



# B- Training on Galaxy: Metabarcoding

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## FROGS Practice on 16S data

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# Objectives

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# Objectives: a count table

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	Affiliation	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	Sample 5	Sample 6
OTU1	Species A	0	100	0	45	75	18645
OTU2	Species B	741	0	456	4421	1255	23
OTU3	Species C	12786	45	3	0	0	0
OTU4	Species D	127	4534	80	456	756	108
OTU5	Species E	8766	7578	56	0	0	200



# Why FROGS was developed ?

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Most solutions are often **designed for specialists** making access difficult for the whole community (command lines).

We developed the pipeline **FROGS: « Find Rapidly OTU with Galaxy Solution »** usable with command lines or within interface.

## Who is in the current FROGS group?

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**Maria BERNARD**



**Olivier RUÉ**

**Developers**



**Lucas AUER**



**Laurent  
CAUQUIL**

**Biology experts**



**Patrice Déhais**

**Galaxy  
support**



**Mahendra  
MARIADASSOU**

**Statistical expert**



**Géraldine  
PASCAL**

**Coordinator**

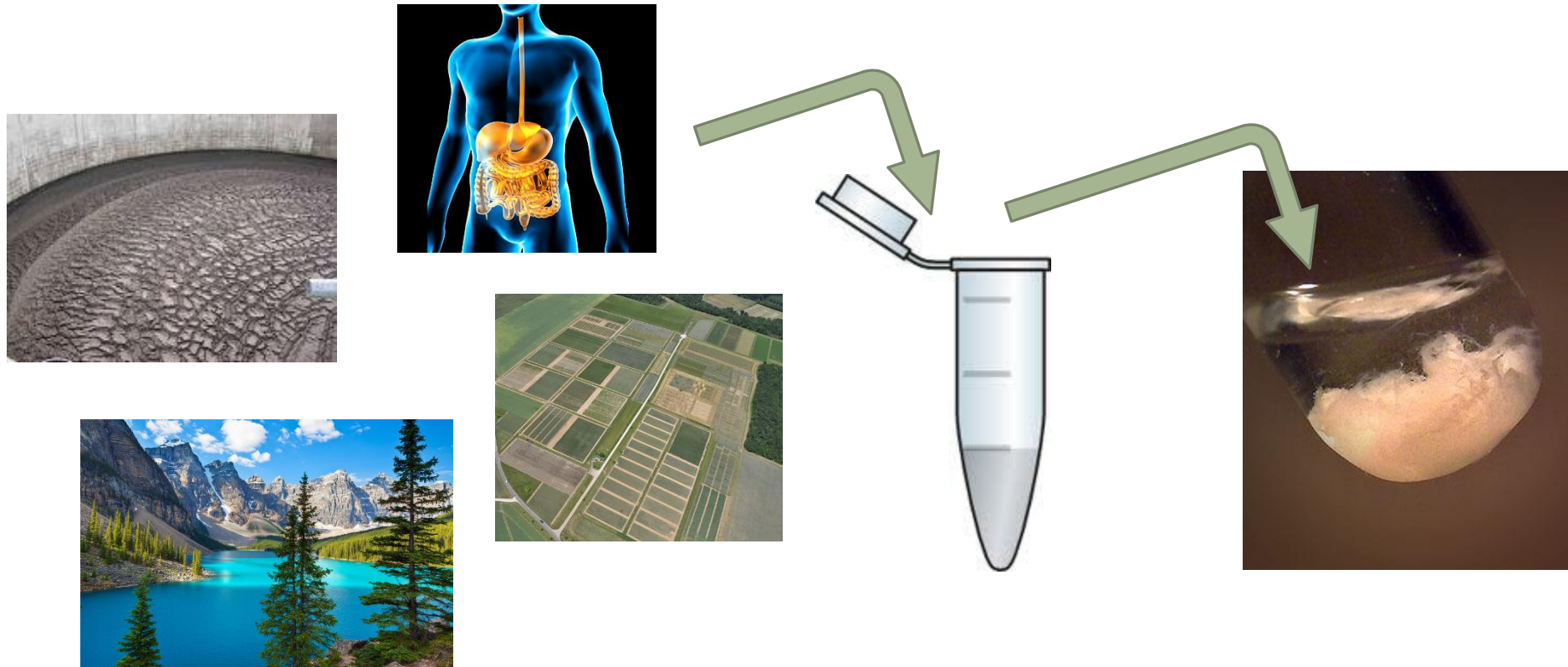
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# Material

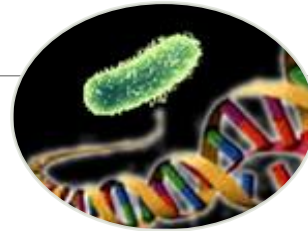
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# Sample collection and DNA extraction

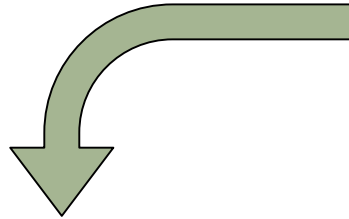
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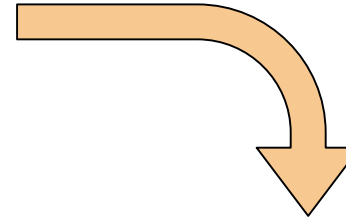
# « Meta-omics » using next-generation sequencing (NGS)



DNA



RNA



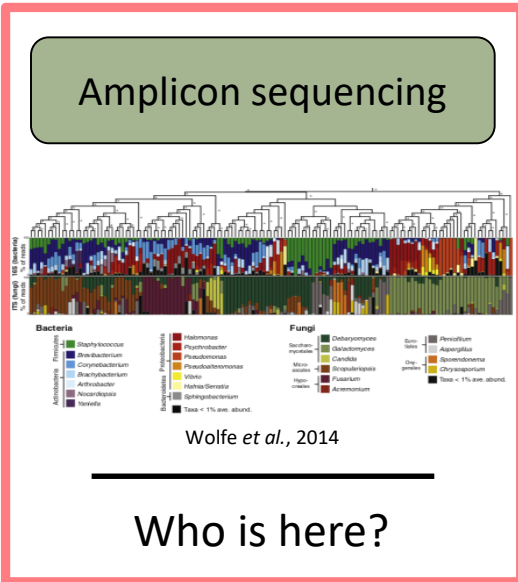
Metagenomics

Metatranscriptomics

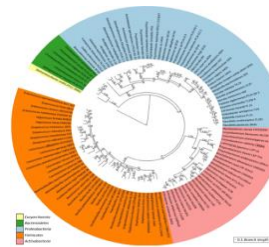
Amplicon sequencing

Shotgun sequencing

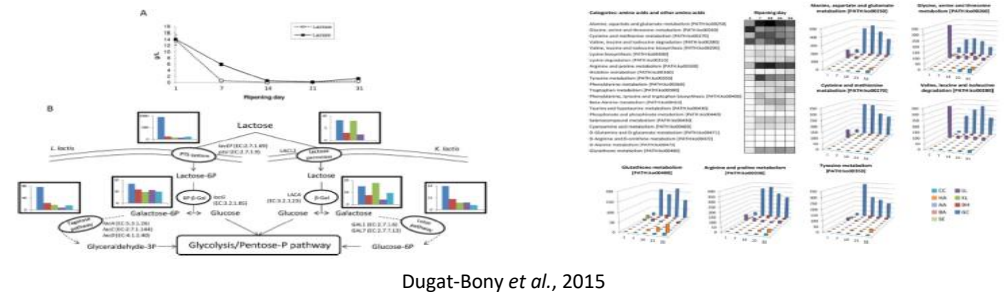
RNA sequencing



Who is here?



What can they do?



What are they doing?

# The gene encoding the small subunit of the ribosomal RNA

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The most widely used gene in **molecular phylogenetic** studies

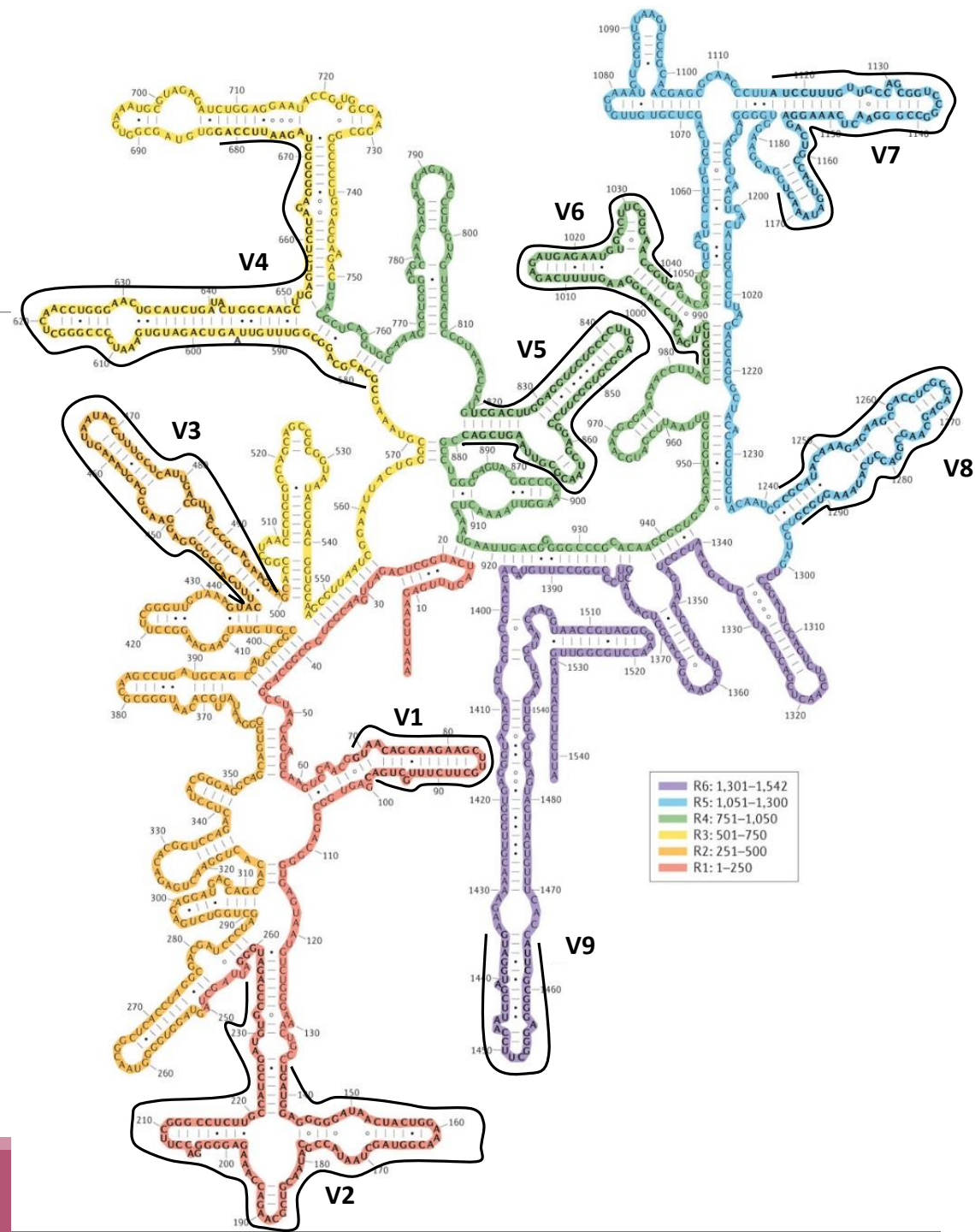
Ubiquist gene : **16S rDNA** in prokaryotes ; **18S rDNA** in eukaryotes

**Gene encoding a ribosomal RNA** : non-coding RNA (not translated), part of the small subunit of the ribosome which is responsible for the translation of mRNA in proteins

Not submitted to lateral gene transfer

Availability of databases facilitating comparison

(Silva v138.1 - 2021: available SSU/LSU sequences to over **10,700,000**)



## Secondary structure of the 16S rRNA of *Escherichia coli*

In red, fragment R1 including regions V1 and V2;  
 in orange, fragment R2 including region V3;  
 in yellow, fragment R3 including region V4;  
 in green, fragment R4 including regions V5 and V6;  
 in blue, fragment R5 including regions V7 and V8;  
 and in purple, fragment R6 including region V9.

Uniting the classification of cultured and uncultured bacteria and archaea using 16S rRNA gene sequences  
 Pablo Yarza, et al.  
 Nature Reviews Microbiology 12, 635-645  
 (2014) doi:10.1038/nrmicro3330



# The gene encoding the small subunit of the ribosomal RNA

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**CONSERVED REGIONS:** unspecific applications

**VARIABLE REGIONS:** group or species-specific applications



# Other targets

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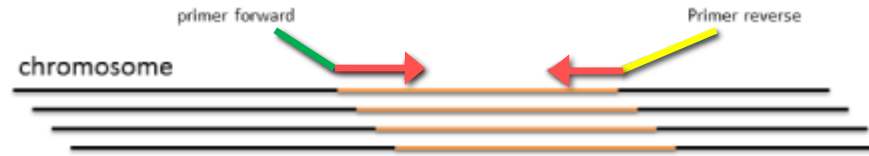
Bacterial lineages vary in their genomic contents, which suggests that different genes might be needed to resolve the diversity within certain taxonomic groups.

The genes that have been proposed for this task include those encoding :

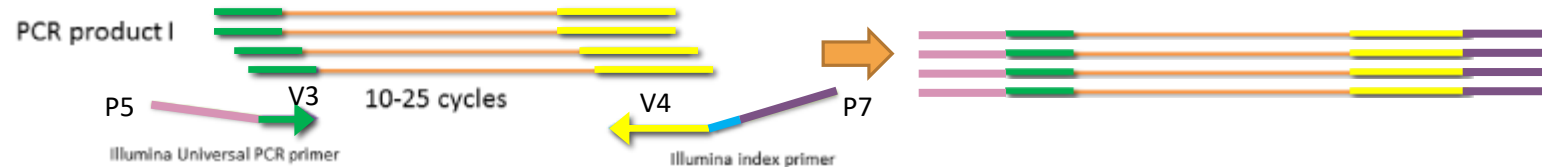
- 23S rRNA,
- DNA gyrase subunit B (*gyrB*),
- RNA polymerase subunit B (*rpoB*),
- TU elongation factor (*tuf*),
- DNA recombinase protein (*recA*),
- protein synthesis elongation factor-G (*fusA*),
- dinitrogenase protein subunit D (*nifD*),
- Internal Transcribed Spacer (ITS) for Fungi.

# Steps for Illumina sequencing

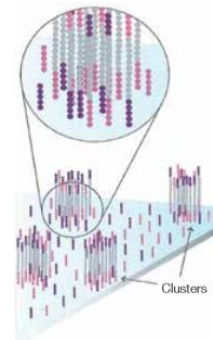
- 1<sup>st</sup> step : one PCR



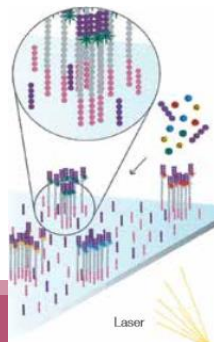
- 2<sup>nd</sup> step: one PCR



- 3<sup>rd</sup> step: on flow cell, the cluster generations



- 4<sup>th</sup> step: sequencing



# Amplification and sequencing

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« **Universal** » primer sets are used for **PCR amplification** of the phylogenetic biomarker

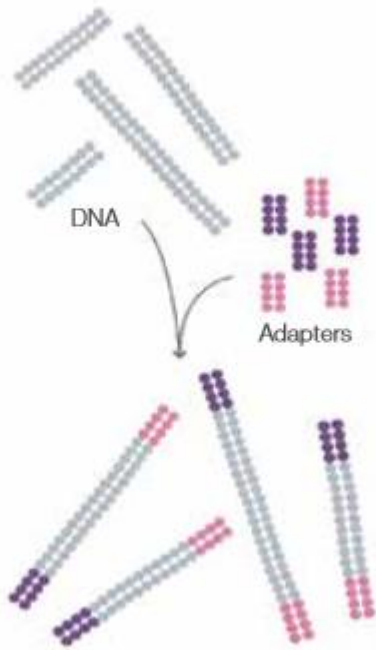
The primers contain **adapters** used for the sequencing step and **barcodes** (= tags = MIDs) to distinguish the samples (multiplexing = sequencing several samples on the same run)





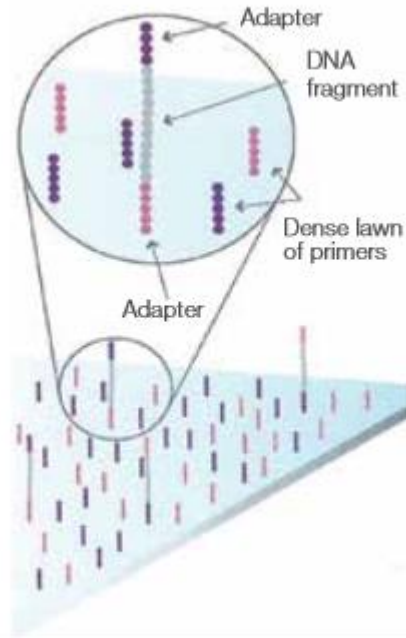
# Cluster generation

## Prepare Genomic DNA Sample



Randomly fragment genomic DNA and ligate adapters to both ends of the fragments.

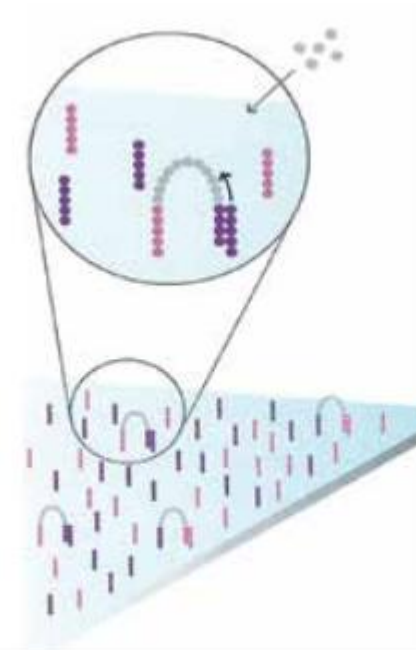
## Attach DNA to Surface



Bind single-stranded fragments randomly to the inside surface of the flow cell channels.

Attach DNA to surface

## Bridge Amplification

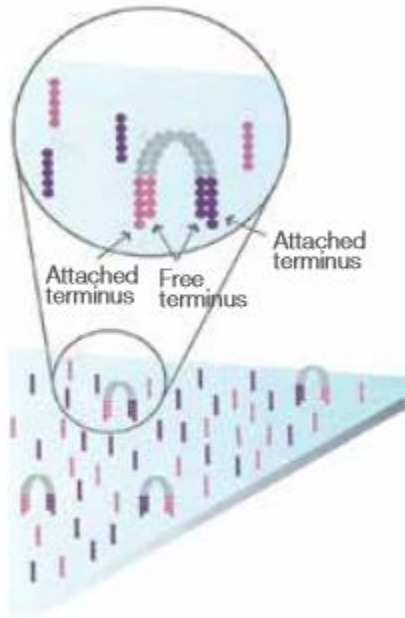


Add unlabeled nucleotides and enzyme to initiate solid-phase bridge amplification.

Bridge amplification

# Cluster generation

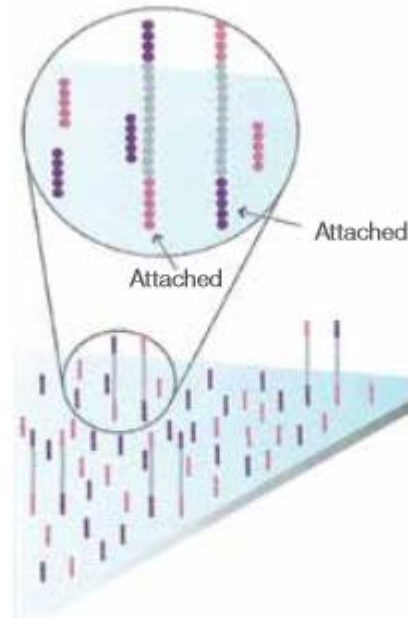
Fragments Become Double Stranded



The enzyme incorporates nucleotides to build double-stranded bridges on the solid-phase substrate.

Fragments become double stranded

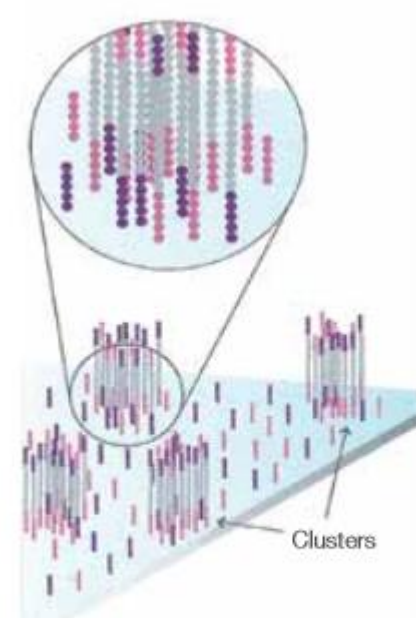
Denature the Double-Stranded Molecules



Denaturation leaves single-stranded templates anchored to the substrate.

Denature the double-stranded molecule

Complete Amplification

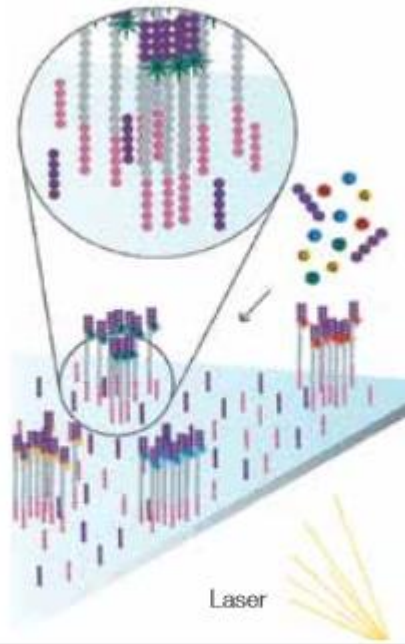


Several million dense clusters of double-stranded DNA are generated in each channel of the flow cell.

Cycle of new strand synthesis and denaturation to make multiple copies of the same sequence (amplification)  
Reverse strands are washed

# Sequencing by synthesis

## Determine First Base



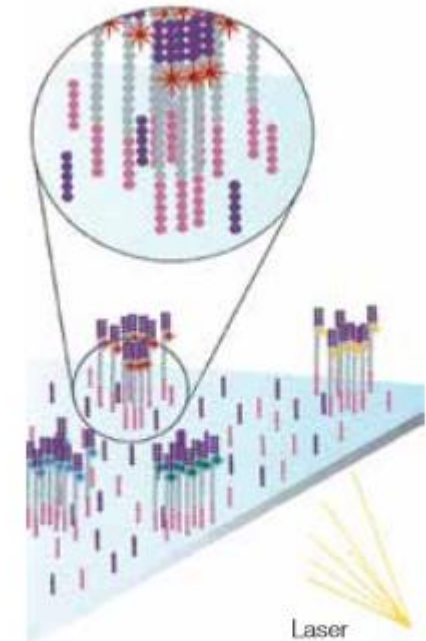
The first sequencing cycle begins by adding four labeled reversible terminators, primers, and DNA polymerase.  
Light signal is more strong in cluster

## Image First Base



After laser excitation, the emitted fluorescence from each cluster is captured and the first base is identified.

## Determine Second Base



The next cycle repeats the incorporation of four labeled reversible terminators, primers, and DNA polymerase.



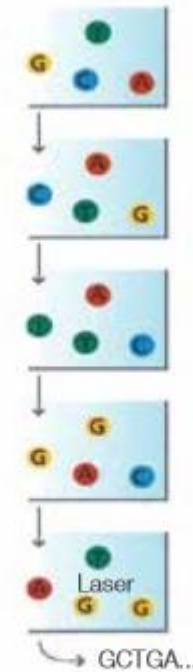
# Sequencing by synthesis

## Image Second Chemistry Cycle



After laser excitation, the image is captured as before, and the identity of the second base is recorded.

## Sequencing Over Multiple Chemistry Cycles

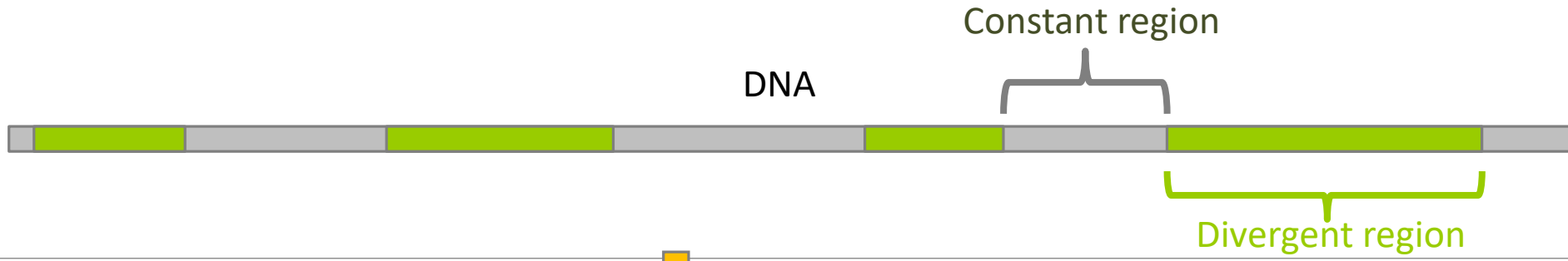


The sequencing cycles are repeated to determine the sequence of bases in a fragment, one base at a time.

Barcode is read, so cluster is identified.

After first sequencing (250 or 300 nt of Reverse strand), fragment form bridges again and Forward strand can be sequenced also.





↓ PCRs

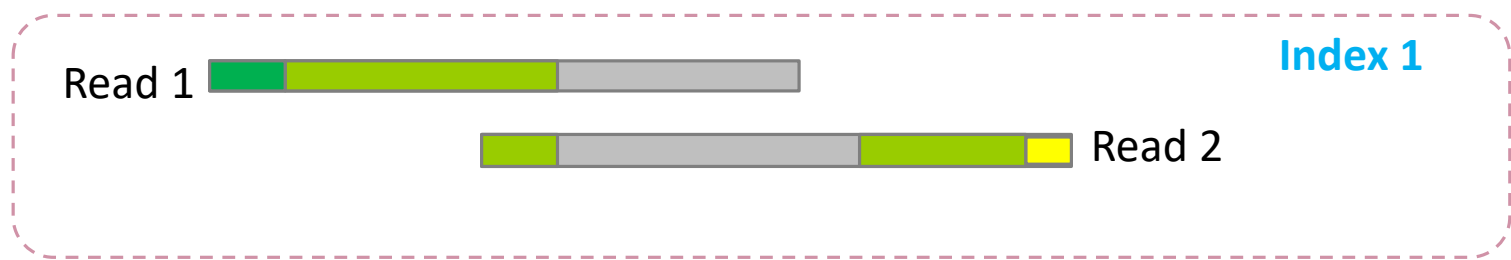
Illumina index



Illumina adapter

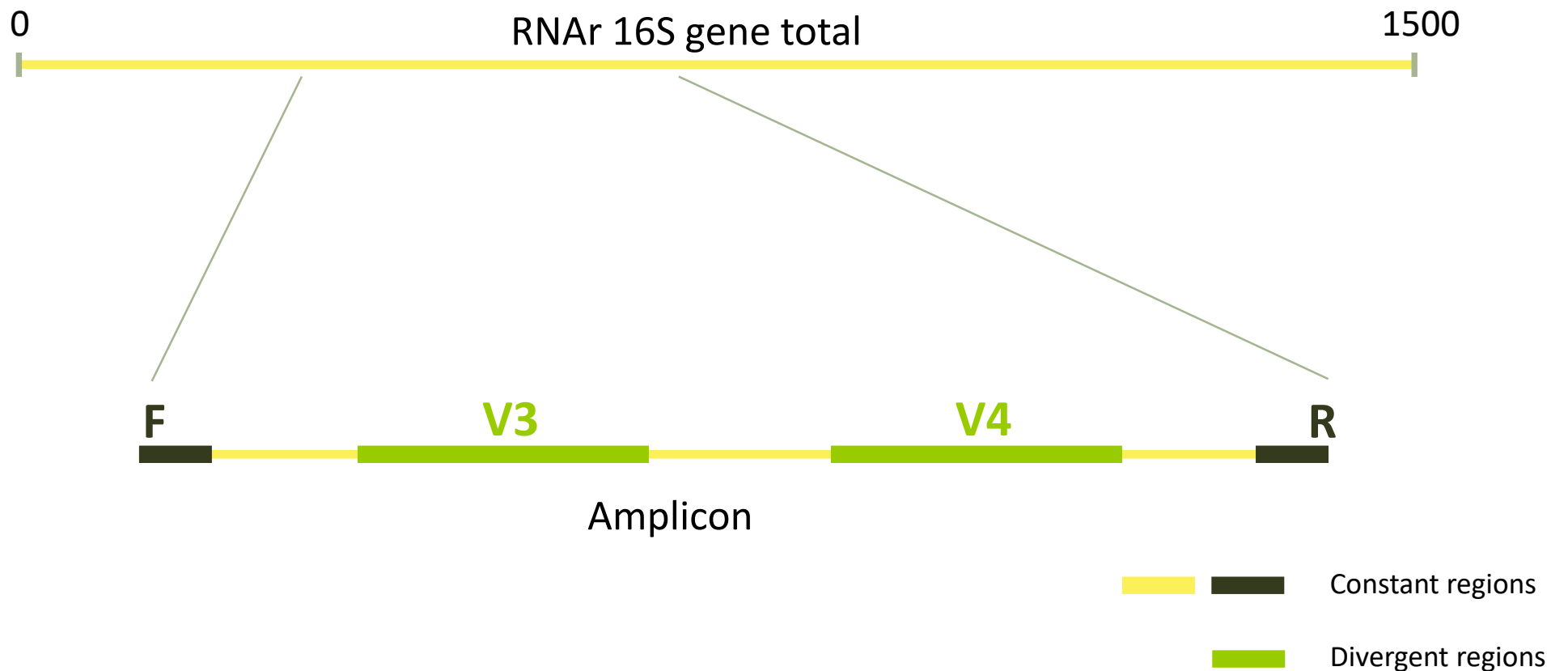
Illumina adapter

↓ Sequencing



# Identification of bacterial populations may be not discriminating

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# Amplification and sequencing

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Sequencing is generally performed on Roche-454 (obsolete now) or Illumina MiSeq platforms or Oxford Nanopore Technology platform.

Read quantity: ~10 000 reads per sample (454), ~30 000 reads per sample (MiSeq), up to several Tera of data (ONT).

Sequence lengths: >650 bp (Roche-454), 2 x 250 bp or 2 x 300 bp (MiSeq), Longest read > 2Mb (ONT)



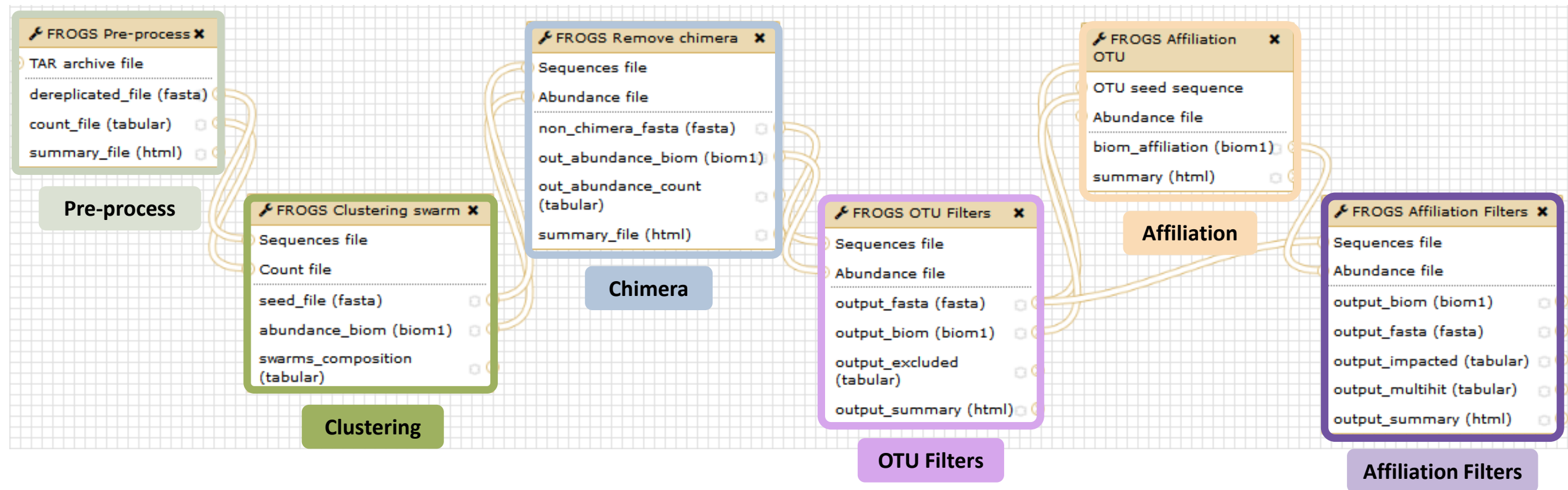
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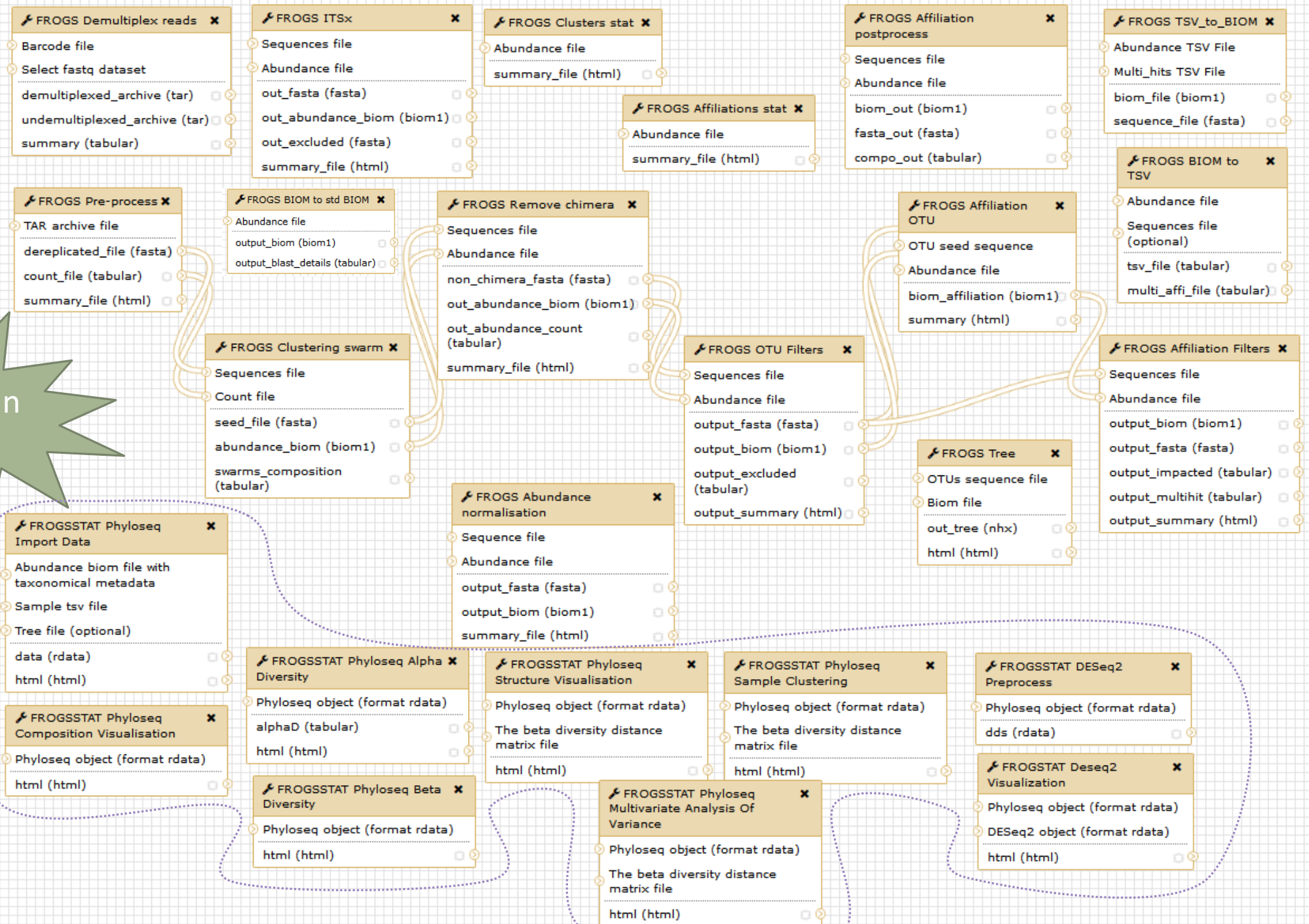
# Methods

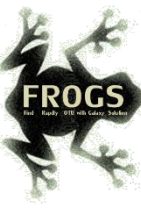
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# FROGS Pipeline

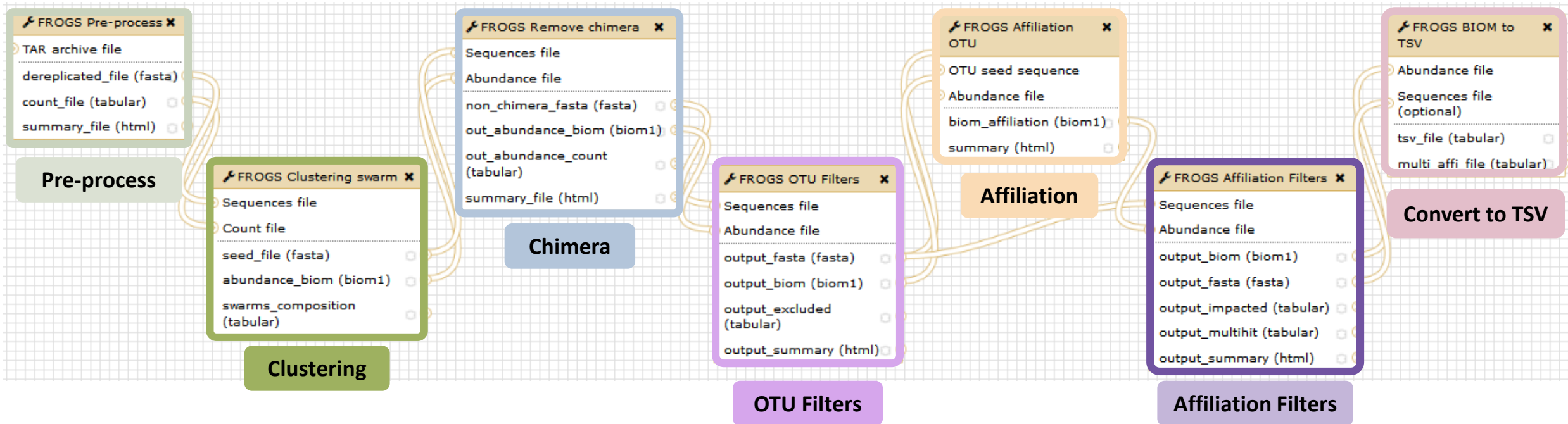


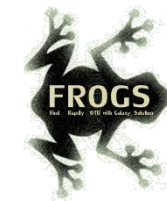




# FROGS Pipeline

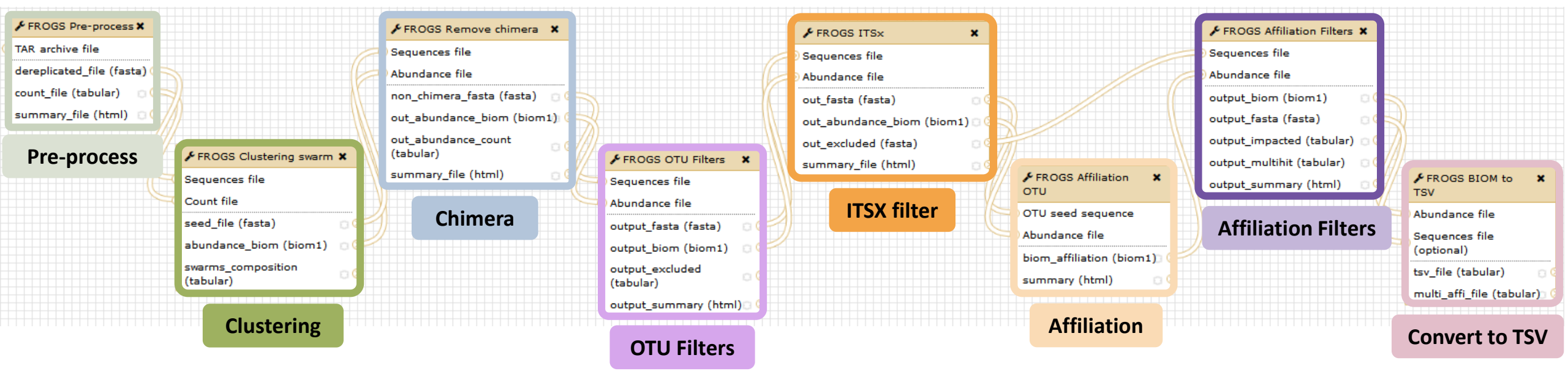
Minimal pipeline for bacterial amplicon analyses





# FROGS Pipeline

Minimal pipeline for ITS amplicon analyses





# FROGS Tools for Bioinformatics analyses

The screenshot displays the Galaxy web interface. The main panel shows the configuration for the 'FROGS Pre-process Step 1 in metagenomics analysis: denoising and dereplication' tool. The configuration includes a dropdown for 'Sequencer' (Illumina), 'Input type' (Files by samples), and 'Reads already contiged?' (No). There are input fields for 'Samples' (Name) and 'Reads 1'/'Reads 2' (FASTQ files). Below these are fields for 'Reads 1 size', 'Reads 2 size', and 'Expected amplicon size'. A '+ Insert Samples' button is also present.

On the left, a 'Tools' sidebar lists various FROGS tools under the 'METAGENOMICS' category. On the right, a 'History' panel shows a list of completed and running jobs, including 'FROGS analysis', 'FROGS Clusters', 'FROGS Affiliation OTU', and 'FROGS Affiliation Filters'.

Overlaid on the interface are several colored callout boxes:

- Demultiplexing** (yellow)
- Pre-process** (grey)
- Clustering** (green)
- Chimera** (blue)
- OTU Filters** (purple)
- ITSX** (orange)
- Affiliation** (yellow)
- Affiliation filter** (purple)
- Affiliation postprocess** (yellow)
- Normalization** (green)
- Phylogenetics Tree** (red)
- Cluster Stat** (blue)
- Affiliation Stat** (blue)
- Waiting to run** (grey)
- Currently running** (yellow)
- Result files** (green)
- BIOM to std BIOM** (blue)
- BIOM to TSV** (blue)
- TSV to BIOM** (blue)

**Tools List (Left Sidebar):**

- FROGS Demultiplex reads**: Attribute reads to samples in function of inner barcode.
- FROGS Pre-process**: merging, denoising and dereplication.
- FROGS Clustering swarm**: Single-linkage clustering on sequences.
- FROGS Remove chimera**: Remove PCR chimera in each sample.
- FROGS OTU Filters**: Filters OTUs on several criteria.
- FROGS ITSx**: Extract the highly variable ITS1 and ITS2 subregions from ITS sequences.
- FROGS Affiliation OTU**: Taxonomic affiliation of each OTU's seed by RDPtools and BLAST.
- FROGS Affiliation Filters**: Filters OTUs on several affiliation criteria.
- FROGS Affiliation postprocess**: Optional step to resolve inclusive amplicon ambiguities and to aggregate OTUs based on alignment metrics.
- FROGS Abundance normalisation**: Normalize OTUs abundance.
- FROGS Tree**: Reconstruction of phylogenetic tree.
- FROGS Clusters stat**: Process some metrics on clusters.
- FROGS Affiliations stat**: Process some metrics on taxonomies.

**History Panel (Right):**

- FROGS analysis** (444.7 MB)
- 25: FROGS** (Affiliations\_stat: summary.html)
- 24: FROGS BIOM to std BIOM: blast\_metadata.tsv**
- 23: FROGS BIOM to std BIOM: abundance.biom**
- 22: FROGS BIOM to TSV: multi\_hits.tsv**
- 21: FROGS BIOM to TSV: abundance.tsv**
- 20: FROGS** (Affiliations\_stat: summary.html)
- 19: FROGS Clusters** (stat: summary.html)
- 18: FROGS Affiliation OTU: report.html**
- 17: FROGS Affiliation OTU: affiliation.biom**
- 16: FROGS Clusters** (stat: summary.html)
- 15: FROGS Filters: report.html**
- 14: FROGS Filters: excluded.tsv**
- 13: FROGS Filters: abundance.biom**
- 12: FROGS Filters: sequences.fasta**

**Tool Descriptions (Bottom):**

- FROGS BIOM to std BIOM**: Converts a FROGS BIOM in fully compatible BIOM.
- FROGS BIOM to TSV**: Converts a BIOM file in TSV file.
- FROGS TSV to BIOM**: Converts a TSV file in a BIOM file.

# FROGS Tools for Statistic analyses

The screenshot displays the Galaxy web interface. The main panel shows the configuration for the tool "FROGS Pre-process Step 1 in metagenomics analysis: denoising and dereplication. (Galaxy Version 1.5.0)".

**Tool Configuration:**

- Sequencer:** Illumina
- Input type:** Files by samples
- Reads already contiged ?** No
- Samples:** 1: Samples
  - Name:** (empty field)
  - Reads 1:** No fastq dataset available.
  - Reads 2:** No fastq dataset available.
- Reads 1 size:** (empty field)
- Reads 2 size:** (empty field)
- Expected amplicon size:** (empty field)

**Left Panel (Tools):**

- OTUS STRUCTURE AND COMPOSITION ANALYSIS**
  - FROGSSTAT Phyloseq **Import Data** from 3 files: biomfile, samplefile, treefile
  - FROGSSTAT Phyloseq **Composition Visualisation** with bar plot and composition plot
  - FROGSSTAT Phyloseq **Alpha Diversity** with richness plot
  - FROGSSTAT Phyloseq **Beta Diversity** distance matrix
  - FROGSSTAT Phyloseq **Structure Visualisation** with heatmap plot and ordination plot
  - FROGSSTAT Phyloseq **Sample Clustering** of samples using different linkage methods
  - FROGSSTAT Phyloseq **Multivariate Analysis Of Variance**
- DIFFERENTIAL ABUNDANCE ANALYSIS**
  - FROGSSTAT DESeq2 **Preprocess** import a Phyloseq object and prepare it for DESeq2 differential abundance analysis
  - FROGSSTAT DESeq2 **Visualization** to extract and visualize differentially abundant OTUs

**Right Panel (History):**

- FROGS analysis** (444.7 MB)
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**Annotations:**

- Import R data** (yellow box)
- Composition visualisation** (green box)
- Alpha diversity** (blue box)
- Beta diversity** (purple box)
- Structure visualisation** (light blue box)
- Sample clustering** (orange box)
- Multivariate analysis of variance** (light purple box)
- DESeq2 preprocess** (light pink box)
- DESeq2 Visualisation** (red box)
- Waiting to run** (grey box)
- Currently running** (yellow box)
- Result files** (green box)

# What kind of data ?

## 2 Histories

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16S fastq sequences in an archive  
tar.gz

Food environment

chailou\_withprimers\_64renamedsa  
mples\_V1V3\_10000seq\_R1R2.tar.gz

ITS data

METABARFOOD  
project

ITS.tar.gz

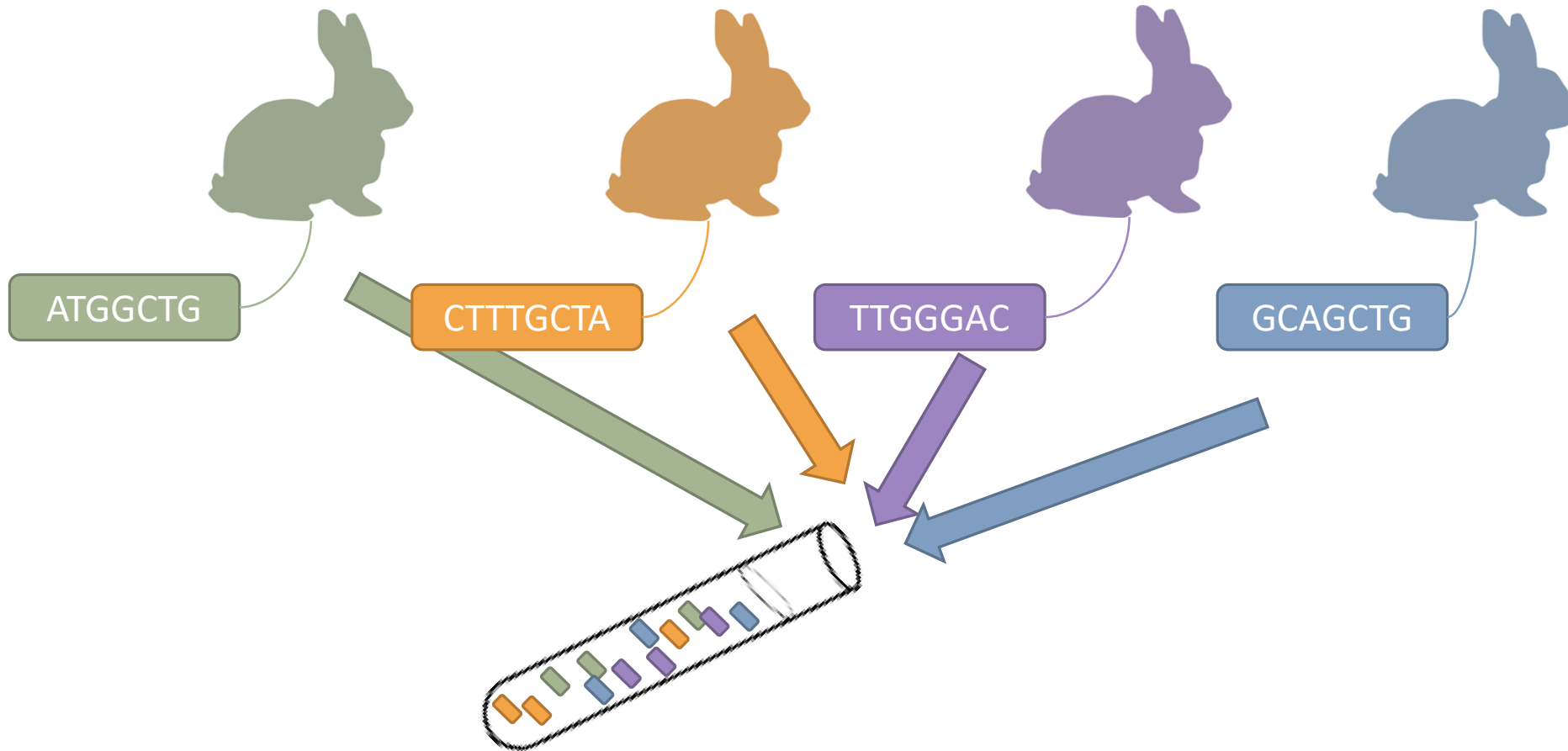


# Demultiplexing tool

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# Barcoding ?

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# Demultiplexing

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Sequence demultiplexing in function of barcode sequences :

- In forward
- In reverse
- In forward and reverse

Remove unbarcoded or ambiguous sequences

# Demultiplexing forward

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Single-end sequencing



Paired-end sequencing



# Demultiplexing reverse

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Single end sequencing



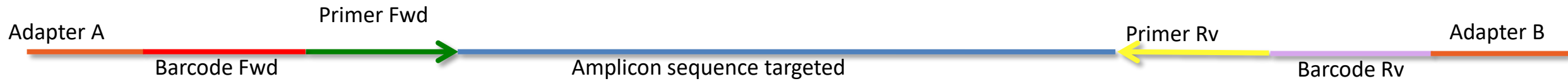
Paire end sequencing





# Demultiplexing forward and reverse

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Single end sequencing



Paire end sequencing

R1



R2



# The tool parameters depend on the input data type

FROGS Demultiplex reads (version 1.1.0)

**Barcode file:**  
1: barcode.tabular  
This file describes barcodes and samples (one line by sample tabulated separated from barcode sequence(s)). See Help section

**Single or Paired-end reads:**  
Single  
Select between paired and single end data

**You have only R1 seq.**

**Select fastq dataset:**  
Specify dataset of your single end reads

**barcode mismatches:**  
0  
Number of mismatches allowed in barcode

**barcode on which end ?:**  
Forward  
Forward at the beginning of the forward end or of the reverse end or both?  
Reverse  
Both ends  
Execute

**Where is the barcode seq on the reads?**

FROGS Demultiplex reads (version 1.1.0)

**Barcode file:**  
1: barcode.tabular  
This file describes barcodes and samples (one line by sample tabulated separated from barcode sequence(s)). See Help section

**Single or Paired-end reads:**  
Paired  
Select between paired and single end data

**You have R1 and R2 seq.**

**Select first set of reads:**  
Specify dataset of your forward reads

**Select second set of reads:**  
Specify dataset of your reverse reads

**barcode mismatches:**  
0  
Number of mismatches allowed in barcode

**barcode on which end ?:**  
Forward  
Forward at the beginning of the forward end or of the reverse end or both?  
Reverse  
Both ends  
Execute

FROGS Demultiplex reads

- Barcode file
- Select fastq dataset
- demultiplexed\_archive (data)
- undemultiplexed\_archive (data)
- summary (tabular)

## Demultiplexing

**FROGS Demultiplex reads** Attribute reads to samples in function of inner barcode. (Galaxy Version 2.0.0) Options

**Barcode file**

This file describes barcodes and samples (one line by sample tabulated separated from barcode sequence(s)). See Help section

**Single or Paired-end reads**

Single

Select between paired and single-end data

**Select fastq dataset**

Specify dataset of your single end reads

**Barcode mismatches**

Number of mismatches allowed in barcode

**Barcode on which end ?**

Forward

The barcode is placed either at the beginning of the forward end or of the reverse end or both?

Input example

MgArd0001	ACAGCGT
MgArd0009	ACAGTAG
MgArd0017	ACGTCAG
MgArd0029	ACTCAGT
MgArd0038	ACTCGTC
MgArd0046	AGCAGTC
MgArd0054	AGCTATG
MgArd0062	AGCTCGC
MgArd0073	AGTATCT
MgArd0081	AGTCTGC




if index is in only at forward:  
tabular file with 2 columns  
sample names + barcodes




# Advices




For your own data

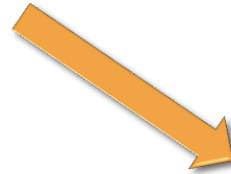
- Do not forget to indicate barcode sequence as they are in the fastq sequence file, especially if you have data multiplexed via the reverse strand.
- For the mismatch threshold, we advised you to let the threshold to 0, and if you are not satisfied by the result, try with 1. The number of mismatch depends on the length of the barcode, but often those sequences are very short so 1 mismatch is already more than the sequencing error rate.
- If you have different barcode lengths, you must demultiplex your data in different times beginning by the longest barcode set and used the "unmatched" or "ambiguous" sequence with smaller barcode and so on.
- If you have Roche 454 sequences in sff format, you must convert them with some program like [sff2fastq](#)

# Outputs

9: FROGS Demultiplex     
reads: report

8: FROGS Demultiplex     
reads: undemultiplexed.tar.gz

7: FROGS Demultiplex     
reads: demultiplexed.tar.gz



1	2
#sample	count
ambiguous	0
MgArd0009	91
MgArd0017	166
MgArd0038	1208
MgArd0029	193
unmatched	245
MgArd0001	119
MgArd0081	246
MgArd0046	401
MgArd0054	243
MgArd0073	474
MgArd0062	1127

With barcode mismatches >1 sequence can correspond to several samples. Sequences that match at only one sample are affected to this sample but the others (ambiguous) are not re-affected to a sample.

Sequences without known barcode. So these sequences are non-affected to a sample.

A tar archive is created by grouping one (or a pair of) fastq file per sample with the names indicated in the first column of the barcode tabular file.

# Format: Barcode

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BARCODE FILE is expected to be **tabulated**:

- first column corresponds to the sample name (unique, without space)
- second to the forward sequence barcode used (None if only reverse barcode)
- optional third is the reverse sequence barcode (optional)

Take care to indicate sequence barcode in the strand of the read, so you may **need to reverse complement** the reverse barcode sequence. Barcode sequence must have the same length.

Example of barcode file.

The last column is optional, like this, it describes sample multiplexed by both fragment ends.

MgArd00001	ACAGCGT	ACGTACA
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# Format : FastQ

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FASTQ : Text file describing biological sequence in 4 lines format:

- first line start by "@" correspond to the sequence identifier and optionally the sequence description. "@Sequence\_1 description1"
- second line is the sequence itself. "ACAGC"
- third line is a "+" following by the sequence identifier or not depending on the version
- fourth line is the quality sequence, one code per base. The code depends on the version and the sequencer

```
@HNSHOSKD01ALD0H  
ACAGCGTCAGAGGGGTACCAGTCAGCCATGACGTAGCACGTACA  
+  
CCCFHHHHHHJJJJHHFF@DEDDDDDDDD@CDDDDACDD
```

# How it works ?

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For each sequence or sequence pair the sequence fragment at the beginning (forward multiplexing) of the (first) read or at the end (reverse multiplexing) of the (second) read will be compared to all barcode sequences.

If this fragment is equal (with less or equal mismatch than the threshold) to one (and only one) barcode, the fragment is trimmed and the sequence will be attributed to the corresponding sample.

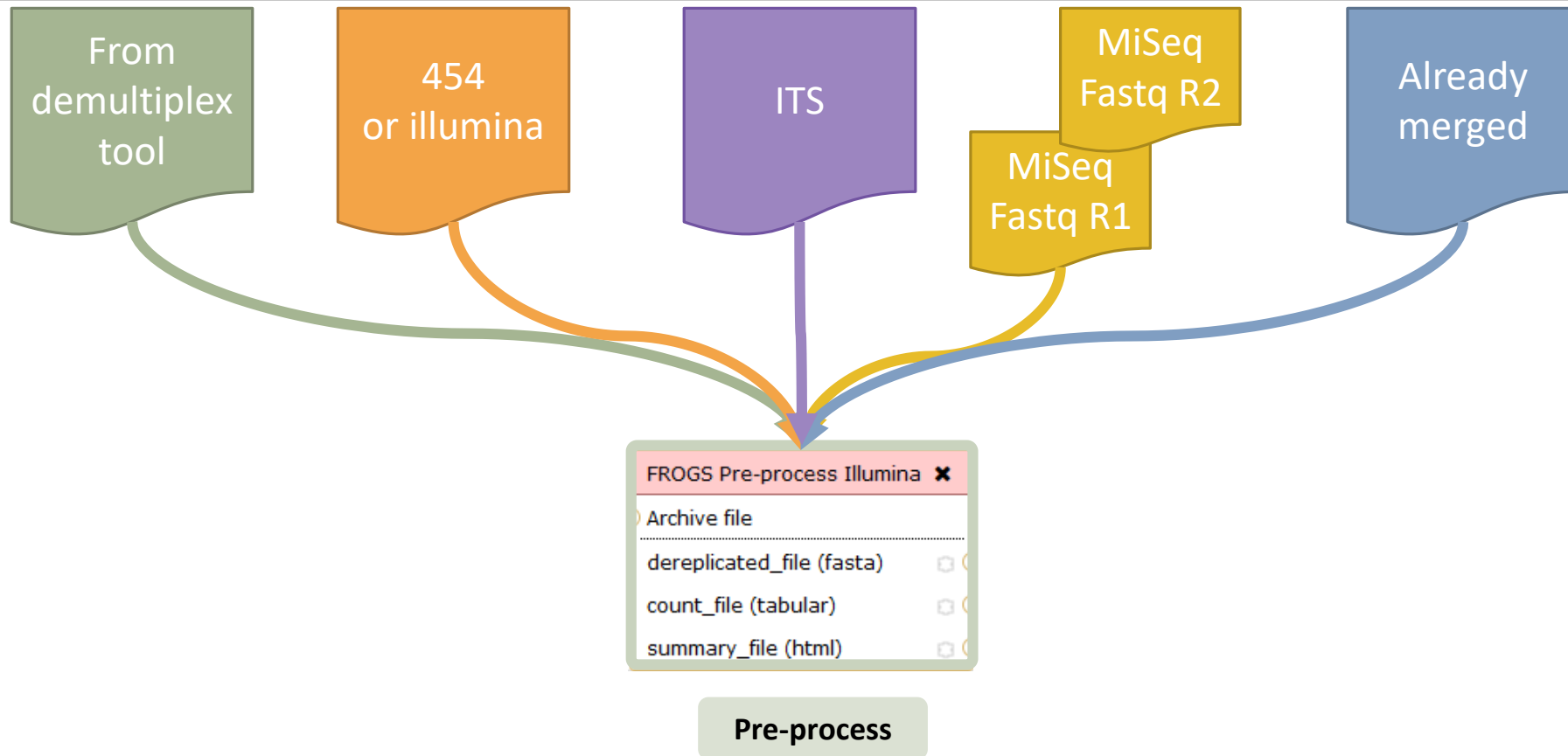
Finally fastq files (or pair of fastq files) for each sample are included in an archive, and a report describes how many sequences are attributed for each sample.



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# Pre-process tool

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# Pre-process

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- Merging of R1 and R2 reads
- Delete sequences without good primers
- Finds and removes adapter sequences
- Delete sequence with not expected lengths
- Delete sequences with ambiguous bases (N)
- Dereplication
  
- + removing homopolymers (size = 8 ) for 454 data
- + quality filter for 454 data

## Example for:

- Illumina MiSeq data
- 1 sample
- Non joined

Pre-process example 1

**FROGS Pre-process** merging, denoising and dereplication. (Galaxy Version r3.0-3.0) Options

**Sequencer**  
Illumina  
Select the sequencing technology used to produce the sequences.

**Input type**  
Files by samples  
Samples files can be provided in single archive or with two files (R1 and R2) by sample.

**Reads already contiged ?**  
No  
The inputs contain 1 file by sample : R1 and R2 are already merged by pair.

**Samples**

1: Samples

**Name**  
sampleA  
The sample name.

**Reads 1**  
1: http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/15\_FROGS/FROGS\_ini/DATA/sampleA\_R1.fastq  
R1 FASTQ file of paired-end reads.

**reads 2**  
2: http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/15\_FROGS/FROGS\_ini/DATA/sampleA\_R2.fastq  
R2 FASTQ file of paired-end reads.

+ Insert Samples

**Reads 1 size**  
250  
The maximum read1 size.

**Reads 2 size**  
250  
The maximum read2 size.

**mismatch rate.**  
0.1  
The maximum rate of mismatches in the overlap

**Merge software**  
Vsearch  
Select the software to merge paired-end reads.

**Would you like to keep unmerged reads?**  
Yes No  
No : Unmerged reads will be excluded; Yes : unmerged reads will be artificially combined with 100 N. (default No)

**Parameters for the merging**

**Minimum amplicon size**  
340  
The minimum size for the amplicons.

**Maximum amplicon size**  
450  
The maximum size for the amplicons.

**V4-16S variability**  
Mean size = 390 ncl.

**Sequencing protocol**  
Illumina standard  
The protocol used for sequencing step: standard or custom with PCR primers as sequencing primers.

**5' primer**  
GTGCCAGCMGCCGCGTAA  
The 5' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). The orientation is detailed below in 'Primers parameters'.

**3' primer**  
ATTAGAWACCCBDGTAGTCC  
The 3' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). The orientation is detailed below in 'Primers parameters'.

**Primer sequences**

Execute

degenerate primer  
are accepted  
(IUPAC code)

Pre-process example 1

Example for:

- Roche 454 data
- 1 sample
- Only one read (454 process)

**FROGS Pre-process Step 1 in metagenomics analysis: denoising and dereplication.** (Galaxy Version 1.5.0) Options

**Sequencer**  
454  
Select the sequencer family used to produce the sequences.

**Input type**  
One file by sample  
Samples files can be provided in single archive or with one file by sample.

**Samples**  
1: Samples

**Name**  
my\_sample  
The sample name.

**Sequence file**  
1: /work/formation/FROGS/454.fastq.gz  
FASTQ file of sample.

**Minimum amplicon size**  
380  
The minimum size for the amplicons (with primers).

**Maximum amplicon size**  
500  
The maximum size for the amplicons (with primers).

**5' primer**  
ACGGGAGGCAGCAG  
The 5' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). The orientation is detailed below in 'Primers parameters'.

**3' primer**  
AGGATTAGATACCCTGGTA  
The 3' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). The orientation is detailed below in 'Primers parameters'.

Execute

[V3 – V4] 16S variability

Primer sequences

Pre-process example 2

Example for:

- Illumina MiSeq data
- 9 samples in 1 archive
- Joined
- Without sequenced PCR primers (Kozich protocol)

**FROGS Pre-process Step 1 in metagenomics analysis: denoising and dereplication. (Galaxy Version 1.5.0)** Options

**Sequencer**  
Illumina **Sequencing technology**  
Select the sequencer family used to produce the sequences.

**Input type**  
Archive **One file per sample and all files are contained in a archive**  
Samples files can be provided in single archive or with two files (R1 and R2) by sample.

**Archive file**  
1: /work/project/frogs/Formation/100spec\_90000seq\_9samples\_Hantagulumic.tar.gz  
The tar file containing the sequences file(s) for each sample.

**Reads already contiged ?**  
Yes **Paire-end sequencing all ready joined**  
The archive contains 1 file by sample : Reads 1 and Reads 2 are already contiged by pair.

**Minimum amplicon size**  
380 **[V3 – V4] 16S variability**  
The minimum size for the amplicons.

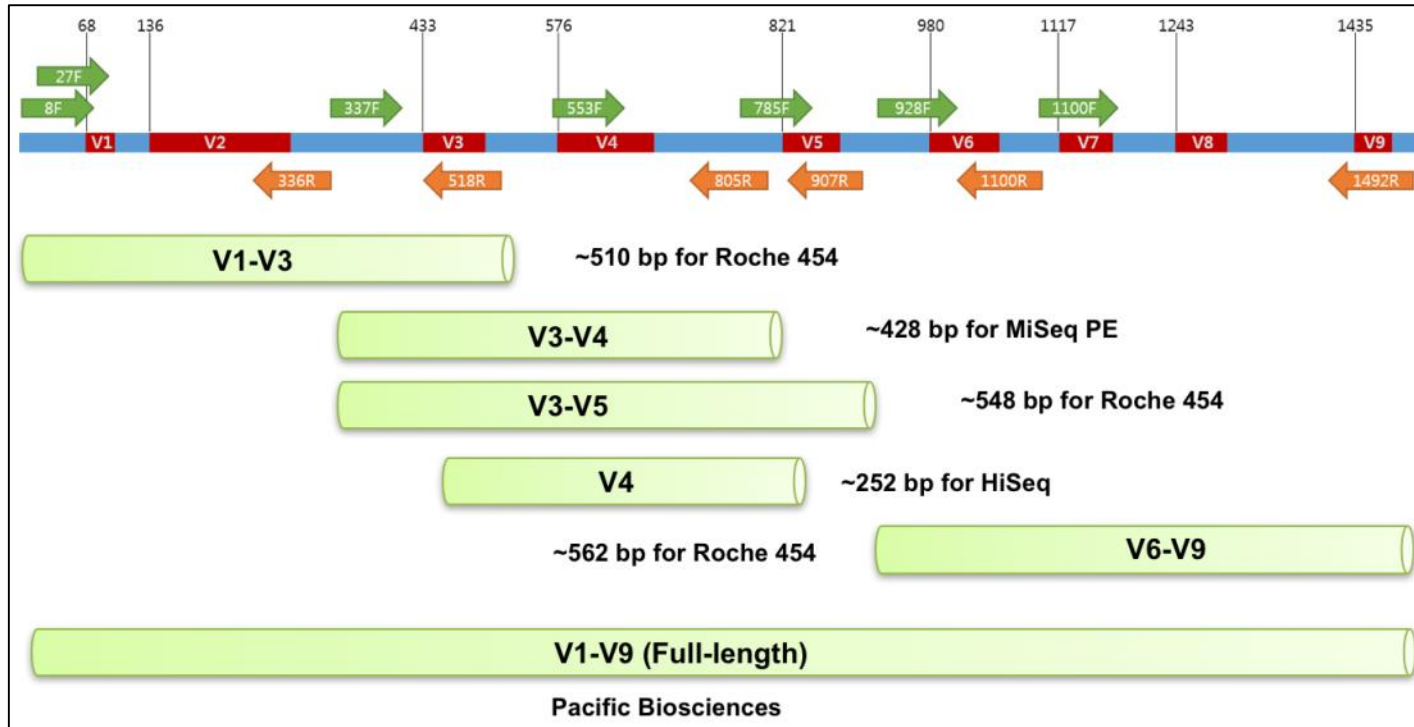
**Maximum amplicon size**  
500  
The maximum size for the amplicons.

**Sequencing protocol**  
Custom protocol (Kozich et al. 2013) **No more primers**  
The protocol used for sequencing step: standard or custom with PCR primers as sequencing primers.

Execute

Pre-process example 3

# Which primers for 16S ?



Name of primer F=forward, R=reverse	Sequence
8F	AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG
27F	AGAGTTTGATCMTGGCTCAG
336R	ACTGCTGCSYCCCGTAGGAGTCT
337F	GACTCCTACGGGAGGCWGCAG
337F	GACTCCTACGGGAGGCWGCAG
341F	CCTACGGGNGGCWGCAG
515FB	GTGYCAGCMGCCGCGGTAA
518R	GTATTACCGCGGCTGCTGG
533F	GTGCCAGCMGCCGCGGTAA
785F	GGATTAGATACCCTGGTA
805R	GACTACHVGGGTATCTAATCC
806RB	GGACTACNVGGGTWTCTAAT
907R	CCGCAATTCCTTTRAGTTT
928F	TAAACTYAAAKGAATTGACGGG
1100F	YAACGAGCGCAACCC
1100R	GGGTTGCGCTCGTTG
1492R	CGGTTACCTTGTACGACTT

NGS platforms	16S region	PCR primers	Estimated insert size to read (E. coli)	Sequencing
Illumina MiSeq PE (Pair End)	V3V4	341F & 805R	427 bp	250 bp x 2 or 300 bp x 2
Illumina HiSeq/iSeq100 (Earth Microbiome Project)	V4	515FB & 806RB	250 bp	150 x 2



# What does the Pre-process tool do?

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- Merging of R1 and R2 reads with **vsearch**, **flash** or **pear** (only in command line)
- Delete sequences without good primers
- Finds and removes adapter sequences with **cutadapt**
- Delete sequence with not expected lengths
- Delete sequences with ambiguous bases (N)
- Dereplication
- + removing homopolymers (size = 8 ) for 454 data
- + quality filter for 454 data

**VSEARCH: a versatile open source tool for metagenomics.**

Rognes T, Flouri T, Nichols B, Quince C, Mahé F.  
PeerJ. 2016 Oct 18;4:e2584. eCollection 2016.

Bioinformatics (2011) 27 (21):2957-2963. doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btr507

**FLASH: fast length adjustment of short reads to improve genome assemblies**

TanjaMagoc, Steven L. Salzberg

Bioinformatics (2014) 30 (5):614–620 doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btt593

**PEAR: a fast and accurate Illumina Paired-End reAd merger**

J. Zhang, K. Kobert, T. Flouri, A. Stamatakis,

EMBnet Journal, Vol17 no1. doi : 10.14806/ej.17.1.200

**Cutadapt removes adapter sequences from high-throughput sequencing reads**

Marcel Martin

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# How work reads merging ?

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WITH VSEARCH

# The aim of Vsearch is to merge R1 with R2

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Case of a sequencing of overlapping sequences: case of 16S V3-V4 amplicon MiSeq sequencing:

Imagine a real amplicon sequence of 400bp

400bp



Imagine a Miseq paired sequencing of 2x250bp

R1 : 250bp



R2 : 250bp



Reconstructing amplicon sequence is possible thanks to the overlap region



Merged sequence length : 400bp, with 100bp overlap

# The aim of Vsearch is to merge R1 with R2

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Case of a sequencing of over-overlapping sequences:

Imagine a real amplicon sequence of 200bp

200bp



Imagine a Miseq paired sequencing of 2x250bp

R1 : 250bp

R2 : 250bp



FROGS takes in charge this case in trimming over bases

200bp



Merged sequence length : 200bp, with 100% overlap

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# Practice:

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# Exercise

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Go to « [16S](#) » history

Launch the pre-process tool on that data set

→ objective: understand Vsearch software

# 16S dataset presentation:

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A real analysis provided by Stéphane Chaillou *et al.*

Comparison of meat and seafood bacterial communities.

8 environment types (EnvType) :

- Meat → Ground Beef, Ground veal, Poultry sausage, Diced bacon
- Seafood → Cooked schrimps, Smoked salmon, Salmon filet, Cod filet



# 16S dataset presentation:

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From Chaillou paper, we produced simulated data:

- 64 samples of 16S amplicons
- R1 and R2 overlapping reads of 300 bases.
- 8 replicates per condition
- with errors among the linear curve  $2.54e-1$   $2.79e-1$

- with 10% chimeras
- Primers for V1-V3:
  - 5' AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG 3'
  - 5' CCAGCAGCCGCGGTAAT 3'

Chaillou, S. et al (2015). Origin and ecological selection of core and food-specific bacterial communities associated with meat and seafood spoilage. ISME J, 9(5):1105-1118.



**Sequencer**

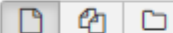
Illumina

Select the sequencing technology used to produce the sequences.

**Input type**

TAR Archive

Samples files can be provided in a single TAR archive or sample by sample (with one or two files each).

**TAR archive file** 1: http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/15\_FROGS/Webinar\_data/chaillou\_withprimers\_64renamedsam...

The TAR file containing the sequences file(s) for each sample.

**Are reads already merged ?**

No

The archive contains 1 file by sample : R1 and R2 pair are already merged in one sequence.

**Reads 1 size**

300

The maximum read1 size.

**Reads 2 size**

300

The maximum read2 size.

**Mismatch rate.**

0.1

The maximum rate of mismatch in the overlap region

**Merge software**

Vsearch

Select the software to merge paired-end reads.

**Would you like to keep unmerged reads?** Yes  No

No : Unmerged reads will be excluded; Yes : unmerged reads will be artificially combined with 100 N. (default No)

Vsearch is recommended (in command line, prefer pear)

### Minimum amplicon size

The minimum size for the amplicons (with primers).

### Maximum amplicon size

The maximum size for the amplicons (with primers).

### Sequencing protocol

The protocol used for sequencing step: standard or custom with PCR primers as sequencing primers.

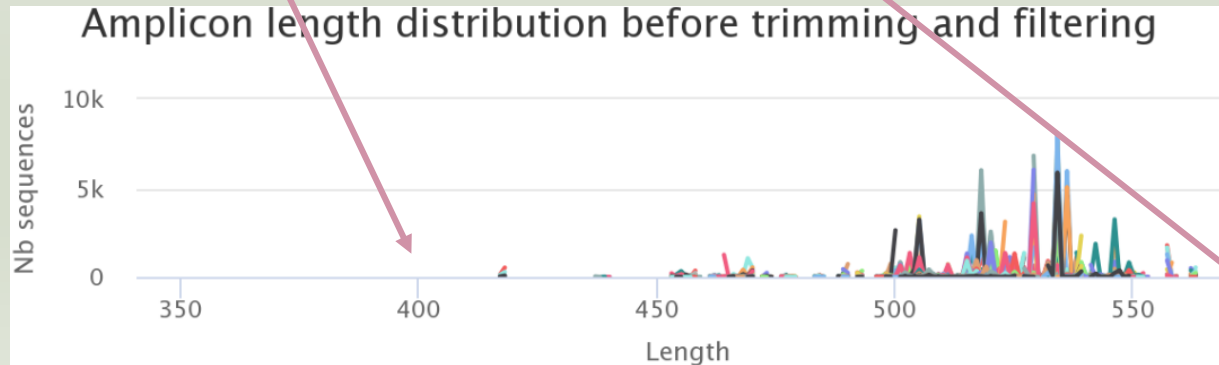
### 5' primer

The 5' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). The orientation is detailed below in 'Primers parameters' help section.

### 3' primer

The 3' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). The orientation is detailed below in 'Primers parameters' help section.

Execute



**Minimum amplicon size**

The minimum size for the amplicons (with primers).

**Maximum amplicon size**

The maximum size for the amplicons (with primers).

**Sequencing protocol**

The protocol used for sequencing step: standard or custom with PCR primers as sequencing primers.

**5' primer**

The 5' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). The orientation is detailed below in 'Primers parameters' help section.

**3' primer**

The 3' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). The orientation is detailed below in 'Primers parameters' help section.

N.B.  
Primers in 5' → 3' sens

Ex: read R1

@63\_0 reference=otu\_00517 position=1..300

AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAGgatgaacgctagcgggaggcttaacacatgcaagccgagggg  
tagaattagcttgctaattgagaccggcgacgggtgcgtaacgcgtatgcaacttgcctactgaaa  
ggatagcccagagaaatttgattaatactttataatagactgaatggcatcatttagttttgaaagattt  
atcgcagtaggataggcatgcgtaagattagatagttggtagagtaacggctcaccaagtcgacgatct  
ttagggggcctgagagggtgaaccccca

Ex: read R2

@63\_0 reference=otu\_00517 position=1..300 errors=5%G




ATTAGCGCGGCTGCTGGcacggagttagccggtgcttattcttctggtaccttcagctacttacac  
gtaagtaggtttatccccagataaaaagtagtttacaaccataaggccgctacctacacgcgggatggc  
tggatcaggctccaccattgtccaatattcctcactgctgctcccgtaggagtctggtccgtgtctcag  
taccagtgtgggggttcacctctcaggccccctaaagatcgtcgacttggtgagccgttacctcacca  
ctatctaattctacgatgcct



R2 primer must be reverse transcribed

# Exercise

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1. Do you understand how enter your primers ?
2. What is the « FROGS Pre-process: dereplicated.fasta » file ? 
3. What is the « FROGS Pre-process: count.tsv » file ? 
4. Explore the file « FROGS Pre-process: report.html » 
5. *Who loose a lot of sequences ?*

# Exercise

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6. How many sequences are there in the input file ?
7. How many sequences did not have the 5' primer?
8. How many sequences still are after pre-processing the data?
9. How much time did it take to pre-process the data ?
10. What is the length of your merged reads before preprocessing ?
11. What can you tell about the samples, based on amplicon size distributions ?

## Q1: Do you understand how enter your primers ?

**Minimum amplicon size**

The minimum size for the amplicons (with primers).

**Maximum amplicon size**

The maximum size for the amplicons (with primers).

**Sequencing protocol**

The protocol used for sequencing step: standard or custom with PCR primers as sequencing primers.

**5' primer**

The 5' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). The orientation is detailed below in 'Primers parameters' help section.

**3' primer**

The 3' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). The orientation is detailed below in 'Primers parameters' help section.

✓ Execute

N.B.  
Primers in 5' → 3' sens



R2 primer must be reverse transcribed  
Use <https://www.bioinformatics.nl/cgi-bin/emboss/revseq>

Q2: What is the « FROGS Pre-process: dereplicated.fasta » file ?

Q3: What is the « FROGS Pre-process: count.tsv » file ?

```
>06_5949;size=4 reference=otu_00680 position=1..300 errors=20%T
AGACCGGGCCACGGGTGCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCITTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCATA
>56_3551;size=1 reference=otu_00680 position=1..300 errors=21%A
AAGACCGGGCCACGGGTGCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCITTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCATA
>53_322;size=1 reference=otu_01408,otu_00680 amplicon=1..300,1..300 position=1..300
ATTGAACGGTGGCGGCATGCCTACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCITTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCATA
>56_2589;size=1 reference=otu_00680 position=1..300 errors=21%C
CAGACCGGGCCACGGGTGCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCITTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCATA
>56_7560;size=1 reference=otu_00680 position=1..300 errors=21%C
CAGACCGGGCCACGGGTGCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCITTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCATA
>36_626;size=1 reference=otu_00680 position=1..300 errors=21%C
CAGACCGGGCCACGGGTGCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCITTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCATA
>53_6128;size=1 reference=otu_00231,otu_00941,otu_00680 amplicon=1..300,1..300,1..30
CTGGCTCAGGATGAACGCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCITTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCATA
>51_6860;size=1 reference=otu_00799,otu_00680 amplicon=1..300,1..300 position=1..300
GACGAAAGGGCCACGGGTGCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCITTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCATA
```

#id	BHT0.LOT01	BHT0.LOT03	BHT0.LOT04	BHT0.LOT05	BHT0.LOT06	BHT0.LOT07
06_5949	0	0	0	0	0	0
56_3551	0	0	0	0	0	0
53_322	0	0	0	0	0	0
56_2589	0	0	0	0	0	0
56_7560	0	0	0	0	0	0
36_626	0	0	0	0	0	0
53_6128	0	0	0	0	0	0
51_6860	0	0	0	0	0	0
56_6866	0	0	0	0	0	0
56_3997	0	0	0	0	0	0
59_6	0	0	0	0	0	191
59_5144	0	0	0	0	0	1
59_5852	0	0	0	0	0	1
60_1696	0	0	0	0	0	0
59_6656	0	0	0	0	0	1
59_1182	0	0	0	0	0	1

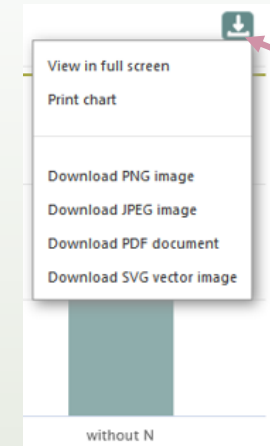
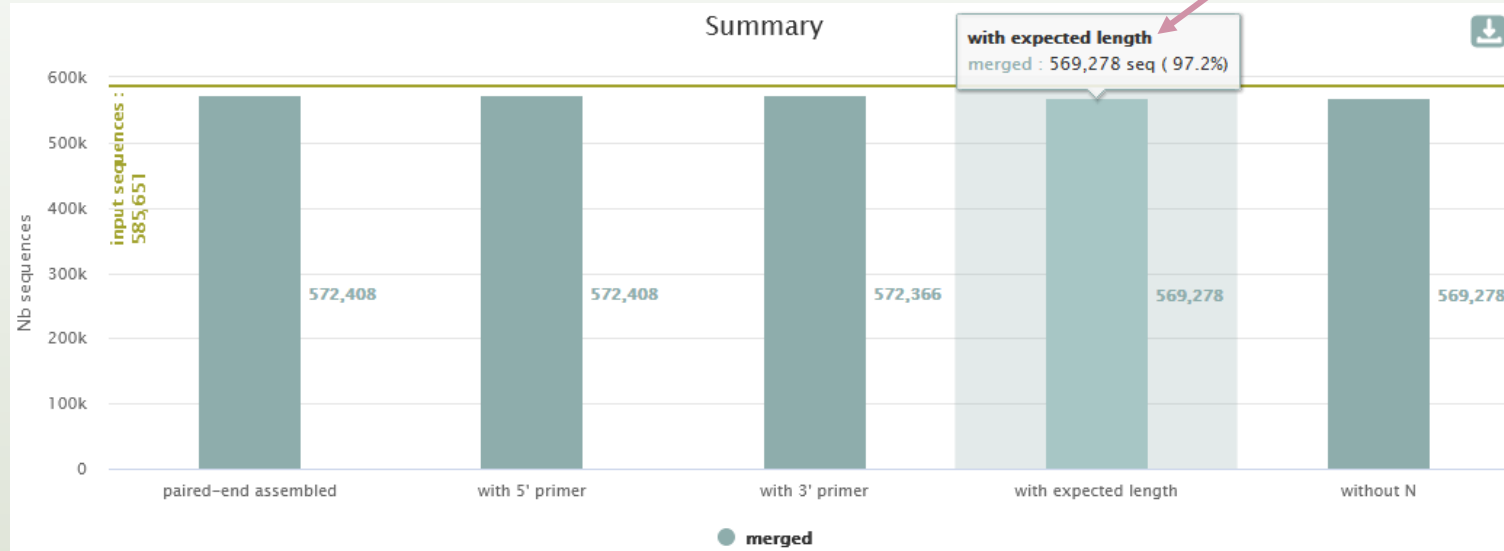
Fasta sequence of all clean and dereplicated sequence *i.e.* only one copy of each sequence is kept

count table for each sequence in each sample

## Answer 4

Q4: Explore the file « FROGS Pre-process: report.html »

By moving the mouse over the graphic, new information appears



You can download graphics or table in different formats

## Details on merged sequences

Show 10 entries

Search:



Samples	before process	% kept	paired-end assembled	with 5' primer	with 3' primer	with expected length	without N
BHT0.LOT01	9,282	97.90	9,087	9,087	9,087	9,087	9,087
BHT0.LOT03	9,173	97.83	8,984	8,984	8,984	8,974	8,974
BHT0.LOT04	9,171	97.79	8,969	8,969	8,968	8,968	8,968

You can sort data in the table by clicking on the column headers



Q5: Who loose a lot of sequences ?

**53: FROGS Pre-process: report.html** [eye] [edit] [close]

error  
An error occurred with this dataset:

```
## Application
Software: preprocess.py (version: 3.2.2)
Command: /galaxydata/galaxy-preprod/my_tools/FROGS
```

[bug] [print] [info] [refresh]

**52: FROGS Pre-process: count.tsv** [eye] [edit] [close]

**51: FROGS Pre-process: dereplicated.fasta** [eye] [edit] [close]

**Dataset generation errors**

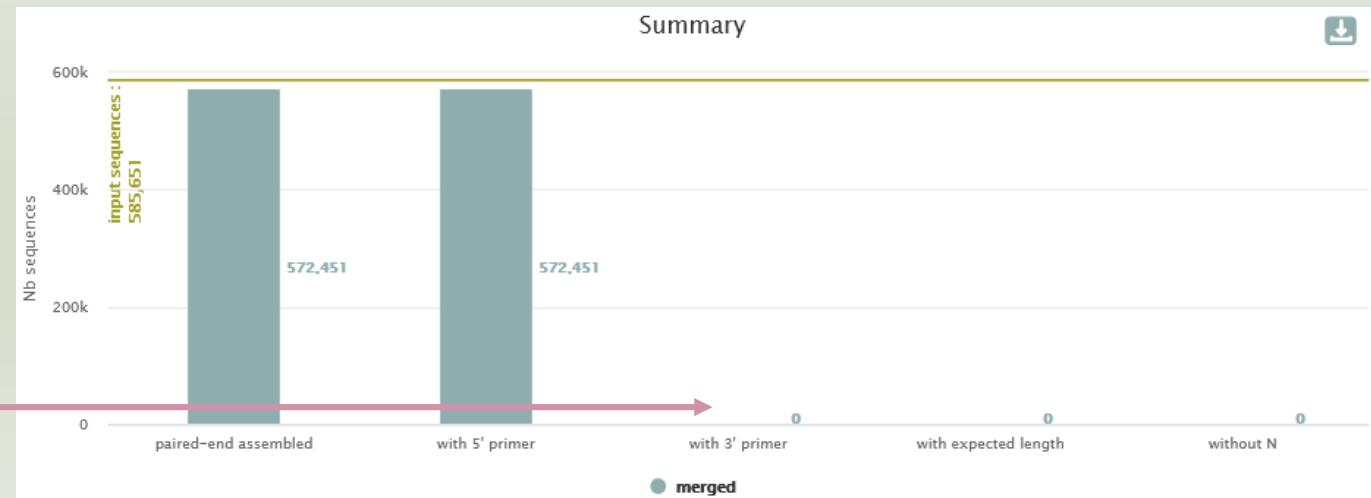
**Dataset 53: FROGS Pre-process: report.html**

Tool execution generated the following error message:

```
Fatal error: Exit code 1 ()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "/galaxydata/galaxy-preprod/my_tools/FROGS_dev/app/preprocess.py", line 1290, in <module>
    process( args )
  File "/galaxydata/galaxy-preprod/my_tools/FROGS_dev/app/preprocess.py", line 1141, in process
    raise_exception( Exception( "\n\n#ERROR : The filters have eliminated all sequences (see summary for more details).\n\n" ))
  File "/galaxydata/galaxy-preprod/my_tools/FROGS_dev/lib/frogsUtils.py", line 45, in raise_exception
    raise exception
Exception:
#ERROR : The filters have eliminated all sequences (see summary for more details).
```

If your outputs are red, click on the bug to read the error message

it is likely that you did not enter the 3' primer in the right direction



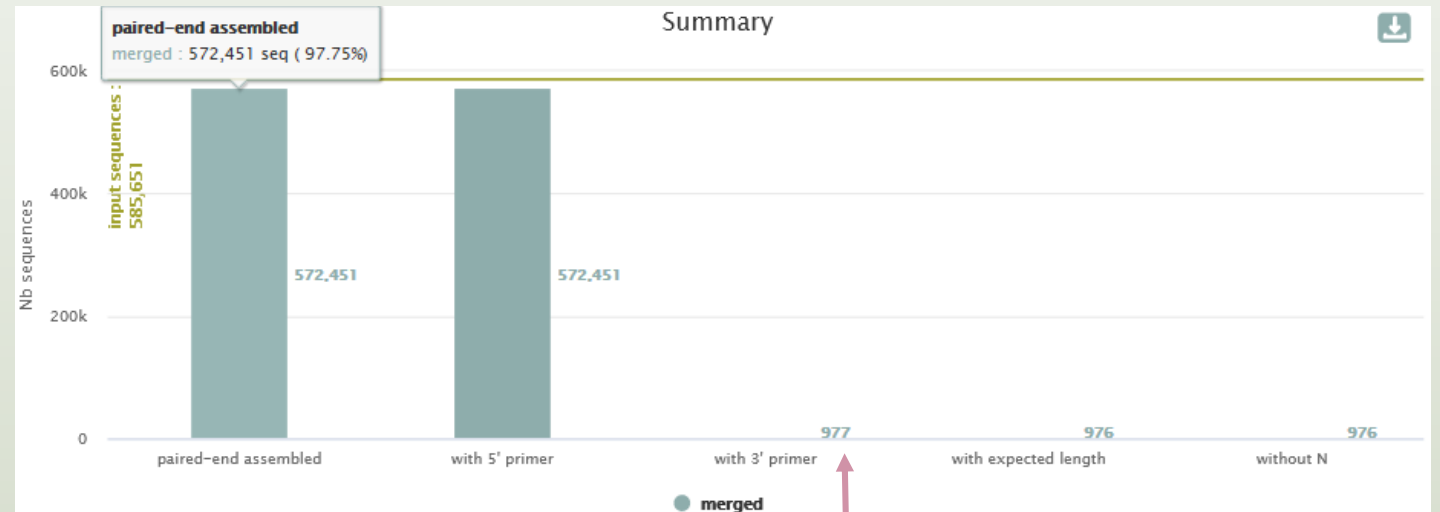
## Answer 5

All outputs are green  
but check the  
report.html

[65: FROGS Pre-process: report.html](#)

[64: FROGS Pre-process: count.tsv](#)

[63: FROGS Pre-process: dereplicated.fasta](#)



Error in 3' primer sequence.  
Primers must be similar with 10% of  
errors (~1 or 2 bases per primer)

# Answer 5

**FROGS Pre-process** merging, denoising and dereplication. (Galaxy Version 3.2.1) Options

**Sequencer**  
Illumina  
Select the sequencing technology used to produce the sequences.

**Input type**  
TAR Archive  
Samples files can be provided in a single TAR archive or sample by sample (with one or two files each).

**TAR archive file**  
1: http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/15\_FROGS/Webinar\_data/chaillou\_withprimers\_64renamedsam...  
The TAR file containing the sequences file(s) for each sample.

**Are reads already merged ?**  
No  
The archive contains 1 file by sample : R1 and R2 pair are already merged in one sequence.

**Reads 1 size**  
300  
The maximum read1 size.

**Reads 2 size**  
300  
The maximum read2 size.

**Mismatch rate.**  
0.1  
The maximum rate of mismatch in the overlap region

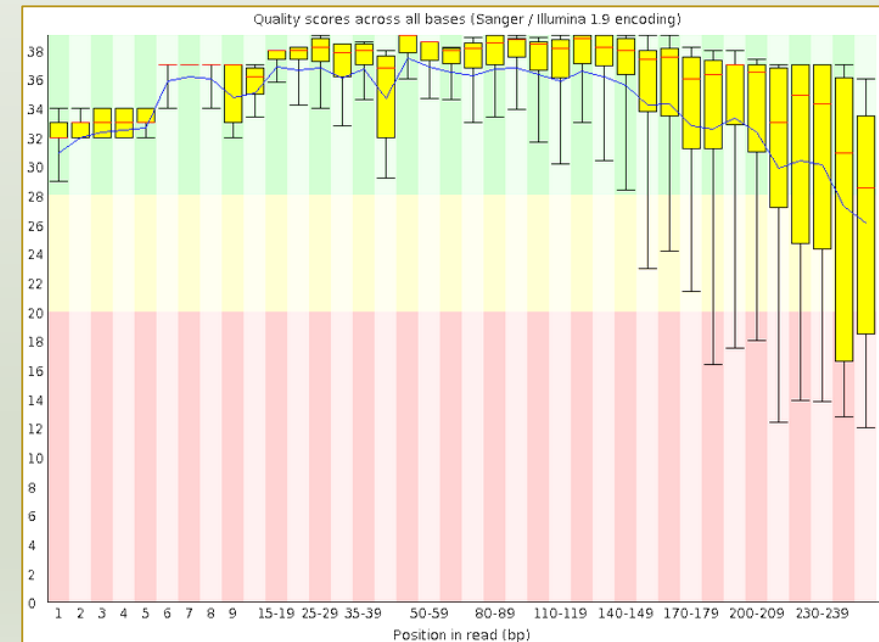
**Merge software**  
Vsearch  
Select the software to merge paired-end reads.

**Would you like to keep unmerged reads?**  
 Yes  No  
No : Unmerged reads will be excluded; Yes : unmerged reads will be artificially combined with 100 N. (default No)

To check the sequence quality use FASTQC (present in galaxy tools)

**FastQC: fastq/sam/bam**

FastQC:Read QC reports using FastQC

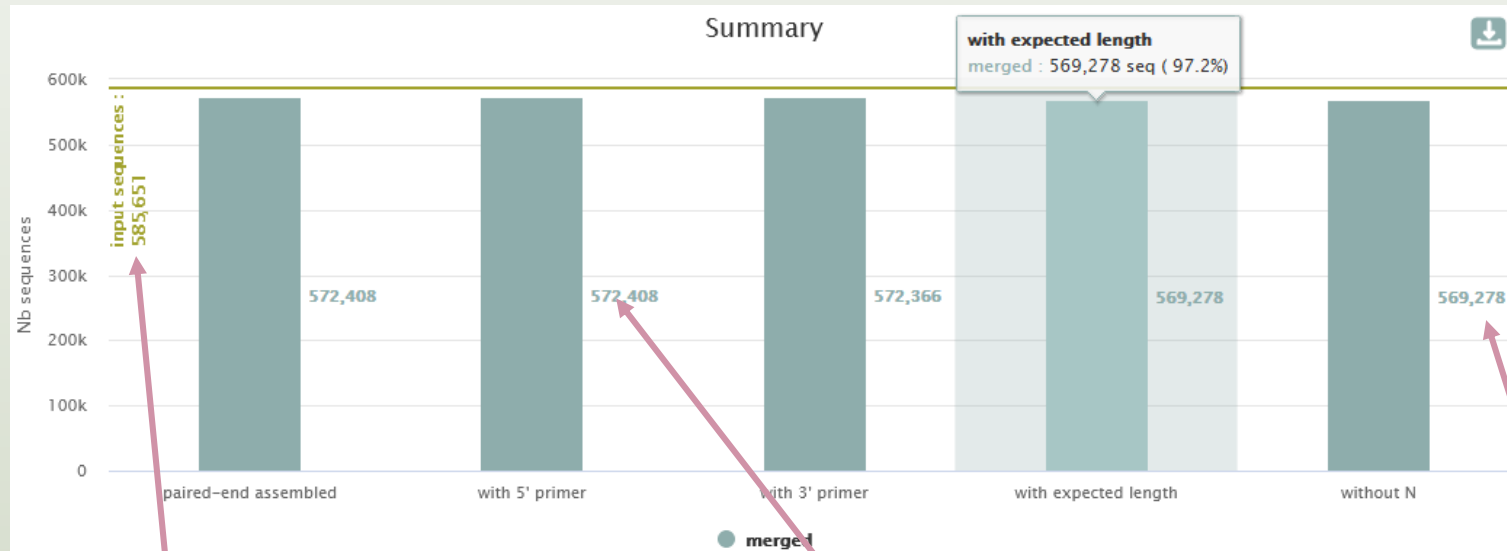


Answer 6, 7 & 8

Q6: How many sequences are there in the input file ?

Q7: How many sequences did not have the 5' primer?

Q8: How many sequences still are after pre-processing the data?



Total number of sequences before preprocessing: 585 651

All sequences have the 5' primer

569 321 sequences are still after preprocessing

## Answer 9

Q9: How much time did it take to pre-process the data ?

**3: FROGS Pre-process: dereplicat ed.fasta**

287,252 sequences  
format: **fasta**, database: ?

```
## Application
Software: preprocess.py (version: 3.2.2)
Command: /galaxydata/galaxy-preprod
/my_tools/FROGS_dev/app/preprocess.py
illumina --output-dereplicated /galaxydata
/galaxy-prod/my_job_working_directory
/000/380/380454
/galaxy_dataset_731997.dat --ou
```

Click on « i »

### Tool: FROGS Pre-process

Name:	FROGS Pre-process: dereplicated.fasta
Created:	Tue 09 Mar 2021 05:00:30 PM (UTC)
Filesize:	152.4 MB
Dbkey:	?
Format:	fasta
Galaxy Tool ID:	FROGS_preprocess_3_2_2
Galaxy Tool Version:	3.2.2
Tool Version:	
Tool Standard Output:	<a href="#">stdout</a>
Tool Standard Error:	<a href="#">stderr</a>
Tool Exit Code:	0
History Content API ID:	d7ff127129900fa8
Job API ID:	45c5decf7bd90ae1
History API ID:	96f266d5ffa0ae3
UUID:	58d5bf75-595e-412b-8c08-a16dbbe9110a

Input Parameter	Value
Sequencer	illumina
Input type	archive
TAR archive file	1: <a href="http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/15_FROGS/Webinar_data/chailouu_withprimers_64renamedsamples_V1V3_10000seq_R1R2.tar.gz">http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/~formation/15_FROGS/Webinar_data/chailouu_withprimers_64renamedsamples_V1V3_10000seq_R1R2.tar.gz</a>
Are reads already merged ?	paired
Reads 1 size	300
Reads 2 size	300
Mismatch rate.	0.1
Merge software	vsearch
Would you like to keep unmerged reads?	False
Minimum amplicon size	400
Maximum amplicon size	580
Sequencing protocol	standard
5' primer	AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG
3' primer	CCAGCAGCCGCGGTAAT

Retrieve the tool parameters

Stdout contains FROGS command lines and time execution

Answer 10

Q10: What is the length of your merged reads before preprocessing ?

Show  entries Search:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Samples	process	kept	paired-end assembled	with 5' primer	with 3' primer	with expected length	without N
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT01	9,282	97.90	9,087	9,087	9,087	9,087	9,087
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT03	9,173	97.83	8,984	8,984	8,984	8,974	8,974
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT04	9,171	97.79	8,969	8,969	8,968	8,968	8,968
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT05	9,109	97.56	8,890	8,890	8,888	8,887	8,887
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT06	9,193	97.86	8,996	8,996	8,996	8,996	8,996

Select all samples

Answer 10

Q10: What is the length of your merged reads before preprocessing ?

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<input type="checkbox"/>	VHT0.LOT07	9,337	97.03	9,064	9,064	9,064	9,060	9,060
<input type="checkbox"/>	VHT0.LOT08	9,436	97.33	9,192	9,192	9,192	9,184	9,184
<input type="checkbox"/>	VHT0.LOT10	9,165	97.64	8,983	8,983	8,982	8,949	8,949

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With selection:

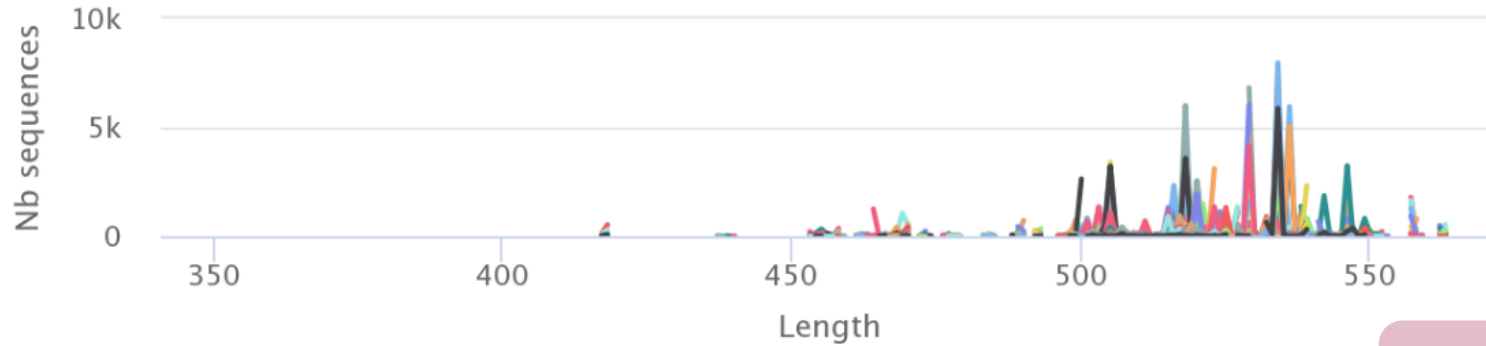
Display amplicon lengths

Display preprocessed amplicon lengths

at the bottom of the table

Q10: What is the length of your merged reads before preprocessing ?

Amplicon length distribution before trimming and filtering

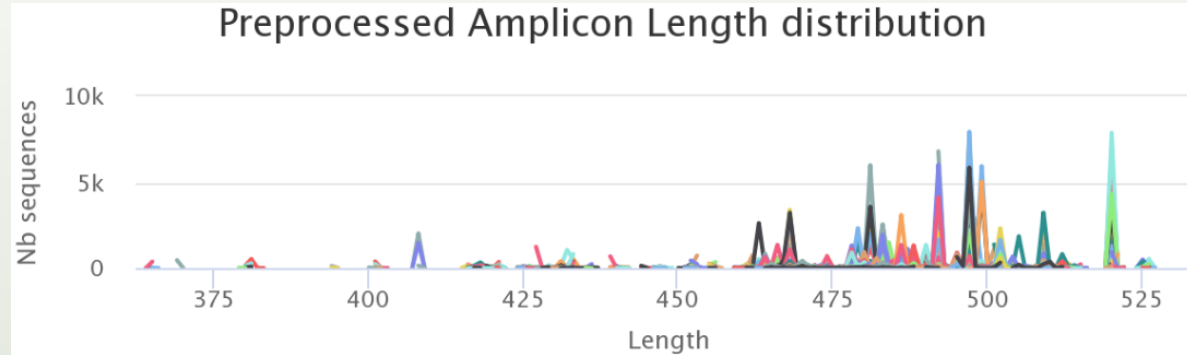


Before preprocessing:  
343 < sequence length < 570

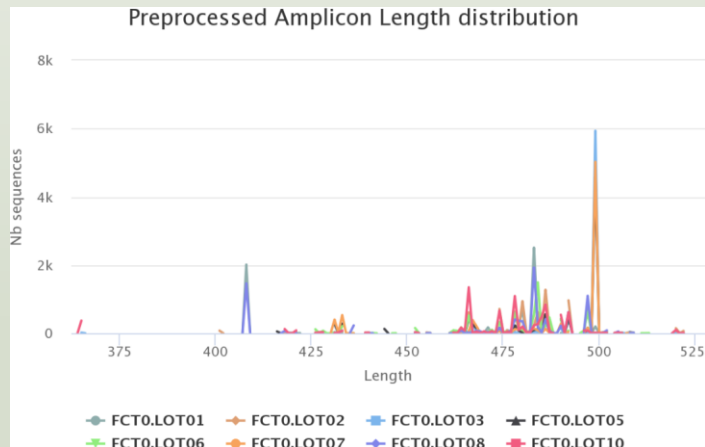
- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| ● BHT0.LOT01 | ◆ BHT0.LOT03 | ■ BHT0.LOT04 | ▲ BHT0.LOT05 |
| ▼ BHT0.LOT06 | ● BHT0.LOT07 | ◆ BHT0.LOT08 | ■ BHT0.LOT10 |
| ▲ CDT0.LOT02 | ▼ CDT0.LOT04 | ● CDT0.LOT05 | ◆ CDT0.LOT06 |
| ■ CDT0.LOT07 | ▲ CDT0.LOT08 | ▼ CDT0.LOT09 | ● CDT0.LOT10 |
| ◆ DLT0.LOT01 | ■ DLT0.LOT03 | ▲ DLT0.LOT04 | ▼ DLT0.LOT05 |
| ● DLT0.LOT06 | ▼ DLT0.LOT07 | ■ DLT0.LOT08 | ◆ DLT0.LOT10 |
| ▼ FCT0.LOT01 | ● FCT0.LOT02 | ▲ FCT0.LOT03 | ■ FCT0.LOT05 |
| ▲ FCT0.LOT06 | ▼ FCT0.LOT07 | ● FCT0.LOT08 | ◆ FCT0.LOT10 |
| ■ FST0.LOT01 | ▲ FST0.LOT02 | ▼ FST0.LOT03 | ● FST0.LOT05 |
- ▲ 1/2 ▼



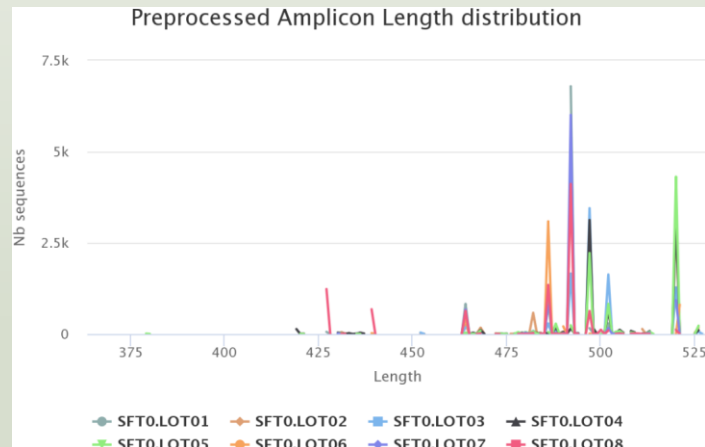
Q11: What can you tell about the samples, based on amplicon size distributions ?



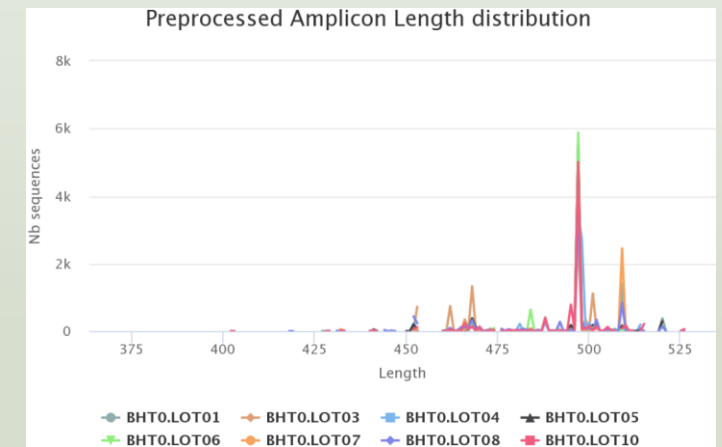
« Filet Cabillaud » samples



« Saumon Fumé » samples



« Bœuf Haché » samples



For each EnvType, we can observe different amplicon sizes. They correspond to different species.

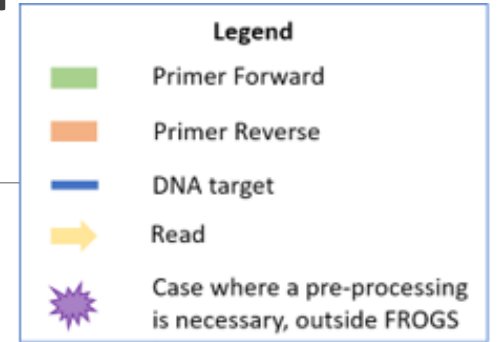
*N.B.* amplicons with same size can represent different species.

# Preprocess tool in brief

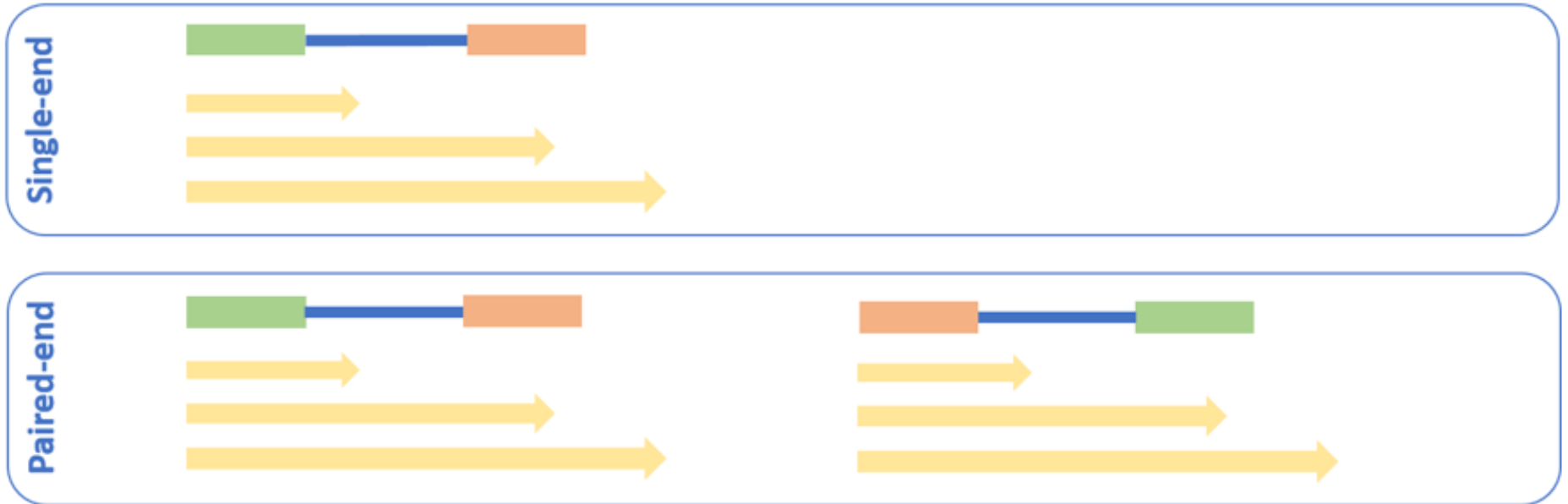
	Take in charge
Illumina	✓
454	✓
Merged data	✓
Not merged data	✓
Without primers	✓
Only R1 or only R2	⊘
Too distant R1 and R2 to be merged	✓
Over-overlapping R1 R2	✓

	Take in charge
Archive .tar.gz	✓
Fastq	✓
Fasta	⊘
With only 1 primer	⊘
Multiplexed data	⊘
Demultiplexed data	✓

# Processed data by FROGS in brief



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illumina

Standard sequencing protocol

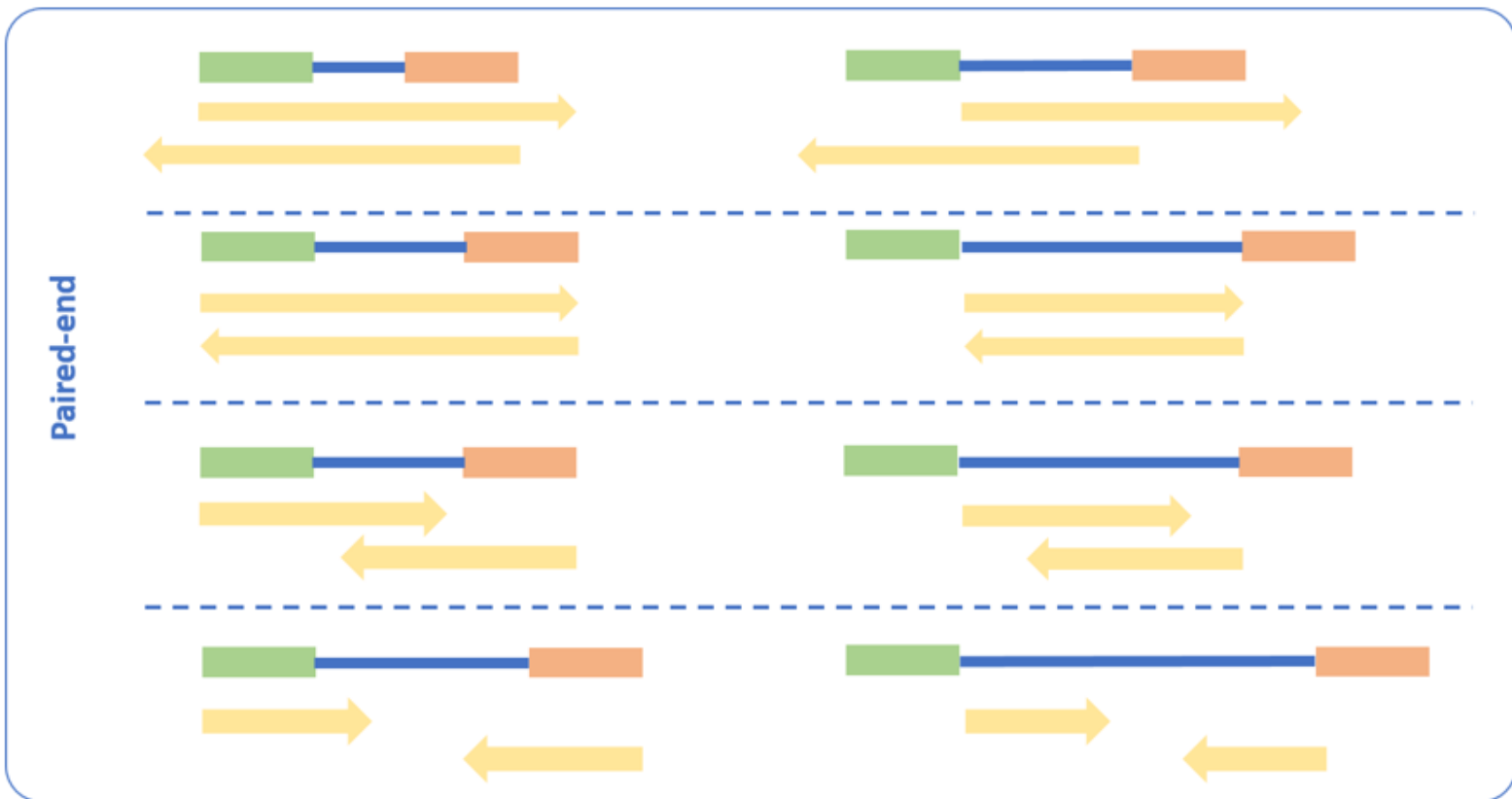
Kozich protocol : primers are not included in reads



→ Remove reverse primer before FROGS processing

**Legend**

- Primer Forward
- Primer Reverse
- DNA target
- Read
- Case where a pre-processing is necessary, outside FROGS



Length of the sequenced target < length of one read

Supported since version 3.0

Length of the sequenced target < the sum of the lengths of the two reads

Length of the sequenced target >= the sum of the lengths of the two reads

Supported since version 3.0 with option "keep unmerged reads" in preprocess Tool

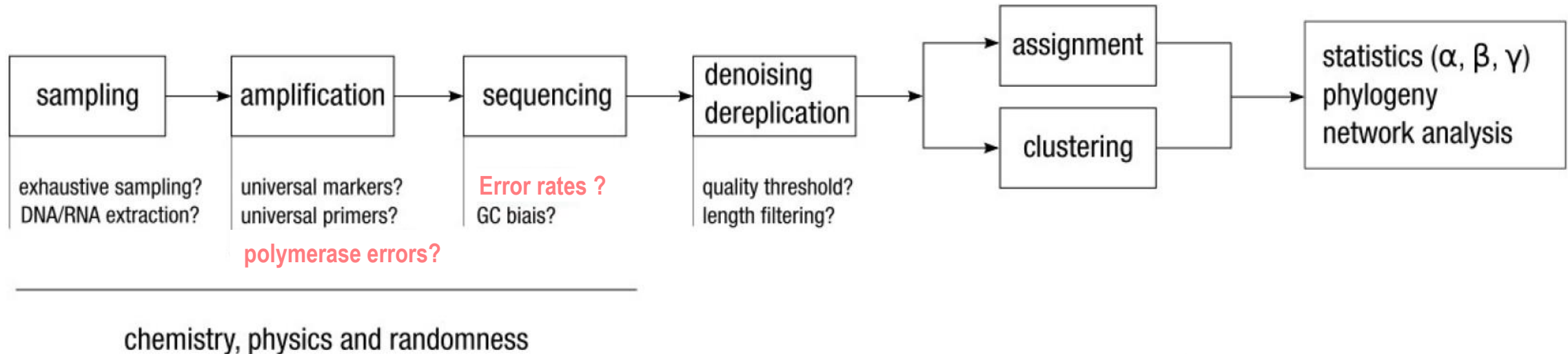
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# Clustering tool

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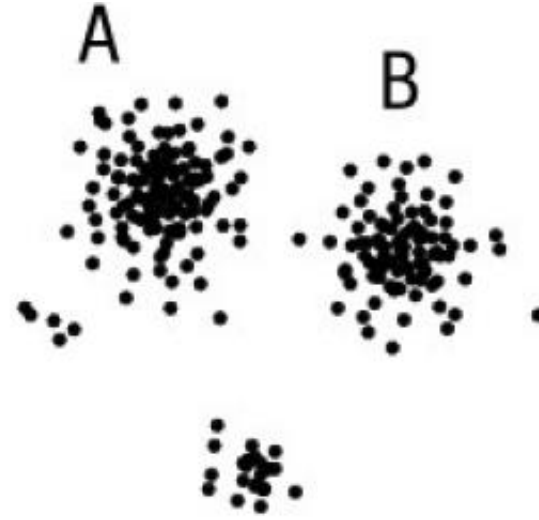
# Why do we need clustering ?

Amplification and sequencing and are not perfect processes





Expected

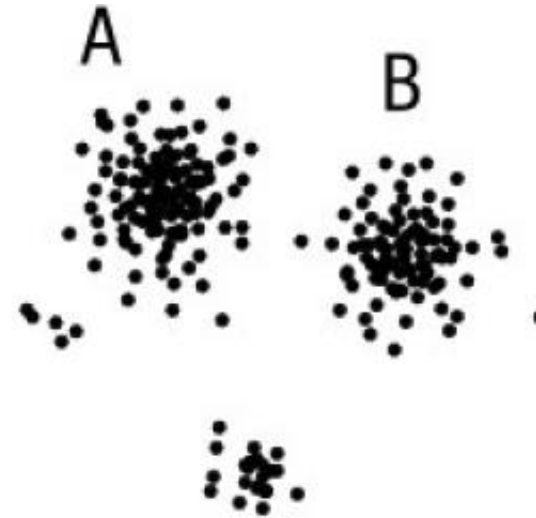


Results

Natural variability?  
Technical noise?  
Contaminant?  
Chimeras?



Expected

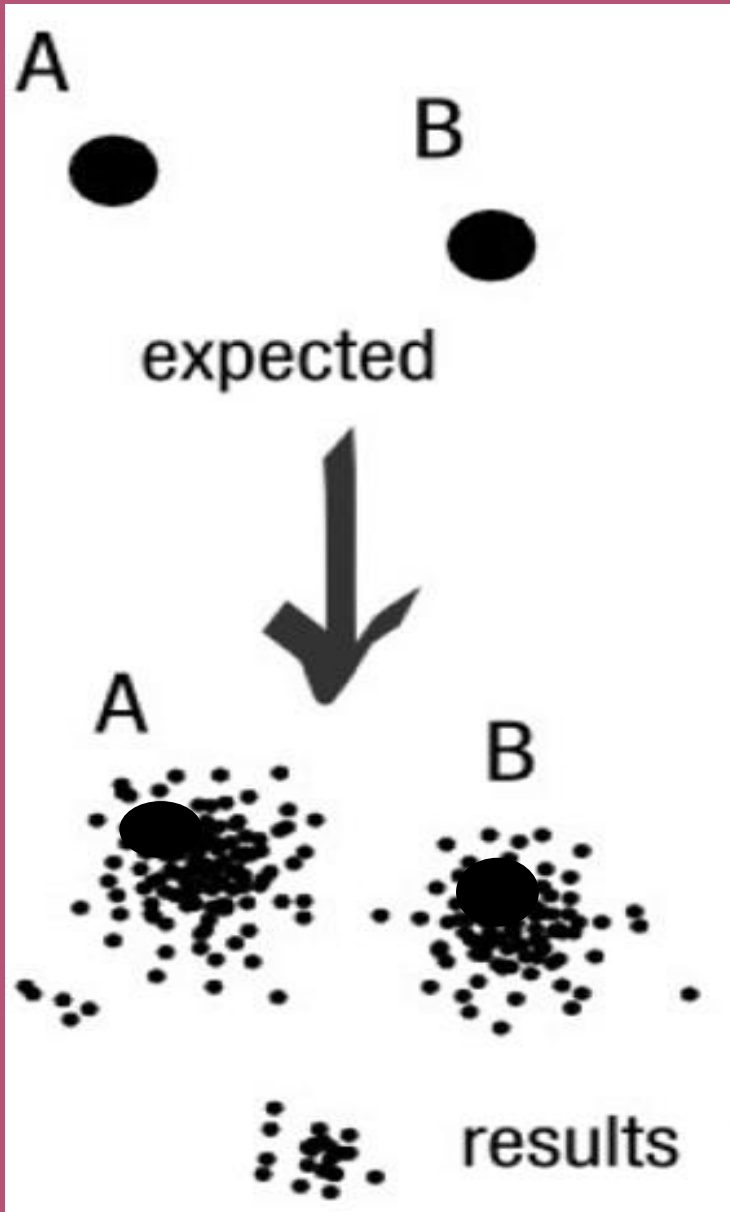


Results

Natural variability ?  
Technical noise?  
Contaminant?  
Chimeras?

16S variability  
Cf. RRNDB (ribosomal RNA operons database)  
max. 21 copies of 16S in bacteria (*Photobacterium damsela*)  
ex. *E. coli* 7 copies





# To have the best accuracy:

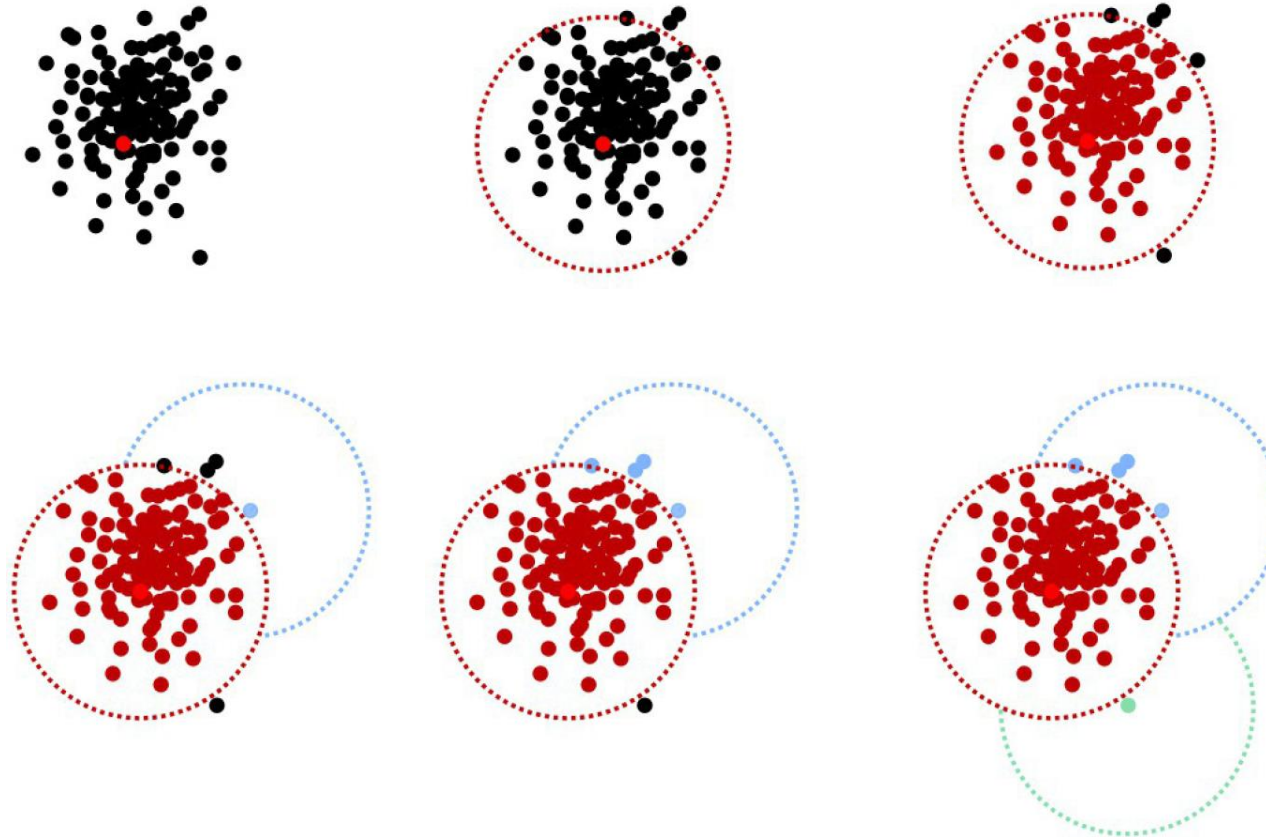
Method: All against all

- Very accurate
- Requires a lot of memory and/or time

=> Impossible on very large datasets without strong filtering or sampling

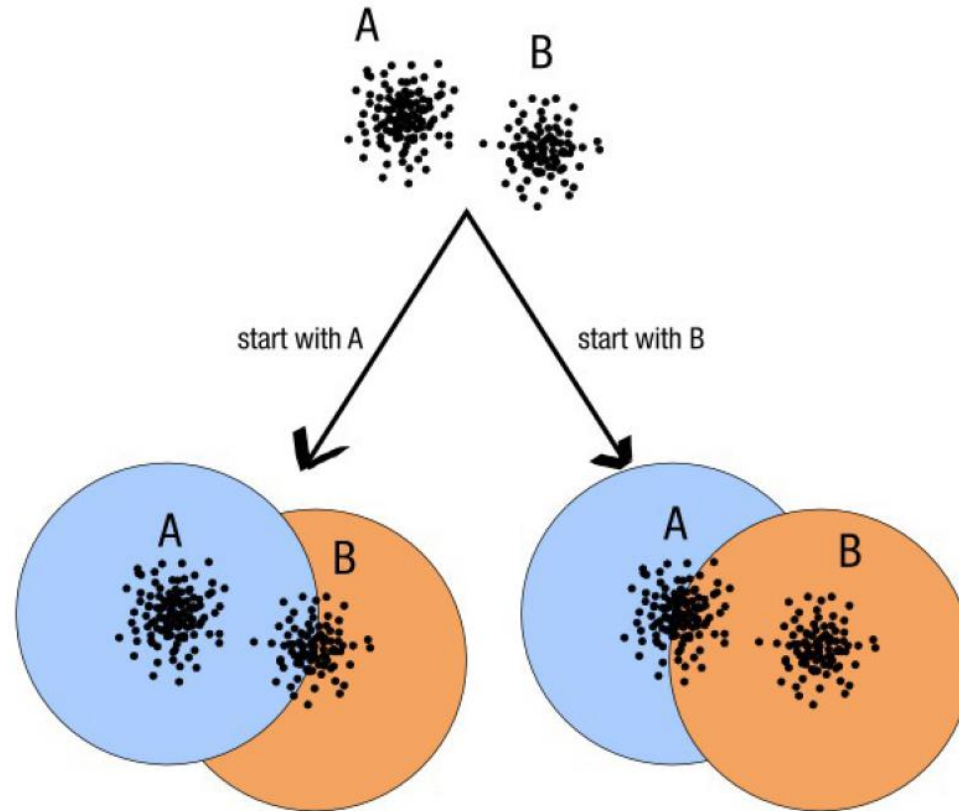
# How traditional clustering works ?

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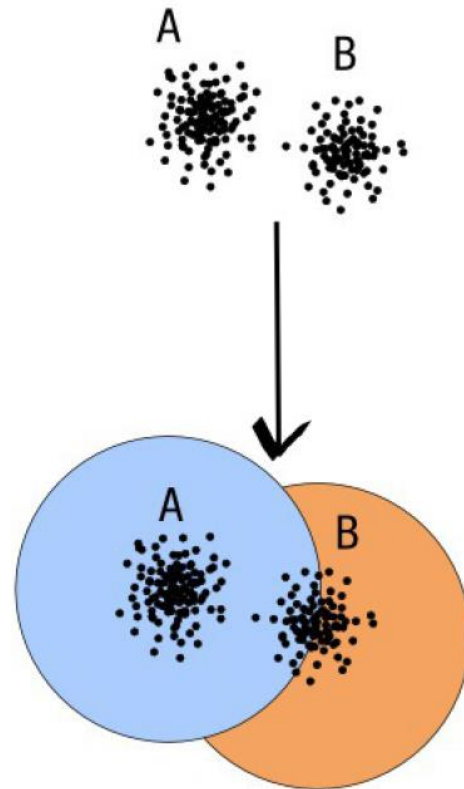
# Input order dependent results

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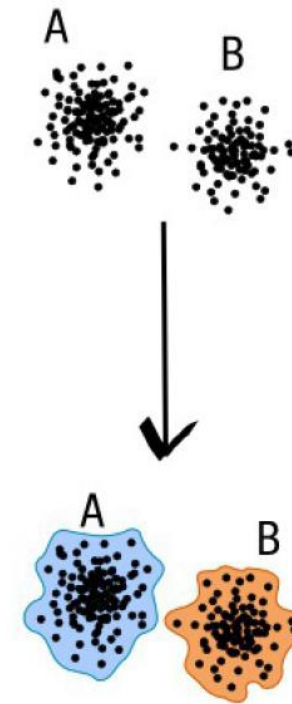


decreasing length,  
decreasing abundance,  
external references

# Single a priori clustering threshold

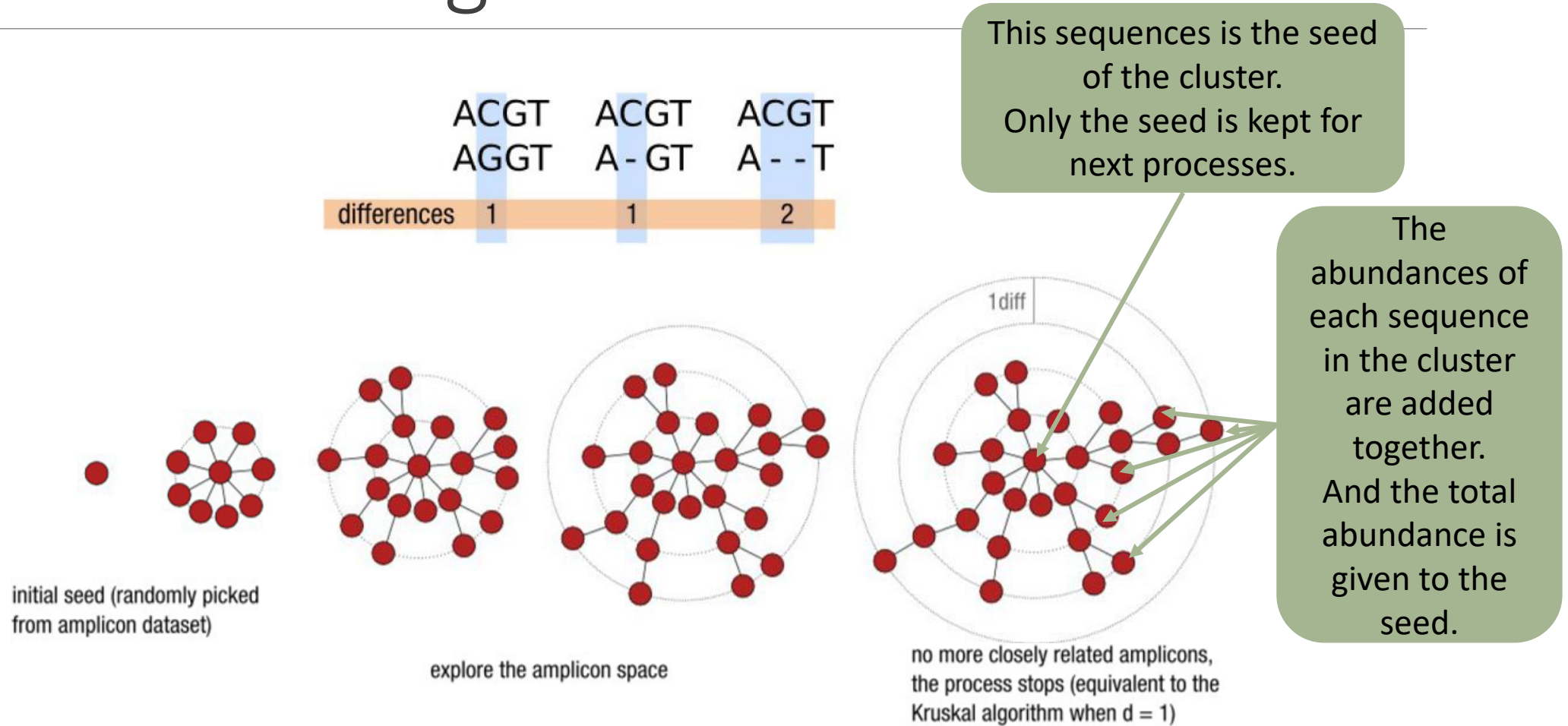


compromise threshold  
unadapted threshold



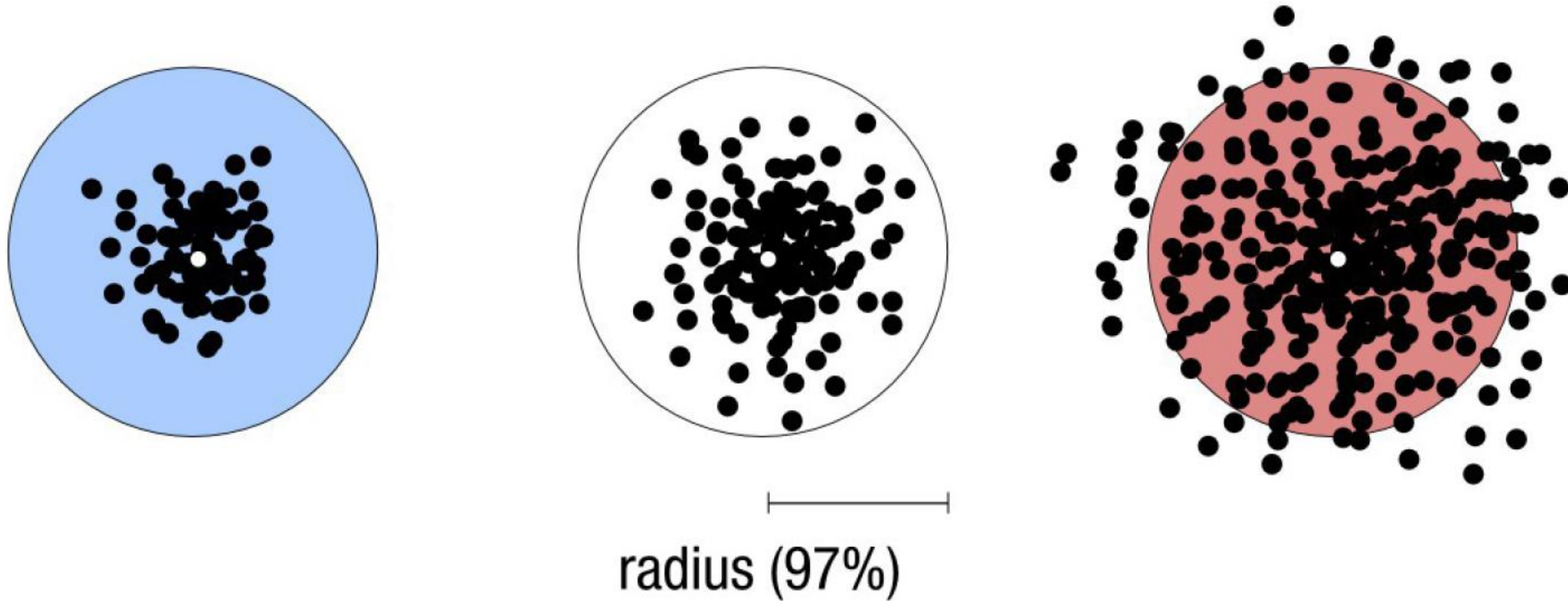
natural limits of clusters

# Swarm clustering method



# Comparison Swarm and 3% clusterings

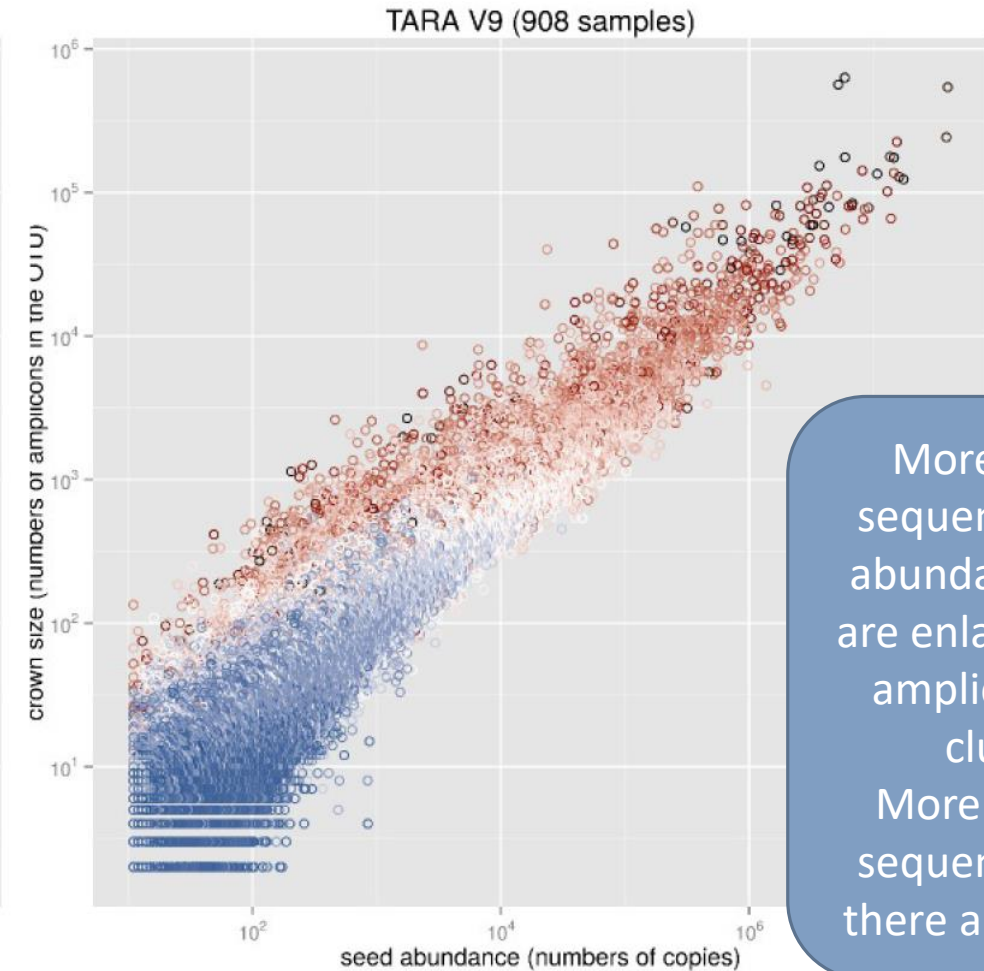
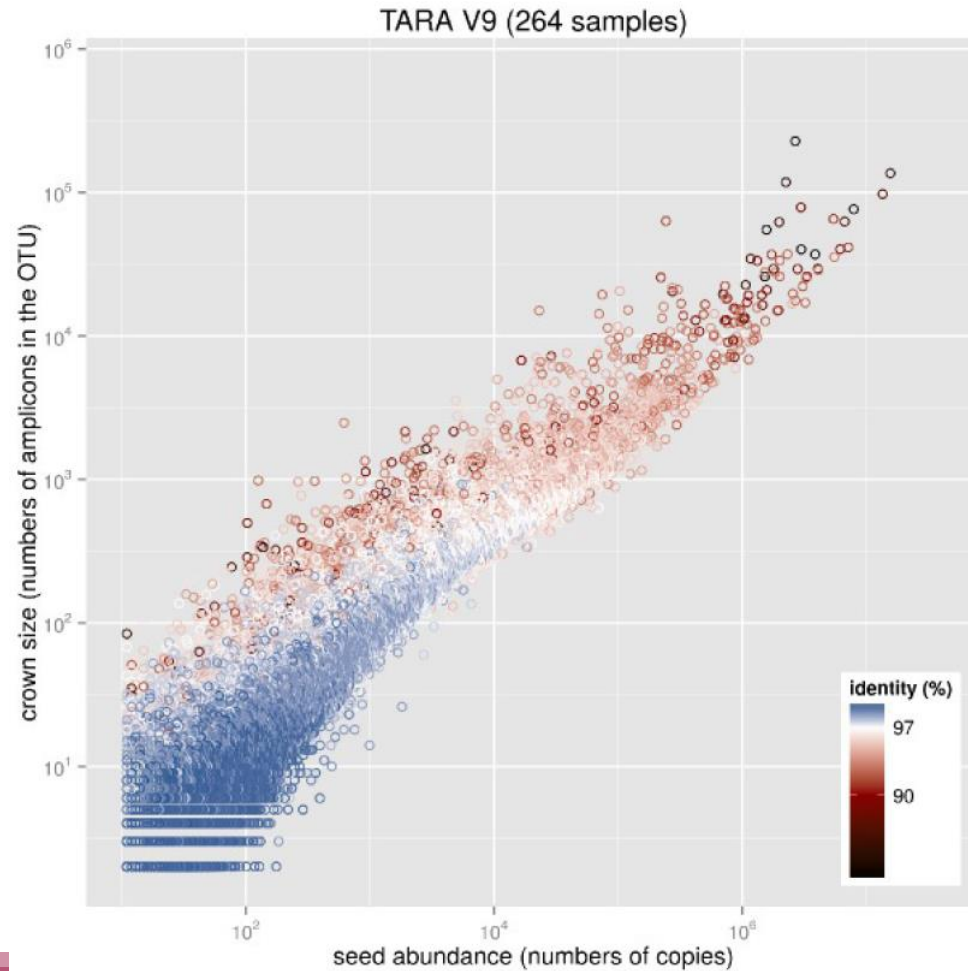
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Radius expressed as a percentage of identity with the central amplicon (97% is by far the most widely used clustering threshold)



# Comparison Swarm and 3% clusterings



More there is sequences, more abundant clusters are enlarged (more amplicon in the cluster).  
More there are sequences, more there are artefacts

# SWARM

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A **robust** and **fast** clustering method for amplicon-based studies.

The purpose of **swarm** is to provide a novel clustering algorithm to handle **large sets of amplicons**.

**swarm** results are **resilient to input-order changes** and rely on a **small local linking threshold  $d$** , the maximum number of differences between two amplicons.

**swarm** forms stable high-resolution clusters, with a high yield of biological information.

Swarm: robust and fast clustering method for amplicon-based studies.  
Mahé F, Rognes T, Quince C, de Vargas C, Dunthorn M.  
PeerJ. 2014 Sep 25;2:e593. doi: 10.7717/peerj.593. eCollection 2014.  
PMID:25276506



**FROGS Clustering swarm** Single-linkage clustering on sequences (Galaxy Version 3.2.1) Options

**Sequences file**  
  
 The dereplicated sequences file (format: fasta).

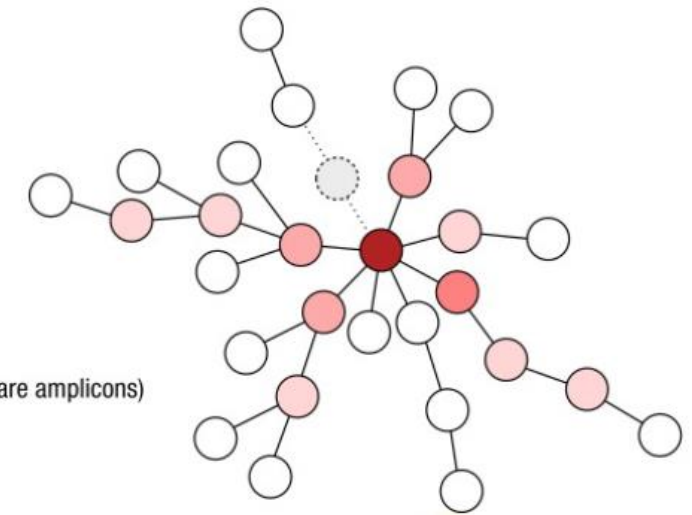
**Count file**  
  
 It contains the count by sample for each sequence (format: TSV).

**FROGS guidelines version**  
  
 Denoising step prior to a d3 clustering is no more recommended since FROGS 3.2, but you can still choose it.

**Aggregation distance clustering**  
  
 Maximum number of differences between sequences in each aggregation swarm step. (recommended d=1)

**Refine OTU clustering**  
 Yes  No  
 Clustering will be performed with the swarm `--fastidious` option, which is recommended and only usable in association with a distance of 1 (default and recommended: Yes)

longer but more accurate



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# Cluster stat tool

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**FROGS Clusters stat** Process some metrics on clusters. (Galaxy Version 3.2.1)

Options

**Abundance file**

   6: FROGS Clustering swarm: abundance.biom

Clusters abundance (format: BIOM).

Execute

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# Practice:

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LAUNCH CLUSTERING AND CLUSTERSTAT TOOLS

# Exercise

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Go to « [16S](#) » history

Launch the Clustering SWARM tool on that data set with guideline 3.2 *i.e. aggregation distance =1*

→ objectives :

- understand the outputs from clustering
- understand the ClusterStat utility

# Exercise

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1. How many clusters do you get ?

Launch FROGS **Cluster Stat tools** on the previous abundance biom file

FROGS Clusters stat Process  
some metrics on clusters.

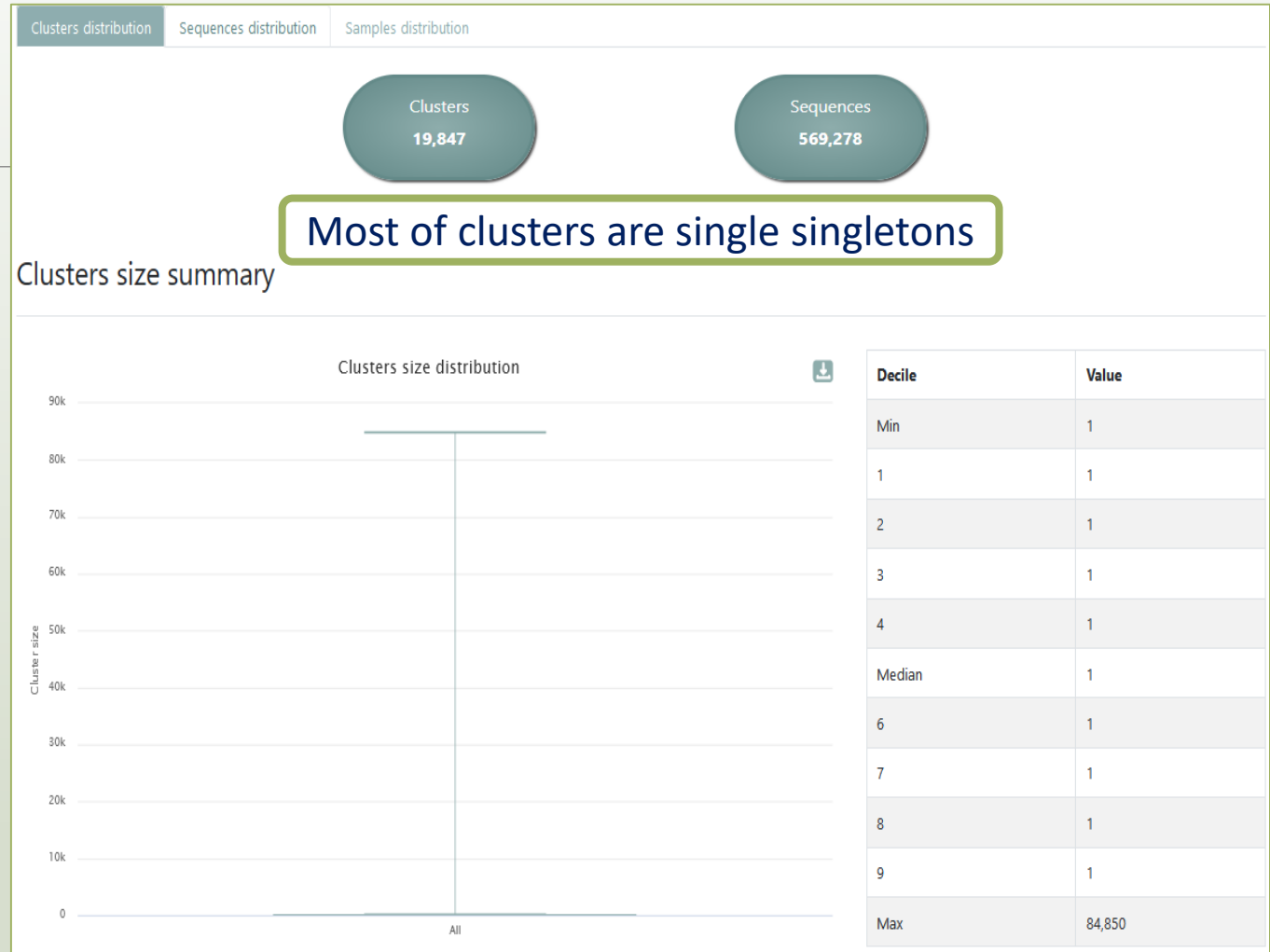
# Exercise

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2. Interpret the boxplot: **Clusters size summary**
3. Interpret the table: **Clusters size details - How many single singletons do you find?**
4. What can we say by observing the **sequence distribution**?
5. How many clusters share “BHT0.LOT08” with at least one other sample?
6. How many clusters could we expect to be shared ?
7. How many sequences represent the 106 specific clusters of “CDT0.LOT06”?
8. This represents what proportion of “CDT0.LOT06”?
9. What do you think about it?
10. How do you interpret the « Hierarchical clustering » ?

Answer 1, 2  
& 3

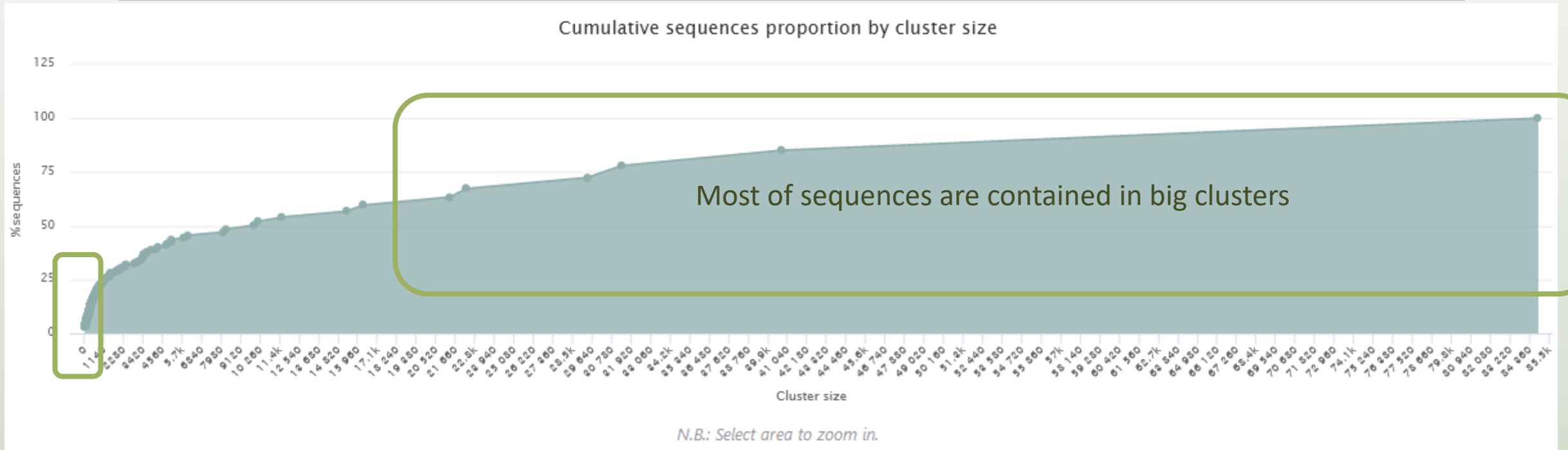
- Q1: How many clusters do you get ?
- Q2: Interpret the boxplot: **Clusters size summary**
- Q3: Interpret the table: **Clusters size details** -  
**How many single singletons do you find?**





Answer 4

Q4: What can we say by observing the **sequence distribution**?



The small clusters represent few sequences

Answer 5 to 9

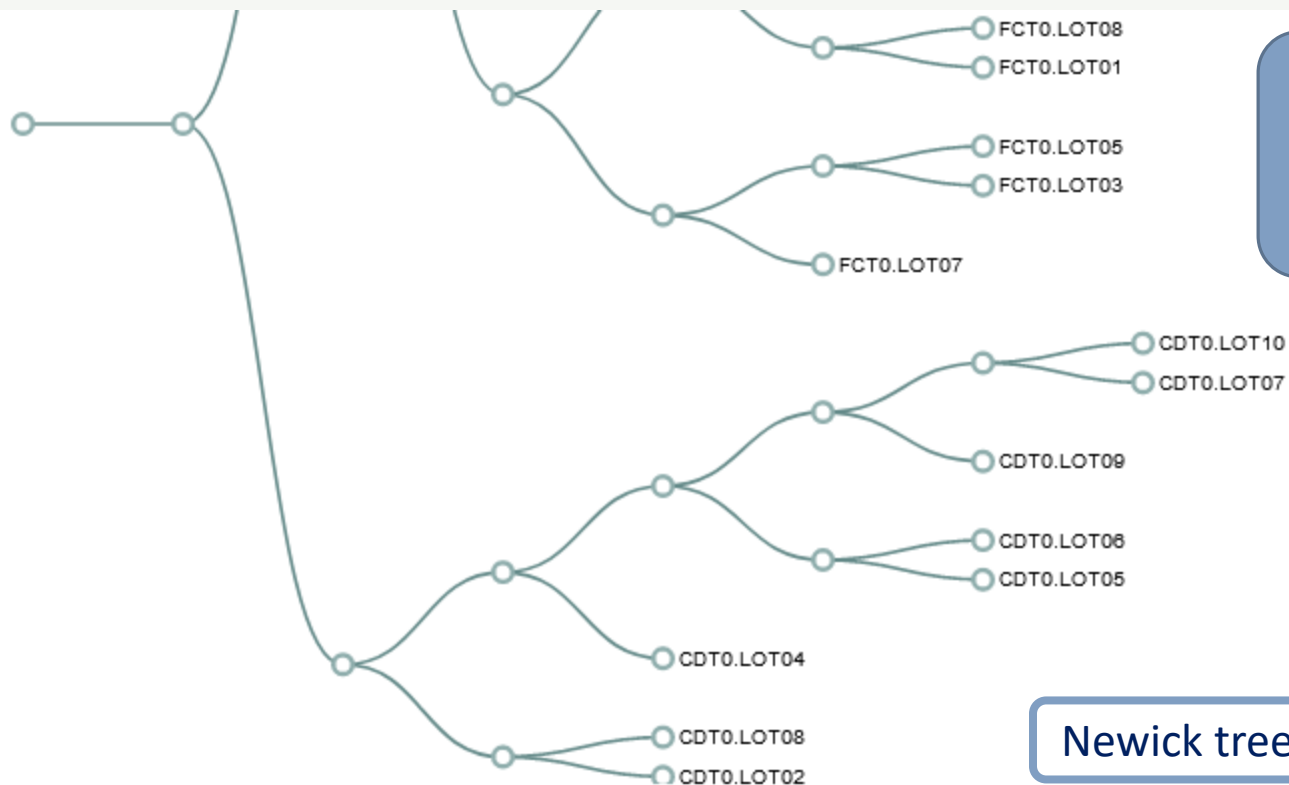
	Total clusters	Shared clusters	Own clusters	Total sequences	Shared sequences	Own sequences
BHT0.LOT01	491	114	377	9,087	8,709	378
BHT0.LOT03	433	140	293			
BHT0.LOT04	474	152	322			
BHT0.LOT05	475	153	322			
BHT0.LOT06	490	156	334	8,996	8,662	334
BHT0.LOT07	531	165	366	9,059	8,690	369
BHT0.LOT08	430	201	229	8,715	8,486	229
BHT0.LOT10	401	100	308	8,938	8,630	308
CDT0.LOT02			490	9,259	8,767	492
CDT0.LOT04			302	8,917	8,609	308
CDT0.LOT05	380	241	139	8,516	8,377	139
CDT0.LOT06	362	256	106	8,370	8,264	106
CDT0.LOT07	489	100	389			389
CDT0.LOT08	556	162	394			398
CDT0.LOT09	456	150	306			308
CDT0.LOT10	465	157	308			308

Q5: How many clusters share "BHT0.LOT08" with at least one other sample?  
 Q6: How many clusters could we expect to be shared ?  
 Q7: How many sequences represent the 106 specific clusters of "CDT0.LOT06"?  
 Q8: This represents what proportion of "CDT0.LOT06"?  
 Q9: What do you think about it?

201 clusters of BHT0.LOT08 are common at least once with another sample

~30 % of the specific clusters of CDT0.LOT06 represent around ~1% of sequences  
 Could be interesting to remove if individual variability is not the concern of user

Q10: How do you interpret the « Hierarchical clustering » ?



The « Hierarchical clustering » is established with a Bray Curtis distance particularly well adapted to abundance table of very heterogenous values (very big and very small figures).

Newick tree available too, can be copied and pasted an tree viewer

Newick

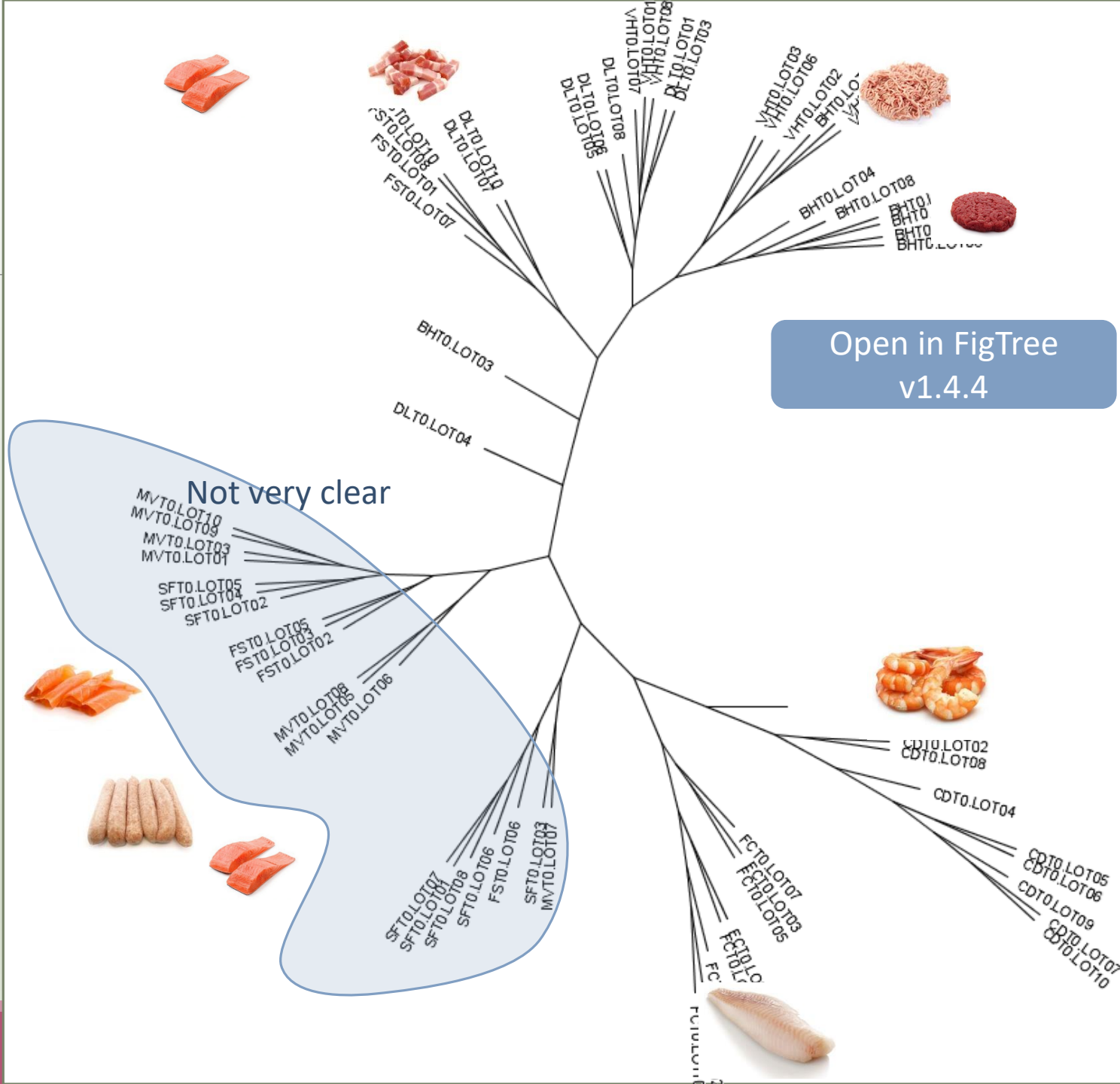
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(SFT0.LOT01,SFT0.LOT07):0.132):0.345):0.354):0.570):0.655,(((MVT0.LOT06,(MVT0.LOT05,MVT0.LOT08):0.439):0.511,((FST0.LOT02,(FST0.LOT03,FST0.LOT05):0.147):0.179,((SFT0.LOT02,
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Answer 10

Q10: How do you interpret the « Hierarchical clustering » ?

N.B.: Hierarchical clustering is not all a phylogenetic tree ! Please consult with caution.



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# Chimera removal tool

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# What is chimera ?

PCR-generated chimeras are typically created when an aborted amplicon acts as a primer for a heterologous template. Subsequent chimeras are about the same length as the non-chimeric amplicon and contain the forward (for.) and reverse (rev.) primer sequence at each end of the amplicon.

**Chimera: from 5 to 45% of reads** (Schloss 2011)

*aborted amplification*



*next cycle's "primer"*



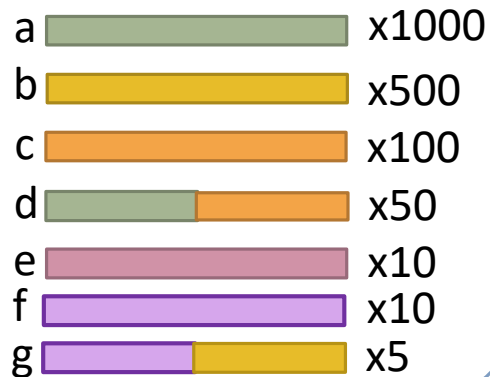
*chimeric sequence*



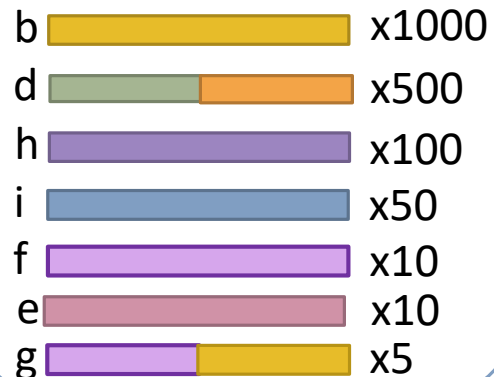
# A smart removal chimera to be accurate

We use a sample cross-validation

Sample A



Sample B



“d” is view as chimera by Vsearch  
Its “parents” are presents

“d” is view as normal sequence by Vsearch  
Its “parents” are absents

- ⇒ For FROGS “d” is not a chimera
- ⇒ For FROGS “g” is a chimera, “g” is removed
- ⇒ FROGS increases the detection specificity

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# Practice:

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LAUNCH THE REMOVE CHIMERA TOOL



# Exercise

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Go to « 16S » history

Launch the « FROGS Remove Chimera » tool

Follow by the « FROGS ClusterStat » tool

→ objectives :

- understand the efficiency of the chimera removal
- make links between small abundant OTUs and chimeras

**FROGS Remove chimera** Remove PCR chimera in each sample. (Galaxy Version 3.2.1)

Options

**Sequences file**

5: FROGS Clustering swarm: seed\_sequences.fasta

The sequences file (format: fasta).

**Abundance type**

BIOM file

Select the type of file where the abundance of each sequence by sample is stored.

**Abundance file**

6: FROGS Clustering swarm: abundance.biom

It contains the count by sample for each sequence.

Execute

# Exercise

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1. Understand the « FROGS remove chimera : report.html»
  - a. How many clusters are kept after chimera removal?
  - b. How many sequences that represent ? So what abundance?
  - c. What do you conclude ?
2. What is the size of the largest removed cluster of chimeras?

# Exercise

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3. Rename html output in Chimera\_report.html

Launch « FROGS ClusterStat » tool on non\_chimera\_abundance.biom

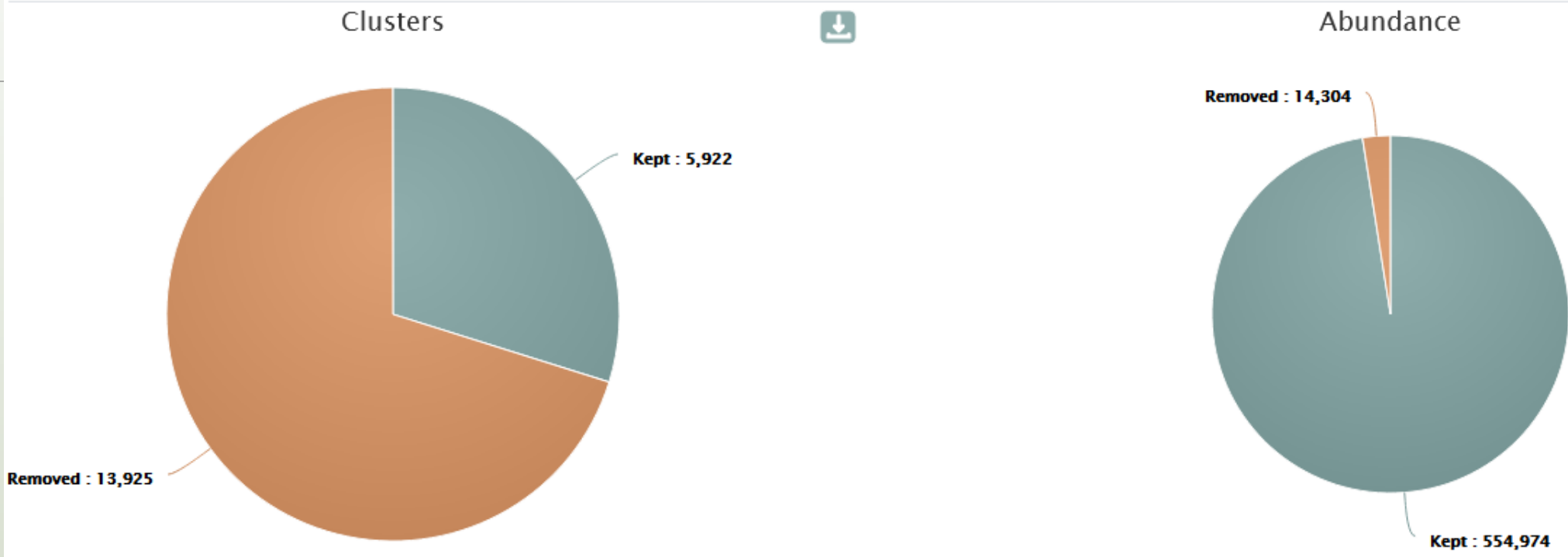
4. Compare the HTML files

- a. Of what are mainly composed singleton ? (compare with previous report.html)
- b. What are their abundance?
- c. What do you conclude ?

Answer 1

Q1a: How many clusters are kept after chimera removal?  
Q1b: How many sequences that represent ? So what abundance?  
Q1c: What do you conclude ?

### Remove summary



5922 clusters are kept.  
The 13925 removed clusters represent ~2.5 % of sequences

Here, chimera clusters represent many clusters ~70% but very few sequences.

Removed clusters are low abundance clusters.

## Answer 2

Q2: What is the size of the largest removed cluster of chimeras?

Sample	Clusters kept	Cluster abundance kept	Chimeric clusters removed	Chimeric abundance removed	Abundance of the most abundant chimera removed	Individual chimera detected	Individual chimera abundance detected	Abundance of the most abundant individual chimera detected
VHT0.LOT02	205	8,862	366	410	19	372	446	19
MVT0.LOT10	253	9,312	16	16	10	169	304	92
VHT0.LOT08	261	8,852	10	10	10	310	344	1
VHT0.LOT01	197	8,831	8	8	8	365	382	8

The largest cluster of chimeras contained 19 sequences.

92 chimeras are detected but only 10 are removed because 82 have been invalidated by the cross validation

Q3: Rename html output in Chimera\_report.html

## Answer 3

**11: FROGS Remove chimera: report.html**



Attributes

Convert Format

Data

Edit Attributes

Name:

Chimera\_report.html

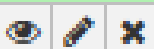
Info:

## Application

Software :/gal

/galaxy-preprod/my\_tools

**11: Chimera\_report.html**



Answer 4

Q4a: Of what are mainly composed singleton ? (compare with previous report.html)

Q4b: What are their abundance?

Q4c: What do you conclude ?

Cluster size	↑↓	Number of cluster	↑↓	% of all clusters	↑↓
1		19,078		96.13	
2		148		0.75	
3		22		0.11	
4		10		0.05	

Cluster\_Stat report after clustering

Most small clusters are composed of chimeras

Cluster size	↑↓	Number of cluster	↑↓	% of all clusters	↑↓
1		5,287		89.28	
2		48		0.81	
3		15		0.25	
4		7		0.12	

Cluster\_Stat report after chimera removing

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# OTU Filter tool

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# OTU Filter

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**Goal:** This tool deletes OTU among conditions enter by user. If an OTU reply to at least 1 criteria, the OTU is deleted.

**Criteria:**

**The OTU prevalence:** The number of times the OTU is present in the environment, *i.e.* the number of samples where the OTU must be present.

**OTU size:** An OTU that is not large enough for a given proportion or count will be removed.

**Biggest OTU:** Only the X biggest are conserved.

**Contaminant:** If OTU sequence matches with phiX, chloroplastic/mitochondrial 16S of A. Thaliana or your own contaminant sequence.

One tool, 4 criteria

1

2

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4

## FROGS OTU Filters Filters OTUs on several criteria. (Galaxy Version 3.2.2)

Options

### Sequences file

9: FROGS Remove chimera: non\_chimera.fasta

The sequence file to filter (format: fasta).

### Abundance file

10: FROGS Remove chimera: non\_chimera\_abundance.biom

The abundance file to filter (format: BIOM).

### Minimum prevalence

4

Fill the field only if you want this treatment. Keep OTU if it is present in at least this number of samples.

### Minimum OTU abundance as proportion or count. We recommend to use a proportion of 0.00005.

as proportion

### Minimum proportion of sequences abundance to keep OTU

0.00005

Fill the field only if you want this treatment. Example: 0.00005, recommended by Bokulich et al 2013, to keep OTU with at least 0,005% of all sequences).

### N biggest OTUs

Fill the fields only if you want this treatment. Keep the N biggest OTU.

### Search for contaminant OTU.

Use contaminant fasta file from the server

Either you use your own contaminant fasta file or you select one among available ones.

### Contaminant databank

phiX

For example the phiX databank (the phiX is a control added in Illumina sequencing technologies).

Execute

1

**FROGS OTU Filters** Filters OTUs on several criteria. (Galaxy Version 3.2.2) Options

**Sequences file**

9: FROGS Remove chimera: non\_chimera.fasta

The sequence file to filter (format: fasta).

**Abundance file**

10: FROGS Remove chimera: non\_chimera\_abundance.biom

The abundance file to filter (format: BIOM).

**Minimum prevalence**

**Prevalence**

Fill the field only if you want this treatment. Keep OTU if it is present in at least this number of samples.

Here, user wants that each OTU are present in at least 4 samples.

**Minimum OTU abundance as proportion or count. We recommend to use a proportion of 0.00005.**

as proportion

**Minimum proportion of sequences abundance to keep OTU**

0.00005

Fill the field only if you want this treatment. Example: 0.00005, recommended by Bokulich et al 2013, to keep OTU with at least 0,005% of all sequences).

OR

**Minimum OTU abundance as proportion or count. We recommend to use a proportion of 0.00005.**

as count

**Minimum number of sequences to keep OTU**

2

Fill the field only if you want this treatment. Ex: 2 to keep OTU with at least 2 sequences, so remove single singleton.

2

Here, user wants that each OTU has an abundance representing at least 0.005% of total number of sequences.

Here, user wants that each OTU has an abundance at least equals to 2 sequences -> single singleton will be removed.

3

**N biggest OTUs**

50

Fill the fields only if you want this treatment. Keep the N biggest OTU.

Here, user wants to keep the 50 biggest OTU.

**Search for contaminant OTU.**

Use contaminant fasta file from the server

Either you use your own contaminant fasta file or you select one among available ones.

Remove phiX sequence (use as buffer while sequencing)

**Contaminant databank**

phiX

For example the phiX databank (the phiX is a control added in Illumina sequencing technologies).

OR

**Search for contaminant OTU.**

Use contaminant fasta file from the server

Either you use your own contaminant fasta file or you select one among available ones.

**Contaminant databank**

Arabidopsis TAIR10 Chloroplast and mitochondrie

For example the phiX databank (the phiX is a control added in Illumina sequencing technologies).

Remove chloroplastic and mitochondrial 16S sequences of *A. Thaliana*

OR

**Search for contaminant OTU.**

Use contaminant fasta file from the history

Either you use your own contaminant fasta file or you select one among available ones.

**Select a contaminante reference from history**

31: contaminant.fasta

Place in your history (with getadata tool) your own file of contaminant sequences in fasta format.

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# Practice:

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LAUNCH THE OTU FILTER TOOL

# Exercise:

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Go to history « 16S » history

Launch « OTU Filter » tool with non\_chimera\_abundance.biom, non\_chimera.fasta

Use 3 criteria to filter OTUs:

- OTU must be present at least in 4 samples
- Each OTU must represented a minimum of 0.005 % <sup>(1)</sup> of the totality of the sequences
- OTU of phiX <sup>(2)</sup> must be removed

→ objective : play with filters, understand their impacts on false-positives OTUs

<sup>(1)</sup> *Nat Methods*. 2013 Jan;10(1):57-9. doi: 10.1038/nmeth.2276. Epub 2012 Dec 2.  
**Quality-filtering vastly improves diversity estimates from Illumina amplicon sequencing.**  
Bokulich NA1, Subramanian S, Faith JJ, Gevers D, Gordon JI, Knight R, Mills DA, Caporaso JG.

<sup>(2)</sup> <https://www.illumina.com/products/by-type/sequencing-kits/cluster-gen-sequencing-reagents/phix-control-v3.html>



# Exercise:

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1. What are the output files of “OTU Filter” ?
2. Explore “FROGS Filter : report.html” file. How many OTUs have you removed ? How many OTUs do they remain ? Which sample loses the most OTUs and for what reason?
3. Build the Venn diagram on the two filters. How many OTUs have you removed with each filter ?
4. How many own OTU remains in BHT0.LOT08 ? To retrieve this information, which tool do you need to launch previously ?

Answer 1

## FROGS OTU Filters Filters OTUs on several criteria. (Galaxy Version 3.2.2)

Options

### Sequences file

9: FROGS Remove chimera: non\_chimera.fasta

The sequence file to filter (format: fasta).

### Abundance file

10: FROGS Remove chimera: non\_chimera\_abundance.biom

The abundance file to filter (format: BIOM).

### Minimum prevalence

4

Fill the field only if you want this treatment. Keep OTU if it is present in at least this number of samples.

### Minimum OTU abundance as proportion or count. We recommend to use a proportion of 0.00005.

as proportion

### Minimum proportion of sequences abundance to keep OTU

0.00005

Fill the field only if you want this treatment. Example: 0.00005, recommended by Bokulich et al 2013, to keep OTU with at least 0,005% (all sequences).

0.005% = 0.00005

### Keep N biggest OTUs

Fill the fields only if you want this treatment. Keep the N biggest OTU.

### Search for contaminant OTU.

Use contaminant fasta file from the server

Either you use your own contaminant fasta file or you select one among available ones.

### Contaminant databank

phiX

For example the phiX databank (the phiX is a control added in Illumina sequencing technologies).

Execute

Outputs

16: FROGS OTU Filters: report.html



15: FROGS OTU Filters: excluded.tsv



14: FROGS OTU Filters: abundance.biom

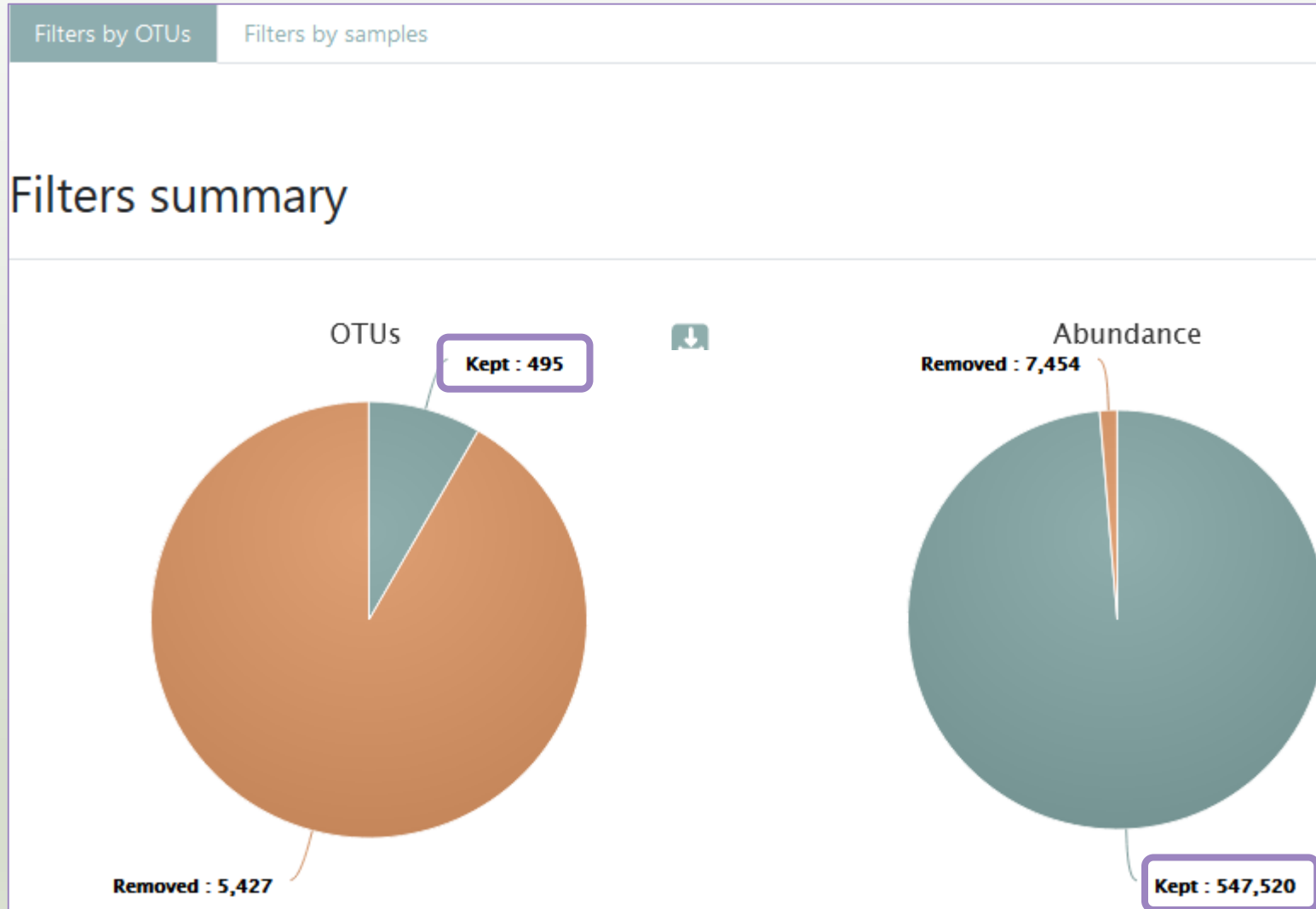


13: FROGS OTU Filters: sequences.fasta



Answer 2

To tabs to explore



## Answer 2

Filters by OTUs Filters by samples

Details by samples

Show 10 entries **Sort by Kept to find the answer** [Download CSV](#) Search:

Sample name	Initial	Kept	Present in less than 4 samples	Abundance < 0.005% (i.e 28 sequences)	Present in databank of contaminants
SFT0.LOT06	433	34	376	398	0
SFT0.LOT07	275	66	188	209	0
SFT0.LOT01	308	70	216	238	0
SFT0.LOT08	324	88	215	236	0
CDT0.LOT02	234	92	141	142	0
MVT0.LOT10	253	96	155	157	0
SFT0.LOT03	196	97	92	98	0
BHT0.LOT01	172	98	72	74	0
CDT0.LOT07	187	99	87	88	0
SFT0.LOT05	214	105	107	108	0

Showing 1 to 10 of 64 entries

Previous 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Next

This sample have only very small clusters that are shared by very few other samples.

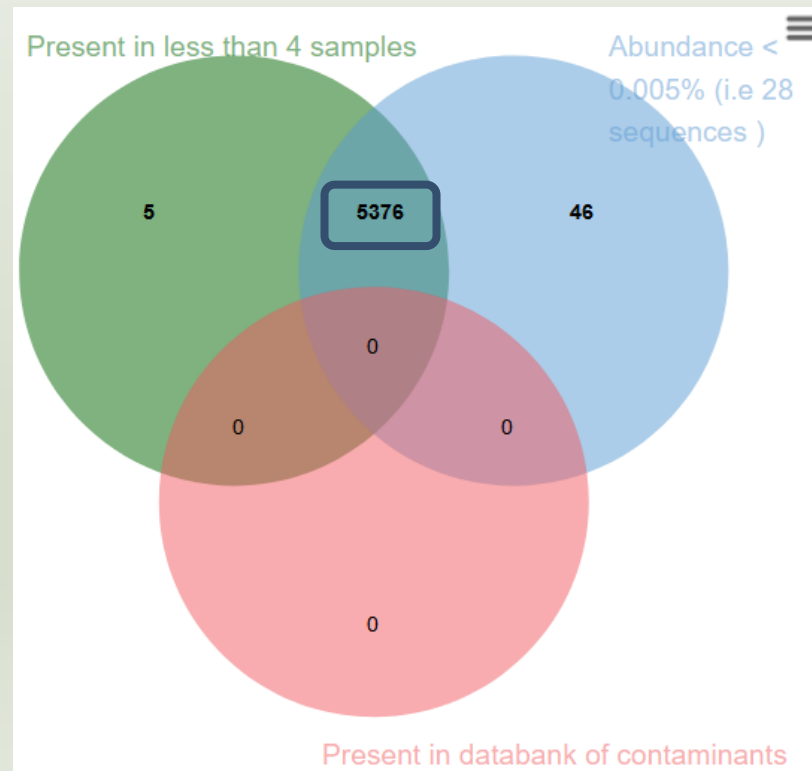
## Answer 3

### Filters intersections

Draw a Venn to see which OTUs had been deleted by the filters chosen (Maximum 6 options):

- Present in less than 4 samples
- Abundance < 0.005% (i.e 28 sequences )
- Present in databank of contaminants

Venn



- No phiX sequence.
- Most clusters are both small and not shared by 4 samples.

## Answer 4

report.html of ClusterStat tool

Because of the "prevalence = 4" criterion, there is no longer an "own cluster" for any sample.

Clusters distribution Sequences distribution **Samples distribution**

### Sequences count

Show  entries Search:  [Download CSV](#)

Sample	Total clusters	Shared clusters	Own clusters	Total sequences	Shared sequences	Own sequences
BHT0.LOT01	98	98	0	8,690	8,690	0
BHT0.LOT03	135	135	0	8,377	8,377	0
BHT0.LOT04	150	150	0	8,643	8,643	0
BHT0.LOT05	140	140	0	8,544	8,544	0
BHT0.LOT06	145	145	0	8,646	8,646	0
BHT0.LOT07	150	150	0	8,671	8,671	0
BHT0.LOT08	195	195	0	8,479	8,479	0
BHT0.LOT10	165	165	0	8,606	8,606	0
CDT0.LOT02	92	92	0	8,750	8,750	0
CDT0.LOT04	161	161	0	8,605	8,605	0

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# Affiliation tool

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## FROGS Affiliation OTU Taxonomic affiliation of each OTU's seed

### Using reference database

Select reference from the list

### Also perform RDP assignment?

 Yes  No

Optional

Taxonomy affiliation will be performed thanks to Blast. This option is optional.

### Taxonomic ranks

The ordered taxonomic ranks levels stored in the taxonomical reference database.

### OTU seed sequence

OTU sequences (format: fasta).

### Abundance file

OTU abundances (format: BIOM).



silva138.1 16S  
silva138.1 pintail100 16S  
silva138.1 pintail80 16S  
silva138.1 pintail50 16S  
silva138.1 18S  
silva138.1 23S  
silva138.1 28S  
silva138 16S  
silva138 pintail100 16S  
silva138 pintail80 16S  
silva138 pintail50 16S  
silva138 18S  
silva138 SSU  
silva132 LSU  
silva132 28S  
silva132 16S  
silva132\_pintail100 16S  
silva132\_pintail80 16S  
silva132\_pintail50 16S  
silva132 18S  
silva132 23S  
greengenes13\_5  
midas\_S132\_3.6  
midas\_S123\_2.1.3  
Psyringae CTS 20200131  
pr2\_4.12.0  
rpoB\_122017  
Unite\_Fungi\_8.2\_20200204  
Unite\_Euka\_8.2\_20200204  
Unite\_Fungi\_8.0\_18112018  
Unite\_Euka\_8.0\_18112018  
RSyst\_Diatom\_7

on 3.2.3)

Options

DAIRYdb\_v1.1.2  
EZBioCloud\_052018  
PHYMYCO-DB\_2013  
BOLD\_COI-5P\_022019  
BOLD\_COI-5P\_1percentN\_022019  
MIDORI\_UNIQUE\_COI\_20180221  
MIDORI\_UNIQUE\_COI\_MARINE\_20180221  
silva128 16S  
silva128\_pintail100 16S  
silva128\_pintail80 16S  
silva128\_pintail50 16S  
silva128 18S  
silva128 23S  
silva123 16S  
silva123 23S  
silva123 18S  
midas\_S119\_1.20  
pr2\_4.11.0  
pr2\_gb203\_4.5  
Unite\_s\_7.1\_20112016



For more details on FROGS databanks:

[http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/frogs\\_databanks/assignation/readme.txt](http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/frogs_databanks/assignation/readme.txt)



# 1 Cluster = 2 affiliations

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RDPClassifier\*: one affiliation with bootstrap, on each taxonomic subdivision.

Bacteria;(1.0);Actinobacteriota;(1.0);Actinobacteria;(1.0);Propionibacteriales;(1.0);Propionibacteriaceae;(1.0);Cutibacterium;(1.0);Cutibacterium acnes;(0.57);

NCBI Blastn+\*\* : one affiliation with identity %, coverage %, e-value, alignment length and a special tag “**Multi-affiliation**”.

Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Multi-affiliation

Identity: 100% and Coverage: 100%

\* Appl. Environ. Microbiol. August 2007 vol. 73 no. 16 5261-5267. doi : 10.1128/AEM.00062-07  
**Naïve Bayesian Classifier for Rapid Assignment of rRNA Sequences into the New Bacterial Taxonomy.**  
Qiong Wang, George M.Garrity, James M. Tiedje and James R. Cole

\*\* BMC Bioinformatics 2009, 10:421. doi:10.1186/1471-2105-10-421  
**BLAST+: architecture and applications**  
Christiam Camacho, George Coulouris, Vahram Avagyan, Ning Ma, Jason Papadopoulos, Kevin Bealer and Thomas L Madden

# Affiliation Strategy of FROGS

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Blastn+ with “**Multi-affiliation**” management

Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus

Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus saprophyticus

Strictly identical (V1-V3 amplification) on 499 nucleotides

Which one to choose?

# Affiliation Strategy of FROGS

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Blastn+ with “**Multi-affiliation**” management

Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus

Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus saprophyticus

Strictly identical (V1-V3 amplification) on 499 nucleotides



Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;**Multi-affiliation**

We cannot choose without preconceived ideas.

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# Practice:

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LAUNCH THE FROGS AFFILIATION TOOL

# Exercice:

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Go to history « 16S » history

Launch the « FROGS Affiliation » tool with

- SILVA 138.1 16S database pintail 100

→ objectives :

- understand abundance tables columns
- understand the BLAST affiliation

## FROGS Affiliation OTU Taxonomic affiliation of each OTU's seed by RDPtools and BLAST (Galaxy Version 3.2.2)

Options

### Using reference database

silva138.1 pintail100 16S

Select reference from the list

### Also perform RDP assignment?

Yes

No

Taxonomy affiliation will be perform thanks to Blast. This option allow you to perform it also with RDP classifier (default No)

### OTU seed sequence

32: FROGS OTU Filters: sequences.fasta

OTU sequences (format: fasta).

### Abundance file

33: FROGS OTU Filters: abundance.biom

OTU abundances (format: BIOM).

Execute

# Exercise

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1. What are the « **FROGS Affiliation tool** » output files ?
2. How many sequences are affiliated by BLAST ?
3. How many OTU have a “multiaffiliation” at Order ranks ?
4. Click on the « eye » button on the BIOM output file, what do you understand ?



# Exercise

Use the **Biom\_to\_TSV** tool on this last file and click again on the "eye" on the new output generated.



**FROGS BIOM to TSV** Converts a BIOM file in TSV file. (Galaxy Version 3.2.2) Options

**Abundance file**  
37: FROGS Affiliation OTU: affiliation.biom  
The BIOM file to convert (format: BIOM).

**Sequences file (optional)**  
32: FROGS OTU Filters: sequences.fasta  
The sequences file (format: fasta). If you use this option the sequences will be add in TSV.

**Extract multi-alignments**  
 Yes  No  
If you have used FROGS [unclear] out multiple alignments in a second TSV.

Execute

Transform the biom file in tsv file (easy to manipulate on excel or R)

Optional but very useful, insert sequence of OTU in the abundance table

Build the multi\_affiliations.tsv: the list of possible affiliations for each ambiguous OTU with multi-affiliation

[FROGS Affiliation OTU](#)  
Taxonomic affiliation of each OTU's seed by RDPtools and BLAST

[FROGS Affiliation Filters](#)  
Filters OTUs on several affiliation criteria.

[FROGS Affiliation postprocess](#)  
Optionnal step to resolve inclusive amplicon ambiguities and to aggregate OTUs based on alignment metrics

[FROGS Abundance normalisation](#)  
Normalise OTUs abundance.

[FROGS Tree](#)  
Reconstruction of phylogenetic tree

[FROGS Clusters stat](#)  
Process some metrics on clusters.

[FROGS Affiliations stat](#)  
Process some metrics on taxonomies.

[FROGS BIOM to std BIOM](#)  
Converts a FROGS BIOM in fully compatible BIOM.

[FROGS BIOM to TSV](#)  
Converts a BIOM file in TSV file.

[FROGS TSV to BIOM](#)  
Converts a TSV file in a BIOM file.



# Exercise

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5. Click again on the "eye" on the new output generated.



Or open it in your favorite spreadsheet (Excel, google sheet, Calc...) !

Now, what do you think about the file format? What does it contain?

# Exercise

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## 6. Observe and describe

- In FROGS BIOM to TSV: abundance\_silva.tsv, the different columns of cluster 3
  - a. how would you qualify the alignment between the OTU3 seed and the sequences of the silva database?
  - b. What does it mean e-value = 0 ?
  - c. What is the header of column that shows the sequence of OTU seed ?
  - d. How many sequences have OTU3 in total ?
  - e. How many sequences have OTU3 in MVT0.LOT10 ? What is the sample where OTU3 is absent ?

# Exercise

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## 7. Observe and describe

- In FROGS BIOM to TSV: multi\_affiliations.tsv, identifies the lines corresponding to cluster3
  - a. Why cluster3 has a multiaffiliation for species ?
  - b. Why “Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Lactobacillaceae;Latilactobacillus;Lactobacillus sakei” is present 74 times ?

Q1: What are the « **FROGS Affiliation tool** » output files ?

Q2: How many sequences are affiliated by BLAST ?

# Exercise

Answer 1

**19: FROGS Affiliation OTU: report.html**

**18: FROGS Affiliation OTU: affiliation.biom**

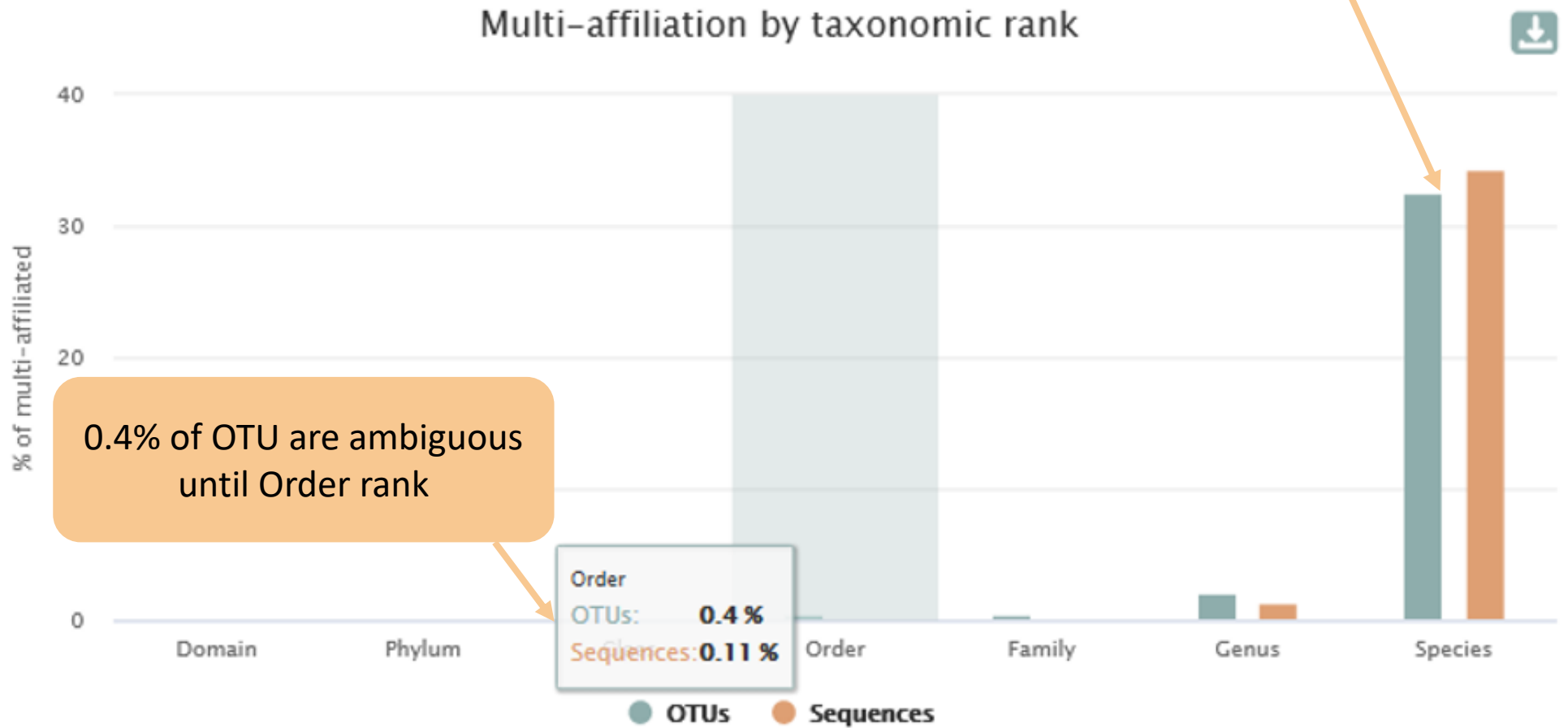
Answer 2



All sequences have a blast affiliation

# Blast multi-affiliation summary

Most of OTUs are ambiguous at species rank.  
For this study, V1V3 amplicon is not resolvable enough to identify the species.



0.4% of OTU are ambiguous until Order rank



Answer 5

Q5: what do you think about the TSV file format? What does it contain?

The TSV format: tabular separated Value.  
Universal format, ideal for different spreadsheets.

This file contain the abundance table and information about affiliation of OTUs.

#comment	blast_taxonomy	blast_subject	blast_perc_identity	blast_perc_query_coverage
no data	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Listeriaceae;Brochothrix;Brochothrix thermosphacta	multi-subject	100	100
no data	Bacteria;Proteobacteria;Gammaproteobacteria;Enterobacterales;Vibrionaceae;Photobacterium;unknown species	FJ456662.1.1555	100	100
no data	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Lactobacillaceae;Latilactobacillus;Multi-affiliation	multi-subject	100	100
no data	Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Multi-affiliation	multi-subject	100	100
no data	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Lactobacillaceae;Leuconostoc;Multi-affiliation	multi-subject	100	100
no data	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Streptococcaceae;Lactococcus;Lactococcus piscium	AM943029.1.1242	99.799	100
no data	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Erysipelotrichales;Erysipelotrichaceae;ZOR0006;unknown species	HG792212.1.1536	94.203	100
no data	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Streptococcaceae;Lactococcus;Multi-affiliation	multi-subject	100	100
no data	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Lactobacillaceae;Weissella;Weissella ceti	FN813251.1.1761	99.799	100

blast_evalue	blast_aln_length	seed_id	seed_sequence	observation_name	observation_sum	BHT0.LOT01	BHT0.LOT03	BHT0.LOT04	BHT0.LOT05	BHT0.LOT06	BHT0.LOT07	BHT0.LOT08
0	497	17_41	GACGAACGCTGGCGGC...	Cluster_1	84849	791	402	433	911	1232	653	441
0	492	17_611	ATTGAACGCTGGCGGC...	Cluster_2	31333	22	4	23	18	19	20	29
0	520	17_595	GACGAACGCTGGCGGC...	Cluster_3	40711	342	70	71	218	81	199	114
0	468	17_257	GACGAACGCTGGCGGC...	Cluster_4	22275	146	1251	263	327	180	118	293
0	497	17_4	GATGAACGCTGGCGGC...	Cluster_5	29355	1842	217	1243	1799	1623	1374	954
0	497	17_23	GACGAACGCTGGCGGC...	Cluster_6	21301	2408	603	1372	2231	2597	2218	1981
0	483	57_5	GATGAACGCTGGCGGC...	Cluster_7	15272	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	499	17_420	GACGAACGCTGGCGGC...	Cluster_8	16252	54	33	51	10	72	1	50
0	497	57_3	TGCAAGTCGAACGCAC...	Cluster_9	11525	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Answer 6

- a. how would you qualify the alignment between the OTU3 seed and the sequences of the silva database?

Alignment is perfect ! 100% identity and 100% coverage between OTU3 seed and the 520 nucleotides of sequence from silva database

- b. What does it mean e-value = 0 ?

The expect value is a parameter that describes the number of hits one can "expect" to see by chance when searching a database of a particular size. The lower the e-value, or the closer it is to zero, the more "significant" the match is.

- c. What is the header of column that shows the sequence of OTU seed ?

Seed\_sequence

- d. How many sequences have OTU3 in total ?

40711 found in column " observation\_sum"

- e. How many sequences have OTU3 in MVT0.LOT10 ? What is the sample where OTU3 is absent ?

MVT0.LOT10
4
0
6722
13
20

CDT0.LOT02
64
1
0
0
3

We can remark that OTU3 is particularly present in MV samples and rare in CD samples



## Answer 7

- a. Why cluster3 has a multi-affiliation for species ?

In multi-affiliations.tsv file, for cluster\_3, we observe that 75 affiliations are possible for this OTU at species rank.

All strictly equivalent 100% identity and 100% coverage with 75 different sequences of silva database.

ctobacillus;Lactobacillus sakei	CP025206.1448122.1449699	100	100	0	520
ctobacillus;Lactobacillus sakei	CP020806.1000690.1002267	100	100	0	520
ctobacillus;Lactobacillus sakei	CP025839.1959094.1960671	100	100	0	520
ctobacillus;unknown species	KF601977.1.1550	100	100	0	520
ctobacillus;Lactobacillus sakei	CP020806.811637.813214	100	100	0	520
ctobacillus;Lactobacillus sakei	CP020806.1103805.1105382	100	100	0	520
ctobacillus;Lactobacillus sakei	CP020806.1109220.1110797	100	100	0	520

- b. Why “Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Lactobacillaceae;Lactobacillus;Lactobacillus sakei” is present 74 times ?

Because these are 74 different strains of *L. sakei*. They have blast ID different.

# Silva pintail or not pintail ?

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Pintail\* represents the probability that the rRNA sequence contains anomalies or is a chimera, where 100 means that the probability for being anomalous or chimeric is low.

4 ranks of available databases in FROGS: 50 pintail, 80 pintail or 100 pintail or no pintail filter.

silva138.1 16S  
silva138.1 pintail100 16S  
silva138.1 pintail80 16S  
silva138.1 pintail50 16S  
silva138.1 18S  
silva138.1 23S  
silva138.1 28S



Only for 16S !

\* <http://aem.asm.org/content/71/12/7724.abstract>

# Exemple between silva 138.1 and silva 138.1 pintail 100

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130 identical blast best hits on SILVA 138.1 pintail 100 databank

- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes 6609
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes C1
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes KPA171202
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes SK137
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes TypeIA2 P.acn17
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes TypeIA2 P.acn31
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes TypeIA2 P.acn33

# Exemple between silva 138.1 and silva 138.1 pintail 100

267 identical blast best hits on SILVA 138.1 full databank

- ? Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Corynebacteriales;Corynebacteriaceae;Corynebacterium;unknown species
- ? Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Aureobasidium melanogenum
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes 266
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes 6609
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes C1
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes hdn-1
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes HL096PA1
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes KPA171202
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes SK137
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;unknown species
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes TypeA2 P.acn17
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes TypeA2 P.acn31
- Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Cutibacterium acnes TypeA2 P.acn33
- ? Cluster\_4 Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Carnobacteriaceae;Dolosigranulum;unknown species

Induces a multi-affiliation up to phylum rank



accession number	organism name	sequence length	sequence quality	alignment quality	pintail quality	SILVA taxonomy
<input type="checkbox"/> KF100699	<i>uncultured bacterium</i>	1341	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	<div style="width: 100%; height: 10px; background-color: green;"></div>	<div style="width: 10%; height: 10px; background-color: gray;"></div>	Bacteria>Firmicutes>Bacilli...

# How choose the good affiliation ?

Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	D83374.1.1477	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP007208.2831760.2833315	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP007208.1649831.1651386	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP007208.1426849.1428404	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP007208.1544187.1545742	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	LT963439.723352				
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP013922.158796				
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP013922.2356345.2857902	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP013922.2851139.2852696	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP013922.2904966.2906523	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP013922.2899760.2901317	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP013922.1470936.1472493	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP013922.1685669.1687226	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus saprophyticus	EU855225.1.1531	100	100	0	499

2 choices for cluster 64

# How choose the good affiliation ?

Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	D83374.1.1477	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP007208.2831760.2833315	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP007208.1649831.1651386	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP007208.1426849.1428404	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP007208.1544187.1545742	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	LT963439.723352.724884	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP013922.1587968.1589525	100	100	0	499
Cluster_64	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus xylosus	CP013922.2856345.2857902	100	100	0	499
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- you have a preconceived notion
- you are familiar with the environment being studied
- you are looking for specific organisms as pathogens
- you collect bibliographical information

Ex:

*Staphylococcus saprophyticus* is a bacterium that can cause urinary tract infections in young women

and

*Staphylococcus xylosus* exists as a commensal on the skin of humans and animals and in the environment. It appears to be much more common in animals than in humans. *S. xylosus* has very occasionally been identified as a cause of human infection.

Maybe, for this cluster, *S. xylosus* is better

# Affiliation explorer

<https://shiny.migale.inrae.fr/app/affiliationexplorer>

The screenshot shows the Affiliation Explorer web application. On the left, there are three upload sections: 'Upload Biom File' (Galaxy37-[f]), 'Optional: upload Fasta File' (Galaxy32-[f]), and 'Upload MultiHits TSV File' (Galaxy42-[f]). Each has a 'Browse...' button and an 'Upload complete' button. A 'Download' button is at the bottom left. The main area has two tabs: 'Affiliation selection' and 'Affiliation edition'. Under 'Affiliation selection', there is a 'Select OTU' dropdown menu set to 'Cluster\_3', with 'Update OTU' and 'Skip OTU' buttons. Below this, a message states: 'Cluster\_3 - 2 conflicting affiliations, ambiguity at rank Species'. Instructions follow: 'Select new affiliation by clicking on a row (double click on a cell to edit its content). Click "Update OTU" to update affiliation (with selected row) or "Skip OTU" to move to the next one.' There is a 'Show 10 entries' dropdown and a search box. A table displays two entries with columns: Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species, Blast ID, %id, and %cov. The first entry is Lactobacillus sakei and the second is unknown species. At the bottom, it says 'Showing 1 to 2 of 2 entries' and has 'Previous', '1', and 'Next' navigation buttons. A 'Show sequence' checkbox is at the bottom left.

	Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species	Blast ID	%id	%cov
1	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Bacilli	Lactobacillales	Lactobacillaceae	Latilactobacillus	Lactobacillus sakei	CP032640.225274.226851	100	100
2	Bacteria	Firmicutes	Bacilli	Lactobacillales	Lactobacillaceae	Latilactobacillus	unknown species	KF601977.1.1550	100	100

A very user-friendly tool, developed by Mahendra Mariadassou and his collaborators (Maïage unit - INRAE Jouy-en-Josas). It allows to modify very simply the affiliations of an abundance table from FROGS.

# Affiliation explorer

<https://shiny.migale.inrae.fr/app/affiliationexplorer>

Demo  
video

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Affiliation explorer' Shiny application. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `https://hub.gke2.mybinder.org/user/mahendra-mariad-liationexplorer-4jqjb7jw/rstudio/?token=r0mZweROqcCzicA5hQm8IA&view=shiny`. The application interface has a dark blue header with the title 'Affiliation explorer' and a hamburger menu icon. Below the header, there are three file upload sections on the left side: 'Upload Biom File', 'Optional: upload Fasta File', and 'Upload MultiHits TSV File'. Each section contains a 'Browse...' button and a 'No file sele...' button. The main content area has two tabs: 'Affiliation selection' (active) and 'Affiliation edition'. Below the tabs, there is a text prompt: 'Please upload your data (Biom file and MultiHits TSV file)'. The browser window also shows standard navigation and window control buttons.



# Divergence on the composition of microbial communities at the different taxonomic ranks

With the first versions of FROGS where multi-affiliation did not yet exist.

Affiliations and abundances of FROGS OTUs are they reliable ?

Taxonomic ranks	Average divergence of the affiliations of the 10 samples (%) 500setA	Average divergence of the affiliations of the 10 samples (%) 100setA
Kingdom	0.00	0.00
Phylum	0.46	0.41
Class	0.64	0.50
Order	0.94	0.68
Familly	1.18	0.78
Genus	1.76	1.30
Species	23.87	34.80

Affiliation was chosen with arbitrary criterion among all strictly equivalent affiliation

solution

Report on abundance table, the multiple identical affiliations

### Only one best hit

Taxonomic ranks	Average divergence of the affiliations of the 10 samples (%) 500setA	Average divergence of the affiliations of the 10 samples (%) 100setA
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Kingdom	0.00	0.00
Phylum	0.46	0.41
Class	0.64	0.50
Order	0.93	0.68
Familly	1.17	0.78
Genus	1.60	1.00
Species	6.63	5.75



With the FROGS guideline  
OTU filter on abundance < 0.005%

Taxonomic ranks	Median divergence of the affiliations of the 10 samples (%) 500setA filter: 0.005% - 505 OTUs	Median divergence of the affiliations of the 10 samples (%) 100setA filter: 0.005% - 100 OTUs
Kingdom	0.00	0.00
Phylum	0.38	0.38
Class	0.57	0.48
Order	0.81	0.64
Familly	1.08	0.74
Genus	1.43	0.76
Species	1.53	0.78



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# Affiliation Stat

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**FROGS Affiliations stat** Process some metrics on taxonomies. (Galaxy Version 3.2.2)

Options

**Abundance file**

18: FROGS Affiliation OTU: affiliation.biom

OTUs abundances and affiliations (format: BIOM).

**Taxonomic ranks**

Domain Phylum Class Order Family Genus Species

The ordered taxonomic ranks levels stored in BIOM. Each rank is separated

**Rarefaction ranks**

Class Order Family Genus Species

The ranks that will be evaluated in rarefaction. Each rank is separated by one space.

**Affiliation processed**

FROGS blast

Select the type of affiliation processed. If your affiliation has been processed with an external tool: use 'Custom'.

Execute

If your OTU are affiliated with less taxonomic ranks (species is missing for example), change it.

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# Practice:

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LAUNCH THE FROGS AFFILIATION STAT TOOL

# Exercice:

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Go to history « 16S » history

Launch the « FROGS Affiliation Stat » tool on last affiliation\_abundance.biom

→ objectives :

understand rarefaction curves and the diversity diagram

# Exercice:

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1. Build the **rarefaction** curve on genus rank with the 10 samples that contain the least number of different genus.
2. SFT0.LOT06 and MVT0.LOT10 have they been sequenced deeply enough?
3. Build the **distribution** on FC samples *i.e.* “Filet de Cabillaud”
4. How many sequences are some *Brochothrix thermosphacta* ?
5. On the total of sequences, what is the proportion affiliated to the Firmicutes?
6. Among Firmicutes, how many are Bacilli ?
7. But what is the proportion of Firmicutes in the total of sequence of all sample ?
8. How many OTUs are align perfectly with a database sequence ?

Answer 1

Q1: Build the **rarefaction** curve on genus rank with the 10 samples that contain the least number of different genus.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Samples	Nb domain	Nb phylum	Nb class	Nb order	Nb family	Nb genus	Nb species	Nb sequences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SFT0.LOT06	1	4	5	9	14	35	57	8,821
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SFT0.LOT01	1	4	6	13	27	39	63	8,859
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCT0.LOT01	1	5	6	13	24	41	96	8,504
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SFT0.LOT05	1	5	7	18	32	50	95	8,728
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SFT0.LOT08	1	4	6	13	33	53	77	8,788
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT01	1	7	9	20	35	55	83	8,750
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SFT0.LOT04	1	6	8	17	34	55	83	8,750
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SFT0.LOT03	1	5	8	17	34	55	83	8,750
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SFT0.LOT02	1	6	7	17	34	55	83	8,750
<input type="checkbox"/>	MVT0.LOT10	1	4	5	17	31	57	83	9,143
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDT0.LOT02	1	6	8	22	36	58	85	8,750

1. Sort the table by genus number

2. Select the 10 first samples

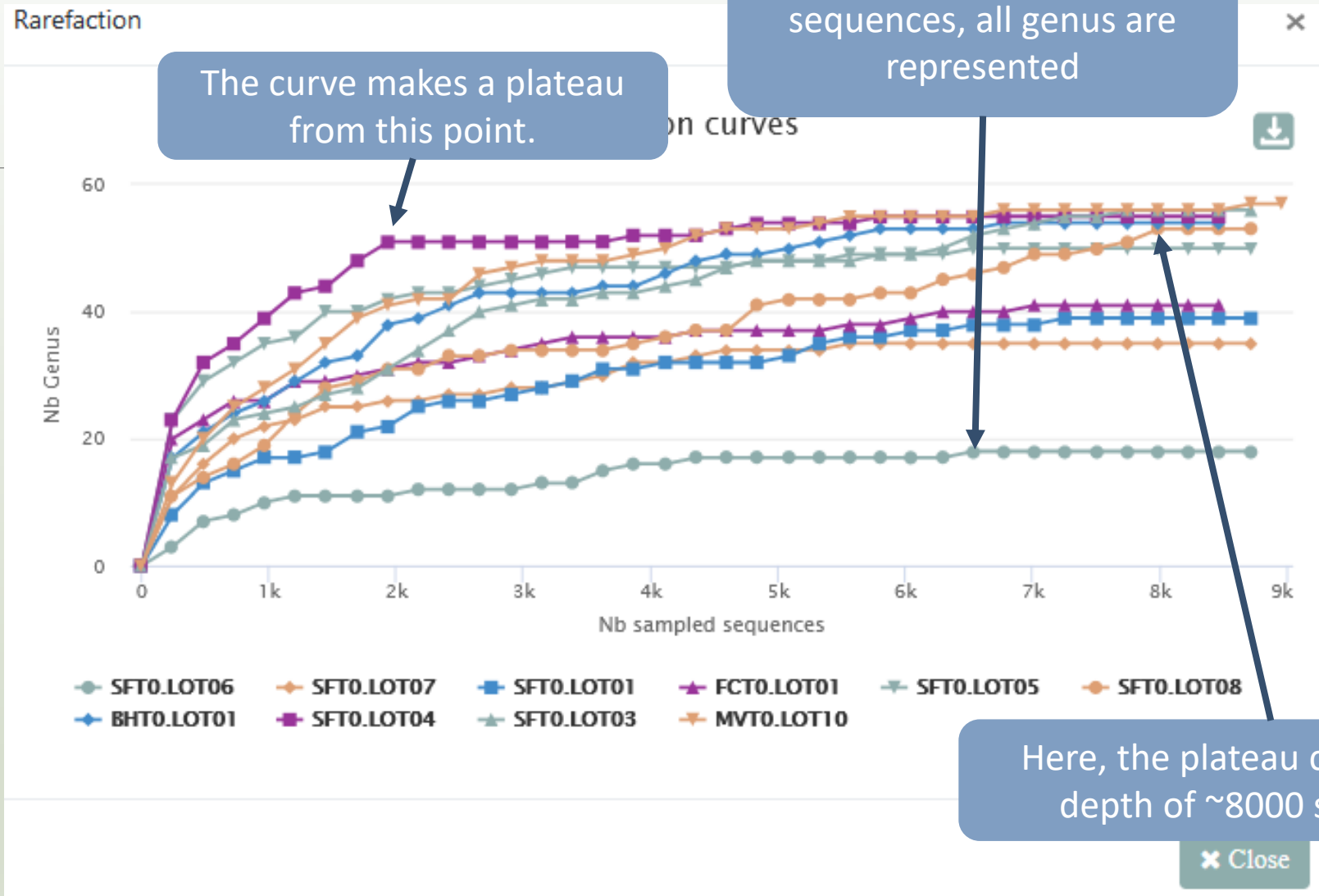
3. At the bottom of the table click on

With selection: Genus



Answer 2

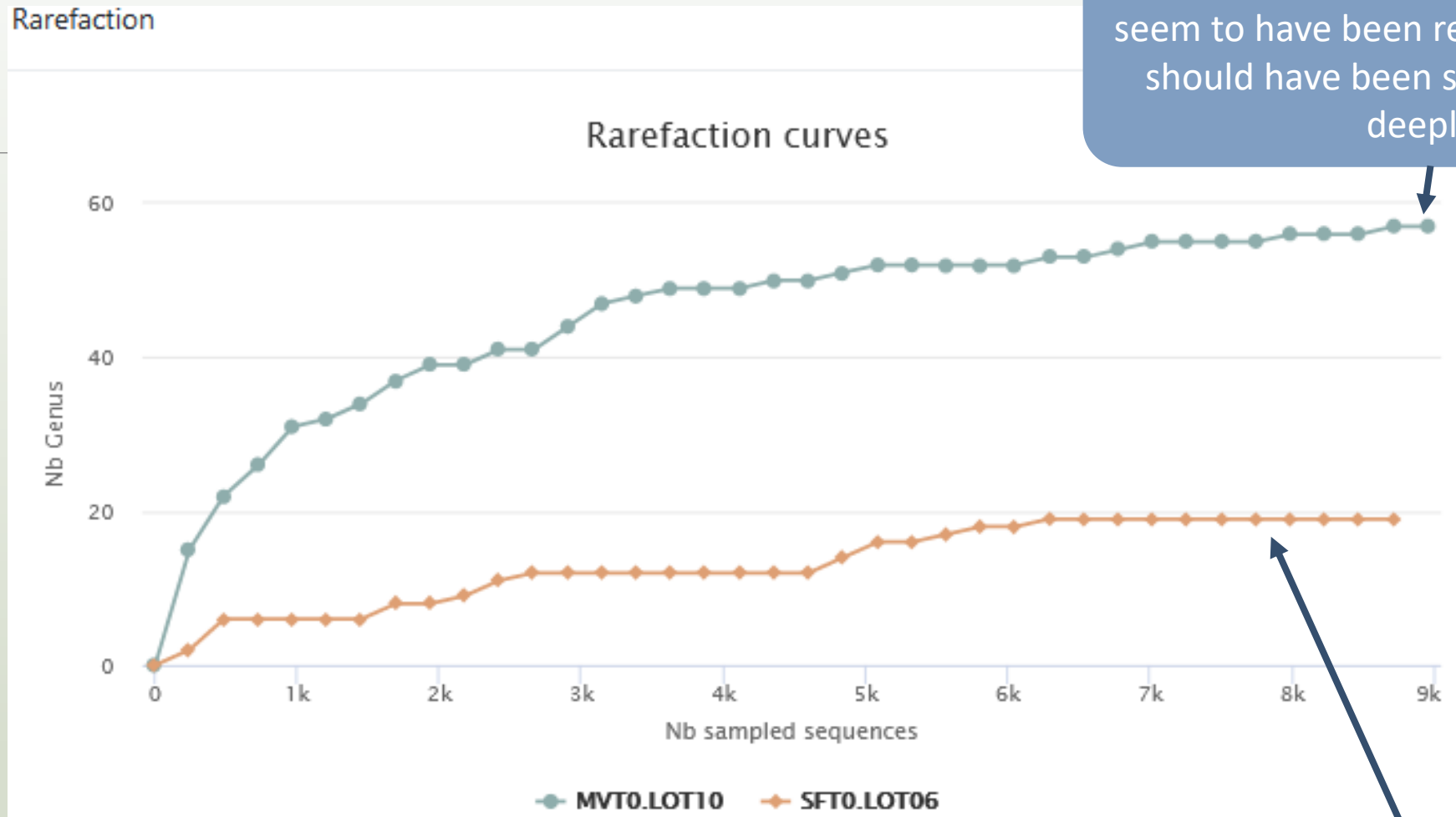
Q2: SFT0.LOT06 and MVT0.LOT10 have they been sequenced deeply enough?



Here, the plateau comes with a depth of ~8000 sequences

Answer 2

Q2: SFT0.LOT06 and MVT0.LOT10 have they been sequenced deeply enough?



For MVT0.LOT10, the plateau does not seem to have been reached. Perhaps they should have been sequenced more deeply?

With ~8000 sequences, all genera for this species are represented

Q3: Build the **distribution** on FC samples *i.e.* “Filet de Cabillaud”

Use search to find only FC samples

Show Select the 8 samples of FC

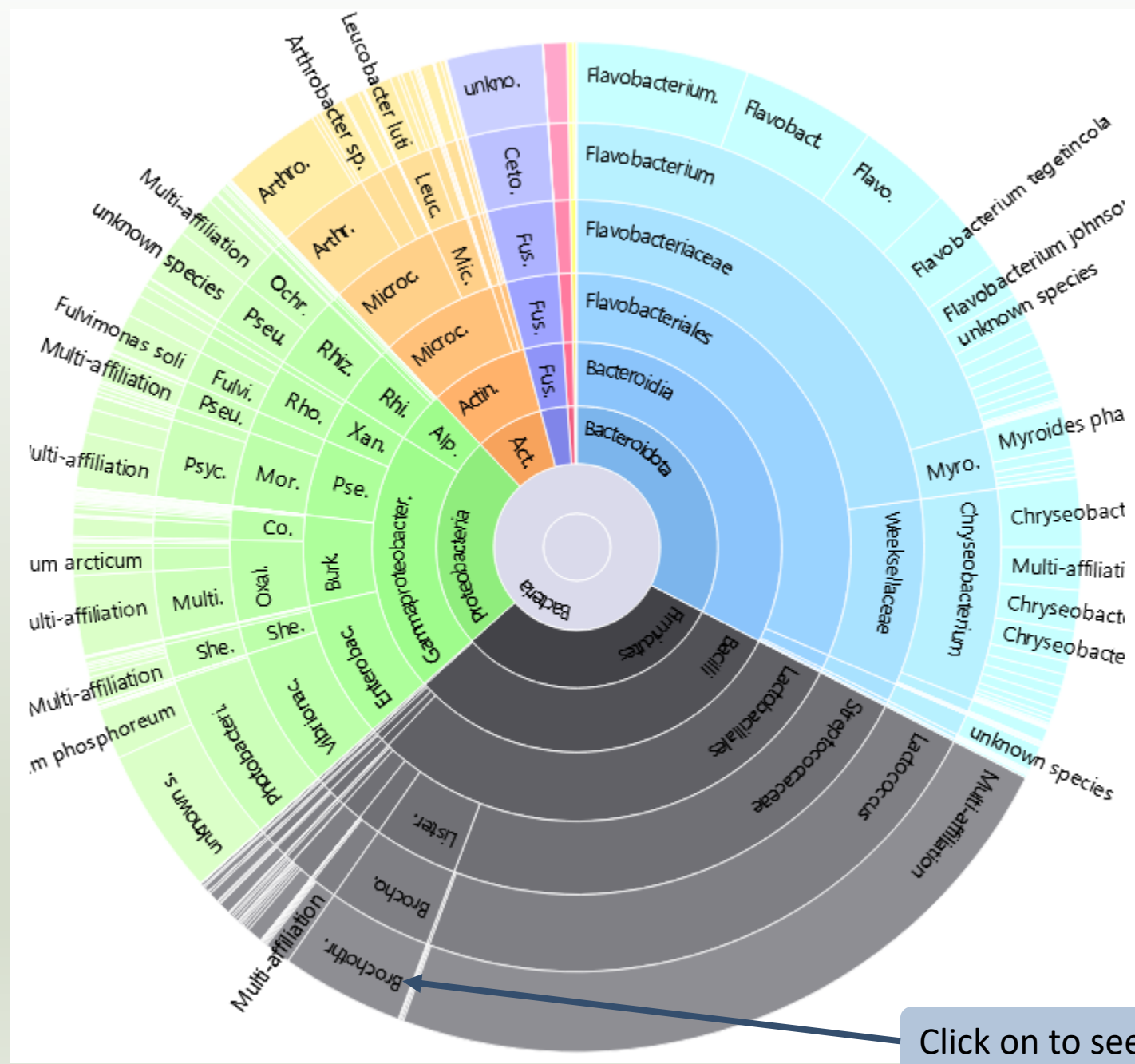
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Samples	Nb domain	Nb phylum	Nb class	Nb order	Nb family	Nb genus	Nb species	Nb sequences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCT0.LOT01	1	5	6	13	24	41	96	8,504
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCT0.LOT02	1	6	8	23	40	67	126	7,638
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCT0.LOT03	1	8	10	26	45	71	122	8,608
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCT0.LOT05	1	8	10	25	44	78	139	8,577
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCT0.LOT06	1	8	10	29	53	97	141	8,577
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCT0.LOT07	1	5	7	24	46	80	126	8,577
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCT0.LOT08	1	7	9	27	53	97	141	8,577
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FCT0.LOT10	1	7	9	27	53	97	141	8,577

At the bottom of the table click on

With selection: Genus

Answer 3 4 & 5

Q3: Build the distribution on FC samples *i.e.* "Filet de Cabillaud"



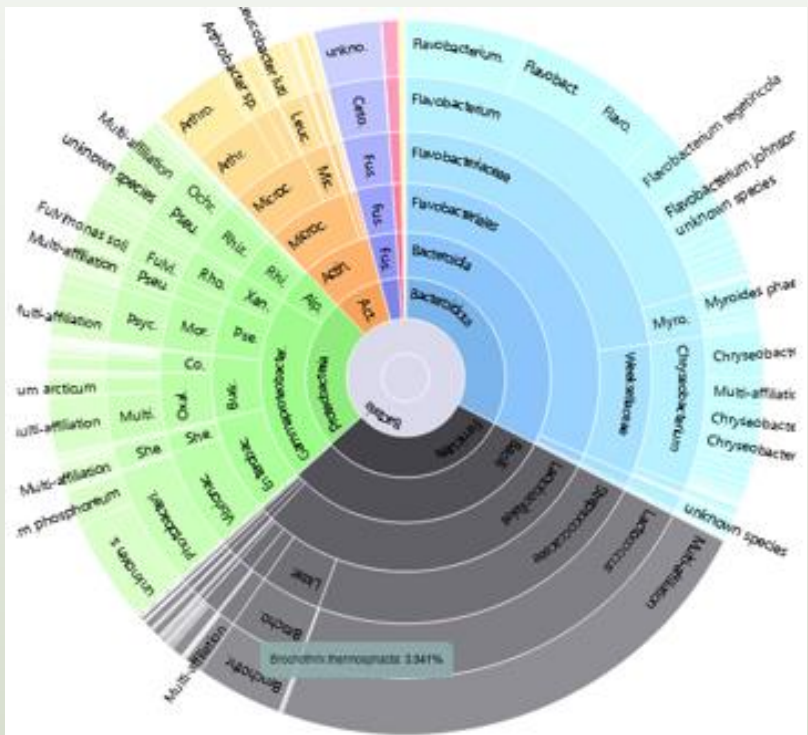
Click on to see *Brochothrix thermosphacta*

Answer 3,  
4, 5 & 6

Q4: How many sequences are some *Brochothrix thermosphacta* ?

Q5: On the total of sequences, what is the proportion affiliated to the Firmicutes?

Q6: Among Firmicutes, how many are Bacilli ?



Detail on selected:

Name	Size	Global %	Parent %
root	67211		
Bacteria	67211	100.000	100.000
Firmicutes	20741	30.860	30.860
Bacilli	20658	30.736	99.600
Lactobacillales	19871	29.565	96.190
Listeriaceae	2649	3.941	13.331
Brochothrix	2649	3.941	100.000
Brochothrix thermosphacta	2649	3.941	100.000

Brochothrix thermosphacta nb children: 0

A table appears

Name	Size	Global %	Parent %
root	67211		
Bacteria	67211	100.000	100.000
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Bacilli	20658	30.736	99.600
Lactobacillales	19871	29.565	96.190
Listeriaceae	2649	3.941	13.331
Brochothrix	2649	3.941	100.000
Brochothrix thermosphacta	2649	3.941	100.000

Brochothrix thermosphacta nb children: 0

- 2649 sequences are some *Brochothrix thermosphacta*
- Firmicutes represent ~30% of total of sequences of these samples
- 99.6% of Firmicutes are Bacilli

## Answer 7

Q7: But what is the proportion of Firmicutes in the total of sequence of all sample ?

Taxonomy distribution Alignment distribution

At the top of the page, click on [Display global distribution](#)

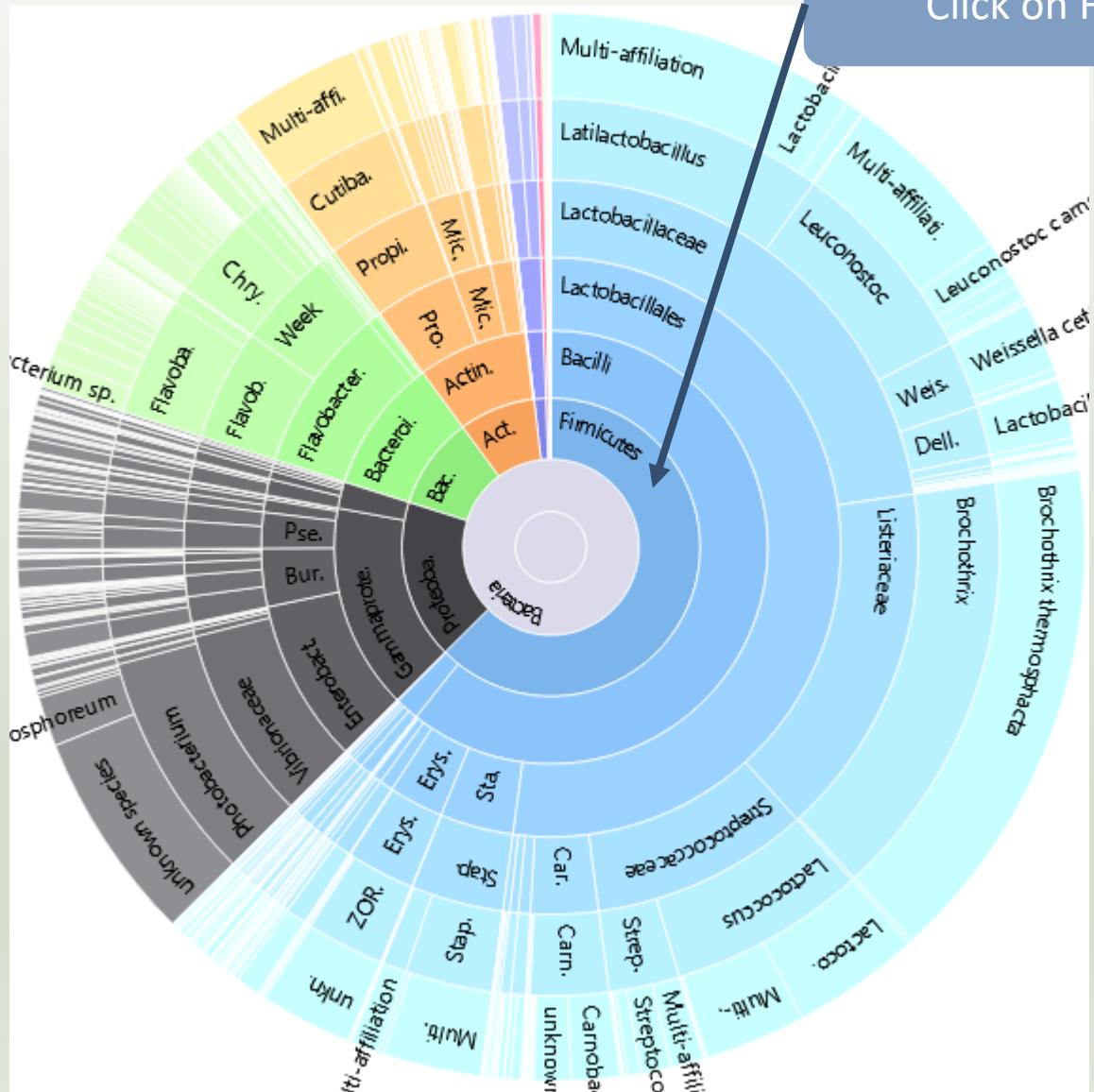
Show  entries  Search:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Samples <sup>↑↓</sup>	Nb domain <sup>↑↓</sup>	Nb phylum <sup>↑↓</sup>	Nb class <sup>↑↓</sup>	Nb order <sup>↑↓</sup>	Nb family <sup>↑↓</sup>	Nb genus <sup>↑↓</sup>	Nb species <sup>↑↓</sup>	Nb sequences <sup>↑↓</sup>
<input type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT01	1	7	9	20	35	54	77	8,690
<input type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT03	1	5	8	25	46	88	120	8,377
<input type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT04	1	7	10	27	51	89	126	8,643
<input type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT05	1	5	7	22	40	69	116	8,544
<input type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT06	1	6	10	28	47	91	125	8,646
<input type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT07	1	6	9	28	51	90	124	8,671
<input type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT08	1	6	9	27	53	109	166	8,479
<input type="checkbox"/>	BHT0.LOT10	1	4	7	26	50	106	144	8,606
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDT0.LOT02	1	6	8	22	36	58	85	8,750
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDT0.LOT04	1	5	7	22	41	74	138	8,605

With selection:

Q7: But what is the proportion of Firmicutes in the total of sequence of all sample ?

Click on Firmicutes



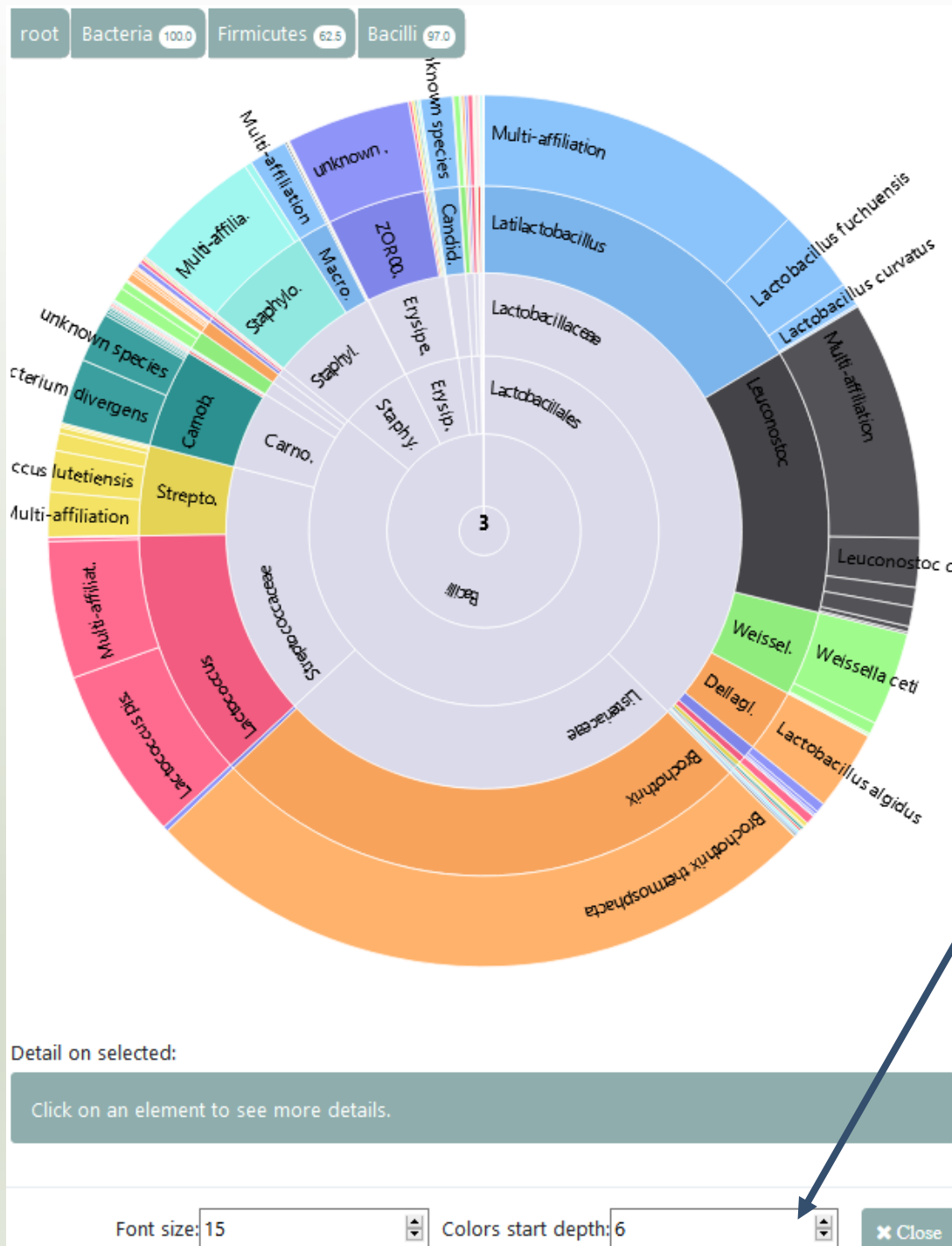
Name	Size	Global %	Parent %
root	547518		
Bacteria	547518	100.000	100.000
Firmicutes	342409	62.538	62.538

Firmicutes represent 62% of Bacteria



Answer 7

Q7: But what is the proportion of Firmicutes in the total of sequence of all sample ?



To focus on Firmicutes, double click on. After you can apply color among rank depth.



Q8: How many OTUs are align perfectly with a database sequence ?

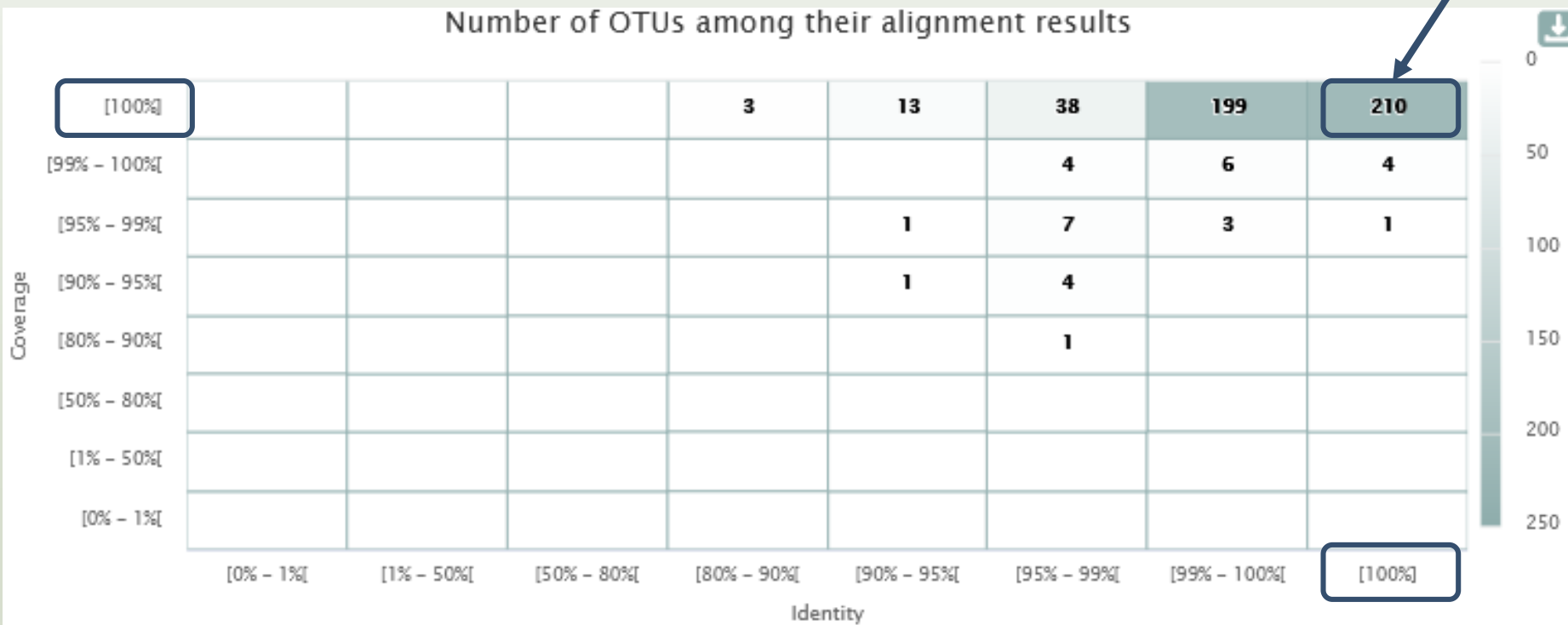
At the top of the page, click on this tab

Taxonomy distribution

Alignment distribution

210 sequences are aligned with 100% identity and 100% coverage with a sequence of silva.

Number of OTUs among their alignment results



by OTUs

by sequences

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# Filters on affiliations

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**FROGS Affiliation Filters** Filters OTUs on several affiliation criteria. (Galaxy Version 3.2.2) Options

**Sequences file**  
 13: FROGS OTU Filters: sequences.fasta  
 The sequence file to filter (format: fasta).

**Abundance file**  
 18: FROGS Affiliation OTU: affiliation.biom  
 The abundance file to filter (format: BIOM).

**Taxonomic ranks**  
  
 The ordered taxonomic ranks levels stored in BIOM. Each rank is separated by one space.

**Filtering mode**  
 Hidding mode  
 Deleting mode  
 Do you want to delete OTUs or hide affiliations

**Filter on Blast affiliations**

**Maximum e-value (between 0 and 1)**

Fill the field only if you want this treatment

**Minimum identity % (between 0 and 1)**

Fill the field only if you want this treatment

**Minimum coverage % (between 0 and 1)**

Fill the field only if you want this treatment

**Minimum alignment length**

Fill the field only if you want this treatment

**Filter blast affiliations including these taxon / word**

1: Filter blast affiliations including these taxon / word trash

**Full or partial taxon name**  
  
 ex: "unknown species" or "subsp."

2: Filter blast affiliations including these taxon / word

**Full or partial taxon name**  
  
 ex: "unknown species" or "subsp."

3: Filter blast affiliations including these taxon / word

**Full or partial taxon name**  
  
 ex: "unknown species" or "subsp."

**Filter on RDP affiliations**

**Taxonomical rank on which to apply bootstrap filter**  
  
 One of the available taxonomical rank name. Ex: Species

**Minimum bootstrap % (between 0 and 1)**

Fill these two fields if you want this treatment.

Careful, it is case sensitive.  
 Firmicutes it's different of firmicutes !

Not open by default

2 modes: hidding or deleting mode.  
 All affiliations that enter in criteria of filter will be either hidden or deleted

- hidding: affiliation counting are not affected, affiliation are simply hidden
- deleting: all abundancies are computed again, affiliation have disappeared

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# Practice:

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LAUNCH THE FROGS AFFILIATION FILTER TOOL

# Exercise:

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1. Apply filters to keep only sequences with perfect alignment with Silva sequences and affiliations without « unknown species » and « Firmicutes » terms. (deleting mode)
2. Apply filters to hide OTU affiliations that have not a perfect alignment with Silva sequences and the affiliations without « unknown species » and « Firmicutes » terms.
3. In deleting mode:
  - How many OTUs remain?
  - Among OTUs with multiaffiliation, How many were impacted/modified ?
4. In hiding mode:
  - What outputs change between deleted mode and hiding mode ?

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The sequence file to filter (format: fasta).

**Abundance file**  
18: FROGS Affiliation OTU: affiliation.biom  
The abundance file to filter (format: BIOM).

**Taxonomic ranks**  
Domain Phylum Class Order Family Genus Species  
The ordered taxonomic ranks levels stored in BIOM. Each rank is separated by one space.

**Filtering mode**  
 Hidding mode  
 Deleting mode  
Do you want to delete OTU or hide affiliations

**Filter on Blast affiliations**

**Maximum e-value (between 0 and 1)**  
[Slider: 0 to 1]

Fill the field only if you want this treatment

**Minimum identity % (between 0 and 1)**  
1 [Slider: 0 to 1]

Fill the field only if you want this treatment

**Minimum coverage % (between 0 and 1)**  
1 [Slider: 0 to 1]

Fill the field only if you want this treatment

**Minimum alignment length**  
[Input field]

Fill the field only if you want this treatment

**Filter blast affiliations including these taxon / word**

1: Filter blast affiliations including these taxon / word

**Full or partial taxon name**  
unknown species  
ex: "unknown species" or "subsp."

2: Filter blast affiliations including these taxon / word

**Full or partial taxon name**  
Firmicutes  
ex: "unknown species" or "subsp."

+ Insert Filter blast affiliations including these taxon / word

**Filter on RDP affiliations**

Execute

Answer 1

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**Filter on RDP affiliations**

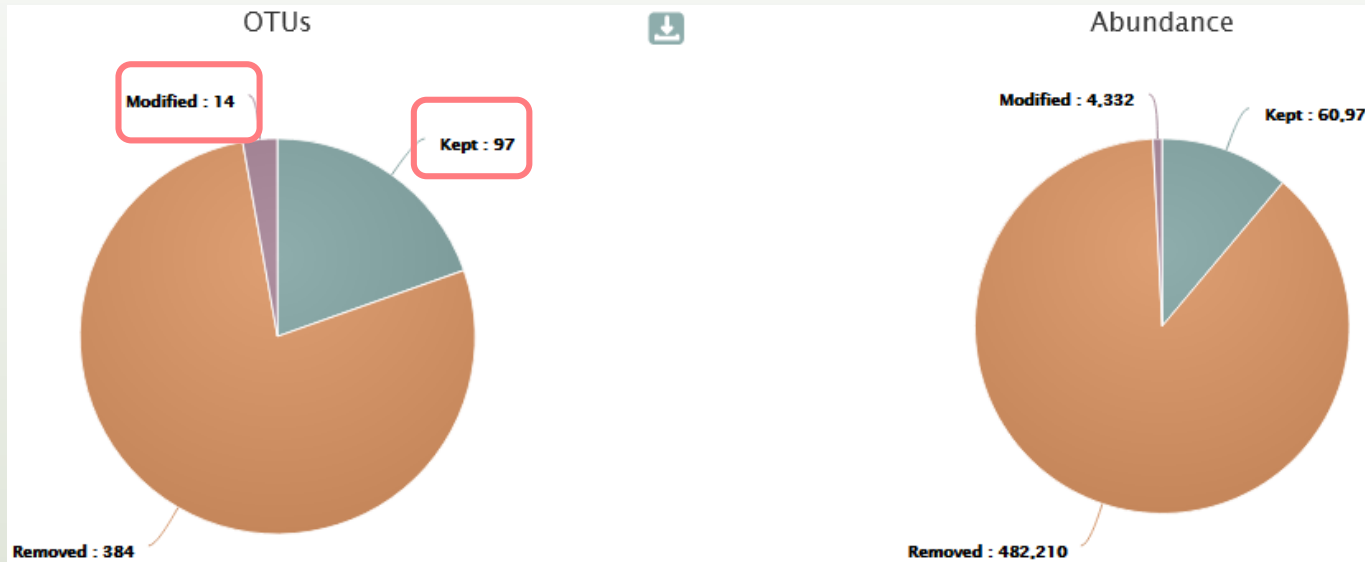
Execute

Answer 2

we want to keep the OTUs that have aligned perfectly with a sequence of the silva bank i.e. 100% identity and 100% coverage

Enter key word

Q3: In deleting mode:  
- How many OTUs remain?



- Only 97 OTUs are kept without modification.
- 14 OTUs with multi-affiliation were impacted/modified (all affiliations in the multi\_affiliations with key words “unknown species” or “Firmicutes” were deleted).  
The consequences are either OTU have less multi-affiliations, or all multi-affiliations are impacted and OTU is deleted.  
The list of blast affiliations for multi-affiliated impacted OTUs are in **impacted\_OTU.multi-affiliation.tsv**
- So, **111 OTUs** remains after filtering

[: FROGS Affiliation Filters: report.html](#)

[FROGS Affiliation Filters: impacted\\_OTU.multi-affiliations.tsv](#)

[FROGS Affiliation Filters: impacted\\_OTU.tsv](#)

[FROGS Affiliation Filters: sequences.fasta](#)

[FROGS Affiliation Filters: abundance.biom](#)

Q3: In deleting mode:

Among OTUs with multi-affiliation, How many multi-affiliation were impacted/modified ?

570 affiliations at species rank disappeared after filtering, including multi-affiliations of 54 OTUs.

## Taxon lost summary

Filtering criteria are applied by affiliation. So for blast, filters are not only applied on the blast consensus taxonomy but on each blast hit (cf multihit.tsv file). For each OTU, none, part or all blast affiliations may be removed, resulting in unchanged / updated or deleted blast consensus taxonomy. The detailed number of lost affiliations (not only the consensus) by rank are summarised. It may also precise if blast consensus multi-affiliation are lost.

Affiliation method	Domain	Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species
Blast	0	7	12	31 ( including 1 multi-affiliation(s) )	56 ( including 1 multi-affiliation(s) )	164 ( including 4 multi-affiliation(s) )	570 ( including 54 multi-affiliation(s) )

In addition to the Firmicutes phylum that was deleted, there are 6 others that are deleted (unknow species or %id %cov)

31 Orders were deleted and 1 was a OTU with a multi-affiliation (-> Cluster\_451)

Cluster\_451 Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Multi-affiliation;Multi-affiliation;Multi-affiliation;Multi-affiliation

Cluster_451	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus aureus	CP026068.13	100	100	0	497
Cluster_451	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus aureus	CP029082.38	100	100	0	497
Cluster_451	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Paenibacillales;Paenibacillaceae;Paenibacillus;Staphylococcus aureus	MIZO010000	100	100	0	497
Cluster_451	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus aureus	CP029030.22	100	100	0	497
Cluster_451	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Staphylococcales;Staphylococcaceae;Staphylococcus;Staphylococcus aureus	CP029671.97	100	100	0	497



### Answer 3

FROGS Affiliation Filters: report.html  
FROGS Affiliation Filters: impacted\_OTU.multi-affiliations.tsv  
FROGS Affiliation Filters: impacted\_OTU.tsv  
FROGS Affiliation Filters: sequences.fasta  
FROGS Affiliation Filters: abundance.biom

*N.B.* The abundancy table (TSV format) of all deleted (or hidden according to the tool parameters) or modified OTUs are kept in **impacted\_OTU.tsv**

#comment	status	blast_taxonomy
undesired_tax_in_blast	OTU_deleted	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Listeriaceae;Brochothrix;Brochothrix thermosphacta
undesired_tax_in_blast	OTU_deleted	Bacteria;Proteobacteria;Gammaproteobacteria;Enterobacterales;Vibrionaceae;Photobacterium;unknown species
undesired_tax_in_blast	OTU_deleted	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Lactobacillaceae;Latilactobacillus;Multi-affiliation
undesired_tax_in_blast	Blast_taxonomy_changed	Bacteria;Proteobacteria;Gammaproteobacteria;Pseudomonadales;Moraxellaceae;Psychrobacter;Multi-affiliation
blast_identity_lt_1.0;undesired_tax_in_blast	OTU_deleted	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Streptococcaceae;Lactococcus;Lactococcus piscium
blast_identity_lt_1.0;undesired_tax_in_blast	OTU_deleted	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Erysipelotrichales;Erysipelotrichaceae;ZOR0006;unknown species
undesired_tax_in_blast	OTU_deleted	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Streptococcaceae;Lactococcus;Multi-affiliation
blast_identity_lt_1.0;undesired_tax_in_blast	OTU_deleted	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Lactobacillaceae;Weissella;Weissella ceti
blast_identity_lt_1.0	OTU_deleted	Bacteria;Bacteroidota;Bacteroidia;Flavobacteriales;Flavobacteriaceae;Flavobacterium;Flavobacterium sp.
blast_identity_lt_1.0	OTU_deleted	Bacteria;Proteobacteria;Gammaproteobacteria;Enterobacterales;Vibrionaceae;Photobacterium;Photobacterium phosphoreum
blast_identity_lt_1.0;blast_coverage_lt_1.0;undesired_tax_in_blast	OTU_deleted	Bacteria;Firmicutes;Bacilli;Lactobacillales;Lactobacillaceae;Dellaglioia;Lactobacillus algidus

In impacted\_OTU.tsv

- #comment: the reason(s) why OTU was deleted (or hidden)
- #status: for deleted OTU (or hidden OTU), or for OTU with modified consensus taxonomy with affiliation (or multi-affiliation) was modified

Q4: In hiding mode: What outputs change between deleted mode and hiding mode ?

- [FROGS Affiliation Filters: report.html](#)
- [FROGS Affiliation Filters: impacted\\_OTU.multi-affiliations.tsv](#)
- [FROGS Affiliation Filters: impacted\\_OTU.tsv](#)
- [FROGS Affiliation Filters: abundance.biom](#)

In hidden mode: no **sequence.fasta** as output because none OTU was deleted

In hidden mode: **abundance.biom** contains all OTU but 111 have their affiliation that is hidden

#comment	blast_taxonomy	blast_subject	blast_percent_identity	blast_percent_identity	blast_evalue	blast_align_length	seed_id	observation
undesired_tax_in_blast	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	17_41	Cluster_1
undesired_tax_in_blast	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	17_611	Cluster_2
undesired_tax_in_blast	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	17_595	Cluster_3
undesired_tax_in_blast	Bacteria;Actinobacteriota;Actinobacteria;Propionibacteriales;Propionibacteriaceae;Cutibacterium;Multi-affiliation	multi-subjec	100	100	0	468	17_257	Cluster_4
undesired_tax_in_blast	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	17_4	Cluster_5
blast_identity_lt_1.0;undesired_tax_in_blast	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	17_23	Cluster_6
blast_identity_lt_1.0;undesired_tax_in_blast	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	57_5	Cluster_7
undesired_tax_in_blast	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	17_420	Cluster_8

« no data » appears in hiding mode



To see the content, think to transform the BIOM to TSV file with **BIOM\_to\_TSV tool**

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# Normalization

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# Normalization

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Conserve a predefined number of sequence per sample:

- update Biom abundance file
- update seed fasta file

May be used when :

- Low sequencing sample
- Required for some statistical methods to compare the samples in pairs

# Exercise 8

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1. What is the smallest sequenced samples ?
2. Normalize your data from Affiliation based on this number of sequence
3. Explore the report HTML result.

## Answer 1

Q1: What is the smallest sequenced samples ?

Clusters distribution Sequences distribution **Samples distribution**

### Sequences count

Show  entries  [Download CSV](#)

Sample	Total clusters	Shared clusters	Own clusters	Total sequences	Shared sequences	Own sequences
FCT0.LOT02	162	162	0	7,638	7,638	0
FST0.LOT03	152	152	0	7,778	7,778	0
FST0.LOT05	158	158	0	7,908	7,908	0
FST0.LOT02	149	149	0	7,956	7,956	0
CDT0.LOT06	253	253	0	8,257	8,257	0
DLT0.LOT10	222	222	0	8,331	8,331	0
DLT0.LOT07	263	263	0	8,338	8,338	0
CDT0.LOT05	240	240	0	8,376	8,376	0
BHT0.LOT03	135	135	0	8,377	8,377	0
MVT0.LOT05	158	158	0	8,378	8,378	0




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Thanks to Clusterstat output, you can know what is the size of the smallest sample.  
Sort by **Total sequences**  
*i.e.* 7638 sequences

**7638** is the maximal size that you can ask for normalizing the sample sizes.




**FROGS Abundance normalisation** Normalise OTUs abundance. (Galaxy Version 3.2.2) Options

**Sequence file**

   32: FROGS OTU Filters: sequences.fasta ▼

Sequence file to normalise (format: fasta).

**Abundance file**

   37: FROGS Affiliation OTU: affiliation.biom ▼

Abundance file to normalise (format: BIOM).

**Number of reads**

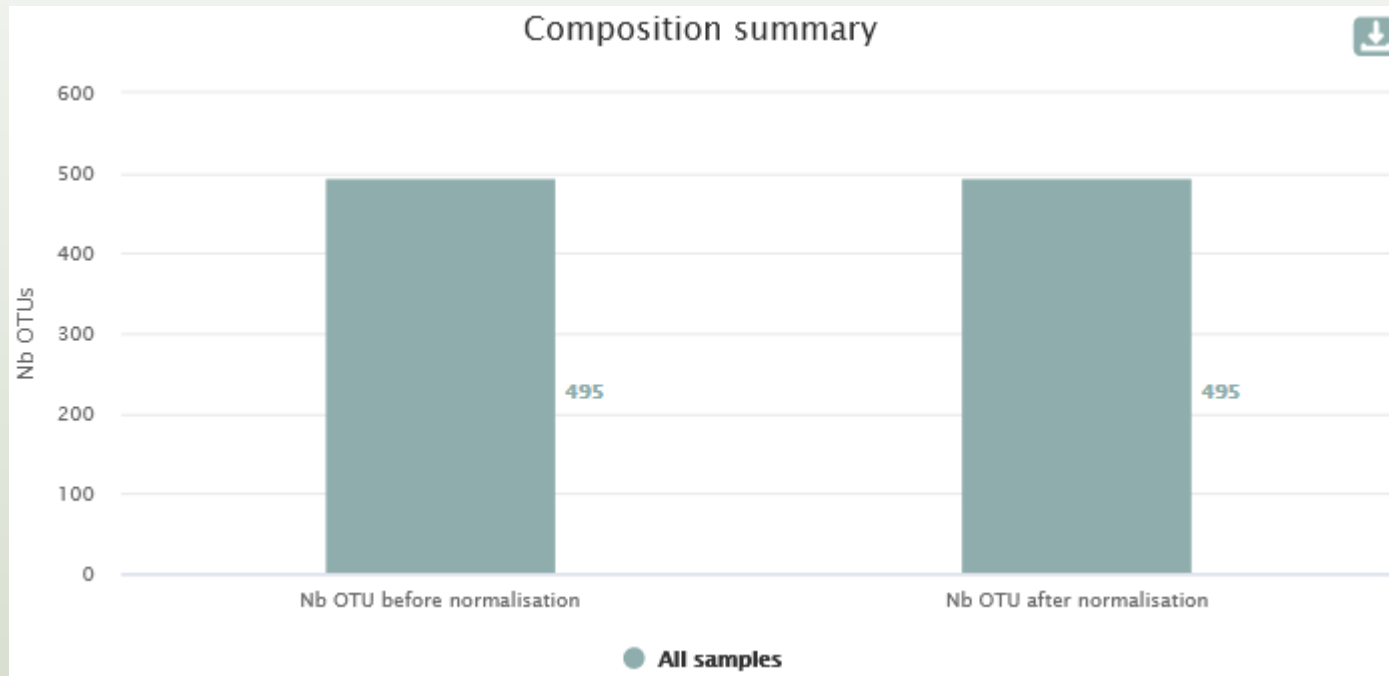
7638

The final number of reads per sample.

Execute

### Answer 3

Q3: Explore the report HTML result.



*N.B.* if you normalize this datasets at 5000 or even 2000 sequences threshold, curiously you will not loose OTUs  
But, **careful!** Generally, **more you normalize at low threshold, more you loose OTUs**

This reduction of data has not as consequence to loose OTUs



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# FROGS Tree

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CREATE A PHYLOGENETICS TREE OF OTUS

# FROGS Tree

This tool builds a phylogenetic tree thanks to affiliations of OTUs contained in the BIOM file  
It uses MAFFT for the multiple alignment and FastTree for the phylogenetic tree.

**FROGS Tree** Reconstruction of phylogenetic tree (Galaxy Version 3.2.2) Options

**OTUs sequence file**

14: FROGS OTU Filters: sequences.fasta

OTUs sequence file (format: fasta). Warning: FROGS Tree does not work on more than 10000 sequences!

**Biom file**

19: FROGS Affiliation OTU: affiliation.biom

The abundance table of OTUs (format: biom).

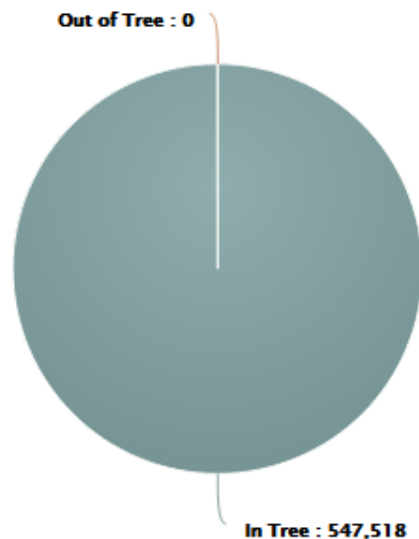
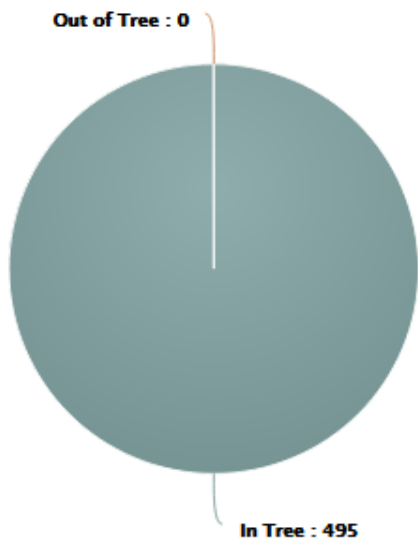
2 outputs:

**FROGS Tree: report.html**

**FROGS Tree: tree.nwk**

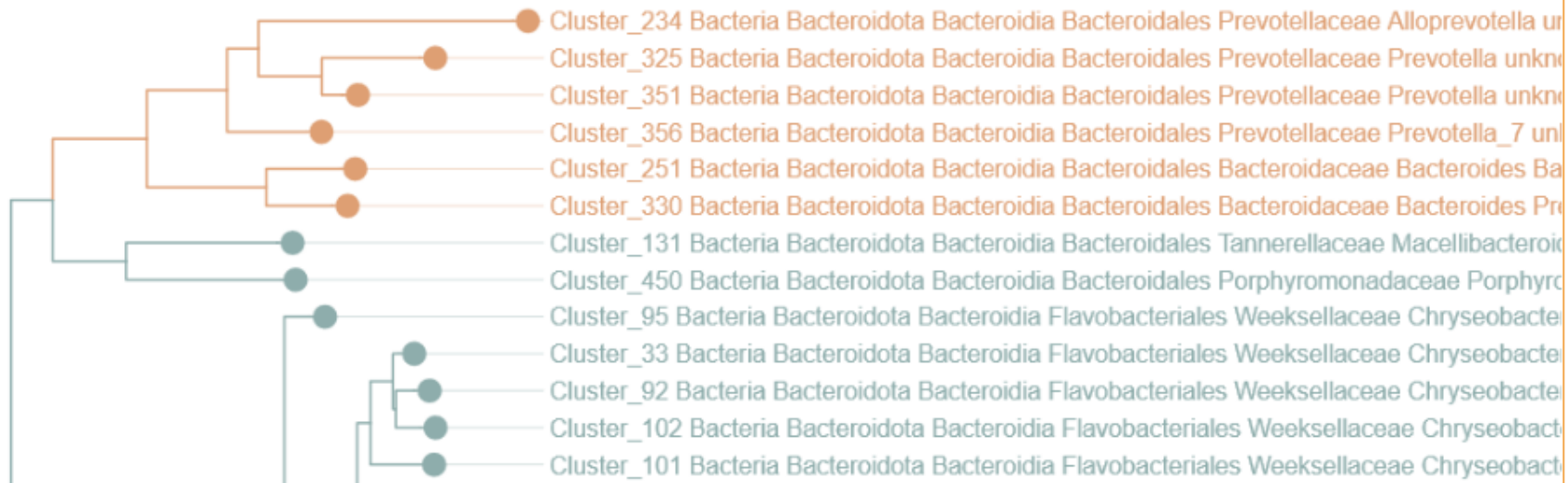
OTUs

Abundance

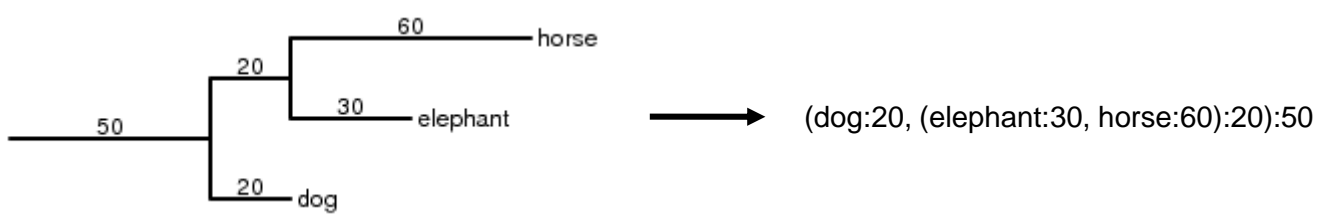


## Tree View

Enabling zoom:



The phylogenetic tree in Newick format *i.e.* each node is represented between brackets. This format is universal and can be used with all tree viewer



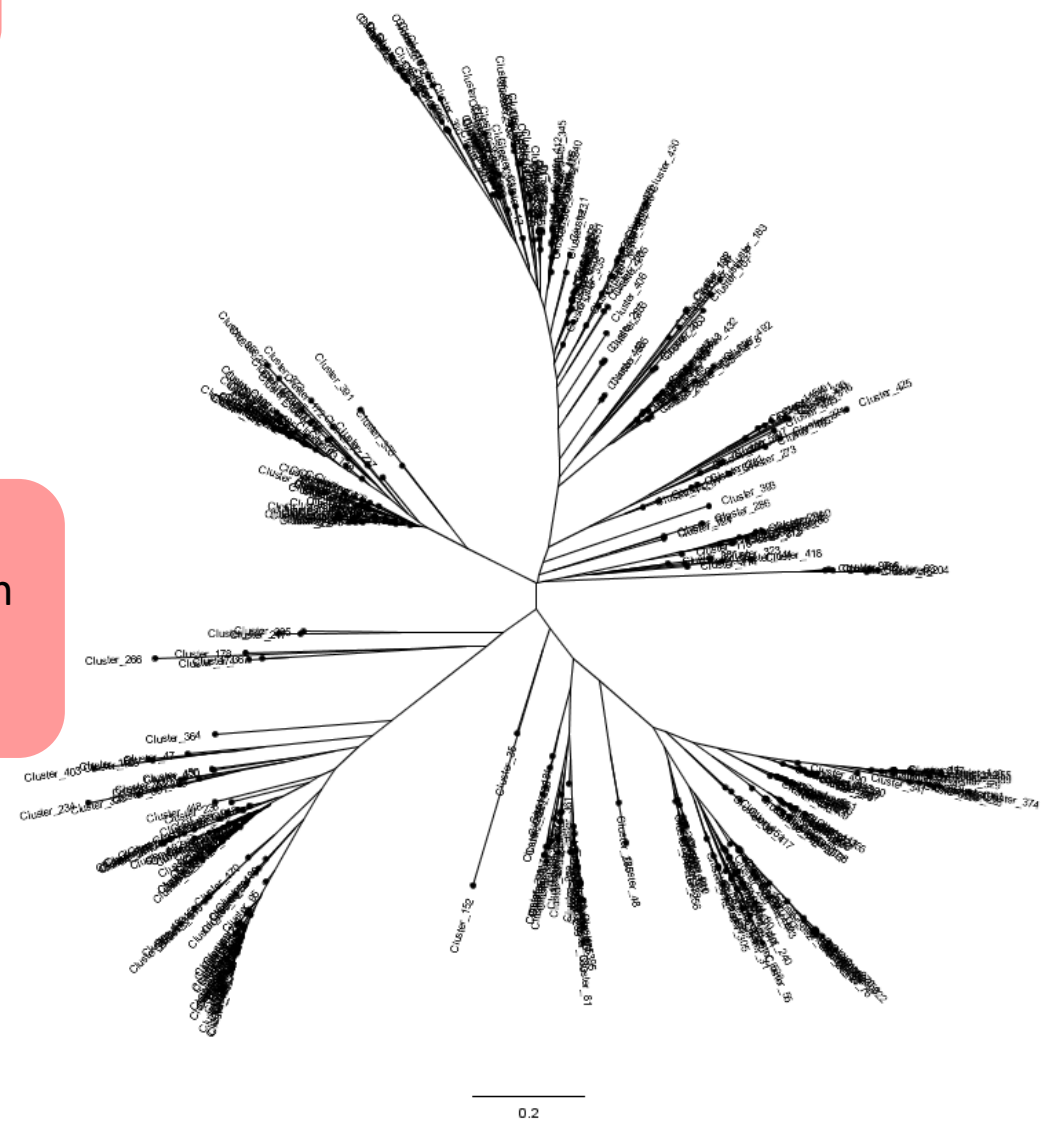
Our tree in nhx (= nwk) format

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((((((((((((Cluster_234:0.25278,(Cluster_325:0.09784,Clu
67)0.972:0.02504,(Cluster_468:0.0269,(Cluster_138:0.0016
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Exemple of visualization in FigTree from nhx file



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# Practice:

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


# Exercise:

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1. Create the phylogenetic tree that will be used for statistical analyses.




**FROGS Tree Reconstruction of phylogenetic tree (Galaxy Version 3.2.2)**

**OTUs sequence file**

   14: FROGS OTU Filters sequences.fasta

OTUs sequence file (format: fasta). Warning: FROGS Tree does not work on more than 10000 sequences!

**Biom file**

   19: FROGS Affiliation OTU affiliation.biom

The abundance table of OTUs (format: biom).

Execute

*For tutorial, we ask you to create a phylogenetic tree on affiliation.biom **before** “affiliation filter” process. Otherwise on your own data, create the phylogenetic tree on cleaned affiliation.biom*

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# Download your data

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In order to share resources as well as possible, files that have not been accessed for more than 120 days are regularly purged. The backup of data generated using of Galaxy is your responsibility.

You have 2 backup possibilities:

1. Save your datasets one by one using the "floppy disk" icon.



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55: FROGS Affiliation [eye] [edit] [close]
OTU:
excluded_data_report.html
11.4 KB
format: html, database: ?
## Application Software:
affiliation_OTU.py (version: 0.4.0)
Command: /usr/local/bioinfo
/src/galaxy-test/galaxy-dist/tools
/FROGS/affiliation_OTU.py
--reference /save/galaxy-
test/bank/FROGS/silva_119-1
/prokaryotes
/silva_119-1_prokaryotes.fasta
--abundance
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HTML file
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2. Or export each history.

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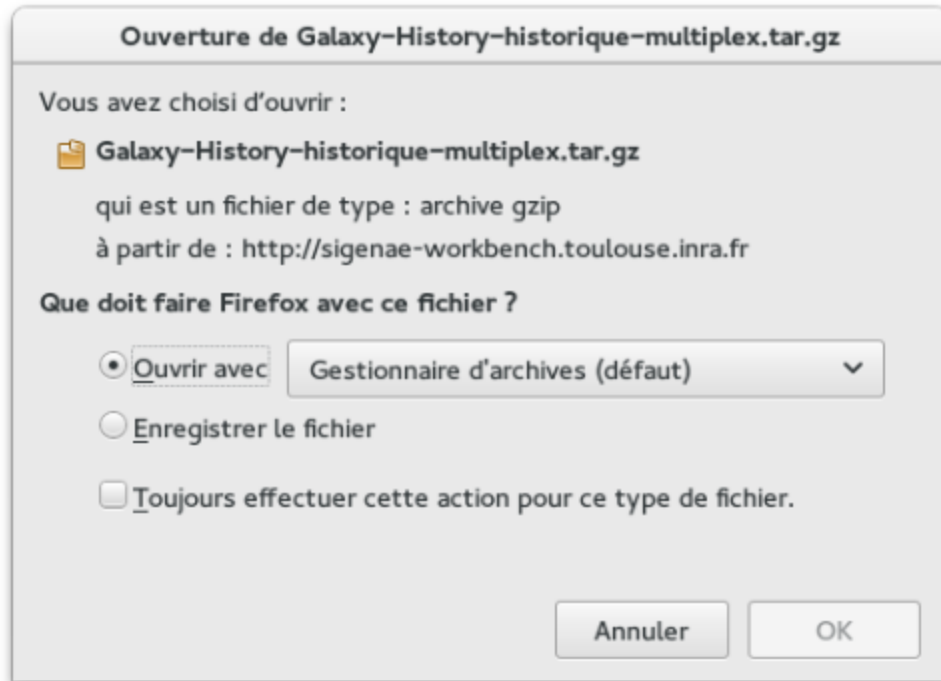


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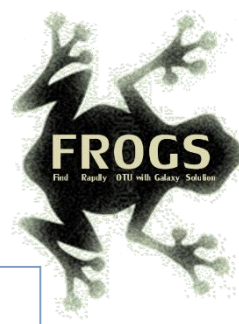
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This directory contains :



1. in the "datasets" directory: Your Galaxy files.
2. in the files "-attrs.txt" : Metadata about your datasets, your jobs and your history.



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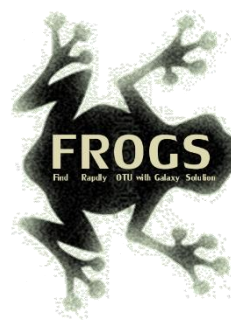
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**Abstract**  
**Motivation:** Metagenomics leads to major advances in microbial ecology and biologists need user friendly tools to analyze their data on their own.  
**Results:** This Galaxy-supported pipeline, called FROGS, is designed to analyze large sets of amplicon sequences and produce abundance tables of Operational Taxonomic Units (OTUs) and their taxonomic affiliation. The clustering uses Swarm. The chimera removal uses VSEARCH, combined with original cross-sample validation. The taxonomic affiliation returns an innovative multi-affiliation output to highlight databases conflicts and uncertainties. Statistical results and numerous graphical illustrations are produced along the way to monitor the pipeline. FROGS was tested for the detection and quantification of OTUs on real and *in silico* datasets and proved to be rapid, robust and highly sensitive. It compares favorably with the widespread mothur, UPARSE and QIIME.

**Availability and implementation:** Source code and instructions for installation: <https://github.com/geraldinepascal/FROGS.git>. A companion website: <http://frogs.toulouse.inra.fr>.  
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**Supplementary information:** Supplementary data are available at *Bioinformatics* online.

**1 Introduction**  
The expansion of high-throughput sequencing of rRNA amplicons has opened new horizons for the study of microbial communities. By making it possible to study all micro-organisms from a given environment without the need to cultivate them, metagenomics has led to major advances in many fields of microbial ecology, from the study of the impact of microbiota on human and animal pathologies (Hess *et al.*, 2011; Hooper *et al.*, 2012; Jovel *et al.*, 2016) to the study of biodiversity in environmental ecosystems and the search for biomarkers of pollution (Andres and Bertin, 2016; de Vargas *et al.*, 2015). Determining the composition of a microbial ecosystem, at low cost and great depth, is still largely based on the amplification and sequencing of biodiversity marker genes, also called amplicons, such as rRNA genes and ITS. The clustering of sequences into

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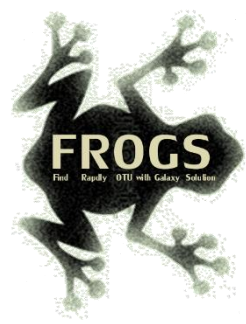
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Pipeline FROGS on

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All scripts on Github: <https://github.com/geraldinepascal/FROGS.git>





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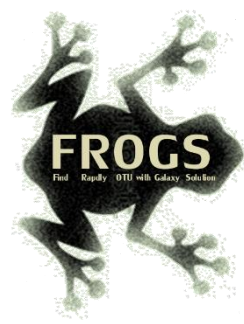
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