B- Training on Galaxy: Metabarcoding

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FROGS Practice on 16S data

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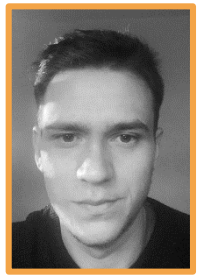
Who is in the current FROGS group?



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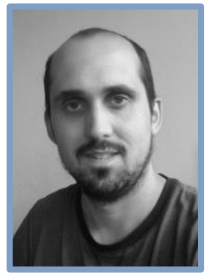

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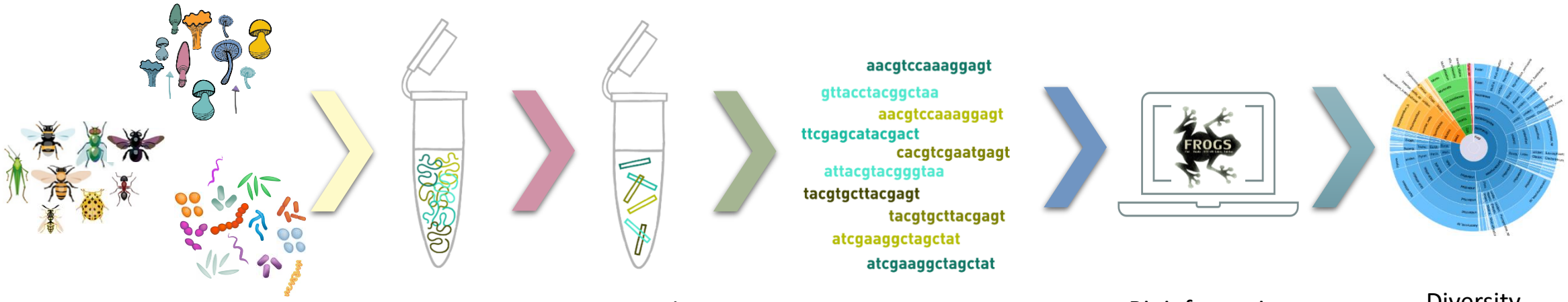
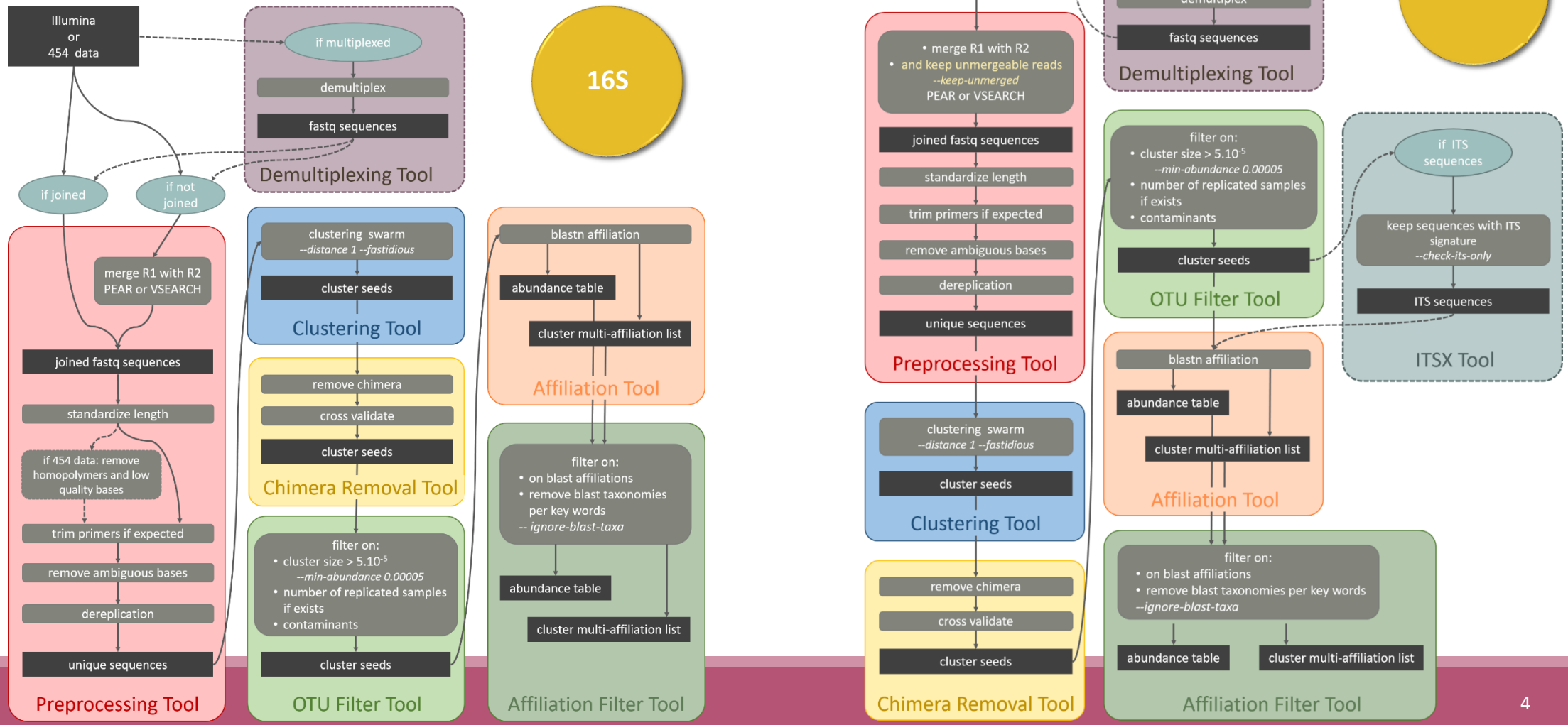
Objectives



Community analysis | DNA extraction | Barcode amplification | Amplicon sequencing | Bioinformatics process | Diversity characterisation

An abundance table with operational taxonomic units (OTUs) and their taxonomic affiliation.

Bioinformatics process

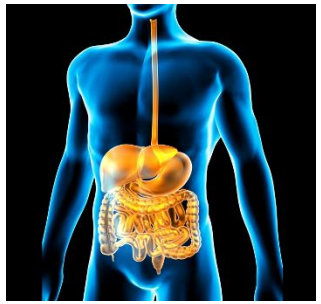


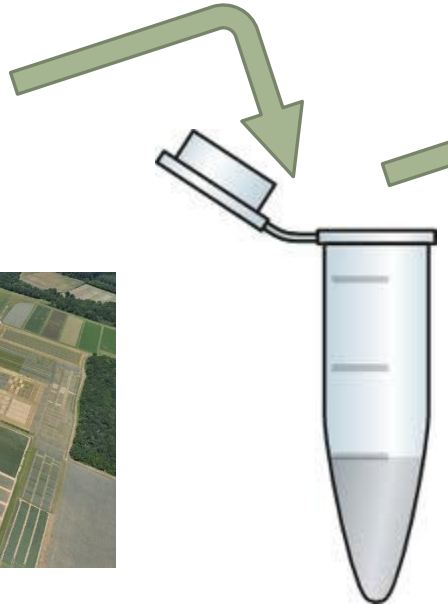
Objectives: a count table

	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

Material

Sample collection and DNA extraction





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

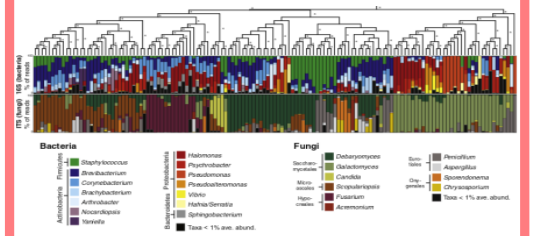
DNA

RNA

Metagenomics

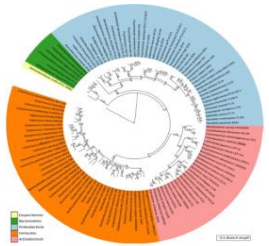
Metatranscriptomics

Amplicon sequencing



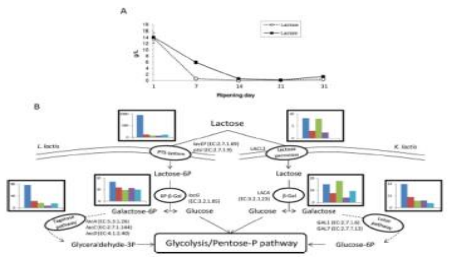
Wolfe *et al.*, 2014

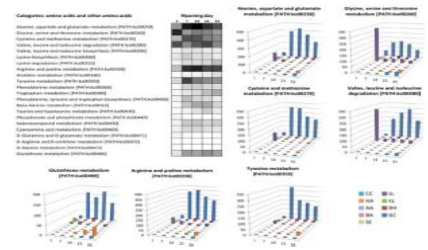
Shotgun sequencing



Almeida *et al.*, 2014

RNA sequencing





Dugat-Bony *et al.*, 2015

Who is here?

What can they do?

What are they doing?

Story of barcoding

- Early 2000's: beginning of barcoding
- 1st DNA barcode: 65 bases of the mitochondrial gene of Cytochrome Oxidase I (COI) dedicated to the identification of vertebrates
- 2007: 1st international published database
- 2009: chloroplastic markers - RBCL (Ribulose Biphosphate Carboxylase; 553 pairs of bases) and MATK (MATurase K; 879 pairs of bases) -> standard markers for plants
- 2012: ITS, standard marker of fungi (length between 361–1475 bases in UNITE 7.1)
- 16S marker, mainly used for bacteria but no designated standard.

Which barcode ?

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

- 16S rRNA
- 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.

The gene encoding the small subunit of the ribosomal RNA

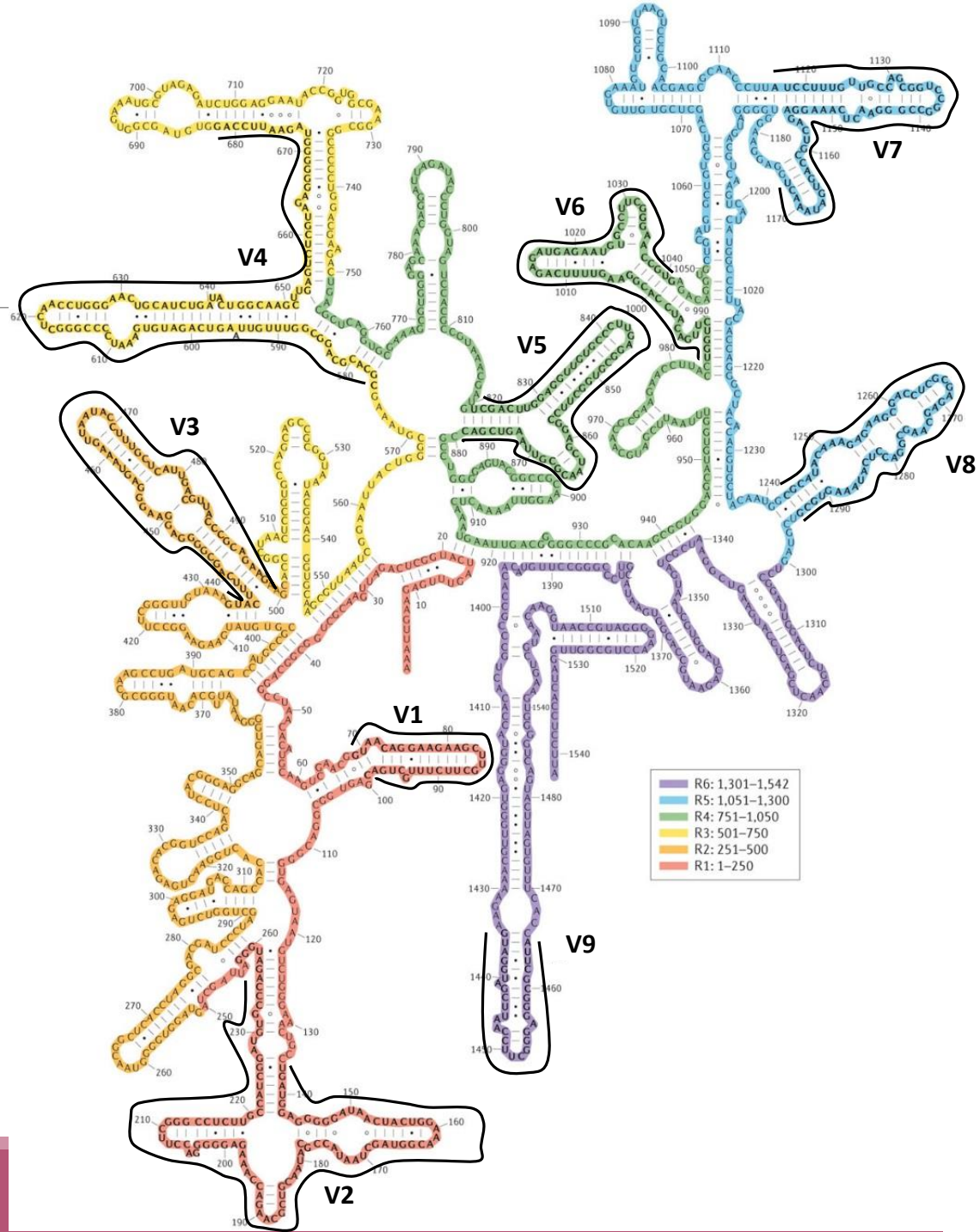
The most widely used gene in **molecular phylogenetic** studies

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**)



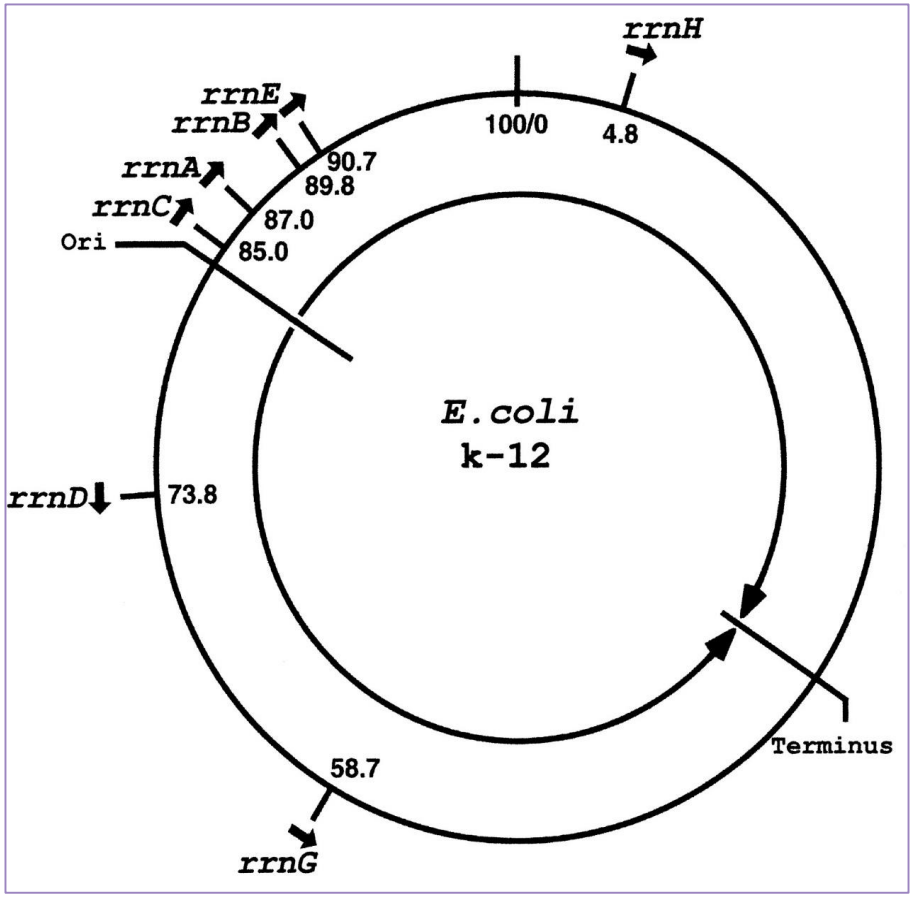
Secondary structure of the 16S rRNA of *Escherichia coli*

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

16S rRNA structure

16S rRNA copy number



COMMENTARY | FREE ACCESS

Engineering of bacterial ribosomes: Replacement of all seven *Escherichia coli* rRNA operons by a single plasmid-encoded operon

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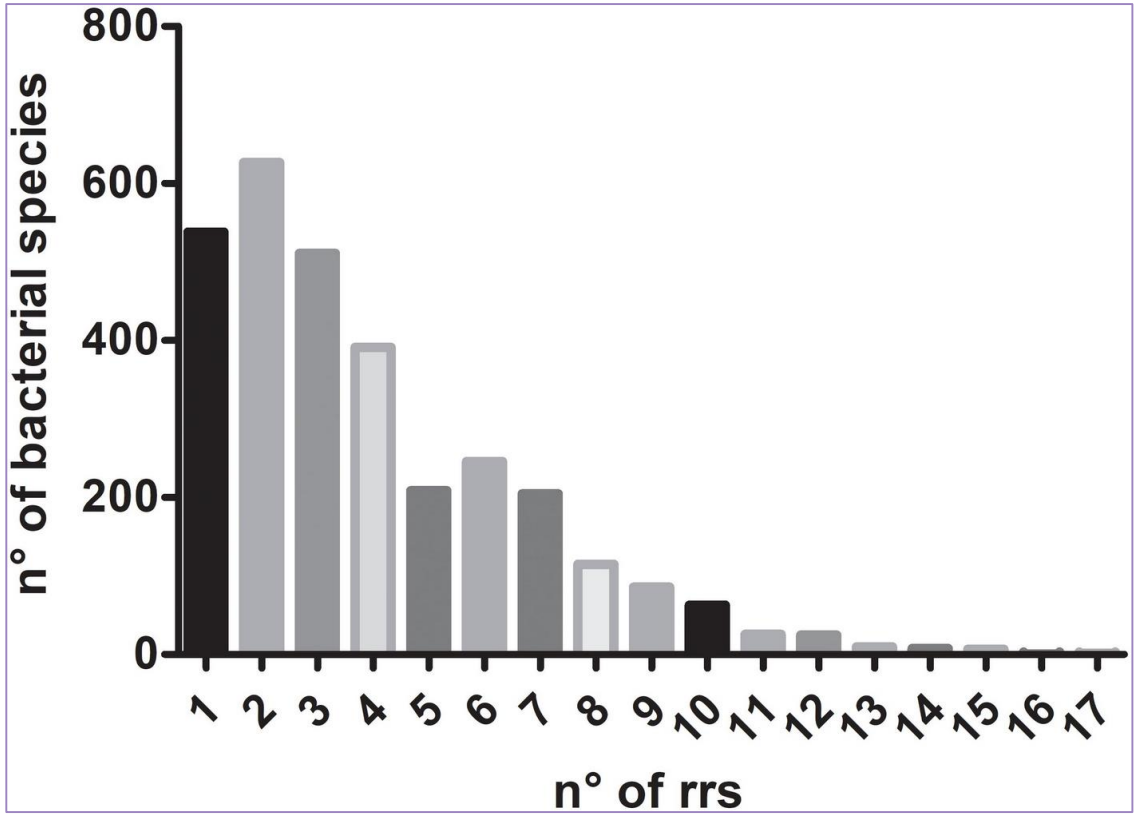
March 2, 1999 | 96 (5) 1820-1822 | https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.96.5.1820

16S rRNA copy number

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Multiple Ribosomal RNA Operons in Bacteria; Their Concerted Evolution and Potential Consequences on the Rate of Evolution of Their 16S rRNA

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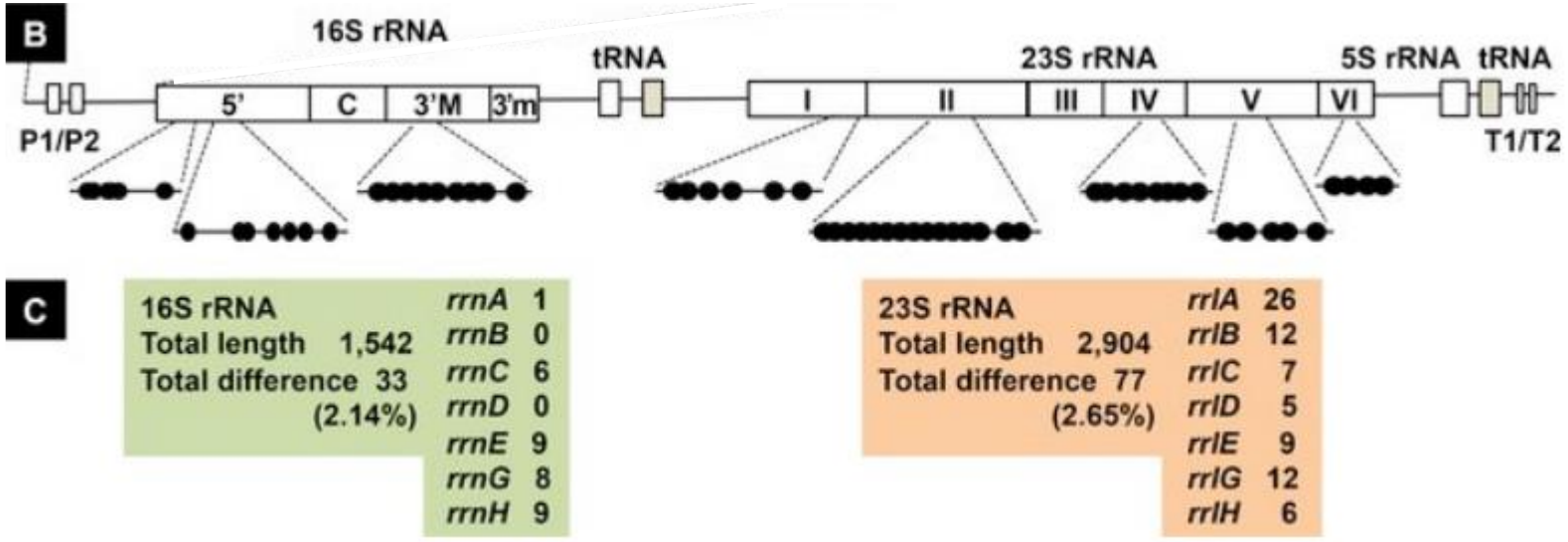
Median of the number of *16S rRNA* copies in 3,070 bacterial species according to data reported in *rrn*DB database – 2018
https://rrndb.umms.med.umich.edu/search/

2022:
Bacillus megaterium entre 1 à 21 copies selon les souches (médiane à 13)
Photobacterium damselae entre 15 et 21 copie selon les souches (médiane à 17)

16S rRNA copy variation



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Strength and Regulation of Seven rRNA Promoters in *Escherichia coli*

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E. coli

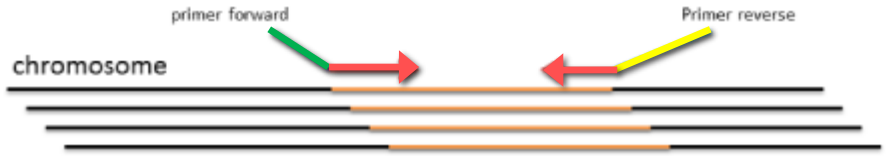
[B] The positions of sequence variation within 16S and 23S rRNA are shown along the gene organization of rrn operons. A total of 33 and 77 differences were identified in 16S rRNA and 23S rRNA, respectively.

[C] The number of bases that are different from the conserved sequence are shown for 16S and 23S rRNA for each rrn operon.

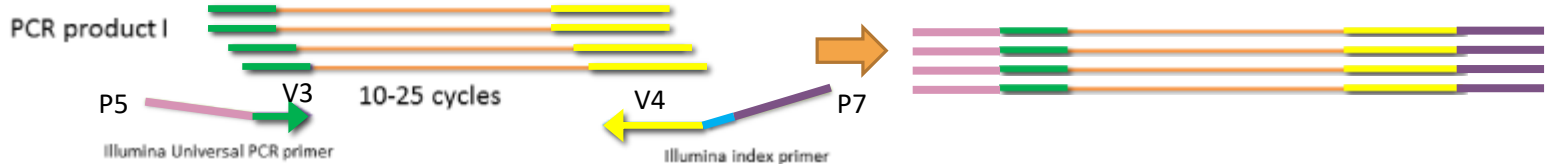
Sequencing produces marker reads

Steps for Illumina sequencing

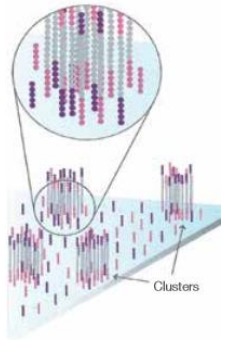
- 1st step : one PCR



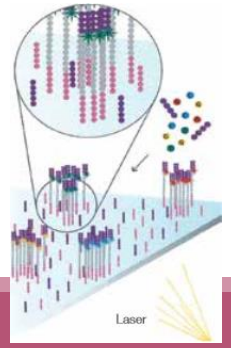
- 2nd step: one PCR



- 3rd step: on flow cell, the cluster generations

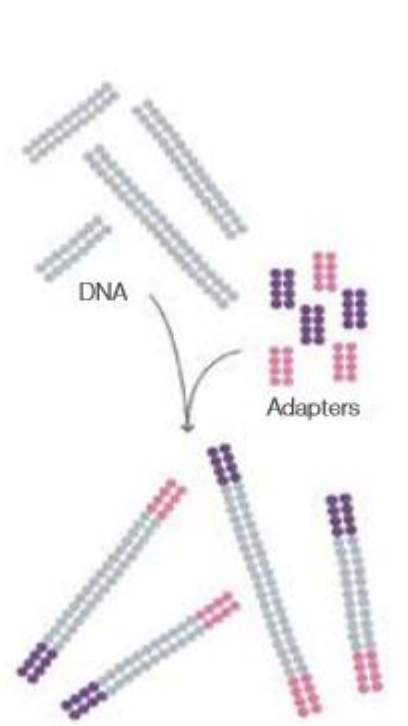


- 4th step: sequencing



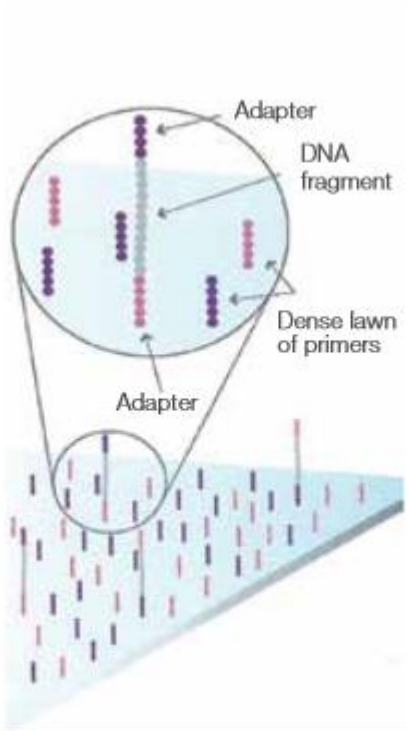
Cluster generation

Prepare Genomic DNA Sample



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

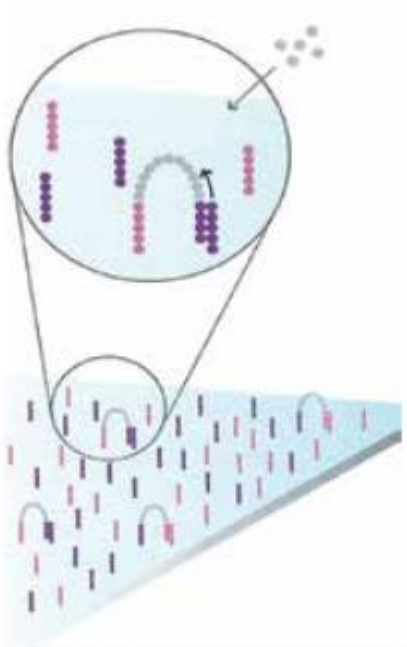
Attach DNA to Surface



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

Attach DNA to surface

Bridge Amplification

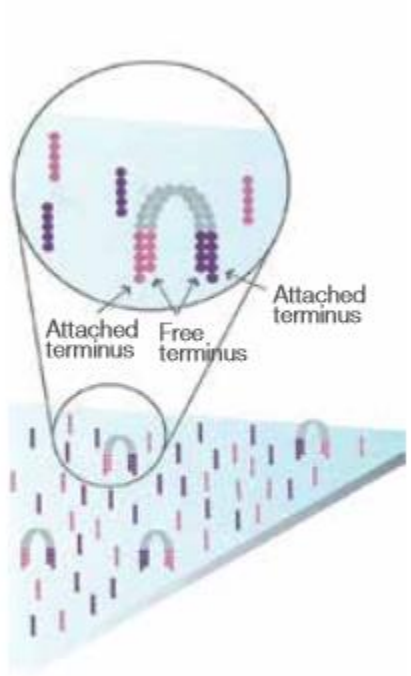


Add unlabeled nucleotides and enzyme to initiate solid-phase bridge amplification.

Bridge amplification

Cluster generation

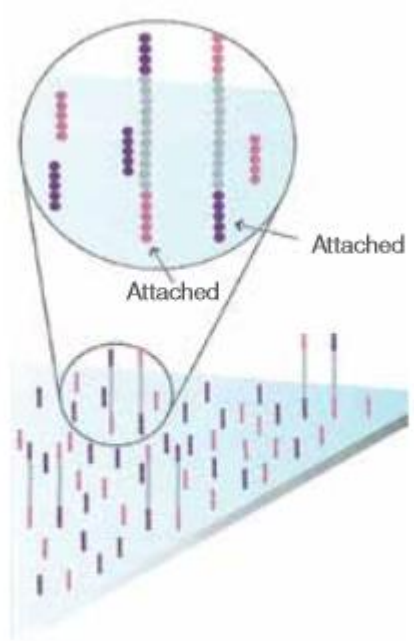
Fragments Become Double Stranded



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

Fragments become double stranded

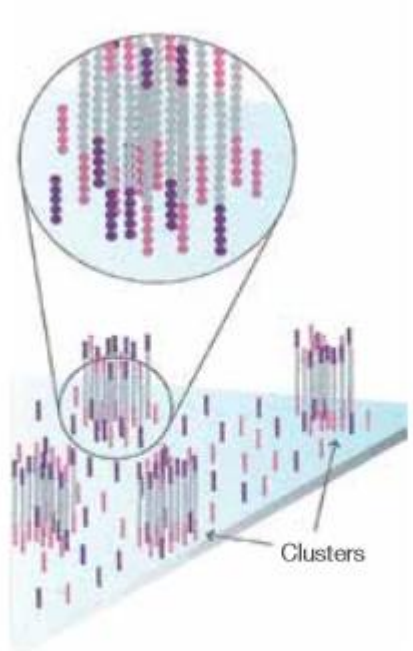
Denature the Double-Stranded Molecules



Denaturation leaves single-stranded templates anchored to the substrate.

Denature the double-stranded molecule

Complete Amplification

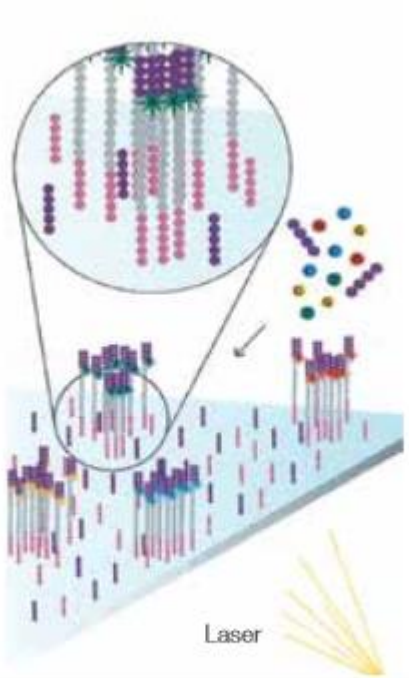


Several million dense clusters of double-stranded DNA are generated in each channel of the flow cell.

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

Sequencing by synthesis

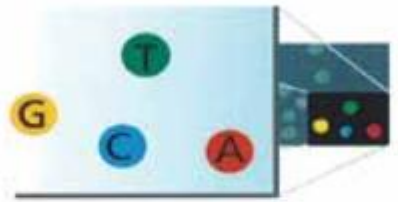
Determine First Base



The first sequencing cycle begins by adding four labeled reversible terminators, primers, and DNA polymerase.

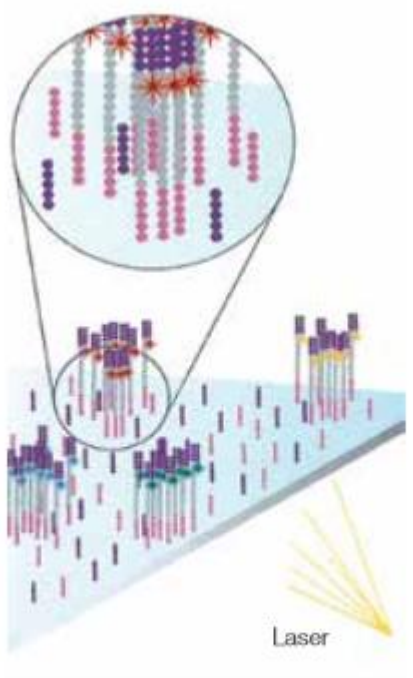
Light signal is more strong in cluster

Image First Base



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

Determine Second Base



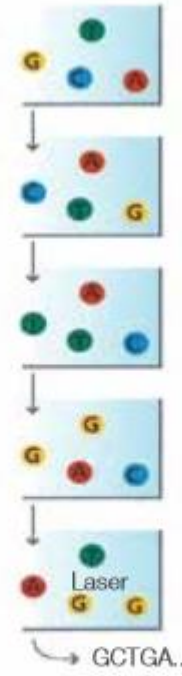
The next cycle repeats the incorporation of four labeled reversible terminators, primers, and DNA polymerase.

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

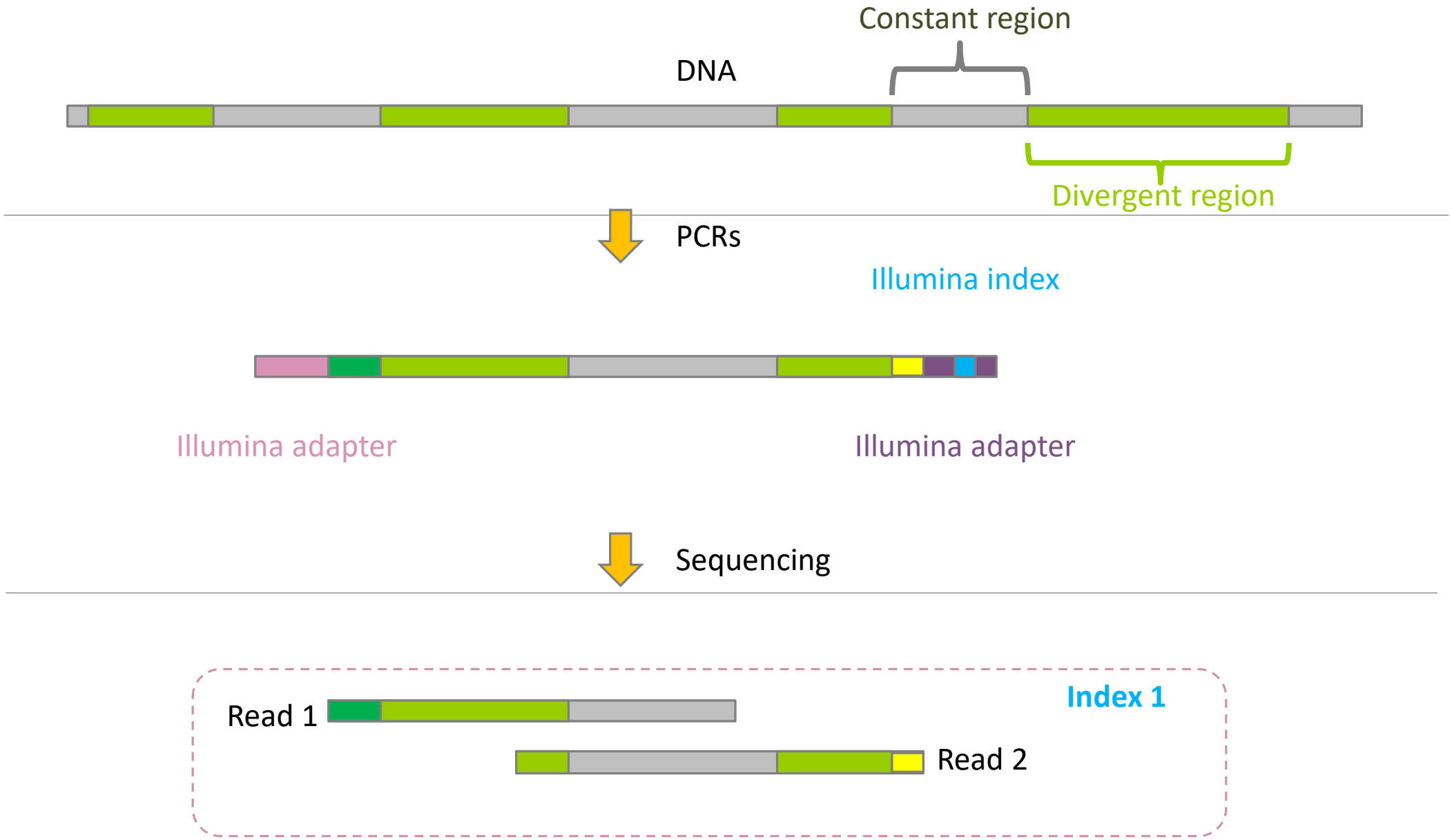


The sequencing cycles are repeated to determine the sequence of bases in a fragment, one base at a time.

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.

Illumina sequencing

Illumina video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCd6B5HRaZ8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Divergent region
PCRs
Illumina index
Illumina adapter
Illumina adapter
Sequencing
Index 1
Read 1
Read 2

Amplification and sequencing

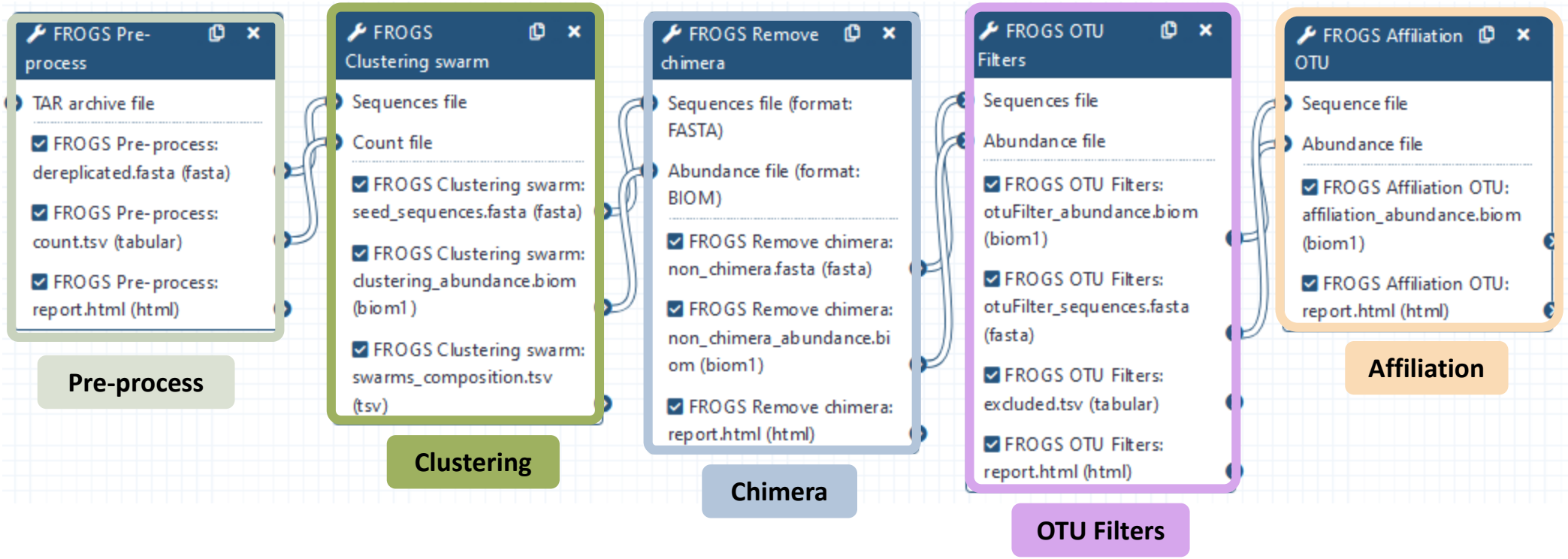
Sequencing is generally perform on Roche-454 (obsolete now) or Illumina MiSeq platforms or Oxford Nanopore Technology or PACBIO platforms.

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 or PACBIO)

Methods

Exemple of FROGS Pipeline

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FROGSFUNC_step4_pathways: report.html (html)
FROGSFUNC_step4_pathways: frogsfunc_pathways_unstrat.tsv (tsv)
Functionnal inference
FROGSSTAT Phyloseq Import Data
Abundance biom file with taxonomical metadata (format: BIOM)
Sample file (format: TSV)
Tree file (format: Newick)
FROGSSTAT Phyloseq Import Data: data.Rdata (rdata)
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FROGSSTAT Phyloseq Composition Visualisation
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The beta diversity distance matrix file
FROGSSTAT Phyloseq Sample Clustering: clustering.nb.html (html)
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FROGSSTAT Phyloseq Multivariate Analysis Of Variance
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FROGSSTAT Phyloseq Multivariate Analysis Of Variance: manova.nb.html (html)
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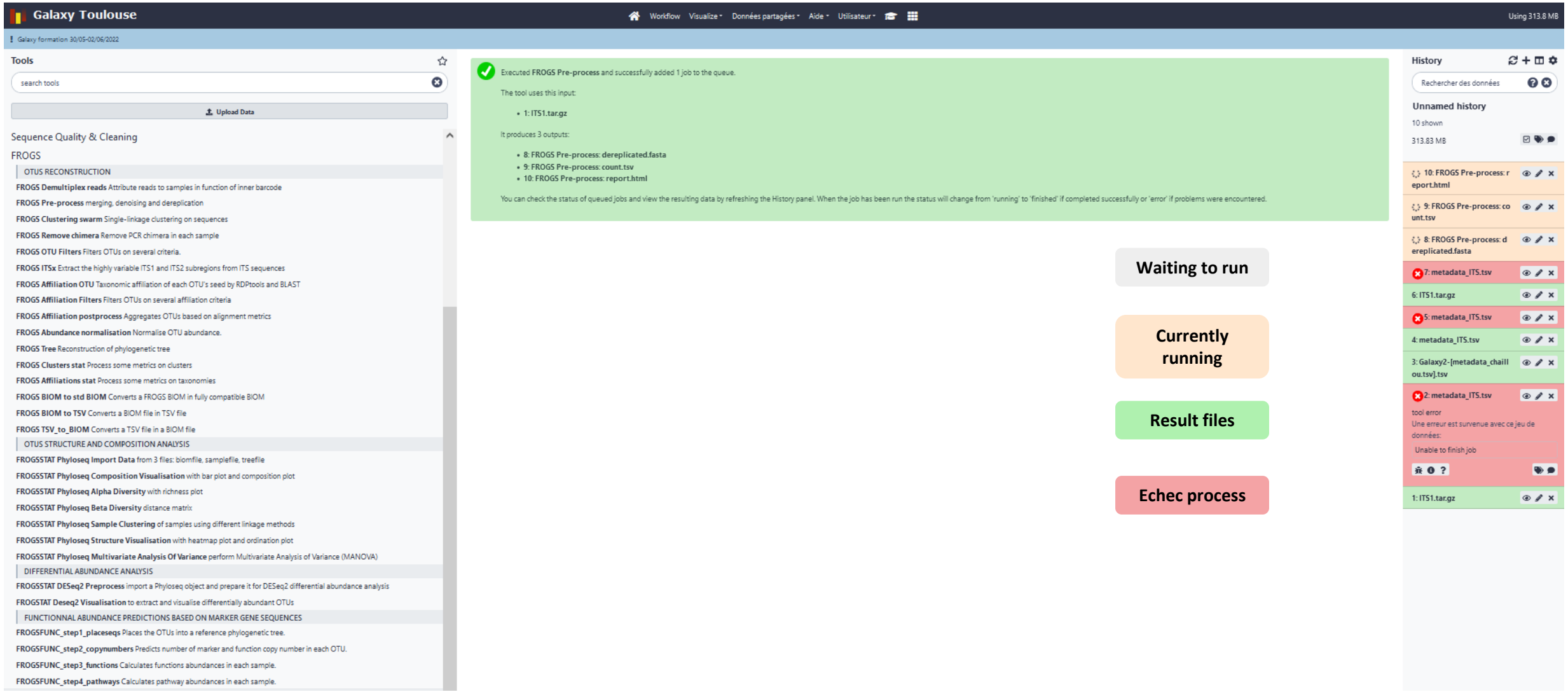
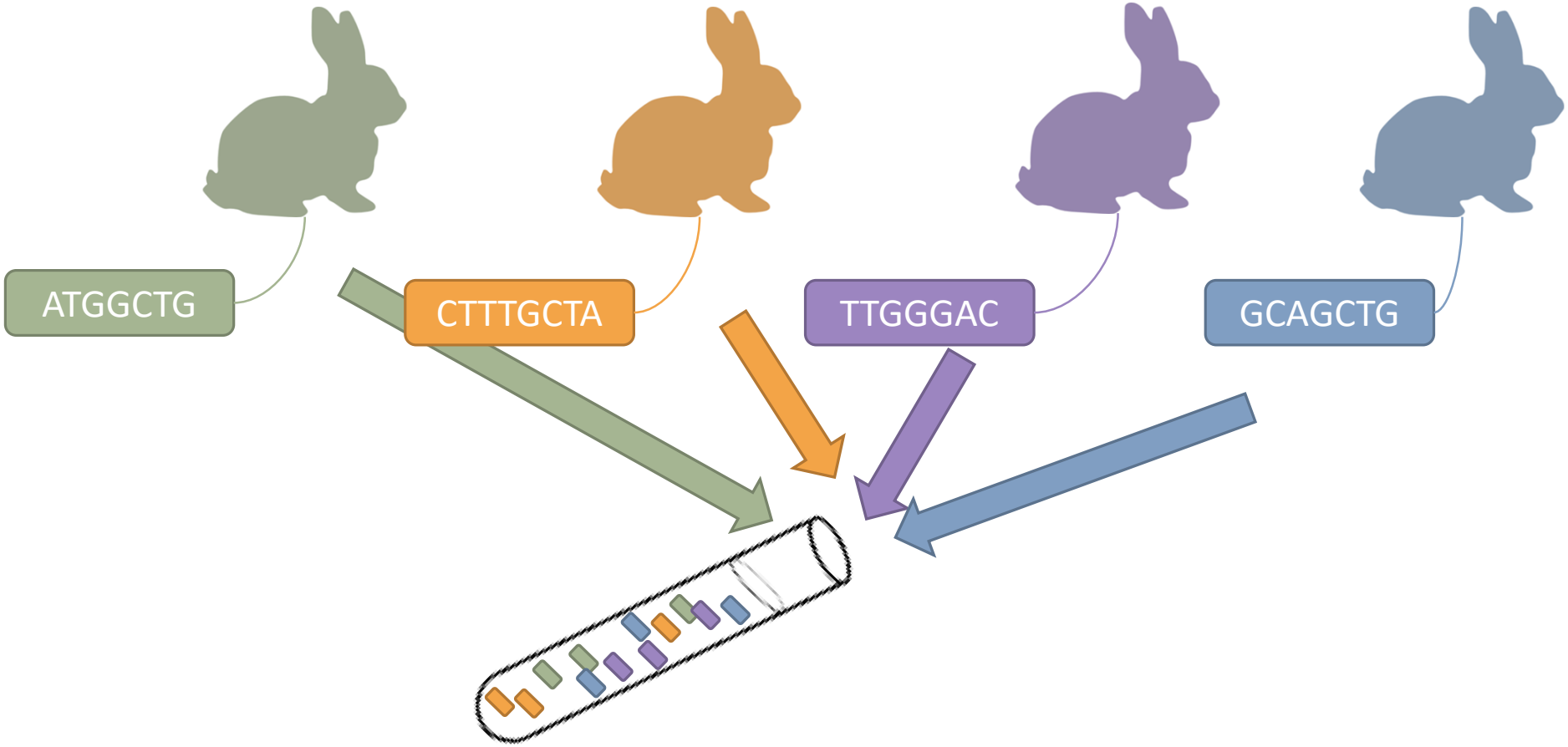
FROGS Tools for Bioinfomatics analyses



Demultiplexing tool

Barcoding ?



Demultiplexing

Sequence demultiplexing in function of barcode sequences :

- In forward
- In reverse
- In forward and reverse

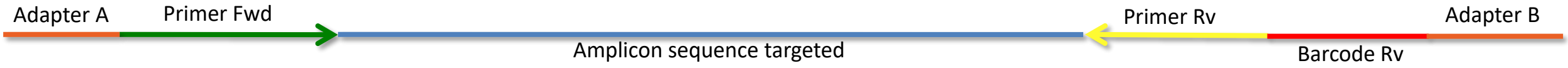
Remove unbarcoded or ambiguous sequences

Demultiplexing forward

Single-end sequencing

Paired-end sequencing

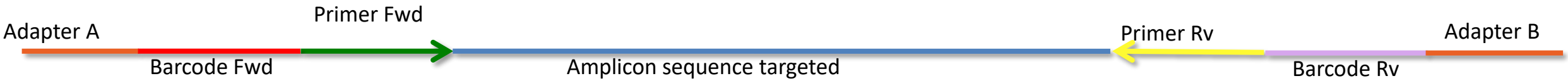
Demultiplexing reverse



Single end sequencing

Paire end sequencing

Demultiplexing forward and reverse



Single end sequencing

Paire end sequencing

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
Reverse
Both ends

Where is the barcode seq on the reads?

Execute

FROGS Demultiplex reads (version 1.1.0)

Barcode file:

1: barcode.tabular

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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

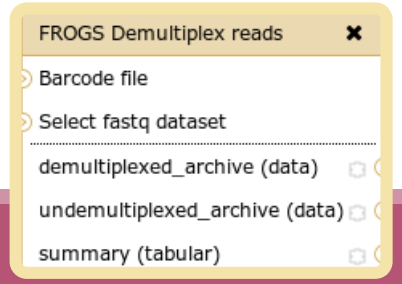
barcode on which end ?:

Forward

Forward
Reverse
Both ends

at the begining of the forward end or of the reverse end or both?

Execute



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

Barcode file

24: barcode_forward.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

Select fastq dataset

6: multiplex.fastq

Specify dataset of your single end reads

Barcode mismatches

0

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?

✔ Execute

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 corresponding 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

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
```

Format : FastQ

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

```
@HNHOSKD01ALD0H
ACAGCGTCAGAGGGGTACCAGTCAGCCATGACGTAGCACGTACA
+
CCCFFFFFFHHHHHJJIJJJHHFF@DEDDDDDDD@CDDDDACDD
```

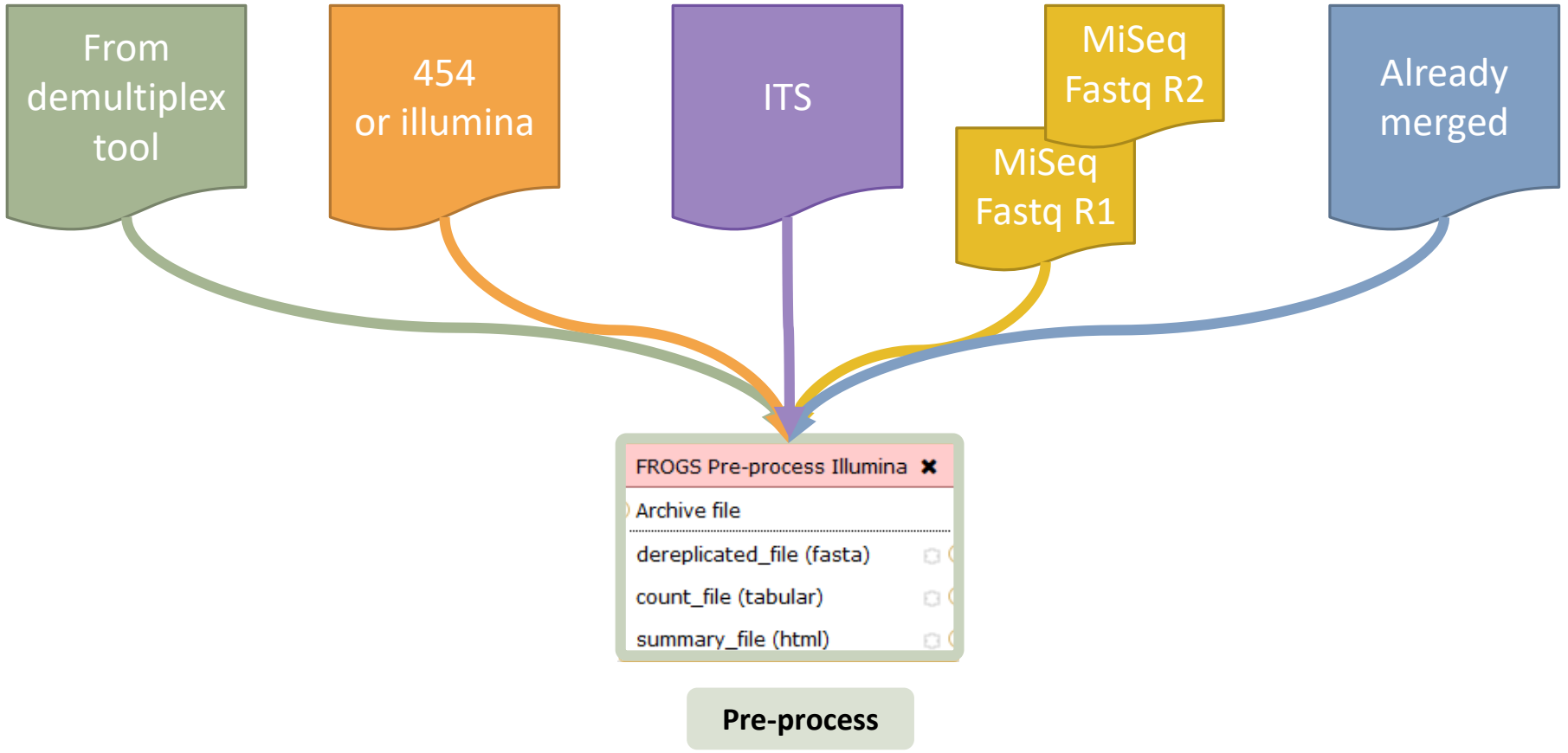
How it works ?

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 compare to all barcode sequence.

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 sequence are attributed for each sample.

Pre-process tool


From demultiplex tool
454 or illumina
ITS
MiSeq Fastq R2
MiSeq Fastq R1
Already merged
FROGS Pre-process Illumina
Archive file
dereplicated_file (fasta)
count_file (tabular)
summary_file (html)
Pre-process

Pre-process

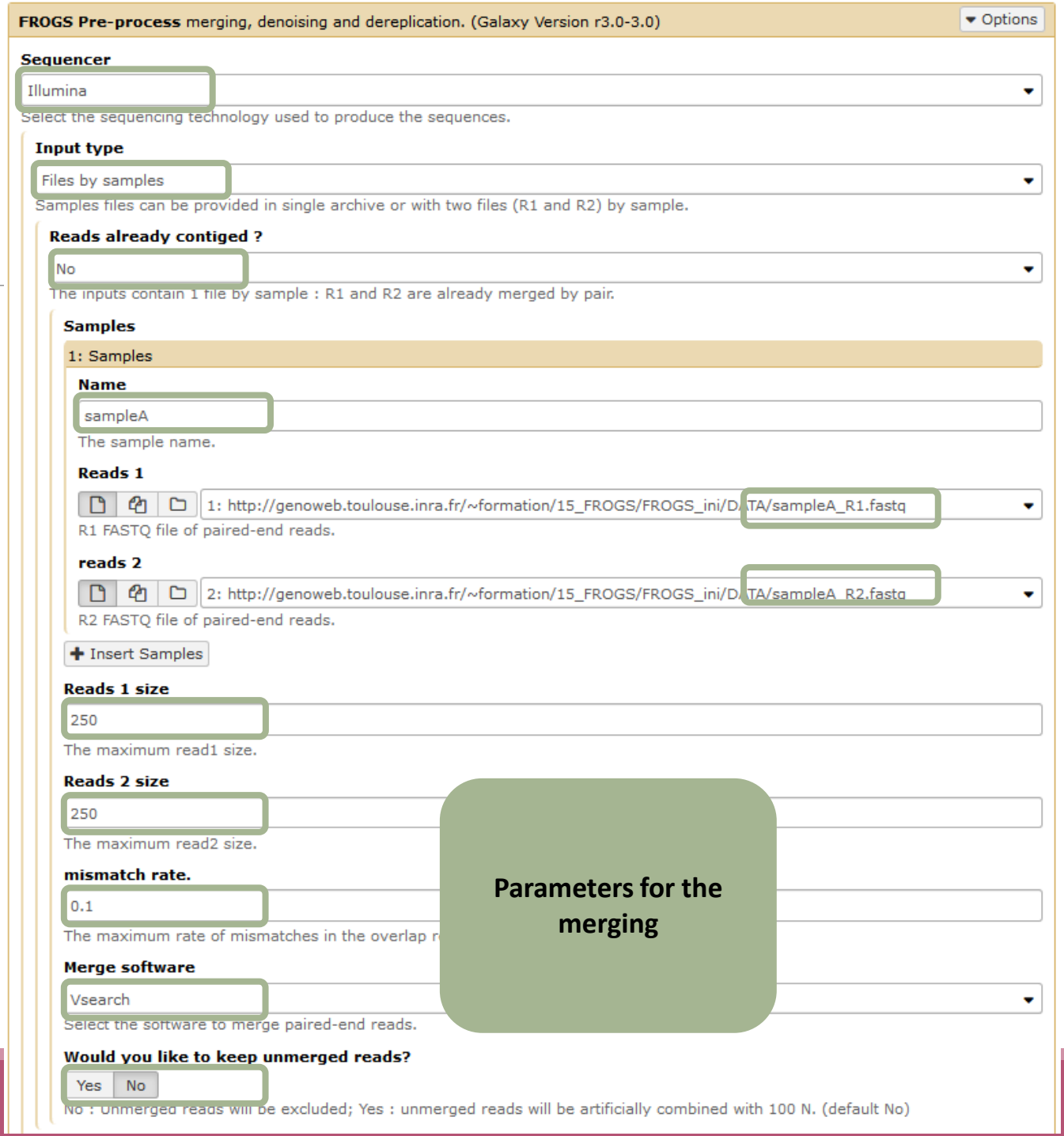
- Merging of R1 and R2 reads
- Delete sequences without good primers
- Finds and removes adapter sequences
- Delete sequence with not expected lengths
- Delete sequences with ambiguous bases (N)
- Dereplication

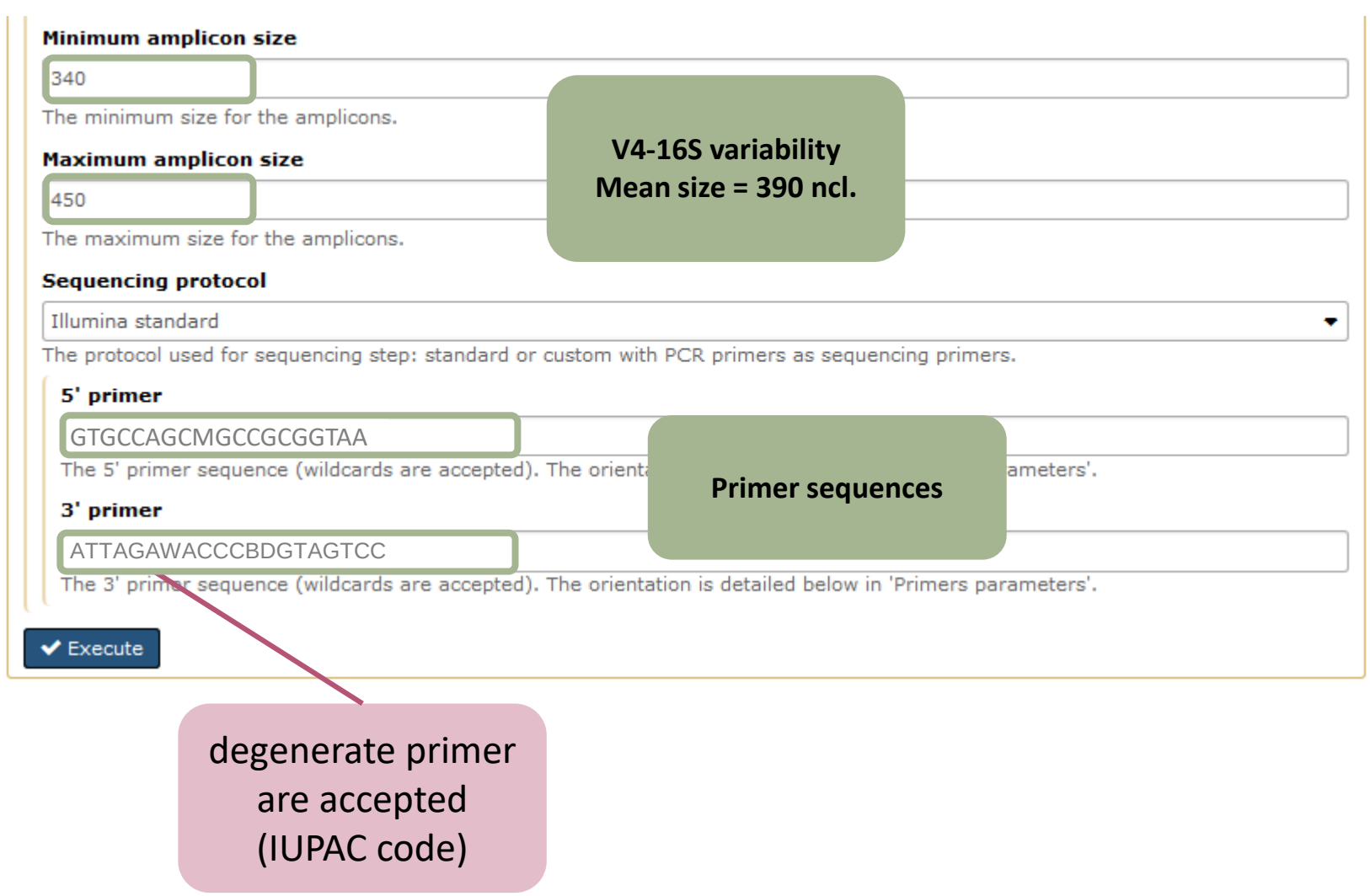
- + removing homopolymers (size = 8) for 454 data
- + quality filter for 454 data

Example for:

- Illumina MiSeq data
- 1 sample
- Non joined

Pre-process example 1



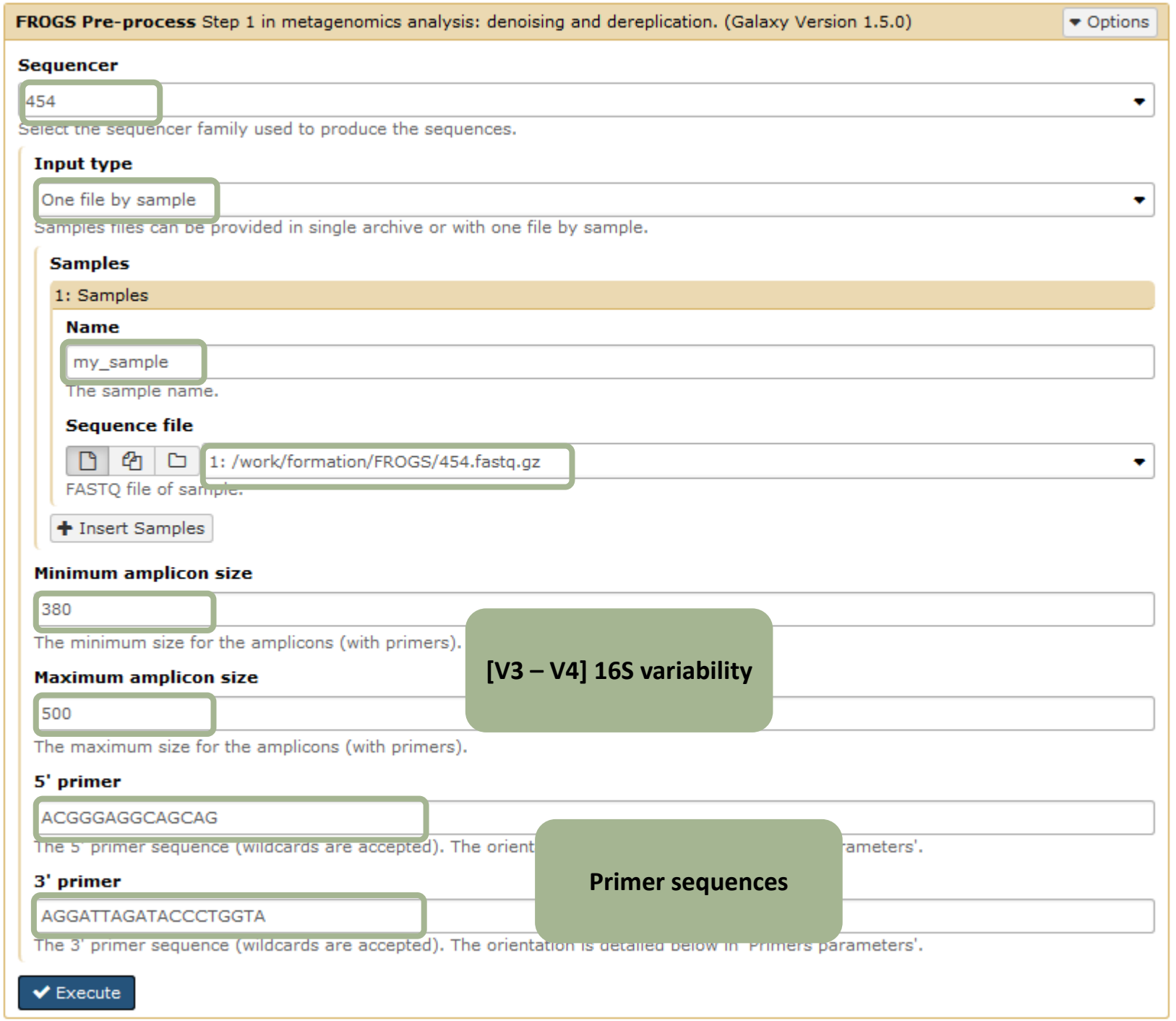


Pre-process example 1

Example for:

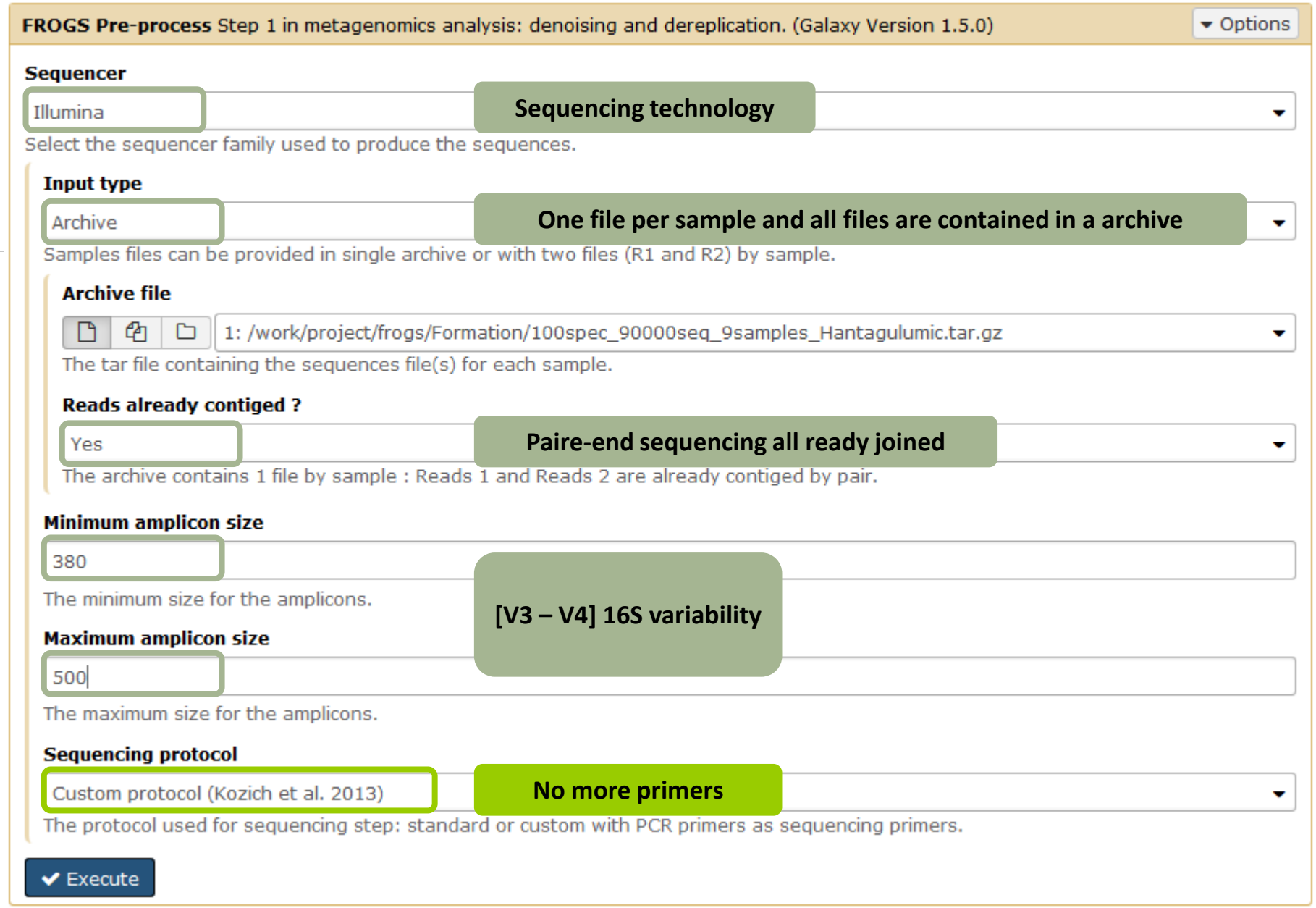
- Roche 454 data
- 1 sample
- Only one read (454 process)

Pre-process example 2



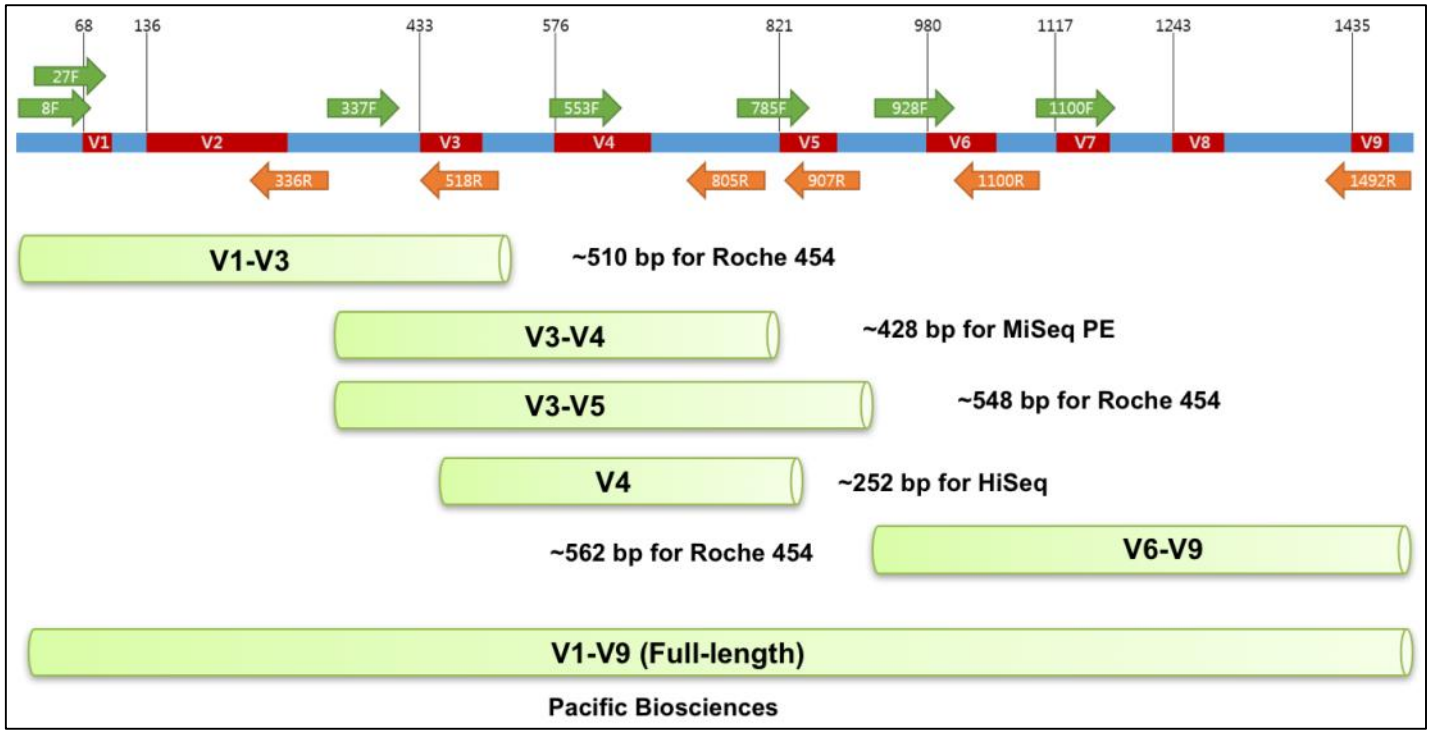
Example for:

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



Pre-process example 3

Which primers for 16S ?



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

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	CCGTCAATTCCTTTRAGTTT
928F	TAAAACTYAAAKGAATTGACGGG
1100F	YAACGAGCGCAACCC
1100R	GGGTTGCGCTCGTTG
1492R	CGGTTACCTTGTTACGACTT

Cf. http://help.ezbiocloud.net/16s-rrna-and-16s-rrna-gene/

What does the Pre-process tool do?

- 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)
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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

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PEAR: a fast and accurate Illumina Paired-End reAd mergeR
J. Zhang, K. Kobert, T. Flouri, A. Stamatakis,

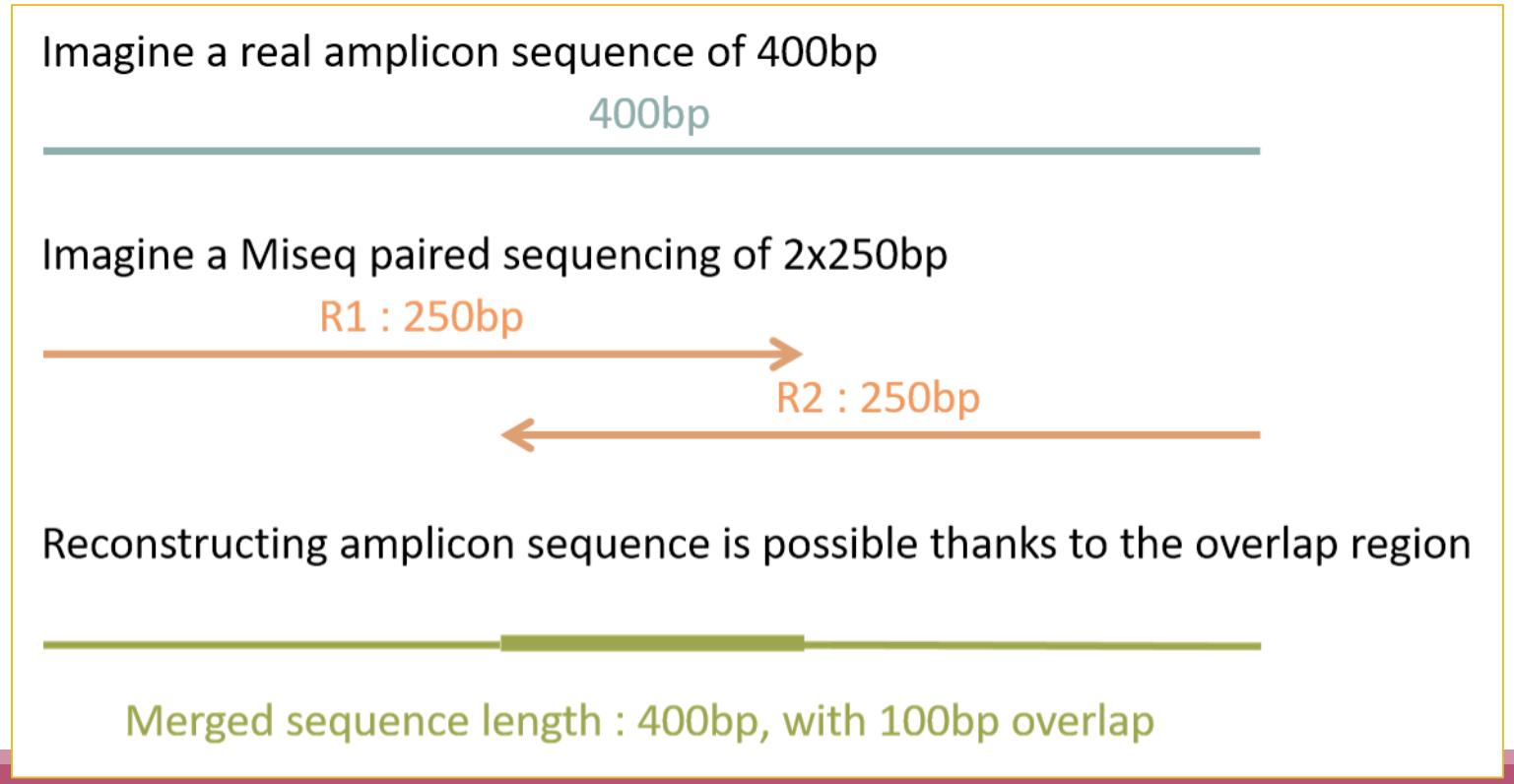
EMBnet Journal, Vol17 no1. doi : 10.14806/ej.17.1.200
Cutadapt removes adapter sequences from high-throughput sequencing reads
Marcel Martin

How work reads merging ?

WITH VSEARCH

The aim of Vsearch is to merge R1 with R2

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



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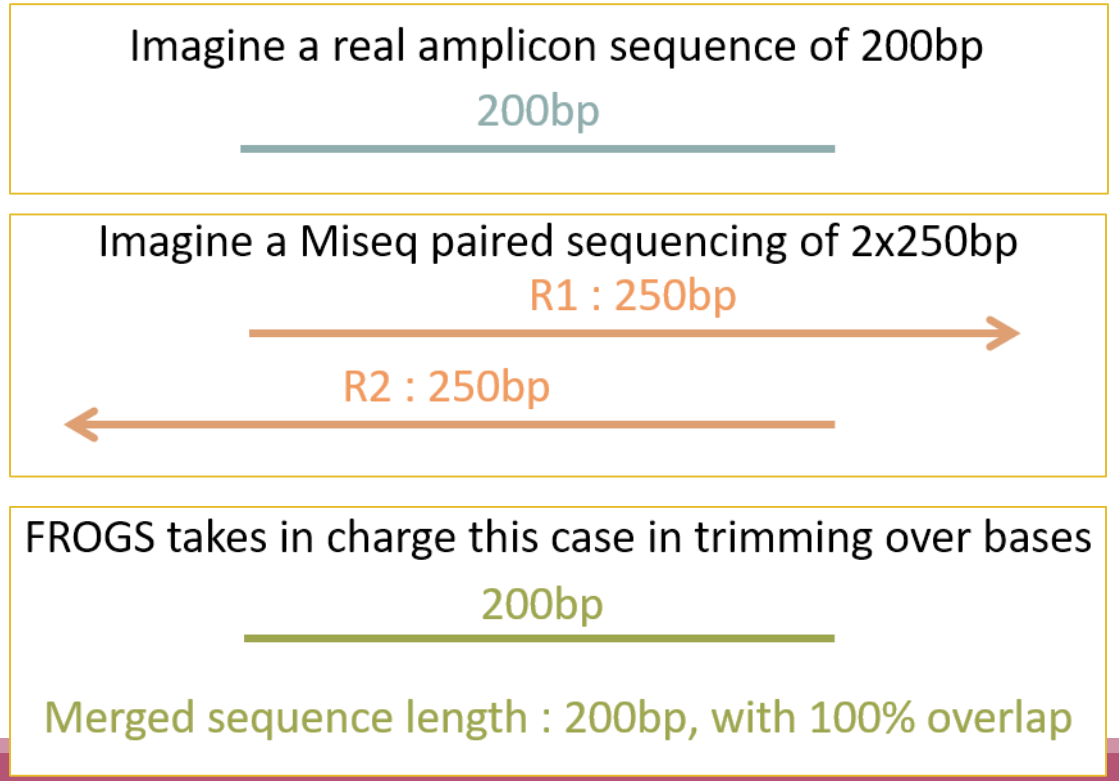
Case of a sequencing of over-overlapping sequences:



Practice:

Exercise

Go to « 16S » history

Launch the pre-process tool on that data set

→ objective: understand Vsearch software

16S dataset presentation:

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

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.

16S dataset presentation:

BH VH MV DL CD SF FS FC

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’

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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.

Vsearch is recommended (in command line, prefer pear)

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)

Minimum amplicon size

400

The minimum size for the amplicons (with primers).

Maximum amplicon size

580

The maximum size for the amplicons (with primers).

Sequencing protocol

Illumina standard

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

5' primer

AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG

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

3' primer

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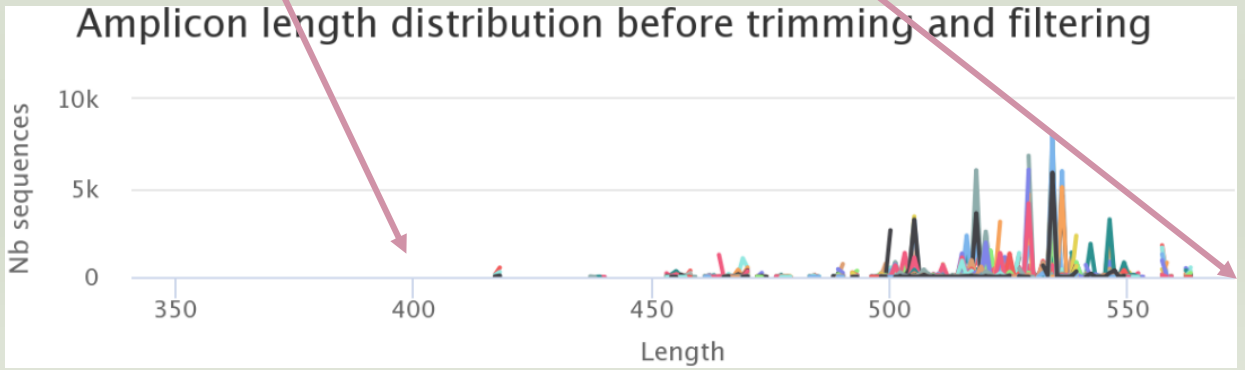
Execute



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Execute

N.B.
Primers in 5' → 3' sens

Ex: read R1

@63_0 reference=otu_00517 position=1..300
AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAGgatgaacgctagcgggaggcttaacacatgcaagccgagggg
tagaattagcttgctaatttgagaccggcgcacgggtgcgtaacgcgtatgcaacttgccctactgaaaa
ggatagcccagagaaatttggattaatactttataatagactgaatggcatcatttagttttgaaagattt
atcgcagtaggataggcatgcgtaagattagatagttggtgaggtaacggctcaccaagtcgacgatct
ttaggggcctgagagggtgaaccccca

Ex: read R2

@63_0 reference=otu_00517 position=1..300 errors=5%G
ATTACCGCGGCTGCTGGcacggagttagccggtgcttattcttctggtaccttcagctacttacac
gtaagtaggtttatccccagataaaagtagtttacaacccataaggccgtcatcctacacgcgggatggc
tggatcaggcttccacccattgtccaatattcctcactgctgcctcccgtaggagtctggtccgtgtctcag
taccagtgtgggggttcaccctctcaggccccctaaagatcgtcgacttggtgagccgttacctcaccaa
ctatctaatcttacgcatgcct

R2 primer must be reverse transcribed

Exercise

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

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 ?

Answer 1

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✔ Execute

N.B.
Primers in 5' → 3' sens

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

Answer 2 & 3

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
AGACCGGCGCACGGGTGCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCTTTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCATA
>56_3551;size=1 reference=otu_00680 position=1..300 errors=21%A
AAGACCGGCGCACGGGTGCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCTTTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCAT
>53_322;size=1 reference=otu_01408,otu_00680 amplicon=1..300,1..300 position=1..300
ATTGAACGGTGGCGGCATGCCTACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCTTTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCAT
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>56_7560;size=1 reference=otu_00680 position=1..300 errors=21%C
CAGACCGGCGCACGGGTGCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCTTTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCAT
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CTGGCTCAGGATGAACGCCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCTTTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCAT
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GACGAAGGCGCACGGGTGCGTAACGCGTATGCAATCTGCCTTTCACAGAGGGATAGCCCAGAGAAATTTGGATTAATACCTCAT
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#id	BHT0.LOT01		BHT0.LOT03		BHT0.LOT04		BHT0.LOT05		BHT0.LOT06		BHT0.LOT07	
06_5949	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56_3551	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53_322	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56_2589	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56_7560	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
36_626	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53_6128	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
51_6860	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56_6896	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56_3997	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
59_6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	191	111
59_5144	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
59_5852	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
60_1696	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
59_6656	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
59_1192	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

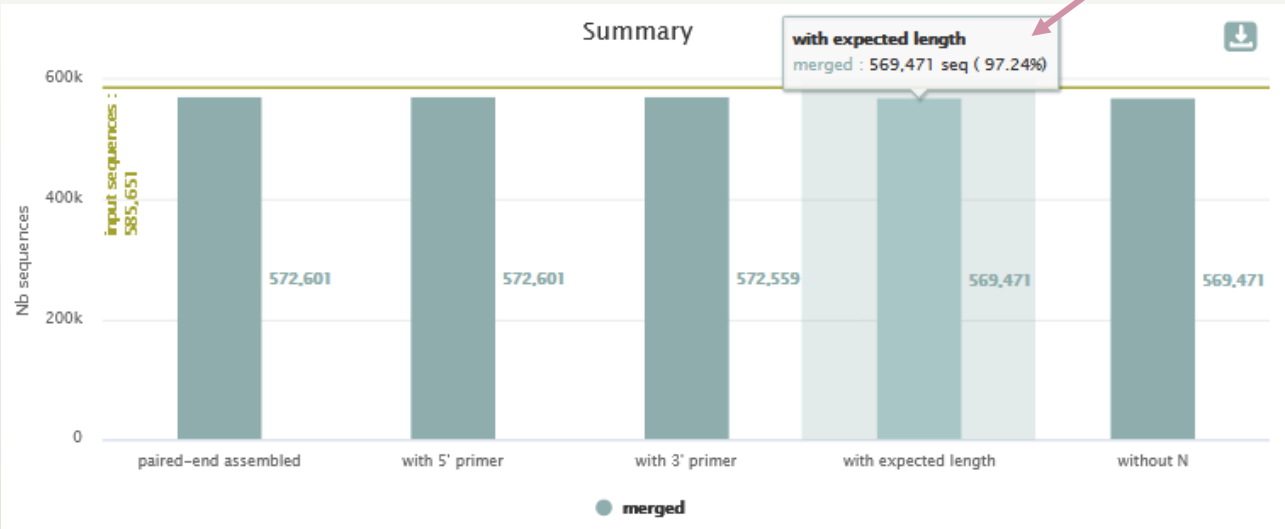
Fasta sequence of all clean and dereplicated sequence *i.e.* only one copy of each sequence is kept

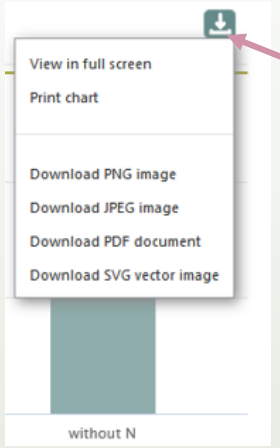
count table for each sequence in each sample

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

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

Details on merged sequences

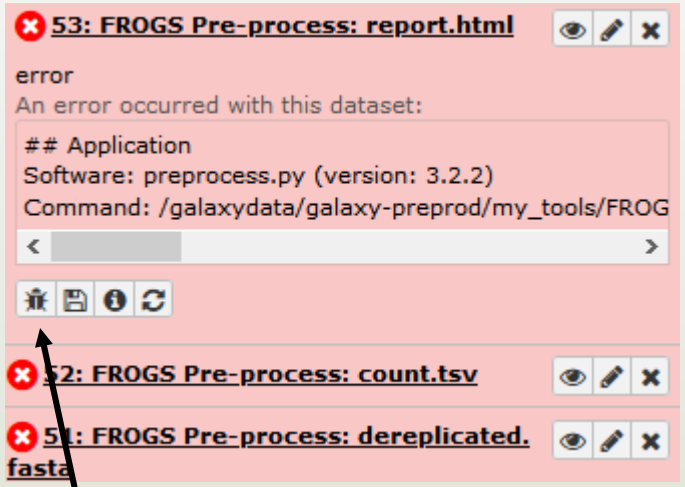
CSV

Show 10 entries Search:

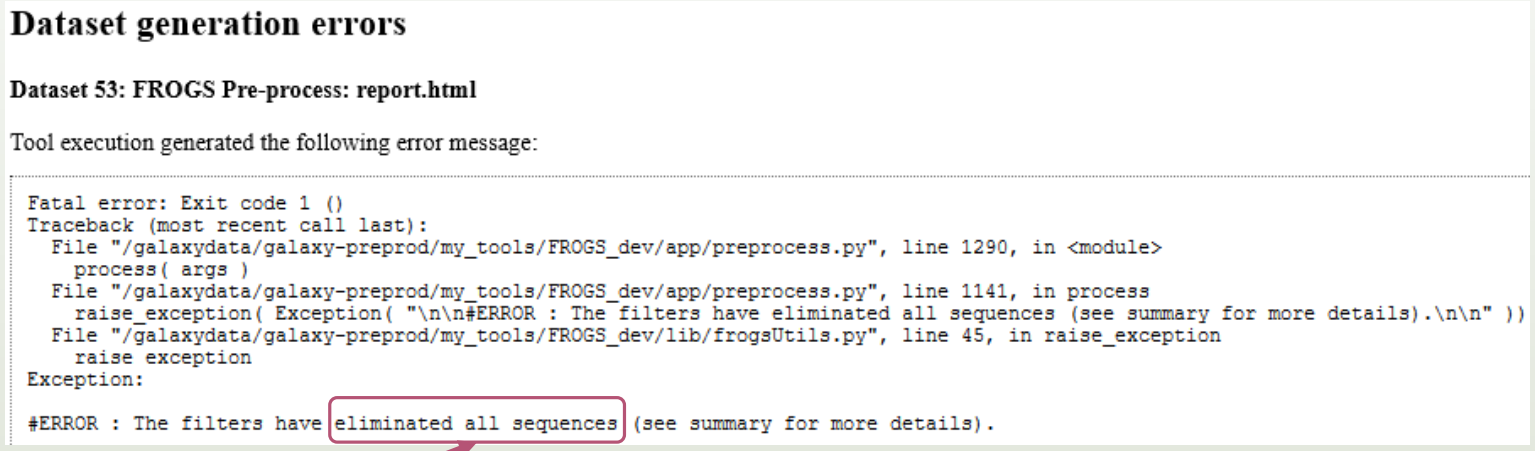
Samples	before process	% kept	paired-end assembled	with 5' primer	with 3' primer	with expected length	without N
BHT0.LOT01	9,282	97.92	9,089	9,089	9,089	9,089	9,089
BHT0.LOT03	9,173	97.83	8,984	8,984	8,984	8,974	8,974
BHT0.LOT04	9,171	97.79	8,969	8,969	8,968	8,968	8,968

Answer 5

Q5: Who loose a lot of sequences ?



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



Dataset generation errors

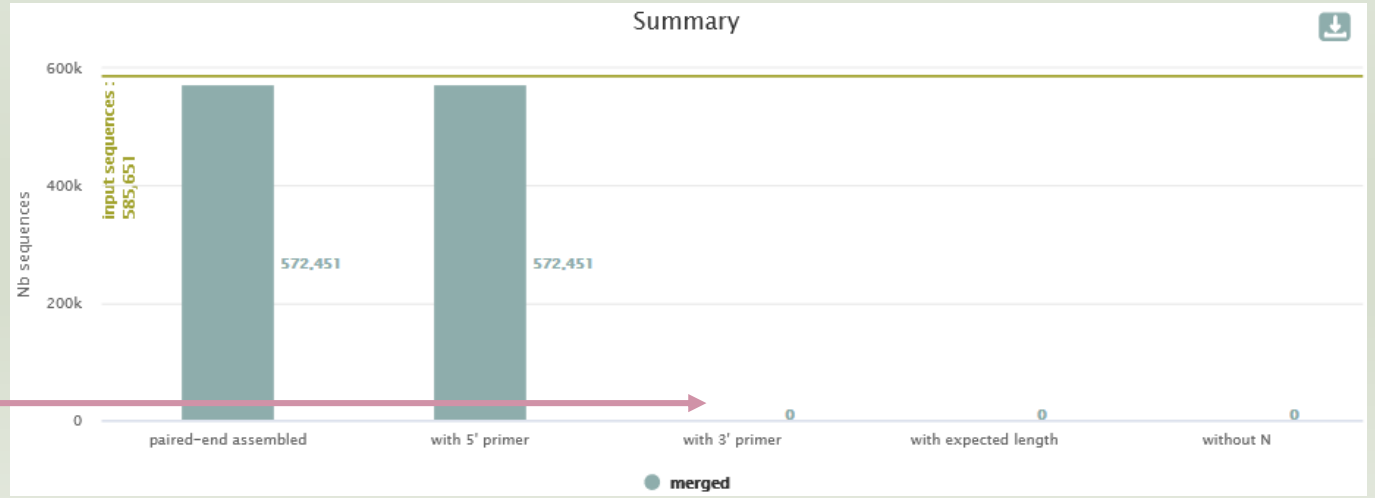
Dataset 53: FROGS Pre-process: report.html

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).
```

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



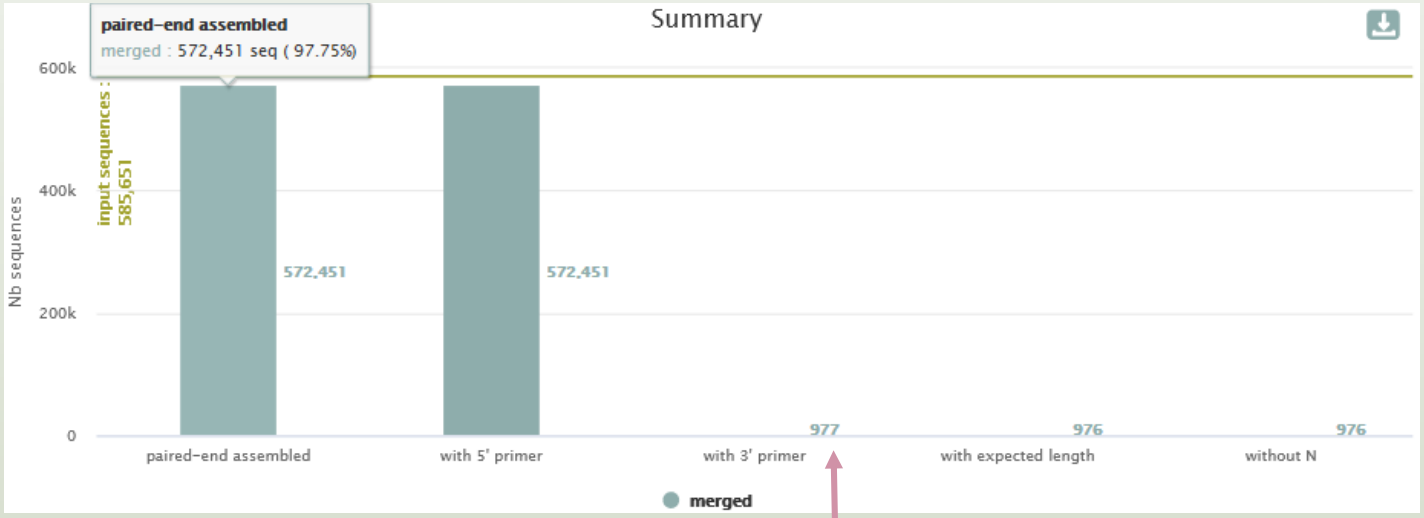
Answer 5

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?

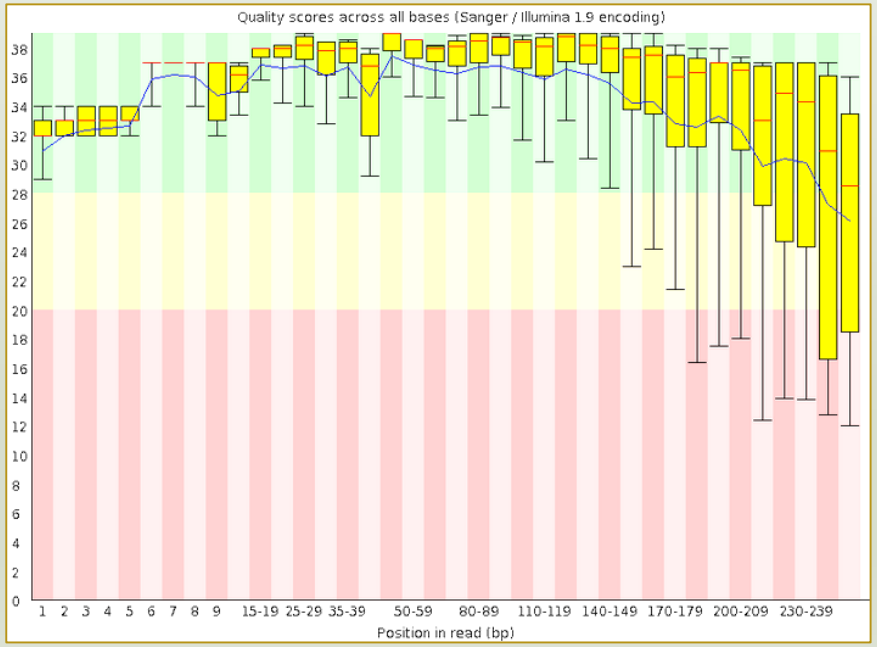
Yes | No

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

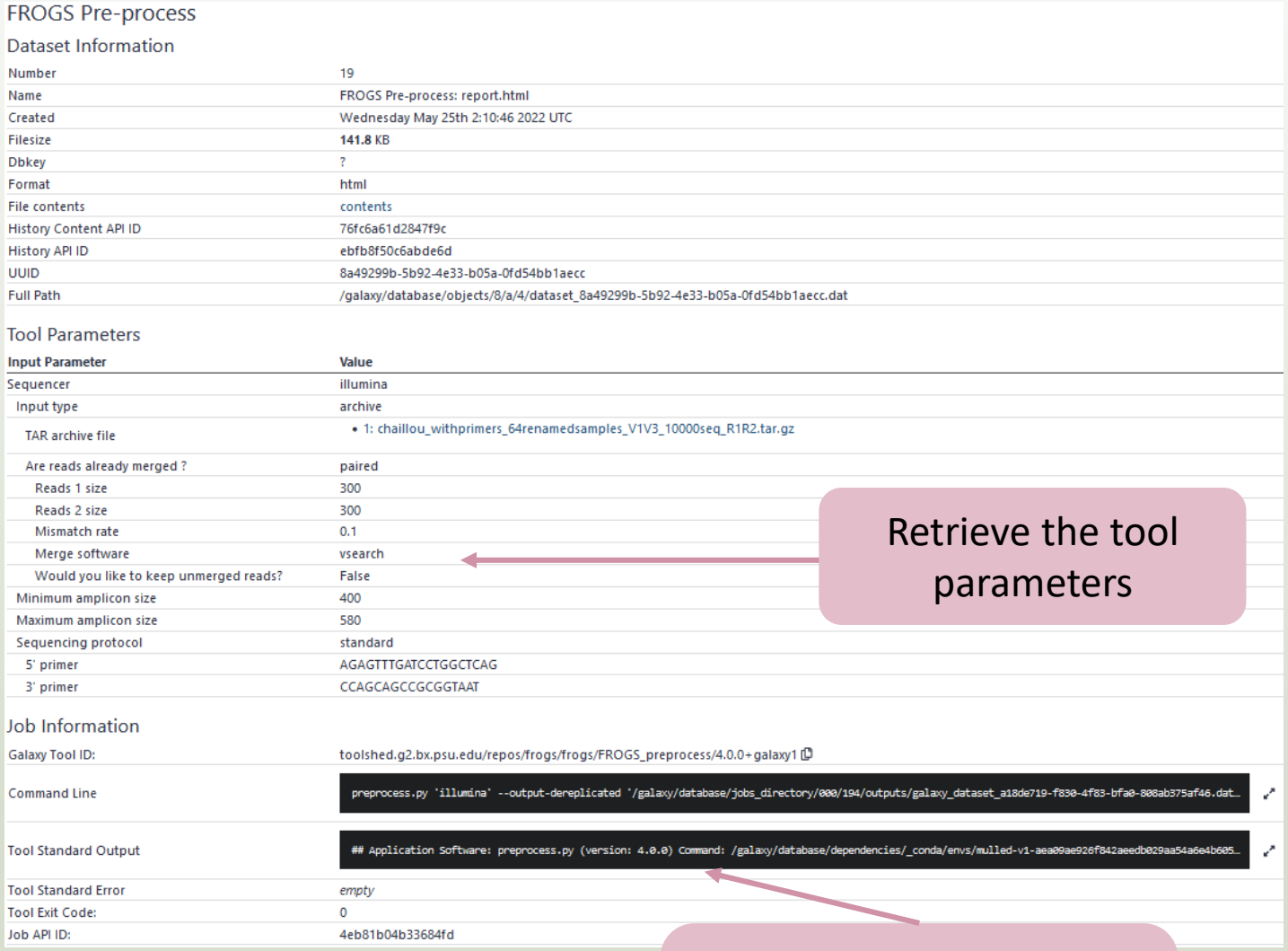
All sequences have the 5’ primer

569 278 sequences are still after preprocessing

Answer 9

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

Click on « i »



FROGS Pre-process

Dataset Information

Number	19
Name	FROGS Pre-process: report.html
Created	Wednesday May 25th 2:10:46 2022 UTC
Filesize	**141.8** KB
Dbkey	?
Format	html
File contents	contents
History Content API ID	76fc6a61d2847f9c
History API ID	ebfb8f50c6abde6d
UUID	8a49299b-5b92-4e33-b05a-0fd54bb1aecc
Full Path	/galaxy/database/objects/8/a/4/dataset_8a49299b-5b92-4e33-b05a-0fd54bb1aecc.dat

Tool Parameters

Input Parameter	Value
Sequencer	illumina
Input type	archive
TAR archive file	• 1: chaillou_withprimers_64renamedsamples_V1V3_10000seq_R1R2.tar.gz
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

Job Information

Galaxy Tool ID:	toolshed.g2.bx.psu.edu/repos/frogs/frogs/FROGS_preprocess/4.0.0+galaxy1
Command Line	preprocess.py 'illumina' --output-dereplicated '/galaxy/database/jobs_directory/000/194/outputs/galaxy_dataset_a18de719-f830-4f83-bfa0-808ab375af46.dat…
Tool Standard Output	## Application Software: preprocess.py (version: 4.0.0) Command: /galaxy/database/dependencies/_conda/envs/mulled-v1-aea09ae926f842aeedb029aa54a6e4b605…
Tool Standard Error	*empty*
Tool Exit Code:	0
Job API ID:	4eb81b04b33684fd

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 ?

Details on merged sequences

CSV

Show 10 entries

Search:

Samples	before process	% kept	paired-end assembled	with 5' primer	with 3' primer	with expected length	without N
BHT0.		92	9,089	9,089	9,089	9,089	9,089
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
BHT0.LOT05	9,109	97.56	8,890	8,890	8,888	8,887	8,887

Select all samples

Answer 10

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

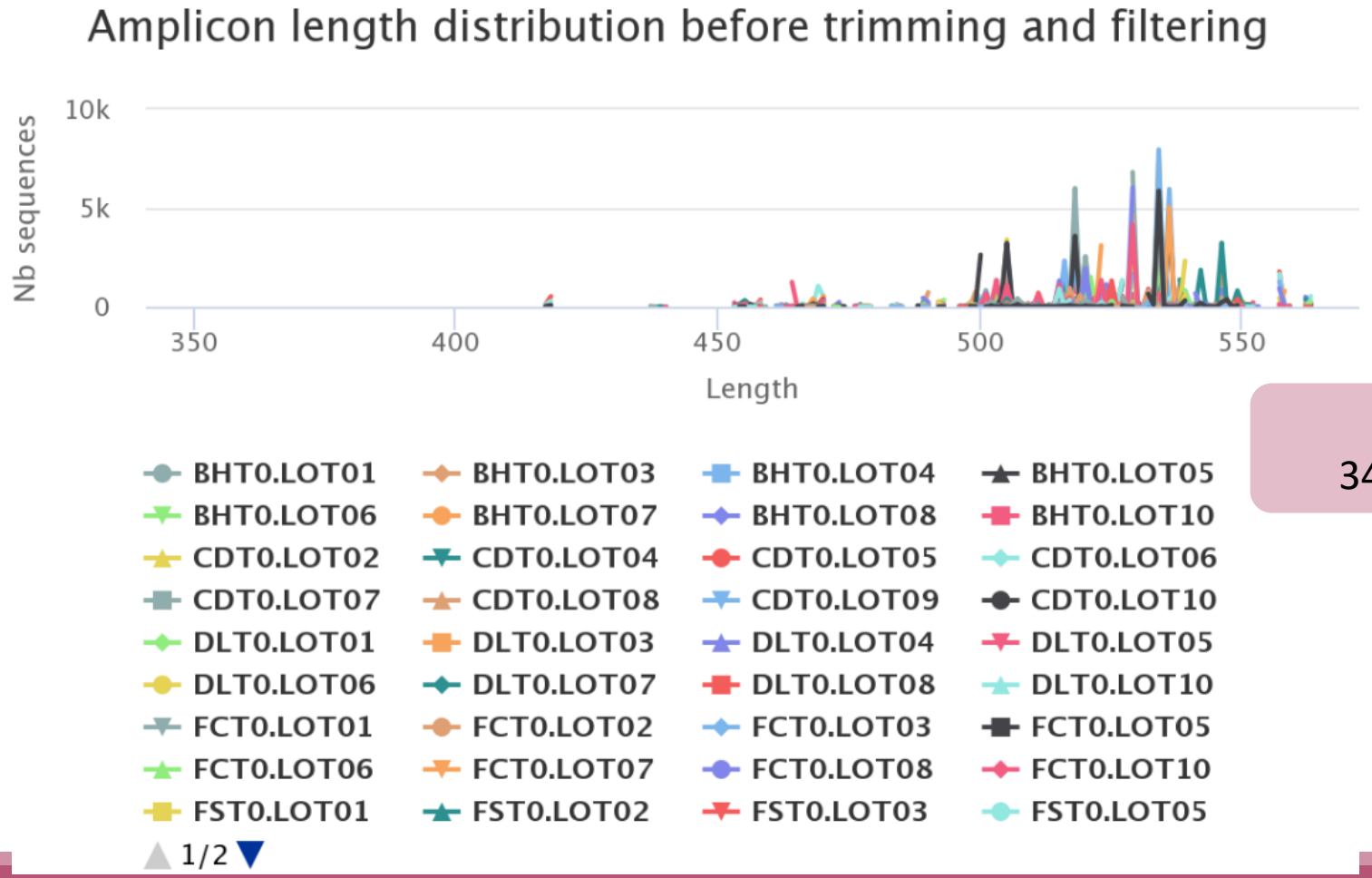
	VHT0.LOT07	9,337	97.03	9,064	9,064	9,064	9,060	9,060
	VHT0.LOT08	9,436	97.33	9,192	9,192	9,192	9,184	9,184
	VHT0.LOT10	9,165	97.64	8,983	8,983	8,982	8,949	8,949

With selection: Display amplicon lengths | Display preprocessed amplicon lengths

at the bottom of the table

Answer 10

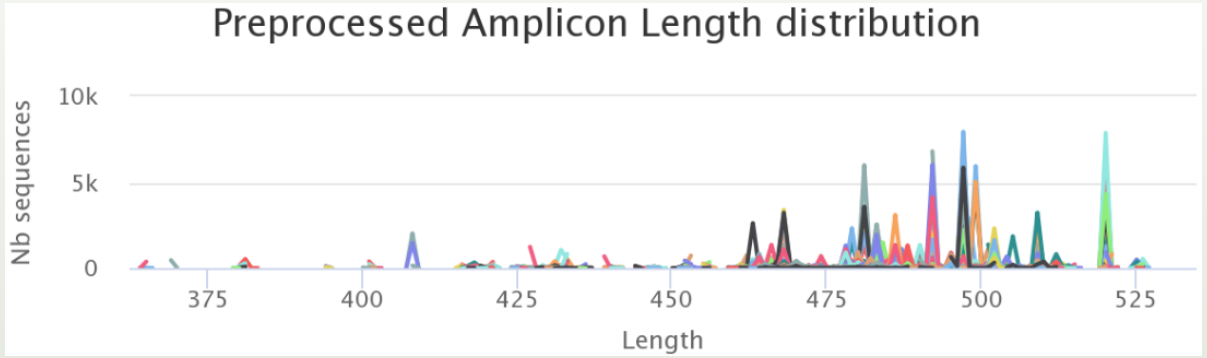
Q10: What is the length of your merged reads before preprocessing ?



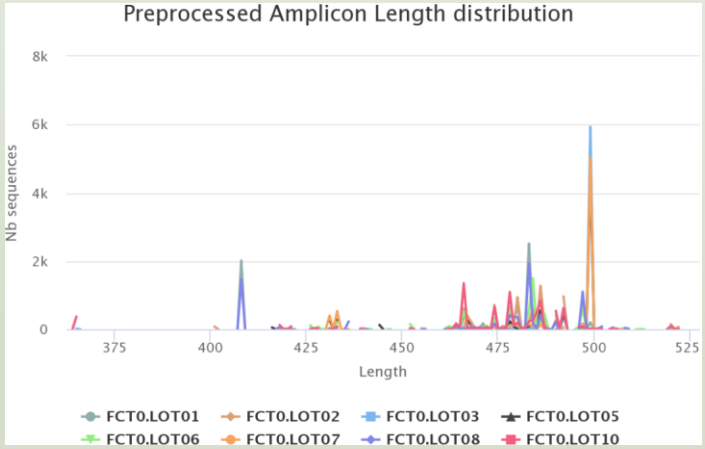
Before preprocessing:
343 < sequence length < 570

Answer 11

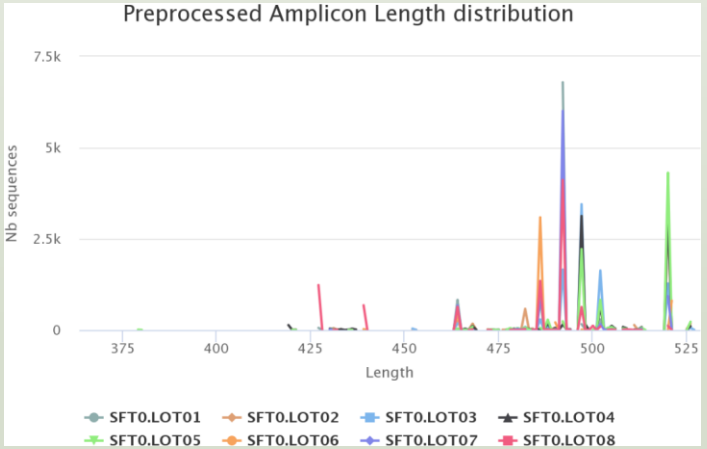
Q11: What can you tell about the samples, based on amplicon size distributions ?



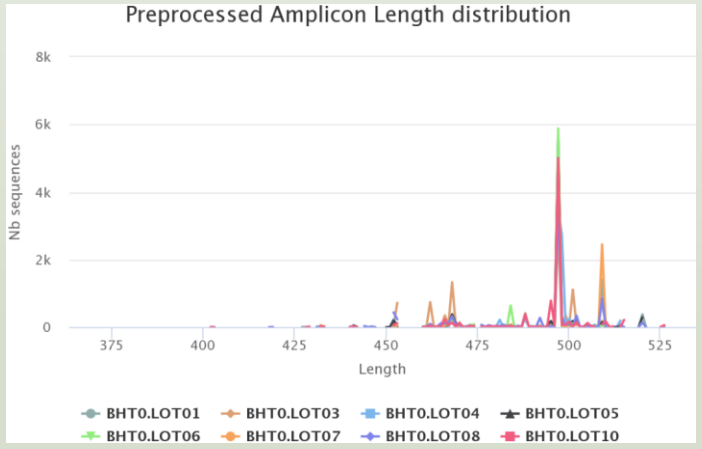
« Filet Cabillaud » samples



« Saumon Fumé » samples



« Bœuf Haché » samples



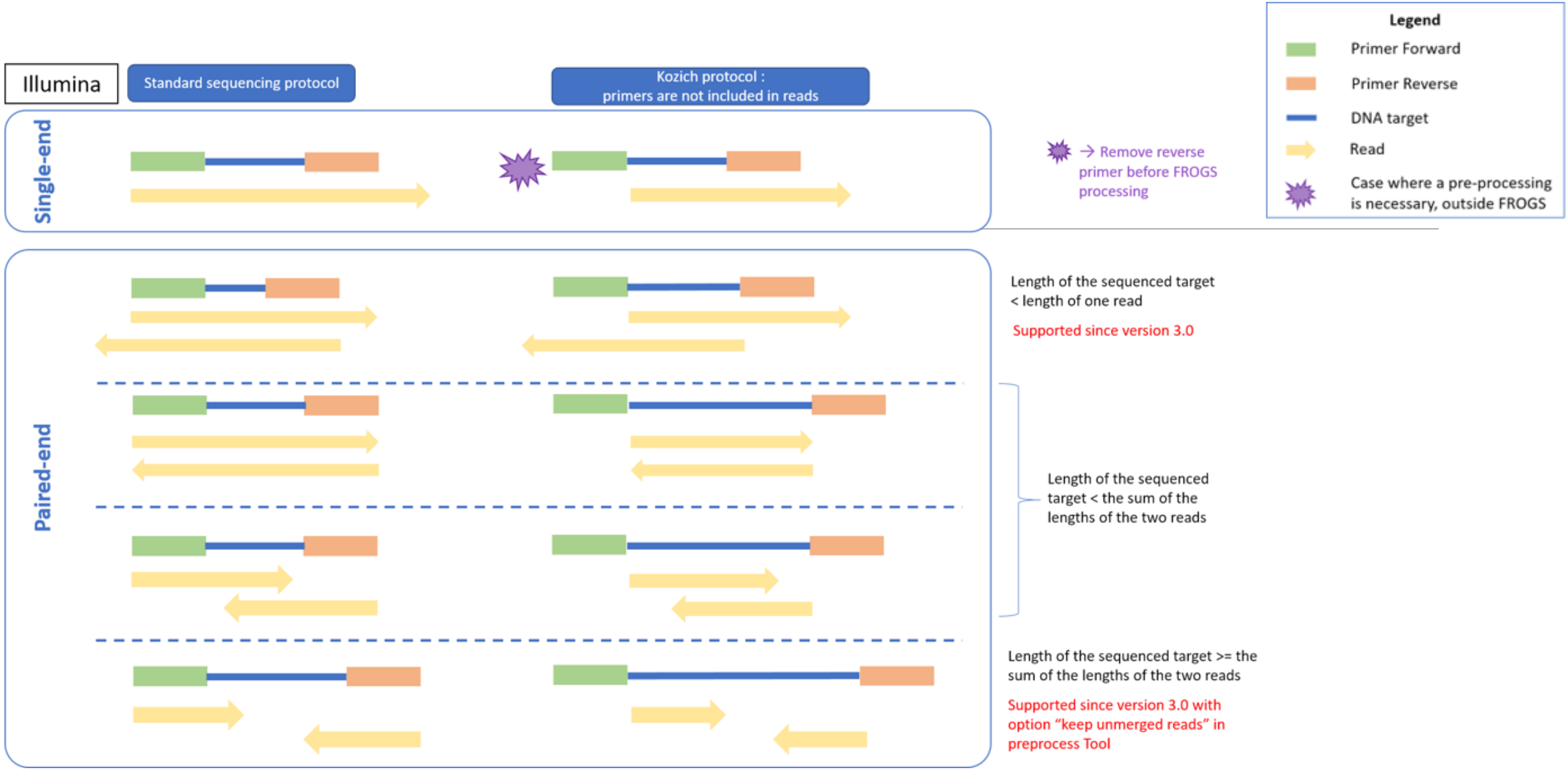
For each EnvType, we can observe different amplicon sizes. They correspond to different species.
N.B. amplicons with same size can represent different species.

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	✓

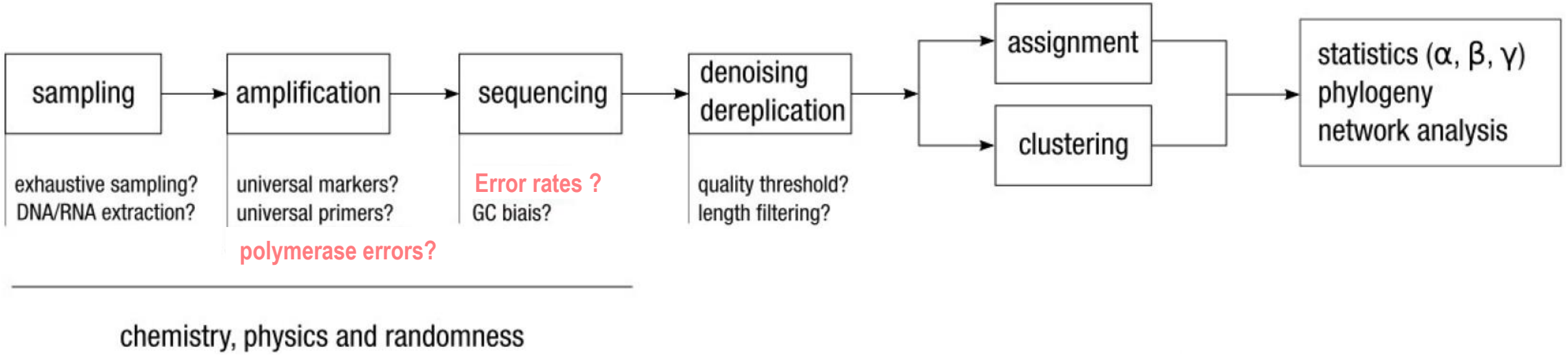
Processed data by FROGS in brief

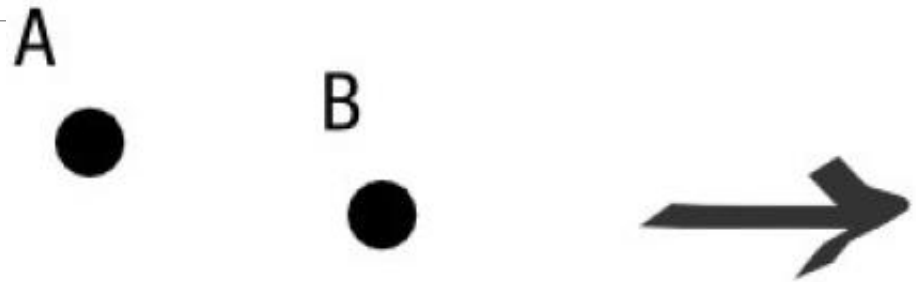

Illumina
Standard sequencing protocol
Kozich protocol :
primers are not included in reads
Single-end
Paired-end
→ Remove reverse primer before FROGS processing
Legend
Primer Forward
Primer Reverse
DNA target
Read
Case where a pre-processing is necessary, outside FROGS
Length of the sequenced target < 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

Clustering tool

Why do we need clustering ?

Amplication and sequencing and are not perfect processes

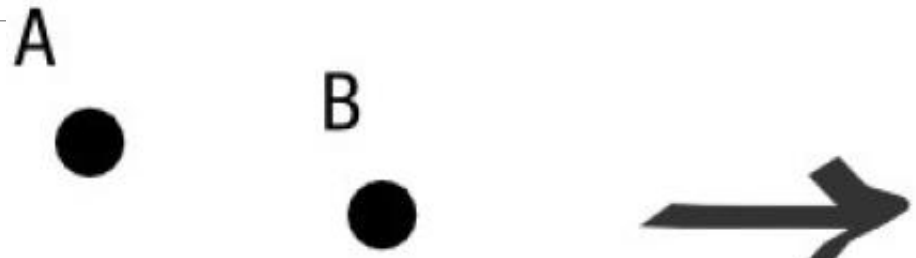




Expected

Results

Natural variability ?
Technical noise?
Contaminant?
Chimeras?

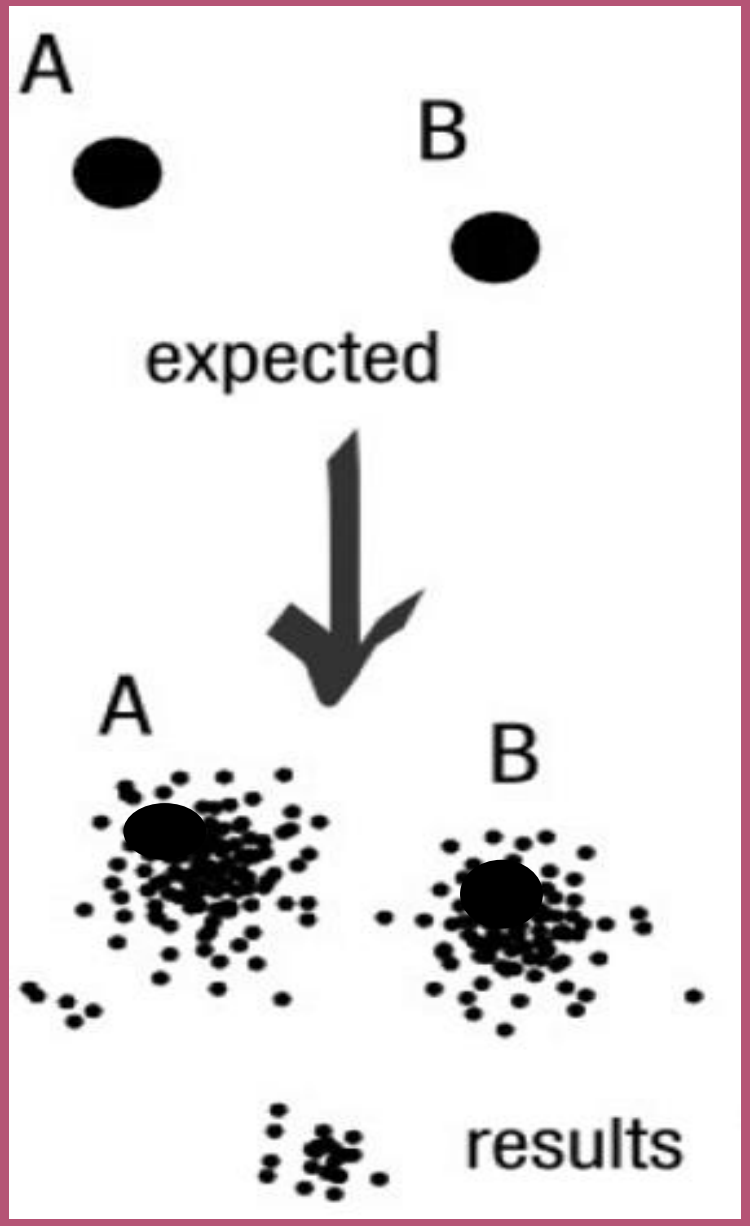


Natural variability ?
Technical noise?
Contaminant?
Chimeras?

Expected

Results

16S variability
Cf. RRNDB (ribosomal RNA operons database)
https://rrndb.umms.med.umich.edu/search/
max. 21 copies of 16S in bacteria (*Photobacterium damselae*)
ex. *E. coli* 7 copies



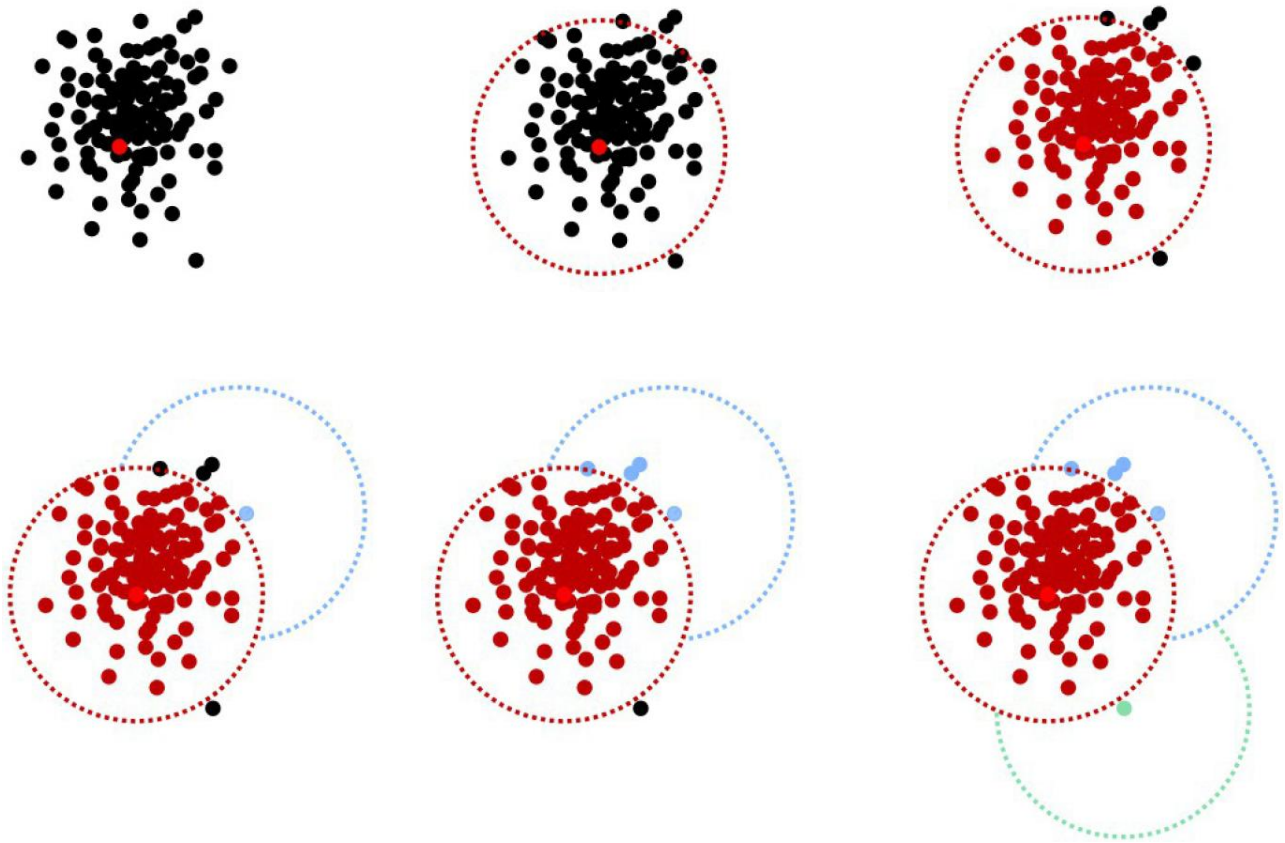
To have the best accuracy:

Method: All against all

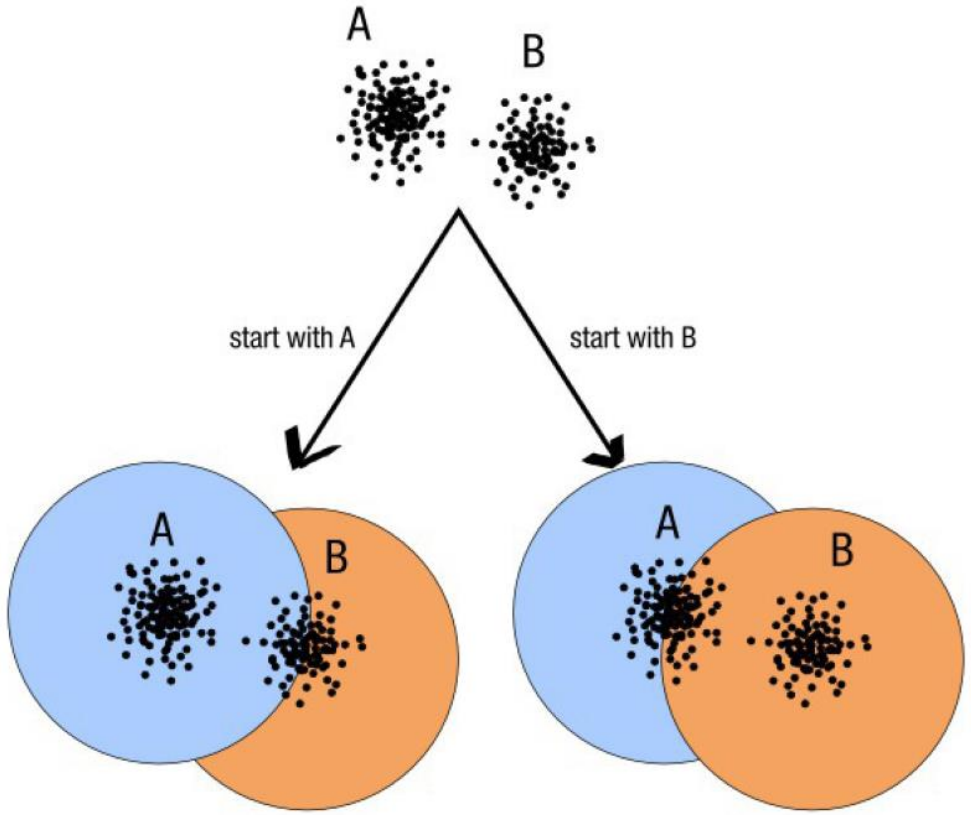
- Very accurate
- Requires a lot of memory and/or time

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

How traditional clustering works ?

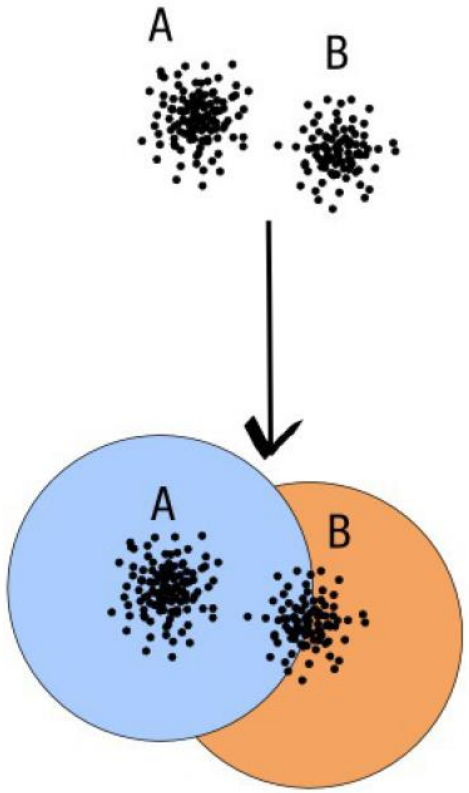


Input order dependent results

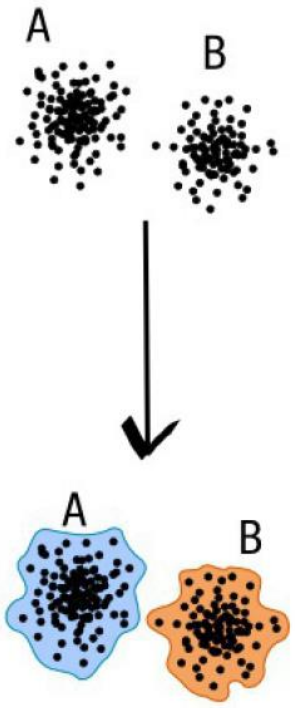


decreasing length,
decreasing abundance,
external references

Single a priori clustering threshold

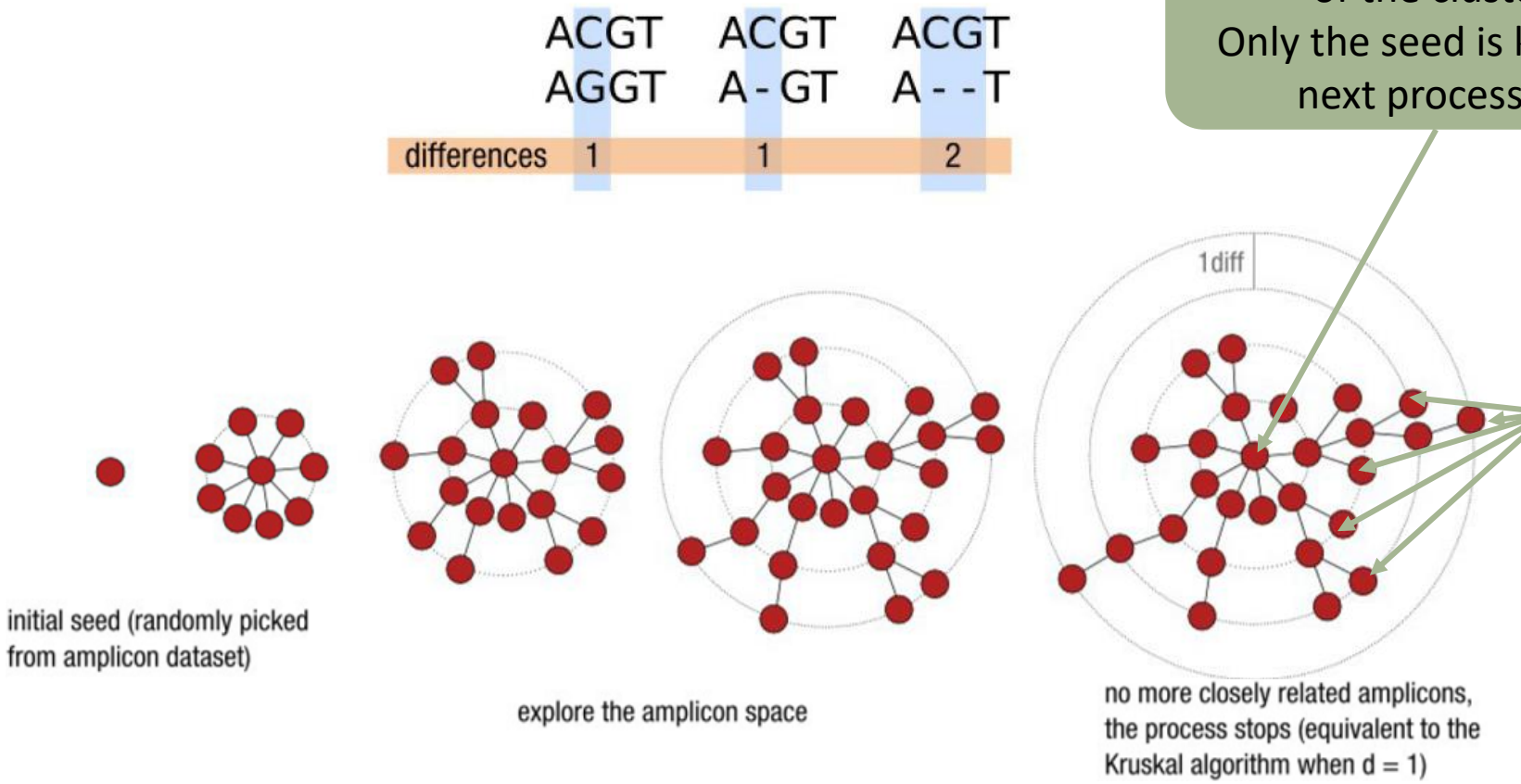


compromise threshold
unadapted threshold



natural limits of clusters

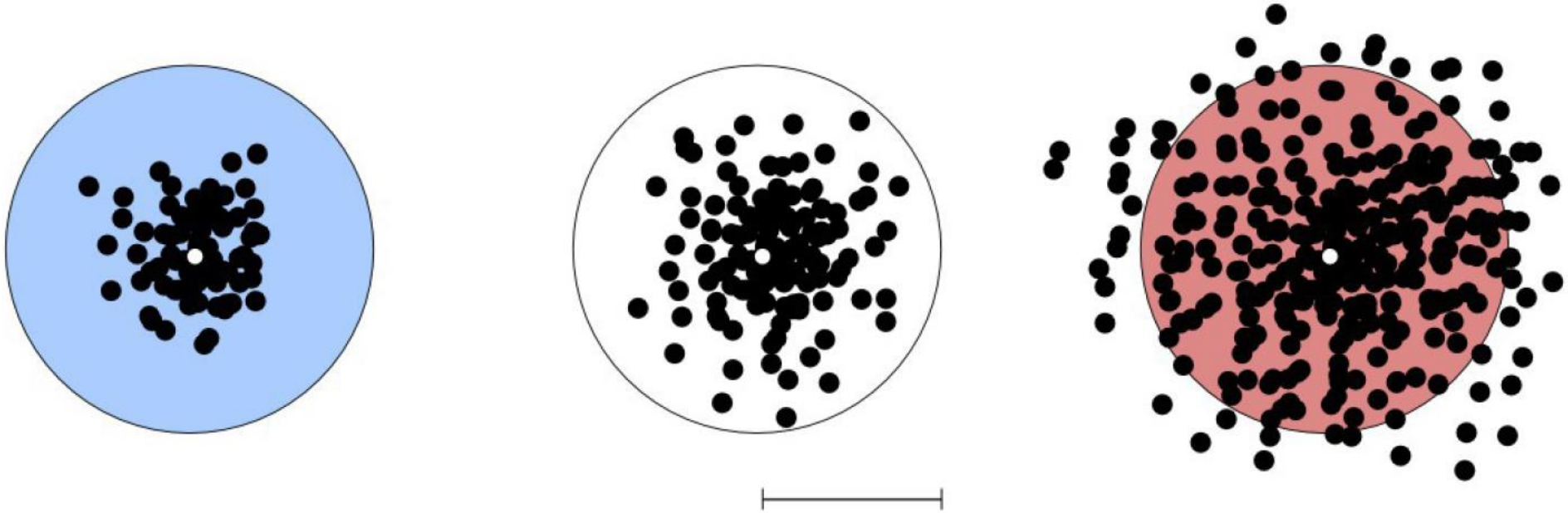
Swarm clustering method



This sequences is the seed of the cluster.
Only the seed is kept for next processes.

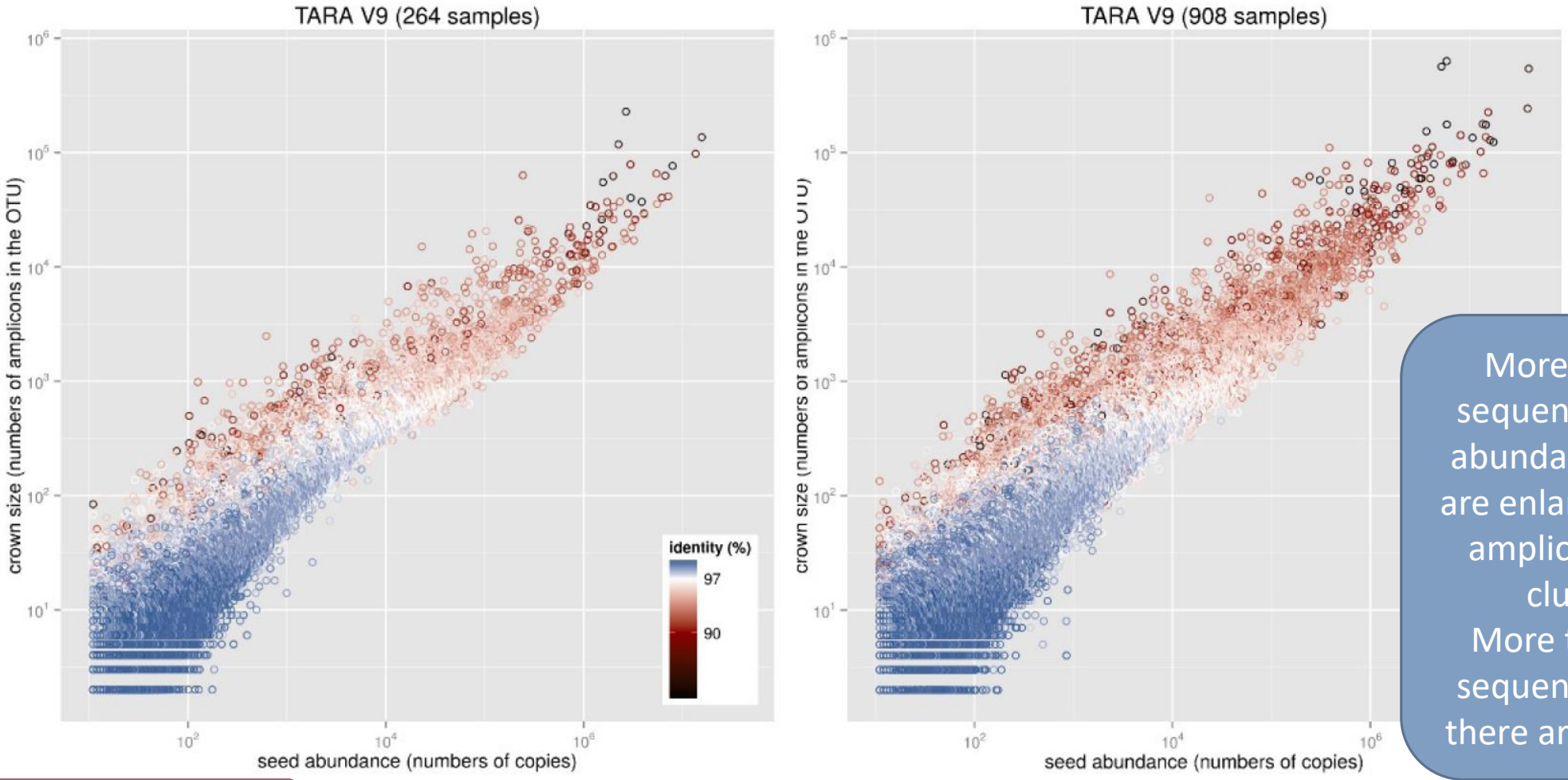
The abundances of each sequence in the cluster are added together.
And the total abundance is given to the seed.

Comparison Swarm and 3% clusterings



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

clusters produced with swarm using d = 1

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

Sequences file

2: FROGS Pre-process: dereplicated.fasta

The dereplicated sequences file (format: fasta).

Count file

3: FROGS Pre-process: count.tsv

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

FROGS guidelines version

New guidelines from version 3.2

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

Aggregation distance clustering

1

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

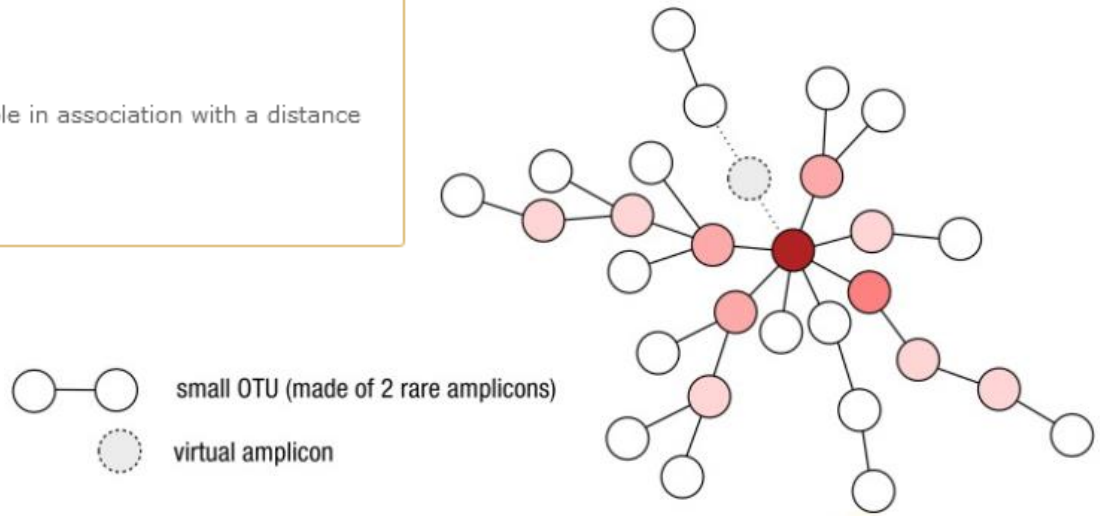
Refine OTU clustering

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)

✔ Execute

longer but more accurate



SWARM

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.

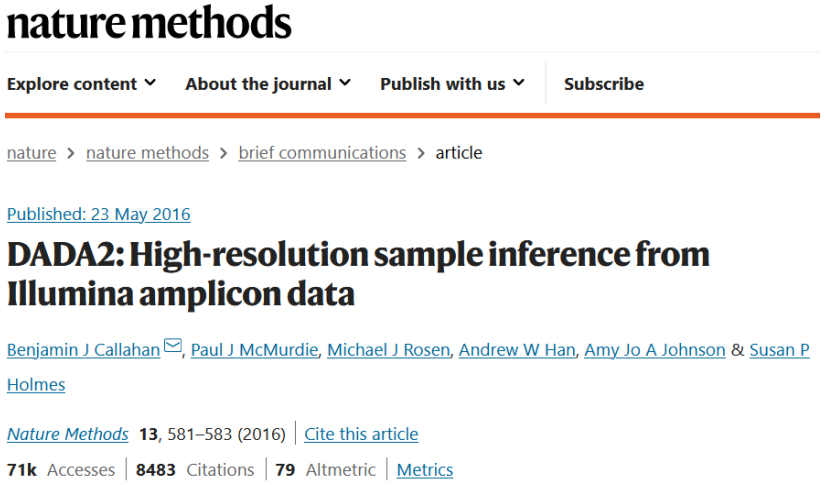
swarm produces ASV-like clusters.

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

« ASV *vs* OTU » debate

One of the popular methods to process amplicon data is the ASV (**A**mplicon **S**equence **V**ariant) analysis which groups sequences according to their abundance and an error model, as proposed by DADA2 or others.

The probability that a sequence is derived from errors in another sequence is estimated by taking into account their abundances and the transition rates between bases (sequencing or PCR errors).



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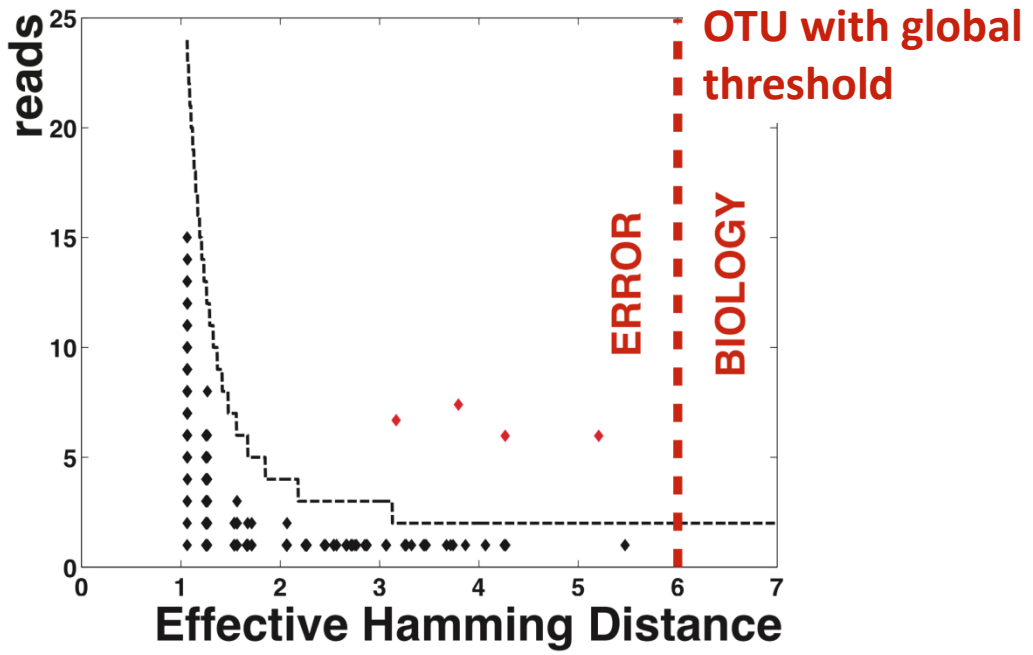
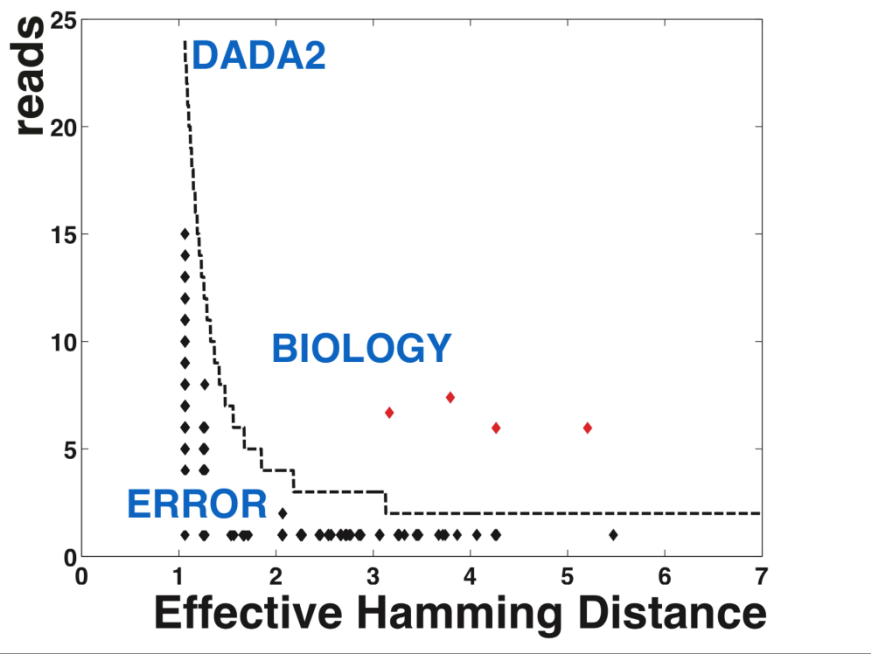
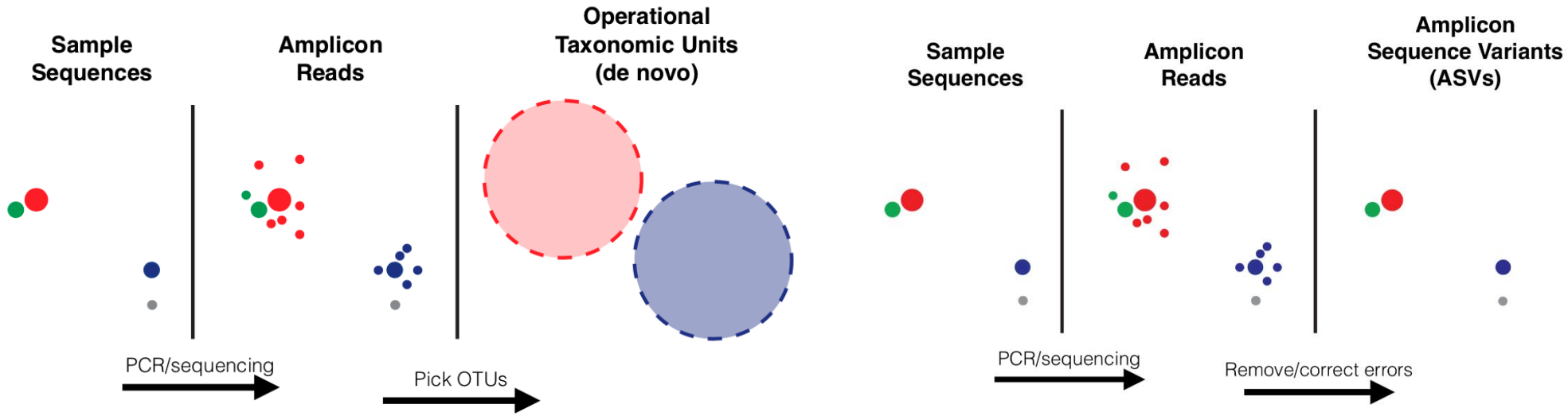




Due to the "ASV vs OTU" debate, the term OTU is currently negatively connoted and creates confusion by suggesting that all methods producing OTUs use a fixed clustering threshold (classically at 97% similarity) and are therefore bad. This is of course not the case: the criticism of fixed threshold methods preceded the use of the term ASV and several previously published tools produce ASV-like clusters, including swarm, the clustering tool used in FROGS.

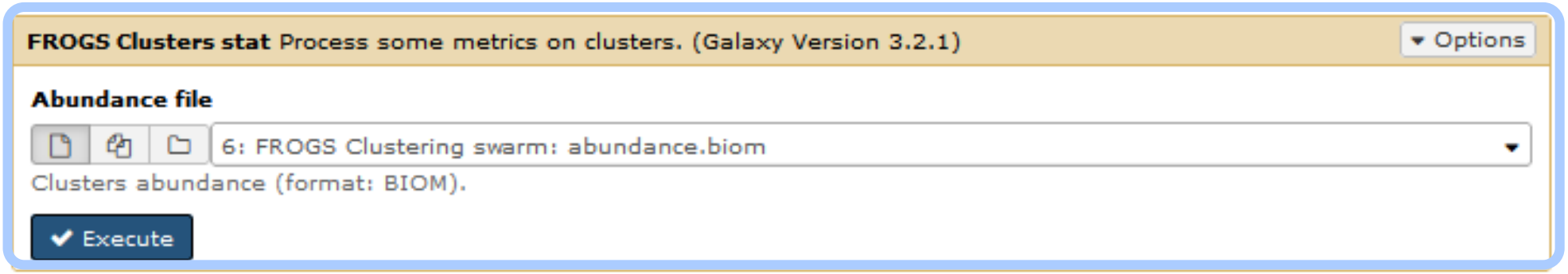
« ASV *vs* OTU » debate

- The ASV vs. OTU debate is actually about fixed-threshold clustering approaches, the criticism of which preceded the ASV term. Many methods, including **swarm**, pre-existed and produce "ASV-like" clusters/OTUs (figure below is from Callahan, author of dada2 and really similar to swarm).



- FROGS OTUs are therefore <u>not concerned</u> by the criticism made of OTUs in comparison to ASVs.

Cluster stat tool


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

Practice:

LAUNCH CLUSTERING AND CLUSTERSTAT TOOLS

Exercise

Go to « 16S » history

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

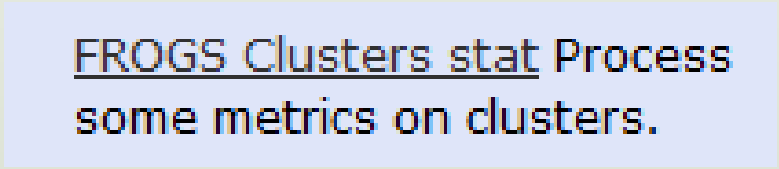
→ objectives :

- understand the outputs from clustering
- understand the ClusterStat utility

Exercise

1. How many clusters do you get ?

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

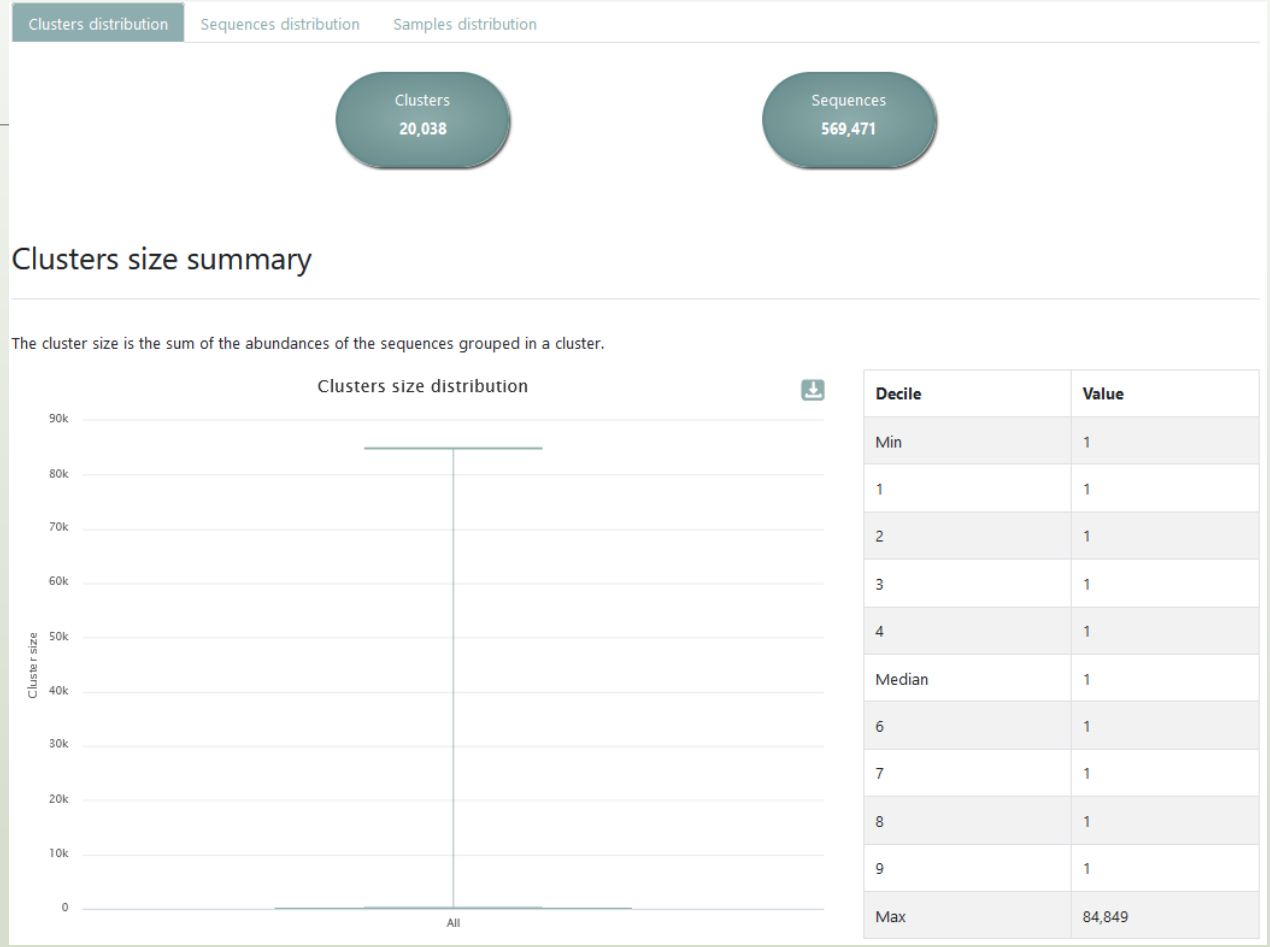


Exercise

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

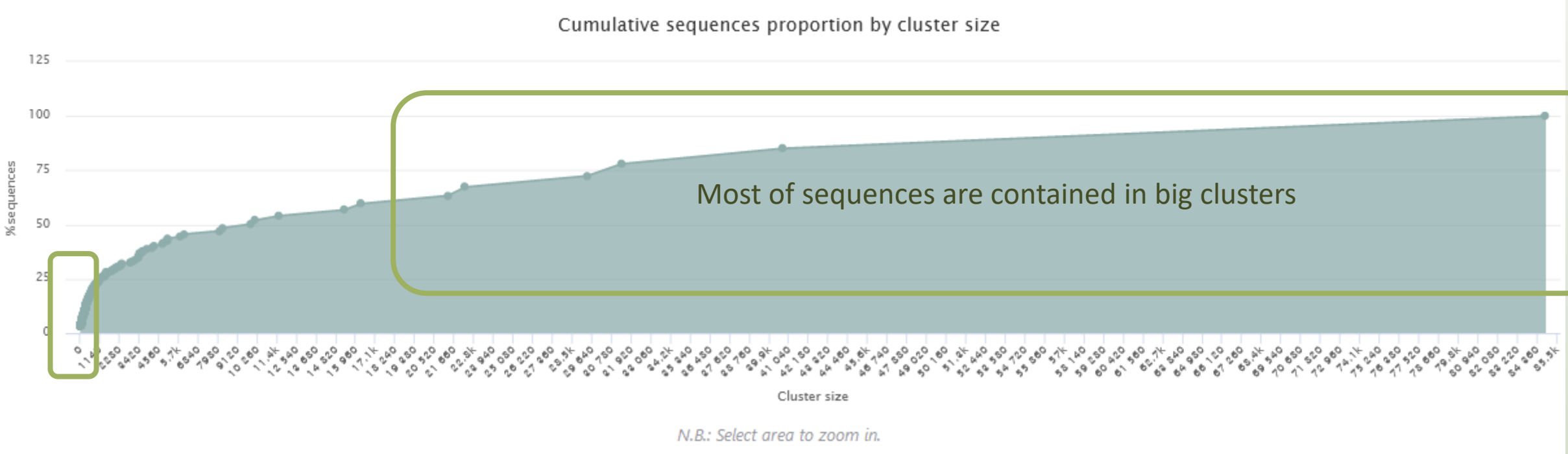
Q1: How many clusters do you get ?
Q2: Interpret the boxplot: **Clusters size summary**
Q3: Interpret the table: **Clusters size details - How many single singletons do you find?**



Most of OTUs are singletons

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	493	114	379	9,089	8,709	380
BHT0.LOT03	433	140	293	8,9		
BHT0.LOT04	474	152	322	8,9		
BHT0.LOT05	475	152	323	8,8		
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			07	8,937	8,630	307
CDT0.LOT02				9,270	8,767	503
CDT0.LOT04			3	8,918	8,609	309
CDT0.LOT05	384	241	143	8,520	8,377	143
CDT0.LOT06	365	256	109	8,373	8,264	109
CDT0.LOT07	512	100	412			
CDT0.LOT08	556	162	394			

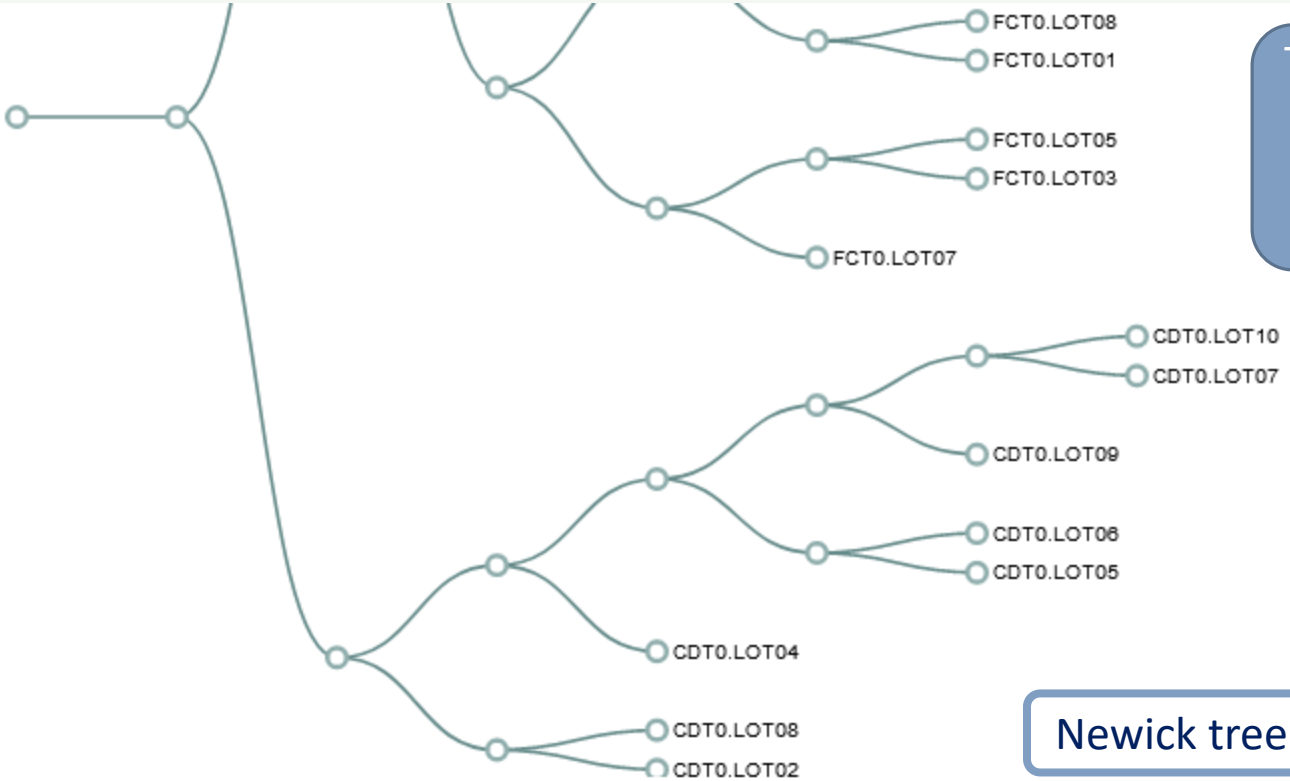
Q5: How many clusters share “BHT0.LOT08” with at least one other sample?
Q6: How many clusters could we expect to be shared ?
Q7: How many sequences represent the 106 specific clusters of “CDT0.LOT06”?
Q8: This represents what proportion of “CDT0.LOT06”?
Q9: What do you think about it?

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

Answer 10

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



The « Hierachical 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

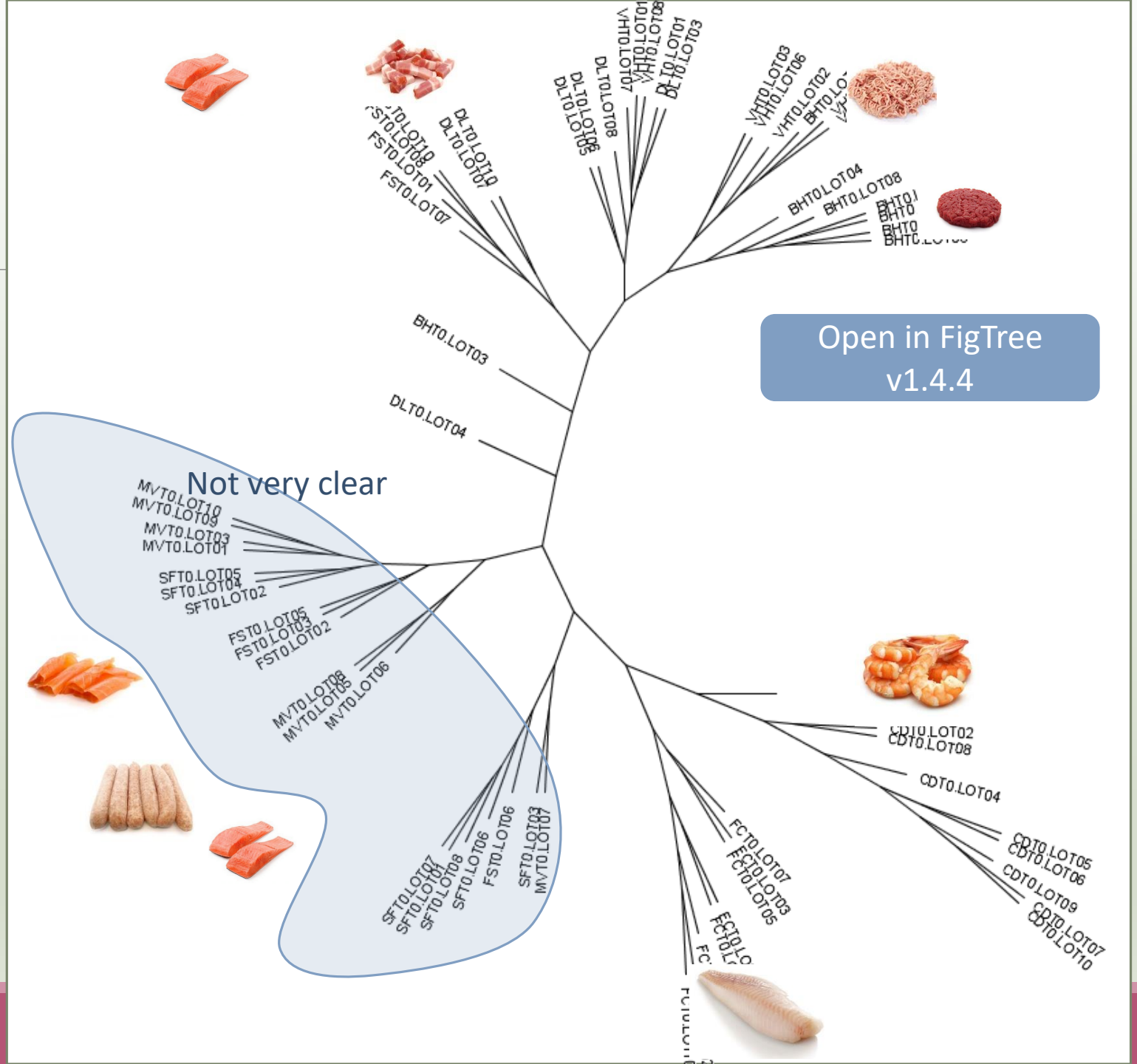
((((CDT0.LOT02,CDT0.LOT08):0.312,(CDT0.LOT04,((CDT0.LOT05,CDT0.LOT06):0.518,(CDT0.LOT09,(CDT0.LOT07,CDT0.LOT10):0.533):0.582):0.757):0.816):0.840,(((FCT0.LOT07,(FCT0.LOT03,FCT0.LOT05):0.257):0.262,((FCT0.LOT01,FCT0.LOT08):0.352,(FCT0.LOT06,(FCT0.LOT02,FCT0.LOT10):0.427):0.631):0.805):0.832,(((MVT0.LOT07,SFT0.LOT03):0.493,(FST0.LOT06,(SFT0.LOT06,(SFT0.LOT08,(SFT0.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,(SFT0.LOT04,SFT0.LOT05):0.211):0.227,((MVT0.LOT01,MVT0.LOT03):0.161,(MVT0.LOT09,MVT0.LOT10):0.341):0.466):0.526):0.661):0.681,(DLT0.LOT04,((((DLT0.LOT05,DLT0.LOT06):0.173,(DLT0.LOT08,((VHT0.LOT07,(VHT0.LOT01,VHT0.LOT08):0.095):0.184,(DLT0.LOT01,DLT0.LOT03):0.231):0.267):0.325):0.411,((BHT0.LOT04,(BHT0.LOT08,((BHT0.LOT01,BHT0.LOT07):0.224,(BHT0.LOT05,BHT0.LOT06):0.231):0.309):0.352):0.462,((VHT0.LOT03,VHT0.LOT06):0.387,(VHT0.LOT02,(BHT0.LOT10,(VHT0.LOT04,VHT0.LOT10):0.272):0.336):0.401):0.463):0.590):0.711,(BHT0.LOT03,((FST0.LOT07,(FST0.LOT01,(FST0.LOT08,FST0.LOT10):0.254):0.388):0.408,(DLT0.LOT07,DLT0.LOT10):0.440):0.666):0.734):0.745):0.827):0.856):0.875):0.911):0.938);

Samples distribution tab

Answer 10

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

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

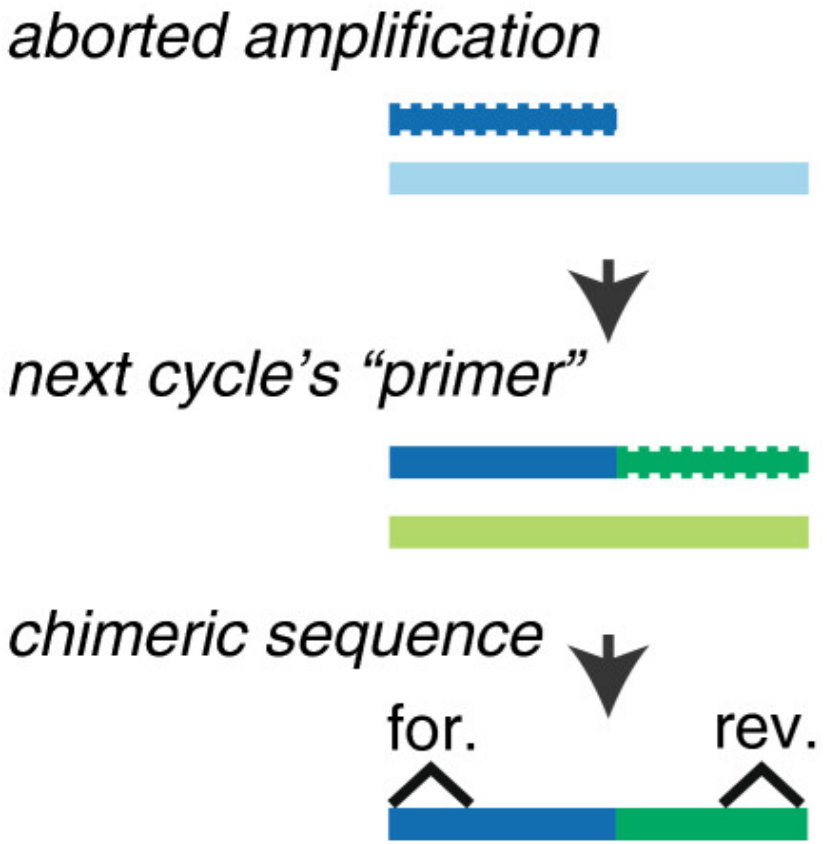


Chimera removal tool

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 (Haas 2011 doi: 10.1101/gr.112730.110)

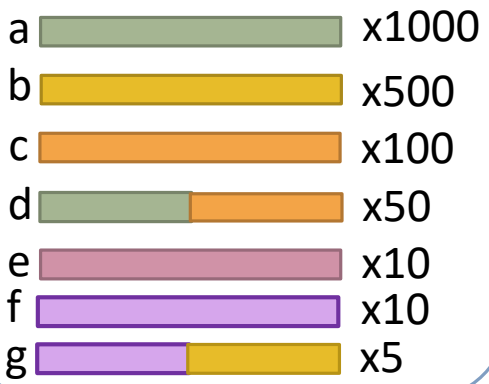


Fichot and Norman *Microbiome* 2013 **1**:10
doi:10.1186/2049-2618-1-10

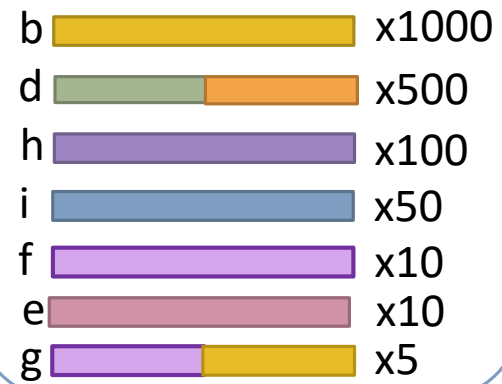
A smart removal chimera to be accurate

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

Practice:

LAUNCH THE REMOVE CHIMERA TOOL

Exercise

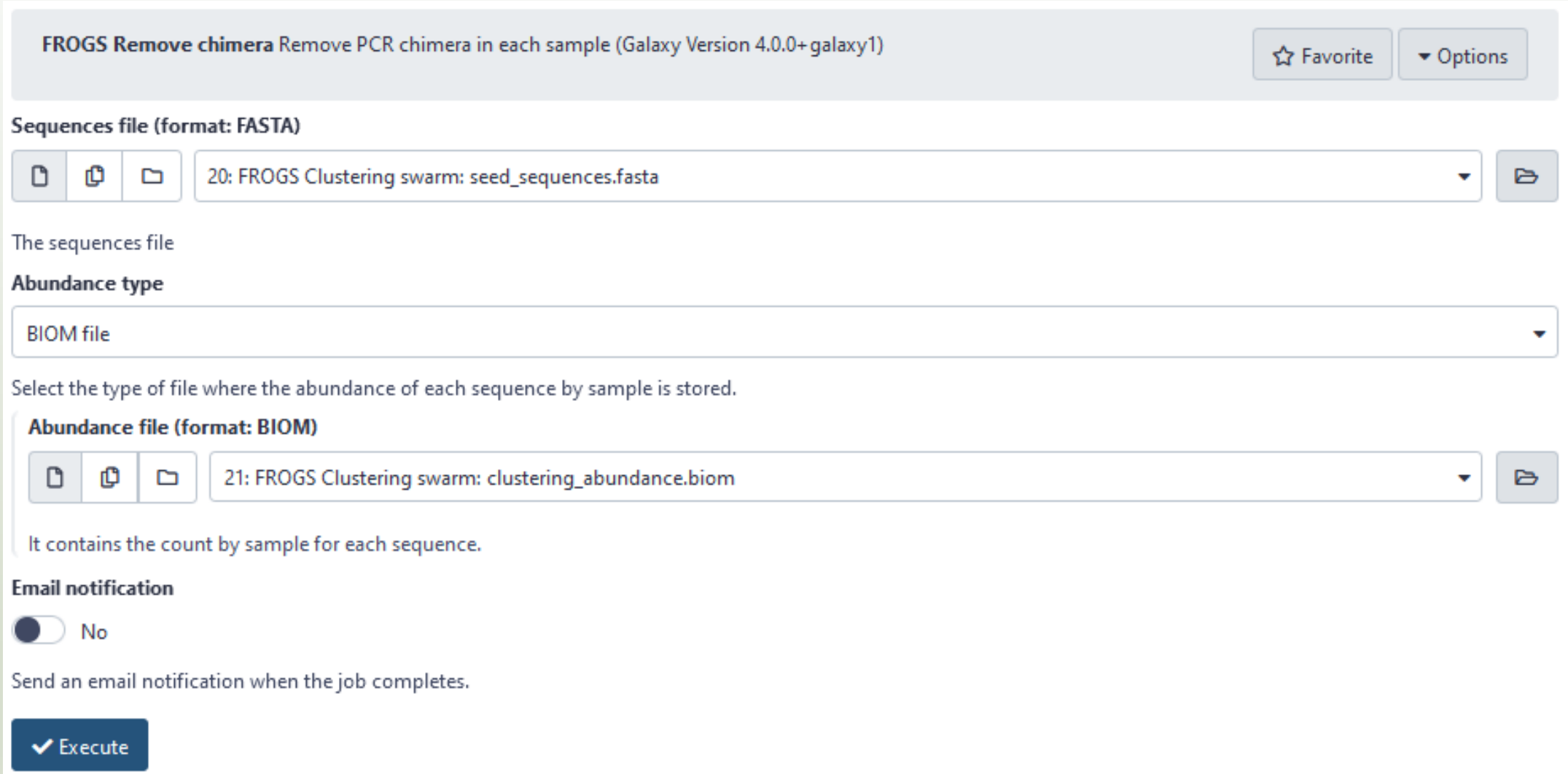
Go to « 16S » history

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 4.0.0+galaxy1)
Favorite
Options
Sequences file (format: FASTA)
20: FROGS Clustering swarm: seed_sequences.fasta
The sequences file
Abundance type
BIOM file
Select the type of file where the abundance of each sequence by sample is stored.
Abundance file (format: BIOM)
21: FROGS Clustering swarm: clustering_abundance.biom
It contains the count by sample for each sequence.
Email notification
No
Send an email notification when the job completes.
Execute

Exercise

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

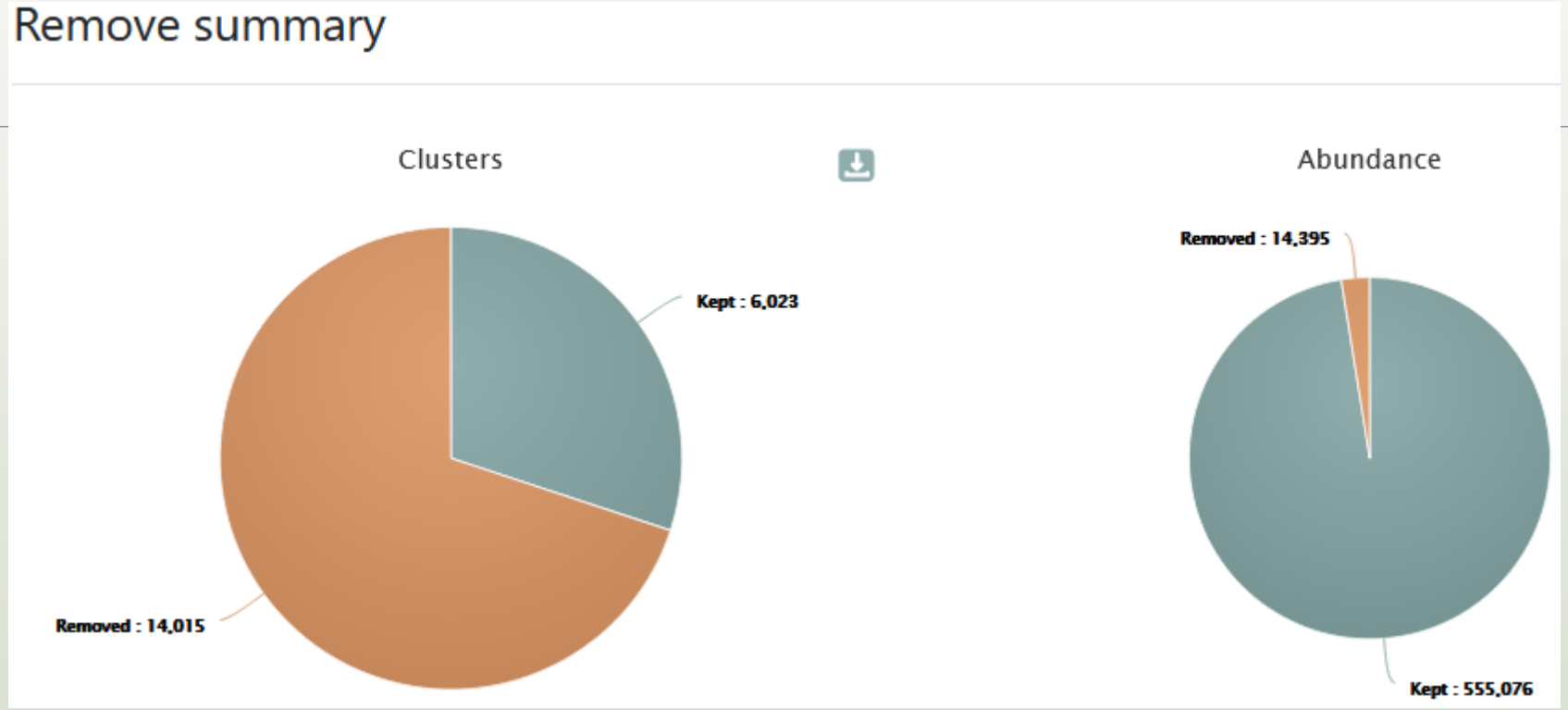
3. Rename html output in Chimera_report.html

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 ?



6023 clusters are kept.
The 14015 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?

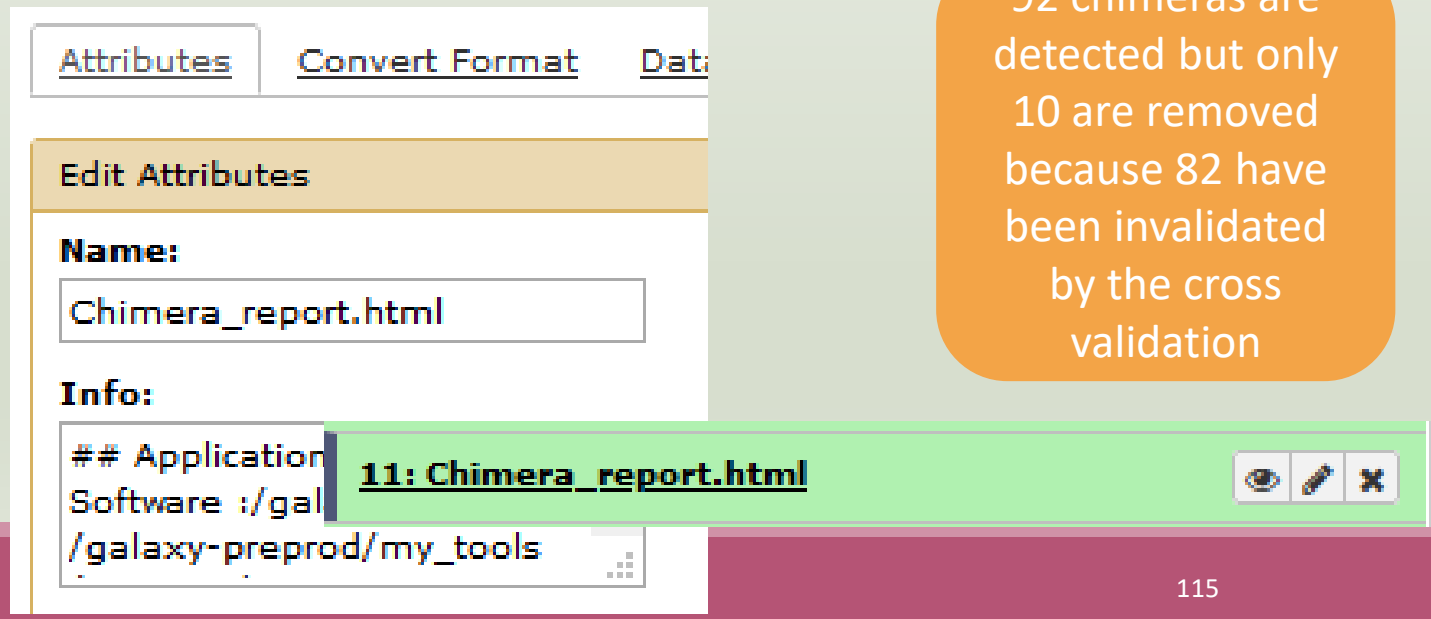
Sample	Clusters kept	% Clusters kept	Cluster abundance kept	% Cluster abundance kept	Chimeric clusters removed	Chimeric abundance removed	Abundance of the most abundant chimera removed	Individual chimera detected	Individual chimera abundance detected	Abundance of the most abundant individual chimera detected
VHT0.LOT02	205	35.90	8,862			410	19	372	446	19
MVT0.LOT10	254	60.48	9,313			180	10	169	304	92
VHT0.LOT08	261	45.87	8,852			332	10	310	344	11
VHT0.LOT01	198	35.42	8,832	95.90	361	378	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



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_Stat report after clustering

Cluster size	Number of cluster	% of all clusters
1	19,267	96.15
2	150	0.75
3	22	0.11
4	10	0.05

Most small clusters are composed of chimeras

Cluster_Stat report after chimera removing

Cluster size	Number of cluster	% of all clusters
1	5,387	89.44
2	49	0.81
3	15	0.25
4	7	0.12

OTU Filter tool

OTU Filter

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

FROGS OTU Filters Filters OTUs on several criteria. (Galaxy Version 4.0.0+galaxy1)

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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)

1

Minimum prevalence method

all samples

Minimum prevalence

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

2

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

as proportion

Minimum proportion of sequences abundancy to keep OTU

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 (--min_abundance)

3

N biggest OTUs

Fill the fields only if you want this treatment. Keep the N biggest OTU (--nb-biggest-otu)

4

Search for contaminant OTU.

No contaminant filter

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

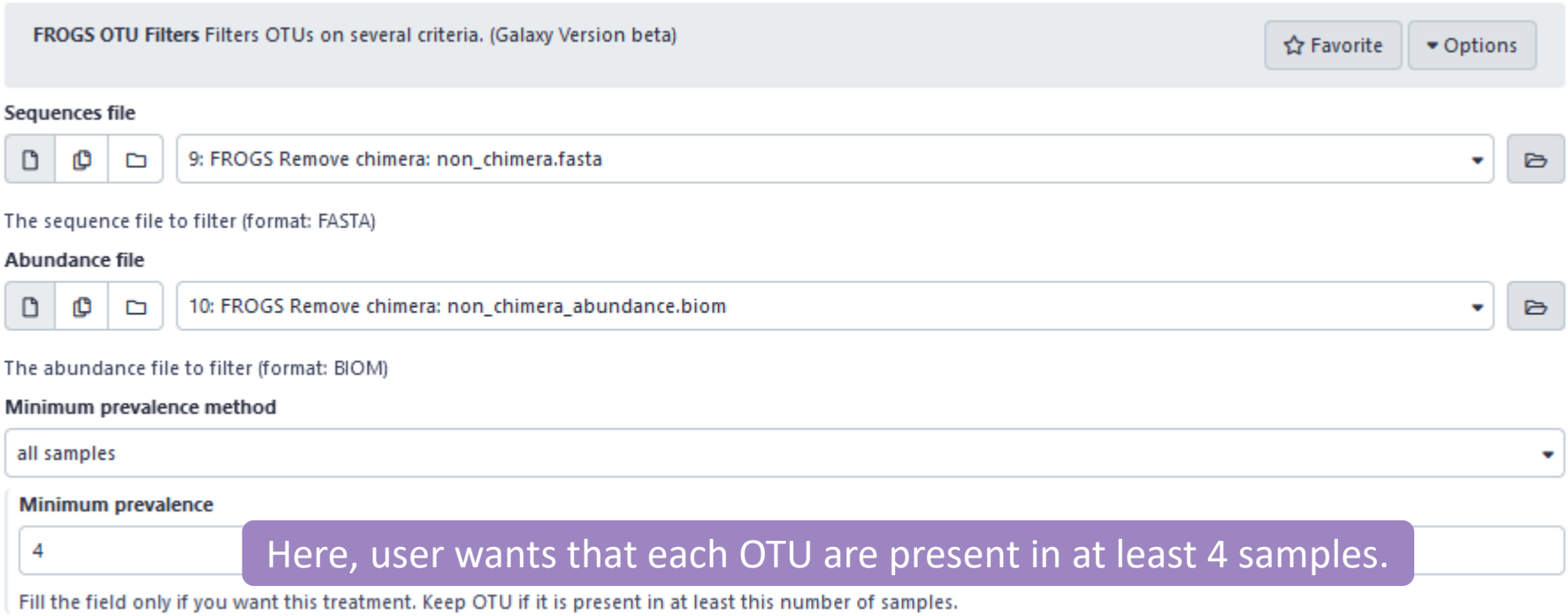
Email notification

No

Send an email notification when the job completes.

✔ Execute

1 Prevalence filter – option 1



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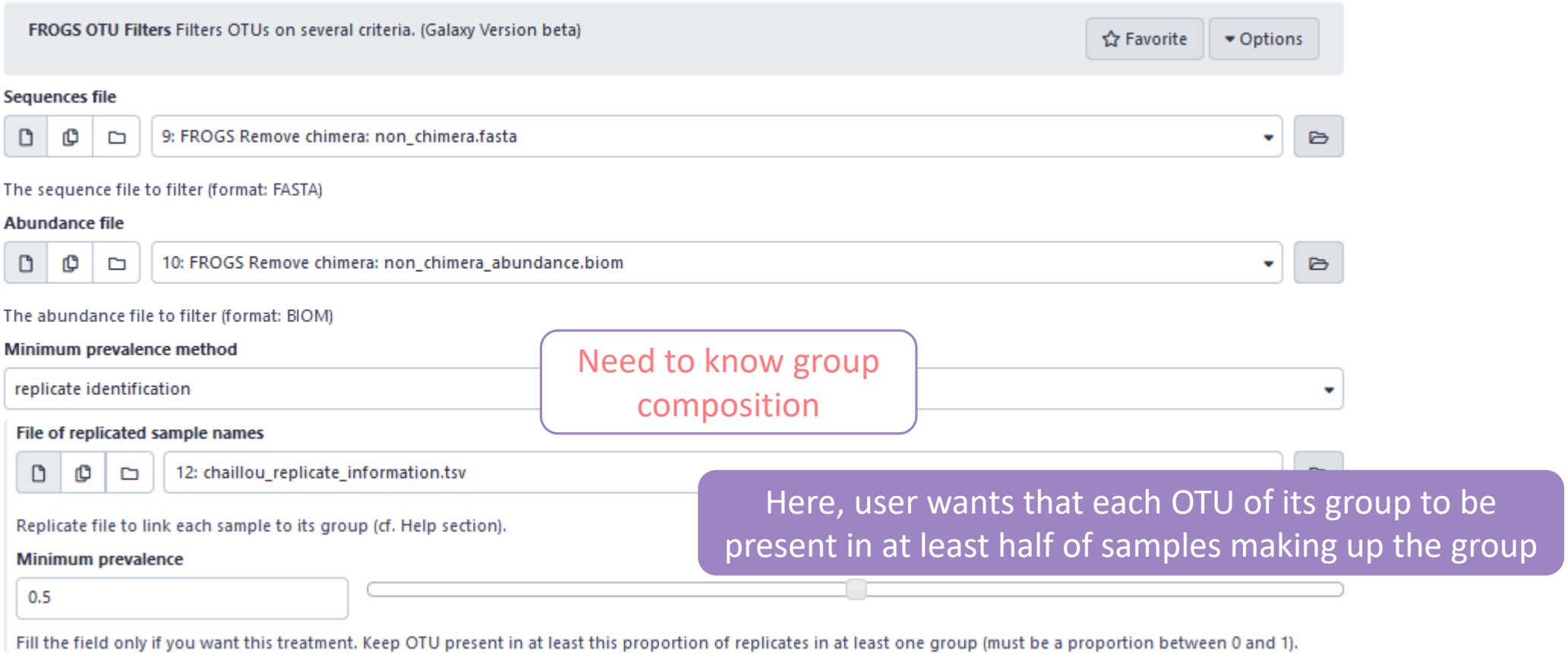
Prevalence filter – option 2



1 Prevalence filter – option 2

How to build the file of replicated sample names ?

The file must consist of only 2 columns, separated by a tab.

The first column contains the exact names of the samples (exactly those contained in the biom file)

The second column contains the name of the group to which they belong. Please note that group names must not contain accents, spaces or special characters.

Example:

sample1	rich
sample2	rich
sample3	rich
sample4	richAB
sample5	richAB
sample6	richAB
sample7	richAB
sample8	richAB
sample9	low
sample10	lowAB
sample11	lowAB
sample12	april21
sample13	april21

Thanks to get data tool, add it in your history

1 Prevalence filter – option 2

Results:

if we want to keep the OTUs that are present in at least 50% of the samples of a same group, we set the threshold at 0.5.

The process will therefore keep the OTUs present in at least

2 "rich" samples

3 "richAB" samples,

1 "lowAB" sample

1 "april21" sample

sample1	rich
sample2	rich
sample3	rich
sample4	richAB
sample5	richAB
sample6	richAB
sample7	richAB
sample8	richAB
sample9	low
sample10	lowAB
sample11	lowAB
sample12	april21
sample13	april21

and all OTUs in sample9 since it is the only representative of the "low" condition.

1

Prevalence filter – option 2

mistakes not to be made:

```
sample1 rich
sample2 rich
sample3 rich
sample4 richAB
sample5 richAB
sample6 richAB
sample7 richAB
sample8 low
sample9 lowAB
sample10  lowAB
sample11  lowAB
sample12  april21
sample13  april21
```

valid

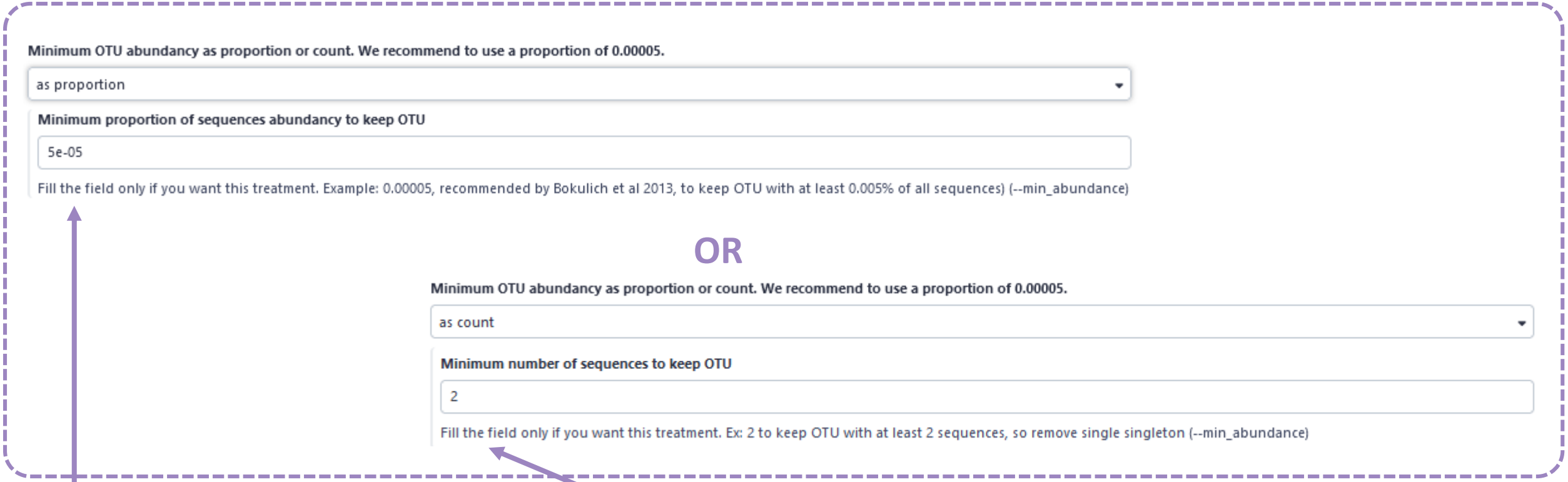
```
sample  rich
sample rich
sample 3  rich
sample4 richAB
sample5 richAB
sample6 richAB
sample7 richAB
sample8 low
sample9 lowAB
sample10  lowAB
sample11  lowAB
sample12  april21
sample13  april21
```

Creates artificially 3 columns

```
sample1 rich
sample2 rich
sample3 rich
sample4 rich AB
sample5 richAB
sample6 richAB
sample7 richAB
sample8 low
sample9 lowAB
sample10  lowAB
sample11  lowAB
sample12  april21
sample13  april21
```

Creates artificially 3 columns

2 OTU size filter



Here, user wants that each OTU has an abundance representing at least 0.005% of total number of sequences (*i.e.* 0.00005).

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

3

Filter : Keep biggest OTU

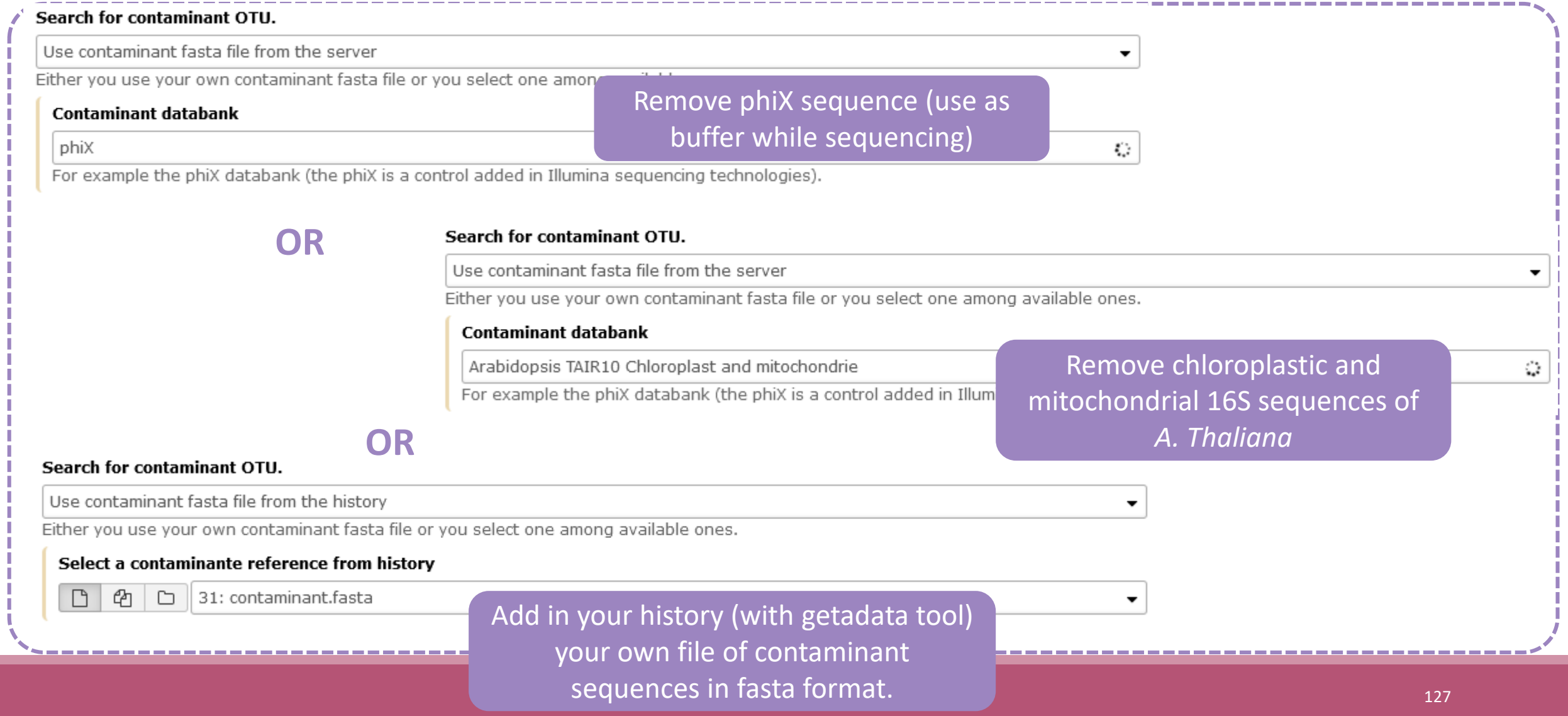
N biggest OTUs

50

Fill the fields only if you want this treatment. Keep the N biggest OTU (--nb-biggest-otu)

Here, user wants to keep the 50 biggest OTUs.

4 Contaminant filter



Practice:

LAUNCH THE OTU FILTER TOOL

Exercice:

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 % [1] of the totality of the sequences
- OTU of phiX [2] must be removed

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

[1] *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.

[2] https://www.illumina.com/products/by-type/sequencing-kits/cluster-gen-sequencing-reagents/phix-control-v3.html

Exercice:

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 keeps the least OTUs and for which 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 4.0.0+galaxy1)

Sequence file

24: FROGS Remove chimera: non_chimera.fasta

The sequence file to filter (format: FASTA)

Abundance file

25: FROGS Remove chimera: non_chimera_abundance.biom

The abundance file to filter (format: BIOM)

Minimum prevalence method

all samples

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 abundancy as proportion or count. We recommend to use a proportion of 0.00005.

as proportion

Minimum proportion of sequences abundancy 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 (--min_abundance)

gest OTUs

Fill the fields only if you want this treatment. Keep the N biggest OTU (--nb-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)

Contaminant databank

phiX

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

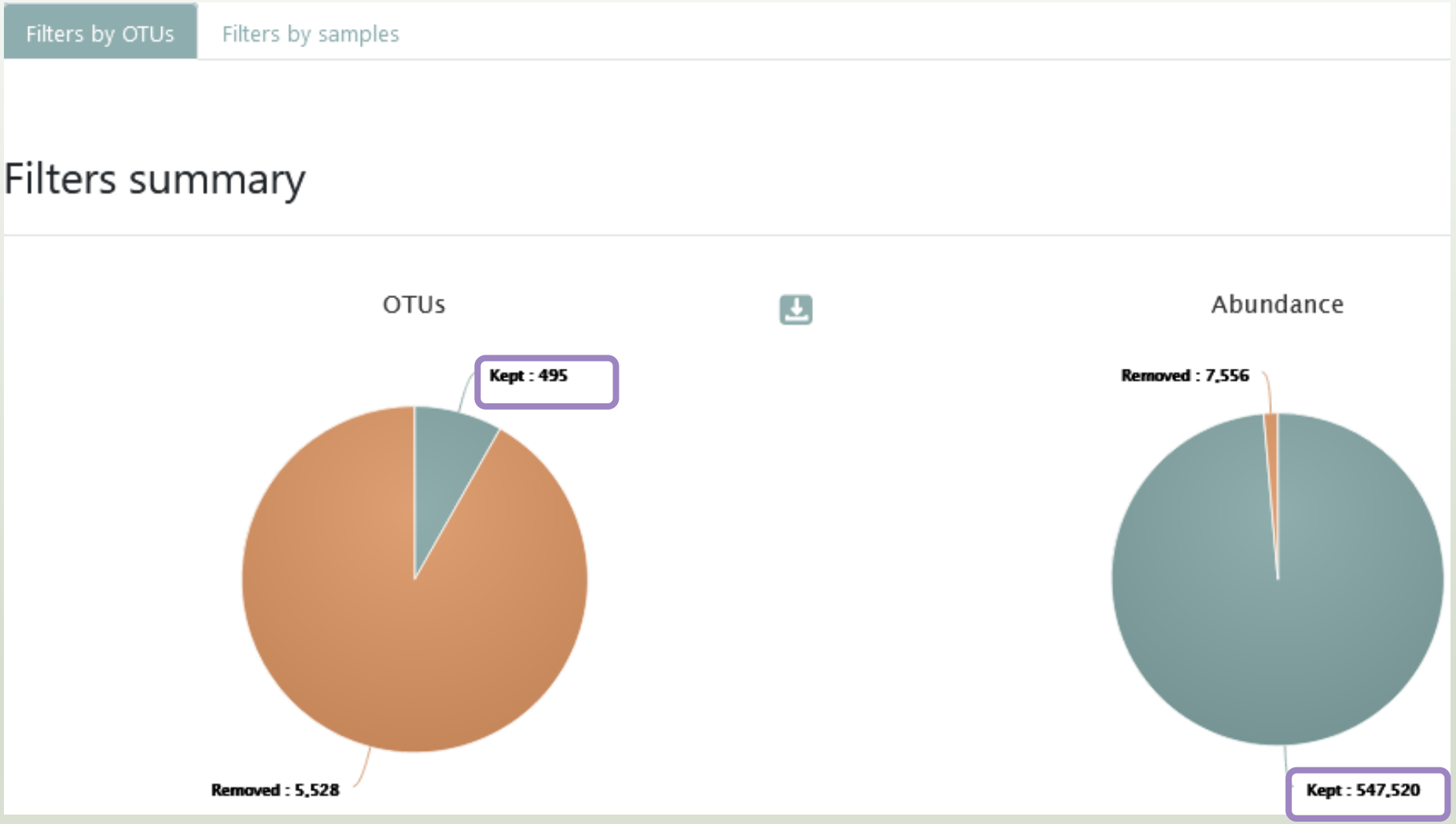
0.005% = 0.00005

Outputs

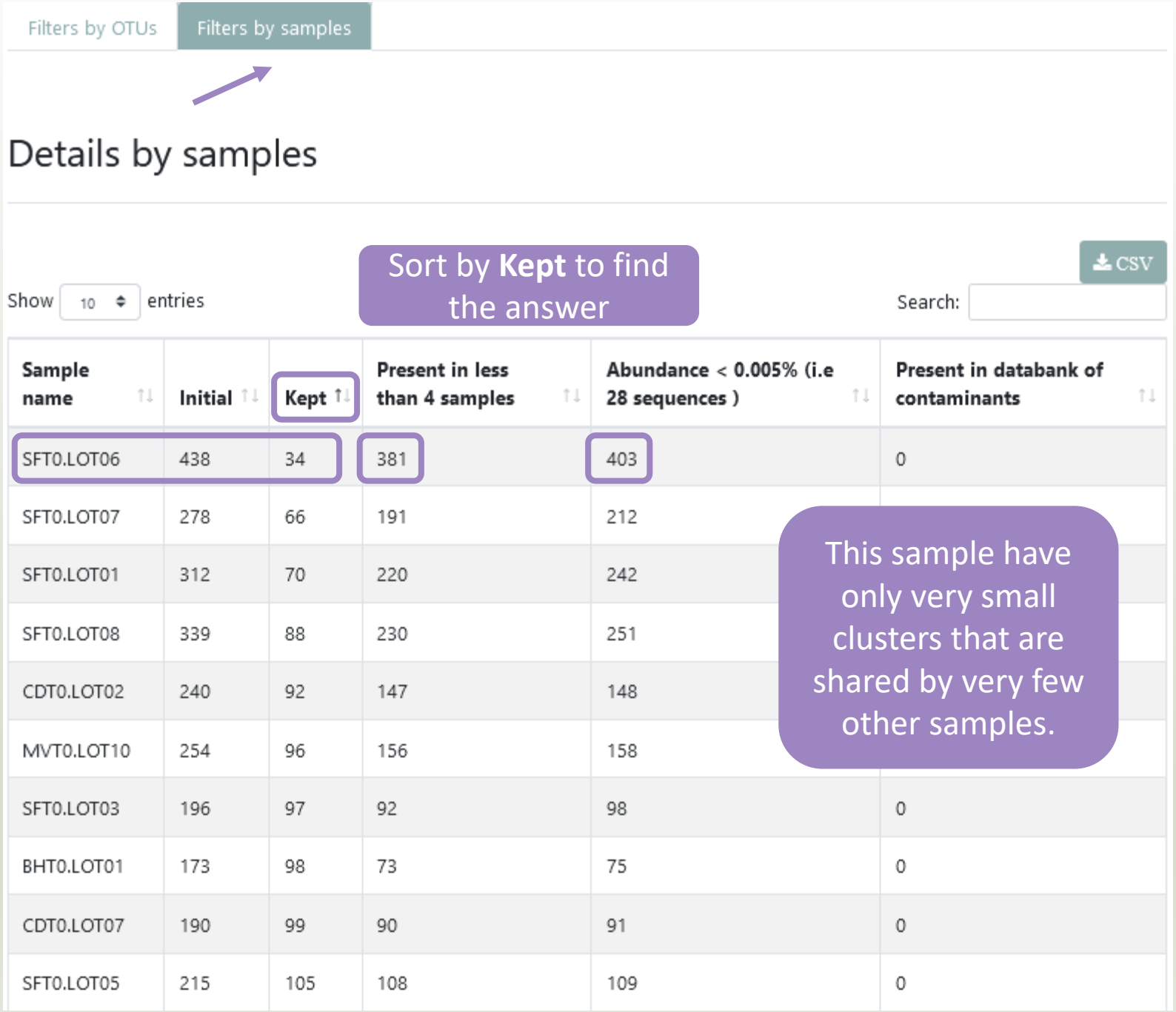
- 16: FROGS OTU Filters: report.html
- 15: FROGS OTU Filters: excluded.tsv
- 14: FROGS OTU Filters: abundance.biom
- 13: FROGS OTU Filters: sequences.fasta

Answer 2

Two tabs to explore



Answer 2



Sample name	Initial	Kept	Present in less than 4 samples	Abundance < 0.005% (i.e 28 sequences)	Present in databank of contaminants
SFT0.LOT06	438	34	381	403	0
SFT0.LOT07	278	66	191	212	
SFT0.LOT01	312	70	220	242	
SFT0.LOT08	339	88	230	251	
CDT0.LOT02	240	92	147	148	
MVT0.LOT10	254	96	156	158	
SFT0.LOT03	196	97	92	98	0
BHT0.LOT01	173	98	73	75	0
CDT0.LOT07	190	99	90	91	0
SFT0.LOT05	215	105	108	109	0

Answer 3

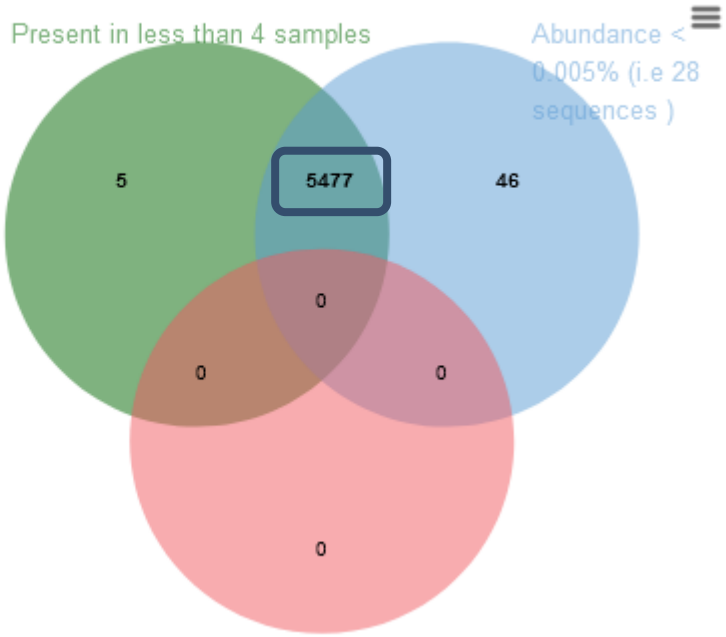
Filters intersections

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

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

Venn

Venn on removed OTUs



- 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

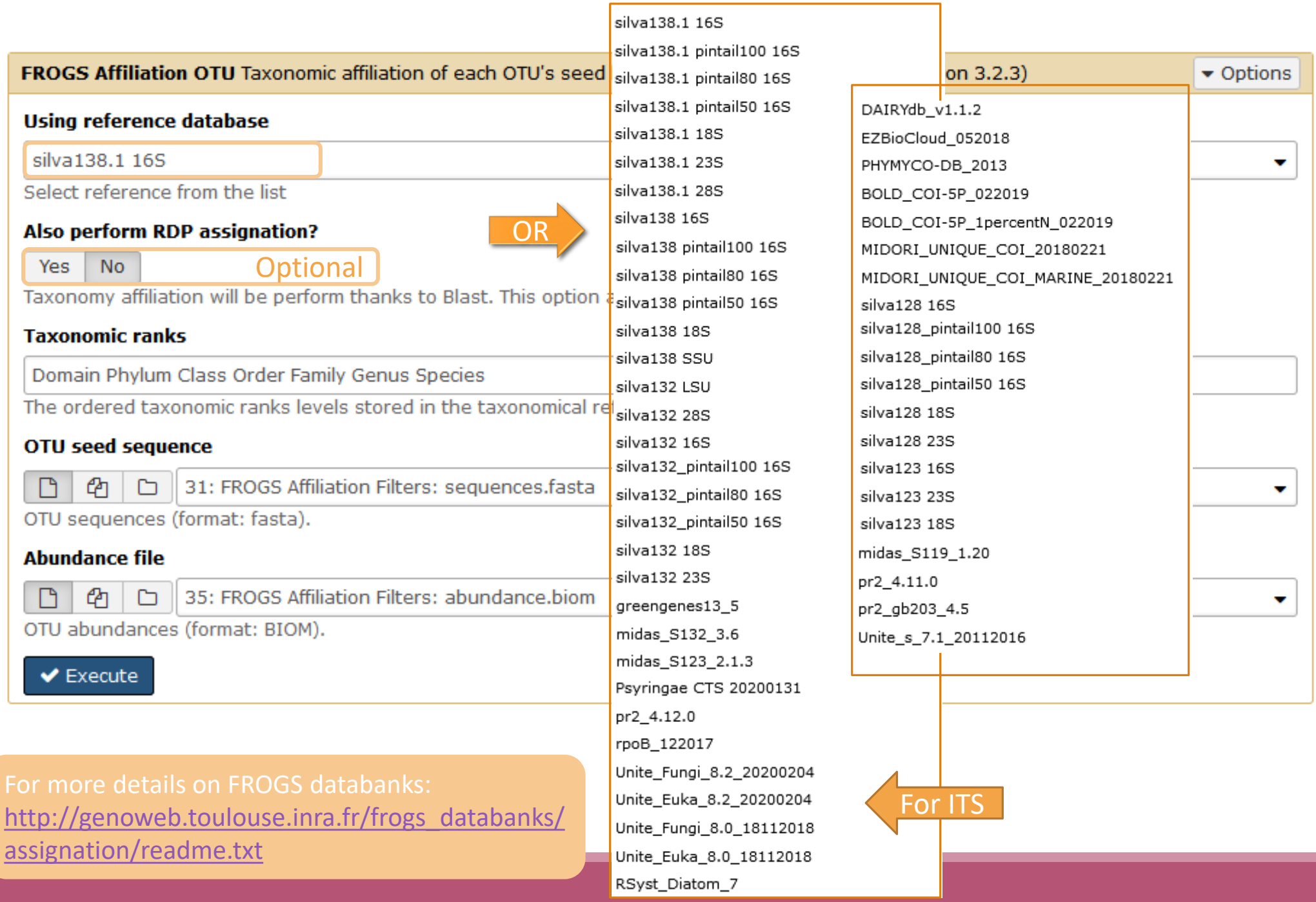
Sequences count

CSV

Show 10 entries Search:

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

Affiliation tool



For more details on FROGS databanks:
http://genoweb.toulouse.inra.fr/frogs_databanks/assignation/readme.txt

1 Cluster = 2 affiliations

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

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Christiam Camacho, George Coulouris, Vahram Avagyan, Ning Ma, Jason Papadopoulos,Kevin Bealer and Thomas L Madden

Affiliation Strategy of FROGS

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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Strictly identical (V1-V3 amplification) on 499 nucleotides

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

We cannot choose without preconceived ideas.

Practice:

LAUNCH THE FROGS AFFILIATION TOOL

Exercice:

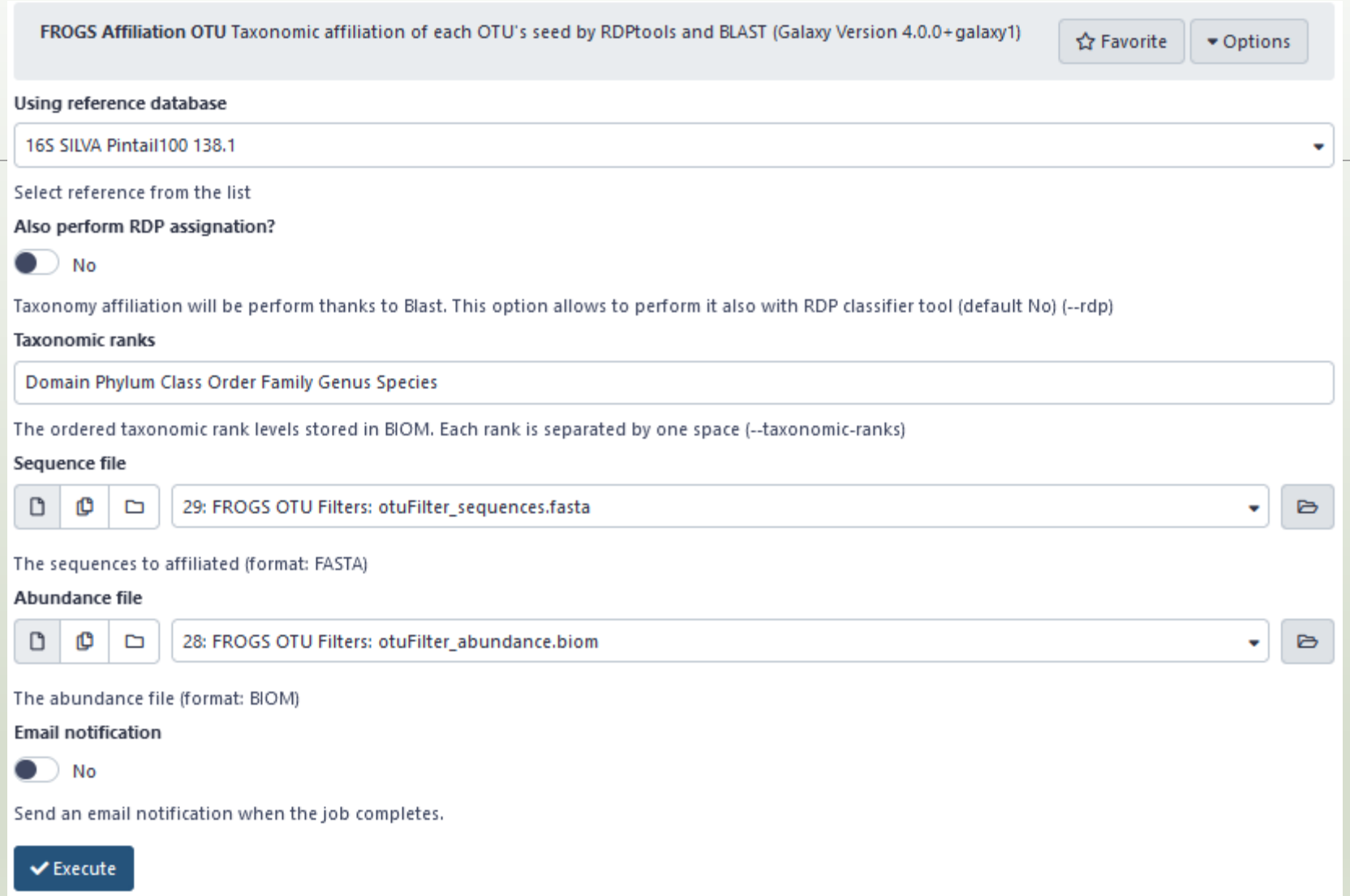
Go to history « 16S » history

Launch the « FROGS Affiliation » tool with

- SILVA 138.1 16S database pintail 100

→ objectives :

- understand abundance tables columns
- understand the BLAST affiliation

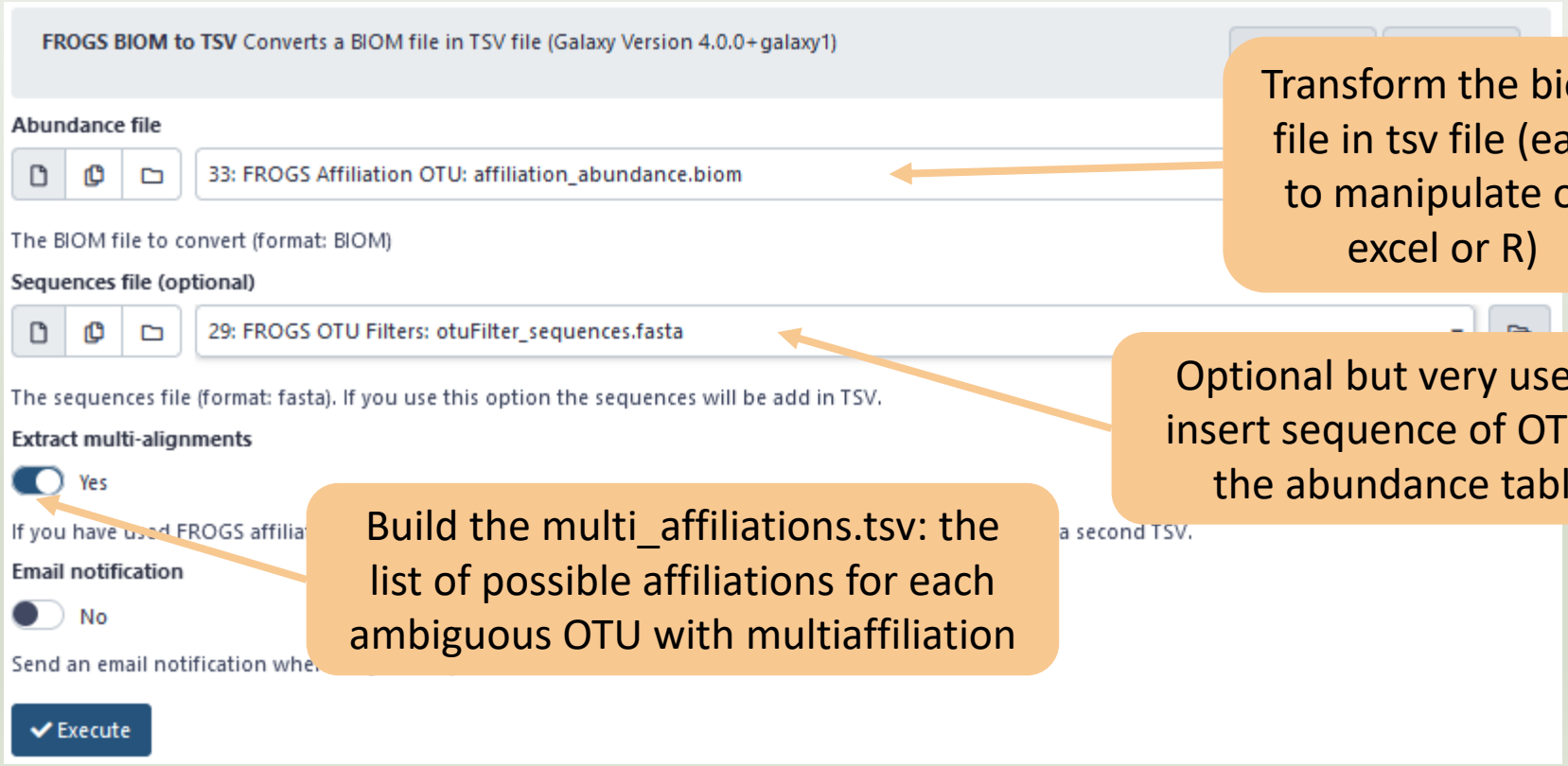

FROGS Affiliation OTU Taxonomic affiliation of each OTU's seed by RDPtools and BLAST (Galaxy Version 4.0.0+galaxy1)
Favorite
Options
Using reference database
16S SILVA Pintail100 138.1
Select reference from the list
Also perform RDP assignation?
No
Taxonomy affiliation will be perform thanks to Blast. This option allows to perform it also with RDP classifier tool (default No) (--rdp)
Taxonomic ranks
Domain Phylum Class Order Family Genus Species
The ordered taxonomic rank levels stored in BIOM. Each rank is separated by one space (--taxonomic-ranks)
Sequence file
29: FROGS OTU Filters: otuFilter_sequences.fasta
The sequences to affiliated (format: FASTA)
Abundance file
28: FROGS OTU Filters: otuFilter_abundance.biom
The abundance file (format: BIOM)
Email notification
No
Send an email notification when the job completes.
Execute

Exercise

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

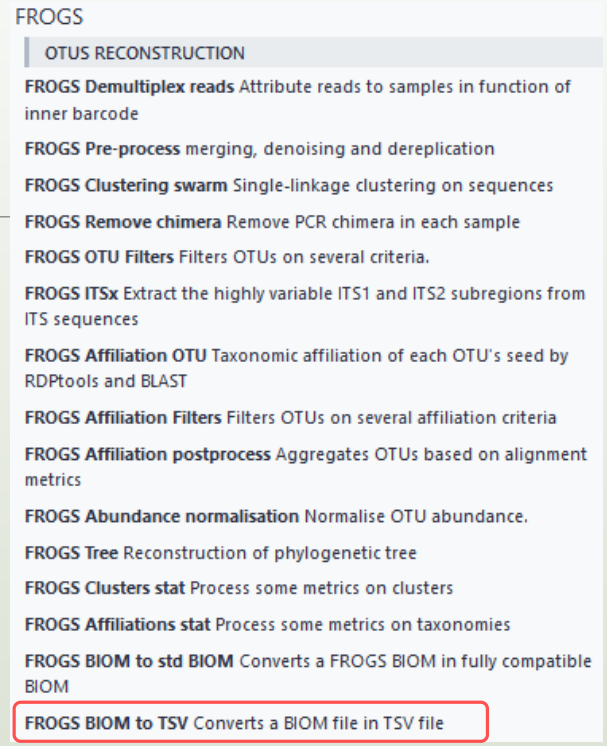
Use the **Biom_to_TSV tool** on this last file and click again on the ”eye” on the new output generated.



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 multiaffiliation



Exercise

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

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

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 ?

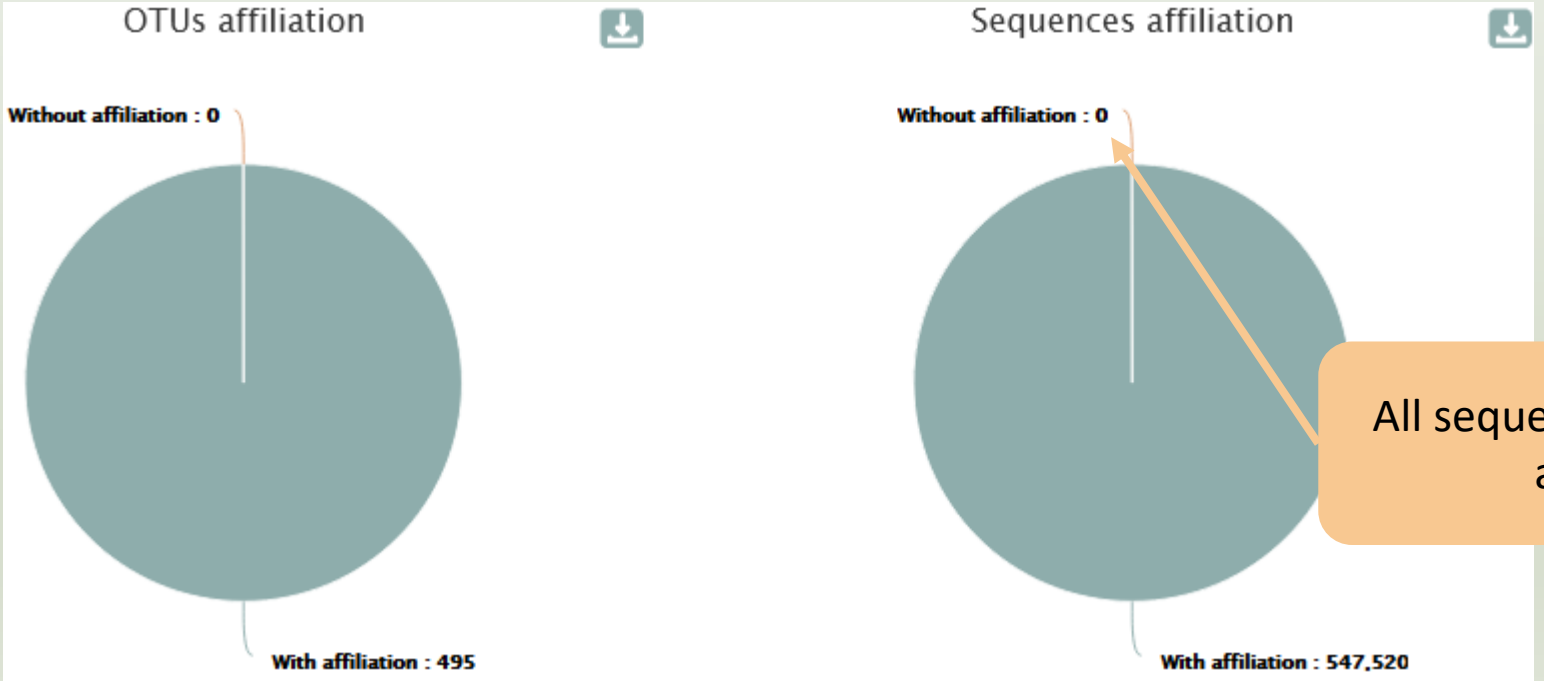
Exercise

Answer 1

19: FROGS Affiliation OTU: report.html

18: FROGS Affiliation OTU: affiliation.biom

Answer 2

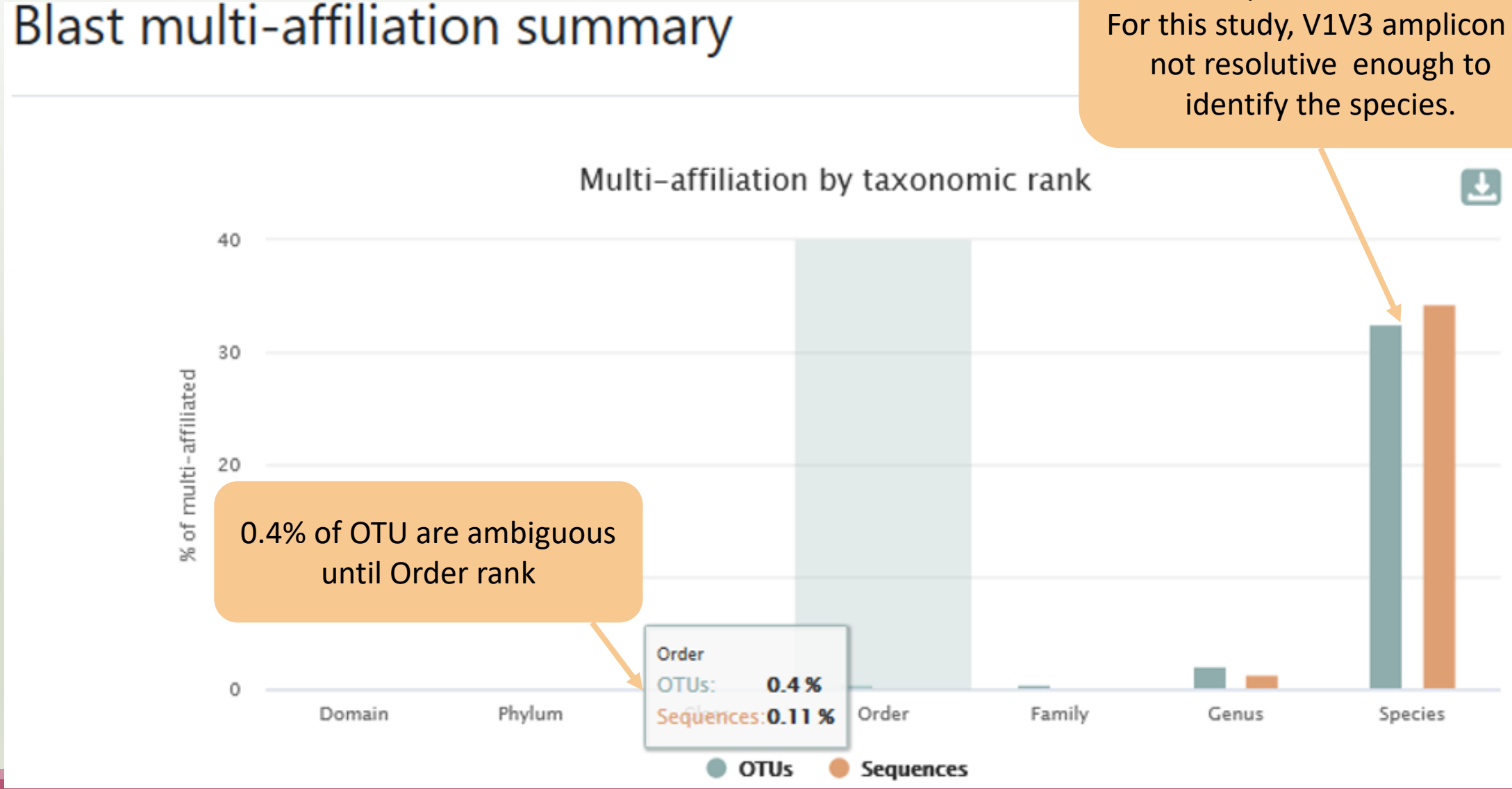


All sequences have a blast affiliation

Answer 3

Q3: How many OTU have a “multiaffiliation” at Order ranks ?

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



0.4% of OTU are ambiguous until Order rank

Answer 4

Q4: Click on the « eye » button on the BIOM output file, what do you understand ?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The biom file is not a human readable format. It is only very useful for bioinformaticians.
To read the abundance table you have to transform the BIOM file in TSV file thanks to **BIOM_to_TSV tool**.

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	FN813251.1.1461	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
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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% indentity 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 multiaffiliation 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;Latilactobacillus;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 ?

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.

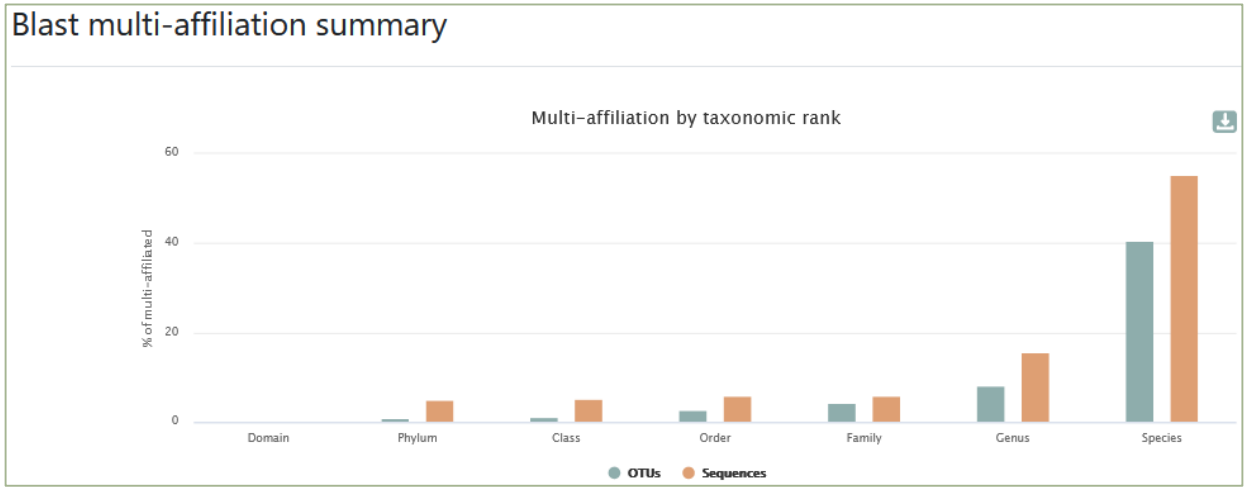
4 ranks of available databases in FROGS: 50 pintail, 80 pintail or 100 pintail or no pintail filter.

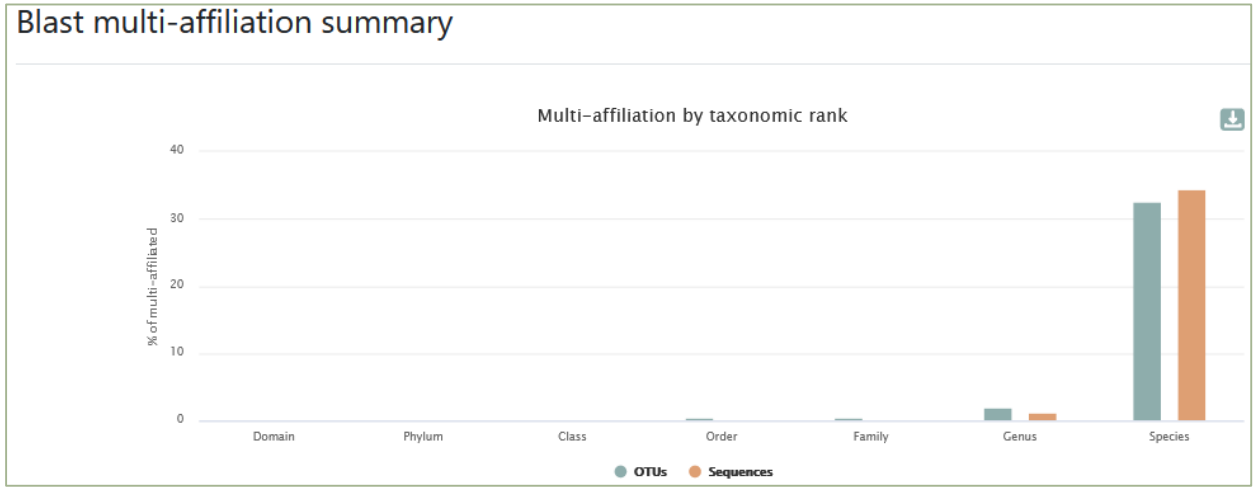
silva138.1 16S
silva138.1 pintail100 16S
silva138.1 pintail80 16S
silva138.1 pintail50 16S
silva138.1 18S
silva138.1 23S
silva138.1 28S

Only for 16S !

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

Silva pintail or not pintail ?





Exemple between silva 138.1 and silva 138.1 pintail 100

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
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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
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? 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
KF100699	*uncultured bacterium*	1341				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
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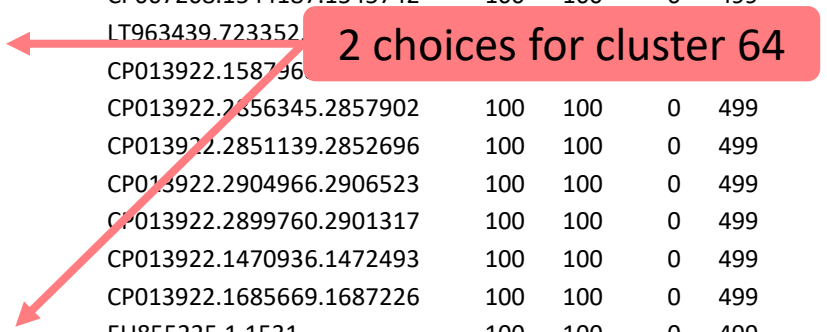

How choose the good affiliation ?

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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

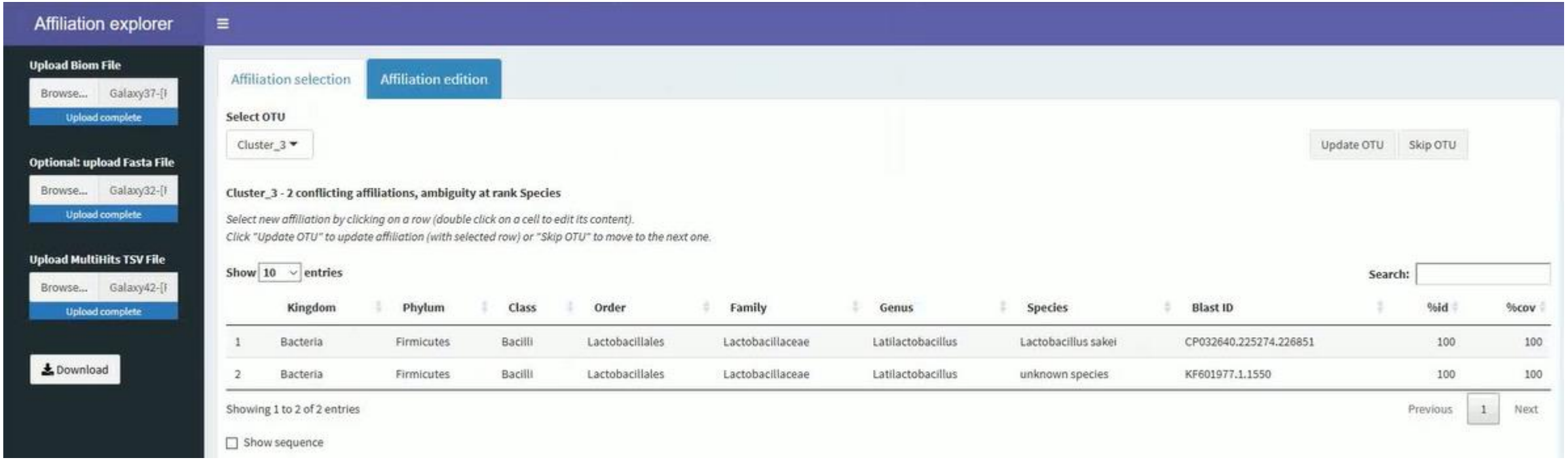
and

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



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

Affiliation explorer

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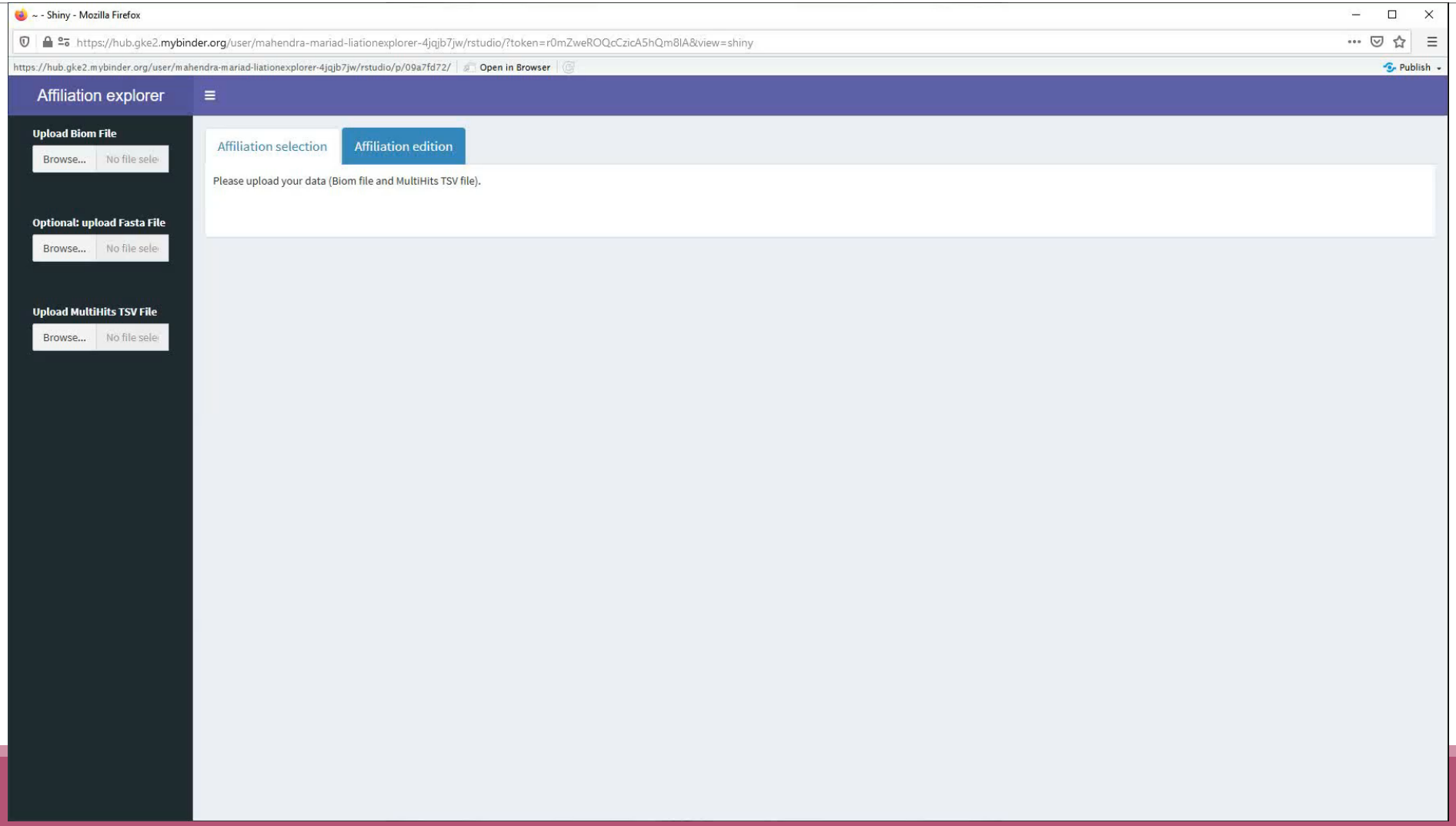
Demo video



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

Affiliations and abundances of FROGS OTUs are they reliable ?

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

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

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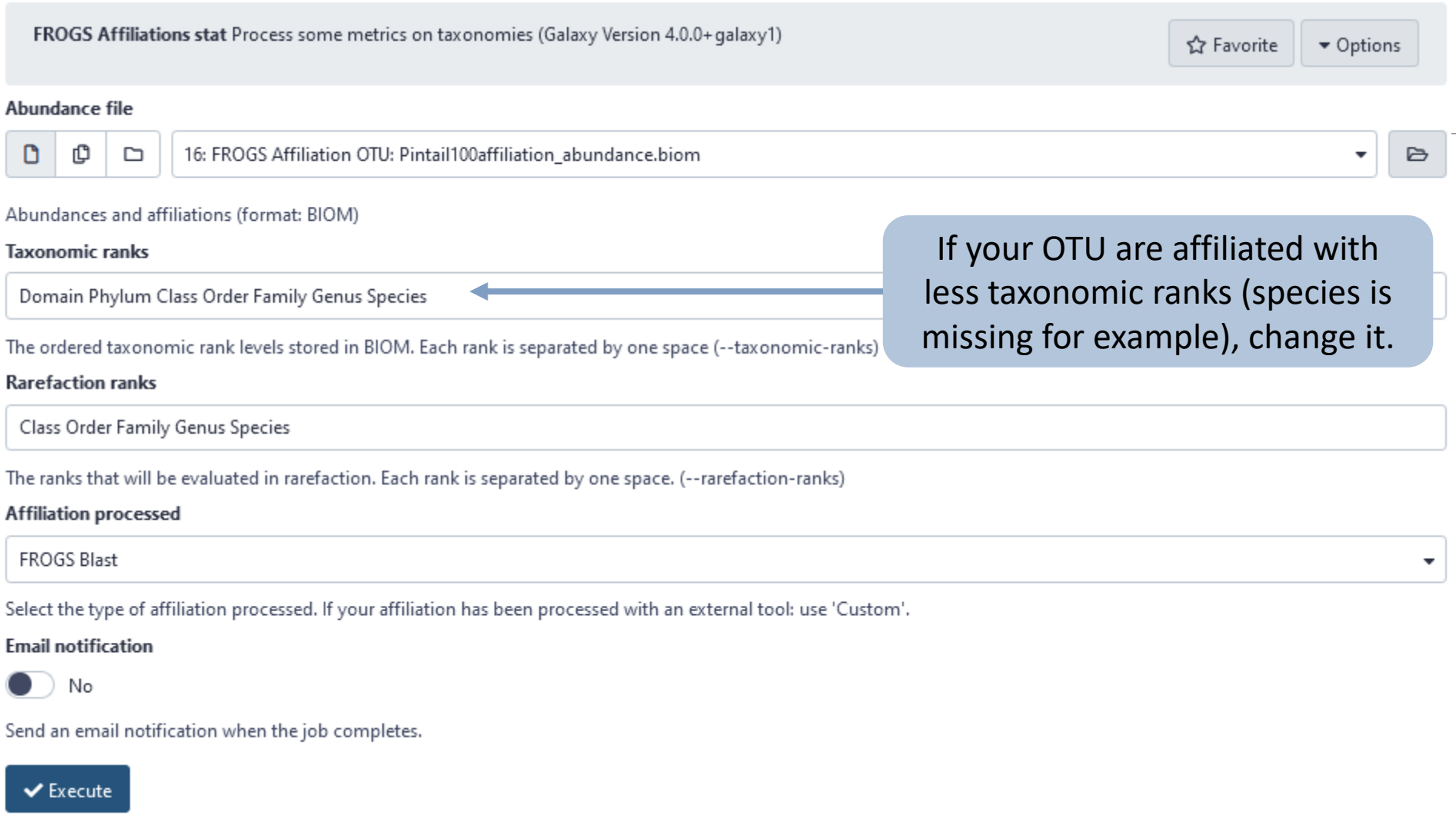
Genus	1.60	1.00
Species	6.63	5.75

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

Affiliation Stat


FROGS Affiliations stat Process some metrics on taxonomies (Galaxy Version 4.0.0+galaxy1)
Favorite
Options
Abundance file
16: FROGS Affiliation OTU: Pintail100affiliation_abundance.biom
Abundances and affiliations (format: BIOM)
Taxonomic ranks
Domain Phylum Class Order Family Genus Species
The ordered taxonomic rank levels stored in BIOM. Each rank is separated by one space (--taxonomic-ranks)
Rarefaction ranks
Class Order Family Genus Species
The ranks that will be evaluated in rarefaction. Each rank is separated by one space. (--rarefaction-ranks)
Affiliation processed
FROGS Blast
Select the type of affiliation processed. If your affiliation has been processed with an external tool: use 'Custom'.
Email notification
No
Send an email notification when the job completes.
Execute
If your OTU are affiliated with less taxonomic ranks (species is missing for example), change it.

Practice:

LAUNCH THE FROGS AFFILIATION STAT TOOL

Exercice:

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:

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.

Samples	Nb domain	Nb phylum	Nb class	Nb order	Nb family	Nb genus	Nb species	Nb sequences
SFT0.LOT06	1	4	5	9	14			
			5	12	26	35	57	8,821
SFT0.LOT01	1	4	6	13	27	39	63	8,859
FCT0.LOT01	1	5	6	13	24	41	96	8,504
SFT0.LOT05	1	5	7	18	32	50	95	8,728
SFT0.LOT08	1	4	6	13	33	53	77	8,788
BHT0.LOT01	1	7	9	20	35	5		
SFT0.LOT04	1	6	8	17	34	5		
SFT0.LOT03	1	5	8	1				
SFT0.LOT02	1	6	7	1				
MVT0.LOT10	1	4	5	17	31	57	83	9,143
CDT0.LOT02	1	6	8	22	36	58	85	8,750

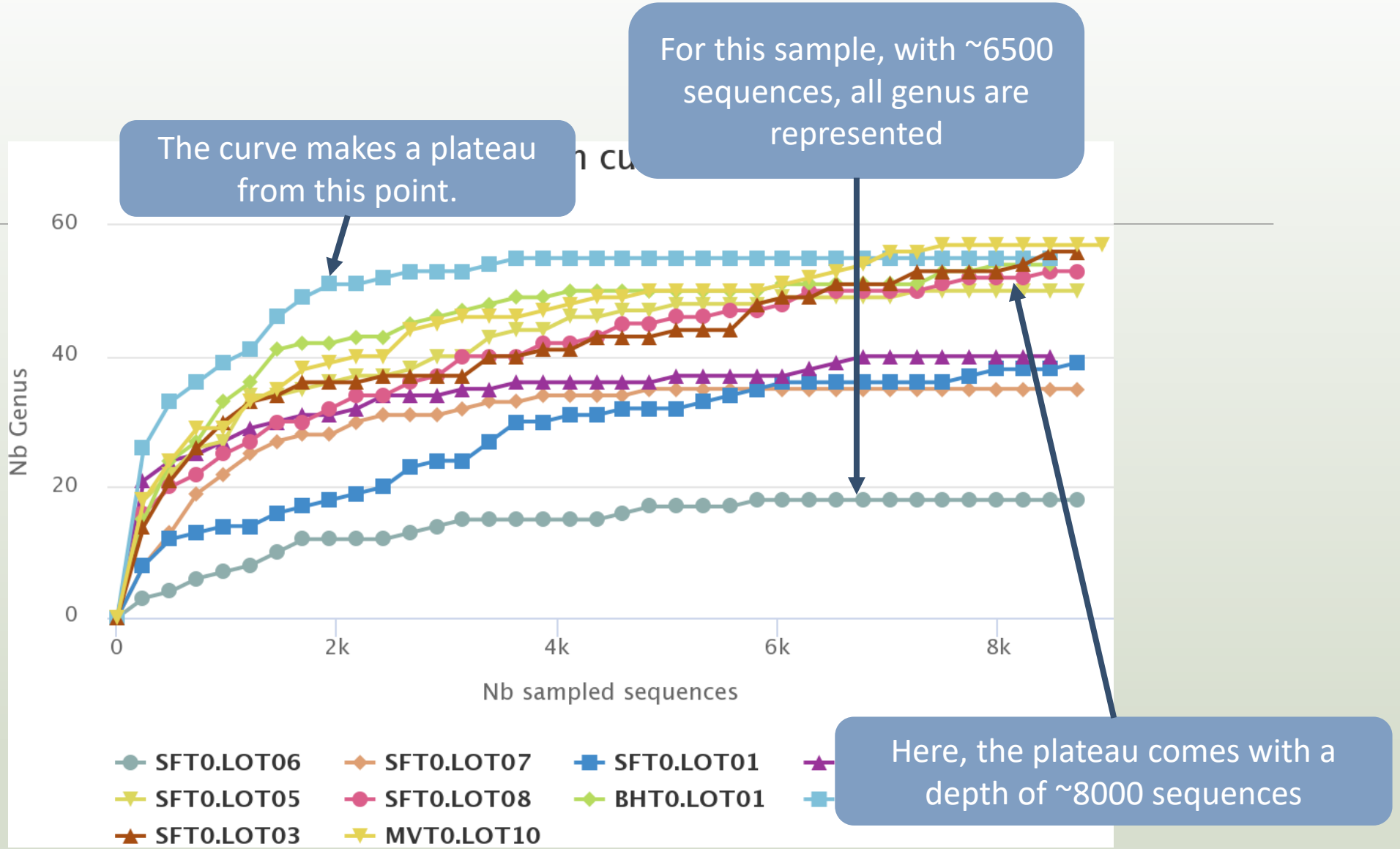
1. Sort the table by genus number

2. Select the 10 first samples

3. At the bottom of the table click on

Answer 2

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



Answer 2

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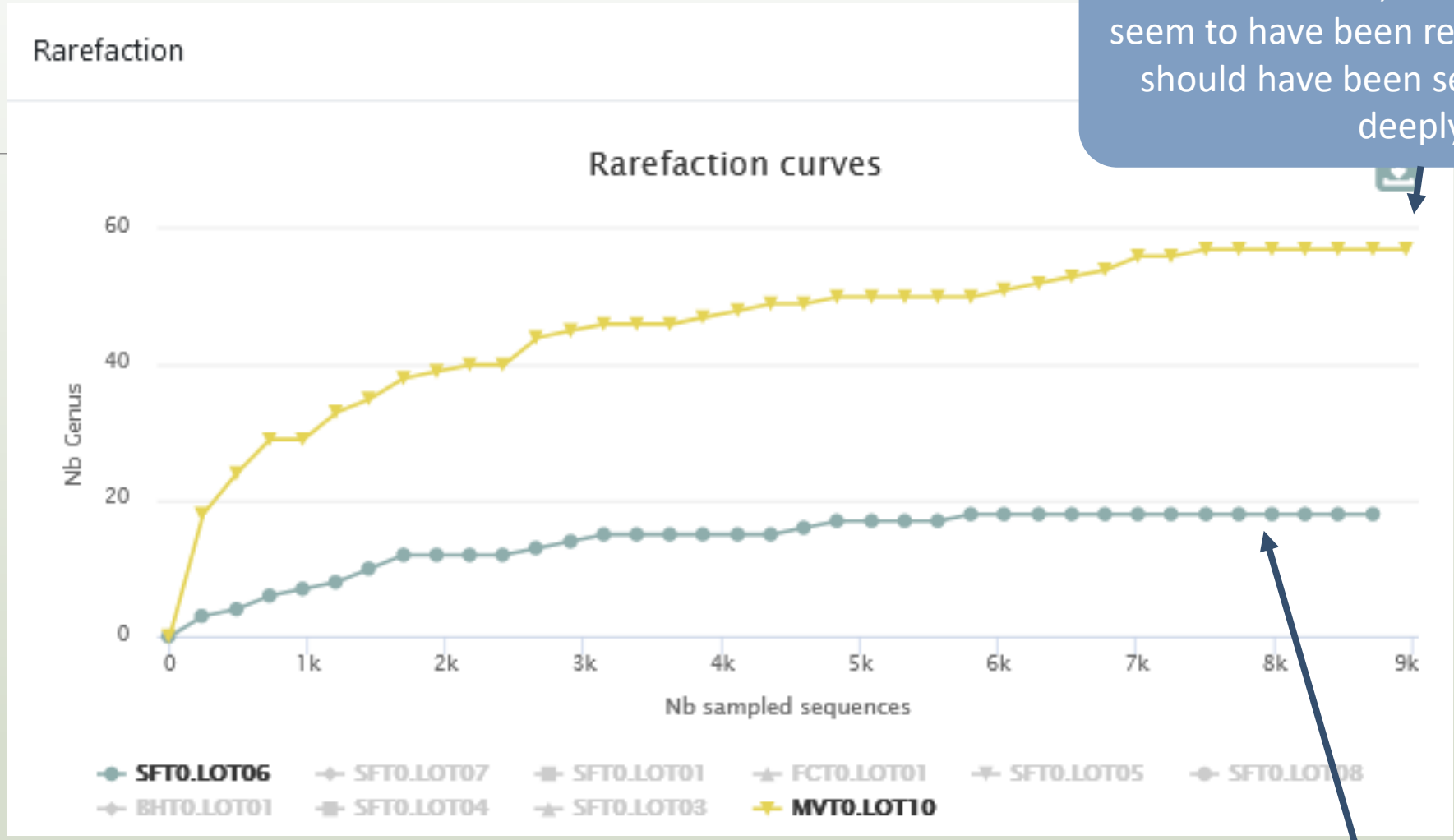


For MVTO.LOT10, the plateau does no seem to have been reached. Perhaps should have been sequenced more deeply?

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

Answer 3

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

Use search to find only FC samples

Select the 8 samples of FC

CSV

Show

Search: FC

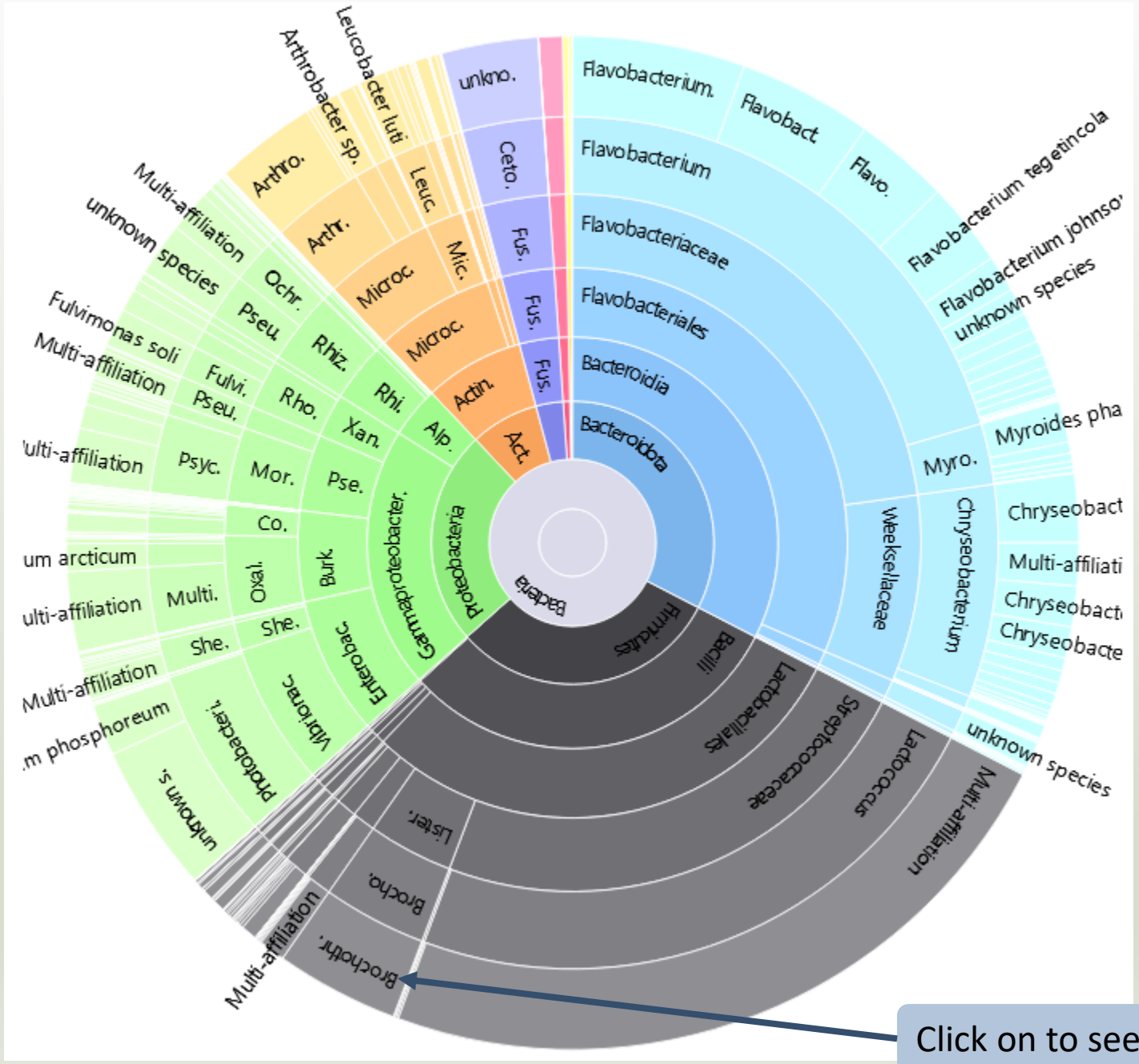
Samples	Nb domain	Nb phylum	Nb class	Nb order	Nb family	Nb genus	Nb species	Nb sequences
FCT0.LOT01	1	5	6	13	24	41	96	8,504
FCT0.LOT02	1	6	8	23	40	67	126	7,638
FCT0.LOT03	1	8	10	26	45	71	122	8,608
FCT0.LOT05	1	8	10	25	44	78	139	8,577
FCT0.LOT06	1	8	10	29	53	97		
FCT0.LOT07	1	5	7	24	46	8		
FCT0.LOT08	1	7	9	2				
FCT0.LOT10	1	7	9	2				

At the bottom of the table click on

With selection: Genus Display rarefaction Display distribution

Answer 3 4 & 5

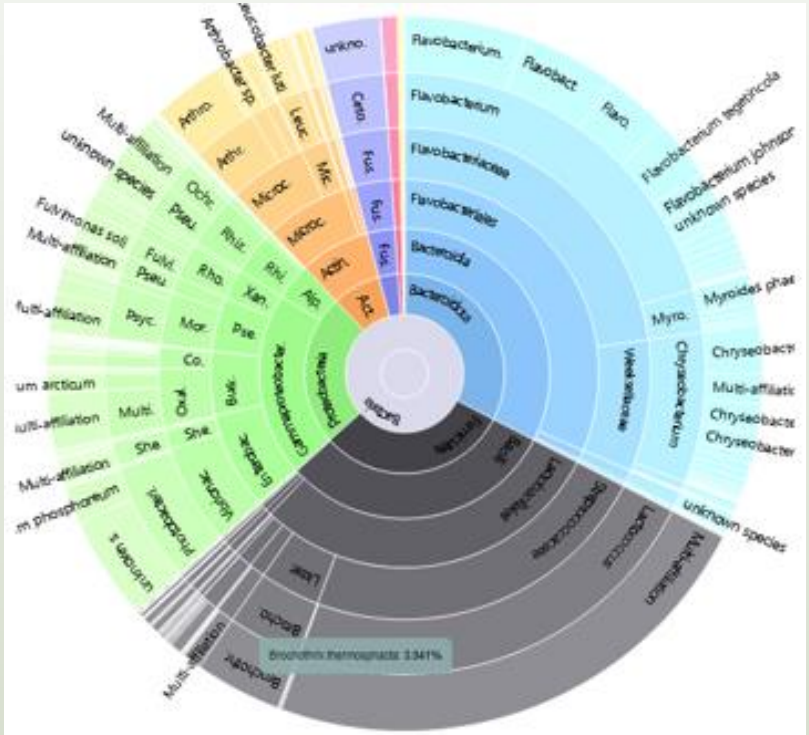
Q3: Build the **distribution** on FC samples *i.e.* “Filet de Cabillaud”



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

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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

CSV

Show 10 entries

Search:

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

With selection: Class | Display rarefaction | Display distribution

Answer 7

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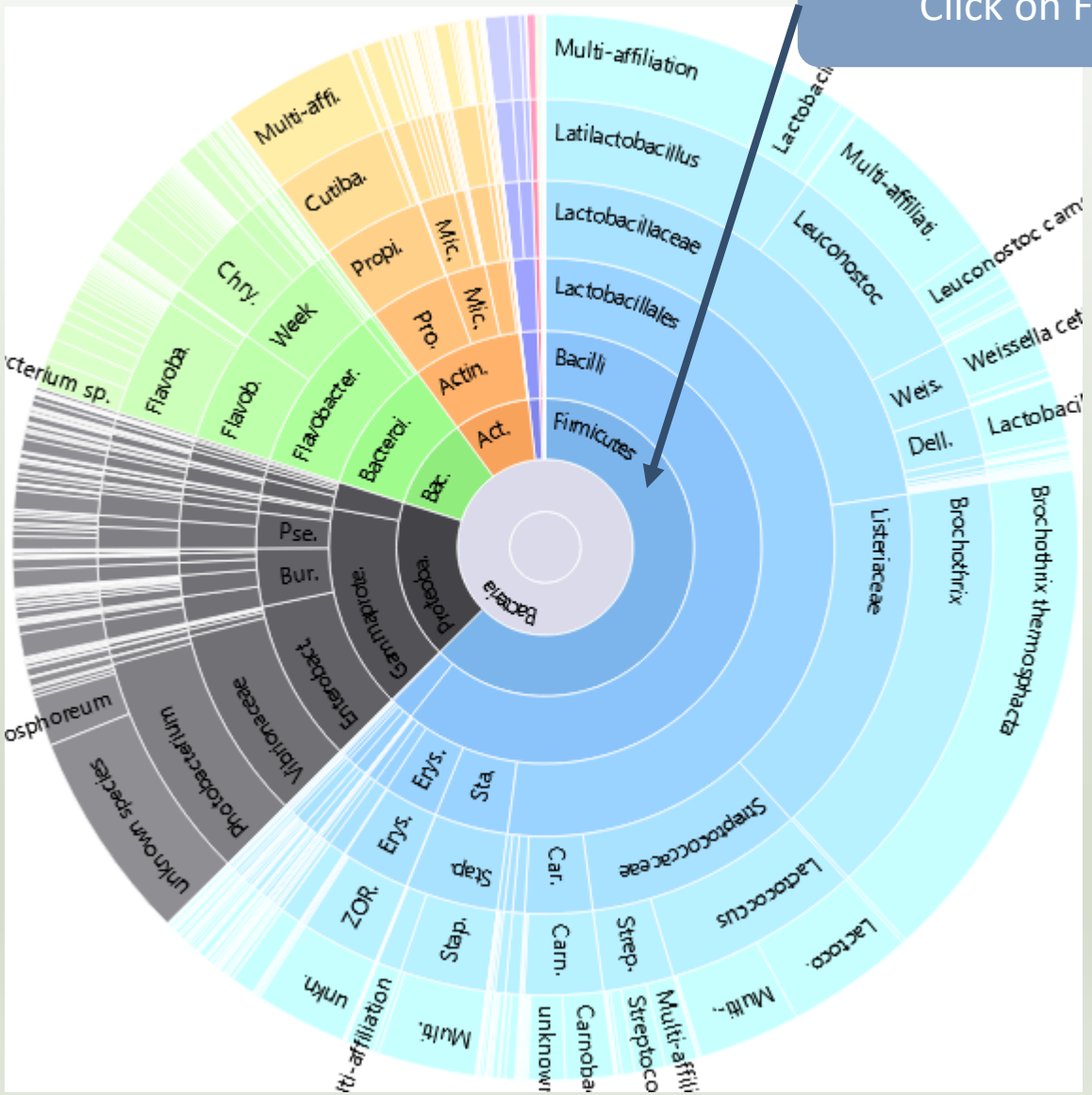

Click on Firmicutes

Name	Size	Global %	Parent %
root	547520		
Bacteria	547520	100.000	100.000
Firmicutes	342411	62.539	62.539

Firmicutes represent 62% of Bacteria

Answer 7

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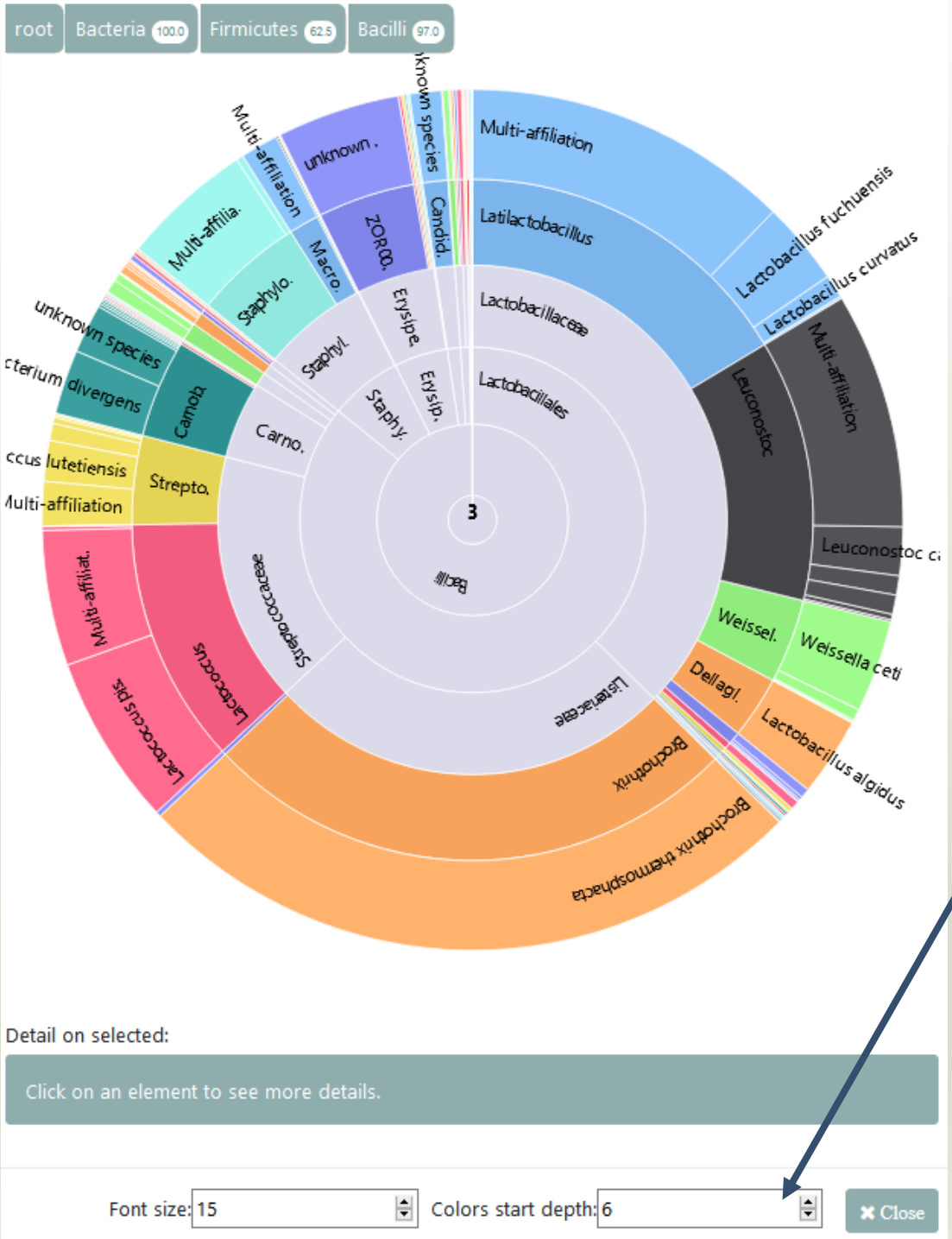


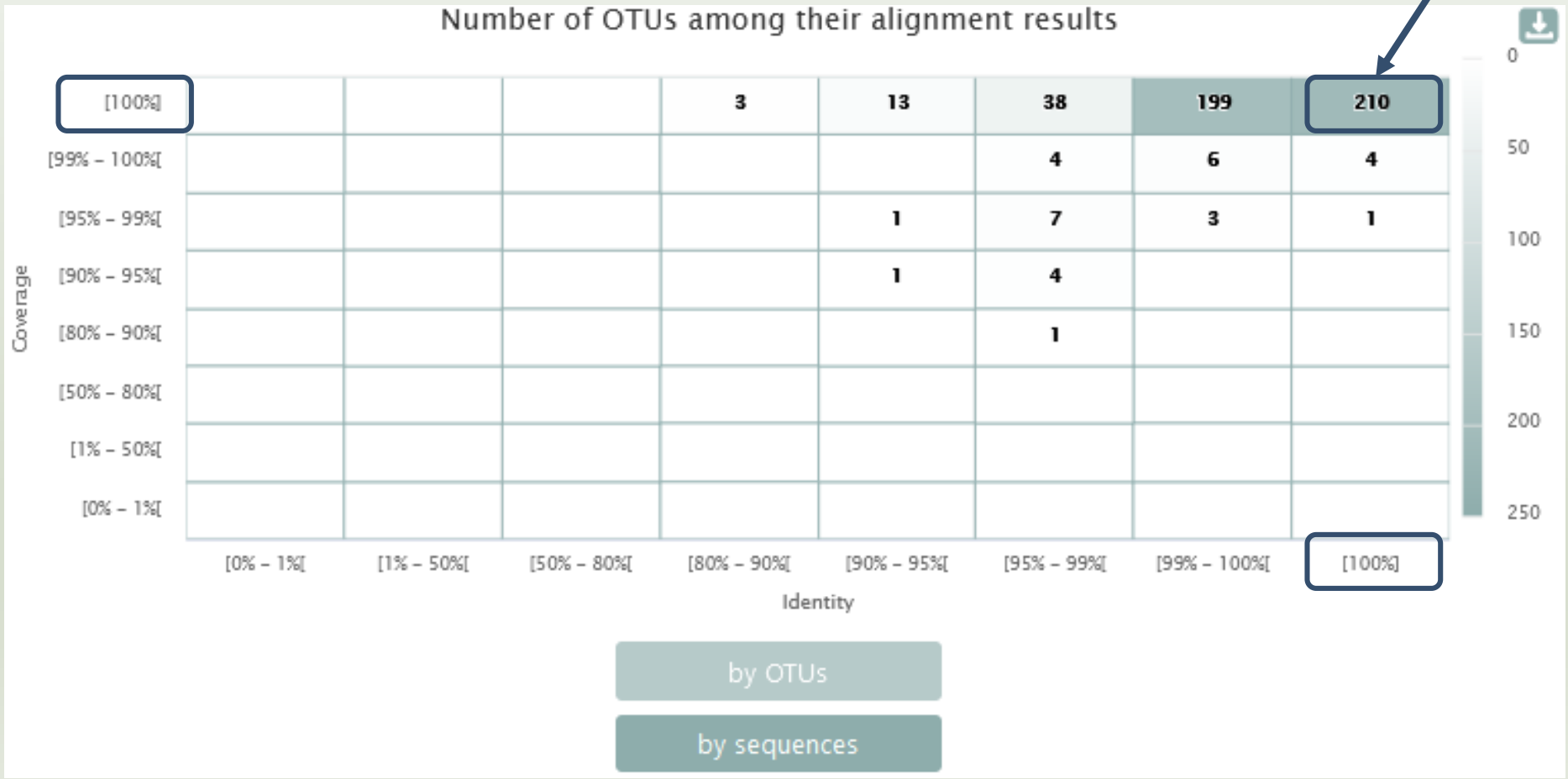
To focus on Firmicutes, **double click on**. After you can apply color among rank depth.

Answer 8

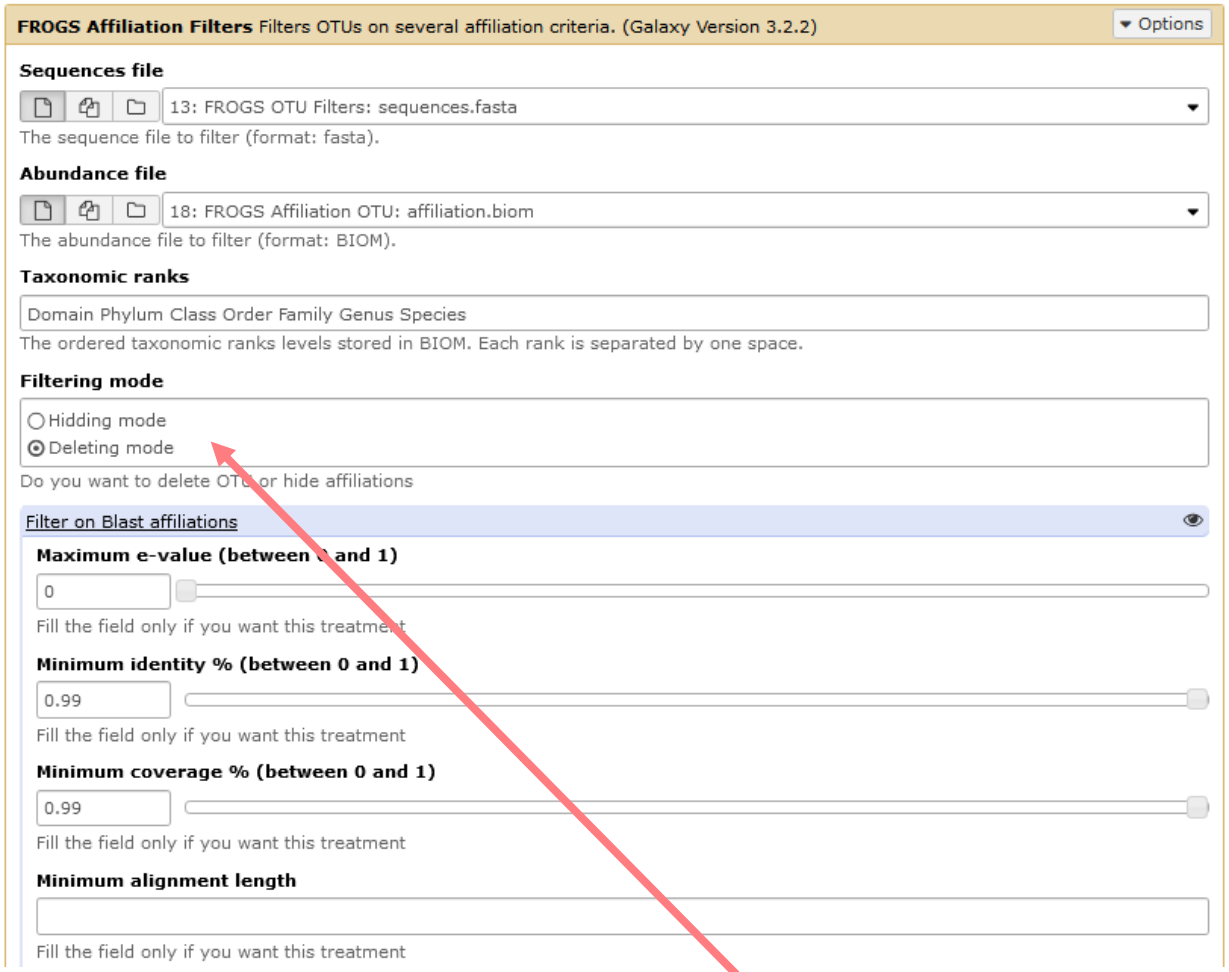
Q8: How many OTUs are align perfectly with a database sequence ?

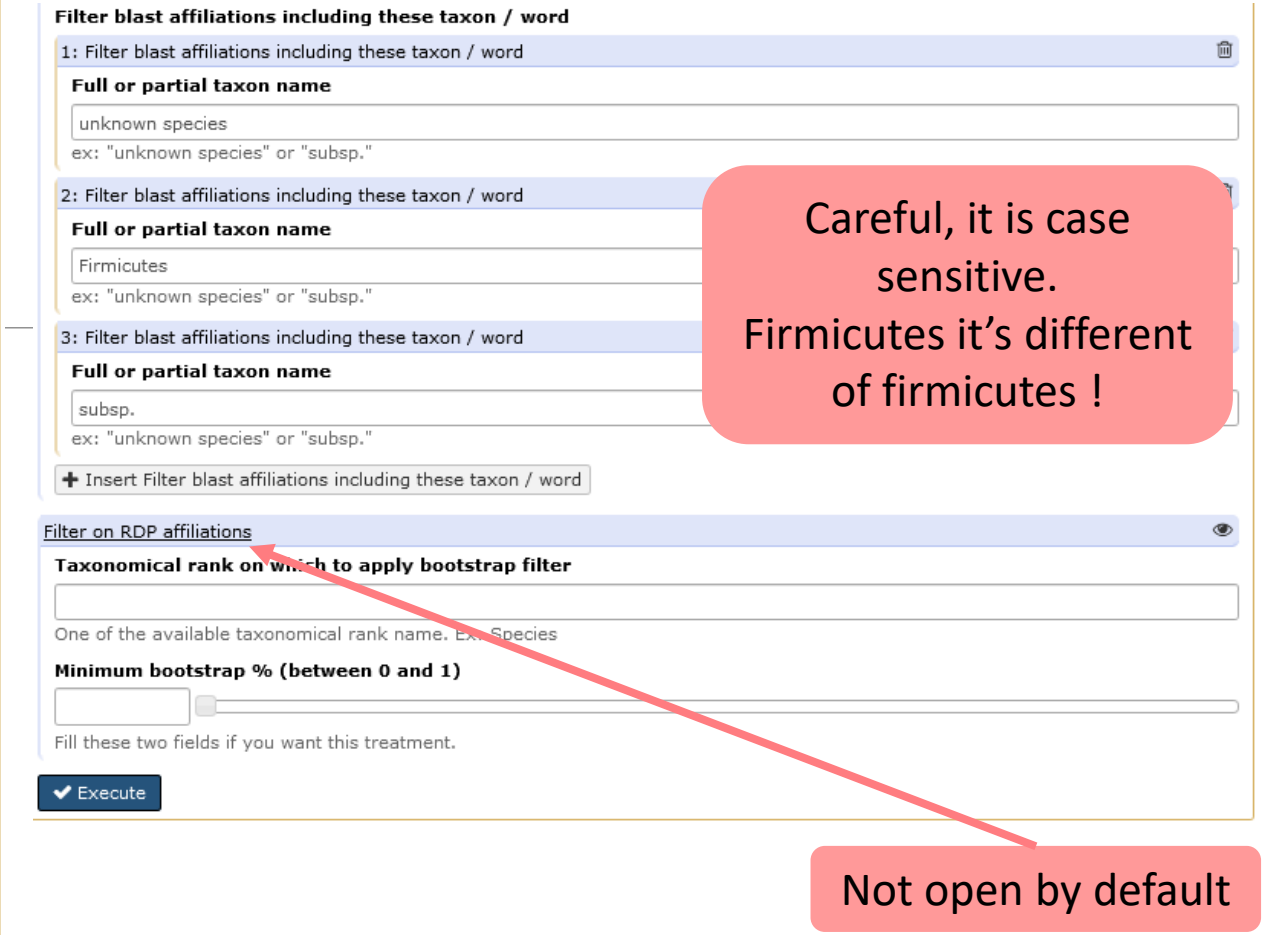
At the top of the page, click on this tab

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



Filters on affiliations





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

Practice:

LAUNCH THE FROGS AFFILIATION FILTER TOOL

Exercice:

1. Apply filters to keep only sequences with perfect alignment with Silva sequences and affilliations 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 affilliations 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 hidding mode:
   - What outputs change between deleted mode and hidding mode ?

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

Answer 1

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

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)

Fill the field only if you want this treatment

Minimum identity % (between 0 and 1)

1

Fill the field only if you want this treatment

Minimum coverage % (between 0 and 1)

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

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

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

Enter key word

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

Answer 2

Sequences file

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The sequence file to filter (format: fasta).

Abundance file

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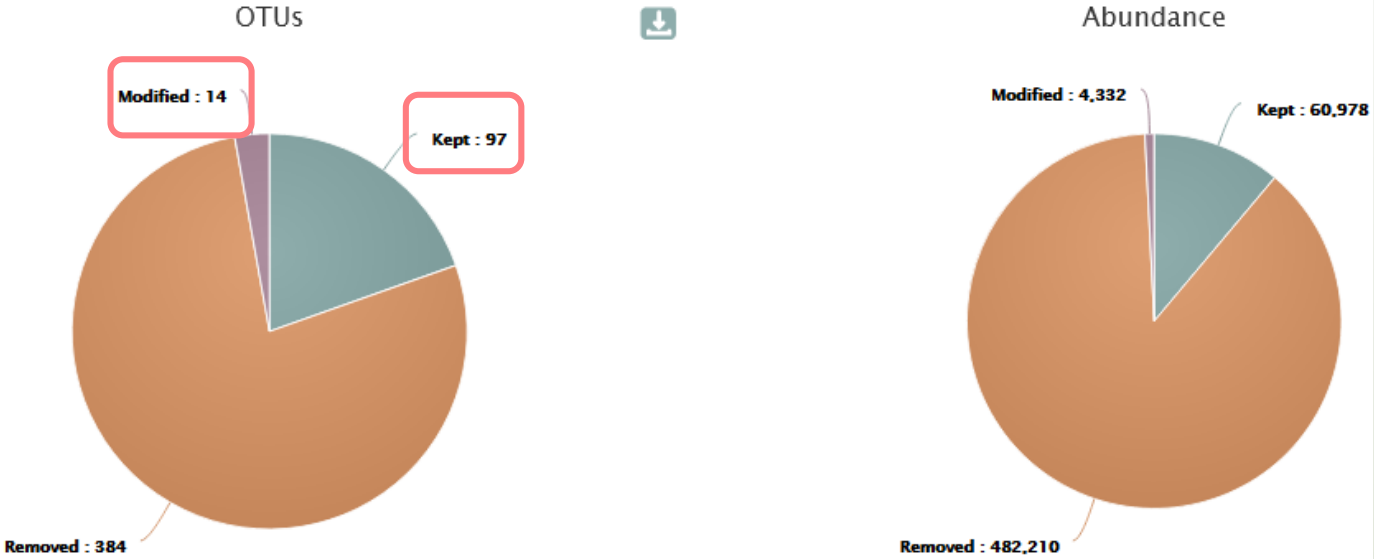
Answer 3

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



- Only 97 OTUs are kept <u>without modification</u>.
- 14 OTUs with multiaffliation 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 multiaffiliations, or all multiaffiliations are impacted and OTU is deleted.
  The list of blast affiliations for multi-affiliated impacted OTUs are in **impacted_OTU.multiaffiliation.tsv**
- So, **111 OTUs** remains after filtering

: FROGS Affiliation Filters: report.html
FROGS Affiliation Filters: impacted_OTU.multi-affiliations.tsv
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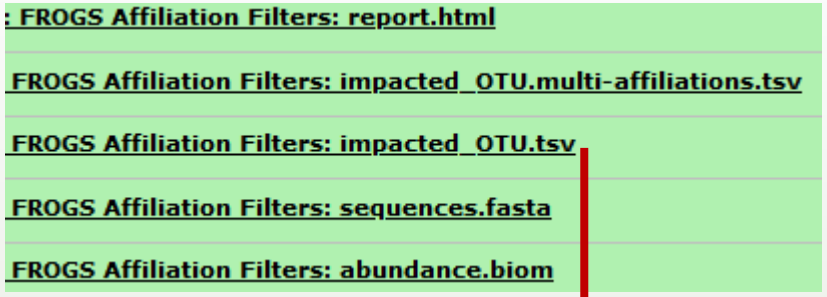
Answer 3



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;Dellaglioa;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 multiaffiliation) was modified

Answer 4

Q4: In hidding mode: What outputs change between deleted mode and hidding 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

« no data » appears in hidding mode

#comment	blast_taxonomy	blast_subjec	blast_pcrc_i	blast_pcrc_c	blast_evalue	blast_aln_le	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

To see the content, think to transform the BIOM to TSV file with **BIOM_to_TSV tool**

Normalization

Normalization

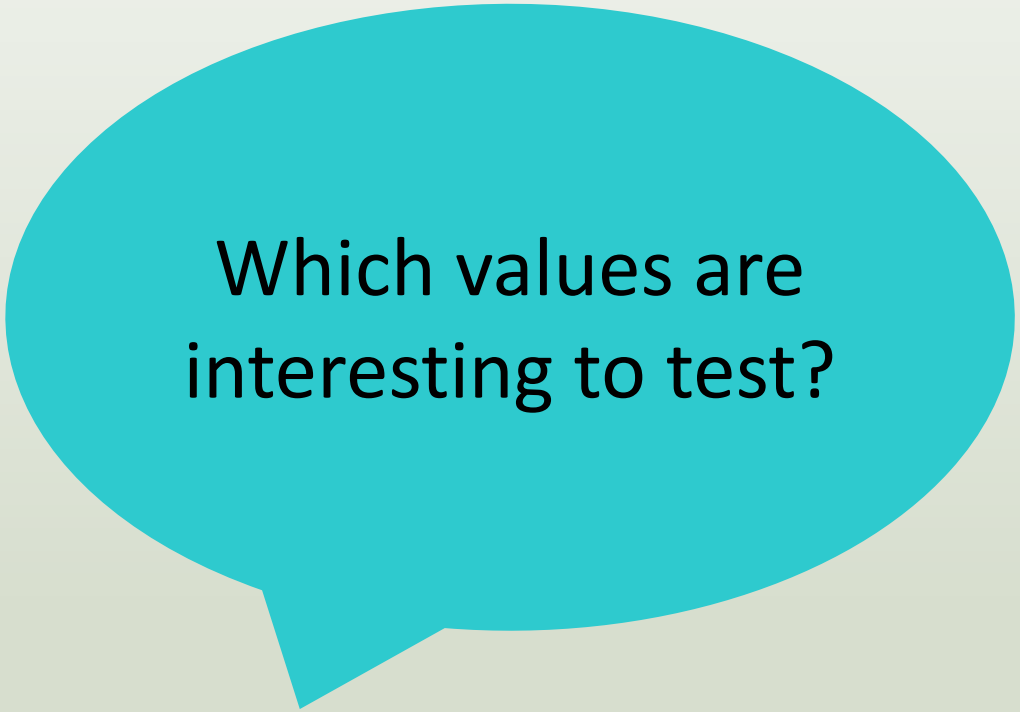
Conserve a predefined number of sequence per sample:

- 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

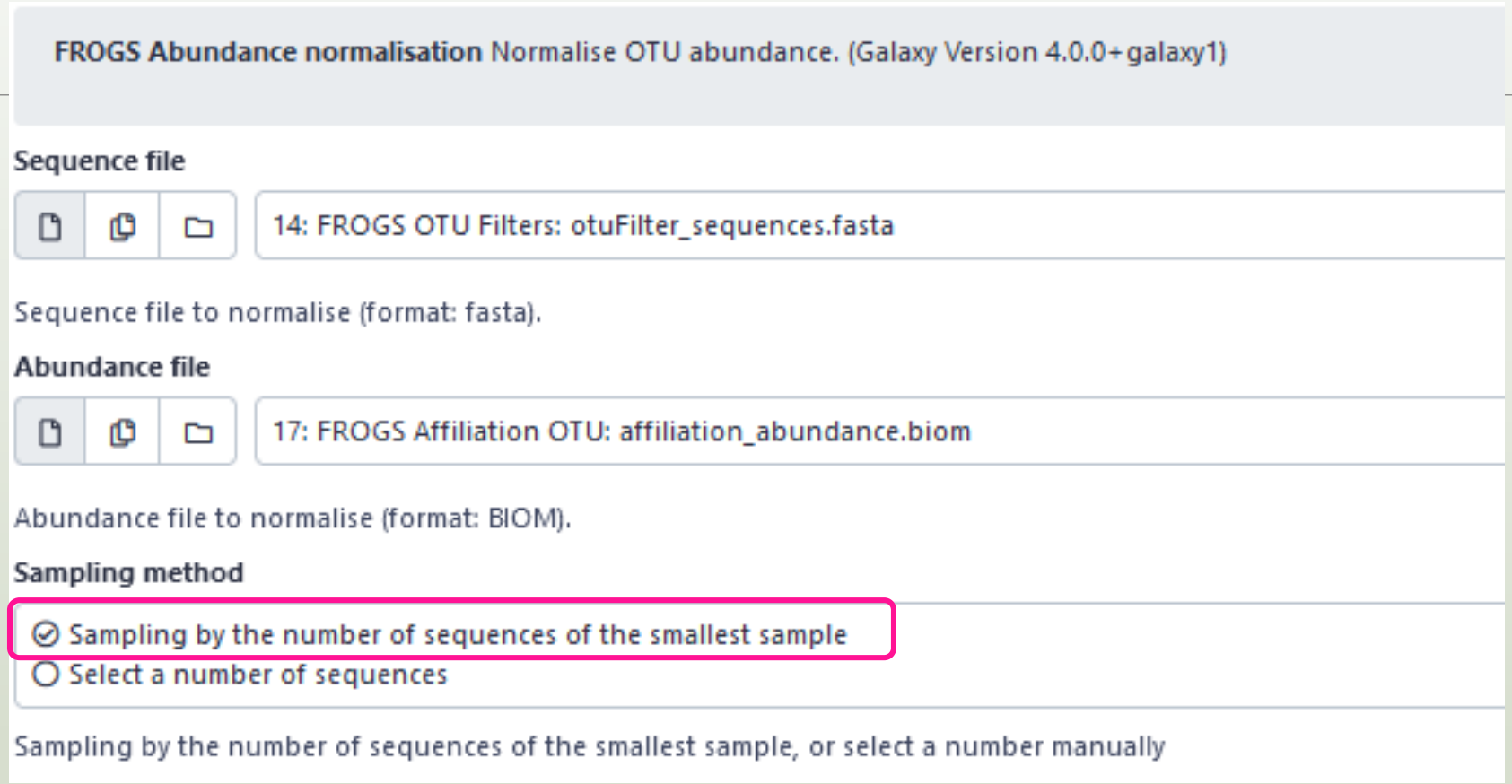


Exercise 8

1. Normalize your data from Affiliation based on the smallest samples
2. Normalize your data on 2000 sequences or less
3. Normalize your data on 8000 sequences
4. What differences with or without

Answer 2

Q1: Normalize your data from Affiliation based on this number of sequence



Answer 1

The smallest sequenced samples

Clusters distribution | Sequences distribution | Samples distribution

Sequences count

CSV

Show 10 entries Search:

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

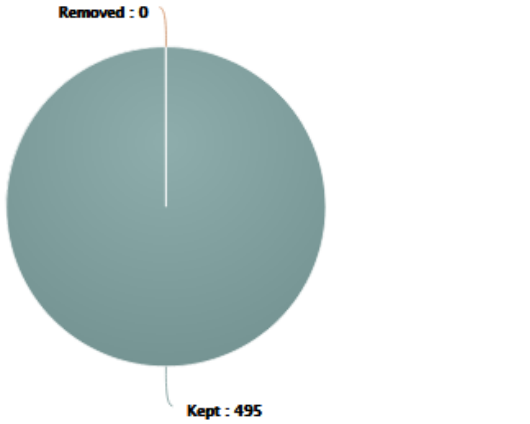
7638 is the maximal size that you can ask for normalizing the sample sizes.

Answer 1

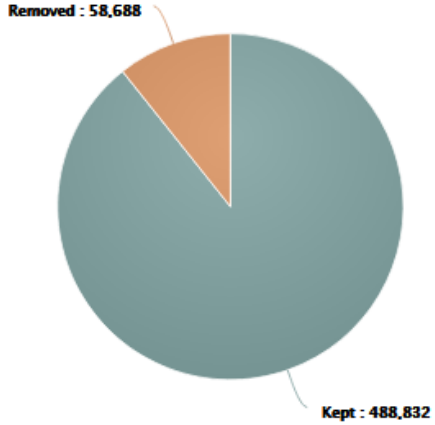
Q1: Normalize your data from Affiliation based on this number of sequence

Normalisation summary

Clusters



Abundance



Normalisation summary per samples

Show 10 entries Search:

Sample	Nb OTU before normalisation	Nb OTU after normalisation
BHT0.LOT01	98	98
BHT0.LOT03	135	133
BHT0.LOT04	150	144

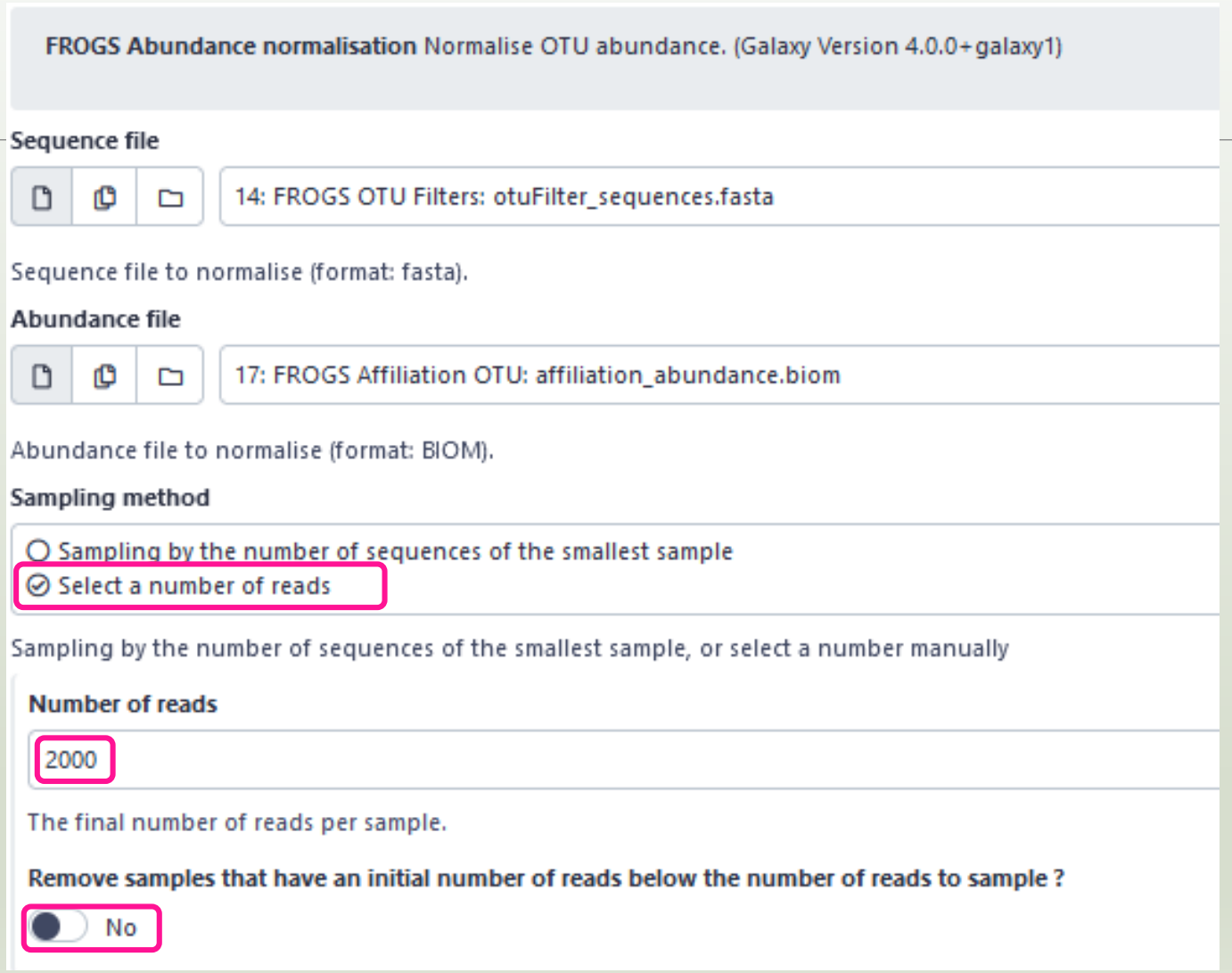
Auto-selection of the minimal number of OTUs *i.e.* 7638 sequences

495 OTUs
488832 sequences

The minimum impact of OTU number per sample

Answer 2

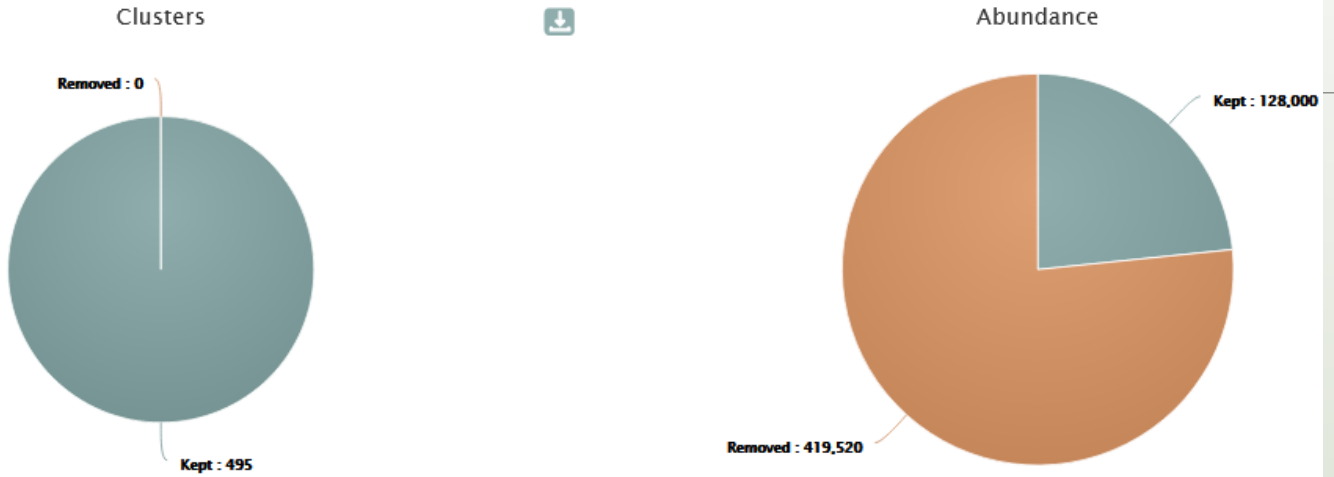
Q2: Normalize your data on 2000 sequences or less



Answer 2

Q2: Normalize your data on 2000 sequences or less

Normalisation summary



Normalization at 2000 sequences

495 OTUs
128000 sequences

Normalisation summary per samples

Show 10 entries Search:

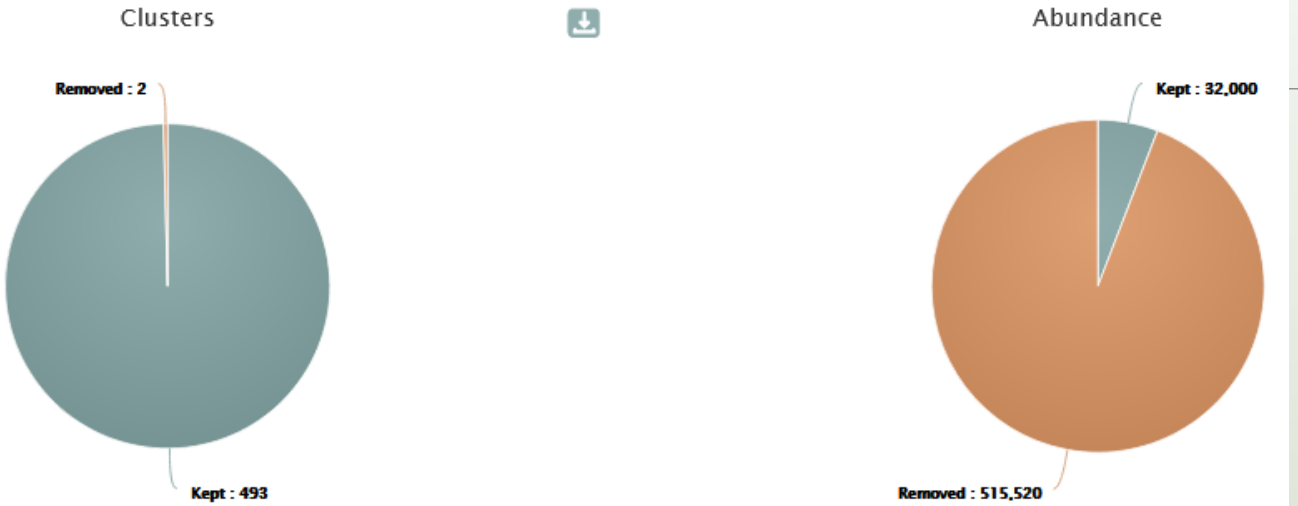
Sample	Nb OTU before normalisation	Nb OTU after normalisation
BHT0.LOT01	98	73
BHT0.LOT03	135	100
BHT0.LOT04	150	104
BHT0.LOT05	140	103

Big impact of OTU number per sample

Answer 2

Q2: Normalize your data on 2000 sequences or less

Normalisation summary



Normalisation summary per samples

Show 10 entries

Sample	Nb OTU before normalisation	Nb OTU after normalisation
BHT0.LOT01	98	48
BHT0.LOT03	135	51
BHT0.LOT04	150	62

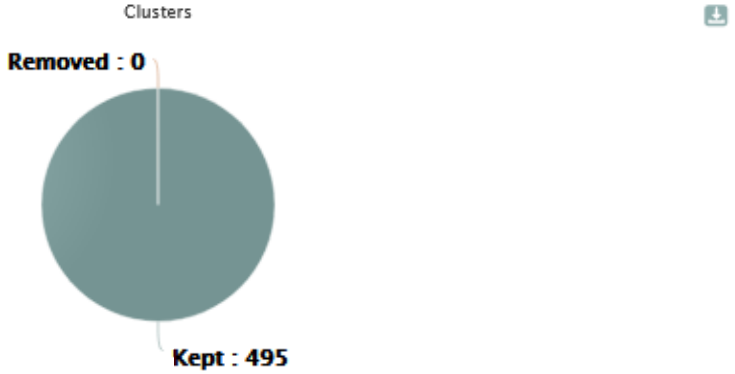
Normalization at 500 sequences

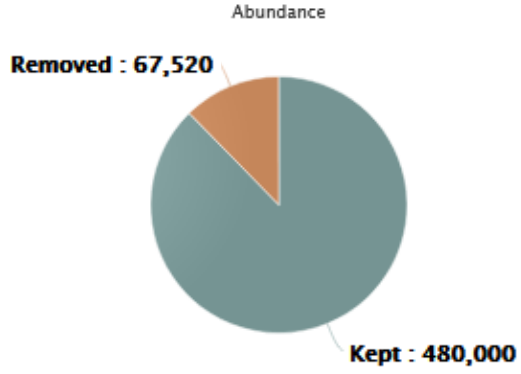
493 OTUs
32000 sequences

Very big impact of OTU number per sample

Answer 3

Q3: Normalize your data on 8000 sequences – with option “removing sample”





Deleted samples (nb sequences < 8000)

Show 10 entries

CSV

Search:

Sample	Nb sequences
FCT0.LOT02	7,638
FST0.LOT02	7,956
FST0.LOT03	7,778
FST0.LOT05	7,908

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Normalization at 8000 sequences + remove samples with < 8000 seq
495 OTUs
480 000 sequences
4 deleted samples

Very very big impact !

Normalisation summary per samples

Show 10 entries

Search:

Sample	Nb OTU before normalisation	Nb OTU after normalisation
BHT0.LOT01	98	96
BHT0.LOT03	135	134
BHT0.LOT04	150	149

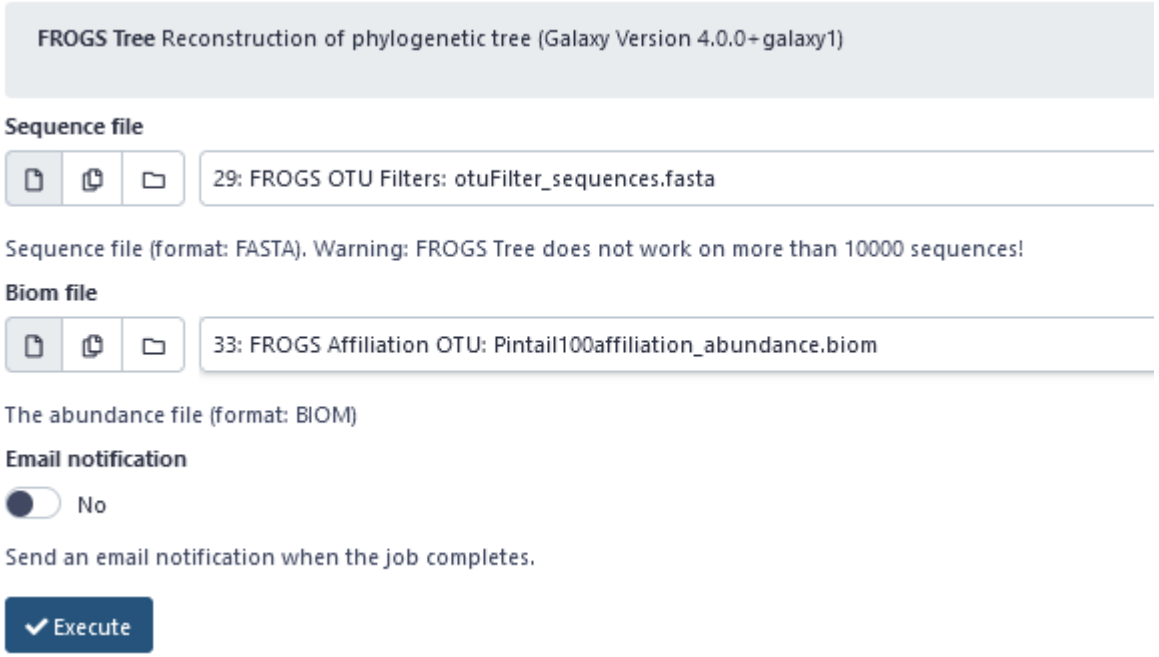
FROGS Tree

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.

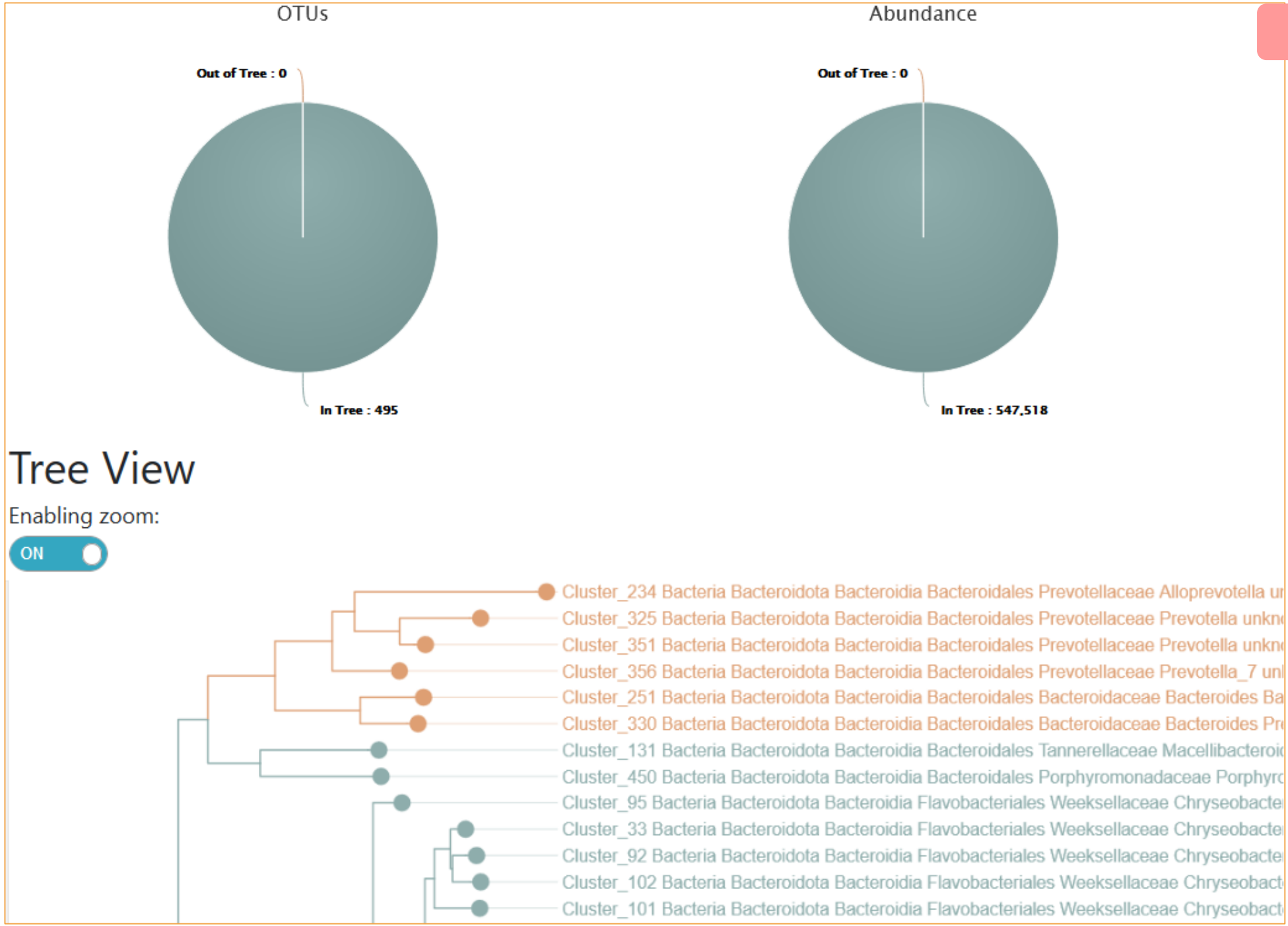


2 outputs:

FROGS Tree: report.html

FROGS Tree: tree.nwk

1st output


OTUs
Out of Tree : 0
In Tree : 495
Abundance
Out of Tree : 0
In Tree : 547,518
Tree View
Enabling zoom:
ON
Cluster_234 Bacteria Bacteroidota Bacteroidia Bacteroidales Prevotellaceae Alloprevotella ur
Cluster_325 Bacteria Bacteroidota Bacteroidia Bacteroidales Prevotellaceae Prevotella unkn
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Cluster_330 Bacteria Bacteroidota Bacteroidia Bacteroidales Bacteroidaceae Bacteroides Pr
Cluster_131 Bacteria Bacteroidota Bacteroidia Bacteroidales Tannerellaceae Macellibacteroi
Cluster_450 Bacteria Bacteroidota Bacteroidia Bacteroidales Porphyromonadaceae Porphyro
Cluster_95 Bacteria Bacteroidota Bacteroidia Flavobacteriales Weeksellaceae Chryseobacte
Cluster_33 Bacteria Bacteroidota Bacteroidia Flavobacteriales Weeksellaceae Chryseobacte
Cluster_92 Bacteria Bacteroidota Bacteroidia Flavobacteriales Weeksellaceae Chryseobacte
Cluster_102 Bacteria Bacteroidota Bacteroidia Flavobacteriales Weeksellaceae Chryseobact
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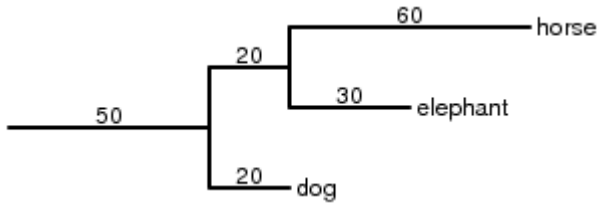
2nd output

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



(dog:20, (elephant:30, horse:60):20):50

Our tree in nhx (= nwk) format

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((((((((((((Cluster_234:0.25278,(Cluster_325:0.09784,Clu
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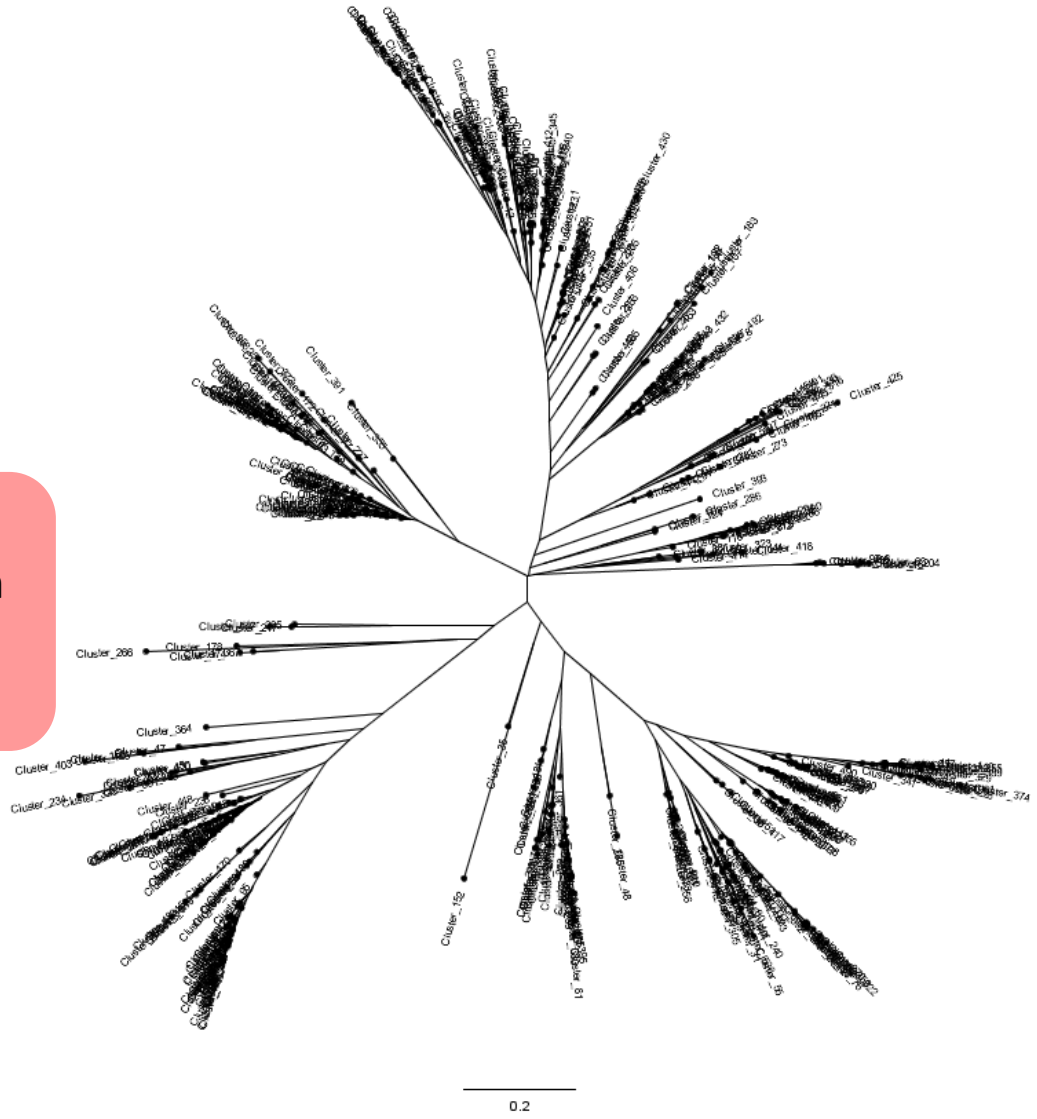
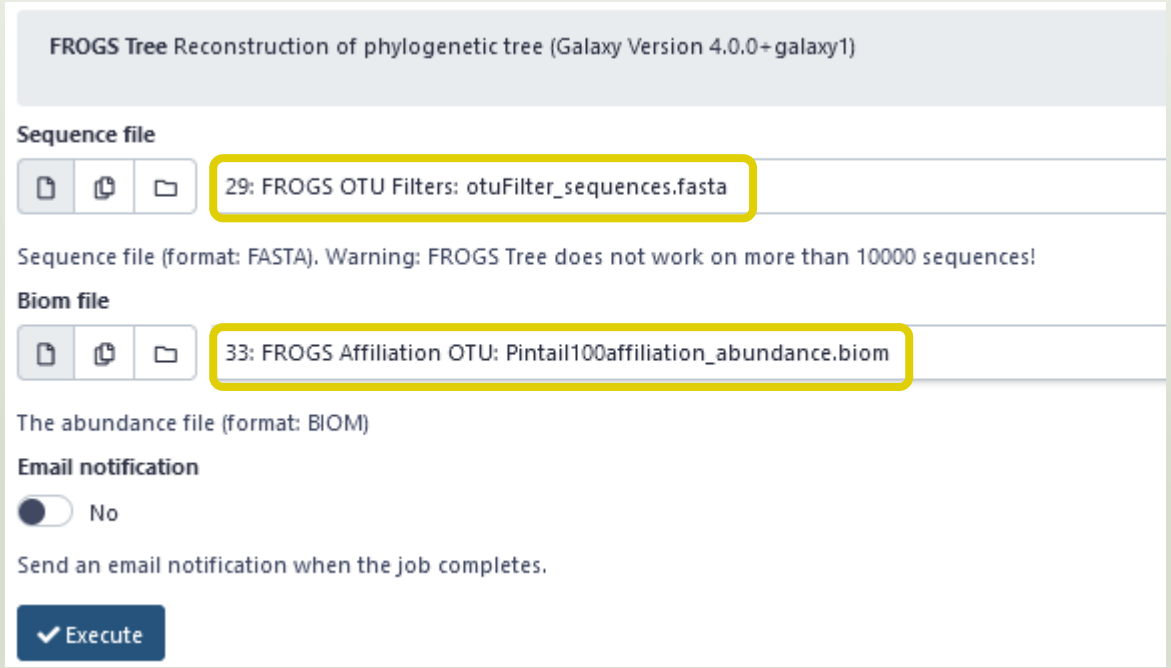
Exemple of visualization in FigTree from nhx file



Practice:

Exercice:

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

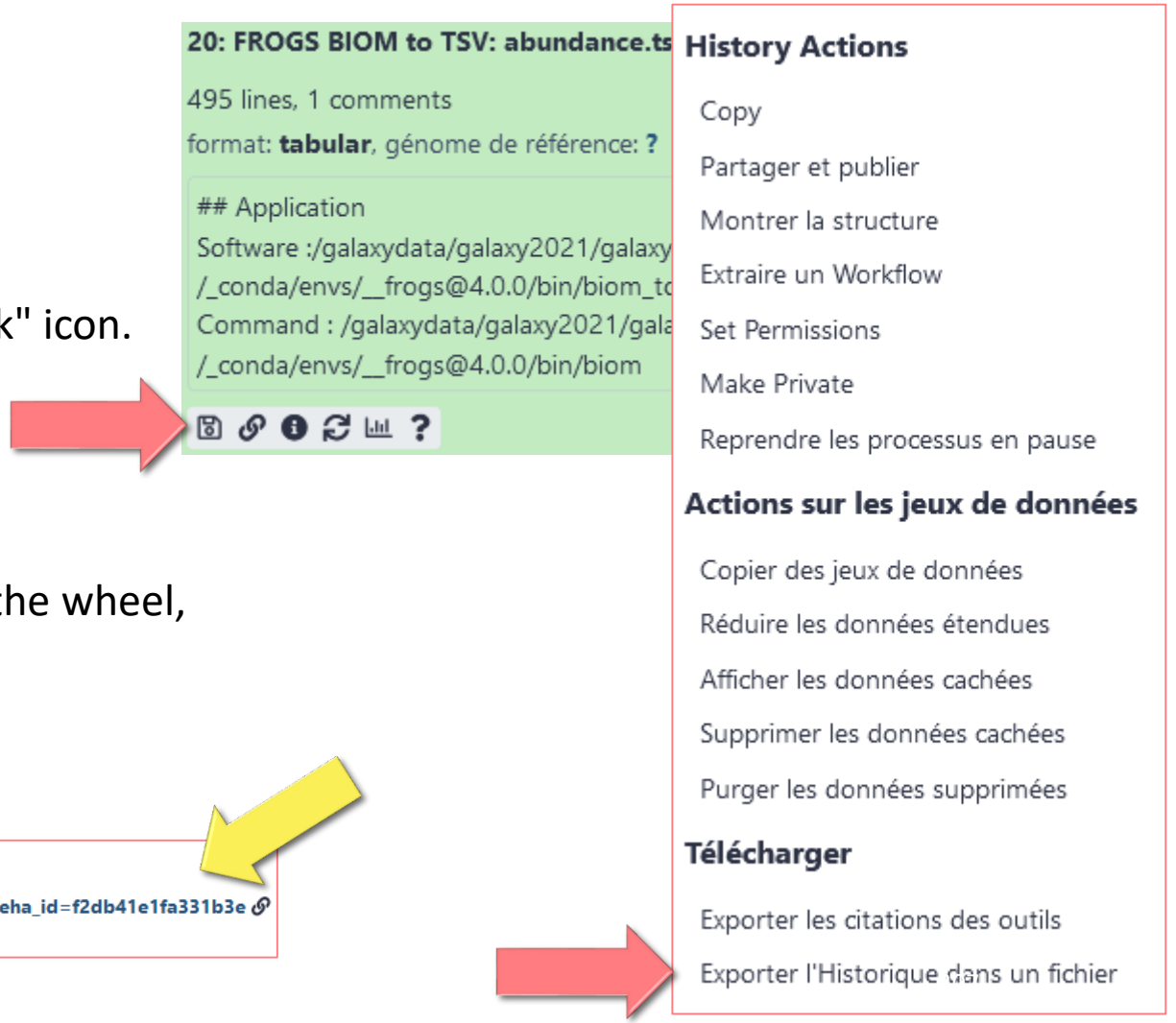


For tutorial, we ask you to create a phylogentic tree on affiliation.biom **before** "**affiliation filter**" process. Otherwise on your own data, create the phylogenetic tree on cleaned affiliation.biom

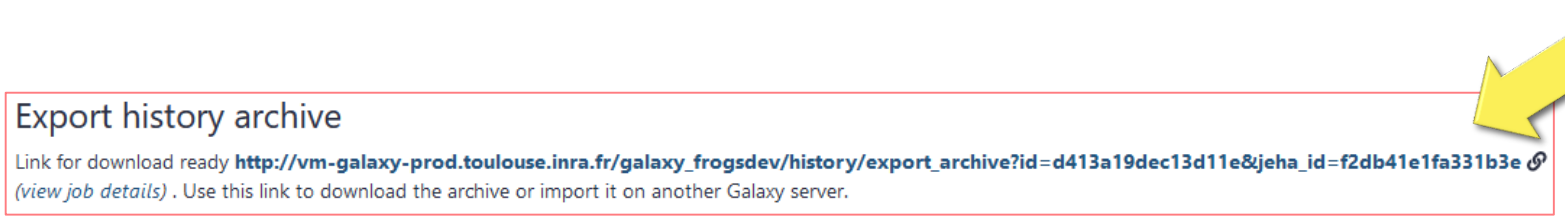
Download your data

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 <u>your responsibility</u>.

You have 2 backup possibilities:
1. Save your datasets one by one using the "floppy disk" icon.



2. Or export each history.
To export a history, from the "History" menu, click on the wheel, then "Export History to File":



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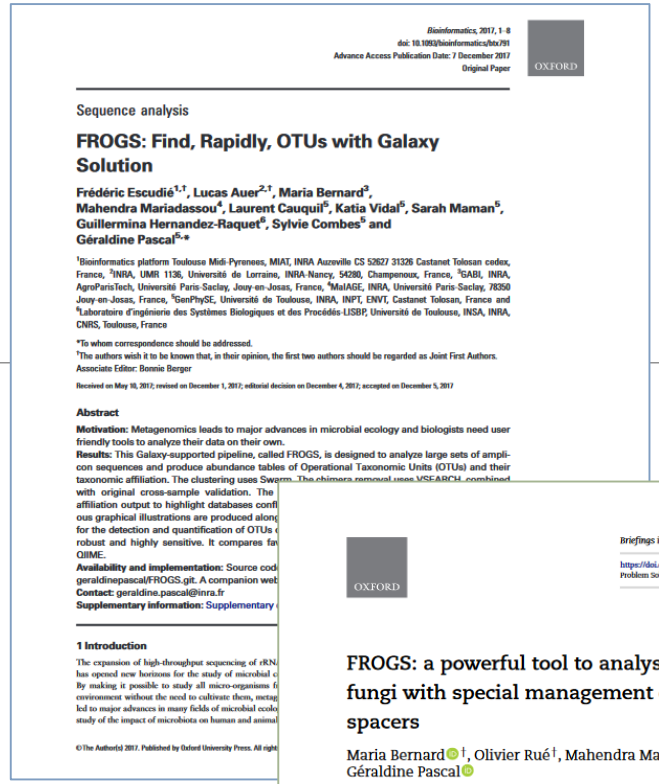

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Sequence analysis

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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 ampli-con 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 affiliation output to highlight databases conf ous graphical illustrations are produced along for the detection and quantification of OTUs robust and highly sensitive. It compares fa QIIME.
Availability and implementation: Source cod geraldinepascal/FROGS.git. A companion web
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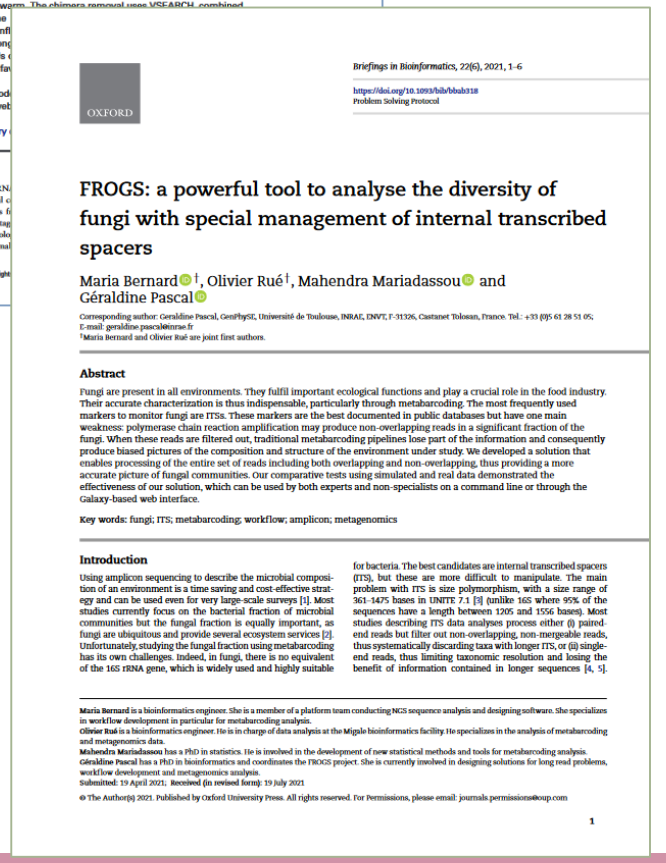
Supplementary information: Supplementary

1 Introduction

The expansion of high-throughput sequencing of rRN has opened new horizons for the study of microbial By making it possible to study all micro-organisms environment without the need to cultivate them, metag led to major advances in many fields of microbial ecolo study of the impact of microbiota on human and anima



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Problem Solving Protocol

FROGS: a powerful tool to analyse the diversity of fungi with special management of internal transcribed spacers

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Abstract

Fungi are present in all environments. They fulfil important ecological functions and play a crucial role in the food industry. Their accurate characterization is thus indispensable, particularly through metabarcoding. The most frequently used markers to monitor fungi are ITSs. These markers are the best documented in public databases but have one main weakness: polymerase chain reaction amplification may produce non-overlapping reads in a significant fraction of the fungi. When these reads are filtered out, traditional metabarcoding pipelines lose part of the information and consequently produce biased pictures of the composition and structure of the environment under study. We developed a solution that enables processing of the entire set of reads including both overlapping and non-overlapping, thus providing a more accurate picture of fungal communities. Our comparative tests using simulated and real data demonstrated the effectiveness of our solution, which can be used by both experts and non-specialists on a command line or through the Galaxy-based web interface.

Key words: fungi; ITS; metabarcoding; workflow; amplicon; metagenomics

Introduction

Using amplicon sequencing to describe the microbial composition of an environment is a time saving and cost-effective strategy and can be used even for very large-scale surveys [1]. Most studies currently focus on the bacterial fraction of microbial communities but the fungal fraction is equally important, as fungi are ubiquitous and provide several ecosystem services [2]. Unfortunately, studying the fungal fraction using metabarcoding has its own challenges. Indeed, in fungi, there is no equivalent of the 16S rRNA gene, which is widely used and highly suitable for bacteria. The best candidates are internal transcribed spacers (ITS), but these are more difficult to manipulate. The main problem with ITS is size polymorphism, with a size range of 561–1475 bases in UNITE 7.1 [3] (unlike 16S where 95% of the sequences have a length between 1205 and 1556 bases). Most studies describing ITS data analyses process either (i) paired-end reads but filter out non-overlapping, non-mergeable reads, thus systematically discarding taxa with longer ITS, or (ii) single-end reads, thus limiting taxonomic resolution and losing the benefit of information contained in longer sequences [4, 5].

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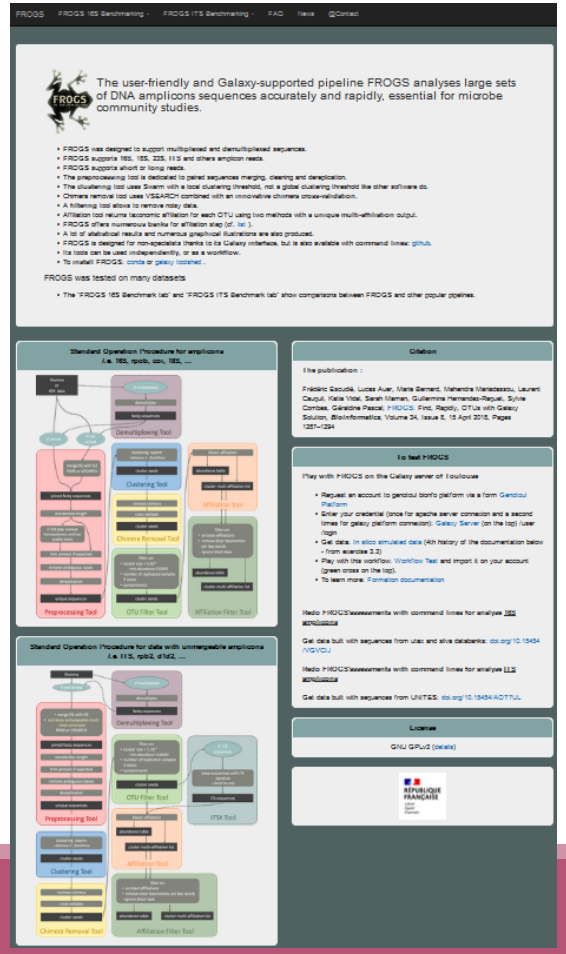

All scripts on Github:

https://github.com/geraldinepascal/FROGS.git

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