

BioCicle

A visual analytics tool for summarize and compare biological sequence alignments

WHY BioCicle?

Biological Sequence Alignments detect regions of similarity that can lead to evolutionary relationships between sequences

Comparisons Sequence produce myriads of results







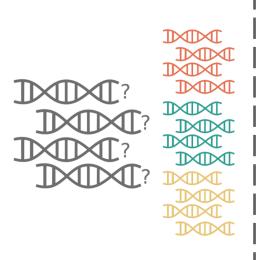


Misclassifications may lead widespread erroneous data stored in sequence databases

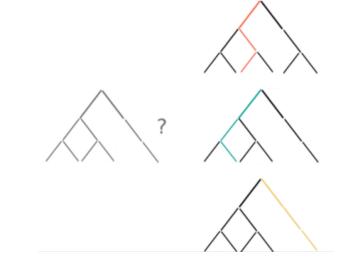
Analysis Tasks

ATa Summarize single alignment results

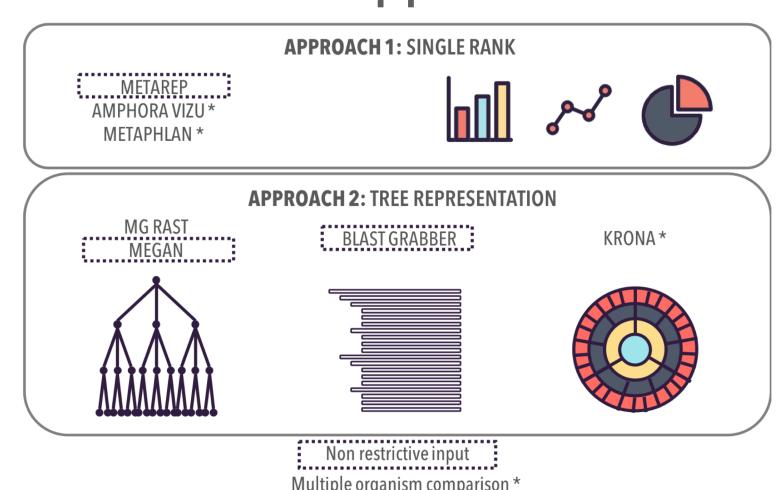
ATb Compare multiple alignment results



Taxonomic report analysis help to trace species carrying such sequence



Current approaches





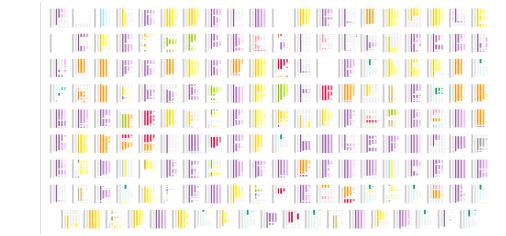
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IMPLEMENTATION

- a) Icicle: Size to represent tree depth, horizontal spatial position to show link relationships and sibling
- b) Small Multiples: (ATb) Present an overview of the entire result set. Preserve colors in taxonomies.
- c) Dendogram: Filter results by taxonomic rank
- d) Input formats: Supports usual input formats as FASTA, accession id or pregenerated results
- e) NCBI/EBI and UniProt API's: Directly connected with biological alignment frameworks databses

RESULTS

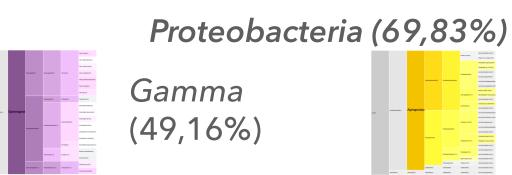


179 nucleotide sequences extracted from a single sample

Alpha

(29,05%)

How can we describe the results?



Bacteroidetes (17,87%)



CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

We present a prototype as a proof of concept that:

- Supports taxonomic profile analysis (AT a,b)
- Web-based and open source
- Connects with the NCBI and the UniProt API
- Supports only protein sequence analysis

Future work should be focused in:

- Tackling sequence's description analysis as an extended framework
- Extending the use for nucleotide sequences





