Create Your Own Virtual Gel

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There are three possibilities to import proteome sequence data into JVirGel:

Import data in XML format over the internet

Import sequence files in FASTA format

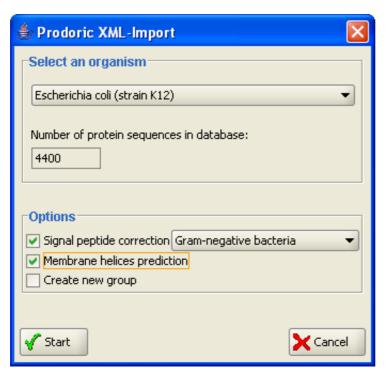
Import sequence files in EMBL format

1. Import Data in XML format over the Internet

1. The simplest way to import proteomic data is the **XML-Import** function of JVirGel. Just click on the computer icon in the toolbar to open the **XML-Import dialog**:

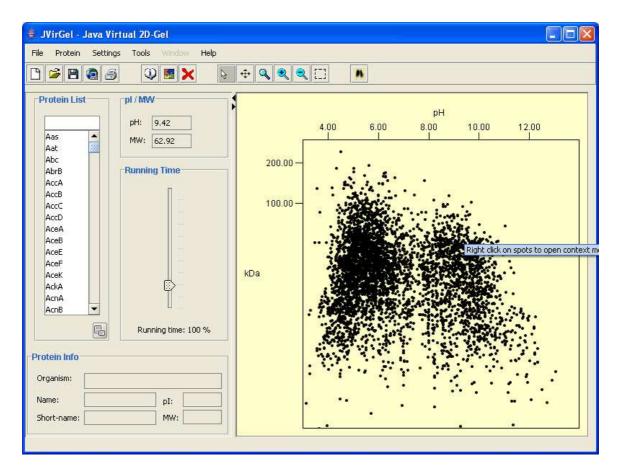


2. Select an organism. If you want JVirGel to predict the Sec-dependent secretome or the membrane subproteome enable **signal peptide prediction** and respectively **transmembrane helices prediction** by checking the corresponding checkboxes.



Note: The prediction of transmembrane helices may take some minutes depending on your hardware and the selected organism.

3. To start the XML-import just click the **Start button**. Be sure, that your firewall allows JVirGel to connect the database.



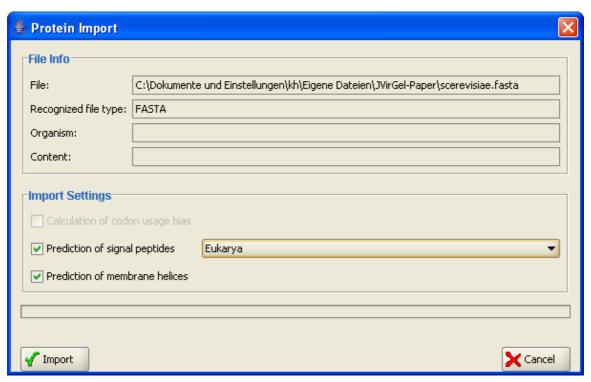
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2. Import Sequence Data in FASTA Format

1. In order to import your own sequence files in FASTA format, click on the **Open icon** in the toolbar. After selecting your FASTA-file the **FASTA-import dialog** appears:

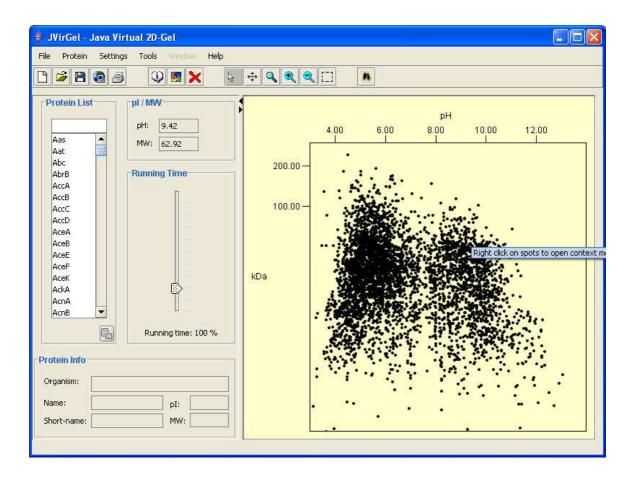


2. If you want JVirGel to predict the Sec-dependent secretome or the membrane subproteome enable **signal peptide prediction** and respectively **transmembrane helices prediction** by checking the corresponding checkboxes.



Note: The prediction of transmembrane helices may take some minutes depending on your hardware and the number of imported proteins.

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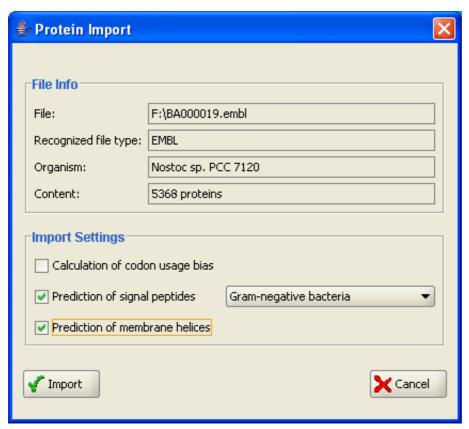
3. Import Sequence Data in EMBL Format

Note:

- We highly recommend to use **EMBL Genome Reviews** with JVirGel. You can download these files from the <u>EBI webserver</u>.
- The downloaded files need to be unzipped and renamed to "*.embl".
- 1. In order to import your own sequence files in EMBL format, click on the **Open icon** at the toolbar. After selecting an EMBL file the **EMBL-import dialog** appears:

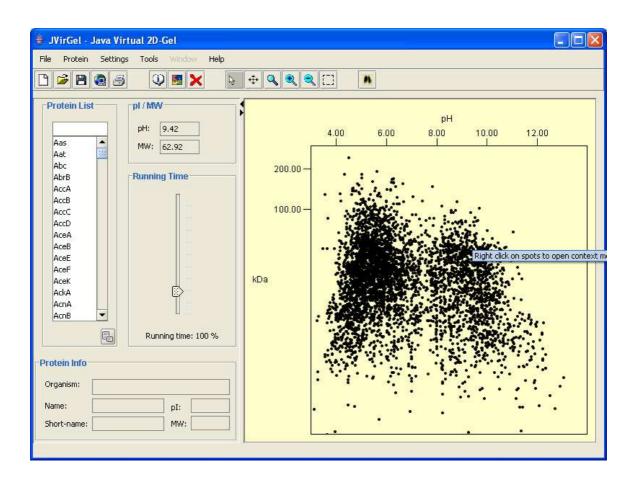


2. If you want JVirGel to predict the Sec-dependent secretome or the membrane subproteome enable **signal peptide prediction** and respectively **transmembrane helices prediction** by checking the corresponding checkboxes. Furthermore, JVirGel is able to predict Codon Adaptation Indices (CAI) if you check the appropriate checkbox.



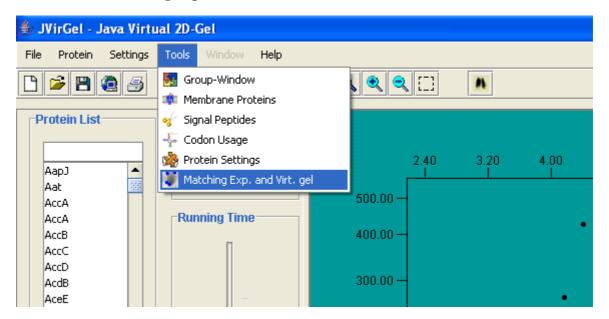
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Matching of Experimental and Virtual 2D Gel

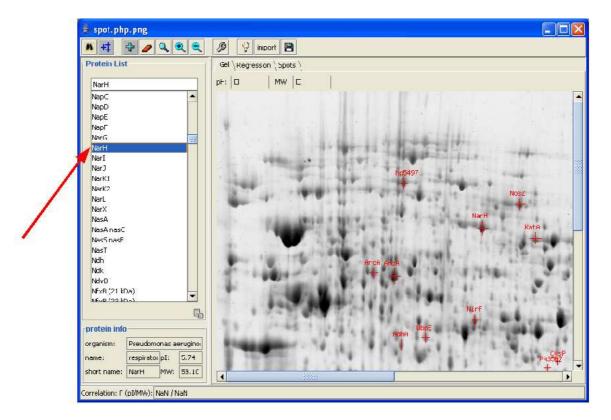
- 1. As a first step import a proteome
- 2. Choose Tools->Matching Exp. and Vir. Gel:



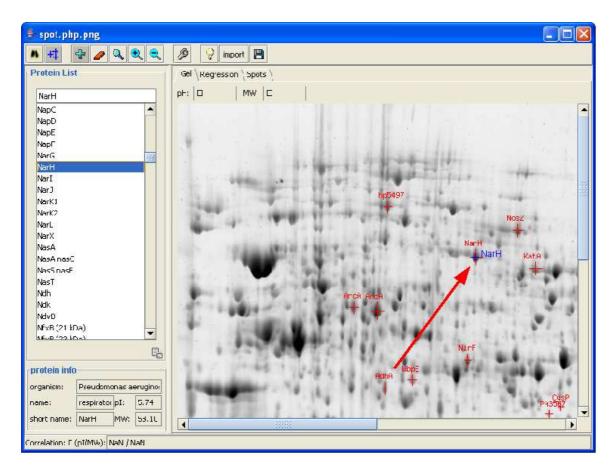
3. Select your experimental gel image

Note: Gel image must be in .png, .jpg or .gif format

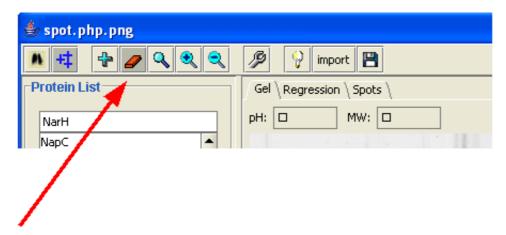
4. Select a protein that should be set as landmark from the list on the left side:



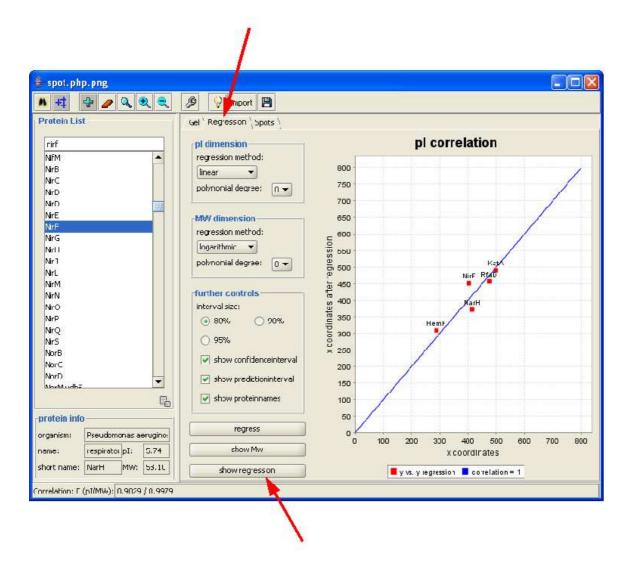
5. Click on the corresponding part of your experimental gel to set the landmark:



- 6. Repeat step 5 for defining **at least 5 landmarks equally distributed** throughout your experimental gel
- 7. Misplaced landmarks can be removed using the remove function:

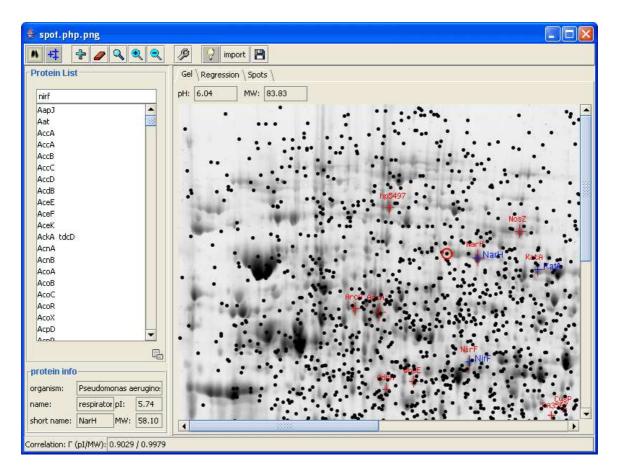


8. The correlation between your landmarks and the predicted pI/MW can be checked by choosing the **Regression**-tab and clicking on **Show Regression**



9. In order to view the virtual 2D gel click the button **Virtual Gel** in the toolbar:

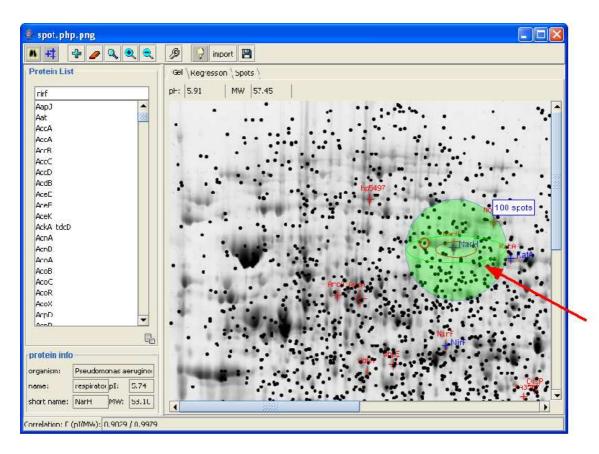




10. To identify proteins within a specific gel region choose the **Identification** icon in the toolbar:



11. Select the region of interest by **dragging the mouse** (moving while holding the left mouse button down) over the gel:



- 12. After **releasing** the mouse button you must enter a name for the selected protein group.
- 13. All identified proteins are displayed in a new group:

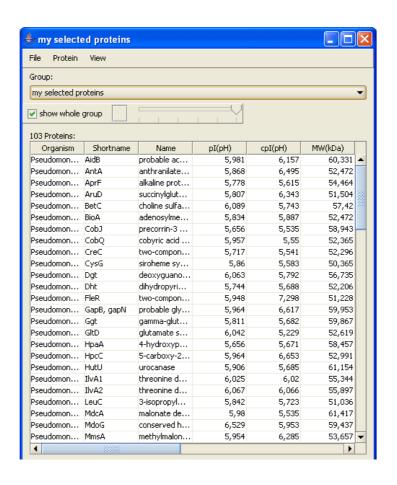


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