

Making sense of *P. infestans* diversity data at national and international scales

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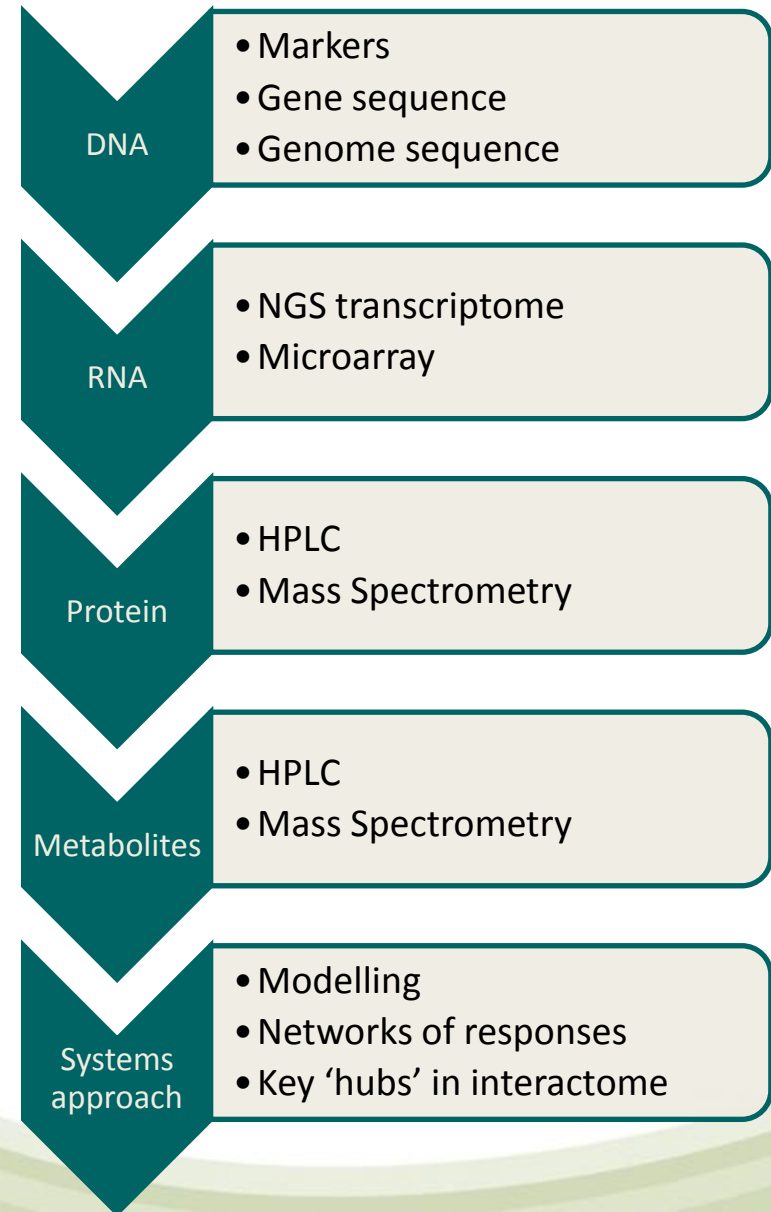
Pathogen Traits



Where & When?

Database

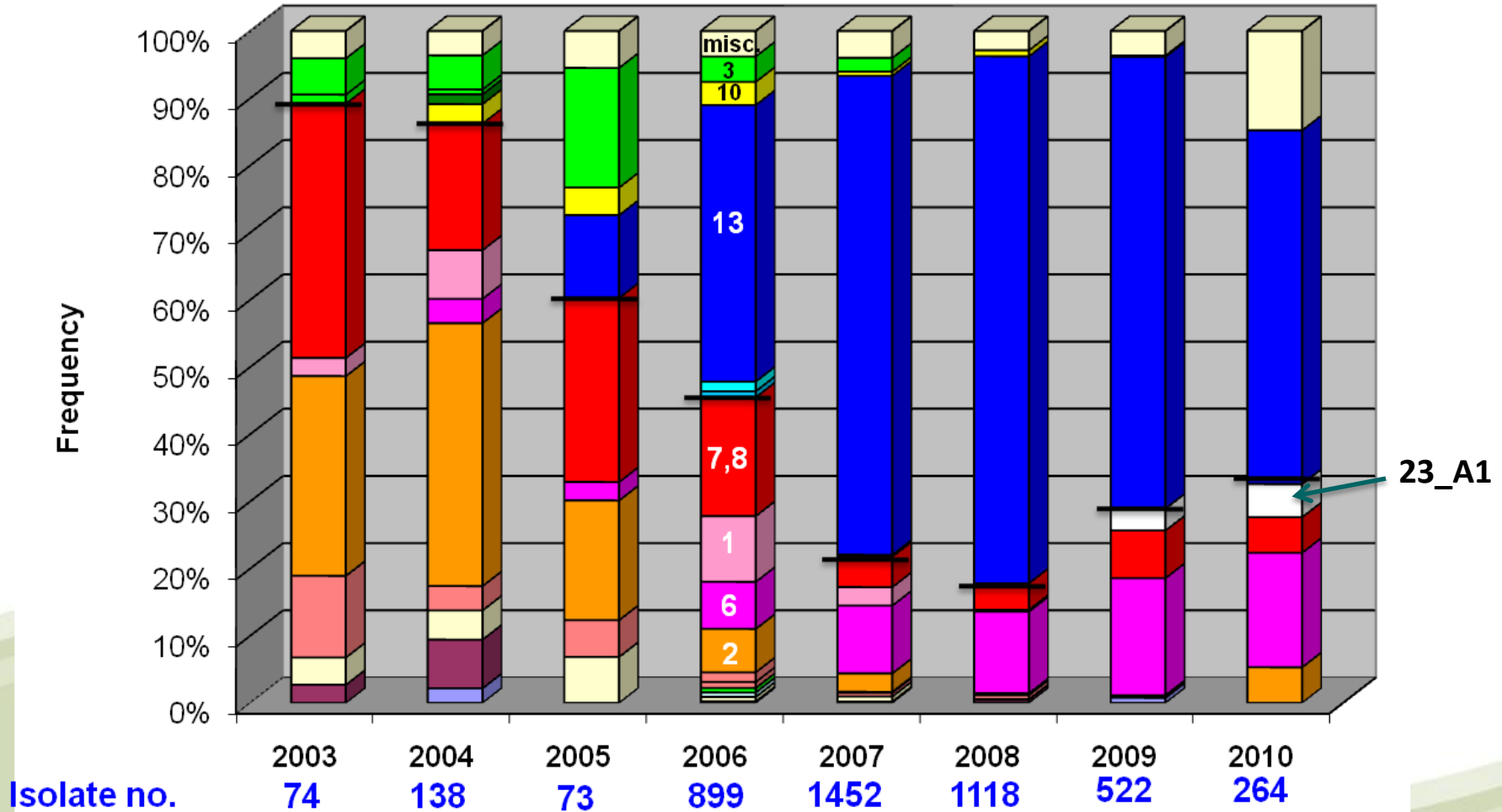
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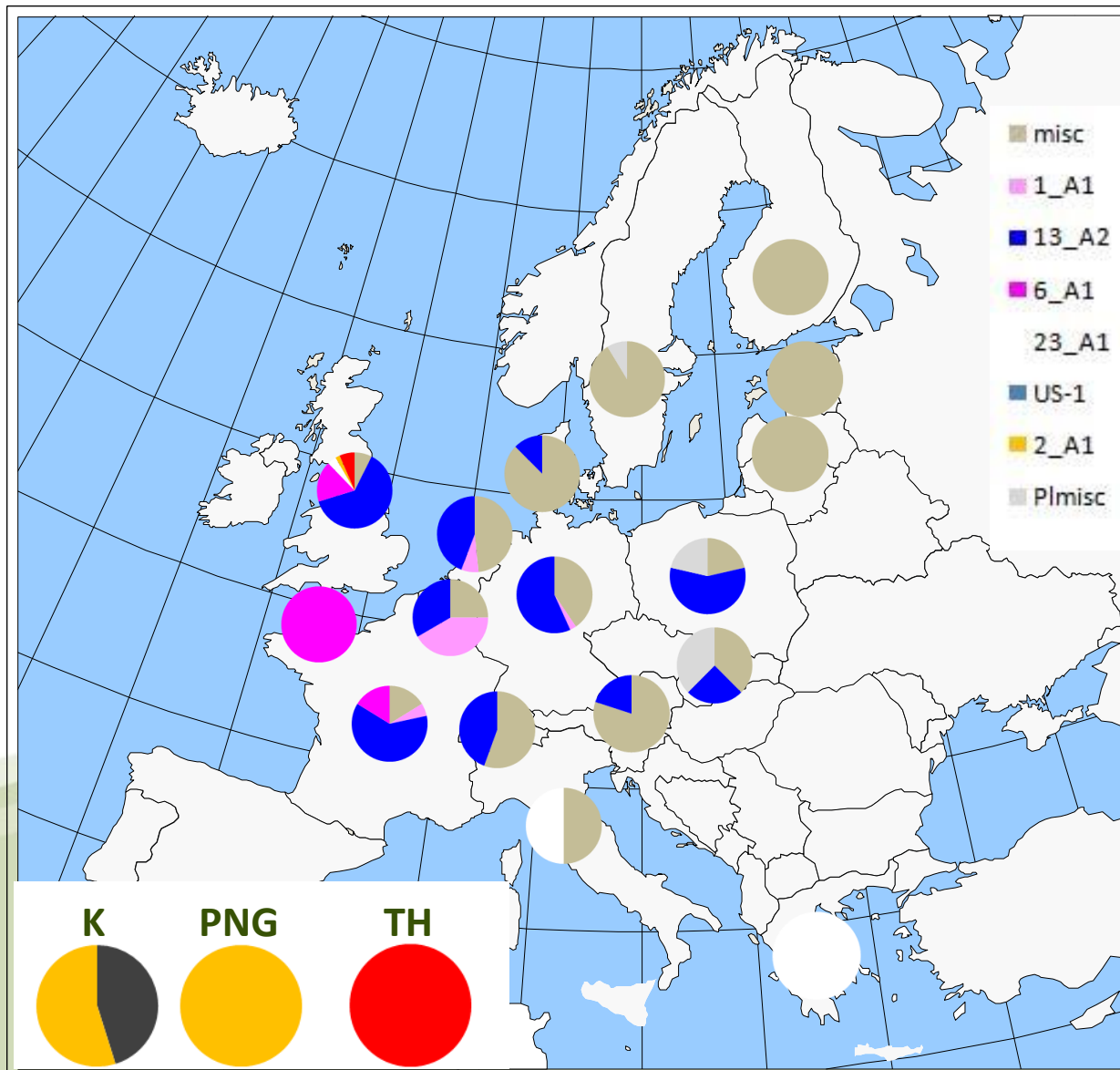
Outline

- GB & EU population status
- Database update & naming lineages/populations
- Progress on SSR markers and analysis
- Genomics and effector sequencing

GB *P. infestans* population update



Sample of EU *P. infestans* genotypes (2008-10) (n=350)



- 13_A2 still present in many areas (less due to reduced Metalaxyl use?)
- A high proportion of novel 'misc' types particularly in NE
- New genotype in PL, SK & SE
- 23_A1 on tomato in Italy & GK
- Pooling all EU data to come
- Thanks to Bayer (see poster) and Syngenta, Howard Hinds, Dolf deBoer, Vangelis Vellios

Database update

- EUCABLIGHT still active and can be updated using the P.exe tool developed by Jens Hansen & Poul Lassen (UoA)
- Integration underway into more comprehensive & redesigned 'CropProblem' database (cereal rust) with upgraded database techniques
- SSR data entry will be considerably easier in future with custom XL spreadsheets allowing upload of large datasets
- Improved mapping and analysis tools being developed for rust; aim to apply these to blight (funding needed)
- More discussion on Weds morning

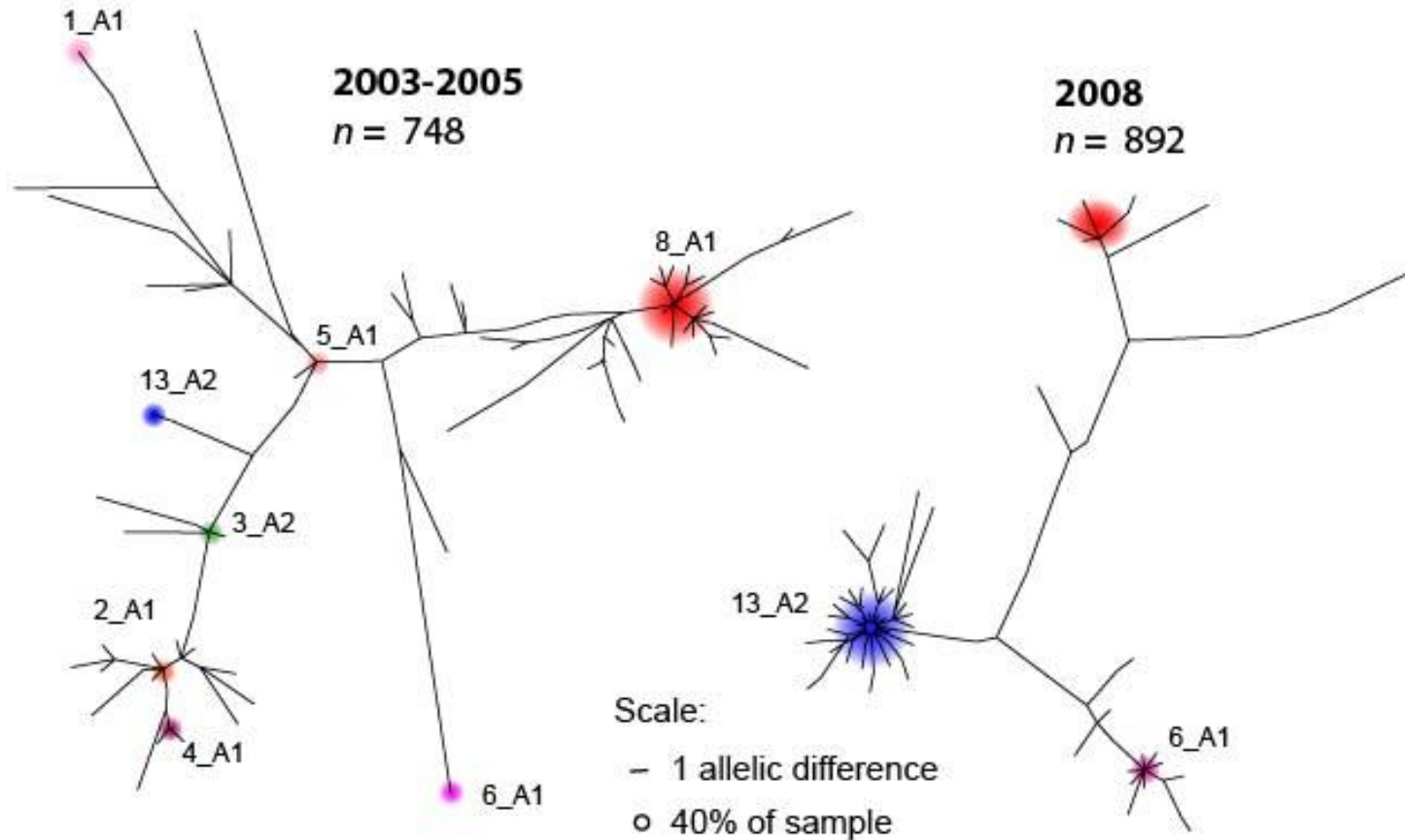
Genotype naming proposal

- New clonal lineages will emerge. But naming currently = *ad hoc*
- Single system would allow clearer scientific communication
- Ideally types should be defined by an objective method - calculated and applied *in silico*
- Is that possible? (see later)
- What marker system to use? SSRs best at the moment but sequencing may replace this in the future
- Naming convention (Cooke, Li and van der Lee)
 - EU_Y004_G0013_Y004_V001
 - EU_Y004_G0013_Y005_V002
 - EU_Y004_G0013_Y006_V003
 - CN_Y006_G0001_Y006_V001

SSR Analysis methods

- 12 markers in multiplex (PRI, JHI collaboration)
- Diploid and higher ploidies (multiple SSR peaks) in the same population makes population genetics difficult
- Challenges due to clonality and variants of clones
- A method that alleviates the ploidy problem based on Bruvo genetic distances published recently & implemented in R as POLYSAT (Clark & Jasieniuk *Molecular Ecology Resources* 2011)
- Minimum spanning trees & Principal component analysis output

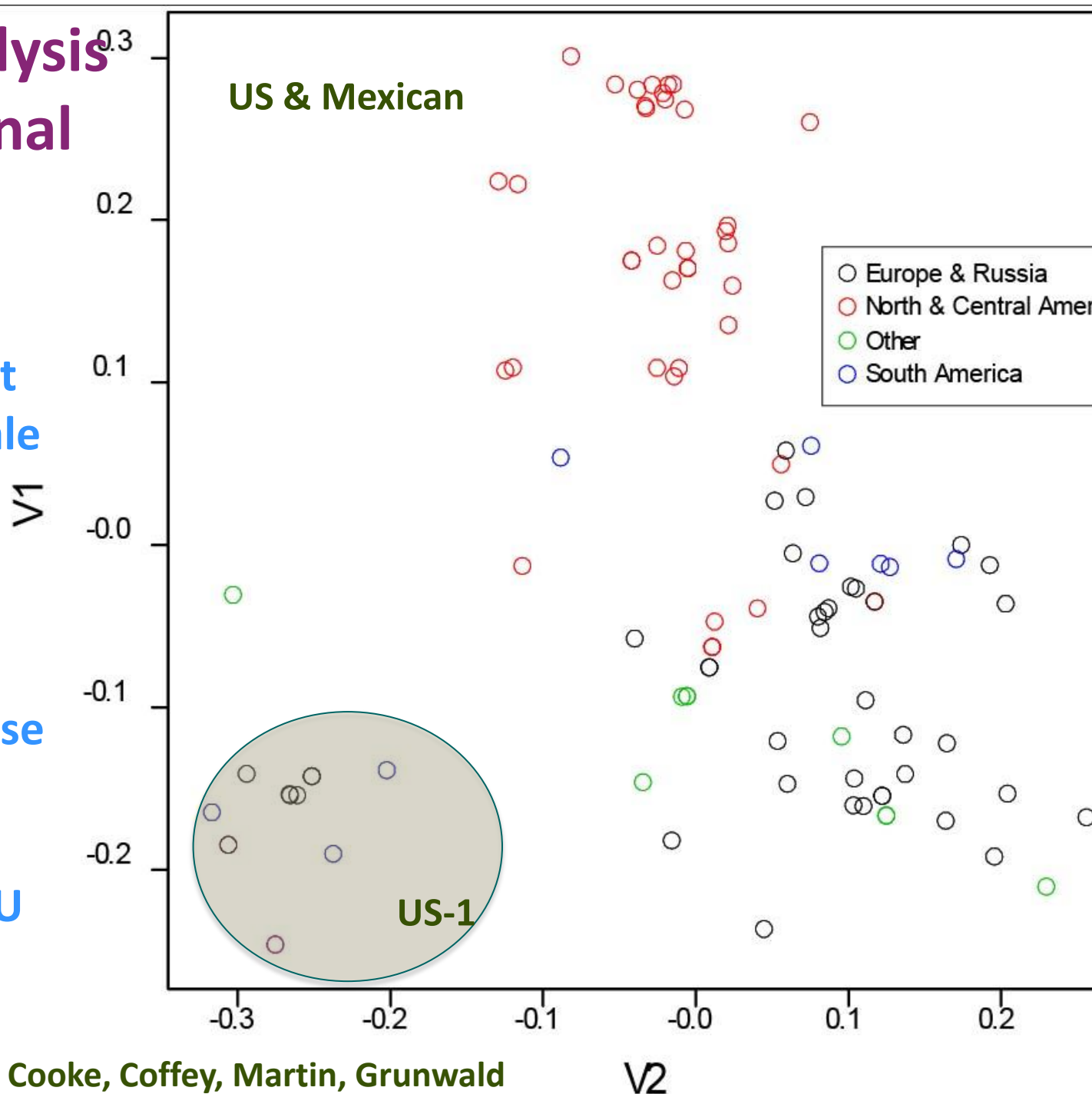
Bruvo distance and MINSP trees



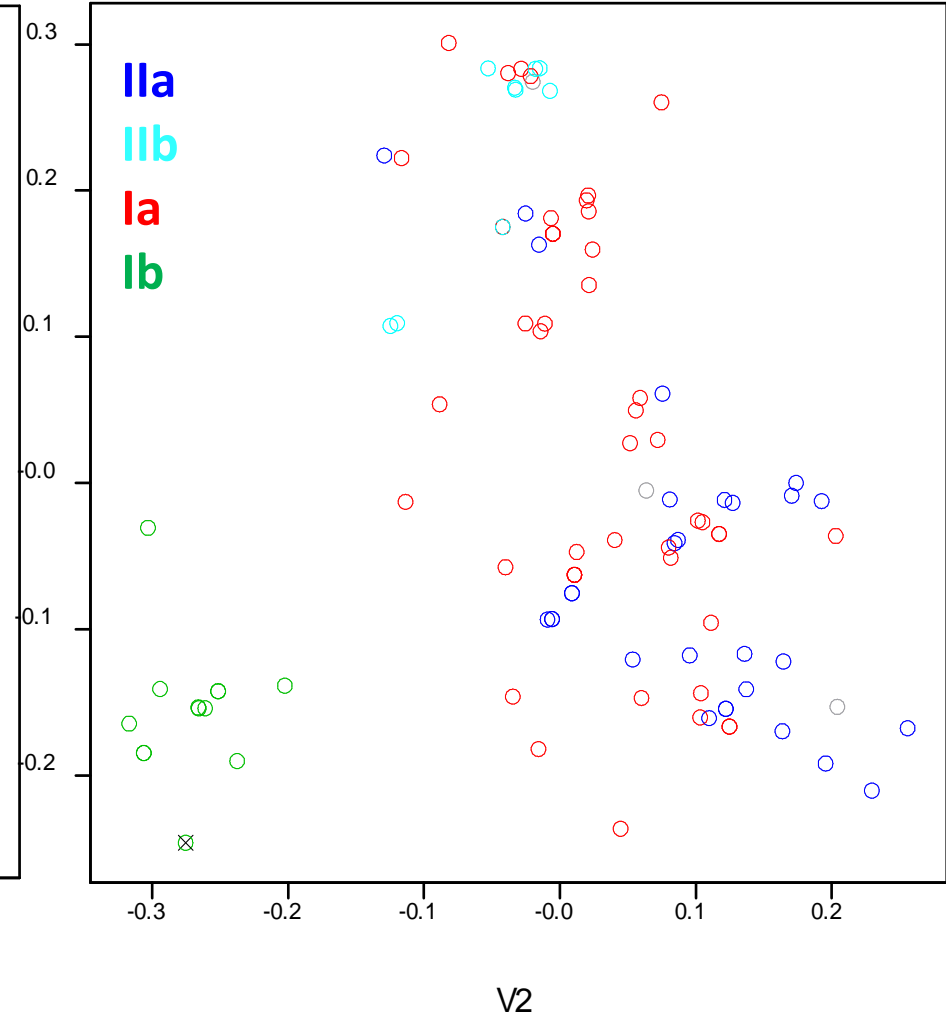
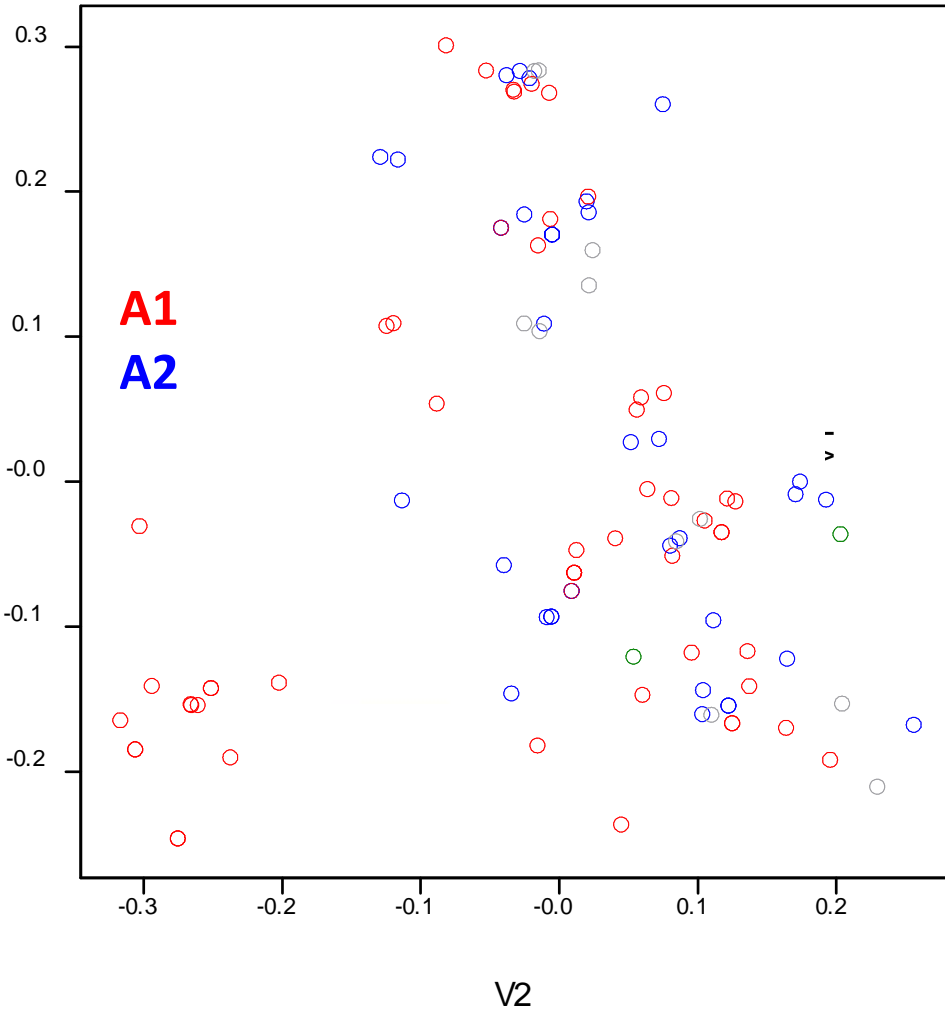
Goss and Grunwald based on GB population data

POLYSAT analysis of international population (n=102)

- Regional split at International scale
- Much diversity within regions
- US-1 now diverse
- MX and Andes contributed to EU diversity ?

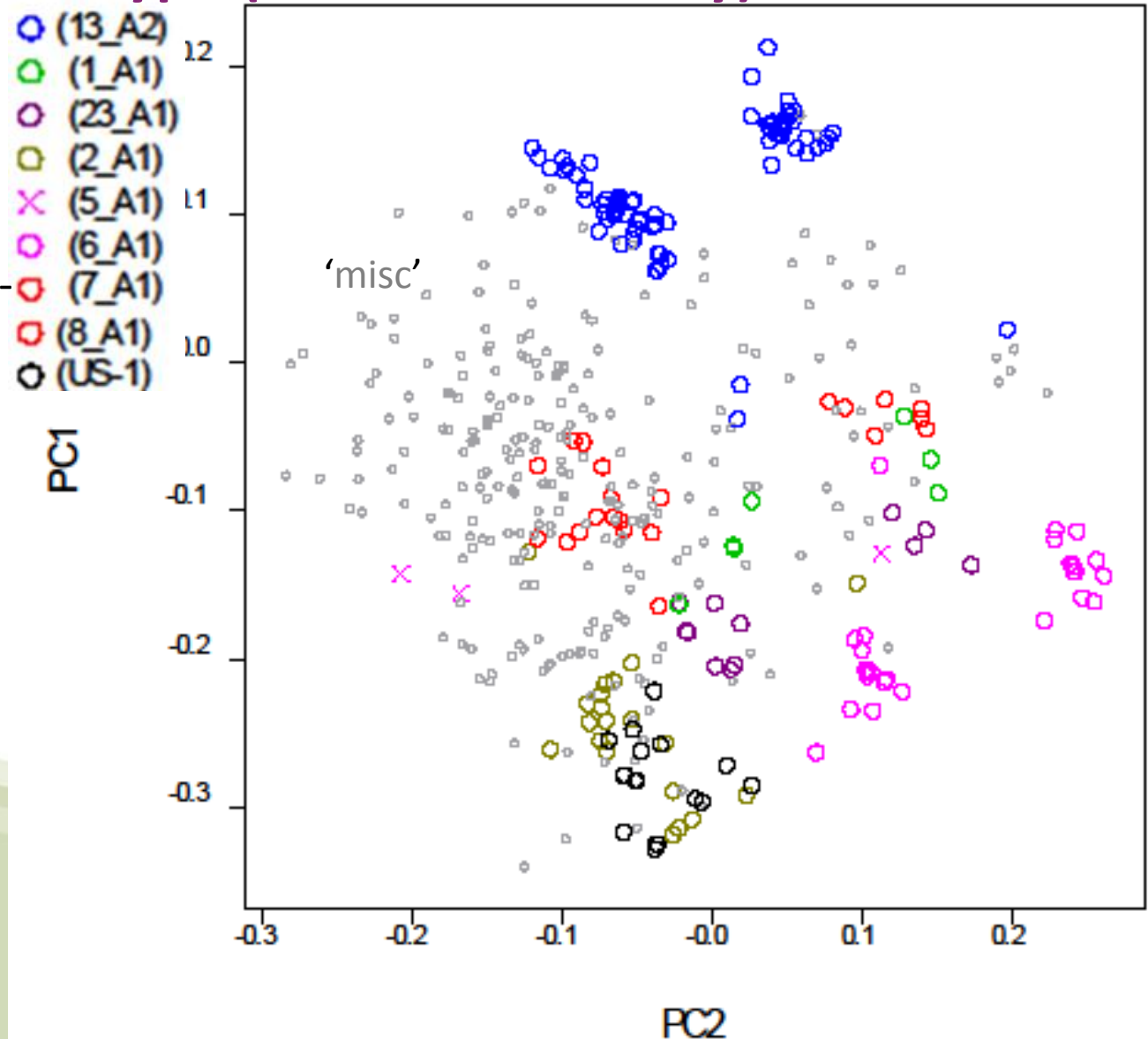


Global data by mating type & mtDNA



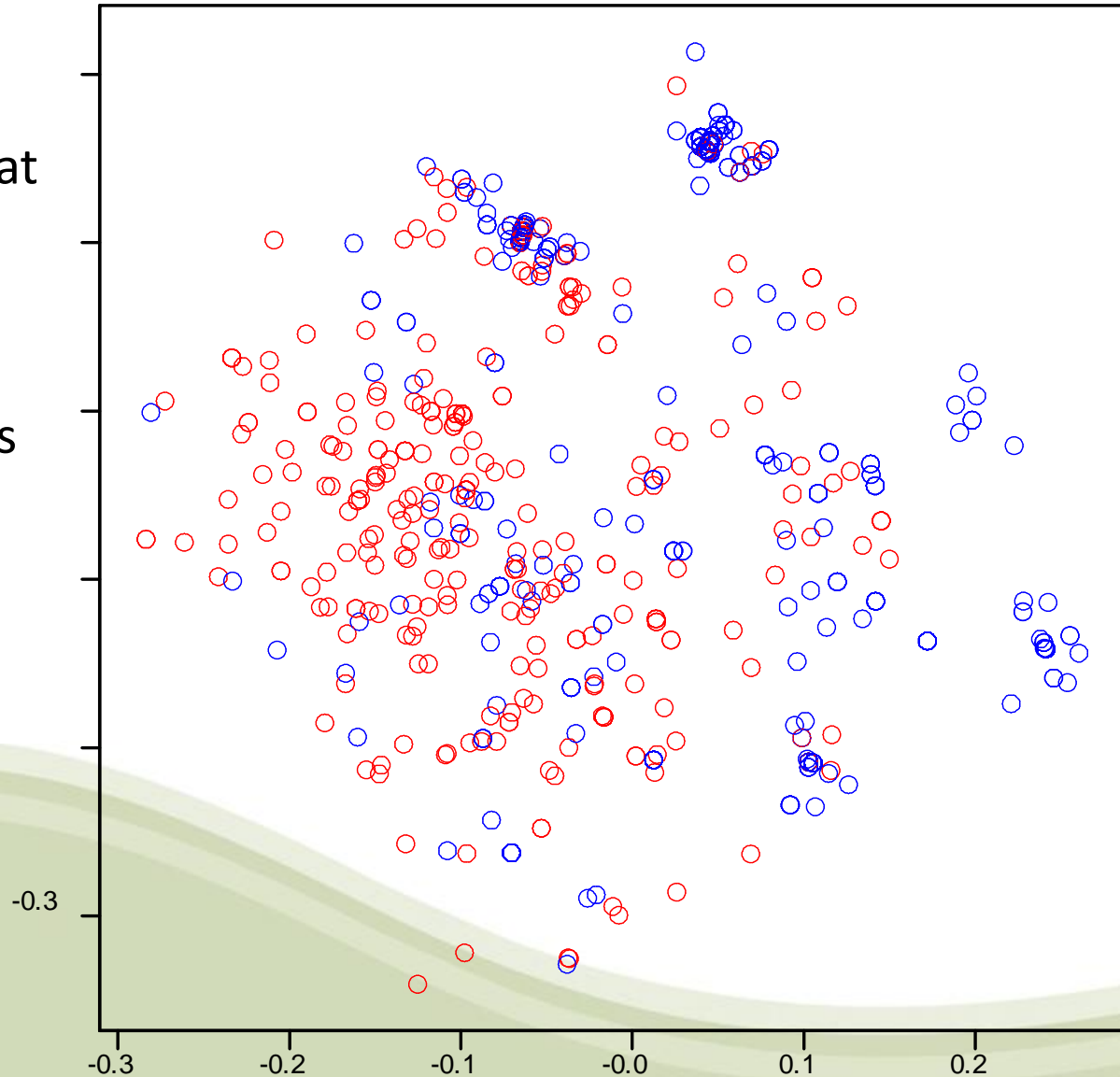
POLYSAT - Global population plus 1300 European isolates Labelled by genotype (defined manually)

- Reasonably well defined but split in each unexplained
- Add all 'misc' types - the 'diversity' gaps are filled with recombinants
- Overlaps need to be looked at more carefully
- This clustering may not be suited to defining clones? MINSP trees better



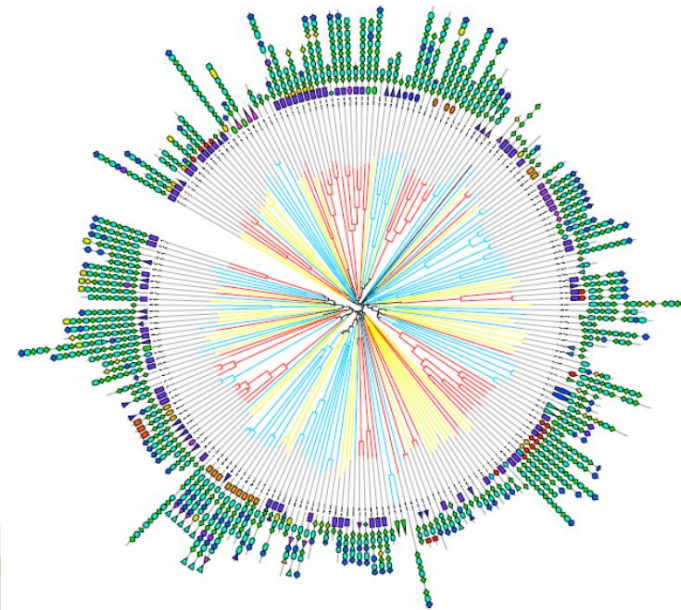
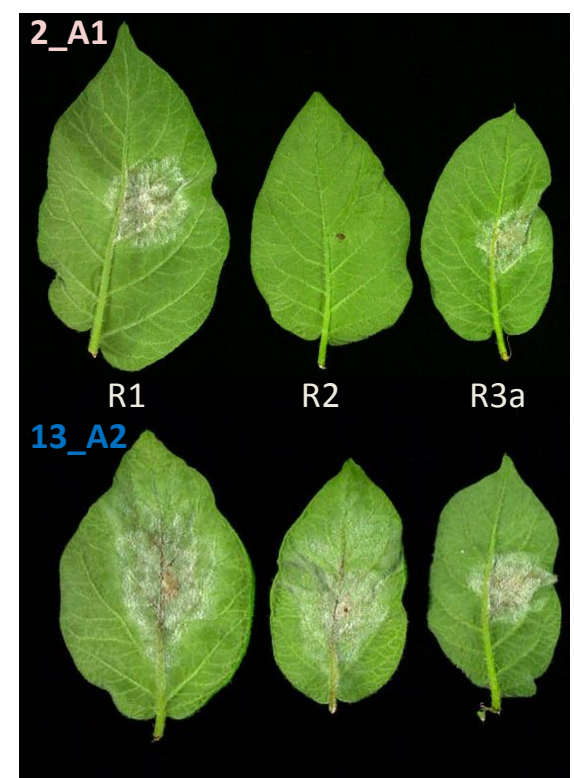
The same data labelled by **GB** versus the **rest of Europe**

- Some overlap
- Also regions that appear quite distinct
- Further analysis needed



Effector diversity

- Understanding effector diversity important for deployment new blight resistances (WUR method promising)
- Which effectors? 500+ RXLRs alone. At JHI candidates based on functional and localisation assays



How to study effector diversity?

- PCR & test gene by gene
 - JHI testing new software (L. Pritchard) to design hundreds of primer pairs specific to single RXLR effector genes.
 - Presence/absence in genome
 - Sequence variation – define function
 - Collaborations needed
- Next Generation sequencing of DNA or cDNA transcripts

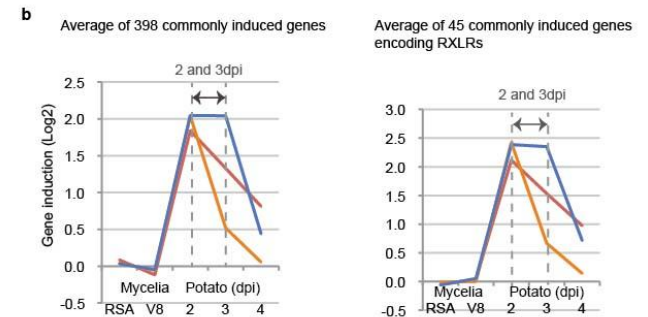
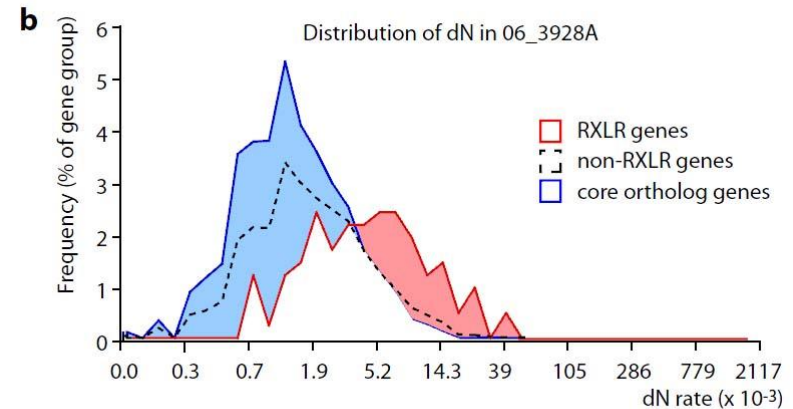
Example - RXLR gene PITG_06478 (RX5)

| Presence of SNPs in PITG_06478 effector Gene (RX5) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | SNP position (bp) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Isolate | 333 | 336 | 348 | 350 | 386 | 391 | 488 | 515 | 519 | 634 | 646 | 751 | 752 |
| NL99013 | C | A | R | R | R | T | C | A | C | G | T | W | Y |
| PITG_06478 | C | G | G | G | G | T | C | A | C | A | T | A | T |
| NL03132 | C | G | G | G | G | T | C | A | C | R | T | A | T |
| 2009_7654A | C | G | G | G | G | T | C | A | C | R | T | A | T |
| NL07367 | C | G | G | G | G | T | C | A | C | G | T | A | T |
| NL04255 | C | G | G | G | G | T | C | A | C | G | T | A | T |
| NL03020 | C | G | G | G | G | T | C | A | C | A | T | A | T |
| NL01008 | C | G | G | G | G | T | C | A | C | A | T | A | T |
| EC-3527 | C | G | G | G | G | T | C | A | C | R | T | A | T |
| 2006_3936C2 | C | G | G | G | G | T | C | A | C | R | T | A | T |
| 2006_3928A | C | G | G | G | G | T | C | A | C | R | T | A | T |
| 2006_3884B | C | G | G | G | G | T | C | A | C | R | T | A | T |
| T30-4 | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | T | T | C |
| NL01155 | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | T | T | C |
| NL03114 | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | Y | T | C |
| NL04223 | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | Y | T | C |
| NL04297 | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | T | T | C |
| NL02037 | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | T | T | C |
| 2004_10477B | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | T | T | C |
| T30-4 | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | T | T | C |
| MP_622 | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | T | T | C |
| 2006_4024E | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | T | W | Y |
| MP_618 | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | T | T | C |
| SE_03087 | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | T | T | C |
| 2006_4332 | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | Y | T | C |
| 2004-7804B | G | A | A | A | A | A | T | C | C | G | T | T | C |
| 2006_4244E | S | A | R | R | A | W | Y | M | C | G | T | W | Y |
| 2003_25_3_1 | S | R | R | R | A | W | Y | M | C | R | T | W | Y |
| IP001900 | S | R | R | R | G | T | Y | M | Y | R | T | W | Y |
| 88069 | S | R | R | R | R | T | C | A | C | G | Y | W | Y |
| 80029 | S | R | R | R | R | W | Y | M | C | R | T | W | Y |
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| 88133 | S | R | R | R | R | W | Y | M | C | R | T | W | Y |
| NL02085 | S | R | R | R | R | W | Y | M | C | R | T | W | Y |
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| 2006_4256B | S | R | R | R | R | W | Y | M | C | G | Y | W | Y |
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| 2006_4232E | S | R | R | R | R | W | Y | M | C | G | Y | W | Y |

- 13 SNPs identified
- Seven replacement changes observed
- Homozygous and heterozygous forms found in European population
- Starting to examine the evolutionary history of individual and collective RXLR diversity
- Spatial and temporal patterns will be important too so we need to build database that holds such info – merging bioinformatics with phylogeography

P. infestans 13_A2 genomics

- 06_2928A sequenced and compared to five others
- Many SNPs identified –RXLRs in particular under +ve selection
- Expanded effector repertoire & many CNVs seen
- Gene expression patterns of 13_A2 differ from other isolates



Conclusions & Thanks

- We have not yet made sense of all *P.infestans* diversity !
- *P. infestans* population diverse but structured
- Analysis tools improving
- Database updates and better interpretation at regional and Intl scale required
- We need to understand the drivers of popn change better
better links to fundamental research on effectors and R-genes)
- Thanks to all current and future data submitters and collaborators, friends and colleagues