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This is for my mother who paved the way.

Chapter 1: Introduction

- Plant Pathogens
 - Evolution and Adaptation
 - Understanding clonal population dynamics (*Phytophthora* and *Zymoseptoria* examples)
- Tools for analysis
 - Tools for clonal populations always come after sexual populations
 - We wrote our own tools
- Goals of my work
 1. development of computational tools to characterize populations
 2. application of these tools to address empirical and theoretical questions

1.1 Population genetics of clonal organisms

- Population genetics is traditionally centered around HWE
- Clonal populations violate basic statistical inference
 - non-independent samples (clones)
 - excess heterozygosity

- Meselson effect (Butlin 2000; Welch & Meselson 2000, 2001; Balloux *et al.* 2003)

1.2 The Genus *Phytophthora*

The genus *Phytophthora*, translating to “plant destroyer” in Greek, contains over 100 species (Kroon *et al.* 2012), many of which have significant impact on US agriculture. *P. sojae* is a major problem on soybean, causing \$1-2 billion in losses each year (Tyler 2007). *P. ramorum* is changing the landscape of the North American West due to its wide host range (Grünwald *et al.* 2008), which results in devastating losses for the US forestry and nursery industries. And *P. infestans*, which was a root cause of over a million deaths during the Irish Potato Famine and continues to be a problem on tomato and potato crops, resulting in losses exceeding \$6 billion, annually (Haas *et al.* 2009). *Phytophthora spp.* are water molds characterized by production of oospores and biflagellate zoospores that place them into the Stramenopiles (Baldauf 2003). They are most closely related to golden brown algae and quite diverged from fungi.

1.2.1 life cycle

1.2.2 Sex and mating types

1.2.3 Heterothallic, clonal: *P. ramorum*

- Sudden Oak Death

- Population genetics in US nurseries (Goss *et al.* 2009)

1.2.4 Homothallic, partially clonal: *P. syringae*

- Abundant in OR Nurseries (found in foliar isolates) (Parke *et al.* 2014)
- Genetic structure uncharacterized

1.3 Tools for analysis of clonal population genetics

Recommendations have been made for analysis (Arnaud-Hanod *et al.* 2007)

- MLG diversity
- Genotype Accumulation Curve
- P_{sex} and P_{gen}

1.3.1 Index of Association

- Standardized Version (Agapow & Burt 2001)
- Previous Simulation Analyses (de Meeûs & Balloux 2004)
- What's missing
 - Sympatric clonal lineages
 - Analysis of significance testing
 - HTS markers

1.3.2 Software Limitations

Plethora of tools, most designed for sexual populations except:

- GenClone
- GenoDive

Problems with file formatting, time, and reproducibility.

1.3.3 poppr

- R
- poppr

1.4 Applications of novel tools for analysis of partially-clonal populations

- Simulation analysis of \bar{r}_d
- SSR analysis of *P. ramorum*
- GBS analysis of *P. syringae*

1.5 Conclusion

- Open Source Scientific Software Development of Poppr
 - Related tools
- Simulation Analysis

- Pop gen info for two *Phytophthoras*
- Major results of your work in 2-4 sentences ...

Chapter 2: *Poppr*: an R Package For Genetic Analysis of Populations
With Clonal, Partially Clonal, and/or Sexual Reproduction

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2.1 Abstract

Many microbial, fungal, or oomcyete populations violate assumptions for population genetic analysis because these populations are clonal, admixed, partially clonal, and/or sexual. Furthermore, few tools exist that are specifically designed for analyzing data from clonal populations, making analysis difficult and haphazard. We developed the R package `poppr` providing unique tools for analysis of data from admixed, clonal, mixed, and/or sexual populations. Currently, `poppr` can be used for dominant/codominant and haploid/diploid genetic data. Data can be imported from several formats including GenAIEx formatted text files and can be analyzed on a user-defined hierarchy that includes unlimited levels of subpopulation structure and clone censoring. New functions include calculation of Bruvo's distance for microsatellites, batch-analysis of the index of association with several indices of genotypic diversity, and graphing including dendograms with bootstrap support and minimum spanning networks. While functions for genotypic diversity and clone censoring are specific for clonal populations, several functions found in `poppr` are also valuable to analysis of any populations. A manual with documentation and examples is provided. `Poppr` is open source and major releases are available on CRAN: <http://cran.r-project.org/package=poppr>. More supporting documentation and tutorials can be found under 'resources' at: <http://grunwaldlab.cgrb.oregonstate.edu/>.

Chapter 3: Spatial and Temporal Analysis of Populations of the Sudden
Oak Death Pathogen in Oregon Forests

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3.1 Abstract

Sudden oak death caused by the oomycete *Phytophthora ramorum* was first discovered in California toward the end of the 20th century and subsequently emerged on tanoak forests in Oregon before its first detection in 2001 by aerial surveys. The Oregon Department of Forestry has since monitored the epidemic and sampled symptomatic tanoak trees from 2001 to the present. Populations sampled over this period were genotyped using microsatellites and studied to infer the population genetic history. To date, only the NA1 clonal lineage is established in this region, although three lineages exist on the North American west coast. The original introduction into the Joe Hall area eventually spread to several regions: mostly north but also east and southwest. A new introduction into Hunter Creek appears to correspond to a second introduction not clustering with the early introduction. Our data are best explained by both introductions originating from nursery populations in California or Oregon and resulting from two distinct introduction events. Continued vigilance and eradication of nursery populations of *P. ramorum* are important to avoid further emergence and potential introduction of other clonal lineages.

3.2 Introduction

Sudden oak death (SOD) emerged as a severe epidemic disease on coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) and tanoak (*Notholithocarpus densiflorus*) in California in the mid 1990s and reemerged shortly thereafter on tanoak in Oregon in the early 2000s (Hansen et al. 2008; Rizzo et al. 2005; Grünwald et al. 2008a; Everhart et al. 2014). SOD is

caused by *Phytophthora ramorum* Werres, De Cock & Man in't Veld, and is considered to be one of the top two oomycete pathogens based on its scientific and economic importance

(Kamoun et al. 2014; Werres et al. 2001). The Oregon epidemic was first detected during aerial surveys in 2001 on tanoak but likely derived from initial introductions in the late 1990s. The Oregon Department of Forestry has since monitored the epidemic and sampled symptomatic tanoaks since 2001 (Hansen et al. 2008). Strains sampled from infected sites in forest or nursery environments have been genotyped in several labs using a range of microsatellite loci (Grünwald et al. 2009; Ivors et al. 2006; Prospero et al. 2004, 2007, 2009).

P. ramorum has emerged repeatedly around the world as 4 distinct clonal lineages found in North America (lineages NA1, NA2, and EU1) and Europe (EU1 and EU2) (Grünwald et al. 2012; Ivors et al. 2006; Van Poucke et al. 2012). The lineages have been named by the continent on which they first appeared, i.e. North America (= NA) or Europe (= EU) and are numbered in order of discovery (Grünwald et al. 2009). The NA1 clonal lineage was first discovered in California causing SOD on tanoak and coast live oak and is the one currently found in Curry County, Oregon, USA (Mascheretti et al. 2008). The EU1 and NA2 populations were discovered later in nursery environments and are currently only found in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia while the NA1 clone has been shipped with nursery plants from the West to the Southern and Southwestern US (Goss et al. 2011; Grünwald et al. 2012; Goss et al. 2009; Ivors et al. 2006; Prospero et al. 2009; Mascheretti et al. 2008). The EU1 clonal lineage is the one first discovered in Europe, but in 2007 the

new EU2 lineage emerged in Northern Ireland and since migrated to Western Scotland (Werres et al. 2001; Van Poucke et al. 2012). EU1 was first introduced to Europe and eventually migrated to the Pacific Northwest of North America (Goss et al. 2011).

P. ramorum populations sampled in Oregon forests to date belong exclusively to the NA1 clonal lineage (Hansen et al. 2008; Prospero et al. 2007). Given that NA2 and/or EU1 clones have been found in California, Oregon, Washington, and/or British Columbia in association with nursery plant movements, introduction of NA2 or EU1 from nursery environments to Curry County forests is a plausible scenario (Goss et al. 2011, 2009; Grünwald et al. 2012; Prospero et al. 2009, 2007). Our present work thus monitors populations and potential emergence of novel lineages in Oregon forests.

Our main objectives here are to describe the spatial and temporal pattern of the populations and clonal dynamic of the SOD pathogen in Curry County in southwestern Oregon from 2001 to the present. Specifically, we asked (1) if novel lineages have been introduced into the forests in Curry County, (2) if multiple introductions occurred, and (3) whether introduction might have come from nursery populations. We sampled infected tanoaks between 2001-2014 and characterized populations using microsatellite analysis.

3.3 Materials and Methods

Location. The SOD infested areas are located in the Siskiyou Mountains of Curry County in south western Oregon near the town of Brookings (42.0575° N, 124.2864° W) on the coast (Figure 3.1) (Prospero et al. 2007). The Siskiyou mountains form

part of the Klamath Mountain range (Franklin and Dyrness 1988). The vegetation in SOD infested areas is a mosaic of different vegetation types including mixed-evergreen, redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) and Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) forests with tanoak as the dominant SOD host.

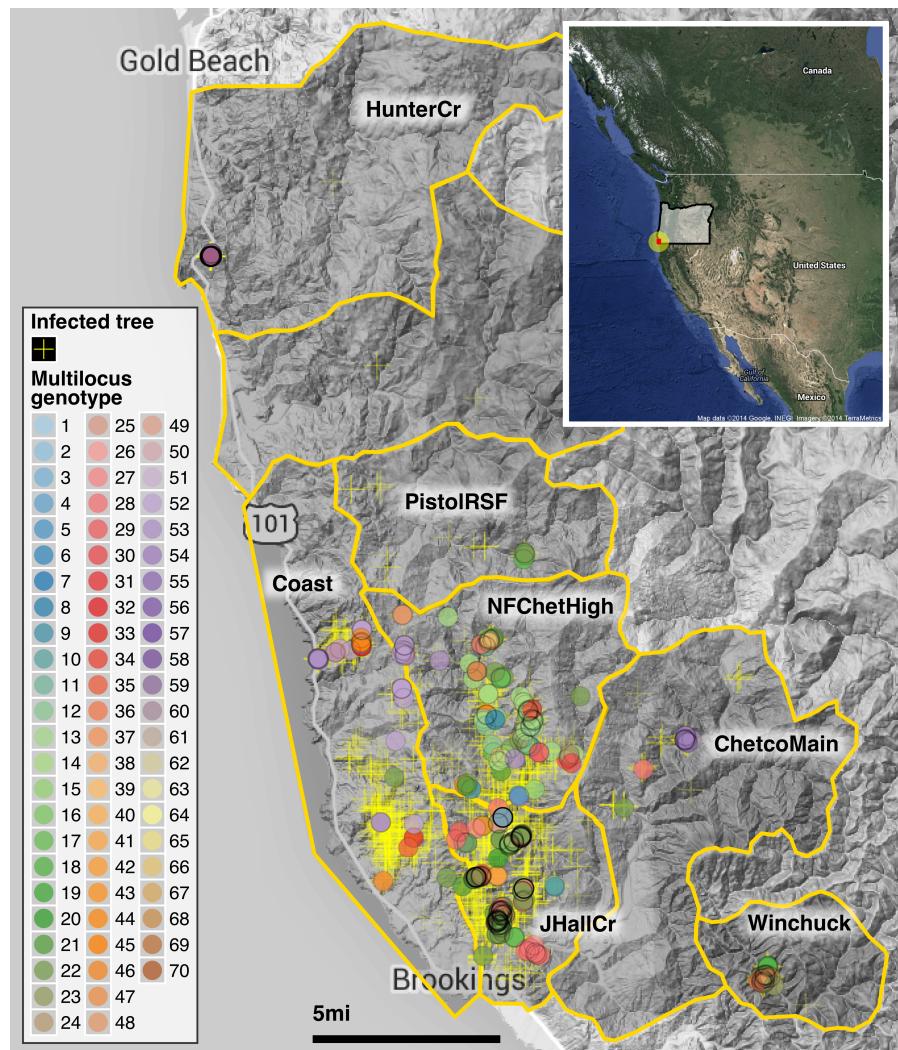


Figure 3.1: Spatial distribution of the SOD epidemic and multilocus genotypes of *Phytophthora ramorum* in Curry County, Oregon. The yellow crosses mark tanoak trees found positive for *P. ramorum* during aerial surveys. A total of 70 multilocus genotypes have been identified between 2001-2014 and are marked by color as shown in the legend. The abbreviations for regions shown in the map are explained in Table 1. The inset shows the placement of Curry county (red dot) in SW Oregon.

Sampling. Commencing in 2001, 2-4 aerial surveys per year were conducted over

the tanoak range by the Oregon Department of Forestry and the USDA Forest Service in Curry County. The survey detects recently killed tanoaks based on the reddish-brown color of foliage (Hansen et al. 2008). All trees identified by aerial surveys were ground checked and geographically referenced using a hand-held GPS instrument (Garmin GPS 12XL or 60CX, Garmin International, Olathe, KS). Bark or foliage samples were collected for determination of *P. ramorum* presence by culturing in the field and laboratory. Host plants within the area of the delimitation survey, generally 300 feet, were also inspected and sampled if they were symptomatic. Maps of distribution were prepared using ArcView GIS version 3.3 and ArcMap version 10.2 (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Redlands, CA).

Isolation, identification and DNA extraction. Isolations were made from symptomatic plant tissue onto selective CARP agar (Difco corn meal agar, 10 ppm natamycin, 200pm NA-ampicillin, and 10 ppm rifampicin) (Prospero et al. 2007). Candidate *Phytophthora* cultures were transferred onto corn meal agar with 30 ppm β -sitosterol. *P. ramorum* identification was confirmed by microscopic inspection for presence of characteristic chlamydospores and deciduous sporangia (Werres et al. 2001). Genomic DNA was extracted using either the FastDNA SPIN kit (MP Biomedicals, LLC; 116540600) (Goss et al. 2009) or the cetyltrimethyl ammonium bromide (CTAB)-chloroform-isopropanol method (Winton and Hansen 2001). Table 1 provides an overview of strains collected by year and region following regions as shown in figure 1.

Genotyping, data validation, and harmonization. Five microsatellite loci were utilized in this analysis: PrMS6, Pr9C3, PrMS39, PrMS45, and PrMS43 (Grünwald et

al. 2009; Prospero et al. 2004, 2007; Grünwald et al. 2008b). Genotyping (see specific protocols in supplementary text) of *P. ramorum* strains collected 2001-2012 occurred over several years and in several laboratories, with different protocols and sequencers. Consequently, a concerted effort was made to create a comprehensive dataset with identical allele calls. To detect errors, allele calls from all five genotyped loci were generated for a subsample of 40 isolates representing the most common multilocus genotypes from the culture collection, and then compared to data from participating laboratories. Three of the five loci, PrMS6, Pr9C3, and PrMS39 had identical allele calls between laboratories for the subsampled isolates. The remaining two loci, PrMS45 and PrMS43, had allele calls that differed by a single bp between laboratories. Data from PrMS45 and PrMS43 were therefore corrected to allow consistent comparisons of allele calls. Given the varied nature of the genotyping data described above genotyping of *P. ramorum* strains consists of two datasets including either 5 loci (2001-14) or a newly developed, multiplexed method including 14 loci (samples 2013-14) (Table 2). Details on both genotyping methods can be found in the supplementary text and figure S1.

Nursery populations. To determine if forest populations cluster with different nursery populations from Oregon or California, we used previously published data from our work to determine relationships among nursery and Curry County forest populations (Goss et al. 2011, 2009; Grünwald et al. 2009; Prospero et al. 2009, 2007).

Data analysis. All individuals genotyped for this effort belonged to the NA1 clonal lineage (Grünwald et al. 2009). Thus, all analyses presented here focused on describing the clonal dynamic using model-free approaches that avoid violation of

population genetic theory. Samples were grouped into different multilocus genotypes (MLGs) defined by the unique combination of alleles across all observed loci from the consensus five SSR loci genotyped across all years. For identification purposes, unique MLGs were then assigned an arbitrary number from 1 to the total number of observed MLGs. Population genetic analysis was conducted using the computer and statistical language R (R Core team 2014) using various packages as well as R functions written specifically for this project (see github link below). Graphs and figures were created using the R packages *ggplot2*, *ape*, *igraph*, *ggmap*, and *poppr* (Wickham 2009; Csardi and Nepusz 2006; Paradis et al. 2004; Kahle and Wickham 2013; Kamvar et al. 2014). Within-locus allelic diversity was analyzed across and within years and regions using the function `locus_table` from the R package *poppr* (Table S1)(Kamvar et al. 2014). To address the temporal and spatial aspects of the data, populations were analyzed both by year isolated and watershed region (Table 1; Fig. 1). Watershed regions were drawn with ArcMap version 10.2 (Environmental Systems Research Institute, Redlands, CA). The regions represent drainages or portions of drainages in which infected trees were discovered as the disease progressed over time. In most cases, ridgelines dividing drainages formed the boundary of a region. These regions were saved as shapefiles and imported into R with *rgdal* (Bivand et al. 2014).

Genotypic diversity was analyzed within and across years and populations, with the Shannon-Wiener index (H) and the Stoddard and Taylor's index (G), (Shannon and Weaver 1949; Stoddart and Taylor 1988). Both G and H measure genotypic diversity, combining richness and evenness. If all genotypes are equally abundant, then the value of G will be the number of MLGs and the value of H will be the natural log of the

number of MLGs. Both G and H are used as they weigh more or less abundant MLGs more heavily, respectively (Grünwald et al. 2003). Evenness was calculated as E_5 , which is an estimator of evenness that utilizes both H and G that gives a ratio of the number of abundant genotypes to rare genotypes (Grünwald et al. 2003; Pielou 1975; Ludwig 1988). These were calculated with the R packages *poppr* and *vegan* (Oksanen et al. 2013; Kamvar et al. 2014). Confidence intervals were calculated using the R package *boot* with 9,999 bootstrap resamplings (Canty and Ripley 2014). Richness, or the expected number of MLGs (*eMLG*), was calculated using rarefaction from the R packages *poppr* and *vegan* (Hurlbert 1971; Heck et al. 1975). Some statistics (AMOVA, genotypic diversity, index of association, allelic diversity, and Nei's distance) were also performed on clone-censored data where each MLG was represented once per population hierarchy.

Because the analysis of genotypic diversity, richness and evenness is agnostic to specific alleles within MLGs, assessment of genetic relatedness between MLGs was performed using the function *bruvo.dist* using *poppr*, which calculates Bruvo's genetic distance, utilizing a stepwise mutation model for microsatellite loci (Bruvo et al. 2004; Kamvar et al. 2014). This distance thus gives a more fine-scale picture of relationships between individuals than band-sharing models. These relationships were visualized with minimum spanning networks generated using the R packages *igraph* and *poppr* (Csardi and Nepusz 2006; Kamvar et al. 2014).

If the epidemic had a single origin, a correlation between genetic and geographic distance would be expected as populations acquire mutations over time and clonally diverge regardless of rates of spread. Divergence is affected by rates and distance of

spread where long-distance dispersal or low rates of mutation would lead to less divergence and thus lower correlations between genetic and geographic distances. This was tested by performing Mantel tests across all hierarchical levels in the data set utilizing the function `mantel.randtest` in the R package `ade4` between Bruvo's distance as described above and Euclidean distances between geographic coordinates (Mantel 1967; Dray and Dufour 2007). *P*-values were calculated using 99,999 bootstrap replicates.

As the eradication efforts destroy the immediate habitat in an infected area, one question that we wanted to address was whether or not genotypes were clustering to specific regions or if they were evenly spread throughout Curry County (Prospero et al. 2007). This was tested using three methods: bootstrap analysis of Nei's genetic distance, Analysis of MOlecular VAriance (AMOVA), and Discriminant Analysis of Principal Components (DAPC) in the R packages `poppr`, `ade4`, and `adegenet` (Jombart et al. 2010; Excoffier et al. 1992; Kamvar et al. 2014). The bootstrap analysis utilized 10,000 bootstrap replicates treating loci as independent units with the function `aboot` in `poppr` and was visualized as an unrooted neighbor-joining tree in `figtree` v. 1.4.2 (Figure 3). AMOVA utilizes a distance matrix between genotypes for which hierarchical partitions are defined and attempts to analyze the variation within samples, between samples, between subpopulations within populations and finally between populations. In this case, we used both the hierarchies of samples within years within regions and samples within regions within years. DAPC is a multivariate, model-free approach to clustering based on prior population information (Jombart et al. 2010). This allows us to analyze the population structure by assessing how well samples can be reassigned into previously defined populations. Both DAPC and AMOVA were run with and without

Hunter Creek and Pistol River South Fork due to isolated genotypes and small sample size, respectively. For the DAPC analysis, these removed populations had their origins predicted from the DAPC object using the function `predict.dapc` in the R package *adegenet* (Jombart et al. 2010).

Since DAPC is sensitive to the number of principal components used in analysis, the function `xvalDapc` from the R package *adegenet* was used to select the correct number of principal components with 1,000 replicates using a training set of 90% of the data. The number of principal components was chosen based on the criteria that it had to produce the highest average percent of successful reassignment and lowest root mean squared error (Jombart et al. 2010). Significant deviations from random population structure was tested in AMOVA utilizing the function `randtest` from the R package *ade4* with 9,999 bootstrap replicates (Dray and Dufour 2007).

All data and R scripts to reproduce the analyses shown here are deposited publicly on github (https://github.com/grunwaldlab/Sudden_Oak_Death_in_Oregon_Forests) and citable (DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.13007).

3.4 Results

Demographic pattern and genetic diversity. The epidemic has expanded over time from the initial focus in Joe Hall Creek NE of Brookings, Oregon mostly north (first to N Fork Chetco High) and northwest (Coast, Pistol River South Fork), but also east (Chetco Main and Winchuck) (Fig. 1; Table 1). To date a total of 70 multilocus genotypes have been found in forest populations (Table 1). MLG 22 is most abundant

and the only MLG detected across the whole period (although it was not sampled in every year) (Fig. 2). MLG 59, the second most abundant MLG, was only detected in 2011 and has a high frequency due to the sampling design applied: all 2011 strains were sampled in one concentrated area in the northwestern sampling range geographically distant from any other location (Fig. 1). Given that sampling strategies for some years were not comprehensive, samples from some years have to be interpreted with caution (e.g., 2005-6, 2010-11). Samples from 2013 and 2014 are sampled from all regions and can be considered more representative.

Allelic and genotype diversity within loci revealed that PrMS43 had, on average, the highest number of alleles ($n = 18$). All other loci had 5 or fewer alleles with a moderate to high amount of diversity (Table S2). Nevertheless, the genotype accumulation curve showed a slight plateau, indicating that we have enough power in our data to describe a significant number of MLGs (Fig. S2). Genotypic diversity ($H = 2.98$, $G = 8.64$), evenness ($E_5 = 0.41$), and richness ($eMLG = 7$) were low as expected for a clonal population slowly accumulating mutations over space and time (Table S3). A pattern of increasing diversity across years (with number of MLGs not fewer than 10) was also observed (Table S3). The minimum spanning network showed that MLGs 17, 22, and 28 clustered in the center of the network and had the highest number of connections to other genotypes in the forest populations (Fig. 3). Most genotypes were connected to their immediate neighbors by a genetic distance of 0.05 or the equivalent of one mutational step across 5 diploid loci.

Spatial Correlation. A Mantel test revealed significant correlations of genetic distance and geographic distance for most samples collected after 2003 (Table 3). When

partitioned by year, this correlation appears to increase and become more pronounced with the progression of the epidemic. When partitioned by region, those that are closer to the origin of the epidemic (Joe Hall Creek and N Fork Chetco River) show significant correlation. When the overall mantel test was run without Hunter Creek, the correlation coefficient was reduced (0.175), but was still significant ($p = 0.0001$).

Population differentiation. Cluster analysis of populations with respect to year using Nei's genetic distance showed no significant (>70%) bootstrap support for any clades, but does show that these tend to cluster by region as opposed to year (Fig. S3). AMOVA analysis revealed significant population structure between regions on both clone-corrected (with respect to hierarchy) and uncorrected data sets (Table 4). Significant structure was only found between years within regions on the uncorrected data set. Both patterns were observed without Hunter Creek and Pistol River South Fork isolates. DAPC clustering showed that the first discriminant component separated Hunter Creek from all other regions and the second discriminant component shows a gradient from Joe Hall Creek to the coast (Fig. 4). This distinction was reflected in the percent of correct posterior assignment of isolates to their original populations. Over the whole data set there was an 81.5% assignment-success rate. Hunter Creek received 100% successful reassignment. Joe Hall Creek, Winchuck, and Coast all had >85% successful reassignment whereas Chetco Main, North Fork of the Chetco, and Pistol River South Fork all had <69% successful reassignment (Fig. S4). The isolation of the Hunter Creek isolates in the DAPC analysis was found to be mainly driven by allele 493 at locus PrMS43 (Fig. S5). The only other population to share this allele was Joe Hall Creek where it was present in a total of 4 isolates, and only isolates

found in the coastal region or North Fork Chetco contained the allele 489, which is one mutational step away in a stepwise mutation model of a tetranucleotide repeat locus. When DAPC was run without Hunter Creek and Pistol River South Fork data, percent successful reassignment for all regions did not change significantly. Prediction of sources for the Hunter Creek data revealed that over 98% of the genotypes were assigned to the Coast with a 99% probability.

Clustering of forest with nursery populations. We used previously published data to determine if nursery populations in California or Oregon could have been source populations for the Oregon forest epidemic (Goss et al. 2011, 2009; Grünwald et al. 2009; Prospero et al. 2009, 2007). Nursery data included 40 MLGs across 216 samples of NA1 clones. Of these 40, 12 MLGs matched the forest sample and 28 MLGs were unique to the nurseries. The only region that did not contain genotypes that matched those found in nurseries was Pistol River South Fork. When considering those 12 genotypes that were present in both data sets, with the exception of Joe Hall Creek, all genotypes were first isolated from nurseries before discovery in the forest. At the most variable locus, PrMS43, both nursery populations had the allele 281 at frequencies of 4.5% and 4.9% for CA and OR, respectively. This allele was not observed in the forest population. Both populations contained allele 489 at >10% frequency and the CA nursery population contained allele 493 at a frequency of 1.4%.

When nursery genotypes were added to the minimum spanning network, MLGs found at Hunter Creek, previously isolated in the network, connected by only a single MLG from the coast, gained more connections to nursery MLGs. Clustering with Nei's distance revealed the Nursery isolates from CA consistently clustering closest

with Hunter Creek isolates in both clone-corrected and uncorrected data sets (Fig. 5). DAPC clustering revealed a decrease in overall assignment-success rate at 78%. The nursery isolates received 74% and 83% assignment success for CA and OR nurseries, respectively.

The assignment successes for the regions before or after inclusion of nursery data changed less than 5% for all regions except for the coast, which saw a decrease of 17.6% when nursery populations were included (Fig. S4). Prediction of sources for nursery genotypes against the forest data revealed that 48% of these nursery isolates were predicted to share membership with the coast at $\geq 95\%$ probability (Fig. S6, S7). A total of 3.2% of the isolates were predicted to share membership with Hunter Creek at $\geq 99.9\%$ membership probability. Furthermore, 21.75% of the nursery data could not be assigned to any of the forest populations at $>60\%$ probability.

Since 3.2% of the nursery isolates had a very strong signal for Hunter Creek, we predicted sources for Hunter Creek isolates when considering nursery isolates. This approach determines if Hunter Creek isolates cluster more readily with nursery or coast populations. Indeed, 92% of the Hunter Creek isolates were predicted to share membership with California nurseries at $\geq 99\%$ membership probability (Fig. S8). No Hunter Creek isolate was predicted to share membership with a forest population at $>0.45\%$ membership probability.

3.5 Discussion

To date populations monitored from 2001-14 show presence of only the NA1 clonal lineage observed previously (Prospero et al. 2007, 2009). The fact that individuals belonging to the EU1 and NA2 clonal lineages have not been found in Oregon forests, despite their presence on the west coast from British Columbia to California is welcome news (Goss et al. 2009, 2011; Grünwald et al. 2012). The lack of EU1 or NA2 isolates provides evidence that monitoring for *P. ramorum* in nurseries by federal and state agencies is helping avoid emergence of new clones in Oregon's Forests.

Our analysis provides support for a most parsimonious scenario of two introductions into Curry county from nurseries: one initial introduction into Curry County sometime before detection of the first infected tanoaks in 2001 from California (or less likely Oregon) nurseries followed by a second introduction into the Hunter Creek area again from nurseries. The relative position of the nursery populations in the minimum spanning network and DAPC scatter plot (Fig. 3, 4) suggest that the introductions from nurseries were rare, though more even sampling and migration models could disprove this hypothesis. Since 2001, the epidemic has spread clonally throughout Southwestern Curry County mostly north, but also west, towards the coast, and southeast. This clonal spread of the pathogen from the Joe Hall area is supported partially by Mantel tests showing significant levels of isolation by distance in years following 2002 (Table 3) along with significant AMOVA results across regions (Table 4). The populations sampled in 2011 in Hunter Creek (Cape Sebastian) appear to have originated from a new source and cluster into a distinct group based on DAPC (Fig. 4). Based on the

minimum spanning network, this population would appear isolated in the epidemic if it were not for MLG 32, which is connected with MLG 33 (found on the coast in 2010) by one mutational step at locus PrMS43. This, in turn, is connected with the other MLGs from Hunter Creek by one mutational step at locus PrMS39. When considering clustering via Bruvo's distance in combination with data from nursery populations, however, these genotypes from Hunter Creek appear to be more similar to California nursery populations (Fig. 3) than Oregon forest populations. Predictions based on DAPC place samples from Hunter Creek as coming from California nurseries (Fig. S8). This, in combination with the observation that purely forest genotypes (i.e. those only found in the forest) are connected to Hunter Creek genotypes through nursery genotypes, indicates a possible contribution from nursery populations to the epidemic. This is supported by the observation that all population level clustering, with and without clone correction, places the Hunter Creek isolates adjacent to the nursery isolates from CA (Fig. 4, 5). This appears to be driven by the high frequency of allele 246 at locus PrMS39, which interestingly appears to segregate in an east to west fashion and is increasing in frequency over time (Fig. S9, S10). This, along with the results from the DAPC clustering and subsequent prediction (Fig. S6, S7) provide weak support for a potential third introduction into the coastal region from nurseries sometime after the Hunter Creek introduction event.

An interesting aspect is the observation that there appeared to be more than one cluster of genotypes introduced into the Joe Hall area during the early stages of the epidemic. The two dominant clusters that appeared were the ones that contained MLG 22 and MLG 68. The former has been found in the most recent sampling year, whereas

the latter has not been observed since 2005 or beyond the Joe Hall area. This latter group was also the most distantly related group overall, more distant than some nursery genotypes. While it is clear that the eradication effort has not been entirely successful, there is some evidence that it is having an effect as a major genotype cluster has effectively been eradicated, although disappearance of MLGs could also be explained by being less fit than lineages dominating now.

The Curry County epidemic is in many ways different from the epidemic in California. When introduced into California in the mid 1990's, the causal agent of sudden oak death was unknown and thus gave it time to clonally expand and diversify as management strategies in natural forest systems were limited (Rizzo et al. 2002). With the foresight of the epidemic in central California, the ODF was able to implement a quarantine effort against the import of hosts as soon as the causal agent was known (A Kanaskie, pers. comm.). This quarantine along with aggressive eradication efforts have affected the spread of *P. ramorum* (Mascheretti et al. 2008). Drawing conclusions from previous population studies in California and applying them to the Oregon epidemic should be undertaken with great care given the drastically differing management scenarios (Mascheretti et al. 2008, 2009).

Our work has some inherent drawbacks. Given the cost of aerial surveys and subsequent ground crew work, and the fact that trees are eradicated once found, populations are not hierarchically sampled across all years. The destructive nature of the management approach means that it was not possible to conduct controlled ecological experiments focusing on effects of climate and rainfall on the spread of disease as was possible in California trials (Eyre et al. 2012). In addition, most of

our work only used 5 microsatellite loci for genotyping. Ideally, more loci should have been used as was done in other studies (Croucher et al. 2013). Although only 5 loci were used, clear patterns of population dynamics in space and time emerged and the MLG accumulation curve supported the fact that loci are informative. Finally, the populations genotyped here are clonal and belong to the NA1 clonal lineage. Thus, much of the analytical power provided by population genetic theory does not apply given that basic assumptions would be violated (Grünwald and Goss 2011). Our work uses appropriate methods to infer patterns that are model free, yet informative such as spatial clustering. Thus, we believe that this work provides novel and important insights into the *P. ramorum* population biology in the Siskiyou forest. Our data indicates that there might have been at least two introductions into Oregon forests from nurseries. The nature of the data does not allow inference of directional migrations given the uneven sampling strategy and moderate number of loci used across all years. We are currently exploring genotyping-by-sequencing (GBS) as a method that could provide further detail on how these populations evolved over space and time (Elshire et al. 2011). GBS can provide richer detail by providing codominant SNP data across several thousand loci sampling the whole genome.

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Chapter 4: Novel R Tools For Analysis of Genome-Wide Population
Genetic Data With Emphasis on Clonality

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4.1 Abstract

To gain a detailed understanding of how plant microbes evolve and adapt to hosts, pesticides, and other factors, knowledge of the population dynamics and evolutionary history of populations is crucial. Plant pathogen populations are often clonal or partially clonal which requires different analytical tools. With the advent of high throughput sequencing technologies, obtaining genome-wide population genetic data has become easier than ever before. We previously contributed the R package *poppr* specifically addressing issues with analysis of clonal populations. In this paper we provide several significant extensions to *poppr* with a focus on large, genome-wide SNP data. Specifically, we provide several new functionalities including the new function `mlg.filter` to define clone boundaries allowing for inspection and definition of what is a clonal lineage, minimum spanning networks with reticulation, a sliding-window analysis of the index of association, modular bootstrapping of any genetic distance, and analyses across any level of hierarchies.

4.2 Introduction

To paraphrase Dobzhansky, nothing in the field of plant-microbe interactions makes sense except in the light of population genetics (Dobzhansky 1973). Genetic forces such as selection and drift act on alleles in a population. Thus, a true understanding of how plant pathogens emerge, evolve and adapt to crops, fungicides, or other factors, can only be elucidated in the context of population level phenomena given the demographic history of populations (Milgroom *et al.* 1989; McDonald & Linde 2002;

Grünwald & Goss 2011). The field of population genetics, in the era of whole genome resequencing, provides unprecedented power to describe the evolutionary history and population processes that drive coevolution between pathogens and hosts. This powerful field thus critically enables effective deployment of R genes, design of pathogen informed plant resistance breeding programs, and implementation of fungicide rotations that minimize emergence of resistance.

Most computational tools for population genetics are based on concepts developed for sexual model organisms. Populations that reproduce clonally or are polyploid are thus difficult to characterize using classical population genetic tools because theoretical assumptions underlying the theory are violated. Yet, many plant pathogen populations are at least partially clonal if not completely clonal (Anderson & Kohn 1995; Milgroom 1996). Thus, development of tools for analysis of clonal or polyploid populations is needed.

Genotyping by sequencing and whole genome resequencing provide the unprecedented ability to identify thousands of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in populations (Luikart *et al.* 2003; Davey *et al.* 2011; Elshire *et al.* 2011). With traditional marker data (e.g., SSR, AFLP) a clone was typically defined as a unique multilocus genotype (MLG) (Falush *et al.* 2003; Taylor & Fisher 2003; Grünwald & Hoheisel 2006; Goss *et al.* 2009; Cooke *et al.* 2012). Availability of large SNP data sets provides new challenges for data analysis. These data are based on reduced representation libraries and high throughput sequencing with moderate sequencing depth which invariably results in substantial missing data, error in SNP calling due to sequencing error, lack of read depth or other sources of spurious allele calls (Mastretta-Yanes *et al.* 2015). It is

thus not clear what a clone is in large SNP data sets and novel tools are required for definition of clone boundaries.

The research community using the R statistical and computing language (R Core Team 2015) has developed a plethora of new resources for population genetic analysis. R is particularly appealing because all code is open source and functions can be evaluated and modified by any user. Recently, we introduced the R package *poppr* specifically developed for analysis of clonal populations (Kamvar *et al.* 2014b). *Poppr* previously introduced several novel features including the ability to conduct a hierarchical analysis across unlimited hierarchies, test for linkage association, graph minimum spanning networks or provide bootstrap support for Bruvo's distance in resulting trees. *Poppr* has been rapidly adopted and applied to a range of studies including for example horizontal transmission in leukemia of clams (Metzger *et al.* 2015), study of the vector-mediated parent-to-offspring transmission in an avian malaria-like parasite (Chakarov *et al.* 2015), and characterization of the emergence of the invasive forest pathogen *Hymenoscyphus pseudoalbidus* (Gross *et al.* 2014). It has also been used to implement real-time, online R based tools for visualizing relationships among unknown MLGs in reference databases ([\(http://phytophthora-id.org/\)](http://phytophthora-id.org/)) (Grünwald *et al.* 2011).

Here, we introduce *poppr* 2.0, which provides a major update to *poppr* (Kamvar *et al.* 2014b) including novel tools for analysis of clonal populations specifically addressing large SNP data. Significant novel tools include functions for calculating clone boundaries and collapsing individuals into clonal groups based on a user-specified genetic distance threshold, sliding window analyses, genotype accumulation curves, reticula-

tions in minimum spanning networks, and bootstrapping for any genetic distance.

4.3 Implementations and Examples

4.3.1 Clonal identification

As highlighted in previous work, clone correction is an important component of population genetic analysis of organisms that are known to reproduce asexually (Milgroom 1996; Grünwald *et al.* 2003; Kamvar *et al.* 2014b). This method is a partial correction for bias that affects metrics that rely on allele frequencies assuming panmixia and was initially designed for data with only a handful of markers. With the advent of large-scale sequencing and reduced- representation libraries, it has become easier to sequence tens of thousands of markers from hundreds of individuals (Davey & Blaxter 2010; Davey *et al.* 2011; Elshire *et al.* 2011). With this larger number of markers, the genetic resolution is much greater, but the chance of genotyping error is also greatly increased and missing data is frequent (Mastretta-Yanes *et al.* 2015). Taking this fact and occasional somatic mutations into account, it would be impossible to separate true clones from independent individuals by just comparing what MLGs are different. We introduce a new method for collapsing unique multilocus genotypes determined by naive string comparison into multilocus lineages utilizing any genetic distance given three different clustering algorithms: farthest neighbor, nearest neighbor, and UPGMA (average neighbor) (Sokal 1958).

These clustering algorithms act on a distance matrix that is either provided by

the user or generated via a function that will calculate a distance from genetic data such as `bruvo.dist`, which in particular applies to any level of ploidy (Bruvo *et al.* 2004). All algorithms have been implemented in C and utilize the OpenMP framework for optional parallel processing (Dagum & Menon 1998). Default is the conservative farthest neighbor algorithm (Fig. 4.1A), which will only cluster samples together if all samples in the cluster are at a distance less than the given threshold. By contrast, the nearest neighbor algorithm will have a chaining effect that will cluster samples akin to adding links on a chain where a sample can be included in a cluster if all of the samples have at least one connection below a given threshold (Fig. 4.1C). The UPGMA, or average neighbor clustering algorithm is the one most familiar to biologists as it is often used to generate ultra-metric trees based on genetic distance (Fig. 4.1B). This algorithm will cluster by creating a representative sample per cluster and joining clusters if these representative samples are closer than the given threshold.

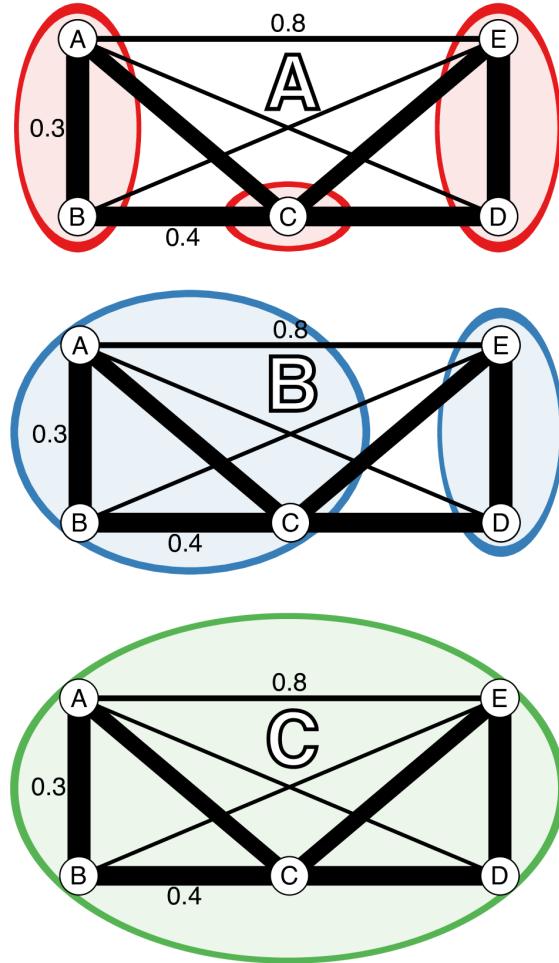


Figure 4.1: Diagrammatic representation of the three clustering algorithms implemented in `mlg.filter`. **(A-C)** Represent different clustering algorithms on the same imaginary network with a threshold of 0.451. Edge weights are represented in arbitrary units noted by the line thickness and numerical values next to the lines. All outer angles are 90 degrees, so the un-labeled edge weights can be obtained with simply geometry. Colored circles represent clusters of genotypes. **(A)** Farthest neighbor clustering does not cluster nodes B and C because nodes A and C are more than a distance of 0.451 apart. **(B)** UPGMA (average neighbor) clustering clusters nodes A, B, and C together because the average distance between them and C is < 0.451 . **(C)** Nearest neighbor clustering clusters all nodes together because the minimum distance between them is always < 0.451 .

We utilize data from the microbe *Phytophthora infestans* to show how the `mlg.filter` function collapses multilocus genotypes with Bruvo's distance assuming a genome addition model (Bruvo *et al.* 2004). *P. infestans* is the causal agent of potato late blight originating from Mexico that spread to Europe in the mid 19th century (Yoshida *et al.* 2013; Goss *et al.* 2014). *P. infestans* reproduces both clonally and sexually. The clonal lineages of *P. infestans* have been formally defined into 18 separate clonal lineages using a combination of various molecular methods including AFLP and microsatellite markers (Lees *et al.* 2006; Li *et al.* 2013). For these data, we used `mlg.filter` to detect all of the distance thresholds at which 18 multilocus lineages would be resolved. We used these thresholds to define multilocus lineages and create contingency tables and dendograms to determine how well the multilocus lineages were detected.

For the *P. infestans* population, the three algorithms were able to detect 18 multilocus lineages at different distance thresholds (Fig. 4.2). Contingency tables between the described multilocus genotypes and the genotypes defined by distance show that most of the 18 lineages were resolved, except for US-8, which is polytomic (Table 4.1).

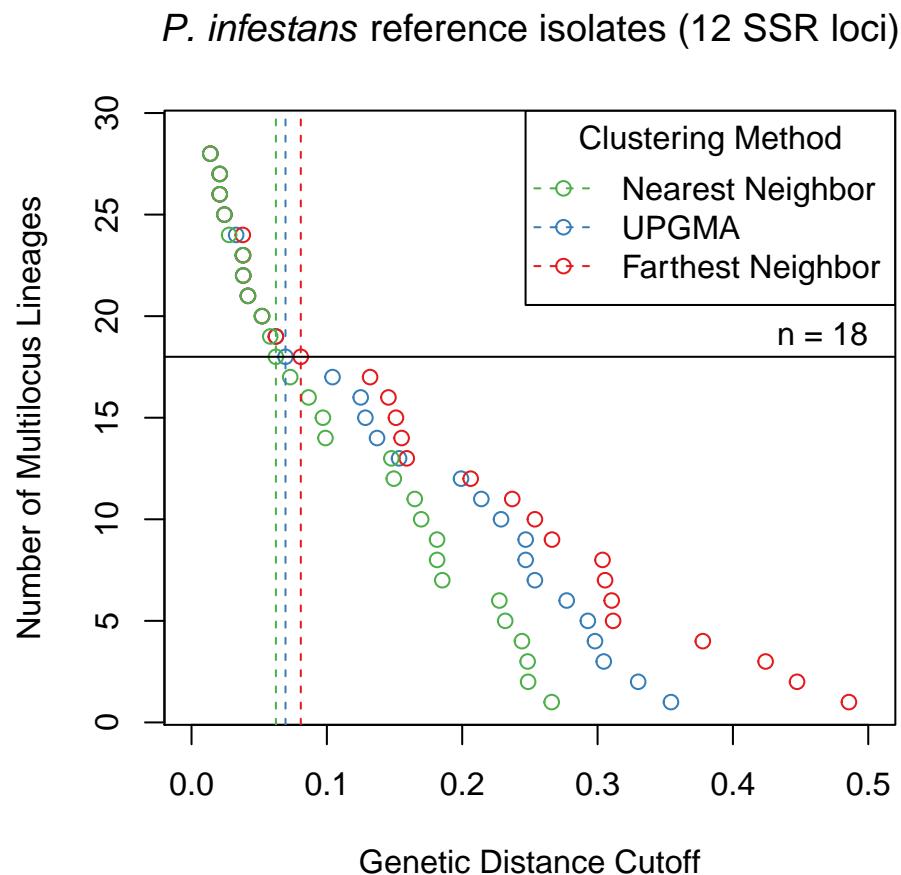


Figure 4.2: Graphical representation of three different clustering algorithms collapsing multilocus genotypes for 12 SSR loci from *Phytophthora infestans* representing 18 clonal lineages. The horizontal axis is Bruvo's genetic distance assuming the genome addition model. The vertical axis represents the number of multilocus lineages observed. Each point shows the threshold at which one would observe a given number of multilocus genotypes. The horizontal black line represents 18 multilocus genotypes and vertical dashed lines mark the thresholds used to collapse the multilocus genotypes into 18 multilocus lineages.

	3	4	5	6	8	10	12	15	16	17	18	20	21	22	24	25	27	28
B
C
D.1
D.2
EU-13	1
EU-4	1
EU-5	2
EU-8	1
US-11	2	.
US-12	.	1
US-14	1
US-17	1
US-20	2
US-21	2
US-22	2
US-23	3
US-24	3
US-8	.	1	1	.	2

Table 4.1: Contingency table comparing multilocus lineages (MLL) defined in Li *et al.* (2013) and Lees *et al.* (2006) (rows) to MLLs inferred from Bruvo's genetic distance (columns) at a threshold of 0.07 with the average neighbor algorithm (Sokal 1958; Bruvo *et al.* 2004). Values in the table represent the number of times any given inferred MLL matches with a previously defined MLL. For example, in our original data set, there were three genotypes previously defined as the US-24 MLL. All three genotypes were also determined to cluster into a single MLL by filtering. In contrast, US-8 was determined to cluster into three different MLLs by filtering.

We utilized simulated data to evaluate the effect of sequencing error and missing data on MLG calling. We constructed the data using the `glSim` function in `adegenet` (Jombart & Ahmed 2011) to obtain a SNP data set for demonstration. Two diploid data sets were created, each with 10k SNPs (25% structured into two groups) and 200 samples with 10 ancestral populations of even sizes. Clones were created in one data set by marking each sample with a unique identifier and then randomly sampling with replacement. It is well documented that reduced- representation sequencing can introduce several erroneous calls and missing data (Mastretta-Yanes *et al.* 2015). To reflect this, we mutated SNPs at a rate of 10% and inserted an average of 10% missing data for each sample after clones were created, ensuring that no two sequences were alike. The number of mutations and missing data per sample were determined by sampling from a Poisson distribution with $\lambda = 1000$. After pooling, 20% of the data set was randomly sampled for analysis. Genetic distance was obtained with the function `bitwise.dist`, which calculates the fraction of different sites between samples equivalent to Provesti's distance, counting missing data as equivalent in comparison (Prevosti *et al.* 1975).

All three filtering algorithms were run with a threshold of 1, returning a numeric vector of length $n - 1$ where each element represented a threshold at which two samples/clusters would join. Since each data set would have varying distances between samples, the clonal boundary threshold was defined as the midpoint of the largest gap between two thresholds that collapsed less than 50% of the data.

Out of the 100 simulations run, we found that across all methods, detection of duplicated samples had $\sim 98\%$ true positive fraction and $\sim 0.8\%$ false positive frac-

tion indicating that this method is robust to simulated populations (supplementary materials¹).

4.3.2 Minimum Spanning Networks with Reticulation

In its original iteration, *poppr* introduced minimum spanning networks that were based on the *igraph* function `minimum.spanning.tree` (Csardi & Nepusz 2006). This algorithm produces a minimum spanning tree with no reticulations where nodes represent individual MLGs. In other minimum spanning network programs, reticulation is obtained by calculating the minimum spanning tree several times and returning the set of all edges included in the trees. Due to the way *igraph* has implemented Prim's algorithm, it is not possible to utilize this strategy, thus we implemented an internal C function to walk the space of minimum spanning trees based on genetic distance to connect groups of nodes with edges of equal weight.

To demonstrate the utility of minimum spanning networks with reticulation, we used two clonal data sets: the H3N2 flu virus data from the *adegenet* package using years of each epidemic as the population factor, and *Phytophthora ramorum* data from Nurseries and Oregon forests (Jombart *et al.* 2010; Kamvar *et al.* 2014a). Minimum spanning networks were created with and without reticulation using the *poppr* functions `diss.dist` and `bruvo.msn` for the H3N2 and *P. ramorum* data, respectively (Bruvo *et al.* 2004; Kamvar *et al.* 2014b). To detect mlg clusters, the infoMAP community detection algorithm was applied with 10,000 trials as implemented in the R package

¹Supplementary data available at <https://github.com/grunwaldlab/supplementary-poppr-2.0>; DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.17424](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17424)

igraph version 0.7.1 utilizing genetic distance as edge weights and number of samples in each MLG as vertex weights (Csardi & Nepusz 2006; Rosvall & Bergstrom 2008).

To evaluate the results, we compared the number, size, and entropy (H) of the resulting communities as we expect a highly clonal organism with low genetic diversity to result in a few, large communities. We also created contingency tables of the community assignments with the defined populations and used those to calculate entropy using Shannon's index with the function *diversity* from the R package *vegan* version 2.2-1 (Shannon 2001; Oksanen *et al.* 2015). A low entropy indicates presence of a few large communities whereas high entropy indicates presence of many small communities.

The infoMAP algorithm revealed 63 communities with a maximum community size of 77 and $H = 3.56$ for the reticulate network of the H3N2 data and 117 communities with a maximum community size of 26 and $H = 4.65$ for the minimum spanning tree. The entropy across years was greatly decreased for all populations with the reticulate network compared to the minimum spanning tree (Fig. 4.3). Note that the reticulated network (Fig. 4.3B) showed patterns corresponding with those resulting from a discriminant analysis of principal components (Fig. 4.3D) (Jombart *et al.* 2010).

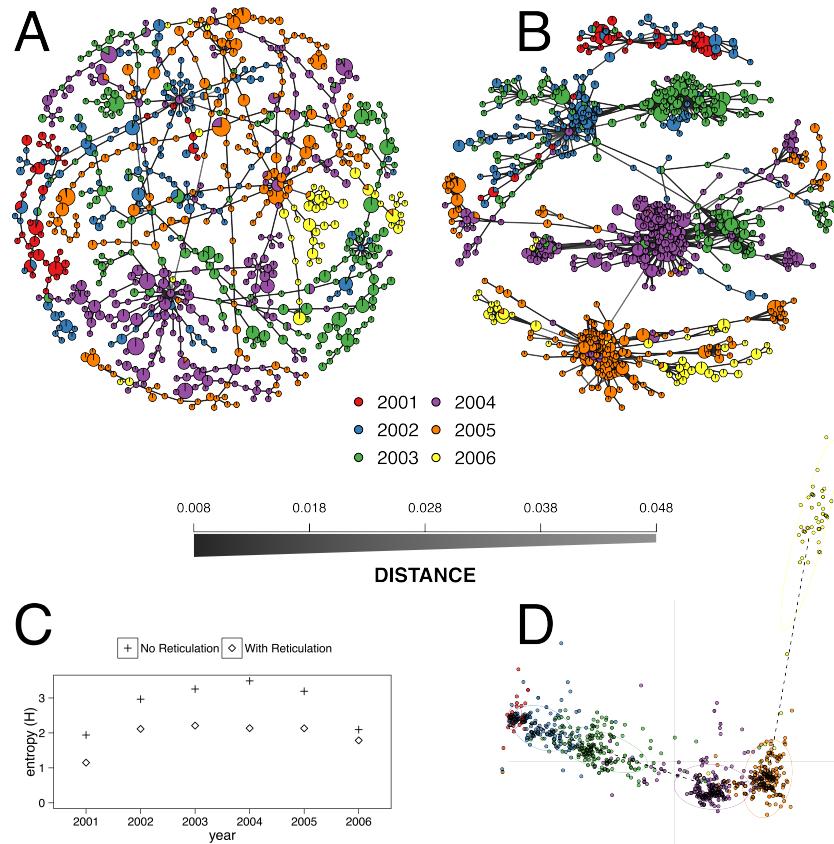


Figure 4.3: **(A-B)** Minimum spanning networks of the hemagglutinin (HA) segment of H3N2 viral DNA from the *adegenet* package representing flu epidemics from 2001 to 2006 without reticulation (**A**) and with reticulation (**B**) (Jombart 2008; Jombart *et al.* 2010). Each node represents a unique multilocus genotype, colors represent epidemic year, and edge color represents absolute genetic distance. **(C)** Shannon entropy values for population assignments compared with communities determined by the infoMAP algorithm on **(A)** and **(B)**. **(D)** Graphic reproduced from Jombart *et al.* (2010) showing that the 2006 epidemic does not cluster neatly with the other years via Discriminant Analysis of Principal Components. Horizontal axis represents the first discriminant component. Vertical axis represents the second discriminant component.

Graph walking of the reticulated minimum spanning network of *P. ramorum* by the infoMAP algorithm revealed 16 communities with a maximum community size of 13 and $H = 2.60$. The un-reticulated minimum spanning tree revealed 20 communities with a maximum community size of 7 and $H = 2.96$. In the ability to predict Hunter Creek as belonging to a single community, the reticulated network was successful whereas the minimum spanning tree separated one genotype from that community. The entropy for the reticulated network was lower for all populations except for the coast population (supplementary materials²).

4.3.3 Bootstrapping

Assessing population differentiation through methods such as G_{st} , AMOVA, and Mantel tests relies on comparing samples within and across populations (Mantel 1967; Nei 1973; Excoffier *et al.* 1992). Confidence in distance metrics is related to the confidence in the markers to accurately represent the diversity of the data. Especially true with microsatellite markers, a single hyper-diverse locus can make a population appear to have more diversity based on genetic distance. Using a bootstrapping procedure of randomly sampling loci with replacement when calculating a distance matrix provides support for clades in hierarchical clustering.

Data in genind and genpop objects are represented as matrices with individuals in rows and alleles in columns (Jombart 2008). This gives the advantage of being able to use R's matrix algebra capabilities to efficiently calculate genetic distance.

²Supplementary data available at <https://github.com/grunwaldlab/supplementary-poppr-2.0>; DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.17424](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17424)

Unfortunately, this also means that bootstrapping is a non-trivial task as all alleles at a single locus need to be sampled together. To remedy this, we have created an internal S4 class called “bootgen”, which extends the internal “gen” class from *aedegenet*. This class can be created from any genind, genclose, or genpop object, and allows loci to be sampled with replacement. To further facilitate bootstrapping, a function called *aboot*, which stands for “any boot”, is introduced that will bootstrap any genclose, genind, or genpop object with any genetic distance that can be calculated from it.

To demonstrate calculating a dendrogram with bootstrap support, we used the *poppr* function *aboot* on population allelic frequencies derived from the data set *microbov* in the *aedegenet* package with 1000 bootstrap replicates (Laloë *et al.* 2007; Jombart 2008). The resulting dendrogram shows bootstrap support values > 50% (Fig. 4.4) and used the following code:

```
library("poppr");

data("microbov", package = "aedegenet");

strata(microbov) <- data.frame(other(microbov));

setPop(microbov) <- ~coun/spe/breed;

bov_pop <- genind2genpop(microbov);

set.seed(20150428);

pop_tree <- aboot(bov_pop, sample = 1000, cutoff = 50);
```

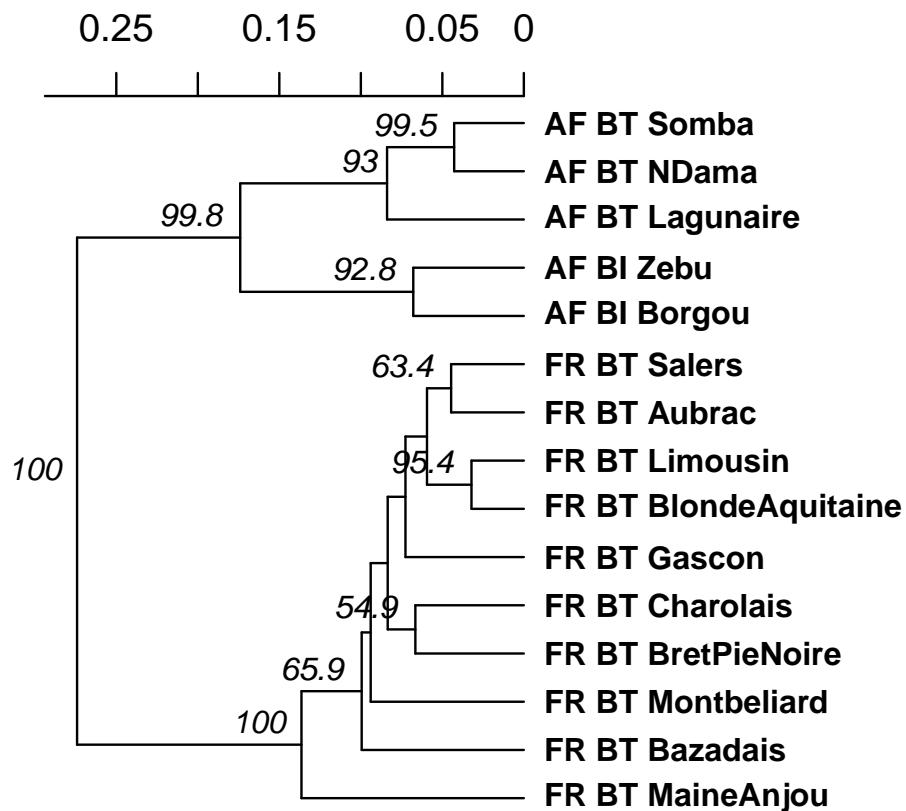


Figure 4.4: UPGMA dendrogram generated from Nei's genetic distance on 15 breeds of *Bos taurus* (BT) or *Bos indicus* (BI) from Africa (AF) or France (FR). These data are from Laloë *et al.* (2007). Node labels represent bootstrap support > 50% out of 1,000 bootstrap replicates.

4.3.4 Genotype Accumulation Curve

Analysis of population genetics of clonal organisms often borrows from ecological methods such as analysis of diversity within populations (Milgroom 1996; Grünwald *et al.* 2003; Arnaud-Hanod *et al.* 2007). When choosing markers for analysis, it is important to make sure that the observed diversity in your sample will not appreciably increase if

an additional marker is added (Arnaud-Hanod *et al.* 2007). This concept is analogous to a species accumulation curve, obtained by rarefaction. The genotype accumulation curve in *poppr* is implemented in the function `genotype_curve`. The curve is constructed by randomly sampling x loci and counting the number of observed MLGs. This repeated r times for 1 locus up to $n - 1$ loci, creating $n - 1$ distributions of observed MLGs.

The following code example demonstrates the genotype accumulation curve for data from Everhart & Scherm (2015) showing that these data reach a small plateau and have a greatly decreased variance with 12 markers, indicating that there are enough markers such that adding more markers to the analysis will not create very many new genotypes (Fig. 4.5).

```
library("poppr");
library("ggplot2");
data("monpop", package = "poppr");

set.seed(20150428);

genotype_curve(monpop, sample = 1000);

p <- last_plot() + theme_bw();    # get the last plot
p + geom_smooth(aes(group = 1)); # plot with a trendline
```

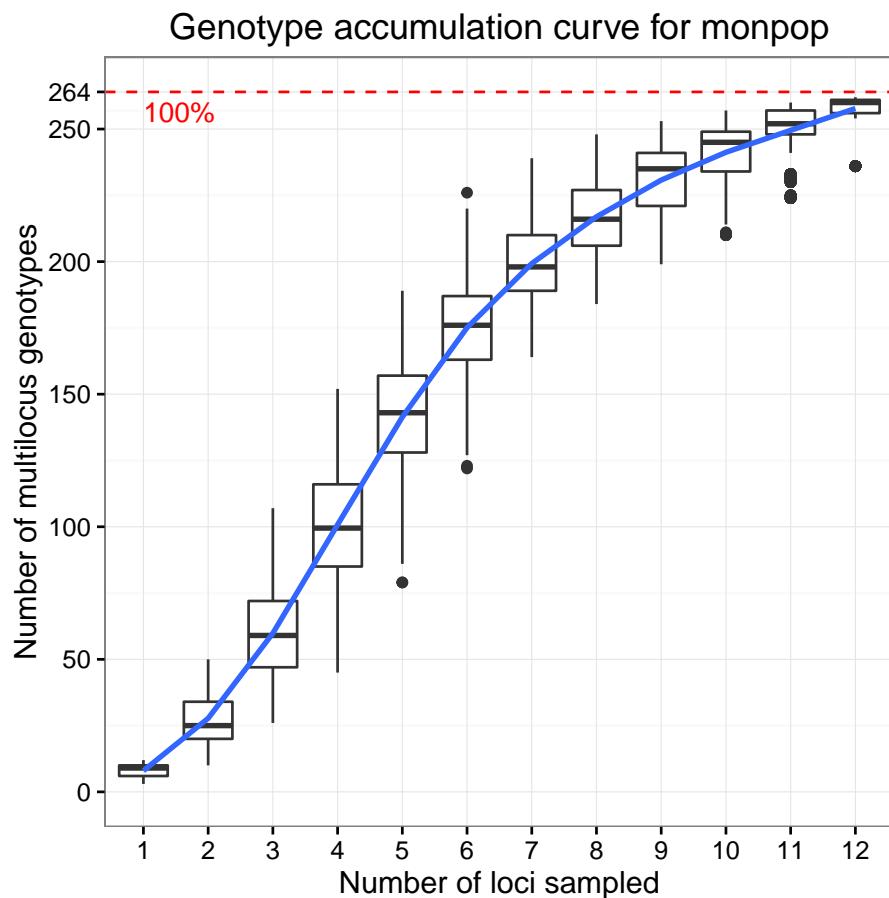


Figure 4.5: Genotype accumulation curve for 694 isolates of the peach brown rot pathogen, *Monilinia fructicola* genotyped over 13 loci from Everhart & Scherm (2015). The horizontal axis represents the number of loci randomly sampled without replacement up to $n - 1$ loci, the vertical axis shows the number of multilocus genotypes observed, up to 262, the number of unique multilocus genotypes in the data set. The red dashed line represents 90% of the total observed multilocus genotypes. A trendline (blue) has been added using the `ggplot2` function `stat_smooth`.

4.3.5 Index of association

The index of association (I_A) is a measure of multilocus linkage disequilibrium that is most often used to detect clonal reproduction within organisms that have the ability to reproduce via sexual or asexual processes (Brown *et al.* 1980; Smith *et al.* 1993; Milgroom 1996). It was standardized in 2001 as \bar{r}_d by Agapow & Burt (2001) to address the issue of scaling with increasing number of loci. This metric is typically applied to traditional dominant and co-dominant markers such as AFLPs, SNPs, or microsatellite markers. With the advent of high throughput sequencing, SNP data is now available in a genome-wide context and in very large matrices including thousands of SNPs. For this reason, we devised two approaches using the index of association for large numbers of markers typical for population genomic studies. Both functions utilize *adegenet*'s “genlight” object class, which efficiently stores 8 binary alleles in a single byte (Jombart & Ahmed 2011). As calculation of the \bar{r}_d requires distance matrices of absolute number of differences, we utilize a function that calculates these distances directly from the compressed data called `bitwise.dist`.

The first approach is a sliding window analysis implemented in the function `win.ia`. It utilizes the position of markers in the genome to calculate \bar{r}_d among any number of SNPs found within a user-specified windowed region. It is important that this calculation utilize \bar{r}_d as the number of loci will be different within each window (Agapow & Burt 2001). This approach would be suited for a quick calculation of linkage disequilibrium across the genome that can detect potential hotspots of LD that could be investigated further with more computationally intensive methods assuming that the

number of samples << the number of loci.

As it would necessarily focus on loci within a short section of the genome that may or may not be recombining, a sliding window approach would not be good for utilizing \bar{r}_d as a test for clonal reproduction. A remedy for this is implemented in the function `samp.ia`, which will randomly sample m loci, calculate \bar{r}_d , and repeat r times, thus creating a distribution of expected values of \bar{r}_d .

To demonstrate the sliding window and random sampling of \bar{r}_d with respect to clonal populations, we simulated two populations containing 1,100 neutral SNPs for 100 diploid individuals under the same initial seed. One population had individuals randomly sampled with replacement, representing the clonal population. After sampling, both populations had 5% random error and 1% missing data independently propagated across all samples. On average, we obtained a higher value of \bar{r}_d for the clonal population compared to the sexual population for both methods (Fig. 4.6).

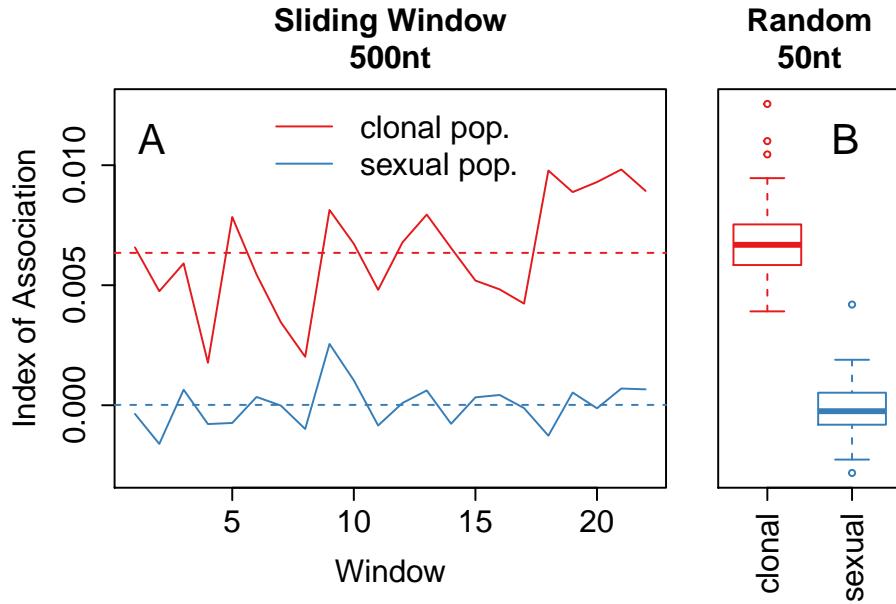


Figure 4.6: **(A)** Sliding window analysis of the standardized index of association (\bar{r}_d) across a simulated 1.1×10^4 nt chromosome containing 1,100 variants among 100 individuals. Each window analyzed variants within 500nt chunks. The black line refers to the clonal and the blue line to the sexual populations. **(B)** boxplots showing 100 random samples of 50 variants to calculate a distribution of \bar{r}_d for the clonal (red) and sexual (blue) populations. Each box is centered around the mean, with whiskers extending out to 1.5 times the interquartile range. The median is indicated by the center line. **(A)** and **(B)** are plotted on the same y-axis.

4.3.6 Data format updates: population strata and hierarchies

Assessments of population structure through methods such as hierarchical F_{st} (Goudet 2005) and AMOVA (Michalakis & Excoffier 1996) require hierarchical sampling of populations across space or time (Linde *et al.* 2002; Grünwald & Hoheisel 2006; Everhart & Scherm 2015). With clonal organisms, basic practice has been to clone-

censor data to avoid downward bias in diversity due to duplicated genotypes that may or may not represent different samples (Milgroom 1996). This correction should be performed with respect to a population hierarchy to accurately reflect the biology of the organism. Traditional data structures for population genetic data in most analysis tools allow for only one level of hierarchical definition. The investigator thus had to provide the data set for analysis at each hierarchical level.

To facilitate handling hierarchical and multilocus genotypic metadata, *poppr* version 1.1 introduced a new S4 data object called “genclone”, extending *adegenet*’s “genind” object (Kamvar and Grünwald, unpublished). The genclone object formalized the definitions of multilocus genotypes and population hierarchies by adding two slots called “mlg” and “hierarchy” that carried a numeric vector and a data frame, respectively. These new slots allow for increased efficiency and ease of use by allowing these metadata to travel with the genetic data. The hierarchy slot in particular contains a data frame where each column represents a separate hierarchical level. This is then used to set the population factor of the data by supplying a hierarchical formula containing one or more column names of the data frame in the hierarchy slot.

The functionality represented by the hierarchy slot has now been migrated from the *poppr* to the *adegenet* package version 2.0 to allow hierarchical analysis in *adegenet*, *poppr*, and other dependent packages. The prior *poppr* hierarchy slot and methods have now been renamed strata in *adegenet*. A short example of the utility of these methods can be seen in the code segment under **Bootstrapping**, above. This migration provides end users with a broader ability to analyze data hierarchically in R across packages.

4.4 Availability

As of this writing, the *poppr* R package version 2.0 containing all of the features described here is located at <https://github.com/grunwaldlab/poppr/tree/2.0-rc>. It is necessary to install *adegenet* 2.0 before installing *poppr*. It can be found at <https://github.com/thibautjombart/adegenet>. Both of these can be installed via the R package *devtools* (Wickham & Chang 2015). More information and example code can be found in the supplementary materials³.

4.4.1 Requirements

- R version 3.0 or better
- A C compiler. For windows, it can be obtained via Rtools (<http://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/Rtools/>). On OSX, it can be obtained via Xcode.

For parallel support, gcc version 4.6 or better is needed.

³Supplementary data available at <https://github.com/grunwaldlab/supplementary-poppr-2.0>; DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.17424](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.17424)

4.4.2 Installation

From within R, *poppr* can be installed via:

```
install.packages("devtools")

library("devtools")

install_github("thibautjombart/aegenet")

install_github("grunwaldlab/poppr@2.0-rc")
```

Several population genetics packages in R are currently going through a major upgrade following the 2015 R hackathon on population genetics (<https://github.com/NESCent/r-popgen-hackathon>) and have not yet been updated in CRAN. We will upload *poppr* 2.0 to CRAN once all other reverse dependent packages have been updated.

4.5 Discussion

Given low cost and high throughput of current sequencing technologies we are entering a new era of population genetics where large SNP data sets with thousands of markers are becoming available for large populations in a genome-wide context. This data provides new possibilities and challenges for population genetic analyses. We provide novel tools that enable analysis of this data in R with a particular emphasis on clonal organisms.

Particularly useful is the implementation of \bar{r}_d in a genomic context (Agapow & Burt 2001). Random sampling of loci across the genome can give an expected distribution

of \bar{r}_d , which is expected to have a mean of zero for panmictic populations. This metric is not affected by the number of loci sampled, is model free, and has the ability to detect population structure. \bar{r}_d is also implemented for sliding window analyses that are useful to detect candidate regions of linkage disequilibrium for further analysis.

Clustering multilocus genotypes into multilocus lineages based on genetic distances is a non-trivial task given large SNP data sets. Moreover, this has not previously been implemented for genomic data for clonal populations. Clonal assignment has previously been available in the programs GENCLONE and GENODIVE for classical markers (Meirmans & Van Tienderen 2004; Arnaud-Hanod *et al.* 2007). Our method with `mlg.filter` builds upon this idea and allows the user to choose between three different approaches for clustering MLGs. The choice of clustering algorithm has an impact on the data (Fig. 4.1, 4.2), where for example a genetic distance cutoff of 0.1 would be the difference between 14 multilocus lineages (MLLs) and 17 MLLs for nearest neighbor and UPGMA clustering, respectively (Fig. 4.2). The option to choose the clustering algorithm gives the user the ability to choose what is biologically relevant to their populations. While there is not one optimal procedure for defining boundaries in clonal lineages, our tool provides a means of exploring the potential MLG or MLL boundary space.

Minimum spanning networks are a useful tool to analyze the relationships between individuals in a population, because it reduces the complexity of a distance matrix to the connections that are strongest. By default, these networks are drawn without reticulations, but for clonal organisms where many of the connections between samples are equivalent, the minimum spanning network appears as a chain and reduces the

information that can be communicated. This is problematic because the ability to detect population structure with one instance of a minimum spanning network is limited. Adding reticulation into the minimum spanning network thus presents all equivalent connections and allows population structure to be more readily detectable. As shown in Fig. 4.3, population structure is apparent both visually and by graph community detection algorithms such as the infoMAP algorithm (Rosvall & Bergstrom 2008). Additionally, the current implementation in *poppr* has been successfully used in analyses such as reconstruction of the *P. ramorum* epidemic in Oregon forests (Kamvar *et al.* 2014a, 2015).

Poppr 2.0 is open source and available on GitHub. Members of the community are invited to contribute by raising issues or pull requests on our repository at <https://github.com/grunwaldlab/poppr/issues>.

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Chapter 5: [Tentative Title] Population Dynamics of the Plant Pathogen
Phytophthora syringae in Oregon Nurseries

5.1 Abstract

5.2 Introduction

Phytophthora syringae is the most important species affecting ornamentals produced in the Pacific Northwest. Recent nursery sampling efforts, aimed at characterizing the diversity of *Phytophthoras* within Oregon nurseries, have revealed the species *P. syringae* to be among the most abundant taxa found in the nurseries surveyed (Parke *et al.* 2014). *P. syringae* is adapted to cold weather and grows best in the cool, wet fall, winter and spring and is least active in summer (Erwin *et al.* 1996). Like *P. ramorum*, it has a wide host range including *Rhododendron*, *Camellia*, *Malus*, and many other taxa. It has the capability for outcrossing, self-fertilizing, and reproducing clonally. This pathogen has been found globally since 1881 and is problematic on woody ornamentals such as crabapple (*Malus spp.*), as it causes unsightly cankers that make the plant unsellable (Erwin *et al.* 1996). While the ecology of this pathogen has been studied to some degree, very little is known about the demographic history and population structure on a local and global scale.

Chapter 6: [Tentative Title] The Effect of Population Dynamics, Sample Size, and Marker Choice on the Index of Association

6.1 Abstract

TBD...

6.2 Introduction

- Population Genetics of partially clonal organisms
 - This has been studied in the past (Orive 1993; Smith *et al.* 1993; Balloux *et al.* 2003; de Meeûs & Balloux 2004)
 - The index of association (Brown *et al.* 1980; Smith *et al.* 1993; Agapow & Burt 2001)
 - In de Meeûs & Balloux (2004), it was shown that \bar{r}_d has a high variance in clonal populations and Smith *et al.* (1993) showed that it's affected by population structure.
- Methods for assessing level of clonal reproduction (CloNcaSe) (Ali *et al.* 2016)
 - This only works for populations with discrete generations with an observable sexual stage.

- Limitations of previous studies
 - No HTS markers
 - Significance tests are routinely performed via permutation analysis, but could not be performed due to software limitations (Burt *et al.* 1996; de Meeûs & Balloux 2004)
- Objectives
 1. Analyze mixtures of clonal populations to assess effect of sampling multiple clonal populations
 2. Re-analyze rates of sexual reproduction to confirm previous study
 3. Assess significance tests for \bar{r}_d

6.3 Methods

All simulations were performed with the python package simuPOP version 1.1.7 in python version 3.4. For each scenario, 100 simulations with 10 replicates were created with a census size of 10,000 individuals evolved over 10,000 generations. From each replicate, 10, 25, 50, and 100 individuals were sampled without replacement for downstream analysis.

6.3.1 Microsatellite Simulation

Each population was simulated with 20 co-dominant loci containing 6 to 10 alleles with frequencies drawn from a uniform distribution and normalized. Before mating,

mutations occurred at each locus at a rate of 1e-5 mutations/generation.

6.3.2 Microsatellite Analysis

The standardized index of association (\bar{r}_d) was calculated in R version 3.2 with the package *poppr* version 2.2.1 using the function `ia()` within custom scripts (supplementary information). Tests for significance were performed by randomly permuting the alleles at each locus independently and then assessing \bar{r}_d . This was done 999 times for each replicate population. The p-values reflect the proportion of observations greater than the observed statistic.

6.3.3 GBS Simulations

Simulations of 10,000 binary loci at intervals of 1 Mbp over 100 chromosomal fragments were simulated with a mutation rate of 1e-5 mutations per generation and a recombination rate of 1e-5 for sexually recombining populations.

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