Meeting with Paolo

- -So Paolo seems to think a single transcript/exon analysis is NOT the way to go...tend to miss information (ie. Nodes in our overlap graph) this way
- -Also thinks that Olga's software won't do the job....both of them thinking the usefulness of this type (ie. Exon by exon) of software is extremely limited
- -better approach: do assembly of ENTIRE transcriptome
- -Paolo developed new software for this ^, which he seems to think is better than anything else out there
- -Not just for AS type analysis, but for transcriptome assembly in general
- -Big idea here: his software looks for overlapping K-mers w/in BOTH reads of paired-end set
- -Idea is that we minimize graph complexity this way....ie. the number of uncertainties, or bubbles in our graph
- -Most software will initially form a hella complex graph, and then go to great lengths to detangle it
- -Graph is constructed of k-mers (i.e.. 16 bp) of size smaller than actual read length
- -After graph construction, you have a very messy graph, which we clean up by mapping on the actual reads, which are hopefully long enough to resolve bubbles
- -Two major sources of graph complexity:
 - A) Repetitive/complex regions longer than K-mers
 - B) Repetitive/complex regions longer than actual reads
- -So even after graph cleaning, things are still gonna be very messy
- -Here's where PacBio reads come in!
- -De Bruijn graph vs overlap graph based assembly
- -Here we're doing overlap graph based

FancyPantz Transcriptome Assembler

- -Need to run from Ubuntu instance, on AWS cloud
- -Are we doing de novo assembly here? Are all transcriptome assemblies de novo?
 - -Trinity definitely is....
- -Need dir called /reads
- -Put everything else in a dir
- -.so file -> shared object file....actual code is in c++, but we have some sort of a python wrapper
- -Whats actually in Spyros-3cells.py?
- -We're not actually doing anything in here?
- -Lowercase bases -> lower coverage
- -what commands is he actually running??
- -kmer length -> this is a param, can be changed....how much overlap do you have between
- -Paolo away 20-27th
- -but here this week!
- -hashFraction variable -> the higher the better, but memory requirement goes up
- -docker vs virtualBox -> ubuntu environments for Mac
- -bloom filter?
- -python memory mapping?
- -are you supposed to run all of these options one after another?? They look like steps...
- -single cell RNAseq reads/cell vs bulk seq??
- -look into: chanzuckerberg-docker (GitHub)
- -gpu cluster?

STEPS

> import cziRNA1.so will make reads binary file? this could be really huge....be careful >spyros-3cells.py 1 1 is an option flag not sure about the difference between options here >spyros-3cells.py 2 >spyros-3cells.py 3 ...etc.

Questions (for Olga)

- -What is a standard object (.so) file?
- -ls Spyros-3cells.py a wrapper function for his code? If so, then where is his code (c++) actually located?
- -Are the option flags intended to be run one after another? Is it a series of steps?