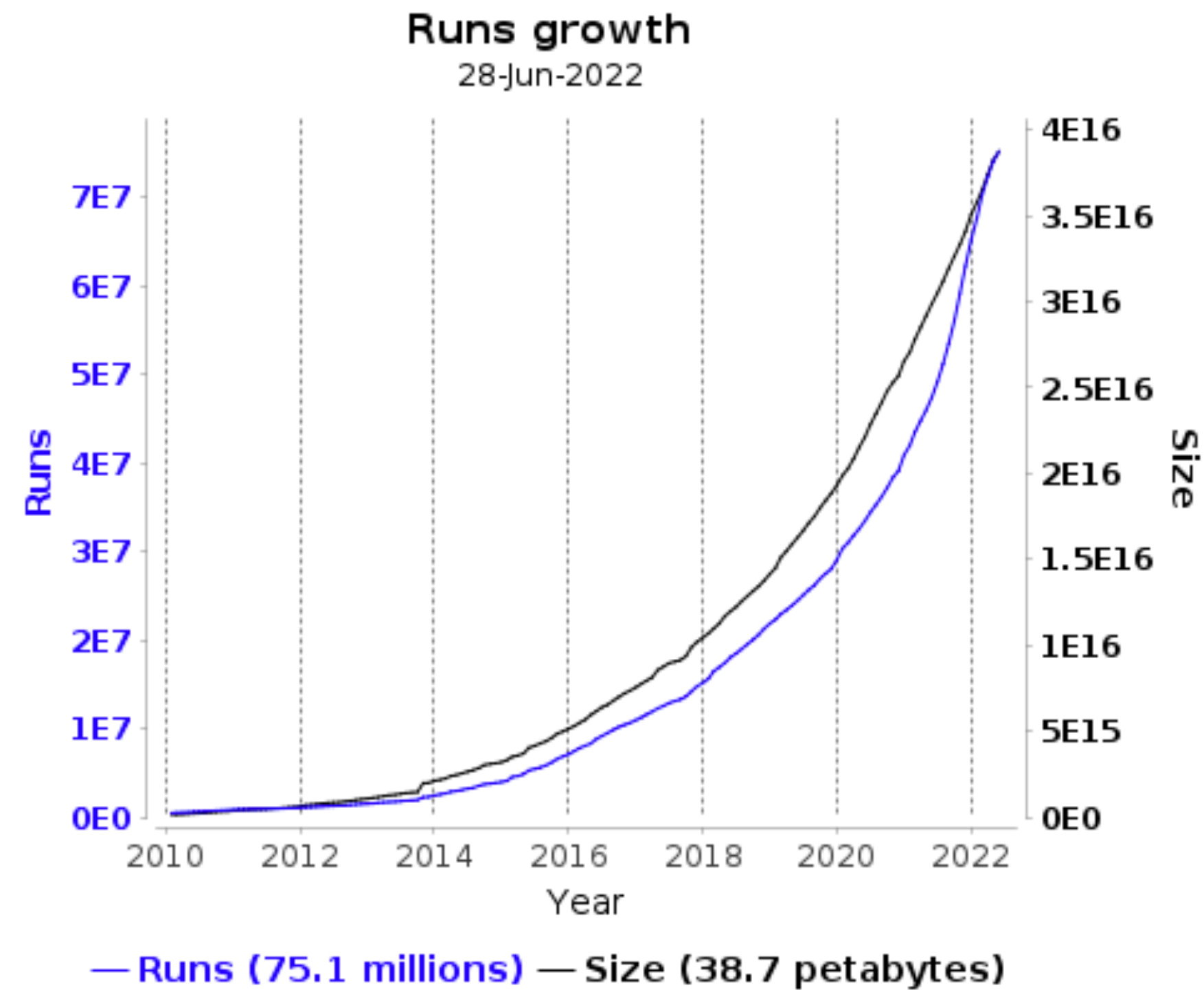
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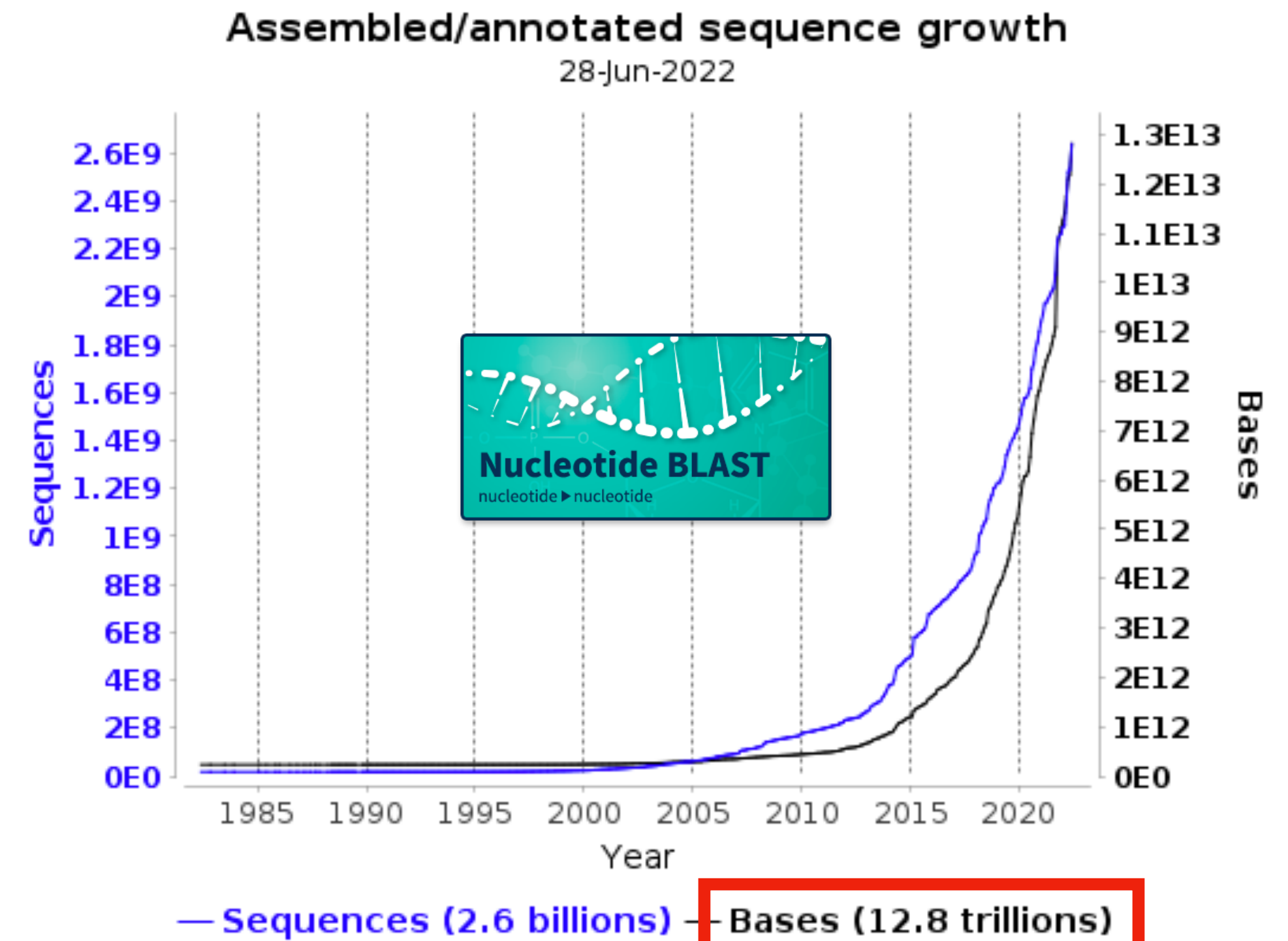
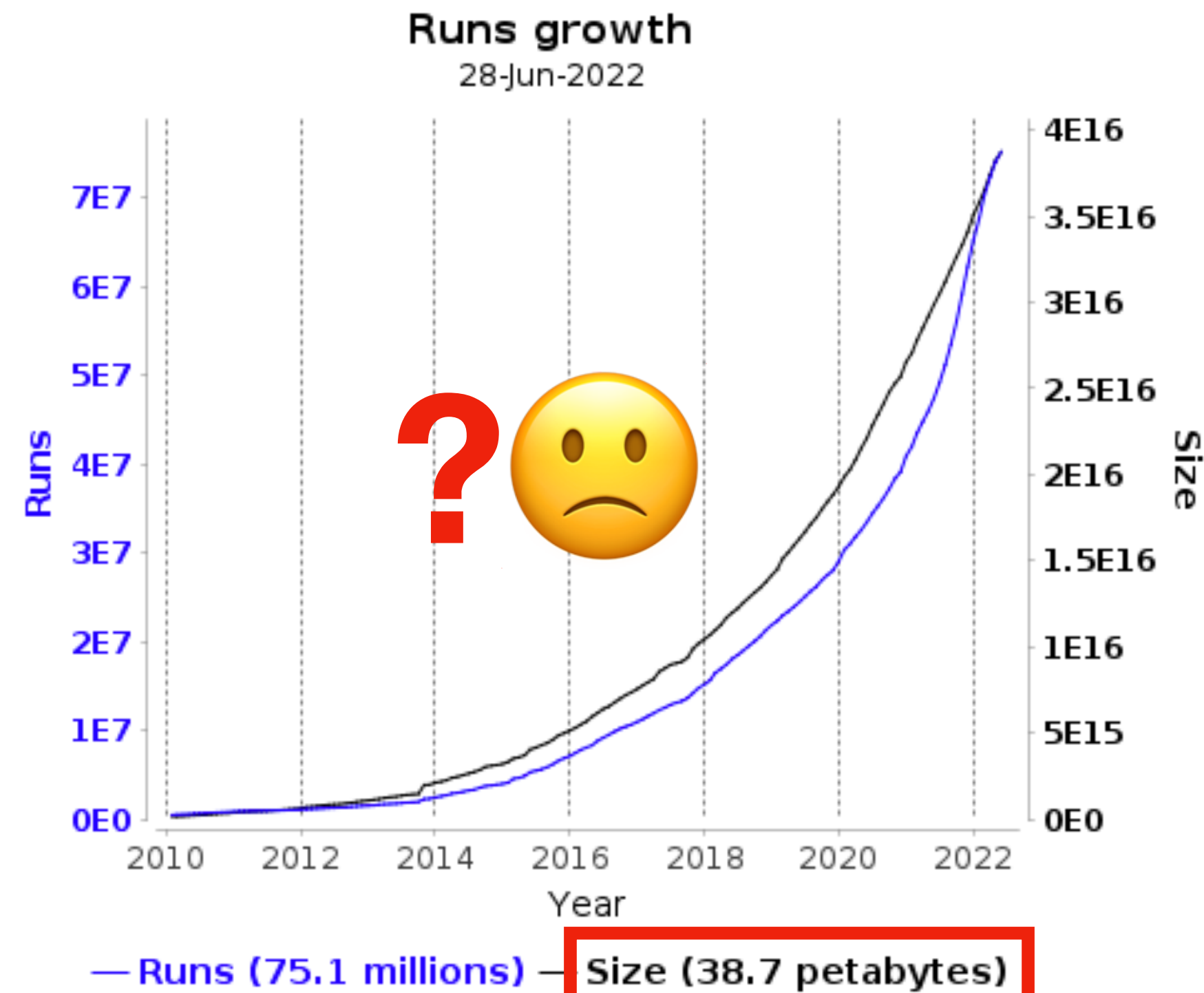
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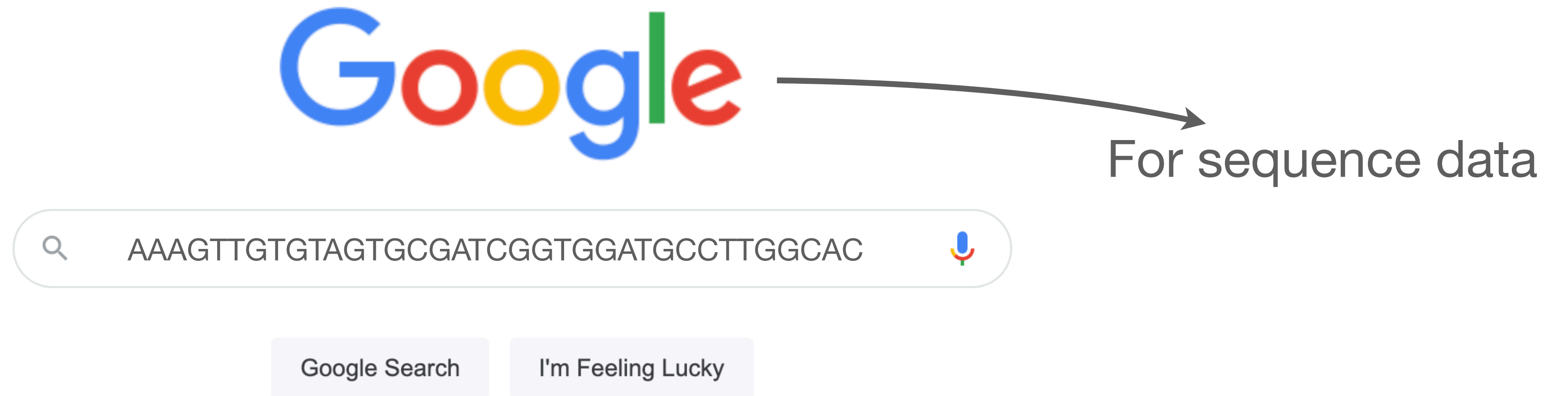
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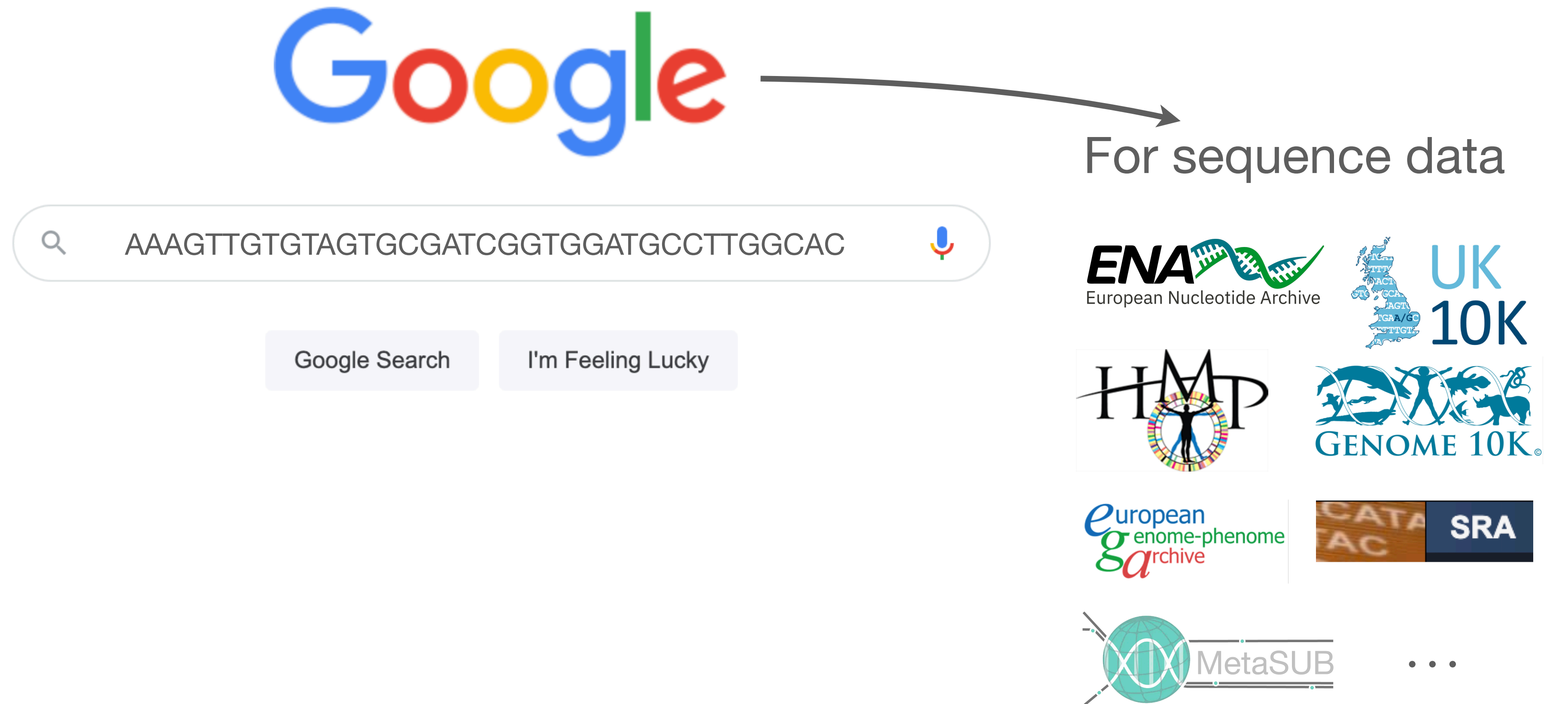
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MetaGraph: Efficient search for DNA sequences

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Select graph:

SRA-Microbe

Minimum k-mer matches: 100%

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Search with alignment?

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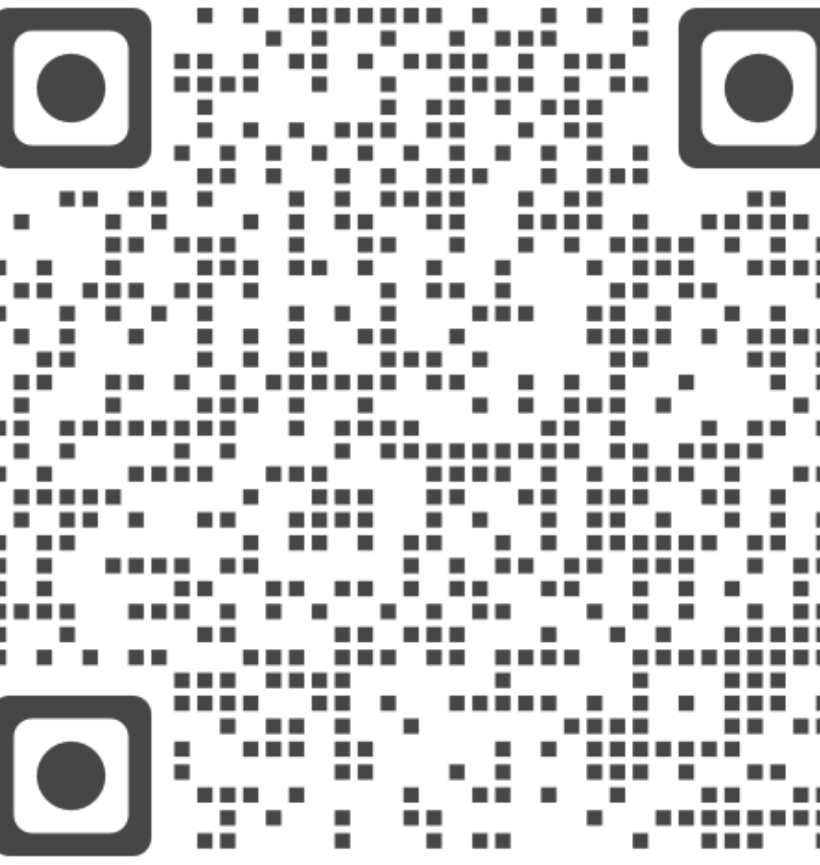
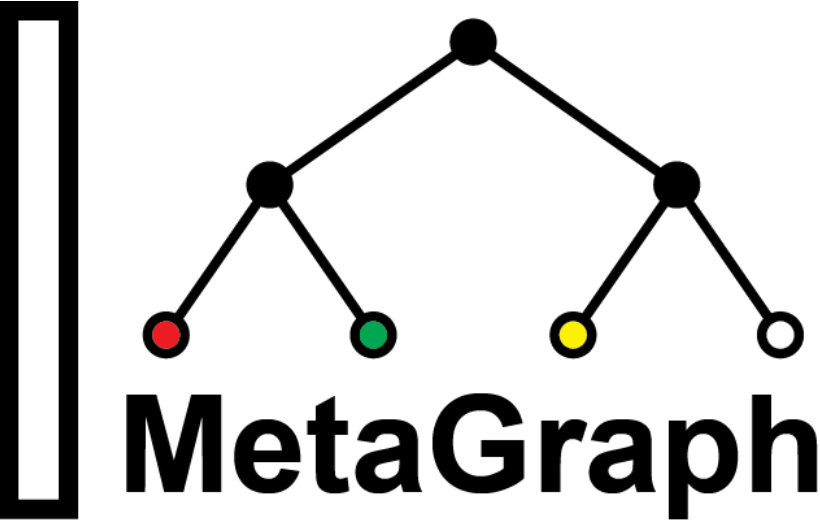
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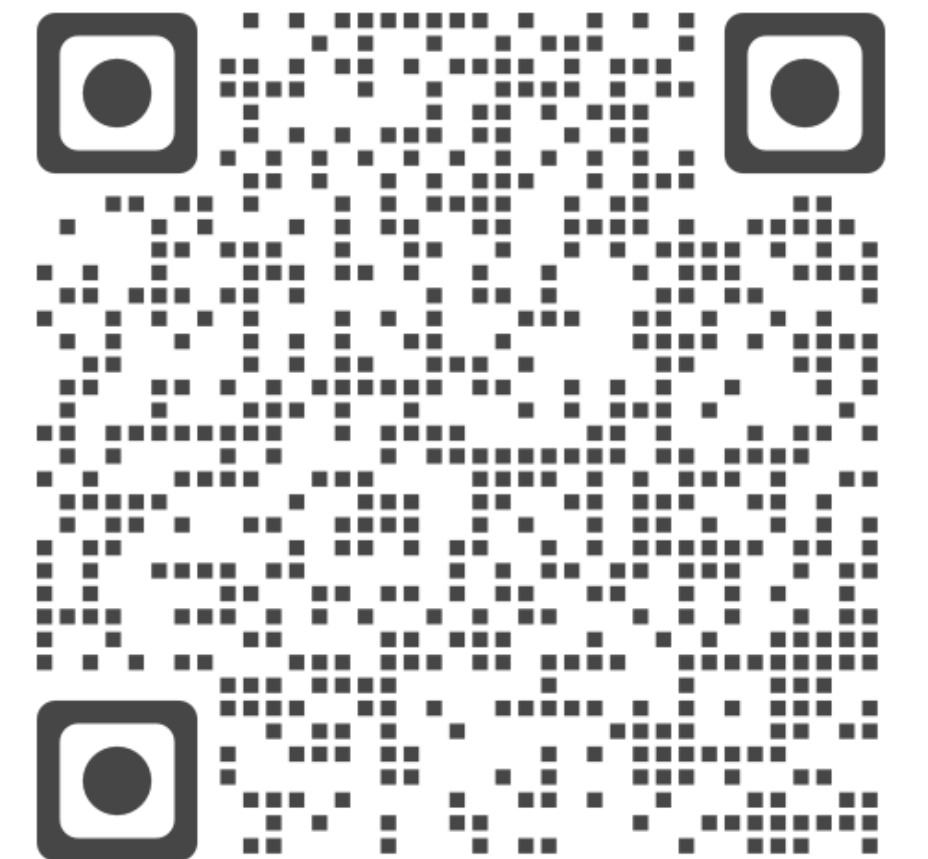
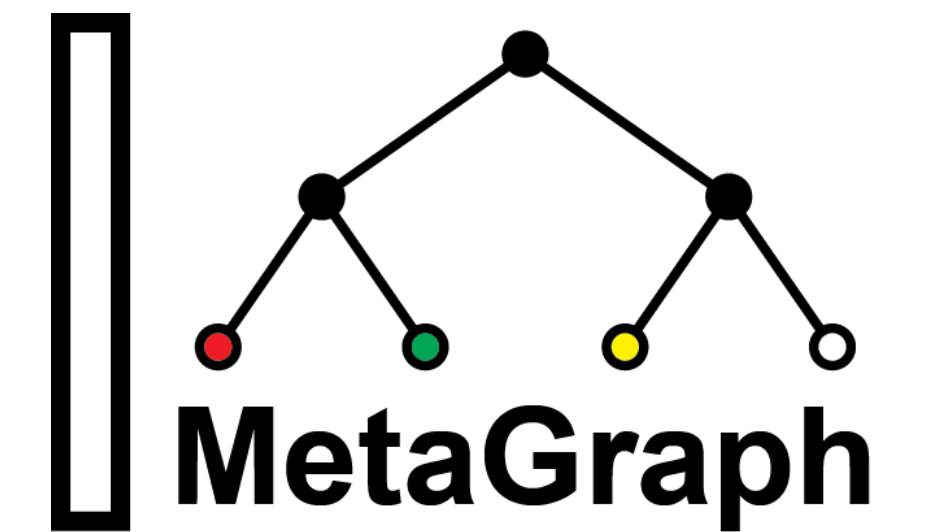
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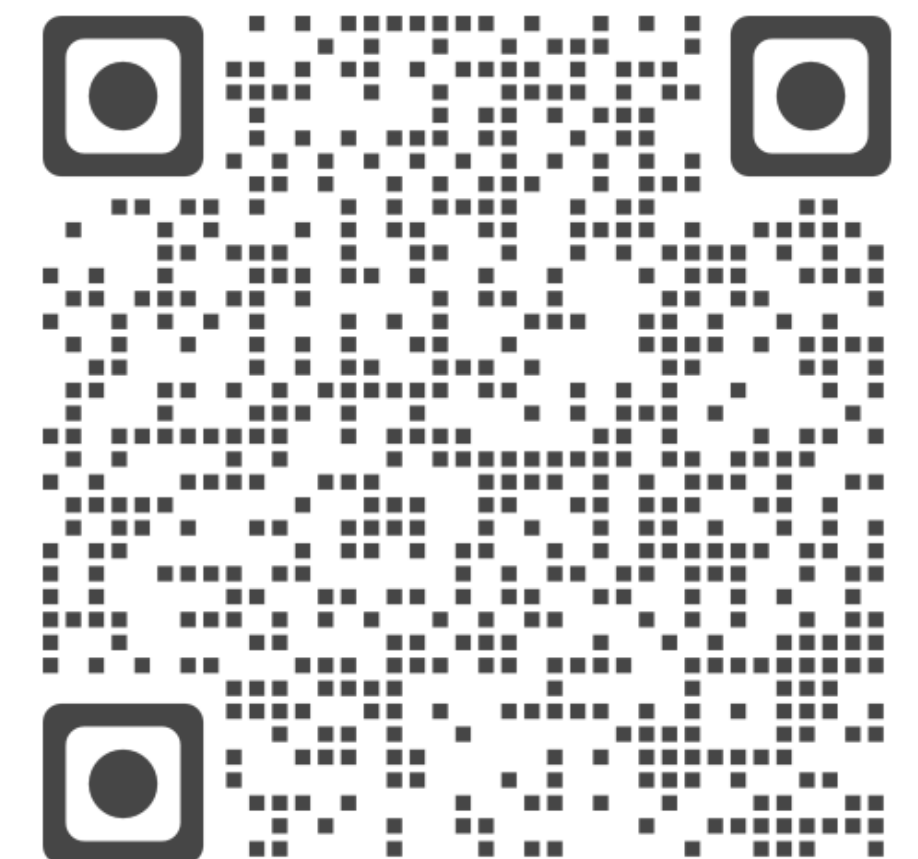
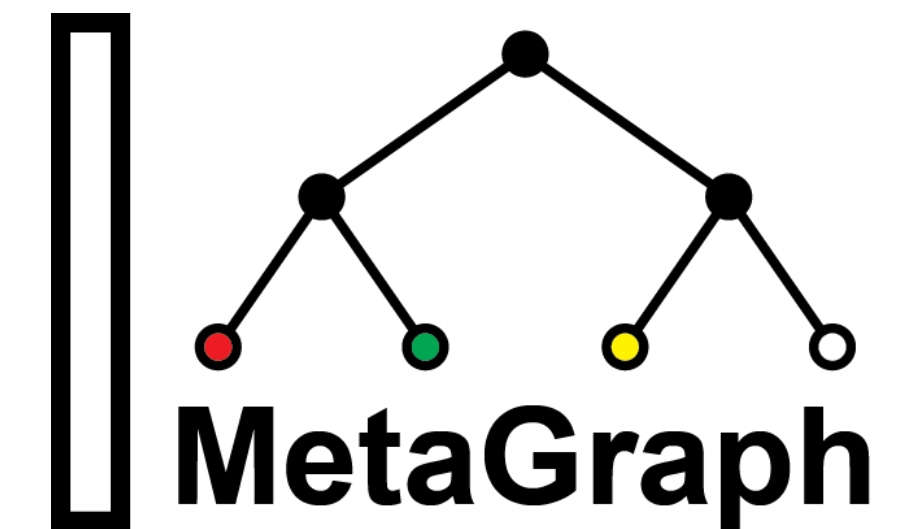
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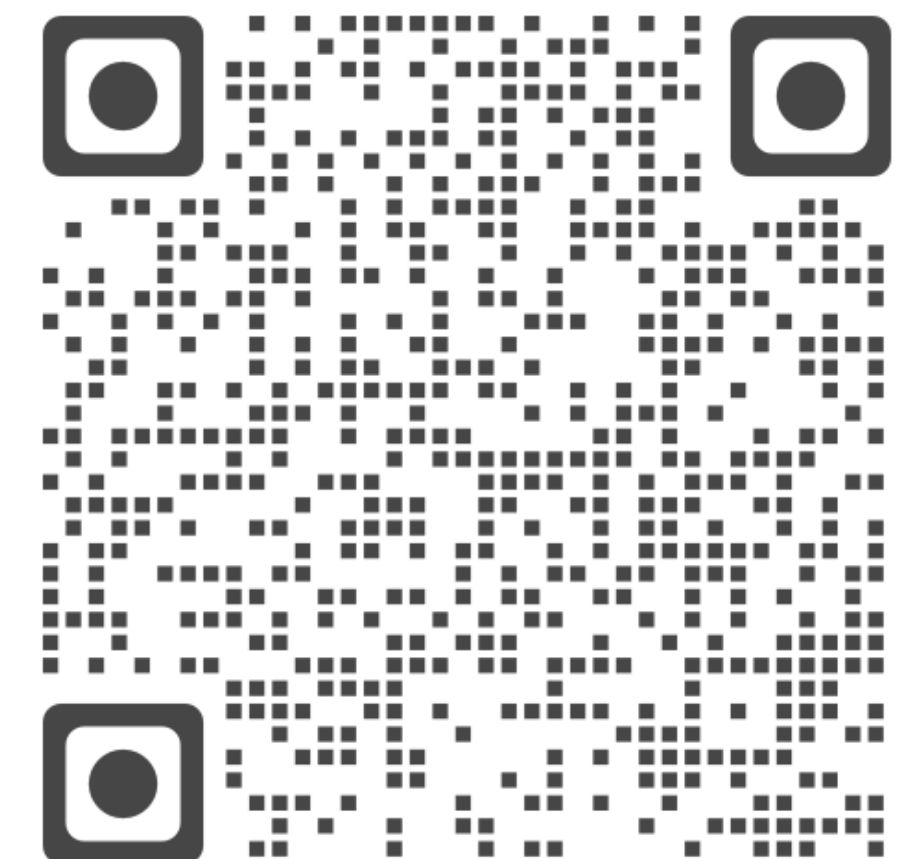
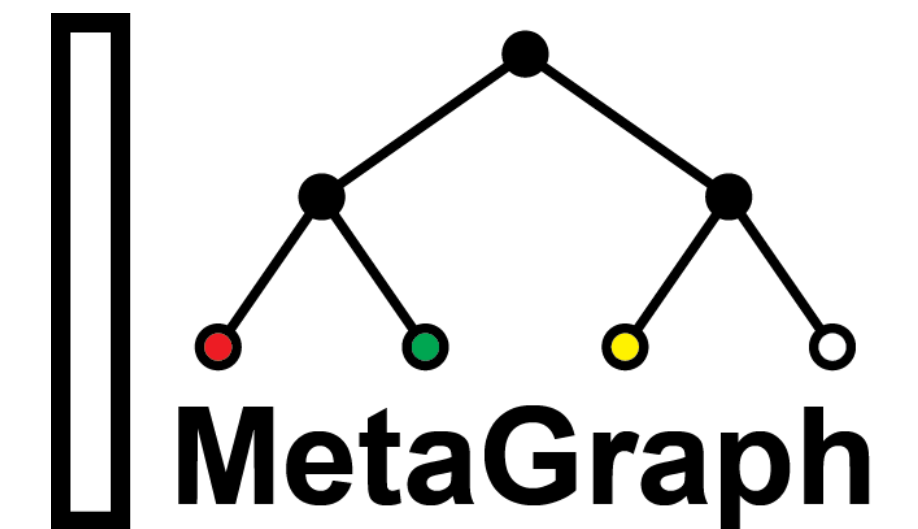
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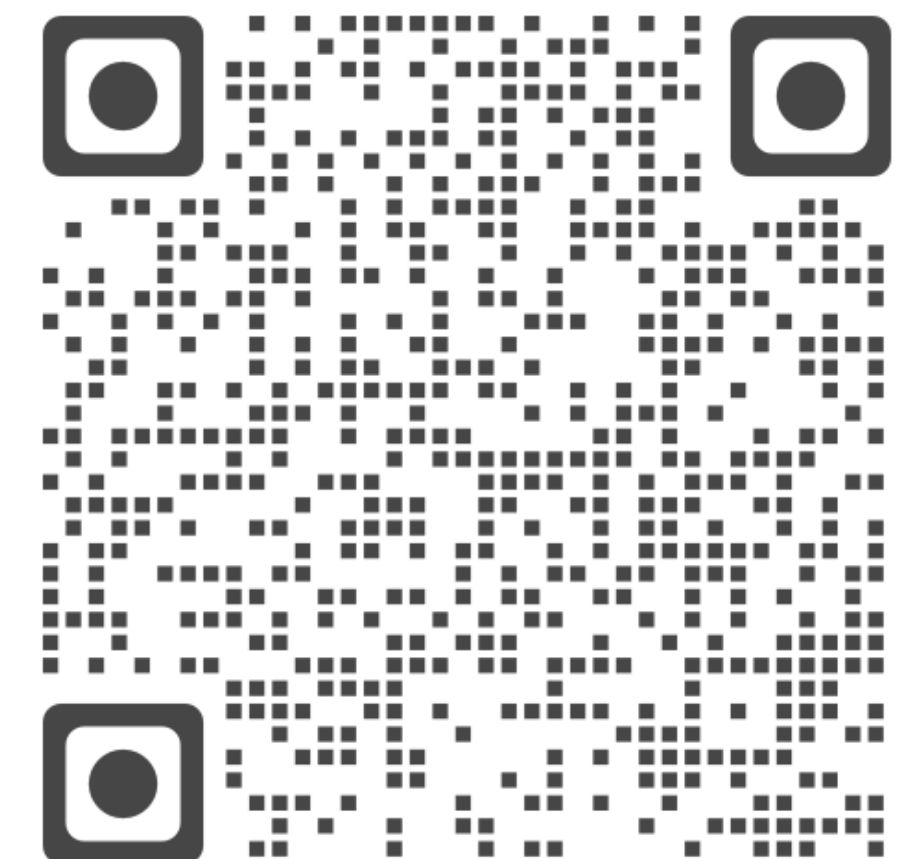
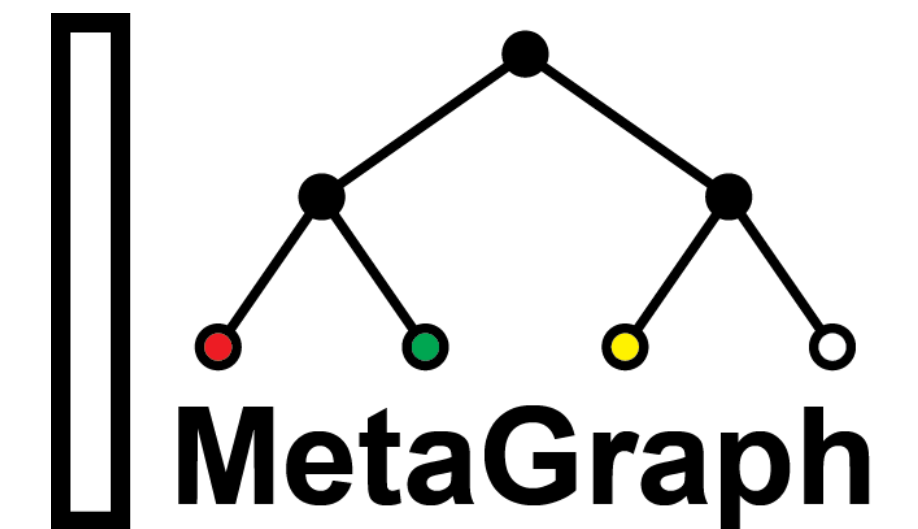
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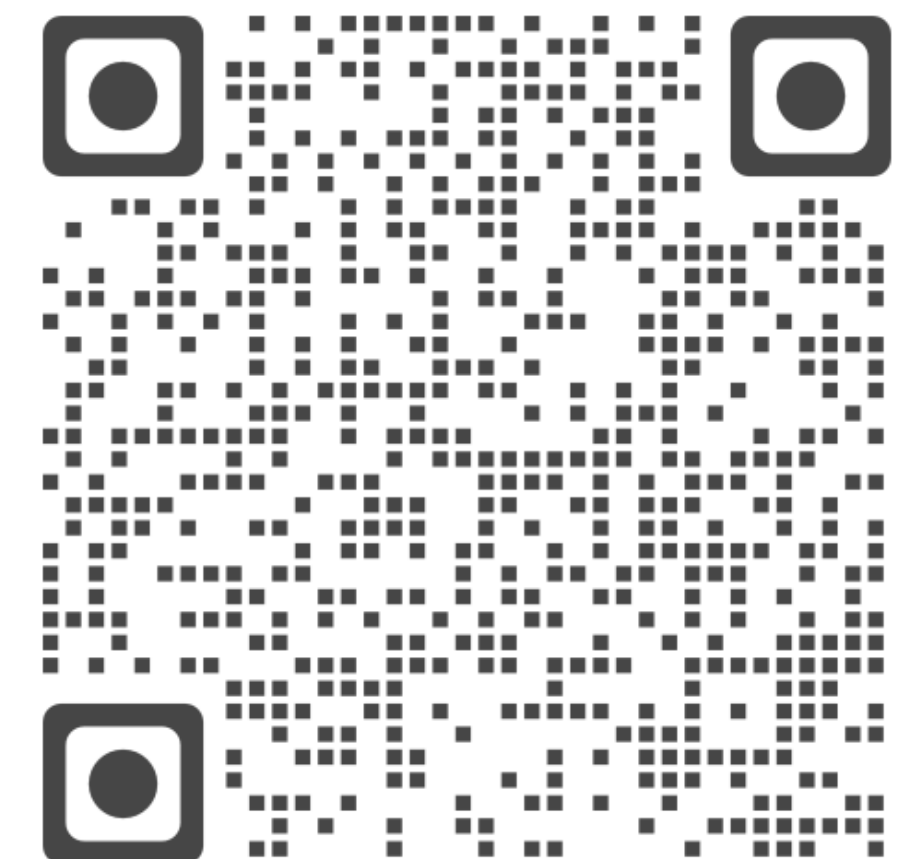
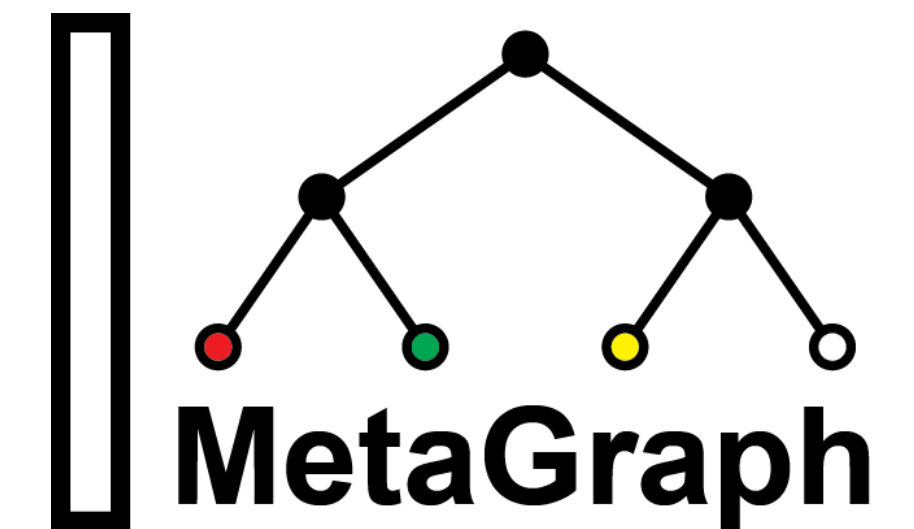
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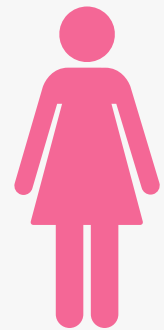
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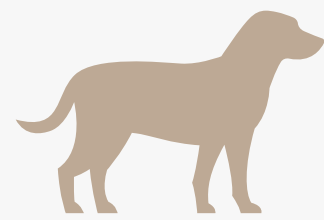
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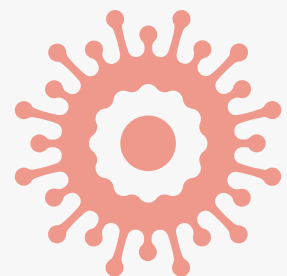
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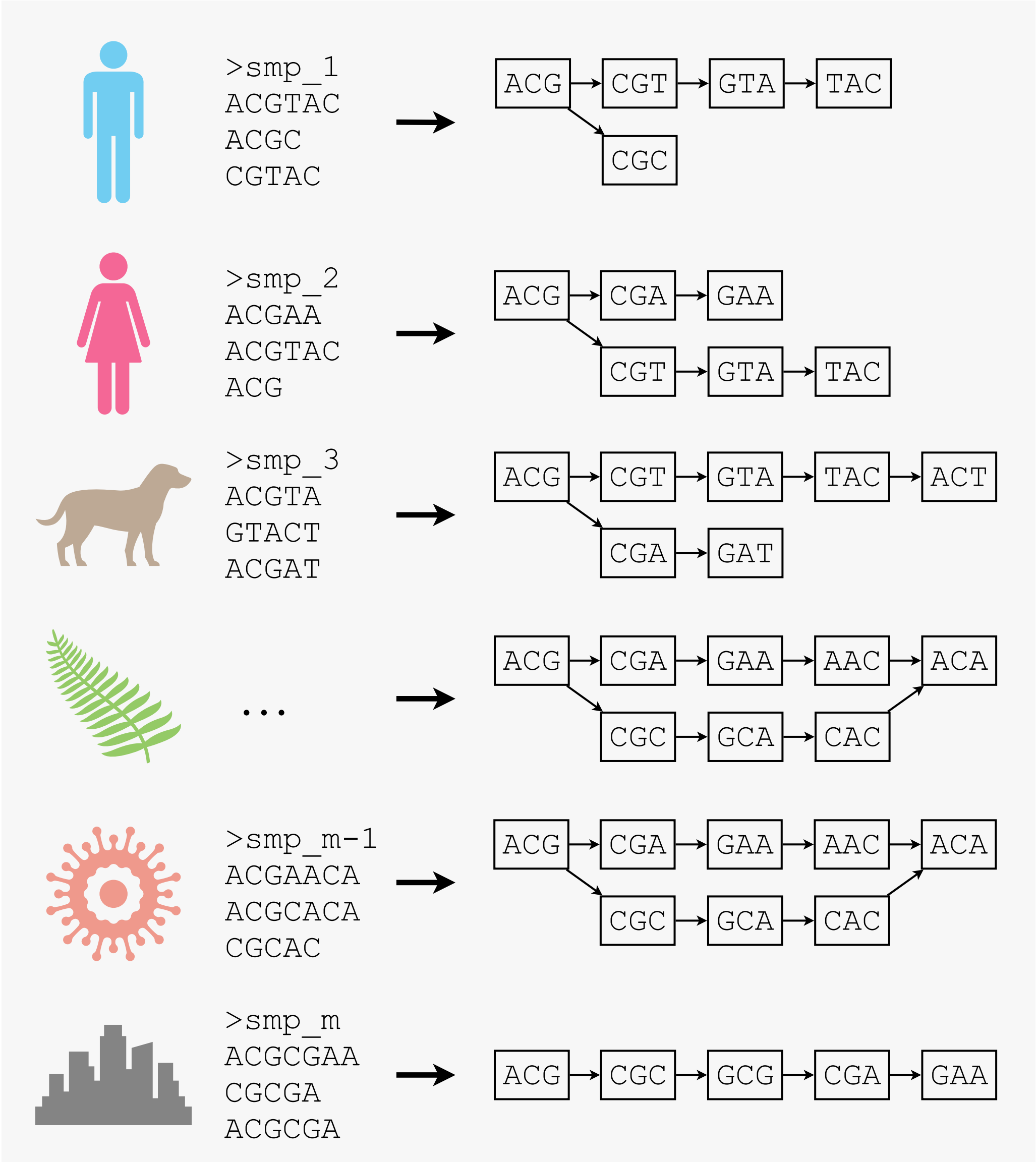


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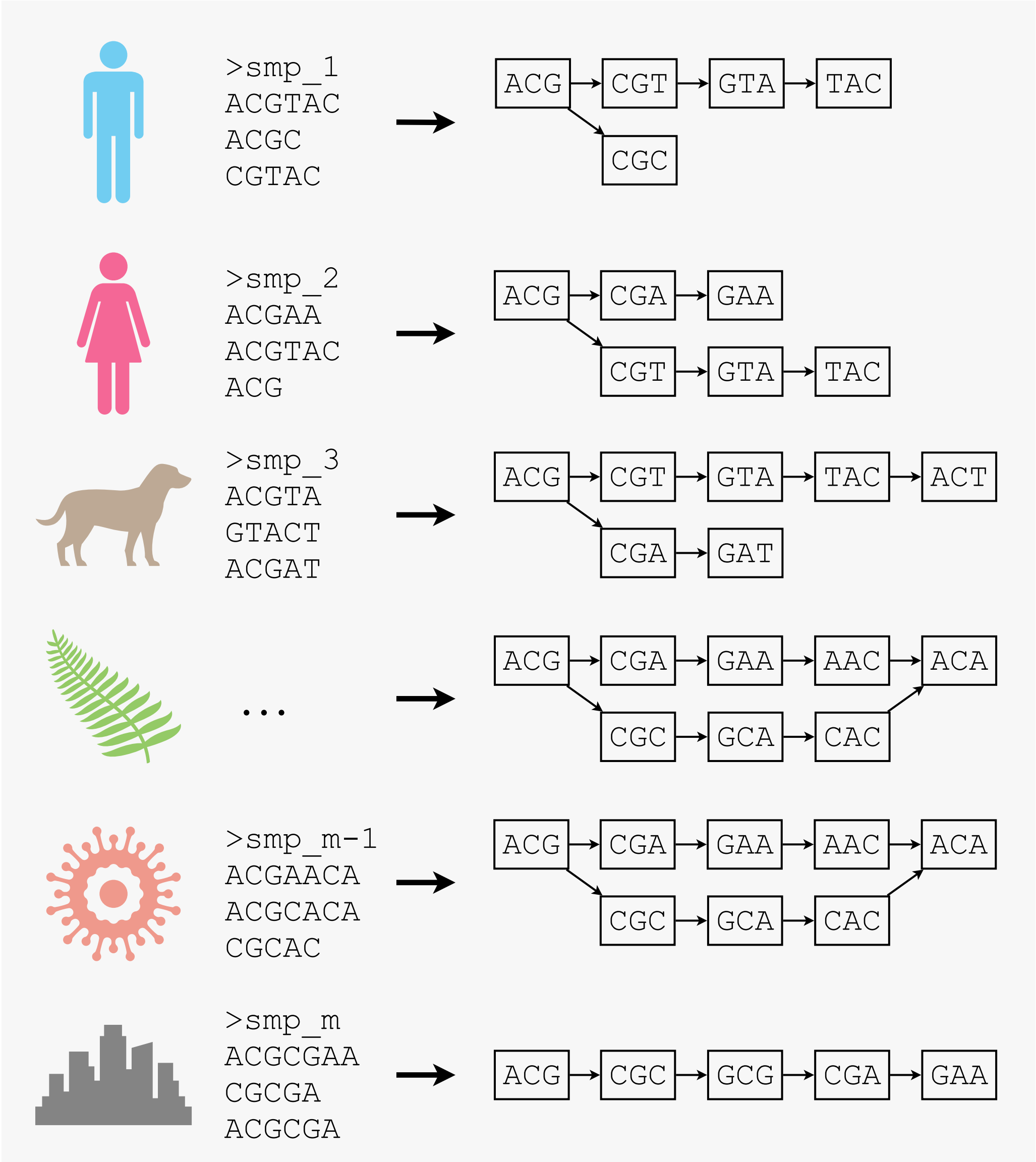


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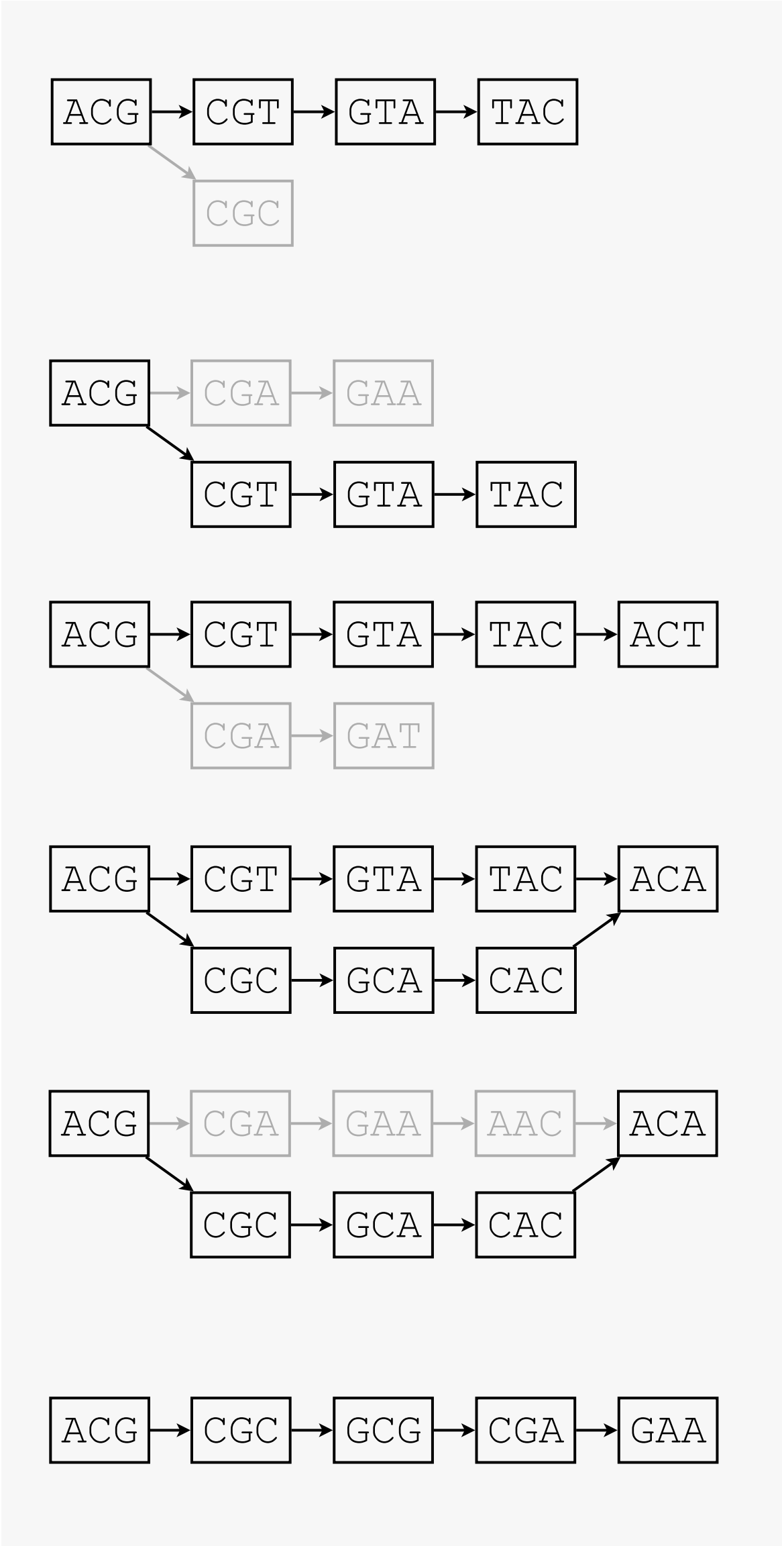

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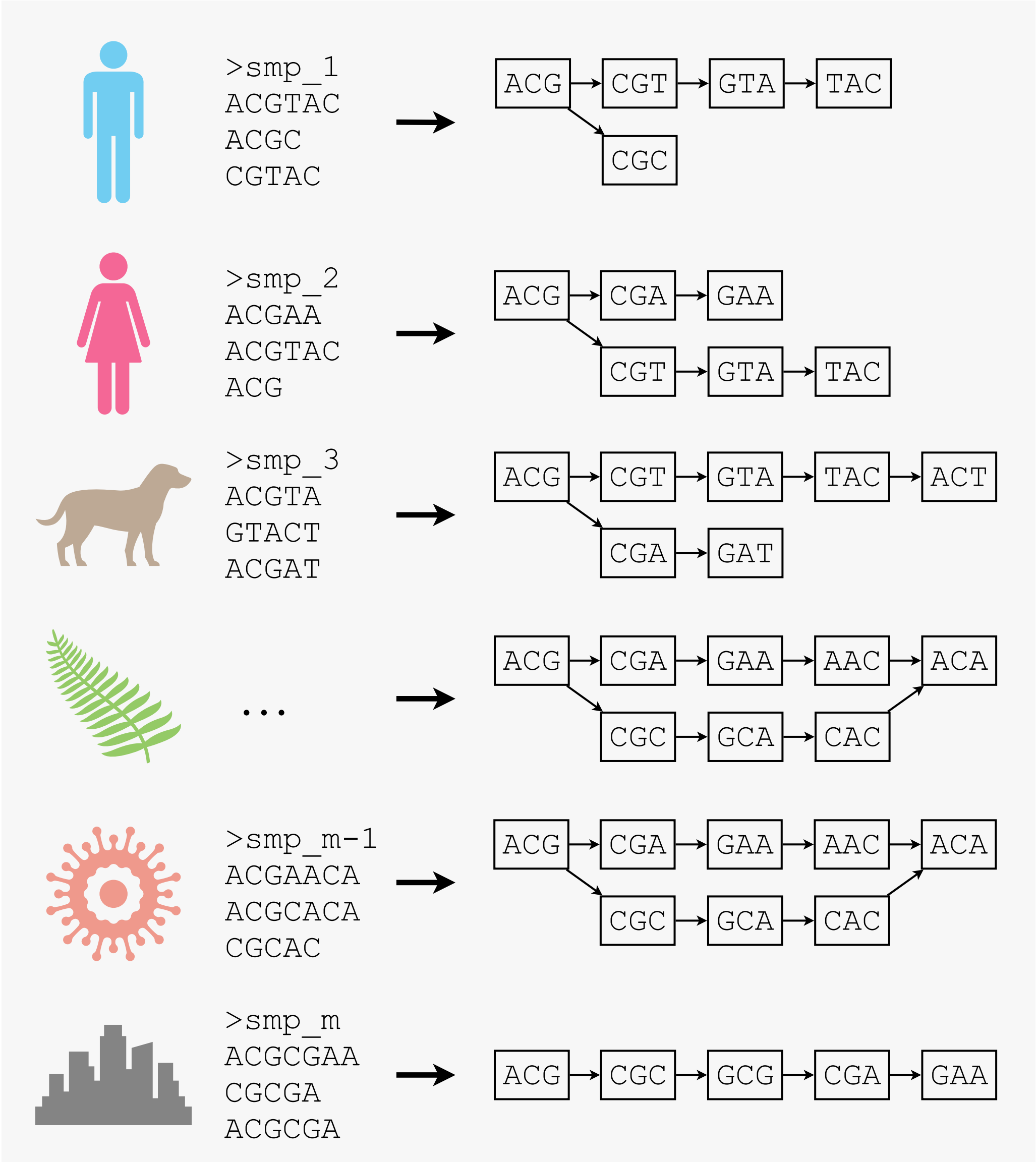
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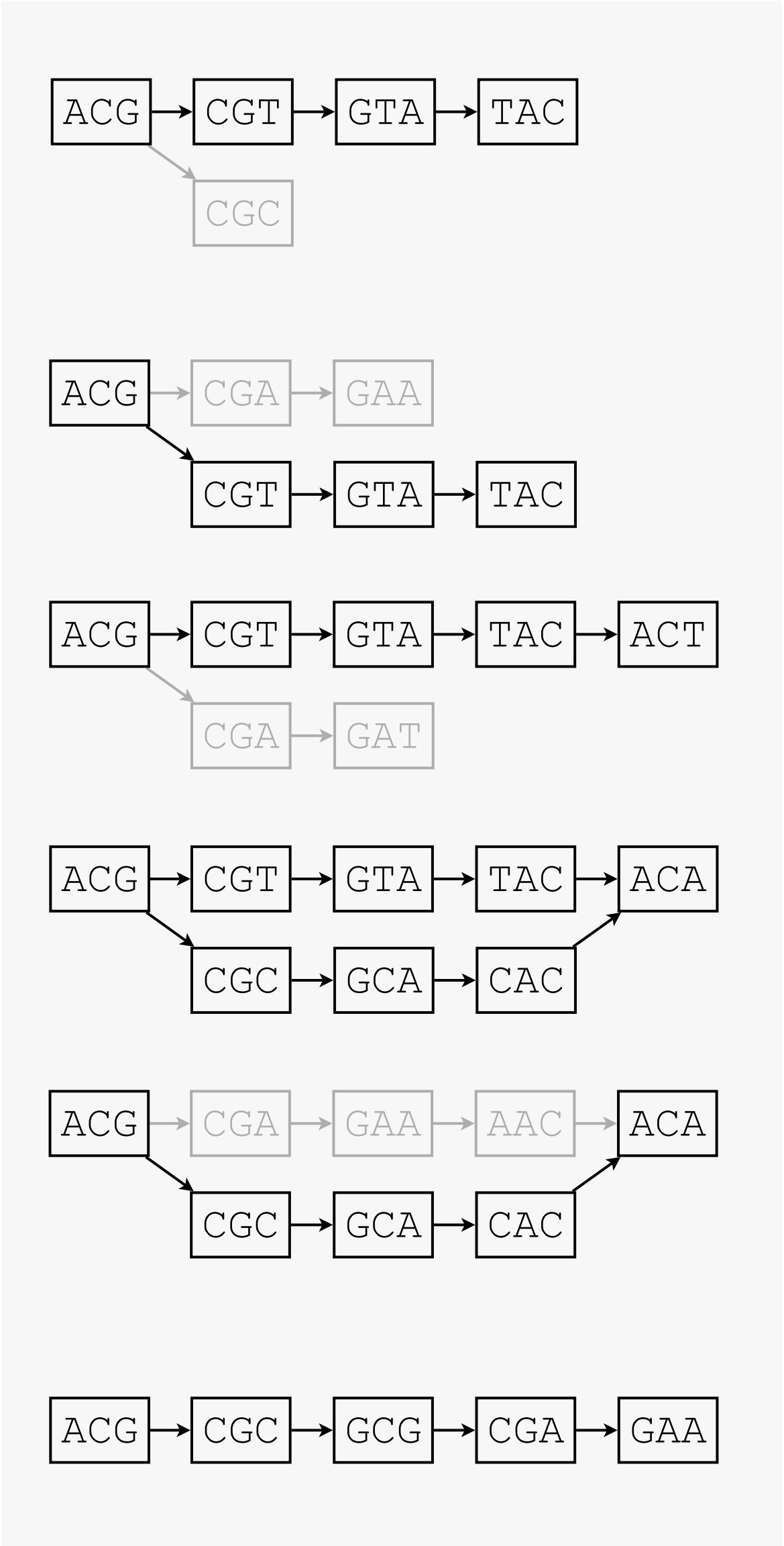
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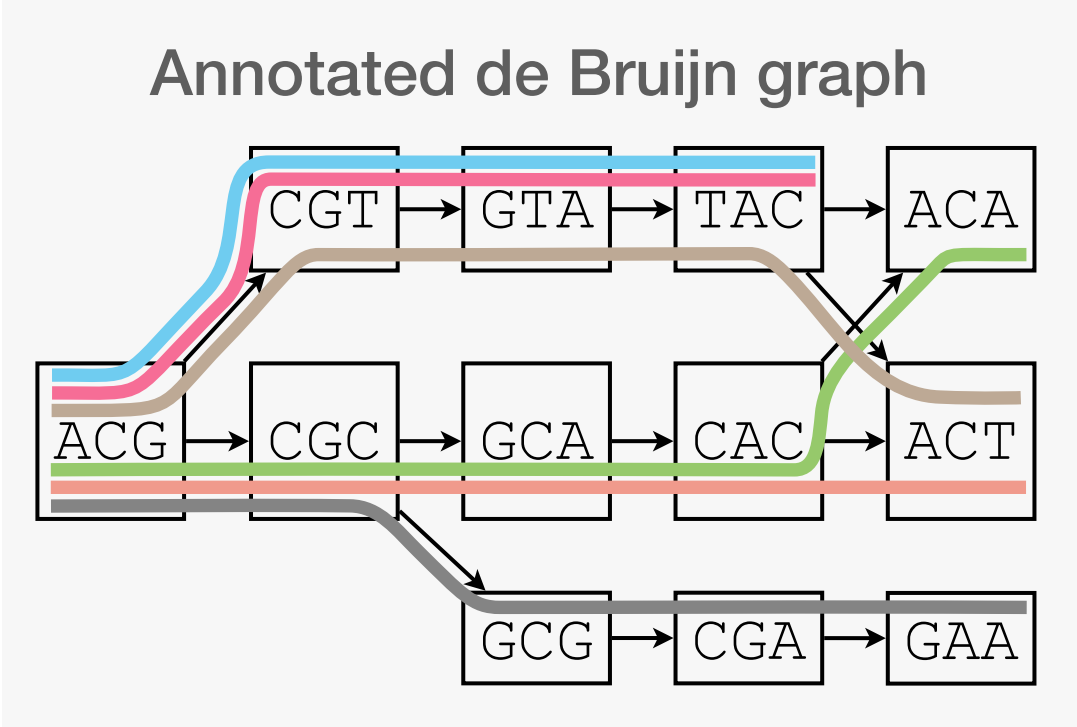
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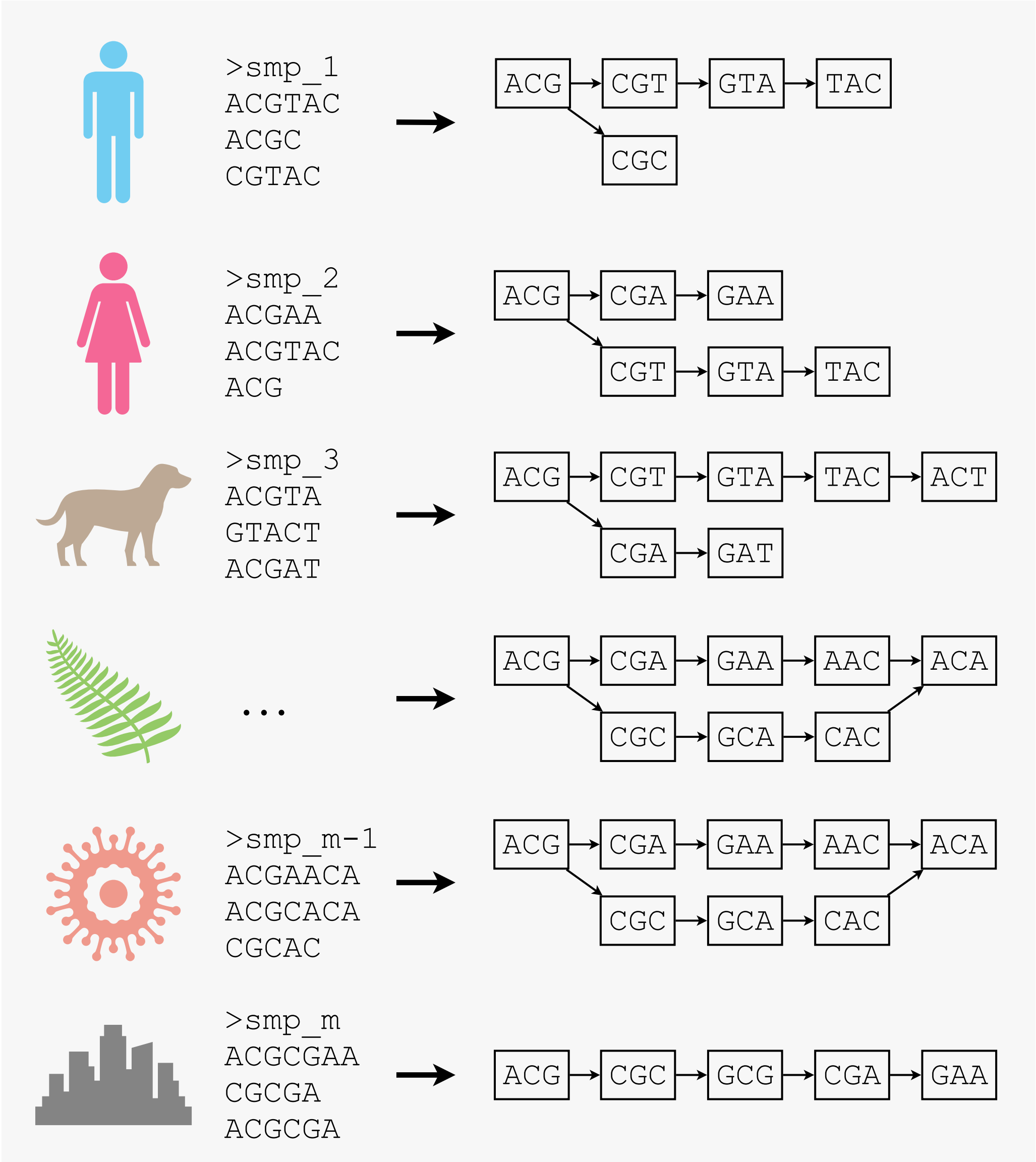
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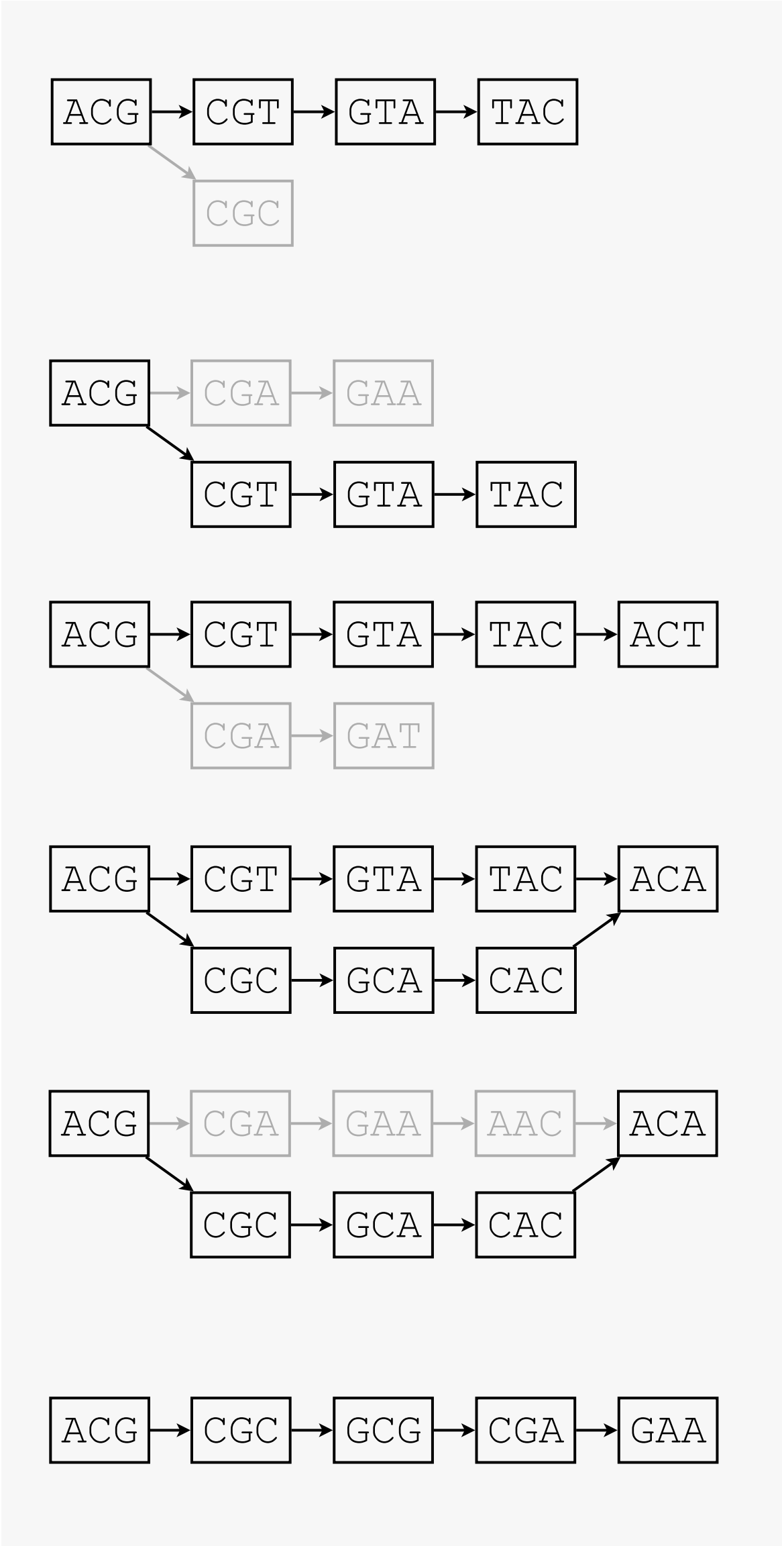
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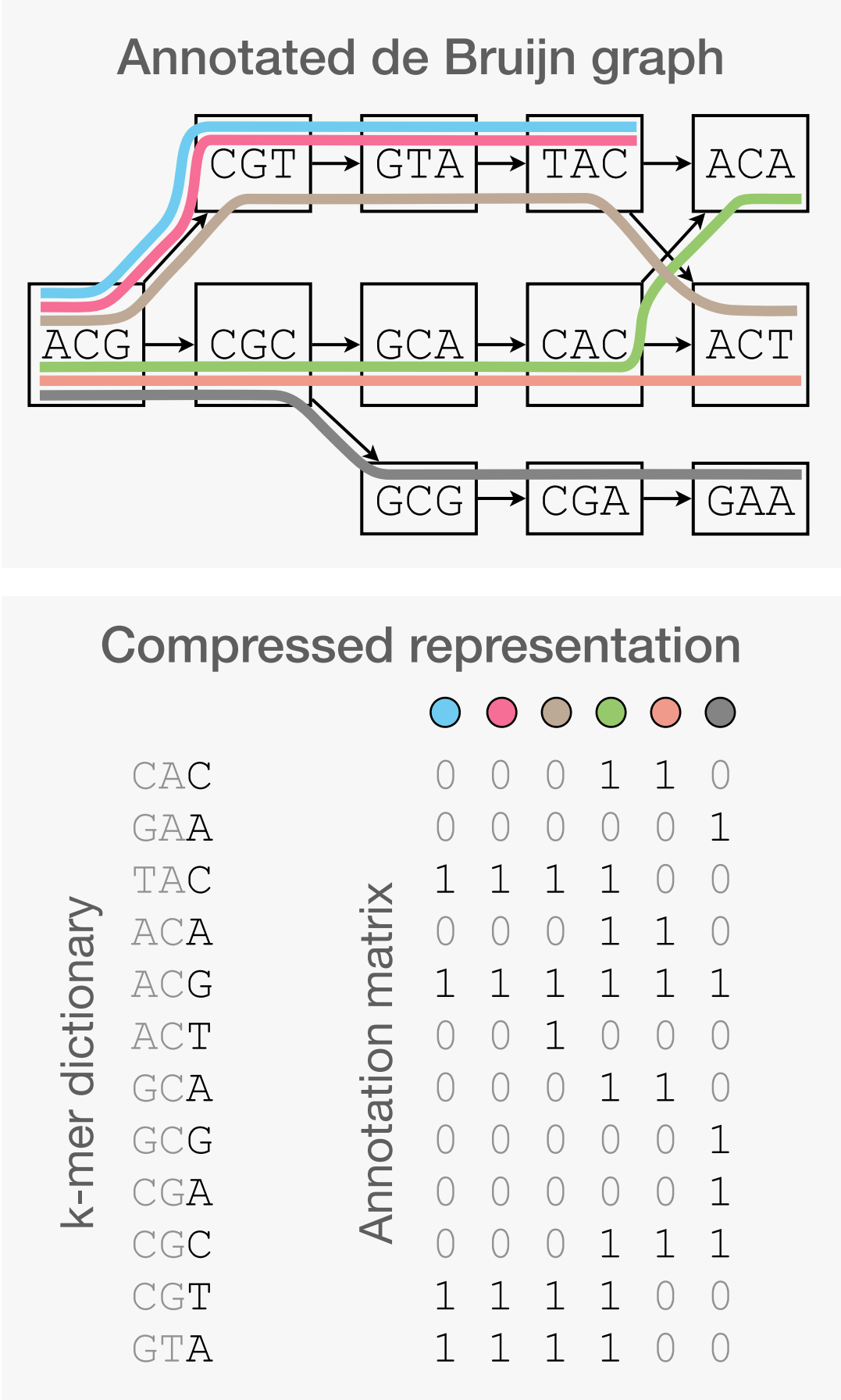
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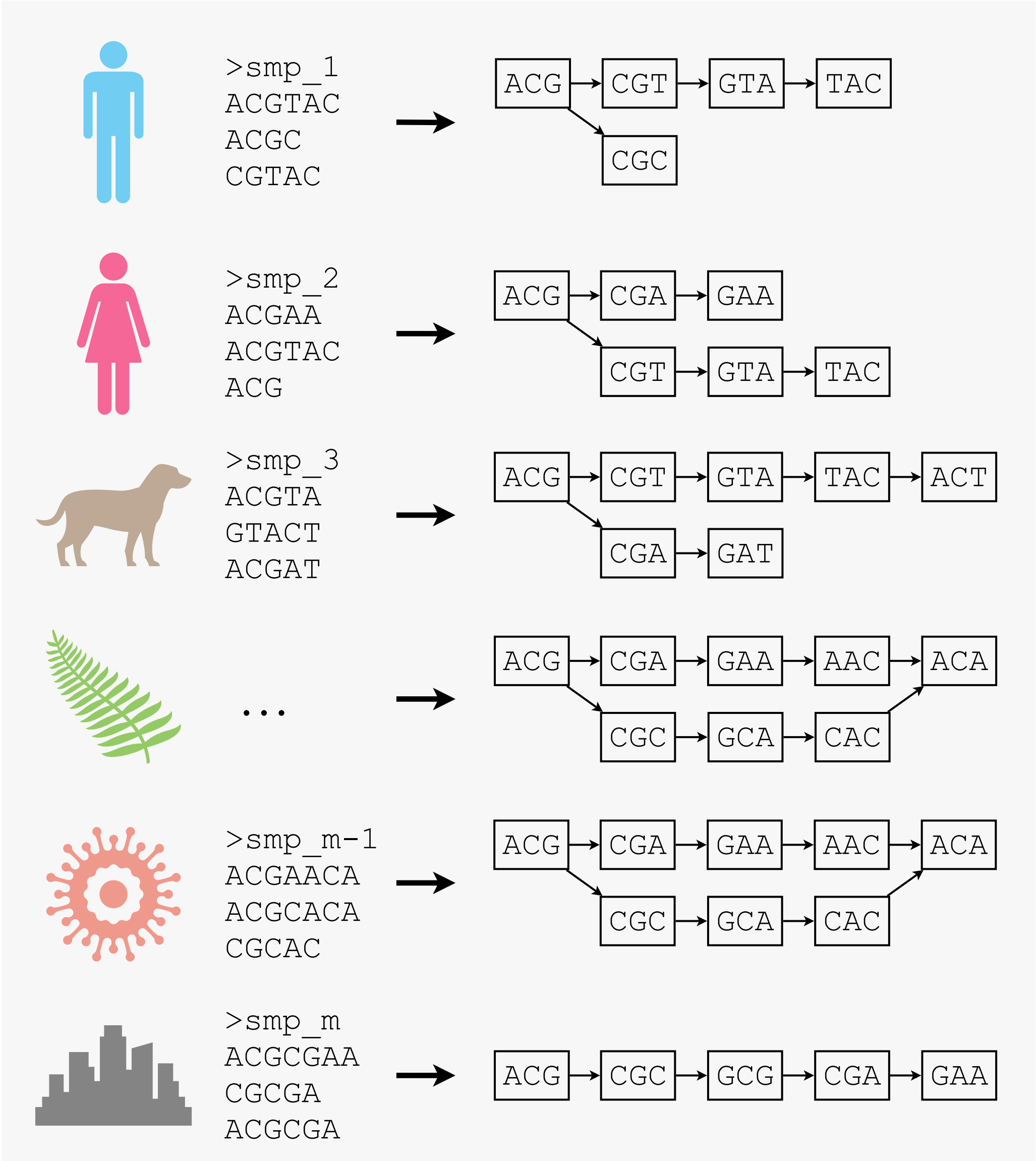
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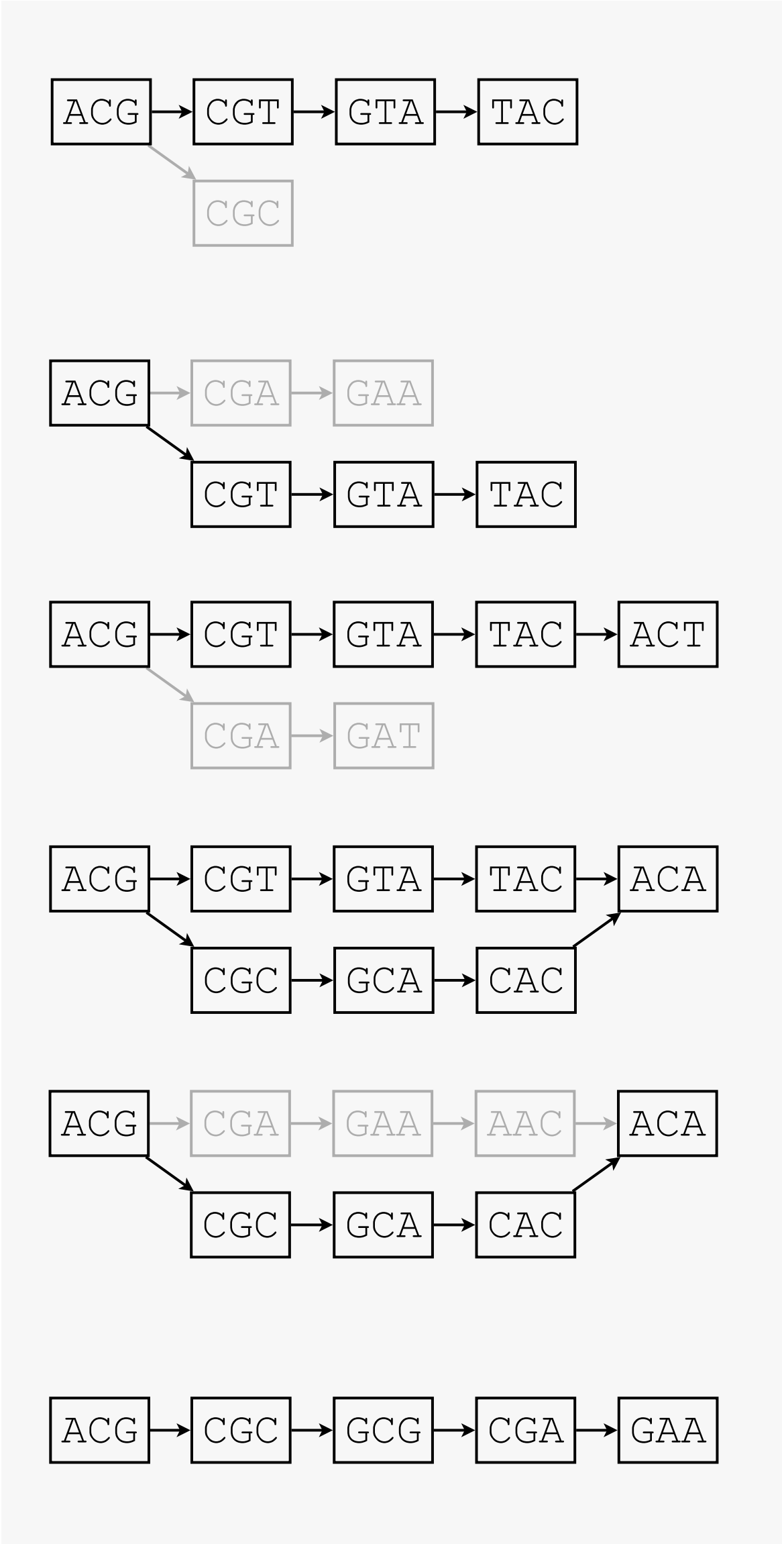
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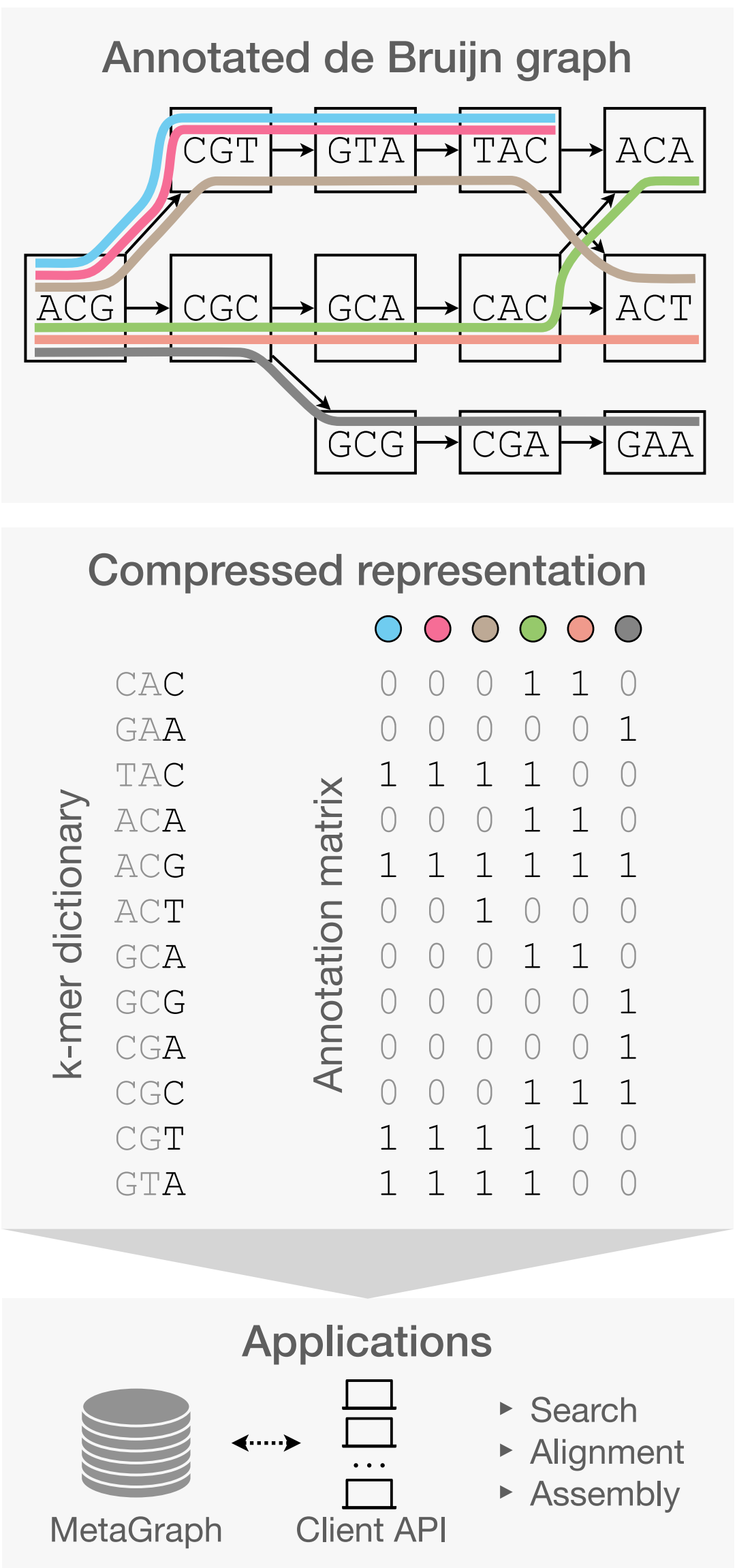
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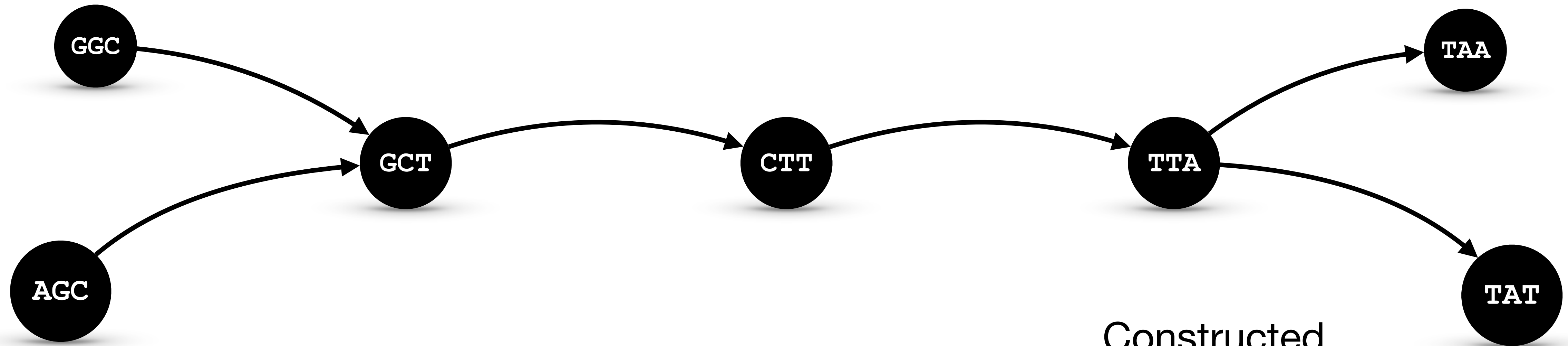
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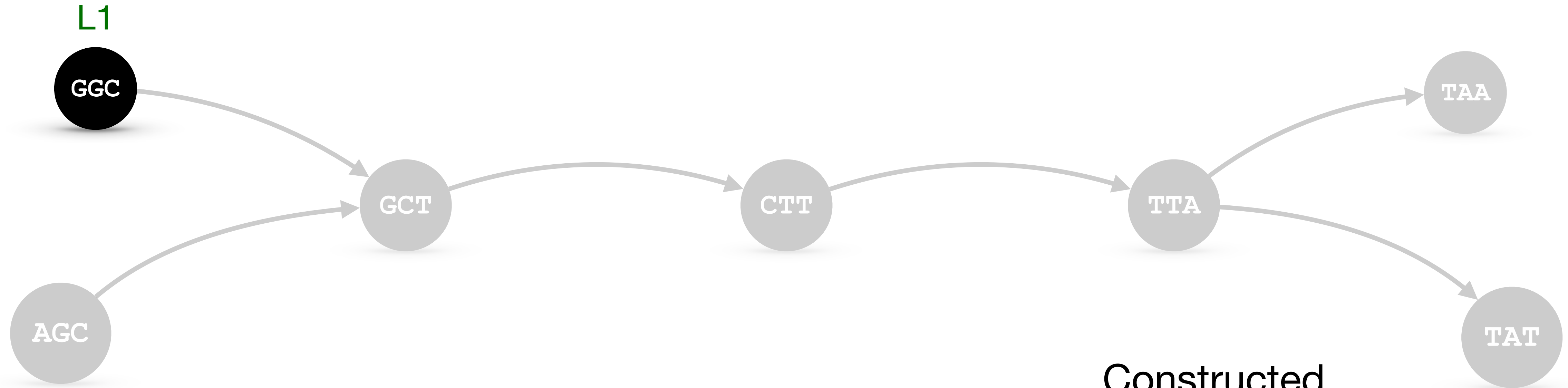
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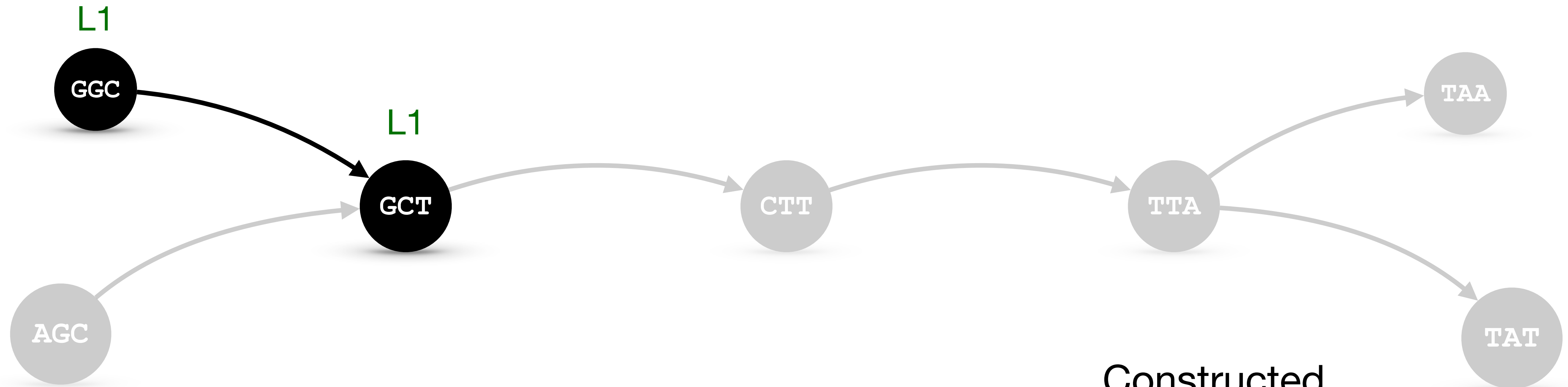
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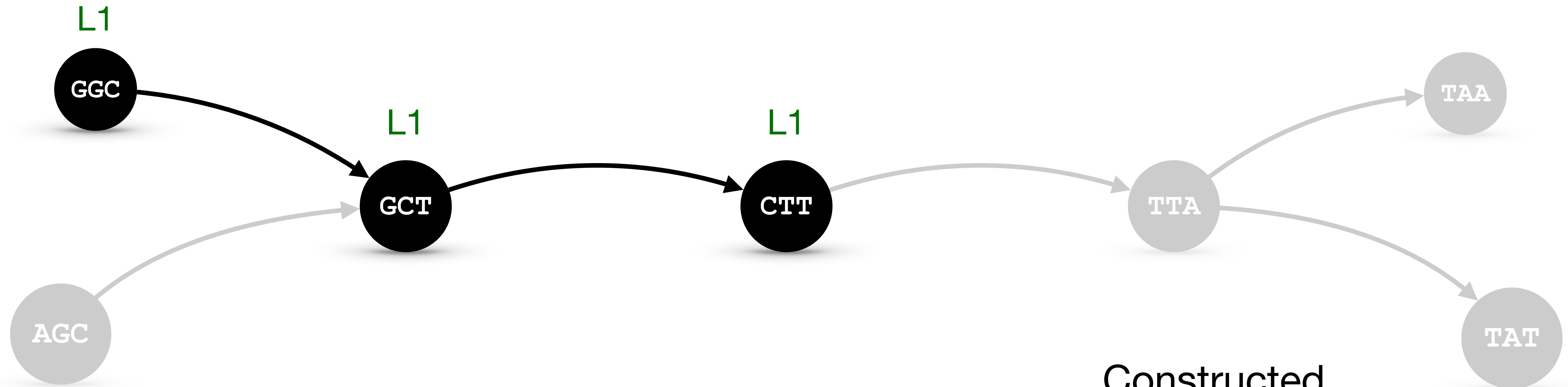
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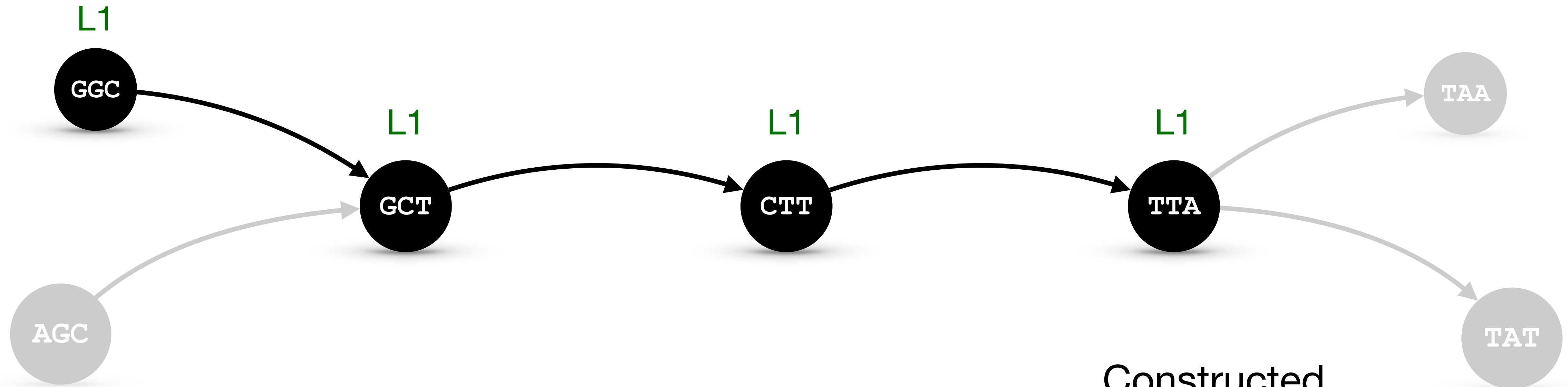
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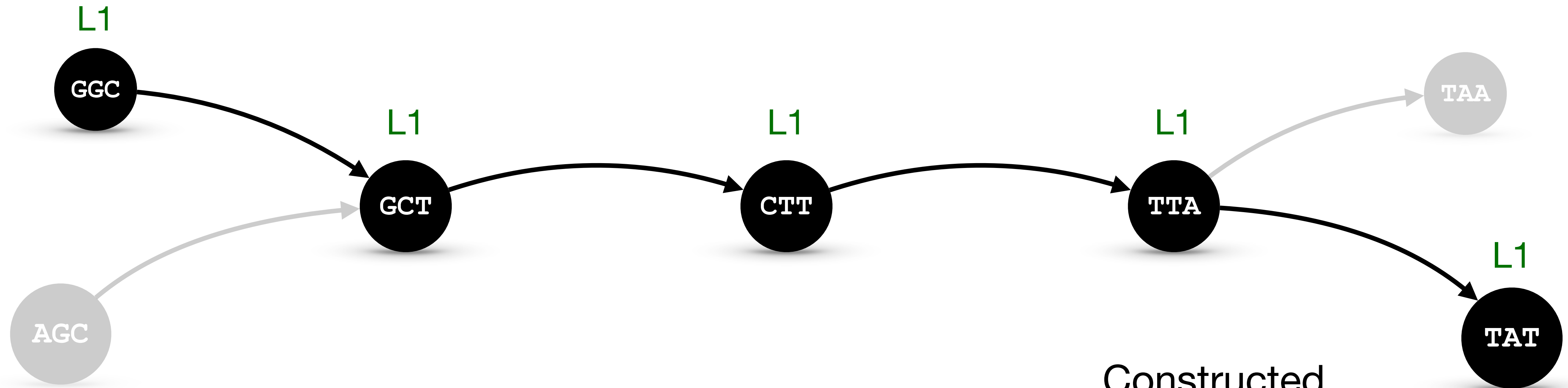
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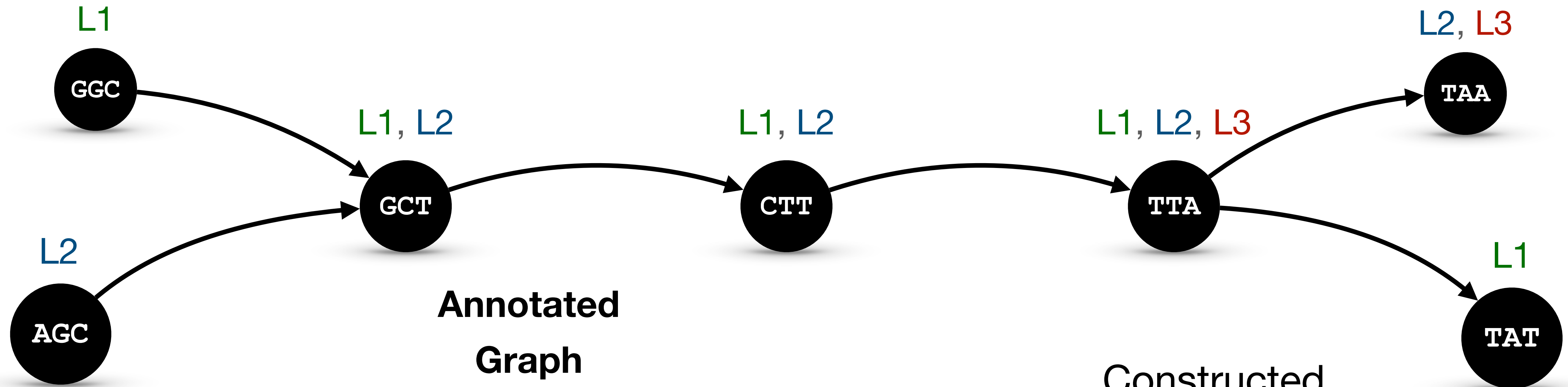
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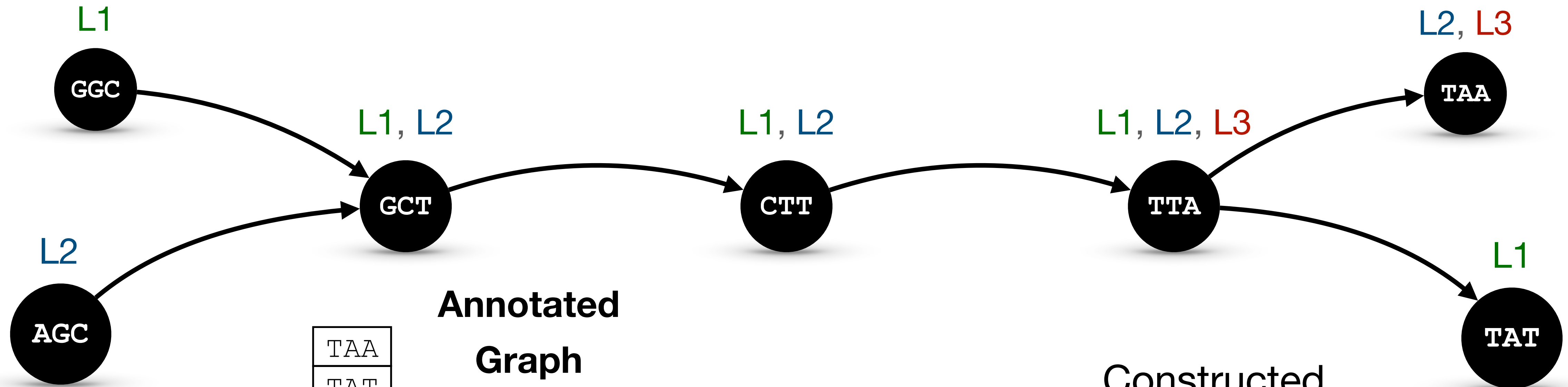
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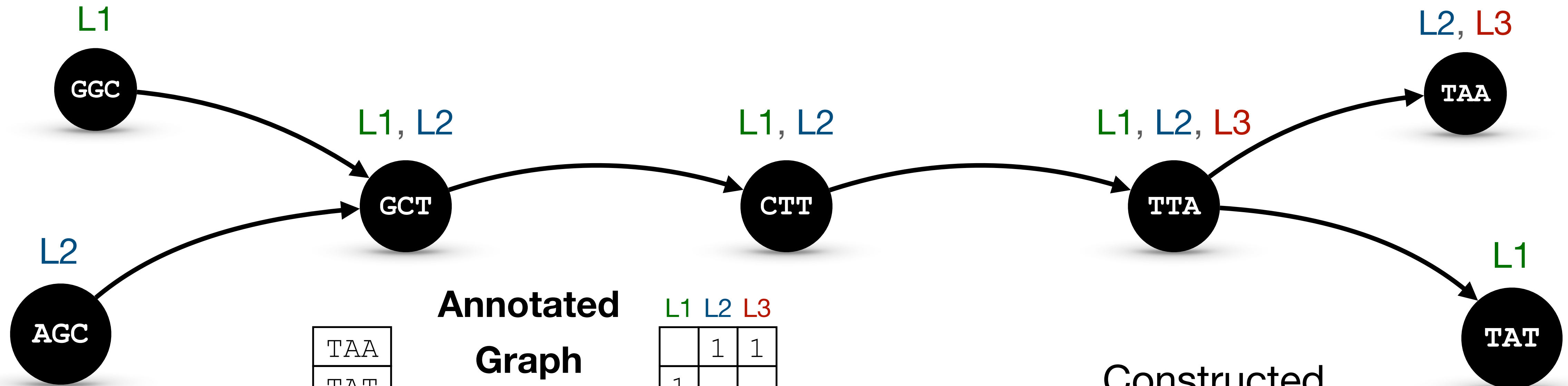
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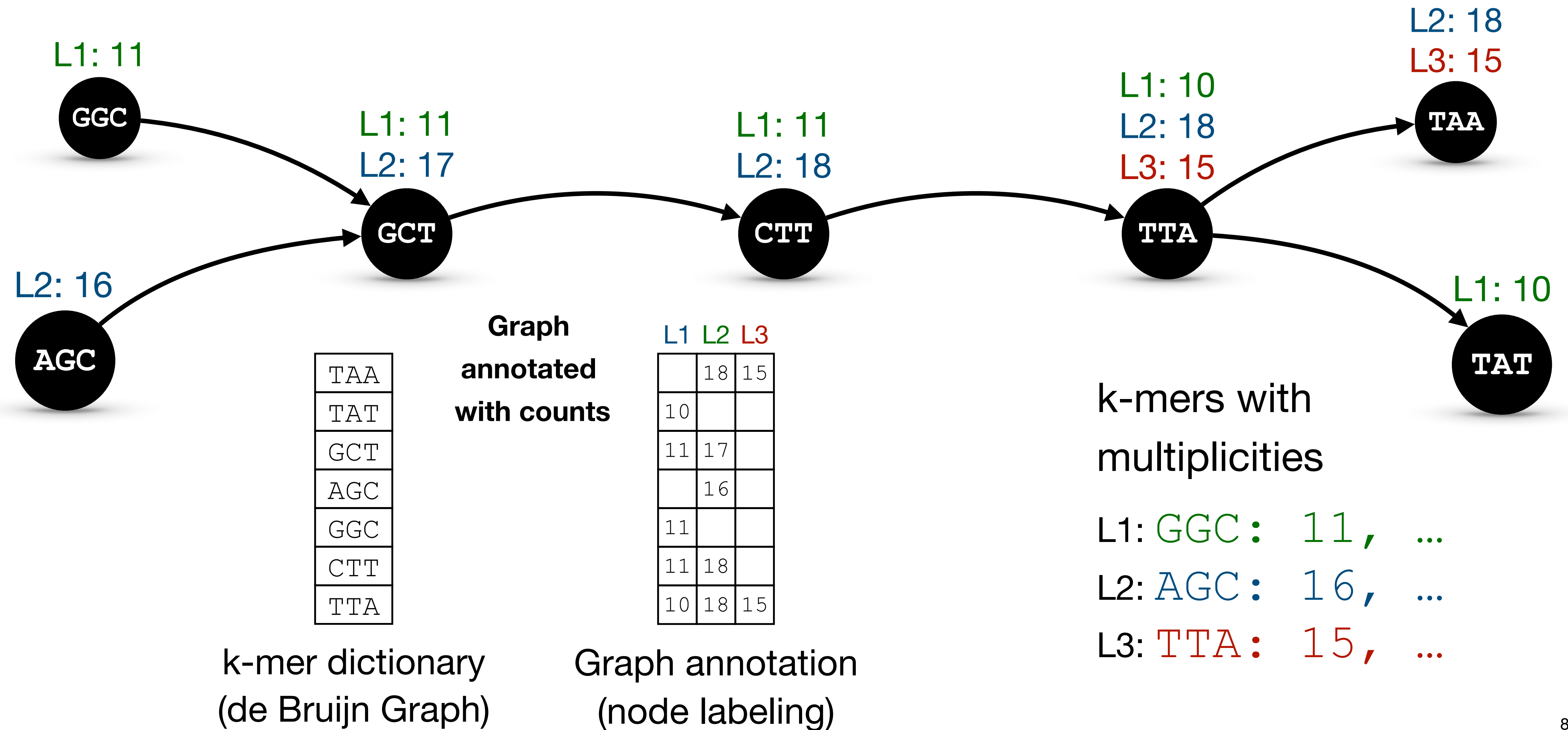
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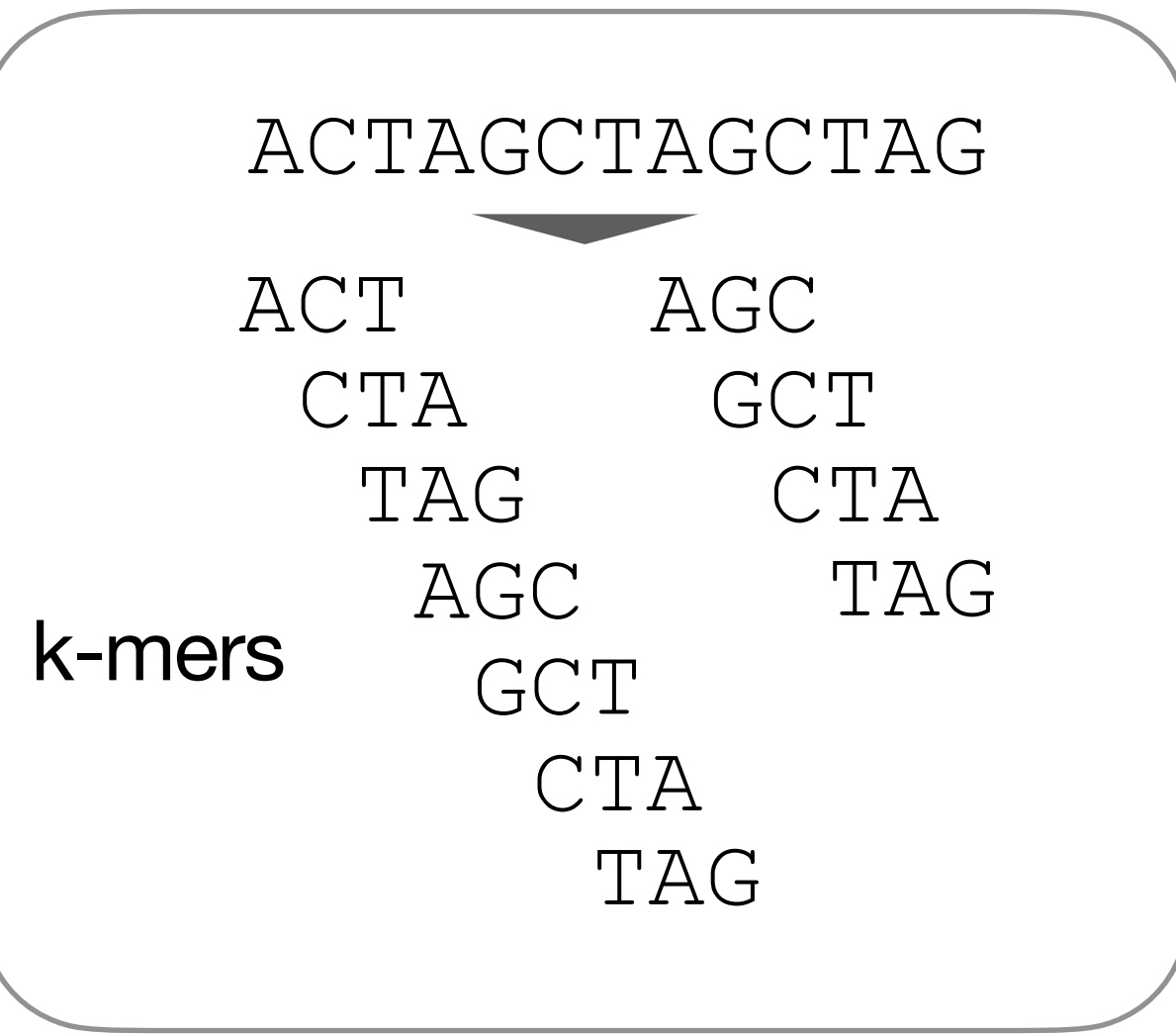
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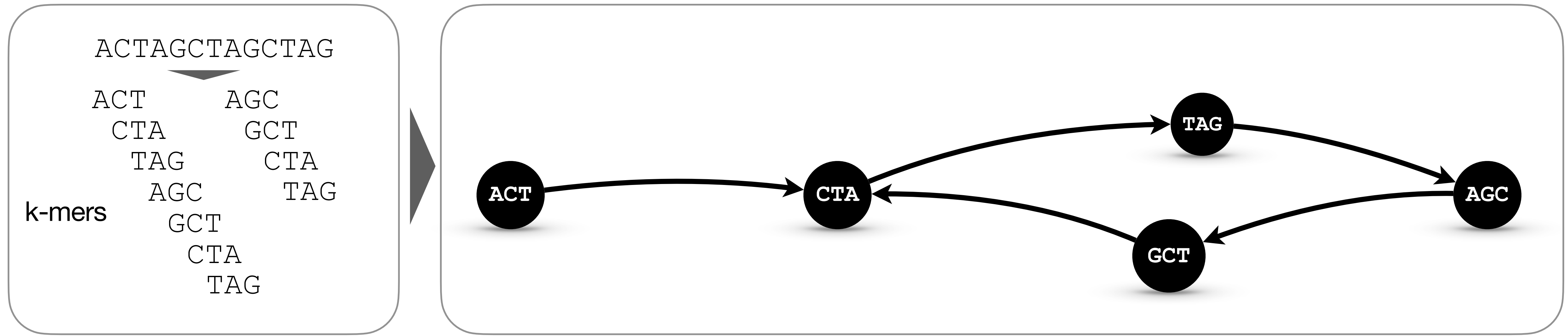
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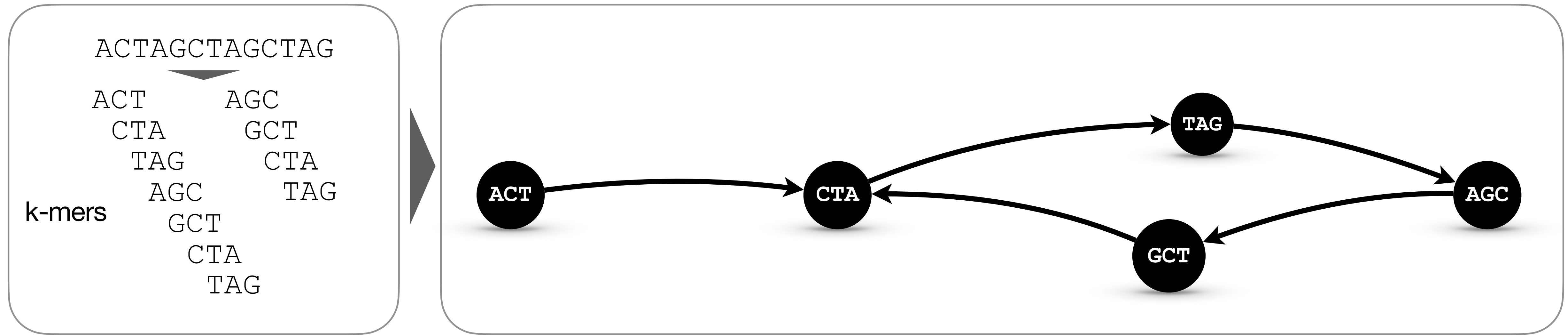
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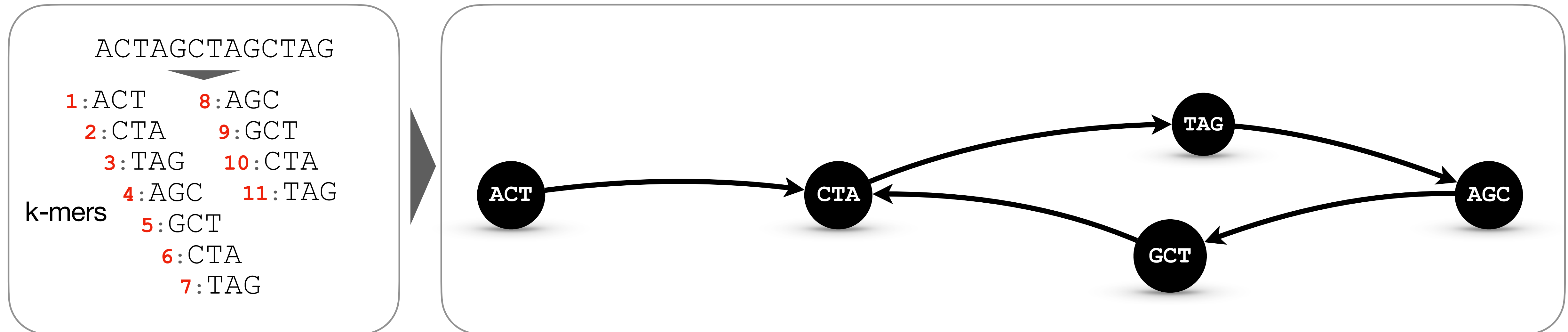


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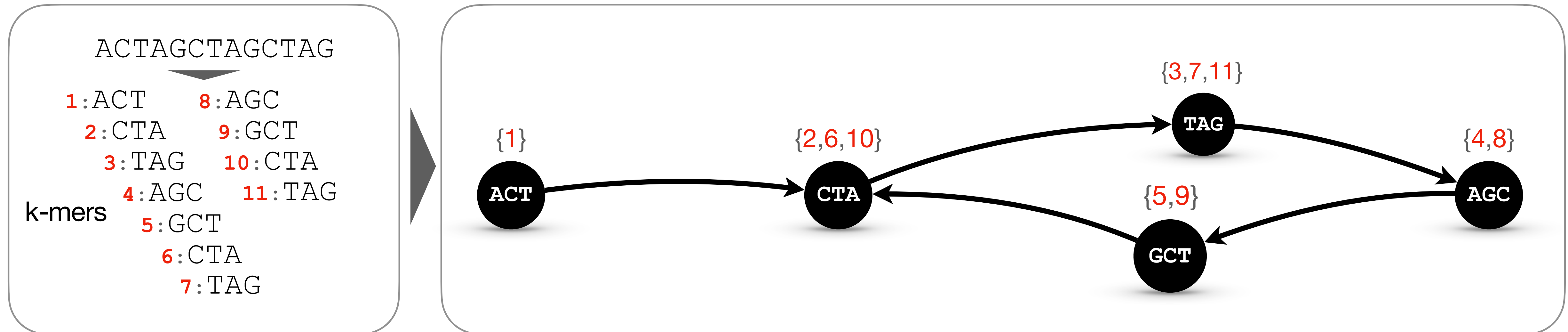


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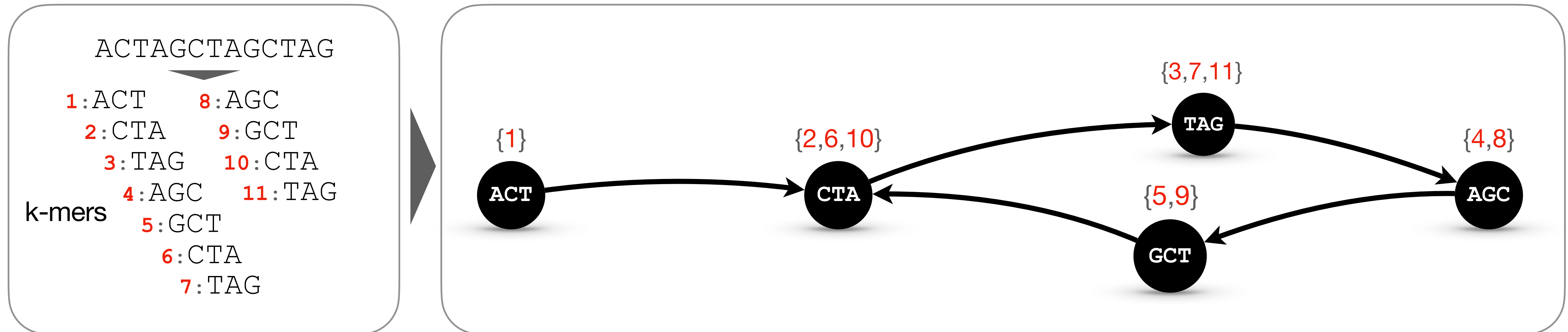


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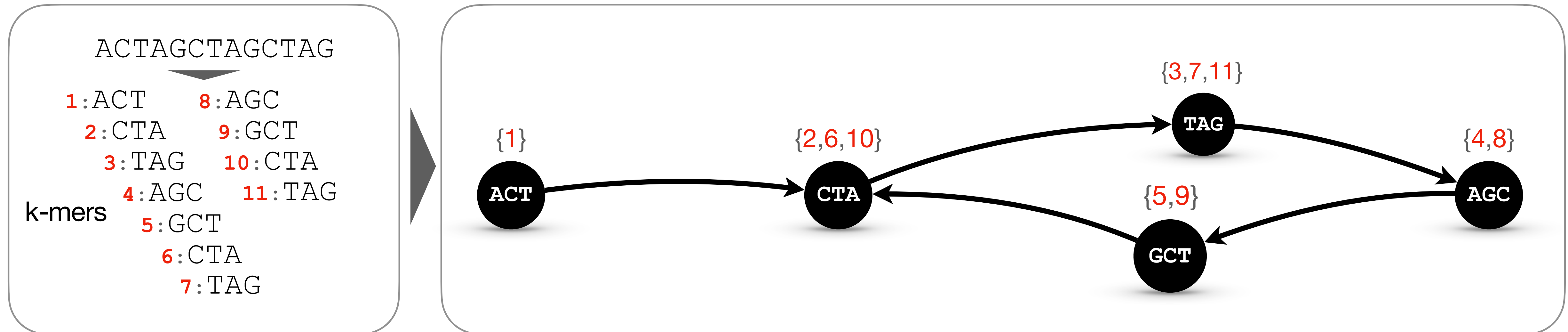
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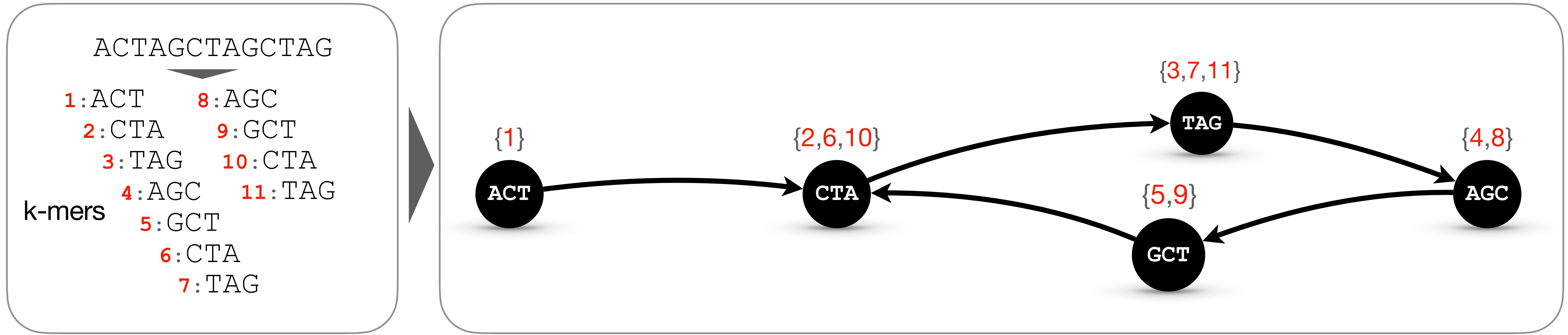
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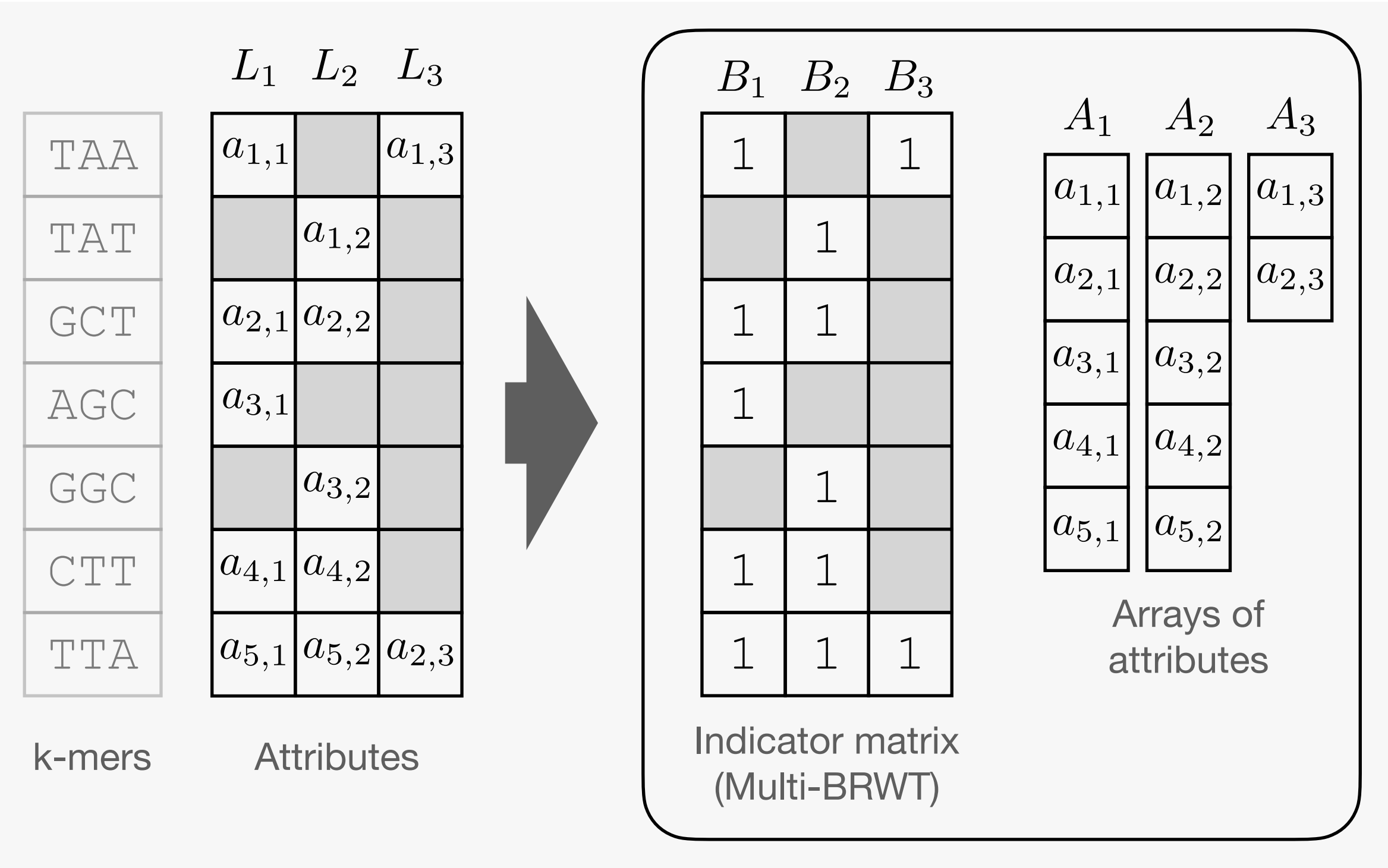
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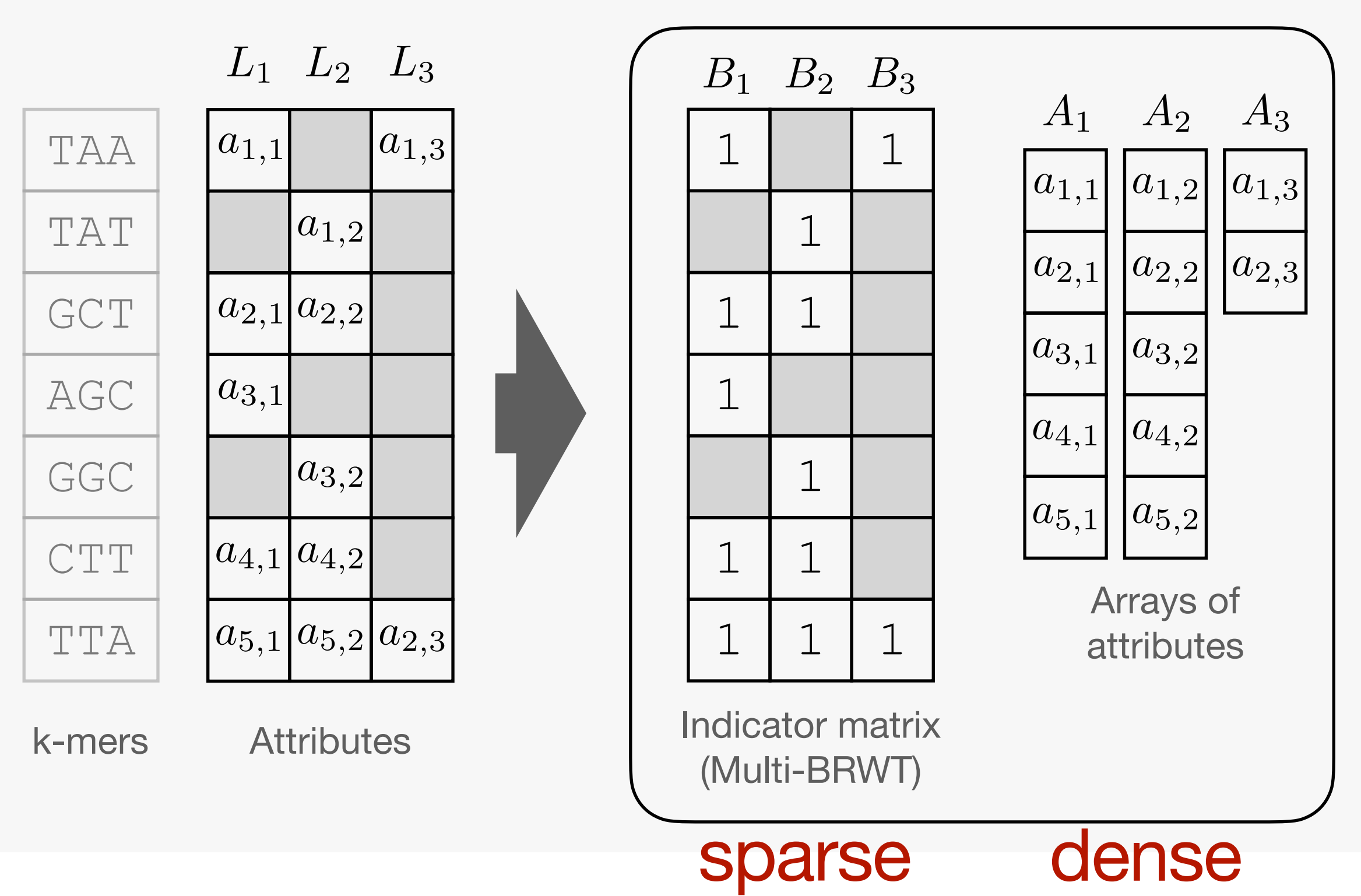
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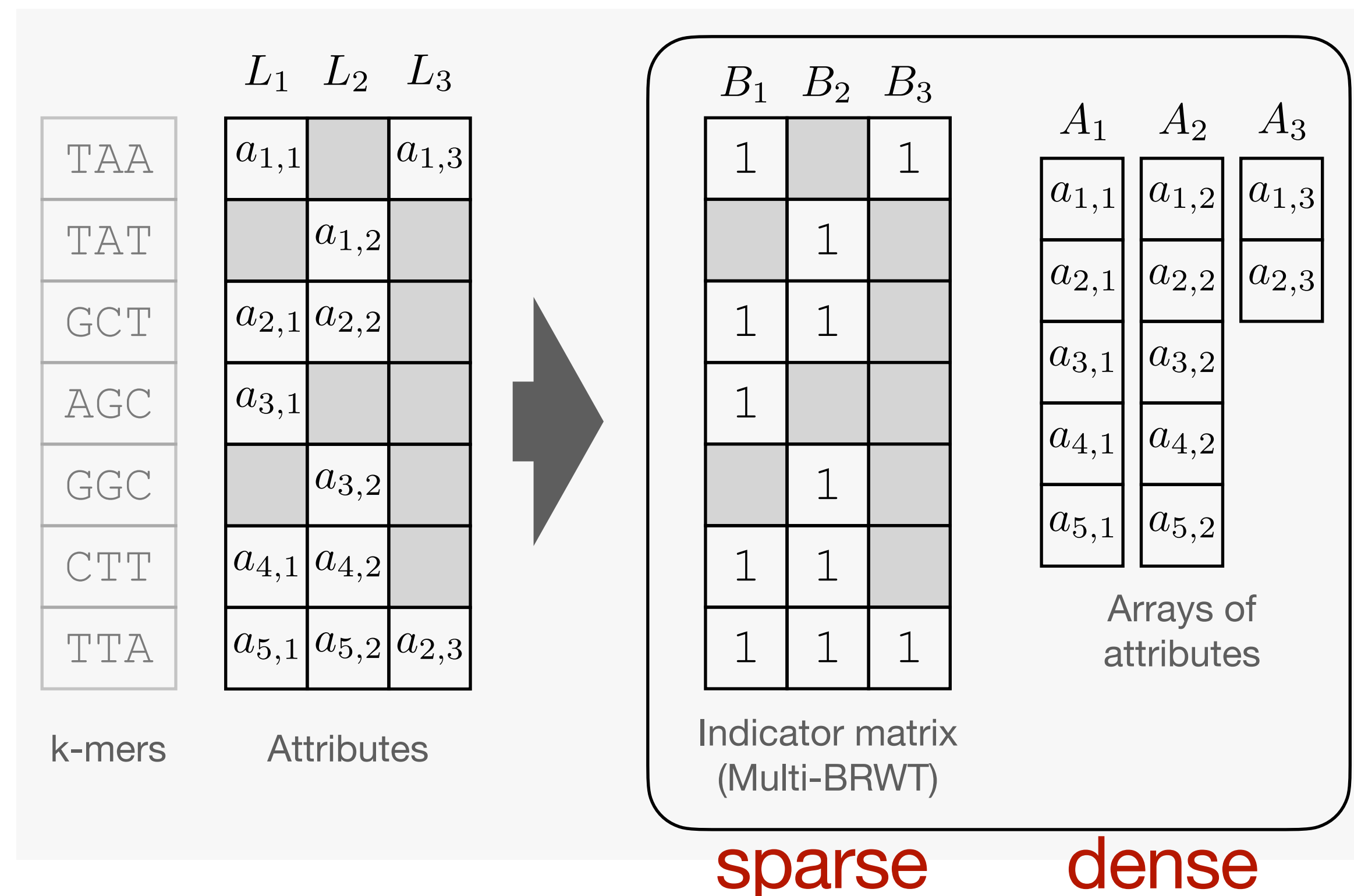
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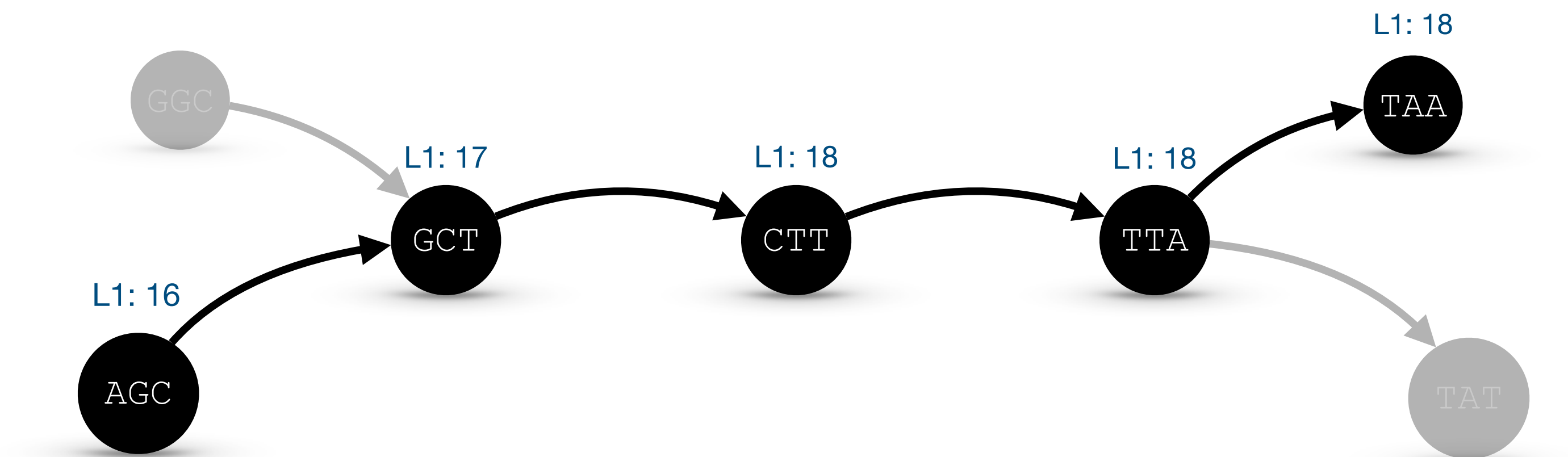
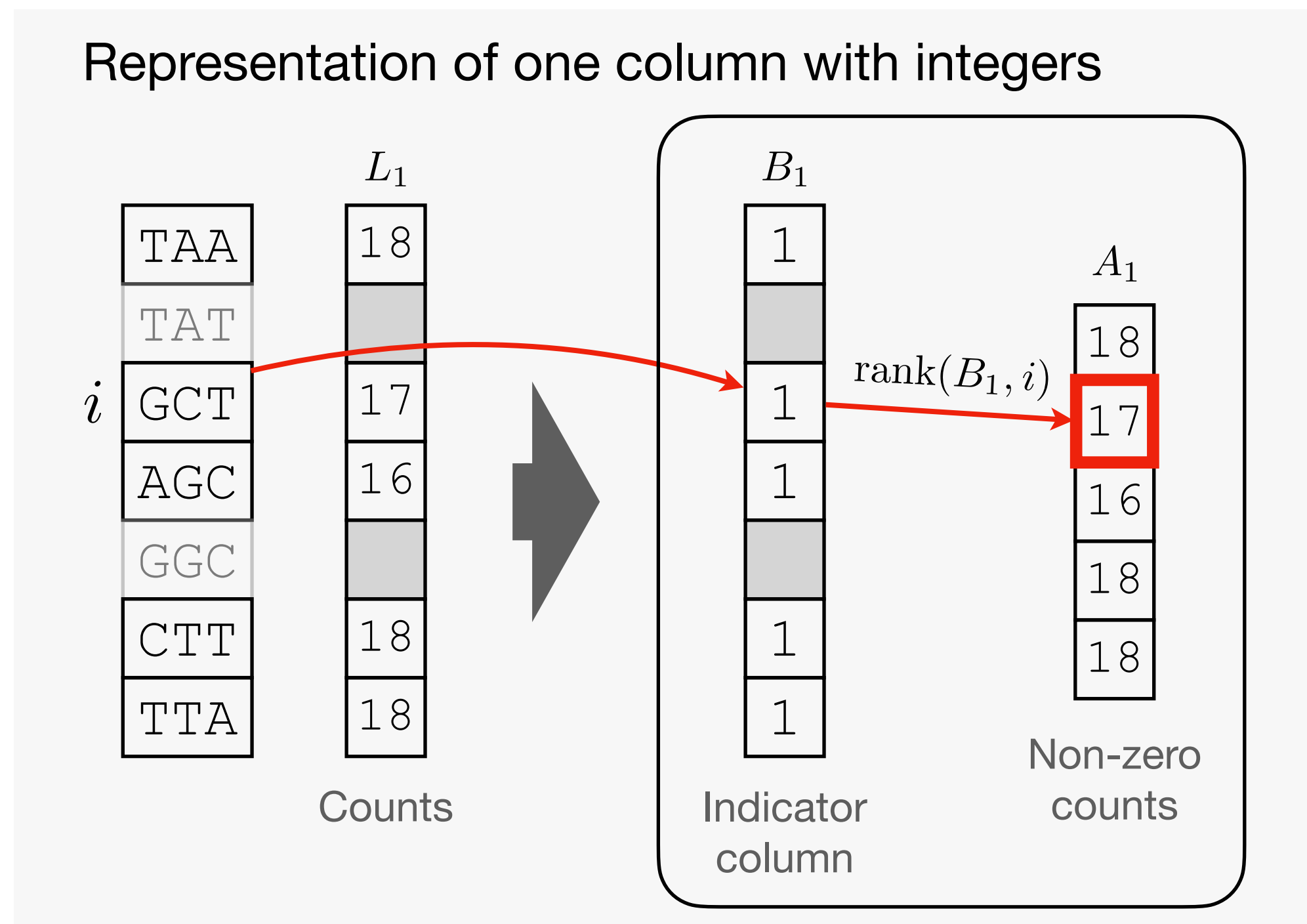
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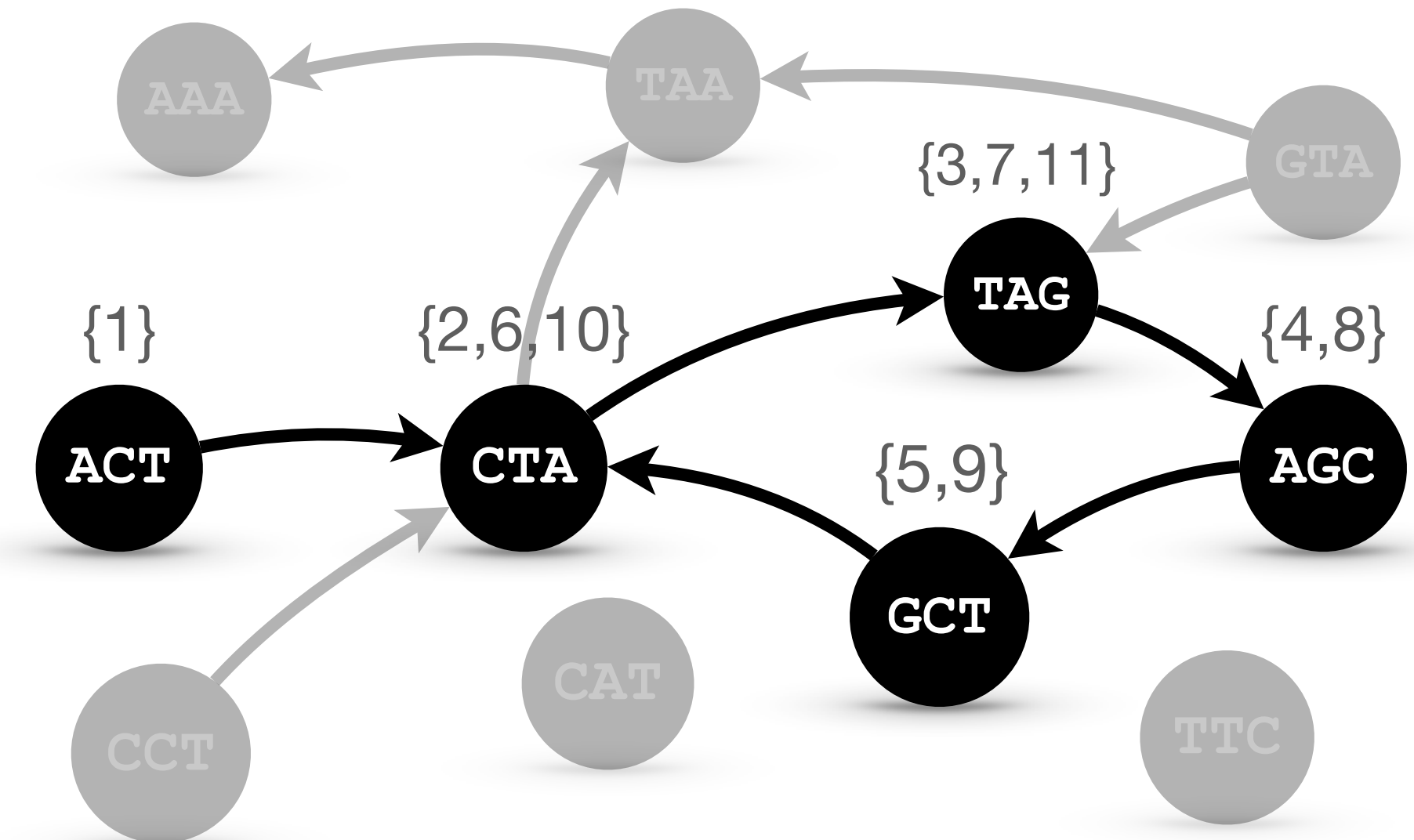
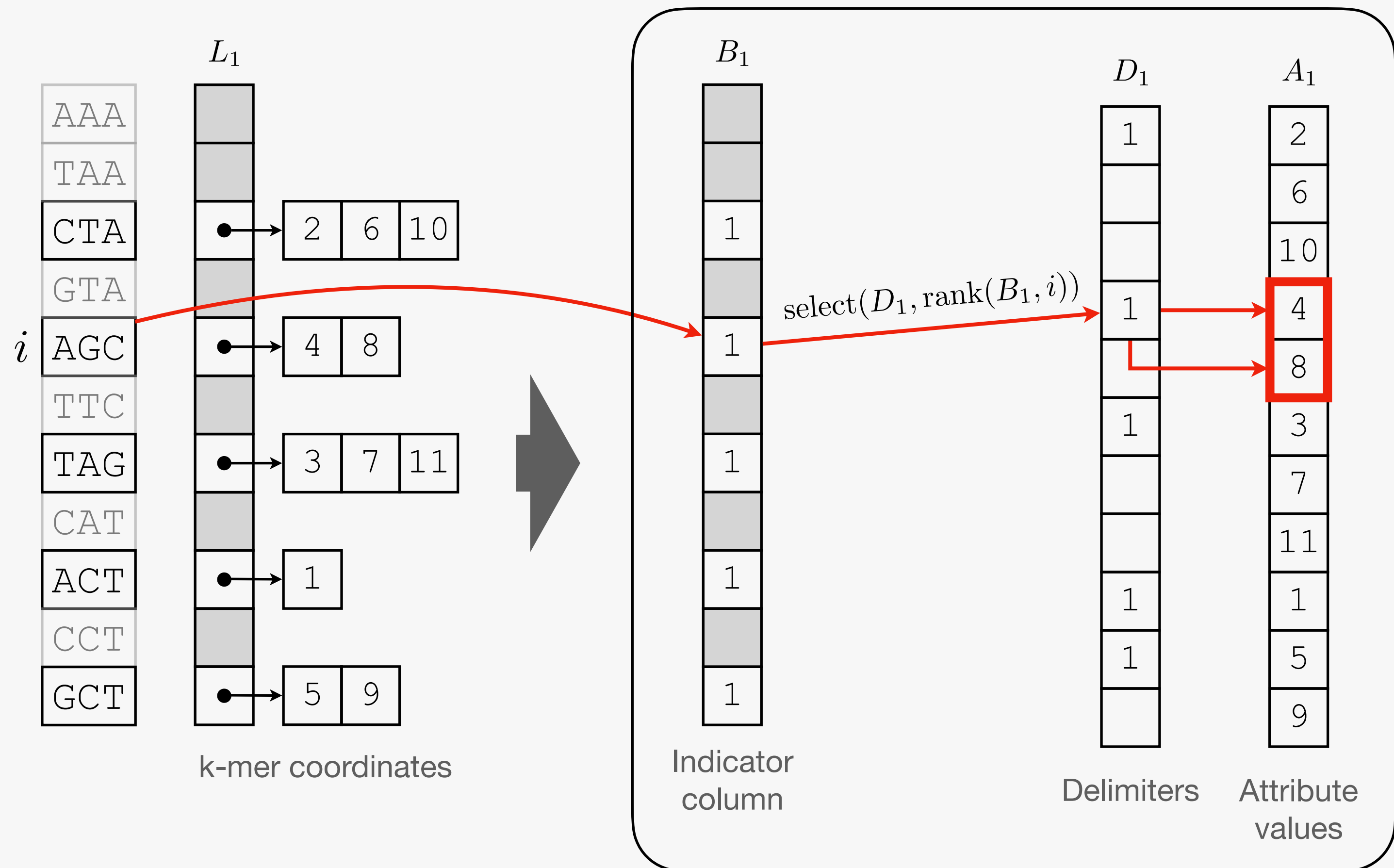
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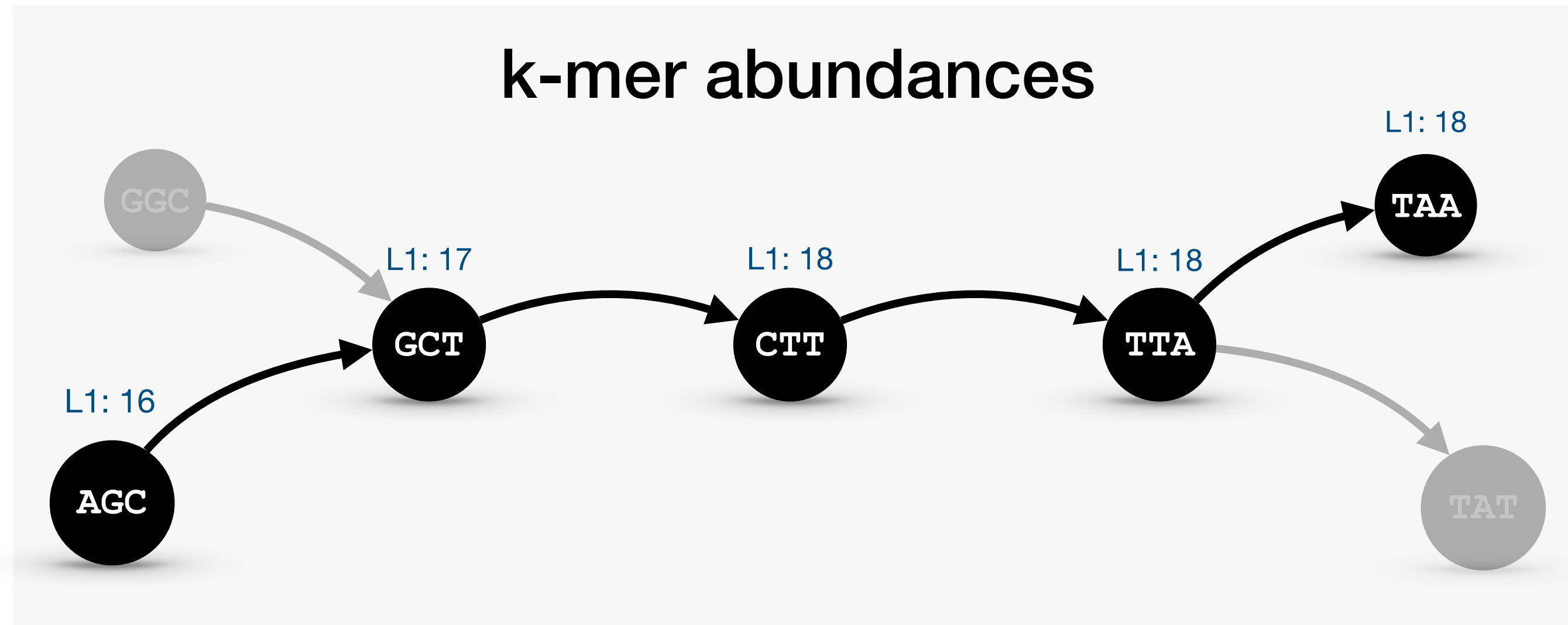
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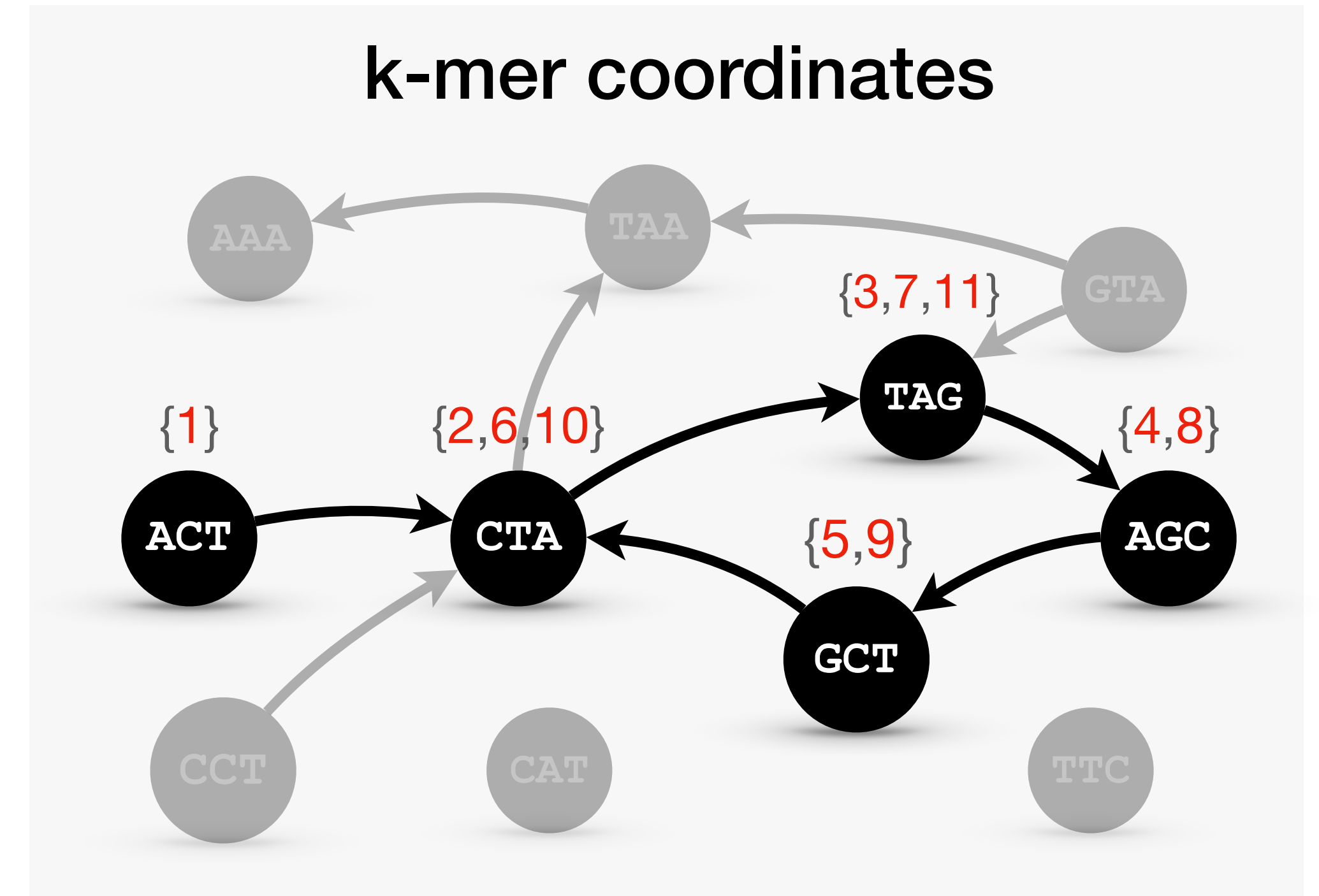
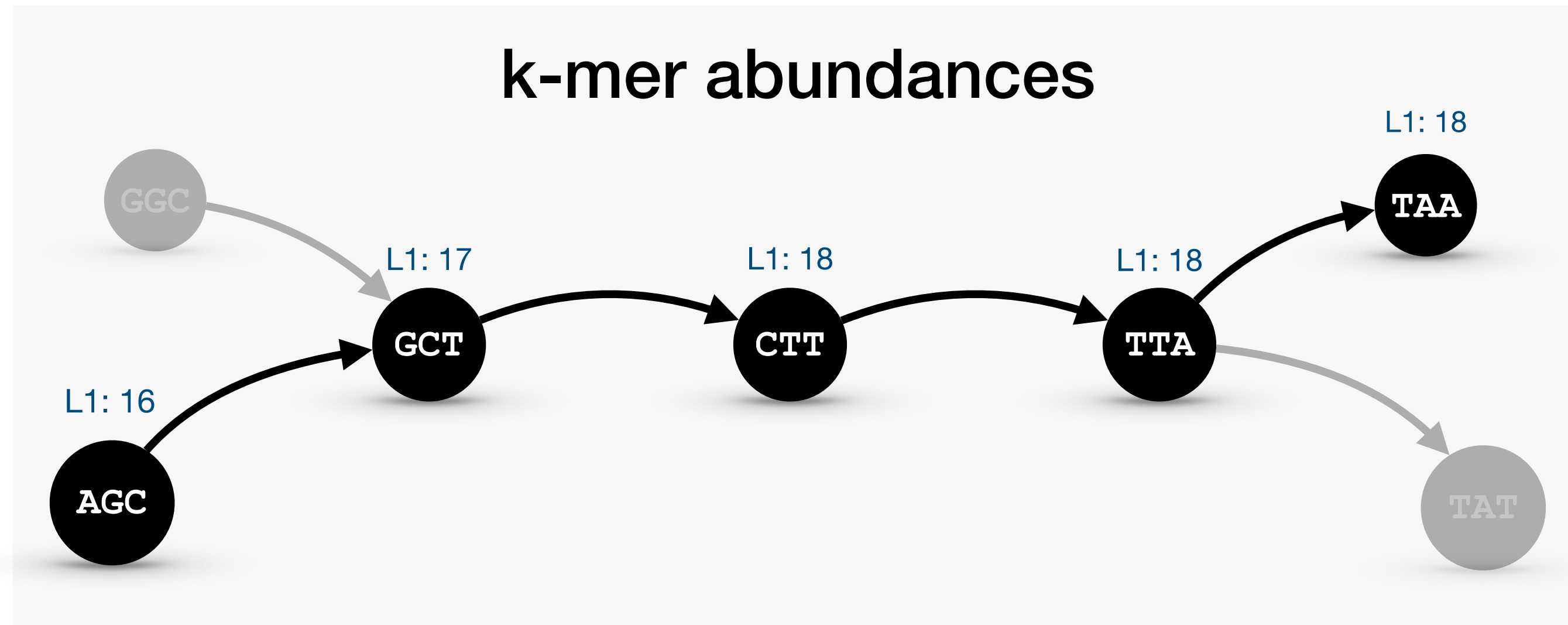
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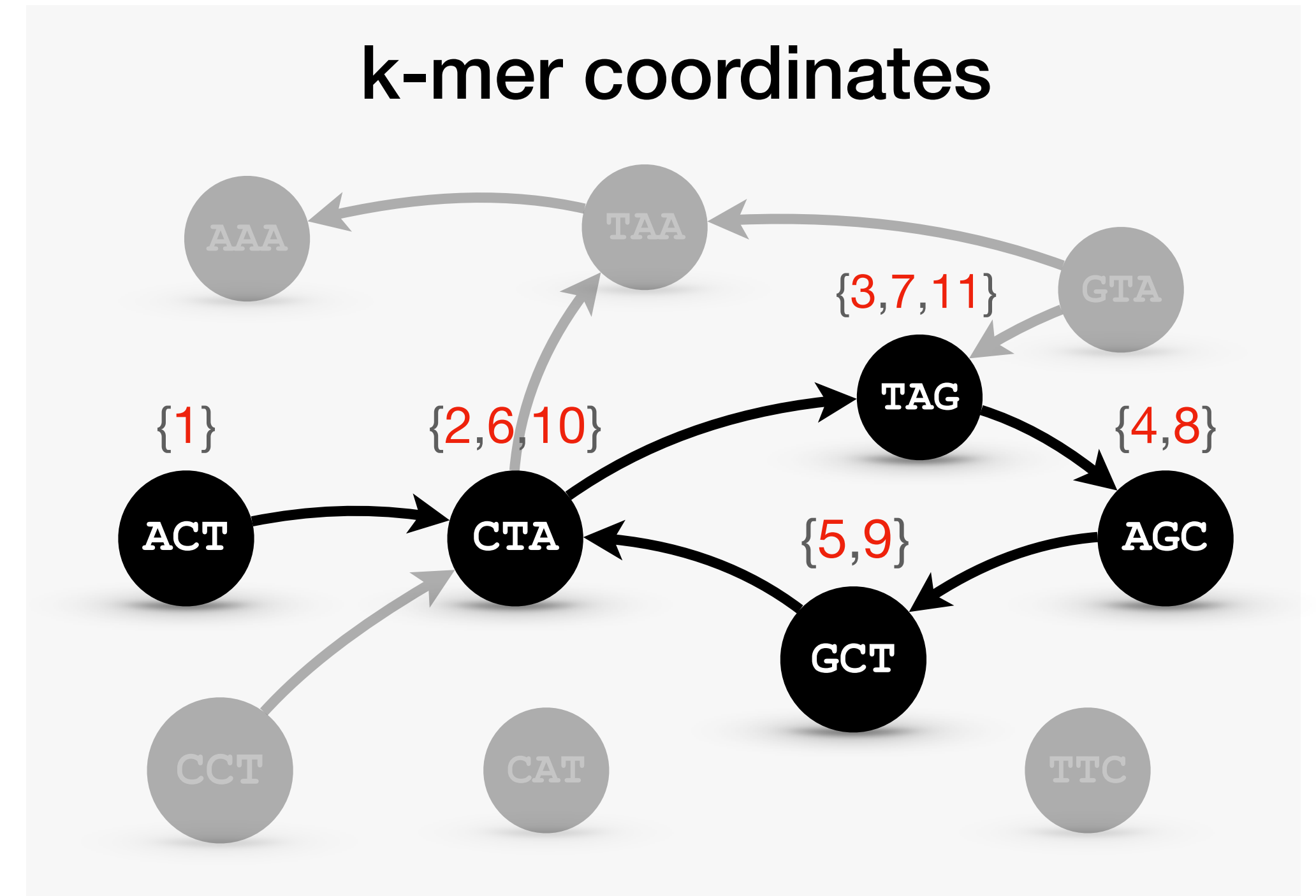
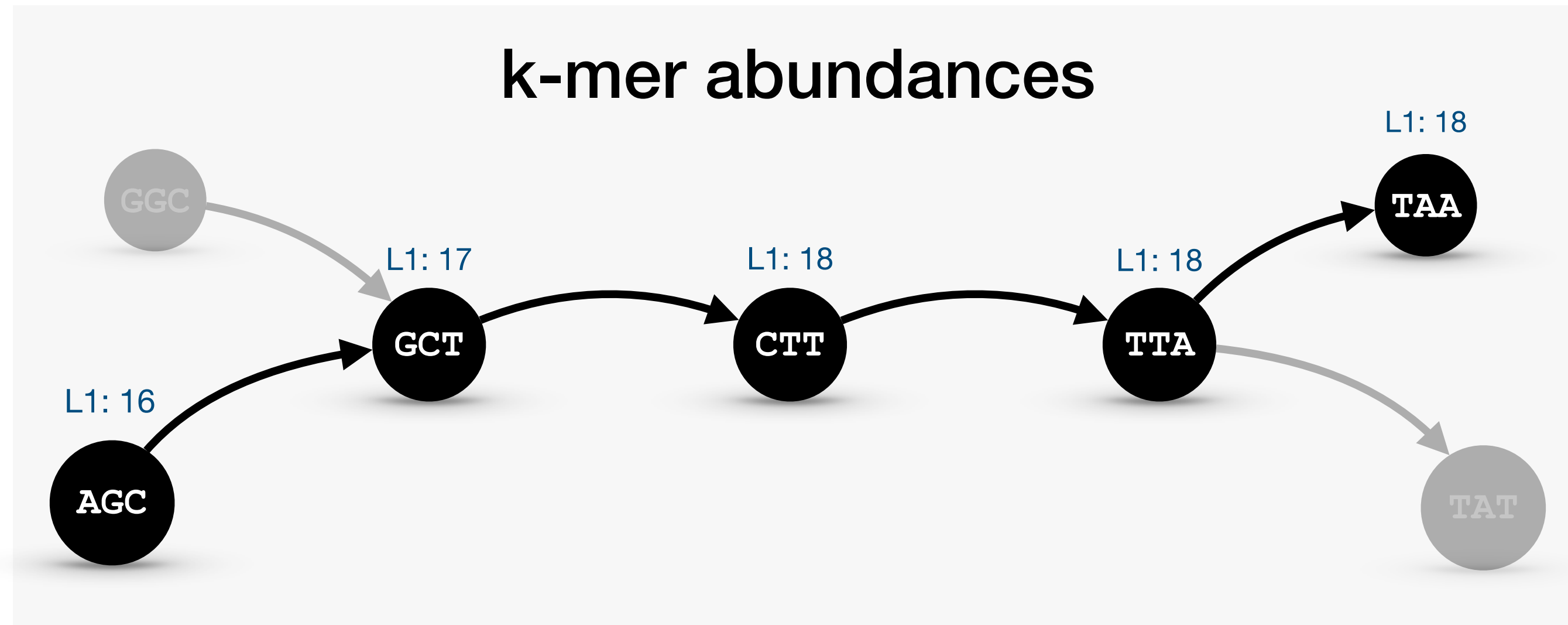
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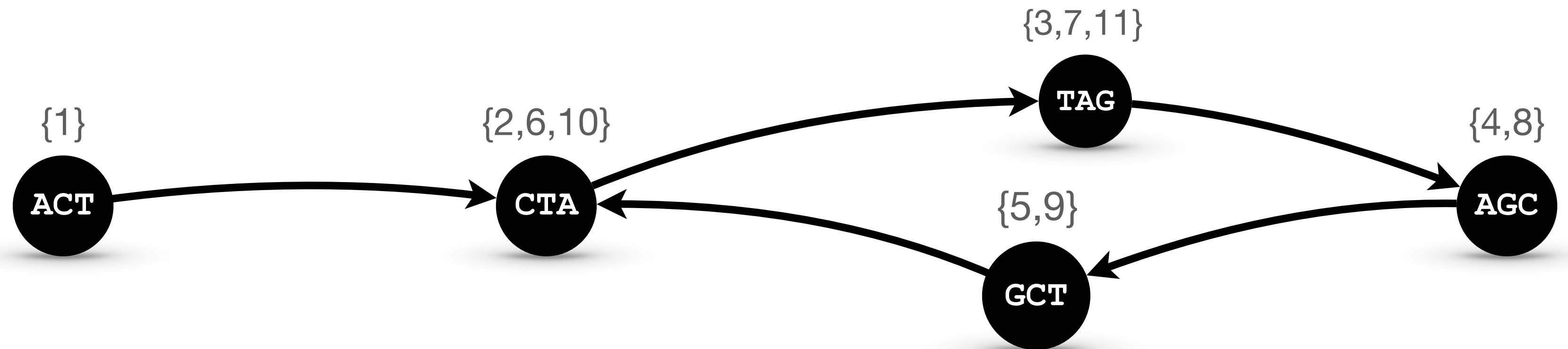
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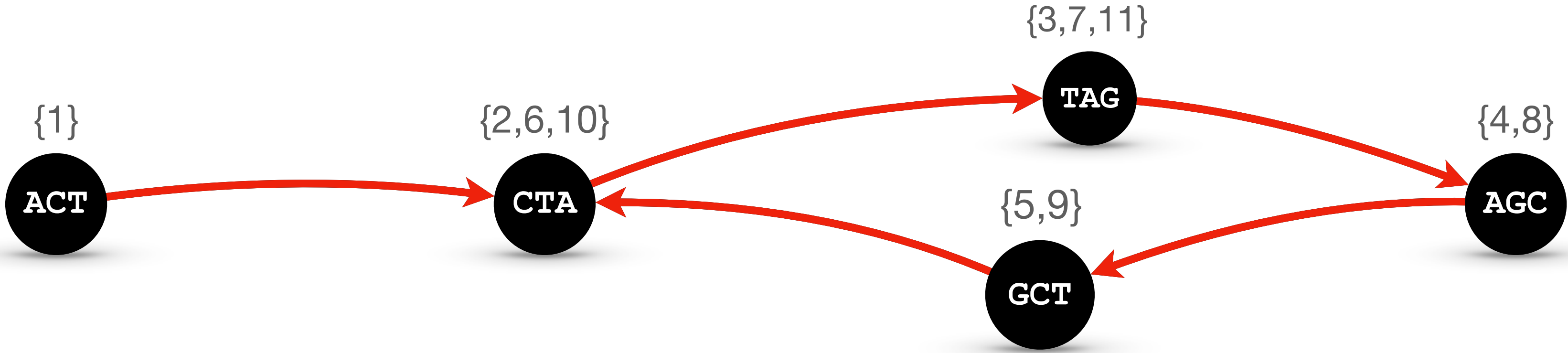
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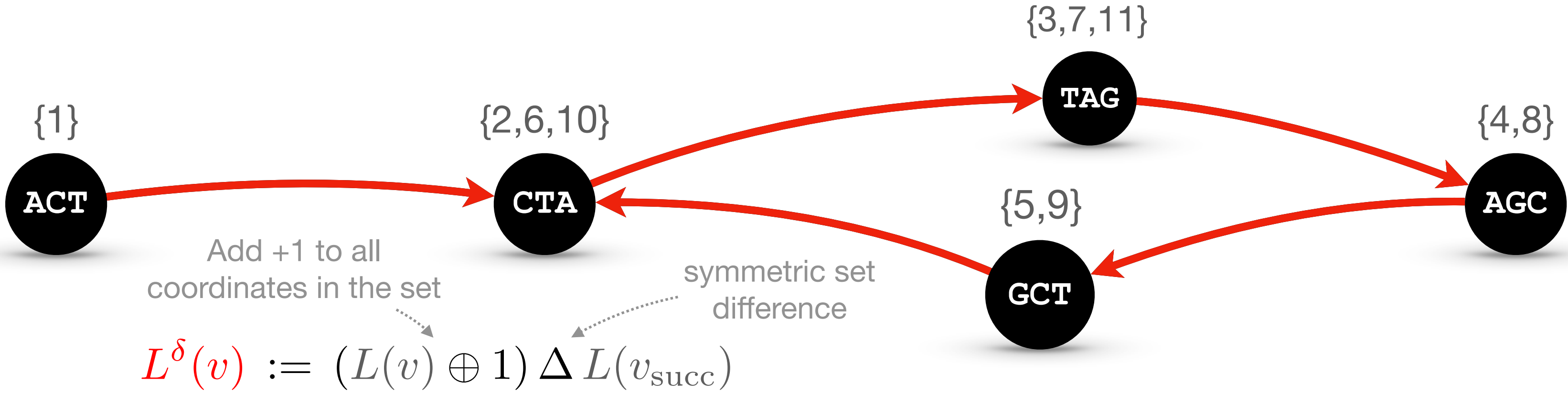
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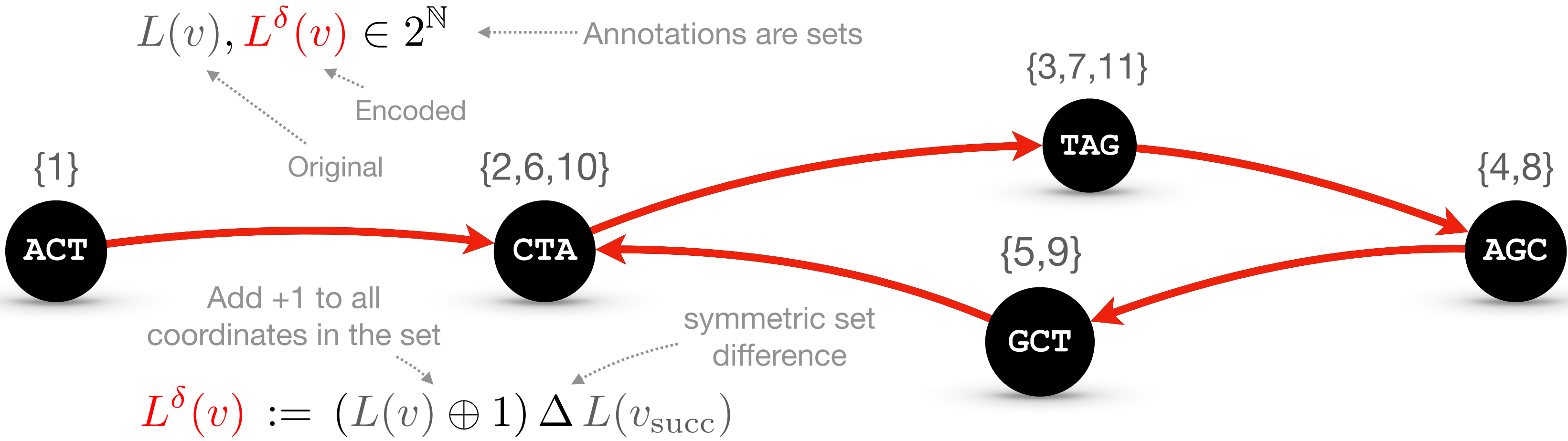
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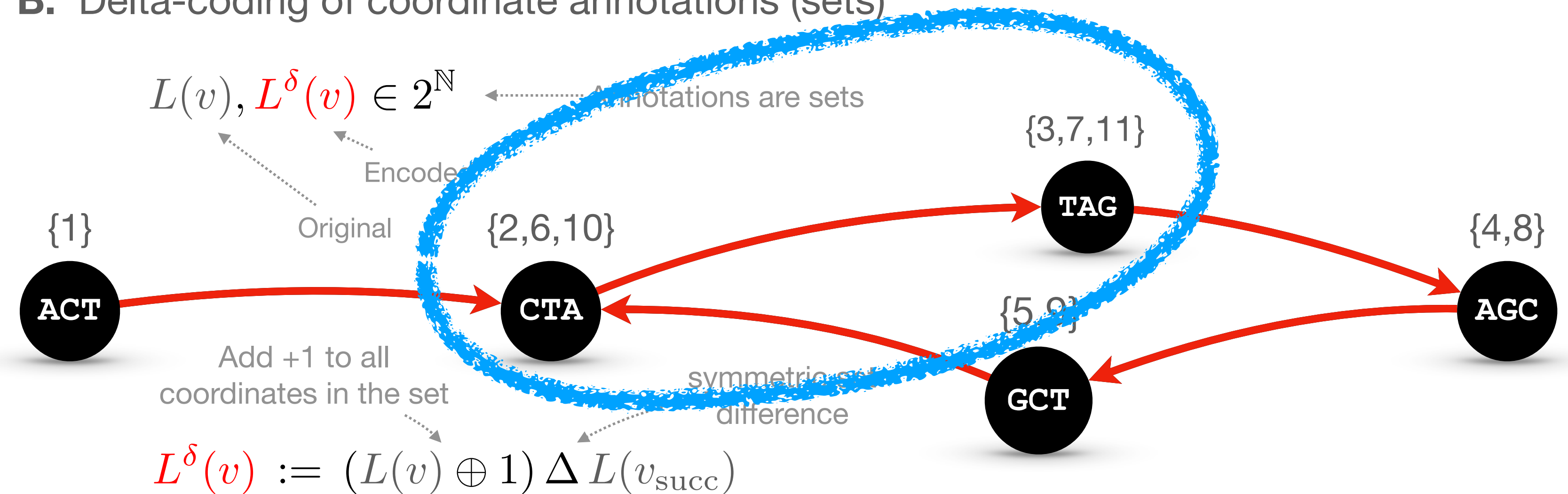
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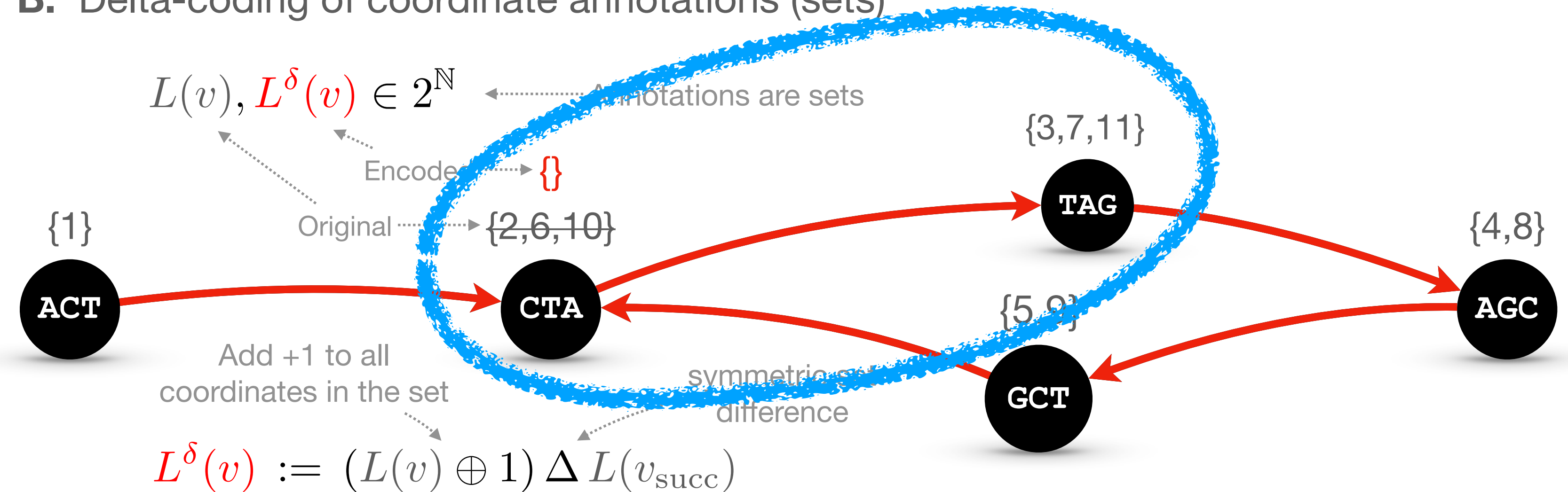
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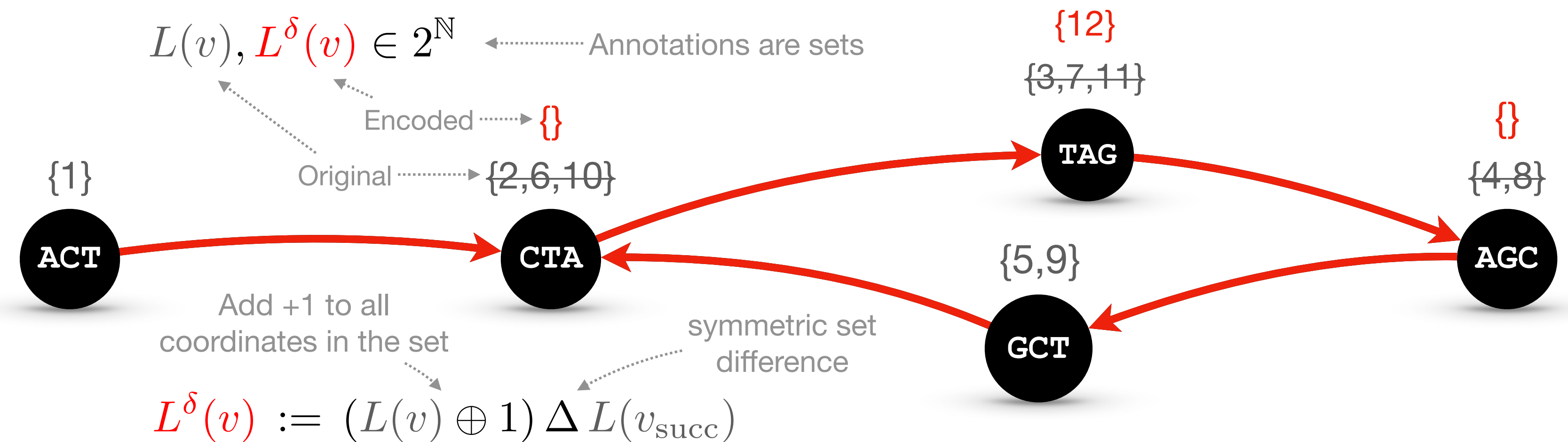
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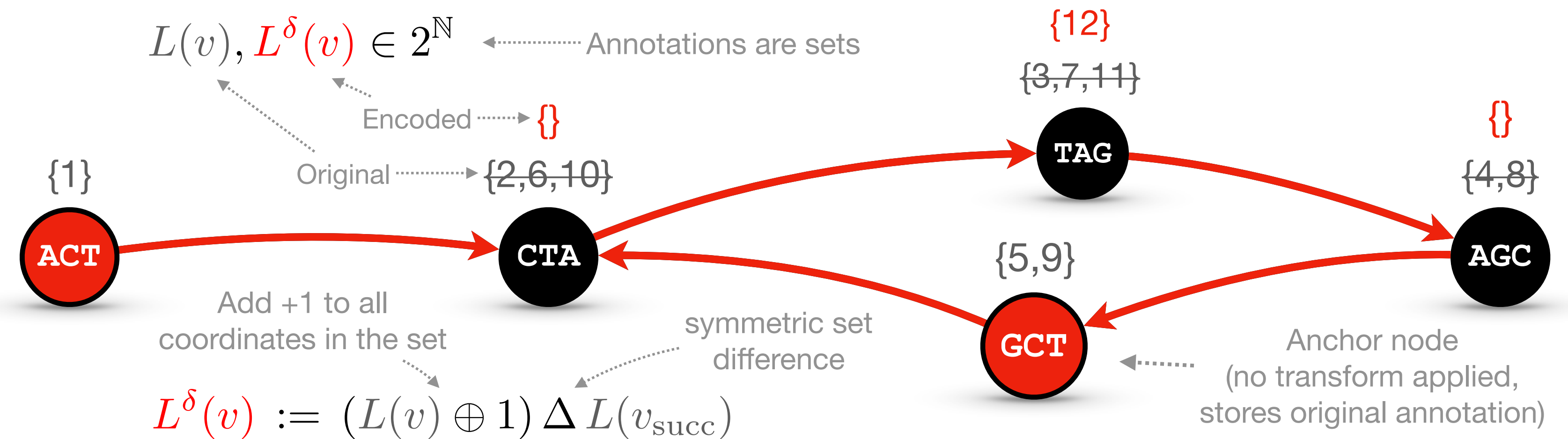
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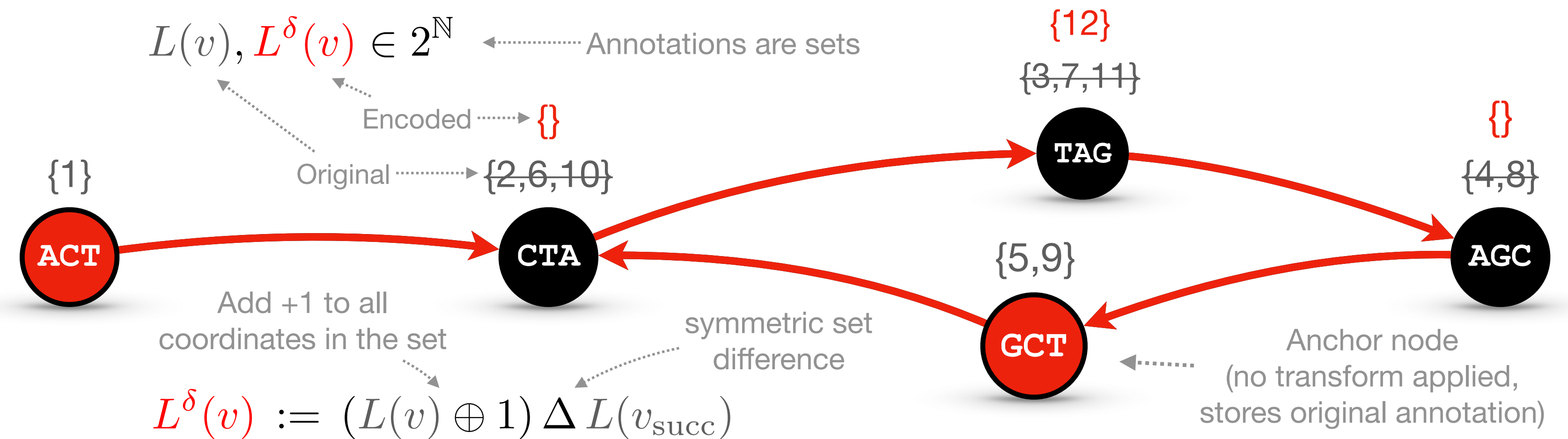
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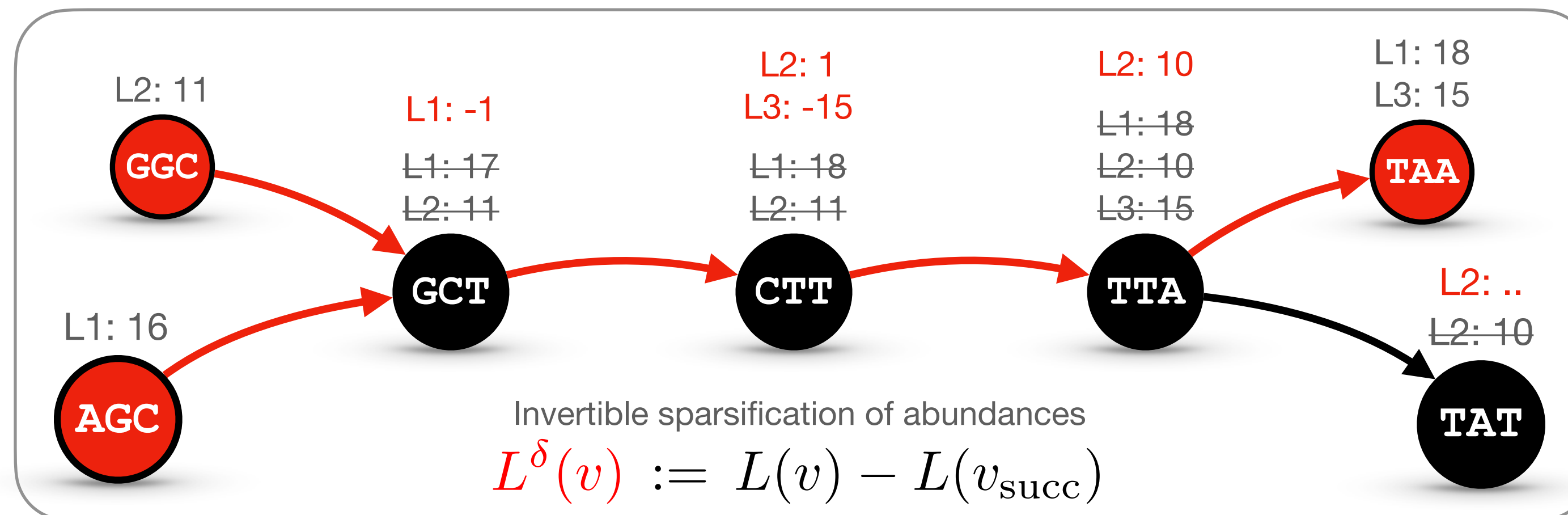
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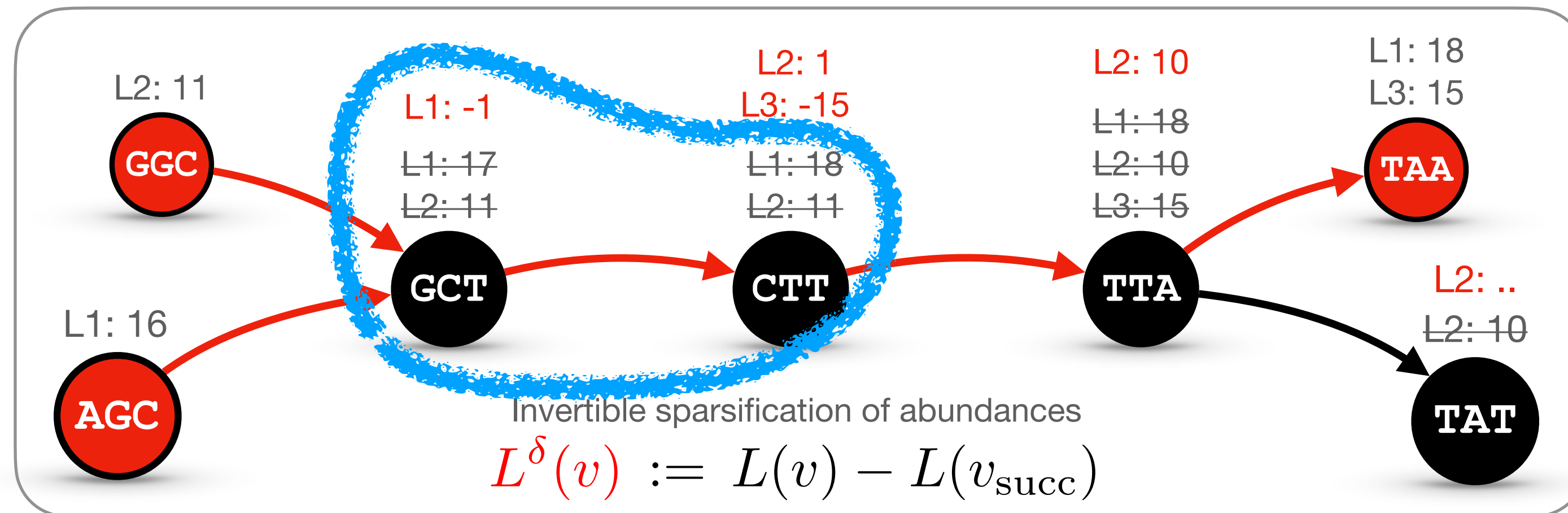


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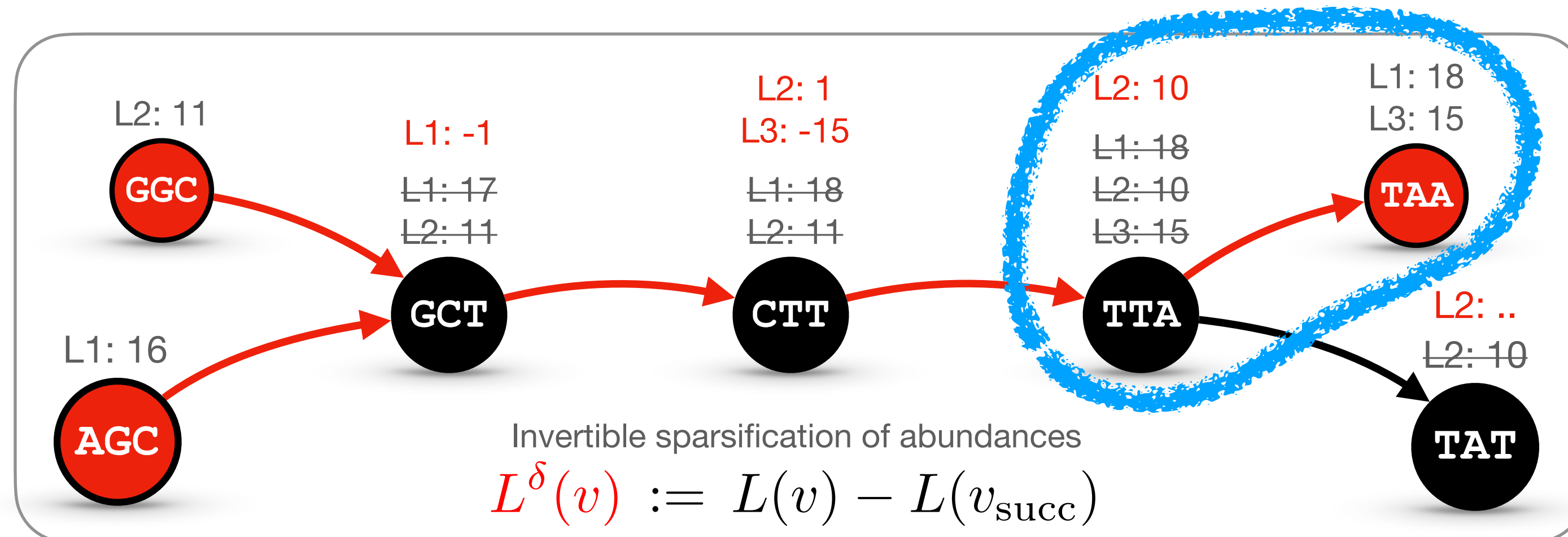
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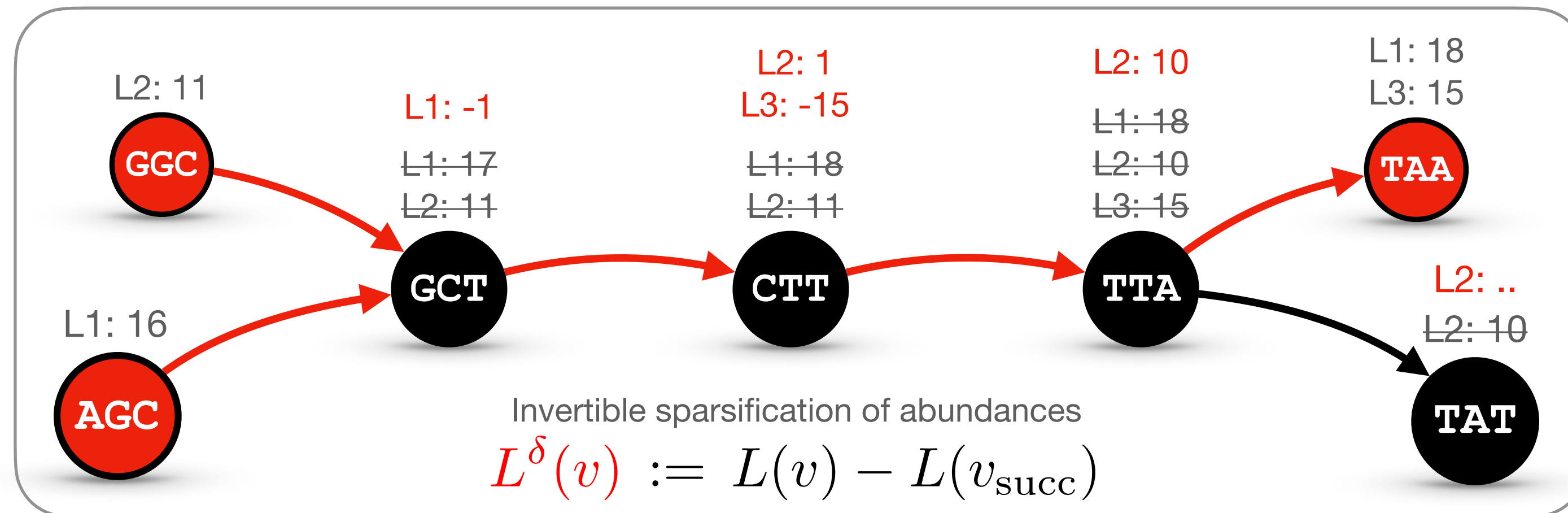
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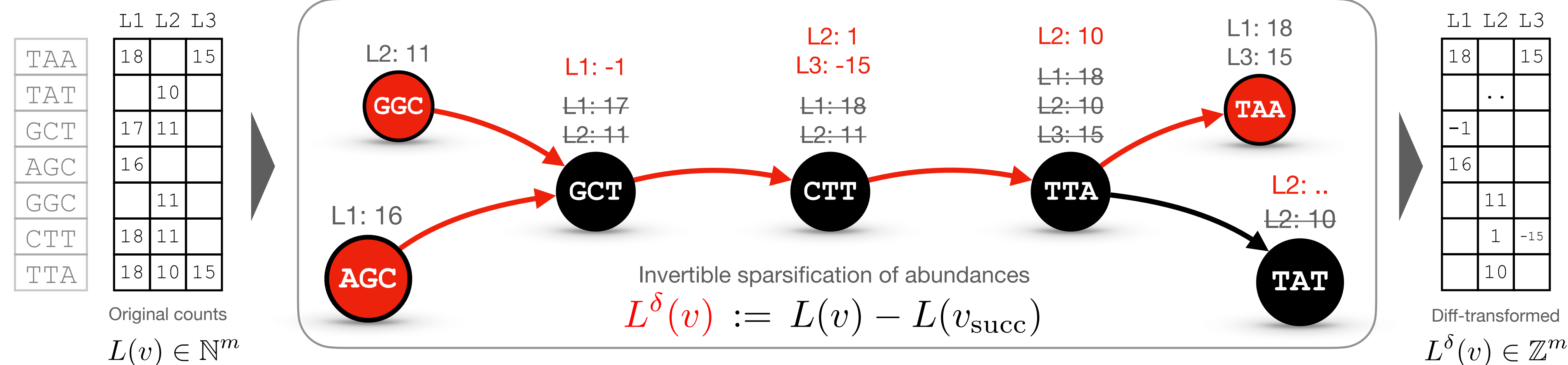


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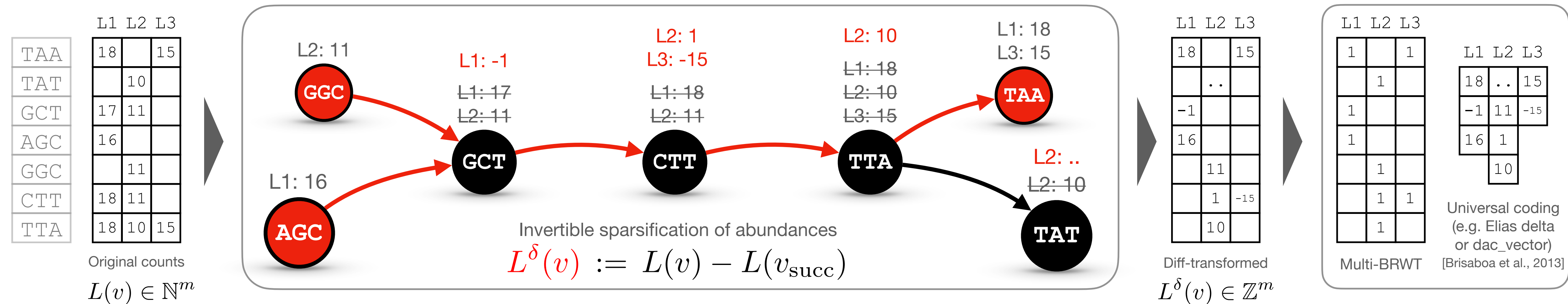
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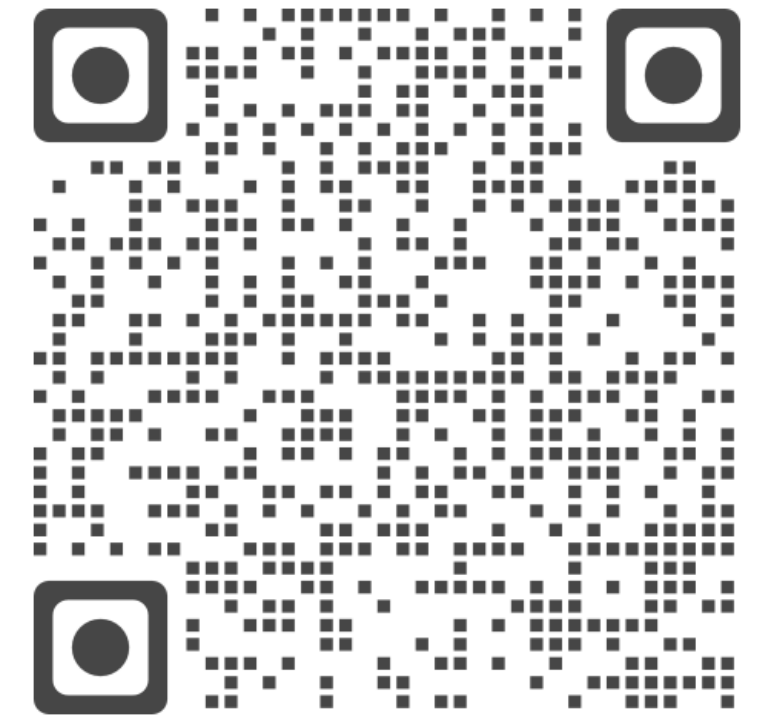


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Counting DBG: Implementation

Repository: github.com/ratschlab/counting_dbg



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- graph annotation representations (e.g., `Multi-BRWT` Karasikov et al., 2019)
- hybrid bit vector representations
- procedures for query and alignment

Base succinct data structures from sdsl-lite (Succinct Data Structure Library)

- compressed and packed bitmaps
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Sequence alignment on top of Counting DBG with k-mer coordinates with the **seed-chain-extend** approach:

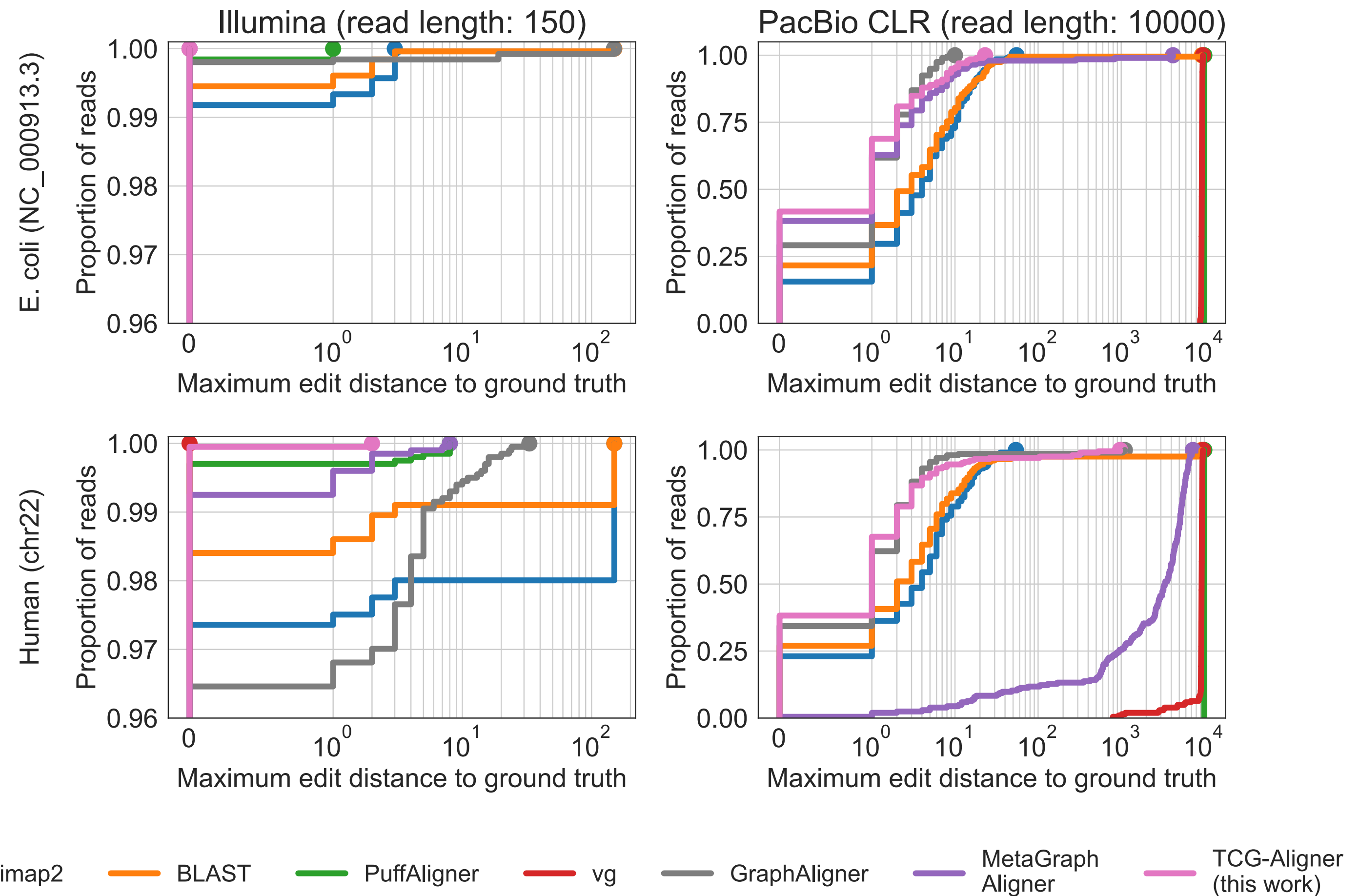
1. Find seeds of size k or less
2. Chaining (inspired by Minimap2 [Li, 2018])
 - DP table for pairs (seed, coordinate) sorted by coordinates
 - Dynamic Programming + Backtracking
3. Extension algorithm
 - generalization of Needleman-Wunsch algorithm
 - similar to the MetaGraph aligner [Karasikov, Mustafa et al., 2020]



Alignment accuracy

Evaluation approach

1. Index a reference genome
2. Simulate reads from the same reference
3. Align reads and measure the distance between the alignments and their generating references



Alignment accuracy for **Counting DBG** and **state-of-the-art aligners** on simulated Illumina- and PacBio-type reads (E. coli NC 000913.3 and human chr22). The edit distance is measured between the alignment (the returned path in the graph) and the ground truth sequence. In the top left subplot, the curves of vg- and TCG-Aligner are superimposed.

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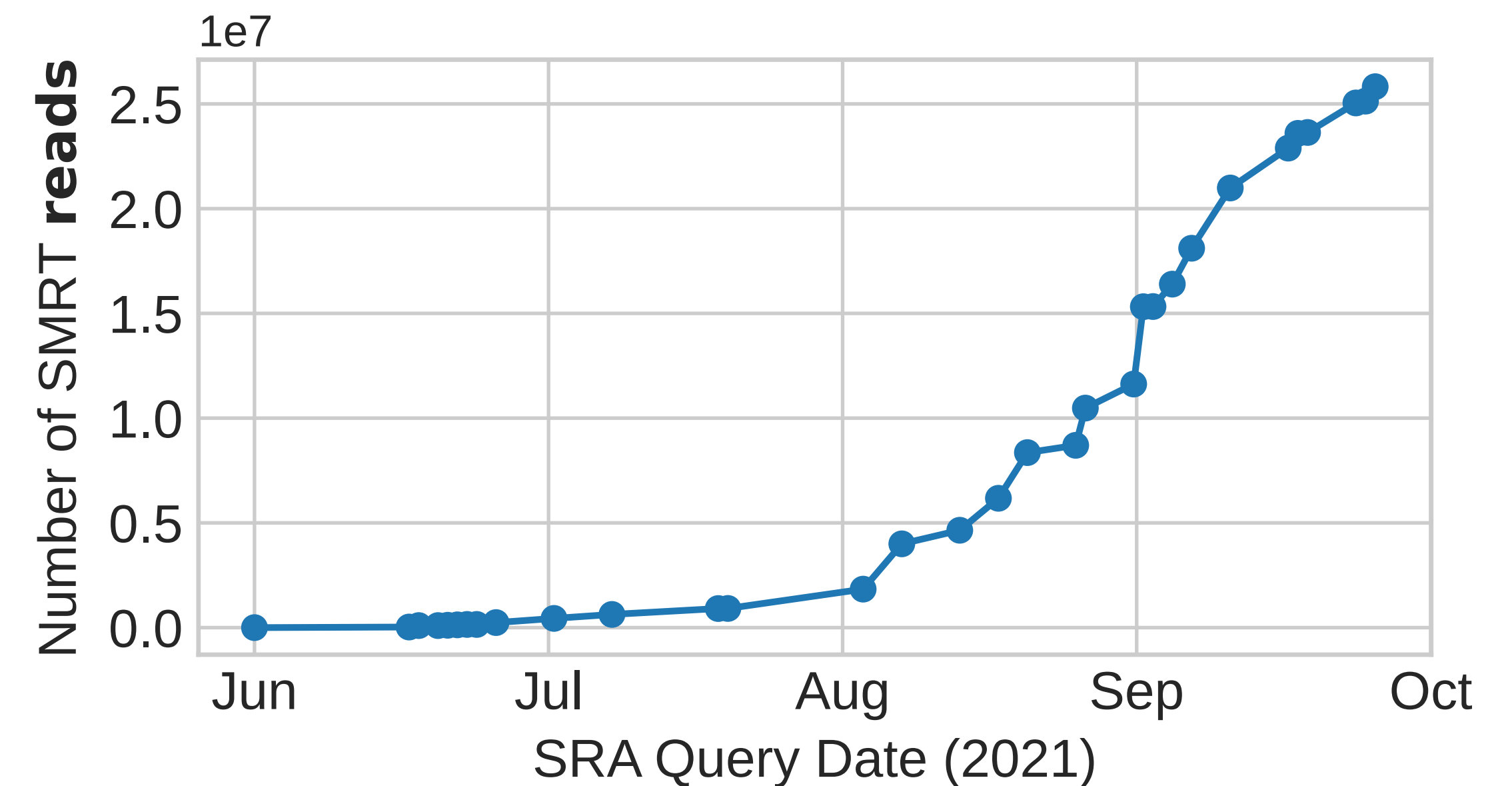
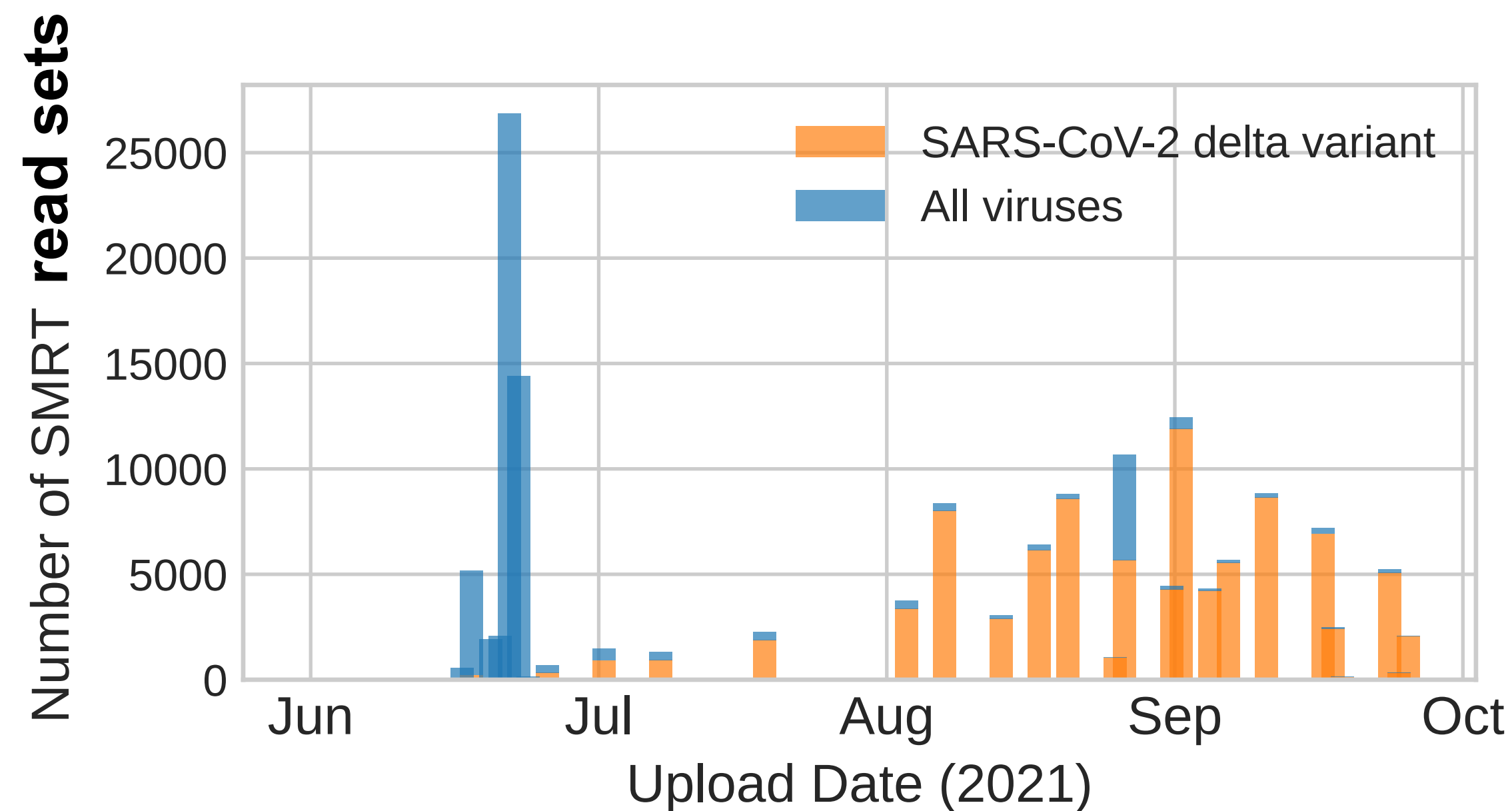
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3. Retrieve all the occurrences of these specific mutations within the reads (took under 4 min)



Coordinates allow retrieving not only the number of read sets (**left**) but also single reads (**right**)

Counting de Bruijn Graphs* generalize *Annotated de Bruijn graphs*

- ▶ Allow **efficiently encoding non-binary annotations**, e.g.:
 - k-mer abundances
 - k-mer coordinates
- ▶ **Scales to very large graphs**
 - constructs in linear time and constant memory
- ▶ Possible applications:
 - indexing and **querying k-mer abundances** (gene expression levels)
 - can be used as a **backend for aligners** (such as BLAST)
 - alignment with different error models (using k-mer abundances)

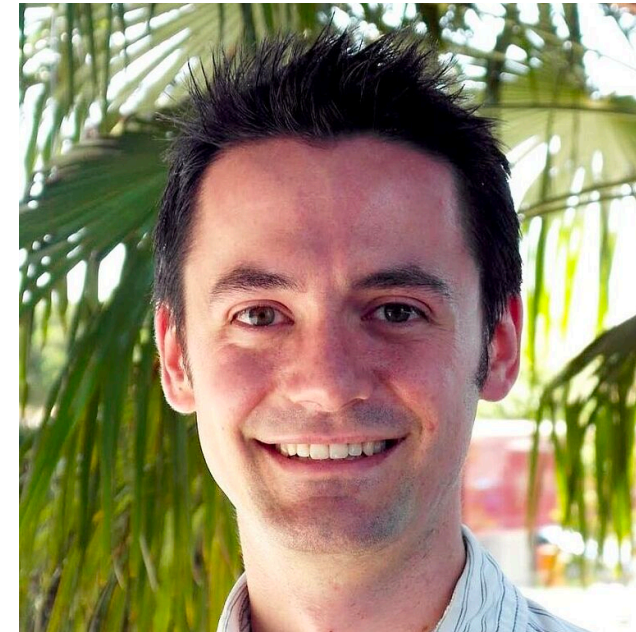
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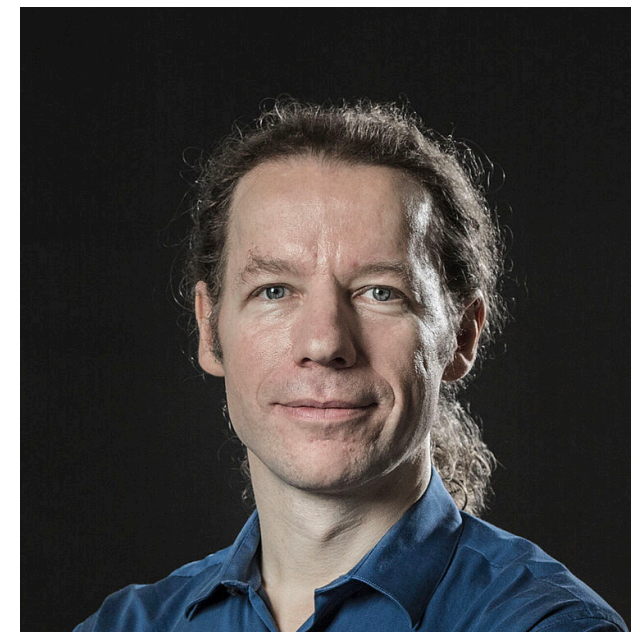
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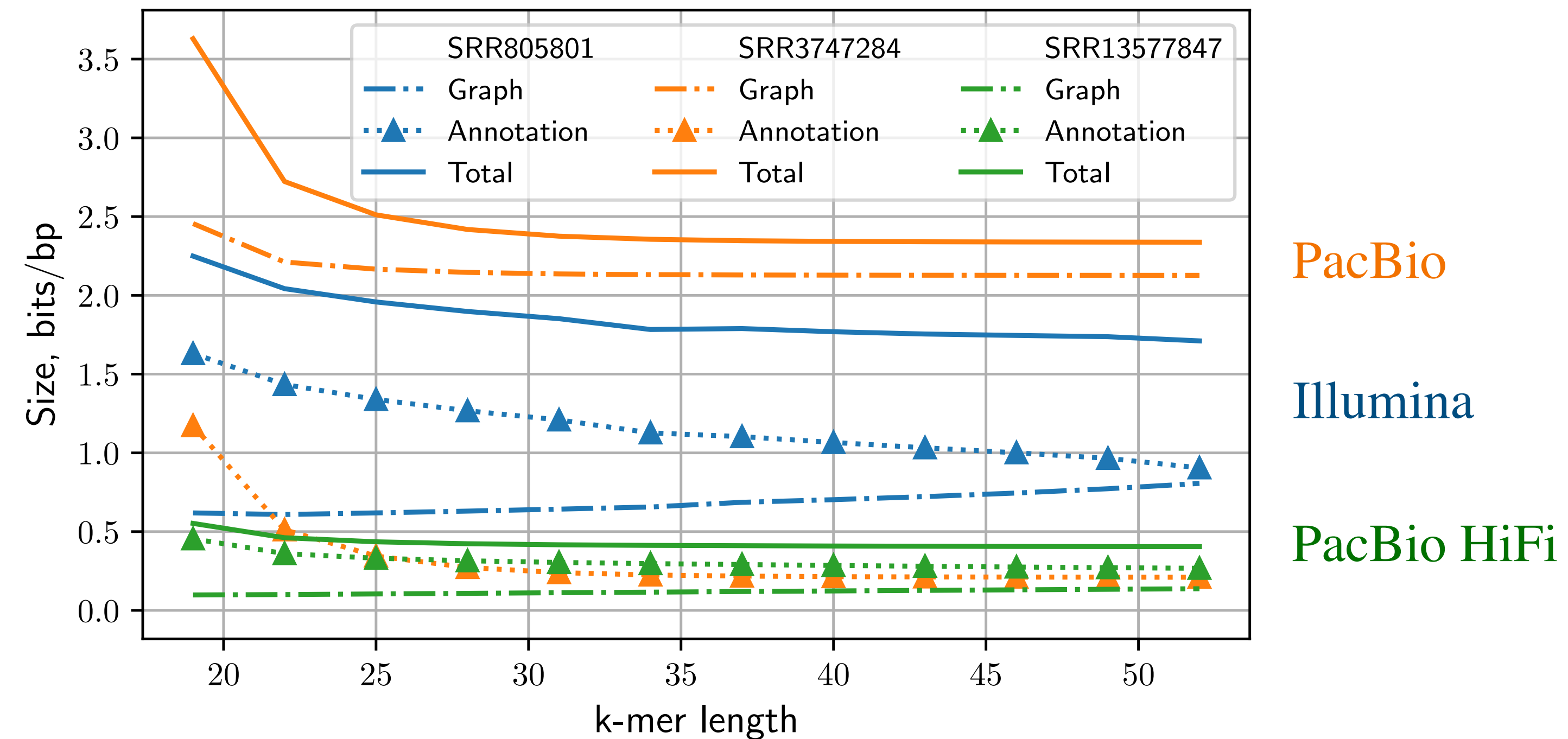
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Thanks for your attention!

Backup slides

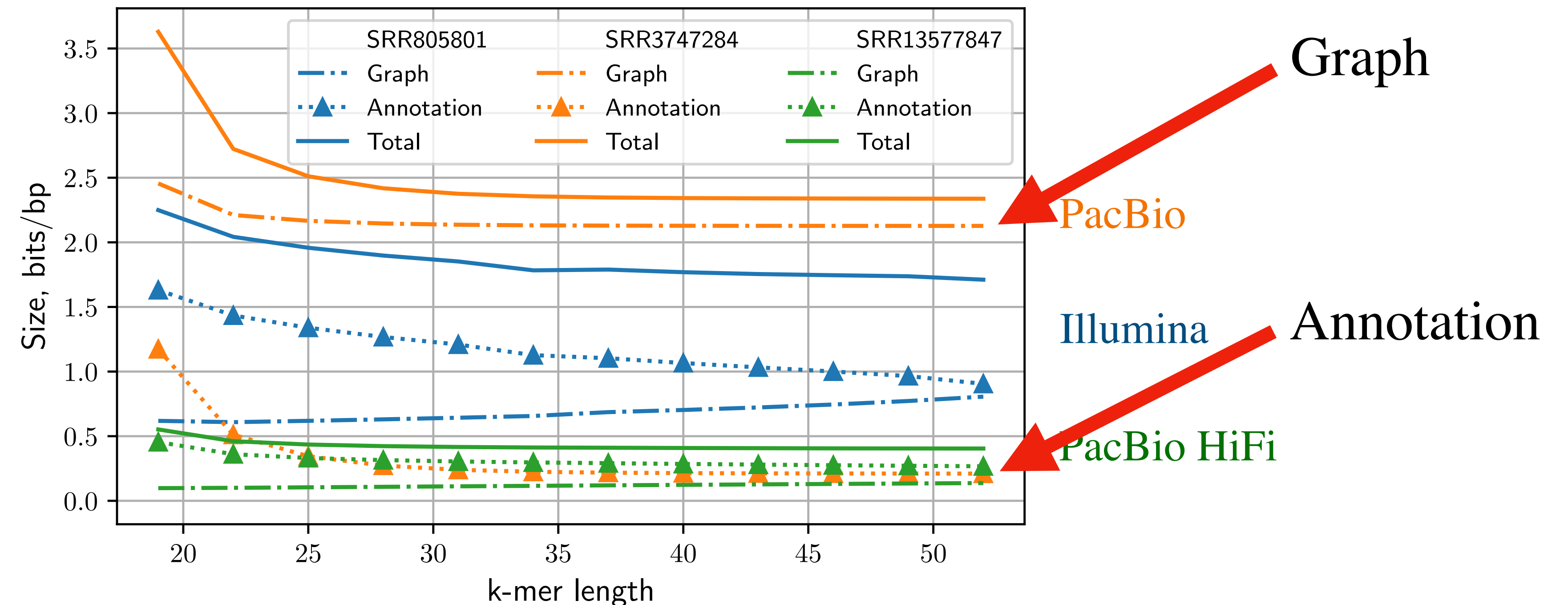
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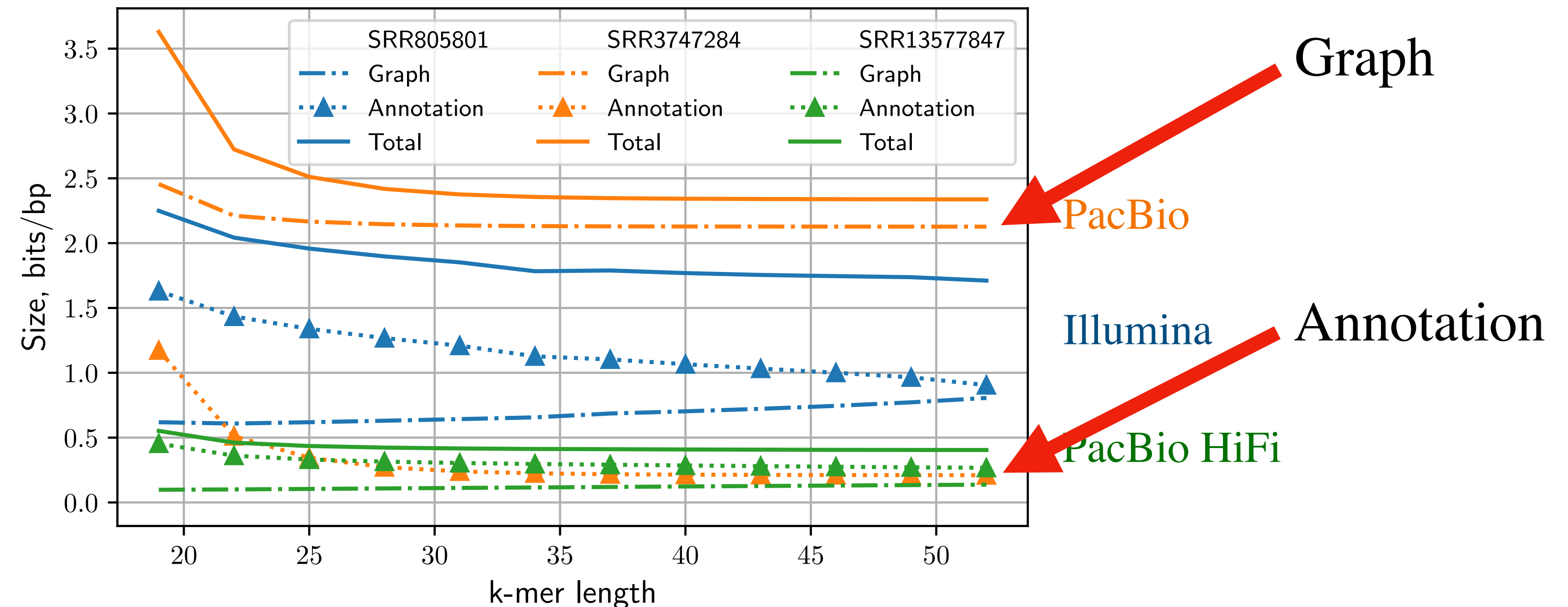
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2. Index size does not increase for larger values of k even for short Illumina reads

Construction time

Method	Construction time			Max. RAM		
	Binary	Smooth counts	Raw counts	Binary	Smooth counts	Raw counts
k-mer spectrum estimation with ntCard [†]	2.0 h	-	-	19 GB	-	-
k-mer counting with Squeakr [†]	35.4 h	-	-	333 GB	-	-
k-mer counting with Squeakr (single thread) ^{†*}	19.3 h	-	-	483 GB	-	-
Graph and annotation construction with Mantis*	9.6 h	-	-	42.7 GB	-	-
Annotation transform to MST	0.4 h	-	-	26.6 GB	-	-
Mantis-MST (all steps)	29.3 h	-	-	483 GB	-	-
k-mer counting with KMC [†] (with flag -m2)	3.2 h	-	-	41 GB	-	-
Assembling contigs from k-mers with MetaGraph [†]	0.7 h	-	-	51 GB	-	-
Graph construction and annotation with MetaGraph	1.7 h	-	-	52 GB	-	-
Annotation transform to RowDiff-MultiBRWT	1.3 h	-	-	58 GB	-	-
RowDiff (all steps)	6.9 h	-	-	58 GB	-	-
Assembling unitigs with BCALM [†] (with -max-memory 1000)	40.6 h	40.6 h	-	152 GB	152 GB	-
REINDEER (indexing)*	8.7 h	10.6 h	-	68.8 GB	59.4 GB	-
REINDEER (all steps)	49.3 h	51.2 h	-	152 GB	152 GB	-
k-mer counting with KMC [†] (with flag -m2)	3.2 h	3.2 h	3.2 h	41 GB	41 GB	41 GB
Assembling contigs from k-mers with MetaGraph [†]	0.7 h	0.9 h	0.8 h	51 GB	70 GB	70 GB
Graph construction and annotation with MetaGraph	1.6 h	2.2 h	2.3 h	52 GB	52 GB	52 GB
Annotation transformation (this work)	1.2 h	1.2 h	1.4 h	59 GB	88 GB	88 GB
This work (all steps)	6.7 h	7.5 h	7.7 h	59 GB	88 GB	88 GB

Alignment performance

Supplemental Table 2. Percentage of simulated reads mapping exactly to their respective ground-truth sequences (top) and total query time in seconds (bottom). For each reference, 2000 Illumina reads were simulated using ART and 200 PacBio CLR reads were simulated using pbsim, respectively. PuffAligner was unable to align the PacBio-type reads.

Reference	Minimap2	BLAST	PuffAligner	vg	GraphAligner	MetaGraph-Aligner	This work
Illumina: E. coli	99.18%	99.45%	99.84%	100.00%	99.8%	100.00%	100.00%
Illumina: chr22	97.36%	98.4%	99.70%	100.00%	96.46%	99.25%	99.95%
PacBio: E. coli	15.58%	21.61%	N/A	0.00%	29.15%	38.69%	41.71%
PacBio: chr22	23.04%	26.96%	N/A	0.00%	34.31%	0.49%	40.20%
Illumina: E. coli	0.13 s	0.39 s	0.03 s	1.16 s	3.22 s	1.13 s	1.47 s
Illumina: chr22	0.47 s	26.69 s	0.96 s	5.67 s	42.93 s	6.67 s	3.04 s
PacBio: E. coli	1.11 s	1.51 s	4.31 s	443.23 s	7.39 s	40.20 s	22.19 s
PacBio: chr22	2.43 s	34.80 s	4.91 s	1059.05 s	48.99 s	828.91 s	37.76 s

Data

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