Modeling Heterogeneity in Microbial Population Dynamics

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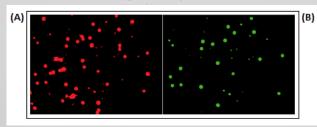
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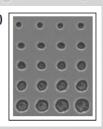
High-Throughput Microscopy Data - μ QFA





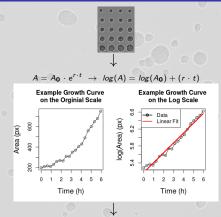




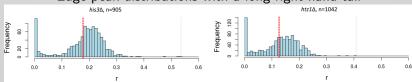


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Estimating Individual Lineage Growth Rates



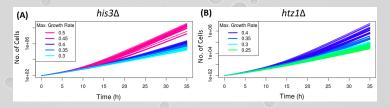
Edge peak distributions with a long right-hand tail



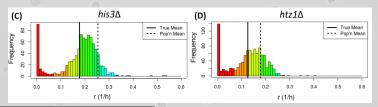
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Heterogeneity gives rise to an apparent lag phase.

Population Simulations¹: $N(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (N_{0_i} \cdot e^{r_i \cdot t})$



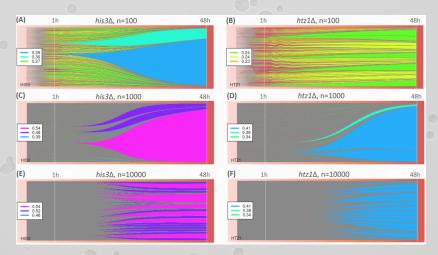
Observed Single Lineage Growth Rates



 ${}^{1}N_{0} = (1, ..., 1)$ and n = 100

Population growth masks single lineage heterogeneity.

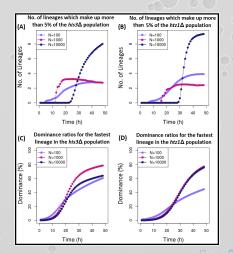
$\mathsf{Mixed} \to \mathsf{Clonal}$

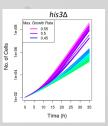


Fast growing lineages dominate population growth.

 The apparent lag phase corresponds to the time required for fast-growing lineages to dominate population growth.

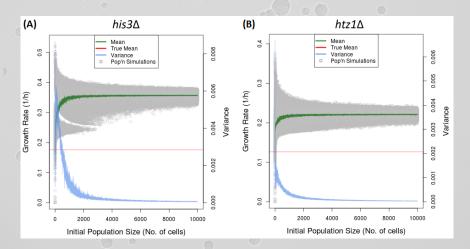






Experimental Design Implications

• Initial population size affects apparent growth rate.



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