#### Supplementary material

# Signal peptide prediction in eukaryotes: a comaparison of SVM performance with a PSWM based method

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## **Tables**

**Supplementary Table S1.** The whole dataset table is available as file (dataset.tsv). UniProt ID, class, set, cv\_subset and sequence are reported.

Supplementary Table S2. Hyperparameters lists adopted in the Grid search CV (SVM). (330 combinations)

| Hyperparameter | Values  |
|----------------|---|
| С              | [1,2,4,8,16]  |
| γ              | [1,2,4,8,16,'scale'] ('scale' = 1 / [num. of features * global variance]) |
| К              | [18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28]  |

Supplementary Table S3. Avg. feature importance ranking computed among 5 partially overlapping ranking obtained by PFI in CV.

| Feature   | HP2<br>max | HP2<br>pos | L1  | HP2<br>avg | R1  | W1  | K1   | K2   | 11   | D1   | S1   | E1   | 12   | G1   | C2   | M2   | R2   | L2   | G2   | Q1   | N1   | Y2   |
|-----------|------------|------------|-----|------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Avg. Rank | 1.0        | 2.0        | 3.2 | 4.0        | 5.8 | 8.6 | 12.6 | 14.0 | 14.6 | 15.6 | 17.2 | 17.6 | 18.8 | 18.8 | 20.2 | 21.4 | 21.6 | 21.6 | 21.6 | 22.0 | 22.6 | 25.0 |

| V1   | N2   | D2   | P1   | Y1   | H1   | F1   | V2   | T1   | F2   | E2   | T2   | P2   | M1   | W2   | C1   | A2   | S2   | A1   | H2   | Q2   |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 25.4 | 25.4 | 25.8 | 27.0 | 27.0 | 27.6 | 27.8 | 28.0 | 28.8 | 29.0 | 29.2 | 29.4 | 29.6 | 29.6 | 29.8 | 30.8 | 31.0 | 32.6 | 33.0 | 33.6 | 35.8 |

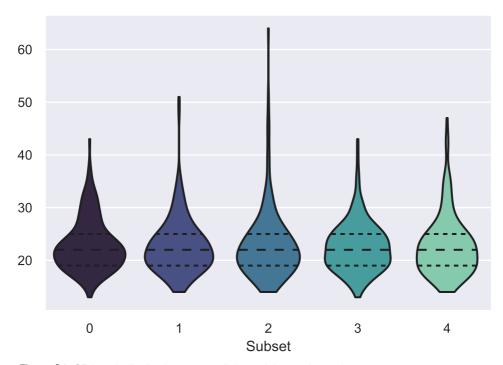
Supplementary Table S4. 5-fold CV scores and best hyperparameters for all SVM models and VH (average ± standard error)

| Model                | K   | γ           | С  | MCC val         | MCC test        | ACC             | Precision       | Recall          |
|----------------------|-----|-------------|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| SVM (N-COMP)         | 18  | 1           | 4  | 0.82 ± 0.01     | 0.79 ± 0.01     | $0.96 \pm 0.00$ | 0.84 ± 0.01     | 0.79 ± 0.01     |
| SVM+C-COMP           | 19  | scale       | 2  | 0.86 ± 0.01     | 0.83 ± 0.01     | 0.97 ± 0.00     | 0.88 ± 0.01     | $0.83 \pm 0.01$ |
| SVM+HP               | 26  | 2           | 1  | 0.87 ± 0.01     | 0.84 ± 0.01     | 0.97 ± 0.00     | 0.86 ± 0.01     | 0.86 ± 0.01     |
| SVM+HP2              | 22  | 4           | 2  | $0.89 \pm 0.01$ | 0.87 ± 0.01     | $0.97 \pm 0.00$ | $0.87 \pm 0.00$ | $0.89 \pm 0.01$ |
| SVM+CH               | 22  | 4           | 4  | 0.82 ± 0.01     | $0.80 \pm 0.02$ | 0.96 ± 0.00     | 0.86 ± 0.01     | $0.79 \pm 0.03$ |
| SVM+HP2+C-COMP       | 27  | 8           | 8  | 0.92 ± 0.01     | $0.89 \pm 0.00$ | 0.98 ± 0.00     | 0.91 ± 0.01     | 0.90 ± 0.01     |
| SVM+HP2+HP           | 18  | 1           | 8  | 0.89 ± 0.01     | 0.88 ± 0.01     | 0.98 ± 0.00     | 0.88 ± 0.01     | 0.90 ± 0.01     |
| SVM+HP2+CH           | 28  | 2           | 2  | 0.88 ± 0.01     | 0.87 ± 0.01     | $0.98 \pm 0.00$ | 0.88 ± 0.01     | $0.88 \pm 0.02$ |
| SVM+HP2+C-COMP+HP    | 26  | 4           | 8  | 0.91 ± 0.00     | 0.89 ± 0.01     | $0.98 \pm 0.00$ | 0.89 ± 0.01     | 0.91 ± 0.01     |
| SVM+HP2+C-COMP       | 27  | 8           | 8  | 0.92 ± 0.01     | $0.89 \pm 0.00$ | $0.98 \pm 0.00$ | 0.91 ± 0.01     | $0.90 \pm 0.01$ |
| N-COMP+HP2+C-COMP+FF | 27  | 8           | 8  | 0.89 ± 0.01     | 0.89 ± 0.01     | $0.98 \pm 0.00$ | 0.90 ± 0.01     | 0.91 ± 0.02     |
|                      | Sco | ore thresho | ld |                 |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| VH                   | 9   | .20 ± 0.23  |    | /               | 0.69 ± 0.01     | 0.94 ± 0.00     | $0.73 \pm 0.03$ | $0.72 \pm 0.03$ |

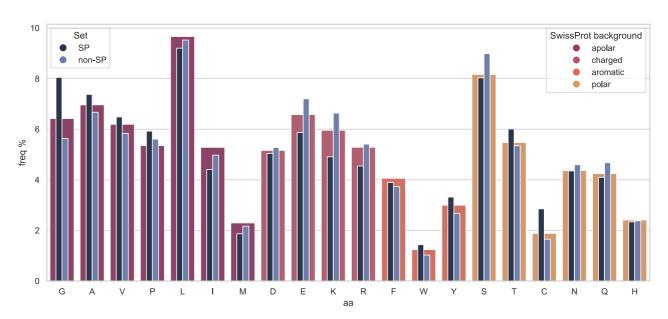
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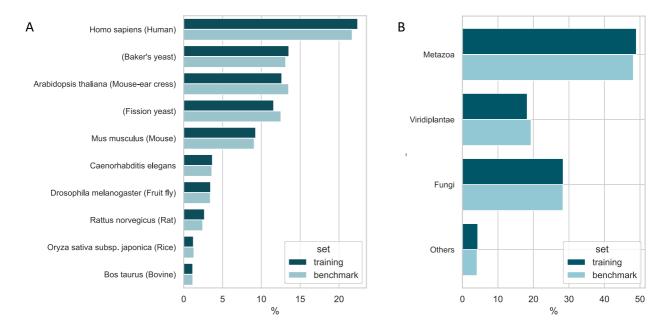
# Figures



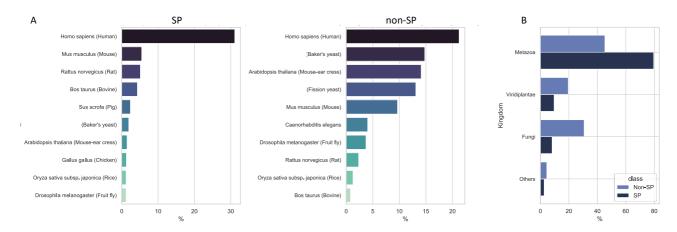
Supplementary Figure S1. SP length distributions after splitting training set in 5 subsets.



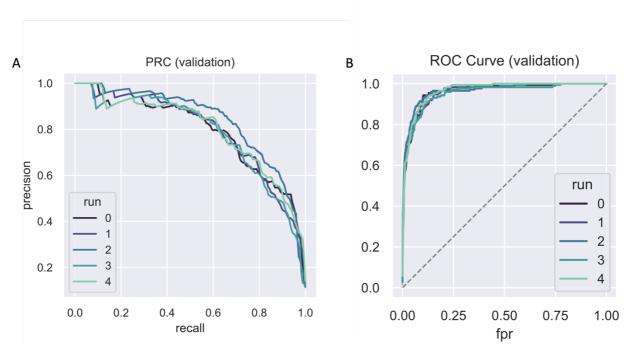
Supplementary Figure S2. Global residue composition (SP vs non-SP).



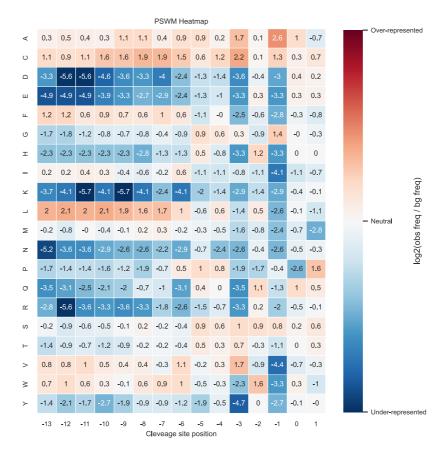
Supplementary Figure S3. A. Top-10 species % distributions by set. B. Kingdom % distribution by set.



Supplementary Figure S4. A. Top-10 species % distributions by class . B. Kingdom % distribution by class.

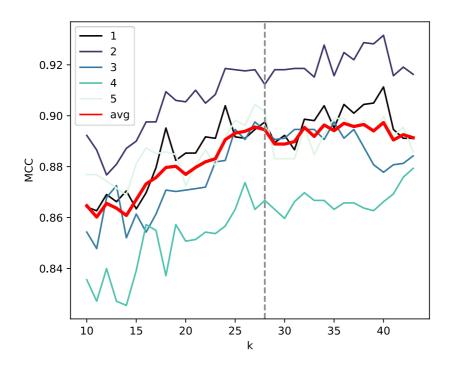


**Supplementary Figure S5.** A. Precision recall curve (PRC) generated in VH 5-fold CV. B. Receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve generated in VH 5-fold CV.

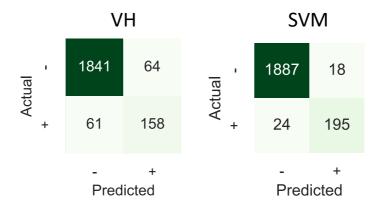


Supplementary Figure S6. VH PSWM computed with the whole training set.

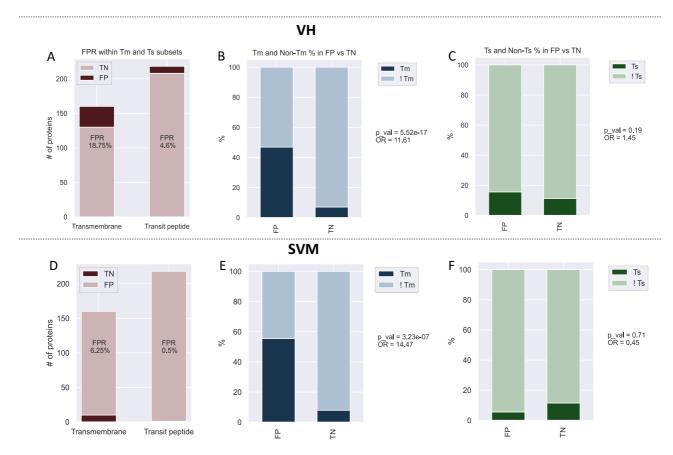
### CV to optimize k (top avg rank features)



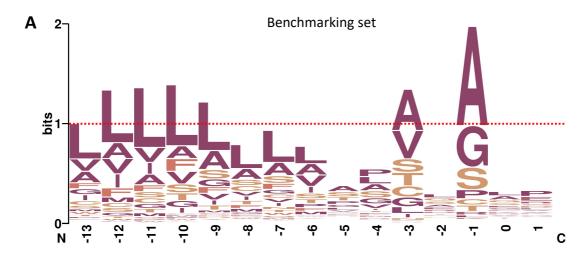
**Supplementary Figure S7.** Permutation feature importance (PFI) CV performance (MCC) trend as function of k, where k is the number of top features selected in the feature filtering.

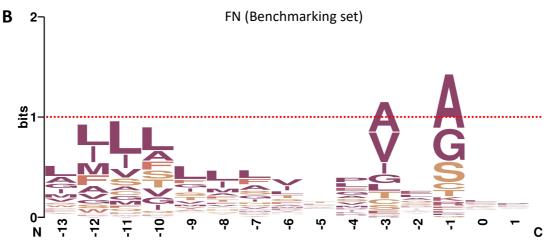


Supplementary Figure S8. Confusion matrices generated in benchmarking VH and SVM.

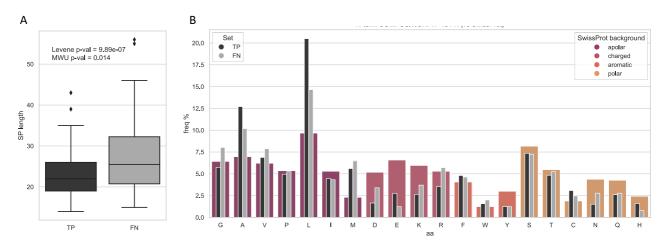


**Supplementary Figure S9.** False positive analyses of both VH and SVM. Comparison of FPR<sub>Tm</sub> with FPR<sub>Ts</sub> (A and D). Comparison of transmembrane proteins proportions between TN and FP (Fisher's exact)(B and E). Comparison of transit peptide proteins proportions between TN and FP (Fisher's exact)(C and F)





**Supplementary Figure S10. A.** Cleavage site (CS) sequence logo (-13,+2) computed on SP sequences (in the whole benchmarking set) **B.** CS sequence logo (-13,+2) computed only on FN resulted from VH benchmarking.



**Supplementary Figure S11. A.** The SP length (CS position) distributions are compared between FN and TP resulted from SVM benchmarking. **B.** N-terminus residue compositions (until position K = 28) are compared between FN and TP resulted from SVM benchmarking.