

问题

- Introduction

My name is Ziyuan Wang, a fourth-year undergraduate from Sichuan University, majoring in computational biology. I have been taking plenty of courses related to biology, statistics, and programming during my three-year undergraduate study, during which I got an overall GPA of 3.92/4.00, with the rank in my major as 1/27. My research interests consist of population genetics and deep learning.

- why school

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) is Houston's Health University and Texas' resource for health care education, innovation, scientific discovery and excellence in patient care. The most comprehensive academic health center in The UT System and the U.S. Gulf Coast region, UTHealth is home to schools of biomedical informatics, biomedical sciences, dentistry, medicine, nursing and public health.

At the same time, UTHealth also offers many cooperative internship opportunities, a large number of case samples and good computing resources, all of which are good research conditions.

- why phd

First of all, I am very interested in research, and I enjoy the process of solving problems. At the same time, I really want to use computational and statistical methods to solve problems related to human diseases. At the same time, my future goal is to pursue an academic career. Obtaining a doctoral degree can improve my competitiveness, and participating in a doctoral program can enable me to learn more professional knowledge under the guidance of advisor.

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The main question we want to explore is, what factors influence transposon activity.

Geographic factors, including altitude and geographical location, are known to affect the Arabidopsis genome. As shown here, despite the Arabidopsises are close to each other, genome variation can be large. The root cause is that the genomes of different arabidopsis species are located in different growth conditions.

G4 is a short piece of DNA in the genome that, when folded, blocks methylation on CpG island. The role of transposons in genome changes in *Arabidopsis thaliana* has been reported in many studies. However, methylation can inactivate transposons leading to genome differences between different species.

LTR is a retrotransposon that can be copied and pasted. LTRs are often the target of epigenetic regulation, whereas retrotransposons are methylated and inactivated by the host. G4s have been observed in unmethylated regions of genomes of different kingdom before. We speculate that the presence of G4s in LTRs may be related to such inactivating mechanism, probably by interfering with the methylation process. Because G4s formed on one strand would theoretically leave the other strand in a single-stranded state, it is possible they could hinder methylation of the surrounding sequences, even if they were rich in CpG.

It has been speculated that the activity of transposase is affected by different geographical and climatic conditions. But here, we propose that different geographical and climatic environments will affect the folding of G4, and failure of G4 to fold will lead to methylation of CpG islands on both sides of LTR and inactivation of transposons.

菠菜 *Spinacia oleracea*

Soil microorganisms can be divided into bulk soil microbial community and rhizosphere microbial community. Rhizosphere microbiome refers to the microorganisms in the soil close to the roots, which are obtained from the soil scraped down from plant roots. Rhizosphere microbiome plays an important role in plant growth. At the same time, some studies have also shown that there is a close relationship between bulk soil microbiome and rhizosphere microbiome, and their interaction is crucial for plant growth.

One of the examples is the microbial hitchhiking. Microbial hitchhiking means that motile bacteria can transport non-motile bacteria to specific locations, such as skin, gut and soil. Previously, it has been reported that there is a phenomenon of microbial hitchhiking from bulk soil to root, verified by wet experiments, and *Bacillus* is an important transport bacteria. Again, in order to further explore this phenomenon, we explored the influence of nitrogen fertilizer on hitchhiking through the method of microbiome. The conclusion is that nitrogen fertilizer affects plant growth by affecting microbial hitchhiking.

In order to explore the phenomenon of hitchhiking, filter-membrane was added to the roots of plants to prevent bacterial migration to the rhizosphere. A control group without plants was also set.

When nitrogen concentration is moderate or suitable, spinach grows better. At the same time, the soil function analysis at this concentration shows that the abundance of cell motility is large, which provides necessary conditions for hitchhiking. At the same time, through the correlation analysis of bulk soil microbial community and rhizosphere microbial community, we found that under this concentration, *Bacillus* was found to have the character of Hitchhiking, and the intensity of hitchhiking is the strongest.

There was no significant difference in the growth of spinach under different nitrogen concentration in membrane treatment. It seems that when the membrane-filter was added the hitchhiking phenomenon disappeared.

结论

The addition of appropriate nitrogen fertilizer promoted the growth of plants benefit from microbial hitchhiking.

名词

- G-Quadruplex
- retrotransposon
- transposon
- transposase
- *Arabidopsis thaliana*
- *Spinacia oleracea*
- *Bacillus subtilis*

群体遗传

Linkage disequilibrium

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Drift

Random change in the allele frequency from one generation to the next

群体遗传-Drift

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杂合子概率与有效群体数量有关

$$H_t = (1 - \frac{1}{2N_e})^t H_0$$

$$F = \frac{H_e - H_o}{H_e}$$

H_0 是初始群体杂合子频率， H_t 是经过t代之后群体杂合子频率。 F 固定指数，实际的杂合子和HW平衡的比较。衡量种群中基因型实际频率是否偏离遗传平衡理论比例的指标。

有效群体数量的估计 N_e

利用IBD反推 N_e

近交有效群体数量 - 在一个群体中两个等位基因是来自共同祖先IBD的概率，和该概率等效的理想群体数就是近交有效群体数。

两种具体计算方式

<https://www.isbreeding.net/common/UploadFiles/file/teaching/数量遗传学教学2017/第4章课件.pdf>

距离隔离

随着空间距离的增加，交配概率或者配子扩散数量降低。

基因系谱和溯祖模型 Coalescent theory

溯祖：根据当前的群体样本逆推过去群体中发生的事件，直到找到一个共同的祖先。

最近共同祖先 **Most Recent Common Ancestor**：在系谱中，对当前样本溯祖，第一个出现的共同的祖先，即最近共同祖先。

基本假设： N_e 不变

$2N_e$ 单倍体群体中，两个单倍体来自于父代服从几何分布，当有效群体数较大时服从指数分布

对于多个系谱的溯祖，系谱越多，两两溯祖发生的概率越大，等待时间越短。

溯祖树高：从当下到k个系谱找到它们的最近共同祖先所需要的时间。树高平均为 $2N_e$ 代- $4N_e$ 代，当k=2时，所需时间最短，为 $2N_e$ ，随着k的增加，所需时间增长，最长为 $4N_e$ 。

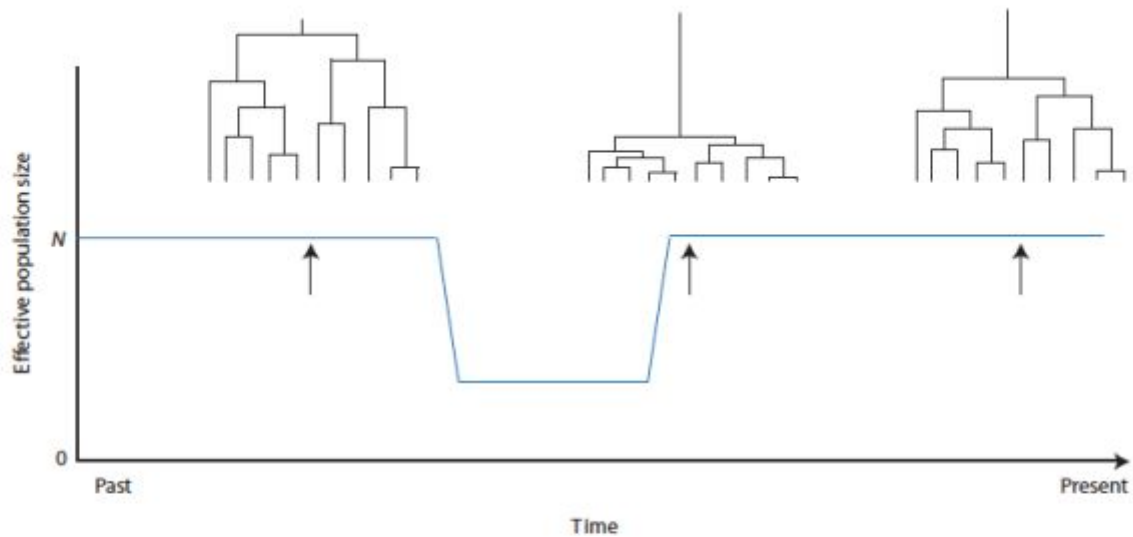


Figure 3.28 The effects of a population bottleneck on gene genealogies. During the bottleneck the chance that two randomly sampled gene copies are derived from one copy in the previous generation $\left(\frac{1}{2N_e}\right)$ increases. This can also be thought of as a reduction in the overall height of a genealogical tree caused by the bottleneck since lineages that find their ancestors during the bottleneck lead to short branches. The overall effect of a bottleneck on coalescence among gene copies sampled in the present depends on the reduction in the effective population size and the duration. The arrows indicate the point in time when gene copies were sampled from the population.

瓶颈时间和溯祖 coalescence

在群体经历了瓶颈事件时，群体中的各个系谱比瓶颈前或后更容易找到共同祖先，所以在瓶颈的溯祖时间变短。

主要原因 N_e 变小

扩张群体：越靠近当下时间，群体数量越大，溯祖时间越长；反之，随着时间回溯，有效群体数量变小，溯祖时间变短。

收缩群体：越靠近当下，群体数量越小，溯祖时间越短；反之，随着时间回溯，有效群体数量扩大，溯祖所需时间越长。

瓶颈事件后种群成为收缩群体

neutual Test

neutual reference locus

HKA use 5' psudogene

MK 同义突变synonymous和非同义突变nonsynonymous

$D < 0$ ：群体有过多的低频位点 -> 近期定向选择或者群体扩张；

$D > 0$ ：群体有过多的中等频率位点 -> 经历平衡选择或者群体收缩。

