Latitude delineates patterns of biogeography in terrestrial *Streptomyces*

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Abstract

The evolutionary and ecological forces that govern microbial biogeography remain poorly characterized. We examined the biogeography of *Streptomyces* at regional spatial scales to identify factors that govern extant patterns of microbial diversity within the genus. *Streptomyces* are spore forming filamentous bacteria that are widespread in soil and are a predominant source of antibiotics. We applied population genetic approaches to analyze geographic and genetic population structure in six phylogroups of *Streptomyces* identified from a geographically explicit culture collection. *Streptomyces* strains were isolated from soils associated with perennial grass habitats sampled across a spatial scale of more than 5,000 km. We find that *Streptomyces* allelic diversity correlates with geographic distance and that gene flow between sites is constrained by latitude. In addition, we find that phylogroup nucleotide diversity is negatively correlated with latitude. These observations are consistent with the hypothesis that historical demographic processes have influenced the contemporary biogeography of *Streptomyces*.

Introduction

Widespread evidence documents microbial biogeography across varying spatial (Whitaker *et al*., 2003; Vos and Velicer, 2008; Bissett *et al*., 2010; Martiny *et al*., 2011) and temporal scales (Gilbert *et al*., 2012; Hatosy *et al*., 2013), yet we are only beginning to understand the evolutionary forces that generate and maintain these patterns. Explorations of biogeography are valuable because biogeographical patterns illustrate fundamental principles of evolution and ecology. One of the earliest and most well documented patterns of biogeography is the latitudinal diversity gradient (Wallace, 1878), and this trend of decreasing species richness with increasing latitude is widely described in plant and animal systems (Hillebrand, 2004). We examine the

biogeography of *Streptomyces* to determine whether a latitudinal diversity gradient can be observed in terrestrial bacteria and to evaluate the underlying mechanisms that govern biogeography within this genus.

Patterns of microbial biogeography are determined by rates of dispersal and diversification (Martiny *et al*., 2006; Hanson *et al*., 2012). Rates of dispersal can be difficult to quantify for microbes because dispersal that does not contribute to the genetic diversity of future populations remains undetected. Gene flow results from the transfer of genetic material between populations, and gene flow between geographically distinct populations requires dispersal. Hence, patterns of microbial dispersal are typically inferred from extant patterns of genetic diversity. It has been hypothesized that microbes disperse ubiquitously due to their small cell size and massive population numbers (Finaly, 2002; Finlay and Fenchel, 2004). For example, Gibbons *et al*. (2013) determined that a single sampling site in the English Channel could encapsulate the total expected diversity of the Earth's marine biosphere. Yet endemism and dispersal limitation have been observed for a range of microbes (Cho and Tiedge, 2000; Green and Bohannan, 2006; Telford *et al*., 2006; Boucher *et al.*, 2011), and microbial dispersal limitation has been verified experimentally (Bell, 2010). Contrasting evidence for dispersal limitation in the literature can be explained by at least two factors: firstly, dispersal constraints are likely to vary between species and habitats; and secondly, the units used to define microbial diversity can vary dramatically in their phylogenetic resolution. Each of these factors has been discussed previously (Hanson *et al*., 2012; Choudoir *et al*., 2012), and we will only consider them briefly here.

46 Patterns of microbial dispersal and gene flow appear to differ considerably between habitats and
47 species. At one end of the spectrum, globally widespread marine microbes such as
48 *Prochlorococcus* and *Pelagibacter* show little variation in gene content between the Atlantic and
49 Pacific Oceans suggesting that high dispersal can homogenize genetic diversity in pelagic marine
50 systems, while adaptation to regional habitats occurs within limited regions of the genome
51 (Coleman and Chisholm, 2010). At the other end of the spectrum are extremophiles such as
52 *Sulfolobus* and thermophilic *Synechococcus*, which live in island-like volcanic habitats and
53 exhibit strong patterns of allopatric divergence resulting from dispersal limitation (Papke *et al*.,
54 2003; Whitaker *et al*., 2003). Both allopatric processes and local patterns of gene flow contribute
55 to the biogeography and genetic diversity of *Sulfolobus* populations (Cadillo-Quiroz *et al*.,
56 2012). Terrestrial microbes fall somewhere between these extremes. Soil dwelling microbes such
57 as *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, *Burkholderia mallei*, and *Bacillus anthracis* exhibit
58 biogeographical patterns governed by dispersal limitation at regional spatial scales (Kenefic *et*
59 *al*., 2009; Pearson *et al*., 2009). For instance, the contemporary population structure of North
60 American anthrax reflects historical migration across the Bering land bridge during the late
61 Pleistocene followed by range expansion into the Southwestern United States and regional
62 diversification due to drift (Kenefic *et al.*, 2009).
63
64 The phylogenetic resolution at which microbial diversity is defined can have a profound impact
65 on our ability to discern patterns of microbial biogeography (as reviewed Hanson *et al.*, 2012).
66 Observations of microbial biogeography are often based upon variation in SSU rRNA gene
67 sequences. Surveys of SSU rRNA genes in terrestrial habitats indicate that environmental
68 variables including temperature (Fierer *et al*., 2009; Miller *et al*., 2009), pH (Fierer and Jackson,

2006; Lauber *et al*., 2009; Rousk *et al*., 2010), and salinity (Lozupone and Knight, 2007) are more important than geographic distance in determining patterns of microbial diversity and biogeography. However, SSU rRNA gene sequences have an extremely low rate of nucleotide substitution, and the formation of discrete taxonomic units as defined by this locus (i.e. Operational Taxonomic Units defined at 97% nucleotide identity) requires millions of years (Ochman and Wilson, 1987; Ochman *et al*., 1999). Hence, microbes with similar or even identical SSU rRNA genes can have extensive genomic and ecological diversity (Welch *et al*., 2002; Jaspers and Overmann; 2004) which far exceeds the diversity found within plant and animal species. Neutral processes that drive patterns of biogeography, such as dispersal limitation and genetic drift, can only be detected using genetic techniques that have high resolution (Green and Bohannan, 2006; Hanson *et al*., 2012). Fortunately, the evolutionary and ecological forces that drive microbial biogeography are readily explored using geographically and ecologically explicit culture collections that can be characterized at high genetic resolution (Hunt *et al.*, 2008; Shapiro *et al.*, 2012).

Streptomyces are spore forming bacteria ubiquitous in soils, and many species are easily cultured. Furthermore, *Streptomyces* species have high rates of gene exchange both within and between species (Doroghazi and Buckley, 2010). Hence this genus represents a useful model for examining limits on dispersal and gene flow in terrestrial bacterial communities. *Streptomyces* are gram-positive *Actinobacteria* (Kâmpfer, 2006) known for their complex developmental cycle, which entails mycelial growth followed by formation of aerial hyphae and desiccation resistant spores which are readily dispersed (Keiser *et al.*, 2000). *Streptomyces* are able to degrade recalcitrant carbon molecules like cellulose and play an important role within the

92 terrestrial carbon cycle (McCarthy and Williams, 1992; Takasuka *et al.*, 2013). In addition,
93 phytopathogenic *Streptomyces,* such as *S. scabies,* cause substantial economic losses in
94 agriculture (Loria *et al.*, 2006; Labeda, 2011). Finally, *Streptomyces* are prolific producers of
95 secondary metabolites, and most antibiotics we use today were discovered in this genus (Watve
96 *et al.*, 2001). Despite their clinical, agricultural, and environmental importance, we still lack an
97 evolutionary and ecological framework to understand *Streptomyces* biodiversity and
98 biogeography.
99
100 *Streptomyces* diversity varies spatially, though the effects of geographic distance and ecological
101 variation on *Streptomyces* diversity remains poorly resolved. *Streptomyces* genetic and
102 phenotypic diversity can vary at small spatial scale (1 m^2) in prairie soils (Davelos *et al.*, 2004a
103 and 2004b) and across dune and beach habitats (60 m) (Antony-Babu *et al.*, 2008), suggesting
104 that variation in local soil characteristics can select for species and populations with different
105 ecological adaptations. There is also evidence that some *Streptomyces* species are endemic to
106 North America or Central Asia, which suggests dispersal limitation at large scales (Wawrik *et al.*,
107 2007). Analysis of genetic diversity within a single population of *Streptomyces pratensis,*
108 isolated from soils that spanned 1,000 km, revealed a population in linkage equilibrium when
109 assessed both by multi-locus sequence analysis (MLSA) and genome analysis (Doroghazi and
110 Buckley, 2010 and 2014). This result indicates that either gene flow is unlimited in *S. pratensis*
111 across large spatial scales, or that it has experienced an evolutionarily recent demographic
112 expansion from a population that was once in linkage equilibrium. Furthermore, analysis of
113 ancestral patterns of *Streptomyces* inter-species gene exchange suggests that the fixation of
114 incongruent loci could be due to demographic range expansion into higher latitudes (Andam *et*

115 *al*., 2015). These latter data suggest a role for both adaptive and neutral processes in governing
116 the diversity and biogeography of *Streptomyces*, though the degree to which these forces
117 constrain extant patterns of genetic diversity within the genus remain poorly described.
118
119 We evaluated *Streptomyces* biogeography by constructing an isolate collection from grassland
120 sites spanning the United States of America. The most powerful approach for detecting neutral
121 evolutionary processes associated with dispersal limitation is to examine patterns of
122 biogeography across similar habitats (Hanson *et al.*, 2012). In a previous study which employed
123 a single locus (*rpoB*), we observed that *Streptomyces* species diversity exhibited a significant
124 distance decay relationship and was inversely correlated with latitude (Andam *et al.,* 2016).
125 Evidence for a latitudinal diversity gradient coupled with evidence of demographic range
126 expansion, while not conclusive, is consistent with predictions of phylogenetic niche
127 conservatism (Wiens and Donoghue, 2004; Stevens, 2006) which posits that these
128 biogeographical patterns result from the historical effects of changes in paleoclimate (Hewitt *et*
129 *al*., 1996, 2000, and 2004). The hypothesis of a latitudinal diversity gradient in *Streptomyces*
130 predicts that, in addition to a gradient of species richness, there should also be latitudinal
131 differences in gene flow and genetic diversity within populations. Here we investigate genetic
132 diversity and geographic distribution within six species-like phylogenetic clusters, or
133 phylogroups, to determine whether patters of gene flow and diversity corroborate the hypothesis
134 of a latitudinal diversity gradient for *Streptomyces*.
135
136 **Materials and Methods**
137 *Strain isolation and DNA extraction*

138 We assembled a culture collection of more than 1,000 *Streptomyces* from 15 sites across the
139 United States with soil sampled at 0-5 cm depth (Andam *et al.,* 2016). Sites were selected to
140 represent a narrow range of habitats dominated by perennial grasses and having neutral to
141 slightly acidic pH (3.9-7.3). Soil was air dried, and *Streptomyces* strains were isolated on
142 glycerol-arginine agar plates of pH 8.7 containing cycloheximide and Rose Bengal (El-Nakeeb
143 and Lechevalier, 1963; Ottow, 1972) as previously described (Doroghazi and Buckley, 2010).
144 DNA was extracted from purified cultures, which were grown by shaking at 30˚C in liquid yeast
145 extract-malt extract medium (YEME) containing 0.5% glycine (Kieser *et al*., 2000), by using a
146 standard phenol/chloroform/isoamyl alcohol protocol.
147
148 The genetic diversity of isolates was initially assessed using partial *rpoB* sequences.
149 *Streptomyces* species are typically delineated by 0.007 nucleotide dissimilarity across MLSA loci
150 (Rong and Huang, 2012). Since we were using only a single locus we elected to define species-
151 like phylogentic clusters, or phylogroups, at 0.01 patristic distances with RAMI (Pommier *et al*.,
152 2009). Using this approach, we identified 107 phylogenetic clusters based on *rpoB* sequences.
153 We selected six of these phylogroups for further analysis. MLSA was performed on 17-47
154 isolates from each phylogroup. Phylogroup names are capitalized and based on a representative
155 isolate; for example, phylogroup WA1063 is named for *Streptomyces* sp. wa1063. Isolates are
156 identified with a lowercase letter code indicating site of origin followed by a strain number; for
157 example, isolate wa1063 is strain 1063 isolated from Washington (WA) state.
158
159 *Multilocus sequence analysis (MLSA)*
160 We adapted the MLSA scheme developed for *Streptomyces* by Guo *et al*. (2008), which targets

161 the five housekeeping loci *atpD*, *gyrB*, *recA*, *rpoB*, and *trpB* as described in Doroghazi and
162 Buckley (2010). Partial SSU rRNA sequences were amplified using universal primers (8F:
163 AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG; 1492R: CGGTTACCTTGTTACGACTT). Reactions for
164 Sanger sequencing were performed using forward primers for all loci except *rpoB*, for which the
165 reverse primer was used. Trace files were uniformly screened using CAP3 (Huang and Madan,
166 1999) interfaced with a Perl script. Sequences were aligned using MUSCLE (Edgar, 2004),
167 trimmed to 431 bp, 415 bp, 446 bp, 557 bp, and 489 bp, for genes *atpD*, *gyrB*, *recA*, *rpoB*, *trpB*,
168 respectively, and concatenated consistent with the genomic order in *Streptomyces coelicolor*
169 A3(2). SSU rRNA alignments were trimmed to 357 bp. Gene sequences are available on
170 GenBank with accession numbers XXXX-XXXX.
171
172 Good's coverage estimation and haplotype rarefaction was determined using mothur (Schloss *et*
173 *al.*, 2009). DNA polymorphism statistics including: number of segregating sites, nucleotide
174 diversity, and Tajima's D, were determined with DnaSP v5 (Librado and Rozas, 2009) and LDhat
175 (McVean *et al.*, 2002). Population scaled mutation rates (Watterson's theta; $\theta_w = 2N_e\mu$),
176 recombination or gene conversion rates ($\rho = 2N_e r/2$), and relative rates of recombination (ρ/θ_w)
177 were estimated using LDhat (McVean *et al.*, 2002) and are expressed per nucleotide site. The
178 standard index of association (I_A) was calculated from allelic data with LIAN v3.5 (Haubold and
179 Hudson, 2000) using the Monte-Carlo test and 100 iterations. The pairwise homoplasy index
180 (PHI) statistic was determined using PhiPack (Bruen *et al.*, 2006), and statistical significance
181 was evaluated under a null hypothesis of no recombination. Sequence identity across
182 phylogroups was calculated with mothur (Shloss *et al.*, 2009)
183

184 *Phylogengy reconstruction*

185 Maximum likelihood (ML) trees were constructed from the nucleotide sequences of individual
186 and concatenated MLSA loci using the generalized time reversible nucleotide substitution model
187 (Tavaré, 1986) with gamma distributed rate heterogeneity among sites (GTRGAMMA)
188 supported in RAxML v7.3.0 (Stamatakis, 2006). Bootstrap support was determined for the
189 highest-scoring ML tree of 20 iterations, and the number of bootstrap replicates was determined
190 using the extended majority rule (autoMRE) convergence criteria (Pattengale *et al*., 2010). Root
191 placement is defined by *Mycobacterium smegmatis.* Significant phylogenetic incongruence
192 between loci was determined using the Shimodaira-Hasegawa test (Shimodaira and Hasegawa,
193 1999) implemented in the R package phangorn (Schliep, 2011).

194

195 *Population structure*

196 Concatenated MLSA sequences were analyzed using Structure v2.3.3 (Pritchard *et al*., 2000) to
197 examine population affiliation, subdivision, and admixture within and between phylogroups.
198 Structure was run using an admixture model with a burn-in length of $1.0E^6$ and $3.0E^6$ replicates.
199 The most probable number of sub-populations (k) was chosen using the Evanno method (Evanno
200 *et al*., 2005) from 10 independent runs with k = 1 through k = 6 within phylogroups, and through
201 k = 8 between phylogroups implemented by Structure Harvester (Earl and vonHoldt, 2012).
202 After choosing the most probable k-value, the program Clumpp was used to permute outputs of
203 the independent runs (Jakobsson and Rosenberg, 2007).

204

205 *Patterns of dispersal and gene flow*

206 We used permutation tests to evaluate whether phylogroup distribution across sites could be

207 explained by panmixia. We compared the observed distributions to those expected under a
208 random distribution model using 1,000 permutations to assess significance. In addition,
209 correlations between geographic distance and allele composition between sites were assessed
210 using Mantel and partial Mantel tests (Mantel, 1967; Smouse *et al*., 1986). These tests were
211 performed with the R package ecodist (Goslee and Urban, 2007) using the Pearson correlation
212 method and 1,000 permutations. Bray-Curtis dissimilarity was calculated from unique allele
213 composition across sites.
214
215 Haplotype networks were created using a statistical parsimony procedure (Templeton *et al*.,
216 1987; Templeton *et al*., 1995) implemented in TCS v1.18 (Clement *et al*., 2000). Nested clade
217 information was used to infer processes that could explain the geographic and genetic
218 distribution of sequences using the program GeoDis v2.2 (Posada *et al*., 2000). Both TCS v1.18
219 and GeoDis v2.2 were performed in ANeCA (Panchal, 2007).
220
221 **Results**
222 *Characterization of Streptomyces phylogroups*
223 We identified a total of 308 *Streptomyces* isolates representing the six targeted phylogroups, and
224 these isolates spanned 13 sites (Figure 1, Table 1). The six phylogroups all share more than 97%
225 nucleotide identity in their SSU rRNA genes and greater than 88% average nucleotide identity
226 (ANI) across MLSA loci. Strains within each phylogroup share 99.4%-100% nucleotide identity
227 in their SSU rRNA genes (Figure 2) and 97.6%-99.5% ANI across concatenated MLSA loci
228 (Figure 1, Table 2). The genetic ancestry of phylogroup members as determined by Structure is
229 congruent with phylogroup boundaries defined by nucleotide cutoffs (Figure S1), and this

230 indicates that phylogroups approximate biological populations. There are a total of 122 unique
231 MLSA haplotypes, with each phylogroup representing 15-26 haplotypes (Figure 1, Table 2).
232 Good's coverage for each of the six phylogroups ranges from 0.88-1.0 for individual loci and
233 0.94-1.0 for concatenated MLSA loci clustered at 99% nucleotide identity (Table S1). While
234 unique haplotypes remain somewhat under sampled (Figure S2), allelic diversity at single loci is
235 sampled well (Table S1). The per site nucleotide diversity (π) of each phylogroup ranges from
236 0.0026 to 0.011 (Table 2).
237
238 Four of our phylogroups do not match any *Streptomyces* species described in PubMLST (less
239 than 97% ANI across MLSA loci, Figure S3A) (Jolley *et al*., 2004). However, phylogroups
240 WA1063 and MS152 affiliate with strains that belong to the *S. griseus* species cluster (Rong and
241 Huang, 2010). Isolates in phylogroup WA1063 share greater than 99% MLSA identity with *S.*
242 *anulatus* and *S. praecox* and form a monophyletic clade with these type strains (Figure S3A).
243 Isolates in phylogroup MS152 share greater than 98% MLSA identity with *S. mediolani*, *S.*
244 *albovinaceus*, and *S. griseinus* and form a paraphyletic clade that includes these type strains
245 (Figure S3A).
246
247 We find evidence of horizontal gene transfer consistent with previous observations of
248 *Streptomyces* species (Doroghazi and Buckley, 2010; Andam *et al.*, 2015). There is significant
249 phylogenetic incongruence between MLSA loci (Figure S3, Table S2), suggesting that horizontal
250 gene transfer has shaped the phylogeny of these groups. The six phylogroups present evidence of
251 population structure and admixture, with each phylogroup composed of 3.2 ± 0.8 (mean ± s.d.)
252 subpopulations (Figure 1). Evidence of admixture between populations suggests horizontal gene

253 transfer within phylogroups as has been previously described in *Streptomyces* (Doroghazi and
254 Buckley, 2010). Likewise, there is evidence of significant levels of recombination within
255 phylogroups MAN196, MS200, MS152, and F34 (PHI test, $p < 0.05$, Table 2). Phylogroups
256 WA1063 and MS152 share two identical *atpD* alleles, with one of these alleles shared among
257 strains isolated from MS, CA, WI (Brookfield), AK (Manley Hot Springs), and WA, and the
258 other allele shared among strains isolated from MS and WI (Brookfield) (Figure 3, Figure S3B).
259 It is not clear whether these alleles are shared as a result of contemporary horizontal gene
260 transfer or vertical inheritance from the most recent common ancestor of the two clades, though
261 the latter explanation is more parsimonious given the low level of polymorphism between the
262 phylogroups.
263
264 *Dispersal limitation*
265 Strains of the six phylogroups were obtained from soil samples from 13 sites of diverse
266 geographic origin (Table 1). Each phylogroup was detected in 4.2 ± 0.4 sites, and this
267 distribution differs significantly from expectations for a random distribution of strains across
268 sites (permutation test, $p < 0.0005$), thereby rejecting the hypothesis of panmixia. Each
269 phylogroup subpopulation was observed in 2.2 ± 0.9 sites (mean ± s.d.), and this value is lower
270 than expected if subpopulations are randomly distributed across the sites occupied by each
271 phylogroup (permutation test, $p < 0.001$). These results indicate that phylogroup distribution is
272 constrained geographically and that phylogroups have subpopulation structure that is also
273 geographically explicit.
274
275 The geographic distribution of *Streptomyces* allelic diversity indicates dispersal limitation.

276 Identical alleles are shared among phylogroup members across each phylogroup's geographic
277 range, which can exceed 5,000 km (Figure 3, Figure S3). However, dissimilarity in allele
278 composition increases with geographic distance, and this result is significant (Bray-Curtis
279 dissimilarity, Mantel r = 0.29, p = 0.005) (Figure S4). Hence, alleles are more likely shared
280 between geographically similar sites indicating dispersal limitation with potential for long range
281 dispersal. This result is significant for all individual loci expect *recA* (Bray-Curtis dissimilarity,
282 *aptD* Mantel r = 0.31, p = 0.004; *gyrB* r = 0.22, p = 0.031; *recA* r = 0.16, p = 0.088; *rpoB* r =
283 0.27, p = 0.004; *trpB* r = 0.19, p = 0.047). Nearly all MLSA haplotypes (Figure 1, Figure 4) are
284 unique to a single site, with the sole exception being a haplotype from phylogroup MS200 which
285 is shared between strains ms53, ms30, and sun103 isolated from MS and WI (Sun Prairie). It is
286 worth noting that all of the strains examined share > 97% SSU rRNA gene identity and these
287 geographic patterns would not be detected through analysis of this locus. That is, everything
288 would appear to be everywhere based on analysis of SSU rRNA genes.
289
290 Analysis of haplotype distribution is consistent with diversification due to spatial isolation
291 resulting from dispersal limitation. Nested clade analysis (NCA) establishes significant
292 phylogeographic inferences for phylogroups MAN196, MAN125, WA1063, and MS152 (Figure
293 4) but not for MS200 and F34. Nested clade phylogeographic inference postulates potential
294 evolutionary and historical demographic processes that support extant patterns of diversity and
295 biogeography. For instance, population subdivision of MAN125 across the Pacific Northwest
296 (Figure 4A) and MAN196 between Maine and the Pacific Northwest (Figure 4B) is consistent
297 with restricted gene flow due to historical long distance dispersal events. Likewise, population
298 subdivision of MS152 and between the Southeast (MS and FL) and CA (Figure 4C) and WA1063

299 between WI (Brookfield) and OR (Figure 4D) is consistent with allopatric fragmentation.

300

301 *Latitudinal diversity gradient*

302 The distribution and diversity of the phylogroups reveals a latitudinal diversity gradient. Strains
303 from MAN125, MAN196, WA1063 occur mostly north of 40°N latitude, while strains from
304 MS200, MS152, F34 occur mostly south of this latitude (Table 1). This pattern of north/south
305 partitioning is significant for each phylogroup when evaluated against the expectation of a
306 random distribution across sites (permutation test, $p < 0.01$ for each phylogroup after Bonferroni
307 correction). Furthermore, partial Mantel tests were performed to evaluate the latitudinal and
308 longitudinal vector components of geographic distance in relation to the allele composition of
309 sites. There remains a significant relationship between allele composition and geographic
310 distance when we control for longitude, (Mantel r = 0.23, $p = 0.022$), but this relationship is no
311 longer significant when we control for latitude (Mantel r = 0.15, $p = 0.12$). This result indicates
312 that allele composition changes more across latitude than it does across longitude. The latitudinal
313 partitioning of alleles can be readily observed in the pattern of allele sharing between sites
314 (Figure 3). Finally, we also observed a significant relationship between per site nucleotide
315 diversity of phylogroup MLSA loci and the average latitude of sites in which they are found (R =
316 -0.91, $p = 0.012$; Figure 5). This result indicates that phylogroups recovered from lower latitudes
317 have higher genetic diversity than those recovered from higher latitudes.

318

319 **Discussion**

320 We used population genetic approaches to analyze spatial patterns of genetic diversity for six
321 *Streptomyces* phylogroups isolated from geographically disparate but ecologically similar sites

322 across the United States (Table 1). The distribution of phylogroups is nonrandom and dispersal
323 limited (Figure S4) with phylogroups inhabiting geographic ranges defined by latitude (Table 1,
324 Figure 3). In addition, the genetic diversity of phylogroups is inversely proportional to the
325 latitude from which they were isolated (Figure 5). These findings suggest that that there are
326 latitudinal barriers to dispersal, and that patterns of *Streptomyces* biogeography result from
327 dispersal limitation and regional diversification due to genetic drift.
328
329 The phylogroups we describe are coherent phylogenetic groups that approximate biological
330 populations (Figure S1). The members of each phylogroup share a distinguishable geographic
331 range (Table 1, Figure 3), a recent common ancestor (Figure 1), greater than 97% ANI across
332 MLSA loci (Table 2), and greater than 99.4% SSU rRNA gene nucleotide identity. Despite
333 geographic and genetic subpopulation structure (Figure 1), phylogroup members frequently share
334 identical alleles across demes. We infer the presence of recombination within all phylogroups
335 using both nucleotide polymorphism and phylogenetic methods (Table 2, Table S2). For instance,
336 MAN125 is nearly in linkage equilibrium (I_A = 0.09) though its members span a geographic
337 range of over 2,000 km across the Pacific Northwest. The observation of linkage equilibrium
338 indicates that either the population lacks contemporary barriers to gene flow or the population
339 has experienced a recent demographic expansion in which there has been insufficient time to
340 accumulate mutations and linkage disequilibrium. Significant recombination and linkage
341 equilibrium have also been observed in a *S. pratensis* population which spanned 1,000 km across
342 sites present in North Carolina and northern New York (Doroghazi and Buckley, 2010 and 2014).
343

344 Regional patterns of biogeography among phylogroups are consistent with limitations to
345 dispersal and gene flow. Allopatric processes like genetic drift can drive diversification between
346 populations that are geographically isolated. The geographic distribution of our phylogroups is
347 nonrandom, and we find regional subpopulation structure within phylogroups (Figure 1, Figure
348 4). Although we find identical alleles in sites thousands of kilometers apart (Figure 3), MLSA
349 haplotypes are not shared across sites (with the single exception of a haplotype shared between
350 MS and WI) (Figure 4). We also observe a significant distance decay relationship for MLSA
351 allele composition and geographic distance between sites (Figure S4). This data implies that
352 while gene flow is moderate across the geographic range of a phylogroup, dispersal limitation
353 and genetic drift have combined to produce regional populations whose distributions are
354 constrained by latitude.
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356 *Streptomyces* phylogroup diversity is consistent with a latitudinal diversity gradient. We find that
357 latitude is a significant predictor of gene flow (Figure 3). Furthermore, intra-phylogroup
358 nucleotide diversity has a significant negative relationship with average latitude (Figure 5),
359 which is congruous with the latitudinal diversity gradient observed for diverse macroorganisms
360 (Hillebrand, 2004). There is conflicting evidence for latitudinal diversity gradients among
361 microorganisms. Evidence for microbial latitudinal diversity gradients comes from marine
362 systems (Fuhrman *et al*., 2008; Sul *et al*., 2013; Swan *et al*., 2013), with contrary evidence
363 obtained in terrestrial systems (Neufeld and Mohn, 2005; Chu *et al*., 2010). However, most
364 analyses of terrestrial bacterial biogeography are derived from analyses of SSU rRNA genes, and
365 we show that analyses of SSU rRNA genes lack the sensitivity needed to detect the
366 biogeographic patterns that we observe for *Streptomyces*.

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368 Several hypotheses have been advanced to explain the formation of latitudinal diversity gradients
369 (Wiens and Donoghue, 2004; Mittelbach *et al*., 2007). Ecological hypotheses posit that factors
370 such as carrying capacity, productivity, and niche availability vary across latitude and that these
371 factors impose constraints on biodiversity (Currie *et al.*, 2004; Mouchet *et al.*, 2015).
372 Evolutionary hypotheses invoke the positive relationship between temperature and the kinetics of
373 metabolism to predict that evolutionary rates and cladogenesis correspond with temperature
374 (Allen *et al*., 2002). Historical hypotheses propose that the latitudinal diversity gradient is the
375 product of historical geological, ecological, or demographic events that have influenced dispersal
376 and diversification (Wiens and Donoghue, 2004; Stevens, 2006). For example, the influence of
377 Pleistocene glacial events on the biogeography of diverse species of terrestrial and aquatic plants
378 and animals is well documented (Soltis *et al*., 1997; Bernatch and Wilson, 1998; Conroy and
379 Cook, 2000; Milá *et al*., 2006; Maggs *et al*., 2008; Wilson and Veraguth, 2010). There is also
380 evidence that Pleistocene glaciation events have impacted both microbial communities
381 (Eisenlord *et al*., 2012) and populations (Kenefic *et al.*, 2009; Mikheyev *et al*., 2008).

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383 The biogeography of our *Streptomyces* phylogroups is consistent with historical demography and
384 dispersal limitation resulting in a contemporary latitudinal diversity gradient. Eisenlord *et al.*
385 (2012) also found that dispersal limitations shape biogeography of Actinobacteria across a glacial
386 retreat transect in Michigan. However, Fuhrman *et al*. (2008) gives strong support for the
387 hypothesis that the increased kinetics of metabolism at higher temperatures result in greater
388 bacterial species richness in marine communities at tropical latitudes. Since latitude is correlated
389 with temperature, we cannot dismiss the influence of kinetics on driving the diversity gradient in

390 terrestrial *Streptomyces*. Furthermore, it is possible that unappreciated ecological variables, such
391 as the species composition of perennial grass communities, could shape the diversity gradient.
392 However, phylogroup MAN125 from the Pacific Northwest (Table 2) and *S. pratensis* from the
393 Eastern United States (Doroghazi and Buckley, 2010 and 2014) each have populations in linkage
394 equilibrium though occupying a large geographic range over which gene flow is limited (Figure
395 3, Figure S4). The most parsimonious explanation for these conflicting results is that both taxa
396 have independently experienced a recent demographic range expansion and that insufficient
397 polymorphisms have accumulated since this expansion to allow for detection of disequilibrium
398 due to isolation by distance. However, it is likely that latitudinal gradients are population specific
399 and can arise from a combination of ecological, evolutionary, and historical processes.
400
401 The genetic consequences of glaciation events are described in depth by Hewitt (1996, 2000, and
402 2004), and the population structure we observe in our *Streptomyces* phylogroups is consistent
403 with post-glacial range expansion. One of the expectations of post-glacial expansion is "southern
404 richness versus northern purity" (Hewitt, 2004). This is evident in the negative correlation we
405 observe between latitude and the nucleotide diversity of phylogroups (Figure 5). Williams *et al*.
406 (1998) justifies 40˚N latitude as approximating late Pleistocene glacial and non-glacial regions
407 with respect to species distributions in North America. Hence, the latitudinal delineation of allele
408 distributions for *Streptomyces* phylogroups roughly corresponds to the extent of ice coverage
409 during the late Pleistocene (Figure 3), which suggests historical population expansion from lower
410 to higher latitudes.
411
412 Haplotype distributions of phylogroups MAN125, MAN196, WA1063, and MS152 are

413 consistent with allopatric diversification resulting from dispersal limitation (Figure 4). Haplotype
414 nested clade analysis (NCA) predicts that historical dispersal events and range expansion across
415 northern regions resulted in limits on dispersal during intermediate timescales allowing genetic
416 drift to create the phylogroup population structures observed today. There is moderate criticism
417 of NCA (Knowles and Maddison, 2002; Nielsen and Beumont, 2009) due to the subjective nature
418 of inferring historical processes and the wide potential for stochastic processes creating similar
419 patterns of biogeography. Yet these tools can provide useful hypotheses. Northern phylogroups
420 MAN125 and MAN196 share a common ancestor with southern phylogroups MS200 and F34
421 (Figure 1). The contemporary population structure of MAN125 and MAN196 is consistent with a
422 historical range expansion from a common ancestor shared by both clades (Figure 1, Figure 4).
423 Further population structure within each phylogroup likely resulted from barriers to gene flow
424 and historical dispersal events across the Pacific Northwest for MAN125 (Figure 4A) and
425 between Maine and the Pacific Northwest for MAN196 (Figure 4B). Analysis of haplotype
426 distribution within WA1063 and MS152 is also consistent with diversification of populations as a
427 result of gene flow limitation between the Midwest and Pacific Northwest for WA1063 (Figure
428 4D) and between the Southeast and West for MS152 (Figure 4C).
429
430 Phylogroups WA1063 and MS152 share a recent common ancestor (Figure 1, Figure S1) and
431 even share two identical alleles at the *atpD* locus (Figure 3). These phylogroups have distinct,
432 non-overlapping geographic ranges with WA1063 found in higher latitudes and MS152 in lower
433 latitudes (Figure 3). WA1063 and MS152 have 0.0205 net nucleotide substitutions per site across
434 MLSA loci. We evaluate the possible time range for divergence between WA1063 and MS152
435 by extrapolating very roughly from the nucleotide substitution rate ($\mu = 4.5 \times 10^{-9}$) and generation

436 time (100-300 generations per year) for *E. coli* (Ochman *et al*., 1999), since corresponding
437 values are not available for *Streptomyces* or their relatives. Based upon these gross
438 approximations, we would estimate that WA1063 and MS152 diverged 15,000-50,000 years ago,
439 corresponding to events in the late Pleistocene (Clayton *et al*., 2006). Hence, it is likely that the
440 identical *atpD* alleles found in both WA1063 and MS152 were inherited without modification
441 from an ancestral population that both groups share (Figure S3B). If this is the case it suggests
442 that the divergence of phylogroup WA1063 was driven by range expansion into higher latitudes
443 and subsequent isolation by distance from the ancestral population it shares with phylogroup
444 MS152.
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446 Through population genetic analysis of six *Streptomyces* phylogroups, we find evidence for
447 dispersal limitation associated with geographically explicit patterns of gene flow which manifest
448 in a latitudinal gradient of nucleotide diversity. Furthermore, these data support the hypothesis
449 that historical demographic processes influence the contemporary biogeography of *Streptomyces*.
450 Due to their spore forming capabilities and potential for long range dispersal, *Streptomyces* are
451 an ideal system for assessing limits on gene flow among terrestrial bacteria. We cannot yet
452 determine whether the cause of dispersal limitation is due to limits on spore mobility or due to
453 adaptive constraints as proposed by the hypothesis of phylogenetic niche conservatism. A better
454 understanding of *Streptomyces* biogeography and the evolutionary processes driving population
455 structure may ultimately assist in the discovery of novel genetic diversity and possibly novel
456 antibiotics within this genus.
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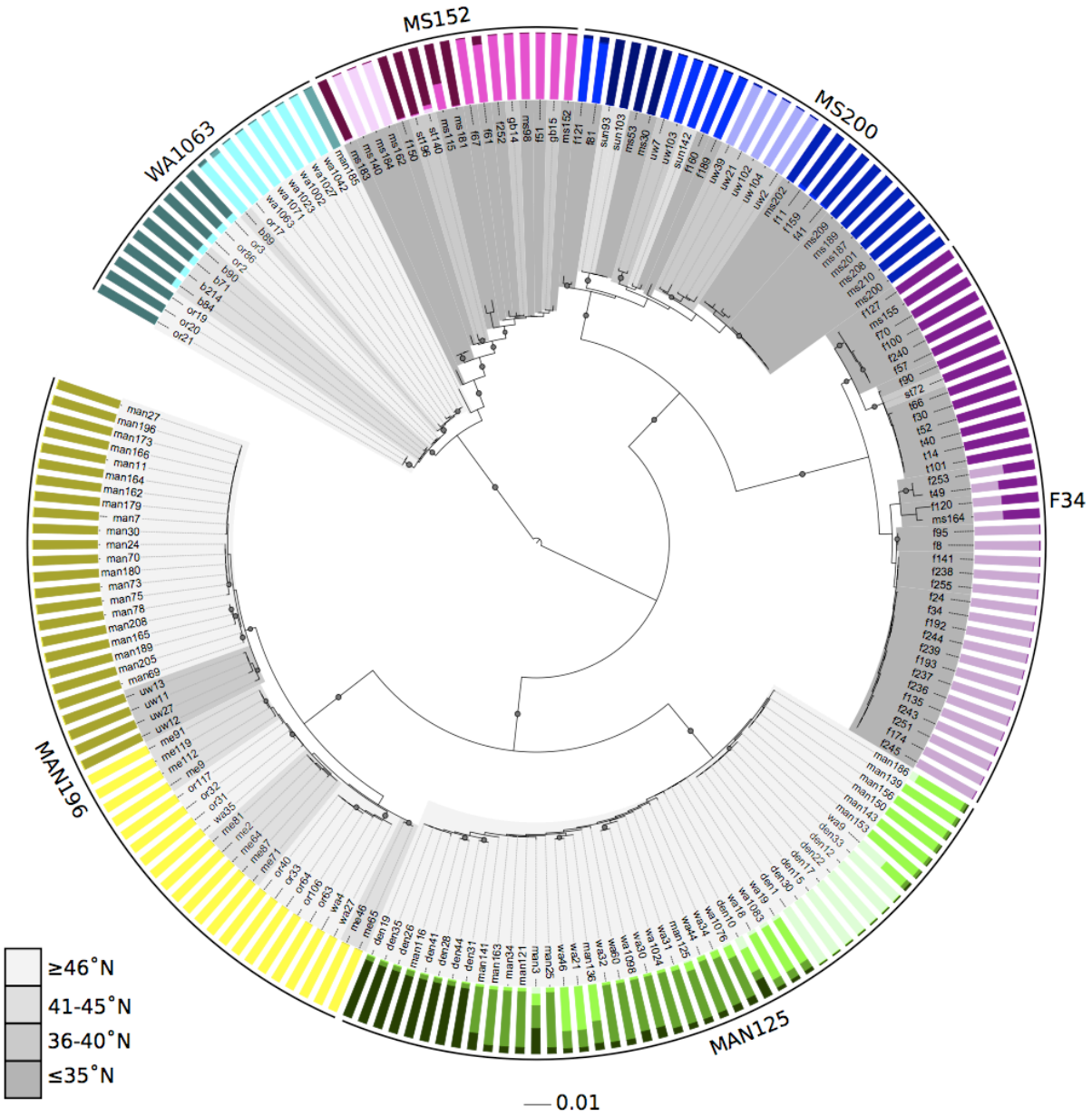

718 **Figure 1.** *Streptomyces* phylogroups have different geographic distributions defined by latitude
719 with evidence for subpopulation structure and admixture. The colored bars in the outer ring
720 indicate genetic contributions from different ancestral populations as inferred by Structure
721 analysis. The shading of the inner ring indicates the latitude from which each strain was isolated
722 according to the scale provided. The isolation site for each strain can be determined by isolate
723 names as indicated in Table 1. The tree was constructed from concatenated MLSA loci
724 nucleotide sequences using maximum likelihood with a GTRGAMMA evolution model. Scale
725 bar represents nucleotide substitutions per site. The root was defined by *Mycobacterium*
726 *smegmatis*. Nodes with bootstrap confidences > 80 are indicated with gray circles, and precise
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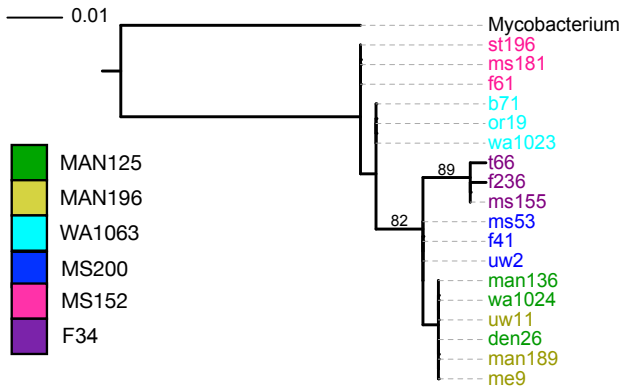
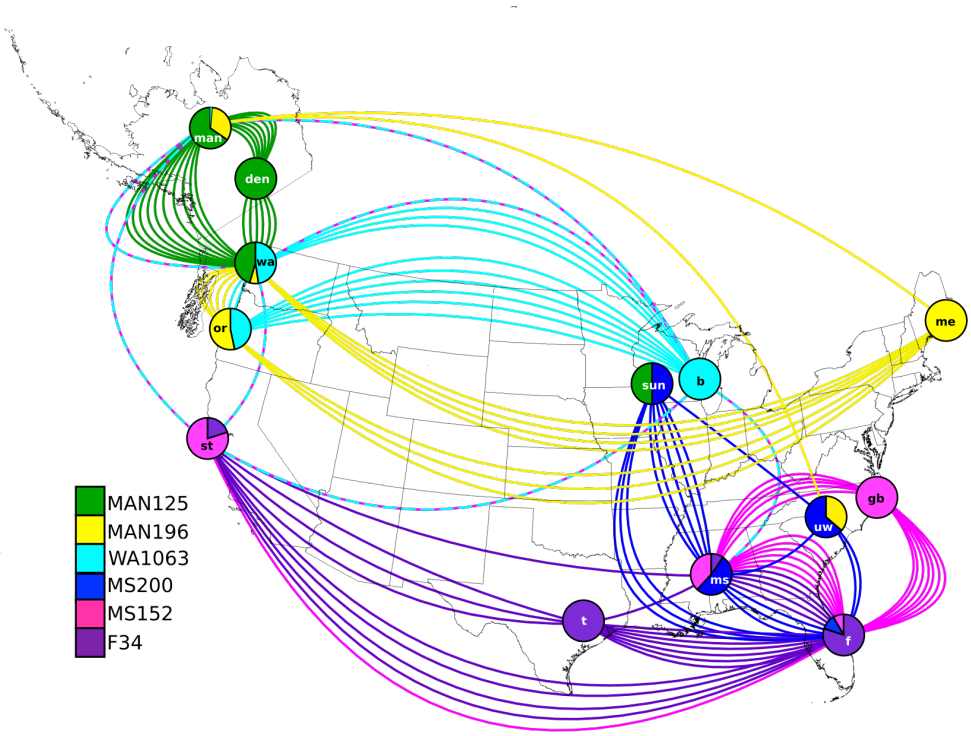
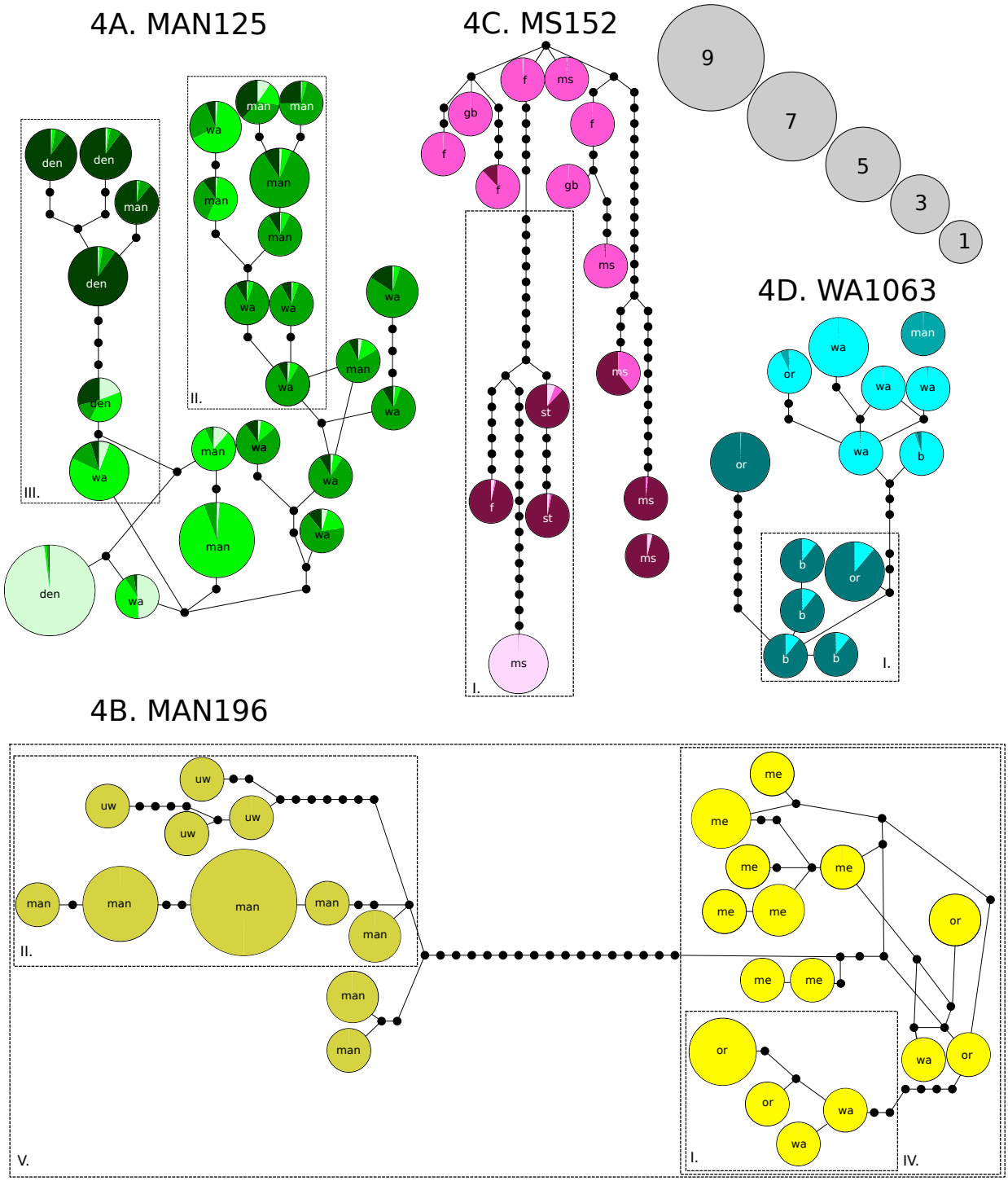


728 **Figure 2.** Dissimilarity in SSU rRNA genes is less than 3% across all six phylogroups and
729 ranges from 0-0.6% for representatives within each phylogroup, revealing that this locus lacks
730 sufficient sensitivity to examine the biogeographic distribution of *Streptomyces* phylogroups.
731 The tree was constructed using maximum likelihood with a GTRGAMMA evolution model
732 using partial SSU rRNA gene sequences from three representatives for each phylogroup. Scale

733 bar represents nucleotide substitutions per site. Branches with bootstrap support values greater
734 than 75% are labeled, and the outgroup is *Mycobacterium smegmatis*. Strains are colored to
735 reveal phylogroup membership as indicated in the color scale provided.

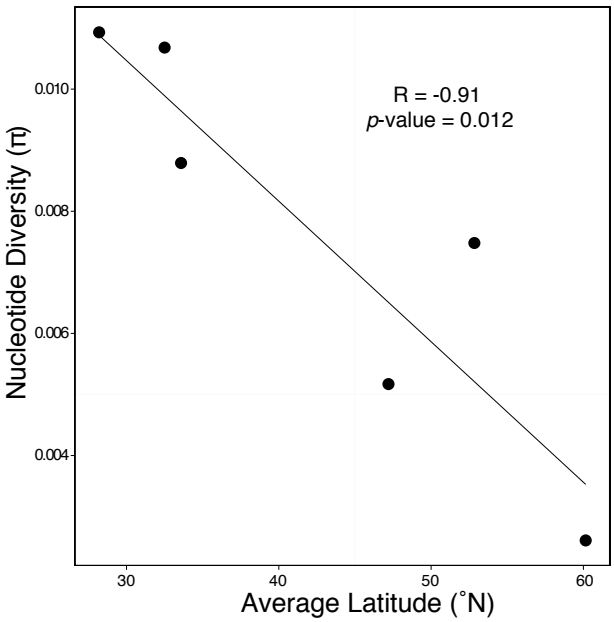


736 **Figure 3.** Identical MLSA alleles are frequently shared between sites. Circles depict sample sites
737 and are labeled according to site code (Table 1). The relative abundance of each phylogroup at
738 each site is indicated by color according to the legend, with raw counts provided in Table 1. Solid
739 colored lines represent identical alleles shared by phylogroup members across sites. Dashed
740 multicolored lines depict identical *atpD* alleles shared by strains in phylogroups WA1063 and
741 MS152 (Figure S3B).



742 **Figure 4.** Haplotype networks are depicted for phylogroups MAN125 (4A), MAN196 (4B),
743 MS152 (4C), WA1063 (4D). Circles represent unique MLSA haplotypes whose radius is
744 proportional to the number of isolates sharing that haplotype, and colors correspond to strain

745 ancestry and subpopulation affiliation as determined by Structure analysis and defined in Figure
746 1. Haplotypes are labeled with a letter code referring to sample site location as indicated in Table
747 1. Black circles represent un-sampled, inferred haplotypes with each circle designating a single
748 nucleotide polymorphism. The length of edges between nodes is uninformative. Dashed
749 rectangles encompass clades that have significant phylogeographic inferences from nested clade
750 analysis, as described in methods. Roman numerals correspond to the following inferences: I.
751 Allopatric fragmentation; II. Long distance colonization and/or past fragmentation; III.
752 Restricted gene flow with isolation by distance; IV. Restricted gene flow but with some long-
753 distance gene flow over intermediate ranges not occupied by the species; or past gene flow
754 followed by extinction of intermediate populations; V. Contiguous range expansion.



755 **Figure 5.** There is a significant inverse correlation between phylogroup average latitude and
756 nucleotide diversity. Average latitude was determined using a weighted average based on the
757 total number of isolates per site as indicated in Table 1. Nucleotide diversity was calculated using
758 concatenated MLSA loci and is expressed per site.

759 **Table 1.** The six targeted phylogroups were observed in 13 sites. A total of 755 *Streptomyces*
760 strains were isolated from these sites, and 308 of these strains were found to represent the six
761 targeted phylogroups. The numbers of isolates per site that belonged to each of our target
762 phylogroups is indicated. Isolate names begin with a letter code referring to the isolation site.

Site	**Code**	**Latitude**	**Longitude**	**Isolates /Site**	**Isolates from *Streptomyces* sp. phylogroup**					
					MAN 125	MAN 196	WA 1063	MS 200	MS 152	F34
Manley Hot Springs, AK	man	63.87˚N	-149.02˚W	95	51	26	1			
Denali Hwy, AK	den	63.22˚N	-147.68˚W	40	40					
Bothell, WA	wa	47.73˚N	-122.24˚W	105	21	5	21			
Astoria, OR	or	46.18˚N	-123.85˚W	79		8	7			
Kennebunk, ME	me	43.4˚N	-70.54˚W	85		13				
Sun Prairie, WI	sun	43.17˚N	-89.24˚W	65				3		
Brookfield, WI	b	43.06˚N	-88.13˚W	22	3		5			
Palo Alto, CA	st	37.43˚N	-122.17˚W	34					2	1
Greensboro, NC	gb	36.09˚N	-79.89˚W	9		1			2	
Troy (Uwharrie), NC	uw	35.71˚N	-79.88˚W	19		4		7		
Starkville, MS	ms	33.46˚N	-88.8˚W	90				11	8	2
Austin, TX	t	30.2˚N	-97.77˚W	42						6
Fort Pierce, FL	f	27.54˚N	-80.35˚W	70				7	5	48
Total				755	115	57	34	28	17	57

763 **Table 2.** MLSA was performed on a total of 17-47 strains from each phylogroup. Summary
764 statistics for concatenated MLSA nucleotide sequences were determined as described in
765 methods. Phylogroup average latitude (Ave Lat) was determined using the total number of
766 isolates per phylogroup provided in Table 1. The standard index of association is zero for a
767 population in linkage equilibrium.

Phylo-group	Ave Lat	n	Haplo-types	Min ANI	S	π	Tajima's D	θ_W	ρ	ρ/θ_W	I_A	Φ_W
MAN125	60.15˚N	45	25	99.5	23	0.0026	0.53	0.0023	0.0094	4.18	0.09	2.95E-01
MAN196	52.84˚N	47	26	98.5	65	0.0075	0.67	0.0063	0.00043	0.068	0.49	4.24E-02*
WA1063	47.20˚N	19	13	98.1	63	0.0052	-1.35	0.0077	0	0	0.43	4.33E-03
MS200	33.58˚N	27	21	98.4	93	0.0088	-0.58	0.0103	0.0017	0.17	0.39	1.33E-03**
MS152	32.50˚N	17	15	97.6	96	0.0107	-0.51	0.012	0.0013	0.11	0.35	1.078E-01**
F34	28.20˚N	36	22	97.7	93	0.0109	0.52	0.0096	0.0011	0.11	0.46	1.79E-01**

Ave Lat: average latitude of phylogroup members
n: number of isolates subsampled for MLSA
Min ANI: minimum percent pairwise average nucleotide identity (ANI) within phylogroup members
S: segregating sites
π: per site nucleotide diversity
θ_W: per site Watterson's theta ($2N_e\mu$)
ρ: per site rate of recombination/gene conversion ($2N_er/2$)
ρ/θ_W: relative rate of recombination to mutation
I_A: standard index of association
Φ_W: pairwise homoplasy index (Phi) statistic with *p*-value < 0.05*, 0.01** under the null hypothesis of no recombination