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# JAJFA

## a protein function prediction meta-server

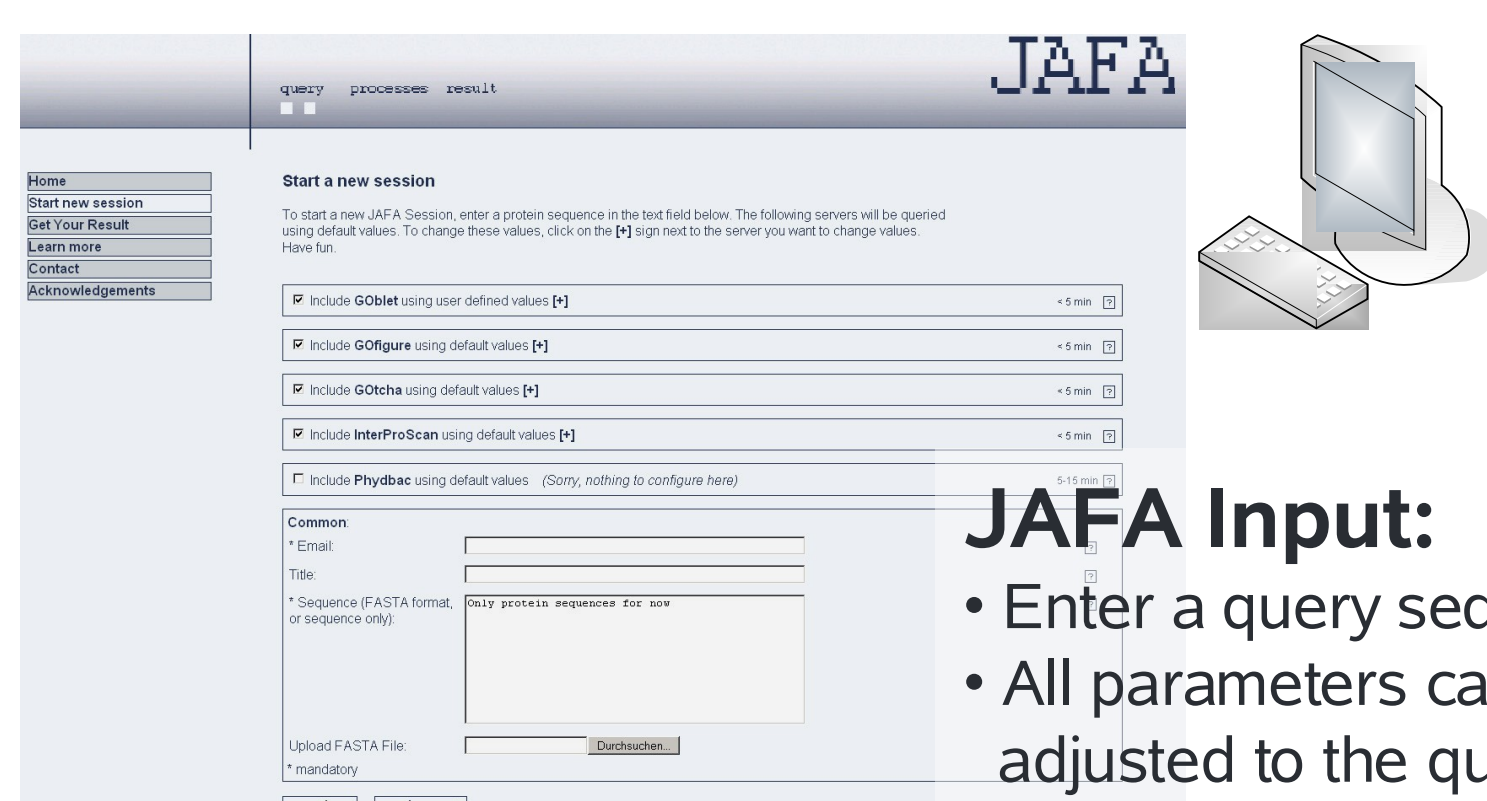
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### JAJFA Input:

- Enter a query sequence
- All parameters can be adjusted to the query

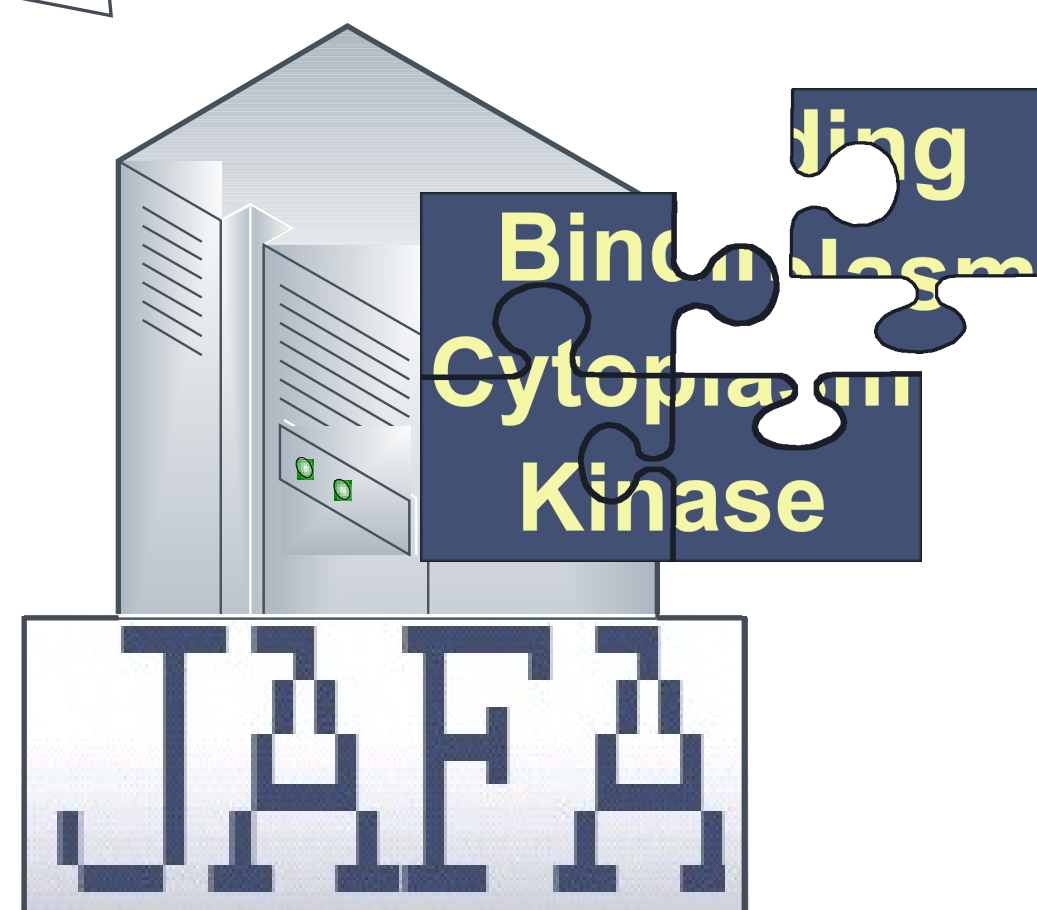


### JAJFA Run

- Query remote servers, wait for them to finish, receive results.
- Interim results are available, as soon as they are received
- Currently queried servers: Gotcha[3], Goblet[4], GoFigure[5], InterProScan[6], Phylbac[7]

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### Function Prediction is difficult ...

- Biological function has different aspects: what happens, where in the cell, which process does this function belong to.
- Each method / program has its own strengths in predicting one or the other.

### ... but many different pieces build a picture.

- Combining the prediction of different methods / programs can provide a better understanding of the protein's function.
- Differences in each prediction lead to a broader overall picture
- Similar or identical predictions by different programs increase prediction confidence

### Future Plans:

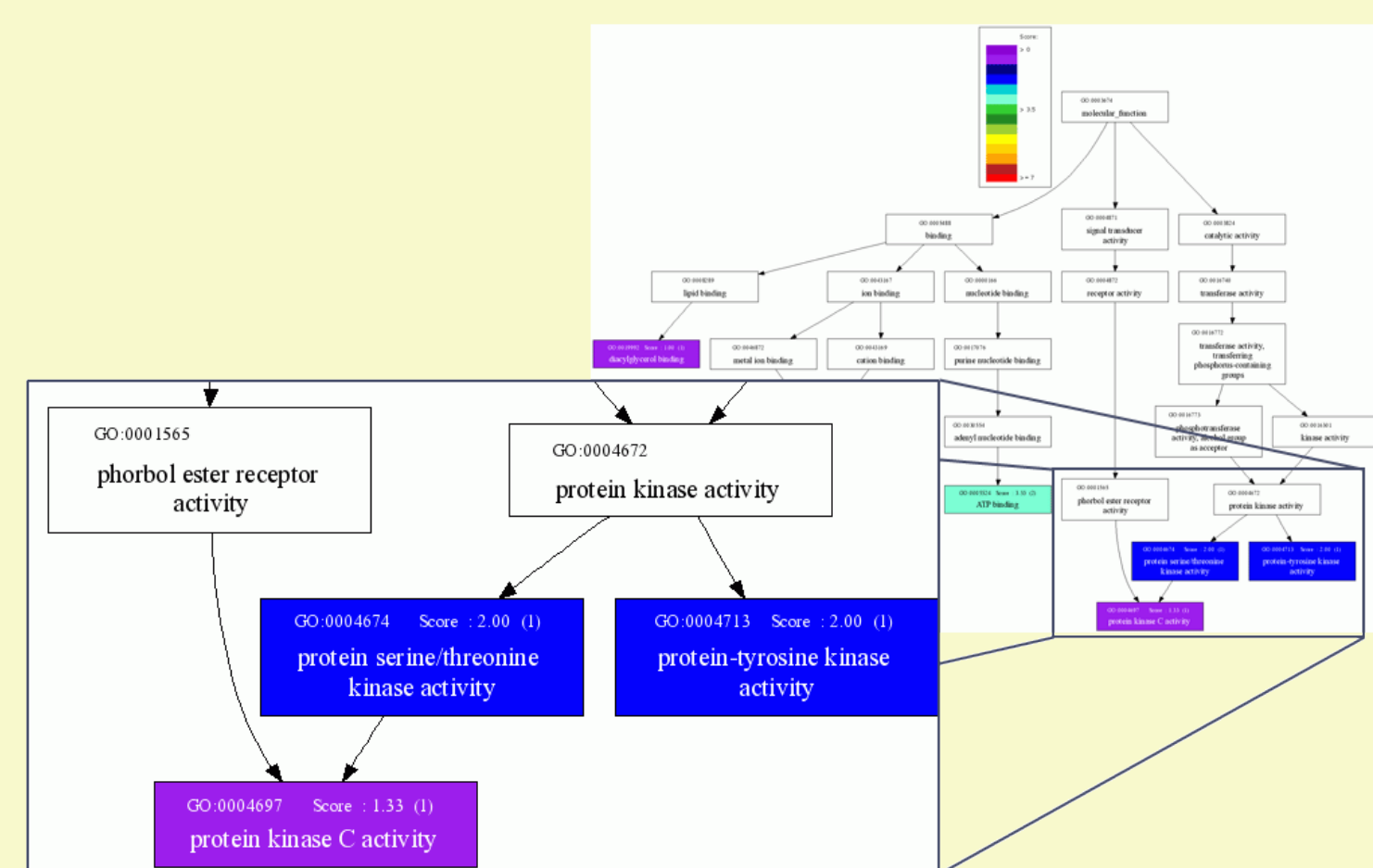
- A standalone version of JAJFA, for use in high throughput research
- Create a standardized XML protocol for reporting function predictions
- Analysis of the different prediction programs capabilities will lead us to better overall predictions
- Improve scoring function to weight different programs based on known strengths and weaknesses

### Gene Ontology (GO):

- Controlled vocabulary for the description of genes and gene product attributes
- Hierarchical: general to specific
- Different functional aspects: Biological Process, Molecular Function and Cellular Component
- <http://www.geneontology.org> [2]

### JAJFA - GOrange Tree:

- Predicted GO terms displayed hierarchically. Prediction confidence is color coded



GO Term	ACC	GO Level	Name	Score	Servers Agreed	Comment
molecular_function	GO:0005201	6	protein serine/threonine kinase activity	1.00	7/7	
	GO:0005202	5	ATP binding	2.00	7/7	
	GO:0005203	5	protein tyrosine kinase activity	1.50	7/7	
	GO:0005204	5	calcium-dependent protein kinase C activity	1.25	7/7	
	GO:0005205	4	calcium ion binding	1.00	7/7	
	GO:0005206	3	shock/heat shock binding	0.75	7/7	
	GO:0005207	3	protein binding	0.75	7/7	
	GO:0005208	2	protein binding	0.50	7/7	
cellular_component	GO:0005589	3	plasma membrane	0.75	7/7	
	GO:0005729	3	cytoplasm	0.75	7/7	
	GO:0005208	3	membrane fraction	0.75	7/7	
biological_process	GO:0005589	7	protein serine acid phosphorylation	5.25	7/7	
	GO:0022282	4	intracellular signaling cascade	2.00	7/7	
	GO:0005208	8	induction of apoptosis by extracellular signals	2.00	7/7	
	GO:0002033	3	cell proliferation	0.75	7/7	
	GO:0022043	3	cell cycle	0.75	7/7	

### JAJFA Results

- Full Traceback Information downloadable
- Scored GO Terms

$$\text{Score} = \frac{\text{number of predicting programs} \times \text{GO level}}{\text{total number of programs}}$$

- Color indication which server predicted this term
- NCBI-Blast [8] Run Results

### Online:

JAJFA is available online at <http://jafa.burnham.org>  
Contact: [jafateam@gmail.com](mailto:jafateam@gmail.com)

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