Current Topics in Genome Analysis Spring 2005

Week 5 Biological Sequence Analysis II

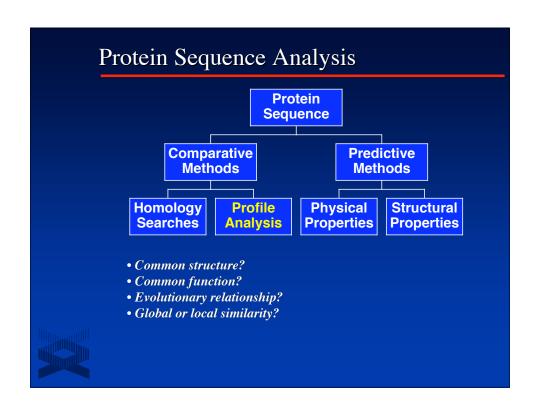
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Overview

- Week 4: Comparative methods and concepts
 - Similarity vs. Homology
 - Global vs. Local Alignments
 - Scoring Matrices
 - BLAST
 - BLAT
- Week 5: Predictive methods and concepts
 - Profiles, patterns, motifs, and domains
 - Secondary structure prediction
 - Structures: VAST, Cn3D, and *de novo* prediction

Protein Conformation

- Christian Anfinsen
 Studies on reversible denaturation →
 "Sequence specifies conformation"
- Chaperones and disulfide interchange enzymes: involved but not controlling final state
- "Starting with a newly-determined sequence, what can be determined computationally about its possible function and structure?"



Sequence Comparisons

- Homology searches
 - Usually "one-against-one"

BLAST FASTA

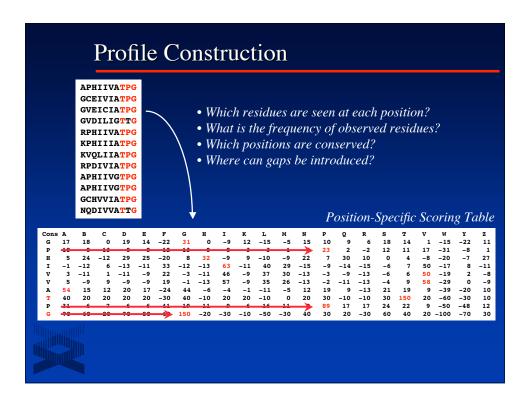
- Allows for comparison of individual sequences against databases comprised of individual sequences
- Profile searches
 - Uses collective characteristics of a family of proteins
 - Search can be "one-against-many" ProfileScan
 CDD

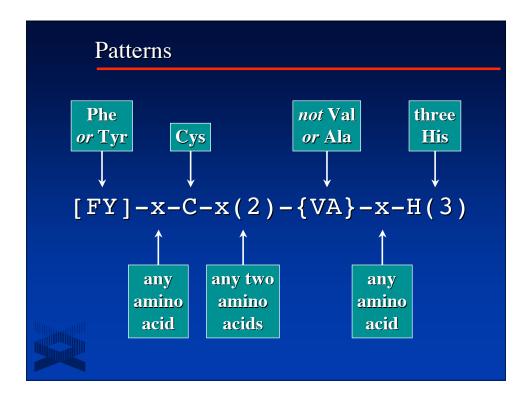
or "many-against-one"

PSI-BLAST

Profiles

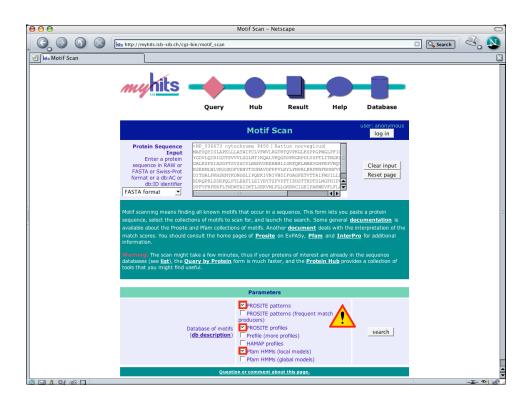
- Numerical representations of multiple sequence alignments
- Depend upon *patterns* or *motifs* containing conserved residues
- Represent the common characteristics of a protein family
- Can find similarities between sequences with little or no sequence identity
- Allow for the analysis of distantly-related proteins

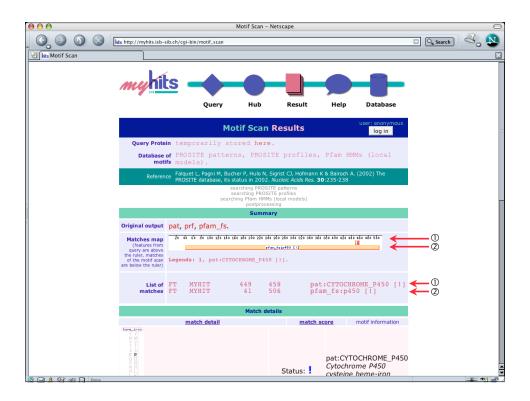


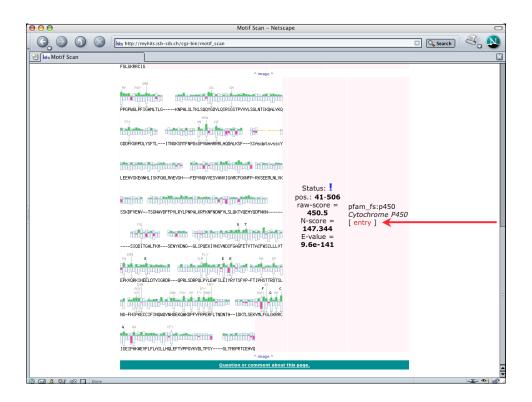


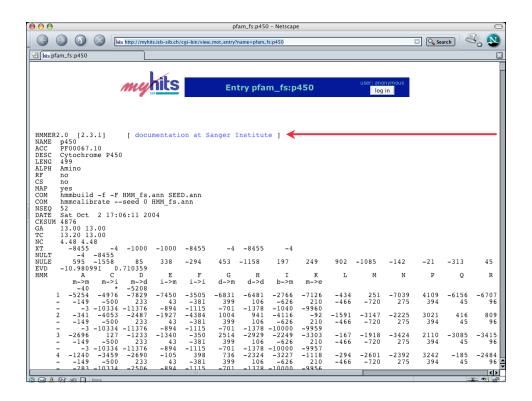
ProfileScan

- Search sequence against a collection of profiles and patterns
- Databases available
 - PROSITE profiles
 - PROSITE patterns
 - PfamA
 - PfamB
 - InterPro families
 - HAMAP profiles (microbial)
 - TIGRfam protein families
- http://hits.isb-sib.ch/cgi-bin/PFSCAN

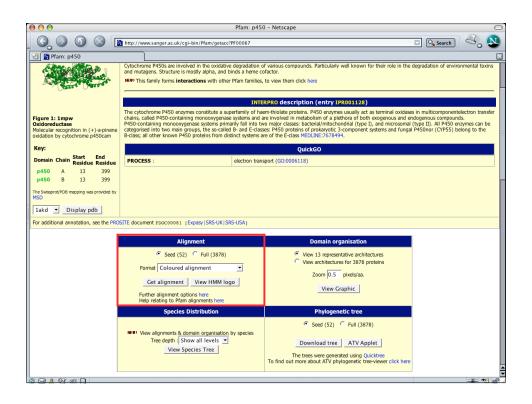


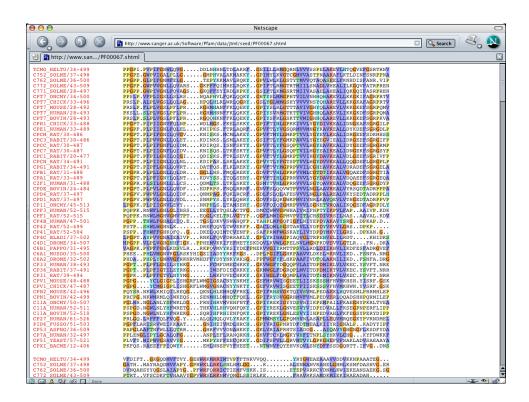


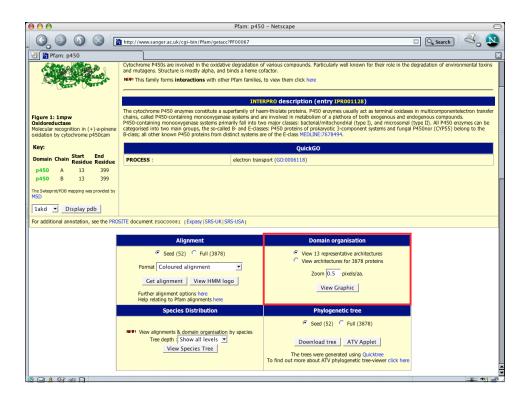


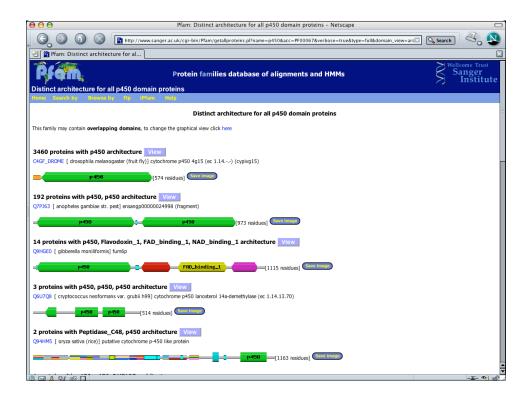


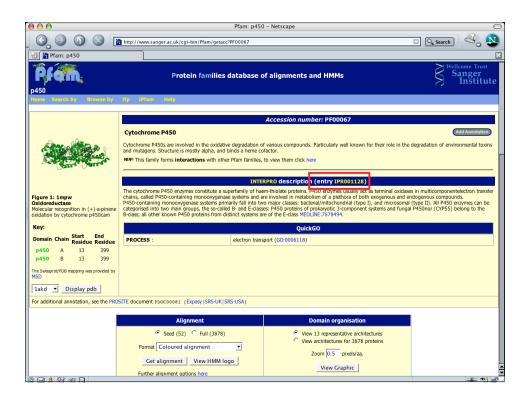


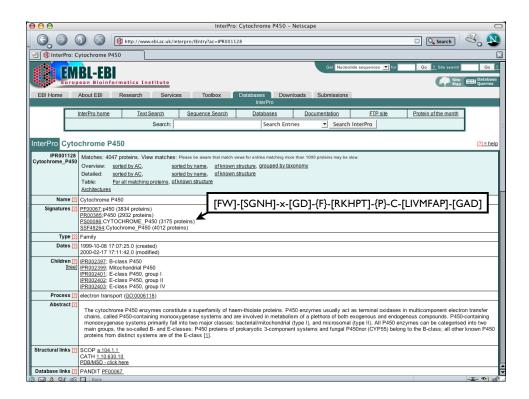


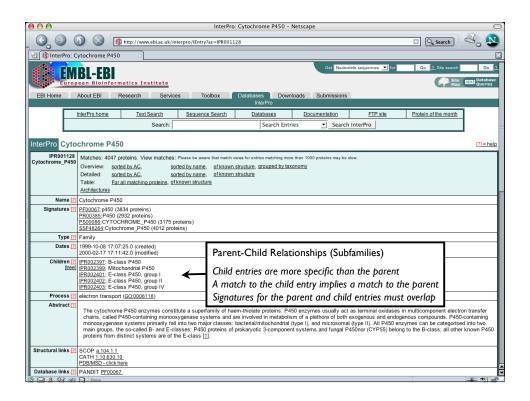


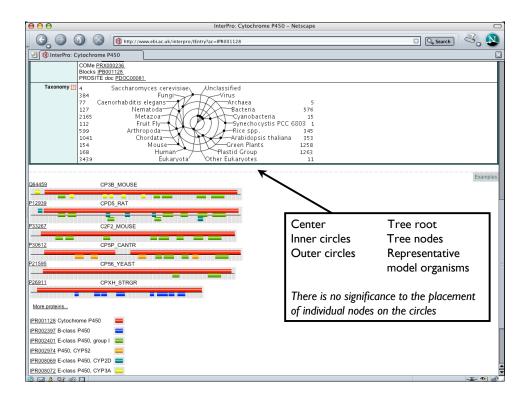






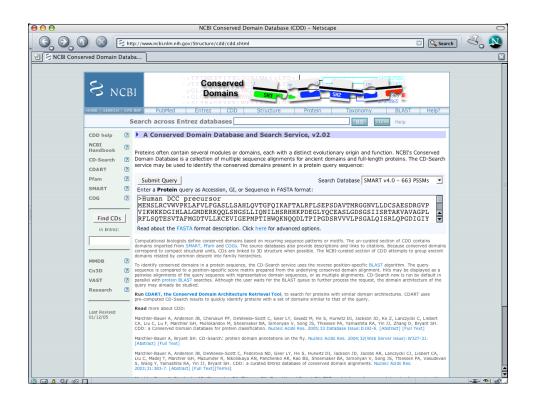


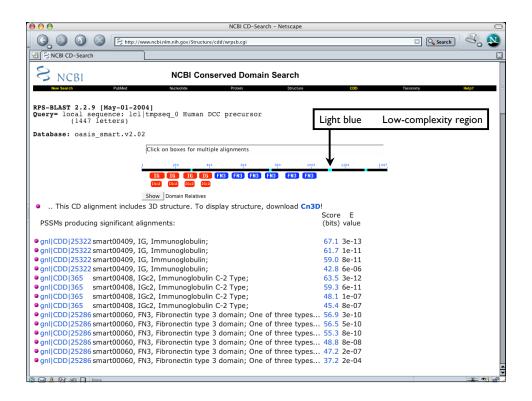




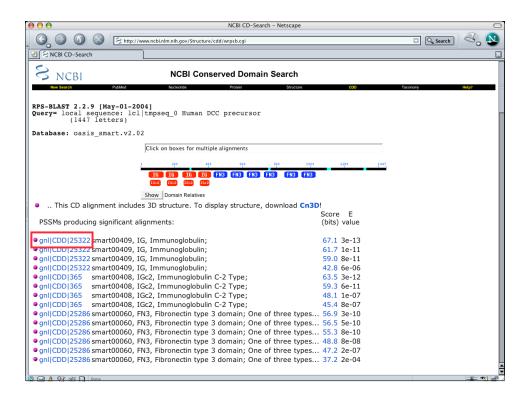
Conserved Domain Database (CDD)

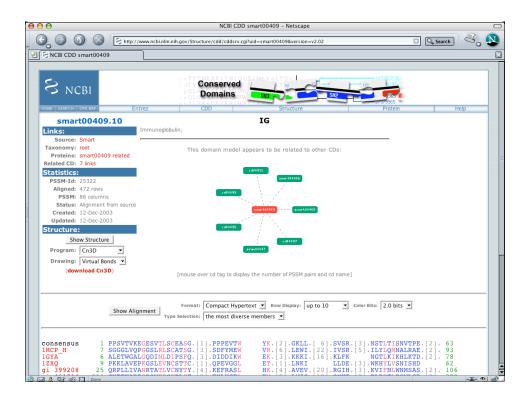
- Identify conserved domains in a protein sequence
- "Secondary database"
 - Pfam A and B
 - Simple Modular Architecture Research Tool (SMART)
 - Clusters of Orthologous Groups
- Search performed using RPS-BLAST
 - Query sequence is used to search a database of precalculated position-specific scoring tables
 - Not the same method used by ProfileScan
- http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Structure/ cdd/cdd.shtml

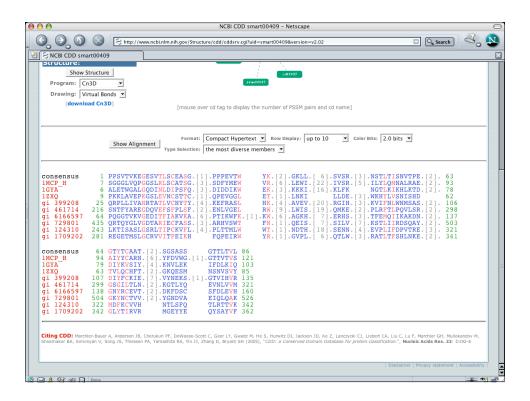


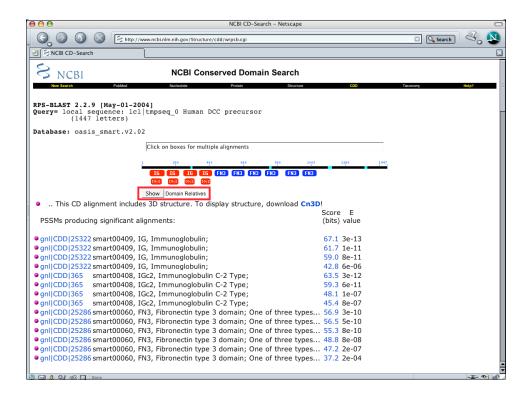


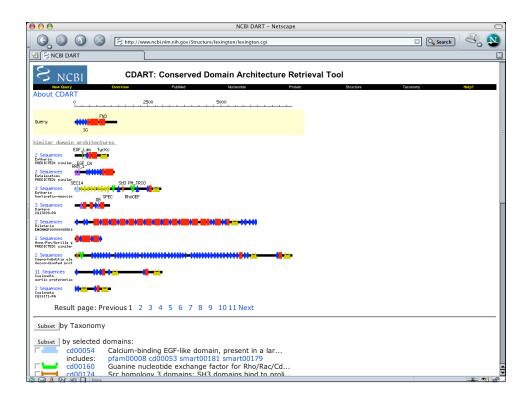
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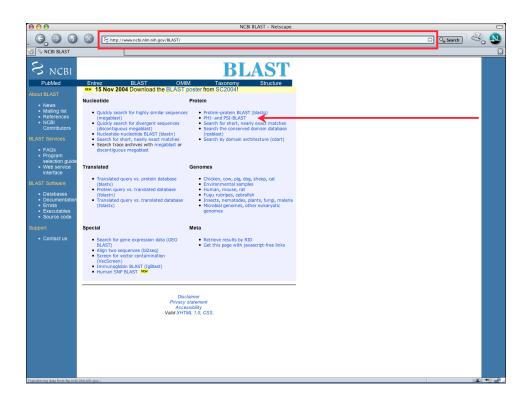


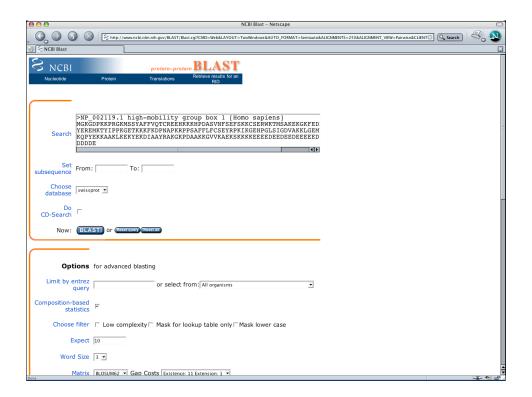


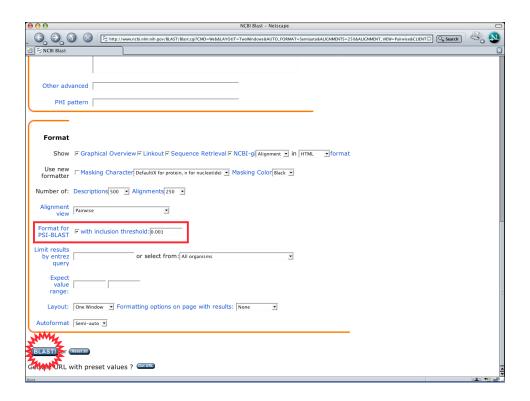


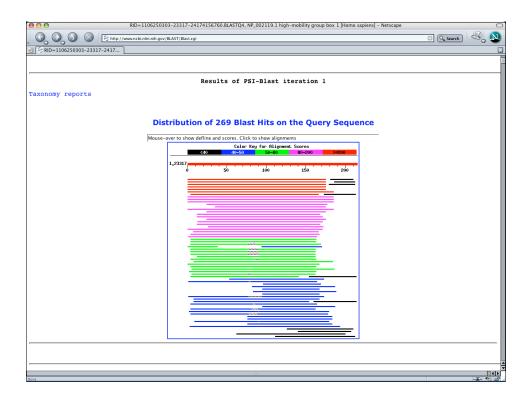
PSI-BLAST

- Position-Specific Iterated BLAST search
- Easy-to-use version of a profile-based search
 - Perform BLAST search against protein database
 - Use results to calculate a position-specific scoring matrix
 - PSSM replaces query for next round of searches
 - May be iterated until no new significant alignments are found
 - Convergence all related sequences deemed found
 - Divergence query is too broad, make cutoffs more stringent

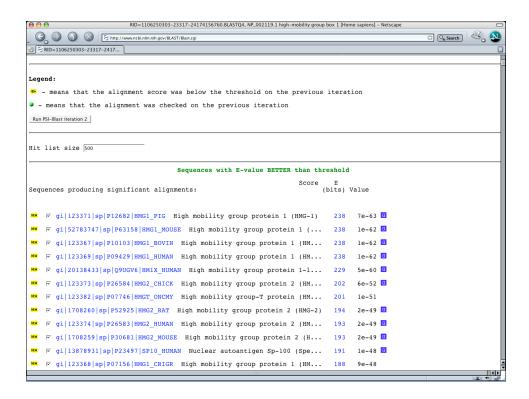


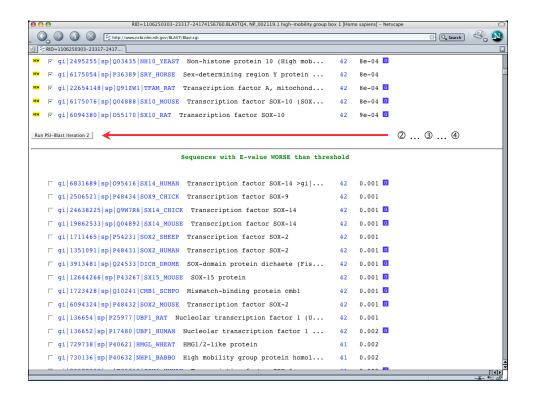


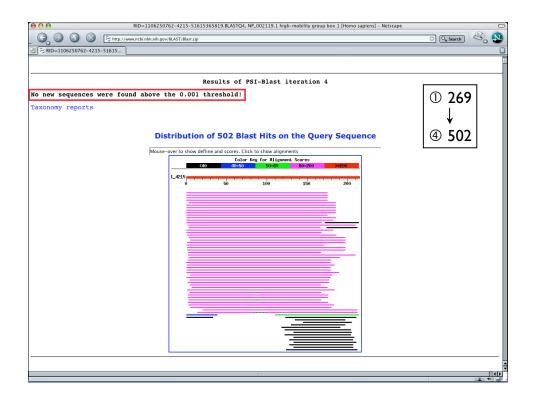


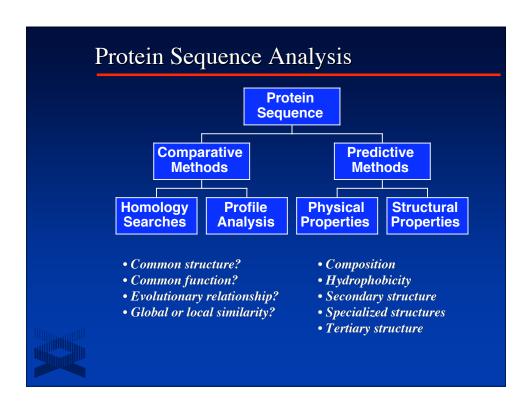


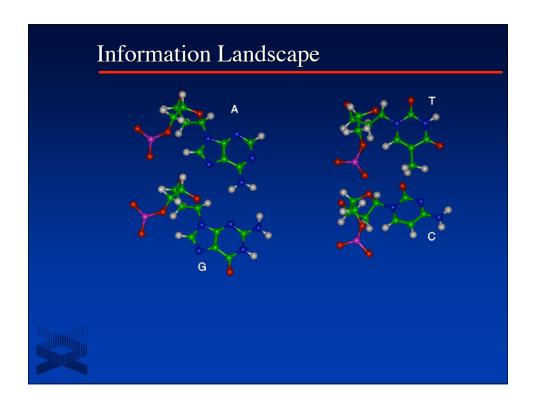
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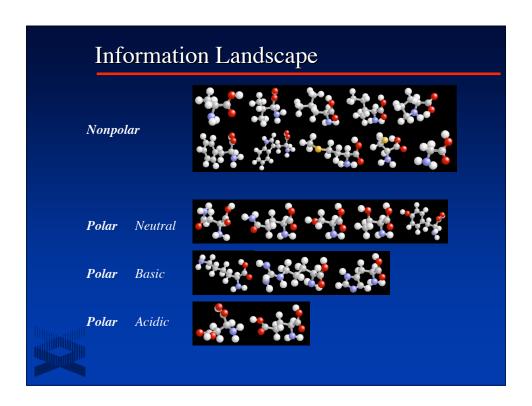






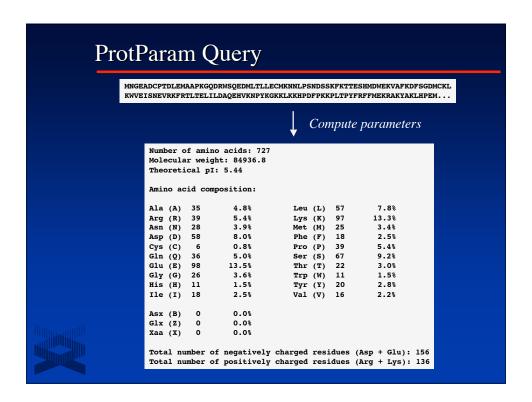






ProtParam

- Computes physicochemical parameters
 - Molecular weight
 - Theoretical pI
 - Amino acid composition
 - Extinction coefficient
- Simple query
 - SWISS-PROT accession number
 - User-entered sequence, in single-letter format
- http://www.expasy.ch/tools/protparam.html



Expert Protein Analysis System (ExPASy)

- All tools available through a single Web frontend, at http://us.expasy.org/tools
- Primary sequence analysis tools include:

ProtParam

Compute pI/Mw

Titration Curve

ProtScale

Plot any measurable (e.g., hydrophobicity) by sequence position

HelixWheel/HelixDraw

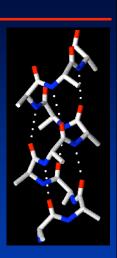
Display protein sequence as a helical wheel

Secondary Structure Prediction

- Deduce the most likely position of alpha-helices and beta-strands
- Confirm structural or functional relationships when sequence similarity is weak
- Determine guidelines for rational selection of specific mutants for further laboratory study
- Basis for further structure-based studies

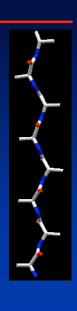
Alpha-helix

- Corkscrew
- Main chain forms backbone, side chains project out
- Hydrogen bonds between
 CO group at n and
 NH group at n+4
- Helix-formers: Ala, Glu, Leu, Met
- Helix-breaker: Pro

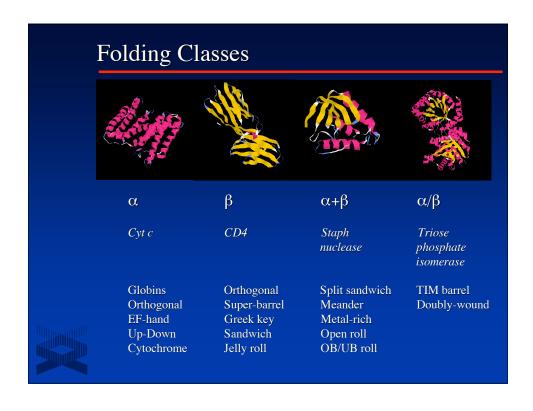


Beta-strand

- Extended structure ("pleated")
- Peptide bonds point in opposite directions
- Side chains point in opposite directions
- No hydrogen bonding within strand

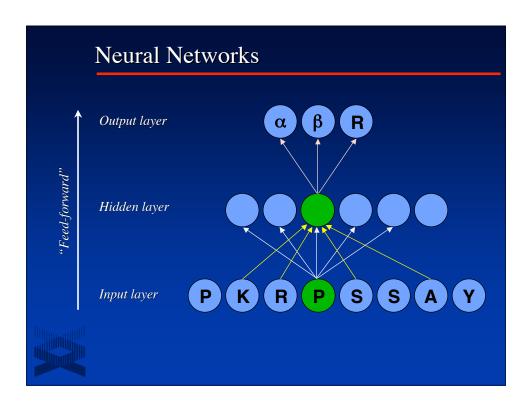


Beta-sheet • Stabilization through hydrogen bonding • Parallel or antiparallel • Variant: beta-turn



Neural Networks

- Used when direct cause-and-effect rules between the beginning and end states are not known
 - Beginning and end states must be related
 - Neural networks attempt to deduce the relationship between the beginning and end states
- Supervised learning approach
 - Involves use of "training sets" where relationship is known
 - Based on data in training sets, network attempts to "learn" the relationship between input and output layers



nnpredict

- Neural network approach to making predictions (*Kneller et al.*, 1990)
- Best-case accuracy > 65%
- Search engines
 - E-mail n
 - Web

nnpredict@celeste.ucsf.edu

http://www.cmpharm.ucsf.edu/~nomi/nnpredict.html

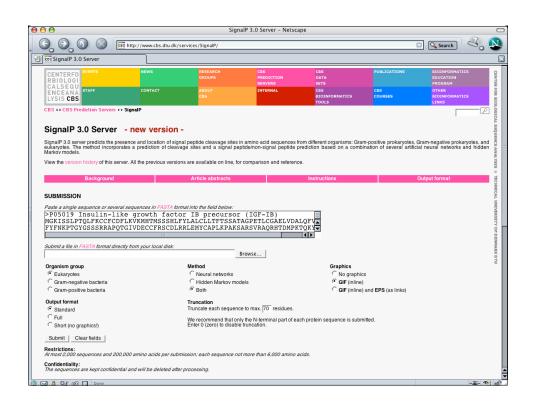
PredictProtein

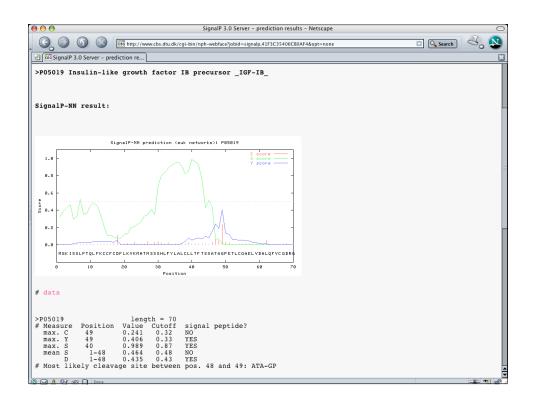
- Multi-step predictive algorithm (Rost et al., 1994)
 - Protein sequence queried against SWISS-PROT
 - MaxHom used to generate iterative, profile-based multiple sequence alignment (Sander and Schneider, 1991)
 - Multiple alignment fed into neural network (PROFsec)
- Accuracy
 - Average
- > 70%
- Best-case
- > 90%
- Search engines

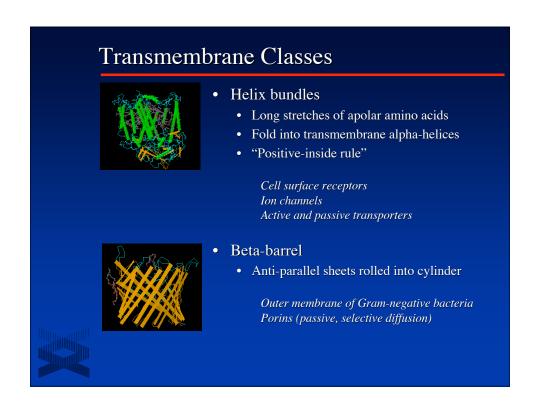
http://www.embl-heidelberg.de/predictprotein/ http://cubic.bioc.columbia.edu/predictprotein/

SignalP

- Neural network trained based on phylogeny
 - Gram-negative prokaryotic
 - Gram-positive prokaryotic
 - Eukaryotic
- Predicts secretory signal peptides (*not* those involved in intracellular signal transduction)
- http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/SignalP/

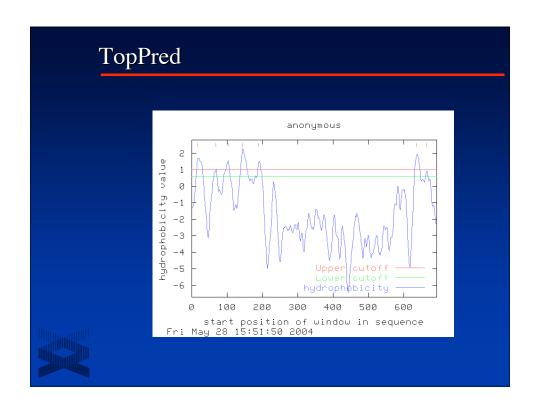


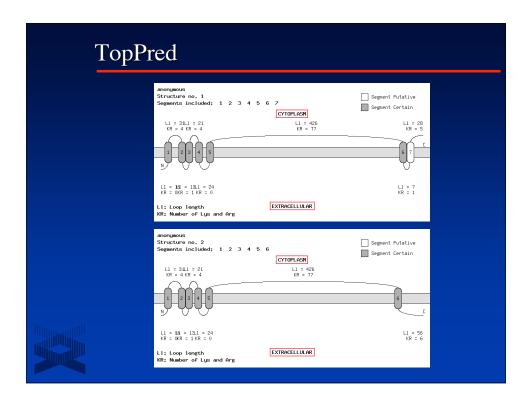




TopPred

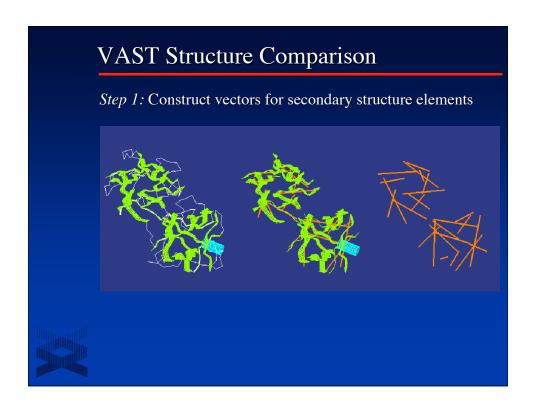
- Combines hydrophobicity analysis with the analysis of electrical charges
 - Calculates hydrophobicity profile
 - Hydrophobic-rich regions marked as "transmembrane"
 - Hydrophobic regions that fail to exceed a predefined cutoff are considered "putative transmembrane"
 - Topology prediction with and without putative helices
- Web-based search
 - http://bioweb.pasteur.fr/seqanal/interfaces/toppred.html

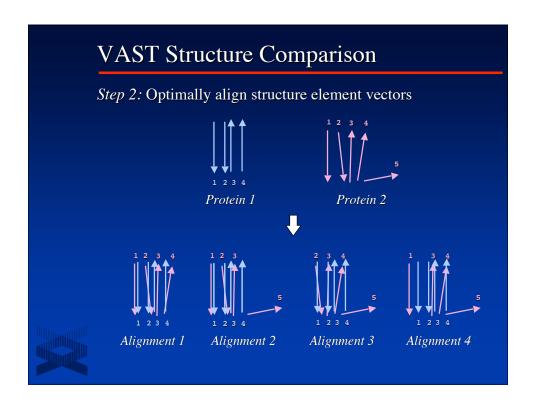


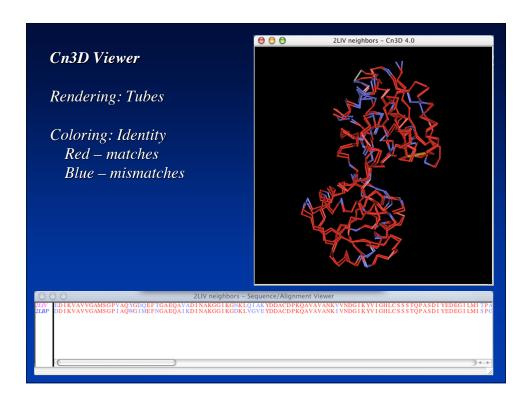


Predicting Tertiary Structure

- Sequence specifies conformation, *but* conformation does *not* specify sequence
- Structure is conserved to a much greater extent than sequence
- Similarities between proteins may not necessarily be detected through "traditional" methods

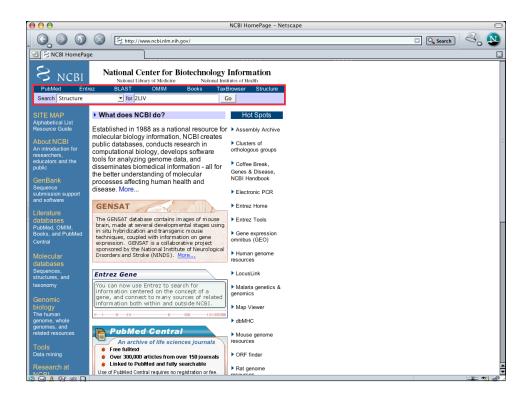


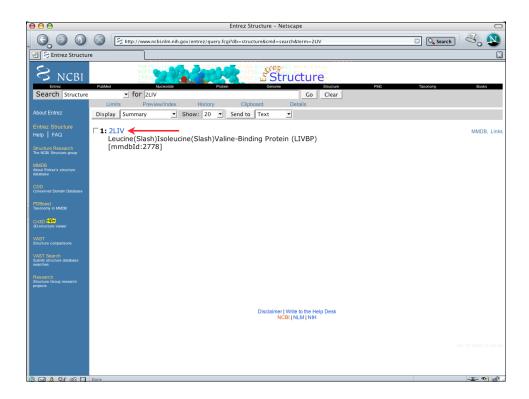


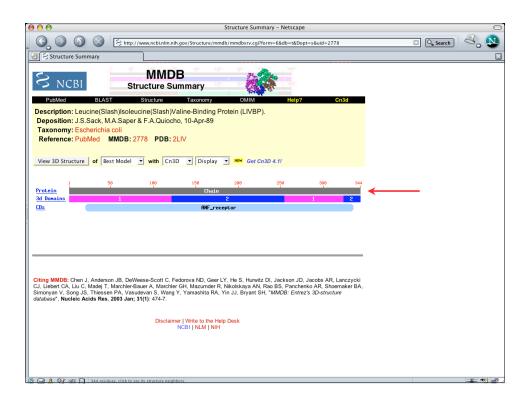


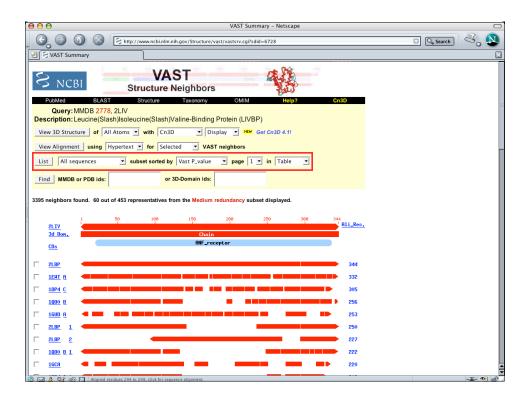
VAST Shortcomings

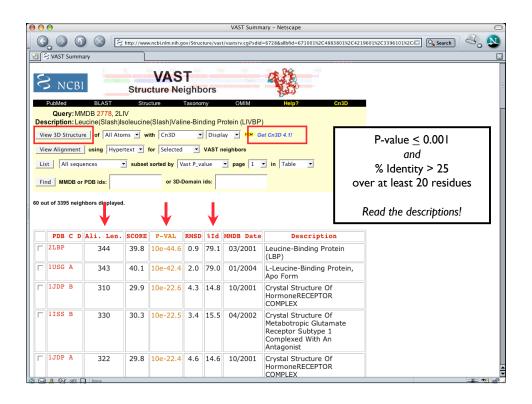
- Not the best method for determining structural similarities
- Reducing a structure to a series of vectors necessarily results in a loss of information (less confidence in prediction)
- Regardless of the "simplicity" of the method, provides a simple and fast first answer to the question of structural similarity

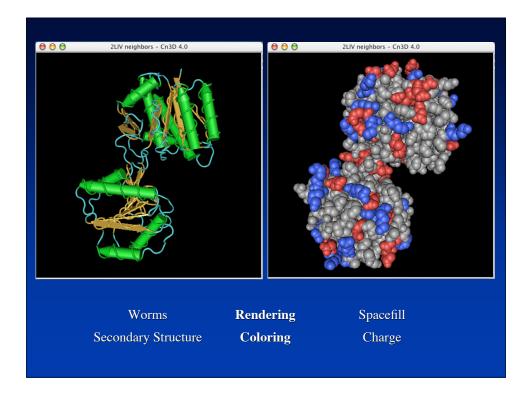




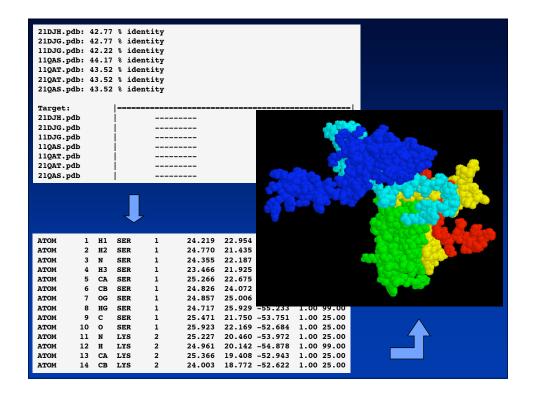








• Automated comparative protein modelling server • Web front-end at http://www.expasy.org/swissmod Results returned by E-mail BLAST search to find similarities in PDB by sequence Select templates with sequence identity > 25% and projected model size > 20 amino acids Generate models Do energy minimization Generate PDB file for new protein model



Structural Modeling Software

- 3D-JIGSAW http://www.bmm.icnet/uk/servers/3djigsaw
- ESyPred3D http://www.fundp.ac.be/urbm/bioinfo/esypred
- MODELLER http://www.salilab.org/modeller/modeller.html
- Protinfo http://protinfo.compbio.washington.edu

