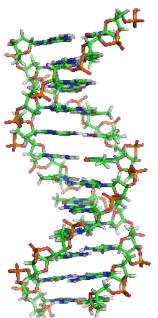
Basic Local Alignment and Search Tool (BLAST)

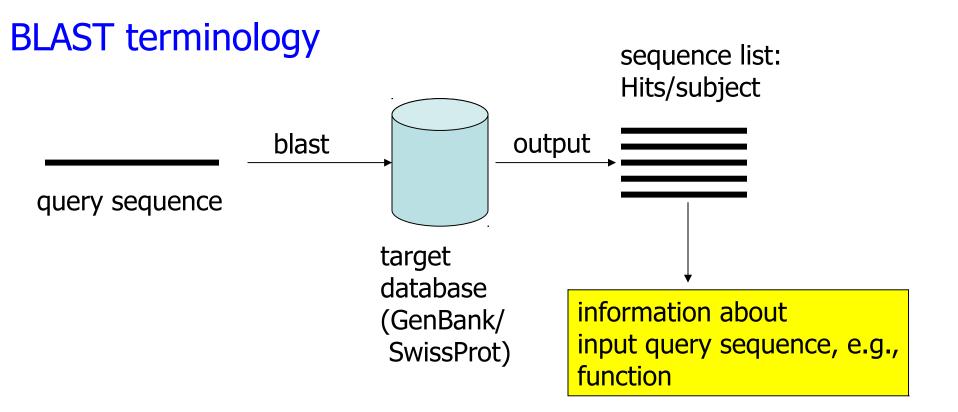


Database searching

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Why use BLAST?

- Dynamic Programming is not suitable for comparing a query sequence against a database
 - Takes too much time!
- BLAST is a heuristic method to find the highest locally optimal alignments
 - BLAST improved overall speed of searches
 - BLAST maintains good sensitivity



The aim of a database (blast) search is to discover sequence homology on basis of sequence similarity

BLAST returns similar sequences, not necessarily biological similar sequences

BLAST variants

Sequence type	nucleotide database	protein database
nucleotide query	blastn/tblastx	blastx
amino acid query	tblastn	blastp

blastn: finds NT sequences similar to your NT sequence blastp: finds AA sequences similar to your AA sequence blastx: finds AA sequences similar to translation of your NT sequence (if you cannot recognize an ORF) tblastn: translate AA sequence and searches against NT database (for finding pseudogenes) tblastx: keep computers busy

http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi

Basic BLAST

Choose a BLAST program to run.

nucleotide blast	Search a nucleotide database using a nucleotide query Algorithms: blastn, megablast, discontiguous megablast
<u>protein blast</u>	Search protein database using a protein query Algorithms: blastp, psi-blast, phi-blast
<u>blastx</u>	Search protein database using a translated nucleotide query
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BLAST Assembled Genomes

Choose a species genome to search, or list all genomic BLAST databases.

Human	Oryza sativa	Gallus gallus
Mouse	Bos taurus	Pan troglodytes
Rat	Danio rerio	Microbes
Arabidopsis thaliana	Drosophila melanogaster	Apis mellifera

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Mammals			(14)
 Primates 			(3)
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Macaca mulatta	rhesus macaque	<u>Build 1.1</u>	Q B G
Pan troglodytes	chimpanzee	<u>Build 2.1</u>	9 B G
Rodents			(2)
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Mus musculus	laboratory mouse	<u>Build 37.1</u>	Q B G G
		<u>Build 36.1</u>	9 B
Rattus norvegicus	rat	<u>RGSC v3.4</u>	9 B G
Monotremes			(1)
Marsupials			(1)
Other Mammals			(7)
Other Vertebrates			(2)
Invertebrates			(12)
Protozoa (B)			(18)

http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi

Specialized BLAST

Choose a type of specialized search (or database name in parentheses.)

- Make specific primers with <u>Primer-BLAST</u>
- Search trace archives
- Find <u>conserved domains</u> in your sequence (cds)
- Find sequences with similar <u>conserved domain architecture</u> (cdart)
- Search sequences that have gene expression profiles (GEO)
- Search <u>immunoglobulins</u> (IgBLAST)
- Search for <u>SNPs</u> (snp)
- Screen sequence for <u>vector contamination</u> (vecscreen)
- Align two sequences using BLAST (bl2seq)
- Search protein or nucleotide targets in PubChem BioAssay

BLASTing a sequence at NCBI – **programs**

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BLAST Assembled Genomes	A new Bl2seq functionality has been added to the standard BLAST pages that allows you to align a query against a set of
Choose a species genome to search, or <u>list all genomic BLAST databases</u> .	subject sequences. 2008-09-04 12:56:52
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protein blast Algorithms: blastp, psi-blast, phi-blast	any database using a standard Entrez query. Skillful use of Entrez queries allows the
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Database choice

Protein databases

Good for protein coding nucleotide queries

Choose a non-redundant database

Nucleotide databases

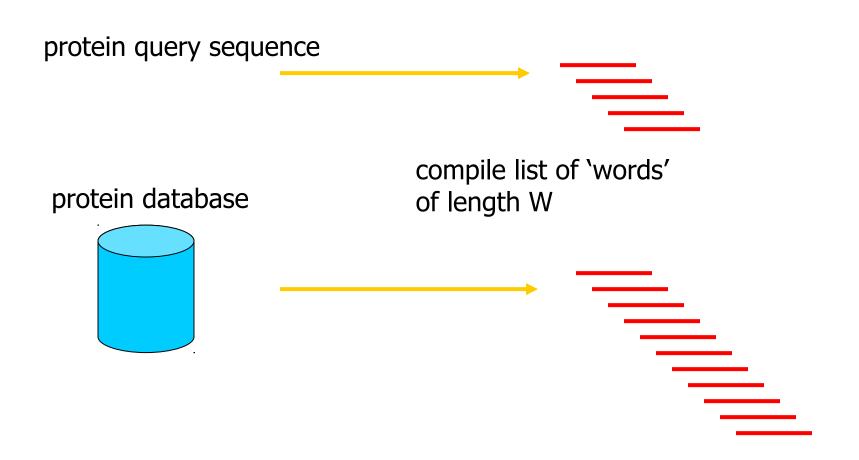
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Filter on organism / other Entrez query

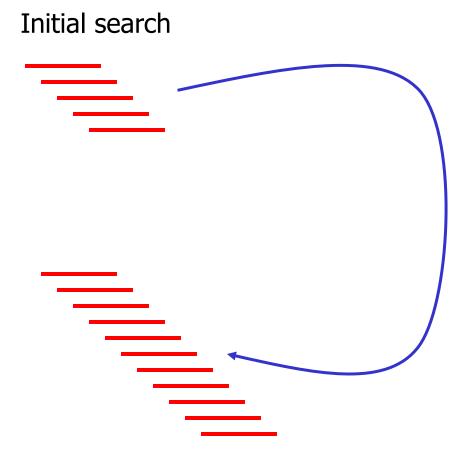
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Blast algorithm: *step 1*



Blast algorithm: *step 2*



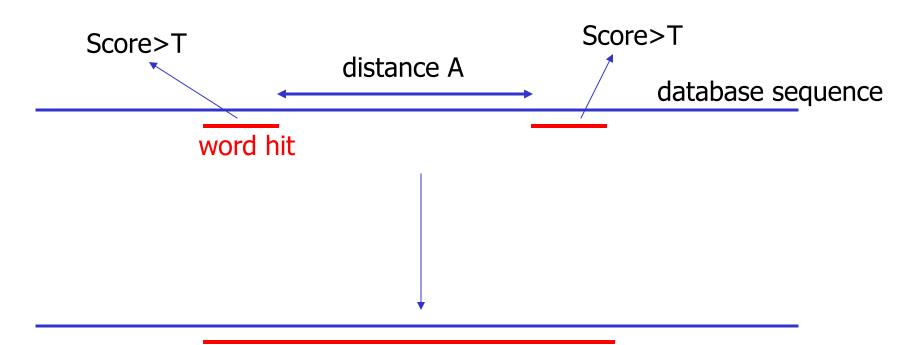
Use PAM/BLOSUM matrix

Find word of length 'W' that scores at least 'T' (T=11)

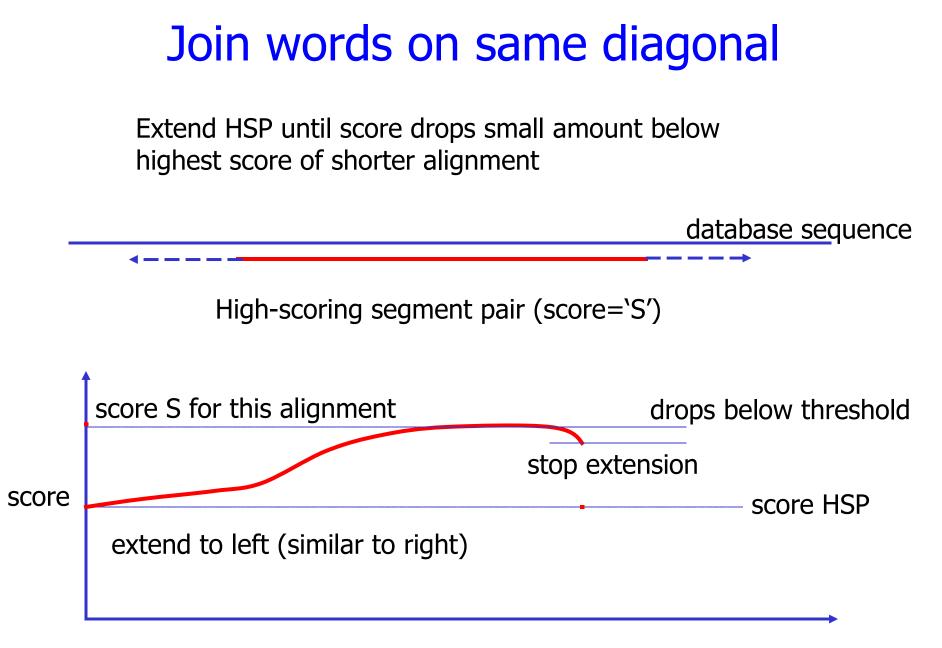
Exact matches only

The parameter T dictates the speed and sensitivity -increasing T increases speed, decreases sensitivity

Join words on same diagonal (*ungapped*)

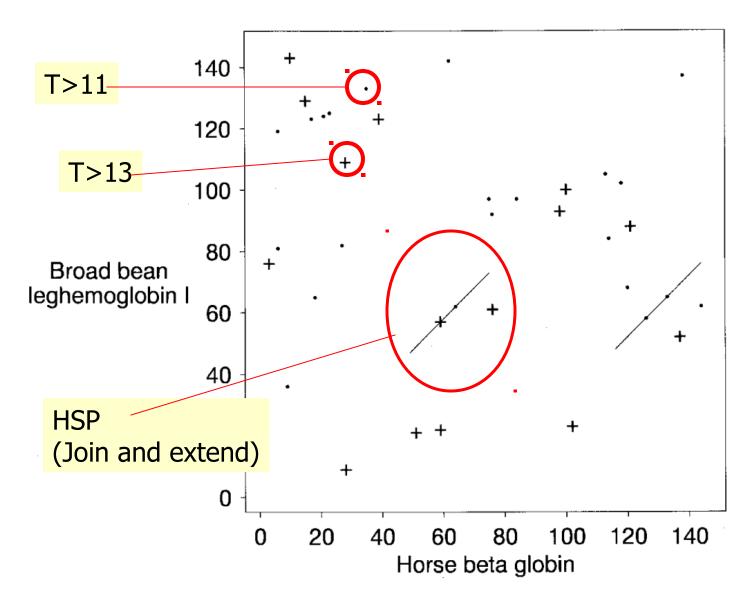


High-scoring segment pair (score=`S')

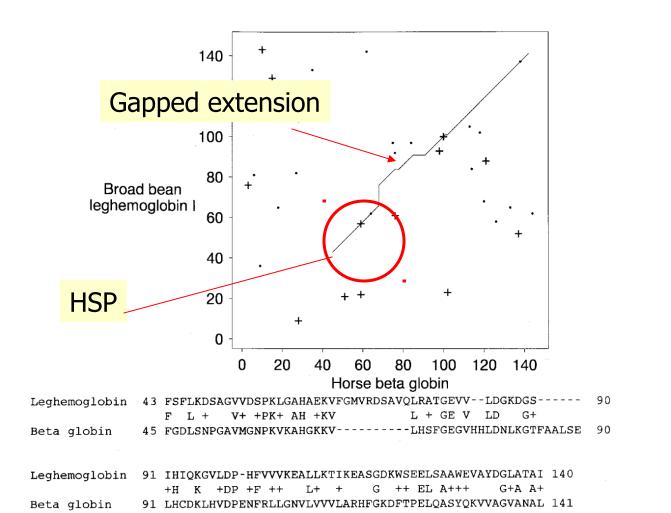


If S>threshold (based on random sequences) then keep HSP

Finding HSP's



Trigger gapped extension



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Masking of sequences – **low complexity**

Low complexity repeats in genome

Many amino-acid "stretches" in proteins

BLAST recognizes these regions as similar

but, they are NOT biologically related

Masking of sequences – highly abundant sequences

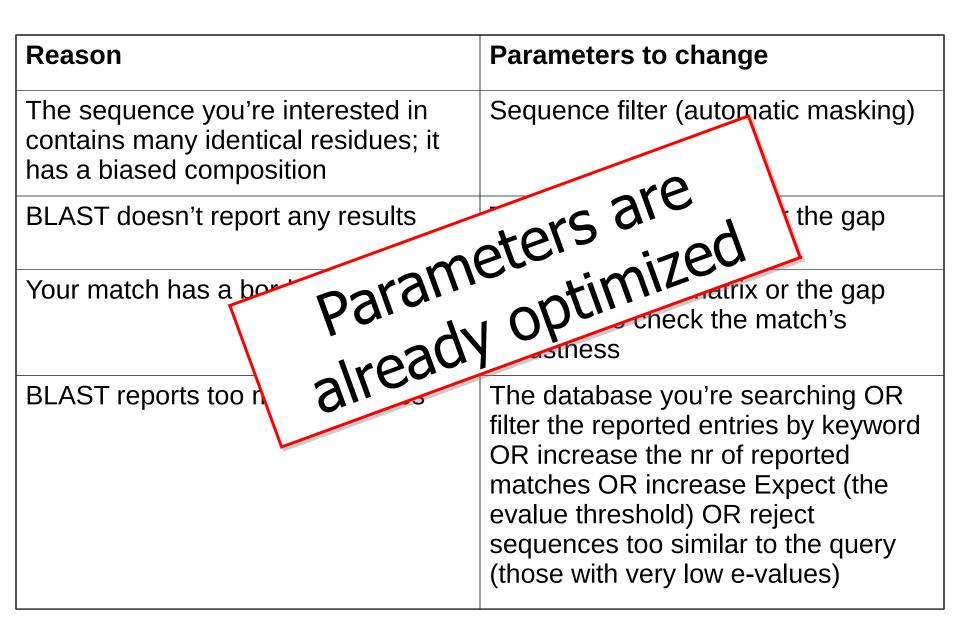
First query sequence against database that contains domains representative of large sequence families

- Alu repeats
- Protein kinase catalytic domains
- Vector sequences

Then mask these domains in the query sequence and continue search

Masking option replaces these regions with XXXXXXX

When do you change the parameters?



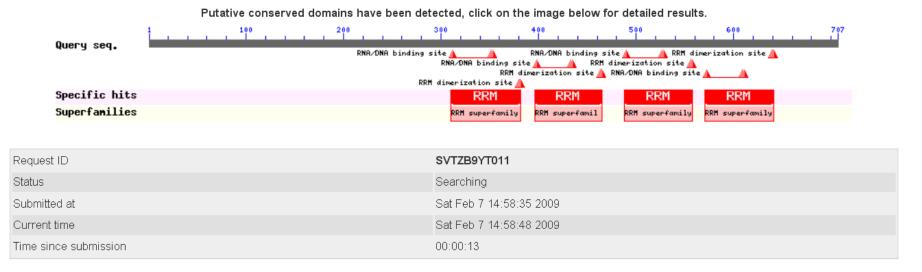
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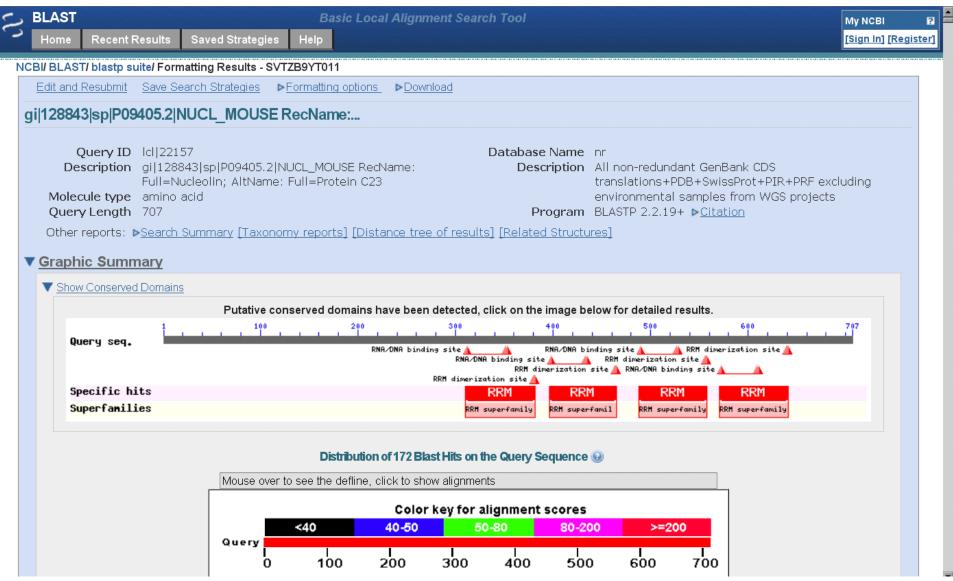
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Japan	BLAST / PSI-BLAST	http://blast.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/top-e.html			
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BLASTing a sequence at NCBI – **blast summary**



BLASTing a sequence at NCBI – **used parameters**

Other reports: Version Summary [Taxonomy reports] [Distance tree of results] [Related Structures]

Search Parameter	
Program	blastp
Word size	3
Expect value	10
Hitlist size	100
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Matrix	BLOSUM62
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Filter string	F
Genetic Code	1
Window Size	40

Database		
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Number of sequences	7,831,890	
Entrez query	none	

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Results Statistics		
Length adjustment	143	
Effective length of query	564	
Effective length of database	1579448431	
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BLASTing a sequence at NCBI – graphical display



BLASTing a sequence at NCBI – **hit list**

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