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Introduction to binding pocket prediction of protein w.r.t to PTM studies

Protein structures are complex and are sculpted with numerous surface pockets, internal cavities and cross channels. These topographic features provide structural basis and micro-environments for proteins to carry out their functions such as ligand binding, DNA interaction and enzymatic activity. Identification and quantification of these topographic features of proteins are therefore of fundamental importance for understanding the structure–function relationship of proteins, in engineering proteins for desired properties and in developing therapeutics against protein targets.

CASTp:

- The CASTp server aims to provide comprehensive and detailed quantitative characterization of topographic features of proteins. Since its release 15 years ago, the CASTp server has ~45,000 visits and fulfills ~33,000 calculation requests annually. It has been proven to be a useful tool for a wide range of studies, including investigations of signaling receptors, discoveries of cancer therapeutics, understanding of mechanism of drug actions, studies of immune disorder diseases, analysis of protein—nanoparticle interactions, inference of protein functions and development of high-throughput computational tools.
- The CASTp server takes protein structures in the PDB format and a probe radius as input for topographic computation. Through the intuitive interface, users can either search for pre-computed results using a four-letter PDB ID, or submit their own protein structures to request customized computation. For pre-computed results, a default probe radius of 1.4 Å is used, which is the standard value for computing solvent accessible surface area. For customized computation request, users can specify any probe radius desired.
- The CASTp server identifies all surface pockets, interior cavities and cross channels in a protein structure and provides detailed delineation of all atoms participating in their formation. It also measures their exact volumes and areas, as well as sizes of the mouth openings if exist. These metrics are calculated analytically, using both the solvent accessible surface model (Richards' surface) and the molecular surface model (Connolly's surface). In addition, the CASTp server also provides imprints of topographic features. These results can be directly downloaded from CASTp server, which can be visualized using either the UCSF Chimera or our PyMOL plugin, CASTpyMOL.

NetOGlyc – 4.0

- Glycosylation is the most abundant and diverse posttranslational modification of proteins. While several types of glycosylation can be predicted by the protein sequence context, and substantial knowledge of these glycoproteomes is available, our knowledge of the GalNAc-type O-glycosylation is highly limited. This type of glycosylation is unique in being regulated by 20 polypeptide GalNAc-transferases attaching the initiating GalNAc monosaccharides to Ser and Thr (and likely some Tyr) residues.
- The finding of unique subsets of O-glycoproteins in each cell line provides evidence that the O-glycoproteome is differentially regulated and dynamic. The greatly expanded view of the O-glycoproteome should facilitate the exploration of how site-specific O-glycosylation regulates protein function.

• The output conforms to the GFF version 2 format. For each input sequence the server prints a list of potential glycosylation sites, showing their positions in the sequence and the prediction confidence scores. Only the sites with scores higher than 0.5 are predicted as glycosylated and marked with the string "#POSITIVE" in the comment field.

NetPhos - 3.1

- Protein phosphorylation at serine, threonine or tyrosine residues affects a multitude of cellular signaling processes. How is specificity in substrate recognition and phosphorylation by protein kinases achieved?
- In addition, serine and threonine residues in p300/CBP that can be modified by O-linked glycosylation with N-acetylglucosamine are identified. Glycosylation may prevent phosphorylation at these sites, a mechanism named yin-yang regulation.
- The results can be interpreted as:
 - o **Sequence** the sequence name;
 - o # the position of the residue in the sequence;
 - \circ **x** the residue in one-letter code;
 - Context the sequence context of the residue, shown as a 9-residue subsequence centered on the residue;
 - Score the prediction score (a value in the range [0.000-1.000]; the scores above **0.500** indicate positive predictions);
 - **Kinase** the active kinase or the string "unsp" for non-specific prediction (as in NetPhos 2.0);
 - Answer the string "YES" for positive predictions, else a dot.

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WEBLEM 6A

To predict binding pocket of protein Glutamine using Castp server.

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• Glutamine

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Methodology:

- Take a PDB id from a protein structure of Glutamine
- Enter the PDB id on the webpage of CASTp
- Interpret the results

Observation:

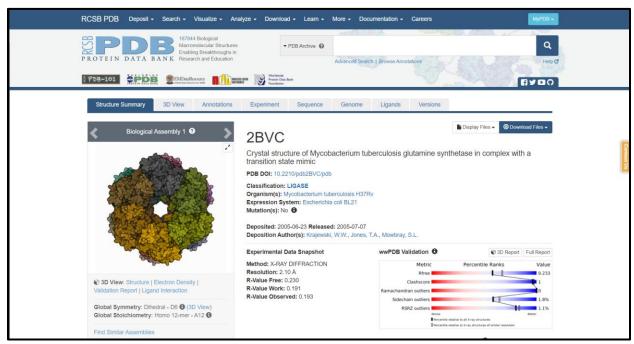


Fig1. PDB page for query Glutamine

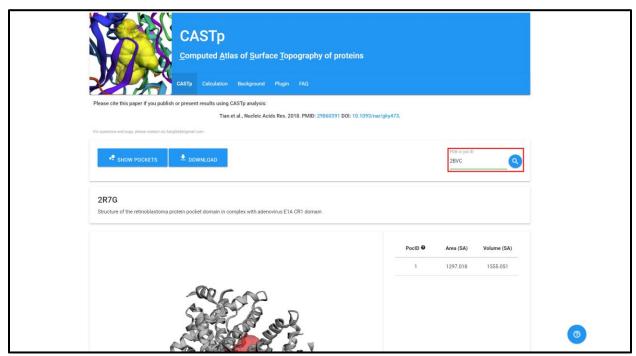


Fig2. CASTp page with the PDB id of my query entered

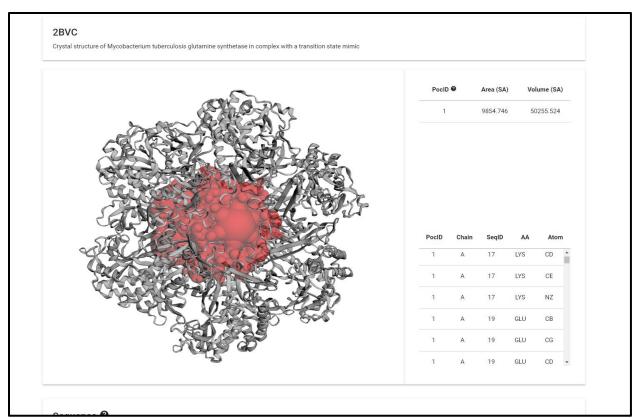


Fig3. Result of my query on CASTp

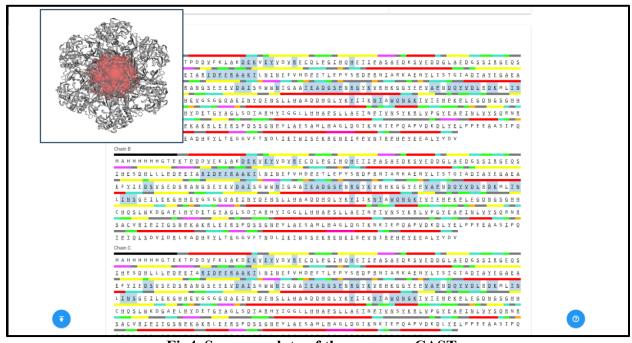


Fig4. Sequence data of the query on CASTp

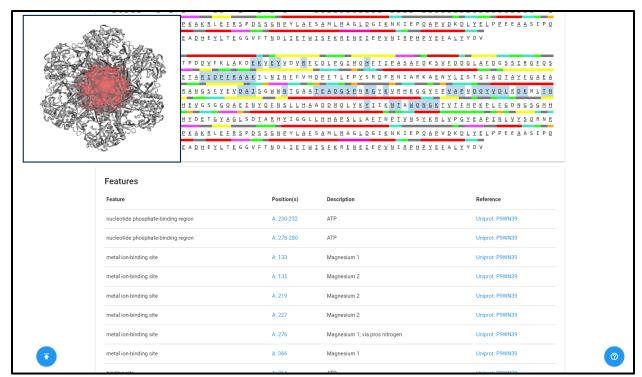


Fig5. Features data of my query on CASTp

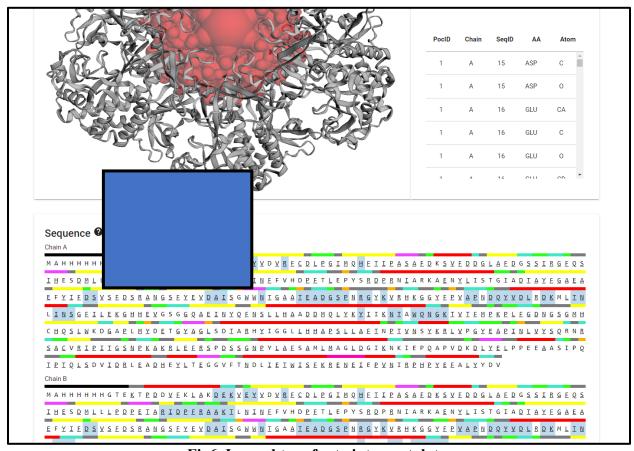


Fig6. Legend to refer to interpret data

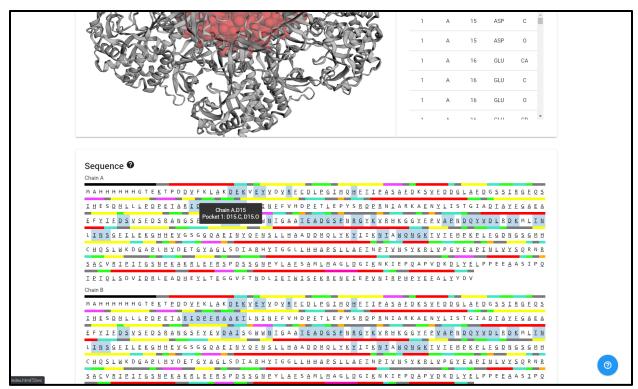


Fig7. Pocket info for Chain A.D15, Pocket 1: D15.C, D15.O

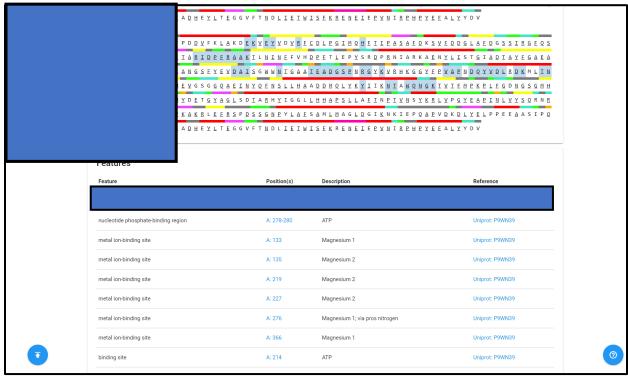


Fig8. Position in 3D space of nucleotide phosphate binding region A:230-232

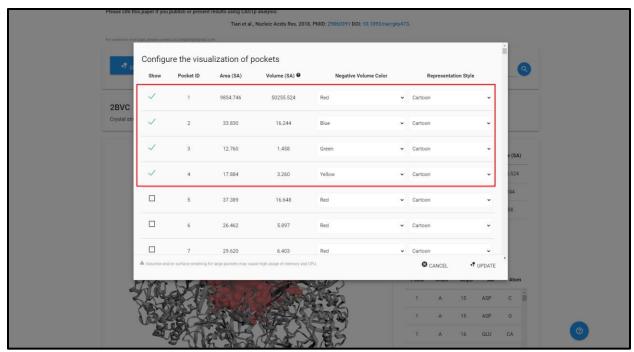


Fig9. Customizing the visualization of pocket in CASTp

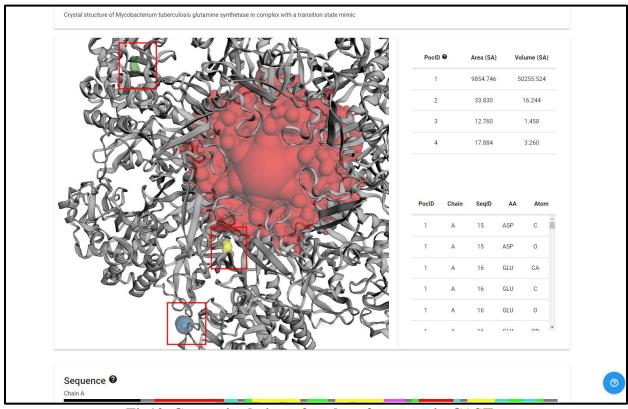


Fig10. Customized view of pockets for query in CASTp

Result:

- **1.** The Results are categorically divided:
 - **a.** Structure: Here we can customize the visualization of the protein structure.
 - **b. Sequence:** Here we can see the amino acid sequences of the given protein structure.
 - **c.** Features: Here we see the features of the provided protein structure
- 2. In the given structure the Area is 9854.746 SA and the volume is 50255.524 SA

Observation:

- Castp is a great tool to find out the specific sites on the protein in 3D space.
- The colors of the site can be changed according to us and be seen clearly and boldly.

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WEBLEM 6B

To predict binding pocket for Glycosylation sites in (query name) using NetOGlyc 4.0 Server

Introduction:

- Glycosylation is the most abundant and diverse posttranslational modification of proteins.
- The output conforms to the GFF version 2 format. For each input sequence the server prints a list of potential glycosylation sites, showing their positions in the sequence and the prediction confidence scores. Only the sites with scores higher than 0.5 are predicted as glycosylated and marked with the string "#POSITIVE" in the comment field.

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Methodology:

- Take a FASTA sequence from uniport
- Enter the sequence into the submission box
- Interpret the result according to the output tab

Observation:

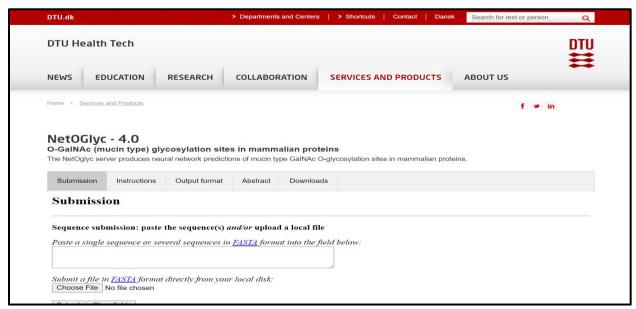


Fig1. Homepage of NetOGlyc – 1.0

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RKLVAEVSLQNPLPVALEGCTFTVEGAGLTEEQKTVEIPDPVEAGEEVKVRMDLLPLHMG

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Fig2. FASTA Sequence for query Glutamine

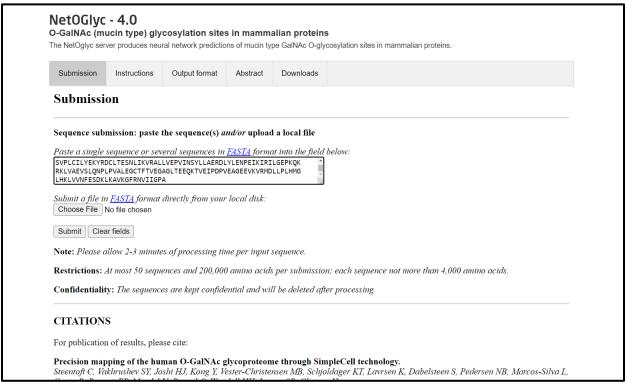


Fig3. Homepage of NetOGlyc with the FASTA sequence of query pasted in the search box

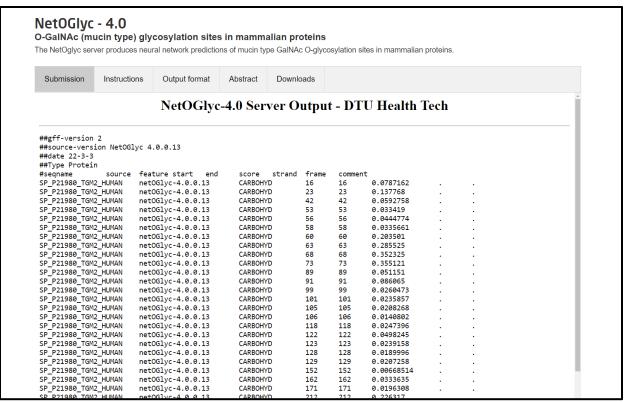


Fig4. Result page of NetNGlyc showing the submission data for query



Fig5. Output format for NetOGlyc used to refer to interpret the results of our query

Result:

- After submitting the FASTA sequence for query Glutamine it gives 3 potential glycolysis sites.
- This interpretation can be made by looking at the scores higher than 0.5 and a comment that has #POSITIVE

Conclusion:

- To conclude NetOGlyc is a great source to gather data about the potential Glycolysis sites quickly and accurately
- We can submit one or multiple sequences upto 50 sequences and 200,000 amino acids at once which makes the processing of sequences more efficient

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WEBLEM 6B

To predict binding pocket for Phosphorylation site in (query name) using NetPhos 3.1 server

Introduction:

• Protein phosphorylation at serine, threonine or tyrosine residues affects a multitude of cellular signaling processes. How is specificity in substrate recognition and phosphorylation by protein kinases achieved? In addition, serine and threonine residues in p300/CBP that can be modified by O-linked glycosylation with N-acetylglucosamine are identified. Glycosylation may prevent phosphorylation at these sites, a mechanism named yin-yang regulation.

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Methodology:

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- Enter it in the submission box for NetPhos
- Interpret the result according to the output page of NetPhos

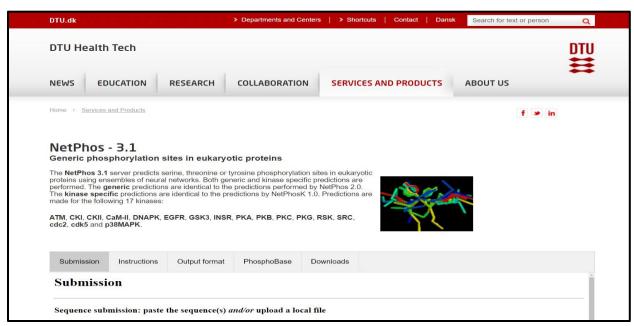


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Fig2. FASTA Sequence for Query Glutamine

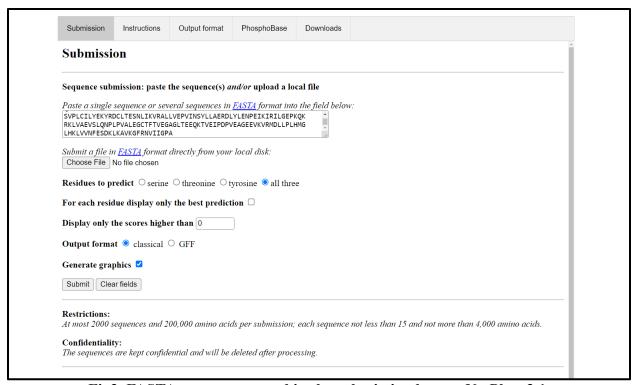


Fig3. FASTA sequence pasted in the submission box on NetPhos 3.1

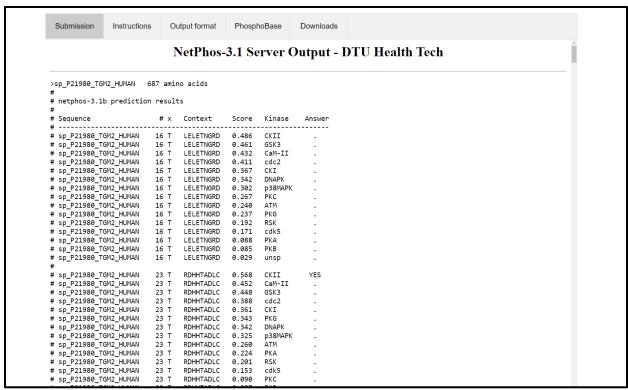


Fig4. Server output for the FASTA sequence showing amino acid prediction results

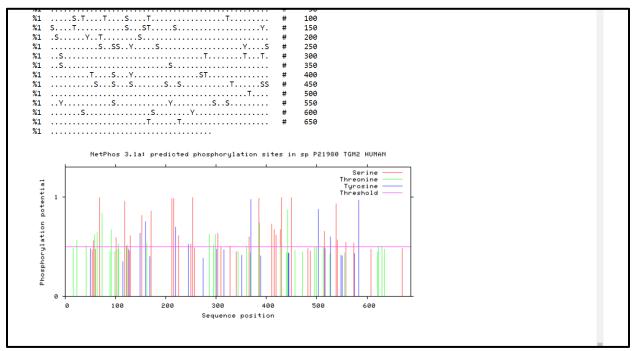


Fig5. Predicted phosphorylation sites in the sequence according to NetPhos 3.1

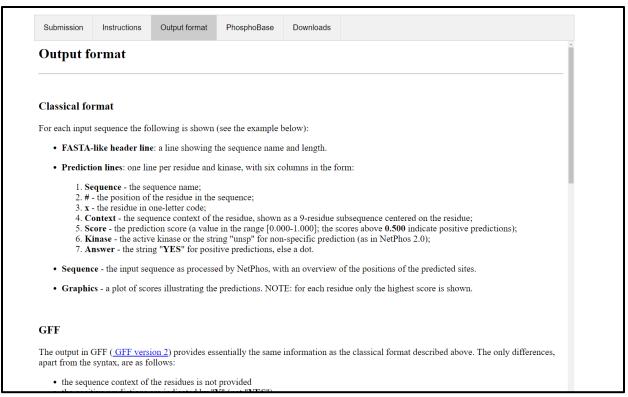


Fig6. Output format of NetPhos 3.1 used to interpret results for query accordingly

Result:

- After submitting the result we can determine that there are 56 potential phosphorylation sites in the given protein sequence
- This interpretation was made on the basis that 56 results have a score about 0.5 and answer is YES
- The active kinase is also given and for non-specific prediction it is "unsp"

Observation:

- NetPhos is a great tool to find the phosphorylation sites of a given protein sequence.
- Multiple sequences can be submitted at once and the results can be interpreted in bulk making it easier to interpret.

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