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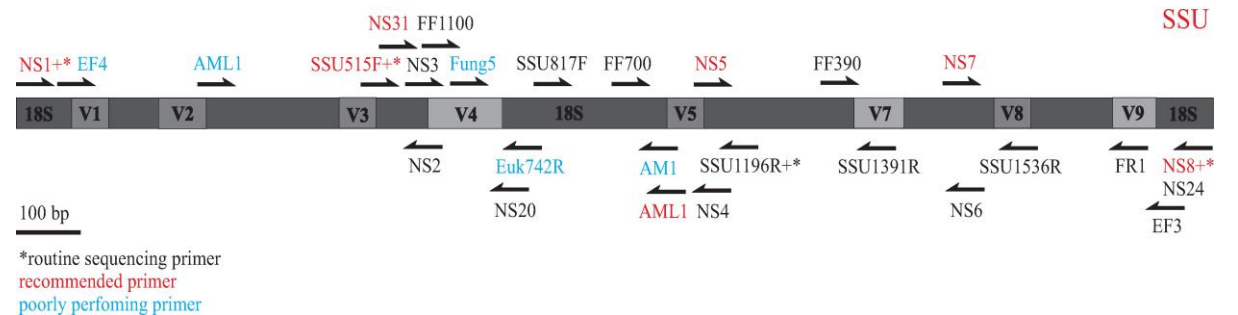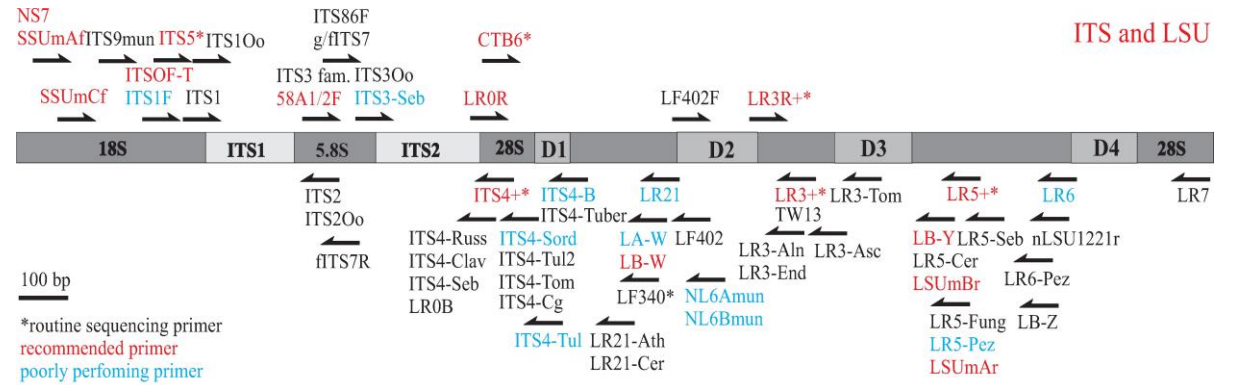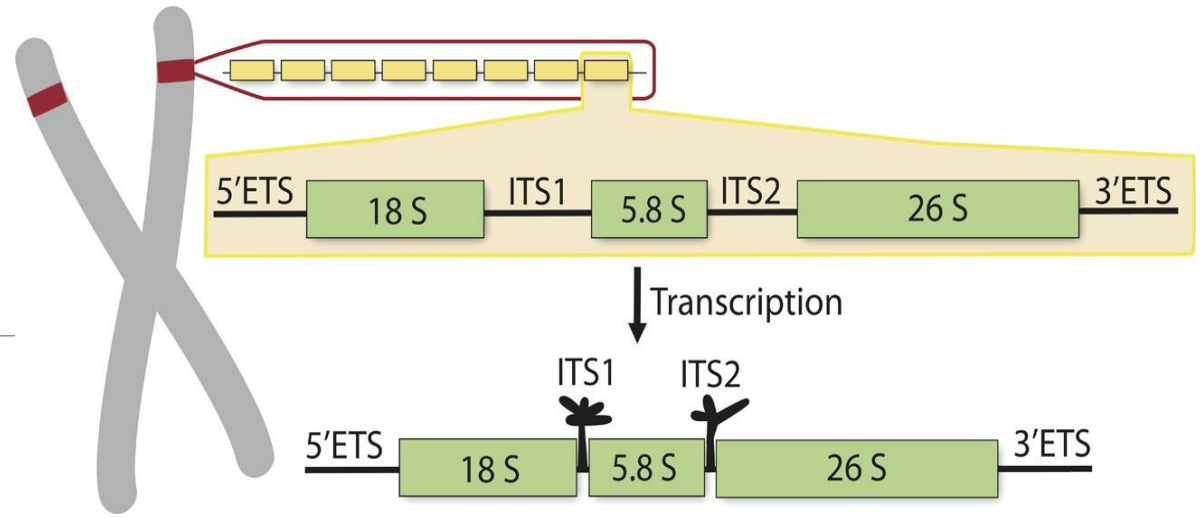
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FROGS Practice on ITS data and Workflow creation

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What is a ITS ?

ITS: Internal Transcribed Spacer

What is a ITS ?

- Size polymorphism of ITS (from 361 to 1475 bases in UNITE 7.1)

- Highly conserved regions of the neighboring of ITS1 and ITS2

- Lack of a generalist and abundant ITS databank (several small specialized databanks)

- Multiple copies[*] (14 to 1400 copies (mean at 113, median at 80))

- Do not target Glomeromycetes/Glomeromycota ($\rightarrow$ alternative: 18S)

- If your sequencing platform preprocesses your data, it has to keep short and long sequences

* https://doi.org/10.1111/mec.14995

ITS data from manipulated organic soil (MOS network)

Reference plot
Control

Nitrogen
Control

Nitrogen
Supplementation

Organic Matter removal
OMR

Nitrogen
Control

Nitrogen
Supplementation

While in the past forest biomass exports concerned only trunks, these exports recently increased and now concern also the branches and smaller parts that were previously left on the ground (for pellet production).

The MOS network (18 sites in France) was designed to reveal the long-term effects of intense biomass exports on soil fertility and biodiversity. Different treatment of biomass export are applied with or without supplementation of nutrients.

The aim is to analyse the **impact** of these new forestry practices on **soil microbiota** and **tree health**.

The present dataset concerned one of the site (Champenoux) after 5 years of total Organic Matter removal (OMR treatment : all the organic matter on the ground including leaves was removed), **with** our **without nitrogen supplementation**.

- 5 replicates Control x 2 treatments, 5 replicates OMR x 2 treatments
- DNA is extracted and **ITS1** is sequenced
- 2 x 250 bp Illumina MiSeq
- Primer 5': CTTGGTCATTTAGAGGAAGTAA
- Primer 3': GCATCGATGAAGAACGCAGC

Metadata for these samples

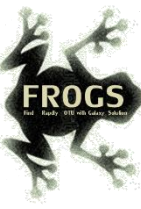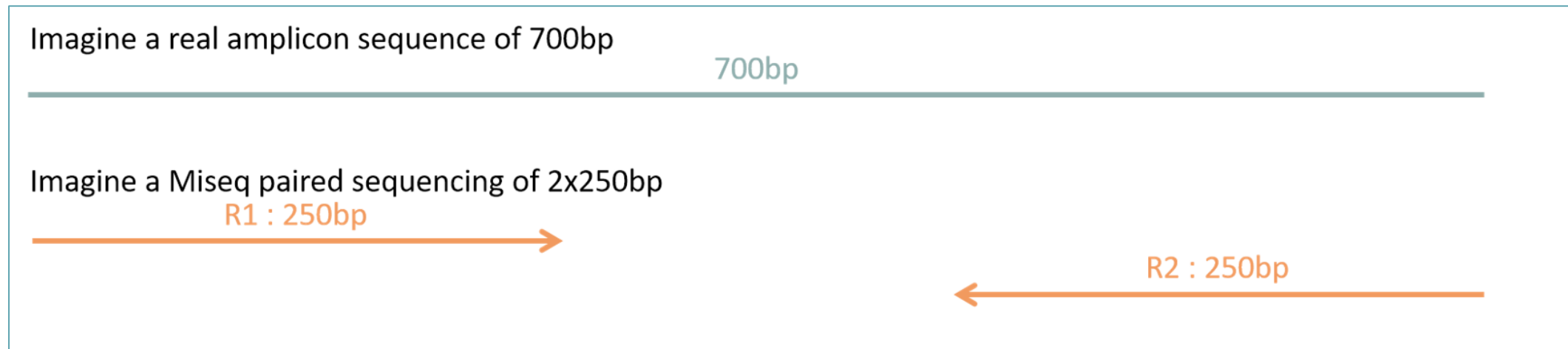| Samples	kept	Replicas	Incubation	Nitrogen	Forest_management	Quality	Treatment
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Ph212	77.64	2	T4	Nitrogen_supplementation	Control	Low degradability	Control_with_N
Ph217	80.26	5	T4	Nitrogen_supplementation	Control	Low degradability	Control_with_N
Ph222	78.65	1	T4	Nitrogen_supplementation	Control	Low degradability	Control_with_N
Ph224	77.18	4	T4	Nitrogen_supplementation	Control	Low degradability	Control_with_N
Ph237	79.68	1	T4	Control	Control	Low degradability	Control
Ph241	78.7	2	T4	Control	Control	Low degradability	Control
Ph243	76.38	4	T4	Control	Control	Low degradability	Control
Ph246	76.37	5	T4	Control	Control	Low degradability	Control
Ph250	77.37	3	T4	Control	Control	Low degradability	Control
Ph407	72.52	3	T4	Nitrogen_supplementation	OMR	Low degradability	OMR_with_N
Ph414	64.98	4	T4	Nitrogen_supplementation	OMR	Low degradability	OMR_with_N
Ph415	78.13	2	T4	Nitrogen_supplementation	OMR	Low degradability	OMR_with_N
Ph417	71.17	1	T4	Nitrogen_supplementation	OMR	Low degradability	OMR_with_N
Ph423	75.2	5	T4	Nitrogen_supplementation	OMR	Low degradability	OMR_with_N
Ph428	73.48	2	T4	Control	OMR	Low degradability	OMR
Ph433	73.21	5	T4	Control	OMR	Low degradability	OMR
Ph434	74.01	3	T4	Control	OMR	Low degradability	OMR
Ph439	74.15	1	T4	Control	OMR	Low degradability	OMR
Ph449	73.77	4	T4	Control	OMR	Low degradability	OMR

Overview
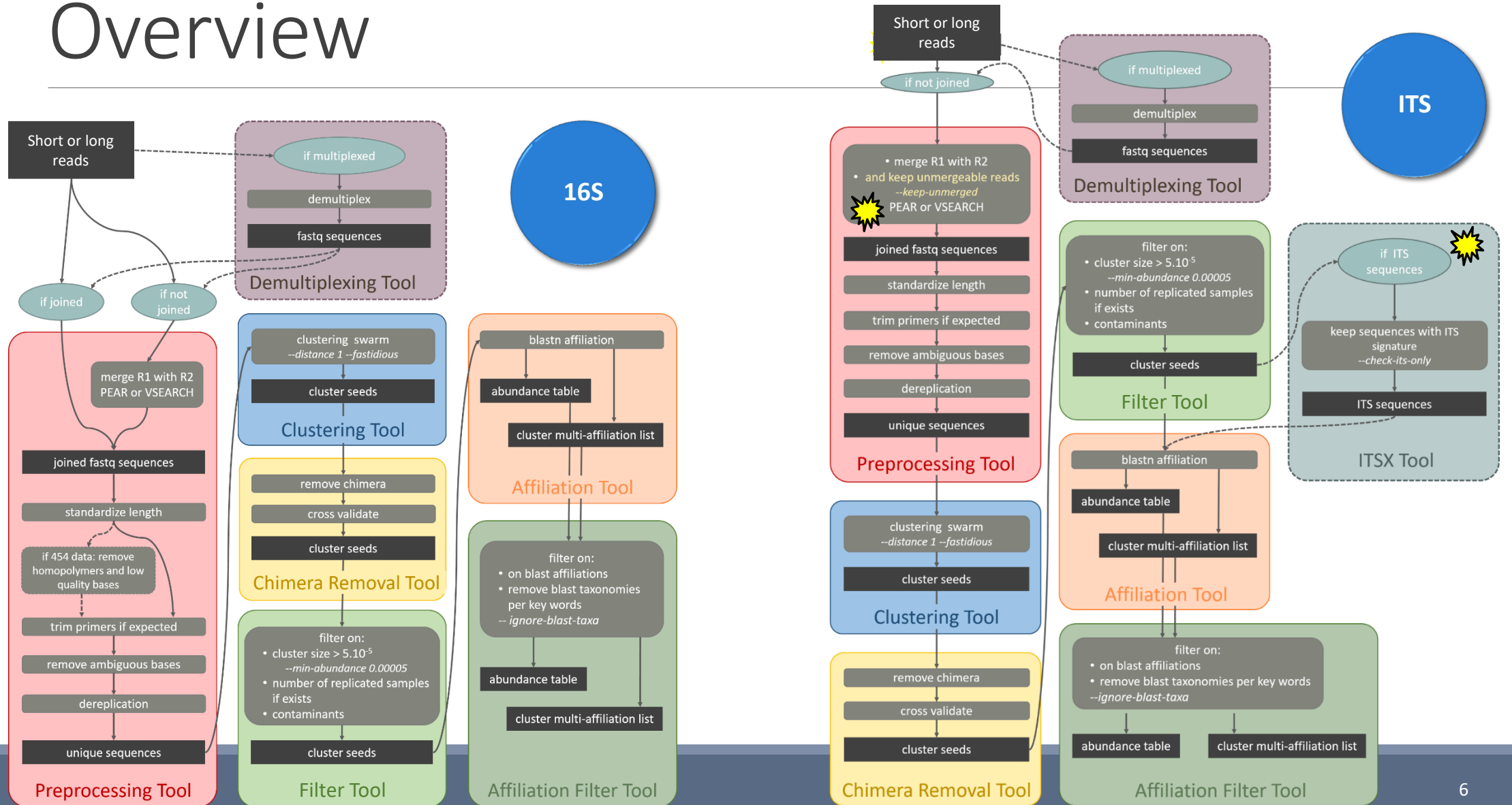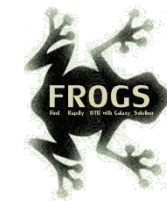
FROGS Pipeline for ITS

Problematic:
some ITS reads (Miseq sequencing) are non-overlapping sequences

Imagine a real amplicon sequence of 700bp

700bp

Imagine a Miseq paired sequencing of 2x250bp
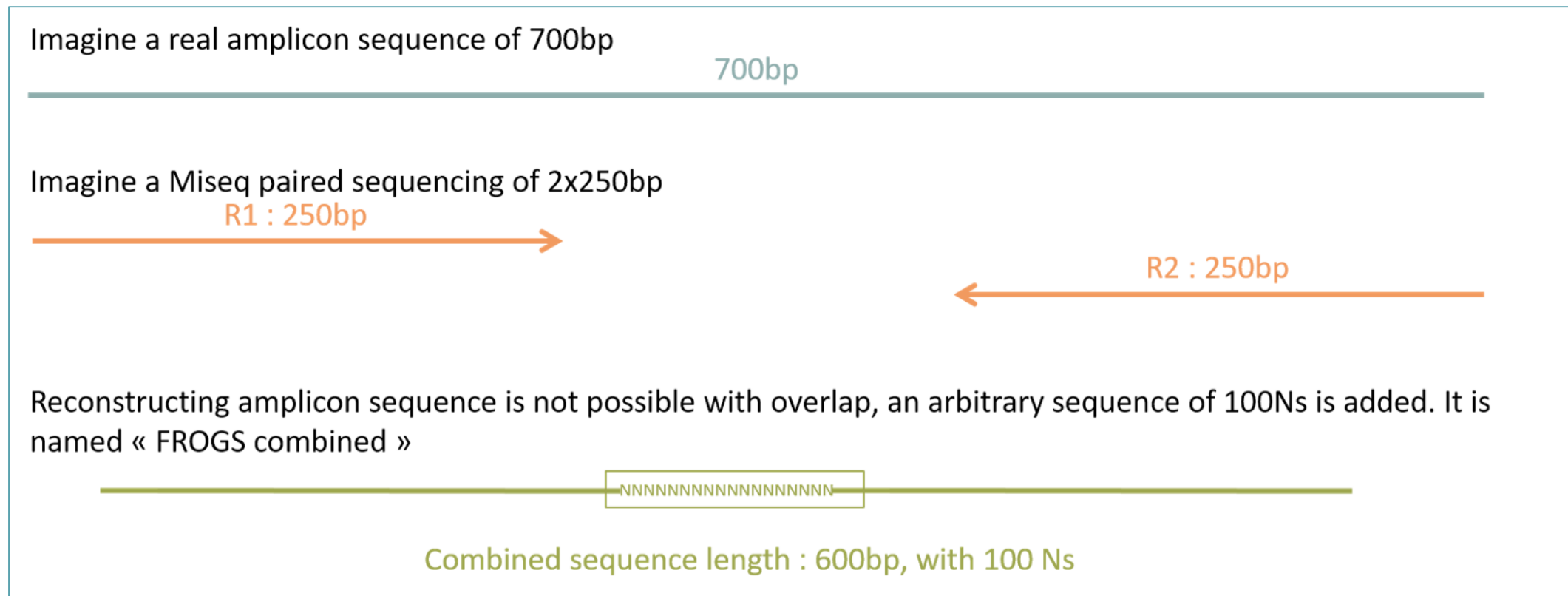
R1 : 250bp

R2 : 250bp

Consequence: during bioinformatics process, these reads are lost and underlying organisms will be never represented in the abundance table.
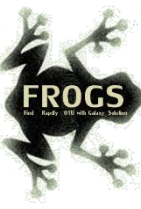
Solution: in preprocess step – creation of "FROGS combined" sequences

Imagine a real amplicon sequence of 700bp

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Imagine a Miseq paired sequencing of 2x250bp

R1 : 250bp

R2 : 250bp

Reconstructing amplicon sequence is not possible with overlap, an arbitrary sequence of 100Ns is added. It is named « FROGS combined »

NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN

Combined sequence length : 600bp, with 100 Ns

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28 tools in total

Pre-process tool

For short reads from illumina

Illumina

Or → **Archive**

Or → **Sample by sample**

Or → **Need to merge reads**

Or → **Reads are already merged**

Are reads already merged ?

No

Yes = The archive contains 1 file by sample : R1 and R2 pairs 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 mismatches in the overlap region (--mismatch-rate)

Merge software

Vsearch

Select the software to merge paired-end reads (--merge-software)

You need to keep unmerged reads (ITS, …)

Would you like to keep unmerged reads?
○ No, unmerged reads will be excluded.
⊘ Yes, unmerged reads will be artificially combined.

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

Are reads already merged ?

Yes

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

ITS

FROGS_1 Pre-process merging, denoising and dereplication (Galaxy Version 4.1.0+galaxy1)

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: ITS_fast.tar.gz

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

Are reads already merged ?

No

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

Reads 1 size

250

The maximum read1 size.

Reads 2 size

250

The maximum read2 size.

Mismatch rate

0.1

The maximum rate of mismatches in the overlap region (--mismatch-rate)

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Would you like to keep unmerged reads?

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⊘ Yes, unmerged reads will be artificially combined.

To keep FROGS combined sequences, choose YES

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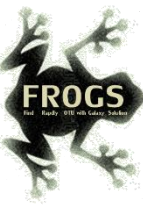
Minimum amplicon size

180

The minimum size of the amplicons (with primers) (--min-amplicon-size)

Maximum amplicon size

490

The maximum size of the amplicons (with primers) (--max-amplicon-size)

Do the sequences have PCR primers?

⊘ Yes
◯ No

5' primer

CTTGGTCATTTAGAGGAAGTAA

The 5' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). This primer must be written in 5' to 3' orientation (see details in 'Primers parameters' help section) (--five-prim-primer)

3' primer

GCATCGATGAAGAACGCAGC

The 3' primer sequence (wildcards are accepted). This primer must be written in 5' to 3' orientation (see details in 'Primers parameters' help section) (--three-prim-primer)

Primer 5': CTTGGTCATTTAGAGGAAGTAA
Primer 3': GCATCGATGAAGAACGCAGC

Exercise

Go to « ITS » history

Launch the pre-process tool on this data set

→ objective: understand preprocess report and « FROGS combined sequences »

Explore Preprocess report.html
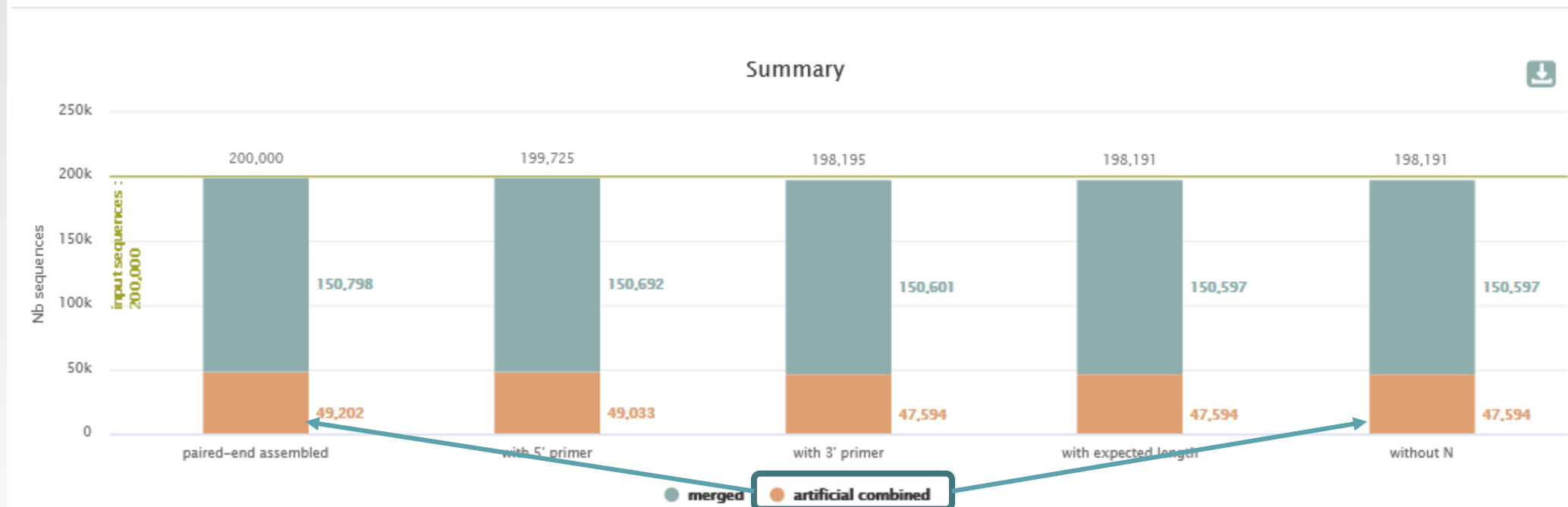
Details on merged sequences

2 tables:

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[⬇ CSV]

	Samples ↑↓	before process ↑↓	% kept ↑↓	paired-end assembled ↑↓	with 5' primer ↑↓	with 3' primer ↑↓	with expected length ↑↓	without N ↑↓
☐	Ph203	10,000	79.42	7,954	7,948	7,942	7,942	7,942
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☐	Ph222	10,000	78.34	7,839	7,835	7,834	7,834	7,834

Details on artificial combined sequences

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Samples ↑↓	before process ↑↓	% kept ↑↓	paired-end assembled ↑↓	with 5' primer ↑↓	with 3' primer ↑↓	with expected length ↑↓	without N ↑↓
Ph203	10,000	19.68	2,046	2,038	1,968	1,968	1,968
Ph212	10,000	20.65	2,163	2,154	2,065	2,065	2,065
Ph217	10,000	18.63	1,939	1,928	1,863	1,863	1,863
Ph222	10,000	20.79	2,161	2,155	2,079	2,079	2,079

Own tag for combined sequences

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Filter only on __minimum__ length for « combined ».

Minimum length =
R1 + 100N + R2 – primers sizes

If the primers are very internal to the read, after trimming them, the combined sequence could be smaller than a read. FROGS rejects these cases.

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ITSx tools

What is the purpose of the ITSx tool?

- ITSx is a tool to **filter** sequences.

- ITSx **identifies** and **trimms** ITS regions in sequences.

- It **excludes** the highly conserved neighboring sequences **SSU**, **5S** and **LSU** rRNA.

- If the ITS1 or ITS2 region is not detected, the sequence is discarded.

- You can choose to check only if the sequence is detected as an ITS.
  In this case, the sequence is not trimmed, only sequences not detected as ITS are rejected (*e.g.* contaminants).
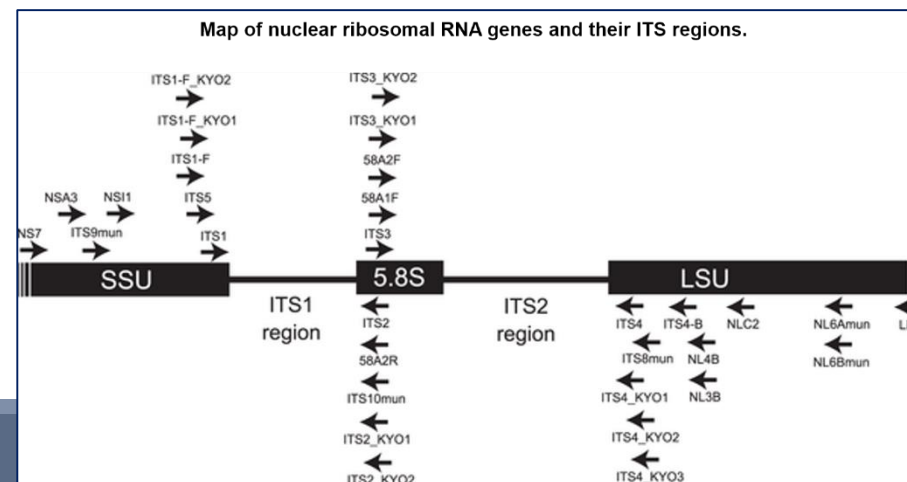
Bengtsson-Palme, J., et al. (2013), Improved software detection and extraction of ITS1 and ITS2 from ribosomal ITS sequences of fungi and other eukaryotes for analysis of environmental sequencing data. Methods Ecol Evol, 4: 914-919.
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Map of nuclear ribosomal RNA genes and their ITS regions.

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ITS amplicon target
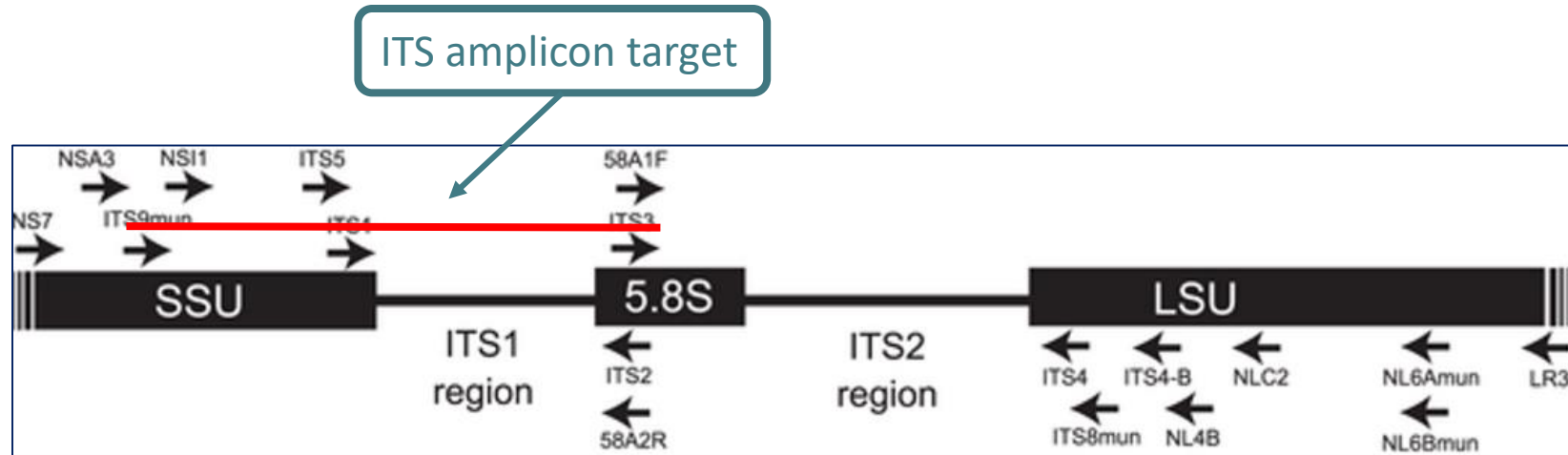
1st case: choose to trim
ITS1 is well detected
SSU part and 5.8S part are trimmed
Result: ───────

2nd case: choose to check only
ITS1 is well detected
SSU part and 5.8S part are not trimmed
Result: ────────────

Check only if sequence is detected as ITS? Yes or not?

- If not, only ITS1 or ITS2 part will be conserved

- This is interesting to keep only the ITS parts without the flanking sequences in case of :
  - comparison of sequenced amplicons with different primers targeting the same region to be amplified.
  - using a database with only ITS part

When should we use ITSx ?

After filtering !

ITSx

ITSx is a fastidious step

FROGS ITSx Extract the highly variable ITS1 and ITS2 subregions from ITS sequences (Galaxy Version 4.1.0+galaxy1)
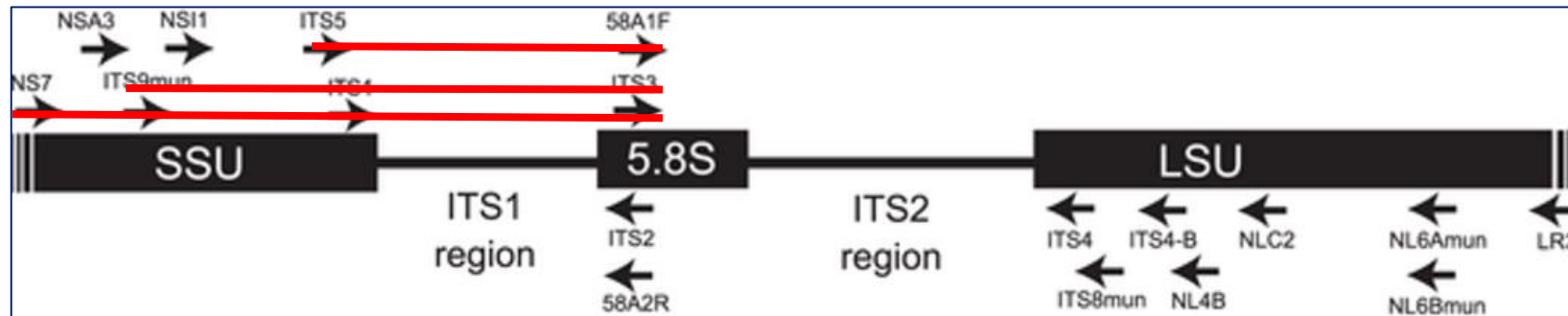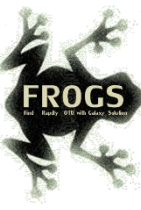
Sequence file

☐ ☐ ☐ | 16: FROGS_4 Cluster filters: clusterFilters_sequences.fasta

The sequence file to filter (format: FASTA).

Abundance file

☐ ☐ ☐ | 15: FROGS_4 Cluster filters: clusterFilters_abundance.biom

The abundance file to filter (format: BIOM)

Trim conserved sequence (SSU, 5.8S, LSU) ?

⊘ No, keep conserved regions
○ Yes, trim conserved regions

If Yes, only part of the sequences with ITS signature will be kept, SSU, LSU or 5.8S regions will be trimmed (default : No) (--check-its-only)

Choose pertinent organisms to scan:

⊟ Select/Unselect all

☑ Fungi
☐ Alveolata
☐ Bryophyta
☐ Bacillariophyta
☐ Amoebozoa
☐ Euglenozoa
☐ Chlorophyta
☐ Rhodophyta
☐ Phaeophyceae
☐ Marchantiophyta
☐ Metazoa
☐ Oomycota
☐ Haptophyceae
☐ Raphidophyceae
☐ Rhizaria
☐ Synurophyceae
☐ Tracheophyta
☐ Eustigmatophyceae

Save a lot of time by checking pertinent organism group model to scan (--organism-groups)

Email notification

⚫ No

Send an email notification when the job completes.

✔ Execute

By default, the ITSs are kept in their entirety.

By defaut, sequences are considered as FUNGI sequences.
Change it, if it is not the case.

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Careful !

- The ITSx step is time consuming and has to be done on minimum of clusters.

1. Preprocess step,

2. Clustering step,

3. Chimera removing step,

4. Filter on ASVs abundances and replicates step,

5. ITSx

Filters (ITSx) summary

ASVs 　⬇

Abundance 　⬇

Removed : 1

Removed : 20

Kept : 269

Kept : 125,352
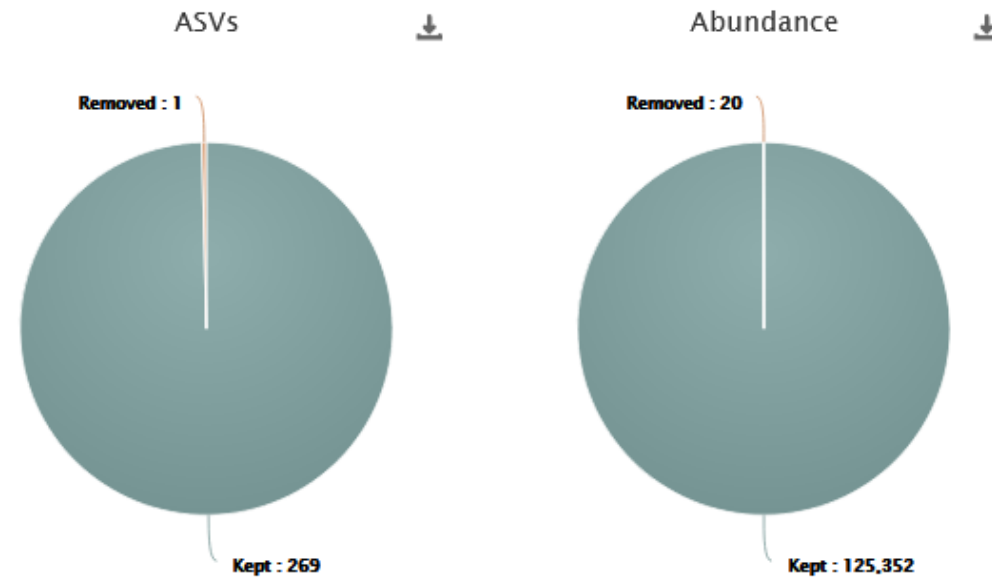
Filters (ITSx) by samples

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ASVs removed by sample

Sample name ⇅	Initial ⇅	Kept ⇅	Initial abundance ⇅	Kept abundance ⇅
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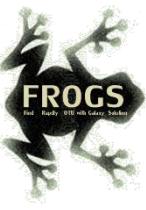
Affiliation Post-process

What is the purpose of the *Affiliation post-process* tool ?

This tool allows **grouping ASVs together** in accordance with the %id and %cov chosen by the user and according to the following criteria:

1. They must have the same affiliation

   Or

2. If they have "multi-affiliation" tag in FROGS taxonomy, they must have in common in their list of possible affiliations at least one identical affiliation.

What is the purpose of the *Affiliation post-process* tool ?

In consequence:

The different affiliations involved in multi-affiliation are merged.

The abundances are added together.

It is the most abundant ASV seed that is kept.

FROGS Affiliation postprocess Aggregates ASVs based on alignment metrics (Galaxy Version 4.1.0+galaxy1)

☆ Favorite　　⚙ Versions　　▾ Options
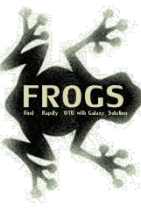
Sequence file

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The sequence file to filter (format: FASTA).

Abundance file

📄 📋 📁 | 25: FROGS_5 Taxonomic affiliation: affiliation_abundance.biom ▾ | 📂

The abundance file to filter (format: BIOM)

Is this an amplicon hyper variable in length?

○ No
⊘ Yes

Yes, we have combined sequences

Multi-affiliation tag may be resolved by selecting the shortest amplicon reference. For this, you need the reference fasta file of your target amplicon.

Using reference database

UNITE 8.2 ITS1 ▾

same database used for taxonomic affiliation

Select reference from the list (--reference)

Minimum identity for aggregation

99

ASVs will be aggregated if they share the same taxonomy with at least X% identity (--identity)

Minimum coverage for aggregation

99

Here, we wanted to aggregate ASVs only if they are very closed

ASVs will be aggregated if they share the same taxonomy with at least X% alignment coverage (--coverage)

Email notification

⚫ No

Send an email notification when the job completes.

✔ Execute

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FROGS Affiliation postprocess: OTU_aggregation_composition.txt

FROGS Affiliation postprocess: sequences.fasta

FROGS Affiliation postprocess: affiliation_abundance.biom

Cluster_1
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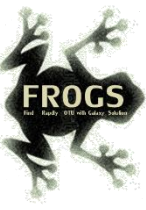
Workflow creation
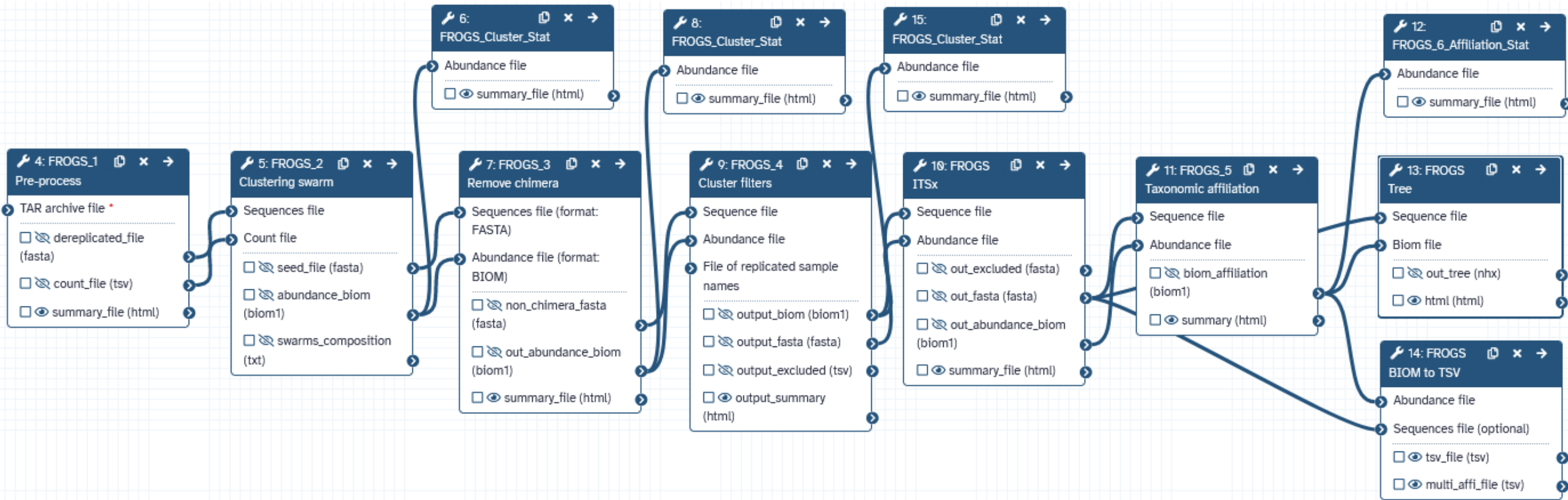
Workflow are useful for routine analyses

A workflow links FROGS steps together and when it is launched, all the steps run automatically.

Practice

CREATE YOUR OWN WORKFLOW !

Exercise

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Solution of exercise:

For each tool, think to:
1. Set parameters

FROGS Clusters stat

Abundance file

☑ FROGS Clusters stat: report.html (html)

Configure Output: 'FROGS Clusters stat: report.html'

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Label

Don't use label

This will provide a short name to describe the output – this must be unique across workflows.

Rename dataset

This action will rename the output dataset. Click here for more information. Valid input variables are:
- **biom** (Abundance file)

Change datatype

Leave unchanged

This action will change the datatype of the output to the indicated datatype.

Add Tags

This action will set tags for the dataset.
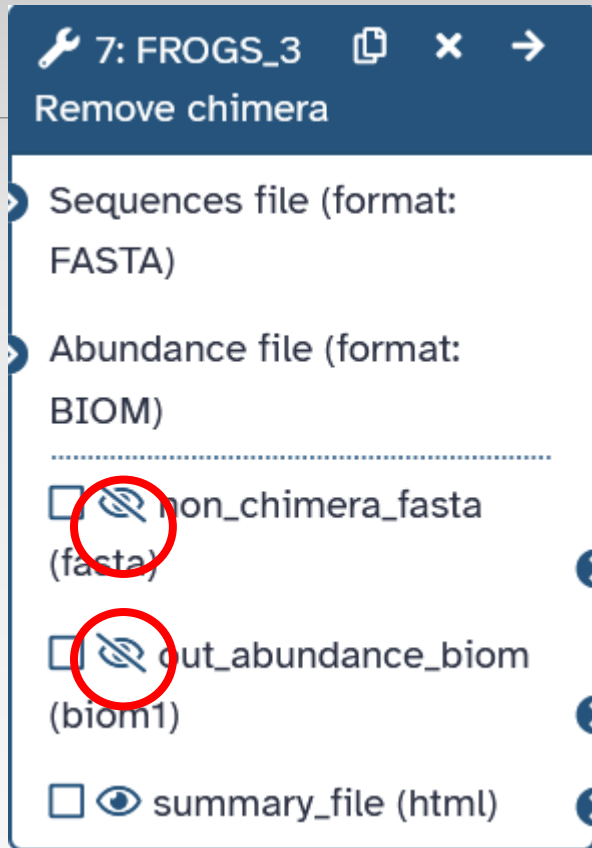
Remove Tags

This action will remove tags for the dataset.
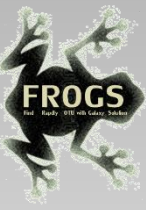
Assign columns

For each tool, think to:
1. Set parameters
2. **Rename output files**

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For each tool, think to:
1. Set parameters
2. Rename output files
3. Hide intermediate files to simplify your history

Exercise

When your workflow is built

1. Run your own workflow with ITS data with :

ITS_fast.tar.gz   ITS_fast_metadata.tsv   ITS_fast_replicates.tsv

2. Run FROGSSTAT tools