Metagenomics analysis ACFC Wastewater

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1. Introduction

The wastewater of a Kenyan water treatment plant contains many organisms whose presence influences the water quality by their production of toxins like those produced by algal blooms from Cyanobacteria. (Hart et al. (2025)) These algal blooms are a global threat to freshwater systems like the Nyando River. Using more traditional chemical analyses, an abundance of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium was determined.

It is imperative to measure those toxins or in this case genetic material from the micro-organisms that produce them. This wastewater is directly exhausted into the Nyando River, a basin covering about 3,590 square kilometers. The population density at the basin is higher than the national average, this indicates it's importance. The life expectancy is very low with an average of 37.7 years for males and 42.9 years for females. Enhancing water quality could contribute to a higher lifespan for the people and other organisms that make use of these wetlands.

This water provides food, stores energy and is crucial for biodiversity. (Obiero et al. (2012)) These resources are threatened by wastewater from factories and treatment plants.

In the wastewater treatment facility is among other process steps a digester, with a lagoon where the wastewater is expelled into. The influence of this digester on the microbial diversity and number will be determined.

There are a total of three samples, the first one was taken before the water enters the digester, the second inside of the digester and the last one in the lagoon before entering the Nyando River. We will make a comparison between these samples and we will determine if the amount of bacteria or other microorganisms exceeds the limits for reclaimed water before and after entering the digester. Toxin producing algae can be present in the sample that exited the digester only if this was also the case before entering it. The scope of this article is limited to determining the influence of the digester in the wastewater treatment facility. So even if there already are contaminants, as long as their numbers are not increasing, the treatment process is not at fault.

Metagenomics is DNA based and can provide information about what organisms are present in the sample, this can be taxonomic and phylogenetic information. (Hong, Mantilla-Calderon, and Wang (2020)) Metagenomics differs from whole genome sequencing which refers to the sequencing of a single genomes.

To do this, a bio-informatics pipeline was constructed to compare these samples in which a taxonomic classification will be applied on the samples using the Kraken2 tool to check the presence of known algal bloom causing Cyanobacteria. (Hart et al. (2025)) Given the results from incubating the samples on agar plates, we hypothesize that there are toxin producing Cyanobacteria in the samples but that the digester doesn't make a difference for the diversity and number of those organisms.

In addition to the phylogenetic classification, there will also be an anti-biotic resistance test to determine to what antibiotic resistance genes the micro-organisms have. This will provide an overview of means to combat the bacteria found in the sample more effectively. (Lal Gupta, Kumar Tiwari, and Cytryn (2020))

To first assemble the microbial genomes from the metagenomic dataset, several tools can be used like Metabat, Concoct and Maxbin4. Identifying potentially up to 2000 micro-organisms in the sample can be challenging given that their average genome size would be 4 Mpb 8 Gpb of reads would have to be obtained to get an average coverage of 1x (al2015removal). A functional analysis can be done by comparing the microorganisms found using Kraken2 against a database like Faprotax (Terlouw et al. (2023)) This database has for every species/genus the pathways that are know to occur in them.

To-do: 16S DNA explanation.

The diversity of the microbiome will be quantified using the alpha diversity measure. This is a formula that can be applied to calculate this measure for diversity. **6**.

Pipeline

The different steps of the pipeline are explained below.

Overview: 1. Quality control with Fastplong 2. Trimming of adapter sequences with Fastplong 3. Taxonomic classification with Kraken2 4. Visualization of Kraken2 results using Kurona / Pavian 5. Functional analysis of the micro-organisms found

Snakemake

To execute this pipeline Snakemake is used. Snakemake is a workflow management system created to be reproducible and scalable. Workflows are described via a human readable Python based language. Snakemake can also entail a description of required software, which can be automatically be deployed to the execution environment.

Unit tests where generated for all the snakemake rules: "snakemake –generate-unit-tests"

Library / Tool versions:

Tool	Version	Description
R	4.4.1	Statistical computing and graphics environment
Fastplong	0.2.2	Tool for long-read sequence analysis
Kraken	2.1.2	Taxonomic sequence classification system
Bracken	3.0.1	Bayesian reestimation of abundance after classification with Kraken
Krona	2.8.1	Interactive metagenomic visualization tool
Pavian	1.0	Interactive browser application for analyzing metagenomics data
kraken-biom	1.2.0	Creates BIOM-format tables from Kraken output
FAPROTAX	1.2.10	Functional annotation of prokaryotic taxa

1. Sample preparation

Samples:

#	Condition
1	In lag, + glyc, - schud
2	In lag, + glyc, + schud
3	In lag, - glyc, - schud
4	In lag, - glyc, + schud
5	Out lag, + glyc, -schud
6	Out lag, + glyc, + schud
7	Out lag, - glyc, - schud
8	Out lag, - glyc, + schud
9	Dig, + glyc, + schud
10	Dig, + gly, + schud
11	Dig, -gly, -schud
12	Dig, - gly, +schud

The three groups: In the lagoon, Outside of the lagoon and in the digester. Some samples have been treated with glycerol in order to better preserve the sample in the -80 freezer.

As per usual with Nanopore results, the samples were distributed over many seperate .fastq files. These were combined using the following bash script:

First, to combine all fastq files for every barcode.

```
cat barcode01/*.fastq.gz > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/metagenomics/wastewater/data/barcode01.fastq
cat barcode02/*.fastq.gz > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/metagenomics/wastewater/data/barcode02.fastq
cat barcode03/*.fastq.gz > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/metagenomics/wastewater/data/barcode03.fastq
cat barcode04/*.fastq.gz > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/metagenomics/wastewater/data/barcode04.fastq
cat barcode05/*.fastq.gz > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/metagenomics/wastewater/data/barcode05.fastq
cat barcode06/*.fastq.gz > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/metagenomics/wastewater/data/barcode06.fastq
cat barcode07/*.fastq.gz > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/metagenomics/wastewater/data/barcode07.fastq
cat barcode08/*.fastq.gz > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/metagenomics/wastewater/data/barcode08.fastq
cat barcode09/*.fastq.gz > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/metagenomics/wastewater/data/barcode09.fastq
cat barcode10/*.fastq.gz > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/metagenomics/wastewater/data/barcode10.fastq
cat barcode11/*.fastq.gz > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/metagenomics/wastewater/data/barcode11.fastq
```

Combining multiple barcodes into three samples according to the group they are in (In lagoon, out lagoon and digester)

```
# Combining all barcodes for the "In lagoon" sample:
cat barcode01.fastq barcode02.fastq barcode03.fastq barcode04.fastq > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/meta

# The same was done for the "Out lagoon" sample:
cat barcode05.fastq barcode06.fastq barcode07.fastq barcode08.fastq > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/meta

# And the "Digester" sample:
cat barcode09.fastq barcode10.fastq barcode11.fastq barcode12.fastq > /students/2024-2025/Thema07/meta
```

Later, I consolidated these bash commands into two snakemake rules:

```
rule barcode_concatenation:
    input:
        lambda wildcards: glob.glob(config["BARCODE_DIRECTORIES"][wildcards.barcode] + "/*")
    output:
        f"{OUT_DIR}/fastq/{{barcode}}.fastq.gz"
    log:
        f"{LOG_DIR}/cat/{{barcode}}.log"
    shell:
        """
        cat {input} > {output} 2> {log}
        """


rule combining_samples:
    input:
        lambda wildcards: expand(f"{OUT_DIR}/fastq/{{barcode}}.fastq.gz", barcode=config["sample_barcod
    output:
        f"{OUT_DIR}/combined_fastq/{{sample}}.fastq"
    log:
        f"{LOG_DIR}/combining_samples/{{sample}}.log"
    shell:
        """
        cat {input} > {output} 2> {log}
        """
```

The first rule concatenates all the fastq files in the barcode directories into one file for every barcode. According to the sample table, all samples taken in the same place where put together ignoring the use of glycerol that was used for some of the samples. It should have no effect on the genetic material in the samples. The "glob.glob" python function is used to match the path for all directories without needing to specify them all manually.

1. Quality control

To check the quality of the raw sequence data, Fastplong was used. (Chen (2023)) At first we planned to use Trimmomatic and FastQC like we had done in an earlier analysis but they are made to work with Illumina data while we are working with Nanopore data. Fastplong functionally combines Trimmomatic and FastQC with its adaptertrimming and reports with the quality distribution of the reads, both before and after filtering.

1.1 Results

The sample taken from the digester only contained 2 reads before filtering with Fastplong and 1 after. We decided that it was unusable and all downstream analyses where done without it. The table below shows this in the "Total Reads" row.

Statistic	Before Filtering	After Filtering
Total Reads	2	1
Total Bases	1.873000 K	507
Minimum Length	507	507
Maximum Length	1.366000 K	507
Median Length	1.366000 K	507
Mean Length	936	507
N50 Length	1.366000 K	507
GC Content	54.458089%	51.676529%
Q5 Bases	1.796000 K (95.888948%)	490 (96.646943%)
Q7 Bases	1.631000 K (87.079552%)	457 (90.138067%)
Q10 Bases	1.358000 K (72.504004%)	378 (74.556213%)
Q15 Bases	1.107000 K (59.103043%)	309 (60.946746%)
Q20 Bases	874 (46.663107%)	234 (46.153846%)
Q30 Bases	248 (13.240790%)	62 (12.228797%)
Q40 Bases	0 (0.000000%)	0 (0.000000%)

The sample taken from inside the lagoon has ~18K reads after filtering.

Statistic	Before Filtering	After Filtering
Total Reads	20.242000 K	18.042000 K
Total Bases	28.870993 M	23.485654 M
Minimum Length	3	17
Maximum Length	13.903000 K	13.903000 K
Median Length	1.452000 K	1.320000 K
Mean Length	1.426000 K	1.301000 K
N50 Length	1.453000 K	1.322000 K
GC Content	53.655196%	53.160078%
Q5 Bases	28.257982 M (97.876724%)	23.065575 M (98.211338%)
Q7 Bases	26.944736 M (93.328054%)	22.133635 M (94.243213%)
Q10 Bases	24.666336 M (85.436396%)	20.436812 M (87.018279%)
Q15 Bases	21.538507 M (74.602585%)	18.037896 M (76.803891%)
Q20 Bases	18.308551 M (63.415037%)	15.468003 M (65.861496%)
Q30 Bases	5.359630 M (18.564065%)	4.511358 M (19.208995%)
Q40 Bases	12.277000 K (0.042524%)	10.494000 K (0.044683%)

And the last sample, taken when the water had exited the lagoon. There are only 2.16K reads in this sample after filtering, almost a factor of ten less compared to the "in lagoon" sample. This could have an significant impact on species diversity because there are simply less reads so less chance for a more diverse microbiome.

Statistic	Before Filtering	After Filtering
Total Reads	2.410000 K	2.164000 K
Total Bases	3.400336 M	2.855180 M
Minimum Length	3	17
Maximum Length	2.075000 K	2.075000 K
Median Length	1.435000 K	1.298000 K
Mean Length	1.410000 K	1.319000 K
N50 Length	1.436000 K	1.309000 K
GC Content	54.223112%	53.883748%
Q5 Bases	3.327345 M (97.853418%)	2.802639 M (98.159801%)

Statistic	Before Filtering	After Filtering
Q7 Bases	3.172289 M (93.293398%)	2.687310 M (94.120511%)
Q10 Bases	2.901834 M (85.339625%)	2.477674 M (86.778207%)
Q15 Bases	2.530093 M (74.407147%)	2.181687 M (76.411540%)
Q20 Bases	2.145847 M (63.106911%)	1.865486 M (65.336896%)
Q30 Bases	592.594000 K (17.427513%)	519.403000 K (18.191603%)
Q40 Bases	1.333000 K (0.039202%)	1.168000 K (0.040908%)

In the tables above, the N50 length is the largest lenght L such that 50% of all nucleotides are contained in contigs of size at least L. (source: https://www.nature.com/articles/35057062)

Q5, Q7, Q10 etc. bases is the value of the number of bases at each quality level (Phred score).

These reads are mostly from 16S rRNA, this gene is commonly used as a phylogenetic marker.
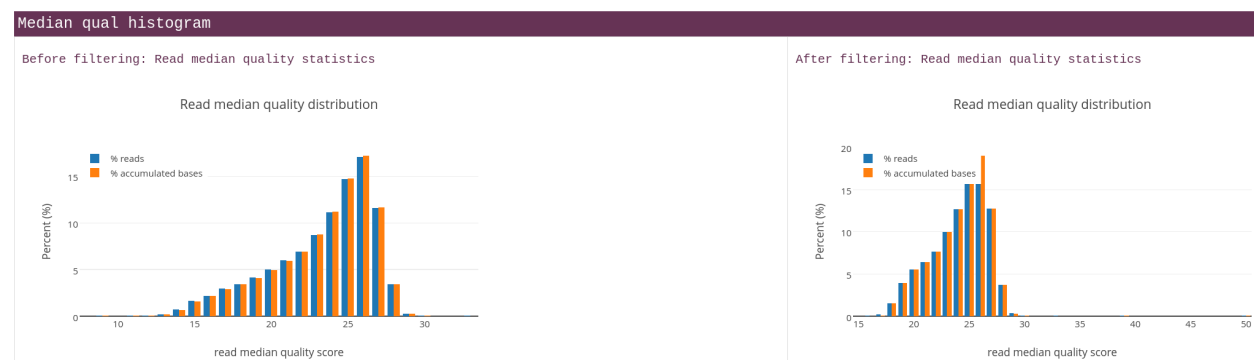

Figure 1: image

The figure above displays the difference in read quality before and after filtering with Fastplong. The amount of reads was reduced but the quality increased. Perhaps the reads with a lower phred score would suffice but I chose to remove them in order to have more statistical power in the downstream analyses like in Kraken2.
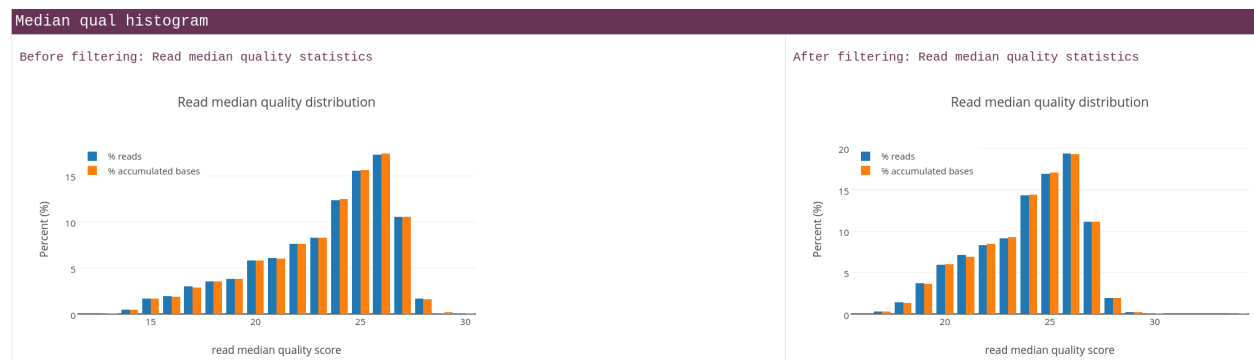

Figure 2: image

The same was done with the sample from the water that had exited the lagoon. The digester sample contained only one read after filtering so displaying this graph would be meaningless.

The rule in snakemake takes all the samples from the config.yaml used for all the rules. FastPlong generates both a .html report for the quality control and a fastq file that has been trimmed. (adapter sequences removed and low quality reads removed) The standard error is redirected to the logs/QC/ directory for every individual sample.

```
rule fastq_qc_plong:
    input:
        lambda wildcards: config["samples"][wildcards.sample]
    output:
        fastq="trimmed/{sample}.fastq",
        html="QC/{sample}_fastplong_QC.html"
    log:
        "logs/QC/{sample}.log"
    shell:
        """
        tools/fastplong \
        -i {input} \
        -o {output.fastq} \
        -h {output.html} \
        2> {log}
        """
```

2. Taxonomic classification

To classify all the reads as belonging to a species or less specific taxon, Kraken2 was used.

```
rule kraken2_taxonomic_classification:
    input:
        reads="trimmed/{sample}.fastq"
    output:
        kraken_report="kraken2/reports/{sample}_report.txt",
        output="kraken2/output/{sample}_output.txt"

    log:
        "logs/kraken2/{sample}.log"
    params:
        db="/data/datasets/KRAKEN2_INDEX/16S_Greengenes",
        confidence="1",
        threads=64
    conda:
        "envs/kraken2.yaml"
    shell:
        """
        kraken2 --db {params.db} \
                --threads {params.threads} \
                --confidence {params.confidence} \
                --output {output.output} \
                --report {output.kraken_report} \
                {input.reads} 2> {log}
        """
```

In the snakemake rule above, kraken2 is run with the parameters: database, confidence and threads. The database used is Greengenes, this is a database for use with 16S reads. Confidence is kept at its default value of 0 and 128 threads are used for this operation. The 16S Greengenes database was used for this. DeSantis et al. (2006)

Tool Comparison

This tools was chosen based on a comparison made in the following article, (Ye et al. (2019)) Kraken2 performed comparable to similar tools like MEGAN-N, Minimap2 and Kaiju. The reason we choose this tool

over the other ones is that there are more tools that can use Kraken2's output compared to many of the others. A close contender was Humann3 for taxonomic classification and metaphlan4 for functional analysis but since the nessasary databases for Kraken2 were already on the system, we setteled on Kraken2 and Faprotax for the functional analysis.
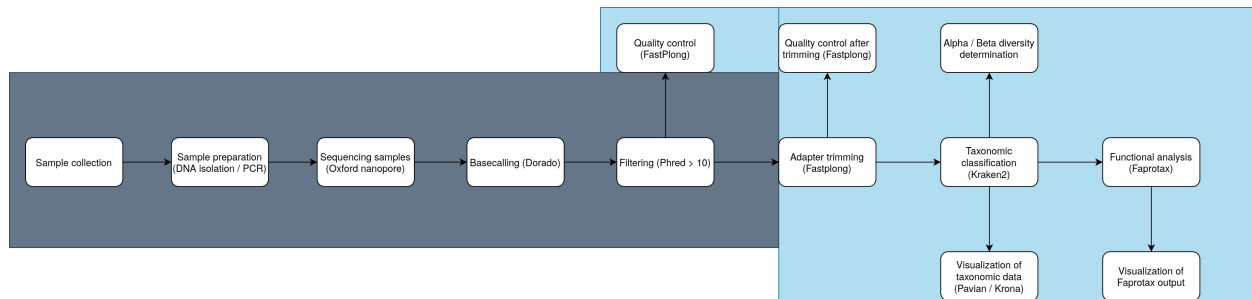
The workflow diagram displays the analyses that where not done by us in gray and those that where done by us in light blue.

Visualization of Kraken2 results

Pavian was used to generate a Sankey graph based on the report from Kraken2.
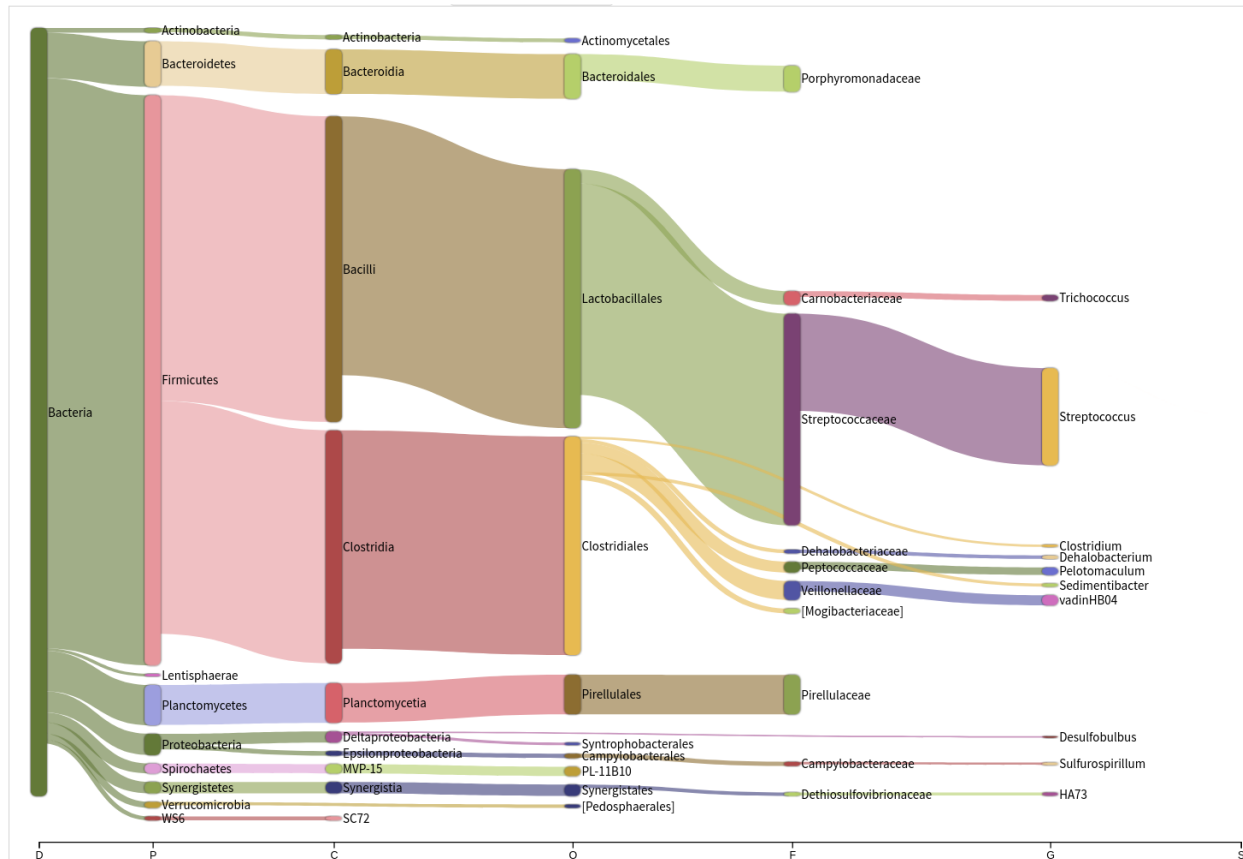
There are many more different microorganisms found in the "In lagoon" sample compared to the "Out lagoon" sample.

Both charts show that most microorganisms are bacteria, specifically Firmicutes. This is a phylum of mostly gram-positive bacteria.

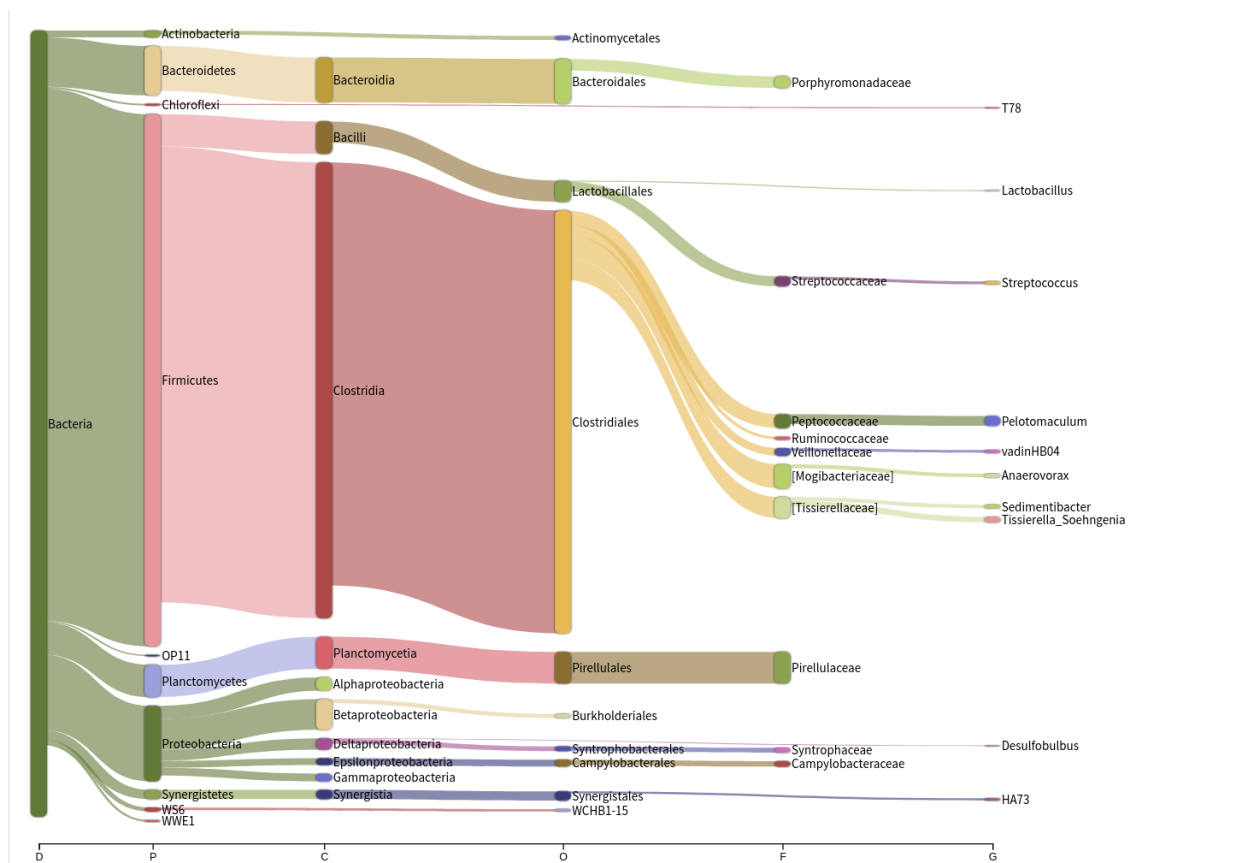Bracken was used to compute the abundance of species. When using 16S reads, this could not be done on

Figure 3: Out Lagoon

a species level so the genus level was used. The reason for this is that while the 16S rRNA gene is a good phylogenetic marker, it has constraints for use at the species level because it does not vary enough between species to be able to use it to distinguish between them.

When comparing the output of Kraken2 with Bracken, many taxa where lost after running Bracken, this is why its output was discarded and the raw Kraken data was used for the downstream analyses.

Bracken

Bracken (Bayesian Reestimation of Abundance with KrakEN) is a statistical method that computes the abundance of species in DNA sequences from a metagenomics sample. Braken uses taxonomy labels that are assigned by Kraken2 to estimate the number of reads that originated from each species in the sample. Even though Kraken classifies reads to the best matching location in the taxonomic tree, it does not estimate the abundances of species. Bracken uses the Kraken database to derive probabilities that describe how much sequence from each genome is the same to other genomes in the database. This data is combined with with the assignments for the sample to estimate the abundance at the species level or in our case, the genus level.

The tool did not work when "S" for species was given as argument. After reading about researchers having the same problem and figuring out that species level estimation is not possible with 16S data, we used "G" to let bracken estimate it to the genus level instead.

After using Bracken, it became apparent that many species got filtered out that were there before and since species level estimation is not possible, we decided to omit Bracken from the pipeline. Yamila has a comparison of the bracken/ no bracken outputs in her Notebook.

```
rule bracken:
    input:
        kraken_report=rules.kraken2_taxonomic_classification.output.kraken_report,
        kraken_database=f"{config['kraken2_db_dir']}/16S_Greengenes"
    output:
        bracken_report=f"{OUT_DIR}/bracken/reports/{{sample}}.txt",
        bracken_output=f"{OUT_DIR}/bracken/output/{{sample}}.out"
    params:
        read_length=150,
        threshold=10,
        level="G"
    log:
        f"{LOG_DIR}/bracken/{{sample}}.log"
    threads:
        32
    conda:
        workflow.source_path("../envs/bracken.yaml")
    shell:
        """
        bracken \
            -d {input.kraken_database} \
            -i {input.kraken_report} \
            -o {output.bracken_output} \
            -w {output.bracken_report} \
            -r {params.read_length} \
            -t {params.threshold} \
            -l {params.level} \
        2> {log}
        """
```

The Snakemake rule uses bracken with a read length of 150, a phred threshold of 10 and estimation at genus level. The threshold is the default value of 10. The read length should require some experimentation because

the average read length of the samples varies a lot. But there was not enough time to do this and almost all reads conform to this length.

DESeq2. . . .

At first, I thought that DESeq2 could be insightful to compare the count data but after looking into it more, the statistical method used would not be usable for metagenomics data since the distribution is different than what DESeq2 expects.

This means that the results would be statistical insignificant and not worth the time investment to adapt our data for use with it. The code below is my fruitless attempt at using Deseq2.

```
colnames <- c("Group")

coldata <- data.frame(c("In_Lagoon", "Out_Lagoon"), c("In_Lagoon","Out_Lagoon"), row.names = 1)
colnames(coldata) <- colnames

coldata$Group <- factor(coldata$Group)

dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(countData = counts_df,
                              colData = coldata,
                              design= ~ Group)

dds <- DESeq(dds)

resultsNames(dds)

res <- results(dds, name="In_vs_Out_lagoon")

res <- lfcShrink(dds, coef="In_vs_Out_lagoon", type="apeglm")

summary(res)
```

3. Functional analysis

3.1 Faprotax

After Kraken2 had classified the reads and the content of the sample became known, Faprotax was used to look up what known pathways are used by the microorganisms. The Faprotax (Functional Annotation of Prokaryotic Taxa) database is a database that maps prokaryotic clades, for example genera and species. This is done in order to find out what ecologically relevant metabolic functions the organism possesses.

FAPROTAX maintains a database of Over 7600 functional annotations covering over 4600 taxa. (Louca, Parfrey, and Doebeli (2016)) Faprotax includes a tool that functions as a loop up table for the organisms from the OTU table gathered from Kraken2 and compares this to known pathways.

There are other databases that could be used that have a broader scope compared to the mostly ecological pathways from Faprotax. I have found MinPath and Tax4fun2 which are functional profilers for 16S rRNA sequences like we have. In the end, due to time constrains only Faprotax was used.

3.2 Visualisation of Faprotax

```
faprotax_in_lagoon <- read.csv2("~/Documenten/Data_set/ACFC_Wastewater_Metagenomics/faprotax/in_lagoon/

faprotax_in_lagoon <- faprotax_in_lagoon %>% filter(in_lagoon > 0)
```

```
ggplot(data = faprotax_in_lagoon, mapping = aes(x = group, y = in_lagoon)) +
    geom_bar(stat="identity", fill = "blue", alpha=0.5) +
    theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=45, hjust=1)) +
    coord_flip()
```
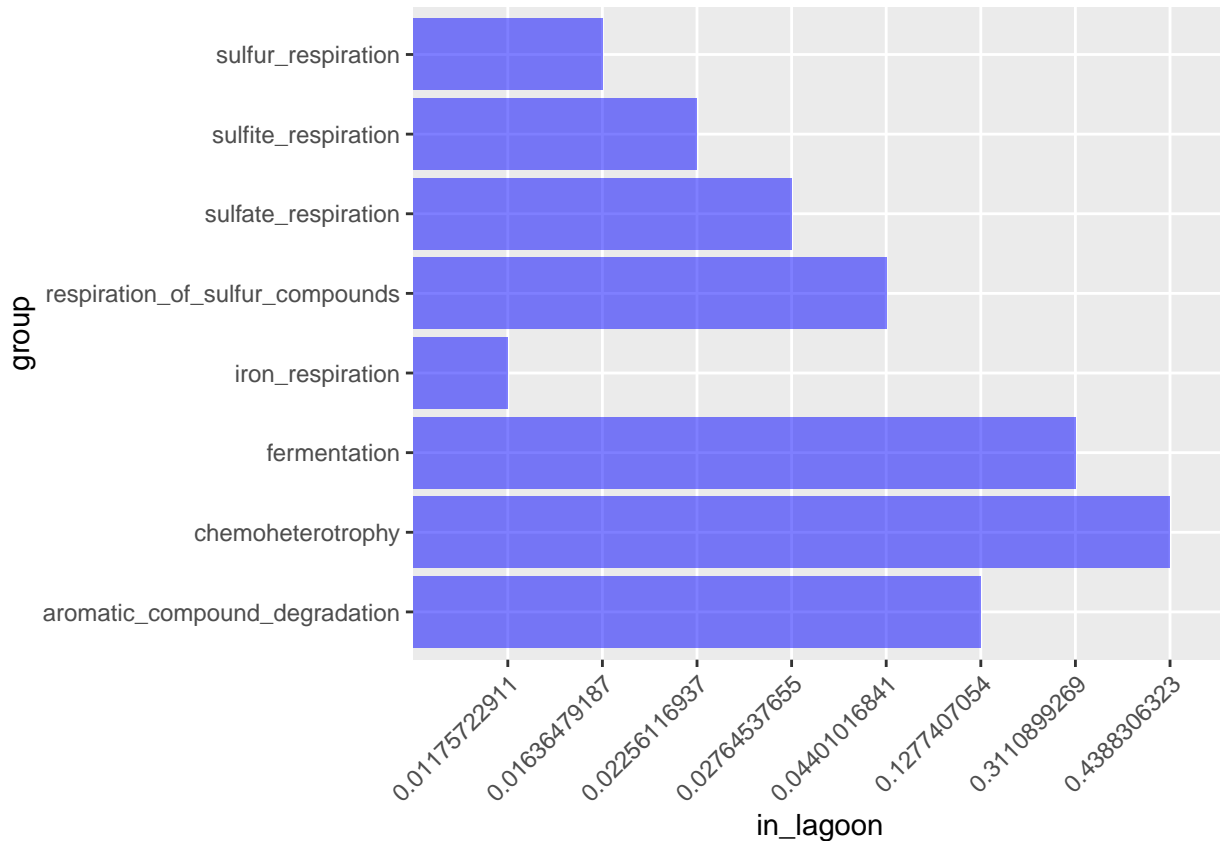

The graph above displays the results of the FAPROTAX analysis.

One of FAPROTAX's applications is the ecological interpretation of 16S marker gene data like what is done for this study. FAPROTAX is non-exhaustive, that means it is likely that many organisms known to perform certain functions may be missing or may only be partially included in the database. This could explain the few pathways found in both samples but especially in the "out lagoon" sample below.

(Source: https://pages.uoregon.edu/slouca/LoucaLab/archive/FAPROTAX/lib/php/index.php)

```
faprotax_out_lagoon <- read.csv2("~/Documenten/Data_set/ACFC_Wastewater_Metagenomics/faprotax/out_lagoo

faprotax_out_lagoon <- faprotax_out_lagoon %>% filter(out_lagoon > 0)

ggplot(data = faprotax_out_lagoon, mapping = aes(x = group, y = out_lagoon)) +
    geom_bar(stat="identity", fill = "blue", alpha=0.5) +
    theme(axis.text.x=element_text(angle=45, hjust=1)) +
    coord_flip()
```
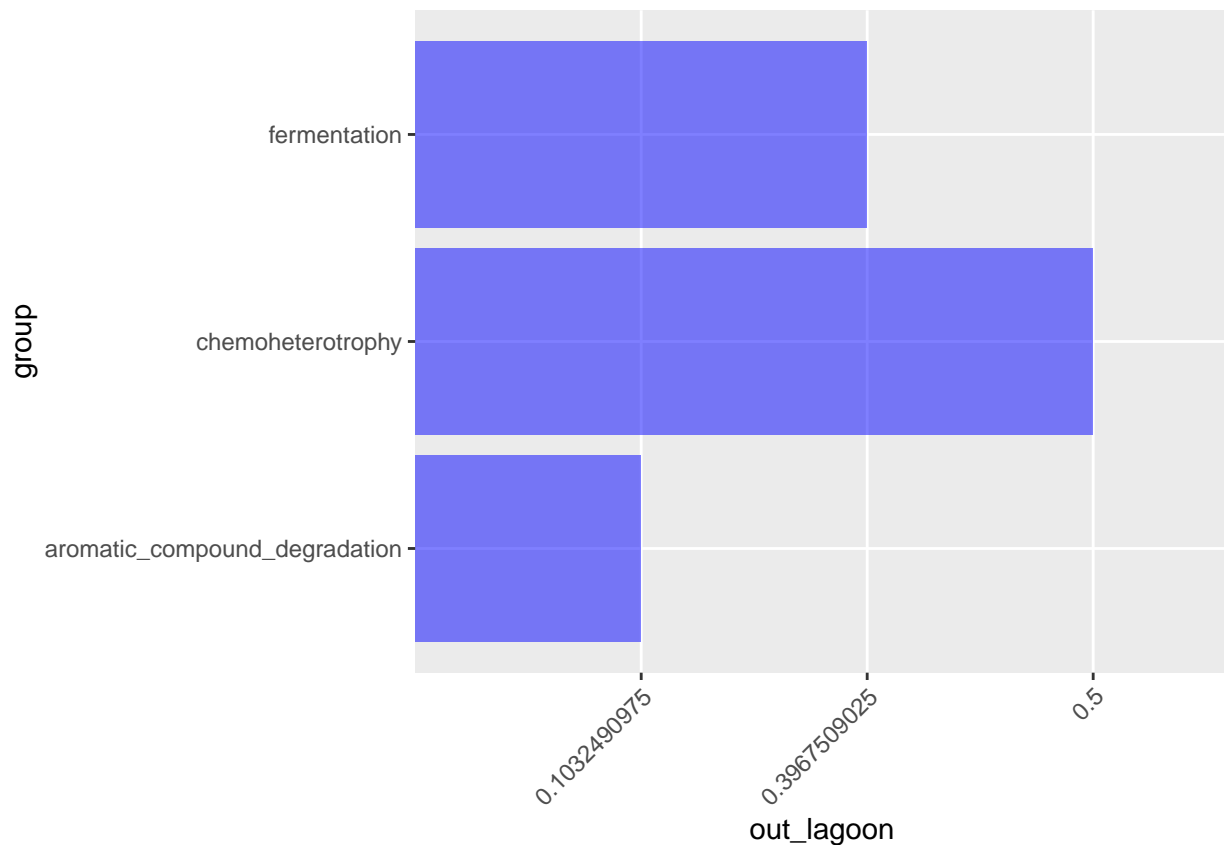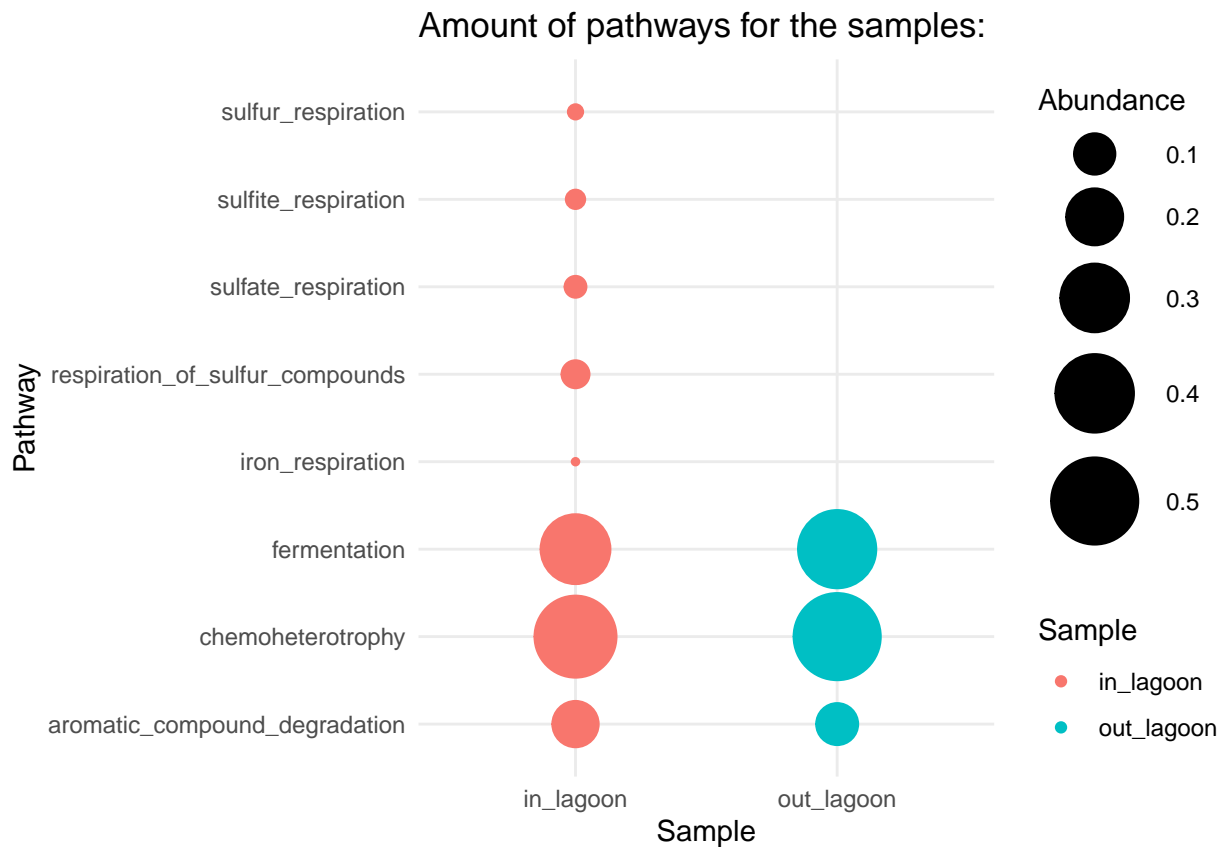
3.3 Pathway abundance

```
faprotax_out_lagoon <- read.table("~/Documenten/Data_set/ACFC_Wastewater_Metagenomics/faprotax/out_lago
faprotax_in_lagoon <- read.table("~/Documenten/Data_set/ACFC_Wastewater_Metagenomics/faprotax/in_lagoon,

combination_in_out_lagoon <- data.frame(cbind(faprotax_out_lagoon, faprotax_in_lagoon))

data_long <- combination_in_out_lagoon %>% # Make it into long format for the plot.
    rownames_to_column("Pathway") %>%
    pivot_longer(cols = -Pathway,
                    names_to = "Sample",
                    values_to = "Abundance")

data_long <- data_long %>% filter(Abundance > 0) # Filter the 0 values.

ggplot(data_long, aes(x = Sample, y = Pathway, size = Abundance)) +
    geom_point(aes(color=Sample)) +
    scale_size(range = c(1, 15), name = "Abundance") + # Looks better with scaling...
    theme_minimal() +
    labs(title = "Amount of pathways for the samples:",x = "Sample",y = "Pathway")
```

Amount of pathways for the samples:

The bubble chart above looks anemic with only a few pathways. I had to filter the data_long to only include pathways with an abundance of more than 0.

```r
ggplot(data_long, aes(x = Sample, y = Pathway, fill = Abundance)) +
    geom_tile() +
    theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1)) +
    labs(title = "Amount of pathways for the samples:", x = "Sample", y = "Pathway") +
    theme_minimal()
```

Amount of pathways for the samples:
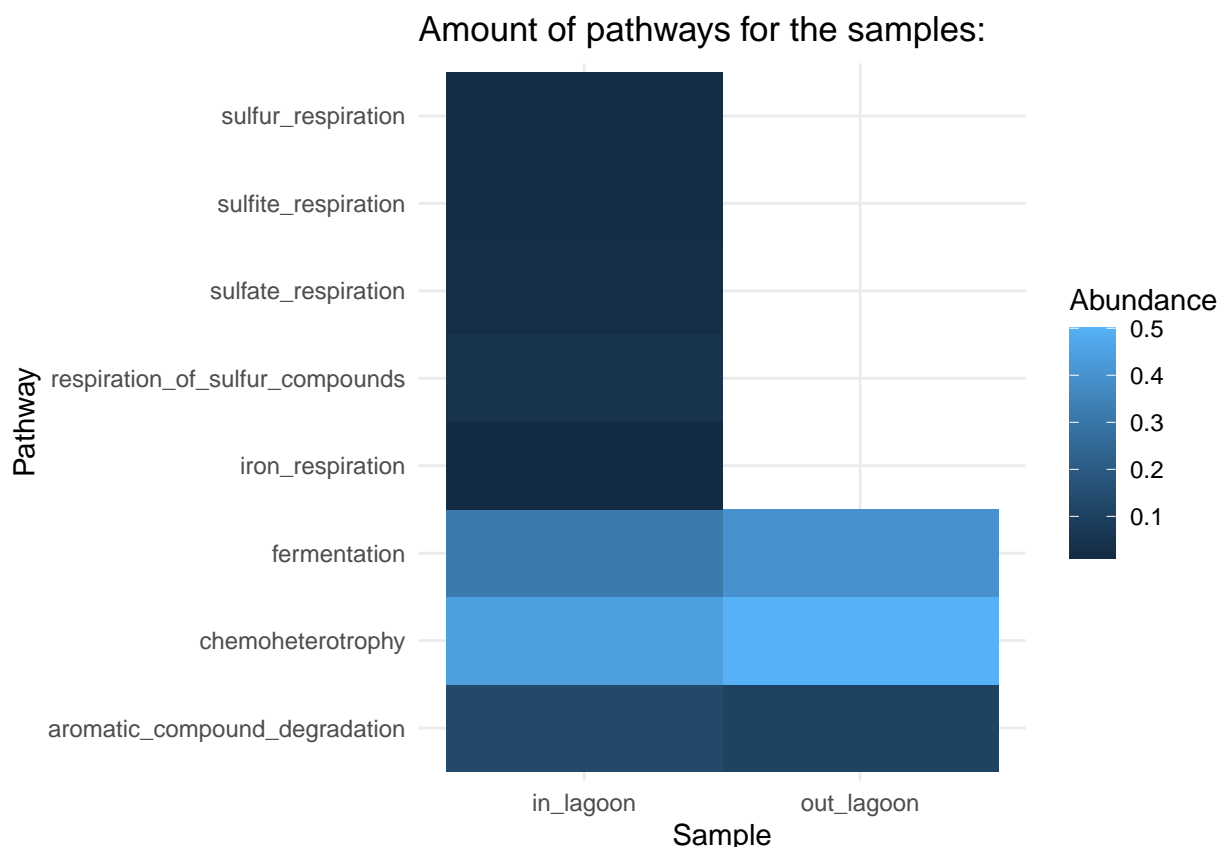
The same data visualized with a heatmap. There is only overlap between the samples for three pathways so it might not be the most informative graph.

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Discussion:

The main objective of this study was to identify the microorganisms present in the digester, lagoon in and lagoon out samples . Due to sequencing problems, the digester sample only contained two reads, one of which was remove during the trimming with Fastplong. This sample was unusable for further analyses.

Our results demonstrate that the sample taken in the lagoon has the most diverse microbial community with an alpha diversity of . . . and a beta diversity between the two samples of . . . This difference can be partially attributed to a large difference in reads between the two samples. The sample taken from inside the lagoon has ~18K reads after filtering while the sample from the water that had exited the lagoon only contains ~2.2K reads.

Kraken2 showed that most microorganisms in both samples are bacteria, specifically Firmicutes. This is a phylum of mostly gram-positive bacteria. Bracken was used to compute the abundance of species. When using 16S reads, this could not be done on a species level so the genus level was used. When comparing the output of Kraken2 with Bracken, many taxa where lost after running Bracken, this is why its output was discarded and the raw Kraken data was used for the downstream analyses.

The data gathered from Kraken depended heavily on what database was used but we setteled on using Greengene for it contained less

Faprotax was used to determine some of the pathways these microorganisms use. For the "out lagoon" sample, there where only three pathways found: fermentation, chemotherotropy and aromatic compound degradation. The "in lagoon" sample had in addition to these pathways the following respiration pathways: sulfur, sufite,

sulfate and iron respiration. This larger amount of pathways could also be attributed to the difference in reads between the samples. Perhaps it should have been normalized. None of the pathways indicate the production of toxins but the database used Faprotax has a limited scope and mostly features environmental pathways and not many others like the production of toxins.

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Kraken2 visualization script: https://github.com/lorenzgerber/krakenSankey

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To generate a Sankey chart from the Kraken2 report, the same script that is used within Pavian was used.

```r
source(file = "scripts/sankey_graph.R")

report_data <- "/home/floris/Documenten/Data_set/ACFC_Wastewater_Metagenomics/kraken2/reports/in_lagoon_

report <- read_report(report_data, has_header=NULL)

sankey_network <- build_sankey_network(report, taxRanks =  c("D","K","P","C","O","F","G","S"), maxn=6,

# sankey_network

htmlwidgets::saveWidget(sankey_network, "Sankey_chart.html")
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When knitting this file in .HTML, uncomment the "sankey_network" line to view an interactive version of the graph below. Knitting this to .pdf did not work. An interactive version is also saved as .html file in the same directory as this notebook. This can be explored in the web browser.

The Sankey chart above has an max number of taxa at the end of 6. This number was chosen to not clutter the screen with unreadable species names.

Today, I also attended a meeting with among others Peter Matuku, the contact person for the ACFC wastewater plant. The results of multiple student groups were discussed. Yamila and I presented our findings, interpretations for the gathered data and the pipeline. Due to the abyssal quality of the Nanopore data, they wanted to run our pipeline again with a new flowcell.

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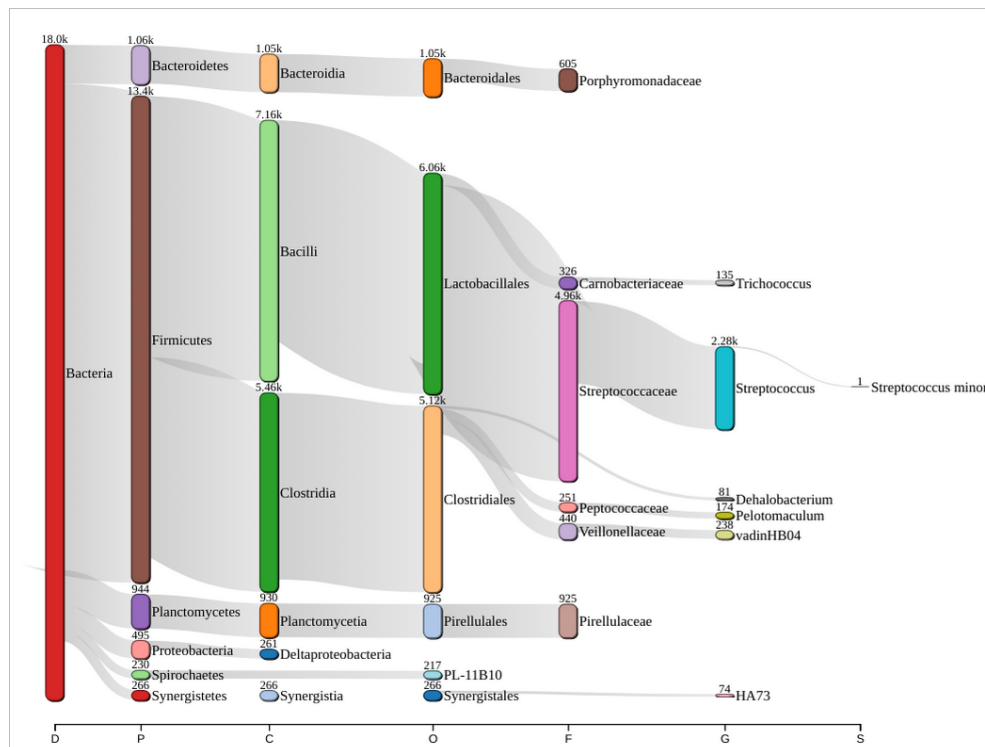
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