

Project title: Subfamily classification and analysis of CAZy family

Goal: Classify the CAZy family into subfamilies, analyze and visualize them using Bioinformatics tools and methods.

In this tutorial, CAZy family GH31 was used to explain bioinformatics methods to analyze and visualize them.

Paper Link: A subfamily classification to choreograph the diverse activities within glycoside hydrolase family 31. **DOI:** <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbc.2023.103038>

Required materials are available at https://github.com/sivanr92/Class_project

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Methods to identify the subfamily from a family:

1. Dataset and preprocess
2. Domain annotation using HMM and dbCAN
3. Extraction of modules (based on the annotation)
4. Construction of sequence similarity networks (SSN) using SSNpipe and analyzing SSNs based on characterized IDs from CAZy and EC numbers.
5. Visualization of SSN networks using Cytoscape
6. Phylogenetic Analysis
7. Interpretation and Discussion

Detailed tutorials and methods are available in the following pages.

Note: Denotes the program name available at the GitHub.

Detailed methods section:

1. Dataset and preprocess:

- Dataset can be downloaded from CAZy database
<http://www.cazy.org/>
- Select GH classes on CAZy database (Your family under the classification, we will use GH31 as example, please choose your own family)

<http://www.cazy.org/Glycoside-Hydrolases.html>

- Go to GH class 31 and download the dataset.

<http://www.cazy.org/GH31.html>

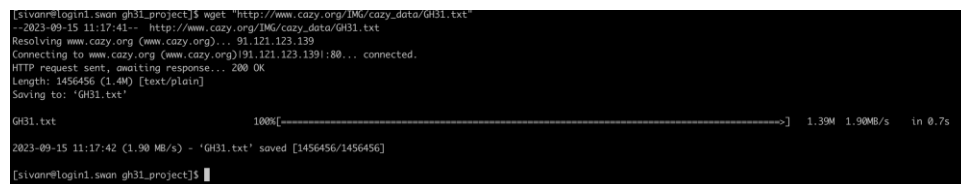
- Find the page you can find the dataset

http://www.cazy.org/IMG/cazy_data/GH31.txt

Download that using the wget in the terminal as use click and download.

Command line:

```
$ wget "http://www.cazy.org/IMG/cazy_data/GH31.txt"
```



```
[silvane@login1.swan gh31_project]$ wget http://www.cazy.org/IMG/cazy_data/GH31.txt
--2023-09-15 11:17:41-- http://www.cazy.org/IMG/cazy_data/GH31.txt
Resolving www.cazy.org (www.cazy.org)... 91.121.123.139
Connecting to www.cazy.org (www.cazy.org)|91.121.123.139|:80... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 1456456 (1.4M) [text/plain]
Saving to: 'GH31.txt'

GH31.txt                               100%[=====] 1.39M 1.90MB/s in 0.7s

2023-09-15 11:17:42 (1.90 MB/s) - 'GH31.txt' saved [1456456/1456456]

[silvane@login1.swan gh31_project]$
```

Use GH31.txt to get a list of genbank ids of GH31 family.

Use the following command in the terminal make to make the unique list of IDs

```
$ cut -f 4 GH31.txt > list_ids.txt
```

Remove redundant ids from the list

```
$ cat list_ids.txt | sort | uniq > uniq_list_ids.txt
```

24307 unique ids were unique.

To download the sequences from the NCBI. Use the batch service available from NCBI Entrez Direct: E-utilities

Full tutorial Link: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK179288/>

- Register in NCBI using the for using the API-KEY. Helps for fast and terminal download.
- NCBI register using UNL mail id. (Use Institution search)
- Navigate to account settings.
- Find the Generate API-KEY button and generate.


My NCBI My Bibliography Account Settings Site Preferences

[MyNCBI Dashboard](#) > NCBI Account Settings

NCBI Account Settings

Email

This email is used for delivery of saved searches and recovery of password for your native NCBI account.

Email	Status	Edit
snallattinuthurra2@unl.edu	(confirmed)	


NCBI Account

Your username is the email address of the third-party account that you used to set up your NCBI account.

Username
snallattinuthurra2@unl.edu

Linked Accounts

You can log into your NCBI account via these third parties. Contact the third party about any issues related to logging into any of the accounts below.

Account	Email/ID	Remove
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	snallattinuthurra2@unl.edu (logged in)	

[Add account](#)

Install EDirect using one of the following.

```
$ sh -c "$(curl -fsSL
https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/entrezdirect/install-
edirect.sh)"
```

OR

```
$ sh -c "$(wget -q
https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/entrezdirect/install-
edirect.sh -O -)"
```

`$ export PATH=${HOME}/edirect:${PATH}.` (After installation, an automatic path will be shown. Export that)

After that export your unique API-KEY, using the following command,

```
$ export NCBI_API_KEY=unique_api_key
```

Program to download the sequences can be found at `batch_download_protein_sequences.sh`

Note: remember to edit your mail id and batch size (500 is maximum as of now)

24306 ids were found and downloaded.

2. Domain annotation using HMM and dbCAN.

(i) download dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt, hmmscan-parser.sh

Download following files from <https://bcbl.unl.edu/dbCAN2/download/Databases/dbCAN-old@UGA/>

- hmmscan-parser.sh
- dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt

```
[sivann@login1.swm gh31_project]$ wget "https://bcbl.unl.edu/dbCAN2/download/Databases/dbCAN-old@UGA/dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt"
--2023-09-25 13:14:39-- https://bcbl.unl.edu/dbCAN2/download/Databases/dbCAN-old@UGA/dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt
Resolving bcb.unl.edu (bcb.unl.edu)... 129.93.162.49
Connecting to bcb.unl.edu (bcb.unl.edu):129.93.162.49:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 11407892 (10.9M) [text/plain]
Saving to: 'dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt'

dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt 100%[=====] 108.79M 18790/s in 1.0s

2023-09-25 13:14:48 (107 MB/s) - 'dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt' saved [11407892/11407892]

[sivann@login1.swm gh31_project]$ wget "https://bcbl.unl.edu/dbCAN2/download/Databases/dbCAN-old@UGA/hmmscan-parser.sh"
--2023-09-25 13:15:07-- https://bcbl.unl.edu/dbCAN2/download/Databases/dbCAN-old@UGA/hmmscan-parser.sh
Resolving bcb.unl.edu (bcb.unl.edu)... 129.93.162.49
Connecting to bcb.unl.edu (bcb.unl.edu):129.93.162.49:443... connected.
HTTP request sent, awaiting response... 200 OK
Length: 1152 (1.1K) [text/x-sh]
Saving to: 'hmmscan-parser.sh'

hmmscan-parser.sh 100%[=====] 1.13K --.-KB/s in 0s

2023-09-25 13:15:07 (105 MB/s) - 'hmmscan-parser.sh' saved [1152/1152]

[sivann@login1.swm gh31_project]$ ls
batch_580_protein_sequences.fasta batch_download_protein_sequences.sh check_cyto dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt GH31.txt hmmscan-parser.sh list_ids.txt unwanted
[sivann@login1.swm gh31_project]$
```

(ii) download HMMER 3.0 package [hmmer.org] and install it properly

<http://hmmer.org/download.html>, File: <http://eddylib.org/software/hmmer/hmmer-3.4.tar.gz>

HMMER is available in HCC.

- Can be loaded with the following commands.

```
$ ml hmmer/3.3
```

- Check the installation by running:

```
$ hmbuild -h
```

```
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$ hmmbuild -h
# hmmbuild :: profile HMM construction from multiple sequence alignments
# HMMER 3.4 (Aug 2023); http://hmmer.org/
# Copyright (C) 2023 Howard Hughes Medical Institute.
# Freely distributed under the BSD open source license.
# -----
Usage: hmmbuild [-options] <hmmfile_out> <msafile>

Basic options:
  -h      : show brief help on version and usage
  -n <s>  : name the HMM <s>
  -o <f>  : direct summary output to file <f>, not stdout
  -O <f>  : resave annotated, possibly modified MSA to file <f>

Options for selecting alphabet rather than guessing it:
  --amino : input alignment is protein sequence data
  --dna   : input alignment is DNA sequence data
  --rna   : input alignment is RNA sequence data

Alternative model construction strategies:
  --fast      : assign cols w/ >= symfrac residues as consensus [default]
  --hand      : manual construction (requires reference annotation)
  --symfrac <x> : sets sym fraction controlling --fast construction [0.5]
  --fragthresh <x> : if L <= x*alen, tag sequence as a fragment [0.5]

Alternative relative sequence weighting strategies:
  --wpb      : Henikoff position-based weights [default]
  --wgsc     : Gerstein/Sonnhammer/Chothia tree weights
  --wblosum  : Henikoff simple filter weights
  --wnone    : don't do any relative weighting; set all to 1
  --wgiven   : use weights as given in MSA file
  --wid <x>  : for --wblosum: set identity cutoff [0.62] (0<=x<=1)
```

(iii) format HMM db: hmmpress dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt

\$ hmmpress dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt

```
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$ hmmpress dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt
Working... done.
Pressed and indexed 783 HMMs (783 names and 9 accessions).
Models pressed into binary file: dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt.h3m
SSI index for binary model file: dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt.h3i
Profiles (MSV part) pressed into: dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt.h3f
Profiles (remainder) pressed into: dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt.h3p
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$
```

(iv) run: hmmscan --domtblout yourfile.out.dm dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt yourfile > yourfile.out

\$ hmmscan --domtblout gh31_hmmscan.out.dm dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt
batch_500_protein_sequences.fasta > gh31_hmmscan.out

Use the code below to run hmmscan on HCC

Program available at “hmmscan_run.slurm”

Students can use batch and guest partition.

Sample code in below.

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --time=24:00:00
#SBATCH --mem=100gb
#SBATCH --job-name=hmmScan
#SBATCH --error=/Your/path/gh31_project/job.%J.err
#SBATCH --output=/ Your/path/gh31_project/job.%J.out
#SBATCH --partition=batch,guest
ml hmmer/3.3
hmmScan --domtblout gh31_hmmScan.out.dm dbCAN-fam-HMMs.txt
batch_500_protein_sequences.fasta > gh31_hmmScan.out
```

- (v) run: `sh hmmScan-parser.sh yourfile.out.dm > yourfile.out.dm.ps` (if alignment > 80aa, use E-value < 1e-5, otherwise use E-value < 1e-3; covered fraction of HMM > 0.3)

```
$ sh hmmScan-parser.sh gh31_hmmScan.out.dm >
gh31_hmmScan.out.dm.ps
```

```
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$ sh hmmScan-parser.sh gh31_hmmScan.out.dm > gh31_hmmScan.out.dm.ps
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$ tail gh31_hmmScan.out.dm.ps
GH31_15.hmm 426 XP_324242.1 1271 1.5e-197 1 426 556 986 0.997652582159624
GH31_1.hmm 447 XP_331782.1 1044 6e-167 1 447 317 872 0.997762863534676
GH31_1.hmm 447 XP_331973.1 880 2.7e-170 1 446 239 764 0.995525727069351
GH31_1.hmm 447 XP_363039.1 980 8.4e-172 1 447 373 821 0.997762863534676
GH31_4.hmm 435 XP_364756.1 667 1.2e-177 1 432 209 663 0.990804597701149
GH31_2.hmm 447 XP_364912.1 859 1.6e-174 1 446 237 727 0.995525727069351
GH31_15.hmm 426 XP_365394.1 825 1.1e-198 1 426 185 615 0.997652582159624
GH31_1.hmm 447 XP_366444.1 965 4e-162 1 447 300 848 0.997762863534676
GH31_1.hmm 447 XP_623603.1 925 1.8e-174 1 447 344 790 0.997762863534676
GH31_1.hmm 447 ZP_01966167.1 663 4.1e-155 1 447 133 613 0.997762863534676
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$ head gh31_hmmScan.out.dm.ps
GH31_1.hmm 447 AAA31459.1 1827 1.7e-162 1 447 1195 1691 0.997762863534676
GH31_1.hmm 447 AAA31459.1 1827 2.7e-176 1 447 324 797 0.997762863534676
GH31_1.hmm 447 AAA33923.1 958 2.1e-163 1 447 288 833 0.997762863534676
GH31_1.hmm 447 AAA52506.1 952 1.6e-184 1 447 340 824 0.997762863534676
GH31_1.hmm 447 AAA60551.1 679 1.8e-136 1 331 324 677 0.738255033557047
GH31_3.hmm 429 AAA62009.1 772 3.2e-205 1 428 240 668 0.995337995337995
GH31_4.hmm 435 AAA64974.1 529 2.6e-125 1 306 216 525 0.701149425287356
GH31_1.hmm 447 AAA65097.1 1841 1.9e-147 1 447 1200 1705 0.997762863534676
GH31_1.hmm 447 AAA65097.1 1841 6.9e-165 1 447 334 803 0.997762863534676
GH31_1.hmm 447 AAA68743.1 575 5.2e-74 1 282 251 575 0.628635346756152
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$ cat gh31_hmmScan.out.dm.ps | wc -l
26390
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$
```

26390 modules were found.

- (vi) run: `cat yourfile.out.dm.ps | awk '$5<1e-15&&$10>0.35' > yourfile.out.dm.ps.stringent` (this allows you to get the same result as what is produced in our dbCAN2 webpage)

\$

```
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$ cat gh31_hmmScan.out.dm.ps | wc -l
26390
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$ cat gh31_hmmScan.out.dm.ps | awk '$5<1e-15&&$10>0.35' > gh31_hmmScan.out.dm.ps.stringent
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$ cat gh31_hmmScan.out.dm.ps.stringent | wc -l
25279
[sivanr@login1.swan gh31_project]$
```

After filtering using the E- Value and coverage cutoff of $<1e-15$ and >0.35 , **25279 modules were found**.

Cols in yourfile.out.dm.ps:

1. Family HMM
2. HMM length
3. Query ID
4. Query length
5. E-value (how similar to the family HMM)
6. HMM start
7. HMM end
8. Query start
9. Query end
10. Coverage

** On our dbCAN2 website, we use E-value $< 1e-15$ and coverage > 0.35 , which is more stringent than the default ones in hmmscan-parser.sh

3. Extract only GH31 modules from the overview.txt file by matching with the sequences.

Use a given python program to extract the modules from the dataset.

Refer python Program filter_modules_26sep2023.py

25279 modules were found.

Note: module load in HCC.

```
$ ml biopython
```

Extract manually characterized IDs from the GH31 page of the CAZy.

- Click on the “Characterized (135)”
- Tabular column page will be shown.
- Copy the Characterized IDs, EC numbers from the page and paste them in Excel and select only the IDs which only have hyperlinks (Characterized by CAZy) and make a list.

Open terminal and execute the following command

https://github.com/ahvdk/SSNpipe/releases/download/v.1.0-beta/ssnpipe_unix.tar.gz

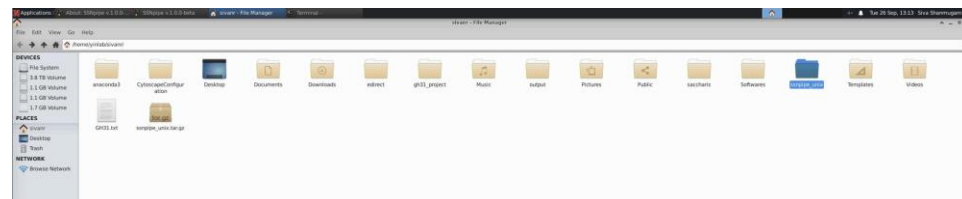
\$ wget "https://github.com/ahvdk/SSNpipe/releases/download/v.1.0-beta/ssnpipe_unix.tar.gz"

Extract using following command

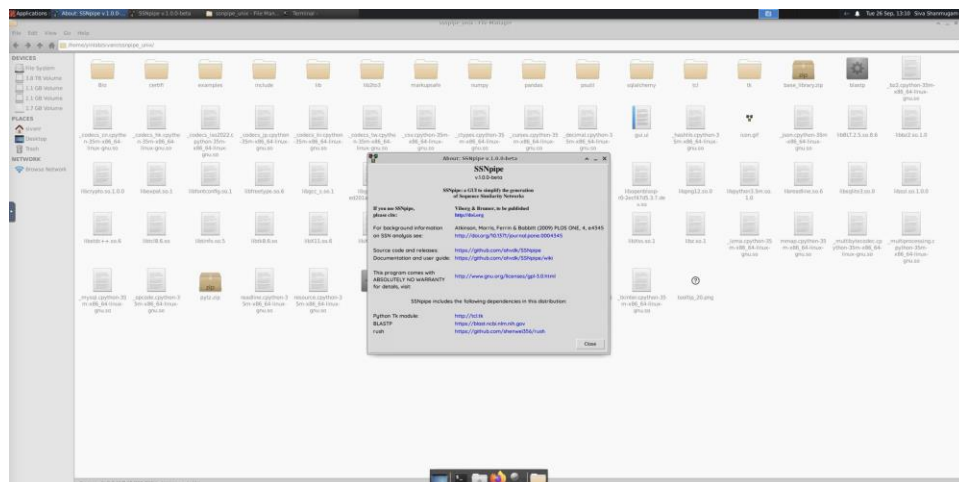
\$ tar -xvf ssnpipe_unix.tar.gz



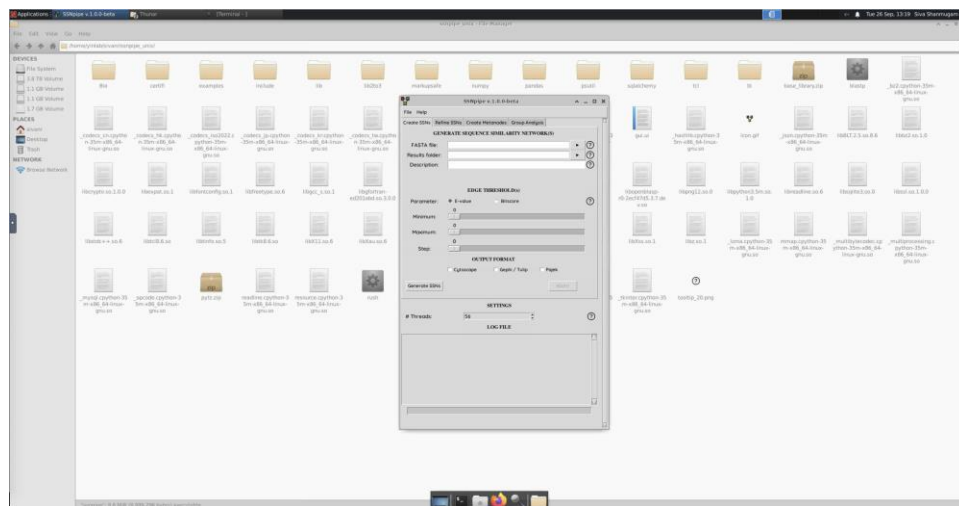
Move to ssnpipe_unix folder in the explorer



Then open the application in GUI.



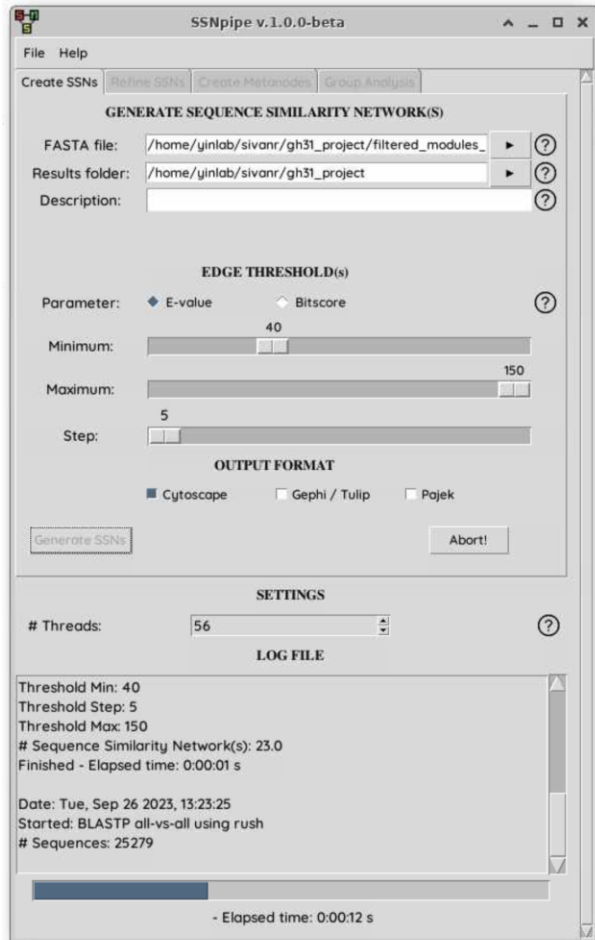
You can find the application opened in the top left corner



Set the input file, output file path, parameters below with the e-value step of 5 from minimum to maximum.



Click on Generate SSNs, the program will run for few hours depending on the database size and computational power.



Note:

Depending on the network files size you may need to create a metanodes (3rd tab in the SSNpipe interface)

Generate group Analysis files from the 4th tab.

Results can be processed with the following python program and EC-Numbers can be mapped.

Program name: analysis_mapped_1oct2023.py

Example for the result of “E-value -140”.

```
[sivanr@login1.swan 20230930.205805]$ python analysis_mapped_1oct2023.py
{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49,
50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97,
98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131}
Subfamily SubFam_seqs Char_seqs EC_nums
Subfamily-8 646 45 3.2.1.20|3.2.1.10|3.2.1.20|3.2.1.177|3.2.1.177|3.2.1.20|3.2.1.10|3.2.1.48|3.2.1.20|3.2.1.84
Subfamily-9 624 18 3.2.1.20|3.2.1.207|3.2.1.84|3.2.1.20|3.2.1.20|3.2.1.84
Subfamily-11 333 9 3.2.1.204|2.4.1.387
Subfamily-13 182 1 2.4.1.161
Subfamily-14 165 2 3.2.1.22|3.2.1.-
Subfamily-15 148 4 2.4.1.24
```

Use only one step for the project. Select based on your family. GH31 uses optimized subfamily clusters at E-value of 1E-115.

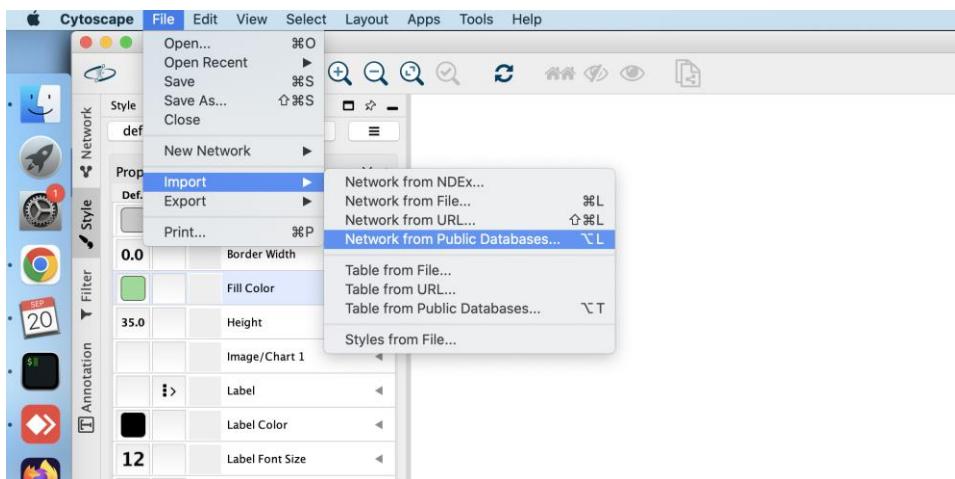
5. Visualize the network using the Cytoscape and interpret the network. Create images.

More details on visualization and analysis are available at: <https://cytoscape.org/>

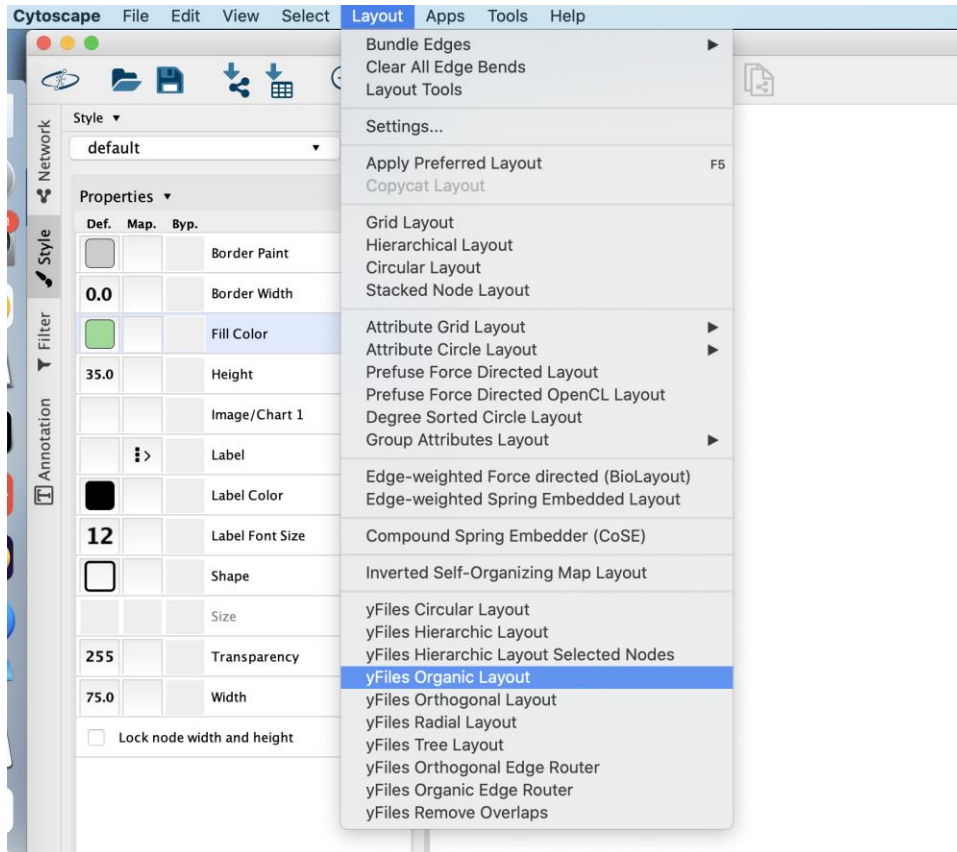
Cytoscape can be accessed by HCC Virtual Desktop in the terminal with the following commands.

- Open terminal in the virtual desktop
- Type “ml cytoscape/3.10”
- After loaded type “cytoscape.sh”
- Import file using import option (Ctrl + L)
- Use organic layout for visualization
- Analyze the results of the E-value.

Import the saved network file into the Cytoscape using the

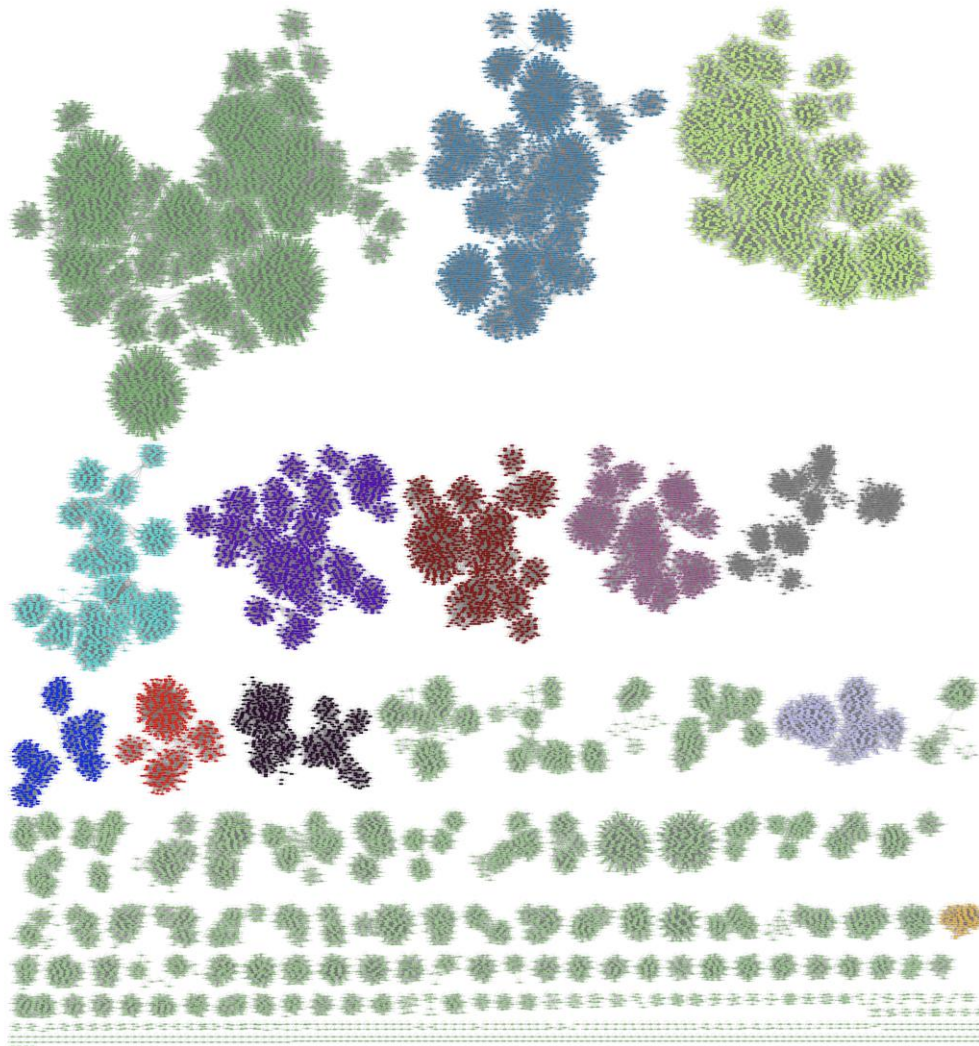


- Use network from File and load them
- Network will be loaded.
- Use a *yFiles Organic layout* from the layout panel. (Install if not available)



- You may notice a change in a layout after the Algorithm is selected.
- Check different nodes and subfamilies, how they are aligned, etc.
- Group them based on the connected nodes and color them for easy visualization.

For example, I have used the network results obtained from the blast results with the cutoff of E-value $1e-140$ and their sequence similarity networks (SSN) "NETWORK_cs_ev_140_.txt"



Modified colors based on the connected nodes and subfamilies. (This can be done by selecting the connected nodes in each cluster.)

6. Phylogenetic Analysis.

Analyse the results using data obtained from the subfamily random 30 seqs in subfamily where seqs are more than 30 and rest are taken as such (>20 anyways).

Refer to python program (phylo_process_random_1oct2023.py)

Use python program to select random 30 sequences each and use them for phylogeny buliding using RAxML.

HCC module load MAFFT

```
$ ml mafft/7.520
```

```
$ mafft --localpair --maxiterate 1000 --genafpair --thread 10  
phylo_input_fasttree_140.fasta > phylo_mafft_align_1e-140.fasta
```

HCC module load FASTTREE

```
$ ml fasttree/2.1
```

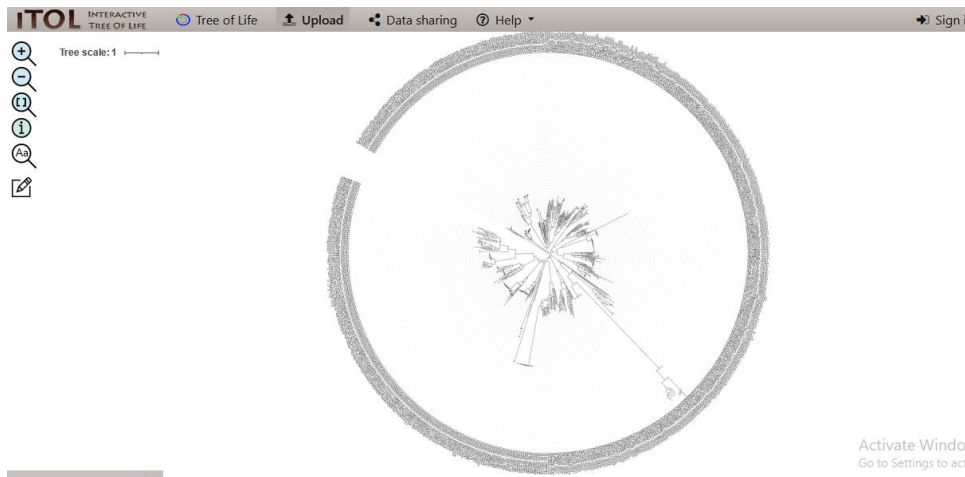
```
$ fasttree -wag -boot 100 -out tree_e-140.nwk  
phylo_mafft_align_1e-140.fasta
```

“tree_e-140.nwk” can be visualized using the iTOL available online.

<https://itol.embl.de/>

Explore the options over the webserver and save the image for the best SSN Evaluate

Example for the SSN 1E-140 build tree



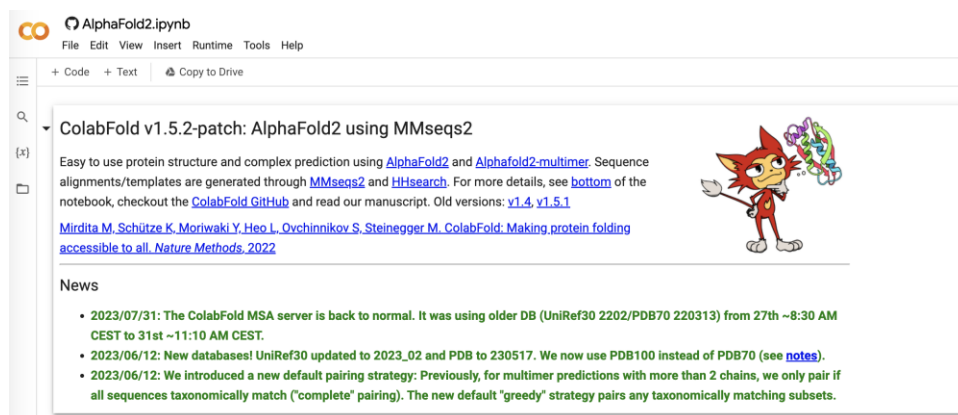
Also available at: <https://itol.embl.de/tree/13423816579310521696229988>

7. Interpretation and analysis of the subfamilies based on the Phylogeny and subfamilies from the selected E-value.

Interpretation steps and protocol:

- (i) Explain each subfamily in terms of EC code, Taxonomical diversity, enzyme activity and structures.
- (ii) Select any one characterized ID and their EC numbers from each subfamily from the results (Output of “analysis_mapped_1oct2023.py”)
- (iii) If PDB ID is available take the structure, or else model them using AlphaFold2.

a. Use Google Colab code for protein structure modelling, <https://colab.research.google.com/github/sokrypton/ColabFold/blob/main/AlphaFold2.ipynb>



b. <https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi> (helpful to identify the similar sequences/ templates for model building)

- (iv) Identify the common catalytic domain between each subfamily.
- (v) Use PyMol to load and visualize the structures. (Available in HCC virtual Desktop)