Allison Veach Foundational Genomics Research, Plant-Microbe Interfaces

Novel approach: Used a combined analysis of plant microbiome composition, secondary metabolome variation, and host plant growth and physiology to understand the effects of their interactions in the rhizosphere.

Objective	 Understand how amount and form of salicylate secondary chemistry effects rhizosphere microbial communities in Populus trichocarpa genotypic variants
New science	 Bacterial and fungal community composition, differed first by soil origin, but are secondarily shaped by <i>Populus</i> genotype and their resulting chemotypes Within a soil type, bacteria/archaea and fungi diversity shifted in response to specific metabolites (populin, tremuloidin, salicylic acid) and overall salicylate levels Bacterial responses to individual metabolites were stronger whereas fungal communities tended to respond more to overall levels
Impact	 Illustrates how the host plant may help shape the local rhizosphere microbiome via genotypes that vary in secondary metabolisms

Rhizosphere microbiomes diverge among Populus trichocarpa plant-host genotypes and chemotypes, but it depends on soil origin. Veach AM, Morris R, Yip DZ, Yang ZK, Engle NL, Cregger MA, Tschaplinski TJ, Schadt CW Microbiome. DOI: 10.1186/s40168-019-668-8.

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Microbiome divergence across soils and genotypes. Bacteria/archaea (A) and fungal (B) community composition among plant genotypes grown in two different soil origins (Clatskanie, Corvallis).





