

***Current Topics in Genome Analysis  
Spring 2005***

***Week 4  
Biological Sequence Analysis I***

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**Overview**

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- 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



## Why do sequence alignments?

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- Provide a measure of relatedness between nucleotide or amino acid sequences
- Determining relatedness allows one to draw biological inferences regarding
  - structural relationships
  - functional relationships
  - evolutionary relationships

→ *importance of using correct terminology*



## Defining the Terms

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- The quantitative measure: *Similarity*
  - Always based on an observable
  - Usually expressed as percent identity
  - Quantify changes that occur as two sequences diverge
    - substitutions
    - insertions
    - deletions
  - Identify residues crucial for maintaining a protein's structure or function
- High degrees of sequence similarity *might* imply
  - a common evolutionary history
  - possible commonality in biological function



## Defining the Terms

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- The conclusion: **Homology**
  - Genes *are* or *are not* homologous (not measured in degrees)
  - Homology implies an evolutionary relationship
- The term “homolog” may apply to the relationship
  - between genes separated by the event of speciation (*orthology*)
  - between genes separated by the event of genetic duplication (*paralogy*)



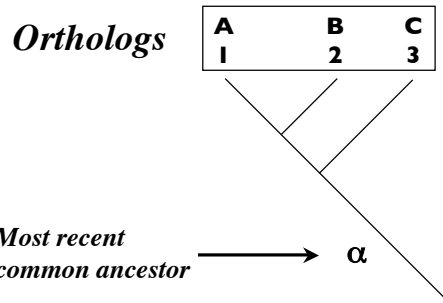
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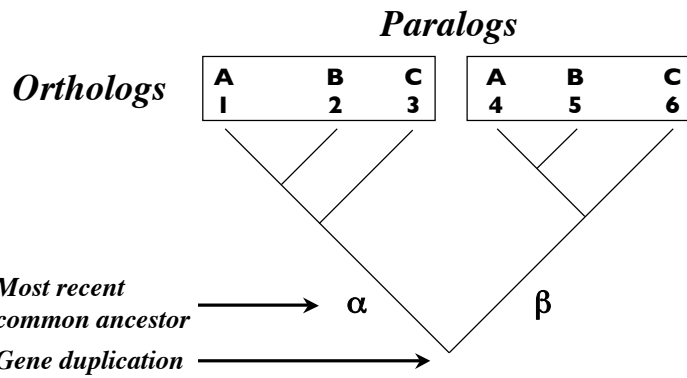
- Orthologs
  - Sequences are direct descendants of a sequence in a common ancestor
  - Most likely have similar domain structure, three-dimensional structure, and biological function
- Paralogs
  - Related through a gene duplication event
  - Provides insight into “evolutionary innovation” (adapting a pre-existing gene product for a new function)



## Defining the Terms



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- Genes 1-3 are orthologous
- Genes 4-6 are orthologous
- Any pair of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  genes are paralogous (genes related through a gene duplication event)



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## Global Sequence Alignments

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- Sequence comparison along the entire length of the two sequences being aligned
- Best for highly-similar sequences of similar length
- As the degree of sequence similarity declines, global alignment methods tend to miss important biological relationships



## Local Sequence Alignments

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- Sequence comparison intended to find the most similar regions in the two sequences being aligned (“paired subsequences”)
- Regions outside the area of local alignment are excluded
- More than one local alignments could be generated for any two sequences being compared
- Best for sequences that share some similarity, or for sequences of different lengths



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## Scoring Matrices

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- Empirical weighting scheme to represent biology (side chain chemistry, structure, and function)
  - Cys/Pro important for structure and function
  - Trp has bulky side chain
  - Lys/Arg have positively-charged side chains



## Scoring Matrices

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- **Conservation:** What residues can substitute for another residue and not adversely affect the function of the protein?
  - Ile/Val - both small and hydrophobic
  - Ser/Thr - both polar
  - *Conserve charge, size, hydrophobicity, other physicochemical factors*
- **Frequency:** How often does a particular residue occur amongst the entire constellation of proteins?



## Scoring Matrices

- Importance of understanding scoring matrices
  - Appear in all analyses involving sequence comparison
  - Implicitly represent particular evolutionary patterns
  - Choice of matrix can strongly influence outcomes



## Matrix Structure: Nucleotides

	A	T	G	C	S	W	R	Y	K	M	B	V	H	D	N
A	5	-4	-4	-4	-4	1	1	-4	-4	1	-4	-1	-1	-1	-2
T	-4	5	-4	-4	-4	1	-4	1	1	-4	-1	-4	-1	-1	-2
G	-4	-4	5	-4	1	-4	1	-4	1	-4	-1	-1	-4	-1	-2
C	-4	-4	-4	5	1	-4	-4	1	-4	1	-1	-1	-1	-4	-2
S	-4	-4	1	1	-1	-4	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-3	-3	-1
W	1	1	-4	-4	-4	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-1	-1
R	1	-4	1	-4	-2	-2	-1	-4	-2	-2	-3	-1	-3	-1	-1
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D	-1	-1	-1	-4	-3	-1	-1	-3	-1	-3	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1
N	-2	-2	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

- *Simple match/mismatch scoring scheme*
- *Assumes each nucleotide occurs 25% of the time*





## Matrix Structure: Proteins

	A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V	B	Z	X	*
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R	-1	5	0	-2	-3	1	0	-2	0	-3	-2	2	-1	-3	-2	-1	-1	-3	-2	-3	-1	0	-1	-4
N	-2	0	6	1	-3	0	0	0	1	-3	-3	0	-2	-3	-2	1	0	-4	-2	-3	3	0	-1	-4
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C	0	-3	-3	-3	9	-3	-4	-3	-3	-1	-1	-3	-1	-2	-3	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-3	-3	-2	-4
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BLOSUM62

## PAM Matrices

- Margaret Dayhoff and colleagues, 1978
  - Look at patterns of substitutions in highly related proteins (> 85% similar) within multiple sequence alignments
  - Analysis documented 1572 changes in 71 groups of proteins examined
  - Substitution tables constructed based on results
  - Given high degree of similarity within original sequence set, results represent substitution pattern that would be expected over short evolutionary distances



## PAM Matrices

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- Short evolutionary distance  
∴ change in function unlikely
- Point Accepted Mutation (PAM)
  - The new side chain must function the same way as the old one (“acceptance”)
  - On average, 1 PAM corresponds to 1 amino acid change per 100 residues
  - 1 PAM ~ 1% divergence
  - Extrapolate to predict patterns at longer evolutionary distances



## PAM Matrices: Assumptions

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- All sites assumed to be equally mutable
- Replacement of amino acids is independent of previous mutations at the same position
- Replacement is independent of surrounding residues
- Forces responsible for sequence evolution over shorter time spans are the same as those over longer time spans



## PAM Matrices: Sources of Error

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- Small, globular proteins of average composition used to derive matrices
- Errors in PAM 1 are magnified up to PAM 250 (only PAM 1 is based on direct observation)
- Does not account for conserved blocks or motifs



## BLOSUM Matrices

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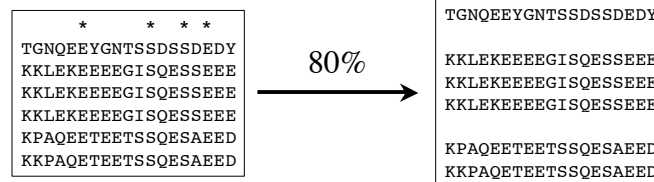
- Henikoff and Henikoff, 1992
- Blocks Substitution Matrix
  - Look only for differences in conserved, ungapped regions of a protein family (“blocks”)
  - Directly calculated, using no extrapolations
  - More sensitive to detecting structural or functional substitutions
  - Generally perform better than PAM matrices for local similarity searches (*Henikoff and Henikoff, 1993*)



## BLOSUM $n$

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- Calculated from sequences sharing no more than  $n\%$  identity
- Contribution of sequences  $> n\%$  identical clustered and weighted to 1



*A+T Hook Domain (Block IPB000637B)*



*2,000 blocks representing > 500 groups of related proteins*

## BLOSUM $n$

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- Clustering reduces contribution of closely-related sequences (less bias towards substitutions that occur in the most closely related members of a family)
- Substitution frequencies are more heavily-influenced by sequences that are more divergent than this cutoff
- Reducing  $n$  yields more distantly-related sequences



## So many matrices...

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### Triple-PAM Strategy (*Altschul, 1991*)

PAM 40	Short alignments, highly similar	70-90%
PAM 160	Detecting known members of a protein family	50-60%
PAM 250	Longer, weaker local alignments	~ 30%

### BLOSUM (*Henikoff, 1993*)

BLOSUM 90	Short alignments, highly similar	70-90%
BLOSUM 80	Detecting known members of a protein family	50-60%
BLOSUM 62	Most effective in finding all potential similarities	30-40%
BLOSUM 30	Longer, weaker local alignments	< 30%



## So many matrices...

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- Matrix Equivalencies

PAM 250 ~ BLOSUM 45

PAM 160 ~ BLOSUM 62

PAM 120 ~ BLOSUM 80

- Specialized matrices

- Transmembrane proteins
- Species-specific matrices



*Wheeler, 2003*

So many matrices...

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*No single matrix is  
the complete answer for  
all sequence comparisons*



Gaps

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- Compensate for insertions and deletions
- Used to improve alignments between two sequences
- Must be kept to a reasonable number, to not reflect a biological implausible scenario (~1 gap per 20 residues good rule-of-thumb)
- Cannot be scored simply as a “match” or a “mismatch”



## Affine Gap Penalty

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Fixed deduction for introducing a gap *plus*  
an additional deduction proportional to the length of the gap

$$\text{Deduction for a gap} = G + Ln$$

		nuc	pro
where	$G$ = gap-opening penalty	5	11
	$L$ = gap-extension penalty	2	1
and	$n$ = length of the gap		



Can adjust scores to make gap insertion more or less permissive, but most programs will use values of  $G$  and  $L$  most appropriate for the scoring matrix selected

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## BLAST

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- Basic Local Alignment Search Tool
- Seeks high-scoring segment pairs (HSP)
  - pair of sequences that can be aligned without gaps
  - when aligned, have maximal aggregate score (score cannot be improved by extension or trimming)
  - score must be above score threshold  $S$
  - gapped or ungapped
- Results not limited to the “best HSP” for any given sequence pair



## BLAST Algorithms

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<i>Program</i>	<i>Query Sequence</i>	<i>Target Sequence</i>
<b>BLASTN</b>	<b>Nucleotide</b>	<b>Nucleotide</b>
<b>BLASTP</b>	<b>Protein</b>	<b>Protein</b>
<b>BLASTX</b>	<b>Nucleotide, six-frame translation</b>	<b>Protein</b>
TBLASTN	Protein	Nucleotide, six-frame translation
TBLASTX	Nucleotide, six-frame translation	Nucleotide, six-frame translation





## Neighborhood Words

Query Word ( $W = 3$ )

Query: GSQSLAALLNKCKTPQGQRLVNQWIKQPLMDKNRIEERLNLVEAFVED

Neighborhood  
Words

PQG	18	= 7 + 5 + 6
PEG	15	
PRG	14	
PKG	14	
PNG	13	
PDG	13	
PHG	13	
PMG	13	
PSG	13	
PQA	12	
PQN	12	
etc.		

Neighborhood  
Score Threshold  
( $T = 13$ )



## High-Scoring Segment Pairs

PQG	18
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PNG	13
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PQN	12
etc.	



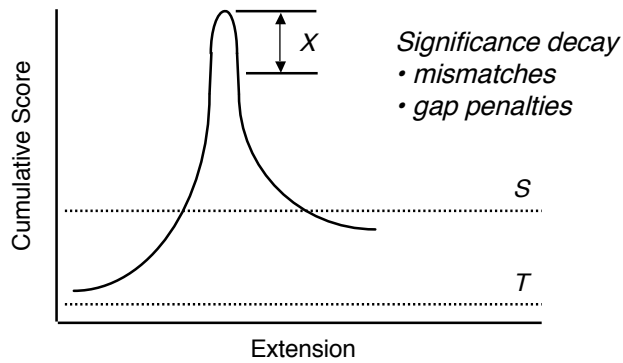
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## Extension

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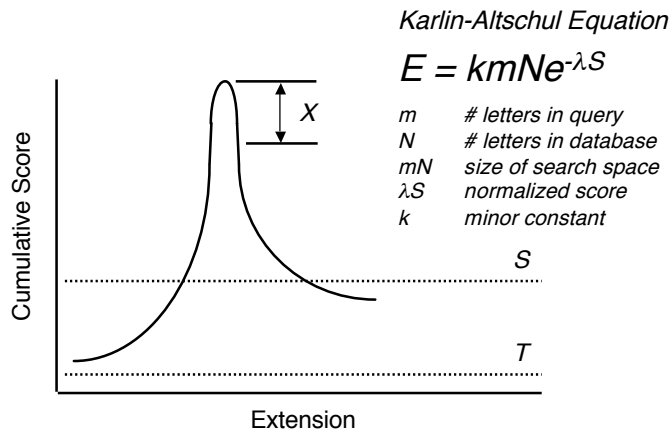
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## Scores and Probabilities

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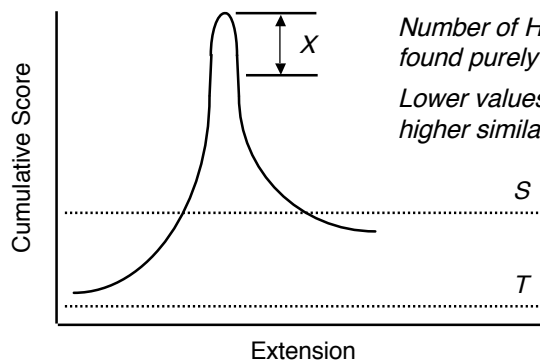


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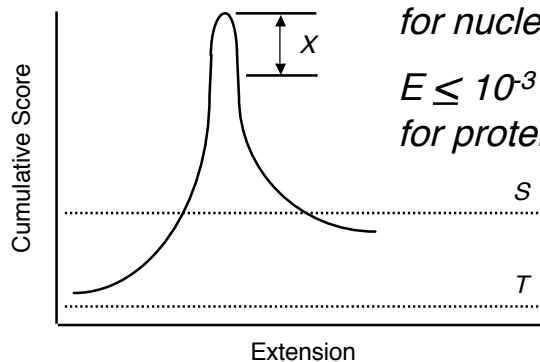
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 found purely by chance  
 Lower values signify  
 higher similarity



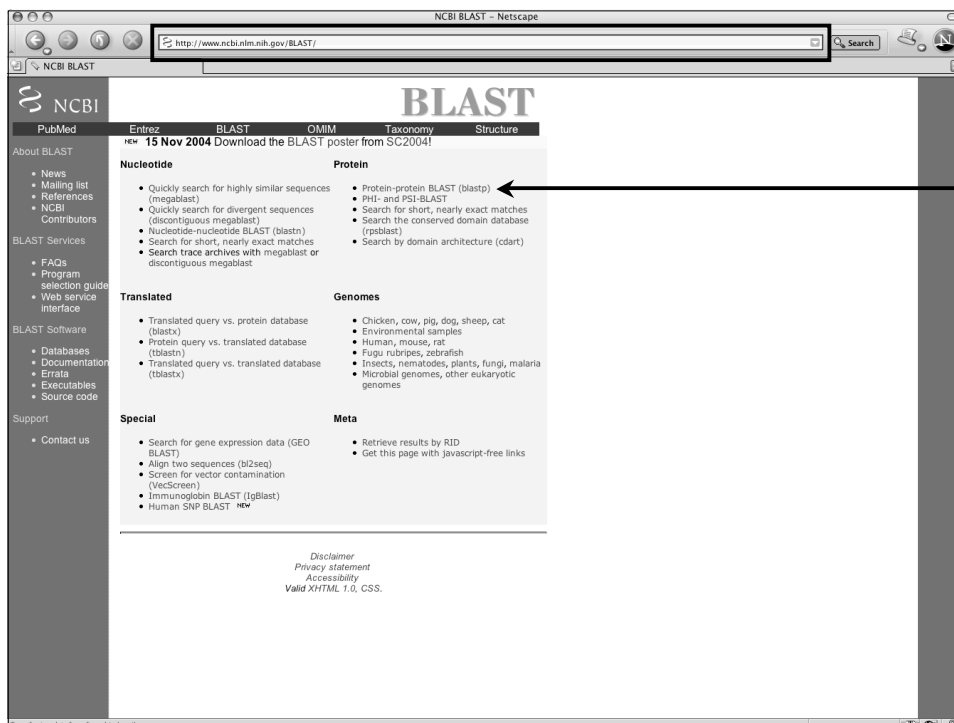
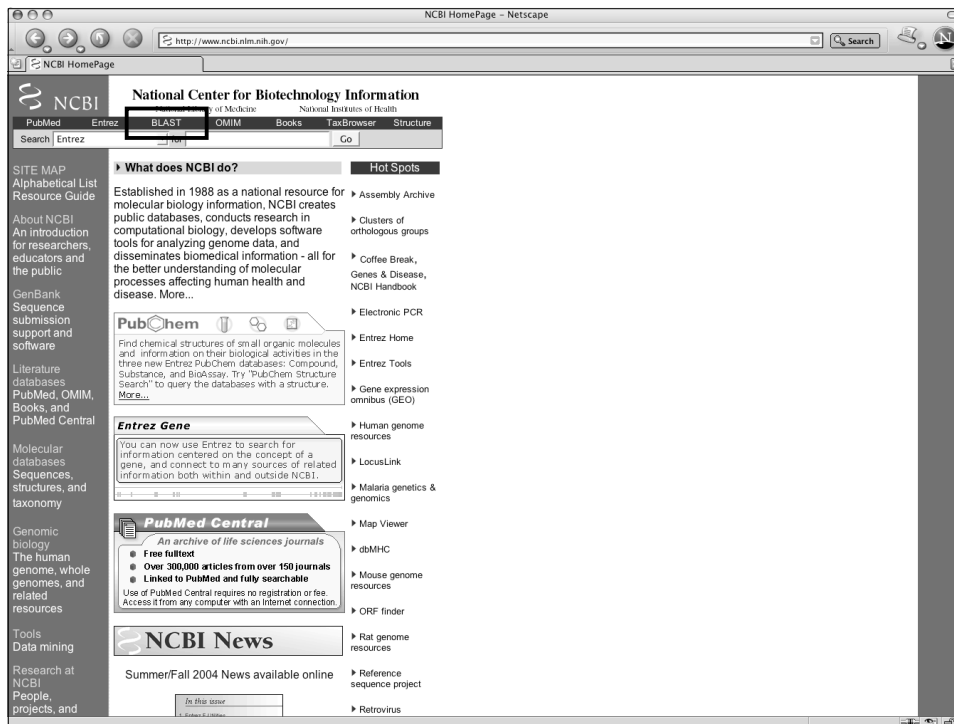
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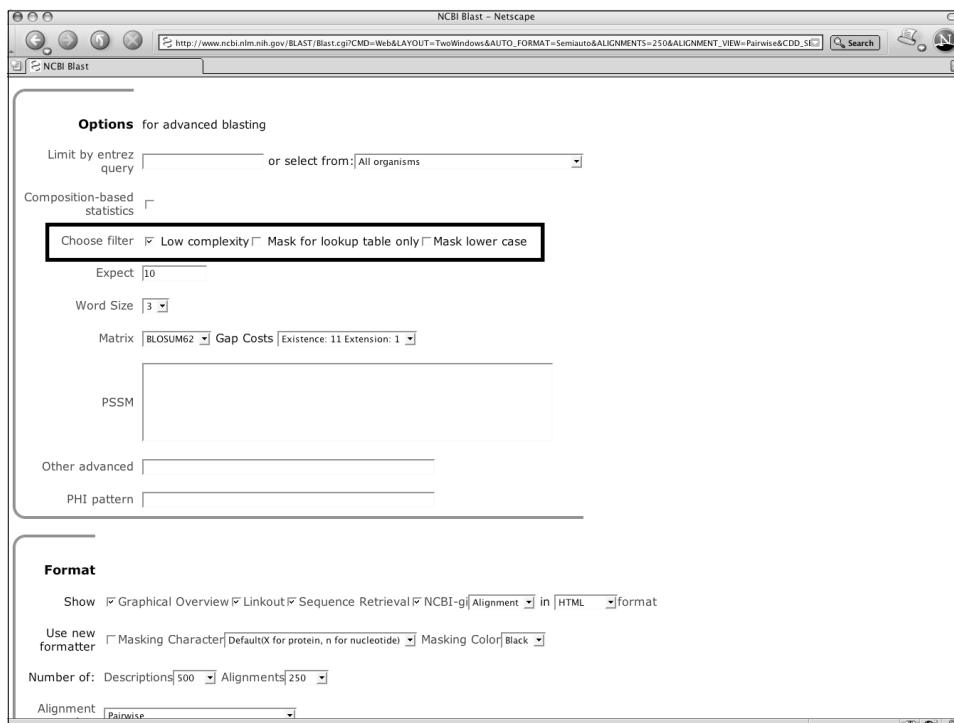
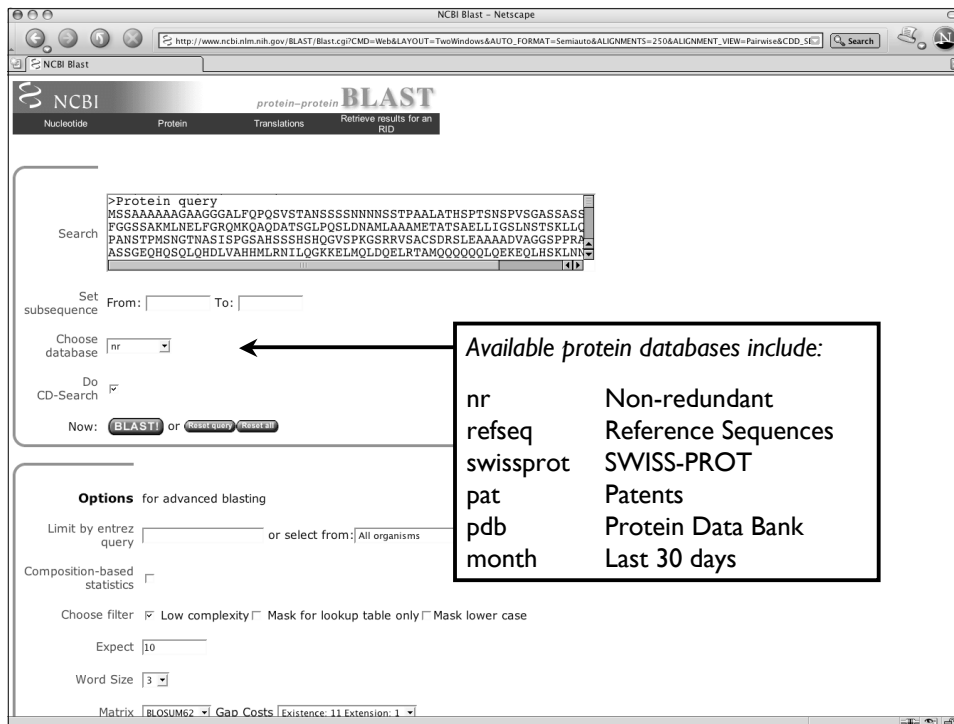
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$E \leq 10^{-6}$   
 for nucleotides  
 $E \leq 10^{-3}$   
 for proteins



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## Low-Complexity Regions

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Defined as regions of biased composition

- Homopolymeric runs
- Short-period repeats
- Subtle over-representation of several residues

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Homopolymeric  
alanine-glutamine tract

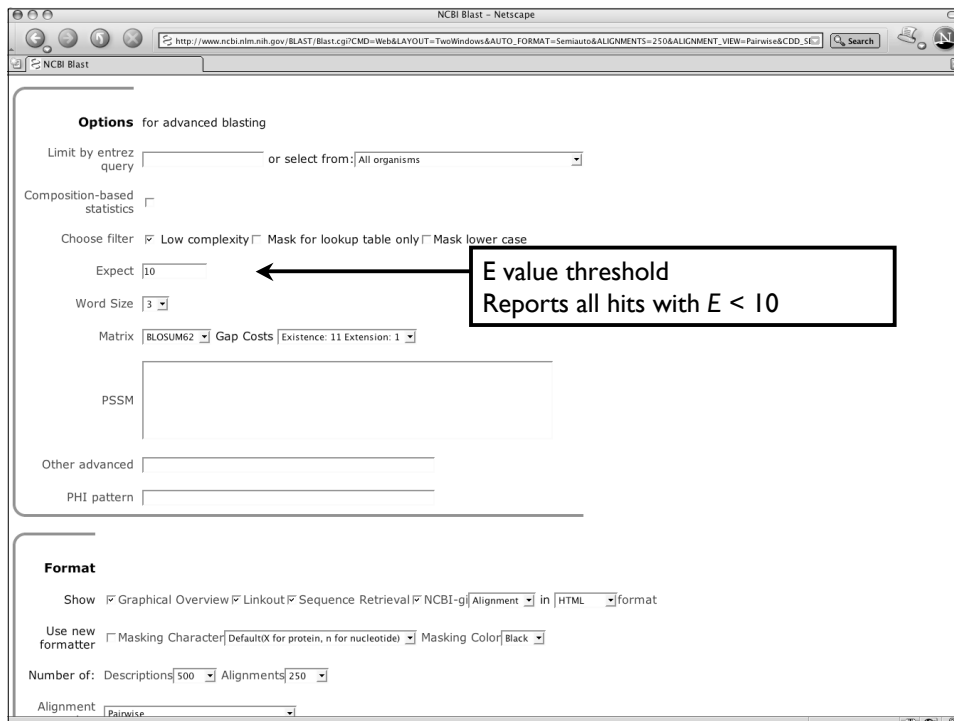
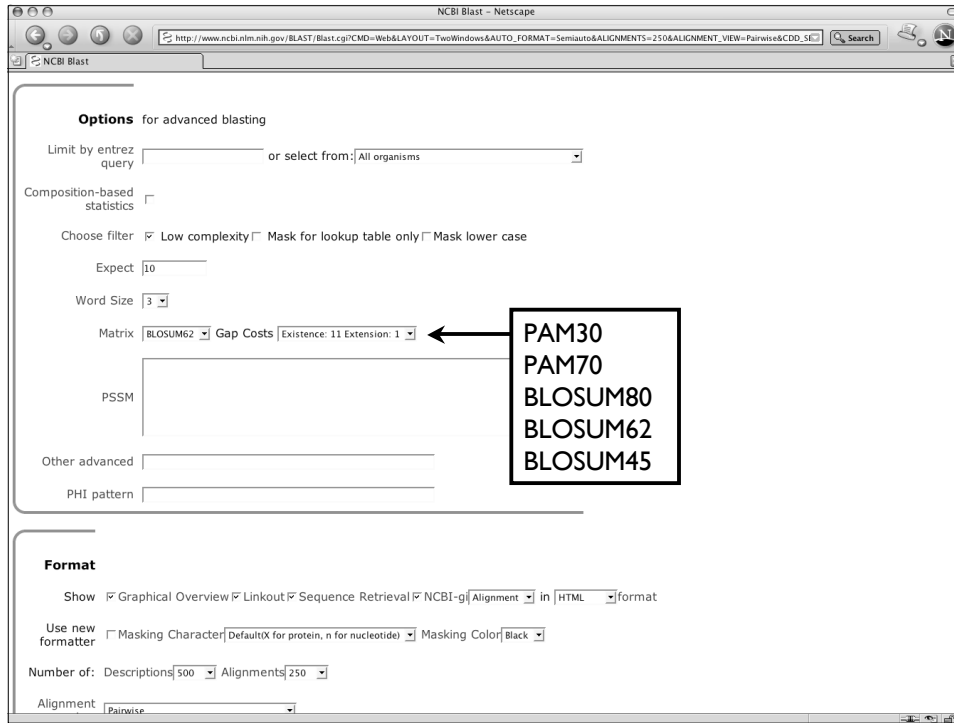


## Identifying Low-Complexity Regions

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- Biological origins and role not well-understood
  - DNA replication errors (polymerase slippage)?
  - Unequal crossing-over?
- May confound sequence analysis
  - BLAST relies on uniformly-distributed amino acid frequencies
  - Often lead to false positives
  - Filtering is advised (and usually enabled by default)





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NCBI Blast - Netscape

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BLAST/Blast.cgi?CMD=Web&LAYOUT=TwoWindows&AUTO\_FORMAT=Semiauto&ALIGNMENTS=250&ALIGNMENT\_VIEW=Pairwise&CDD\_ST=

Other advanced

PHI pattern

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NCBI formatting BLAST

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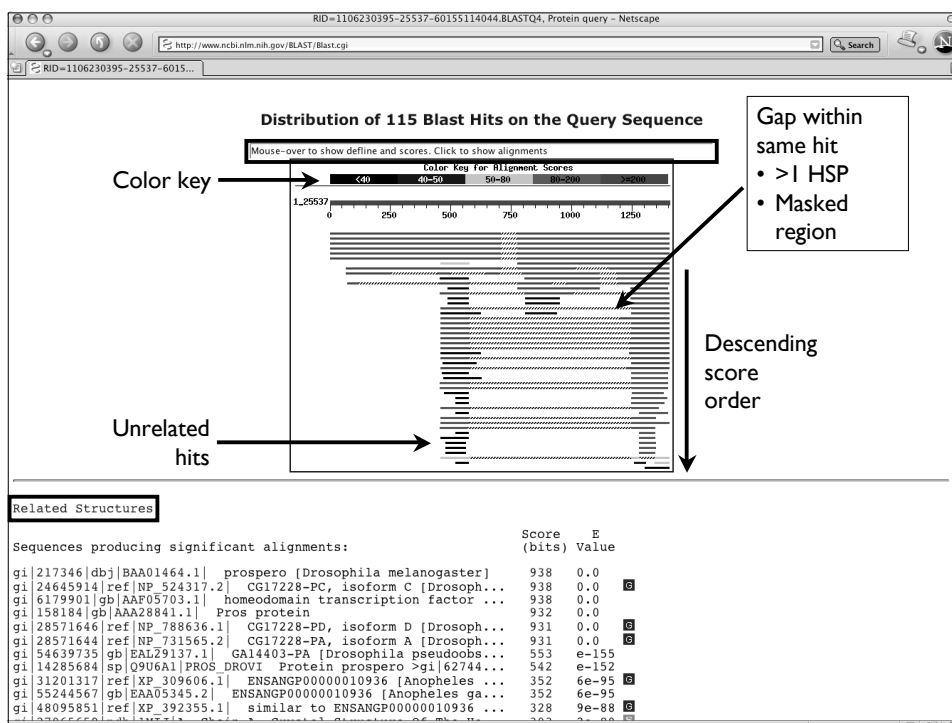
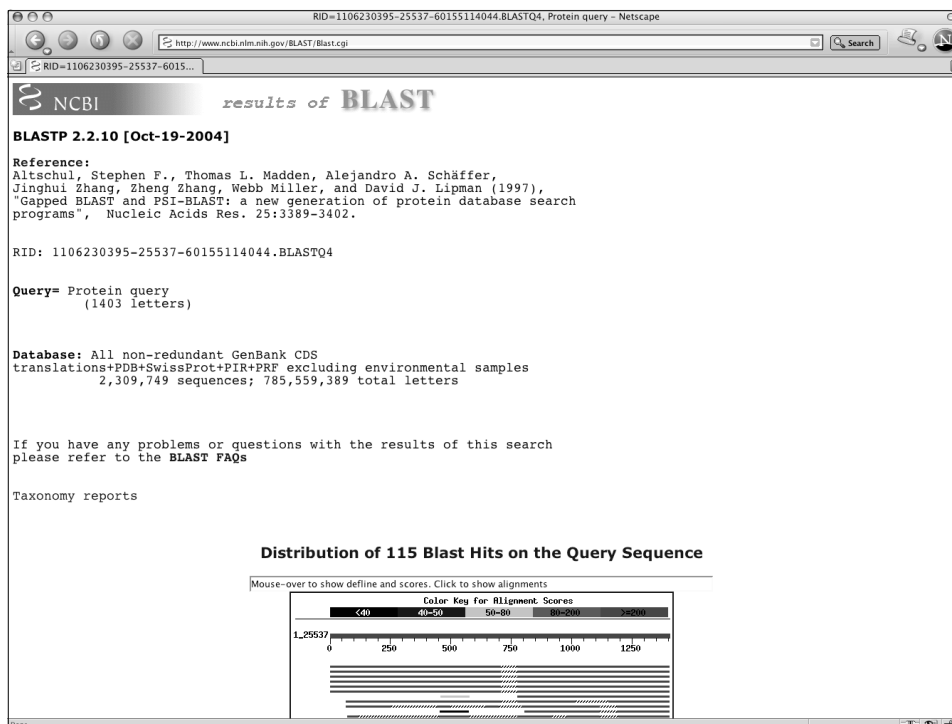
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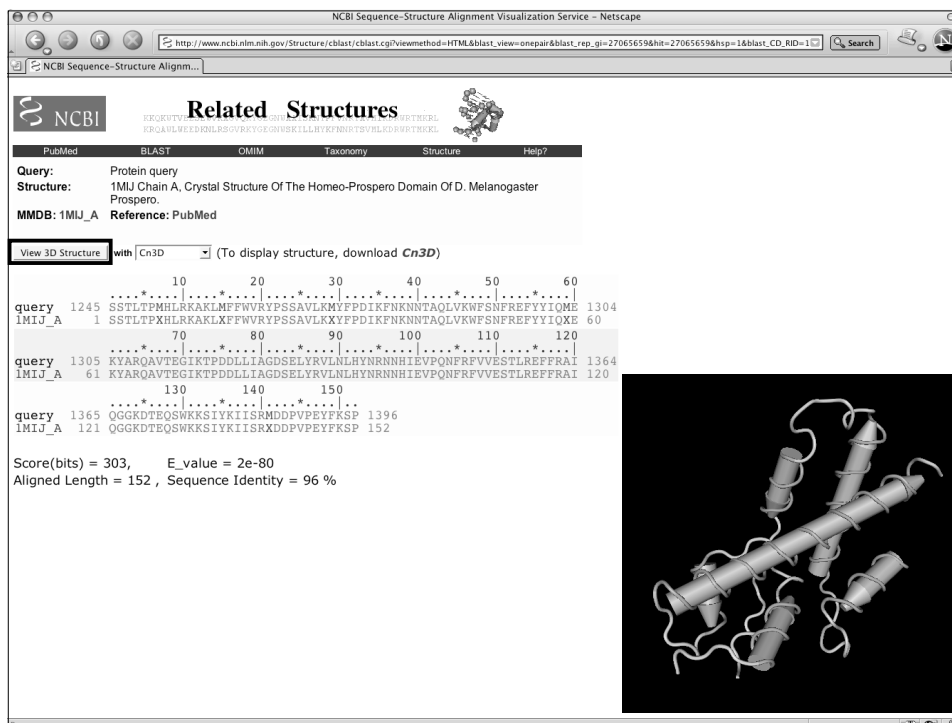
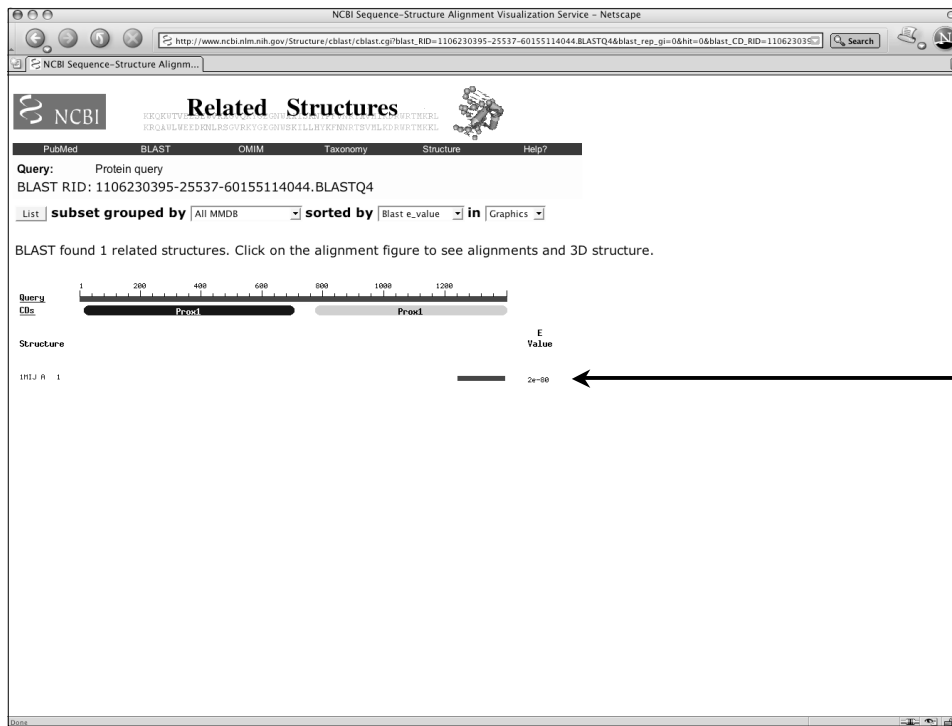
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Annotations: Descending score order, 0.0 means ≤ 10<sup>-1000</sup>, 6e-95 = 6 x 10<sup>-95</sup>, Structure Gene (S), Gene (G)

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Annotations: Accept (for now), Reject

Alignments

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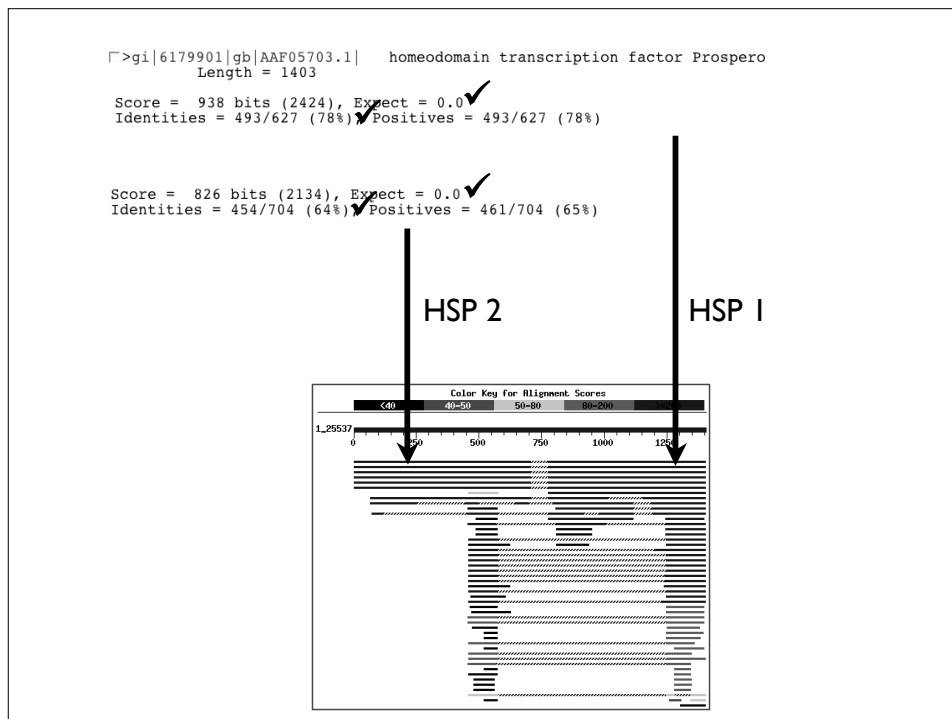
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## Suggested BLAST Cutoffs

	<i>E</i> value	Sequence Identity
Nucleotide	$\leq 10^{-6}$	$\geq 70\%$
Protein	$\leq 10^{-3}$	$\geq 25\%$

- *Do not use these cutoffs blindly!*
- *Pay attention to alignments on either side of the dividing line*
- *Do not ignore biology!*



## Database Searching Artifacts

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- Low-complexity regions
  - Nucleotide searches: removed with DUST (→ N)
  - Protein searches: removed with SEG (→ X)
- Repetitive elements
  - LINE, SINE, Alu
  - Automatic masking “experimental and still under development”
  - RepeatMasker  
<http://www.repeatmasker.org>



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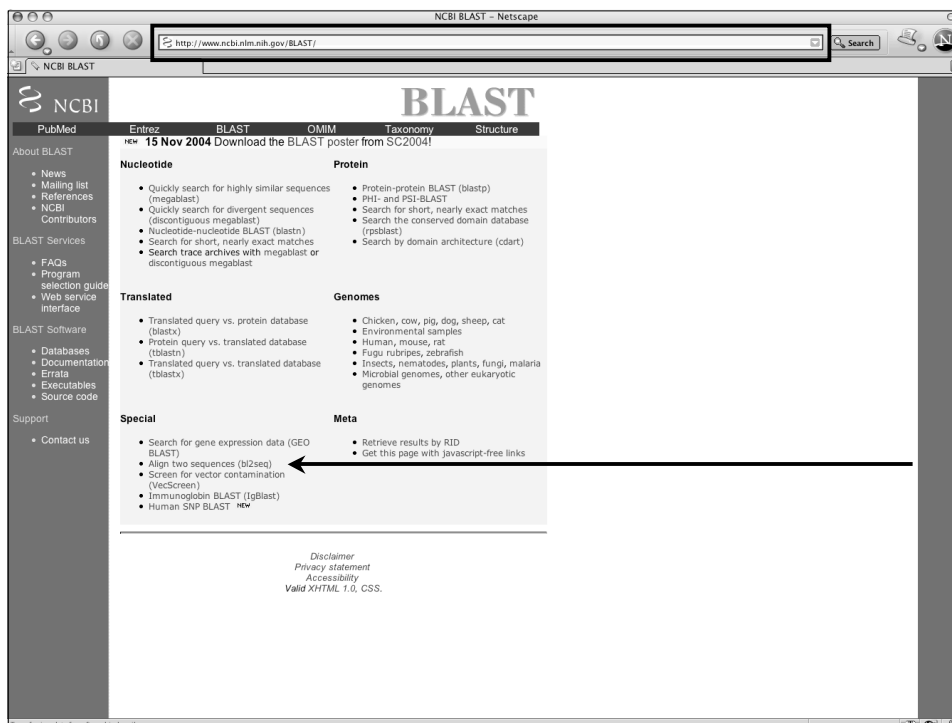
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- Low-quality sequence hits
  - Expressed sequence tags (ESTs)
  - Single-pass sequence reads from large-scale sequencing (possibly with vector contaminants)

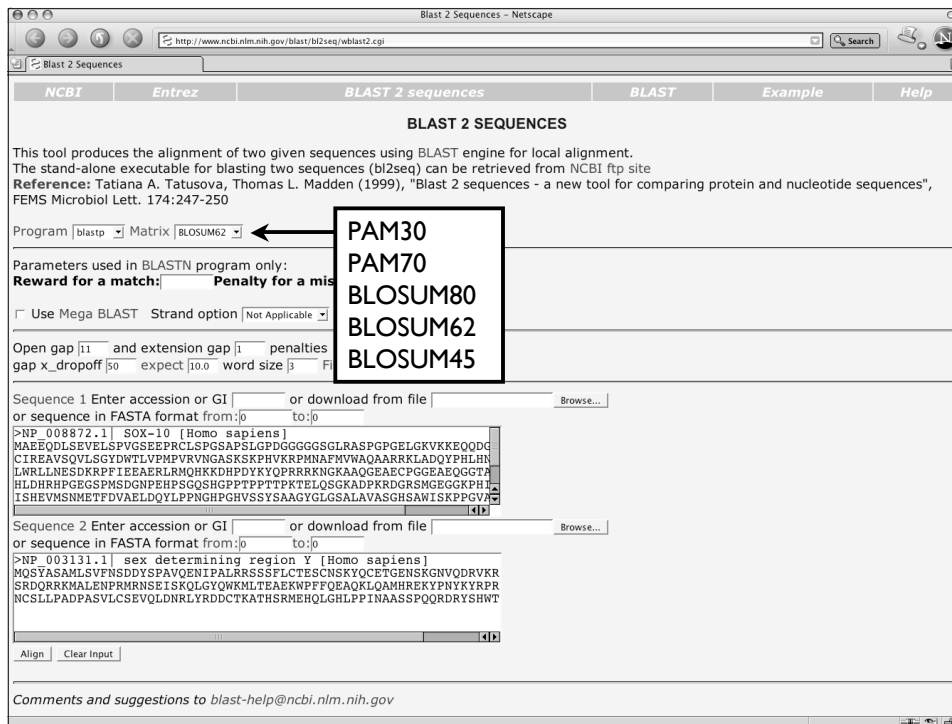


## BLAST 2 Sequences

- Finds local alignments between two protein or nucleotide sequences of interest
  - All BLAST programs available
  - Select BLOSUM and PAM matrices available for protein comparisons
  - Same affine gap costs (adjustable)
  - Input sequences can be masked
- Implementations
  - NCBI Web interface
  - bl2seq downloadable executable  
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**Blast 2 Sequences results**

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**BLAST 2 SEQUENCES RESULTS VERSION BLASTP 2.2.10 [Oct-19-2004]**

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**Sequence 1** |cl|tmpseq\_0 SOX-10 [Homo sapiens] **Length** 466 (1.. 466)  
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NOTE: The statistics (bitscore and expect value) is calculated based on the size of nr database

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Query: 155 EEAERLRMQHKDHPDYKQPRRR 178  
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Gapped

## MegaBLAST

- Optimized for aligning very long and/or highly-similar sequences
- Good for batch nucleotide searches
- Search targets include
  - Entire eukaryotic genomes
  - Complete chromosomes and contigs from RefSeq
- Run speeds approximately 10 times faster than BLASTN
  - Adjusted word size
  - Different gap scoring scheme



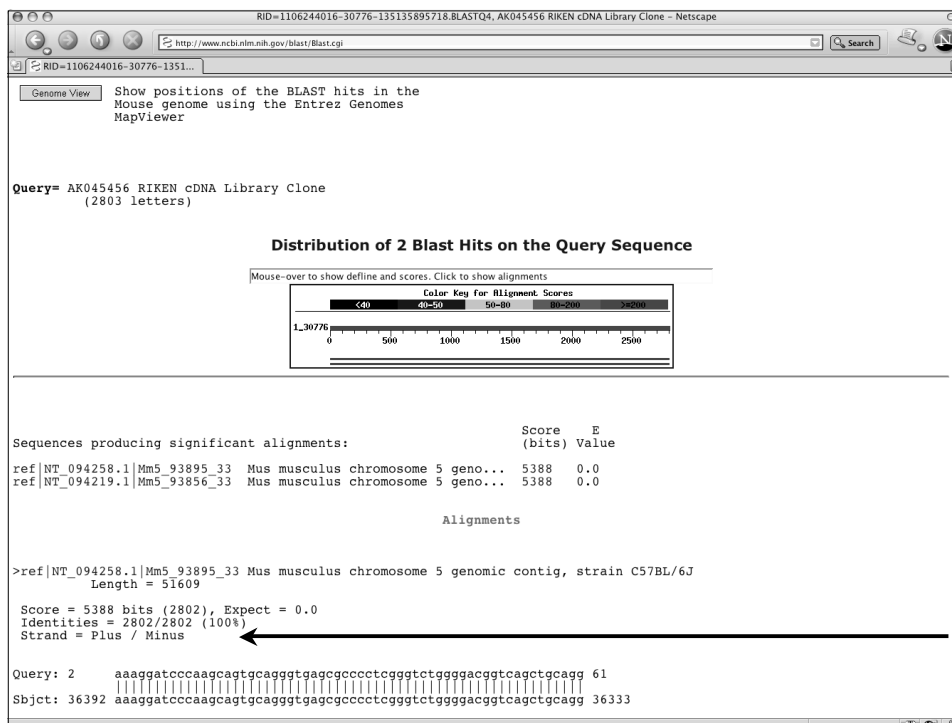
## BLASTN vs. MegaBLAST

- Word size
  - BLASTN default = 11
  - MegaBLAST default = 28
- *Non-affine* gap penalties

$$\text{Deduction for a gap} = r/2 - q$$

where  $r$  = match reward (default 1)  
 $q$  = mismatch penalty (default -2)  
 and **no penalty for opening the gap**





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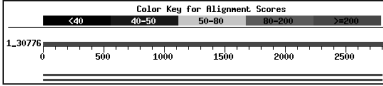
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Show positions of the BLAST hits in the Mouse genome using the Entrez Genomes MapViewer

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**Distribution of 2 Blast Hits on the Query Sequence**

Mouse-over to show define and scores. Click to show alignments



Sequences producing significant alignments:

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Alignments

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>ref|NT_094258.1|Mm5_93895_33 Mus musculus chromosome 5 genomic contig, strain C57BL/6J
Length = 51609
Score = 5388 bits (2802), Expect = 0.0
Identities = 2802/2802 (100%)
Strand = Plus / Minus
```

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Query: 2 aaaggatcccaagcagtgagggtgagcgcgccctcgggtctggggacggtcagctgcagg 61
Sbjct: 36392 aaaggatcccaagcagtgagggtgagcgcgccctcgggtctggggacggtcagctgcagg 36333
```

The screenshot shows the Entrez Genome view interface. The search query is "AK045456 RIKEN cDNA Library Clone". The results table shows two hits, both with a score of 5388 and an E-value of 0.0. A callout box points to these two hits with the text: "Overlapping clones? Two separate regions of chromosome 5? Finished sequence needed Check subsequent builds of mouse genome".

Chr	Map element	Type	BLAST results
			Hits Score E value
not mapped	NT_094258	CONTIG 1	5388 0.0
not mapped	NT_094219	CONTIG 1	5388 0.0

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## BLAT

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- “BLAST-Like Alignment Tool”
- Designed to rapidly-align longer nucleotide sequences ( $L \geq 40$ ) having > 95% sequence similarity
- Can find exact matches reliably down to  $L = 33$
- Method of choice when looking for exact matches in nucleotide databases
- 500 times faster for mRNA/DNA searches
- May miss divergent or shorter sequence alignments
- Can be used on protein sequences



## When to Use BLAT

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- To characterize an unknown gene or sequence fragment
  - Find its genomic coordinates
  - Determine gene structure (the presence and position of exons)
  - Identify markers of interest in the vicinity of a sequence
- To find highly-similar sequences
  - Identify gene family members
  - Identify putative homologs
- To display a specific sequence as a separate track



The screenshot shows the UCSC Genome Bioinformatics website. The browser window title is "UCSC Genome Browser Home - Netscape" and the address bar shows "http://genome.ucsc.edu/". The page has a navigation menu with links for Genomes, Gene Sorter, Blat, PCR, Tables, Proteome, FAQ, and Help. A sidebar on the left contains links for Genome Browser, Gene Sorter, Blat, In Silico PCR, Table Browser, Proteome Browser, Utilities, Downloads, Release Log, Custom Tracks, ENCODE, Mirrors, Archives, Credits, Publications, Training, Site Us, Licenses, and Jobs. The main content area features a section titled "About the UCSC Genome Bioinformatics Site" which describes the site's purpose and tools. Below this is a "News" section with a sub-header "18 January 2005 - Opossum Assembly in Genome Browser". The news text describes the assembly of the opossum (*Monodelphis domestica*) genome, mentioning the date, the Broad Institute, and the total number of contigs and bases. It also provides information on how to download the data and thanks the Broad Institute for providing the data.

The screenshot shows the "Rat BLAT Search" page. The browser window title is "Rat BLAT Search - Netscape" and the address bar shows "http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgBlat". The page has a navigation menu with links for Home, Genomes, Gene Sorter, Blat, Tables, FAQ, and Help. The main content area is titled "Rat BLAT Search" and "BLAT Search Genome". It contains a search form with fields for Genome (set to Rat), Assembly (set to Jun 2003), Query type (set to DNA), Sort output (set to query.score), and Output type (set to hyperlink). There is a "Submit" button and a "Reset" button. Below the form, there is a text area containing a query sequence:
 

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>CB312815 NICHD Rr Pit1 Rattus norvegicus cDNA clone IMAGE:6890065 5', mRNA
    GGGGCTCTCGCTGGCTGTGCTCAGAAGCTGCTTCTCCACCTCTCCTTGAATTCCTAAACCTCTC
    TACCCTGGTTCATGTTCCGCTCTTCTGGATAGTCTGTGTGCAATGAGCCCTAAAGGAATATTGCAATGA
    GCTATAGAGTTGTGAGCCTCGGTAGGCAAGGCTGCACTGGGACAGCAAGGAATTTTCATTGCATCT
    GCTCTAATTCACAGTTTTTCAGAGCCACTTTACCCCAAGAGACAGCCTCTCCCATCCCTAGGAAA
    CAGTAGGCTTAGGAAAATGAATGACTCCACCATTCAGAGGCTTCAAATGTATACTGGCATTCT
    GATTTTCAGTTTCAAATCTGCTCCCTTAGTCTGGGAAAATAGAAATGGAGTTACACCTTGCATTTA
    AAAAACCATTTGAATTAAGAGAAATGAAAAATCATGCCACATAAAACATGTATGGAAGTTCATGTTTT
    GATCATGGCGGGGATATAGCTCAGTCATGGAGTCTTGCATAGCAATGTCATAATCCGAGTTCAAGC
    CCCAGCACGAAAGAGAAACGGAGAGTGTGAGGCACTCACAGCAGGTTTTTCAGTATAGGCGCAAG
    GGGAGGAGTTTAAACCTACTGAGGAAATGGATAAGCGGAGTGCCTTGTCTACTCGGGATGGCT
    AGTCATCACGTAAGAAAAGTTTGGAAAATGATAAAATACCAATGGGATGGATCCCTTTAAACCATCC
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 Below the text area, there is a section titled "Rather than pasting a sequence, you can choose to upload a text file containing the sequence." with an "Upload sequence:" label and buttons for "Browse..." and "Submit File". A note below states: "Only DNA sequences of 25,000 or fewer bases and protein or translated sequence of 10000 or fewer letters will be processed. Up to 25 sequences can be submitted at the same time. The total limit for multiple sequence submissions is 50,000 bases or 25,000 letters." At the bottom, there is an "About BLAT" section which explains that BLAT on DNA is designed to quickly find sequences of 95% or greater similarity of length 40 bases or more, and that it can find perfect sequence matches of 33 bases, and sometimes find them down to 21 bases. It also mentions that BLAT works well on primates and protein.

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http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgBlat

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**Rat BLAT Results**

**BLAT Search Results**

ACTIONS	QUERY	SCORE	START	END	QSIZE	IDENTITY	CHRO	STRAND	START	END	SPAN
browser details	CB312815	710	1	733	768	98.1%	5	+	101460825	101461549	725

Rat chr5:101,460,643-101,461,730 - UCSC Genome Browser v95 - Netscape

http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTracks

Rat chr5:101,460,643-101,461,730

Home Genomes BLAT DNA Tables Gene Sorter Convert Ensembl PDF/PS Help

**UCSC Genome Browser on Rat Jun 2003 Assembly**

move <<< << < > >> >>> zoom in 1.5x 3x 10x base zoom out 1.5x 3x 10x

position chr5:101,460,643-101,461,730 size 1,088 bp. image width: 1250 jump

Base Position (bp) 101460700 101460800 101460900 101461000 101461100 101461200 101461300 101461400 101461500 101461600 101461700

BLAT

Known Genes Based on S1155-PROT, TDR18, MSH, and PAF264

Gap Locations

Your Sequence from BLAT Search

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Rat Gene Database Curated Genes

Ensembl Gene Predictions

Rat mRNAs from GenBank

Non-Rat mRNAs from GenBank

Housekeeping Genes

Repeat and Element by RepeatMasker

move start < 2.0 > move end < 2.0 >

Click on a feature for details. Click on base position to zoom in around cursor. Click on left mini-buttons for track-specific options.

reset all hide all Chromosome  Guidelines  Labels: left  center  refresh

**Chromosome Color Key:**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 X Y M Un

Use drop down controls below and press refresh to alter tracks displayed. Tracks with lots of items will automatically be displayed in more compact modes.

**Mapping and Sequencing Tracks**

Base Position	Chromosome Band	RGD QTL	STS Markers	Recomb Rate
full	full	hide	hide	hide
Assembly	Gap	Bactigs	BAC End Pairs	GC Percent
full	full	full	hide	hide
Short Match	BLAT Sequence			
hide	pack			

**Genes and Gene Prediction Tracks**

Known Genes	RefSeq Genes	RGD Genes	MGC Genes	Ensembl Genes
pack	pack	dense	hide	dense





## FASTA

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- Identifies regions of local alignment
- Employs an approximation of the Smith-Waterman algorithm to determine the best alignment between two sequences
- Method is significantly different from that used by BLAST
- Online implementations at  
<http://fasta.bioch.virginia.edu>  
<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/fasta33>



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