

MG7: A fast horizontally scalable tool based on cloud computing and graph databases for microbial community profiling

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What is Metapasta?

put something about 16S

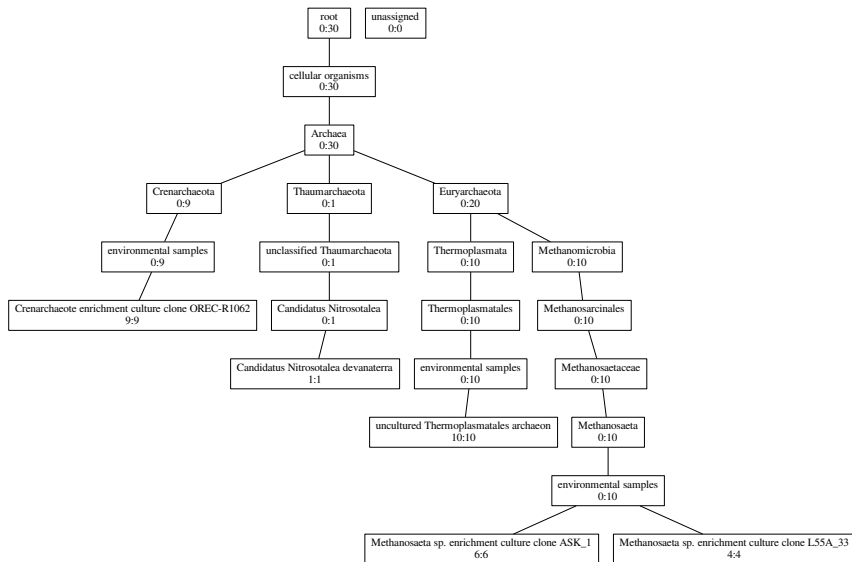
thing that produce taxonomical assignment to taxonomy tree tree:

- Best BLAST/LAST hit
- a Lowest Common ancestor.

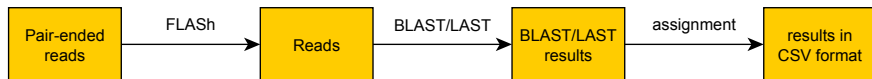
Results. Tables

taxId	name	rank	supermock2.count	supermock2. acc	total.count	total.acc
total			20	234	20	234
159447	uncultured Corynebacterium sp.	species	6	6	6	6
404941	Mycobacterium salmoniphilum	species	3	3	3	3
37637	Corynebacterium pseudodiphtheriticum	species	2	2	2	2
1221985	Mycobacterium sp. ITM090653	species	2	2	2	2
319705	Mycobacterium abscessus subsp. bolletii	subspecies	2	2	2	2
1079047	Mycobacterium sp. R5	species	1	1	1	1
43769	Corynebacterium propinquum	species	1	1	1	1
592914	Corynebacterium sp. M71_S35	species	1	1	1	1
948102	Mycobacterium franklinii	species	1	1	1	1
1774	Mycobacterium chelonae	species	1	1	1	1
2	Bacteria	superkingdom	0	20	0	20
2037	Actinomycetales	order	0	20	0	20
131567	cellular organisms	no rank	0	20	0	20
1	root	no rank	0	20	0	20
85007	Corynebacterineae	suborder	0	20	0	20
1760	Actinobacteria	class	0	20	0	20
201174	Actinobacteria	phylum	0	20	0	20

Results. Trees



Pipeline



- FLASH merging paired-end reads into big reads
- BLAST/LAST mapping to 16S database
- Assignment to the taxonomy tree using Bio4j

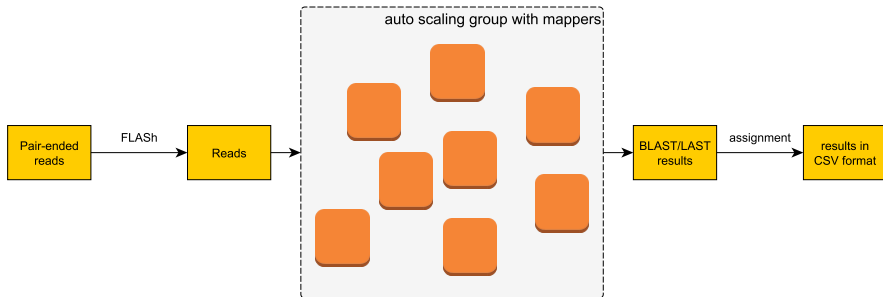
Mapping problem

Mapping NGS reads to 16S takes requires a lot of computational resources. For example even on fast computers with SSD and size of RAM mapping of one read with BLAST takes more than 0.2 seconds.

$$1000000 \times 0.2s \approx 56h$$

The mapping time can be improved by using more efficient mapping tool (by default Metapasta uses LAST that is 100 times faster).

Metapasta uses Amazon Web Services for computations (EC2 instances):



Besides computations Metapasta uses AWS for all data management:

- input data – samples are stored in S3
- output assignment tables and trees in PDF
- Metapasta can upload all reads (with assignment) to DynamoDB table



- Scala library for building distributed systems
- Dedicated to provide maximal level of scalability and availability

- Amazon auto scaling groups
- SQS queues

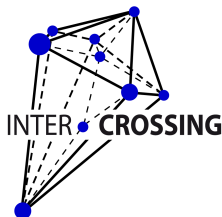
$$\text{Reads} \otimes \text{Reads} \xrightarrow{\text{merge}} \text{Reads} \xrightarrow{\text{BLAST}} \text{AssignTable} \otimes \text{Reads}$$



NCBI taxonomy

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Thank you for your attention!