Variance Mesocosm Visualisation

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# Load packages
library(readxl)
## Warning: package 'readxl' was built under R version 4.3.3
library(nlme)
## Warning: package 'nlme' was built under R version 4.3.3
library(lme4)
## Warning: package 'lme4' was built under R version 4.3.3
## Loading required package: Matrix
## Warning: package 'Matrix' was built under R version 4.3.3
## Attaching package: 'lme4'
## The following object is masked from 'package:nlme':
##
       lmList
library(DAAG)
## Warning: package 'DAAG' was built under R version 4.3.3
library(ggplot2)
## Warning: package 'ggplot2' was built under R version 4.3.3
library(dplyr)
## Warning: package 'dplyr' was built under R version 4.3.3
## Attaching package: 'dplyr'
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## The following object is masked from 'package:nlme':
##
       collapse
##
## The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
##
       filter, lag
## The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
##
##
       intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
library(MuMIn)
## Warning: package 'MuMIn' was built under R version 4.3.3
library(car)
## Warning: package 'car' was built under R version 4.3.3
## Loading required package: carData
## Warning: package 'carData' was built under R version 4.3.3
##
## Attaching package: 'car'
## The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
##
##
       recode
## The following object is masked from 'package:DAAG':
##
##
       vif
library(viridis)
## Warning: package 'viridis' was built under R version 4.3.3
## Loading required package: viridisLite
library(DHARMa)
## Warning: package 'DHARMa' was built under R version 4.3.3
## This is DHARMa 0.4.7. For overview type '?DHARMa'. For recent changes, type news(package = 'DHARMa')
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library(FSA)
## Warning: package 'FSA' was built under R version 4.3.3
## Registered S3 methods overwritten by 'FSA':
    method
##
     confint.boot car
    hist.boot
## ## FSA v0.9.6. See citation('FSA') if used in publication.
## ## Run fishR() for related website and fishR('IFAR') for related book.
##
## Attaching package: 'FSA'
## The following object is masked from 'package:car':
##
##
       bootCase
library(emmeans)
## Warning: package 'emmeans' was built under R version 4.3.3
## Welcome to emmeans.
## Caution: You lose important information if you filter this package's results.
## See '? untidy'
library(ggpubr)
## Warning: package 'ggpubr' was built under R version 4.3.3
library(performance)
library(cowplot)
## Warning: package 'cowplot' was built under R version 4.3.3
## Attaching package: 'cowplot'
## The following object is masked from 'package:ggpubr':
##
       get_legend
```

Load in the datasets

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#Import the data
data <- read_excel(file.path(</pre>
  "C:/Users/Joyalea/Documents/UBCO/Thesis",
  "Final_Files",
 "RQ1 AMFAbundance",
 "Variance_Longform_M24_M25.xlsx"
))
#Clean and format columns
data <- data %>%
 mutate(
    sample_group = gsub("[A-Z]$", "", sample_id),
   mesocosm_id = case_when(
      sample_group %in% c("Br70", "Br71", "Br72", "Ga70", "Ga71",
                          "Ga72", "Fe70", "Fe71", "Fe72", "Ta70", "Ta71",
                          "Ta72") ~ 24,
      sample_group %in% c("Br73", "Br74", "Br75", "Ga73", "Ga74", "Ga75",
                          "Fe73", "Fe74", "Fe75", "Ta73", "Ta74", "Ta75") ~ 25,
      TRUE ~ NA real
   ),
   sample_id = as.factor(sample_id),
    species = as.factor(species),
    sample_group = as.factor(sample_group),
    copies_uL = as.numeric(copies_uL))
#Load dilution + elution data
dilution_data <-read_excel(file.path(</pre>
  "C:/Users/Joyalea/Documents/UBCO/Thesis",
  "Final_Files",
  "RQ1_AMFAbundance",
 "Variance_DilutionFactors_All.xlsx"
))
View(data)
#Keep relevant columns
dilution_data <- dilution_data %>%
  select(sample_id, dilution_factor, elution_volume)
#Join the dilution data to the main ddPCR longform dataset
data <- data %>%
 left_join(dilution_data, by = "sample_id")
#Define root mass used per extraction
data <- data %>%
  mutate(root_mass = case_when())
    species %in% c("Bromus", "Festuca") ~ 0.1,
    species %in% c("Gaillardia", "Taraxacum") ~ 0.2,
   TRUE ~ NA_real_
 ))
#Calculate total copies and copies per gram (22 uL used per reaction)
data <- data %>%
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mutate(
   total_copies = copies_uL * 22 * dilution_factor * elution_volume,
   copies_g = total_copies / root_mass
)

#Calculate total copies in elution volume. Use total copies to calculate
#copies per gram of host root
data <- data %>%
   mutate(
   total_copies = copies_uL * elution_volume * dilution_factor,
   copies_g = total_copies / root_mass
)
```

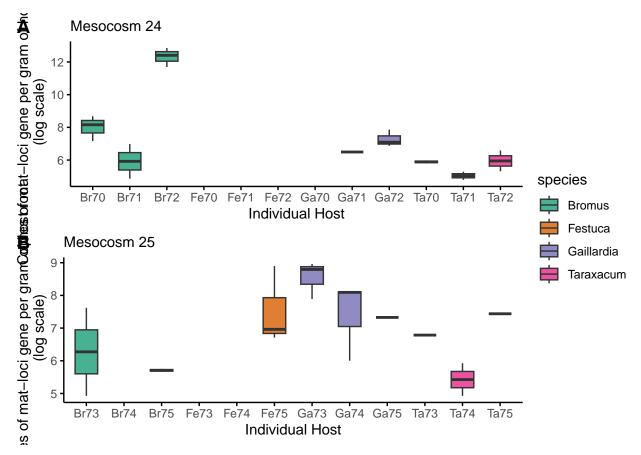
Visualise variation (1) within a host and (2) between hosts

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## Warning: Removed 18 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range
## ('stat_boxplot()').

## Warning in get_plot_component(plot, "guide-box"): Multiple components found;
## returning the first one. To return all, use 'return_all = TRUE'.

## Warning: Removed 18 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range
## ('stat_boxplot()').

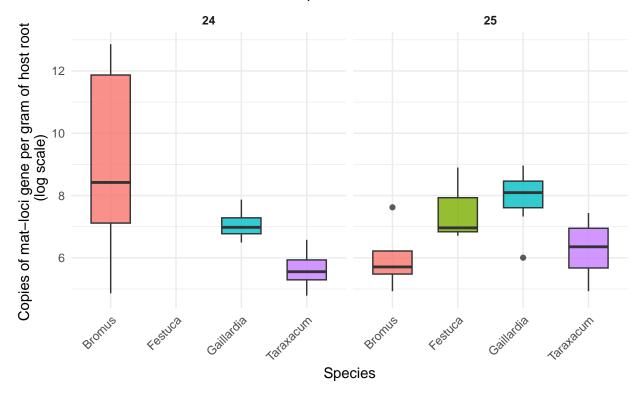
## Removed 18 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range
## ('stat_boxplot()').
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Warning: Removed 36 rows containing non-finite outside the scale range
('stat_boxplot()').

Between-Host Variation in AMF Abundance

Variation across hosts of the same species within each mesocosm



Note that the echo = FALSE parameter was added to the code chunk to prevent printing of the R code that generated the plot.

Calculate the coefficient of variation (1) Within hosts and (2) Between hosts

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#Calculate CV within each individual host (within-host)
#Ensure within group comparisons have > 2 observations
valid_within_groups <- data %>%
  filter(copies_g > 0) %>%
  group_by(sample_group, species, mesocosm_id) %>%
  summarise(n_reps = n(), .groups = "drop") %>%
  filter(n_reps >= 2)

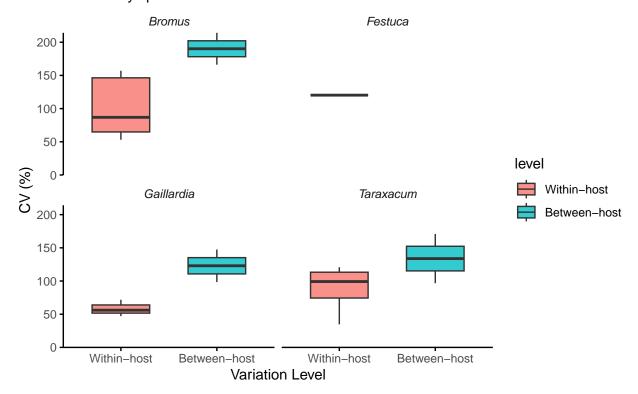
cv_within_hosts <- data %>%
  semi_join(valid_within_groups, by = c("sample_group", "species", "mesocosm_id")) %>%
  group_by(sample_group, species, mesocosm_id) %>%
  summarise(
  mean = mean(copies_g, na.rm = TRUE),
  sd = sd(copies_g, na.rm = TRUE),
  cv = (sd / mean) * 100,
  .groups = "drop"
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) %>%
  mutate(level = "Within-host")
#Calculate CV between hosts (conspecifics in same mesocosm)
\# Have to filter species * mesocosm groups where > 2 hosts have non-zero abundance
#Can't claculate CV for 1 observation
valid_between_groups <- data %>%
  filter(copies g > 0) %>%
  group by (species, mesocosm id) %>%
  summarise(n_hosts = n_distinct(sample_group), .groups = "drop") %>%
  filter(n hosts >= 2)
#calculate CV using groups with >2 observations
cv_between_hosts <- data %>%
  semi_join(valid_between_groups, by = c("species", "mesocosm_id")) %>%
  group_by(species, mesocosm_id) %>%
  summarise(
   mean = mean(copies_g, na.rm = TRUE),
    sd = sd(copies_g, na.rm = TRUE),
    cv = (sd / mean) * 100,
    .groups = "drop"
  ) %>%
  mutate(level = "Between-host")
#Combine into one dataframe
cv_comparison <- bind_rows(cv_within_hosts, cv_between_hosts)</pre>
#View CV within and between hosts
print(cv_comparison, n =Inf)
## # A tibble: 19 x 7
##
      sample_group species
                              mesocosm_id
                                             mean
                                                         sd
                                                               cv level
##
      <fct>
                   <fct>
                                    <dbl>
                                             <dbl>
                                                      <dbl> <dbl> <chr>
## 1 Br70
                   Bromus
                                       24
                                             3559.
                                                     2308.
                                                             64.8 Within-host
## 2 Br71
                   Bromus
                                       24
                                              403
                                                      590. 146. Within-host
## 3 Br72
                                       24 249350 132434.
                   Bromus
                                                            53.1 Within-host
## 4 Br73
                   Bromus
                                       25
                                             726
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1140. 157. Within-host
## 5 Br75
                                                         86.9 Within-host
                  Bromus
                                     25
                                           201
                                                   175.
## 6 Fe75
                                     25
                                                  3687. 120. Within-host
                  Festuca
                                          3065.
## 7 Ga72
                  Gaillardia
                                     24
                                         1590
                                                  891. 56.1 Within-host
                                                         47.2 Within-host
## 8 Ga73
                  Gaillardia
                                     25
                                         5690
                                                  2683.
## 9 Ga74
                  Gaillardia
                                     25
                                          2358.
                                                  1693.
                                                          71.8 Within-host
## 10 Ta70
                                           241.
                                                          87.6 Within-host
                  Taraxacum
                                     24
                                                  212.
## 11 Ta71
                                           159
                                                    55.2 34.7 Within-host
                  Taraxacum
                                     24
## 12 Ta72
                                                   371. 121. Within-host
                  Taraxacum
                                     24
                                           308.
                                                   189. 111. Within-host
## 13 Ta74
                  Taraxacum
                                     25
                                           171.
## 14 <NA>
                                     24 84437. 140306. 166. Between-host
                  Bromus
## 15 <NA>
                  Bromus
                                     25
                                           309
                                                   662. 214. Between-host
## 16 <NA>
                                                   890. 147. Between-host
                                     24
                                           603.
                  Gaillardia
                                         2852.
                                                  2808. 98.5 Between-host
## 17 <NA>
                  Gaillardia
                                     25
## 18 <NA>
                  Taraxacum
                                     24 246.
                                                   237. 96.7 Between-host
## 19 <NA>
                  Taraxacum
                                     25
                                           344.
                                                   588. 171. Between-host
```

```
#Create levels (within and between) for the plot
cv_comparison$level <- factor(cv_comparison$level,</pre>
                               levels = c("Within-host", "Between-host"))
#Plot
cv_species_facet <- ggplot(cv_comparison, aes(x = level, y = cv, fill = level)) +</pre>
 geom_boxplot(alpha = 0.8, width = 0.6, outlier.shape = NA) +
 # geom_jitter(width = 0.15, shape = 21, size = 2, alpha = 0.7, color = "black") +
  facet_wrap(~ species) +
  scale_y_continuous(limits = c(0, NA), expand = c(0, 0)) +
  labs(
    title = "Coefficient of Variation (CV) within and between hosts",
    subtitle = "Faceted by species",
    x = "Variation Level",
    y = "CV (\%)"
  ) +
  theme_minimal() +
  theme(
    panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
    panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
    axis.line = element_line(colour = "black"),
    axis.ticks = element_line(colour = "black"),
    strip.text = element_text(face = "italic")
print(cv species facet)
```

Coefficient of Variation (CV) within and between hosts Faceted by species



```
#Perform a wilcoxon-rank summed test to see if there is a significant difference
#in within vs between host CV
wilcox.test(cv ~ level, data = cv_comparison) #significant
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##
## Wilcoxon rank sum exact test
##
## data: cv by level
## W = 11, p-value = 0.01246
## alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0
```