

RepeatExplorer pipeline – algorithms and implementation

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What is RepeatExplorer

Implementation of principles described in:

- *Repetitive DNA in the pea (Pisum sativum L.) genome: comprehensive characterization using 454 sequencing and comparison to soybean and Medicago truncatula (BMC Genomics 2007, 8:427)*
- *Graph-based clustering and characterization of repetitive sequences in next-generation sequencing data (BMC Bioinformatics 2010, 11:378)*

Available Tools:

NGS data preprocessing

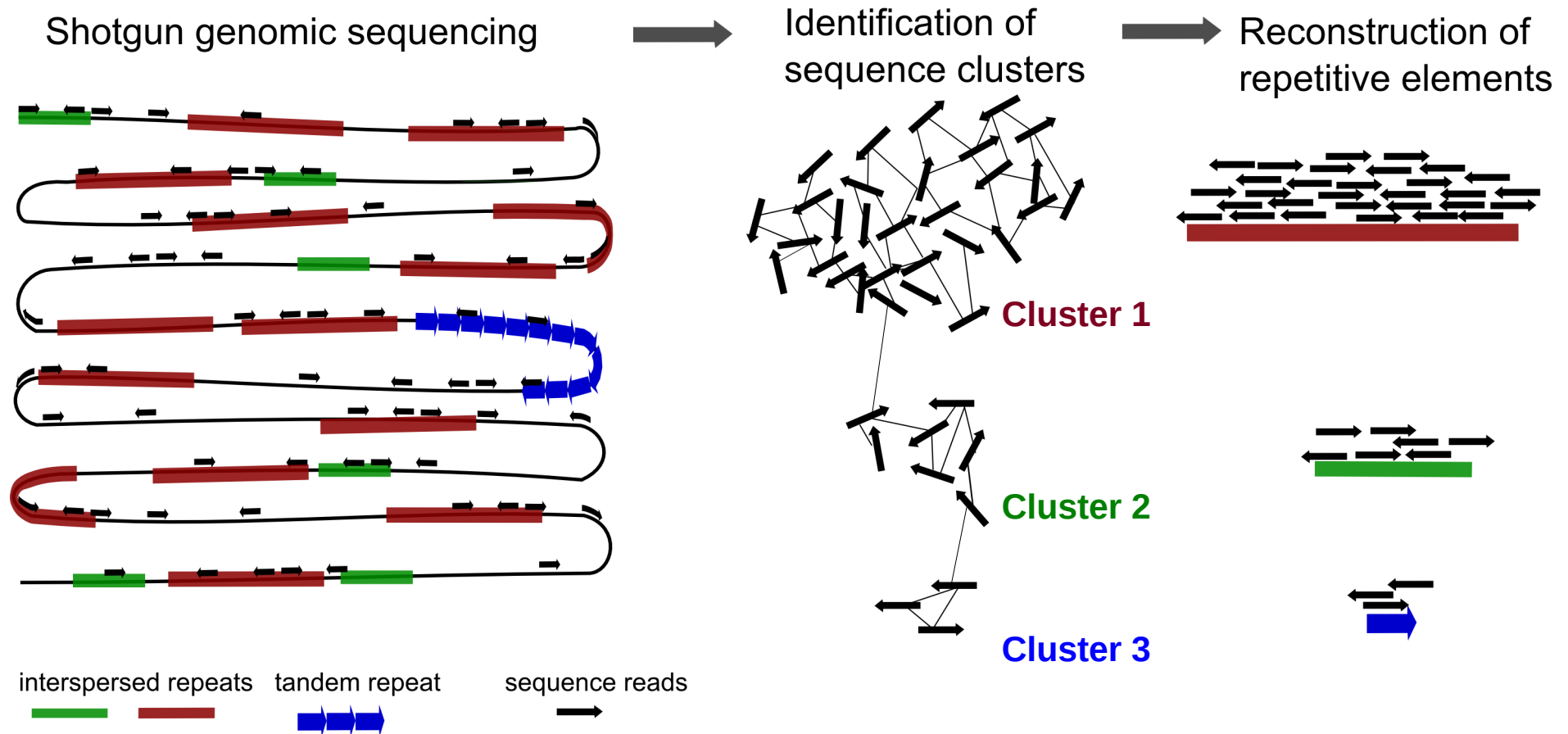
- Graph-based clustering
- Characterization of repeats:
 - Identification
 - Annotation
 - Quantification
 - ChIP Seq analysis
 - Satellite identification

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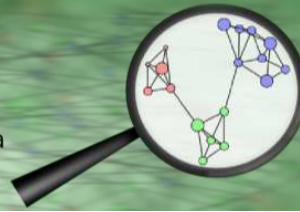
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Low coverage sequencing

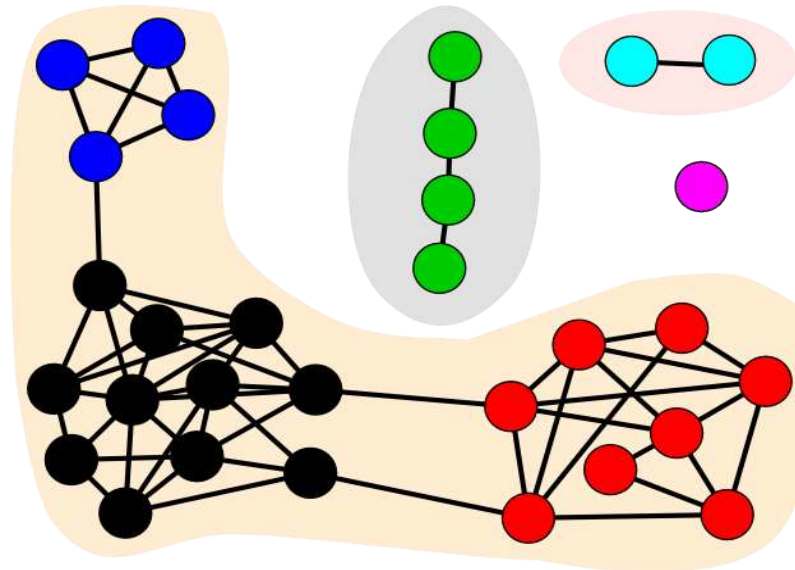
CLUSTER = a set of frequently overlapping reads = REPEAT FAMILY

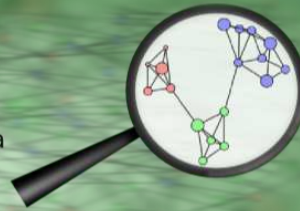


Why to use **graph representations** :

Available algorithms for graph structure analysis

Robust partitioning/classification of reads based on mutual similarities

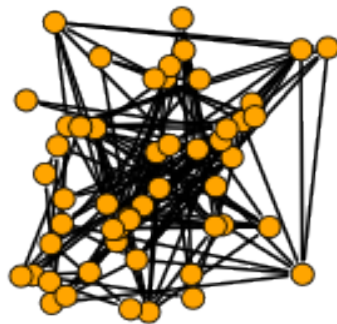
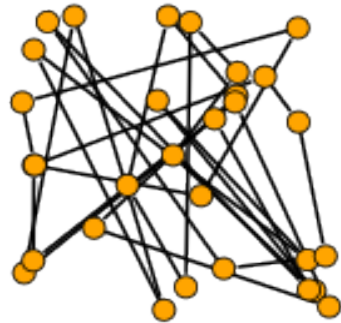


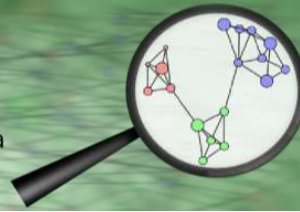


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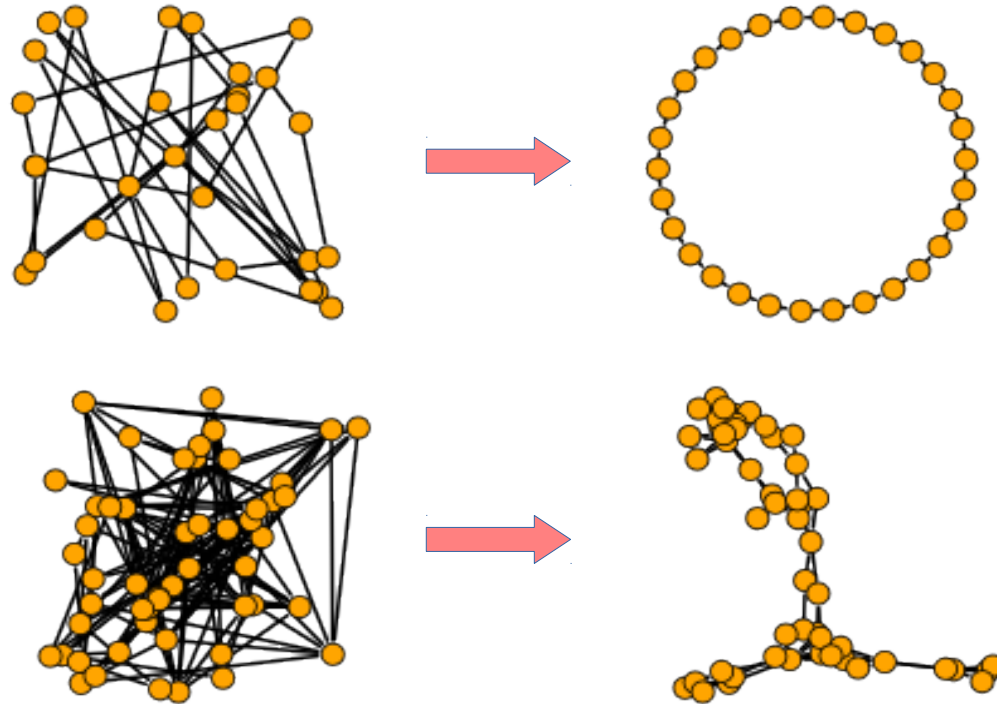




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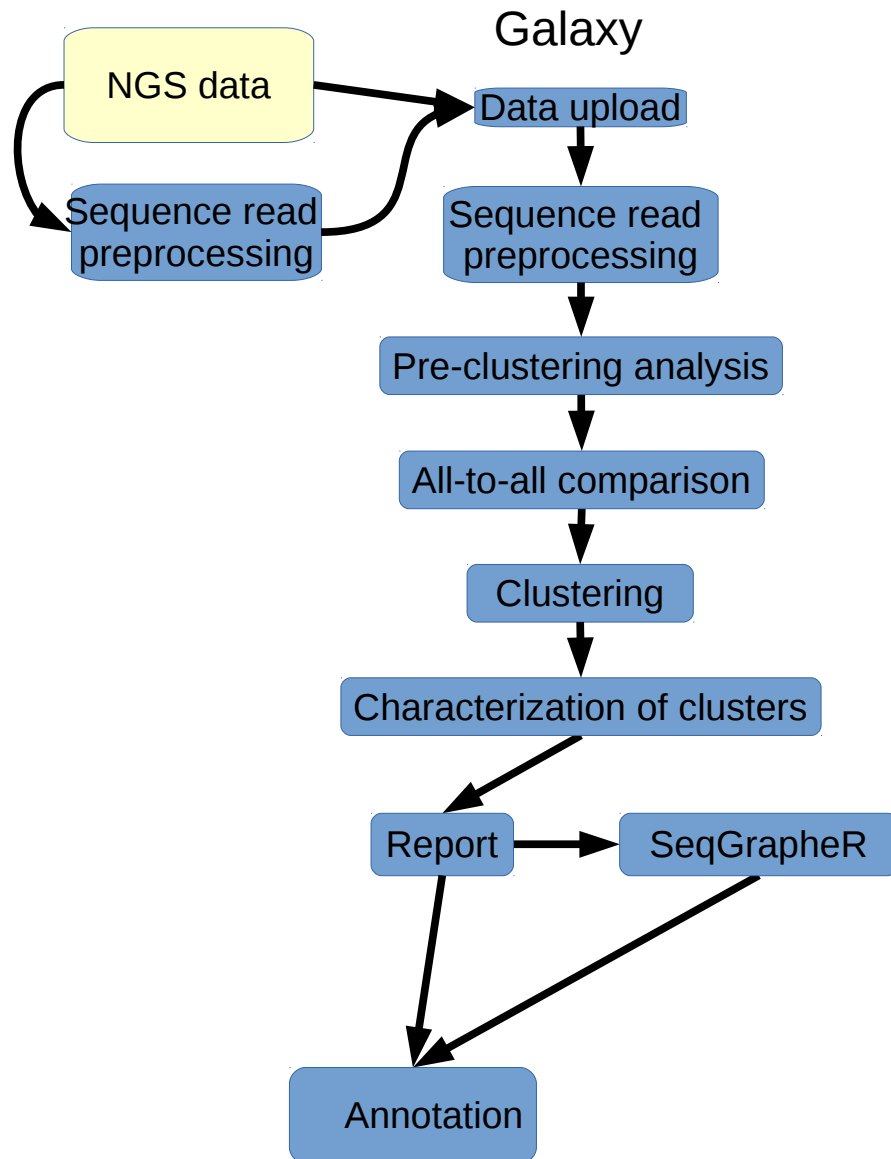
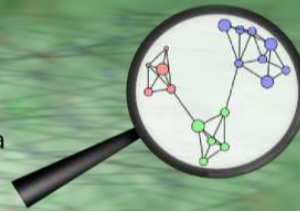
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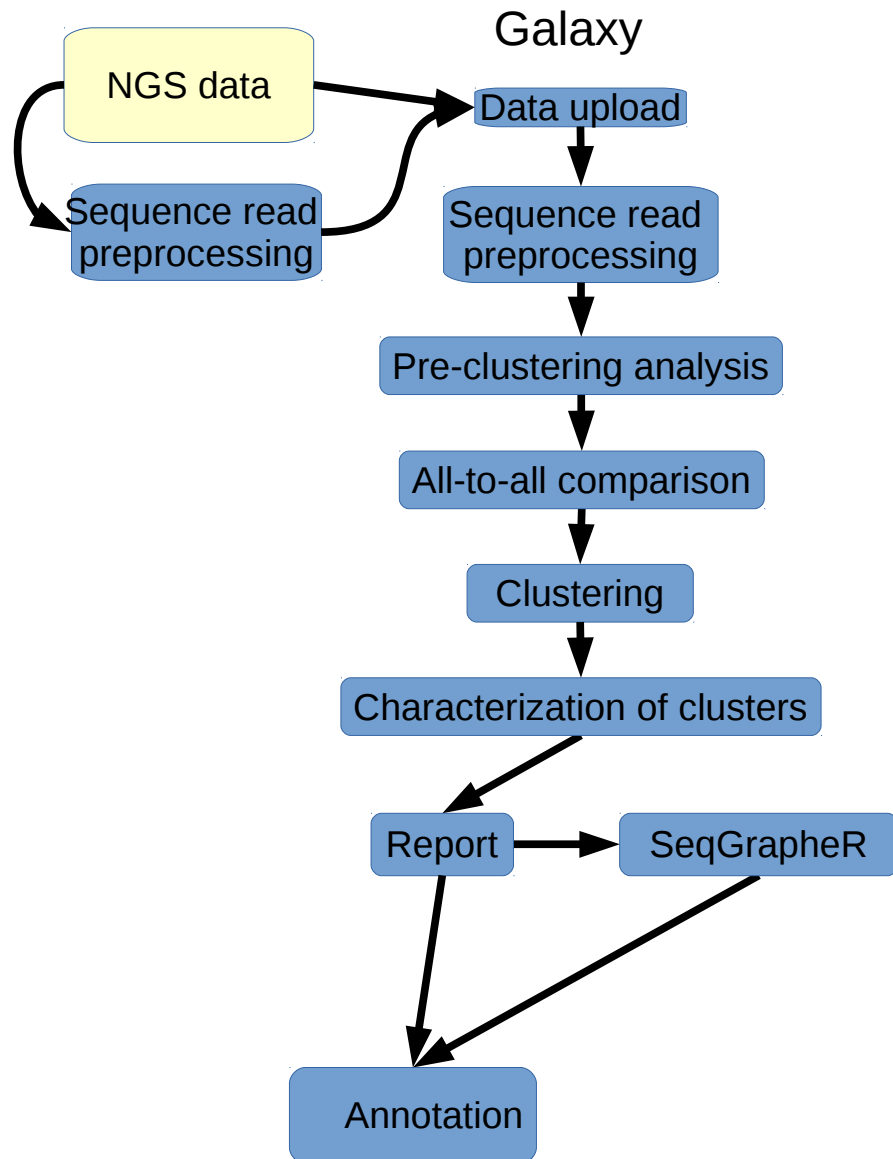
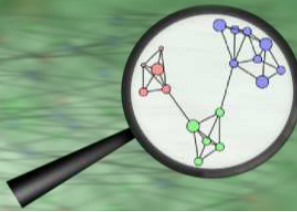
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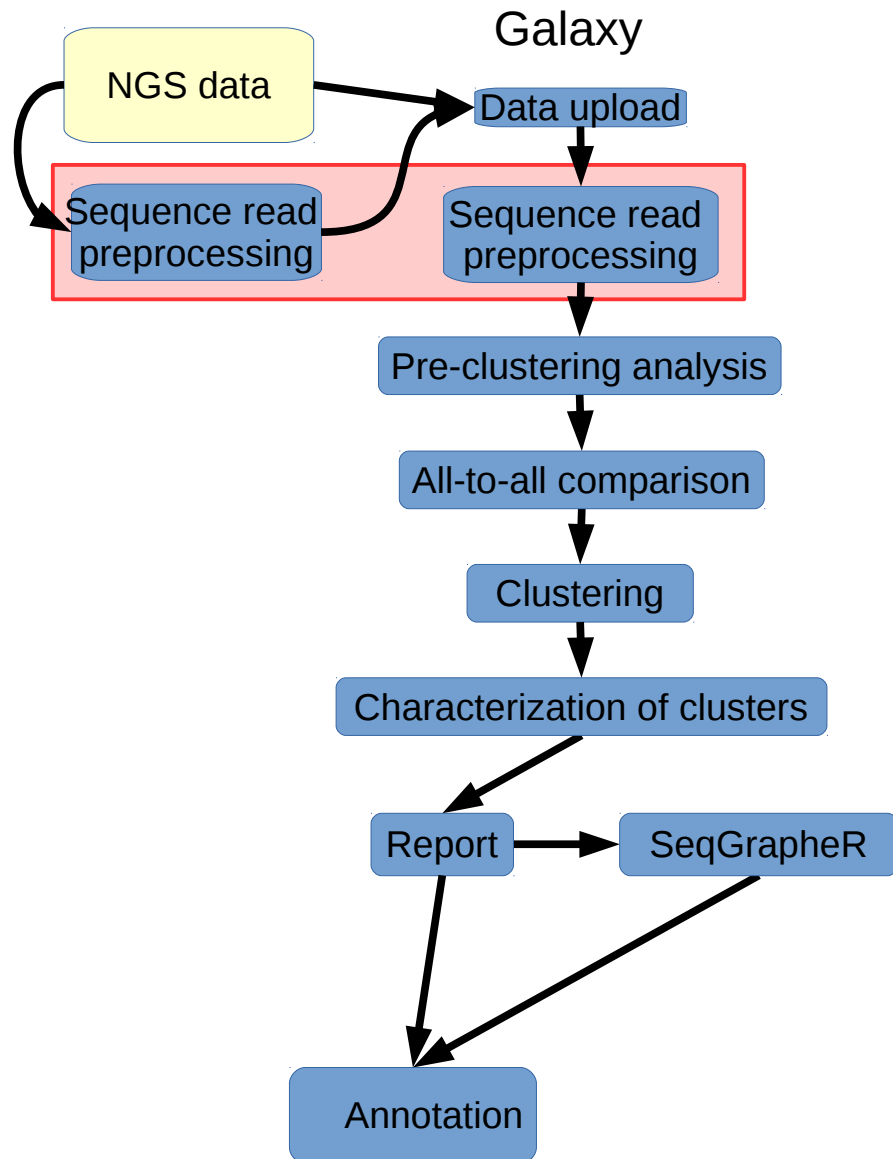
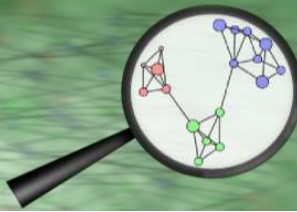
Input data requirements:

Sequence read:

- 100 nt or more
- Paired (optional)
- Uniform length

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Preprocessing:

The most important step!

Local x Remote (Galaxy)

Amount of data:

$10^5 - 10^7$ reads

Test runs on small sample – validation of your dataset

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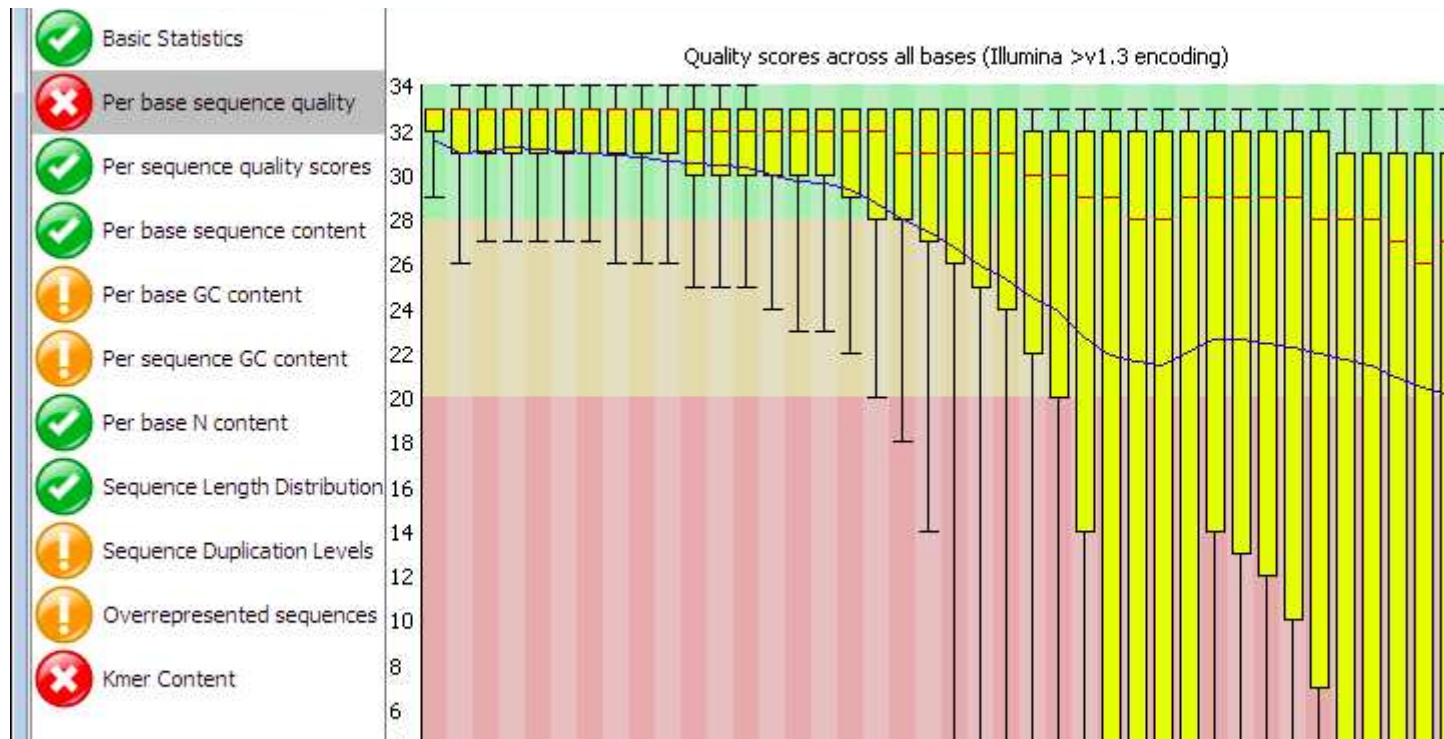


Preprocessing

- **Quality control**
- Trimming, filtering, adapter removing
- Convert fastq to fasta
- Interlacing, sampling
- Modification of sequence identifiers

FastQC

- Galaxy
- GUI based
- Command line



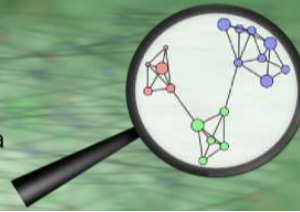
Basic Statistics

Measure	Value
Filename	fastq_data.fastq
File type	Conventional base calls
Encoding	Sanger / Illumina 1.9
Total Sequences	16772669
Sequence length	75
%GC	45

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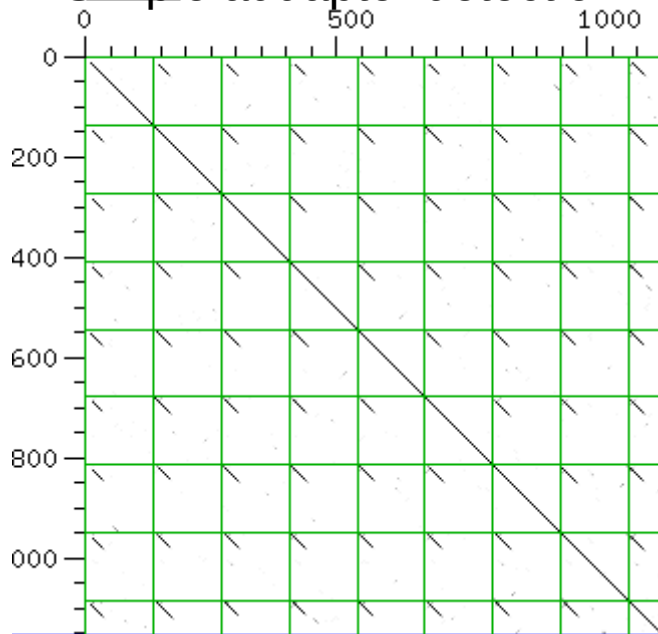


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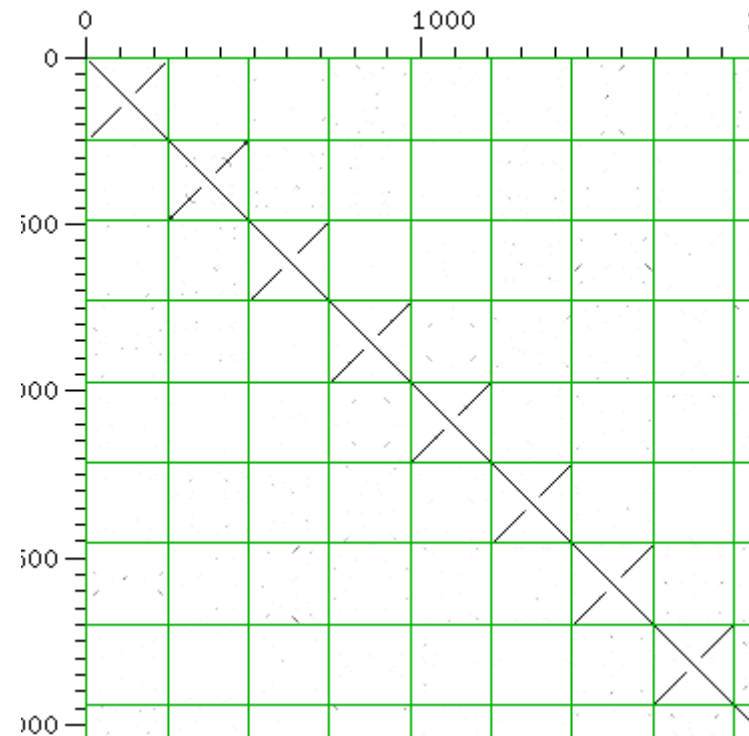
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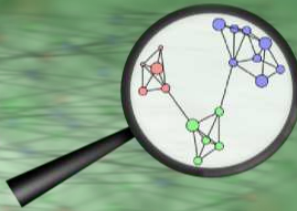
Dotter - graphical dotplot program for detailed comparison of two sequences

Simple adapter detection



Concatenated reads!

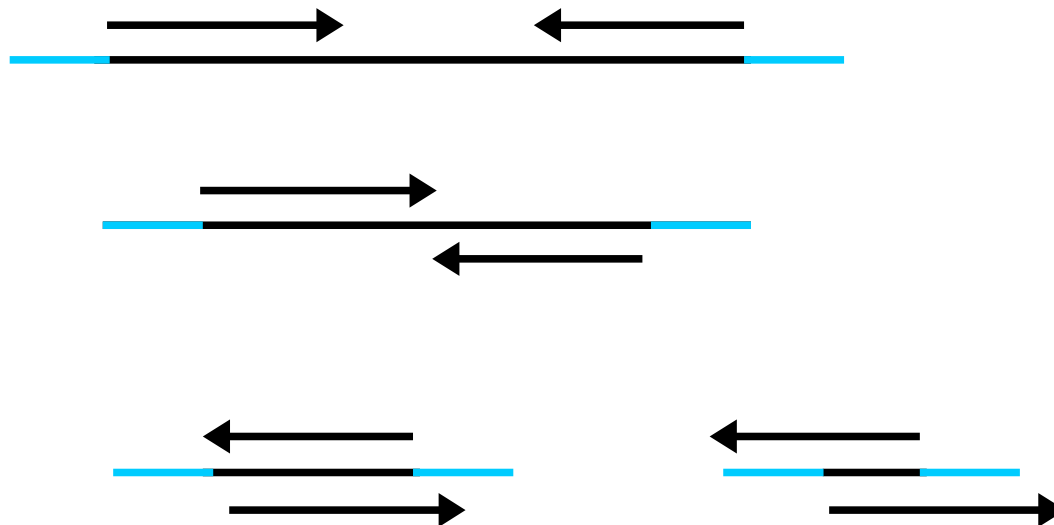




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Effect of paired-end reads quality, overlap



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cutadapt - <https://cutadapt.readthedocs.io>

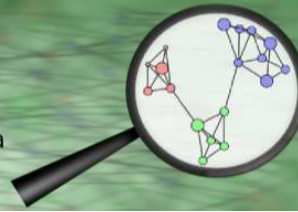
A tool that removes adapter sequences from high throughput sequence reads

- command line
- available in galaxy
- Sequence trimming
or
- Complete removal

Presence of adapter greatly affect all-to-all step duration

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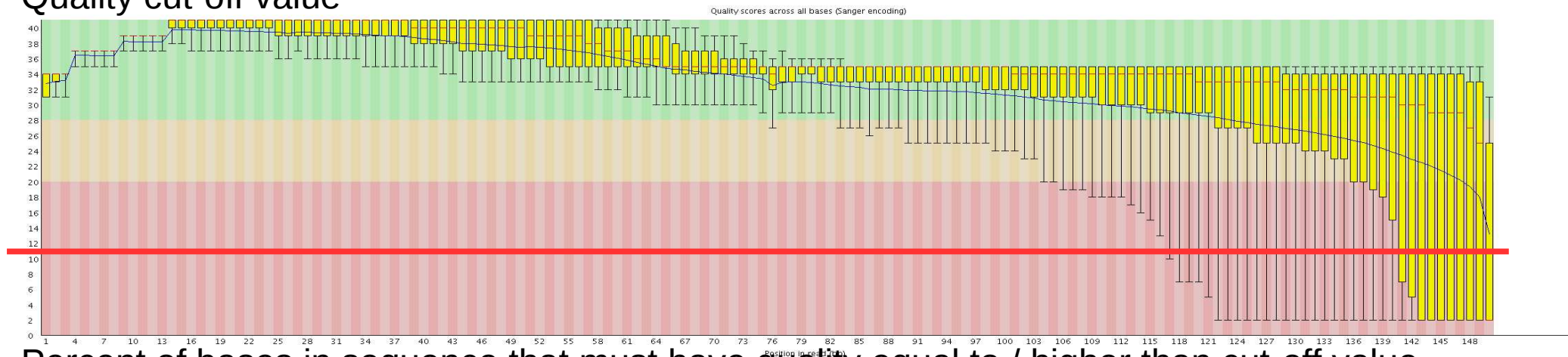


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Quality filtering criteria – FASTX-toolkit

Quality cut-off value



Percent of bases in sequence that must have quality equal to / higher than cut-off value

Proportion of Ns

We can afford stringent filtering - most of the time we have more data than needed

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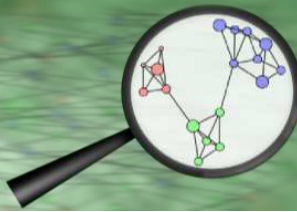
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```
>HWI-ST863:57:D037GACXX:7:1101:1358:2087 1:N:0:GGCTAC  
acgacagctgactaatgc  
>HWI-ST863:57:D037GACXX:7:1101:1372:2162 1:N:0:GGCTAC  
cttcgaggctacacgagct  
>HWI-ST863:57:D037GACXX:7:1101:1484:2168 1:N:0:GGCTAC  
actatcgacactgccggcgcg
```



```
>1  
acgacagctgactaatgc  
>2  
cttcgaggctacacgagct  
>3  
actatcgacactgccggcgcg
```

Simple names → smaller files!



Comparative analysis of multiple genomes

Genome **AB**

```
>FUXEH4V01EAG68....  
acgacagctgactaatgc  
>FUXEH4V01BKPDK  
cttcgaggctacacgagct  
>FUXEH4V01AJAJV  
actatcgacactgccggcgcg  
...
```

Genome **XY**

```
>F0X50LU02GZ8YF....  
gccccgtcgccgtccgtgtcg  
>F0X50LU02I1AMY  
tgtgtgcccgtctgcgcgcccc  
>F0X50LU02HYN8U  
atatgctatgcgcgc  
...
```

comparative analysis:

```
>AB1  
acgacagctgactaatgc  
>AB2  
cttcgaggctacacgagct  
>AB3  
Actatcgacactgccggcgcg  
...  
>XY1  
gccccgtcgccgtccgtgtcg  
>XY2  
tgtgtgcccgtctgcgcgcccc  
>XY3  
atatgctatgcgcgc
```

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Pair-end reads

Forward reads

```
>H:1252:2230 1:N:0:CGATGT
acgacagctgactaatgc
>H:1262:1230 1:N:0:CGATGT
cttcgaggctacacgagct
>H:1252:1330 1:N:0:CGATGT
actatcgacactgccggcgcg
...
```

Reverse reads

```
>H:1252:2230 2:N:0:CGATGT
gccccgtcgccgtccgtgtcg
>H:1262:1230 2:N:0:CGATGT
tgtgtgcccgtctgcgcgcccc
>H:1252:1330 2:N:0:CGATGT
atatgctatgcgcgc
...
```

interlacing

Pair-end reads clustering:

```
>1f
acgacagctgactaatgc
>1r
gccccgtcgccgtccgtgtcg
>2f
cttcgaggctacacgagct
>2r
tgtgtgcccgtctgcgcgcccc
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Fastq interlacer – Galaxy build tool

- Does not expect ordered sequences
- Memory demanding

Fasta interlacer – RepeatExplorer tool

- Assumes ordered sequences
- Low memory requirements
- Fast

Original Illumina reads are always ordered!

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Sampling

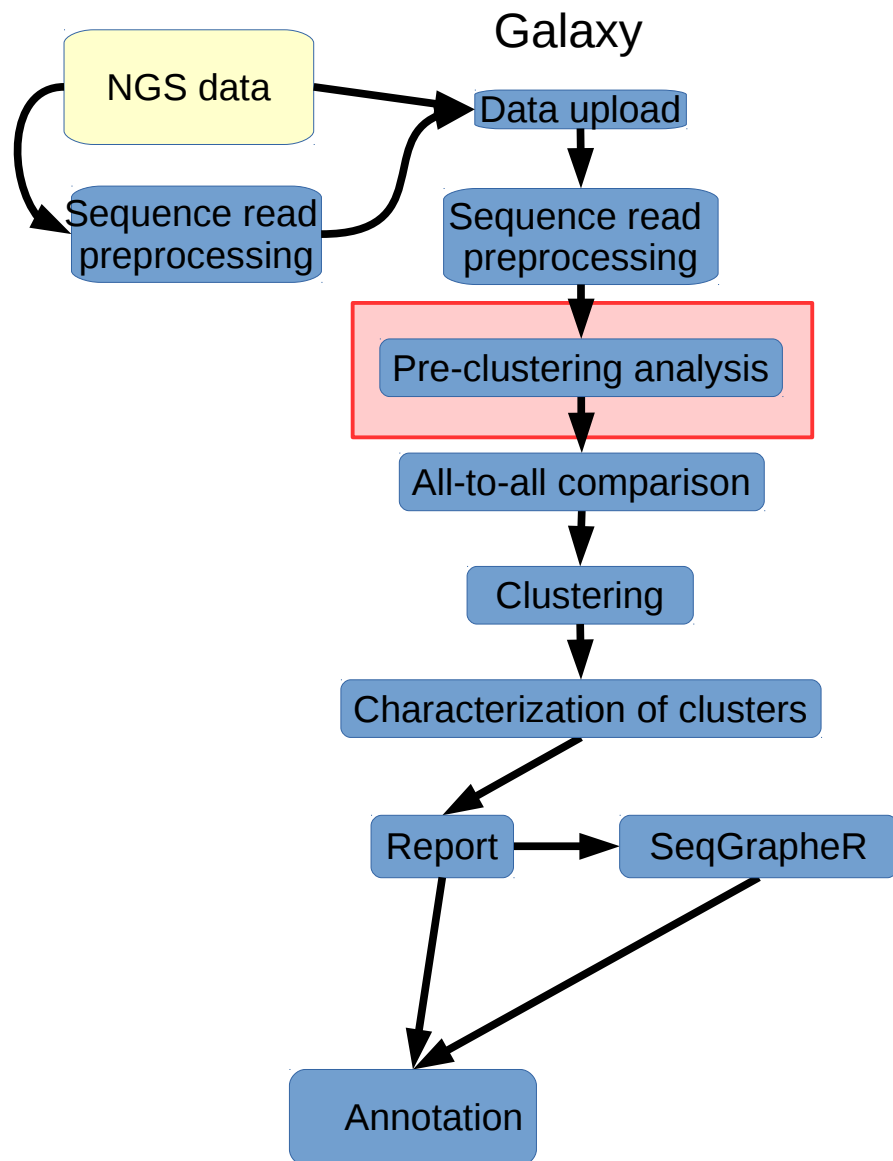
- Reproducible pseudo-random samples
 - Single/paired reads
 - Avoid using huge datasets
- 50GB** space limit on public RE server!

Species	Number of reads	Genome Size (1C)	Coverage [%]
Musa acuminata	3,046,164	623 Mbp	48.9
Lasiurus borealis	4,256,140	2,526 Mbp	16.8
Pisum sativum	3,011,839	4,300 Mbp	7.0
Vicia panonica	1,039,442	5,730 Mbp	1.8
Silene latifolia	2,943,062	5,850 Mbp	5.0
Secale cereale	1,899,753	7,917 Mbp	2.4
Lathyrus latifolius	1,464,940	9,980 Mbp	1.5
Fritilaria imperialis	12,220,382	42,400 Mbp	2.9
Fritilaria affinis	1,168,248	45,000 Mbp	0.3

Number of reads which can be processed with 16GB RAM

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Pre-clustering analysis

All-to-all sequence comparison on small sample of NGS reads

$$k_g = \frac{2E}{N(N-1)}$$

N .. 20,000 sample reads

E .. number of identified similarity hits

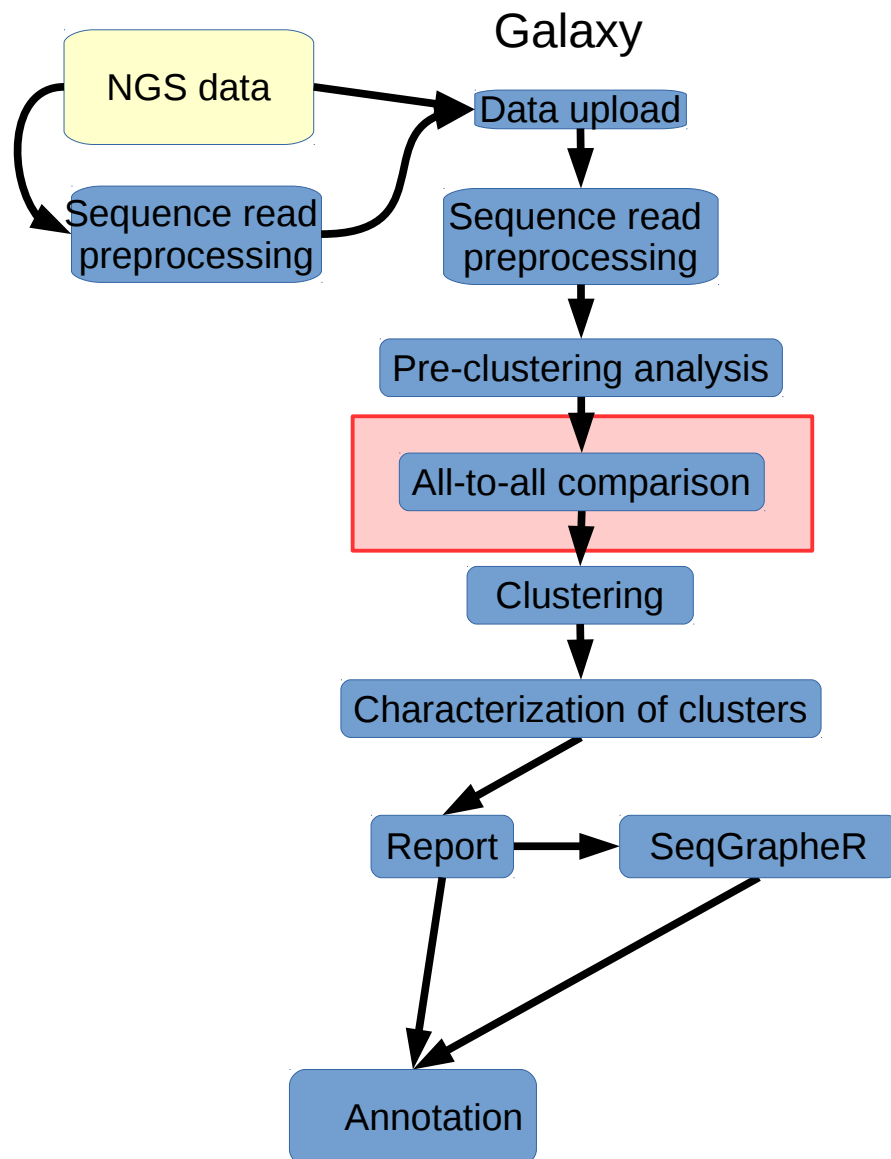
k_g genome specific coefficient - **graph density**
depends on repetitive content and genome size

Density corresponds to probability that two randomly taken sequences from genome will be similar

k_g is used to estimate maximum number of reads providing that **we can process $\sim 340 \cdot 10^6$ of similarity hits on machine with 16GB of RAM**

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All-to-all comparison

All pairs of reads with similarity above threshold are found using megablast:



Default threshold:

Minimal overlap : **55 bp** and **55% of length** of shorter sequence

Minimal similarity : 90%

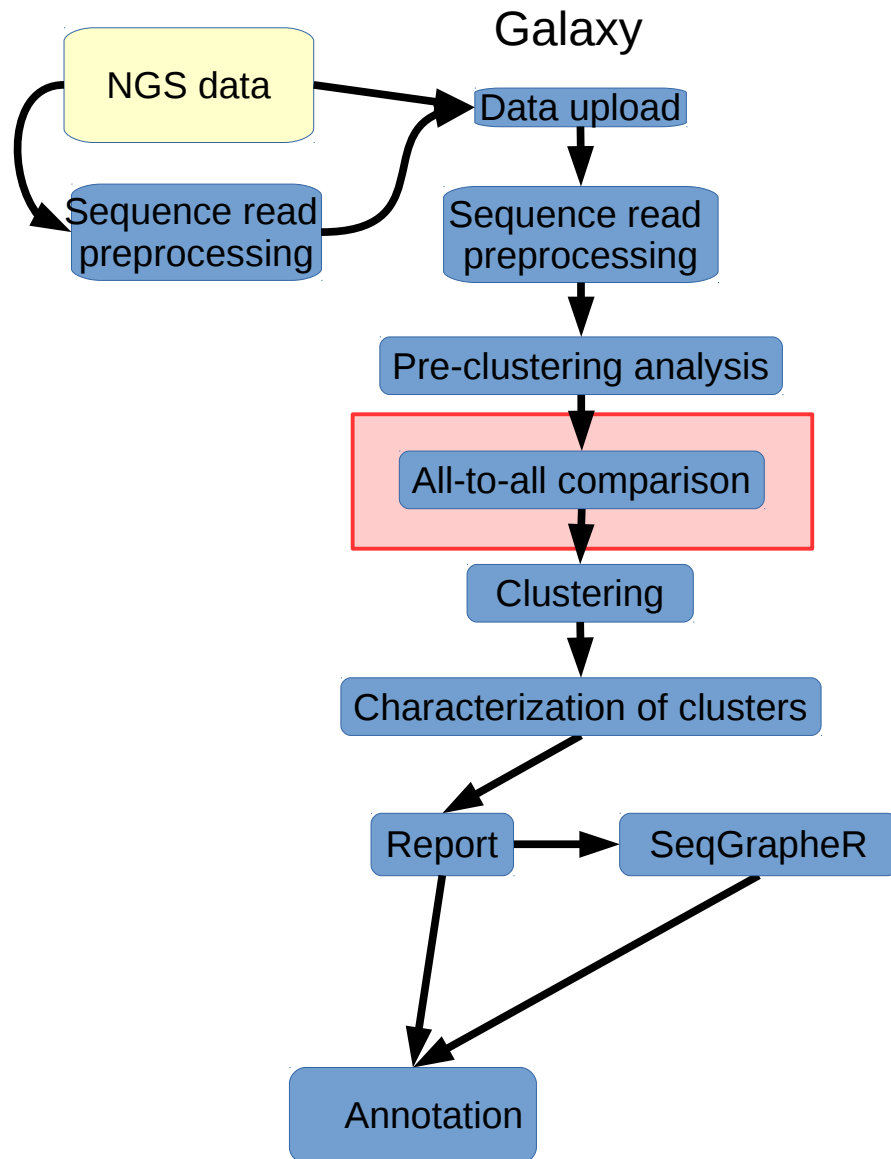
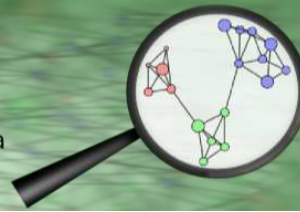
Stringency affects maximum number of reads!

Length of overlap must be adjusted for reads shorter than 100 nt

55% of length and 90% similarity is hardcoded
Cannot be changed!

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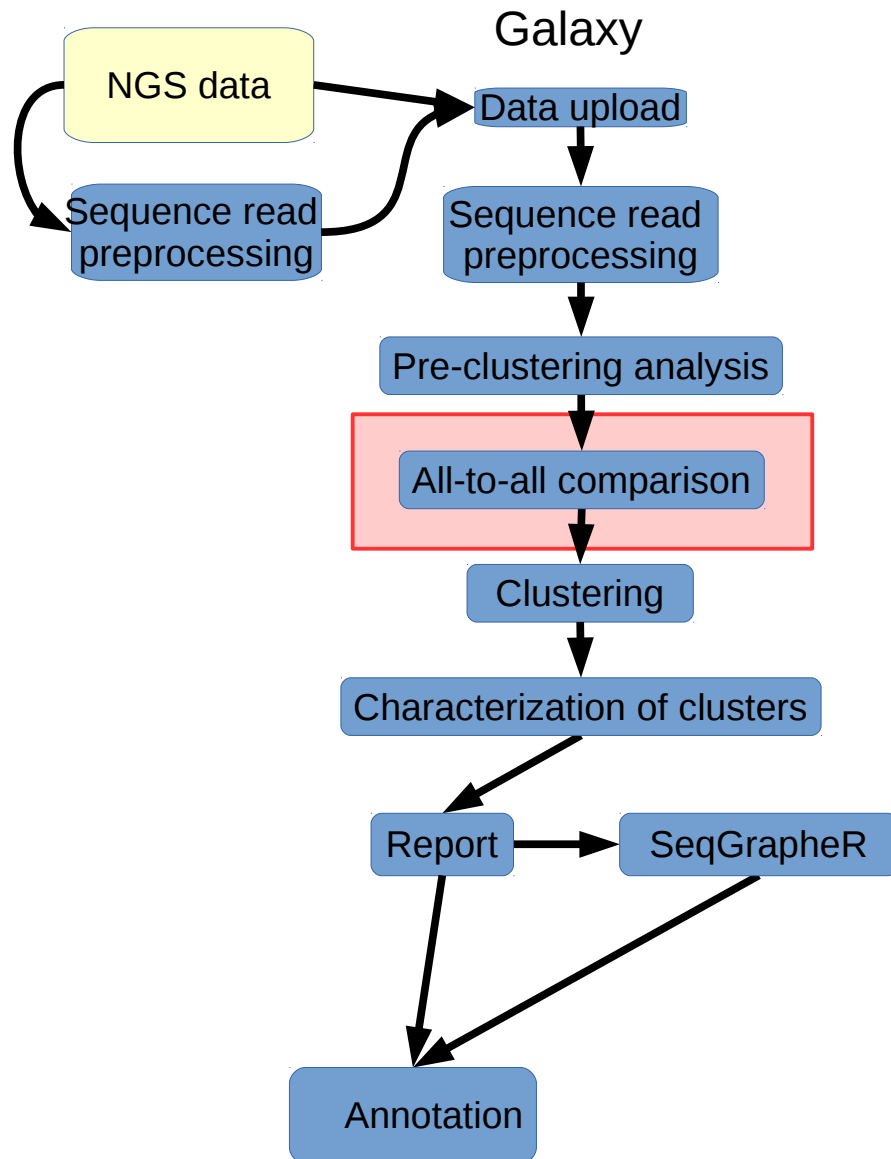
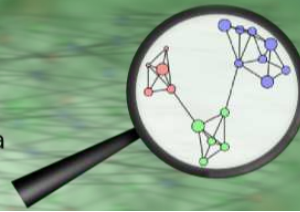
Presence of unfiltered adapter sequence
Does not pass similarity threshold, but



All-to-all comparison extremely slow!

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All-to-all comparison

Low complexity repeat – DustMasker



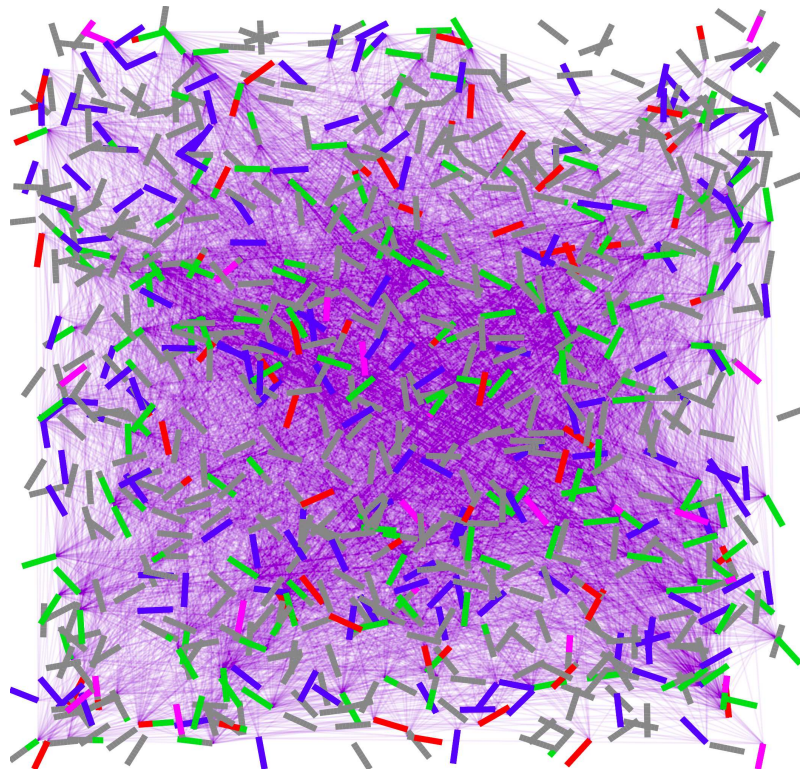
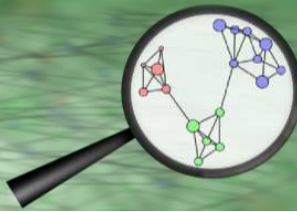
Simple repeats underestimated:

- Telomeric motifs
- microsatellites

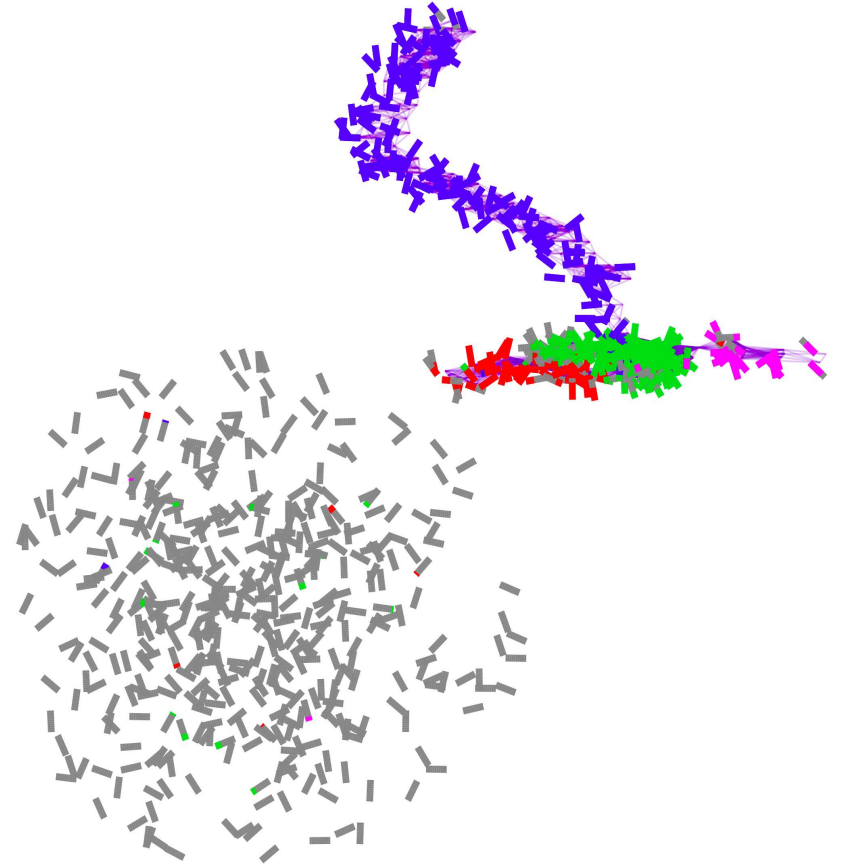
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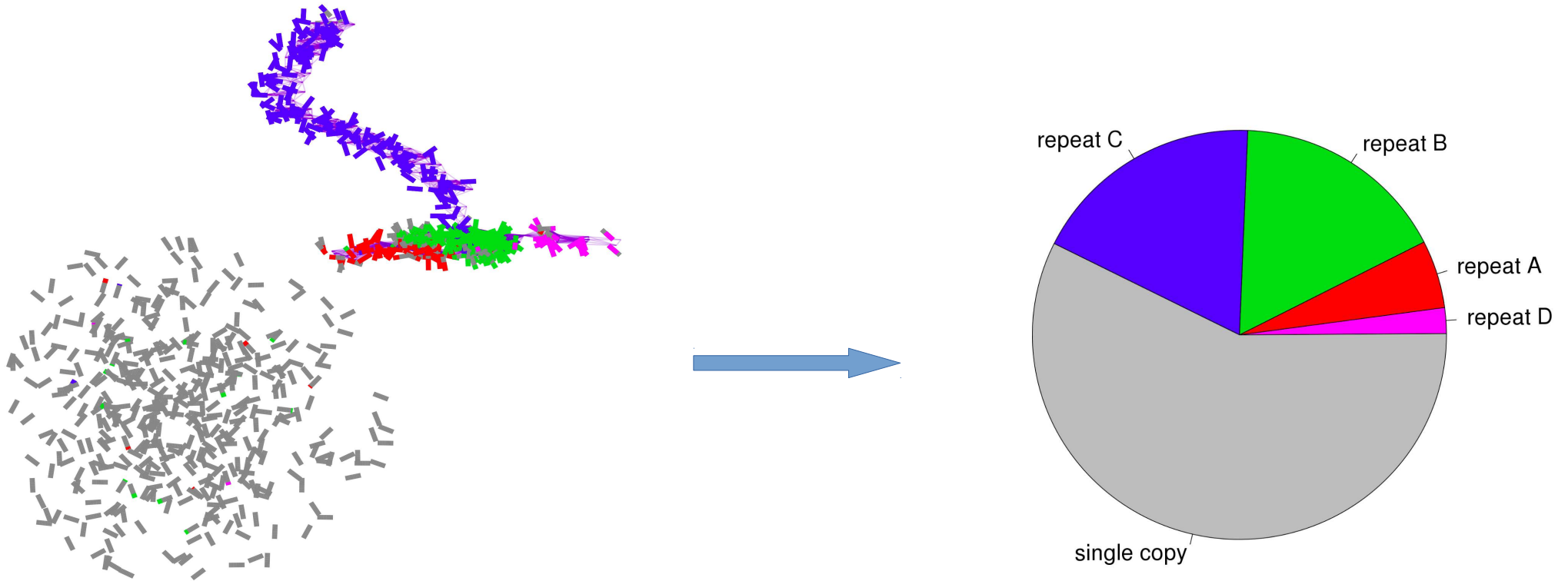
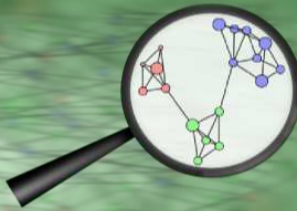


Clustering



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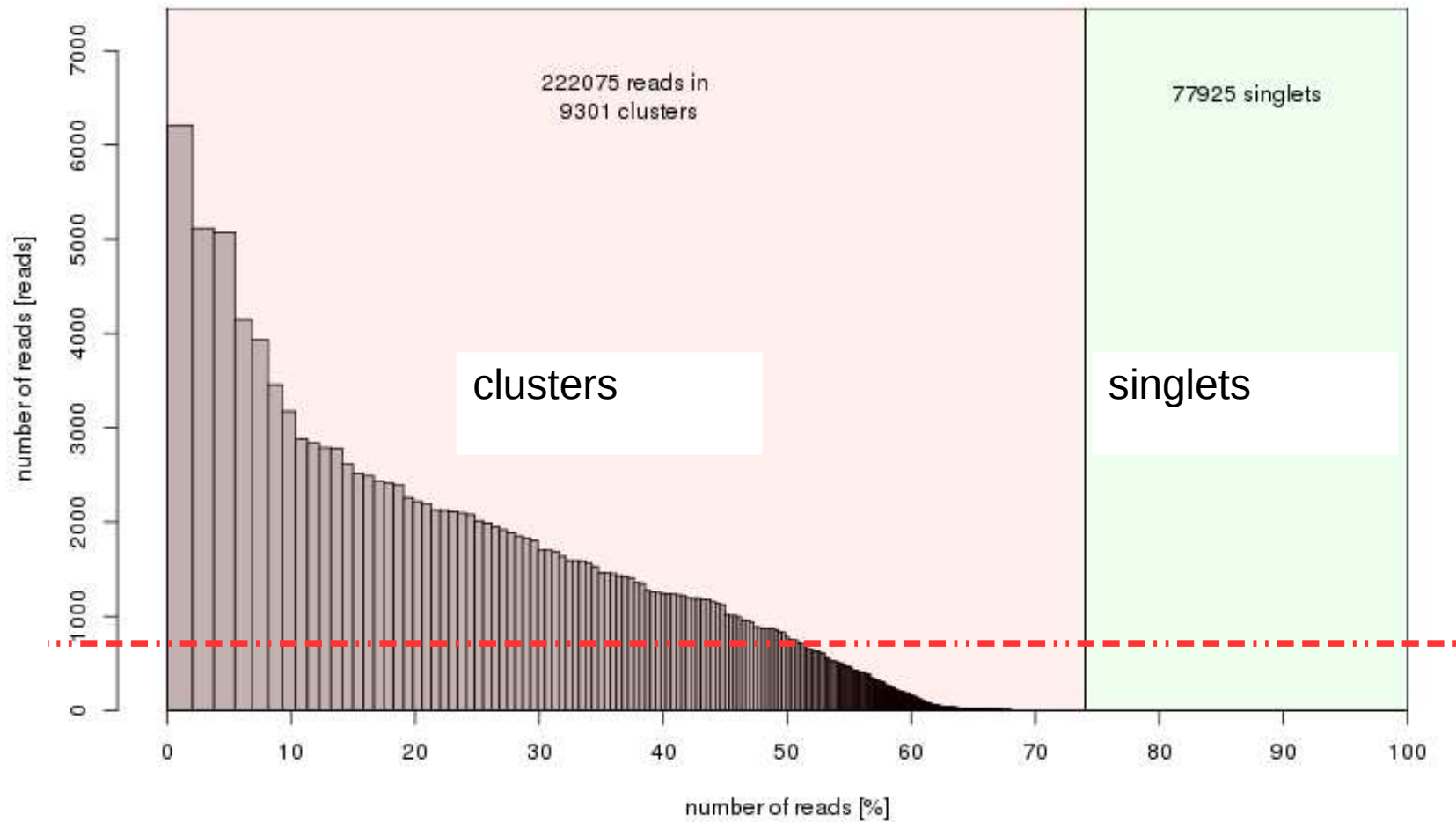
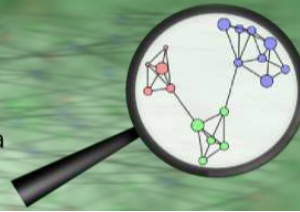
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Size of clusters correspond to proportion of repeats in the genome

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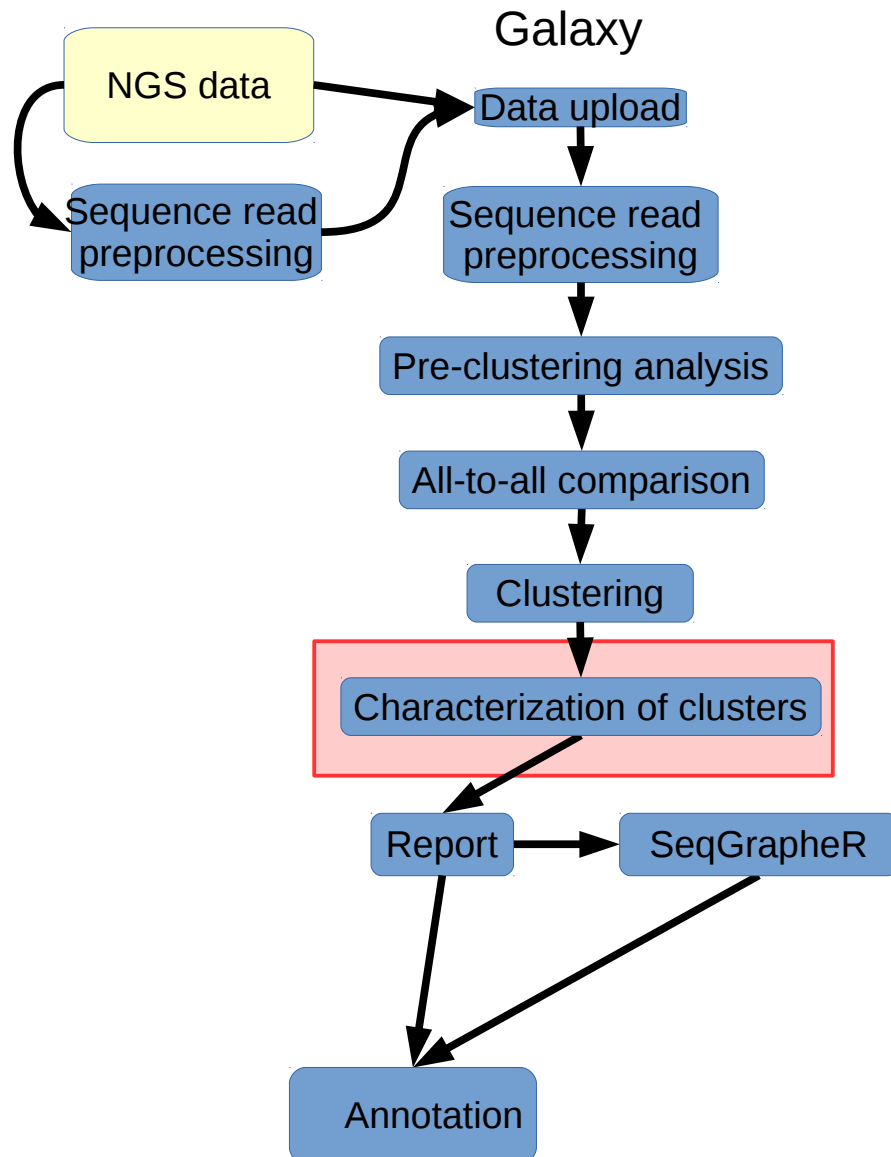
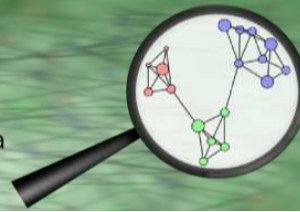
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Typical cluster size distribution

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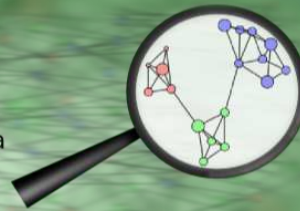
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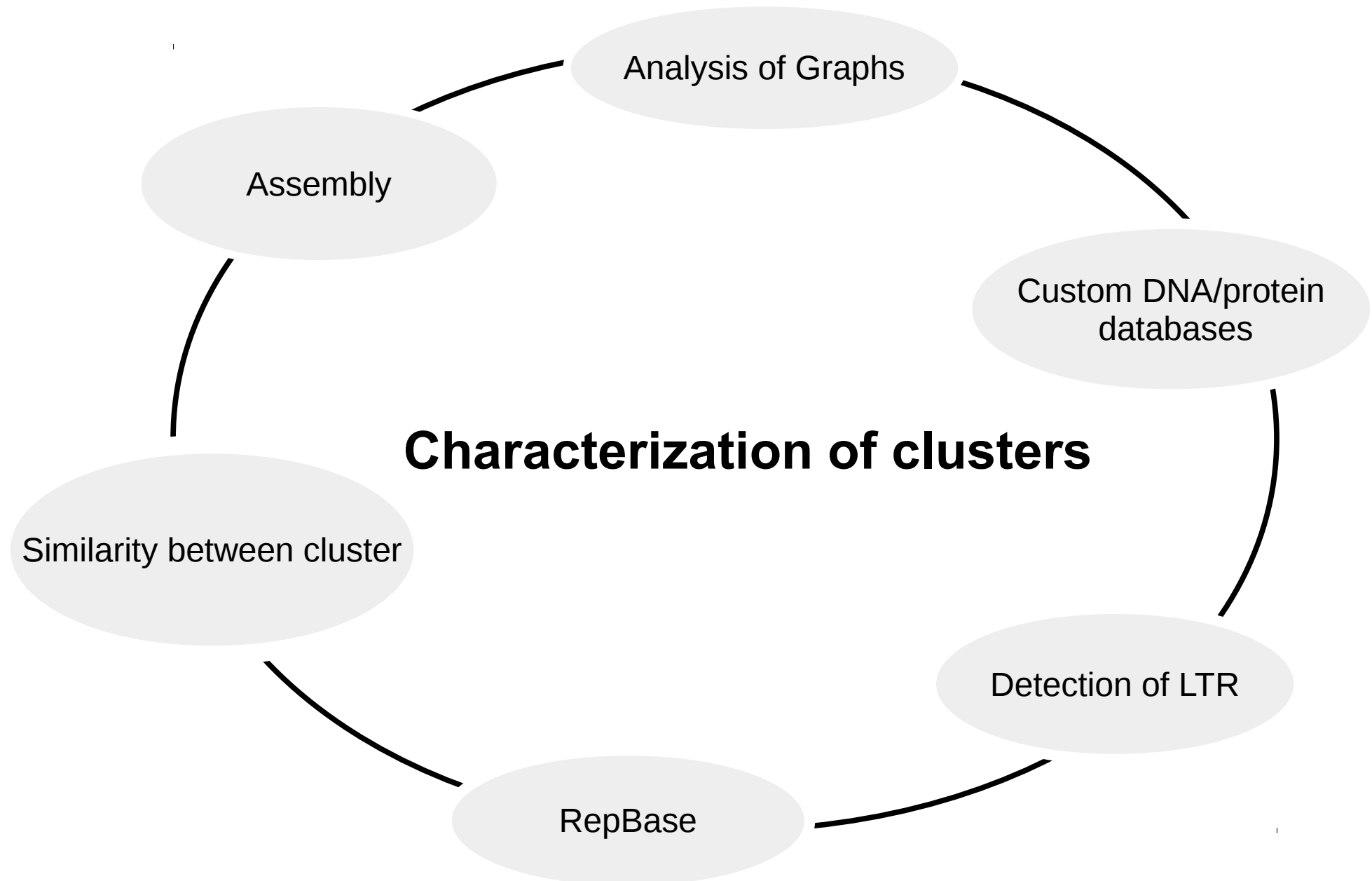
Characterization of clusters by various method to provide detailed information for annotation of clusters and identification of repeats

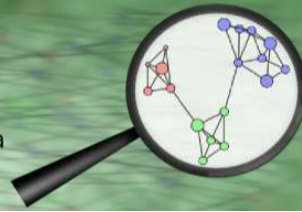
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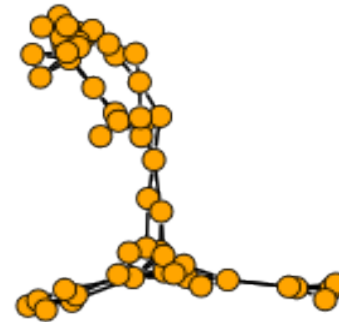
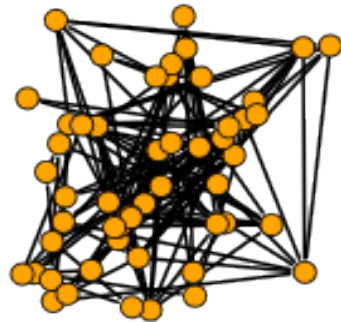
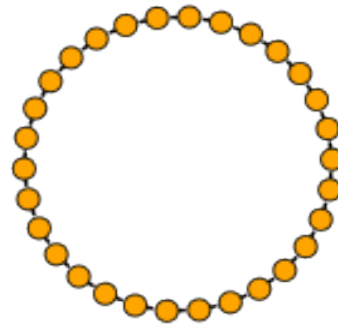
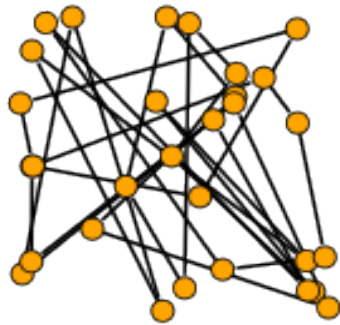


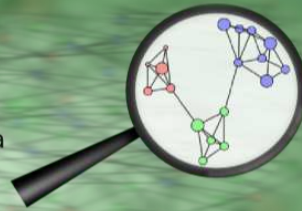
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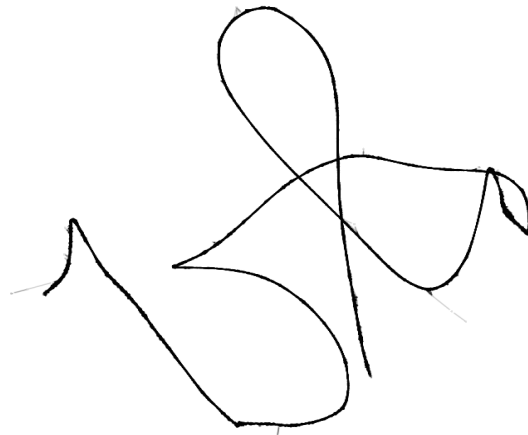
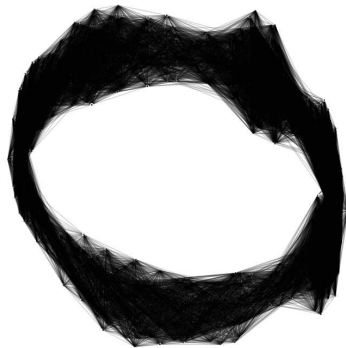
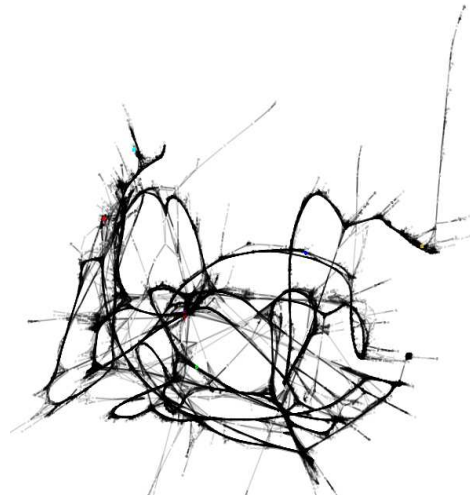
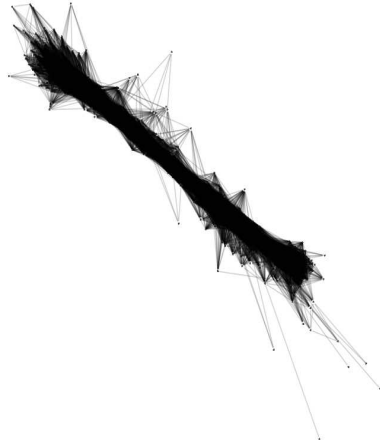


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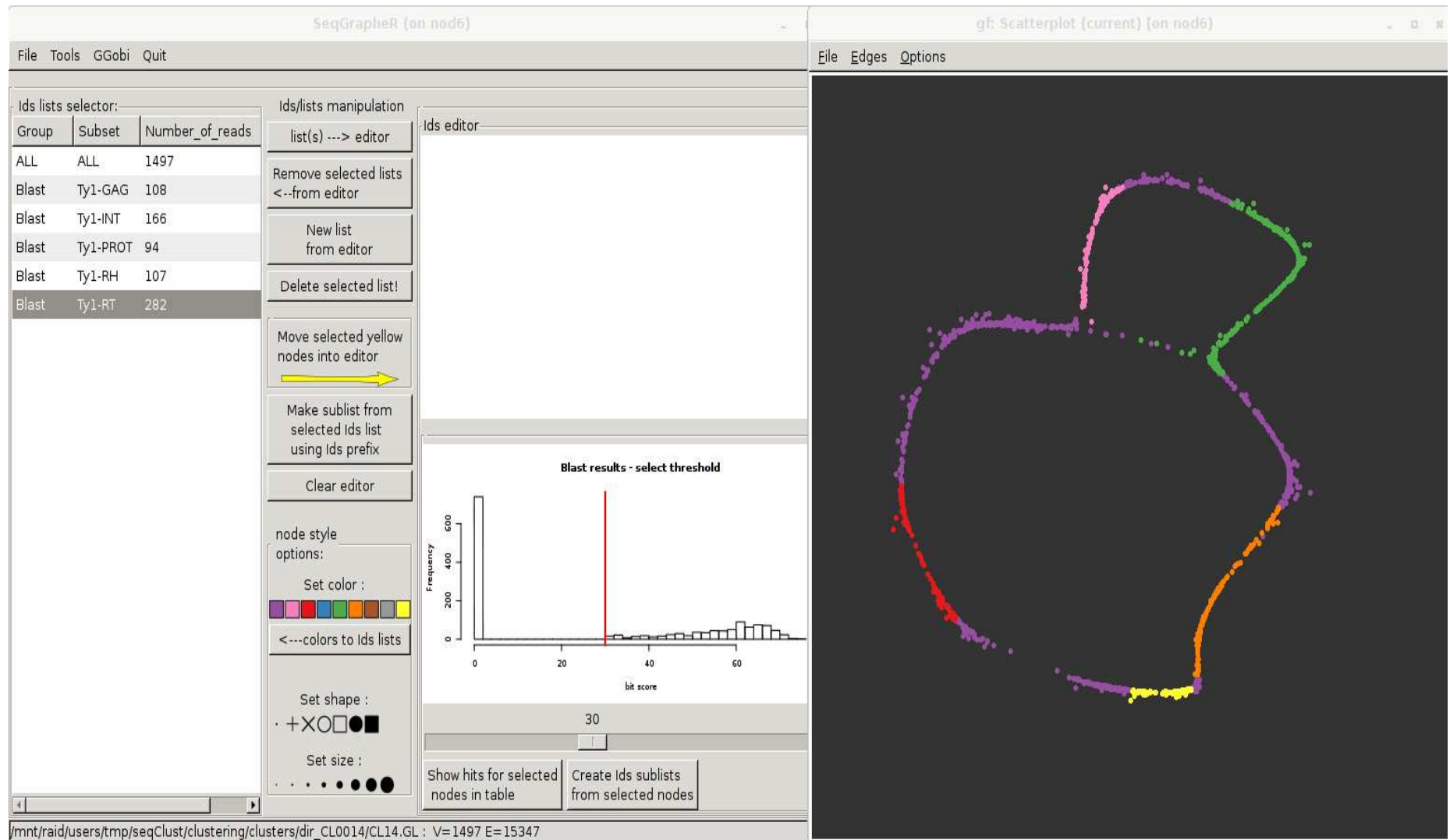
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SeqGrapheR – interactive exploration of graphs





RepeatMasker search:

Repeat Databases:

- **RepBase** (Default)

- **Custom database** (Optional)

Use specified format!

> **repeatname#class/subclass**

acgatcgatcghagsctcgacagtcgatca

> **repeatname#class/subclass**

acgatcgatcghagsctcgacagtcgatca



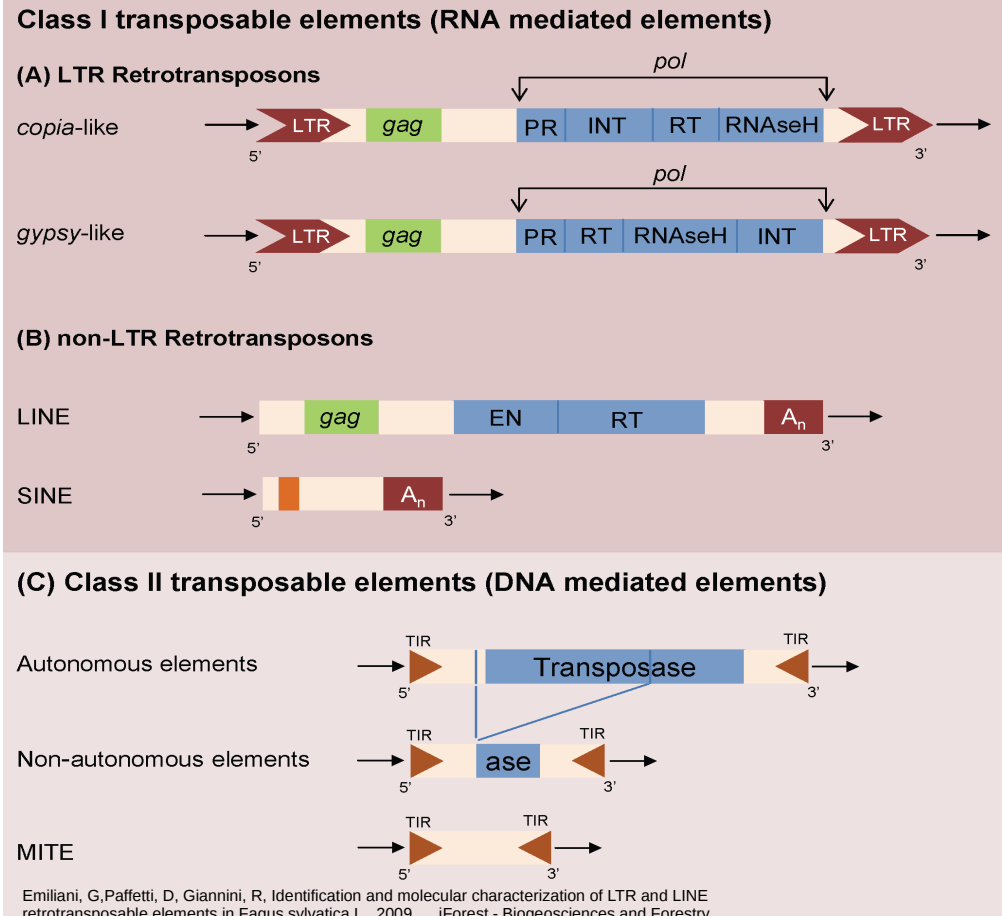
class.family	class	family	hits	hits[%]	content	Mean_Score
LTR/Copia	LTR	Copia	236	94.8	85.04	536
Low_complexity	Low_complexity	Low_complexity	3	1.2	0.25	22

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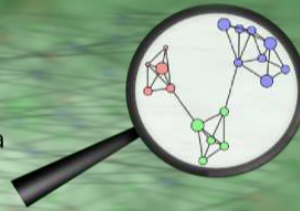
- Similarity search against **custom protein domain database** with blastx



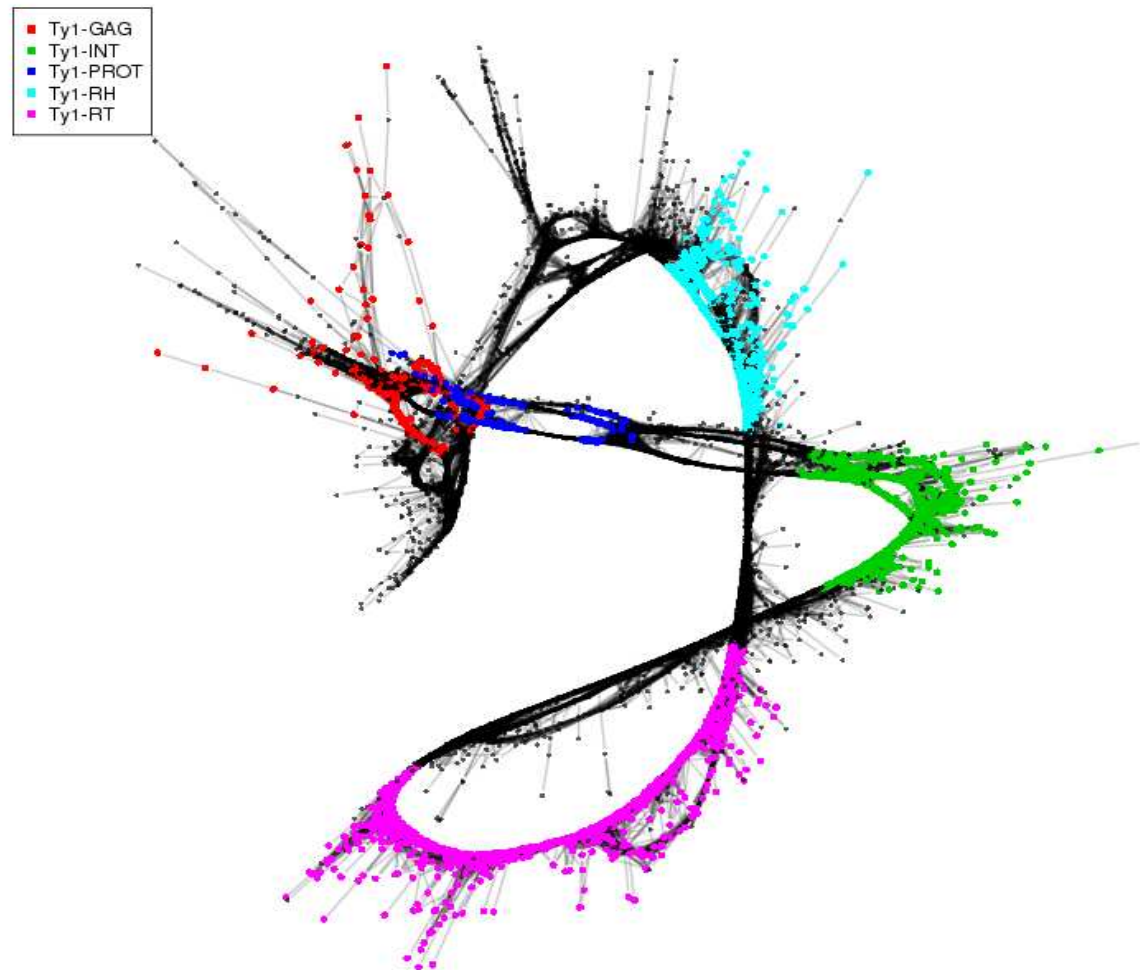
- Similarity search against **custom DNA database** (rDNA, plastid, mitochondria, contamination)

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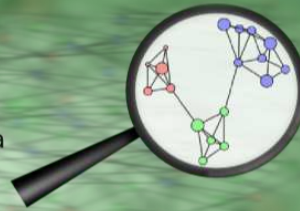


Protein domain database + Graph layouts

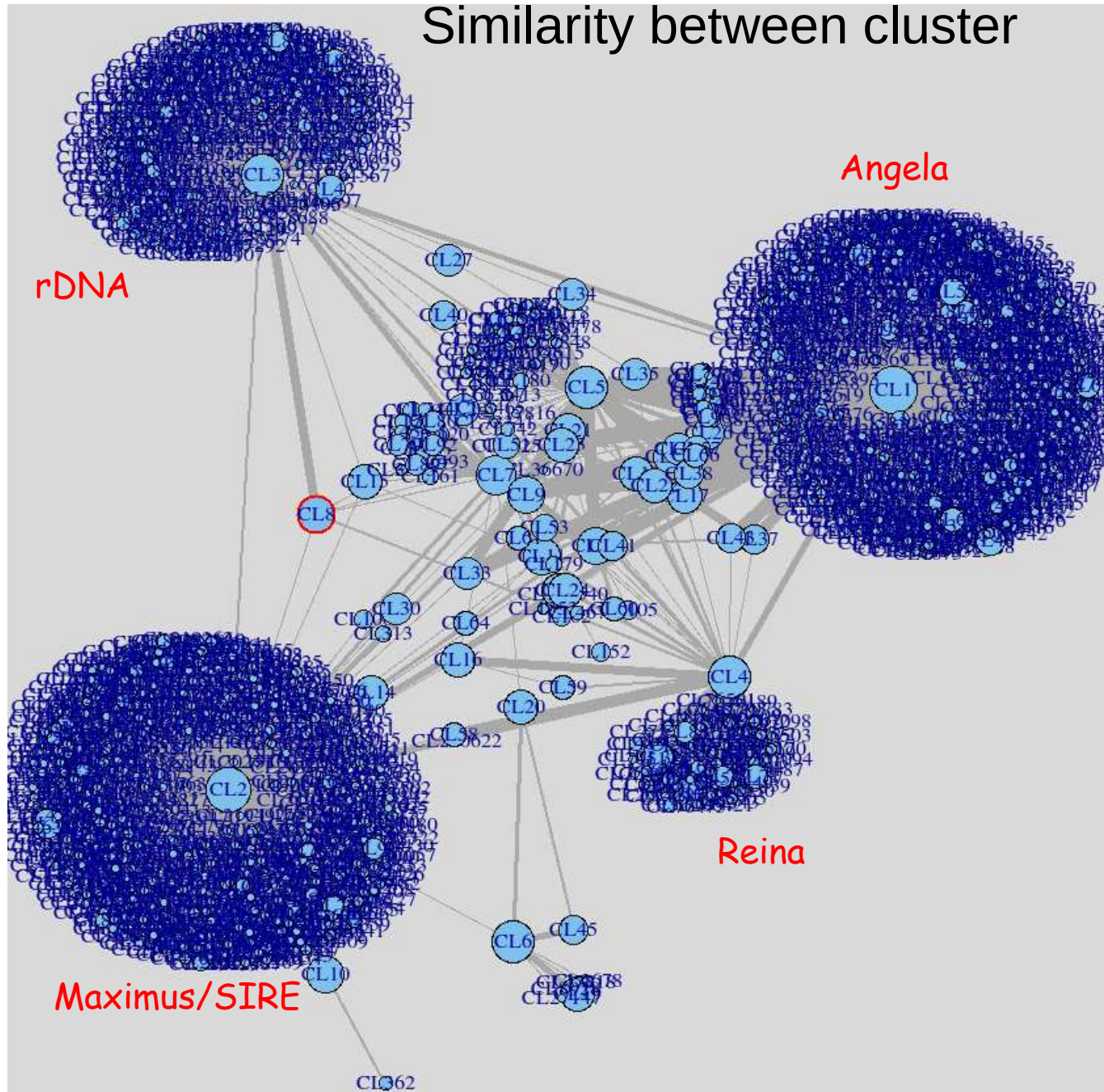


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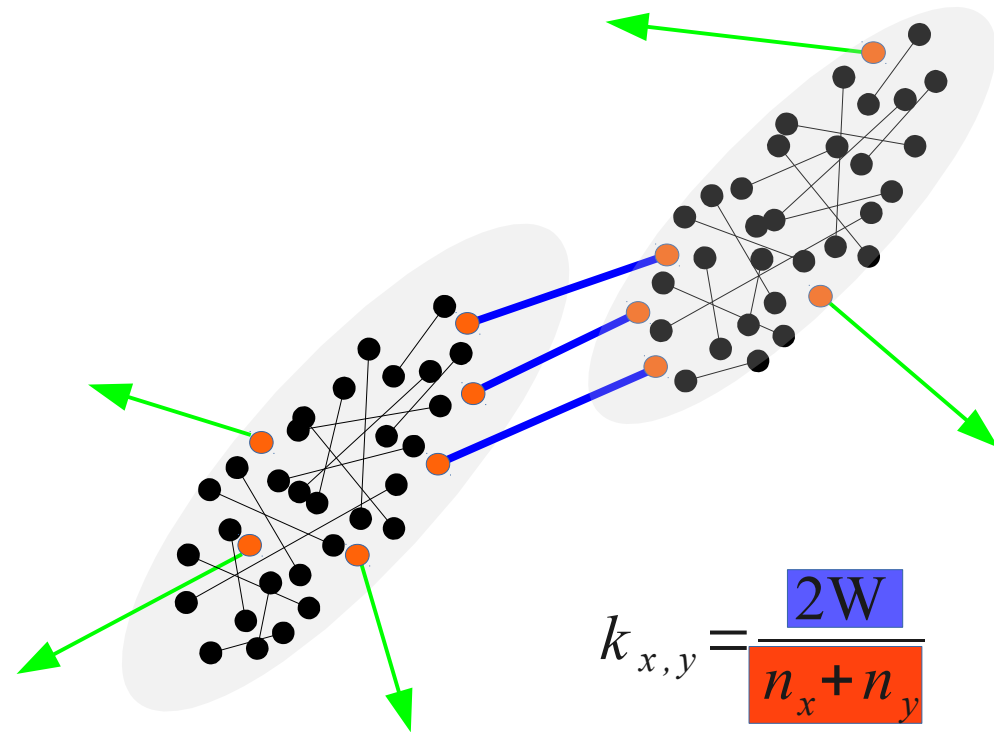


Similarity between cluster





Similarity between cluster - presence of paired reads



W number of reads pairs shared between clusters x and y
 n_x and n_y is number of reads in cluster x and cluster y with absent read mate within the same cluster respectively

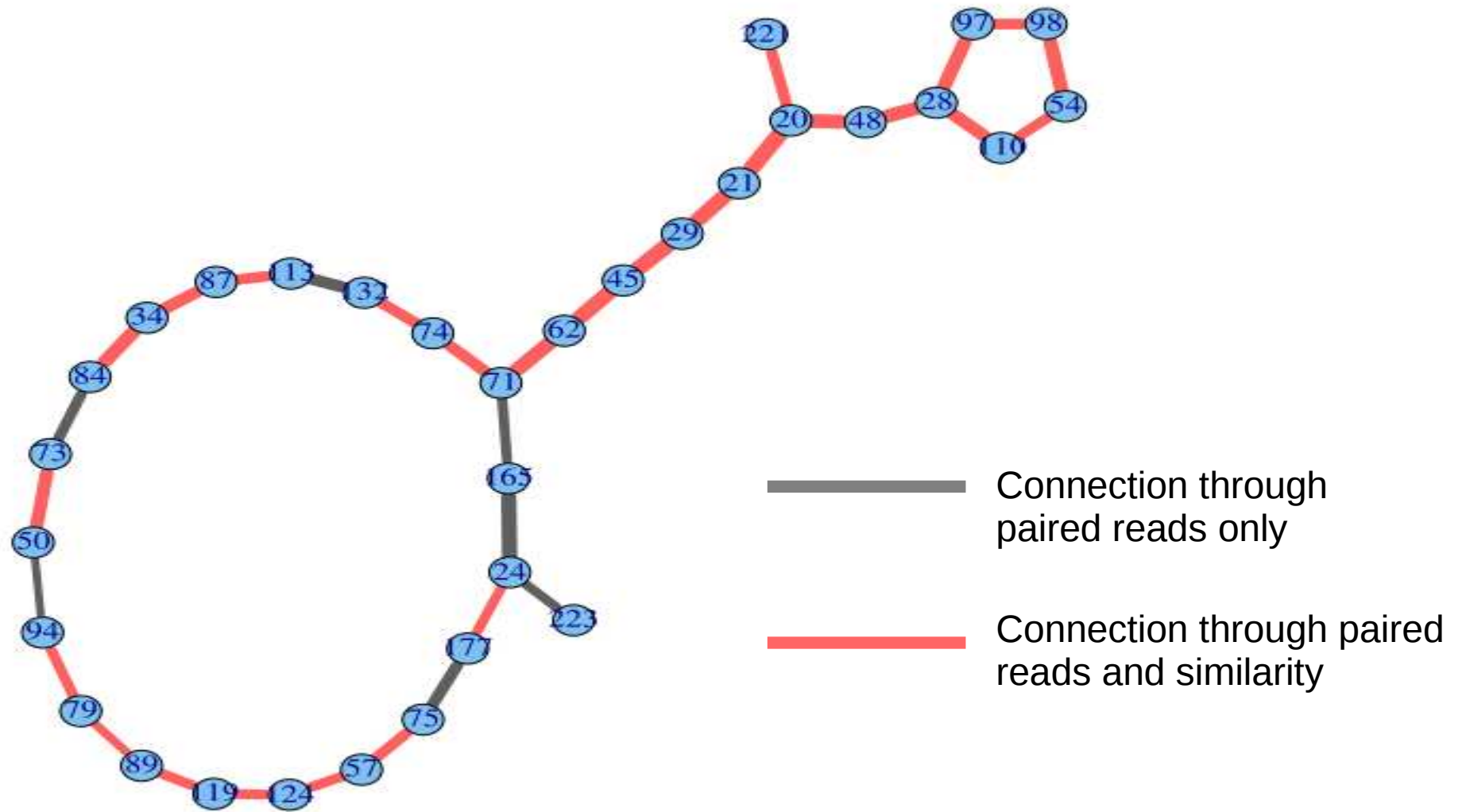
Suitable $k_{x,y}$ cutoff 0.05 – 0.2

full connection: $k_{x,y} = 1$

no connection $k_{x,y} = 0$



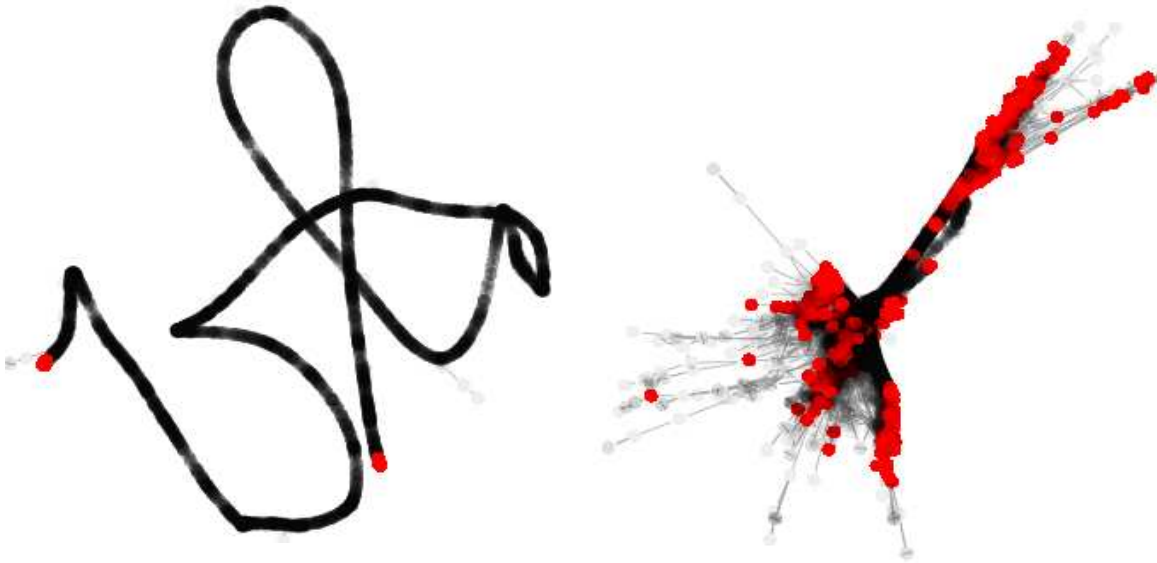
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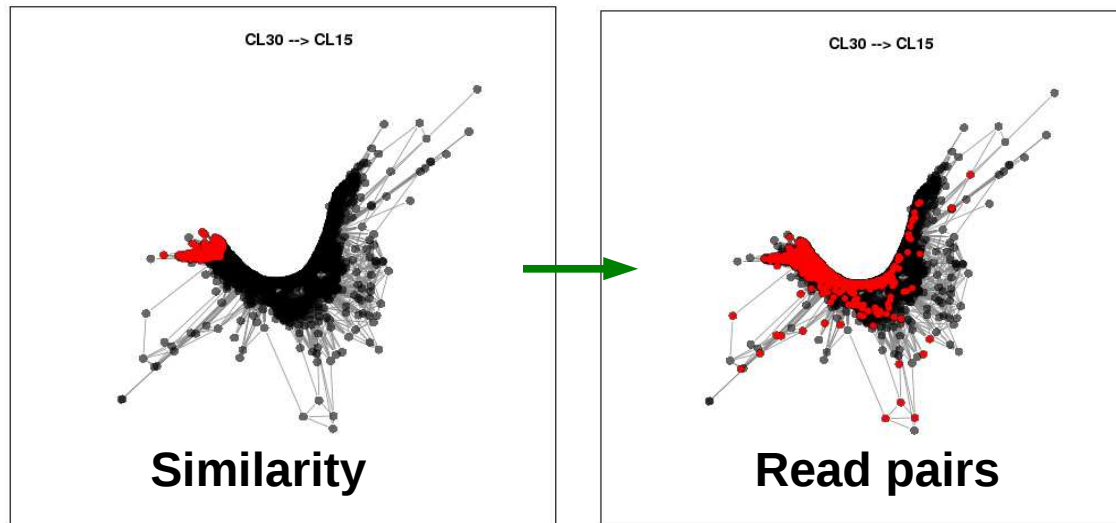
Similarity between cluster

Distribution of similarity hits to other clusters



Similarity vs. read pairs

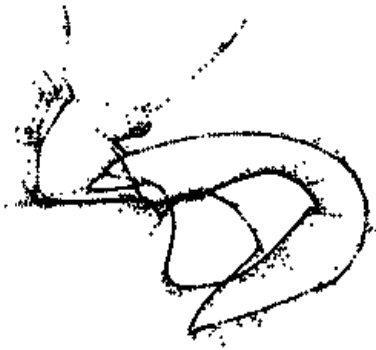
Pairs → physical connection



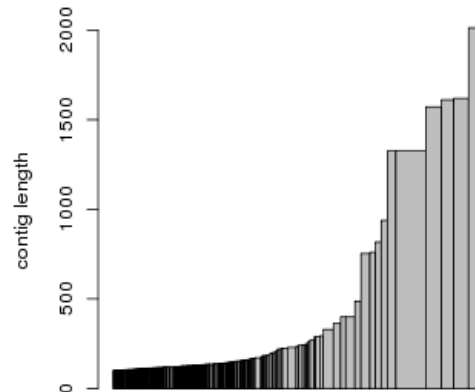


Sequence assembly – each cluster is assembled separately

graph layout



contigs



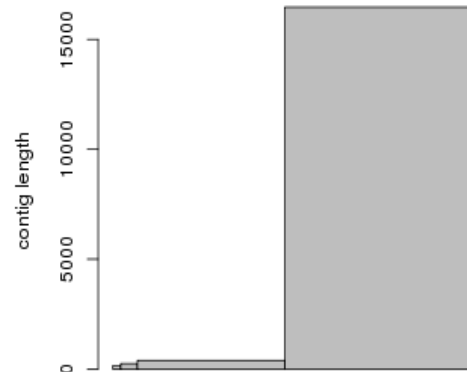
- Number of contigs
- Contig length
- Variability

read depth

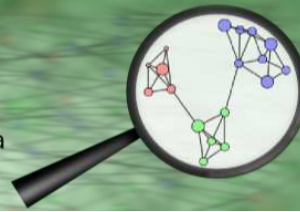
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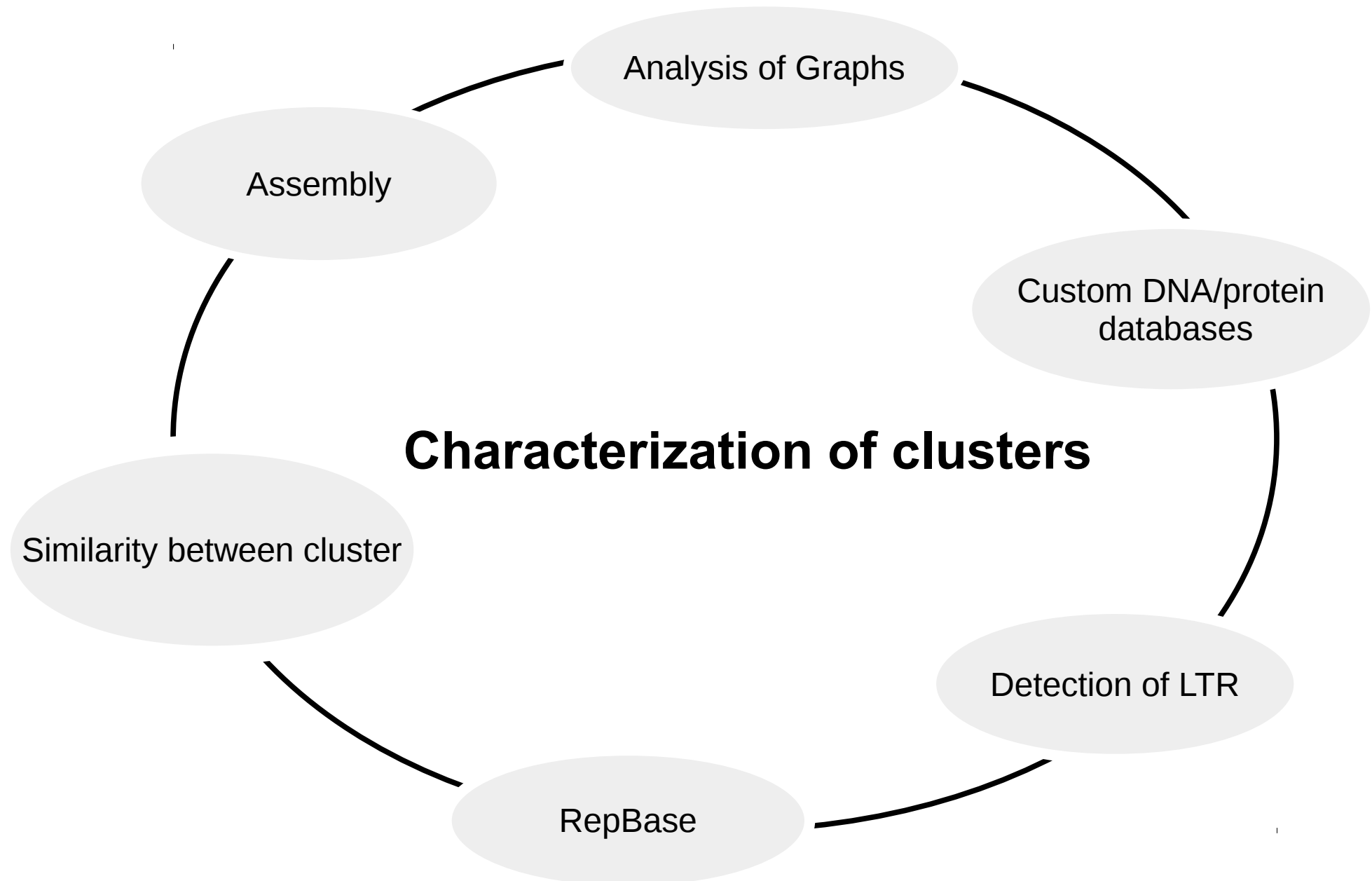
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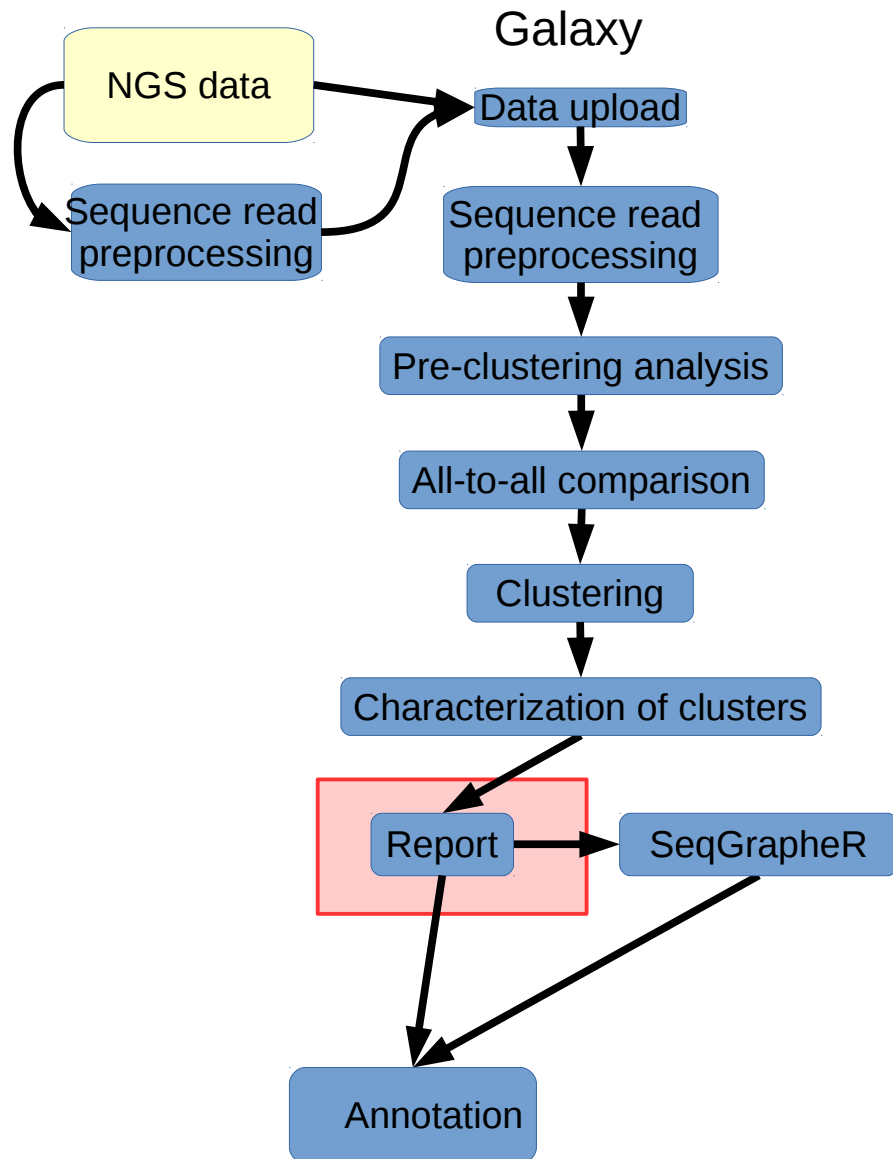
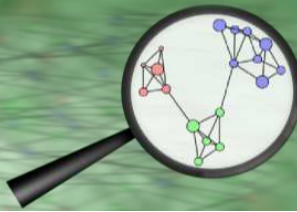


Characterization of clusters



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Output

- **HTML report** – user friendly graphical overview of top clusters
- **Archive with complete results**
- **Contigs** assembled from clusters – can be used directly in follow up analysis of protein domains
- **Log file** – information about pipeline progress

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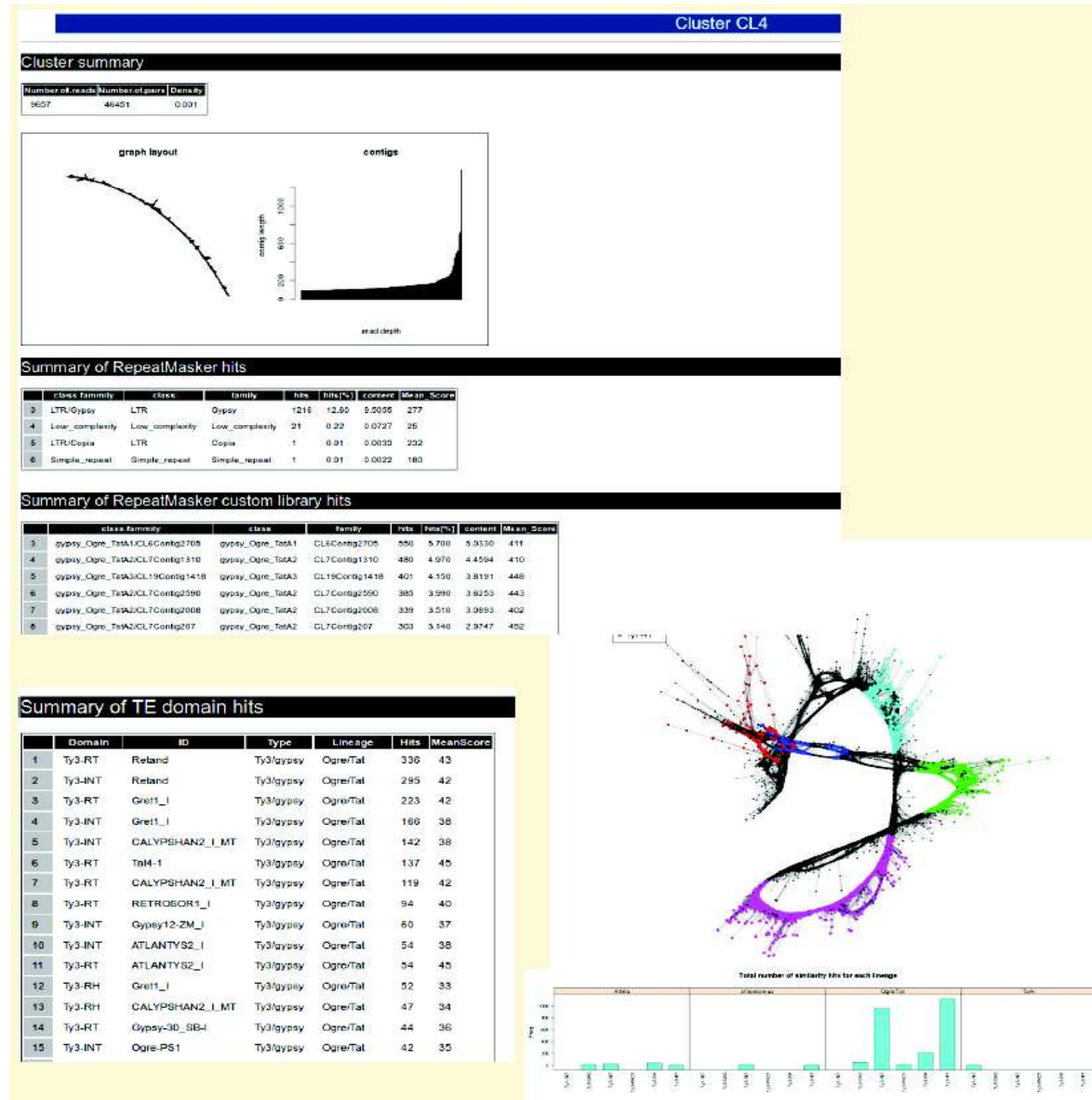
cluster	total length [bp]	number of reads	Genome proportion[%]	cumulative GP [%]	Repeat Masker	Domain hits	Repeat Masker custom library	Layout	All missing mates [%]	Missing mates with no similarity hit [%]	Portion of similarity hits to other clusters[%]	Outside reads with similarity [%]
1 CL1	3339900	37110	7.850	7.8	Low complexity (49hits, 0.0381%) RC.Helitron (9hits, 0.0119%) Simple repeat (17hits, 0.00979%) LTR.Gypsy (5hits, 0.00596%) LINE.L1 (2hits, 0.00443%) LTR.Copia (2hits, 0.00305%)		SatA_Parvissepalum.CL1Contig965 (18600hits, 49.3%) SatA_Parvissepalum.CL1Contig940 (8181hits, 21.6%) SatA_Parvissepalum.CL1Contig886 (7019hits, 18.5%) SatA_Parvissepalum.CL1Contig393 (2.....		68.3	0.51	37.540	89.600
2 CL2	2954610	32829	6.950	14.8	Low complexity (11hits, 0.00941%) RC.Helitron (3hits, 0.00437%) Simple repeat (4hits, 0.00257%) DNA.CMC.EnSpm (1hits, 0.0019%) LTR.Copia (1hits, 0.00146%) LTR.Gypsy (1hits, 0.00129%)		SatA_Parvissepalum.CL1Contig965 (17779hits, 53.2%) SatA_Parvissepalum.CL1Contig940 (8246hits, 24.7%) SatA_Parvissepalum.CL1Contig393 (5389hits, 16.1%) SatA_Parvissepalum.CL1Contig971 (1.....		76.9	0.47	66.370	112.900
3 CL3	1022670	11363	2.400	17.2	Low complexity (3739hits, 15.5%) Simple repeat (102hits, 0.628%) LTR.Gypsy (6hits, 0.0306%)	DTH-CD1 NA NA (1 hits 0.0088%)	UnknownG.CL26Contig1825 (784hits, 5.69%) UnknownG.CL26Contig1920 (529hits, 4.18%) SatD1.CL4Contig1816 (481hits, 3.73%) SatD1.CL4Contig3001 (201hits, 1.42%) SatF.CL8Contig4082 (144.....		35.9	13.06	0.074	0.378
4 CL4	869130	9657	2.040	19.2	LTR.Gypsy (1216hits, 9.51%) Low complexity (21hits, 0.0727%) LTR.Copia (1hits, 0.00334%) Simple repeat (1hits, 0.00219%)	Ty3-RT Ty3/gypsy Ogre/Tat (1118 hits 11.6%) Ty3-INT Ty3/gypsy Ogre/Tat (956 hits 9.9%) Ty3-RH Ty3/gypsy Ogre/Tat (208 hits 2.15%) Ty3-GAG Ty3/gypsy Ogre/Tat (50 hits	gypsy_Ogre_TatA1.CL6Contig2705 (550hits, 5.03%) gypsy_Ogre_TatA2.CL7Contig1310 (480hits, 4.46%) gypsy_Ogre_TatA3.CL19Contig1418 (401hits, 3.82%) gypsy_Ogre_TatA2.CL7Contig2590 (385h.....		29.1	15.16	0.015	0.072

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HTML report – individual clusters



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>CLxContigY (length[bp]-read_depth-genome_representation)

>CL1Contig1 (126-9.0-1128)

GACCAATTTTAAAATGTGAAATTAATGATCCCACATTGAAATTGGACAAATTATAAGCTA
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>CL1Contig5 (120-2.2-267)

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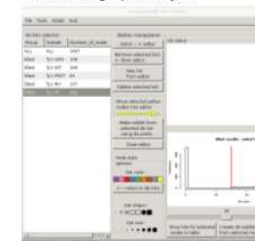
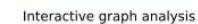
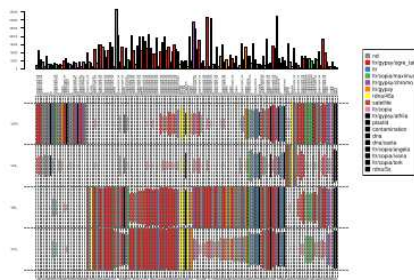
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Protein domain analysis

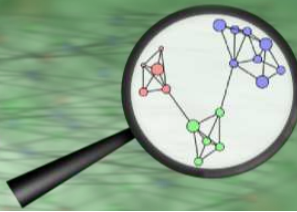
ChIP-seq-mapper



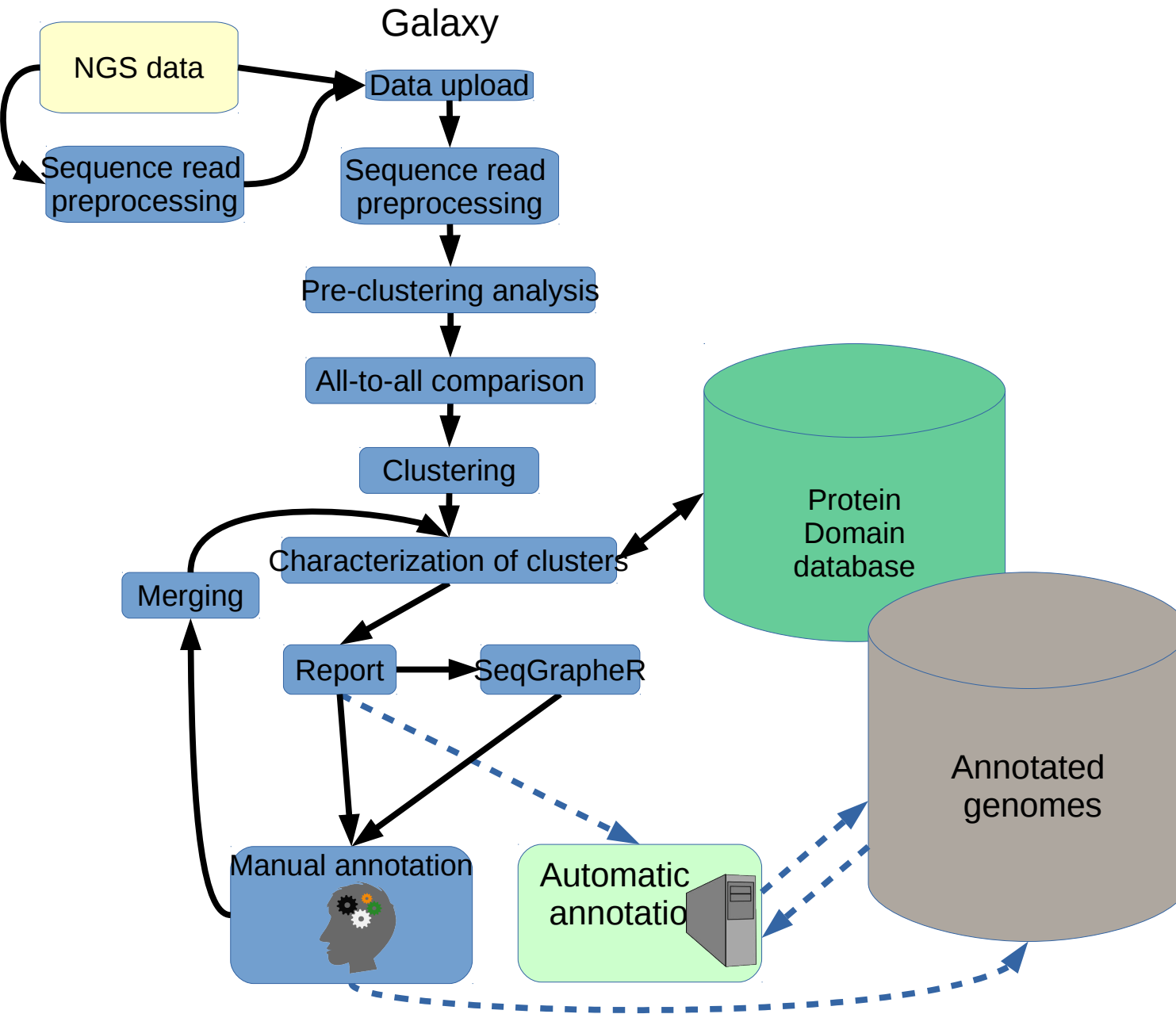
Reconstruction of complete Probe, Primer design

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Automatic annotation





RepeatExplorer availability:

source code

<https://bitbucket.org/repeatexplorer/>

- Galaxy server – Graphical user interface

www.repeatexplorer.org

<https://galaxy-elixir.cerit-sc.cz/> ELIXIR-CZ instance

- Your custom instance
- Command line