

New update of EuroForMix



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Overview

- **BETTER speed:** Possibly 4-6x faster for 4 unknowns
 - For MLE, MCMC, INTEGRATION
 - Also for Qualitative model (forensim R-package not used)
- Better functionalities for Bayesian based LR (BayesFactor/quantile):
 - Bayesian integral is more robust and must be done after the MLE calculation
 - MCMC trace plot of BayesFactor and Conservative LR (quantile)
- New GUI layouts (next slides)
- New functions which simplify terminal interface
 - A Rmarkdown tutorial is also available.

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Important/useful changes made to the GUI

Step 1) Import and select Population frequencies

Import from file Import from Inst. Import from STRidER

Select STR kit: Select population: Export frequencies

ESX17 ESX17_Norway View frequencies

Step 2) Import and select Evidence, Reference, Database

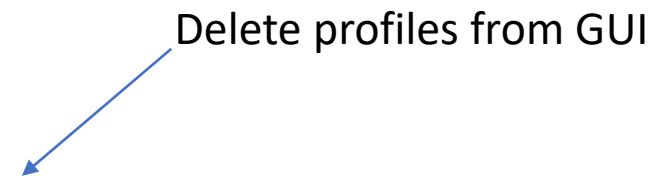
Import evidence	Import reference	Import database
View evidence	View references	View database
<p>items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">stain5stain95stain7	<p>items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">ref1ref2ref3	<p>items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">
Delete evidence	Delete reference	Delete database

Step 3) Select Interpretation

Weight-of-Evidence Deconvolution Database search

Fit dropin data Generate sample RESTART

Delete profiles from GUI



Evaluation

Sample(s): stain5/stain95

Hp: NumContr=3. Conditional ref(s): ref1/ref2

Hd: NumContr=3. Conditional ref(s): ref1

New header showing evaluated Evidence and hypotheses

Estimates under Hd

Parameter estimates:

Param.	MLE	Std.Err.
Mix-prop. C1	5.0e-01	2.3e-02
Mix-prop. C2	3.3e-01	1.5e-02
Mix-prop. C3	1.7e-01	7.8e-03
P.H.expectation	9.9e+02	2.4e+01
P.H.variability	1.3e-01	9.2e-03
Degrad. slope	7.6e-01	1.9e-02
BWstutt-prop.	8.5e-02	9.0e-03

Maximum Likelihood value

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logLik= -916.95
adj.loglik= -922.95

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Joint LR

log10LR=13.86

Upper boundary=20.09

[Show LR per-marker](#)

Show LR per marker in separate window

Non-contributor analysis

Select reference to replace with non-contributor:

ref2

Sample MLE based

Sample Bayesian based

Further

LR sensitivity

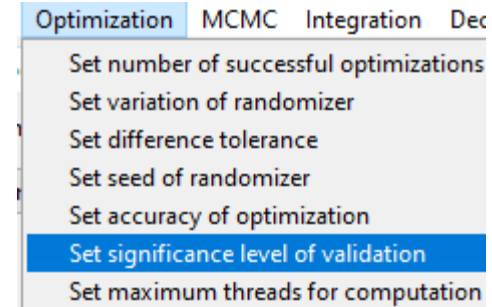
Bayes Factor

Create report

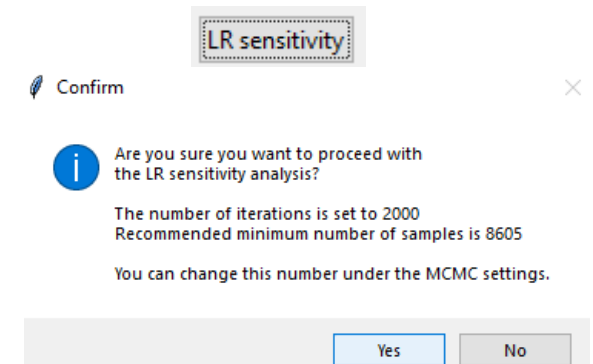
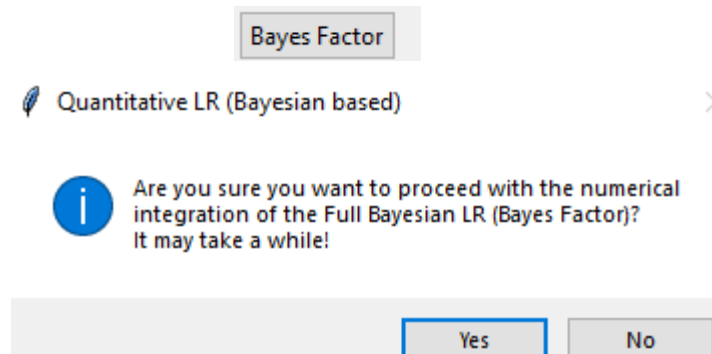
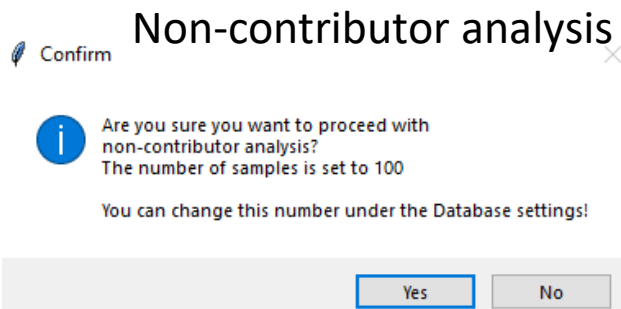
Bayes Factor
(Bayesian integral) moved here:
Utilizes MLE information

User-friendly changes

- Model validation:
 - Entering significance level **no longer needed**.
 - Can be changed under “Optimization toolbar”
 - Number of significant points outside envelope is now indicated in the report, but only if user has conducted the analysis.
 - Avoids timeconsuming report creation.

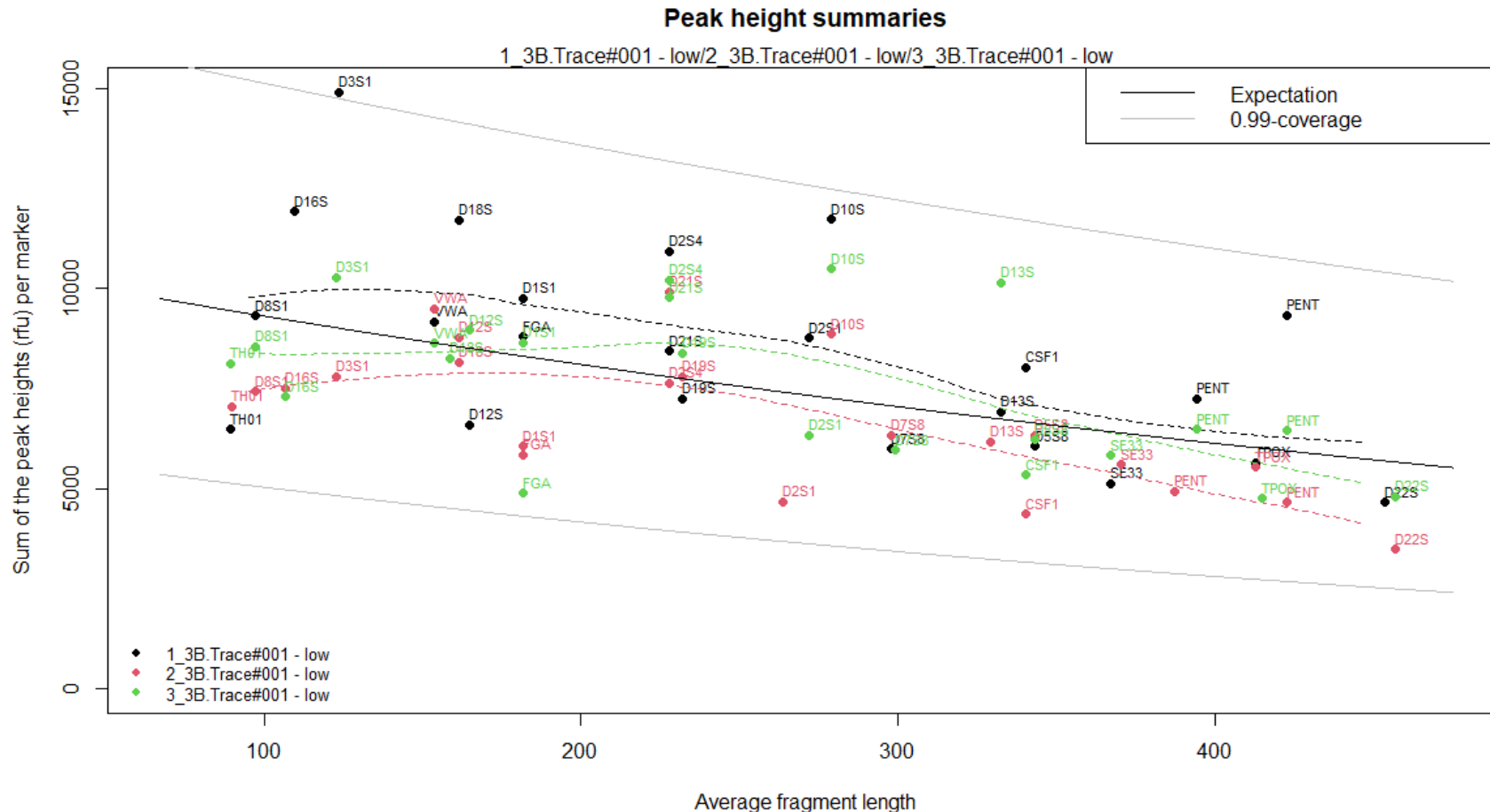


- Pop-up question for user (in case of accidental clicks):



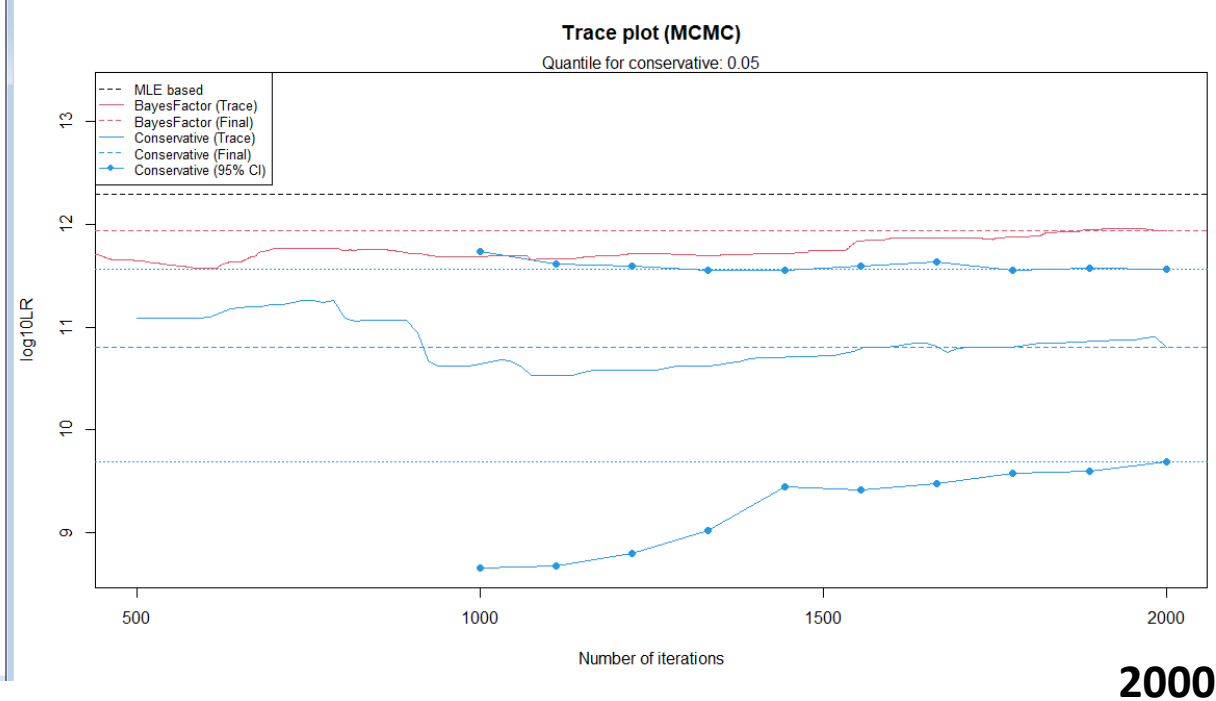
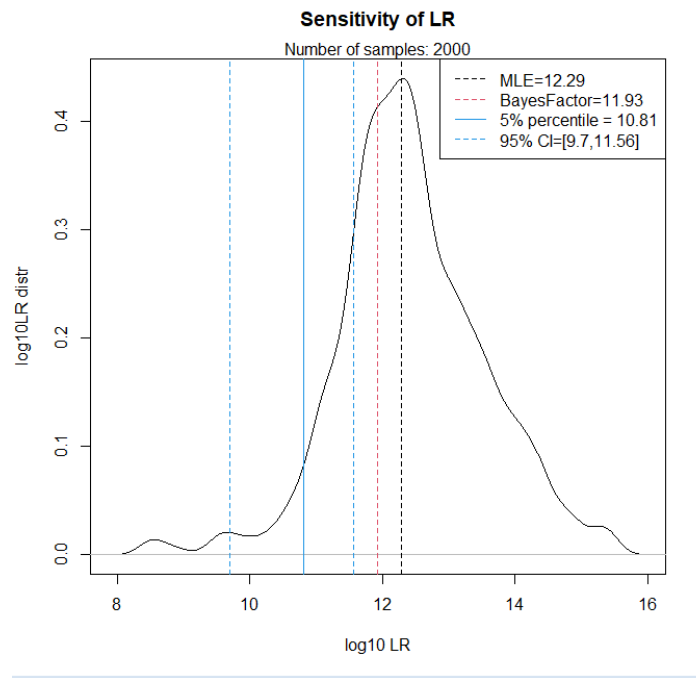
Updated Peak height summary plot ([view Evidence](#))

- Easier to recognize differences:
 - Highlighting each sample with different colors.
 - A dashed smoothing curve is provided.



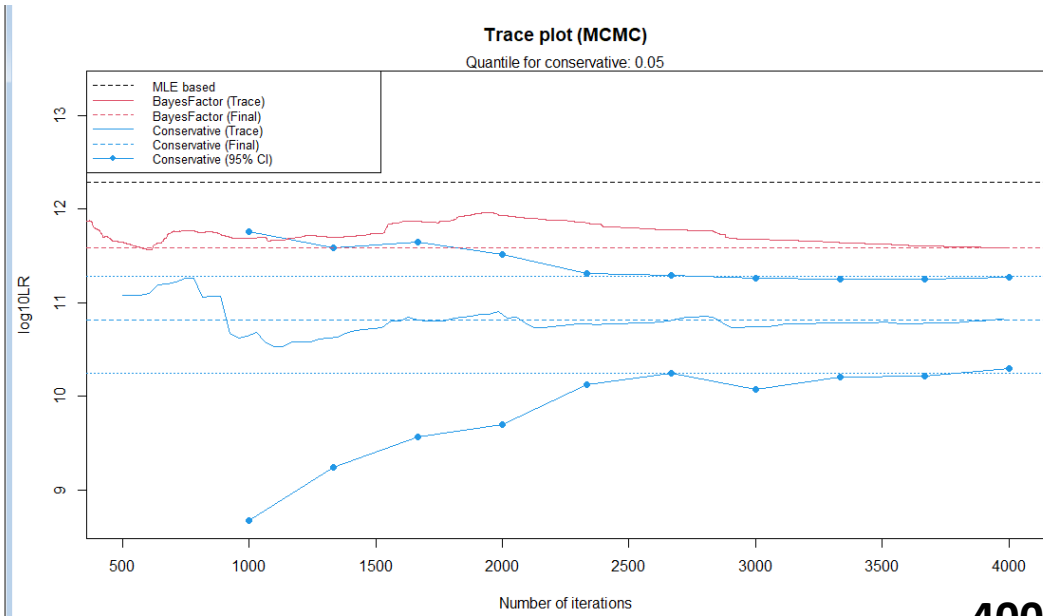
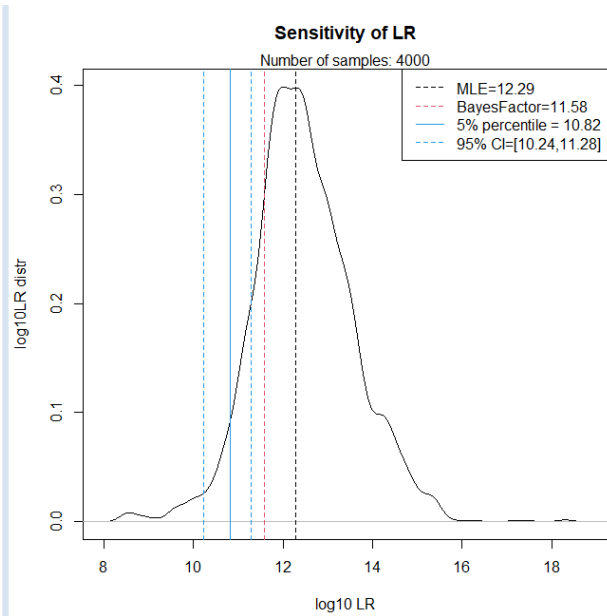
Trace plots for LR-sensitivity

- Possible to visualize a “trace plot” for checking convergence of
 - Conservative LR (chosen quantile)
 - Bayes Factor estimate



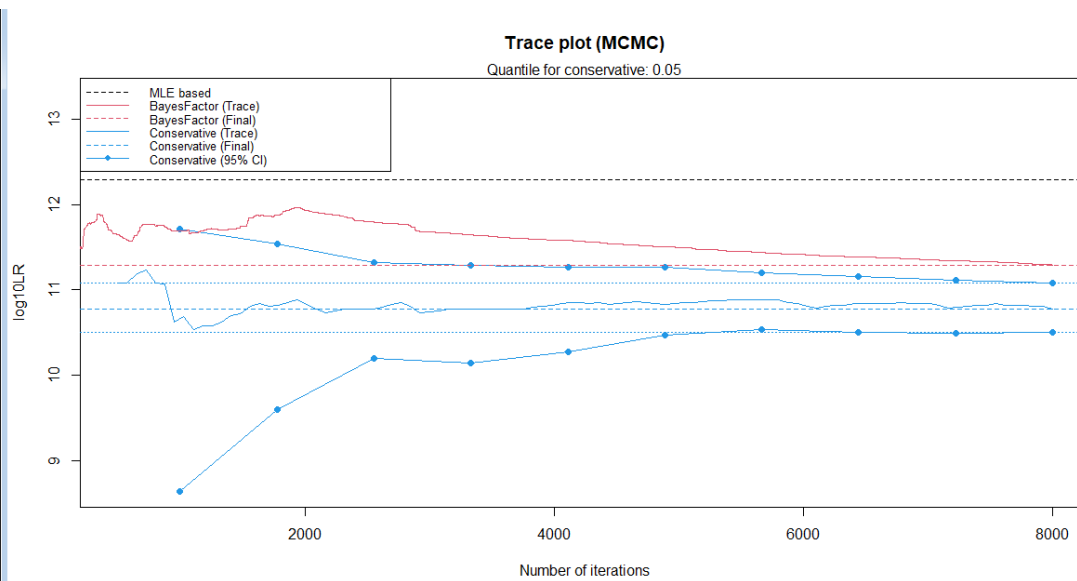
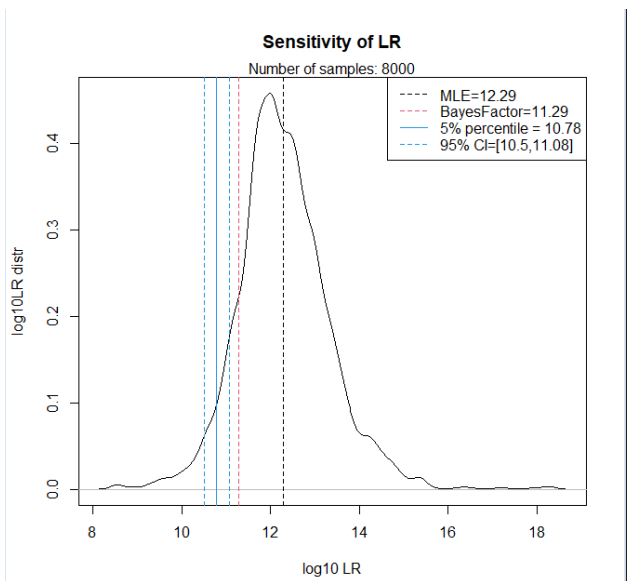
Click “LR sensitivity” again for extending number of samples

1x more



4000

3x more



Including more data details to the Report

Data used for the evaluation is included last in the report

```
-----Evaluating data-----
      stain5,stain95 | ref1,ref2 | Freqs.
D3S1358
14      | 417 437      |      | x | 0.124113829256116
15      | 314 388      |      | x | 0.270993509735397
16      | 909 983      |      | x | 0.23155267099351
17      | 175 182      |      |   | 0.202695956065901
99      |              |      |   | 0.170644033949076
TH01
6       | 100 120      |      |   | 0.209086894771432
7       | 94 219       |      |   | 0.212282109973287
9       | 350 415      |      | x | 0.140789169831766
9.3    | 1060 934     |      | x | 0.343984886574776
8.3    | 118 104      |      | x | 0.000896146569750075
99     |              |      |   | 0.09296079222789887
```

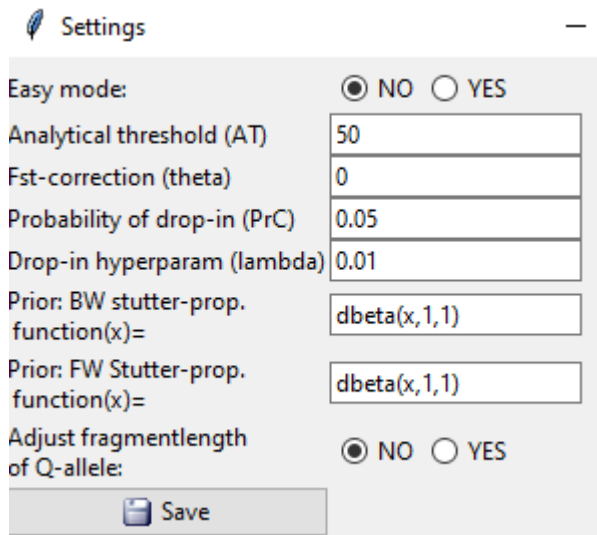
"x" is the allele of reference

Last result from LR-sensitivity
included to report when created:

```
---RESULTS BASED ON MCMC SAMPLING---
Conservative LR (5%): log10LR=10.78
95% CI of conservative LR (5%): log10LR=[10.50,11.08]
Bayes Factor (MCMC): log10LR=11.29
Number of MCMC samples (setting): 8000
Variation of randomizer (setting): 2
Tuned variation of randomizer (estimated): 2
Seed of randomizer (setting): 1
```

Defined fragment length of Q-allele

- Note: This is only relevant when applying a degradation model.
- The user can now use an adjusted version of the fragment length for the Q-allele (**YES in Settings**): The weighted average of frequencies of the non-observed alleles. This will shift the fragment length of the Q-allele towards alleles that are more common in the population.
- **Default (NO)**: The «maximum defined» fragment length at considered marker (taken from kit.txt):
- **Impact**: The adjusted version (YES) may have a slight impact on the likelihood values and LR.



Settings

Easy mode: NO YES

Analytical threshold (AT)

Fst-correction (theta)

Probability of drop-in (PrC)

Drop-in hyperparam (lambda)

Prior: BW stutter-prop. function(x)=

Prior: FW Stutter-prop. function(x)=

Adjust fragmentlength of Q-allele: NO YES

```
-----Model options-----
Detection threshold=50
Fst-correction=0
Probability of drop-in=0.05
Hyperparam lambda=0.01
Degradation:YES
Backward Stutter:YES
Forward Stutter:NO
Backward Stutter prop. prior=function (x) dbeta(x, 1, 1)
Forward Stutter prop. prior=function (x) dbeta(x, 1, 1)
Adjusted fragmentlength for Q-allele:NO
Rare allele frequency (minFreq):0.000896950368746264
Normalized after impute: Yes
```

Part 1: Calculating MLE based LR

Step 1: Import and visualize profiles

```
library(euroformix) #Load package
pkg = path.package("euroformix") #get package install folder

kit = "ESX17" #defining kit to use (must be defined in getKit())
AT = 50 #analytical threshold used (global for all markers)

#Importing allele frequencies
freqFile = paste0(pkg, "/FreqDatabases/", kit, "_Norway.csv") #frequency file to use
popFreq = freqImport(freqFile)[[1]] #need to select 1st population

#Importing evidence and reference profiles:
evidfn = paste0(pkg, "/examples/", kit, "_3p.csv")
reffn = paste0(pkg, "/examples/", kit, "_refs.csv")
evidData = sample_tableToList(tableReader(evidfn))
refData = sample_tableToList(tableReader(reffn))
```

```
pIotEPG2(evidData, kit, refData) #Show in graphical interface
```

Step 2: Specify hypotheses for interpretation

Hypothesis sets: Ref3 as person of interest (POI)

Hp: Ref1 + ref3 + 1 unknown

Hd: Ref2 + 2 unknowns (all unrelated)

```
#Set up hypothesis (contributors)
POIidx = 3 #index of POI (in refData)
#Must construct a 'contribution vector' for each hypothesis:
condHp = c(1,0,2) #C1=Ref1, C2=Ref3
condHd = c(1,0,0) #C1=Ref1
knownRefhp = NULL #No known non-contributor reference under Hp
knownRefhd = POIidx #known non-contributor reference under Hd
NOC = 3 #assumed number of contributors
```

Step 3: Model fit of Hp and Hd

```
#We keep degradation and back-stutter models on (default), but turns off forward stutter model:
mleHp = calcMLE(NOC, evidData, popFreq, refData, condHp, knownRefhp, kit, FWS=FALSE)
mleHd = calcMLE(NOC, evidData, popFreq, refData, condHd, knownRefhd, kit, FWS=FALSE)
```

Step 4: Obtain calculated LR based on MLE

```
MLEResult = calcLRmle(mleHp, mleHd)
LRmle = MLEResult$log10LR #get LR on log10 scale
LRmleMarkers = MLEResult$log10LRmarker #get LR per markers
upperLR = MLEResult$log10LRupper #get theoretical upper LR
```

Command line

Step 5: Perform model validation

```
validhp = validMLEmodel(mleHp, "Hp")
validhd = validMLEmodel(mleHd, "Hd")
nSignifHp = sum(validhp$Significant) #numbers outside envelope
nSignifHd = sum(validhd$Significant) #numbers outside envelope
```

Step 6: Provide deconvolution

```
DCtableHp = deconvolve(mleHp)$table2 #top ranked genotypes (Hp)
DCtableHd = deconvolve(mleHd)$table2 #top ranked genotypes (Hd)
```

Step 7: Show model fit (expectation vs observations)

```
pIotTopEPG2(mleHp)
```

Step 8: Provide non-contributor simulations:

```
nTippets = 10 #this typically takes a while (depending on the number)
tippets = calcTippet(POIidx, mleHp, mleHd, nTippets, seed = 1234)
```

Part 2: Calculating Bayesian based LR

Step 8: Calculate conservative LR (and estimate Bayes Factor)

```
#obtain 10% quantile as 'conservative LR'
mcmc = calcLRmcmc(mleHp, mleHd, 5000, quantile = 0.10, seed=1234)
LRcons_mcmc = mcmc$log10LRcons #estimated conservative LR
LRbayes_mcmc = mcmc$log10LRbayes #estimated Bayes factor (LR) using MCMC
```

Step 9: Calculate Bayes Factor with numerical integration

```
#The following calculation would take some time
int = calcLRint(mleHp, mleHd, reItoI = 0.1, maxEval=20000)

#Obtaining calculated LR with relative errors:
LRbayes_int = int$log10LR
LRbayes_intError = int$log10LRerror
```