Tracing the origin of US BMSBs



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BMSB: an invasive pest in the US

- Native range: China, Taiwan, Korea and Japan
- Invasion to the US: Allentown, PA in 1996;
 now in 39 states
- Damages: serious loss in agriculture, residential nuisance, erosion of local biodiversity
- Control: insecticide application

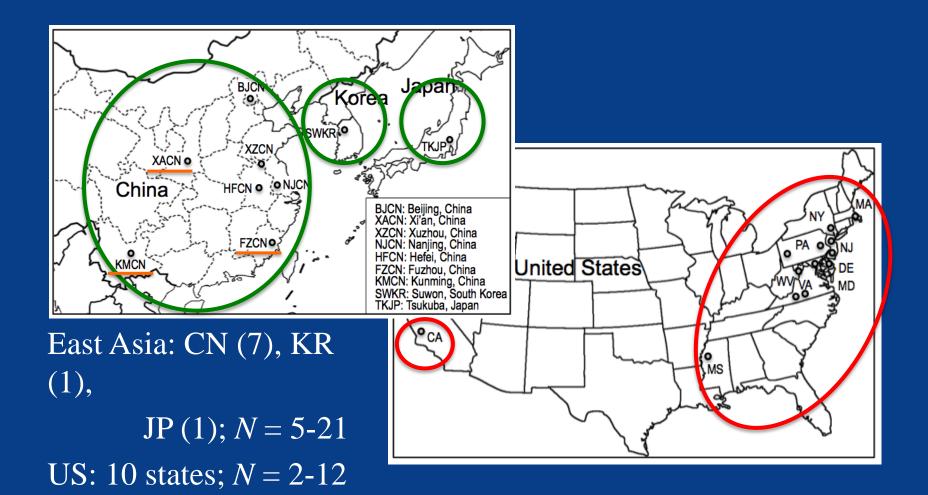


US BMSBs

- Where did they come from?
- How many introductions?
- What's the likely size of founding population?
- How about the genetic diversity in the US?



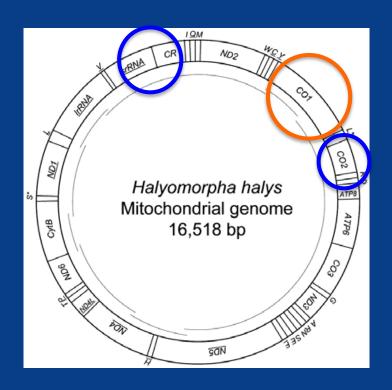
Samples





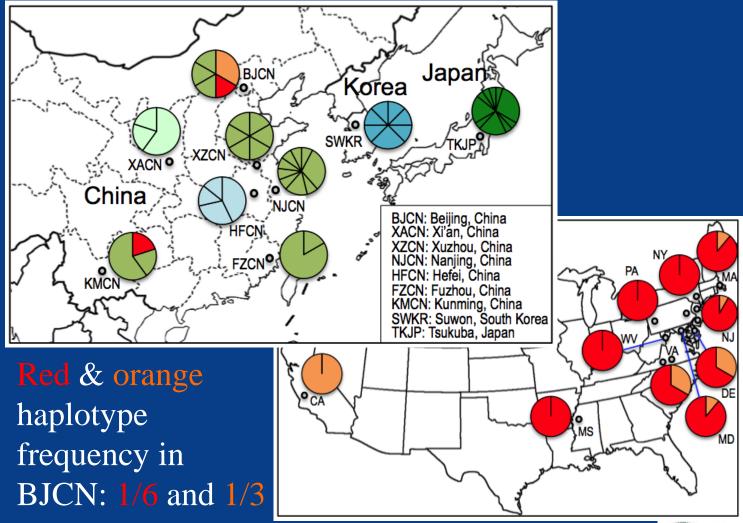
Genetic analysis – mtDNA sequences

- Cytochrome c oxidase II (COII)
- 12S ribosomal RNA to control region (12S/CR)
- Cytochrome c oxidase I(COI)



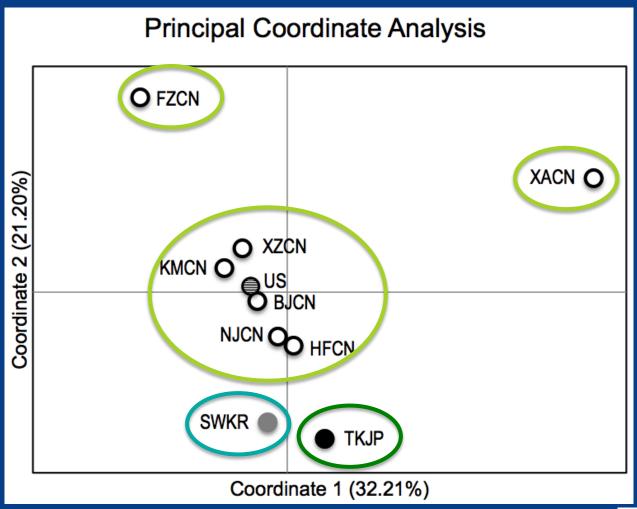


Haplotype distribution



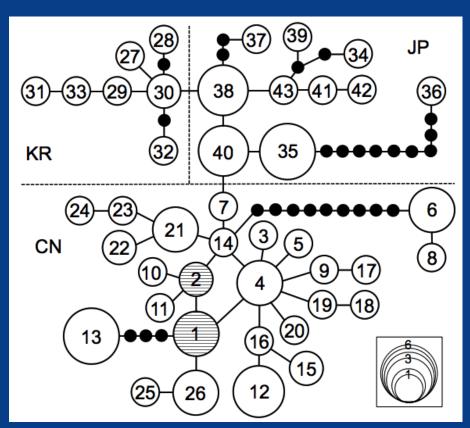


Relationship among populations





Haplotype network

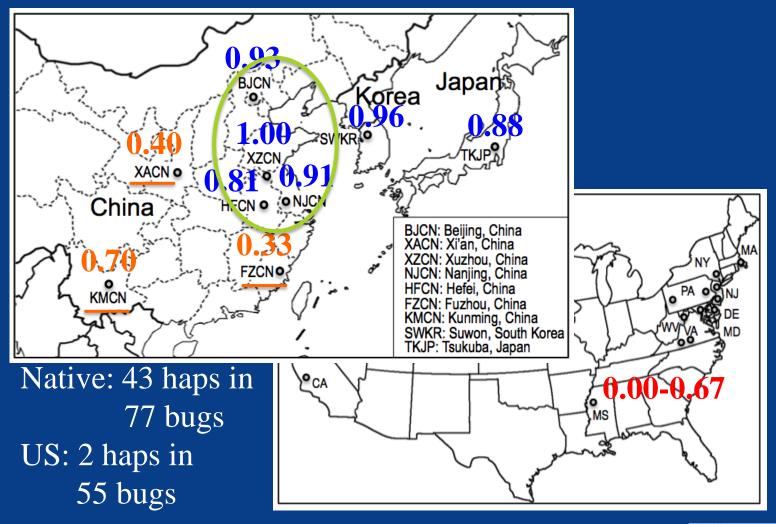


Inference from Nested Clade Analysis (NCA):

- Restricted gene flow but with some long distance dispersal
- BJCN+XZCN+NJCN
 as the distributional
 center in China



Genetic diversity





Summary

- Significant genetic differentiation in natives
- High genetic diversity in East Asia versus extremely low diversity in the US
- US BMSB originated from Beijing area, China
- Single introduction with small population size matches the invasion to the US



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Questions?

