

Protein Domains and Distant Relatives

*PSI-BLAST, Clustering, Multiple Sequence
Alignments and HMMER*

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Protein Domain Take Home

- Protein divergence is not uniform over a protein - some parts are more conserved than others
- Position specific scoring matrices can capture the specific patterns of conservation at different sites in a protein
- PSI-BLAST combines searching, multiple alignment, and PSSMs
- Statistical estimates are difficult with PSSMs, use PSI- SEARCH and PSI-PRSS
- HMMER3 creates HMM models of a protein family from a multiple sequence alignment
- Iterative PSSM/HMM searches may be contaminated by Homologous Overextension
- Single models cannot capture diverse families (PFAM Clans)
- Protein domains can be identified using RPS-BLAST or CDD searching

Inferring Homology from Statistical Significance

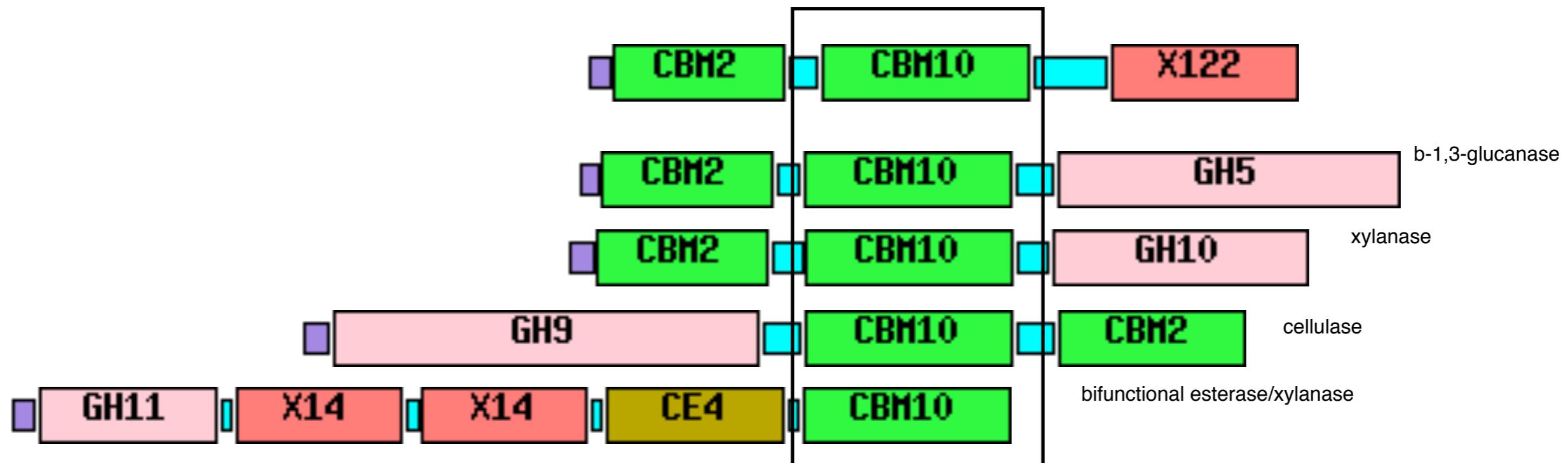
Real *UNRELATED* sequences have similarity scores that are indistinguishable from *RANDOM* sequences

If a similarity is NOT *RANDOM*, then it must be NOT *UNRELATED*

Therefore, NOT *RANDOM* (statistically significant) similarity must reflect *RELATED* sequences

Protein Domains are structural units that can pair with different partners.

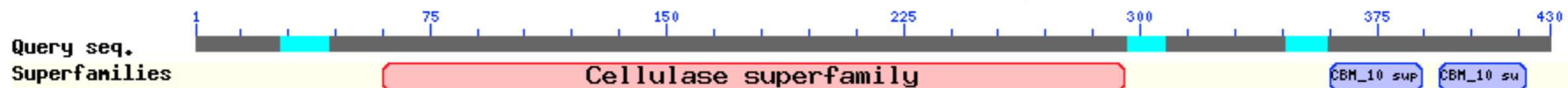
Homology in Domains



Imagine you are searching with a protein with multiple domains

Job Title: gb|AAO31759| (430 letters)

Putative conserved domains have been detected, click on the image below for detailed results.



Request ID	KUZ8VU8K01R
Status	Searching
Submitted at	Thu Feb 16 17:03:07 2012
Current time	Thu Feb 16 17:03:12 2012
Time since submission	00:00:04

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BLAST Reports Multiple Highest Scoring Pairs

GENE ID: 8210864 TERTU_2894 | glycoside hydrolase family 5 domain-containing protein [Teredinibacter turnerae T7902] (10 or fewer PubMed links)

Sort alignments for this subject sequence by:
E value Score Percent identity
Query start position Subject start position

Score = 353 bits (906), Expect = 2e-110, Method: Compositional matrix adjust.
Identities = 168/322 (52%), Positives = 227/322 (70%), Gaps = 9/322 (3%)

Query 33	LTALGLMLAAV----SASAGFYVSGKQLREGNGNNFIMRGVNLPHAWFDPRTNQALADIS	88
	L+++ +AAV +A+AGF+V L + N F+MRGVN H W+ RT QAL DI	
Sbjct 70	LSSVAATIAAVCLSTAANAGFHVENGLLDANDKPFVMRCVNHAHTWYEARTQQALIDIE	129
Query 89	ATGANSVRVVLNSNG---RLWSRTPESQVASIISQAKARQLITVLEVHDTTGYGEQT-AAT	144
	+ GAN+VR+VLSNG W R E VA II+Q KA ++I+++EVHD+TGY E+ AA	
Sbjct 130	SVGANAVRIVLNSNGAHGEGWGRDSEQAVAGIIAQMKALEMISIVEVDSTGYPEKAGAAP	189
Query 145	LSEAVDYWIAIRNALIGQEDYVIINIGNEPFGNGQSASTWLNLHRDAINRLRNAGFTHTL	204
	+S AVDYW+ I++ALIG+EDYVIINI NEPFGN SA W++ H++AI RLR AG THTL	
Sbjct 190	MSTAVDYWLDIKDALIGEEDYVIINIANEPFGNTASADDWIDAHKEAITRLRAAGLTHTL	249
Query 205	MVDAANWGQDWENIMRNNASSLFNSDPRRNIVFSVHMYEVYPNDTAVNNYMSAF-NSMNL	263
	MVDAANWGQDW+ +MR++A +F DP N++FS+HMY+++ N AV++Y+ F L	
Sbjct 250	MVDAANWGQDWQYVMRDHAQEIFAHDPLANIVFSIHMYQIFNNRQAVDSYLYKTFVEDYKL	309
Query 264	PLVVGEFAANHFGSYVDAGSIMARAQQYGFYLGWSWSGNSSNLSALDVVTNFNAGSLTT	323
	PLVVGEF A+H G VD SI+ + Y GYLGSWSGNS + +LD+ N++ L+	
Sbjct 310	PLVVGEFGADHGGEDVDEASILELCELYNLGYLGWSWSGNSSGVESLDITNYDVNDLSP	369
Query 324	WGNLLINNTNGIRNTSRKATIF 345	
	WG+ LIN+ GIRNT++ A++F	
Sbjct 370	WGDFLINSAYGIRNTAQTAASFV 391	

Score = 51.2 bits (121), Expect = 3e-04, Method: Compositional matrix adjust.
Identities = 20/36 (56%), Positives = 24/36 (67%), Gaps = 1/36 (3%)

Query 396	CNWYGTSY-PICVNTSSGWGWEENNRSCLAASTCAAQ	430
	C WY P+C SGWGWENN+SCI +TCA+Q	
Sbjct 675	CQWYQDPLRPLCTQQDSGWGWEENNQSCIGRTTCASQ	710

Score = 46.6 bits (109), Expect = 0.008, Method: Compositional matrix adjust.
Identities = 17/32 (53%), Positives = 22/32 (69%), Gaps = 0/32 (0%)

Query 396	CNWYGTSYPICVNTSSGWGWEENNRSCLAASTC	427
	CNWYG P+C + GWG EN ++C+ ASTC	
Sbjct 778	CNWYGWIVPVCAFSDQGWGNENGQTCVGASTC	809

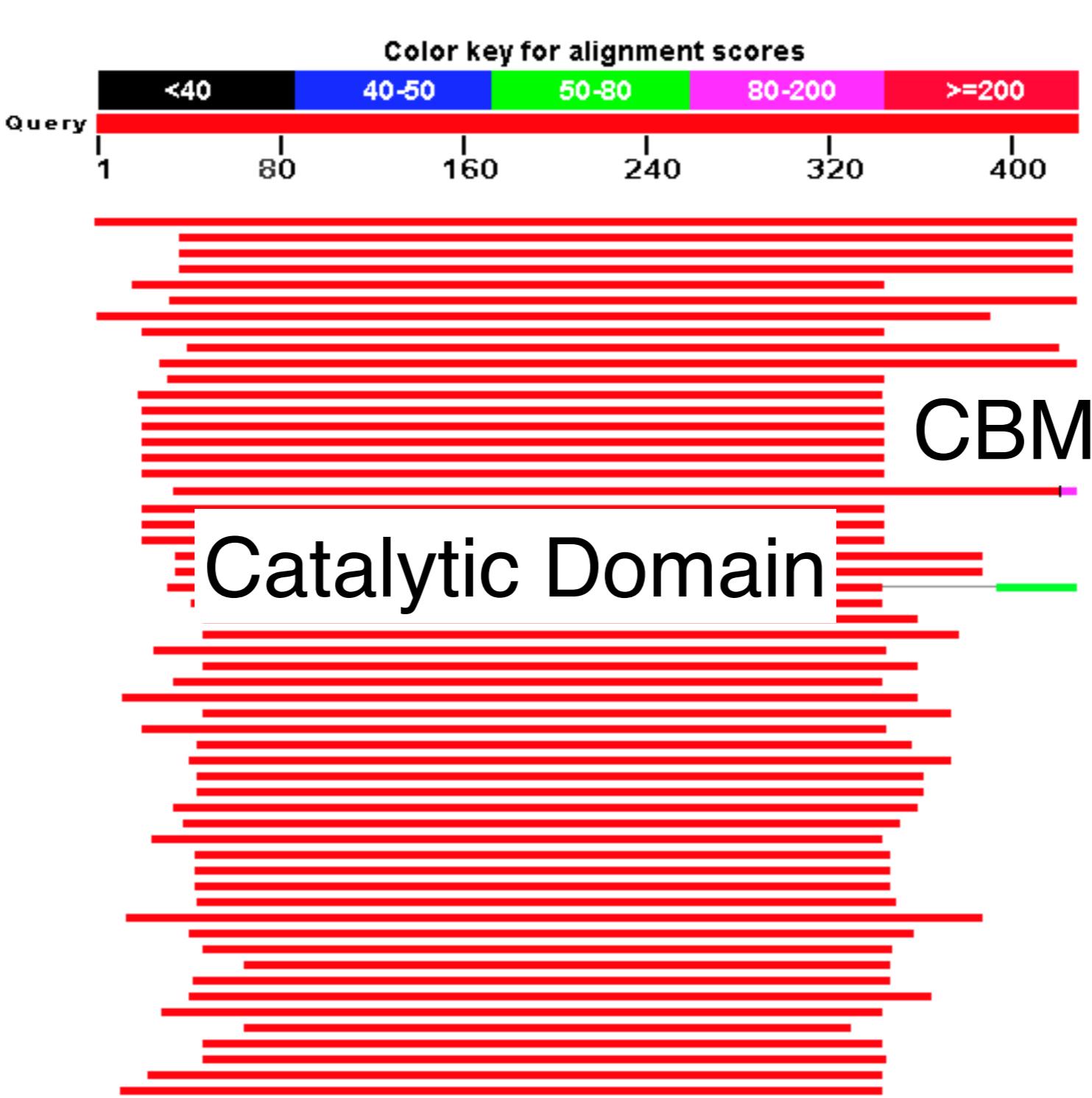
Homology in Domains

Xylanase

The best scores are:

			opt bits	E(445410)	%_id	%_sim	alen	
sp P45796.1 XYND_PAEP0	Arabinoxylan arabinofuranohydrol	(635)	1813	412.5	2.6e-113	0.537	0.817	486 align
sp Q45071.2 XYND_BACSU	Arabinoxylan arabinofuranohydrol	(513)	1509	345.0	4.2e-93	0.554	0.812	495 align
sp Q9WXE8.2 XYLO_PRERU	Putative beta-xylosidase; 1,4-be	(518)	563	135.0	7.2e-30	0.384	0.645	276
+-			241	63.5	2.4e-08	0.327	0.633	150 align
sp P77713.1 YAGH_ECOLI	Putative beta-xylosidase; 1,4-be	(536)	334	84.1	1.5e-14	0.305	0.561	321 align
sp P94489.2 XYNB_BACSU	Beta-xylosidase; 1,4-beta-D-xyla	(533)	318	80.6	1.8e-13	0.285	0.555	362 align
sp P07129.2 XYNB_BACPU	Beta-xylosidase; 1,4-beta-D-xyla	(535)	316	80.1	2.4e-13	0.295	0.553	356 align
sp P45982.1 XYLB_BUTFI	Xylosidase/arabinosidase; Includ	(517)	312	79.3	4.3e-13	0.301	0.578	396 align
sp P48791.1 XYNB_PRERU	Beta-xylosidase; 1,4-beta-D-xyla	(319)	228	60.7	1e-07	0.281	0.548	345 align
sp P36917.1 XYNA_THESA	Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase A; Xylan	(1157)	205	55.4	1.5e-05	0.317	0.662	139
+-			198	53.8	4.4e-05	0.261	0.688	138 align
sp P33558.2 XYNA2_CLOSR	Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase A; Xyla	(512)	190	52.2	6.1e-05	0.249	0.558	249 align
sp P38535.1 XYNX_CLOTM	Exoglucanase xynX; 1,4-beta-cell	(1087)	194	52.9	7.6e-05	0.223	0.607	229 align
sp Q8GJ44.2 XYNA1_CLOSR	Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase A; 1,4-b	(651)	190	52.1	7.9e-05	0.322	0.653	118 align
sp P10478.3 XYNZ_CLOTH	Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase Z; Xylan	(837)	187	51.4	0.00017	0.362	0.691	94 align
sp P94522.3 ABNA_BACSU	Arabinan endo-1,5-alpha-L-arabin	(323)	169	47.6	0.00092	0.261	0.540	287 align
sp P48790.1 XYLA_CLOSR	Xylosidase/arabinosidase; Includ	(473)	164	46.4	0.003	0.268	0.523	497 align
sp Q5AZC8.1 ABNB_EMENI	Arabinan endo-1,5-alpha-L-arabin	(400)	153	44.0	0.014	0.290	0.512	252 align

Not all hits are to the full protein



Look at the Alignment Coverage

Sequences producing significant alignments:

Accession	Description	Max score	Total score	Query coverage	E-value	Max ident	Links
YP_001983792.1	endo- 1,4-beta-mannanase [Cellvibrio japonicus Ueda107]	875	875	100%	0.0	100%	G
ZP_04412299.1	beta-1,4-mannanase [Vibrio cholerae TM 11079-80]	410	410	90%	2e-137	52%	
YP_005049078.1	unnamed protein product [Vibrio furnissii NCTC 11218]	407	407	90%	2e-136	52%	G
ZP_05878245.1	beta-1,4-mannanase [Vibrio furnissii CIP 102972]	407	407	90%	3e-136	52%	
NP_637144.1	mannan endo-1,4-beta-mannosidase [Xanthomonas campestris pv. campestris]	395	395	76%	9e-133	59%	G
YP_525540.1	unnamed protein product [Saccharophagus degradans 2-40]	399	399	92%	7e-131	55%	G
YP_001982936.1	endo- 1,4-beta-mannanase [Cellvibrio japonicus Ueda107]	399	399	90%	1e-130	50%	G
ZP_08181055.1	Cellulase (glycosyl hydrolase family 5) [Xanthomonas vesicatoria ATCC 35937]	387	387	75%	2e-129	58%	
YP_003162168.1	glycoside hydrolase family protein [Jonesia denitrificans DSM 20603]	377	377	88%	1e-124	49%	G
YP_003075599.1	glycoside hydrolase family 5 domain-containing protein [Teredinibacter turneri]	378	511	93%	1e-122	69%	G
ZP_08184376.1	Cellulase (glycosyl hydrolase family 5) [Xanthomonas gardneri ATCC 19865]	369	369	73%	2e-122	59%	
YP_431433.1	endoglucanase [Hahella chejuensis KCTC 2396]	372	372	75%	5e-121	53%	G
ZP_06489984.1	mannan endo-1,4-beta-mannosidase [Xanthomonas campestris pv. musacearum]	364	364	75%	2e-120	57%	
ZP_06486842.1	putative endo-1,4-beta-mannosidase [Xanthomonas campestris pv. vasculorum]	363	363	75%	2e-120	57%	
NP_642123.1	unnamed protein product [Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citri str. 306]	363	363	75%	2e-120	58%	G
ZP_06704657.1	mannan endo-1,4-beta-mannosidase [Xanthomonas fuscans subsp. aurantifolia]	363	363	75%	5e-120	57%	
ZP_06729989.1	mannan endo-1,4-beta-mannosidase [Xanthomonas fuscans subsp. aurantifolia]	362	362	75%	7e-120	57%	
YP_526130.1	unnamed protein product [Saccharophagus degradans 2-40]	369	457	92%	9e-120	46%	G
YP_004851393.1	mannan endo-1,4-beta-mannosidase [Xanthomonas axonopodis pv. citrumelo]	359	359	75%	1e-118	57%	G
ZP_08186387.1	Cellulase (glycosyl hydrolase family 5) [Xanthomonas perforans 91-118]	358	358	75%	2e-118	57%	

Score

E-value

Coverage

MaxID

Examine The Alignment Length

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Query: TMP.a
1>>>gi|28200469|gb|AA031759.1| endo-beta-1,4-mannanase 5A [Cellvibrio - 430 aa
Library: swissprot (NCBI)
165796297 residues in 445410 sequences

Statistics: Expectation_n fit: rho(ln(x))= 7.6630+/-0.000201; mu= 3.3292+/- 0.012
mean_var=63.4892+/-13.027, 0's: 51 Z-trim(131.3): 79 B-trim: 0 in 0/68
Lambda= 0.160962
statistics sampled from 60000 (180148) to 445316 sequences
Algorithm: Smith-Waterman (SSE2, Michael Farrar 2006) (7.2 Nov 2010)
Parameters: BL50 matrix (15:-5)xS, open/ext: -10/-2
Scan time: 29.700

The best scores are:
          s-w bits E(445410) %_id %_sim alen
sp|P51529.2|MANA_STRIT Mannan endo-1,4-beta-mannosidase ( 383) 1225 291.3 1.5e-77 0.520 0.789 375 align
sp|P22533.2|MANB_CALSA Beta-mannanase/endoglucanase A; (1331) 896 214.5 7.1e-54 0.403 0.686 382 align
sp|P14768.2|XYNA_CELJU Endo-1,4-beta-xylianase A; xyran ( 611) 226 59.1 1.9e-07 0.350 0.614 176 align
sp|P10476.2|GUNA_CELJU Endoglucanase A; EGA; Cellulase ( 962) 227 59.2 2.8e-07 0.350 0.657 137 align
sp|P27033.2|GUNC_CELJU Endoglucanase C; Cellodextrinase ( 747) 223 58.4 3.9e-07 0.286 0.636 206 align
sp|P18126.1|GUNB_CELJU Endoglucanase B; EGB; Cellulase ( 511) 201 53.4 8.3e-06 0.327 0.619 202 align
sp|O74706.1|EGLB_ASPNG Endo-beta-1,4-glucanase B; Endo ( 331) 190 51.0 2.9e-05 0.275 0.558 233 align
sp|Q12647.1|GUNB_NEOPA Endoglucanase B; Cellulase B; En ( 473) 183 49.2 0.00014 0.229 0.469 414 align
sp|Q96WQ8.1|EGLB_ASPKA Probable endo-beta-1,4-glucanase ( 332) 179 48.4 0.00017 0.278 0.543 234 align
sp|P23661.1|GUNB_RUMAL Endoglucanase B; Cellulase B; En ( 409) 166 45.3 0.0018 0.227 0.508 299 align
sp|P54937.1|GUNA_CLOLO Endoglucanase A; Cellulase A; En ( 517) 166 45.3 0.0024 0.209 0.520 406 align
sp|P25472.1|GUNB_CLOLO Endoglucanase B; Cellulase B; En ( 504) 164 44.7 0.0020 0.200 0.516 317 align
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Finding Repeated Domains Local Alignments

>>>gi|49037474|sp|P62158.2|CALM_HUMAN, 149 aa vs TMP.q2 library

>>sp|P62158.2|CALM_HUMAN Calmodulin; CaM
Waterman-Eggert score: 220; 50.8 bits; E(1) < 1.1e-11
46.1% identity (73.7% similar) in 76 aa overlap (1-76:77-149)
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10	20	30	40	50	60	70
gi 490 MADQLTEEQIAEFKEAFSLFDKDGDTITTKELGTVMRSLQNPTEAELQDMINEVDADGN	TIDFPEFLTMMARK					
sp P62 MKDTDSEEEI---REAFRVFDKGNGYISAAELRHVMTNLGEKLTDDEEVDEMIREA	IDGDGQVN	YEEFVQMMTAK				
80	90	100	110	120	130	140

Calmodulin

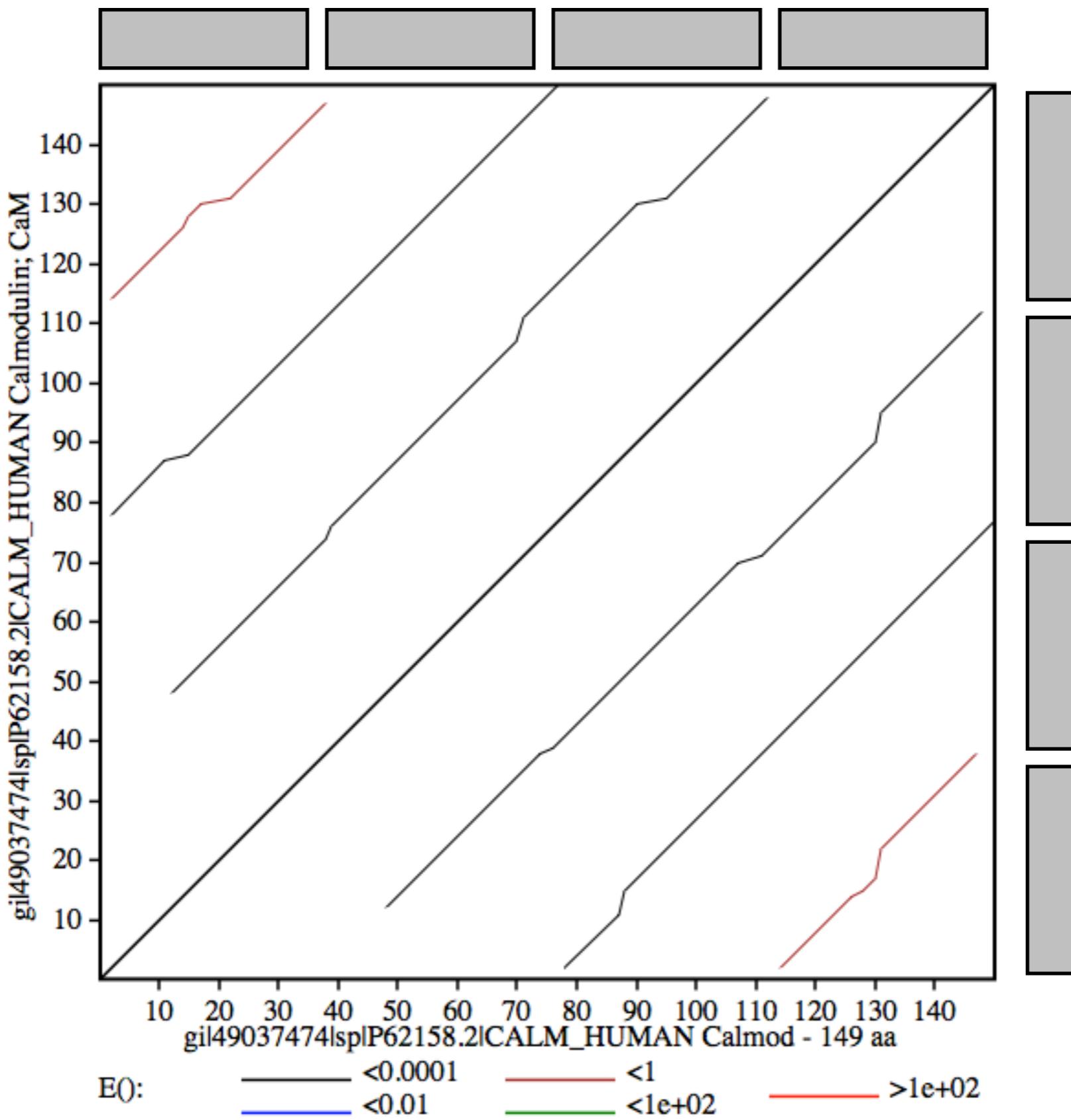
Waterman-Eggert score: 181; 42.6 bits; E(1) < 3.2e-09
34.3% identity (64.8% similar) in 105 aa overlap (11-111:47-147)
[Entrez Lookup](#) [Re-search database](#) [General re-search](#)

20	30	40	50	60	70	80
gi 490 AEFKEAFSLFDKDGDTITTKELGTVM-RSLQNPTEAELQDMINEVDADGN	TIDFPEF---LTMMARK	MKD	TDSEEEI			
sp P62 AELQDMINEVDADGN	TIDFPEFLTMMARK	MKD	TDSEEEI	REAFRVFDKGNGYISAAELRHVMTNLGEKLTDDEEVDEMI		
50	60	70	80	90	100	110
90	100	110				
gi 490 REAFRVFDKGNGYISAAELRHVMT						
sp P62 REA----DIDGDGQVN	YEEFVQMMT					
130	140					

Waterman-Eggert score: 64; 18.2 bits; E(1) < 0.07
34.2% identity (71.1% similar) in 38 aa overlap (1-37:113-146)
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10	20	30
gi 490 MADQLTEEQIAEF-KEA	FSLFDKDGDTITTKELGTVM	
sp P62 LGEKLTDDEEVDEMIREA	---DIDGDGQVN	YEEFVQMM
120	130	140

Finding Domains Local Alignments



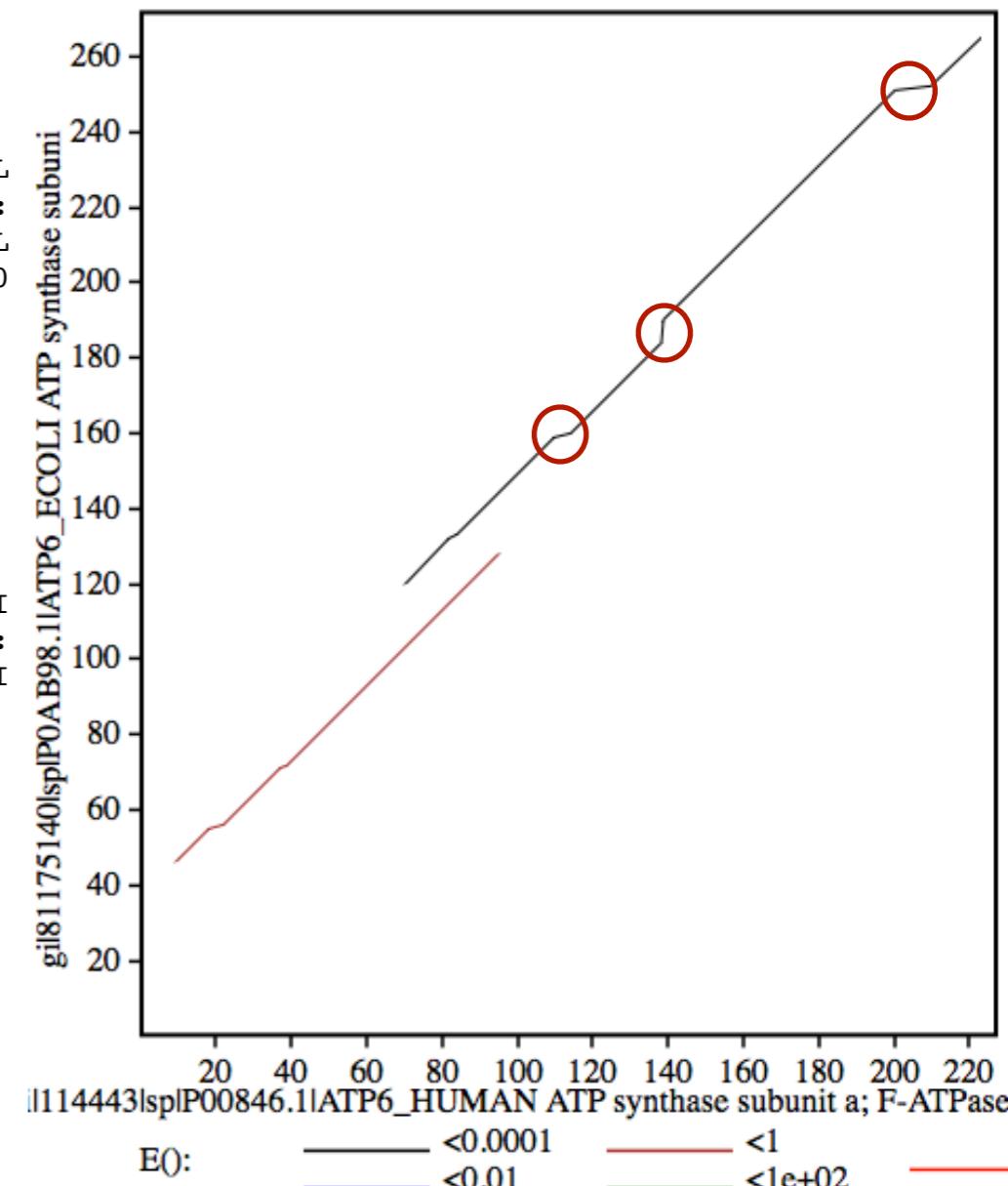
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gi|114 SFIAPTILGLPAAVLIIILFPPLLIPTSKYLIINRLITTQQWLKLTSKQMMTMHNTKGRTWSLMLVSLIIFIATTNLLGL
 sp|P0A SMFFSVVLGGL---LFLVLFRSVAKKATSG-VPGKFQTAIELVIGFVNNGVKDMYHGKSCLIAPLALTIFVWWFLMNLMDL

gi|114 LPHSFTP
 sp|P0A LPIDLLP

gi|114 SLMLVSLIIFIATTNLLGLLPHSFTPTTQLSMNLAMAIPWAGTVIMGFRSKIKNALAHFLPQGTPTPL---IPMLVI
 sp|P0A DLLPIDLLPYIAE-HVLGLPALRVVPSADVNTLSMALCVF---ILILFYSIKMKGIGGFTKELTLQPENHWAFIPVNLI

gi|114 IETISLLIQPMALAVRLTANITAGHLLMHLIGSATLAMSTINLPSTLIIFTILILLTILEIAVALIQAYVFTLLVSLYL
 sp|P0A LEGVSLLSKPVSLGLRLFGNMYAGELIFILIAGLLPWWSQWILNVPWAIFHILIIT---LQAFIFMVLTIVYL



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Conserved Domains and Protein Classification

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Resources

Conserved Domain Database (CDD)

CDD is a protein annotation resource that consists of a collection of well-annotated multiple sequence alignment models for ancient domains and full-length proteins. These are available as position-specific score matrices (**PSSMs**) for fast identification of conserved domains in protein sequences via **RPS-BLAST**. **CDD content** includes **NCBI-curated domains**, which use **3D-structure** information to explicitly define domain boundaries and provide insights into **sequence/structure/function relationships**, as well as domain models imported from a number of **external source databases** (**Pfam, SMART, COG, PRK, TIGRFAMs**).

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CD-Search & Batch CD-Search

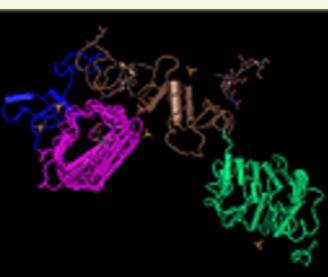
CD-Search is NCBI's interface to searching the Conserved Domain Database with **protein or nucleotide query sequences**. It uses **RPS-BLAST**, a variant of PSI-BLAST, to quickly scan a set of pre-calculated position-specific scoring matrices (**PSSMs**) with a protein query. The **results** of CD-Search are presented as an annotation of protein domains on the user query sequence (**illustrated example**), and can be visualized as domain **multiple sequence alignments with embedded user queries**. High confidence associations between a query sequence and conserved domains are shown as **specific hits**. The **CD-Search Help** provides additional details, including information about **running CD-Search locally**.

Batch CD-Search serves as both a web application and a **script interface** for a conserved domain search on **multiple protein sequences**, accepting up to 4,000 proteins in a single job. It enables you to view a **graphical display** of the concise or full search result for any individual protein from your input list, or to **download** the results for the complete set of proteins. The **Batch CD-Search Help** provides additional details.

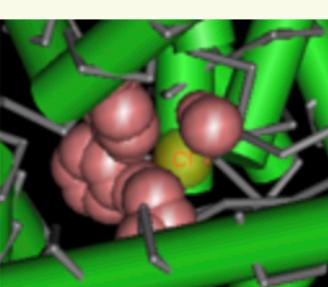
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Highlights

What is a conserved domain?



3-D structures and conserved core motifs:



Conserved features (binding and catalytic sites)



Conserved Domains Database

Conserved domains on [gi|121694|sp|P20432|]

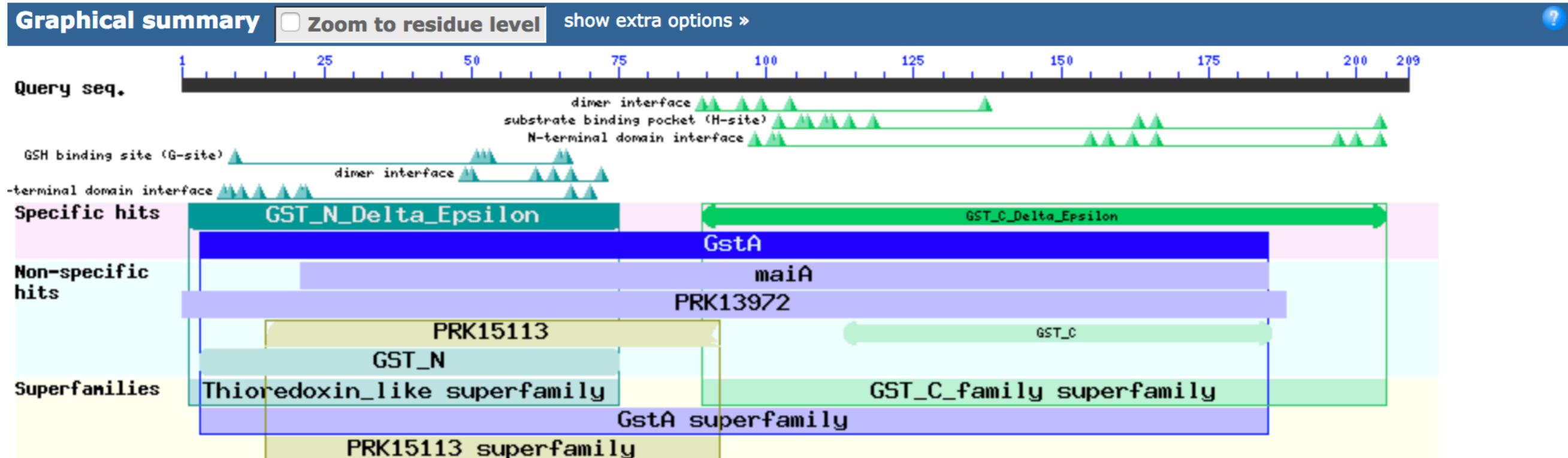
View Standard Results

RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase D1; AltName: Full=DDT-dehydrochlorinase

Protein Classification

glutathione S-transferase (domain architecture ID 10122640)

glutathione S-transferase (GST) catalyzes the conjugation of reduced glutathione to a wide range of endogenous and xenobiotic alkylating agents, including carcinogens, therapeutic drugs, environmental toxins and products of oxidative stress; such as insect class delta and epsilon GSTs that play major roles in insecticide resistance by facilitating reductive dehydrochlorination of insecticides or conjugating them with GSH



CD Search

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Conserved Domains

Search for Conserved Domains within a protein or coding nucleotide sequence

NEW! Use [Batch CD-search](#) to submit multiple query proteins at once!

Enter protein or nucleotide query as accession, gi, or sequence in [FASTA format](#)

RPS-BLAST (Reverse PSI-BLAST) searches a query sequence against a database of profiles

OPTIONS

Search against database : CDD -- 42251 PSSMs

Expect Value threshold: 0.01

Apply low-complexity filter

Force live search

Maximum number of hits: 500

Result mode: Concise Full

Submit Reset

Retrieve previous CD-search result

Request ID: Retrieve ?

Domain Search is Run with Web BLAST

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RID [W4EFKJXH015](#) (Expires on 10-15 02:31 am)

Query ID [P20432.1](#)

Description RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase D1; AltName: Full=DDT-dehydrochlorinase

Molecule type amino acid

Query Length 209

Database Name swissprot

Description Non-redundant UniProtKB/SwissProt sequences

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Graphic Summary

Show Conserved Domains

Putative conserved domains have been detected, click on the image below for detailed results.

Query seq. 1 25 50 75 100 125 150 175 200 209

GSH binding site (G-site) dimer interface substrate binding pocket (H-site) N-terminal domain interface

-terminal domain interface dimer interface

Specific hits GST_N_Delta_Epsilon

Superfamilies Thioredoxin_like superfamily

Specific hits GST_C_Delta_Epsilon

Superfamilies GST_C_family superfamily

The figure shows a graphical representation of a protein sequence (Query seq.) from position 1 to 209. Putative conserved domains are indicated by green arrows. Two specific hits are highlighted with red boxes: 'GST_N_Delta_Epsilon' (blue arrow) and 'GST_C_Delta_Epsilon' (green arrow). Below these, superfamilies 'Thioredoxin_like superfamily' and 'GST_C_family superfamily' are listed.

CD Search

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Graphical summary

Zoom to residue level

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Query seq.



GSH binding site (G-site)

-terminal domain interface

Specific hits

GST_N_Delta_Epsilon

Superfamilies

Thioredoxin_like superfamily

GST_C_Delta_Epsilon

GST_C_family superfamily

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List of domain hits

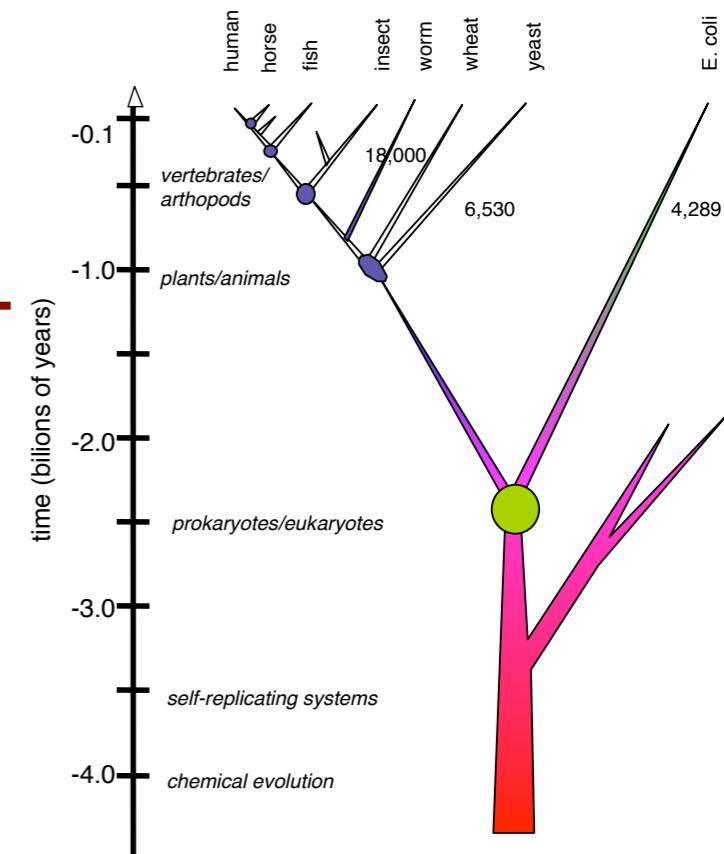


	Name	Accession	Description	Interval	E-value
[+]	GST_C_Delta_Epsilon	cd03177	C-terminal, alpha helical domain of Class Delta and Epsilon Glutathione S-transferases; ...	89-205	8.90e-63
[+]	GST_N_Delta_Epsilon	cd03045	GST_N family, Class Delta and Epsilon subfamily; GSTs are cytosolic dimeric proteins involved ...	2-75	8.43e-47

Homology through Transitivity

- What is a point specific scoring matrix?
- How can we use PSSMs in order to identify distance family members?

Homology through Transitivity

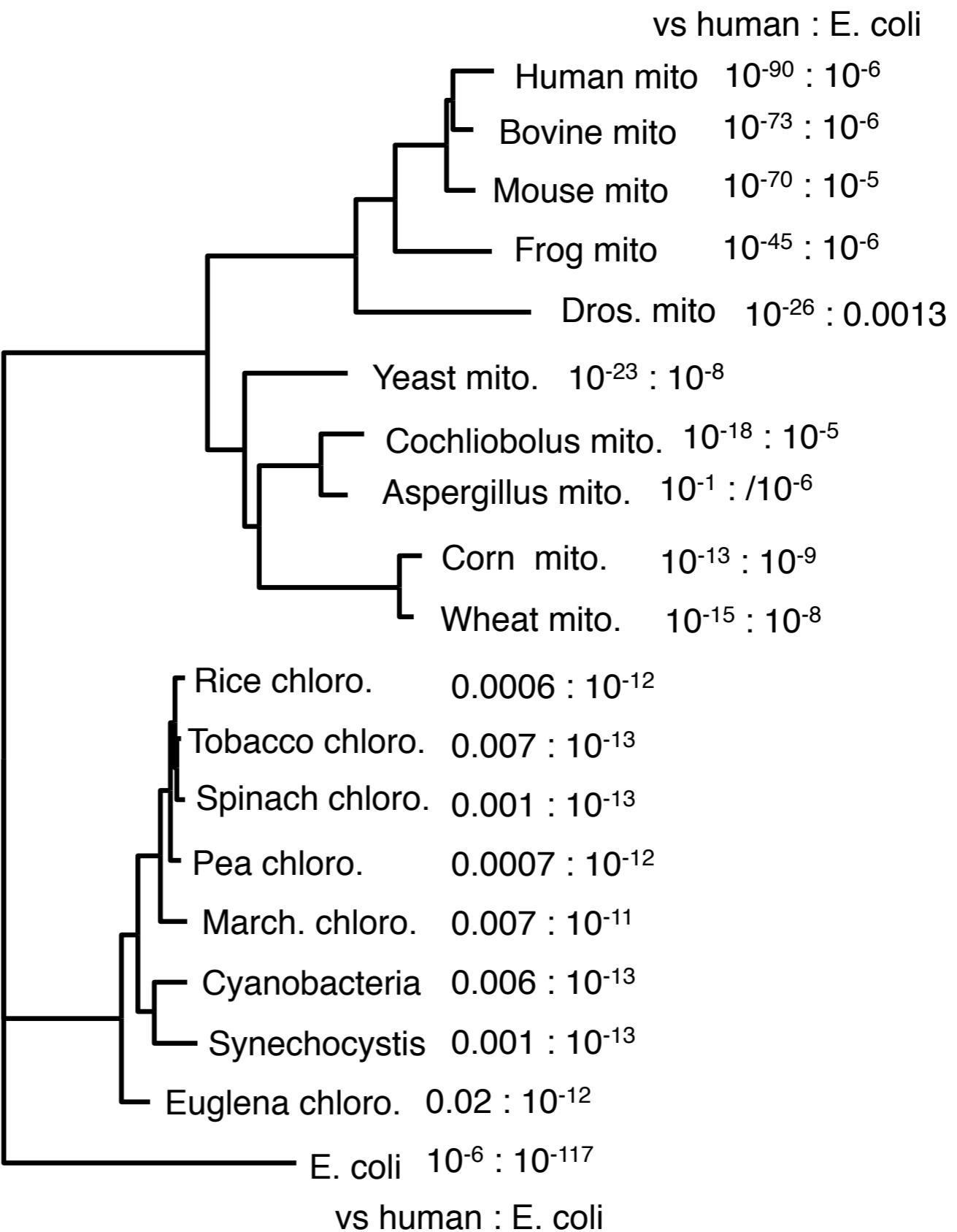
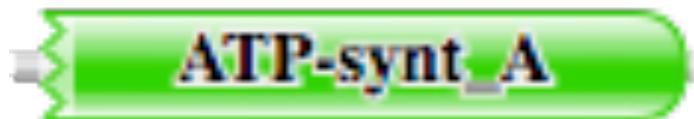


Protein A is Homologous to Proteins B
Protein B is Homologous to Protein C

Therefore:

Protein C is Homologous to Protein A

Homology is Transitive (in Protein Domains)



PSSM for detecting distance relationships

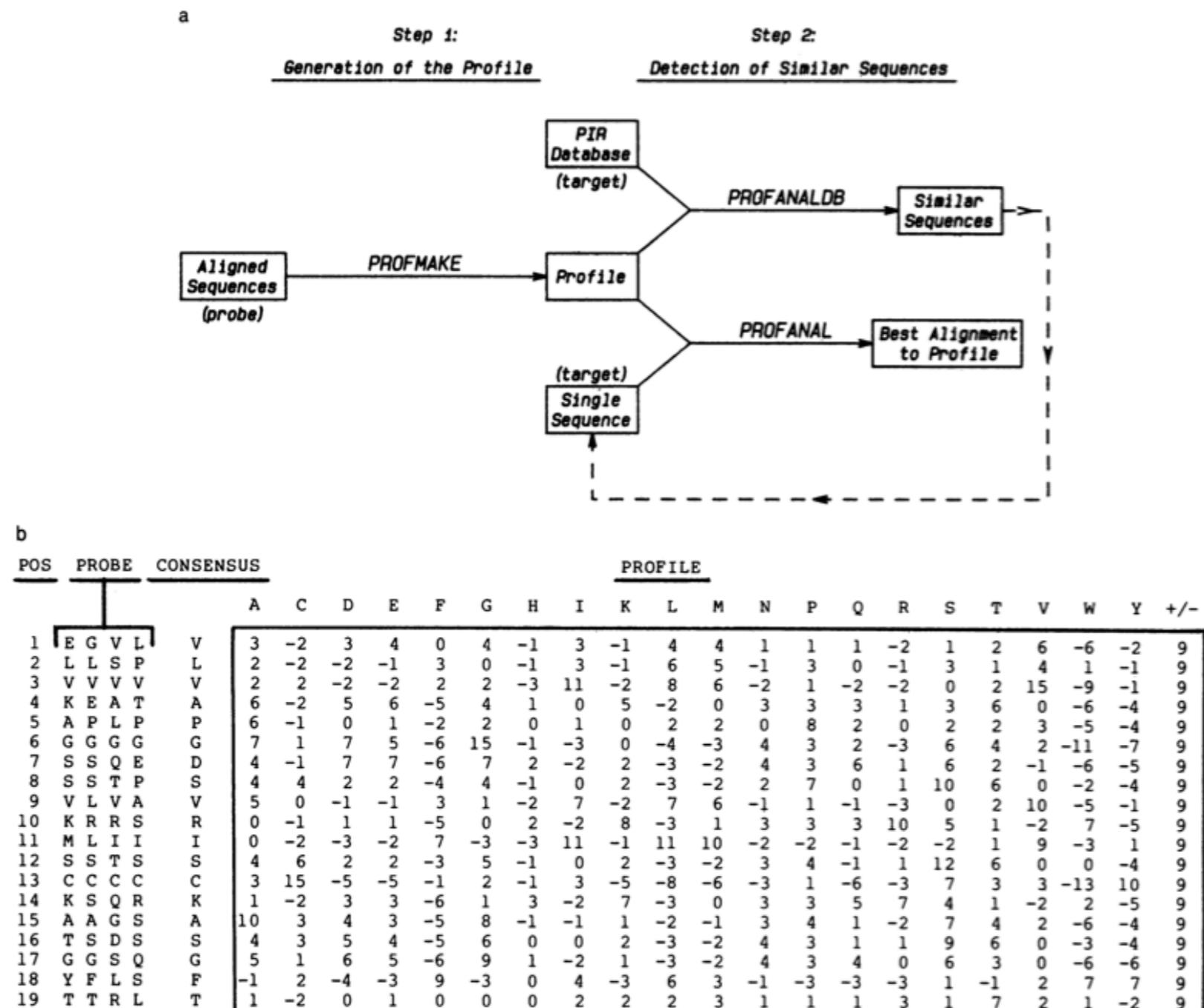
Profile analysis: Detection of distantly related proteins

(amino acid/sequence comparison/protein structure/globin structure/immunoglobulin structure)

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Simple PSSM

TACGAT
TATAAT
TATAAT
GATACT
TATGAT
TATGTT

	1	2	3	4	5	6
A	0	6	0	3	4	0
C	0	0	1	0	1	0
G	1	0	0	3	0	0
T	5	0	5	0	1	6

TATACT

5	6	5	3	1	6	26
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PSSMs

sp 074706 EGLB_ASPNG	MKFQSTL--LLAAAAGSALAV-----PHGSGHKKRASVFEWFGSNE SG
sp Q96WQ8 EGLB_ASPKA	MKFQSTL--LLAAAAGSALAV-----PHGPGHKKRASVFEWFGSNE SG
sp P51529 MANA_STRLI	MR---NARSTLITTAGMAFAVLGLLFALAGPSAGRAAAAGGIHVSNGRVVE--GNGSAF
sp P22533 MANB_CALSA	MRLKTKIRKKWLSVLCTVVFLNLIFI----ANVTILPKVGAATSNDGVVKI----DTS
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sp 074706 EGLB_ASPNG	AEFGTNIPGVWGTDYIFPD P ST--ISTLIGKGMNFFRVQFMMERLLPDSMTGSYDEEYLA
sp Q96WQ8 EGLB_ASPKA	AEFGTNIPGVWGTDYIFPD P SA--ISTLIDKGMNFFRVQFMMERLLPDSMTGSYDEEYLA
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sp P22533 MANB_CALSA	TLIGTNHAHCW----YRDRLDTALRGIRSWG MNSVRVVL-----SNGYRWT K IPAS
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Score

% at Position

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Where Pairwise Scores Come From

$$\text{score}(AA) = \log \frac{P(A|A)}{f(A)}$$

"probability of A given an A" / the observed probability of seeing an A aligned to an A in real alignments"

frequency of A" / the expected frequency of A in any sequence

$$Sc(AA) = \log_2 \frac{0.64}{0.04} = +4$$

$$Sc(AE) = \log_2 \frac{0.01}{0.04} = -2$$

Where Profile Scores Should Come From

$$\text{score}(A|x) = \log \frac{P(A \text{ at position } x)}{f(A)}$$

“probability of A at position x” “the observed probability of seeing an A in the consensus column X

$$Sc(A|6) = \log_2 \frac{1.00}{0.04} = +4.6$$

$$Sc(A|5) = \log_2 \frac{0.04}{0.04} = 0$$

$$Sc(N|6) = \log_2 \frac{0.00}{0.06} = -\infty$$

$$Sc(N|5) = \log_2 \frac{0.06}{0.06} = 0$$

what about position-specific gap penalties?
how to estimate parameters from small numbers of observations?

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Gapped BLAST and PSI-BLAST: a new generation of protein database search programs.

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Abstract

The BLAST programs are widely used tools for searching protein and DNA databases for sequence similarities. For protein comparisons, a variety of definitional, algorithmic and statistical refinements described here permits the execution time of the BLAST programs to be decreased substantially while enhancing their sensitivity to weak similarities. A new criterion for triggering the extension of word hits, combined with a new heuristic for generating gapped alignments, yields a gapped BLAST program that runs at approximately three times the speed of the original. In addition, a method is introduced for automatically combining statistically significant alignments produced by BLAST into a position-specific score matrix, and searching the database using this matrix. The resulting Position-Specific Iterated BLAST (PSI-BLAST) program runs at approximately the same speed per iteration as gapped BLAST, but in many cases is much more sensitive to weak but biologically relevant sequence similarities. PSI-BLAST is used to uncover several new and interesting members of the BRCT superfamily.

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PSI-BLAST uses PSSMs to Find Distant Homologs

NCBI/ BLAST/ blastp suite Standard

blastn blastp blastx tblastn tblastx

Enter Query Sequence

Enter accession number(s), gi(s), or FASTA sequence(s) ⓘ
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Clear Query subrange ⓘ

From To

Or, upload file Browse... ⓘ

Job Title
Enter a descriptive title for your BLAST search ⓘ

Align two or more sequences ⓘ

Choose Search Set

Database: UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot(swissprot)

Organism
Optional
Enter organism name or id—completions will be suggested Exclude +
Enter organism common name, binomial, or tax id. Only 20 top taxa will be shown. ⓘ

Exclude
Optional
 Models (XM/XP) Uncultured/environmental sample sequences

Entrez Query
Optional
Enter an Entrez query to limit search ⓘ

Program Selection

Algorithm
 blastp (protein-protein BLAST)
 PSI-BLAST (Position-Specific Iterated BLAST)
 PHI-BLAST (Pattern Hit Initiated BLAST)
 DELTA-BLAST (Domain Enhanced Lookup Time Accelerated BLAST)
Choose a BLAST algorithm ⓘ

Algorithm parameters

Note: Parameter values that differ from the default are highlighted in yellow and marked with ♦ sign

[RESTORE DEFAULT](#) [SEARCH PARAMETERS](#)

General Parameters

Max target sequences

♦ 500

Select the maximum number of aligned sequences to display 

Short queries

Automatically adjust parameters for short input sequences 

Expect threshold

♦ 1e-06

Word size

♦ 2

Max matches in a query range

0 

Scoring Parameters

Matrix

♦ BLOSUM80

Gap Costs

♦ Existence: 8 Extension: 2

Compositional adjustments

Conditional compositional score matrix adjustment  

Filters and Masking

Filter

Low complexity regions 

Mask

Mask for lookup table only 

Mask lower case letters 

A SmithWaterman Search

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Query: TMP.q
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Library: Swissprot (NCBI)
165796297 residues in 445410 sequences

Statistics: Expectation_n fit: rho(ln(x))= 7.6630+/-0.000201; mu= 3.3292+/- 0.012
mean_var=63.4892+/-13.027, 0's: 51 Z-trim(131.3): 79 B-trim: 0 in 0/68
Lambda= 0.160962
statistics sampled from 60000 (180148) to 445316 sequences
Algorithm: Smith-Waterman (SSE2, Michael Farrar 2006) (7.2 Nov 2010)
Parameters: BL50 matrix (15:-5)xS, open/ext: -10/-2
Scan time: 29.700
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sp P14768.2	XYNA_CELJU Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase A; Xylan	(611)		226	59.1	1.9e-07	0.330	0.614	176	align
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sp P54937.1	GUNA_CLOLO Endoglucanase A; Cellulase A; En	(517)		166	45.3	0.0024	0.209	0.520	406	align

A PSI-BLAST First Iteration

Sequences producing significant alignments with E-value BETTER than threshold

Select: All None Selected:0

	Description	Max score	Total score	Query cover	E value	Ident	Accession	Select for PSI blast	Used to build PSSM
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PSI-BLAST Second Iteration

Select: [All](#) [None](#) Selected:0

Yellow: sequences scoring below threshold on previous iteration

	Description	Max score	Total score	Query cover	E value	Ident	Accession	Select for PSI blast	Used to build PSSM
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Improving Accuracy



Improving the accuracy of PSI-BLAST protein database searches with composition-based statistics and other refinements

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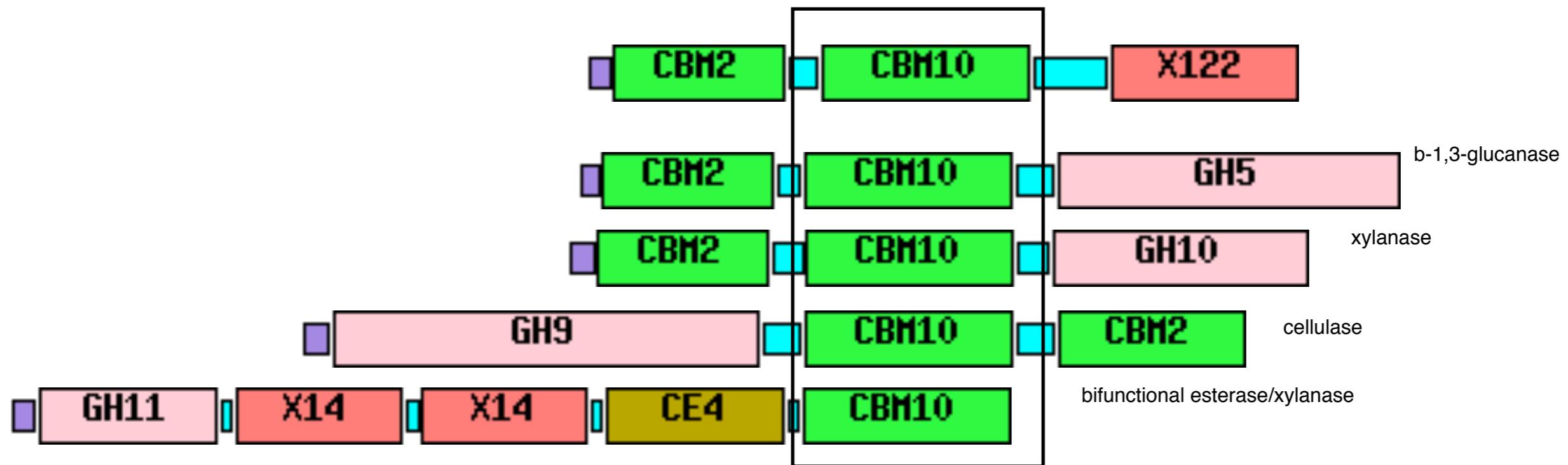
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Abstract

Table 1.
Abbreviations for modifications of BLAST and PSI-BLAST

- | | |
|----|--|
| F | Filtering of database sequences with the SEG program |
| W | Construction of final alignments with the Smith-Waterman algorithm |
| S | Composition-based statistics |
| R | Reversed sequence score normalization |
| D | Dispersed method for inferring amino acid frequencies from gaps |
| C | Concentrated method for inferring amino acid frequencies from gaps |
| M | Restricted score rescaling |
| bx | Pseudocount parameter (default 10) |
| px | Purging percentage (default 98) |
| hx | E-value threshold for inclusion in PSI-BLAST multiple alignment |

Error in Profile Searches



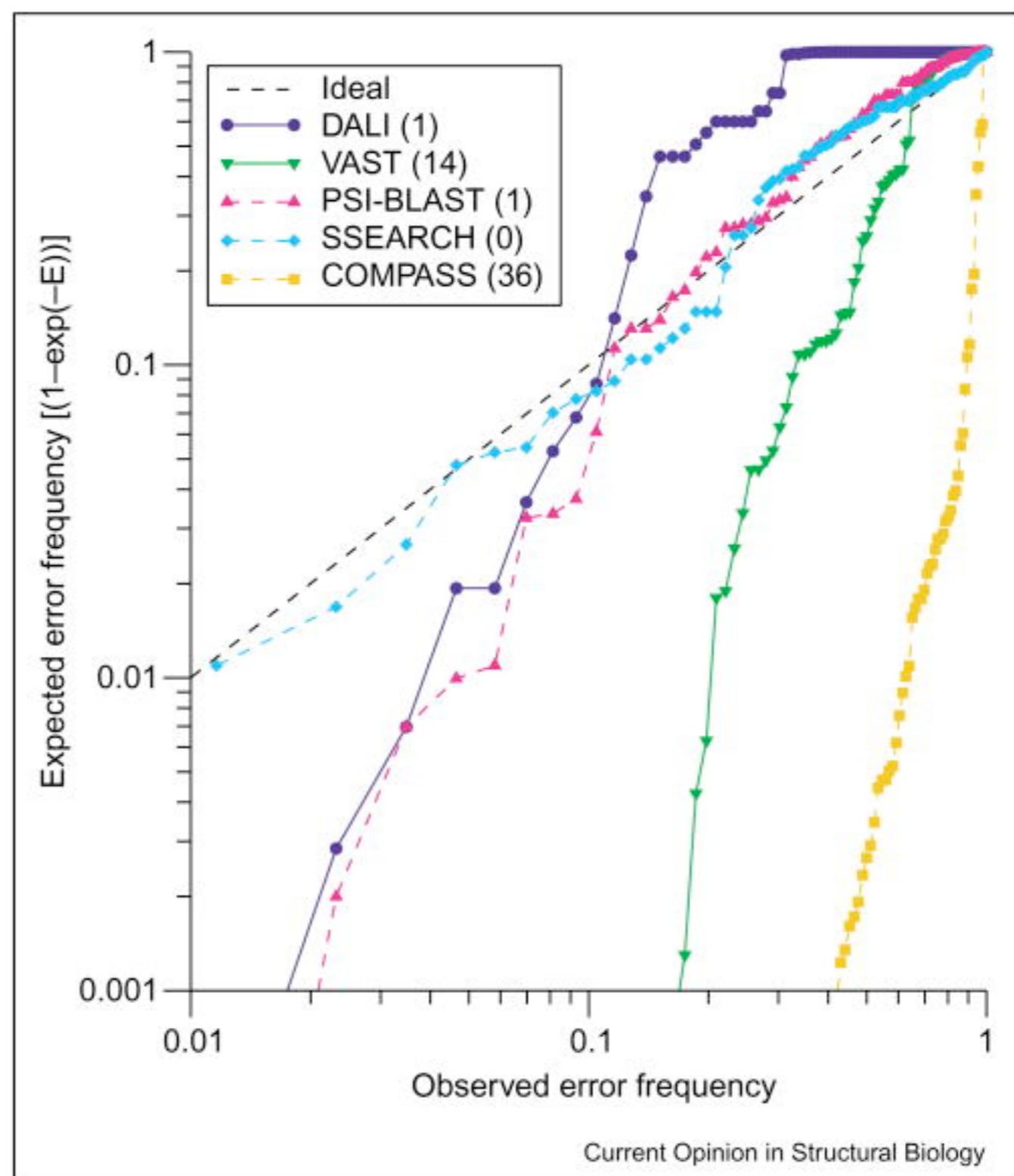
Homologous Over-Extension

Drawbacks to PSI-Search

- Hard to compare 2 profiles
- With few input sequences it's hard to create an accurate profile
- Including a non-homolog will capture “it's friends”

Error in Profile Searches

More Errors than
Expected in PSI-
BLAST vs
SSEARCH



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The limits of protein sequence comparison?

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HMMER

- phmmer

- Compares a protein sequence against a protein sequence database

- hmmscan

- Compares a protein sequence to a profile HMM

- hmmsearch

- Compares a profile HMM again a protein sequence database

- jackhammer

- interactive hmmsearch

HMMER

It detects homology by comparing a [profile-HMM](#) to either a single sequence or a database of sequences.

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HMMER: biosequence analysis using profile hidden Markov models

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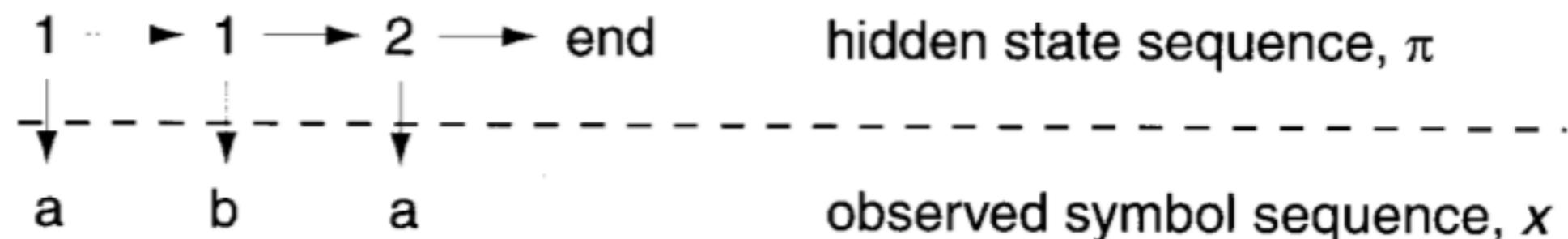
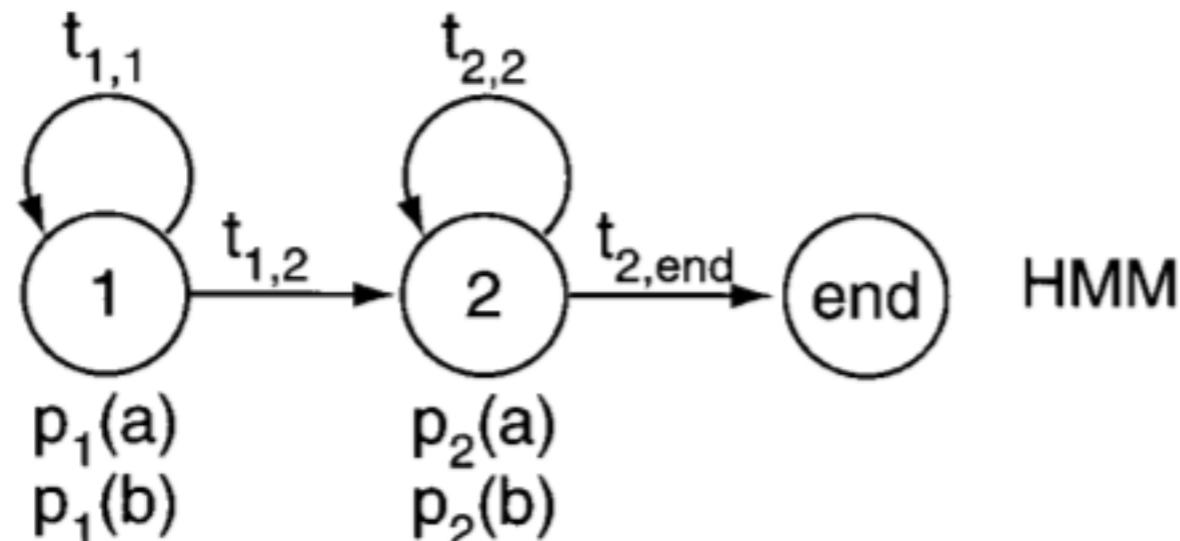
HMMER is used for searching sequence databases for sequence homologs, and for making sequence alignments. It implements methods using probabilistic models called profile hidden Markov models (profile HMMs).

HMMER is often used together with a profile database, such as [Pfam](#) or many of the databases that participate in [Interpro](#). But HMMER can also work with query sequences, not just profiles, just like BLAST. For example, you can search a protein query sequence against a database with [phmmmer](#), or do an iterative search with [jackhmmer](#).

HMMER is designed to detect remote homologs as sensitively as possible, relying on the strength of its underlying probability models. In the past, this strength came at significant computational expense, but as of the new HMMER3 project, HMMER is now essentially as fast as BLAST.

HMMER can be downloaded and installed as a command line tool on your own hardware, and now it is also more widely accessible to the scientific community via [new search servers](#) at the European Bioinformatics Institute.

Model HMM

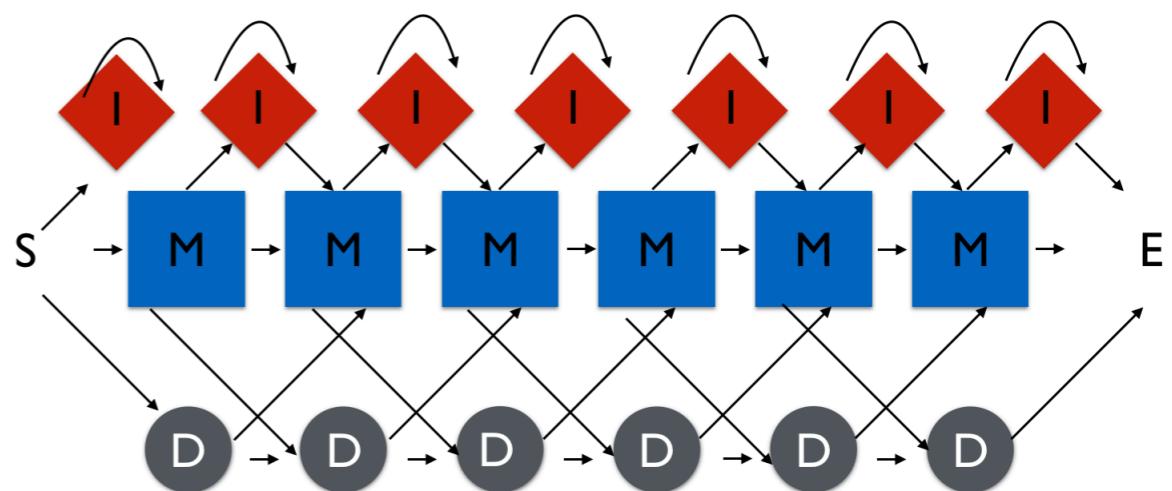


$$t_{1,1} \ t_{1,2} \ t_{2,end} \ p_1(a) \ p_1(b) \ p_2(a) \quad P(x, \pi \mid \text{HMM})$$

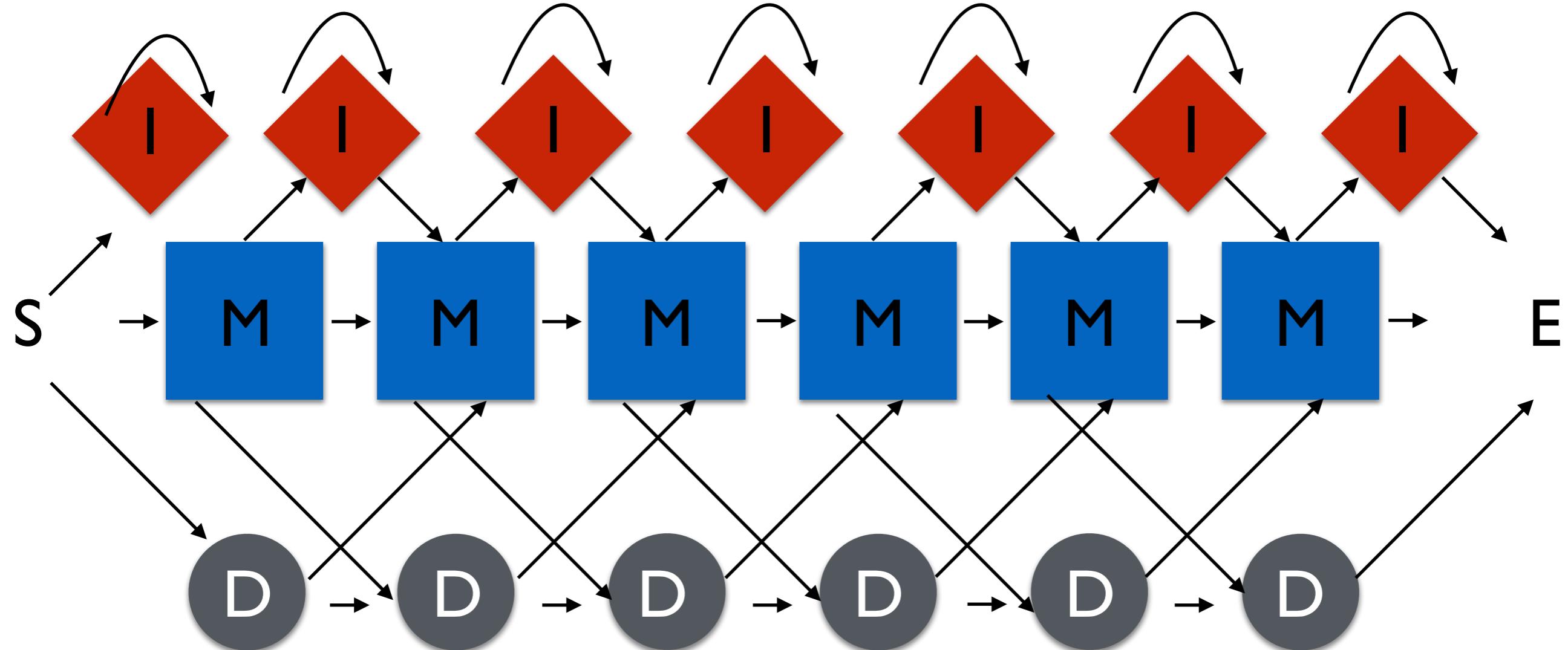
HMM, modeling sequences of as and bs as 2 regions of potentially different residue composition

Profile HMM

- HMM describes the probabilities of each state transitions
- M_i to I_i , I_i to itself, I_i to M_{i+1}
- M_i to M_{i+1}
- M_i to D_{i+1} , D_i to D_{i+1} , D_i to M_{i+1}



Profile HMM



AT-GTTAT

TACGT-AC

MMIIMMDMM

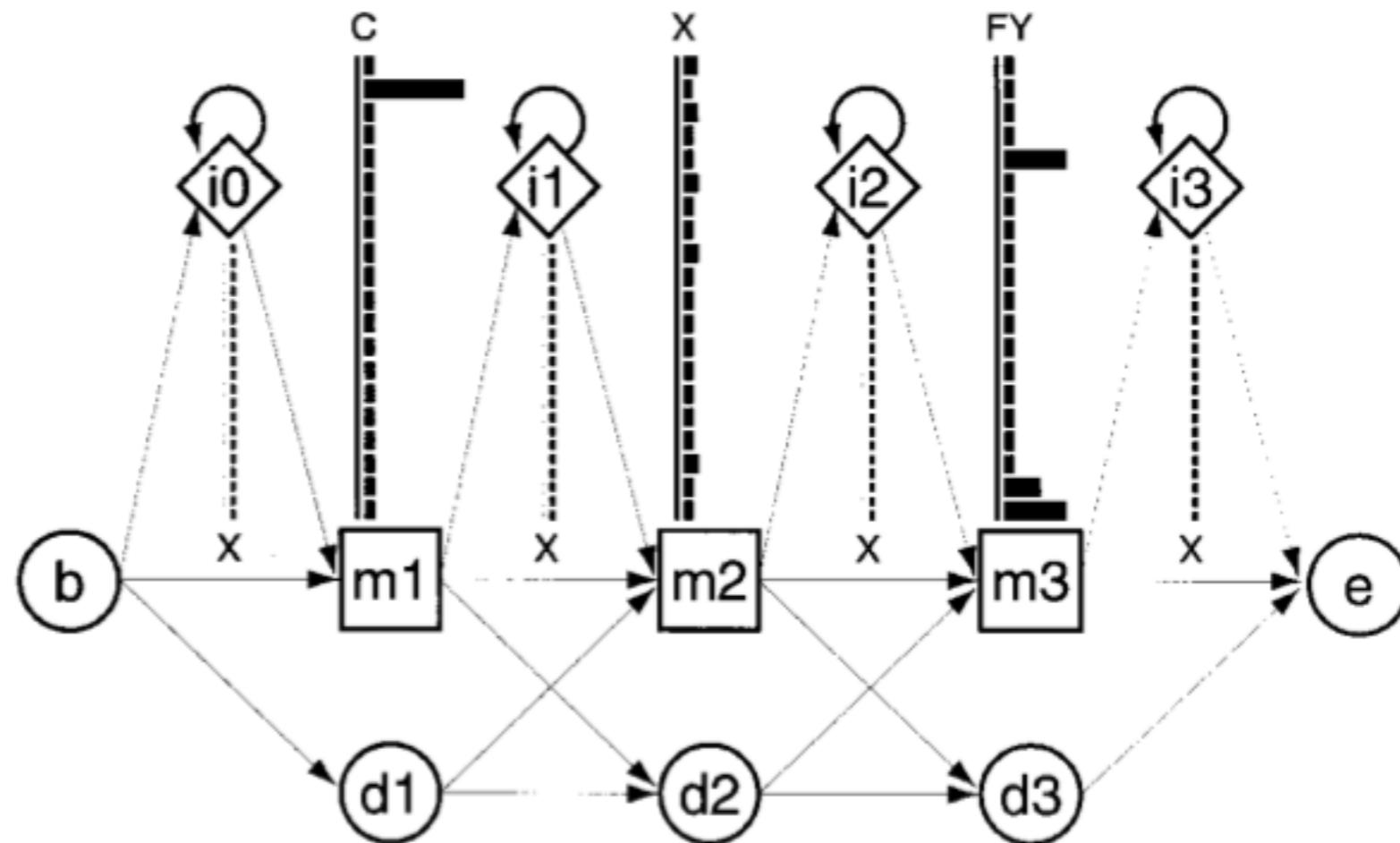
Derive HMMs from Multiple Sequence Alignment

Profile HMMs represents the consensus for the alignment of sequence from the same family and are built using a multiple sequence alignment

sp 074706 EGLB_ASPNG	MKFQSTL--LLAAAAGSALAV-----PHGSGHKKRASVFEWFGSNESG
sp Q96WQ8 EGLB_ASPKA	MKFQSTL--LLAAAAGSALAV-----PHGPGHKKRASVFEWFGSNESG
sp P51529 MANA_STRLI	MR---NARSTLITTAGMAFAVLGLLFALAGPSAGRAEAAGGIHVSNGRVE--GNGSAF
sp P22533 MANB_CALSA	MRLKTKIRKKWLSQLCTVVFLLNILFI----ANVTILPKVGAATSNDGVVKI----DTS *.. : . . . *.: . .
sp 074706 EGLB_ASPNG	AEGFTNIPGVWGTDYIFPDYST--ISTLIGKGMNFFRVQFMMERLLPDSMTGSYDEEYLA
sp Q96WQ8 EGLB_ASPKA	AEGFTNIPGVWGTDYIFPDPSA--ISTLIDKGMNFFRVQFMMERLLPDSMTGSYDEEYLA
sp P51529 MANA_STRLI	VMRGVNHYTW----YPDRTGS-IADIAAKGANTVRVVL-----SSGGRWTKTSAS
sp P22533 MANB_CALSA	TLIGTNHAHCW----YRDRLLDTALRGIRSWGMSVRVVL-----SNGYRWTKIPAS . *.* . * : * : : . * * .** : * : : :

profile HMM

1	2	3
C	A	F
C	G	W
C	D	Y
C	V	F
C	K	Y



represents a short multiple alignment of 5 sequences
with 3 consensus columns

profile HMMs

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Profile hidden Markov models.

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Abstract

The recent literature on profile hidden Markov model (profile HMM) methods and software is reviewed. Profile HMMs turn a multiple sequence alignment into a position-specific scoring system suitable for searching databases for remotely homologous sequences. Profile HMM analyses complement standard pairwise comparison methods for large-scale sequence analysis. Several software implementations and two large libraries of profile HMMs of common protein domains are available. HMM methods performed comparably to threading methods in the CASP2 structure prediction exercise.

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- Takes the “standard” profiles and uses HMM based “standard” mathematics to solve two problems
 - Profile-HMM scores are comparable (sort of)
 - Sets gap costs

How to build a profile HMMs

1. Collect the protein sequences from the same protein family
2. Generate a multiple in one of the following formats:
 1. Stockholm, aligned FASTA, Clustal, PSI-BLAST, SELEX and PHYLIP.
3. Use hmmbuild to create a profile HMM
4. This profile can be used to identify distant family members

Multiple Sequence Alignment Tools

<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/>

- Clustal Omega
- T-Coffee
- Muscle

Protein Domain Summary

- Protein Domains are independent structural entities that are found with various partners.
- Protein divergence is not uniform over a protein - some parts are more conserved than others
- Position specific scoring matrices can capture the specific patterns of conservation at different sites in a protein
- PSI-BLAST combines searching, multiple alignment, and PSSMs
- Statistical estimates are difficult with PSSMs, use PSI- SEARCH and PSI-PRSS
- HMMER3 creates HMM models of a protein family from a multiple sequence alignment
- Iterative PSSM/HMM searches may be contaminated by Homologous Overextension
- Single models cannot capture diverse families (PFAM Clans)
- Protein domains can be identified using RPS-BLAST or CDD searching

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