



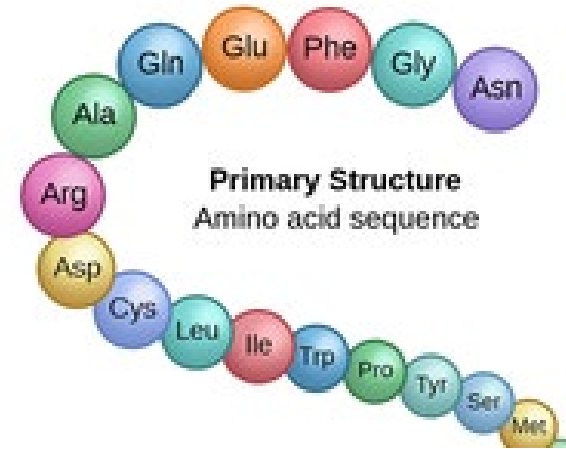
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# Bioinformatics for Protein Expression

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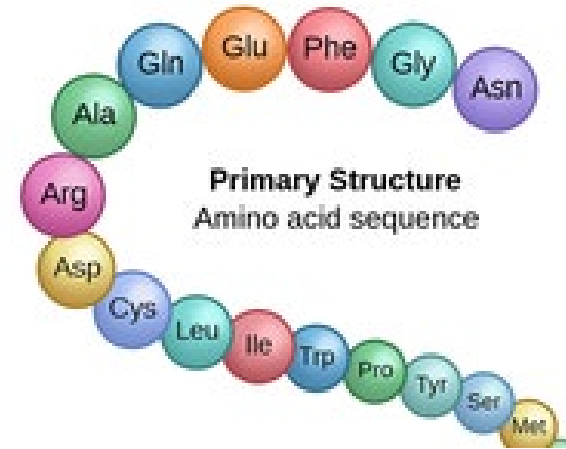
# Today's talk

- How much can we learn and predict from sequence alone?
- How does this help us with our purifications?



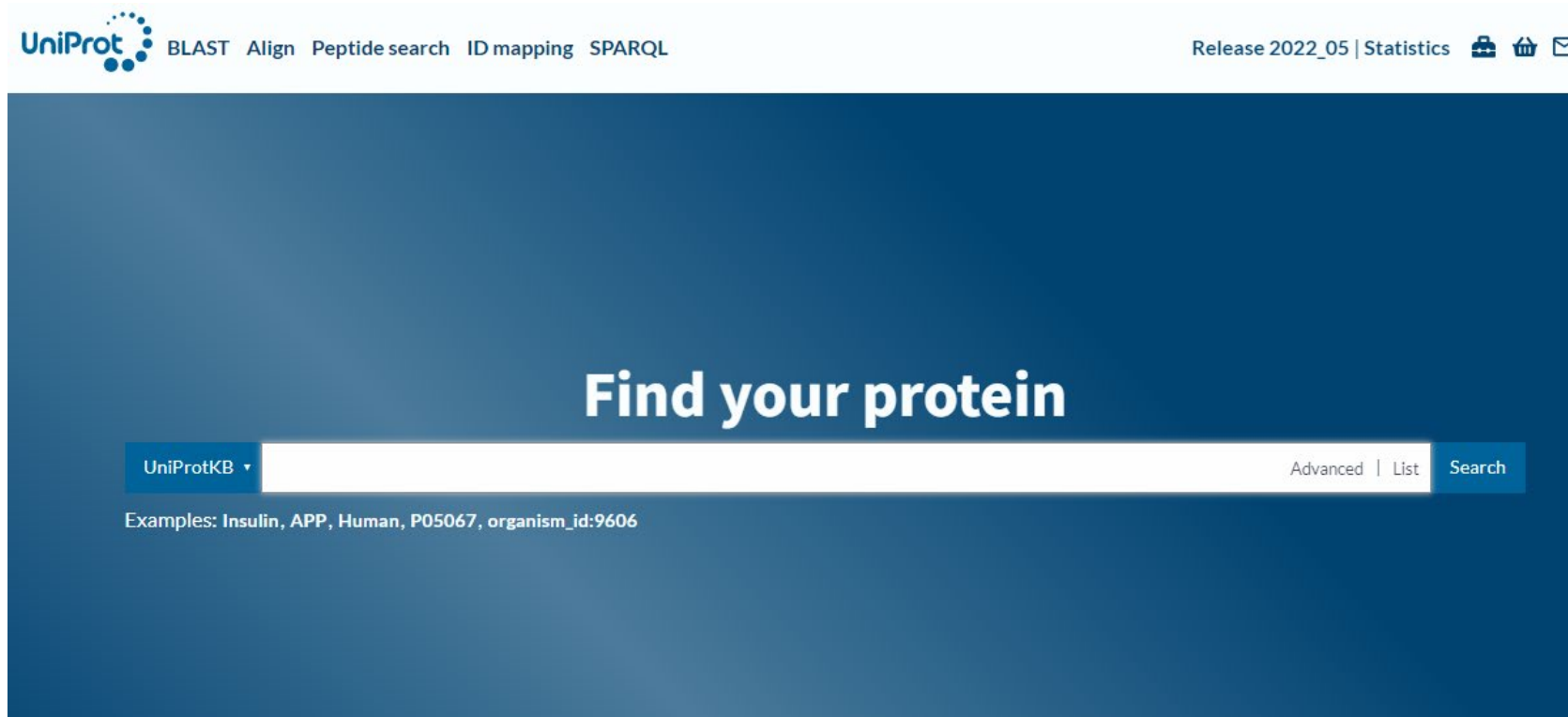
# How can bioinformatics help me?

- In this lecture you will learn how (using just your protein sequence) you can:
  - Predict domains
  - Identify post translational modifications
  - Calculate the molecular mass
  - Determine the isoelectric point
  - And most importantly, learn how to get your “extinction co-efficients” so you can calculate protein concentration accurately
  - Identify distant homologs



# First useful resource - Uniprot

- Uniprot.org



The screenshot shows the Uniprot.org homepage. At the top left is the Uniprot logo, followed by navigation links: BLAST, Align, Peptide search, ID mapping, and SPARQL. At the top right, it displays 'Release 2022\_05 | Statistics' and three icons (a printer, a storefront, and an envelope). The main content area has a dark blue background with the text 'Find your protein' in white. Below this is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to 'UniProtKB'. To the right of the search bar are links for 'Advanced', 'List', and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are example search terms: 'Examples: Insulin, APP, Human, P05067, organism\_id:9606'.



# Uniprot – brief functional description



Function

Names & Taxonomy

Subcellular Location

Disease & Variants

PTM/Processing

Expression

Interaction

Structure

Family & Domains

Sequence & Isoforms

Similar Proteins



## 094856 · NFASC\_HUMAN

Protein<sup>i</sup> | Neurofascin

Gene<sup>i</sup> | NFASC

Status<sup>i</sup> | UniProtKB reviewed (Swiss-Prot)

Organism<sup>i</sup> | Homo sapiens (Human)

Amino acids | 1347

Protein existence<sup>i</sup> | Evidence at protein level

Annotation score<sup>i</sup> |

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### Function<sup>i</sup>

Cell adhesion, ankyrin-binding protein which may be involved in neurite extension, axonal guidance, synaptogenesis, myelination and neuron-glia cell interactions. [By Similarity](#)



# Uniprot – subcellular localisation

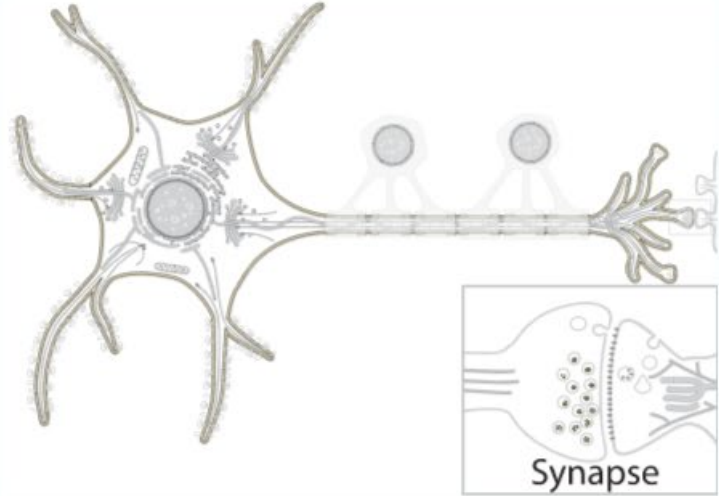


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## Subcellular Location<sup>i</sup>

UniProt Annotation GO Annotation



**Cell membrane** 1 Publication; Single-pass type I membrane protein

**Isoform 8**

**Cell junction, paranodal septate junction**



# Uniprot – post-translational modifications



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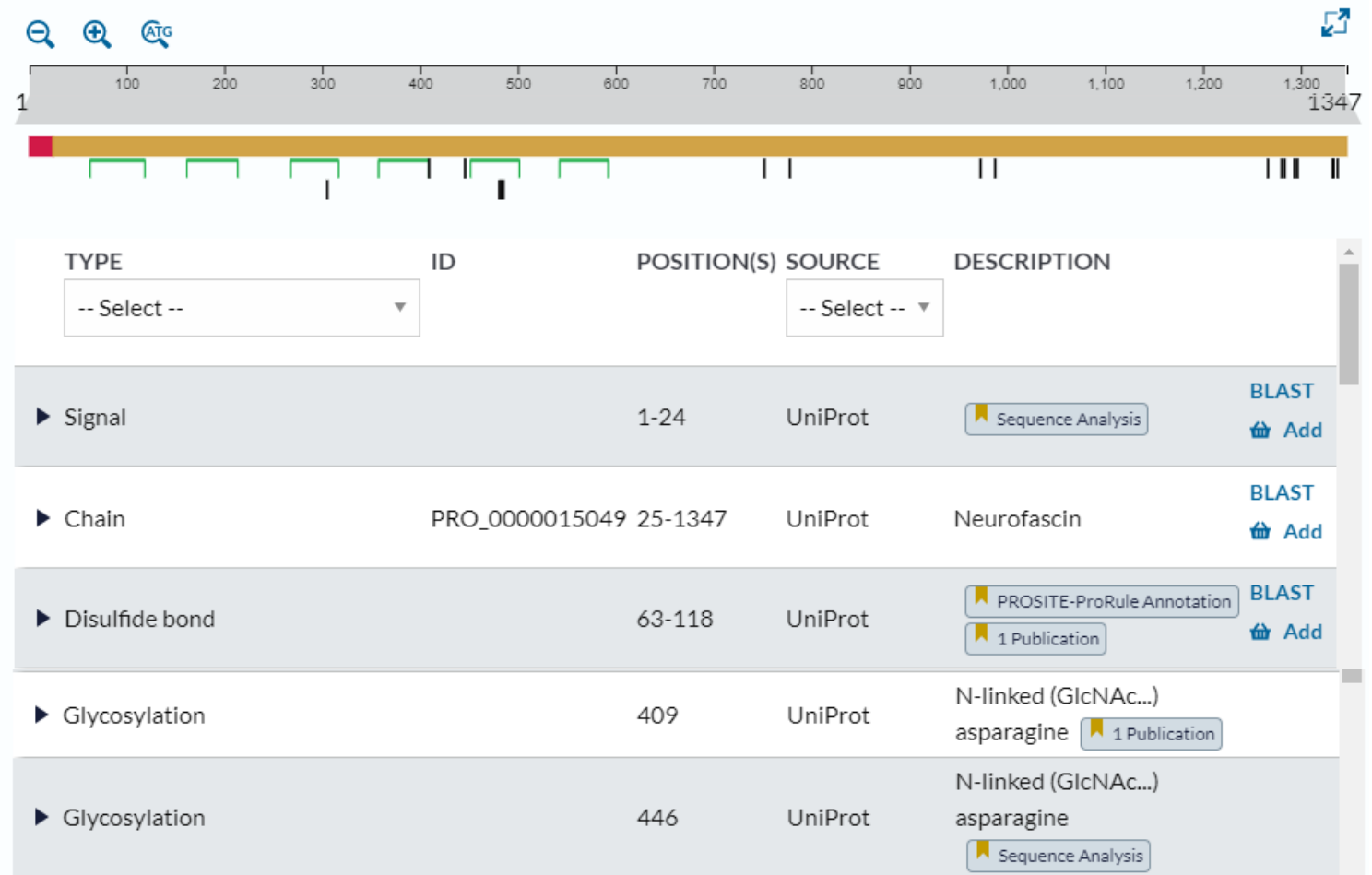
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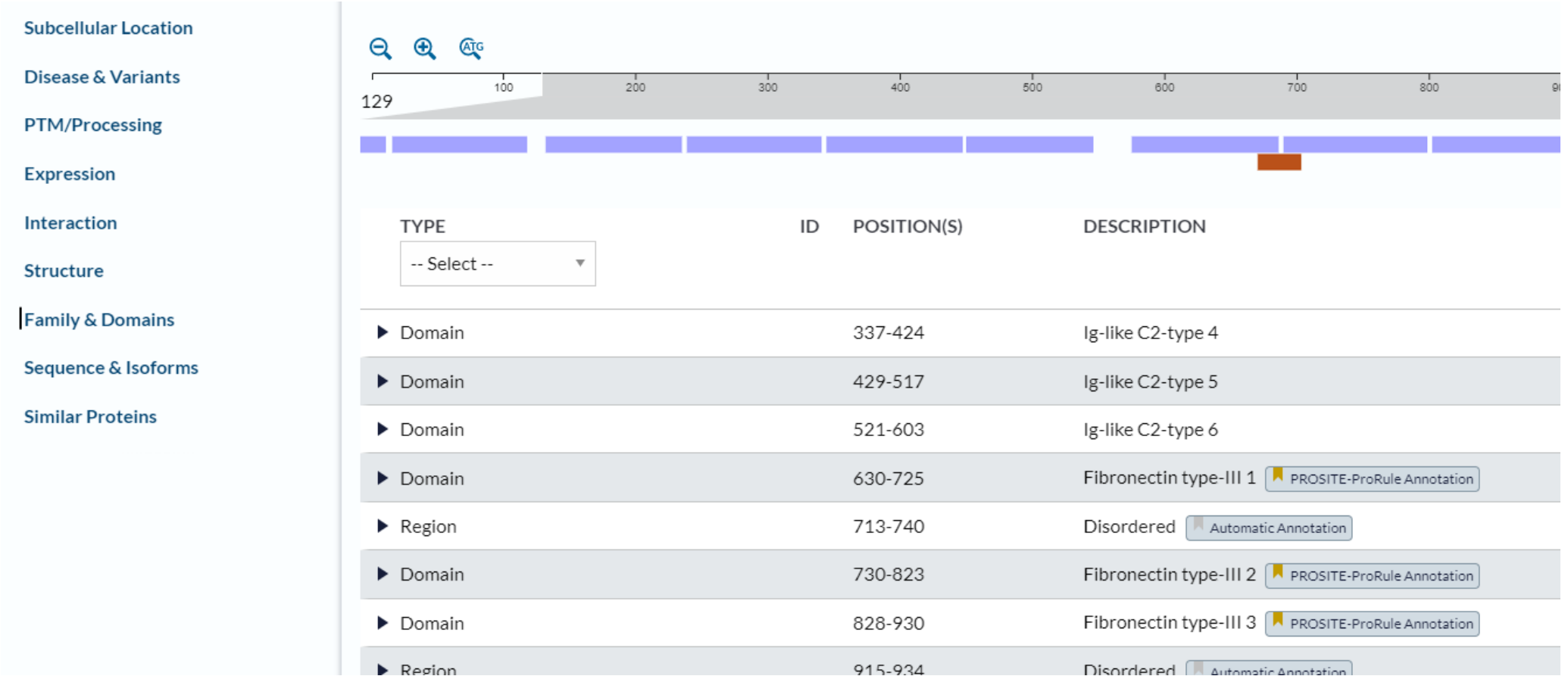
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# Uniprot – Domain composition



The image shows the Uniprot domain composition interface. On the left is a navigation menu with the following items: Subcellular Location, Disease & Variants, PTM/Processing, Expression, Interaction, Structure, **Family & Domains** (highlighted with a red arrow), Sequence & Isoforms, and Similar Proteins. The main area displays a protein sequence from position 129 to 915. A horizontal bar above the sequence shows domain annotations as colored blocks. Below the sequence is a table with the following columns: TYPE, ID, POSITION(S), and DESCRIPTION. A dropdown menu for 'TYPE' is set to '-- Select --'. The table lists the following domains:

TYPE	ID	POSITION(S)	DESCRIPTION
▶ Domain		337-424	Ig-like C2-type 4
▶ Domain		429-517	Ig-like C2-type 5
▶ Domain		521-603	Ig-like C2-type 6
▶ Domain		630-725	Fibronectin type-III 1 <span>PROSITE-ProRule Annotation</span>
▶ Region		713-740	Disordered <span>Automatic Annotation</span>
▶ Domain		730-823	Fibronectin type-III 2 <span>PROSITE-ProRule Annotation</span>
▶ Domain		828-930	Fibronectin type-III 3 <span>PROSITE-ProRule Annotation</span>
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# Uniprot – sequence data

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[BLAST 13 isoforms](#) [Align 13 isoforms](#)

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Name 1

See also sequence in [UniParc](#) or sequence clusters in [UniRef](#)

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Length 1,347

Mass (Da) 150,027

Last updated 2005-12-06 v4

Checksum<sup>i</sup> 4DC555E5AA06C223

```
MARQPPPPWV 10 HAAFLLCLLS 20 LGGAIEIPMD 30 PSIQNELTQP 40 PTITKQSAKD 50 HIVDPRDNIL 60 IECEAKGNPA 70 PSFHWTRNSR 80
FFNIAKDPRV 90 SMRRRSGTLV 100 IDFRSGGRPE 110 EYEGEYQCFA 120 RNKFGTALSN 130 RIRLQVSKSP 140 LWPKENLDPV 150 VVQEGAPLTL 160
QCNPPPGGLPS 170 PVIFWMSSSM 180 EPITQDKRVS 190 QGHNGDLYFS 200 NVMLQDMQTD 210 YSCNARFHFT 220 HTIQQKNPFT 230 LKVLTRGVA 240
ERTPSFMYPQ 250 GTASSQMVLR 260 GMDLLEECIA 270 SGVPTPIAW 280 YKKGDLPSD 290 KAKFENFNKA 300 LRITNVSEED 310 SGEYFCLASN 320
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# Uniprot – sequence formats

- FASTA format

```
>sp|094856|NFASC_HUMAN Neurofascin OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=NFASC PE=1 SV=4
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TSTAYTNNQADIATQGWFI GLMCAIALLV LILLIVCFIKRSRGGKYPVREKKDVPLGPED
PKEEDGSFDYSDEDNKPLQGSQTSLDGTIKQQESDSDLVDYGE GEGQFNEDGSFIGQYT
VKKDKETE GNE SSEATSPVNAIYSLA
```



# Uniprot – editing the sequence

- But, what if I am only making one domain of this?

```
>sp|O94856|NFASC_HUMAN Neurofascin OS=Homo sapiens OX=9606 GN=NFASC PE=1 SV=4
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TTTVATTTTTAAATTTTESPPTTSGTKIHESAPDEQS IWNVTVLPNSKWANITWKHNF
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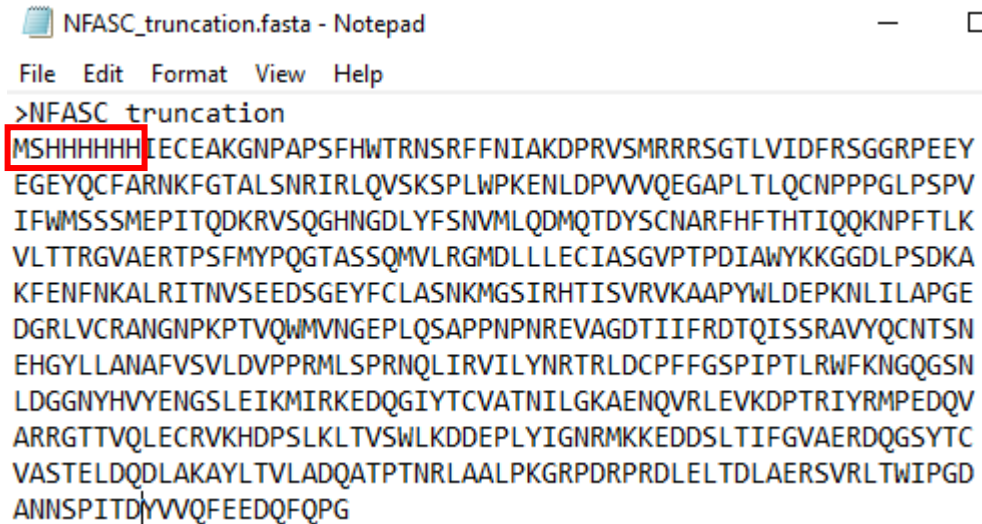
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```
NFASC_truncation.fasta - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
>NFASC truncation
IECEAKGNPAPSFHWTRNSRFFNIAKDPRVSMRRRSGLVIDFRSGGRPEEYEGEYQCFA
RNKFGTALSNRIRLQVSKSPLWPKENLDPVWVQEGAPLTLQCNPPPGLPSPVIFWMSSSM
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LECRVKHDPSLKLTVSWLKDDEPLYIGNRMKKEDDSLIFGVAERDQGSYTCVASTELDQ
DLAKAYLTVLADQATPTNRLAALPKGRPDRPRDLELTDLAERSVRLTWIPGDANNSPITD
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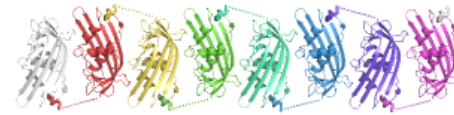
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DGR LVC RANGNPKPTVQWMVNGEPLQSAPPNP NREVAGDTIIFRDTQISSRAVYQCNTSN
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VASTE LDQDLAKAYL TVLADQATPTNRLAALPKGRPDRPRDLELTDLAERSVRLTWIPGD
ANNSPITD YVWVQFEEDQFQPG
```

- You can also add the sequence of tags such as His or GST-tags

# Or you can get the sequence from a plasmid map

- For this course, there is a link to the software and plasmids files we're using: <http://www.atomicvirology.path.cam.ac.uk/brazil>

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#### Vector maps

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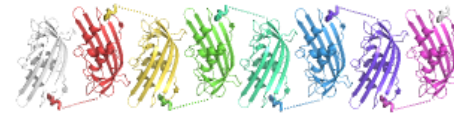
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# Or you can get the sequence from a plasmid map

- Use ApE to open the plasmid file and extract the sequence data

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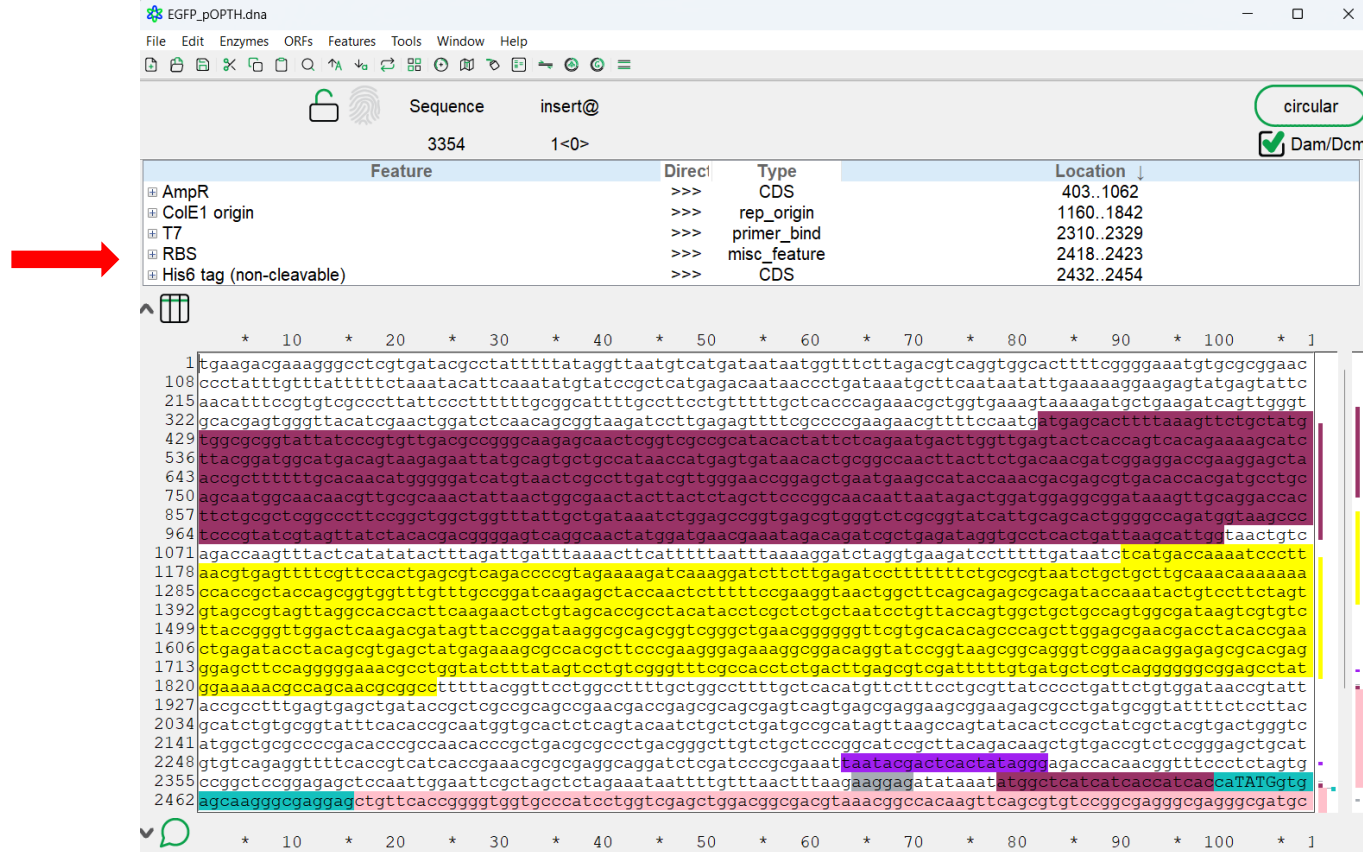
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# ApE – A plasmid Editor

- Open your vector map – different features are highlighted



The screenshot displays the ApE (AsiPlasmid Editor) interface for a plasmid named EGFP\_pOPTH.dna. The software window shows a menu bar (File, Edit, Enzymes, ORFs, Features, Tools, Window, Help) and a toolbar. The main area is divided into a 'Sequence' view and a 'Features' view. The 'Features' view is a table with the following data:

Feature	Dir	Type	Location
AmpR	>>>	CDS	403..1062
ColE1 origin	>>>	rep_origin	1160..1842
T7	>>>	primer_bind	2310..2329
RBS	>>>	misc_feature	2418..2423
His6 tag (non-cleavable)	>>>	CDS	2432..2454

A red arrow points to the 'His6 tag (non-cleavable)' feature. Below the table, the DNA sequence is displayed in a circular format, with various regions highlighted in different colors (green, yellow, red, blue) corresponding to the features listed in the table. The sequence is shown in a windowed view with line numbers on the left and a scale at the bottom.

# ApE – A plasmid Editor

- You can also view this as a graphic map

The screenshot displays the ApE (Assembly Explorer) software interface. The main window shows a circular plasmid map for 'EGFP\_pOPTH.dna' with a size of 3354 bp. The map includes several key features: 'enhanced green fluorescent protein' (green arc), 'egfp' (pink arc), 'AmpR' (purple arc), 'ColE1 origin' (yellow arc), 'T7R (T7 terminator primer)' (green arrow), 'pOPT GFP rev' (green arrow), 'pOPT GFP fwd' (blue arrow), 'Kozak sequence' (purple arrow), 'His6 tag (non-cleavable)' (purple arrow), and 'RBS' (purple arrow). The 'circular' checkbox is checked, and 'Dam/Dcm' is also checked. A red arrow points from the text 'You can also view this as a graphic map' to the map window.

The background window shows the DNA sequence editor with the following table of features:

Feature	Start	End	ORF	Tm	%GC		
Sequence	3354	2756<1>	1<1>	2756<1>	>0/<0	0.0°C	0%
RBS	2418..2423						
His6 tag (non-cleavable)	2432..2454						
pOPT GFP fwd							
Kozak sequence							
enhanced green fluorescent p							

The sequence editor shows the following DNA sequence (lines 857-3318):

```
857 ttotgogctcggccottc
964 tcccgatcgtagttatc
1071 agaccaagttaactcata
1178 aacgtgagttttcgttcc
1285 ccacogctaccagoggtr
1392 gtacogctagtttagccea
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1713 ggagcttccaggggaaa
1820 ggaaaaacgccagcaacg
1927 accgcctttgagtgagct
2034 gcatctgtgoggtatctt
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2890 ctacaacagccacaacgt
2997 accactaccagcagaacccc
3104 gatcacatggtcgtggagtt
3211 ctgatccgctgctaaacaa
3318 tttttgctgaaaggaggaac
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# ApE – A plasmid Editor

- Identify the relevant open reading frame (ORF)

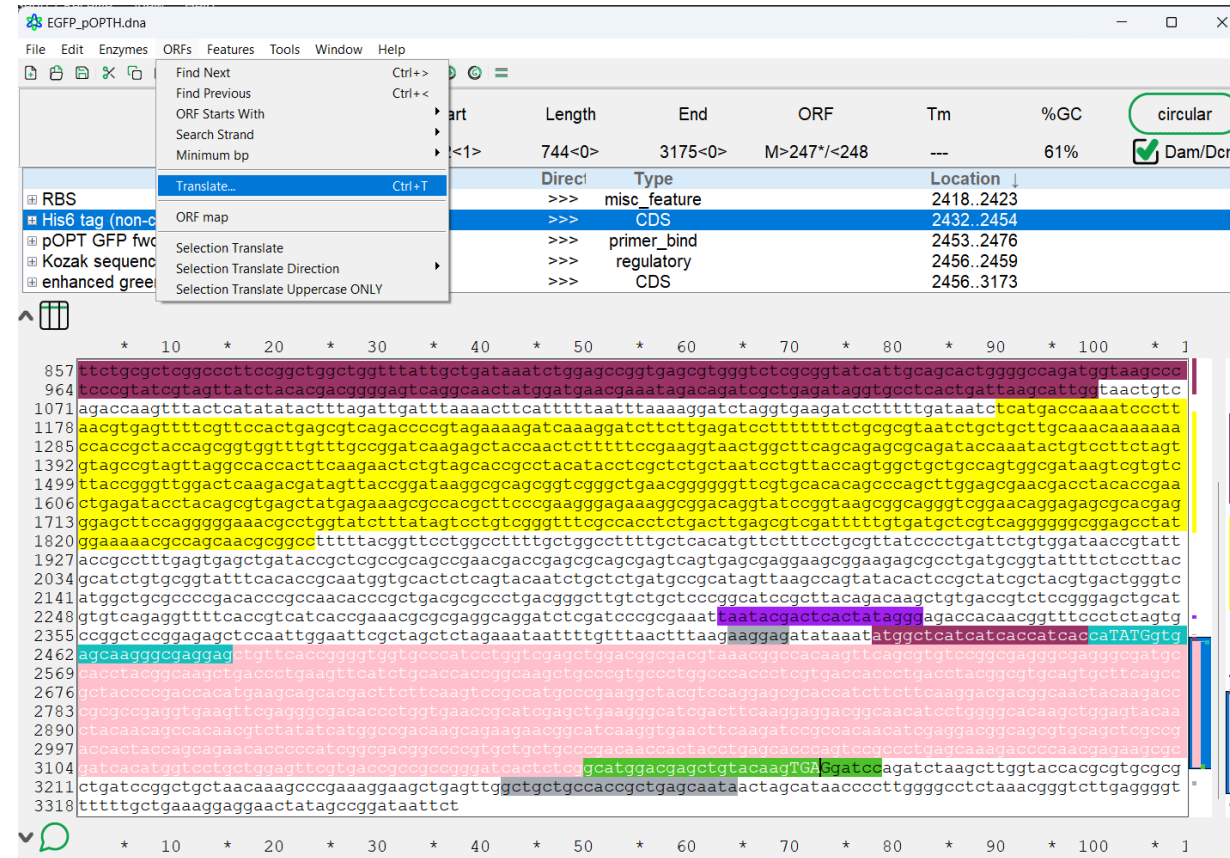
The screenshot shows the ApE software interface with a DNA sequence loaded in the main window. A menu is open over the sequence, and a table of Open Reading Frames (ORFs) is displayed on the right. The table lists the following ORFs:

Direction	Type	Location
>>>	misc_feature	2418..2423
>>>	CDS	2432..2454
>>>	primer_bind	2453..2476
>>>	regulatory	2456..2459
>>>	CDS	2456..3173

The DNA sequence is shown in the main window, with the ORF locations highlighted in yellow. The sequence is: `643 aacgcttttttgcacaacatgggggatcatgtaactgccttgcctggtgggaaacggagctgaatgaagccat accaaaacgacgagcgtgacaccagatgcctgc  
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# ApE – A plasmid Editor

- Translate the ORF



The screenshot shows the ApE software interface with the 'ORFs' menu open and the 'Translate...' option selected. The main window displays a table of ORFs and their features. The 'CDS' (Coding Sequence) is highlighted in blue, indicating it is the selected ORF for translation.

Start	Length	End	ORF	Tm	%GC	Other
<1>	744<0>	3175<0>	M>247*/<248	---	61%	circular Dam/Dcm

Direct	Type	Location
>>>	misc_feature	2418..2423
>>>	<b>CDS</b>	<b>2432..2454</b>
>>>	primer_bind	2453..2476
>>>	regulatory	2456..2459
>>>	CDS	2456..3173

The DNA sequence is displayed below the table, with the CDS region (2432..2454) highlighted in blue. The sequence is shown in a standard font with a color-coded background for readability.

# ApE – A plasmid Editor

- Translate as 1-letter code

The screenshot shows the ApE software interface for editing a plasmid named 'EGFP\_pOPTH.dna'. A 'Translate...' dialog box is open, showing the following settings:

- Translate: Selection
- Code: 1 Letter (selected), 3 Letter
- Codon Spacing:  Codon Spacing,  Reverse Complement
- Line Width: 20
- Line Numbers:  None,  Left,  Right,  Both
- DNA:  None,  Above,  Below
- Copy Highlight

The main window displays a table of ORFs:

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Below the table, a table lists ORF details:

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The DNA sequence is displayed below, with the CDS region (2432-2454) highlighted in yellow. The sequence is: \* 40 \* 50 \* 60 \* 70 \* 80 \* 90 \* 100 \* 1

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# ApE – A plasmid Editor

- Now you have the exact sequence of your construct including tags etc

The screenshot displays the ApE software interface. The main window shows a DNA sequence with various features highlighted, including a circular plasmid icon, a lock icon, and a table with columns for Sequence, Start, Length, End, ORF, Tm, and %GC. A 'circular' button is visible in the top right corner. A 'Dam/Dcm' checkbox is also present. A 'Translation' window is open, showing the amino acid sequence of the protein. The translation starts with a start codon (ATG) and ends with a stop codon (TGA). The amino acid sequence is: MAHHHHHMHVSKGEEELFTGV VPILVELDGDVNGHKFSVSG EGEDATYGKLTLLKFICTTG KLPVPWPTLVTLTYGVQCF SRYPDHMKQHDFFKSAMPEG YVQERTIFFKDDGNYKTRAE VKFEGDTLVNRIELKGIQDFK EDGNILGHKLEYNNSHNVY IMADKQKNGIKVNFKIRHNI EDGSVQLADHYQQNTPIGDG PVLLPDNHVLTQSALSKDP NEKRDHMLLEFVTAAGITL GMDELYK\* The translation window also shows the date and time (Sun Mar 05, 2023 11:49 GMT) and the file path (C:/Users/janet deane/OneDrive - University of Cambridge/Documents/Presentations/2023/Brazil/Seminars, From 2432 to 3175. Translation 247 a.a. MW=27967.2).



## Second useful resource - ProtParam

- ProtParam uses a sequence to calculate:
  - molecular mass
  - isoelectric point
  - extinction coefficients

<https://web.expasy.org/protparam/>





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Expasy 

ProtParam

## ProtParam tool

**ProtParam** ([References](#) / [Documentation](#)) is a tool which allows the computation of various physical and chemical parameters for a given [TrEMBL](#) or for a user entered protein sequence. The computed parameters include the molecular weight, theoretical pI, amino acid composition coefficient, estimated half-life, instability index, aliphatic index and grand average of hydropathicity (GRAVY) ([Disclaimer](#)).

Please note that you may only fill out **one** of the following fields at a time.

Enter a Swiss-Prot/TrEMBL accession number (AC) (for example **P05130**) or a sequence identifier (ID) (for example **KPC1\_DROME**):

Or you can paste your own amino acid sequence (in one-letter code) in the box below:

RESET

Compute parameters





# Second useful resource - ProtParam

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Molecular weight: 57364.86

Theoretical pI: 6.37

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← Mass in daltons, 57.4 kDa



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**pI is the pH where your protein has no charge**

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**Your protein can be unstable at its pI**

**Keep your purification buffers at least 1 pH unit from the pI**



# Extinction coefficients for protein concentration

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Extinction coefficients are in units of  $M^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , at 280 nm measured in water.

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Abs 0.1% (=1 g/l)    1.147, assuming all pairs of Cys residues form cystines

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$E_{0.1\%}$  in units of  $(\text{mg/mL})^{-1}$

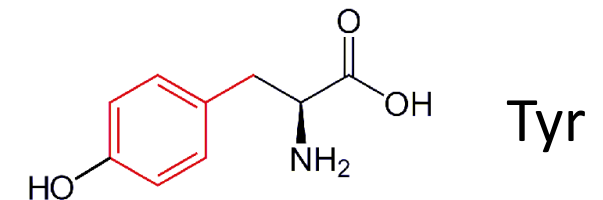
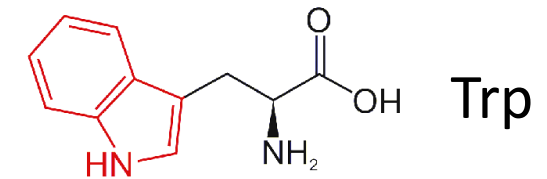
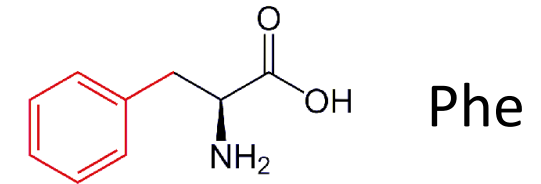


# What determines the E value?

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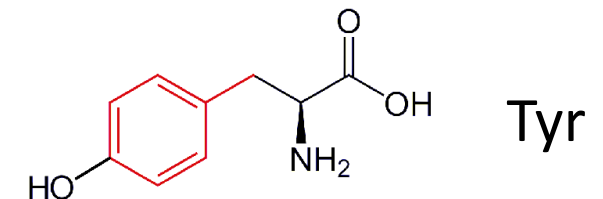
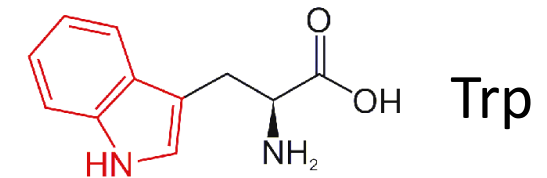
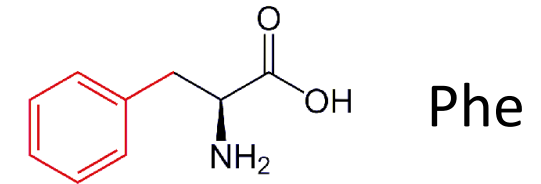


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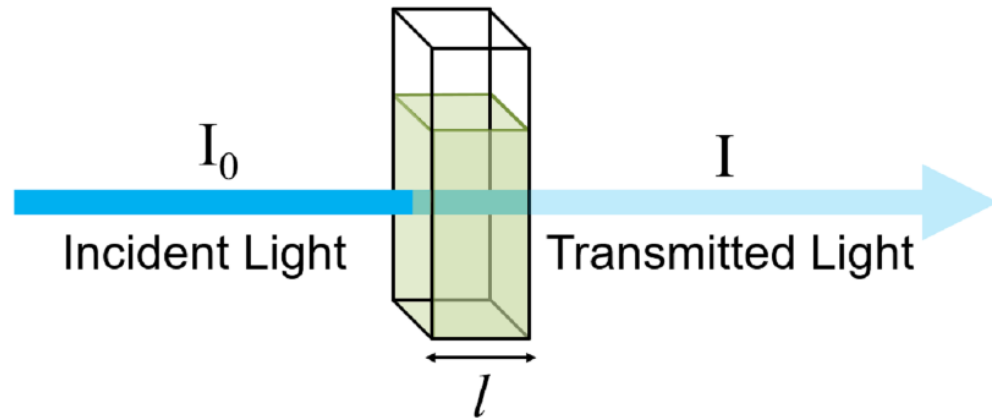
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# Calculating protein concentration

- Spectrophotometry, measure absorbance at 280 nm

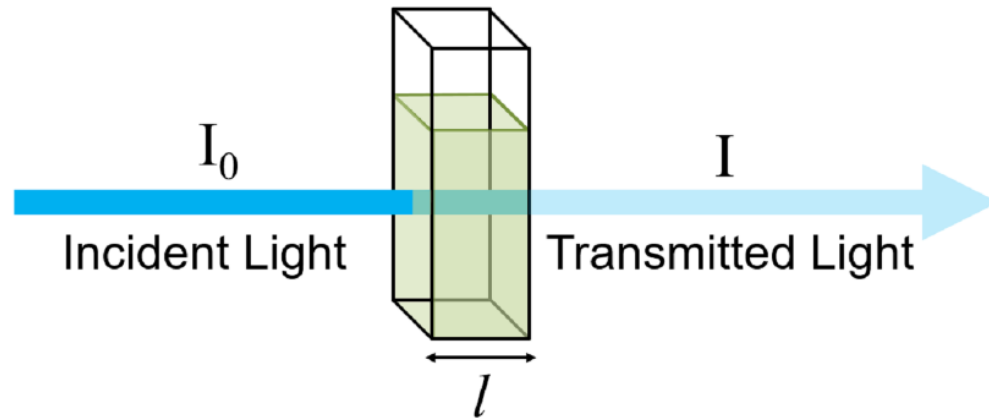


$$A = \log_{10} \left( \frac{I_0}{I} \right)$$



# Calculating protein concentration

- Beer-Lambert Law



$$A = \log_{10} \left( \frac{I_0}{I} \right) = \epsilon c l$$

$\epsilon$  = extinction co-efficient

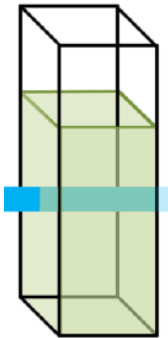
$c$  = concentration

$l$  = path length



# Calculating protein concentration

- Beer-Lambert Law and molecular extinction coefficients



$$A = \epsilon cl$$

$$c = \frac{A}{\epsilon l}$$

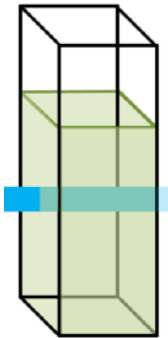
Measure the absorbance

Use the theoretical extinction co-efficient

Calculate concentration

# Calculating protein concentration

- Beer-Lambert Law and molecular extinction coefficients



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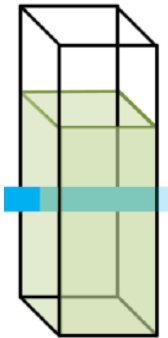
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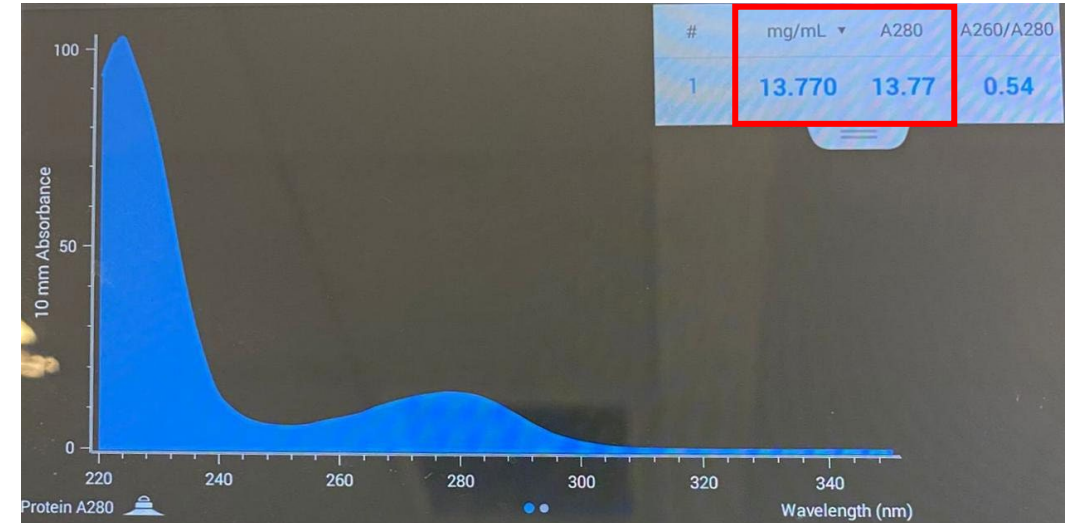
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Molar conc,      65320 (M)  
=  $0.5/65320 = 7.65 \times 10^{-6}$   
= 7.65  $\mu$ M

In mg/mL,      1.139  
=  $0.5/1.139 = 0.44$  mg/mL

# This correction is super important

- Always correct your absorbance measurements using your extinction coefficient
- Some instruments will quote concentration from absorbance but if you haven't entered an extinction coefficient it will be wrong!



# Sequence alignments

- Pairwise sequence alignments
  - mouse vs human
  - Proteins from different viruses

[https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/pa/emboss\\_needle/](https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/pa/emboss_needle/)

The screenshot shows the EMBOSS Needle web interface. At the top, there is a teal header with the title "EMBOSS Needle" and navigation links for "Input form", "Web services", "Help & Documentation", and "Bioinformatics Tools FAQ". A "Feedback" link is also present. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads "Tools > Pairwise Sequence Alignment > EMBOSS Needle". A light blue banner contains a "Service Announcement" stating that the new Job Dispatcher Services website is available at <https://wwwdev.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/jdispatcher>. The main heading is "Pairwise Sequence Alignment", followed by the description: "EMBOSS Needle reads two input sequences and writes their optimal global sequence alignment to file." The interface is divided into two sections. The first section, "STEP 1 - Enter your protein sequences", includes a dropdown menu for "Enter a pair of" set to "PROTEIN", a text area for "sequences. Enter or paste your first protein sequence in any supported format:", and a file upload option "Or, upload a file: Choose file No file chosen" with links for "Use a example sequence", "Clear sequence", and "See more example inputs". The second section, "AND", includes a text area for "Enter or paste your second protein sequence in any supported format:" and another file upload option "Or, upload a file: Choose file No file chosen".



# You can also use UniProt to do alignments

- Search for your gene/protein of interest
- Select the ones you want to compare
- Click Align

UniProtKB search ID mapping SPARQL UniProtKB galc Advanced | List Search

## UniProtKB 923 results

or search "galc" as a Gene Name, Protein Name, or Disease

BLAST Align Map IDs Download Add View: Cards Table Customize columns Share 3 rows selected out of 25

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# UniProt Alignment

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# You can also make phylogenetic trees

- Select all genes
- Do Alignment



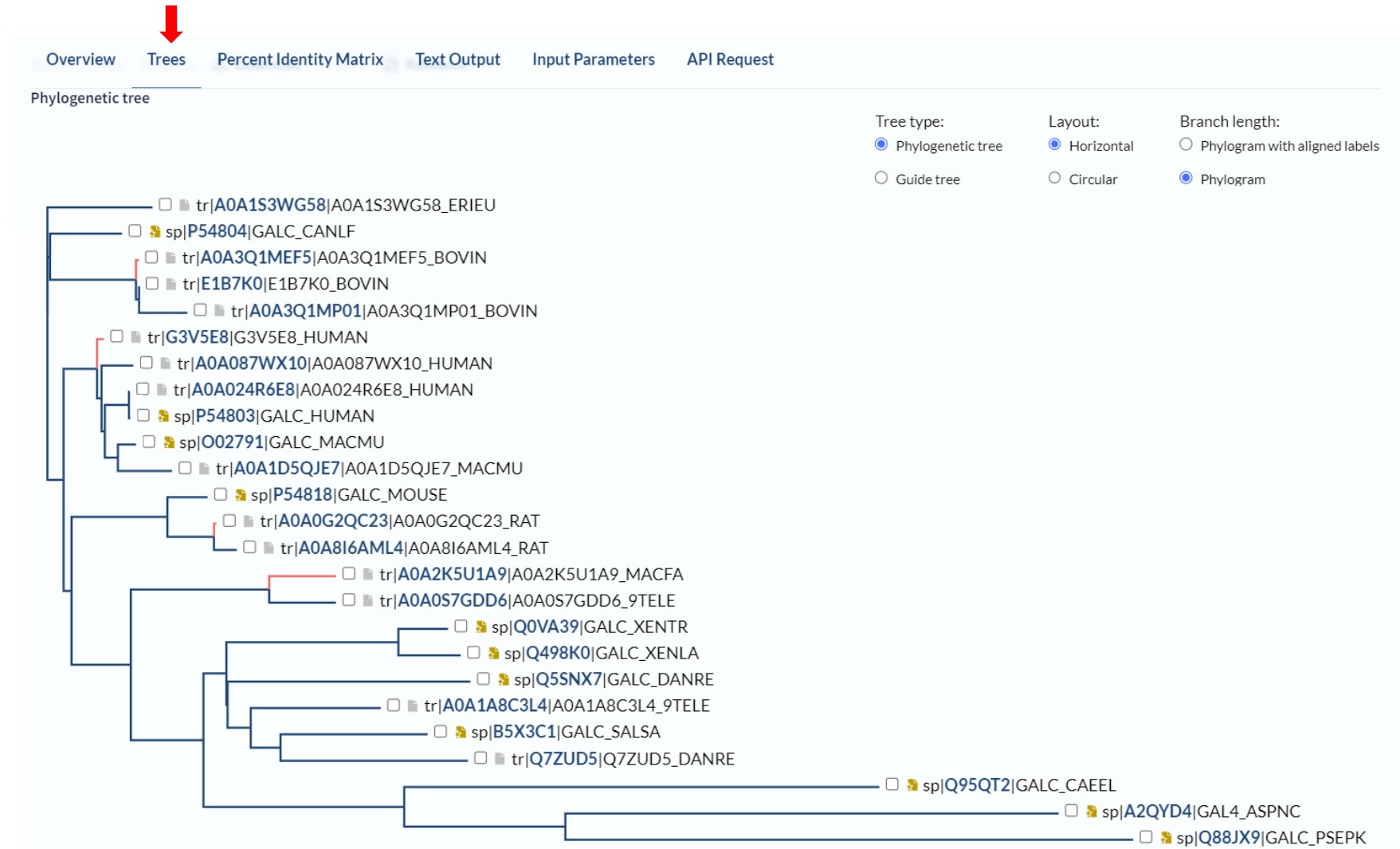
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# Sequence homology

- Identify conservation across species
- Highlight important functional regions of high conservation

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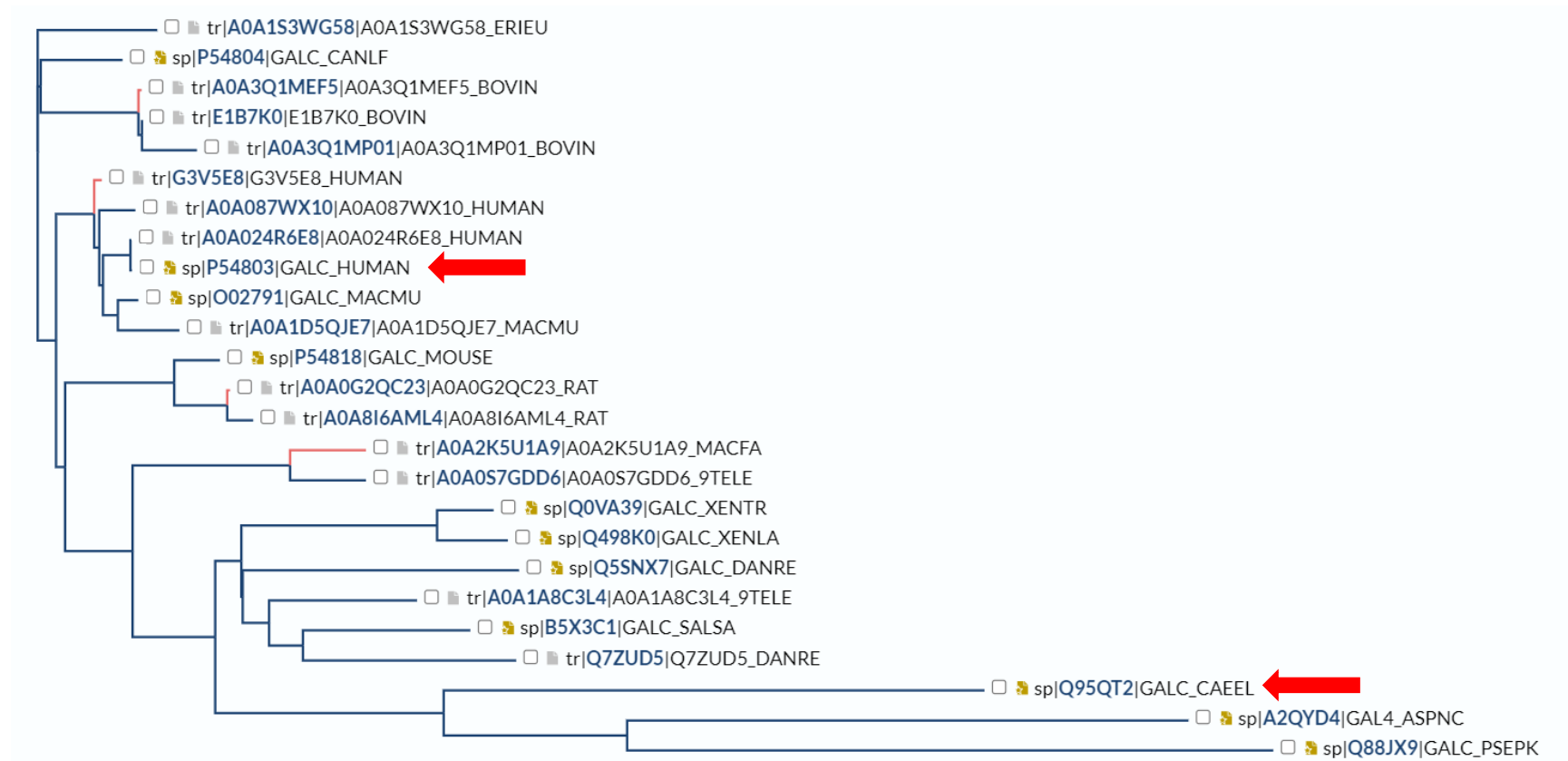
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# Comparing Outputs – trees and alignments



# Including conservation improves search sensitivity

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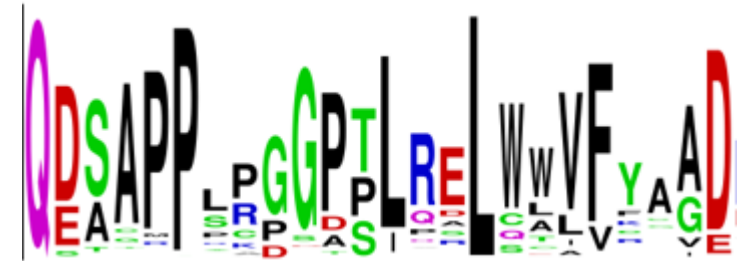
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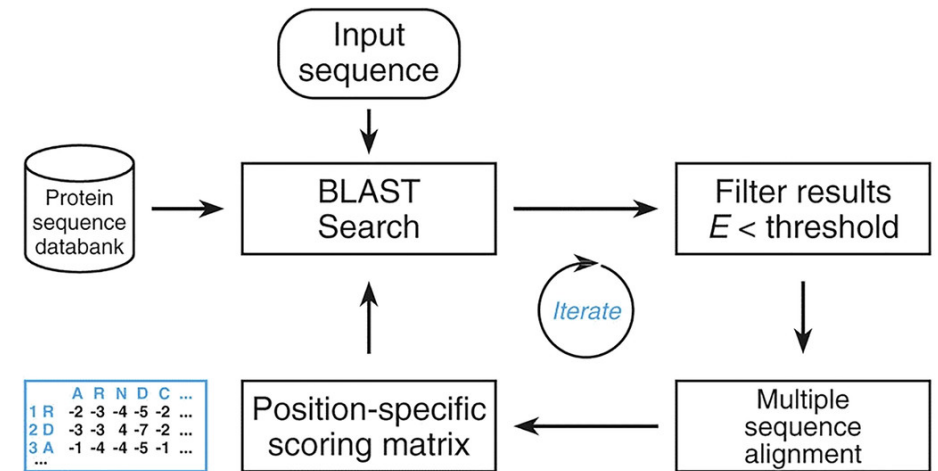
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- But some residues will be *evolutionarily conserved* while others won't
  - Conserved residues more likely to be important for function
- Weighting the alignment by conservation makes it more sensitive and accurate
  - Profiles and Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)



Logo Plot

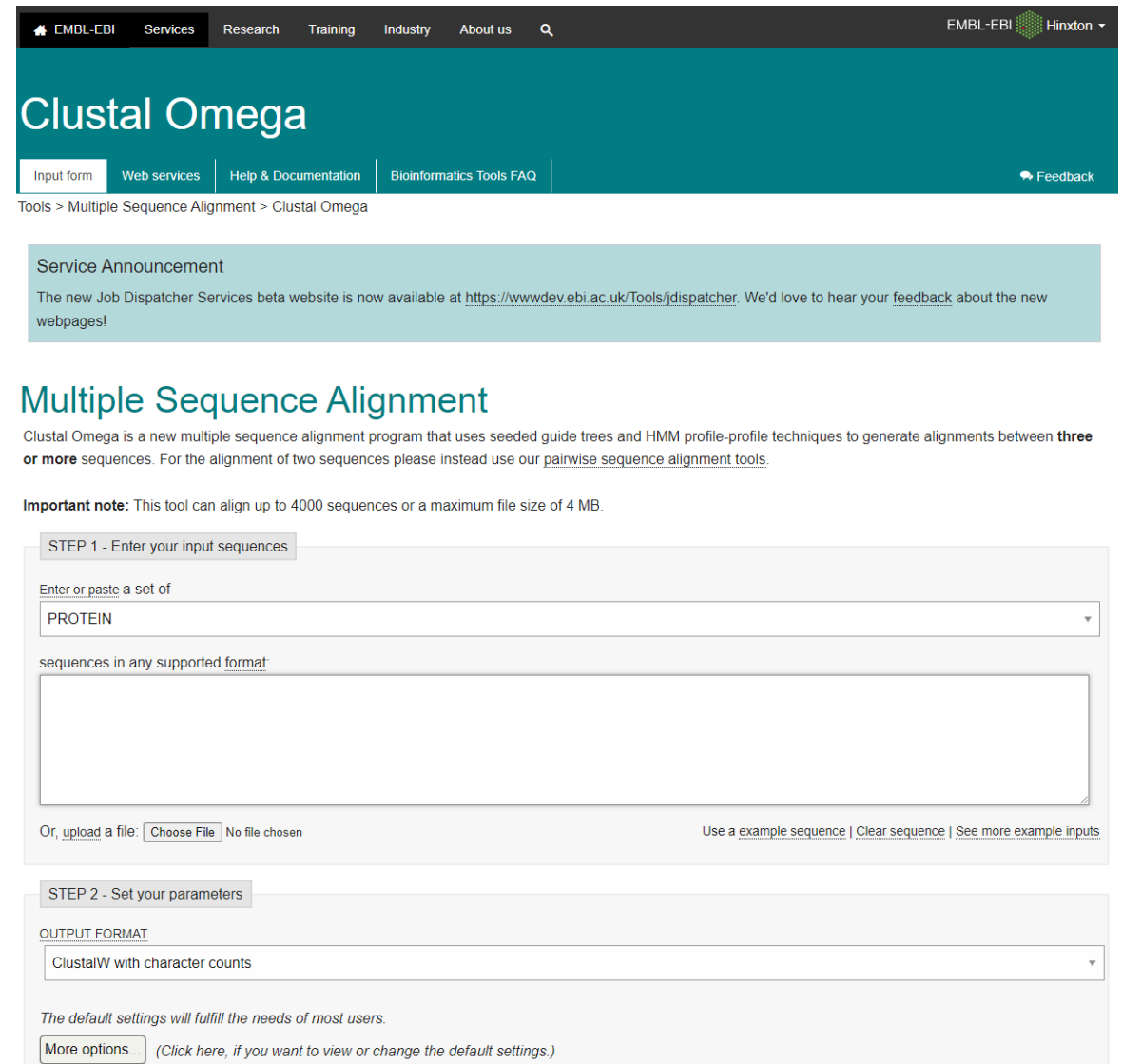
# Profile/HMM searching for identifying distant homologs

- Use the *query sequence* to perform an initial search of the *sequence database*
- Take all hits from initial search and build a profile or HMM
- Use this profile/HMM to perform a subsequent search of the *same sequence database*
  - Will be more sensitive and accurate
- Profile searching: PSI-BLAST
- HMM searching: HMMER (HMMsearch)



# HMM:HMM alignments

- Can also use HMM/HMM comparisons to improve specific multiple sequence alignments
  - Upweight the alignment of regions that are evolutionarily conserved
- Clustal Omega



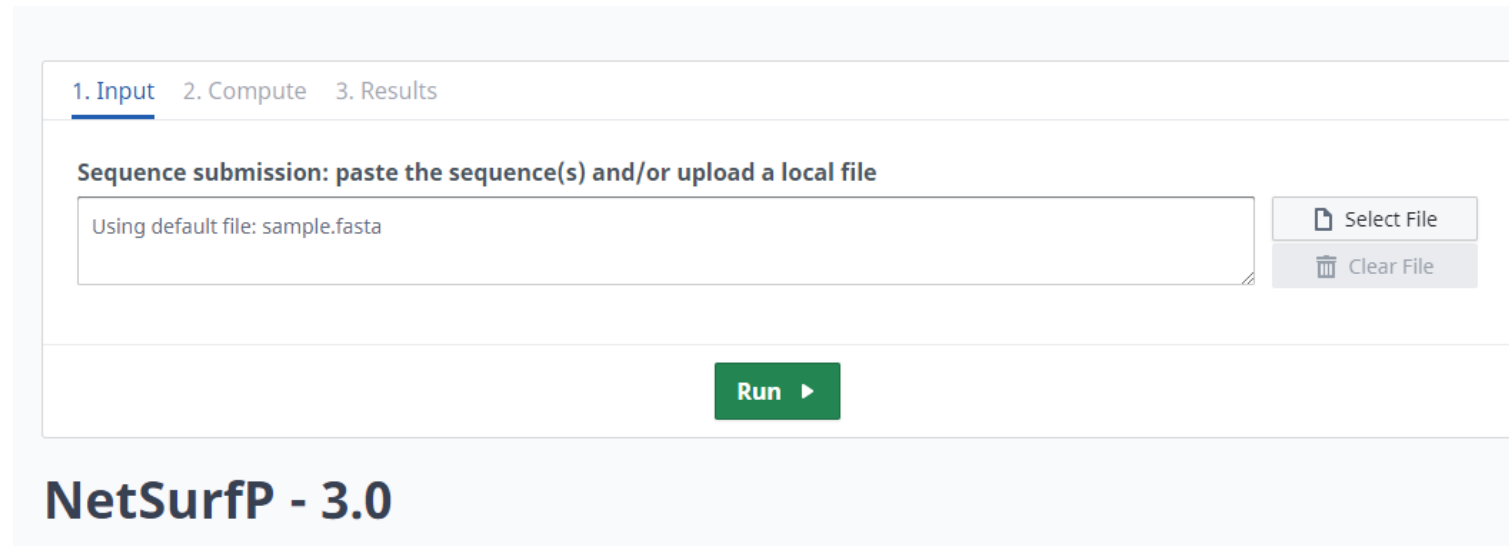
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# What else can we predict from sequence?

- Secondary structure prediction using NetSurfP

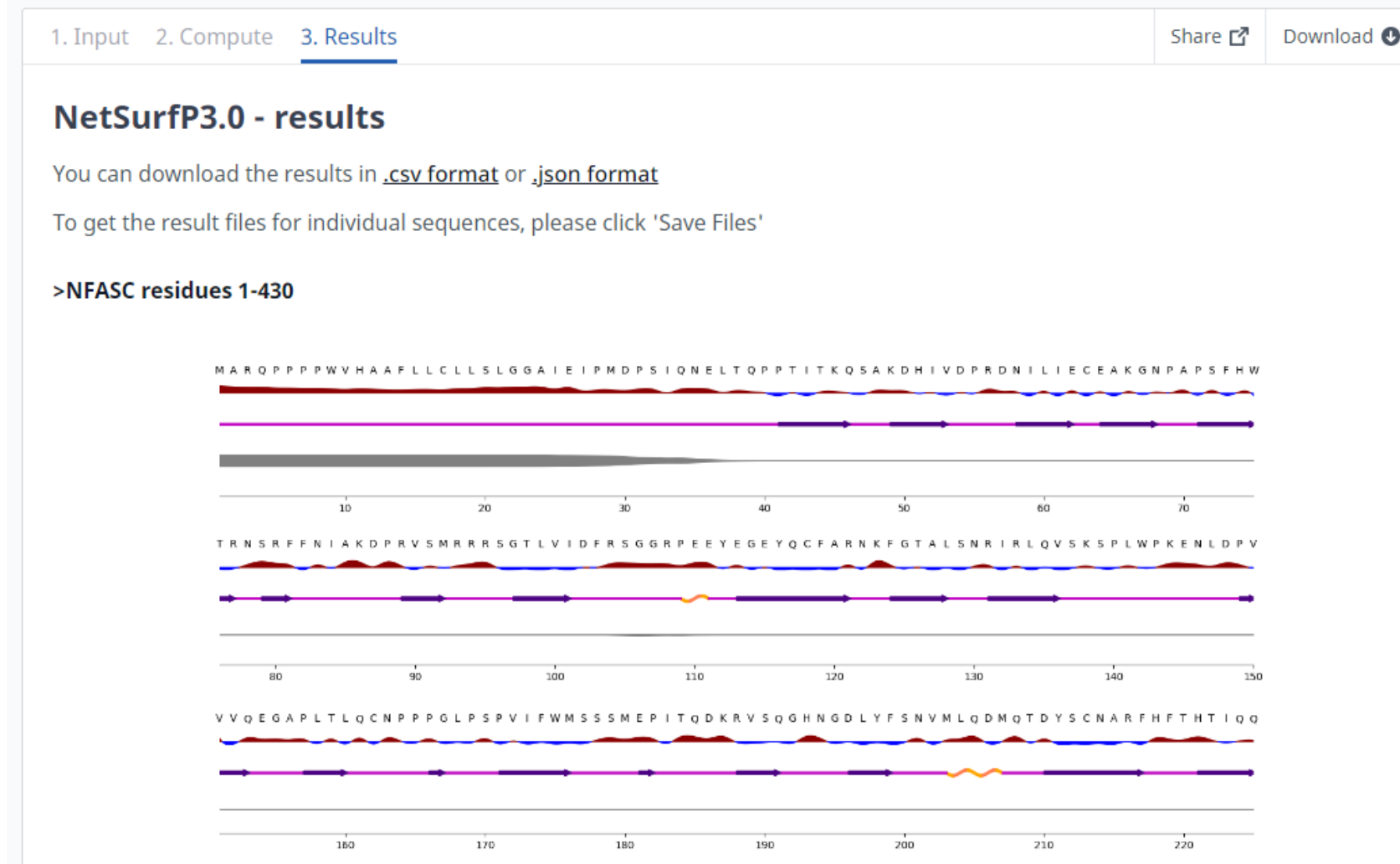
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The screenshot displays the NetSurfP-3.0 web interface. At the top, there are three tabs: "1. Input" (which is selected and underlined), "2. Compute", and "3. Results". Below the tabs, the text "Sequence submission: paste the sequence(s) and/or upload a local file" is shown. A text input field contains the text "Using default file: sample.fasta". To the right of the input field are two buttons: "Select File" with a file icon and "Clear File" with a trash icon. Below the input field and buttons is a large green "Run ▶" button. At the bottom of the interface, the text "NetSurfP - 3.0" is displayed.



# Secondary structure and disorder

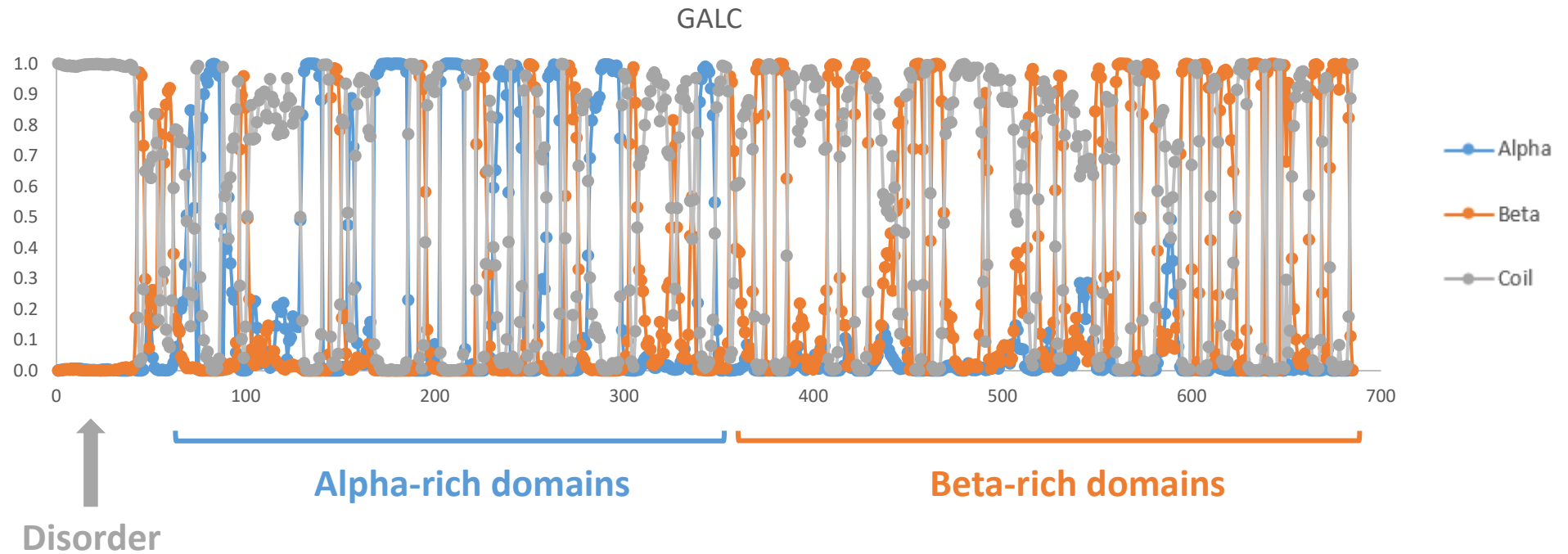


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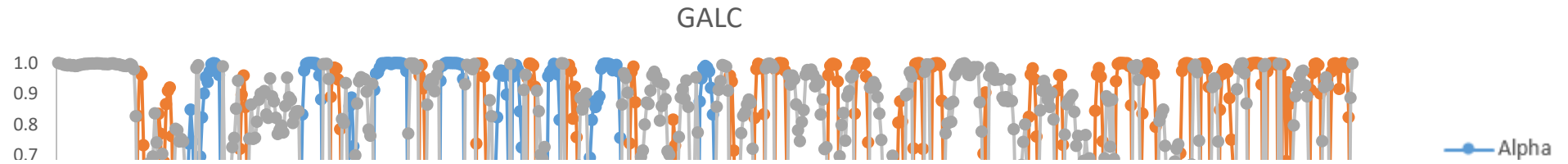
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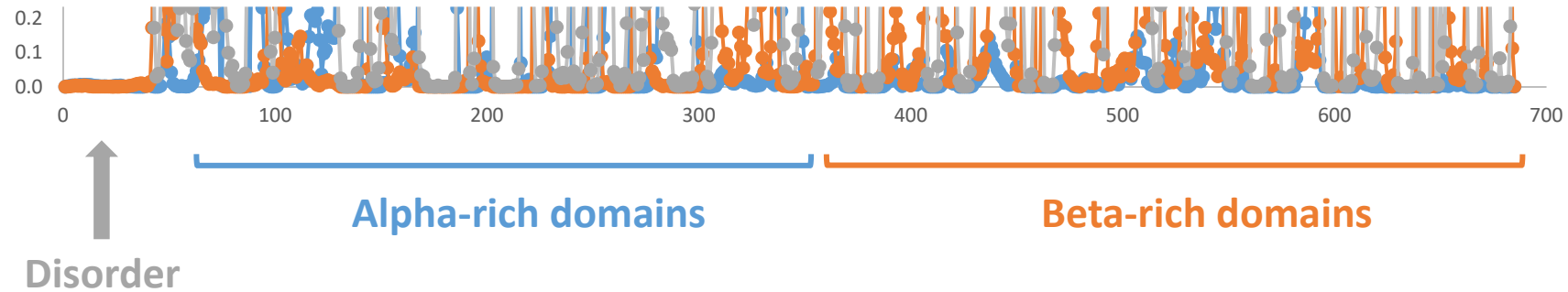
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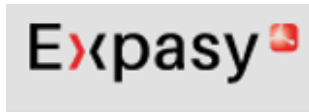
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# Summary

- Today you learnt how to use online resources to:
  - Predict domains
  - Identify post translational modifications
  - Calculate the molecular mass
  - Determine the isoelectric point
  - How to calculate extinction co-efficients
  - Identify distant homologs
  
- Try this out with your favourite protein!



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