

Automatic Annotation in UniProtKB

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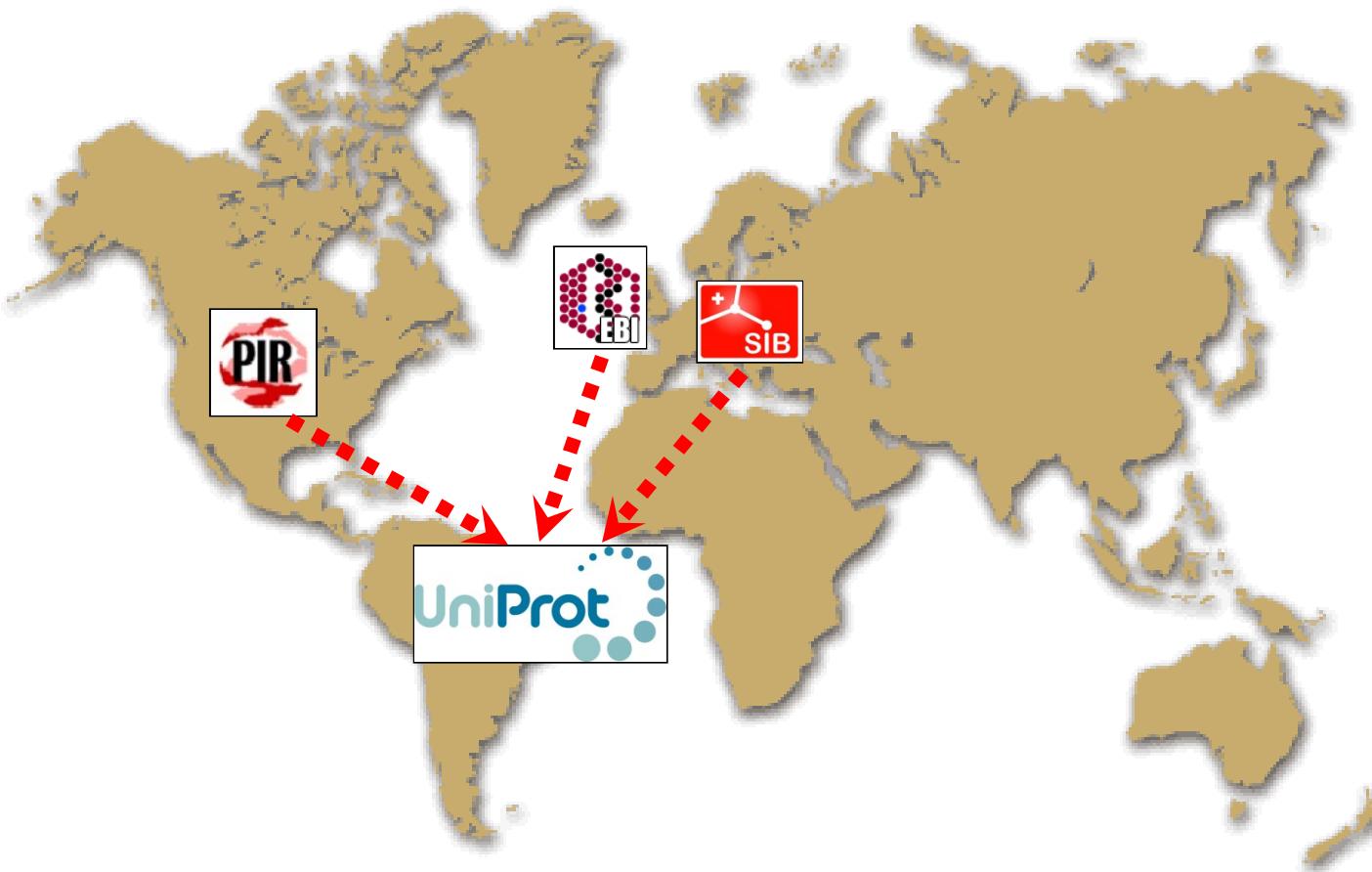
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Names and origin

Protein names	Recommended name: Kynureninase EC=3.7.1.3 Alternative name(s): L-kynurenone hydrolase
Gene names	Name: KYNU
Organism	Homo sapiens (Human) [Complete proteome]
Taxonomic identifier	9606 [NCBI]
Taxonomic lineage	Eukaryota > Metazoa > Chordata > Craniata > Vertebrata > Euteleostomi > Mammalia > Eutheria > Euarchontoglires > Primates > Haplorrhini > Catarrhini > Hominidae > Homo

What? UniProtKB annotation content

General annotation (Comments)

Function	Catalyzes the cleavage of L-kynurenine (L-Kyn) and L-3-hydroxykynurenine (L-3OHKyn) into anthranilic acid (AA) and 3-hydroxyanthranilic acid (3-OHAA), respectively. Has a preference for the L-3-hydroxy form. Also has cysteine-conjugate-beta-lyase activity.
Catalytic activity	L-kynurenine + H ₂ O = anthranilate + L-alanine. (Ref.1) (Ref.2) (Ref.6) (Ref.7) L-3-hydroxykynurenine + H ₂ O = 3-hydroxyanthranilate + L-alanine. (Ref.1) (Ref.2) (Ref.6) (Ref.7)
Cofactor	Pyridoxal phosphate.
Enzyme regulation	Inhibited by o-methoxybenzoylalanine (OMBA). (Ref.1) (Ref.2)
Pathway	Amino-acid degradation; L-kynurenine degradation; L-alanine and anthranilate from L-kynurenine: step 1/1. Cofactor biosynthesis; NAD(+) biosynthesis; quinolinate from L-kynurenine: step 2/3.
Subunit structure	Homodimer. (Ref.7)
Subcellular location	Cytoplasm (Ref.1).
Tissue specificity	Expressed in all tissues tested (heart, brain placenta, lung, liver, skeletal muscle, kidney and pancreas). Highest levels found in placenta, liver and lung. Expressed in all brain regions. (Ref.1) (Ref.2)
Induction	Increased levels in several cerebral and systemic inflammatory conditions. (Ref.1) (Ref.2)
Involvement in disease	Defects in KYNU may be a cause of hydroxykynurenia [MIM:236800]; also known as kynureinase deficiency. Hydroxykynurenia is characterized by urinary excretion of large amounts of kynurene, 3-hydroxykynurene and xanthurenic acid. This suggests a block in the conversion of kynurene and 3-hydroxykynurene to anthranilate and 3-hydroxyanthranilate, respectively, which leads to impaired niacin biosynthesis. Hydroxykynurenia can be associated with psychomotor retardation and non-progressive encephalopathy. (Ref.8)
Sequence similarities	Belongs to the kynureinase family .
Caution	It has been reported that this enzyme possesses no measurable activity against L-kynurenine and is subject to inhibition by both L-kynurenine and D-kynurenine at pH 7.9 (Ref.6).
Biophysicochemical properties	<u>Kinetic parameters:</u>

What? UniProtKB annotation content

Ontologies

Keywords

Biological process	Pyridine nucleotide biosynthesis
Cellular component	Cytoplasm
Coding sequence diversity	Polymorphism
Disease	Disease mutation
Ligand	Pyridoxal phosphate
Molecular function	Hydrolase
PTM	Acetylation
Technical term	3D-structure Complete proteome

Gene Ontology (GO)

Biological process	NAD biosynthetic process Inferred from electronic annotation. Source: InterPro
	anthranilate metabolic process Inferred from direct assay (Ref.6). Source: UniProtKB
	quinolinate biosynthetic process Inferred from direct assay. Source: UniProtKB
	response to interferon-gamma Inferred from direct assay. Source: UniProtKB
	response to vitamin B6 Inferred from mutant phenotype. Source: UniProtKB
Cellular component	cytosol Inferred from direct assay. Source: UniProtKB

What? UniProtKB annotation content

Sequence annotation (Features)

Feature key	Position(s)	Length	Description	Graphical view	Feature identifier
Molecule processing					
<input type="checkbox"/> Chain	1 – 465	465	Kynureninase		PRO_0000218657
Regions					
<input type="checkbox"/> Region	165 – 168	4	Pyridoxal phosphate binding		
Sites					
<input type="checkbox"/> Binding site	137	1	Pyridoxal phosphate; via amide nitrogen <small>(By similarity)</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Binding site	138	1	Pyridoxal phosphate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Binding site	250	1	Pyridoxal phosphate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Binding site	253	1	Pyridoxal phosphate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Binding site	275	1	Pyridoxal phosphate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Binding site	305	1	Pyridoxal phosphate		
<input type="checkbox"/> Binding site	333	1	Pyridoxal phosphate		
Amino acid modifications					
<input type="checkbox"/> Modified residue	1	1	N-acetylmethionine <small>(By similarity)</small>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Modified residue	276	1	N6-(pyridoxal phosphate)lysine		
Natural variations					
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural variant	188	1	R → Q. [dbSNP:rs2304705]		VAR_049724

What? Annotation propagation in UniProtKB

General annotation

Annotation	Propagated?
RecName	Yes
AltName	Yes
Function	Yes
Catalytic activity	Yes
Pathway	Yes
Subunit	Yes
Subcellular location	Yes
Disease	No
Disruption phenotype	No
Polymorphism	No
Alternative products	No

Feature annotation

Annotation	Propagated?
KW	Yes
GO	Yes
Regions of interest	Yes
Active site	Yes
Ligand-binding	Yes
Processing	Yes
PTMs	Yes
Ambiguities	No
Conflicts	No
Natural variants	No
Isoforms	No

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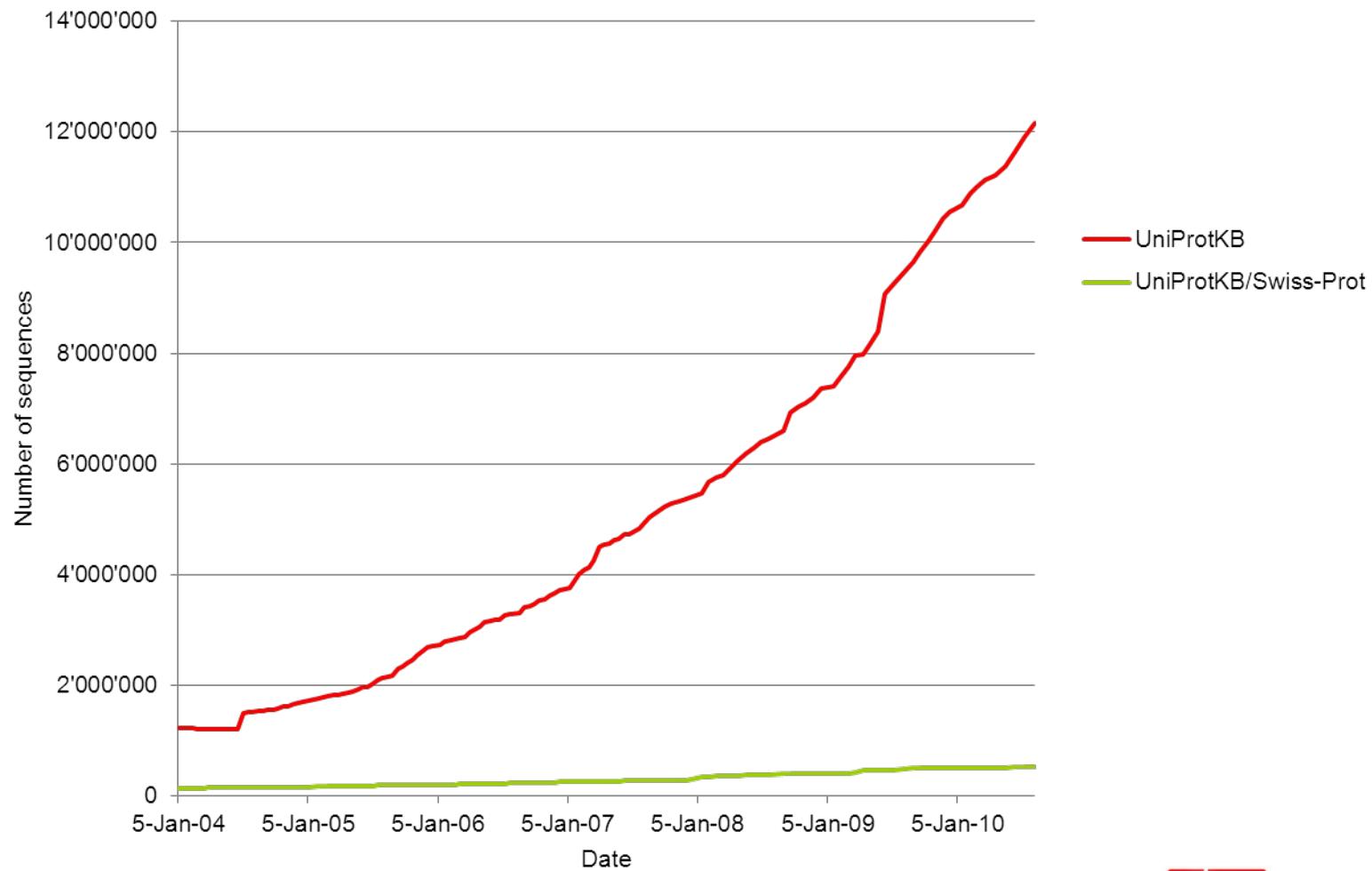
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Why? Data increase in UniProtKB



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How? Automatic annotation in UniProtKB/TrEMBL

- Based on **annotation rules**
- Rules are linked to specific signatures - InterPro
- Annotation rules have
 - annotations
 - conditions
- Rules are tested and validated against UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot
- Rules and annotations are updated each UniProtKB release

How? Automatic annotation in UniProtKB

System	Rule creation	Trigger	Annotations	Scope
SAAS (Spearmint)	automatic	InterPro	comments, KW	all taxa
UniRules	RuleBase	manual	InterPro	protein names, comments, KW
	PIR name / site rules	manual	PIRSF*	protein names, comments, features, KW
	HAMAP	manual	HAMAP*	protein names, comments, features, KW, GO
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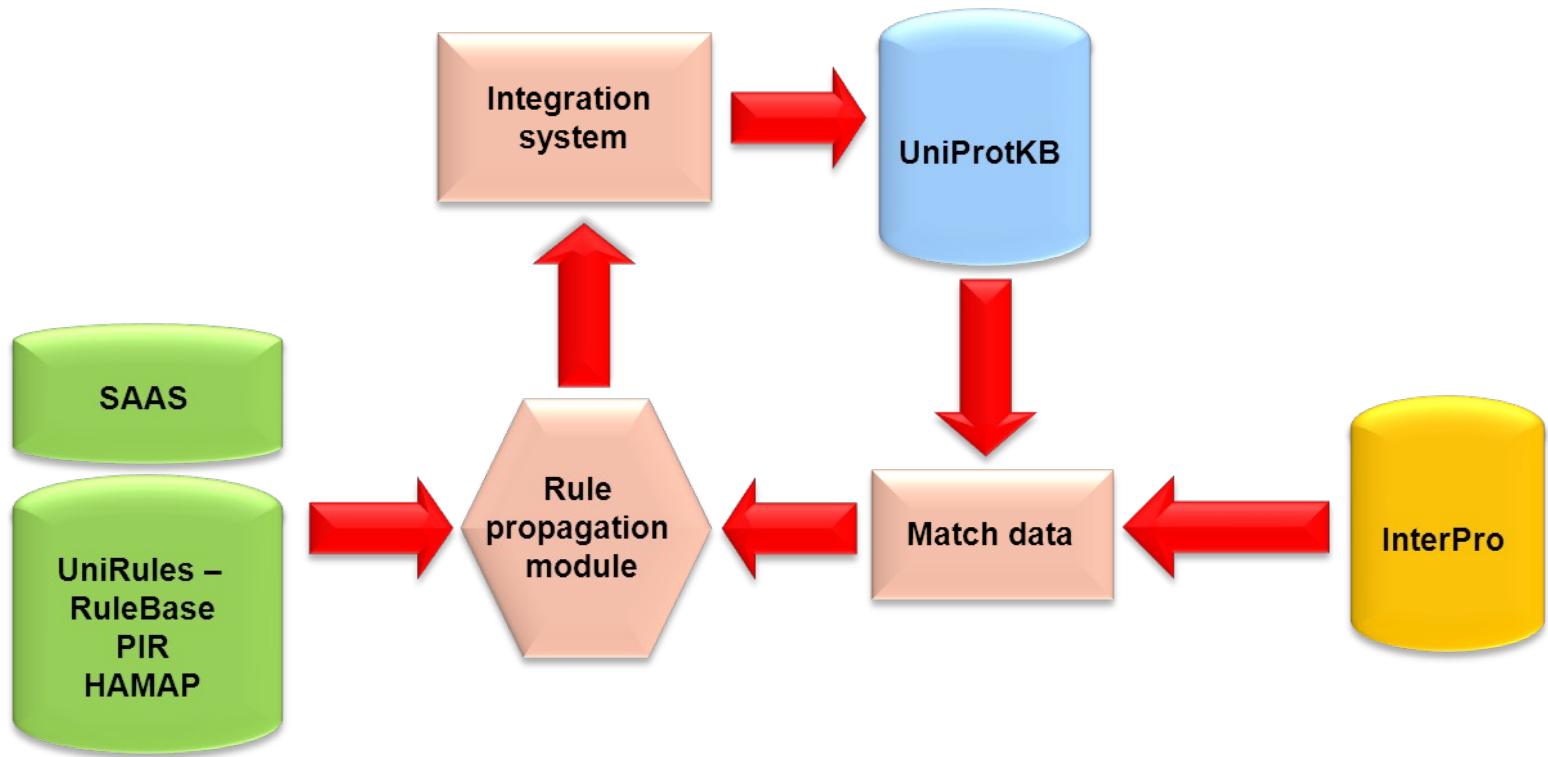
* Signatures produced by UniProt consortium members and submitted to InterPro

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* Flexibility to create custom signatures for InterPro as required

How? Automatic annotation in UniProtKB



How? SAAS – C4.5 algorithm

Proteins	Attributes			Annotations
	Prosite PS00847	Pfam PF01493	Mammalia	FAD
Q9ZN27	-	yes	-	yes
Q9JI00	-	-	yes	-
Q9ZL14	yes	-	-	-
Q9NYQ3	-	-	yes	-
Q9UJM8	-	-	yes	-
Q9NYQ2	-	-	yes	-
Q43155	-	yes	-	yes
Q9T0P4	-	yes	-	yes
Q9WU19	-	-	yes	-

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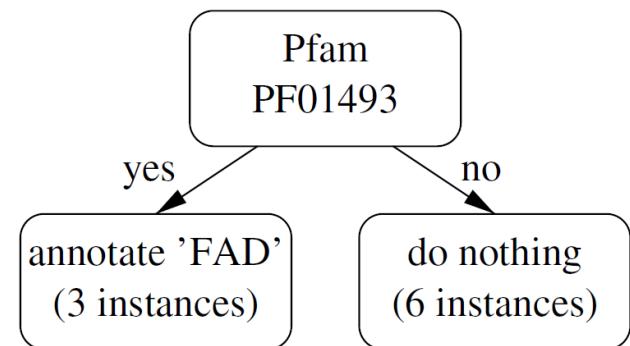
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How? SAAS – validation

- 4-fold cross validation is performed on UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot – true and false positives are measured on this training/test set
- Performance on UniProtKB/TrEMBL is estimated using a standard Bernoulli-process based method, assuming a normal distribution:

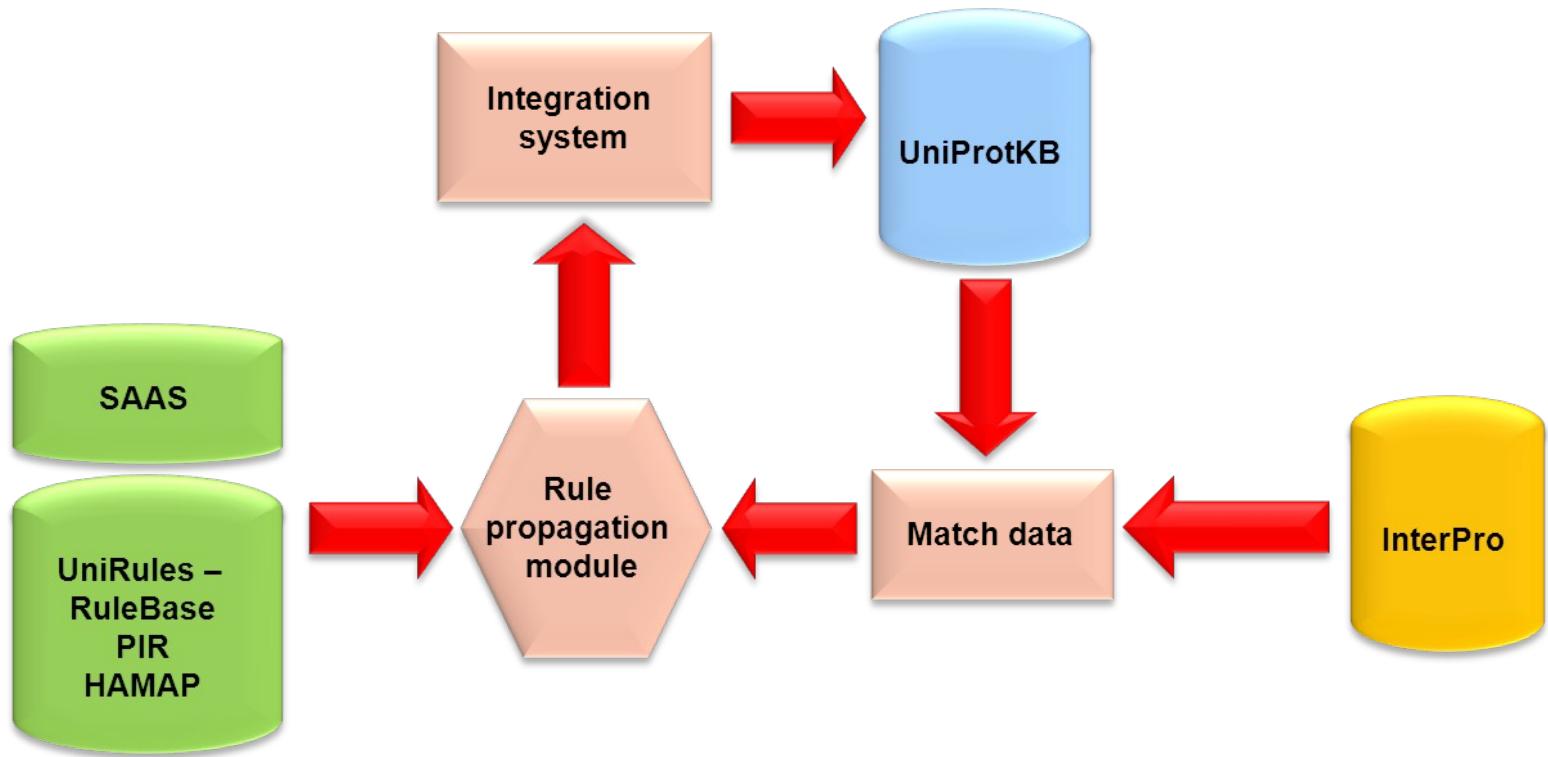
$$p = \frac{\left(f + \frac{z^2}{2N} \pm z \sqrt{\frac{f}{N} - \frac{f^2}{N} + \frac{z^2}{4N^2}} \right)}{(1 + z^2/N)}$$

f - observed success rate
 N - number of predictions

p - estimated success rate
 z - confidence limit

- Only SAAS rules with 99% or greater estimated confidence generate annotation. Rules are produced and validated each release.

How? Automatic annotation in UniProtKB



How - UniRules

- Rules of varying complexity: annotation varies from simple KW attribution to complete annotation as for UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot
- Curation:
 - From SAAS rules as input
 - From UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot annotation and InterPro match data, taxonomy information – continuously reported to curators
 - From literature based curation of characterized families - with the possibility to create new signatures for specific functional groups
- Validation: rules are continuously monitored – validation on UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot – 97% confidence

How? UniRule – rule complexity (HAMAP)

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end case
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case <Property:PHOTOSYN>
 PATHWAY: Porphyrin biosynthesis; chlorophyll biosynthesis.
end case

Features

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DEPN	Queuine tRNA-ribosyltransferase	
CCFU	Exchanges the guanine residue with 7-aminomethyl-7-deazaguanine in tRNAs with GU(N) anticodons (tRNA-Asp, -Asn, -His and -Tyr). After this exchange, a cyclopentenol moiety is attached to the 7-aminomethyl group of 7-deazaguanine, resulting in the hypermodified nucleoside queuosine (Q) (7-(((4,5-cis-dihydroxy-2-cyclopenten-1-yl)amino)methyl)-7-deazaguanosine)	
CCCA	[tRNA]-guanine + queuine = [tRNA]-queuine + guanine	
CCCO	Binds 1 zinc ion per subunit	
CCSI	Belongs to the queuine tRNA-ribosyltransferase family	
SPKW	Transferase	
SPKW	Zinc	
SPKW	Glycosyltransferase	
SPKW	tRNA processing	
SPKW	Queuosine biosynthesis	

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IPRO	yes	IPR004804	
IPRO	yes	IPR008471	
PFAC		PF01702	
TGAC		TIGR00430	
PSTX		A?EP?	

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Names and origin

Protein names	Recommended name: Queoine tRNA-ribosyltransferase [RuleBase RU003777V0] EC=2.4.2.29 [RuleBase RU003777V0]
Gene names	Name: qtrt1 [EMBL EAL61522.1] ORF Names: DDB_0184073, DDB_G0291802 [EMBL EAL61522.1]
Organism	Dictyostelium discoideum (Slime mold) [Complete proteome]
Taxonomic identifier	44689 [NCBI]
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Cofactor	Binds 1 zinc ion per subunit By similarity (RuleBase RU003777V0)
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Caution	The sequence shown here is derived from an EMBL/GenBank/DDBJ whole genome shotgun (WGS) entry which is preliminary data.

Ontologies

Keywords

Biological process	Queuosine biosynthesis (RuleBase RU003777V0) tRNA processing (RuleBase RU003777V0)
Ligand	Zinc (RuleBase RU003777V0)
Molecular function	Glycosyltransferase (RuleBase RU003777V0) Transferase
Technical term	Complete proteome

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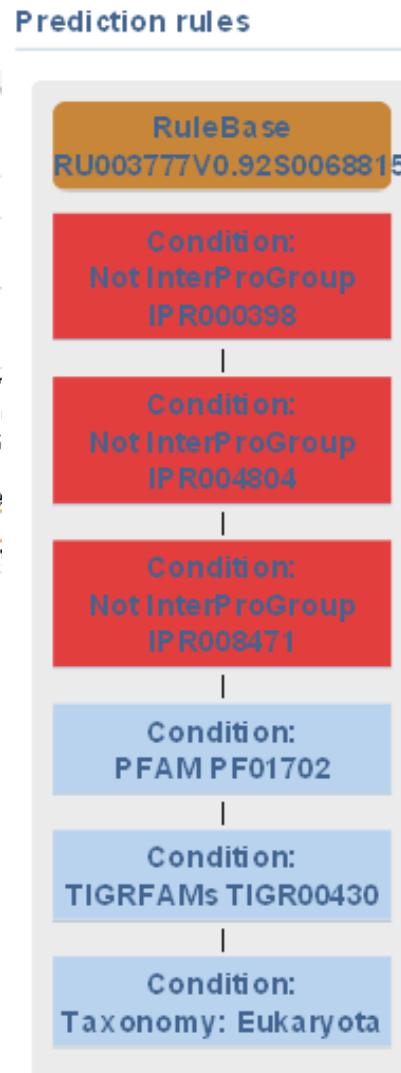
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How? UniRule – output

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How? Automatic annotation in UniProtKB/TrEMBL - Summary

- Manual annotation cannot keep pace with current or projected rates of growth of UniProtKB -> automatic annotation
- SAAS – automatically generated annotation rules for comments, KWs
- UniRule – manually curated annotation rules
 - annotation varies from simple KWs to full annotation
 - start point can be SAAS rules, InterPro reports, literature-based curation of protein families
 - possibility to create custom signatures -> InterPro
- Automatic annotation of UniProtKB/TrEMBL is **refreshed**, and **validated**, each UniProtKB release – validation using UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot as reference
- The source of each annotation is indicated - users can access rule logic

Talk outline

- Introduction
- What?

What we annotate in UniProtKB, and what we propagate

- Why?

Need for automatic annotation in UniProtKB

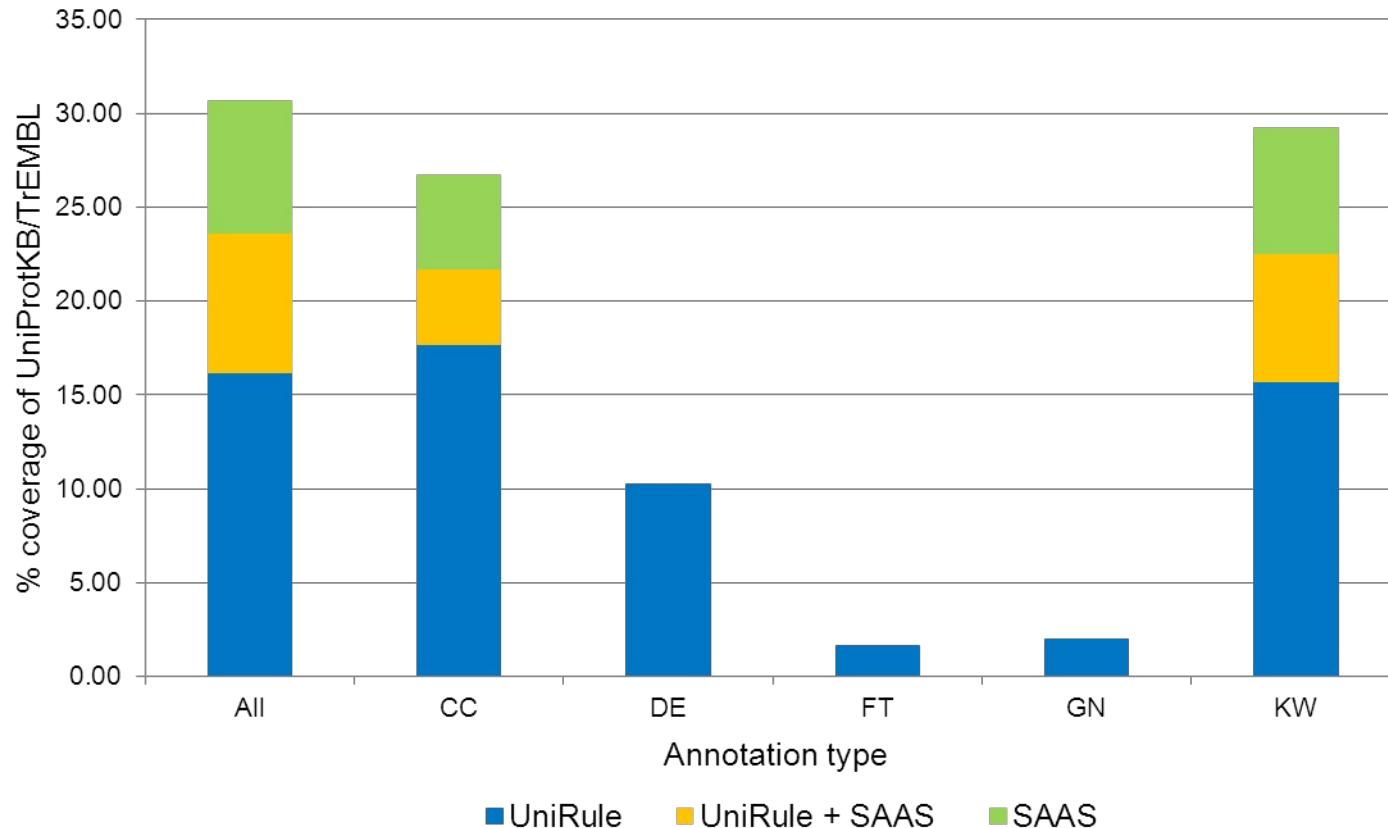
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Automatic annotation systems for UniProtKB

- **Current status and future plans**

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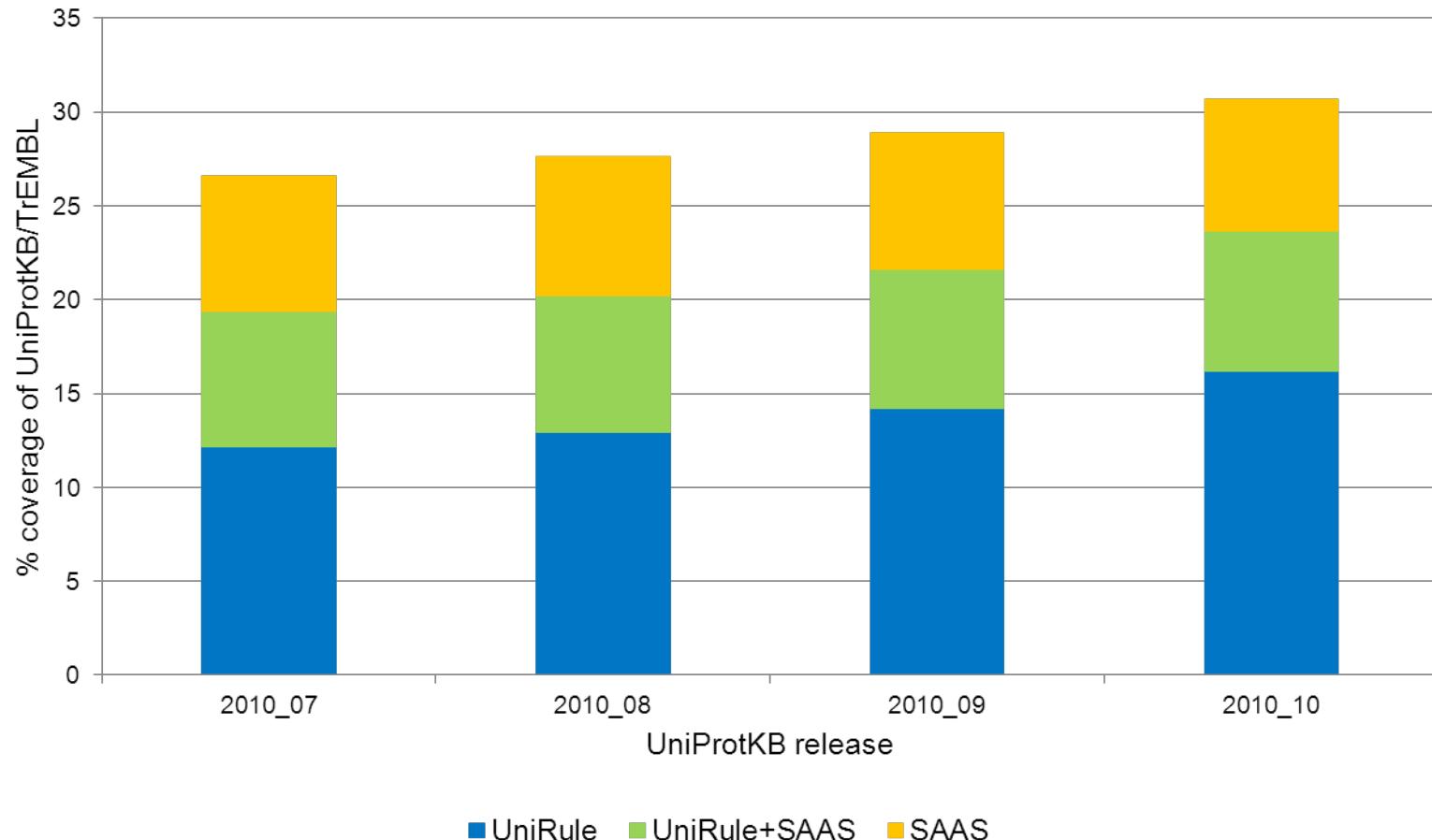
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Future plans

- Complete integration of all existing rules into one unified system
- Improve presentation and access – including prediction server similar to that currently provided for HAMAP rules
- Collaborative exchange of annotations with other groups – to improve coverage and quality

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