



New diverse population of the late blight pathogen – what does it mean for practice

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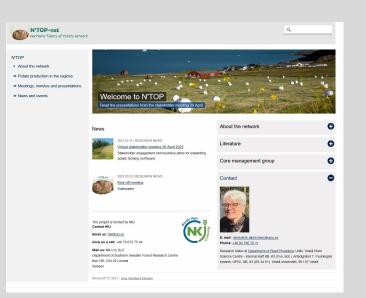
- Late blight pathogen in context Green transition, F2F and Nordic collaboration
- EuroBlight, BlightManager, IPMBlight2.0 and Ecosol know your enemy and prevent attack
- Disease surveillance, genotyping and phenotyping using smartphone Apps and Dashboard
- Results from the BlightManager project and evolution of the Danish P.i. population
- European perspective. What are the phenotypic traits of the most common genotypes
- Conclusions and recommendations



- Green transition Potato is a climate friendly crop
- EU- F2F wants to halve use of pesticides by 2030
- EU wants to increase organic production to 25% of arable land by 2030
- The potato industry in the Nordic region is challenged by a diverse sexual recombining population of P.i., more aggressive and multi-virulent genotypes, climate change and access to a reduced number and types of a.i.

We have a better chance of success if we work (more) together and if we make use of all IPM principles.

 "Northern tubers of potato" new opportunities – new emerging plant health problems









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Press release

Reduced sensitivity to fluazinam detected in the rapidly increasing Phytophthora infestans clonal lineage EU-37 (Dark Green 37)

June 28, 2017

Results from Wageningen University & Research shows that all P. infestans EU-37 isolates tested, displayed a reduced sensitivity to fluazinam. There is a strong indication that the rise of EU-37 in Europe is not only caused by its better fitness but also by a selection advantage in situations in which fluazinam is used.

EuroBlight annually monitors and reports upon the development of Phytophthora genotypes in Europe. The results of 2016, which in many countries was a serious late blight year, showed that two relatively new genotypes are on the rise. Their survival and spread at a time when other clones have failed to establish suggests they are evolutionarily fit and may pose challenges to disease control. One of these genotypes is EU-37.

Spreading

A single sample of EU-37 was first detected in the Netherlands in 2013 and was sampled locally at a low frequency in the following two seasons. However, it comprised 5.5% of the EU-population sampled in 2016, having spread as widely as England, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and NW France.

So far it was assumed that EU-37 could establish due to its fitness. Current results indicate that other characteristics also contribute to the increase of this genotype.

Results from Wageningen University & Research shows that all P. infestans EU-37 isolates tested, displayed a reduced sensitivity to fluazinam. The isolates tested originate from the Netherlands and Germany. They were obtained from fields with a clear reduced efficacy of fluazinam or from potato stores with unexpectedly high tuber blight infection levels. Further research has to establish whether all EU-37 isolates display excellent fitness and reduced sensitivity to fluazinam.

Strategy to reduce risks

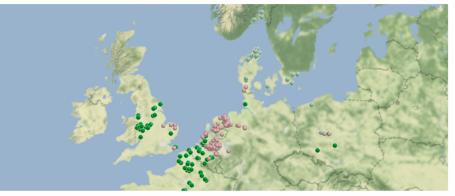
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New, emerging clones of Phytophthora infestans in Europe

- what do we know about them?

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Distribution of EU_36_A2, EU_37_A2 and EU_41_A2.

Over the last five years, EuroBlight has undertaken and coordinated an extensive survey of European populations of the late blight pathogen, *P. infestans*. The most recent data from the <u>EuroBlight monitoring initiative</u> highlighted the emergence of three new clonal lineages, named EU_36_A2, EU_37_A2 and EU_41_A2, in different parts of Europe. As ever, this raises the question of the epidemic potential of these newcomers, and of their impact on late blight management strategies. Are those strains more aggressive than other types? Are they less sensitive to fungicides? What cultivars are now under threat? Do I have to change my control strategy? These are the questions farmers and potato advisors are asking.

Alongside the genotypic analyses carried out within the EuroBlight survey, several research teams have committed themselves, as part of the IPMBlight2.0 project, to also generate and analyse important phenotypic traits, in particular aggressiveness (disease severity on compatible hosts), virulence, (the ability to overcome identified host resistance genes) and fungicide sensitivity. Since the number of isolates analysed is still limited and because not all analyses are complete yet, the results from these studies are still preliminary. However, the findings suggest that the reasons behind the success of these lineages are different.

EU_37_A2: a fluazinam insensitive, fit lineage?

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Key findings:

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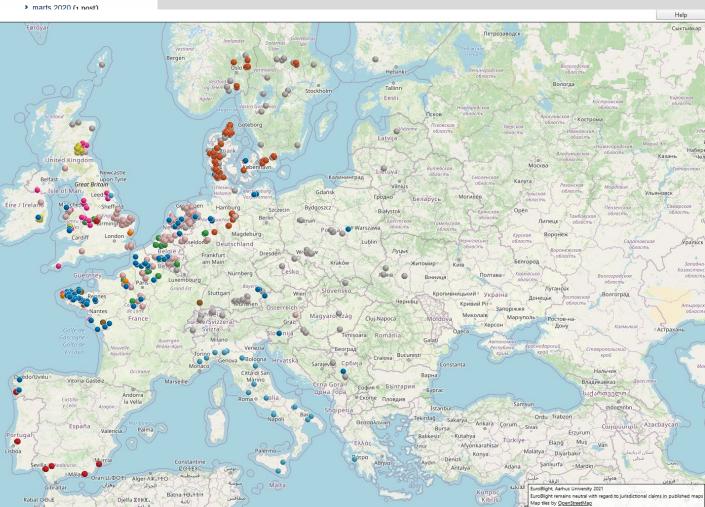
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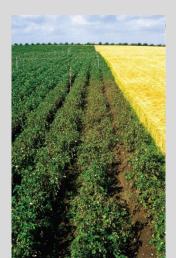
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Decision support - prevention and control of late blight and early blight

January 2019 – 31 December 2021

IPMblight2.0 → BlightManager → Ecosol





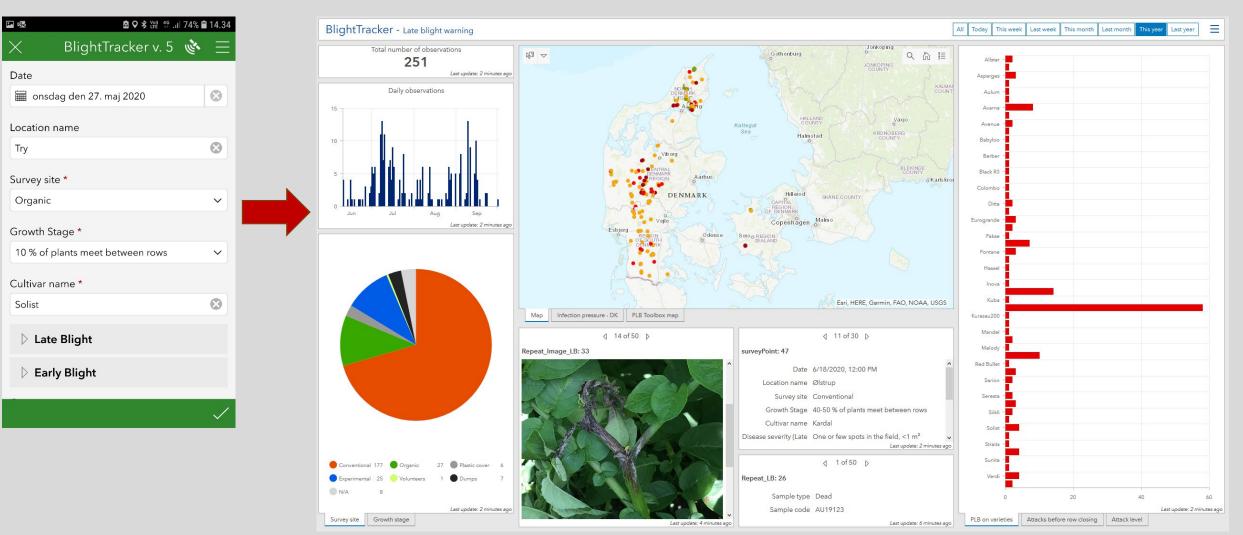




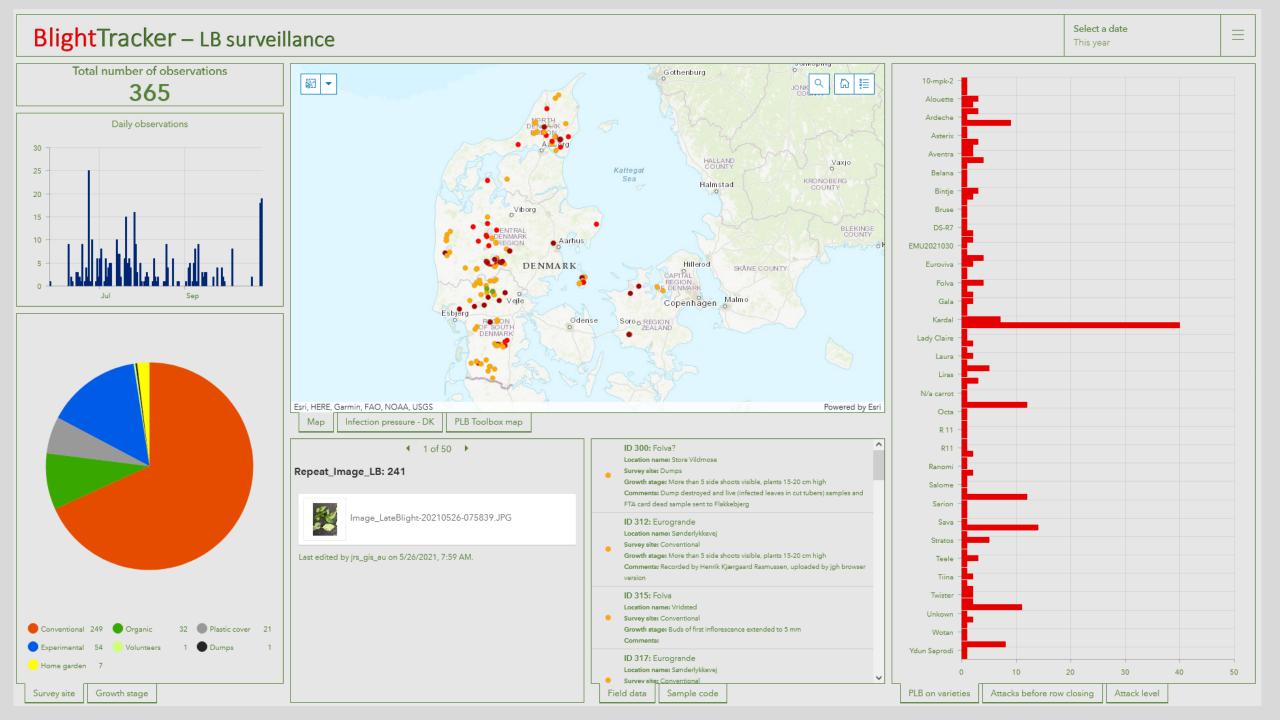
Disease surveillance and monitoring for all Nordic countries.

400% more observations

Dashboard – When, where, how much and which varieties are affected

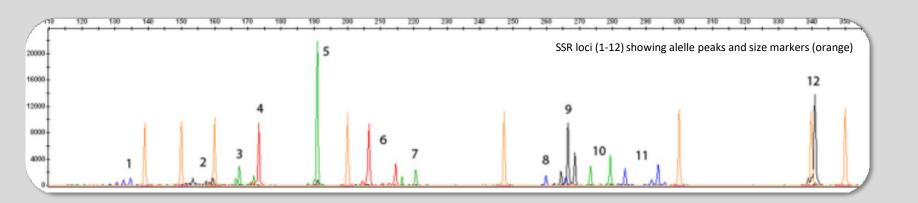


BlightTracker App



Monitoring methods

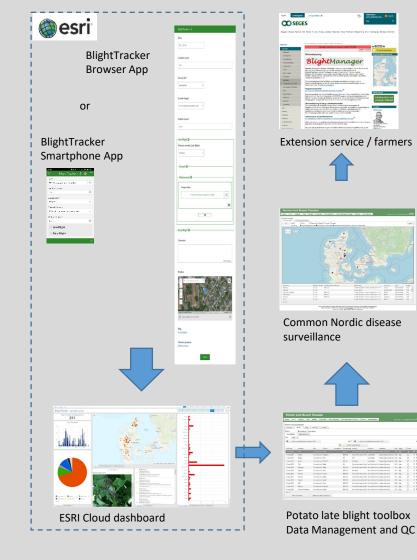
- Scouts issued with sample forms and FTA cards (also live cultures collected for phenotyping)
- Outbreak data (e.g. location, crop type, cultivar) recorded
- Lesions pressed onto FTA cards to capture pathogen DNA
- DNA fingerprinted using 12-plex SSRs (Li et al. 2013)
- Genotypes defined & data stored in Euroblight database
- Transfer to ESRI cloud
- Data mapped on <u>www.euroblight.net</u> and ESRI Dashboard





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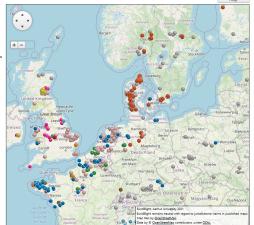


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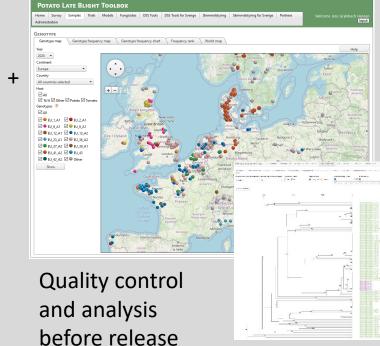
Roles in the EuroBlight infrastructure:

JHI: SSR genotyping WUR: storage of live isolates AU: Databases, Apps and website AgChem: sponsoring EuroBlight Workshops Genotype Map

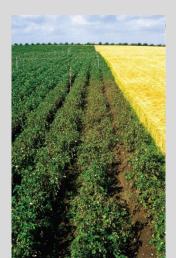


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Oospores in Denmark. Documented since 1997

Primary attack at Foulum, 1988

Oospores 2014 Foulum





Volunteer plant with blight 2015, Foulum

Sexual recombination:

- Early season soil-borne disease
- Generates genetic variation in *P. infestans* population

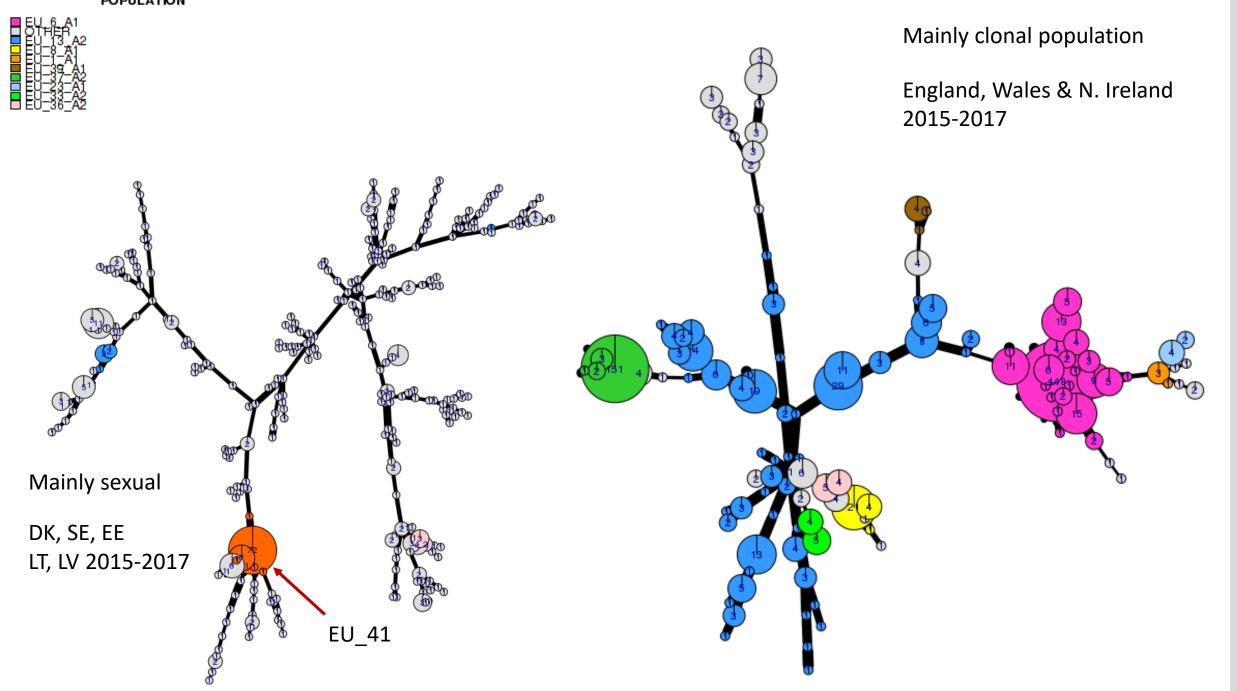


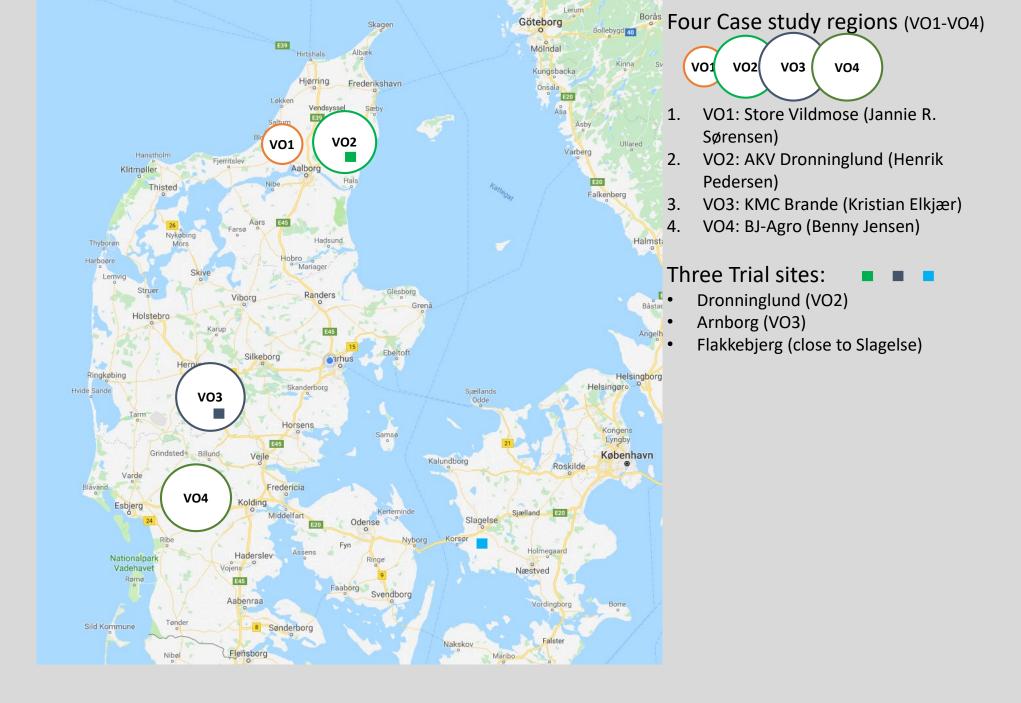
Risk of fungicide resistance and host specificity



More difficult to control









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Suspected Oospore fields Sampled 8 isolates per Field SSR genotyped at JHI



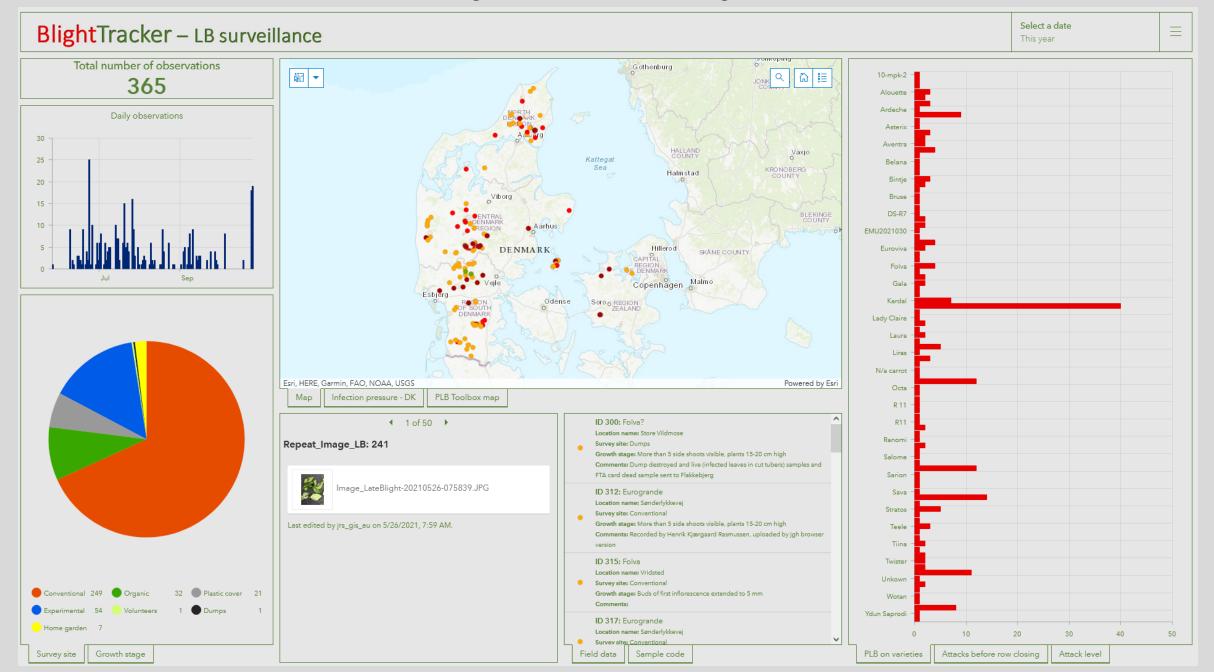
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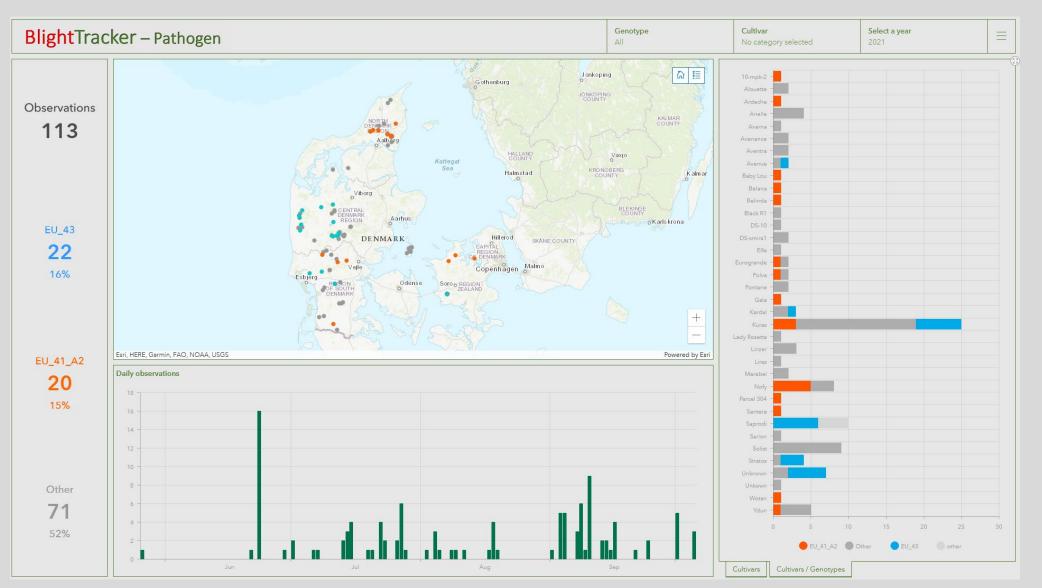
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Other (5 different)



BlightTracker Dashboard Original





New: DK Pop, 2021

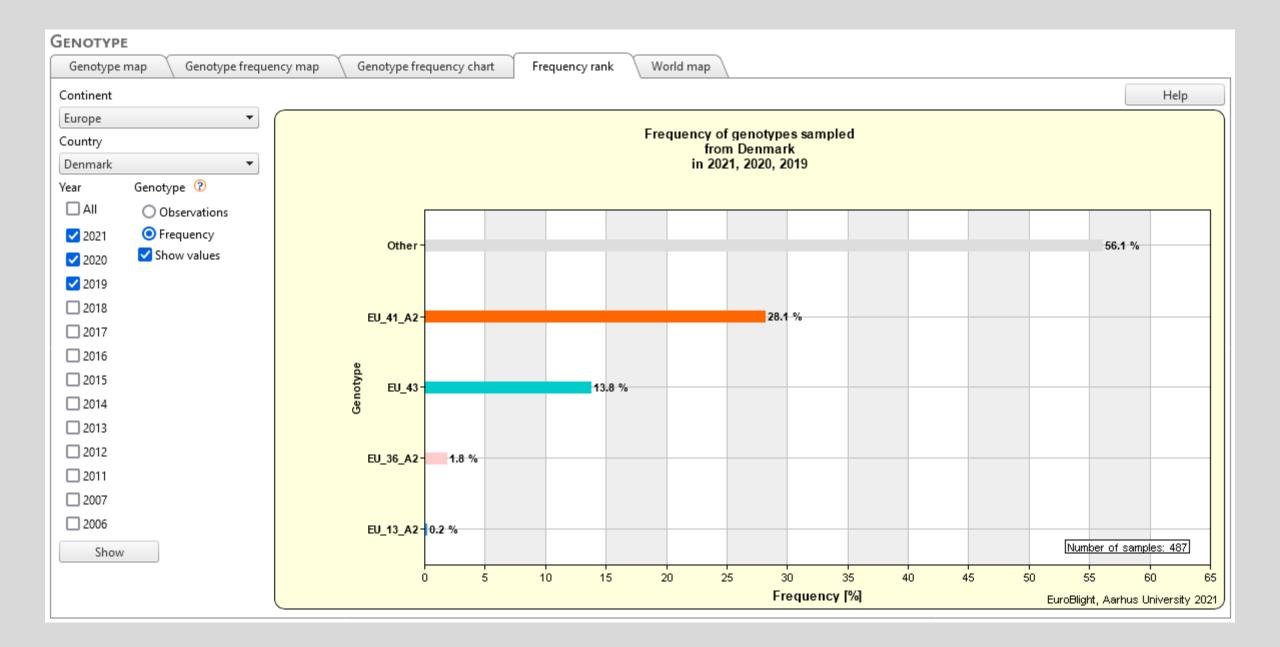
113 observations EU43: 22 (16%) EU41: 20 (15%) Other: 71 (52%)

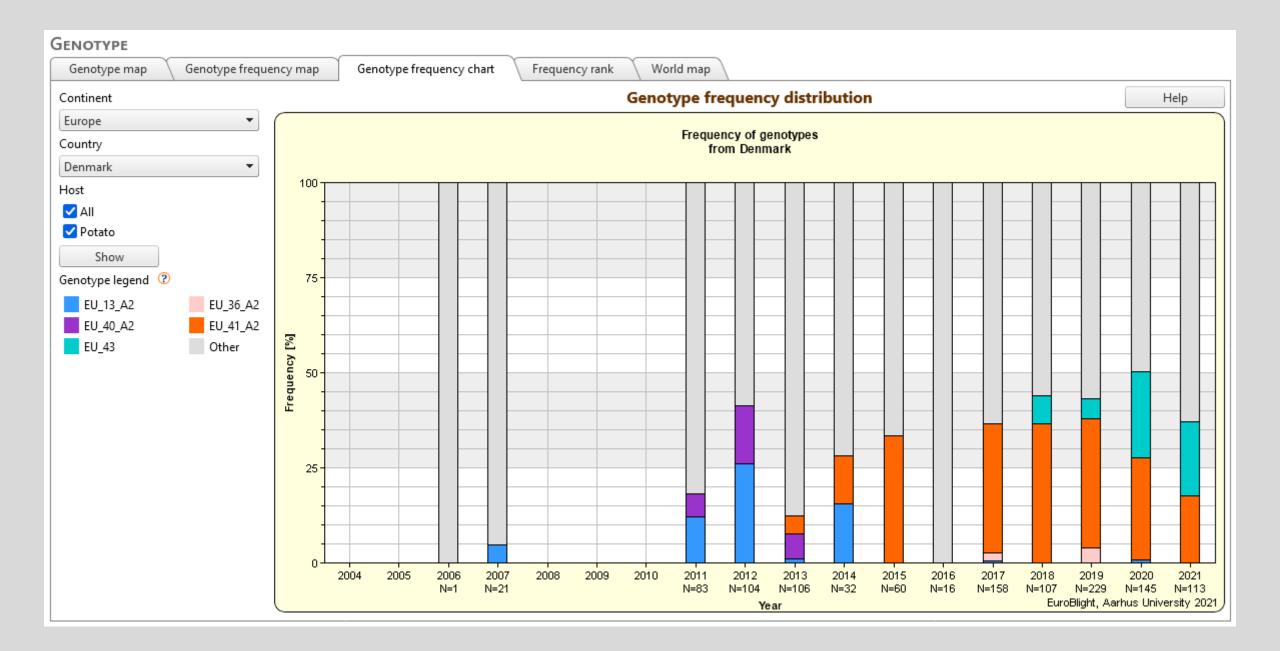
User can

Select a genotype from top menu and see where it was sampled, on which cultivars and on which dates

Select a cultivar and see which genotypes were sampled from this cultivar

Select a date or a period and see which genotypes were sampled on which cultivars

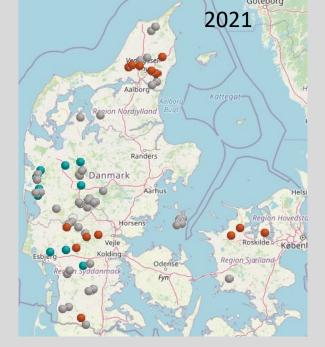












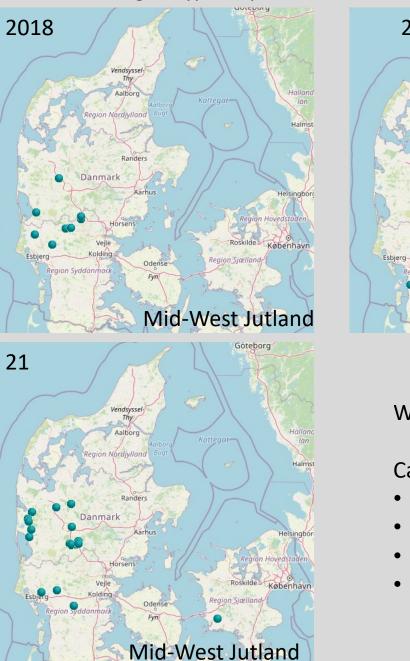


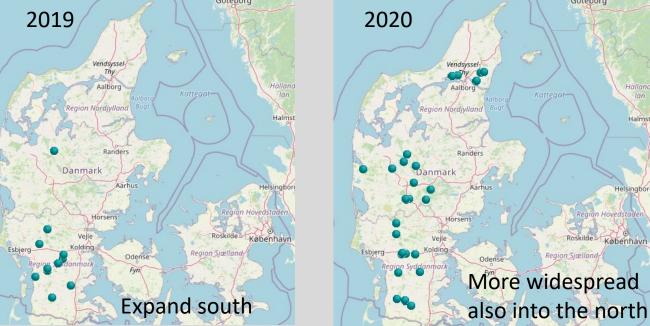






EU43 – a new genotype only found in Denmark. Named in 2020 and recognised via SSR poppr analysis in 2018 and 2019 (not earlier)





We do not yet understand these regional patterns

Can be a mixture of:

- Use of different Cultivars?
- Difference in management practices / traditions by region?
- Differences in soil types and weather patterns / Blight risk?
- Difference in recommendation from regional starch industries (KMC, AKV Langholt)?



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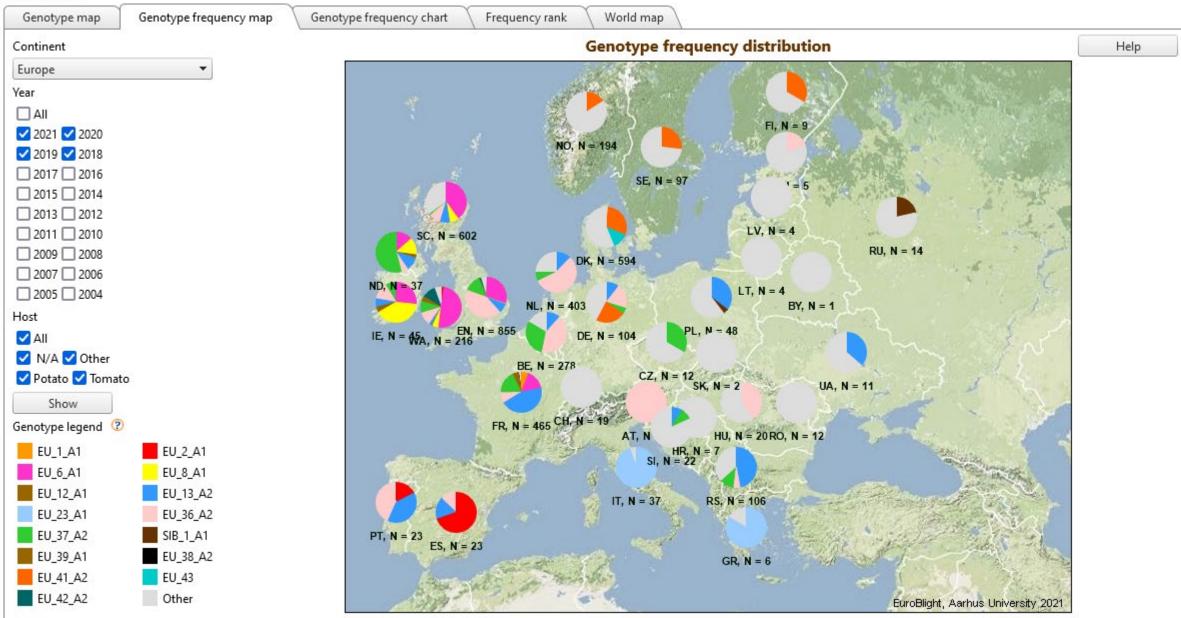
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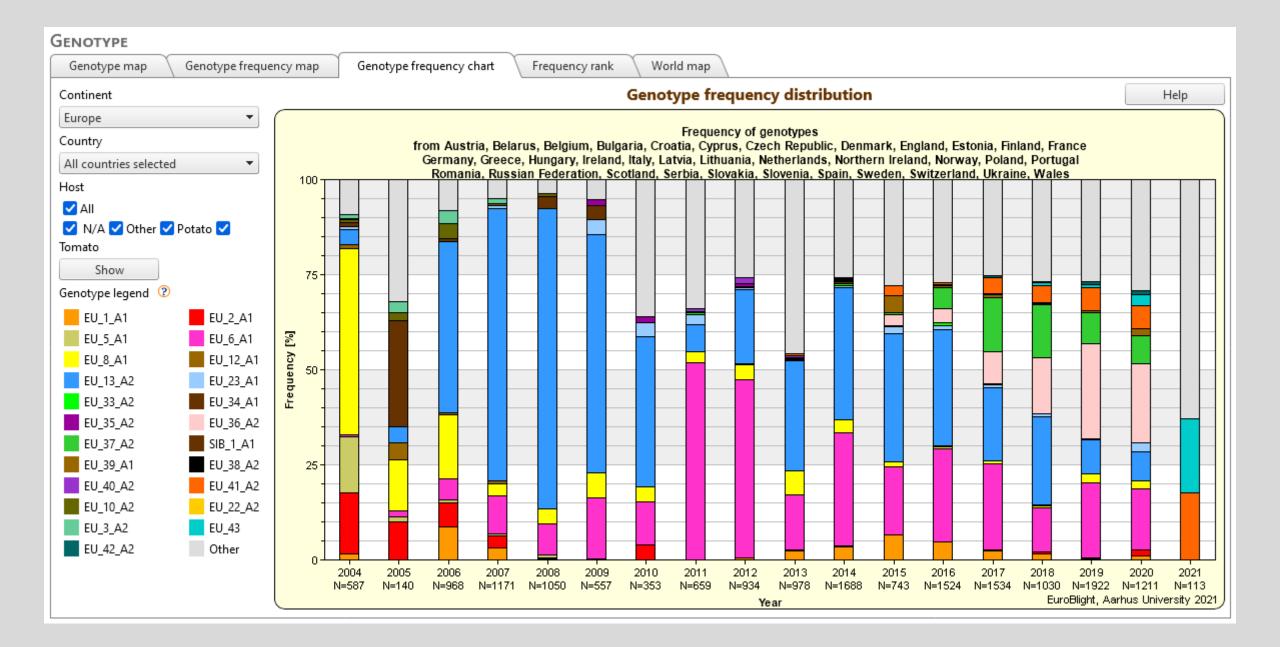
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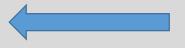
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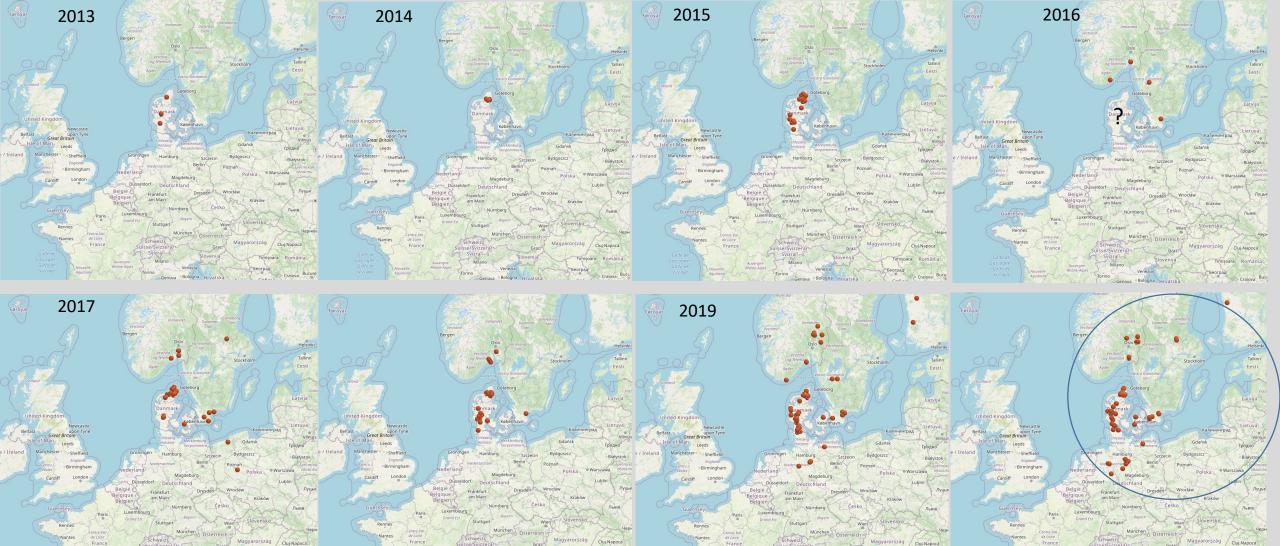




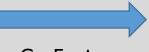


The evolution and spread of a new clone: EU37

Go west



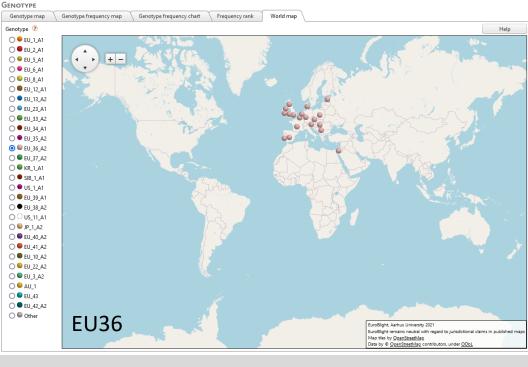
The evolution and spread of a new clone: EU41

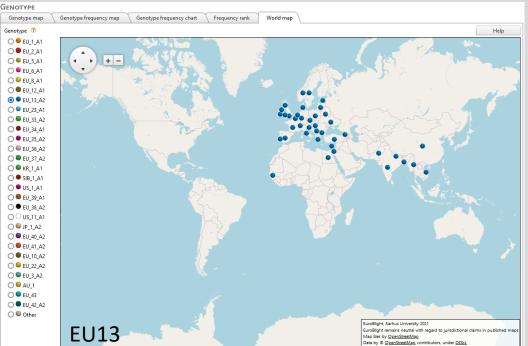


Go East

Phenotypic traits of some known genotypes

Genotype	Country and year first identified	Phenotypic traits
EU13	NL in 2004	Aggressive and less sensitive to matalaxyl
EU33	UK in 2011	Less sensitive to fluazinam
EU36	NL and DE in 2014	Aggressive – indications that it can infect at very low dosages
EU37	NL in 2013	Aggressive and less sensitive to fluazinam products
EU41	DK in 2013	Multi-virulent and relatively aggressive (sporulation capacity)
EU42	UK in 2020	Unknown
EU43	DK in 2018 (2020)	Unknown

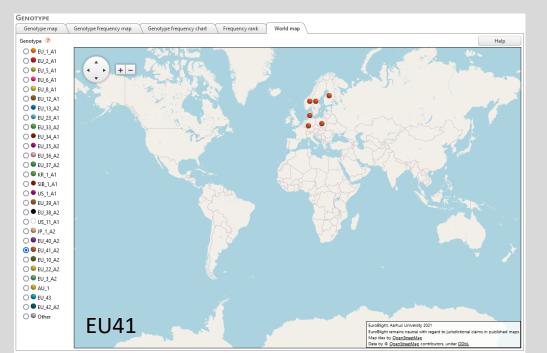


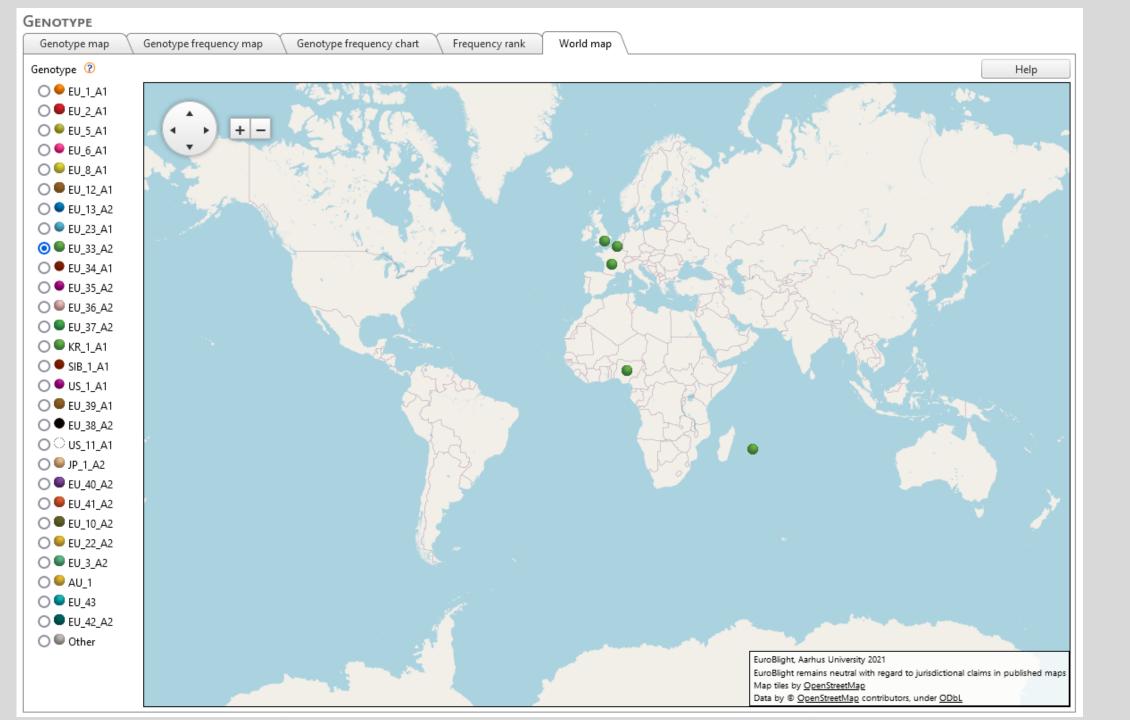






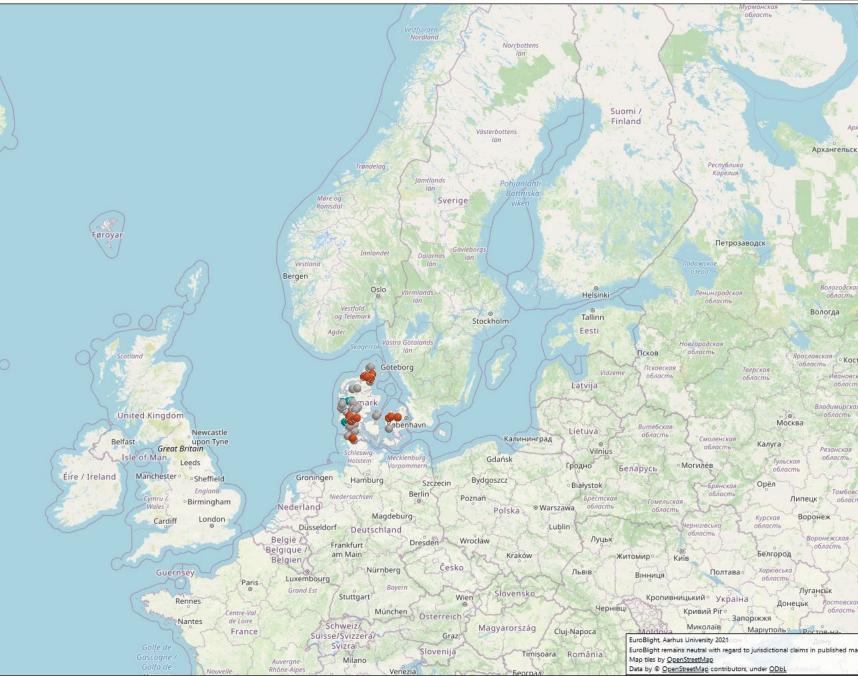


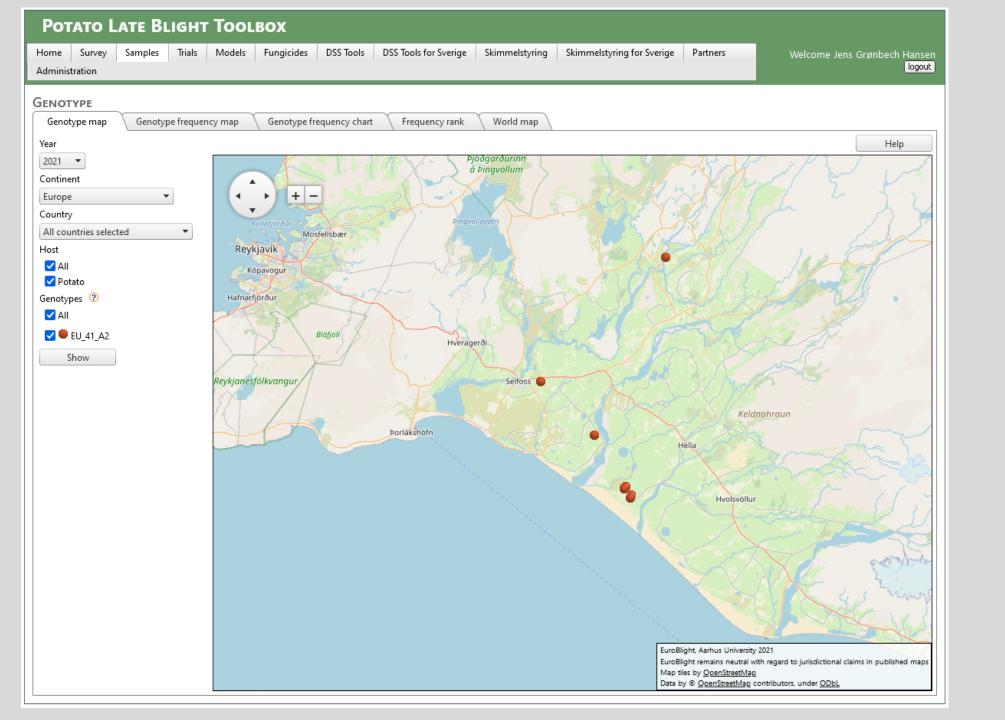


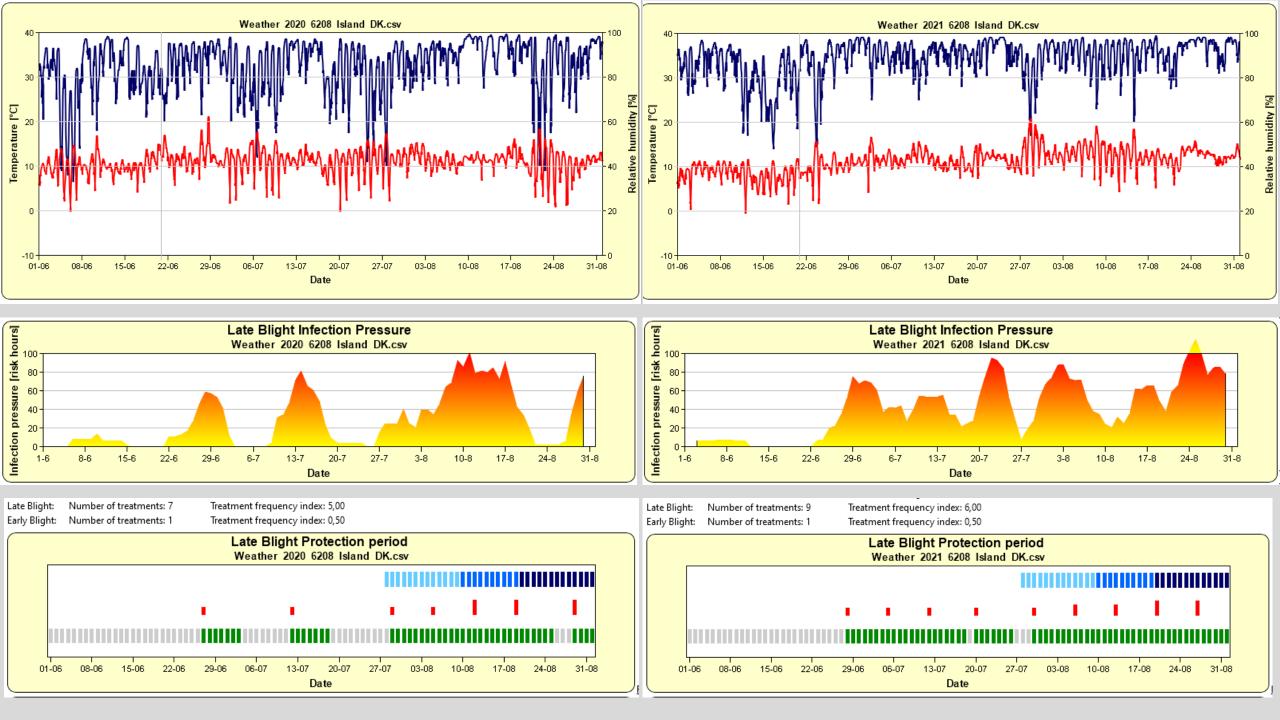


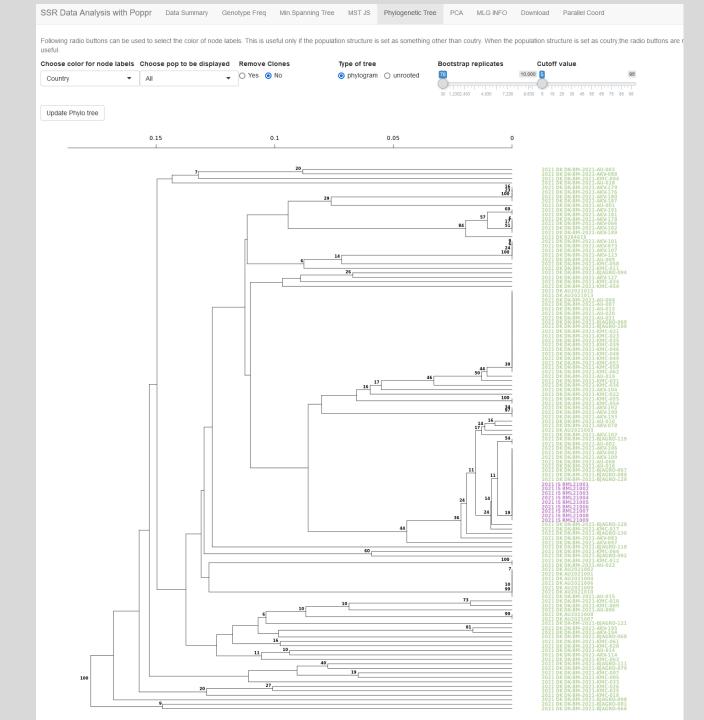






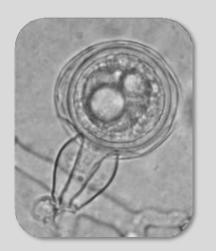






Conclusions and recommendations







- Europe-wide dataset valuable insights on pathogen diversity
- Dominance of a few clones across large areas of European crops EU growers/industry share management challenges
- New clones (EU_36_A2, 37_A2 and 41_A2) established and displacing older genotypes (EU_13_A2, 6_A1 and 1_A1)
- EU41 was identified via SSR analysis in Iceland in 2021 after PLB attacks in 2020 and 2021
- New clones identified in 2020 New clones EU_43 (DK) EU_42_A2 (GB)
- Reduced sensitivity of EU_37_A2 to fluazinam has reduced its use, prevented management failures & driven a decline of this genotype in most countries.
- Population displacement suggests EU_36_A2 more fit but we need more evidence of specific fitness trait.
- Primary inoculum is locally generated and spread. Better management of inoculum sources needed
- 'Other' populations highly diverse, ephemeral, occurring more in the north and east & most likely the result of sexual oospore germination
- High genetic diversity increases risk management failure: virulence against novel host resistance or reduced sensitivity to specific fungicide active ingredients
- Genotyping on-the-fly and dedicated labs to undertake phenotyping of new types
- Combine with a network of Trap nurseries and field nurseries
- Increased collaboration with breeders and value chain stakeholders

Recommendations

Recommendations and discussion points

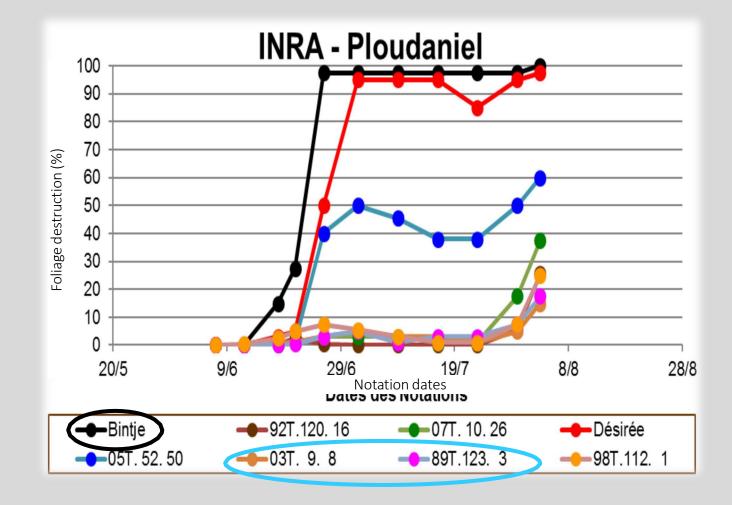
- Actions: DIVERSIFICATION (Introduce more resistant cultivars) SANITATION (no dumps, more years between potatoes, control of volunteers), Further improve EDUCATION and KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER.
- Introduce more resistant cultivars. Growing the same cultivars across many years will increase the risk of: severe epidemics, more fields with oospores, less sensitivity of important fungicides, low yields in organic potato production and, lead to increase in fungicide use.
- Use more components of IPM measures and not only rely on chemicals e.g. reduce primary inoculum sources and volunteers

Discussion points

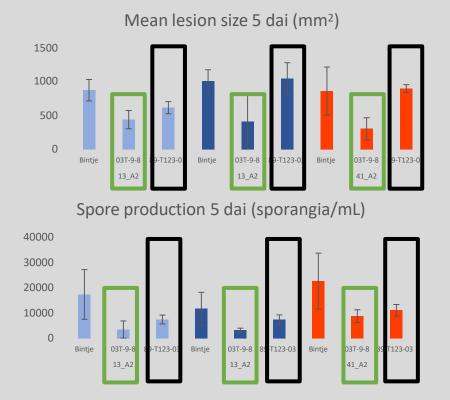
- What are your experiences with the new genotypes in the Nordic region? And did you change control strategy?
- What are the needs of the industry for a continues genotyping and phenotyping of new types of *P. infestans* and *Alternaria spp.*
- How to exploit better the knowledge of the pathogen in control strategies and DSSs

Thank you for your attention

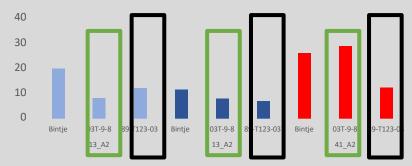
Field behaviour of some resistant and susceptible accessions



Other aggressiveness LHT



Sporulation capacity (sporangia/mm²)



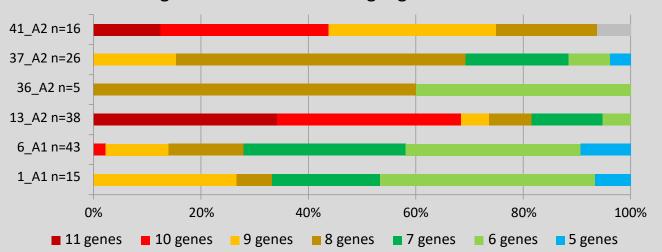
13_A2 (2 isolates) & 41_A2 (1 isolate) only ;

- O3T-9-8 : warnng :longer latent period on this genotype
 - ✓ Lower lesion size
 - ✓ Lower spore production

✤ 89-T123-03 :

- ✓ Lesion size equivalent to that on Bintje
- ✓ Reduced spore production
- 41_A2 may have a higher sporulation capacity than 13_A2 on 03T-9-8 & Bintje.

> Virulence of the various clonal lineages



Percentage of isolates overcoming X genes in the set

