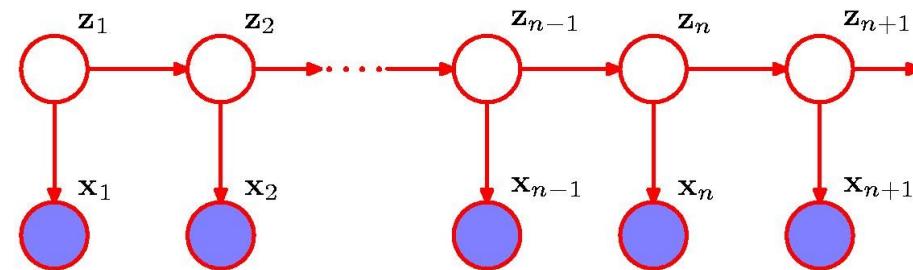


# Hidden Markov Models

## Some useful extensions



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# Last time

We developed an HMM for gene finding ...

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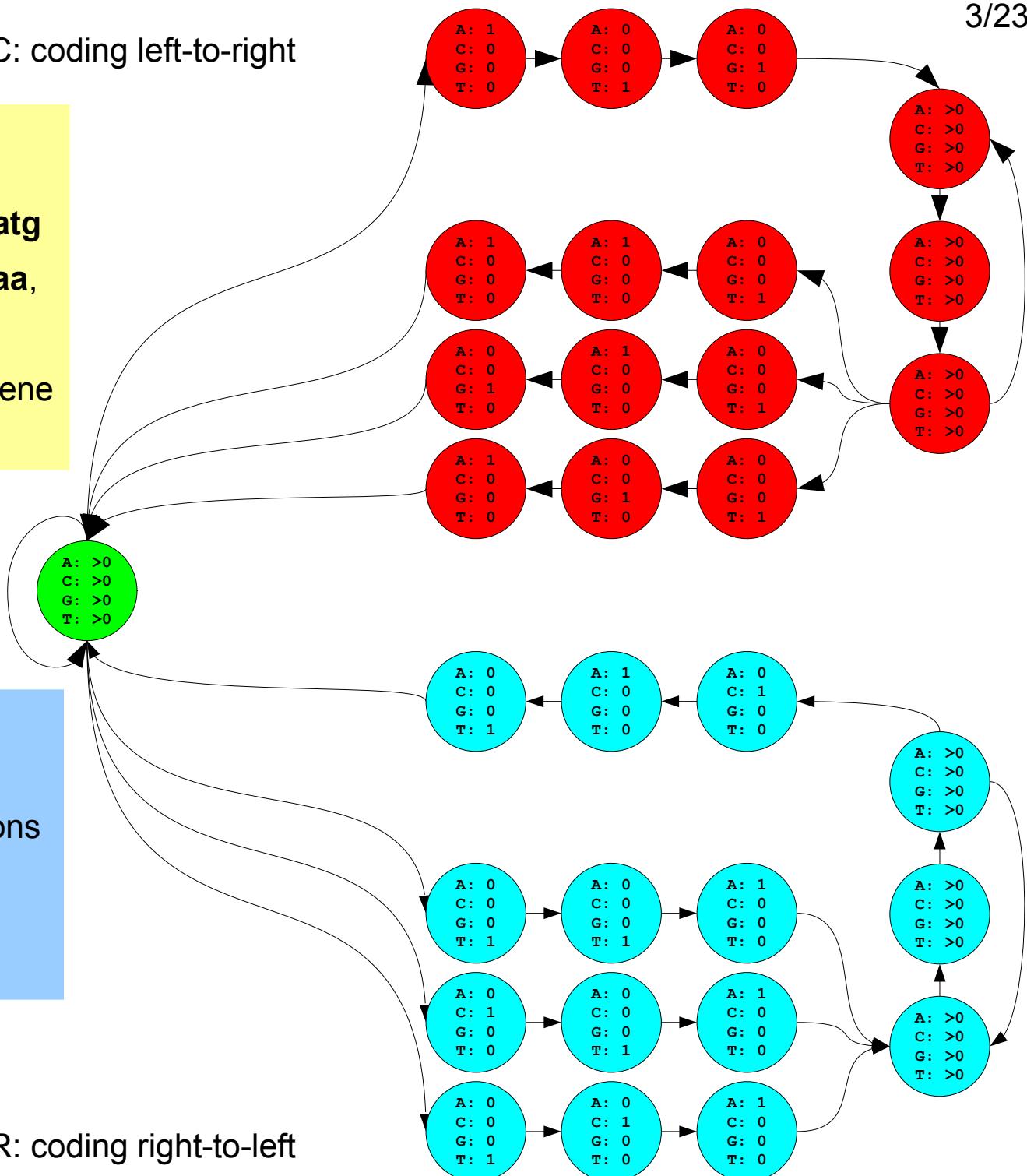
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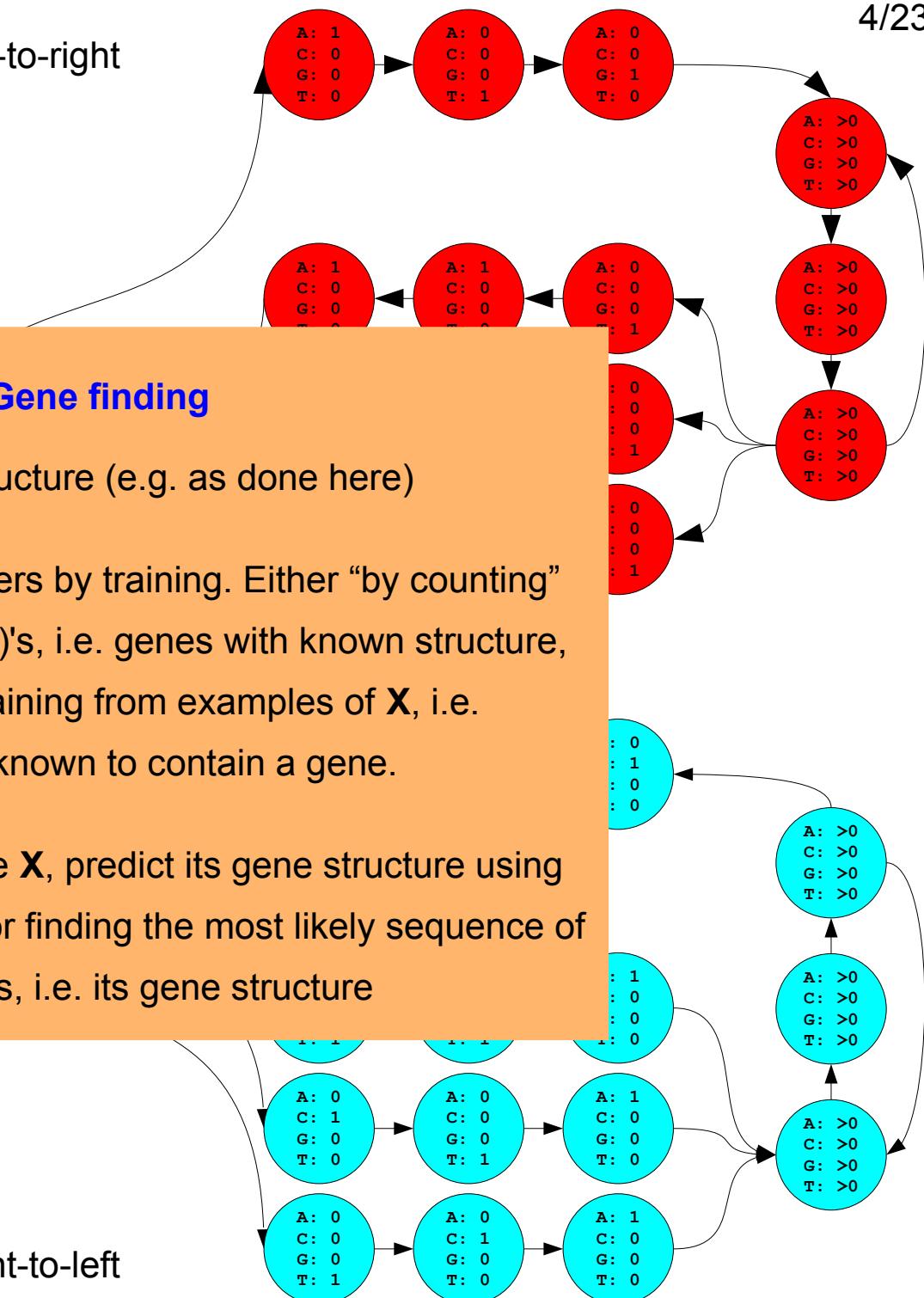
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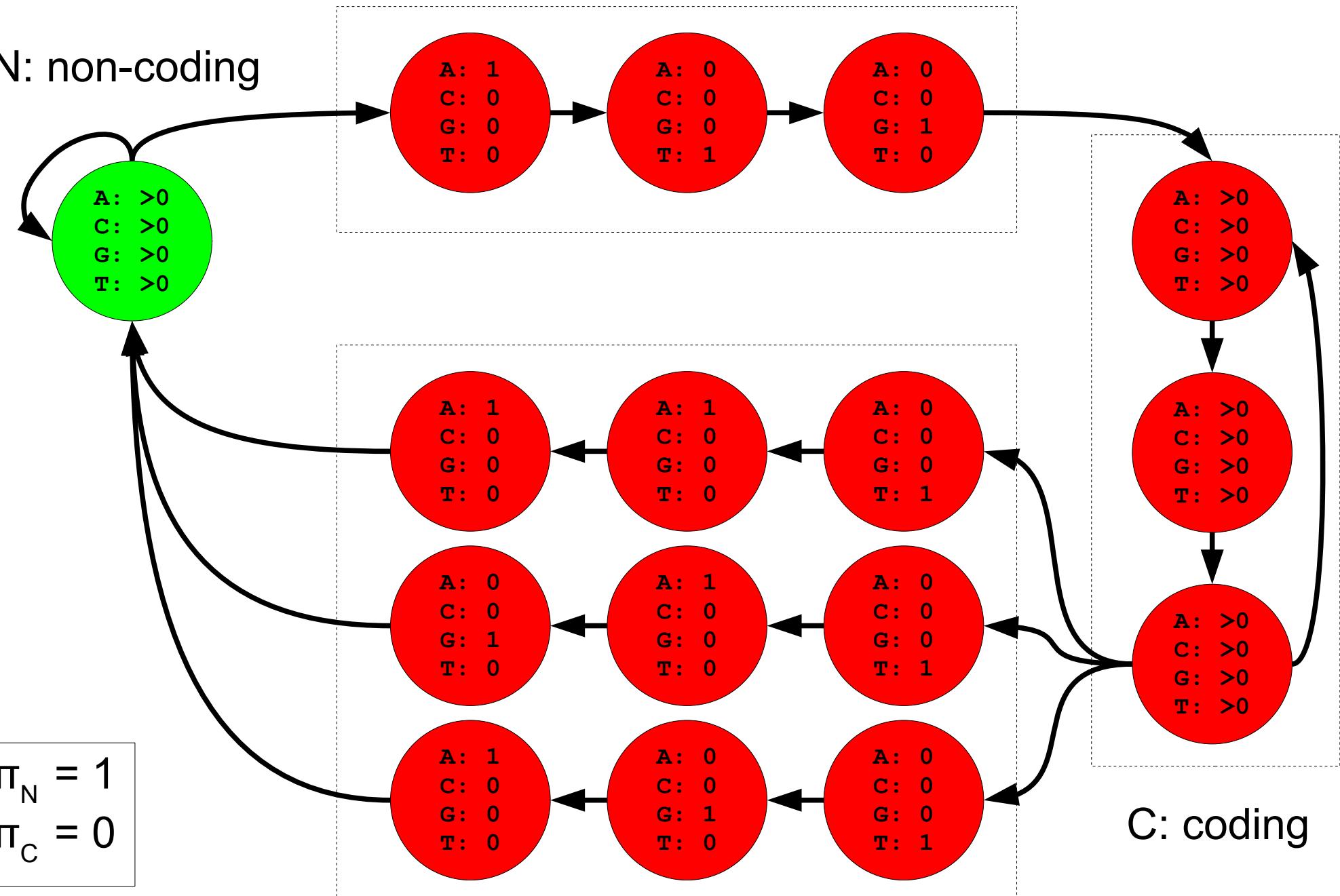
- Select initial model structure (e.g. as done here)
- Select model parameters by training. Either “by counting” from examples of  $(X, Z)$ 's, i.e. genes with known structure, or by EM- or Viterbi-training from examples of  $X$ , i.e. sequences which are known to contain a gene.
- Given a new sequence  $X$ , predict its gene structure using the Viterbi algorithm for finding the most likely sequence of underlying latent states, i.e. its gene structure

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# The “forward-coding” part

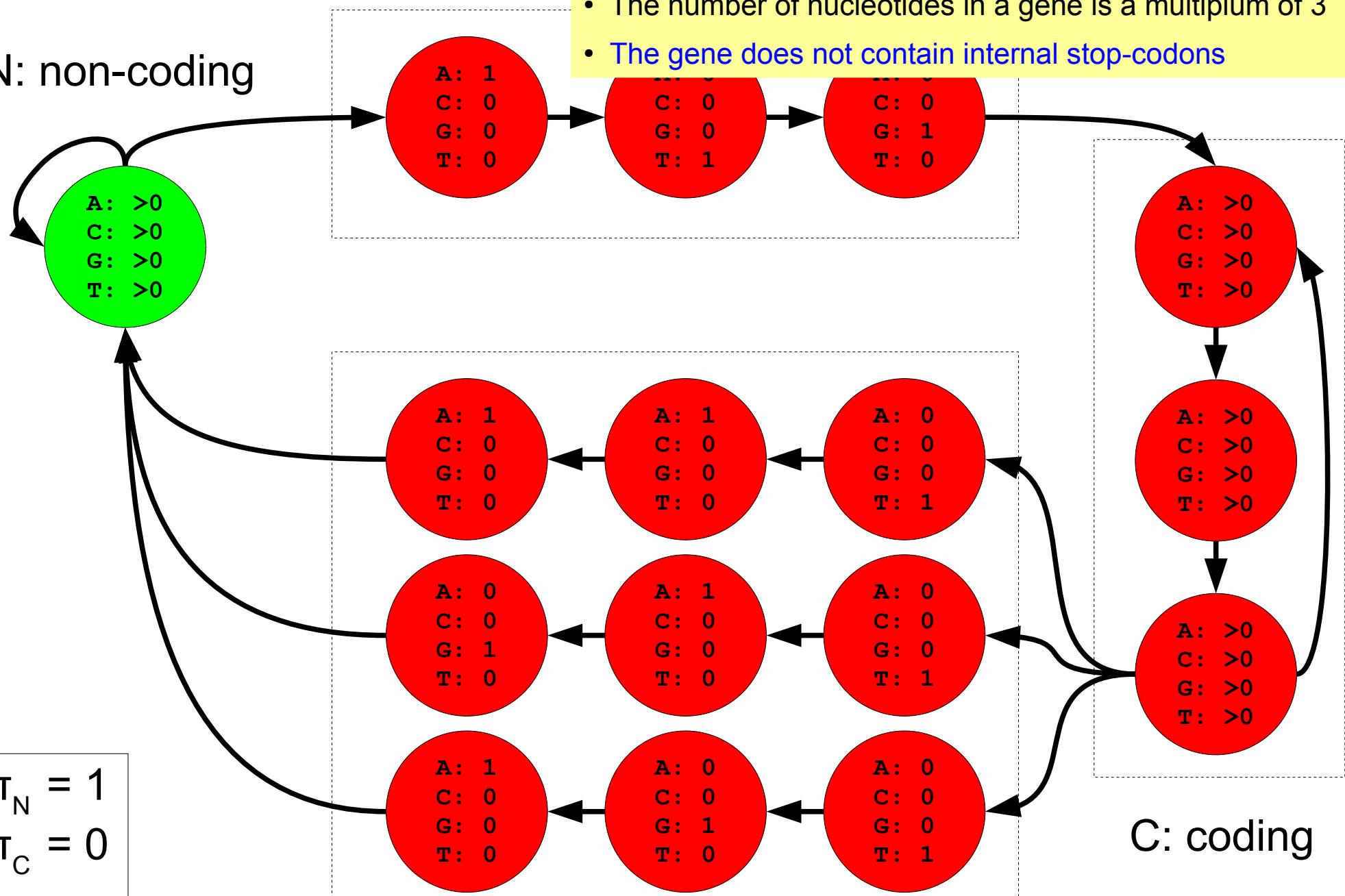
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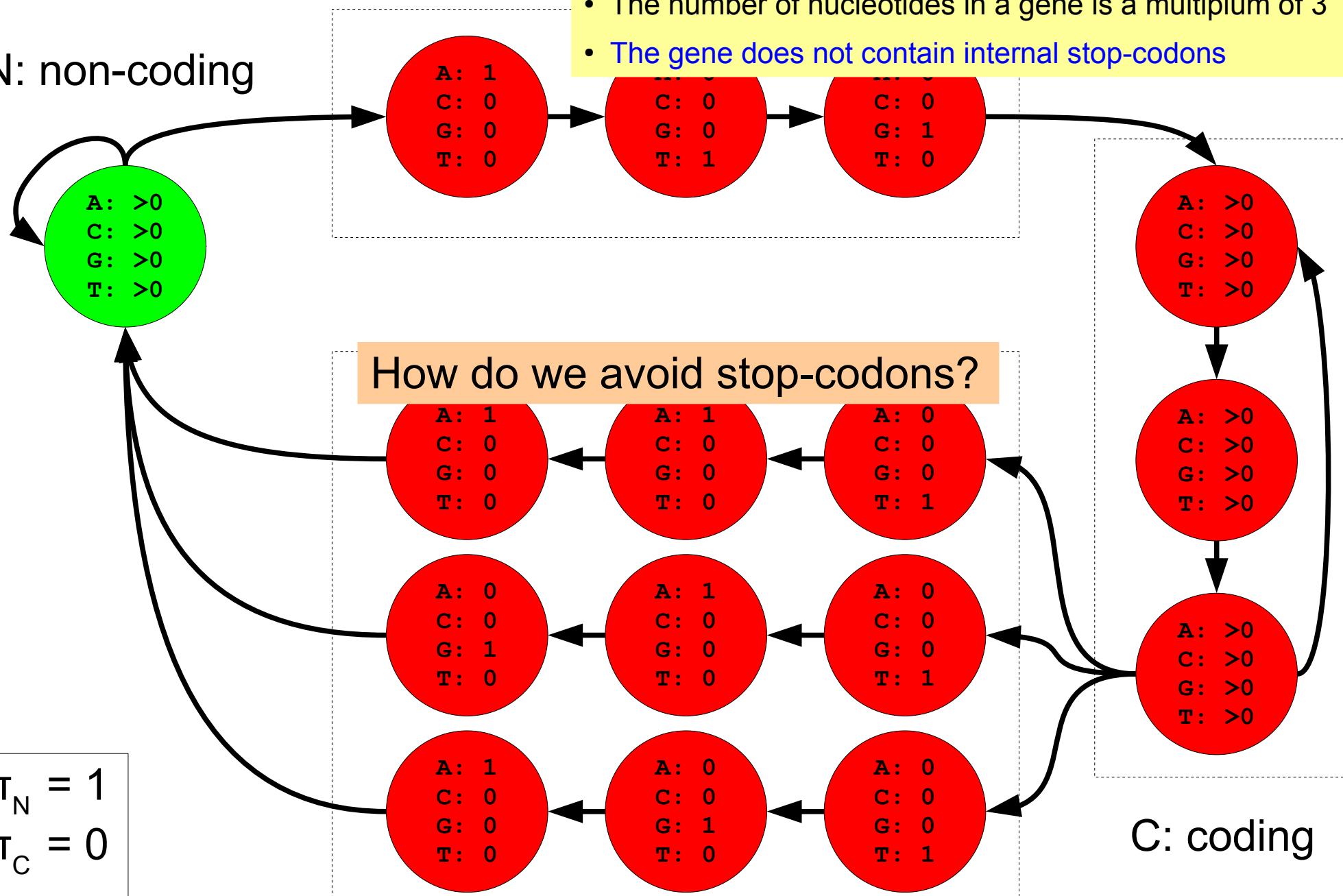
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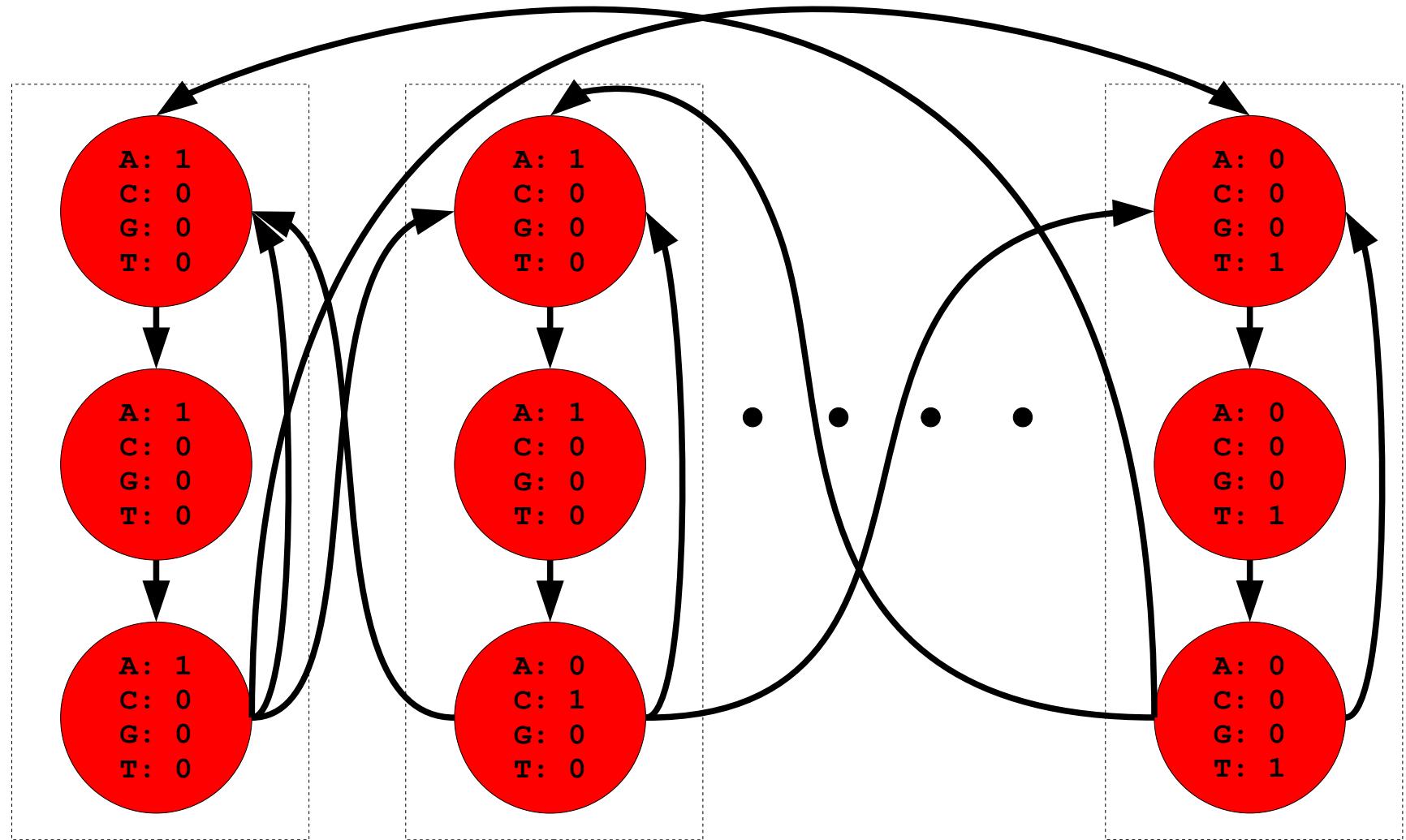
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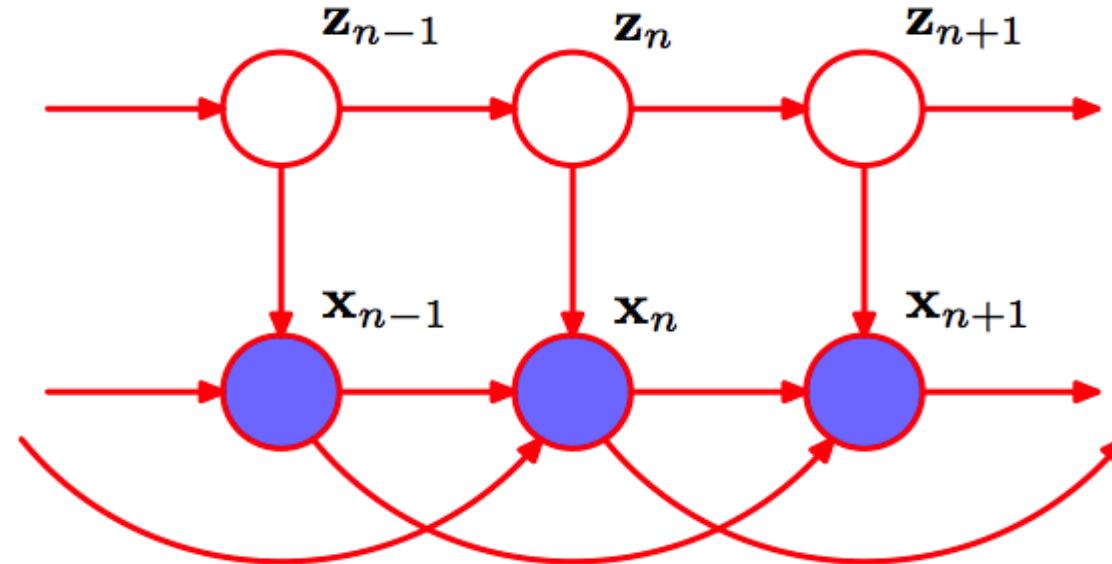
# Avoiding internal stop-codons



Encode the emission of each legal codon as a sequence of states.  
Many states ( $61 \times 3 = 183$ ) and non-trivial transitions ( $61 \times 60 = 3660$ )!

# Other ideas?

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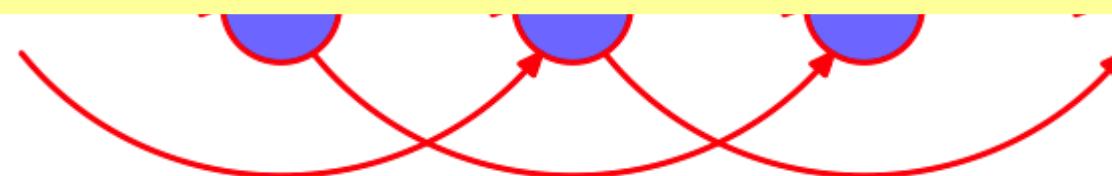
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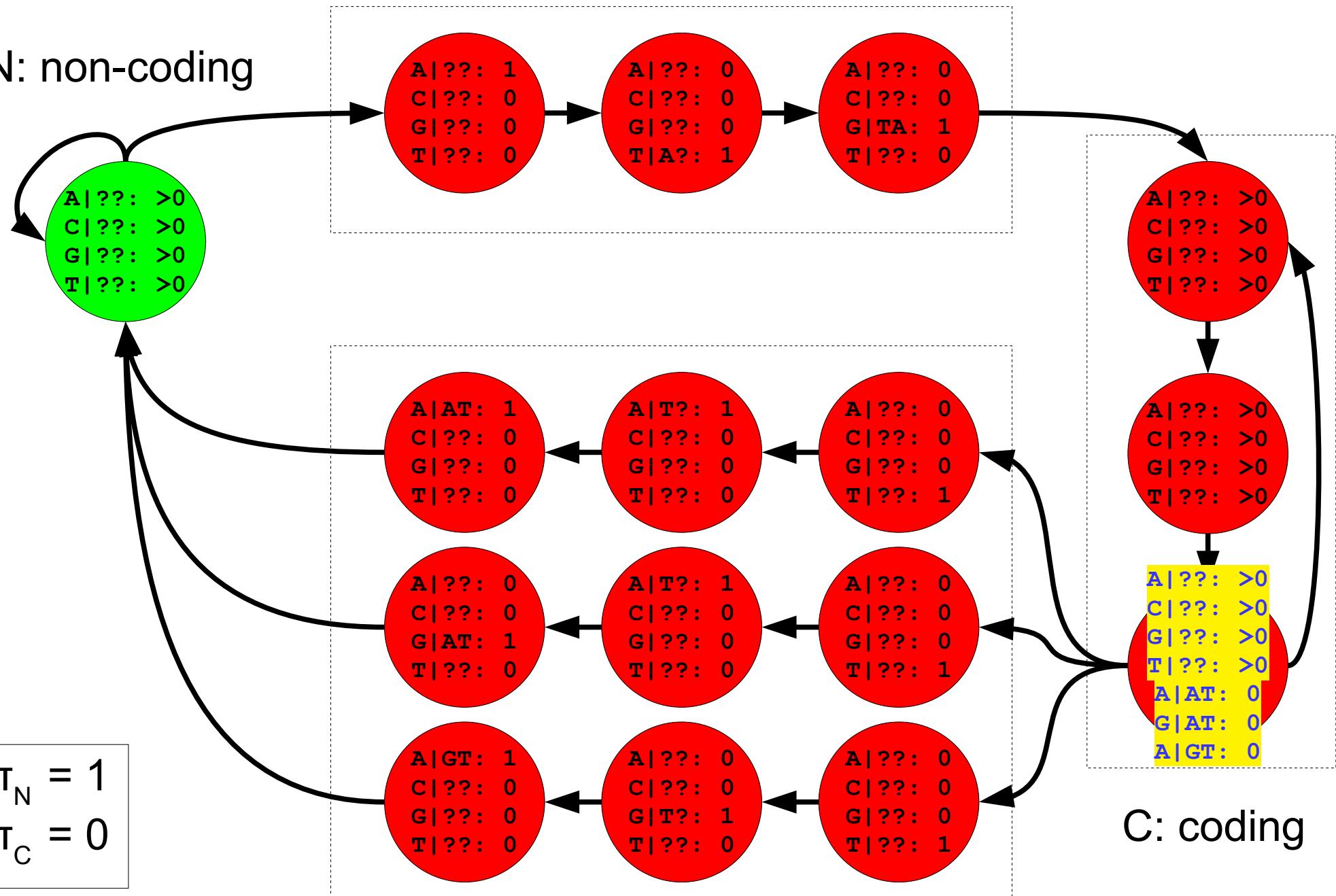
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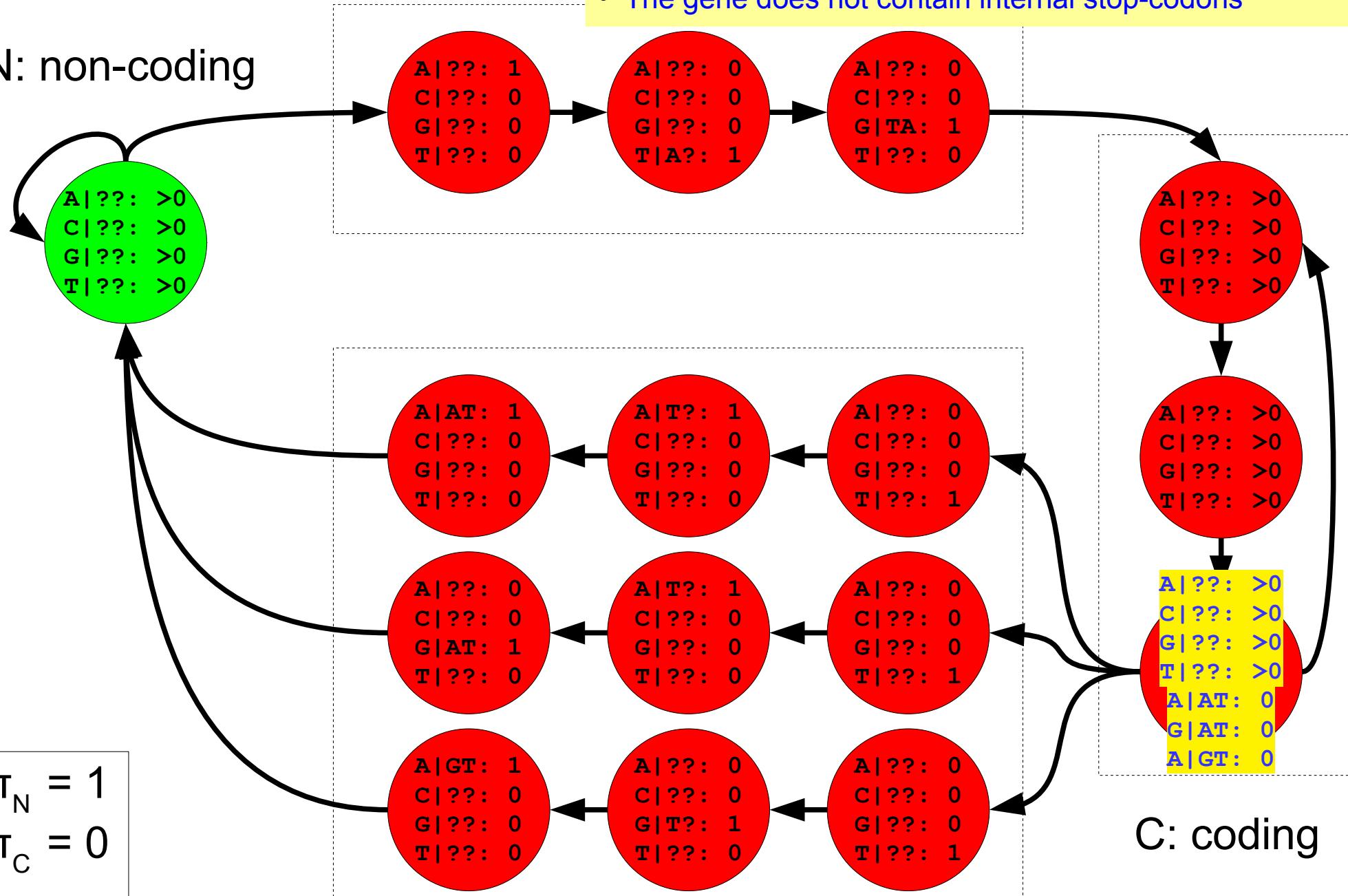
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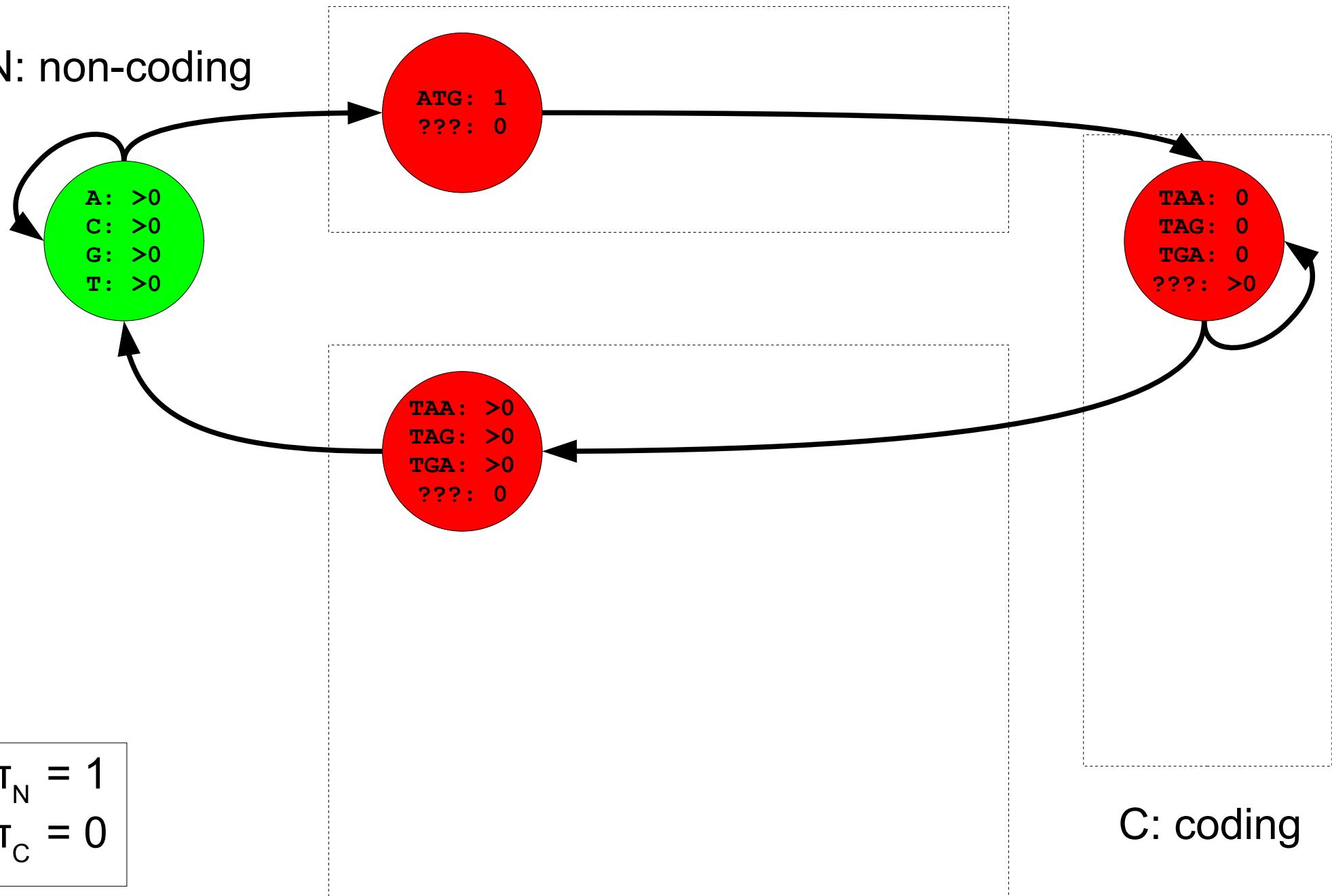
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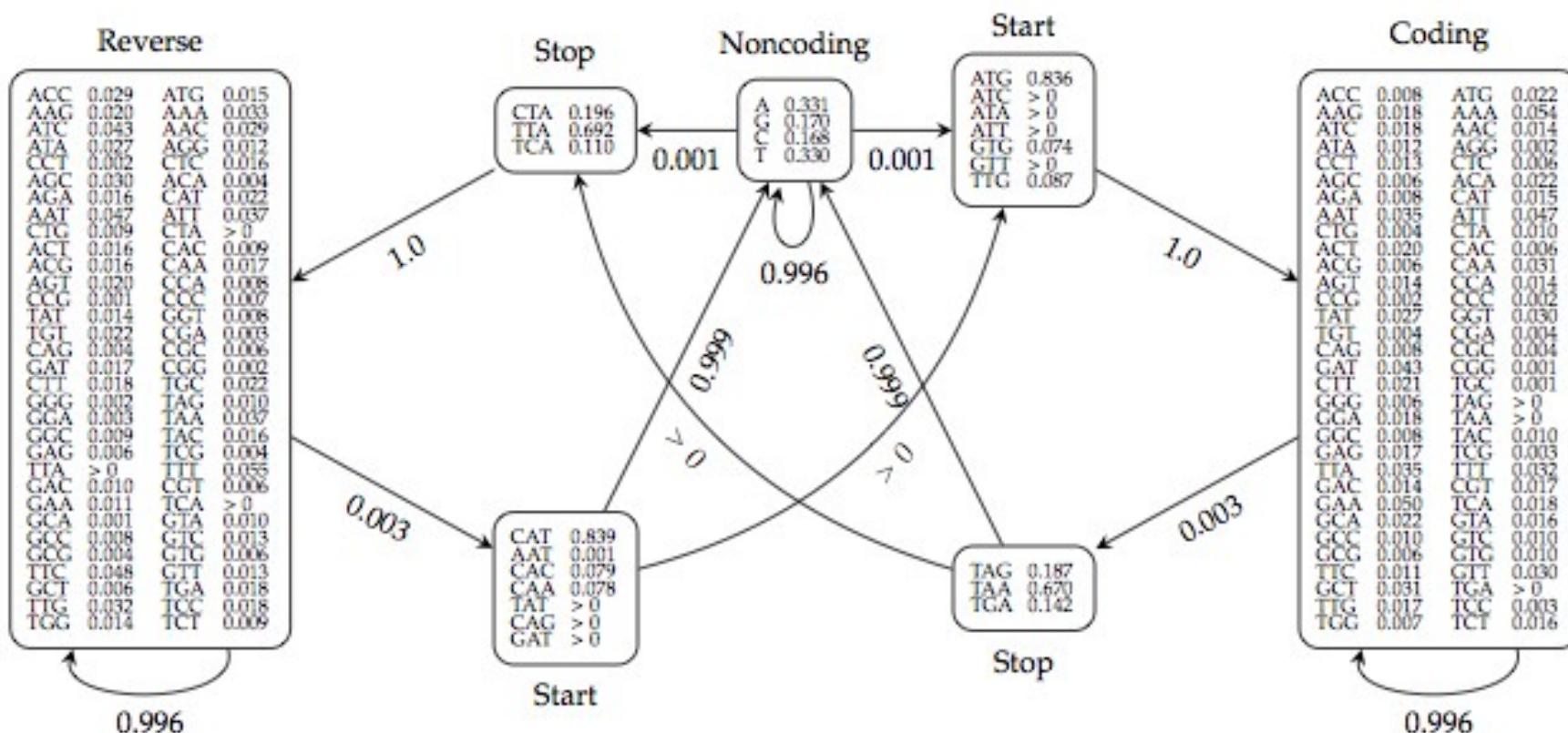
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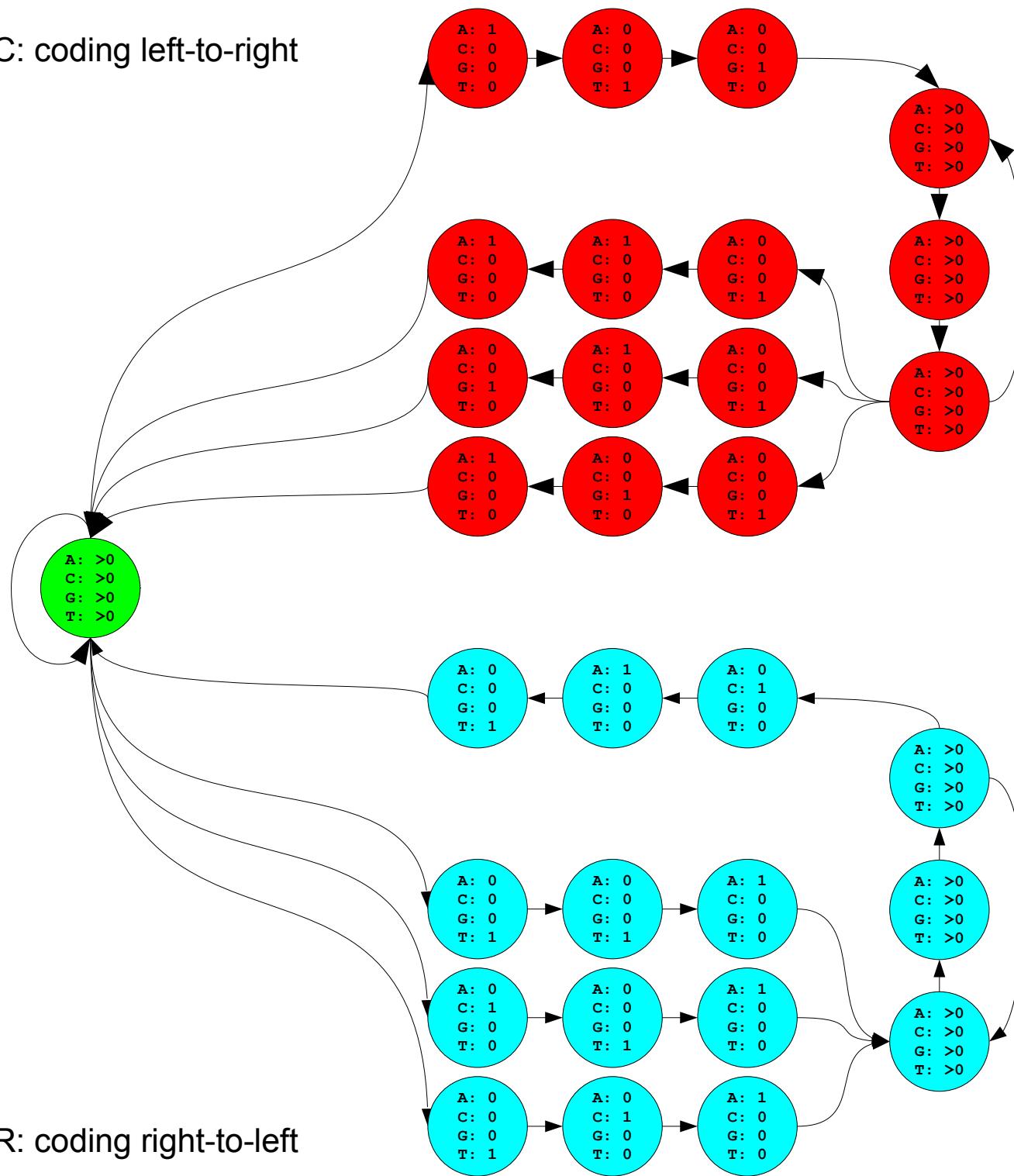
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# A “codon” model



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## ACs between predictions and true annotations sorted by average

	Genome 6	Genome 7	Genome 8	Genome 9	Genome 10	Average
3	0,6313	0,6378	0,6007	0,5310	0,4762	<b>0,5754</b>
22	0,6313	0,6378	0,6007	0,5310	0,4762	<b>0,5754</b>
9	0,6053	0,6147	0,5708	0,4919	0,4197	<b>0,5405</b>
10	0,4628	0,4587	0,4245	0,3244	0,3613	<b>0,4063</b>
21	0,4619	0,4582	0,4219	0,3239	0,3603	<b>0,4052</b>
13	0,4539	0,4547	0,4159	0,3121	0,3650	<b>0,4003</b>
11	0,4522	0,4504	0,4172	0,3139	0,3648	<b>0,3997</b>
1	0,4520	0,4529	0,4165	0,3122	0,3646	<b>0,3996</b>
25	0,4543	0,4515	0,4144	0,3133	0,3596	<b>0,3986</b>
18	0,4521	0,4481	0,4112	0,3095	0,3619	<b>0,3966</b>
15	0,4501	0,4449	0,4187	0,2974	0,3586	<b>0,3939</b>
24	0,4237	0,4326	0,4063	0,2769	0,3816	<b>0,3842</b>
14	0,4359	0,4383	0,3974	0,2642	0,3467	<b>0,3765</b>
2	0,4286	0,4548	0,3725	0,2473	0,3733	<b>0,3753</b>
19	0,3856	0,4075	0,3727	0,2926	0,3059	<b>0,3529</b>
23	0,3854	0,4073	0,3551	0,2336	0,3710	<b>0,3505</b>
5	0,3850	0,4008	0,3619	0,2559	0,3119	<b>0,3431</b>
6	0,3821	0,3914	0,3504	0,2365	0,3263	<b>0,3373</b>
16	0,2917	0,3462	0,2618	0,2240	0,3213	<b>0,2890</b>
7	0,0247	0,0978	0,0311	0,0642	0,1441	<b>0,0724</b>
4	0,0254	0,0939	0,0253	0,0631	0,1387	<b>0,0693</b>
20	0,0775	0,0526	0,1344	-0,0246	0,0765	<b>0,0633</b>
12	0,0344	0,0820	0,0089	0,0549	0,1144	<b>0,0589</b>
17	-0,2748	-0,2571	-0,2635	-0,2657	-0,3075	<b>-0,2737</b>
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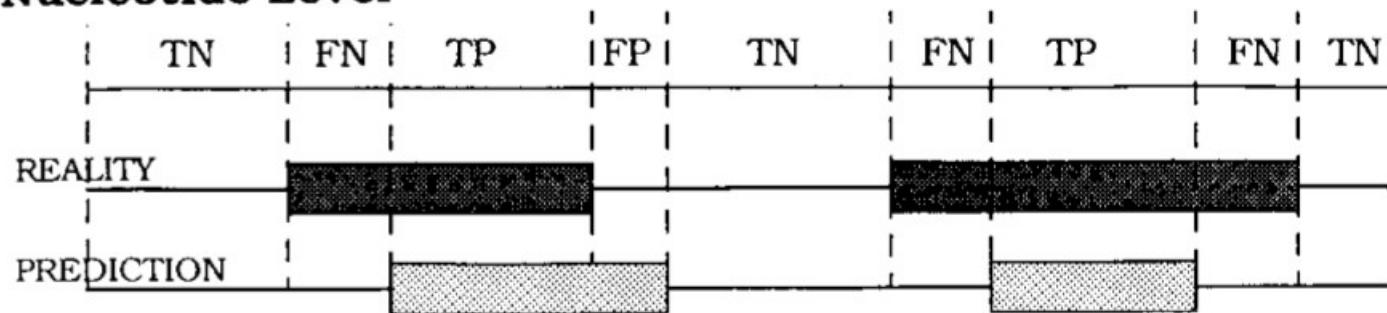
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Problems  
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# Evaluating performance

## Nucleotide Level



		REALITY		
		coding	no coding	
PREDICTION	coding	TP	FP	TP+FP
	no coding	FN	TN	FN+TN
		TP+FN	TF+TN	

$$Sn = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

**Sensitivity**

$$Sp = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

**Specificity**

$$CC = \frac{(TP \times TN) - (FN \times FP)}{\sqrt{(TP + FN) \times (TN + FP) \times (TP + FP) \times (TN + FN)}}$$

**Correlation Coefficient**

$$ACP = \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{TP}{TP + FN} + \frac{TP}{TP + FP} + \frac{TN}{TN + FP} + \frac{TN}{TN + FN} \right]$$

$$AC = (ACP - 0.5) \times 2$$

**Approximate Correlation**

# History and applications of HMMs

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Hidden Markov Models were introduced in statistical papers by Leonard E. Baum and others in the late 1960s. One of the first applications of HMMs was speech recognition in the mid-1970s.

In the late 1980s, HMMs were applied to the analysis of biological sequences. Since then, many applications in bioinformatics...

## Applications of HMMs in bioinformatics

prediction of protein-coding regions in genome sequences

modeling families of related DNA or protein sequences

prediction of secondary structure elements in proteins

... and many others ...