

# The `germinationmetrics` Package: A Brief Introduction

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## Overview

The package `germinationmetrics` is a collection of functions which implements various methods for describing the time-course of germination in terms of single-value germination indices as well as fitted curves.

The goal of this vignette is to introduce the users to these functions and get started in describing sequentially recorded germination count data. This document assumes a basic knowledge of R programming language.



## Installation

The package can be installed using the following functions:

```
# Install from CRAN
install.packages('germinationmetrics', dependencies=TRUE)

# Install development version from Github
devtools::install_github("aravind-j/germinationmetrics")
```

Then the package can be loaded using the function

```
library(germinationmetrics)
```

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Welcome to germinationmetrics version 0.1.8

```
# To know how to use this package type:  
browseVignettes(package = 'germinationmetrics')  
for the package vignette.  
  
# To know what's new in this version type:  
news(package='germinationmetrics')  
for the NEWS file.  
  
# To cite the methods in the package type:  
citation(package='germinationmetrics')  
  
# To suppress this message use:  
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(germinationmetrics))
```

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## Version History

The current version of the package is 0.1.8. The previous versions are as follows.

**Table 1.** Version history of `germinationmetrics` R package.

Version	Date
0.1.0	2018-04-17
0.1.1	2018-07-26
0.1.1.1	2018-10-16
0.1.2	2018-10-31
0.1.3	2019-01-19
0.1.4	2020-06-16
0.1.5	2021-02-17
0.1.6	2022-06-15

To know detailed history of changes use `news(package='germinationmetrics')`.

## Germination count data

Typically in a germination test, the germination count data of a fixed number of seeds is recorded at regular intervals for a definite period of time or until all the seeds have germinated. These germination count data can be either partial or cumulative (Table 2).

**Table 2 :** A typical germination count data.

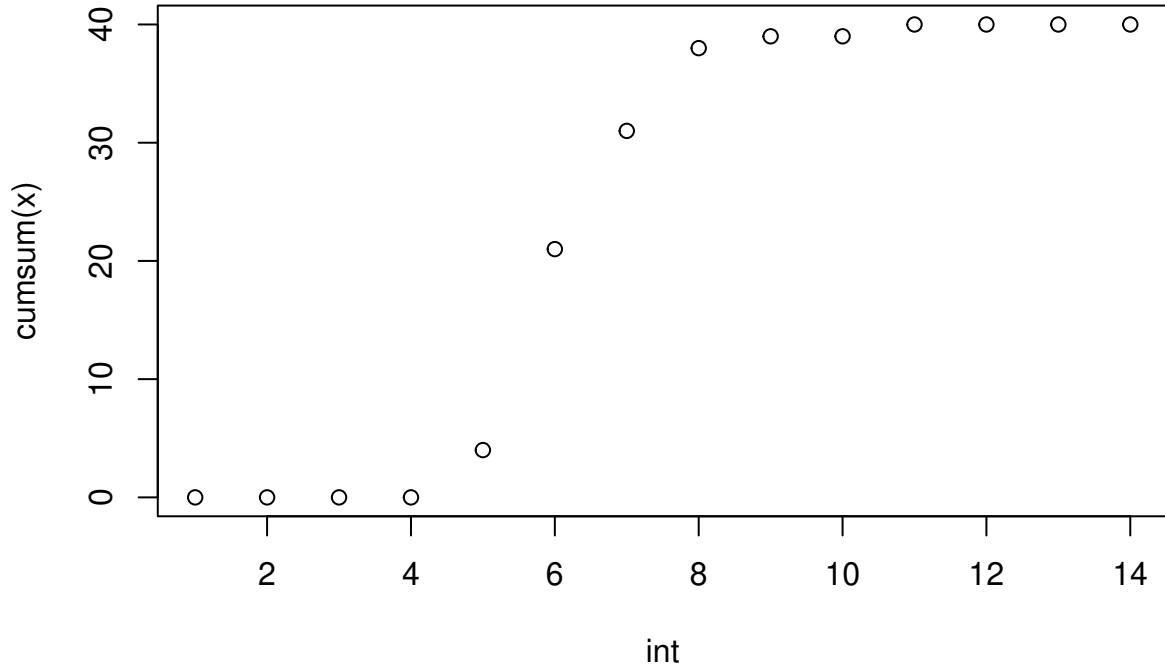
intervals	counts	cumulative.counts
1	0	0
2	0	0
3	0	0
4	0	0
5	4	4
6	17	21
7	10	31
8	7	38
9	1	39
10	0	39
11	1	40
12	0	40
13	0	40
14	0	40

The time-course of germination can be plotted as follows.

```
data <- data.frame(intervals = 1:14,
                    counts = c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0))

# Partial germination counts
x <- data$counts
# Cumulative germination counts
y <- cumsum(x)
# Time intervals of observations
int <- data$intervals
```

```
plot(int, cumsum(x))
```



### Single-value germination indices

The details about the single-value germination indices implemented in **germinationmetrics** are described in Table 3.

**Table 3 :** Single-value germination indices implemented in `germinationmetrics`.

Germination index	Function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Germination percentage or Final germination percentage or Germinability ( $GP$ )	<code>GermPercent</code>	<p>It is computed as follows.</p> $GP = \frac{N_g}{N_t} \times 100$ <p>Where, <math>N_g</math> is the number of germinated seeds and <math>N_t</math> is the total number of seeds.</p>	Percentage (%)	Germination capacity	ISTA (2015)
Peak germination percentage ( $PGP$ )	<code>PeakGermPercent</code>	<p>It is computed as follows.</p> $PGP = \frac{N_{max}}{N_t} \times 100$ <p>Where, <math>N_{max}</math> is the maximum number of seeds germinated per interval.</p>	Percentage (%)	Germination capacity	Vallance (1950); Roh et al. (2004)
Time for the first germination or Germination time lag ( $t_0$ )	<code>FirstGermTime</code>	<p>It is the time for first germination to occur (e.g. First day of germination).</p> $t_0 = \min \{T_i : N_i \neq 0\}$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval and <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval)</p>	time	Germination time	Edwards (1932); Czabator (1962); Goloff and Bazzaz (1975); Labouriau (1983a); Ranal (1999); Quintanilla et al. (2000)
Time for the last germination ( $t_g$ )	<code>LastGermTime</code>	<p>It is the time for last germination to occur (e.g. Last day of germination)</p> $t_g = \max \{T_i : N_i \neq 0\}$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval and <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval)</p>	time	Germination time	Edwards (1932)
Time spread of germination or Germination distribution	<code>TimeSpreadGerm</code>	<p>It is the difference between time for last germination (<math>t_g</math>) and time for first germination (<math>t_0</math>).</p> $\text{Time spread of germination} = t_g - t_0$	time	Germination time	Al-Mudaris (1998); Schrader and Graves (2000); Kader (2005)
Peak period of germination or Modal time of germination ( $t_{peak}$ )	<code>PeakGermTime</code>	<p>It is the time in which highest frequency of germinated seeds are observed and need not be unique.</p> $t_{peak} = \{T_i : N_i = N_{max}\}$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval) and <math>N_{max}</math> is the maximum number of seeds germinated per interval.</p>	time	Germination time	Ranal and Santana (2006)

Germination index	Function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Median germination time ( $t_{50}$ ) (Coolbear)	<code>t50</code>	<p>It is the time to reach 50% of final/maximum germination. With argument <code>method</code> specified as "coolbear", it is computed as follows.</p> $t_{50} = T_i + \frac{(\frac{N+1}{2} - N_i)(T_j - T_i)}{N_j - N_i}$ <p>Where, <math>t_{50}</math> is the median germination time, <math>N</math> is the final number of germinated seeds, and <math>N_i</math> and <math>N_j</math> are the total number of seeds germinated in adjacent counts at time <math>T_i</math> and <math>T_j</math> respectively, when <math>N_i &lt; \frac{N+1}{2} &lt; N_j</math>.</p>	time	Germination time	Coolbear et al. (1984)
Median germination time ( $t_{50}$ ) (Farooq)	<code>t50</code>	<p>With argument <code>method</code> specified as "farooq", it is computed as follows.</p> $t_{50} = T_i + \frac{(\frac{N}{2} - N_i)(T_j - T_i)}{N_j - N_i}$ <p>Where, <math>t_{50}</math> is the median germination time, <math>N</math> is the final number of germinated seeds, and <math>N_i</math> and <math>N_j</math> are the total number of seeds germinated in adjacent counts at time <math>T_i</math> and <math>T_j</math> respectively, when <math>N_i &lt; \frac{N}{2} &lt; N_j</math>.</p>	time	Germination time	Farooq et al. (2005)
Mean germination time or Mean length of incubation time ( $\bar{T}$ ) or Germination resistance ( $GR$ ) or Sprouting index ( $SI$ ) or Emergence index ( $EI$ )	<code>MeanGermTime</code>	<p>It is the average length of time required for maximum germination of a seed lot and is estimated according to the following formula.</p> $\bar{T} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i T_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval), and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p> <p>It is the inverse of mean germination rate (<math>\bar{V}</math>).</p> $\bar{T} = \frac{1}{\bar{V}}$	time	Germination time	Edmond and Drapala (1958); Czabator (1962); Smith and Millet (1964); Gordon (1969); Gordon (1971); Mock and Eberhart (1972); Ellis and Roberts (1980) Labouriau (1983a); Ranal and Santana (2006)

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Variance of germination time ( $s_T^2$ )	<b>VarGermTime</b>	<p>It is computed according to the following formula.</p> $s_T^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i(T_i - \bar{T})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i - 1}$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval), and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	time <sup>-1</sup>	Germination time	Labouriau (1983a); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Standard error of germination time ( $s_{\bar{T}}$ )	<b>SEGermTime</b>	<p>It signifies the accuracy of the calculation of the mean germination time.</p> <p>It is estimated according to the following formula:</p> $s_{\bar{T}} = \sqrt{\frac{s_T^2}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}}$ <p>Where, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval) and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	time	Germination time	Labouriau (1983a); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Mean germination rate ( $\bar{V}$ )	<b>MeanGermRate</b>	<p>It is computed according to the following formula:</p> $\bar{V} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i T_i}$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval), and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p> <p>It is the inverse of mean germination time (<math>\bar{T}</math>).</p> $\bar{V} = \frac{1}{\bar{T}}$	time <sup>-1</sup>	Germination rate	Labouriau and Valadares (1976); Labouriau (1983b); Ranal and Santana (2006)

Germination index	Function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Coefficient of velocity of germination ( <i>CVG</i> ) or Coefficient of rate of germination ( <i>CRG</i> ) or Kotowski's coefficient of velocity	<b>CVG</b>	<p>It is estimated according to the following formula.</p> $CVG = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i T_i} \times 100$ $CVG = \bar{V} \times 100$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval), and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	% time <sup>-1</sup>	Germination rate	Kotowski (1926), Nichols and Heydecker (1968); Bewley and Black (1994); Labouriau (1983b); Scott et al. (1984)
Variance of germination rate ( $s_V^2$ )	<b>VarGermRate</b>	<p>It is calculated according to the following formula.</p> $s_V^2 = \bar{V}^4 \times s_T^2$ <p>Where, <math>s_T^2</math> is the variance of germination time.</p>	time <sup>-2</sup>	Germination rate	Labouriau (1983b); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Standard error of germination rate ( $s_{\bar{V}}$ )	<b>SEGermRate</b>	<p>It is estimated according to the following formula.</p> $s_{\bar{V}} = \sqrt{\frac{s_V^2}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}}$ <p>Where, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval), and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	time <sup>-1</sup>	Germination rate	Labouriau (1983b); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Germination rate as the reciprocal of the median time ( $v_{50}$ )	<b>GermRateRecip</b>	<p>It is the reciprocal of the median germination time (<math>t_{50}</math>).</p> $v_{50} = \frac{1}{t_{50}}$	time <sup>-1</sup>	Germination rate	Went (1957); Labouriau (1983b); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Speed of germination or Germination rate Index or index of velocity of germination or Emergence rate index (Allan, Vogel and Peterson; Erbach; Hsu and Nelson) or Germination index (AOSA)	<b>GermSpeed</b>	<p>It is the rate of germination in terms of the total number of seeds that germinate in a time interval. It is estimated as follows.</p> $S = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{N_i}{T_i}$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval), and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals. Instead of germination counts, germination percentages may also be used for computation of speed of germination.</p>	% time <sup>-1</sup> or count time <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Throneberry and Smith (1955); Maguire (1962); Allan et al. (1962); Kendrick and Frankland (1969); Bouton et al. (1976); Erbach (1982); AOSA (1983); Khandakar and Bradbeer (1983); Hsu and Nelson (1986); Bradbeer (1988); Wardle et al. (1991)

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Speed of accumulated germination	<code>GermSpeedAccumulate</code>	<p>It is the rate of germination in terms of the accumulated/cumulative total number of seeds that germinate in a time interval.</p> <p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $S_{\text{accumulated}} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\sum_{j=1}^i N_j}{T_i}$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval, <math>\sum_{j=1}^i N_j</math> is the cumulative/accumulated number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th interval, and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p> <p>Instead of germination counts, germination percentages may also be used for computation of speed of germination.</p>	% time <sup>-1</sup> or count time <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Bradbeer (1988); Wardle et al. (1991); Haugland and Brandsaeter (1996); Santana and Ranal (2004)
Corrected germination rate index	<code>GermSpeedCorrected</code>	<p>It is computed as follows.</p> $S_{\text{corrected}} = \frac{S}{FGP}$ <p>Where, <math>S</math> is the germination speed computed with germination percentage instead of counts and <math>FGP</math> is the final germination percentage or germinability.</p>	time <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Evetts and Burnside (1972)
Weighted germination percentage ( $WGP$ )	<code>WeightGermPercent</code>	<p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $WGP = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k (k - i + 1)N_i}{k \times N} \times 100$ <p>Where, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds that germinated in the time interval <math>i</math> (not cumulative, but partial count), <math>N</math> is the total number of seeds tested, and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	Percentage (%)	Mixed	Reddy et al. (1985); Reddy (1978)
Mean germination percentage per unit time ( $\overline{GP}$ )	<code>MeanGermPercent</code>	<p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $\overline{GP} = \frac{GP}{T_k}$ <p>Where, <math>GP</math> is the final germination percentage, <math>T_k</math> is the time at the <math>k</math>th time interval, and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals required for final germination.</p>	% time <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Czabator (1962)
Number of seeds germinated per unit time $\overline{N}$	<code>MeanGermNumber</code>	<p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $\overline{N} = \frac{N_g}{T_k}$ <p>Where, <math>N_g</math> is the number of germinated seeds at the end of the germination test, <math>T_k</math> is the time at the <math>k</math>th time interval, and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals required for final germination.</p>	count time <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Khamassi et al. (2013)

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Timson's index [ $\sum 10$ (Ten summation), $\sum 5$ or $\sum 20$ ] or Germination energy index (GEI)	<code>TimsonsIndex</code>	<p>It is the progressive total of cumulative germination percentage recorded at specific intervals for a set period of time and is estimated in terms of cumulative germination percentage (<math>G_i</math>) as follows.</p> $\Sigma k = \sum_{i=1}^k G_i$ <p>Where, <math>G_i</math> is the cumulative germination percentage in time interval <math>i</math>, and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals. It is also estimated in terms of partial germination percentage as follows.</p> $\Sigma k = \sum_{i=1}^k g_i(k - j)$ <p>Where, <math>g_i</math> is the germination (not cumulative, but partial germination) in time interval <math>i</math> (<math>i</math> varying from 0 to <math>k</math>), <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals, and <math>j = i - 1</math>.</p>	Percentage (%)	Mixed	Grose and Zimmer (1958); Timson (1965); Lyon and Coffelt (1966); Chaudhary and Ghildyal (1970); Negm and Smith (1978); Brown and Mayer (1988); Baskin and Baskin (1998); Goodchild and Walker (1971)
Modified Timson's index ( $\Sigma k_{mod}$ ) (Labouriau)	<code>TimsonsIndex</code>	<p>It is estimated as Timson's index <math>\Sigma k</math> divided by the sum of partial germination percentages.</p> $\Sigma k_{mod} = \frac{\Sigma k}{\sum_{i=1}^k g_i}$	no unit	Mixed	Ranal and Santana (2006)
Modified Timson's index ( $\Sigma k_{mod}$ ) (Khan and Unger)	<code>TimsonsIndex</code>	<p>It is estimated as Timson's index (<math>\Sigma k</math>) divided by the total time period of germination (<math>T_k</math>).</p> $\Sigma k_{mod} = \frac{\Sigma k}{T_k}$	% time <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Khan and Unger (1984)
George's index (GR)	<code>GermRateGeorge</code>	<p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $GR = \sum_{i=1}^k N_i K_i$ <p>Where <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated by <math>i</math>th interval and <math>K_i</math> is the number of intervals (eg. days) until the end of the test, and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	count time	Mixed	George (1961); Tucker and Wright (1965); Nichols and Heydecker (1968); Chopra and Chaudhary (1980)

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Germination Index ( $GI$ ) (Melville)	<code>GermIndex</code>	<p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $GI = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{ (T_k - T_i) N_i }{N_t}$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval (day for the example), <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval), <math>N_t</math> is the total number of seeds used in the test, and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	time	Mixed	Melville et al. (1980)
Germination Index ( $GI_{mod}$ ) (Melville; Santana and Ranal)	<code>GermIndex</code>	<p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $GI_{mod} = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{ (T_k - T_i) N_i }{N_g}$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval (day for the example), <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval), <math>N_g</math> is the total number of germinated seeds at the end of the test, and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	time	Mixed	Melville et al. (1980); Santana and Ranal (2004); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Emergence Rate Index ( $ERI$ ) or Germination Rate Index (Shmueli and Goldberg)	<code>EmergenceRateIndex</code>	<p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $ERI = \sum_{i=i_0}^{k-1} N_i(k-i)$ <p>Where, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval), <math>i_0</math> is the time interval when emergence/germination started, and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	count	Mixed	Shmueli and Goldberg (1971)
Modified Emergence Rate Index ( $ERI_{mod}$ ) or Modified Germination Rate Index (Shmueli and Goldberg; Santana and Ranal)	<code>EmergenceRateIndex</code>	<p>It is estimated by dividing Emergence rate index (<math>ERI</math>) by total number of emerged seedlings (or germinated seeds).</p> $ERI_{mod} = \frac{\sum_{i=i_0}^{k-1} N_i(k-i)}{N_g} = \frac{ERI}{N_g}$ <p>Where, <math>N_g</math> is the total number of germinated seeds at the end of the test, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval), <math>i_0</math> is the time interval when emergence/germination started, and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	no unit	Mixed	Shmueli and Goldberg (1971); Santana and Ranal (2004); Ranal and Santana (2006)

Germination index	Function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Emergence Rate Index ( <i>ERI</i> ) or Germination Rate Index (Bilbro & Wanjura)	<code>EmergenceRateIndex</code>	<p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $ERI = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}{\bar{T}} = \frac{N_g}{\bar{T}}$ <p>Where, <math>N_g</math> is the total number of germinated seeds at the end of the test, <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <math>i</math>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <math>i</math>th interval), and <math>\bar{T}</math> is the mean germination time or mean emergence time.</p>	count time <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Bilbro and Wanjura (1982)
Emergence Rate Index ( <i>ERI</i> ) or Germination Rate Index (Fakorede)	<code>EmergenceRateIndex</code>	<p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $ERI = \frac{\bar{T}}{FGP/100}$ <p>Where, <math>\bar{T}</math> is the Mean germination time and <math>FGP</math> is the final germination time.</p>	time count <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Fakorede and Ayoola (1980); Fakorede and Ojo (1981); Fakorede and Agbana (1983)
Peak value( <i>PV</i> ) (Czabator) or Emergence Energy ( <i>EE</i> )	<code>PeakValue</code>	<p>It is the accumulated number of seeds germinated at the point on the germination curve at which the rate of germination starts to decrease. It is computed as the maximum quotient obtained by dividing successive cumulative germination values by the relevant incubation time.</p> $PV = \max \left( \frac{G_1}{T_1}, \frac{G_2}{T_2}, \dots, \frac{G_k}{T_k} \right)$ <p>Where, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <math>i</math>th interval, <math>G_i</math> is the cumulative germination percentage in the <math>i</math>th time interval, and <math>k</math> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	% time <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Czabator (1962); Bonner (1967)
Germination value ( <i>GV</i> ) (Czabator)	<code>GermValue</code>	<p>It is computed as follows.</p> $GV = PV \times MDG$ <p>Where, <math>PV</math> is the peak value and <math>MDG</math> is the mean daily germination percentage from the onset of germination.</p> <p>It can also be computed for other time intervals of successive germination counts, by replacing <math>MDG</math> with the mean germination percentage per unit time (<math>GP</math>).</p> <p><math>GV</math> value can be modified (<math>GV_{mod}</math>), to consider the entire duration from the beginning of the test instead of just from the onset of germination.</p>	% <sup>2</sup> time <sup>-2</sup>	Mixed	Czabator (1962); Brown and Mayer (1988)

Germination index	Function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Germination value ( <i>GV</i> ) (Diavanshir and Pourbiek)	<b>GermValue</b>	<p>It is computed as follows.</p> $GV = \frac{\sum DGS}{N} \times GP \times c$ <p>Where, <i>DGS</i> is the daily germination speed computed by dividing cumulative germination percentage by the number of days since the onset of germination, <i>N</i> is the frequency or number of DGS calculated during the test, <i>GP</i> is the germination percentage expressed over 100, and <i>c</i> is a constant. The value of <i>c</i> is decided on the basis of average daily speed of germination (<math>\frac{\sum DGS}{N}</math>). If it is less than 10, then <i>c</i> value of 10 can be used and if it is more than 10, then value of 7 or 8 can be used for <i>c</i>. <i>GV</i> value can be modified (<i>GV<sub>mod</sub></i>), to consider the entire duration from the beginning of the test instead of just from the onset of germination.</p>	% <sup>2</sup> time <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Djavanshir and Pourbeik (1976); Brown and Mayer (1988)
Coefficient of uniformity of germination ( <i>CUG</i> )	<b>CUGerm</b>	<p>It is computed as follows.</p> $CUG = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k (\bar{T} - T_i)^2 N_i}$ <p>Where, <math>\bar{T}</math> is the mean germination time, <math>T_i</math> is the time from the start of the experiment to the <i>i</i>th interval (day for the example), <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated in the <i>i</i>th time interval (not the accumulated number, but the number corresponding to the <i>i</i>th interval), and <i>k</i> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	time <sup>-2</sup>	Germination uniformity	Heydecker (1972); Bewley and Black (1994)
Coefficient of variation of the germination time ( <i>CV<sub>T</sub></i> )	<b>CVGermTime</b>	<p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $CV_T = \sqrt{\frac{s_T^2}{\bar{T}}}$ <p>Where, <math>s_T^2</math> is the variance of germination time and <math>\bar{T}</math> is the mean germination time.</p>	no unit	Germination uniformity	Gomes (1960); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Synchronization index ( $\bar{E}$ ) or Uncertainty of the germination process ( <i>U</i> ) or informational entropy ( <i>H</i> )	<b>GermUncertainty</b>	<p>It is estimated as follows.</p> $\bar{E} = - \sum_{i=1}^k f_i \log_2 f_i$ <p>Where, <math>f_i</math> is the relative frequency of germination (<math>f_i = \frac{N_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}</math>), <math>N_i</math> is the number of seeds germinated on the <i>i</i>th time interval, and <i>k</i> is the total number of time intervals.</p>	bit	Germination synchrony	Shannon (1948); Labouriau and Valadares (1976); Labouriau (1983b)

Germination index	Function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Synchrony of germination ( $Z$ index)	<b>GermSynchrony</b>	<p>It is computed as follows.</p> $Z = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k C_{N_i,2}}{C_{\Sigma N_i,2}}$ <p>Where, <math>C_{N_i,2}</math> is the partial combination of the two germinated seeds from among <math>N_i</math>, the number of seeds germinated on the <math>i</math>th time interval (estimated as <math>C_{N_i,2} = \frac{N_i(N_i-1)}{2}</math>), and <math>C_{\Sigma N_i,2}</math> is the partial combination of the two germinated seeds from among the total number of seeds germinated at the final count, assuming that all seeds that germinated did so simultaneously.</p>	no unit	Germination synchrony	Primack (1985); Ranal and Santana (2006)

## Examples

```
x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
z <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 11, 11, 9, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
int <- 1:length(x)

# From partial germination counts
#-----
GermPercent(germ.counts = x, total.seeds = 50)
```

```
GermPercent()
[1] 80
PeakGermPercent(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50)

[1] 34
# For multiple peak germination times
PeakGermPercent(germ.counts = z, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50)
```

Warning in PeakGermPercent(germ.counts = z, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50):  
Multiple peak germination times exist.

```
[1] 22
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
GermPercent(germ.counts = y, total.seeds = 50, partial = FALSE)

[1] 80
PeakGermPercent(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
                 partial = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 34
# For multiple peak germination times
PeakGermPercent(germ.counts = cumsum(z), intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
                 partial = FALSE)
```

Warning in PeakGermPercent(germ.counts = cumsum(z), intervals = int,  
total.seeds = 50, : Multiple peak germination times exist.

```
[1] 22
# From number of germinated seeds
#-----
GermPercent(germinated.seeds = 40, total.seeds = 50)
```

[1] 80

```
x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
z <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 11, 11, 9, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
int <- 1:length(x)
```

```

# From partial germination counts
#-----
FirstGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

FirstGermTime(), LastGermTime(), PeakGermTime(), TimeSpreadGerm()

[1] 5

LastGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

[1] 11

TimeSpreadGerm(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

[1] 6

PeakGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

[1] 6

# For multiple peak germination times
PeakGermTime(germ.counts = z, intervals = int)

Warning in PeakGermTime(germ.counts = z, intervals = int): Multiple peak
germination times exist.

[1] 5 6

# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
FirstGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 5

LastGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 11

TimeSpreadGerm(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 6

PeakGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 6

# For multiple peak germination time
PeakGermTime(germ.counts = cumsum(z), intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

Warning in PeakGermTime(germ.counts = cumsum(z), intervals = int, partial =
FALSE): Multiple peak germination times exist.

[1] 5 6

x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)

# From partial germination counts
#-----
t50(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, method = "coolbear")

```

```
t50()
```

```
[1] 5.970588
```

```
t50(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, method = "farooq")
```

```
[1] 5.941176
```

```
# From cumulative germination counts
```

```
#-----  
t50(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE, method = "coolbear")
```

```
[1] 5.970588
```

```
t50(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE, method = "farooq")
```

```
[1] 5.941176
```

```
x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)  
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)  
int <- 1:length(x)
```

```
# From partial germination counts
```

```
#-----  
MeanGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
```

```
MeanGermTime(), VarGermTime(), SEGermTime(), CVGermTime()
```

```
[1] 6.7
```

```
VarGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
```

```
[1] 1.446154
```

```
SEGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
```

```
[1] 0.1901416
```

```
CVGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
```

```
[1] 0.1794868
```

```
# From cumulative germination counts
```

```
#-----  
MeanGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 6.7
```

```
VarGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 1.446154
```

```
SEGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 0.1901416
```

```
CVGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 0.1794868
```

```
x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)

# From partial germination counts
#-----
MeanGermRate(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

MeanGermRate(), CVG(), VarGermRate(), SEGermRate(), GermRateRecip()

[1] 0.1492537

CVG(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

[1] 14.92537

VarGermRate(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

[1] 0.0007176543

SEGermRate(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

[1] 0.004235724

GermRateRecip(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, method = "coolbear")

[1] 0.1674877

GermRateRecip(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, method = "farooq")

[1] 0.1683168

# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
MeanGermRate(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 0.1492537

CVG(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 14.92537

VarGermRate(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 0.0007176543

SEGermRate(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 0.004235724

GermRateRecip(germ.counts = y, intervals = int,
               method = "coolbear", partial = FALSE)

[1] 0.1674877

GermRateRecip(germ.counts = y, intervals = int,
               method = "farooq", partial = FALSE)

[1] 0.1683168
```

```

x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)

# From partial germination counts
#-----
GermSpeed(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

GermSpeed(), GermSpeedAccumulated(), GermSpeedCorrected()
[1] 6.138925

GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

[1] 34.61567

GermSpeedCorrected(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
                    method = "normal")

[1] 0.1534731

GermSpeedCorrected(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
                    method = "accumulated")

[1] 0.8653917

# From partial germination counts (with percentages instead of counts)
#-----
GermSpeed(germ.counts = x, intervals = int,
           percent = TRUE, total.seeds = 50)

[1] 12.27785

GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = x, intervals = int,
                      percent = TRUE, total.seeds = 50)

[1] 69.23134

# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
GermSpeed(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 6.138925

GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 34.61567

GermSpeedCorrected(germ.counts = y, intervals = int,
                     partial = FALSE, total.seeds = 50, method = "normal")

[1] 0.1534731

GermSpeedCorrected(germ.counts = y, intervals = int,
                     partial = FALSE, total.seeds = 50, method = "accumulated")

[1] 0.8653917

# From cumulative germination counts (with percentages instead of counts)
#-----

```

```
GermSpeed(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,  
          percent = TRUE, total.seeds = 50)
```

```
[1] 12.27785
```

```
GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,  
                      percent = TRUE, total.seeds = 50)
```

```
[1] 69.23134
```

```
x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)  
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)  
int <- 1:length(x)
```

```
# From partial germination counts
```

```
#-----  
WeightGermPercent(germ.counts = x, total.seeds = 50, intervals = int)
```

```
WeightGermPercent()
```

```
[1] 47.42857
```

```
# From cumulative germination counts
```

```
#-----  
WeightGermPercent(germ.counts = y, total.seeds = 50, intervals = int,  
                  partial = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 47.42857
```

```
x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)  
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)  
int <- 1:length(x)
```

```
# From partial germination counts
```

```
#-----  
MeanGermPercent(germ.counts = x, total.seeds = 50, intervals = int)
```

```
MeanGermPercent(), MeanGermNumber()
```

```
[1] 5.714286
```

```
MeanGermNumber(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
```

```
[1] 2.857143
```

```
# From cumulative germination counts
```

```
#-----  
MeanGermPercent(germ.counts = y, total.seeds = 50, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 5.714286
```

```
MeanGermNumber(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 2.857143
```

```
# From number of germinated seeds
#-----
MeanGermPercent(germinated.seeds = 40, total.seeds = 50, intervals = int)

[1] 5.714286

x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)

# From partial germination counts
#-----
# Without max specified
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50)

TimsonsIndex(), GermRateGeorge()

[1] 664

TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
             modification = "none")

[1] 664

TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
             modification = "labouriau")

[1] 8.3

TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
             modification = "khanungar")

[1] 47.42857

GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

[1] 332

# With max specified
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50, max = 10)

[1] 344

TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
             max = 10, modification = "none")

[1] 344

TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
             max = 10, modification = "labouriau")

[1] 4.410256

TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
             max = 10, modification = "khanungar")

[1] 24.57143

GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, max = 10)
```

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[1] 172
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, max = 14)

[1] 332
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
# Without max specified
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
             total.seeds = 50)

[1] 664
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
             total.seeds = 50,
             modification = "none")

[1] 664
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
             total.seeds = 50,
             modification = "labouriau")

[1] 8.3
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
             total.seeds = 50,
             modification = "khanungar")

[1] 47.42857
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 332
# With max specified
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
             total.seeds = 50, max = 10)

[1] 344
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
             total.seeds = 50,
             max = 10, modification = "none")

[1] 344
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
             total.seeds = 50,
             max = 10, modification = "labouriau")

[1] 4.410256
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
             total.seeds = 50,
             max = 10, modification = "khanungar")

[1] 24.57143
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
               max = 10)
```

```
[1] 172
```

```
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
               max = 14)
```

```
[1] 332
```

```
x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)
```

*# From partial germination counts*

```
#-----
GermIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50)
```

```
GermIndex()
```

```
[1] 5.84
```

```
GermIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
           modification = "none")
```

```
[1] 5.84
```

```
GermIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
           modification = "santanarananal")
```

```
[1] 7.3
```

*# From cumulative germination counts*

```
#-----
GermIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
           total.seeds = 50)
```

```
[1] 5.84
```

```
GermIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
           total.seeds = 50,
           modification = "none")
```

```
[1] 5.84
```

```
GermIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
           total.seeds = 50,
           modification = "santanarananal")
```

```
[1] 7.3
```

```
x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)
```

*# From partial germination counts*

```
#-----
EmergenceRateIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
```

```
EmergenceRateIndex()
```

```
[1] 292
EmergenceRateIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int,
                    method = "shmueligoldberg")

[1] 292
EmergenceRateIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int,
                    method = "sgsantanaranal")

[1] 7.3
EmergenceRateIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int,
                    method = "bilbrownjura")

[1] 5.970149
EmergenceRateIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int,
                    total.seeds = 50, method = "fakorede")

[1] 8.375
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
EmergenceRateIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 292
EmergenceRateIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
                    method = "shmueligoldberg")

[1] 292
EmergenceRateIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
                    method = "sgsantanaranal")

[1] 7.3
EmergenceRateIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
                    method = "bilbrownjura")

[1] 5.970149
EmergenceRateIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
                    total.seeds = 50, method = "fakorede")

[1] 8.375

x <- c(0, 0, 34, 40, 21, 10, 4, 5, 3, 5, 8, 7, 7, 6, 6, 4, 0, 2, 0, 2)
y <- c(0, 0, 34, 74, 95, 105, 109, 114, 117, 122, 130, 137, 144, 150,
      156, 160, 160, 162, 162, 164)
int <- 1:length(x)
total.seeds = 200

# From partial germination counts
#-----
PeakValue(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200)

PeakValue(), GermValue()
```

```
[1] 9.5
```

```
GermValue(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
           method = "czabator")
```

```
$`Germination Value`
```

```
[1] 38.95
```

```
[[2]]
```

	germ.counts	intervals	Cumulative.germ.counts	Cumulative.germ.percent
3	34	3	34	17.0
4	40	4	74	37.0
5	21	5	95	47.5
6	10	6	105	52.5
7	4	7	109	54.5
8	5	8	114	57.0
9	3	9	117	58.5
10	5	10	122	61.0
11	8	11	130	65.0
12	7	12	137	68.5
13	7	13	144	72.0
14	6	14	150	75.0
15	6	15	156	78.0
16	4	16	160	80.0
17	0	17	160	80.0
18	2	18	162	81.0
19	0	19	162	81.0
20	2	20	164	82.0

DGS

```
3 5.666667
4 9.250000
5 9.500000
6 8.750000
7 7.785714
8 7.125000
9 6.500000
10 6.100000
11 5.909091
12 5.708333
13 5.538462
14 5.357143
15 5.200000
16 5.000000
17 4.705882
18 4.500000
19 4.263158
20 4.100000
```

```
GermValue(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
           method = "dp", k = 10)
```

```
$`Germination Value`
```

```
[1] 53.36595
```

```
[[2]]
```

	germ.counts	intervals	Cumulative.germ.counts	Cumulative.germ.percent
3	34	3	34	17.0
4	40	4	74	37.0
5	21	5	95	47.5
6	10	6	105	52.5
7	4	7	109	54.5
8	5	8	114	57.0
9	3	9	117	58.5
10	5	10	122	61.0
11	8	11	130	65.0
12	7	12	137	68.5
13	7	13	144	72.0
14	6	14	150	75.0
15	6	15	156	78.0
16	4	16	160	80.0
17	0	17	160	80.0
18	2	18	162	81.0
19	0	19	162	81.0
20	2	20	164	82.0

	DGS	SumDGSbyN	GV
3	5.666667	5.666667	9.633333
4	9.250000	7.458333	27.595833
5	9.500000	8.138889	38.659722
6	8.750000	8.291667	43.531250
7	7.785714	8.190476	44.638095
8	7.125000	8.012897	45.673512
9	6.500000	7.796769	45.611097
10	6.100000	7.584673	46.266503
11	5.909091	7.398497	48.090230
12	5.708333	7.229481	49.521942
13	5.538462	7.075752	50.945411
14	5.357143	6.932534	51.994006
15	5.200000	6.799262	53.034246
16	5.000000	6.670744	53.365948
17	4.705882	6.539753	52.318022
18	4.500000	6.412268	51.939373
19	4.263158	6.285850	50.915385
20	4.100000	6.164414	50.548194

```
$testend
[1] 16
GermValue(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
           method = "czabator", from.onset = FALSE)
```

```
$`Germination Value`
[1] 38.95
```

```
[[2]]


|   | germ.counts | intervals | Cumulative.germ.counts | Cumulative.germ.percent |
|---|-------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 0           | 1         | 0                      | 0.0                     |
| 2 | 0           | 2         | 0                      | 0.0                     |
| 3 | 34          | 3         | 34                     | 17.0                    |
| 4 | 40          | 4         | 74                     | 37.0                    |
| 5 | 21          | 5         | 95                     | 47.5                    |


```

6	10	6	105	52.5
7	4	7	109	54.5
8	5	8	114	57.0
9	3	9	117	58.5
10	5	10	122	61.0
11	8	11	130	65.0
12	7	12	137	68.5
13	7	13	144	72.0
14	6	14	150	75.0
15	6	15	156	78.0
16	4	16	160	80.0
17	0	17	160	80.0
18	2	18	162	81.0
19	0	19	162	81.0
20	2	20	164	82.0

DGS

1	0.000000
2	0.000000
3	5.666667
4	9.250000
5	9.500000
6	8.750000
7	7.785714
8	7.125000
9	6.500000
10	6.100000
11	5.909091
12	5.708333
13	5.538462
14	5.357143
15	5.200000
16	5.000000
17	4.705882
18	4.500000
19	4.263158
20	4.100000

```
GermValue(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
           method = "dp", k = 10, from.onset = FALSE)
```

```
$`Germination Value`
```

```
[1] 46.6952
```

```
[[2]]
```

	germ.counts	intervals	Cumulative.germ.counts	Cumulative.germ.percent
1	0	1	0	0.0
2	0	2	0	0.0
3	34	3	34	17.0
4	40	4	74	37.0
5	21	5	95	47.5
6	10	6	105	52.5
7	4	7	109	54.5
8	5	8	114	57.0
9	3	9	117	58.5
10	5	10	122	61.0

11	8	11	130	65.0
12	7	12	137	68.5
13	7	13	144	72.0
14	6	14	150	75.0
15	6	15	156	78.0
16	4	16	160	80.0
17	0	17	160	80.0
18	2	18	162	81.0
19	0	19	162	81.0
20	2	20	164	82.0

	DGS	SumDGSbyN	GV
1	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
2	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
3	5.666667	1.888889	3.211111
4	9.250000	3.729167	13.797917
5	9.500000	4.883333	23.195833
6	8.750000	5.527778	29.020833
7	7.785714	5.850340	31.884354
8	7.125000	6.009673	34.255134
9	6.500000	6.064153	35.475298
10	6.100000	6.067738	37.013202
11	5.909091	6.053316	39.346552
12	5.708333	6.024567	41.268285
13	5.538462	5.987174	43.107655
14	5.357143	5.942172	44.566291
15	5.200000	5.892694	45.963013
16	5.000000	5.836901	46.695205
17	4.705882	5.770370	46.162961
18	4.500000	5.699794	46.168331
19	4.263158	5.624182	45.555871
20	4.100000	5.547972	45.493374

```
$testend
[1] 16
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
PeakValue(germ.counts = y, interval = int, total.seeds = 200,
           partial = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 9.5
GermValue(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
           partial = FALSE, method = "czabator")
```

\$`Germination Value`

```
[1] 38.95
```

```
[[2]]
  germ.counts intervals Cumulative.germ.counts Cumulative.germ.percent
3          34         3                  34                 17.0
4          40         4                  74                 37.0
5          21         5                  95                 47.5
6          10         6                 105                 52.5
7           4         7                 109                 54.5
```

```

8      5      8      114      57.0
9      3      9      117      58.5
10     5     10      122      61.0
11     8     11      130      65.0
12     7     12      137      68.5
13     7     13      144      72.0
14     6     14      150      75.0
15     6     15      156      78.0
16     4     16      160      80.0
17     0     17      160      80.0
18     2     18      162      81.0
19     0     19      162      81.0
20     2     20      164      82.0

DGS
3 5.666667
4 9.250000
5 9.500000
6 8.750000
7 7.785714
8 7.125000
9 6.500000
10 6.100000
11 5.909091
12 5.708333
13 5.538462
14 5.357143
15 5.200000
16 5.000000
17 4.705882
18 4.500000
19 4.263158
20 4.100000

```

```
GermValue(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
           partial = FALSE, method = "dp", k = 10)
```

```
$`Germination Value`
[1] 53.36595
```

```
[[2]]
```

	germ.counts	intervals	Cumulative.germ.counts	Cumulative.germ.percent
3	34	3	34	17.0
4	40	4	74	37.0
5	21	5	95	47.5
6	10	6	105	52.5
7	4	7	109	54.5
8	5	8	114	57.0
9	3	9	117	58.5
10	5	10	122	61.0
11	8	11	130	65.0
12	7	12	137	68.5
13	7	13	144	72.0
14	6	14	150	75.0
15	6	15	156	78.0
16	4	16	160	80.0

	DGS	SumDGSbyN	GV	
17	0	17	160	80.0
18	2	18	162	81.0
19	0	19	162	81.0
20	2	20	164	82.0
3	5.6666667	5.6666667	9.633333	
4	9.250000	7.458333	27.595833	
5	9.500000	8.138889	38.659722	
6	8.750000	8.291667	43.531250	
7	7.785714	8.190476	44.638095	
8	7.125000	8.012897	45.673512	
9	6.500000	7.796769	45.611097	
10	6.100000	7.584673	46.266503	
11	5.909091	7.398497	48.090230	
12	5.708333	7.229481	49.521942	
13	5.538462	7.075752	50.945411	
14	5.357143	6.932534	51.994006	
15	5.200000	6.799262	53.034246	
16	5.000000	6.670744	53.365948	
17	4.705882	6.539753	52.318022	
18	4.500000	6.412268	51.939373	
19	4.263158	6.285850	50.915385	
20	4.100000	6.164414	50.548194	

```
$testend
```

```
[1] 16
```

```
GermValue(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
           partial = FALSE, method = "czabator", from.onset = FALSE)
```

```
$`Germination Value`
```

```
[1] 38.95
```

```
[[2]]
```

	germ.counts	intervals	Cumulative.germ.counts	Cumulative.germ.percent
1	0	1	0	0.0
2	0	2	0	0.0
3	34	3	34	17.0
4	40	4	74	37.0
5	21	5	95	47.5
6	10	6	105	52.5
7	4	7	109	54.5
8	5	8	114	57.0
9	3	9	117	58.5
10	5	10	122	61.0
11	8	11	130	65.0
12	7	12	137	68.5
13	7	13	144	72.0
14	6	14	150	75.0
15	6	15	156	78.0
16	4	16	160	80.0
17	0	17	160	80.0
18	2	18	162	81.0
19	0	19	162	81.0
20	2	20	164	82.0

```

DGS
1 0.000000
2 0.000000
3 5.666667
4 9.250000
5 9.500000
6 8.750000
7 7.785714
8 7.125000
9 6.500000
10 6.100000
11 5.909091
12 5.708333
13 5.538462
14 5.357143
15 5.200000
16 5.000000
17 4.705882
18 4.500000
19 4.263158
20 4.100000

GermValue(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
           partial = FALSE, method = "dp", k = 10, from.onset = FALSE)

$`Germination Value`
[1] 46.6952

[[2]]
  germ.counts intervals Cumulative.germ.counts Cumulative.germ.percent
1          0         1                  0                  0.0
2          0         2                  0                  0.0
3         34         3                 34                 17.0
4         40         4                 74                 37.0
5         21         5                 95                 47.5
6         10         6                105                 52.5
7          4         7                109                 54.5
8          5         8                114                 57.0
9          3         9                117                 58.5
10         5        10                122                 61.0
11         8        11                130                 65.0
12         7        12                137                 68.5
13         7        13                144                 72.0
14         6        14                150                 75.0
15         6        15                156                 78.0
16         4        16                160                 80.0
17         0        17                160                 80.0
18         2        18                162                 81.0
19         0        19                162                 81.0
20         2        20                164                 82.0

      DGS SumDGSbyN       GV
1 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
2 0.000000 0.000000 0.000000
3 5.666667 1.888889 3.211111
4 9.250000 3.729167 13.797917

```

```

5 9.500000 4.883333 23.195833
6 8.750000 5.527778 29.020833
7 7.785714 5.850340 31.884354
8 7.125000 6.009673 34.255134
9 6.500000 6.064153 35.475298
10 6.100000 6.067738 37.013202
11 5.909091 6.053316 39.346552
12 5.708333 6.024567 41.268285
13 5.538462 5.987174 43.107655
14 5.357143 5.942172 44.566291
15 5.200000 5.892694 45.963013
16 5.000000 5.836901 46.695205
17 4.705882 5.770370 46.162961
18 4.500000 5.699794 46.168331
19 4.263158 5.624182 45.555871
20 4.100000 5.547972 45.493374

```

```

$testend
[1] 16

```

```

x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)

# From partial germination counts
#-----
CUGerm(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

```

```
CUGerm()
```

```
[1] 0.7092199
```

```
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
CUGerm(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
```

```
[1] 0.7092199
```

```

x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)

# From partial germination counts
#-----
GermSynchrony(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)

```

```
GermSynchrony(), GermUncertainty()
```

```
[1] 0.2666667
```

```
GermUncertainty(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
```

```
[1] 2.062987
```

```
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
GermSynchrony(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 0.2666667

GermUncertainty(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 2.062987
```

## Non-linear regression analysis

Several mathematical functions have been used to fit the cumulative germination count data and describe the germination process by non-linear regression analysis. They include functions such as Richard's, Weibull, logistic, log-logistic, gaussian, four-parameter hill function etc. Currently `germinationmetrics` implements the four-parameter hill function to fit the count data and computed various associated metrics.

### Four-parameter hill function

The four-parameter hill function defined as follows (El-Kassaby et al., 2008).

$$f(x) = y = y_0 + \frac{ax^b}{x^b + c^b}$$

Where,  $y$  is the cumulative germination percentage at time  $x$ ,  $y_0$  is the intercept on the y axis,  $a$  is the asymptote,  $b$  is a mathematical parameter controlling the shape and steepness of the germination curve and  $c$  is the “half-maximal activation level”.

this function can also be reparameterized by substituting  $b$  with  $e^\beta$  to constraint  $b$  to positive values only.

$$y = y_0 + \frac{ax^{e^\beta}}{c^{e^\beta} + x^{e^\beta}}$$

Where,  $b = e^\beta$  and  $\beta = \log_e(b)$ .

The details of various parameters that are computed from this function are given in Table 4.

**Table 4** Germination parameters estimated from the four-parameter hill function.

Germination parameters	Details	Unit	Measures
y intercept ( $y_0$ )	The intercept on the y axis.		
Asymptote ( $a$ )	It is the maximum cumulative germination percentage, which is equivalent to germination capacity.	%	Germination capacity
Shape and steepness ( $b$ )	Mathematical parameter controlling the shape and steepness of the germination curve. The larger the $b$ , the steeper the rise toward the asymptote $a$ , and the shorter the time between germination onset and maximum germination.		Germination rate
Half-maximal activation level ( $c$ )	Time required for 50% of viable seeds to germinate.	time	Germination time

Germination parameters	Details	Unit	Measures
<i>lag</i>	It is the time at germination onset and is computed by solving four-parameter hill function after setting <i>y</i> to 0 as follows.  $lag = b \sqrt{\frac{-y_0 c^b}{a + y_0}}$	time	Germination time
$D_{lag-50}$	The duration between the time at germination onset ( <i>lag</i> ) and that at 50% germination ( <i>c</i> ).	time	Germination time
$t_{50_{total}}$	Time required for 50% of total seeds to germinate.	time	Germination time
$t_{50_{germinated}}$	Time required for 50% of viable/germinated seeds to germinate	time	Germination time
$t_{x_{total}}$	Time required for <i>x</i> % of total seeds to germinate.	time	Germination time
$t_{x_{germinated}}$	Time required for <i>x</i> % of viable/germinated seeds to germinate	time	Germination time
Uniformity ( $U_{t_{max}-t_{min}}$ )	It is the time interval between the percentages of viable seeds specified in the arguments <code>umin</code> and <code>umax</code> to germinate.	time	Germination time
Time at maximum germination rate ( <i>TMGR</i> )	The partial derivative of the four-parameter hill function gives the instantaneous rate of germination ( <i>s</i> ) as follows.  $s = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{abc^b x^{b-1}}{(c^b + x^b)^2}$  From this function for instantaneous rate of germination, <i>TMGR</i> can be estimated as follows.  $TMGR = b \sqrt{\frac{c^b(b-1)}{b+1}}$	time	Germination time
Area under the curve ( <i>AUC</i> )	It represents the point in time when the instantaneous rate of germination starts to decline.	Mixed	
<i>MGT</i>	Calculated by integration of the fitted curve and proper normalisation.	time	Germination time
<i>Skewness</i>	It is computed as follows.  $\frac{MGT}{t_{50_{germinated}}}$		

## Examples

```

x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)
total.seeds = 50

# From partial germination counts
#-----
FourPHFFit(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50, tmax = 20)

```

**FourPHFFit()**

```

$data
  gp csgp intervals
1   0    0      1
2   0    0      2
3   0    0      3
4   0    0      4
5   8    8      5
6  34   42      6
7  20   62      7
8  14   76      8
9   2   78      9
10  0   78     10
11  2   80     11
12  0   80     12
13  0   80     13
14  0   80     14

$Parameters
  term estimate std.error statistic      p.value
1  bta  2.290709  0.05602634  40.88628 2.965932e-14
2    c  6.034954  0.03872162 155.85488 3.270090e-21

$Fit
  sigma isConv      finTol      logLik       AIC       BIC deviance df.residual
1 1.61522  TRUE 2.884804e-12 -25.49868 56.99736 58.91453 31.30723           12
  nobs
1  14

$a
[1] 80

$b
[1] 9.881937

$c
[1] 6.034954

$y0
[1] 0

$lag
[1] 0

```

```
$Dlag50
[1] 6.034954

$t50.total
[1] 6.355121

$txp.total
    10      60
4.956264 6.744598

$t50.Germinated
[1] 6.034954

$txp.Germinated
    10      60
4.831807 6.287724

$Uniformity
    90      10 uniformity
7.537690 4.831807 2.705882

$TMGR
[1] 5.912194

$AUC
[1] 1108.976

$MGT
[1] 6.632252

$Skewness
[1] 1.098973

$msg
[1] "#1. success "

$isConv
[1] TRUE

$model
Nonlinear regression model
model: csgp ~ FourPHF_fixa_fixy0(x = intervals, a = max(csgp), bta,      c)
  data: df
  bta      c
2.291 6.035
residual sum-of-squares: 31.31

Algorithm: multifit/levenberg-marquardt, (scaling: levenberg, solver: qr)

Number of iterations to convergence: 8
Achieved convergence tolerance: 2.885e-12

attr(,"class")
```

```
[1] "FourPHFFit" "list"
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
FourPHFFit(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50, tmax = 20,
            partial = FALSE)

$data
  gp csgp intervals
1   0     0       1
2   0     0       2
3   0     0       3
4   0     0       4
5   8     8       5
6 34    42      6
7 20    62      7
8 14    76      8
9  2    78      9
10 0    78     10
11 2    80     11
12 0    80     12
13 0    80     13
14 0    80     14

$Parameters
  term estimate std.error statistic      p.value
1  bta 2.290709 0.05602634 40.88628 2.965932e-14
2    c 6.034954 0.03872162 155.85488 3.270090e-21

$Fit
  sigma isConv      finTol      logLik      AIC      BIC deviance df.residual
1 1.61522  TRUE 2.884804e-12 -25.49868 56.99736 58.91453 31.30723          12
  nobs
1  14

$a
[1] 80

$b
[1] 9.881937

$c
[1] 6.034954

$y0
[1] 0

$lag
[1] 0

$Dlag50
[1] 6.034954

$t50.total
[1] 6.355121
```

```
$txp.total
 10      60
4.956264 6.744598

$t50.Germinated
[1] 6.034954

$txp.Germinated
 10      60
4.831807 6.287724

$Uniformity
 90      10 uniformity
7.537690 4.831807 2.705882

$TMGR
[1] 5.912194

$AUC
[1] 1108.976

$MGT
[1] 6.632252

$Skewness
[1] 1.098973

$msg
[1] "#1. success "

$isConv
[1] TRUE

$model
Nonlinear regression model
model: csgp ~ FourPHF_fixy0(x = intervals, a = max(csgp), bta,      c)
  data: df
    bta      c
2.291 6.035
residual sum-of-squares: 31.31

Algorithm: multifit/levenberg-marquardt, (scaling: levenberg, solver: qr)

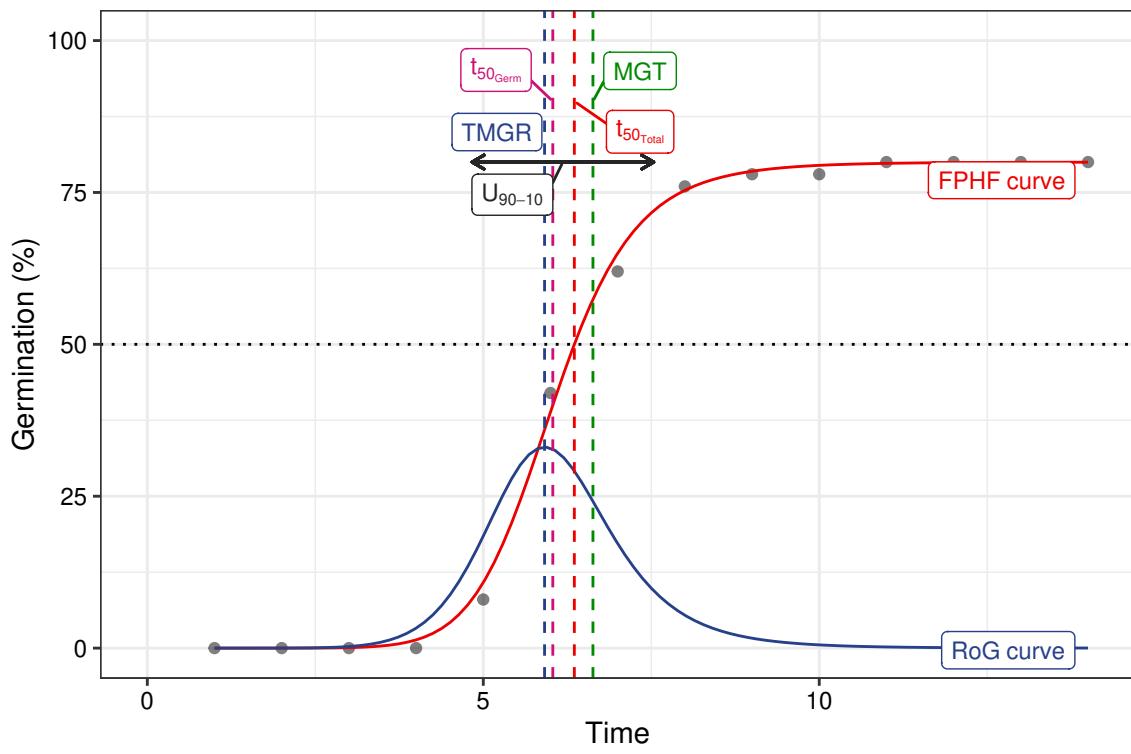
Number of iterations to convergence: 8
Achieved convergence tolerance: 2.885e-12

attr(),"class")
[1] "FourPHFfit" "list"
x <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)
total.seeds = 50
```

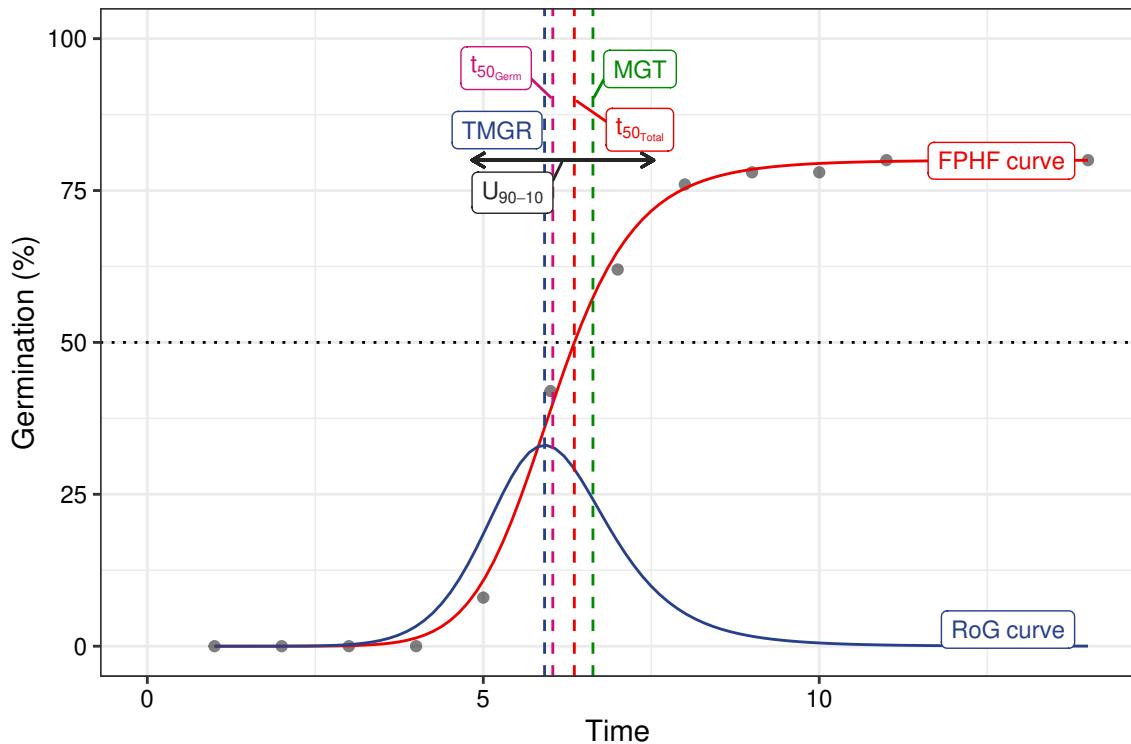
```
# From partial germination counts
#-----
fit1 <- FourPHFFit(germ.counts = x, intervals = int,
                     total.seeds = 50, tmax = 20)

# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
fit2 <- FourPHFFit(germ.counts = y, intervals = int,
                     total.seeds = 50, tmax = 20, partial = FALSE)

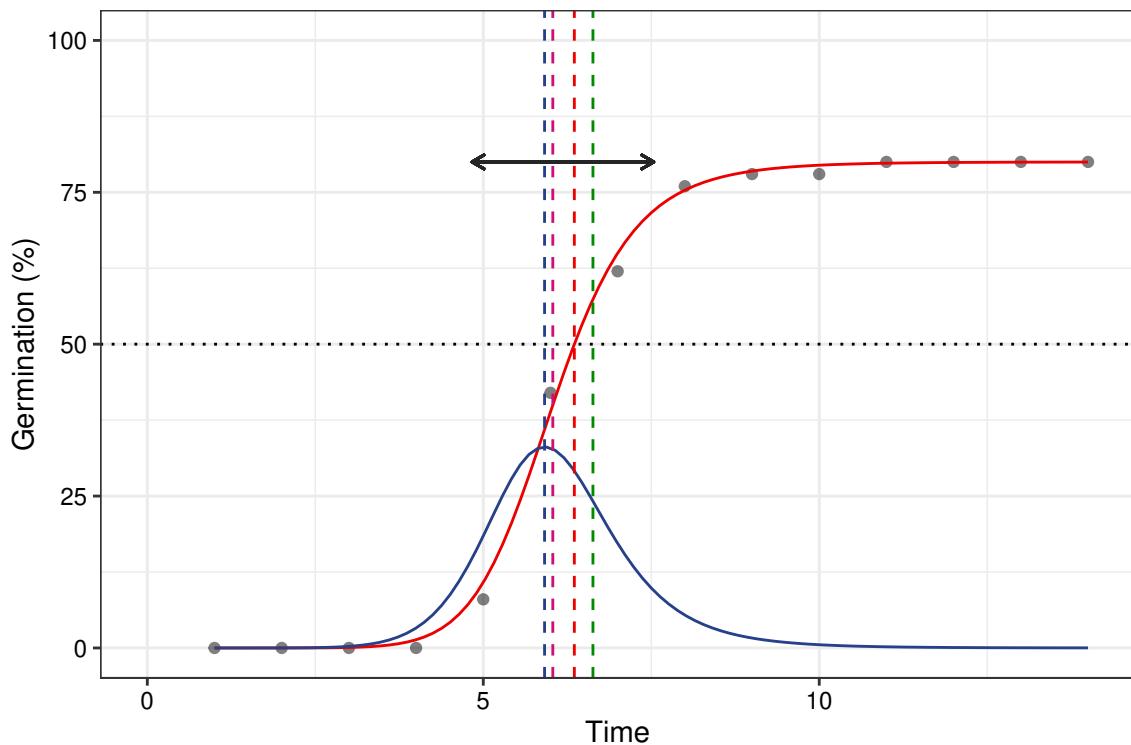
# Default plots
plot(fit1)
```



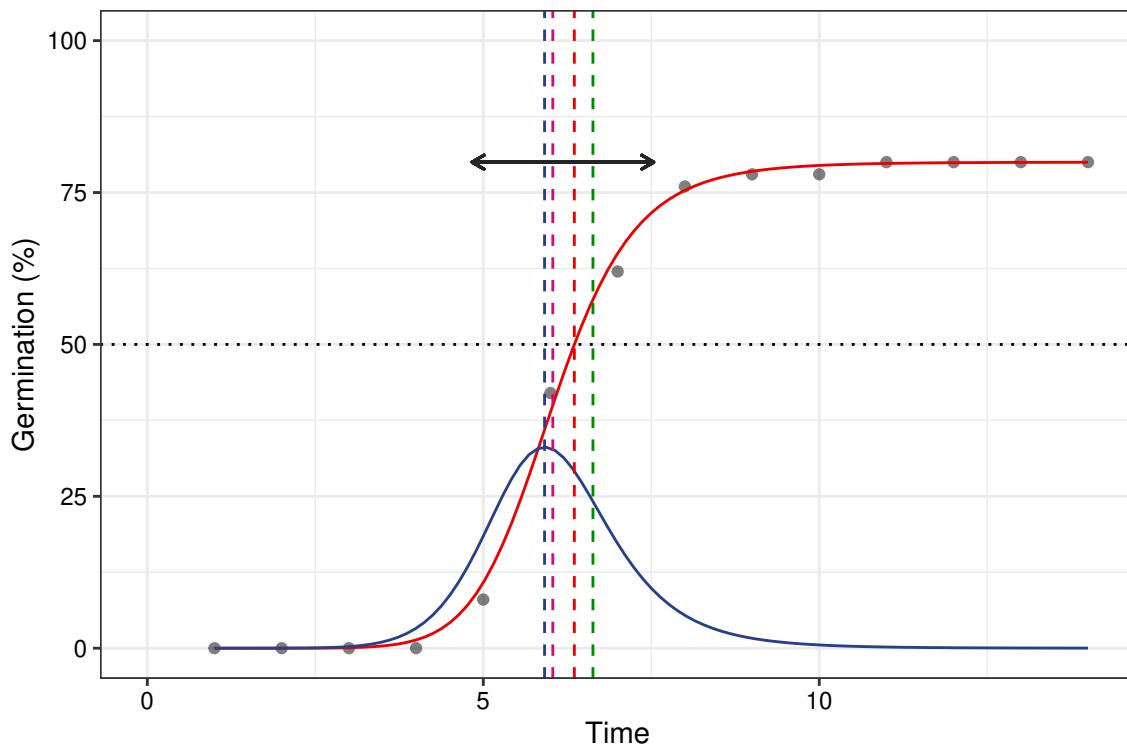
```
plot(fit2)
```



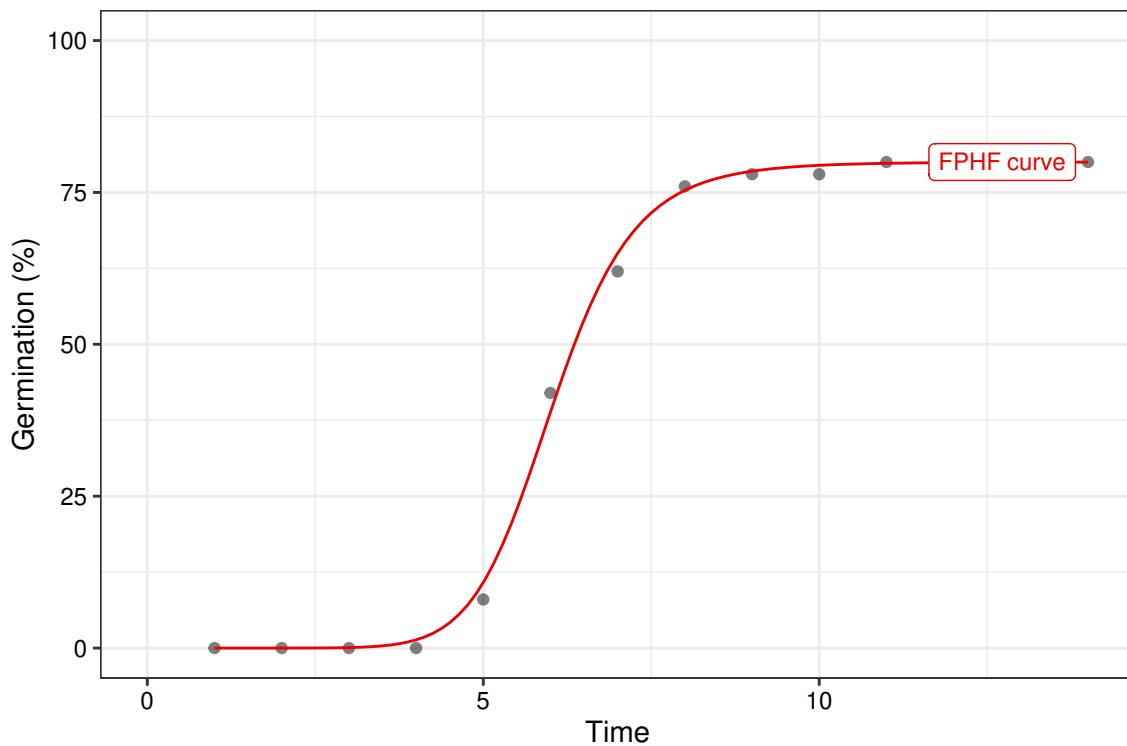
```
# No labels
plot(fit1, plotlabels = FALSE)
```



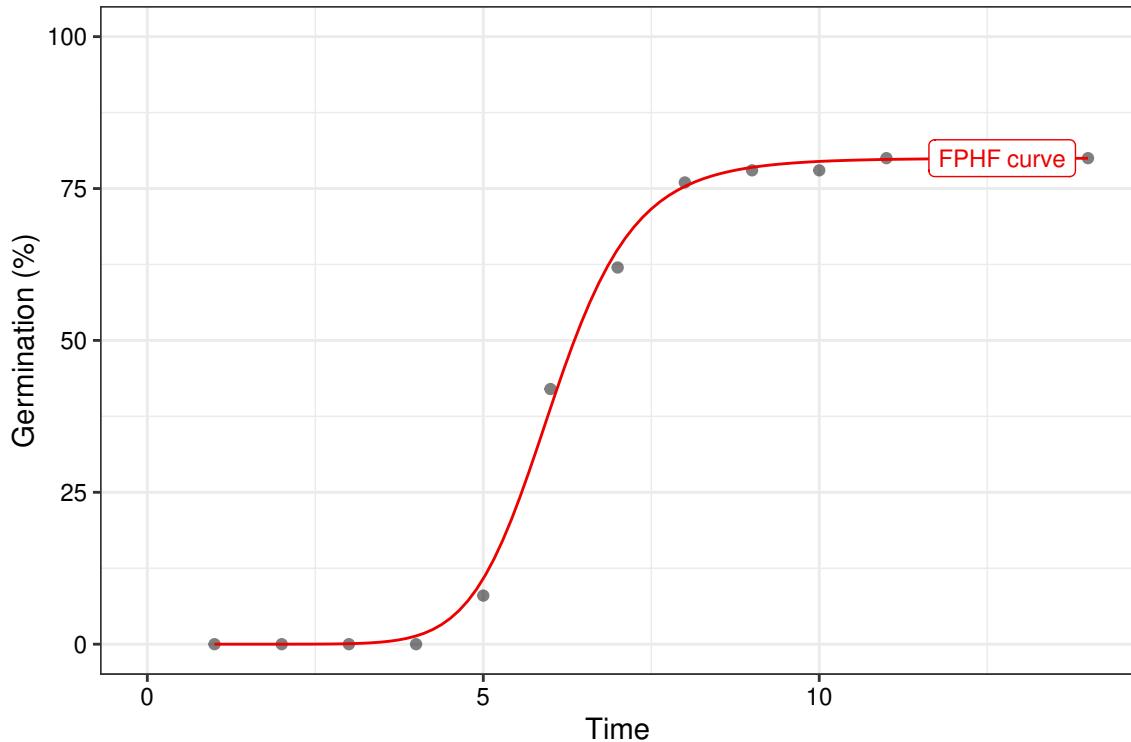
```
plot(fit2, plotlabels = FALSE)
```



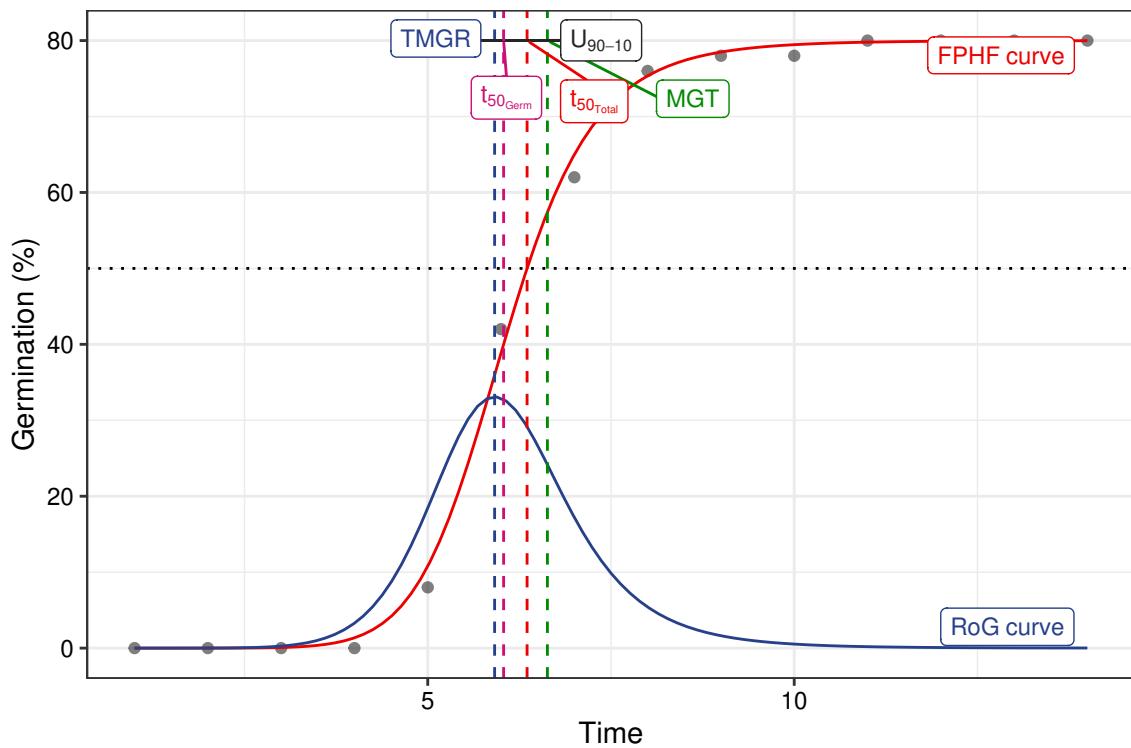
```
# Only the FPHF curve
plot(fit1, rog = FALSE, t50.total = FALSE, t50. germ = FALSE,
      tmgr = FALSE, mgt = FALSE, uniformity = FALSE)
```



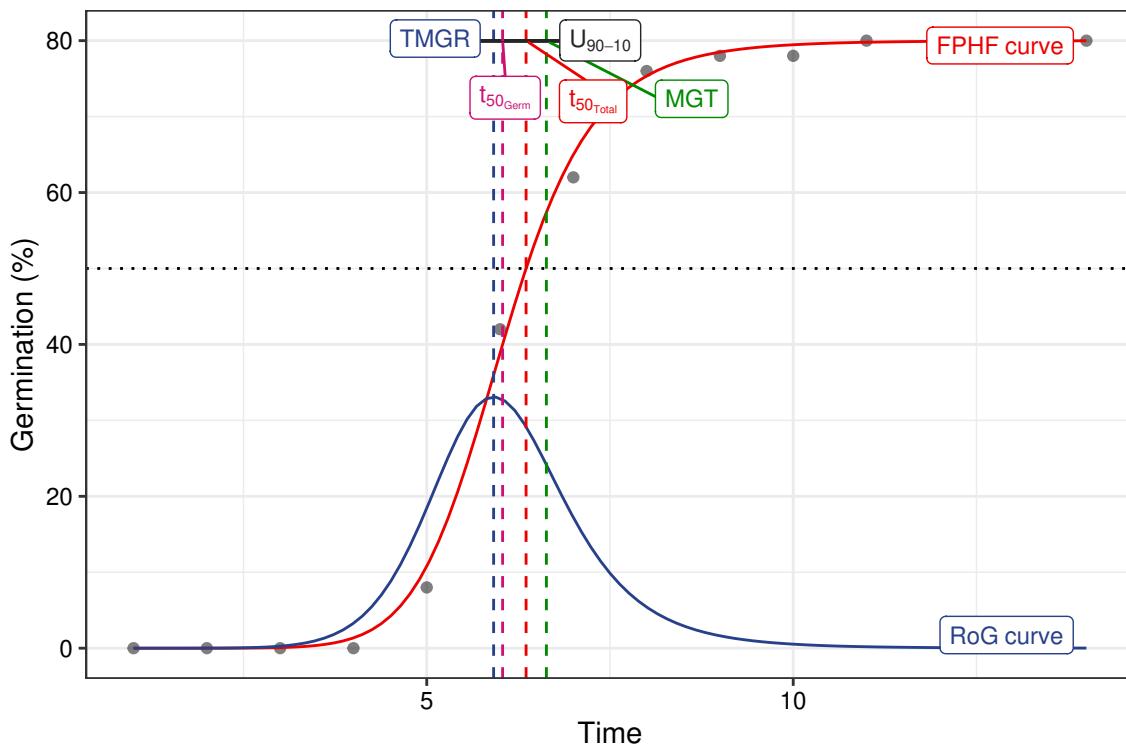
```
plot(fit2, rog = FALSE, t50.total = FALSE, t50. germ = FALSE,
      tmgr = FALSE, mgt = FALSE, uniformity = FALSE)
```



```
# Without y axis limits adjustment
plot(fit1, limits = FALSE)
```



```
plot(fit2, limits = FALSE)
```



## Wrapper functions

Wrapper functions `germination.indices()` and `FourPHFFit.bulk()` are available in the package for computing results for multiple samples in batch from a data frame of germination counts recorded at specific time intervals.

**`germination.indices()`** This wrapper function can be used to compute several germination indices simultaneously for multiple samples in batch.

```
data(gcdata)

counts.per.intervals <- c("Day01", "Day02", "Day03", "Day04", "Day05",
                           "Day06", "Day07", "Day08", "Day09", "Day10",
                           "Day11", "Day12", "Day13", "Day14")
germination.indices(gcdata, total.seeds.col = "Total Seeds",
                    counts.intervals.cols = counts.per.intervals,
                    intervals = 1:14, partial = TRUE, max.int = 5)
```

	Genotype	Rep	Day01	Day02	Day03	Day04	Day05	Day06	Day07	Day08	Day09	Day10	
1	G1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	17	10	7	1	0
2	G2	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	15	13	6	2	1
3	G3	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	18	9	8	2	1
4	G4	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	19	12	6	2	1
5	G5	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	20	12	8	1	0
6	G1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	21	11	7	1	1
7	G2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	18	11	7	1	0
8	G3	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	14	12	6	2	1
9	G4	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	19	10	8	1	1
10	G5	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	18	13	6	2	1
11	G1	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	21	11	8	1	0

12	G2	3	0	0	0	0	3	20	10	7	1	1
13	G3	3	0	0	0	0	4	19	12	8	1	1
14	G4	3	0	0	0	0	3	21	11	6	1	0
15	G5	3	0	0	0	0	4	17	10	8	1	1
	Day11	Day12	Day13	Day14	Total	Seeds	GermPercent	PeakGermPercent				
1	1	0	0	0		50	80.00000	34.00000				
2	0	1	0	0		51	82.35294	29.41176				
3	1	1	0	0		48	93.75000	37.50000				
4	1	1	0	0		51	90.19608	37.25490				
5	0	1	1	0		50	96.00000	40.00000				
6	1	1	0	0		49	93.87755	42.85714				
7	1	0	0	0		48	87.50000	37.50000				
8	0	1	0	0		47	85.10638	29.78723				
9	1	1	0	0		52	86.53846	36.53846				
10	0	1	0	0		50	90.00000	36.00000				
11	0	1	1	0		51	94.11765	41.17647				
12	1	1	0	0		51	86.27451	39.21569				
13	0	1	1	0		49	95.91837	38.77551				
14	1	1	0	0		48	91.66667	43.75000				
15	1	0	0	0		48	87.50000	35.41667				
	FirstGermTime	LastGermTime	PeakGermTime	TimeSpreadGerm		t50_Coolbear						
1	5	11	6		6	5.970588						
2	4	12	6		8	6.192308						
3	4	12	6		8	6.000000						
4	5	12	6		7	6.041667						
5	5	13	6		8	5.975000						
6	5	12	6		7	5.976190						
7	5	11	6		6	5.972222						
8	4	12	6		8	6.208333						
9	4	12	6		8	6.000000						
10	5	12	6		7	6.076923						
11	5	13	6		8	5.928571						
12	5	12	6		7	5.975000						
13	5	13	6		8	6.083333						
14	5	12	6		7	5.928571						
15	5	11	6		6	6.050000						
	t50_Farooq	MeanGermTime	VarGermTime	SEGermTime	CVGermTime	MeanGermRate						
1	5.941176	6.700000	1.446154	0.1901416	0.1794868	0.1492537						
2	6.153846	6.857143	2.027875	0.2197333	0.2076717	0.1458333						
3	5.972222	6.866667	2.572727	0.2391061	0.2335882	0.1456311						
4	6.000000	6.891304	2.187923	0.2180907	0.2146419	0.1451104						
5	5.950000	6.812500	2.368351	0.2221275	0.2259002	0.1467890						
6	5.952381	6.869565	2.071498	0.2122088	0.2095140	0.1455696						
7	5.944444	6.690476	1.389663	0.1818989	0.1761967	0.1494662						
8	6.166667	6.875000	2.112179	0.2297923	0.2113940	0.1454545						
9	5.973684	6.866667	2.300000	0.2260777	0.2208604	0.1456311						
10	6.038462	6.822222	1.831313	0.2017321	0.1983606	0.1465798						
11	5.904762	6.791667	2.381206	0.2227295	0.2272072	0.1472393						
12	5.950000	6.886364	2.149577	0.2210295	0.2129053	0.1452145						
13	6.041667	6.936170	2.539315	0.2324392	0.2297410	0.1441718						
14	5.904762	6.772727	1.900634	0.2078370	0.2035568	0.1476510						
15	6.000000	6.809524	1.670151	0.1994129	0.1897847	0.1468531						
	VarGermRate	SEGermRate		CVG	GermRateRecip_Coolbear							
1	0.0007176543	0.004235724	14.92537		0.1674877							

2	0.0009172090	0.004673148	14.58333	0.1614907
3	0.0011572039	0.005071059	14.56311	0.1666667
4	0.0009701218	0.004592342	14.51104	0.1655172
5	0.0010995627	0.004786184	14.67890	0.1673640
6	0.0009301809	0.004496813	14.55696	0.1673307
7	0.0006935558	0.004063648	14.94662	0.1674419
8	0.0009454531	0.004861721	14.54545	0.1610738
9	0.0010345321	0.004794747	14.56311	0.1666667
10	0.0008453940	0.004334343	14.65798	0.1645570
11	0.0011191581	0.004828643	14.72393	0.1686747
12	0.0009558577	0.004660905	14.52145	0.1673640
13	0.0010970785	0.004831366	14.41718	0.1643836
14	0.0009033254	0.004531018	14.76510	0.1686747
15	0.0007767634	0.004300508	14.68531	0.1652893
	GermRateRecip_Farooq	GermSpeed_Count	GermSpeed_Percent	
1	0.1683168	6.138925	12.27785	
2	0.1625000	6.362698	12.47588	
3	0.1674419	6.882179	14.33787	
4	0.1666667	6.927417	13.58317	
5	0.1680672	7.318987	14.63797	
6	0.1680000	6.931782	14.14649	
7	0.1682243	6.448449	13.43427	
8	0.1621622	6.053175	12.87909	
9	0.1674009	6.830592	13.13575	
10	0.1656051	6.812698	13.62540	
11	0.1693548	7.342796	14.39764	
12	0.1680672	6.622258	12.98482	
13	0.1655172	7.052320	14.39249	
14	0.1693548	6.706782	13.97246	
15	0.1666667	6.363925	13.25818	
	GermSpeedAccumulated_Count	GermSpeedAccumulated_Percent		
1	34.61567	69.23134		
2	35.54058	69.68741		
3	38.29725	79.78594		
4	38.68453	75.85202		
5	41.00786	82.01571		
6	38.77620	79.13509		
7	36.38546	75.80304		
8	33.77079	71.85275		
9	38.11511	73.29829		
10	38.19527	76.39054		
11	41.17452	80.73436		
12	37.00640	72.56158		
13	39.29399	80.19182		
14	37.69490	78.53103		
15	35.69697	74.36868		
	GermSpeedCorrected_Normal	GermSpeedCorrected_Accumulated	WeightGermPercent	
1	0.1534731	0.8653917	47.42857	
2	0.1514928	0.8462043	47.89916	
3	0.1529373	0.8510501	54.46429	
4	0.1505960	0.8409680	52.24090	
5	0.1524789	0.8543303	56.14286	
6	0.1506909	0.8429608	54.51895	
7	0.1535345	0.8663205	51.93452	

8	0.1513294	0.8442698	49.39210
9	0.1517909	0.8470024	50.27473
10	0.1513933	0.8487837	52.57143
11	0.1529749	0.8578026	55.18207
12	0.1505059	0.8410547	50.00000
13	0.1500494	0.8360424	55.24781
14	0.1524269	0.8567022	53.86905
15	0.1515220	0.8499278	51.19048
MeanGermPercent MeanGermNumber TimsonsIndex TimsonsIndex_Labouriau			
1	5.714286	2.857143	8.000000
2	5.882353	3.000000	9.803922
3	6.696429	3.214286	14.583333
4	6.442577	3.285714	7.843137
5	6.857143	3.428571	10.000000
6	6.705539	3.285714	6.122449
7	6.250000	3.000000	8.333333
8	6.079027	2.857143	10.638298
9	6.181319	3.214286	9.615385
10	6.428571	3.214286	8.000000
11	6.722689	3.428571	9.803922
12	6.162465	3.142857	5.882353
13	6.851312	3.357143	8.163265
14	6.547619	3.142857	6.250000
15	6.250000	3.000000	8.333333
TimsonsIndex_KhanUngar GermRateGeorge GermIndex GermIndex_mod			
1	0.5714286	4	5.840000
2	0.7002801	5	5.882353
3	1.0416667	7	6.687500
4	0.5602241	4	6.411765
5	0.7142857	5	6.900000
6	0.4373178	3	6.693878
7	0.5952381	4	6.395833
8	0.7598784	5	6.063830
9	0.6868132	5	6.173077
10	0.5714286	4	6.460000
11	0.7002801	5	6.784314
12	0.4201681	3	6.137255
13	0.5830904	4	6.775510
14	0.4464286	3	6.625000
15	0.5952381	4	6.291667
EmergenceRateIndex_SG EmergenceRateIndex_SG_mod			
1	292	7.300000	
2	300	7.142857	
3	321	7.133333	
4	327	7.108696	
5	345	7.187500	
6	328	7.130435	
7	307	7.309524	
8	285	7.125000	
9	321	7.133333	
10	323	7.177778	
11	346	7.208333	
12	313	7.113636	
13	332	7.063830	

14	318	7.227273
15	302	7.190476
EmergenceRateIndex_BilbroWanjura EmergenceRateIndex_Fakorede PeakValue		
1	5.970149	8.375000 9.500000
2	6.125000	8.326531 9.313725
3	6.553398	7.324444 10.416667
4	6.675079	7.640359 10.049020
5	7.045872	7.096354 11.250000
6	6.696203	7.317580 10.714286
7	6.277580	7.646259 10.416667
8	5.818182	8.078125 9.574468
9	6.553398	7.934815 9.855769
10	6.596091	7.580247 10.250000
11	7.067485	7.216146 11.029412
12	6.389439	7.981921 9.803922
13	6.776074	7.231326 10.969388
14	6.496644	7.388430 10.677083
15	6.167832	7.782313 10.156250
GermValue_Czabator GermValue_DP GermValue_Czabator_mod GermValue_DP_mod		
1	54.28571	57.93890 54.28571 39.56076
2	54.78662	52.58713 54.78662 40.99260
3	69.75446	68.62289 69.75446 53.42809
4	64.74158	70.43331 64.74158 48.86825
5	77.14286	80.16914 77.14286 56.23935
6	71.84506	76.51983 71.84506 53.06435
7	65.10417	69.41325 65.10417 47.37690
8	58.20345	56.00669 58.20345 43.67948
9	60.92165	58.13477 60.92165 45.30801
10	65.89286	70.91875 65.89286 49.10820
11	74.14731	77.39782 74.14731 54.27520
12	60.41632	64.44988 60.41632 44.71582
13	75.15470	78.16335 75.15470 54.94192
14	69.90947	74.40140 69.90947 51.41913
15	63.47656	67.62031 63.47656 46.48043
CUGerm GermSynchrony GermUncertainty		
1	0.7092199	0.2666667 2.062987
2	0.5051546	0.2346109 2.321514
3	0.3975265	0.2242424 2.462012
4	0.4672113	0.2502415 2.279215
5	0.4312184	0.2606383 2.146051
6	0.4934701	0.2792271 2.160545
7	0.7371500	0.2729384 2.040796
8	0.4855842	0.2256410 2.357249
9	0.4446640	0.2494949 2.321080
10	0.5584666	0.2555556 2.187983
11	0.4288905	0.2686170 2.128670
12	0.4760266	0.2737844 2.185245
13	0.4023679	0.2506938 2.241181
14	0.5383760	0.2991543 2.037680
15	0.6133519	0.2497096 2.185028

**FourPHFFit.bulk()** This wrapper function can be used to fit the four-parameter hill function for multiple samples in batch.

```
data(gcdata)

counts.per.intervals <- c("Day01", "Day02", "Day03", "Day04", "Day05",
                           "Day06", "Day07", "Day08", "Day09", "Day10",
                           "Day11", "Day12", "Day13", "Day14")

FourPHFFit.bulk(gcdata, total.seeds.col = "Total Seeds",
                 counts.intervals.cols = counts.per.intervals,
                 intervals = 1:14, partial = TRUE,
                 fix.y0 = TRUE, fix.a = TRUE, xp = c(10, 60),
                 tmax = 20, tries = 3, umax = 90, umin = 10)
```

	Genotype	Rep	Day01	Day02	Day03	Day04	Day05	Day06	Day07	Day08	Day09	Day10
1	G1	1	0	0	0	0	4	17	10	7	1	0
2	G2	1	0	0	0	1	3	15	13	6	2	1
3	G3	1	0	0	0	2	3	18	9	8	2	1
4	G4	1	0	0	0	0	4	19	12	6	2	1
5	G5	1	0	0	0	0	5	20	12	8	1	0
6	G1	2	0	0	0	0	3	21	11	7	1	1
7	G2	2	0	0	0	0	4	18	11	7	1	0
8	G3	2	0	0	0	1	3	14	12	6	2	1
9	G4	2	0	0	0	1	3	19	10	8	1	1
10	G5	2	0	0	0	0	4	18	13	6	2	1
11	G1	3	0	0	0	0	5	21	11	8	1	0
12	G2	3	0	0	0	0	3	20	10	7	1	1
13	G3	3	0	0	0	0	4	19	12	8	1	1
14	G4	3	0	0	0	0	3	21	11	6	1	0
15	G5	3	0	0	0	0	4	17	10	8	1	1
	Day11	Day12	Day13	Day14	Total	Seeds	a		b			
1	1	0	0	0	50		80	9.88193689219798				
2	0	1	0	0	51	82.3529411764706	9.22766646166019					
3	1	1	0	0	48		93.75	7.79305097718417				
4	1	1	0	0	51	90.1960784313725	8.92565503394839					
5	0	1	1	0	50		96	9.4191816695981				
6	1	1	0	0	49	93.8775510204082	9.45014900441008					
7	1	0	0	0	48		87.5	10.1724586100529				
8	0	1	0	0	47	85.1063829787234	8.94069602989349					
9	1	1	0	0	52	86.5384615384615	8.6173913532163					
10	0	1	0	0	50		90	9.60884373831177				
11	0	1	1	0	51	94.1176470588235	9.40021183872586					
12	1	1	0	0	51	86.2745098039216	9.16252658054406					
13	0	1	1	0	49	95.9183673469388	8.99520960996306					
14	1	1	0	0	48	91.66666666666667	10.3918447690499					
15	1	0	0	0	48		87.5	9.13674439831543				
	c	y0	lag		Dlag50		t50.total		txp.total_10			
1	6.03495355423453	0	0	6.03495355423453	6.3551214973865		4.95626430994715					
2	6.17519294911323	0	0	6.17519294911323	6.47349044022769		4.98323617967833					
3	6.13811027378334	0	0	6.13811027378334	6.24419103019226		4.67302155573313					
4	6.12517308176588	0	0	6.12517308176588	6.27679437746254		4.85087548237175					
5	6.04964210720327	0	0	6.04964210720327	6.10343321091848		4.81412549010201					
6	6.0974148527557	0	0	6.0974148527557	6.18227860798315		4.86863251633358					
7	6.02985089631599	0	0	6.02985089631599	6.20281219696422		4.93042184740182					
8	6.18977354961439	0	0	6.18977354961439	6.43951015764455		4.94005695310539					
9	6.12512151399929	0	0	6.12512151399929	6.35217197764166		4.83665841861718					

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10 6.10950363596761 0 0 6.10950363596761 6.2530432080492 4.92062915320932
11 6.01875974061195 0 0 6.01875974061195 6.09943499335382 4.79862683383817
12 6.1084516820797 0 0 6.1084516820797 6.32618435705024 4.89359557090626
13 6.14901168717124 0 0 6.14901168717124 6.20750091190278 4.84130798420802
14 6.01591019490093 0 0 6.01591019490093 6.12238872875573 4.91514013437311
15 6.12157936163499 0 0 6.12157936163499 6.31739163301497 4.89250226946576
      txp.total_60 txp.Germinated txp.Germinated_10 txp.Germinated_60
1 6.7445983463311 6.03495355423453 4.83180737938015 6.28772357367537
2 6.8726033802361 6.17519294911323 4.86675518553144 6.45258151299607
3 6.60843809234118 6.13811027378334 4.63006208264611 6.46592435703346
4 6.61496814302537 6.12517308176588 4.78859693817119 6.40983765941072
5 6.38678874941426 6.04964210720327 4.79094574322756 6.31574586639992
6 6.477598609442 6.0974148527557 4.83247140825032 6.36472210276664
7 6.51049505523 6.02985089631599 4.85847638047658 6.2750496018235
8 6.82329908278267 6.18977354961439 4.84110536088622 6.47694540370958
9 6.73327569782723 6.12512151399929 4.74657350251934 6.42020821882777
10 6.56650619550494 6.10950363596761 4.8606813566304 6.37282341573569
11 6.3912906236839 6.01875974061195 4.76424552194859 6.2840509537431
12 6.68452626570581 6.1084516820797 4.80601279742022 6.38483647023757
13 6.50995386860368 6.14901168717124 4.81639291039067 6.4325242722081
14 6.39749098023249 6.01591019490093 4.86939775305615 6.25527610473983
15 6.66724718740801 6.12157936163499 4.81308335438754 6.39935718177504
      Uniformity_90 Uniformity_10 Uniformity TMGR
1 7.53768963497883 4.83180737938015 2.70588225559868 5.91219440464896
2 7.83540706385743 4.86675518553144 2.96865187832599 6.03128155445793
3 8.13734180246507 4.63006208264611 3.50727971981896 5.93817948943725
4 7.83480960415051 4.78859693817119 3.04621266597932 5.97268622562109
5 7.63902819750811 4.79094574322756 2.84808245428055 5.91428884333636
6 7.69346877523834 4.83247140825032 2.86099736698802 5.96187868660636
7 7.48364280989593 4.85847638047658 2.62516642941935 5.91405695229978
8 7.91416293168472 4.84110536088622 3.07305757079851 6.03619216805867
9 7.90404141879274 4.74657350251934 3.1574679162734 5.9616310497804
10 7.67917745255724 4.8606813566304 2.81849609592684 5.97811533043387
11 7.60361082322955 4.76424552194859 2.83936530128096 5.88355748786772
12 7.76385405638773 4.80601279742022 2.95784125896751 5.9640804983933
13 7.85034473566269 4.81639291039067 3.03395182527202 5.99827012362062
14 7.4323719910534 4.86939775305615 2.56297423799725 5.9051804897395
15 7.78580612916975 4.81308335438754 2.97272277478221 5.97608676470078
      AUC MGT Skewness msg
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4 1239.88674124826 6.73966592721389 1.10032252758331 #1. success
5 1328.32820017628 6.65498075748102 1.10006189449736 #1. success
6 1294.46271441017 6.70247312632466 1.09923193487409 #1. success
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9 1188.79304149759 6.7452410863068 1.10124200326315 #1. success
10 1240.22733172402 6.71189998824877 1.09859988440546 #1. success
11 1305.20007906005 6.62424817630914 1.10060020033889 #1. success
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15 1203.66421628837 6.73226579042194 1.09975961965212 #1. success

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9	68.4326649596759	70.3498369485217	70.8564735497253		12	14	
10	58.2091131256735	60.1262851145193	34.1377096911127		12	14	
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14	72.046838396466	73.9640103853118	91.726523289527		12	14	
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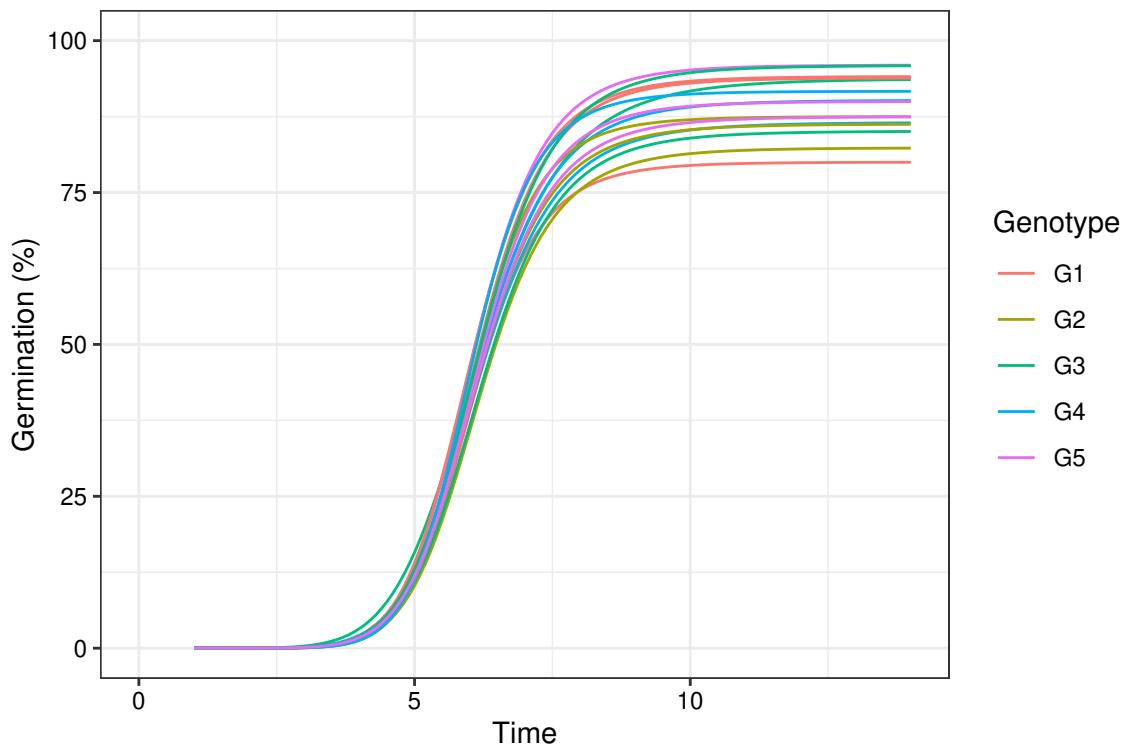
Multiple fitted curves generated in batch can also be plotted.

```
data(gcdata)

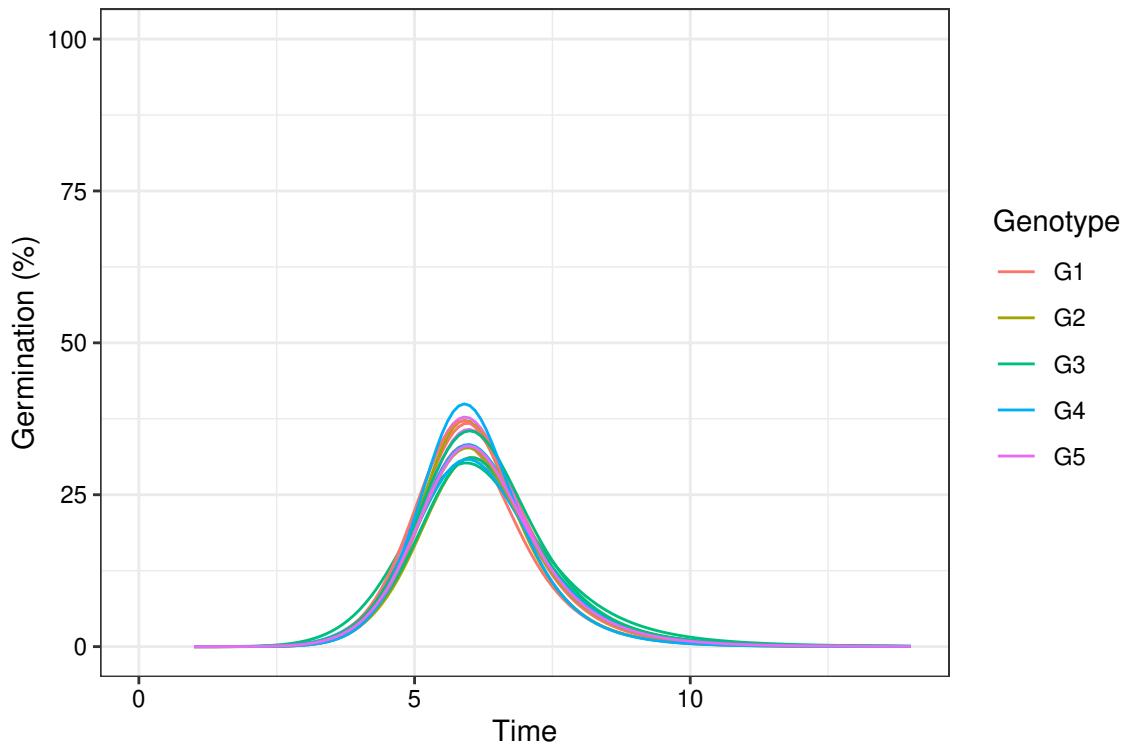
counts.per.intervals <- c("Day01", "Day02", "Day03", "Day04", "Day05",
                           "Day06", "Day07", "Day08", "Day09", "Day10",
                           "Day11", "Day12", "Day13", "Day14")

fits <- FourPHFFit.bulk(gcdata, total.seeds.col = "Total Seeds",
                        counts.intervals.cols = counts.per.intervals,
                        intervals = 1:14, partial = TRUE,
                        fix.y0 = TRUE, fix.a = TRUE, xp = c(10, 60),
                        tmax = 20, tries = 3, umax = 90, umin = 10)

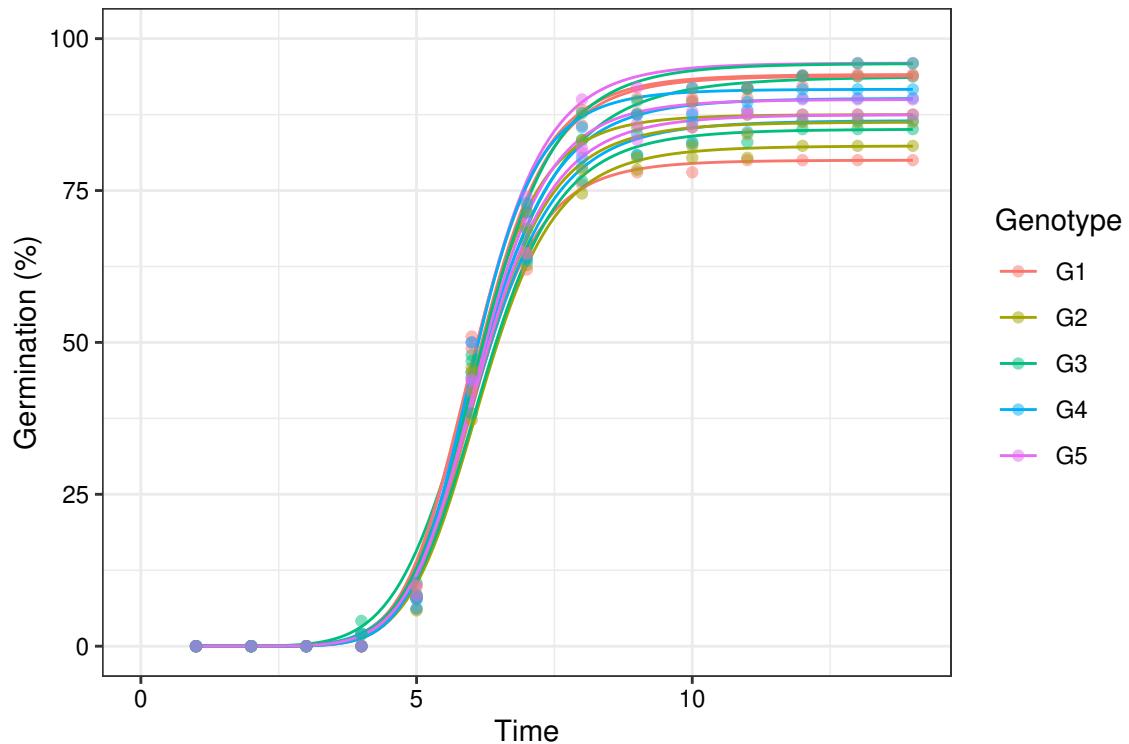
# Plot FPHF curves
plot(fits, group.col = "Genotype")
```



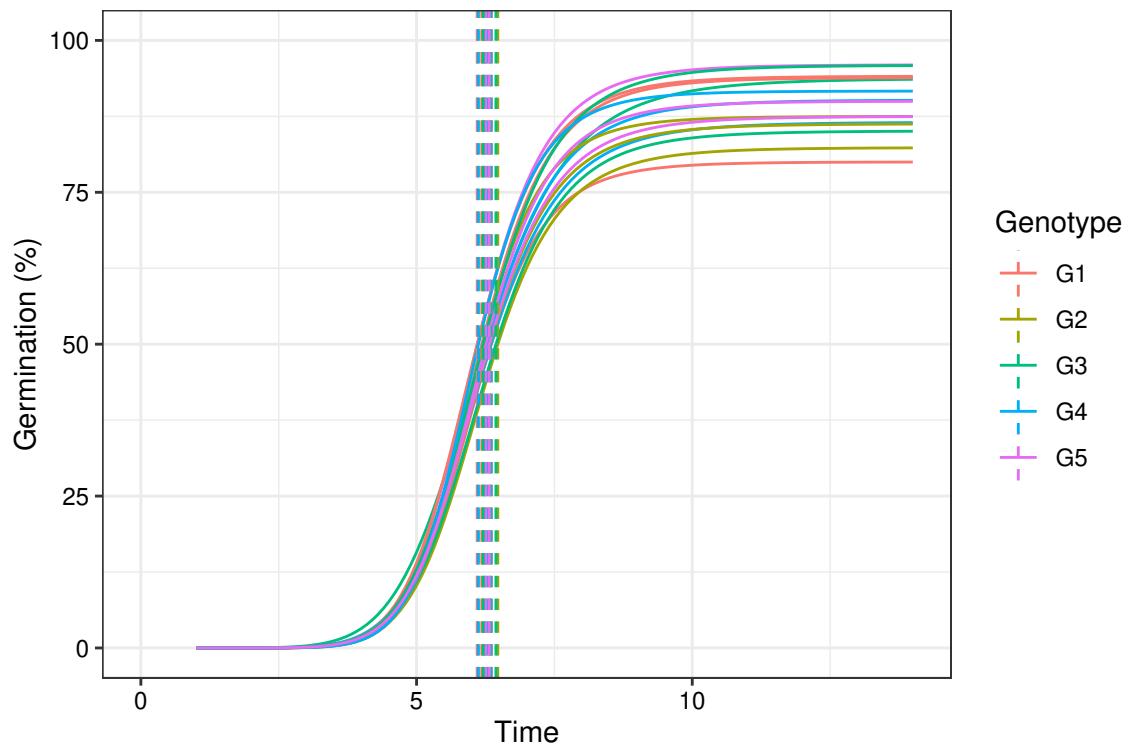
```
# Plot ROG curves
plot(fits, rog = TRUE, group.col = "Genotype")
```



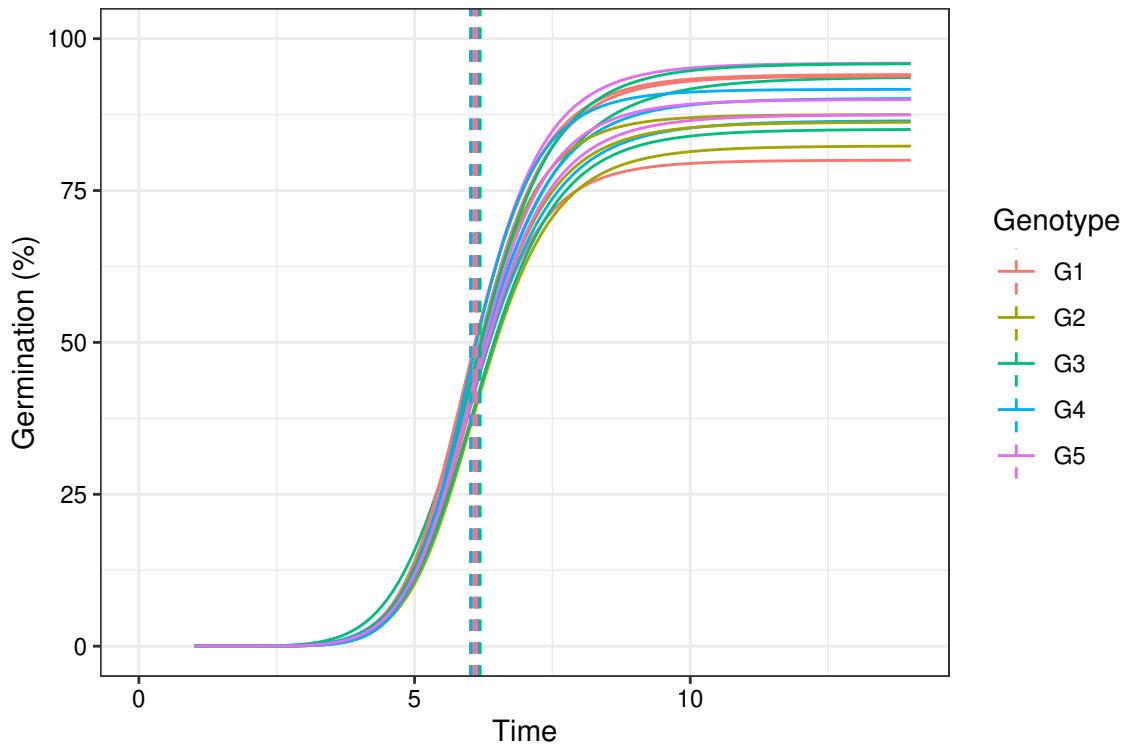
```
# Plot FPHF curves with points
plot(fits, group.col = "Genotype", show.points = TRUE)
```



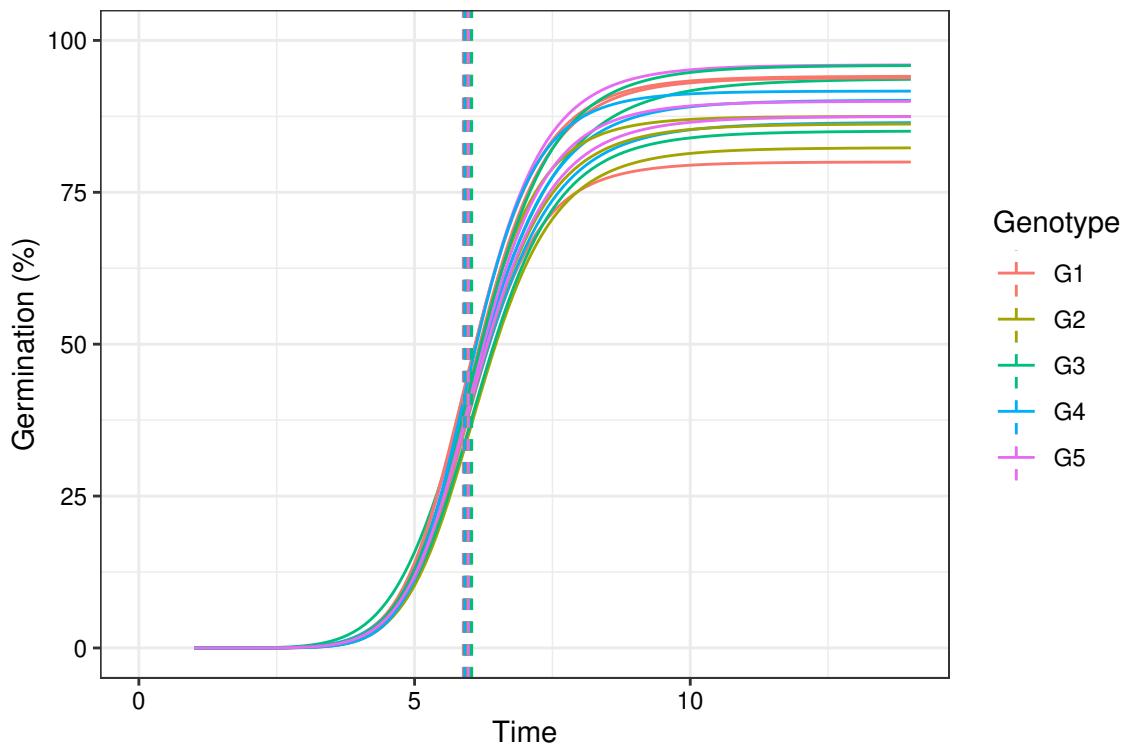
```
# Plot FPHF curves with annotations
plot(fits, group.col = "Genotype", annotate = "t50.total")
```



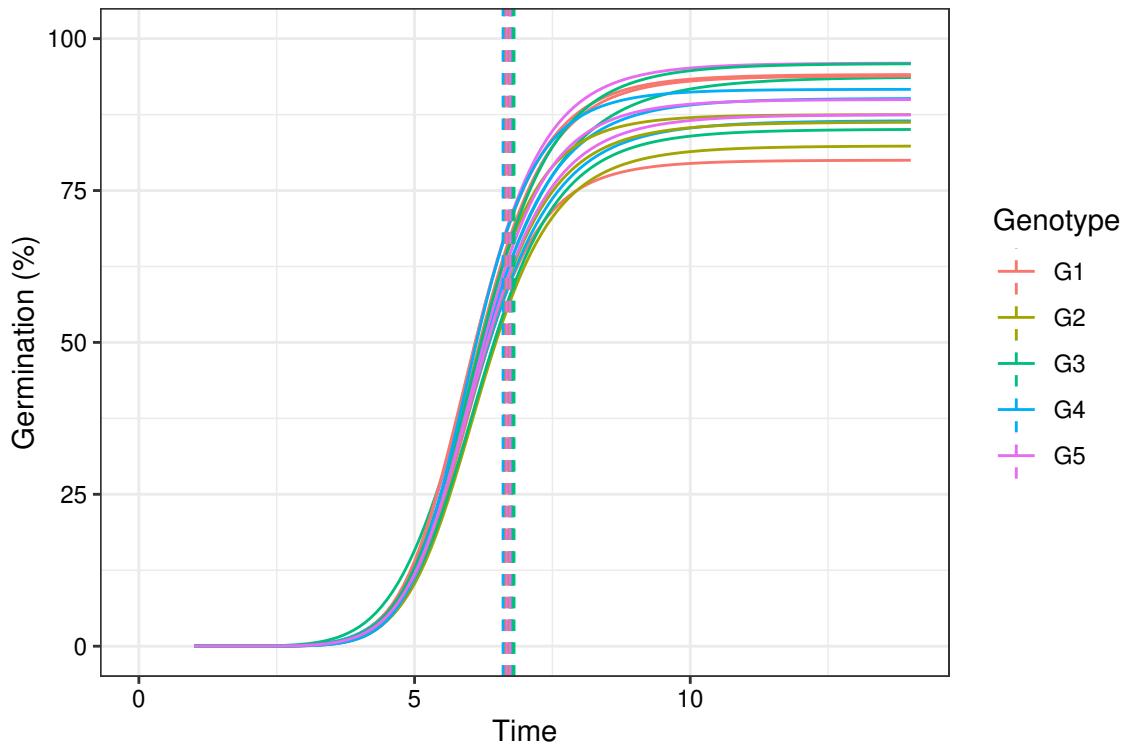
```
plot(fits, group.col = "Genotype", annotate = "t50. germ")
```



```
plot(fits, group.col = "Genotype", annotate = "tmgr")
```

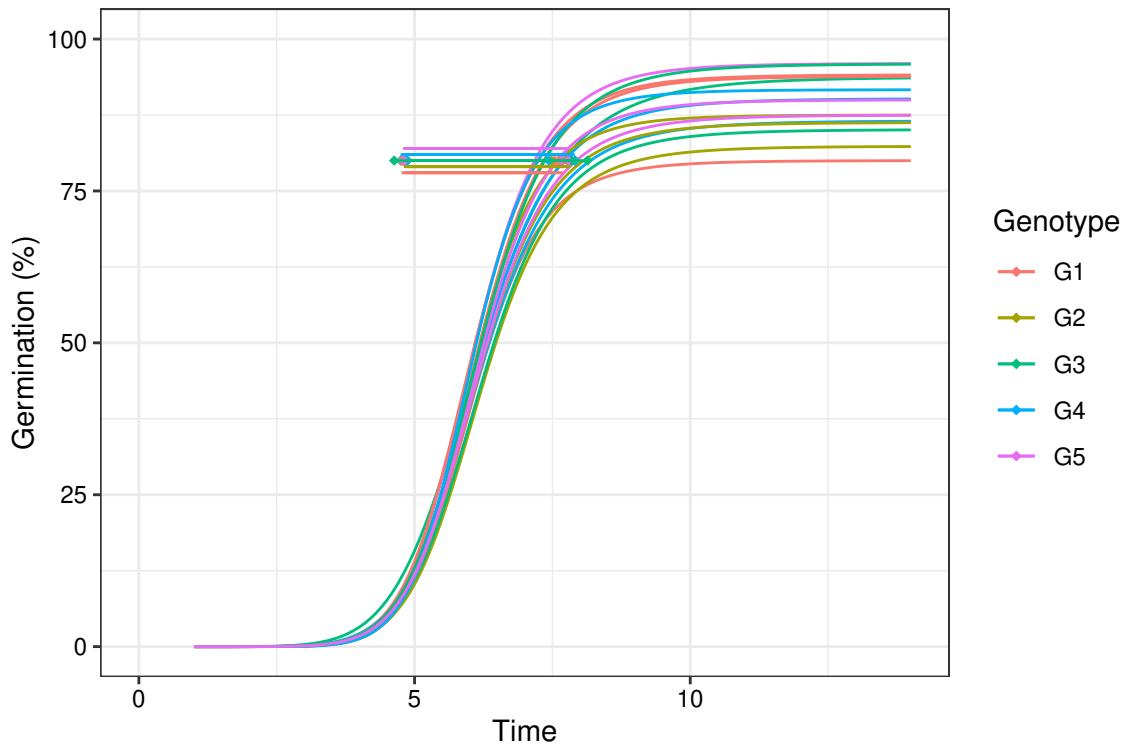


```
plot(fits, group.col = "Genotype", annotate = "mgt")
```

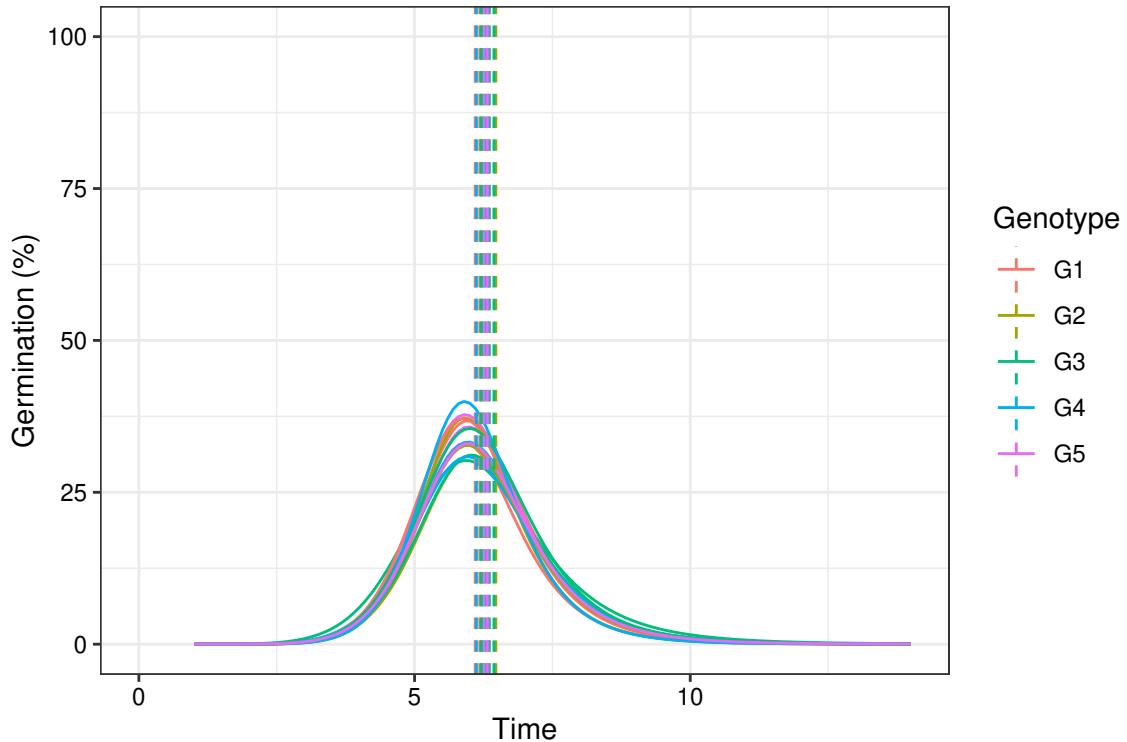


```
plot(fits, group.col = "Genotype", annotate = "uniformity")
```

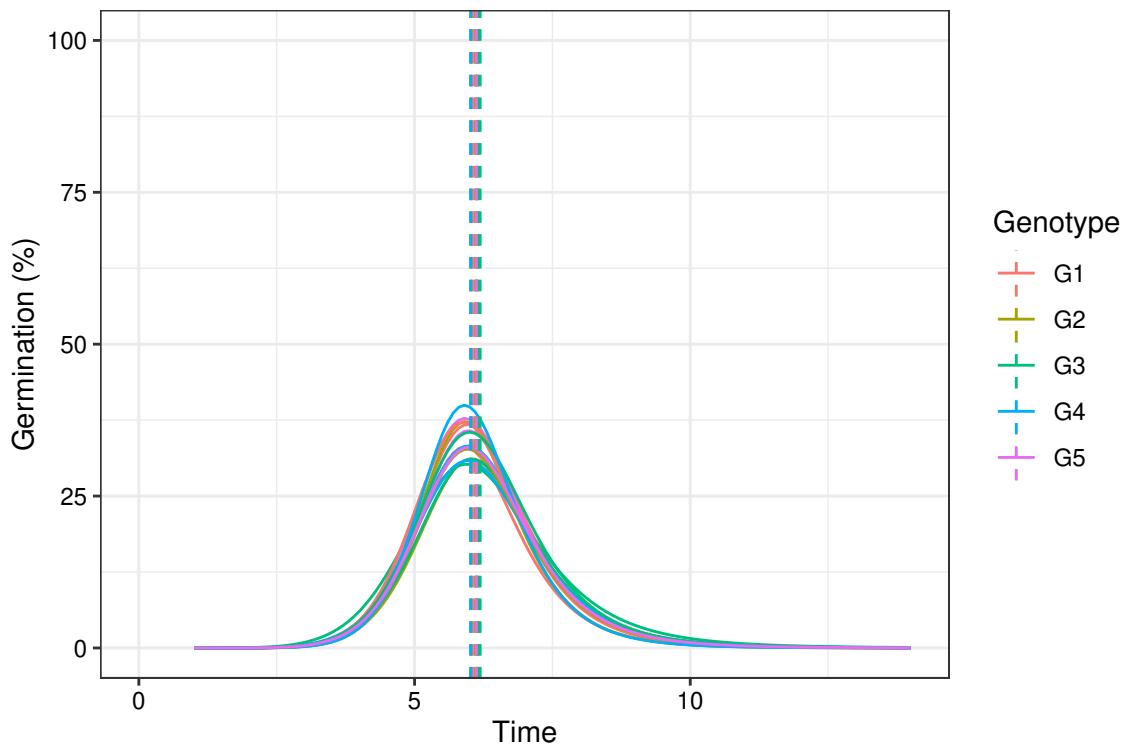
Warning: `position\_dodge()` requires non-overlapping x intervals  
`position\_dodge()` requires non-overlapping x intervals



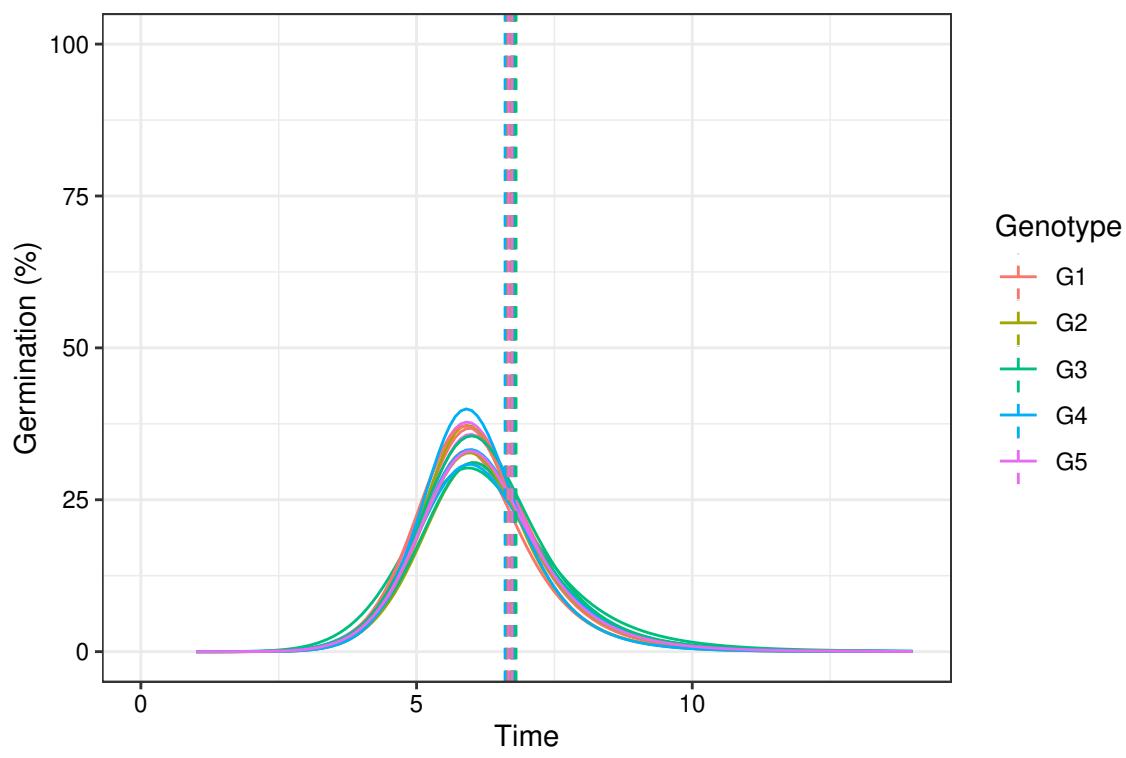
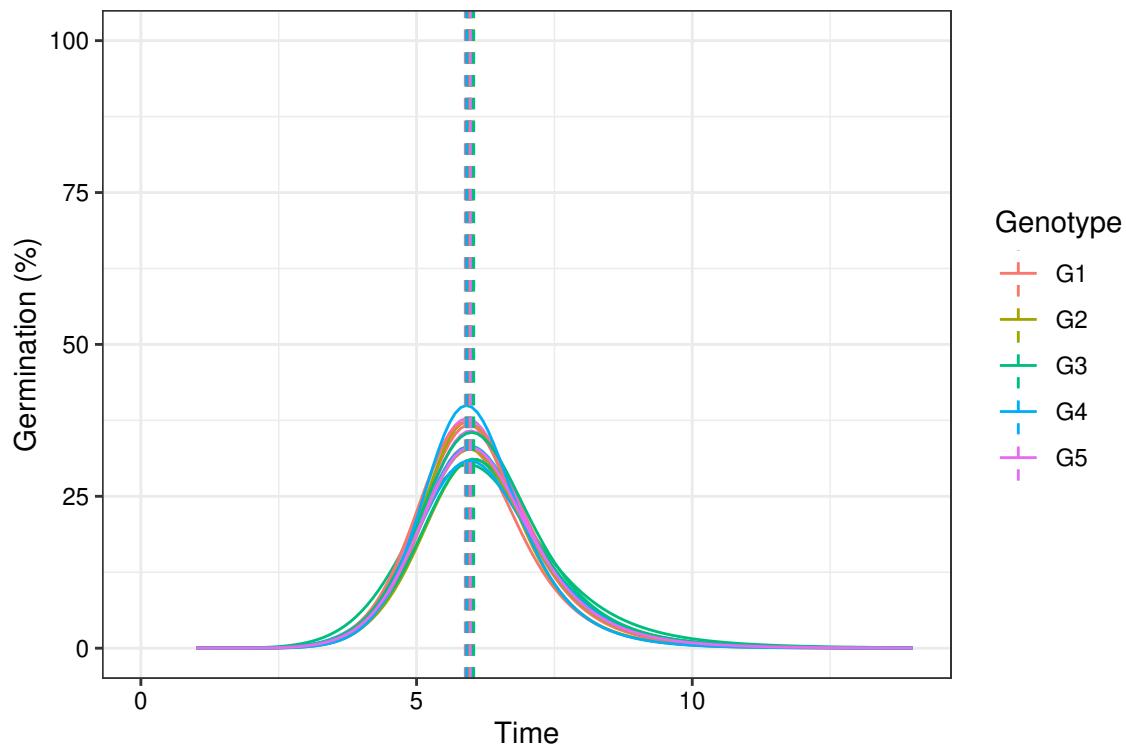
```
# Plot ROG curves with annotations
plot(fits, rog = TRUE, group.col = "Genotype", annotate = "t50.total")
```



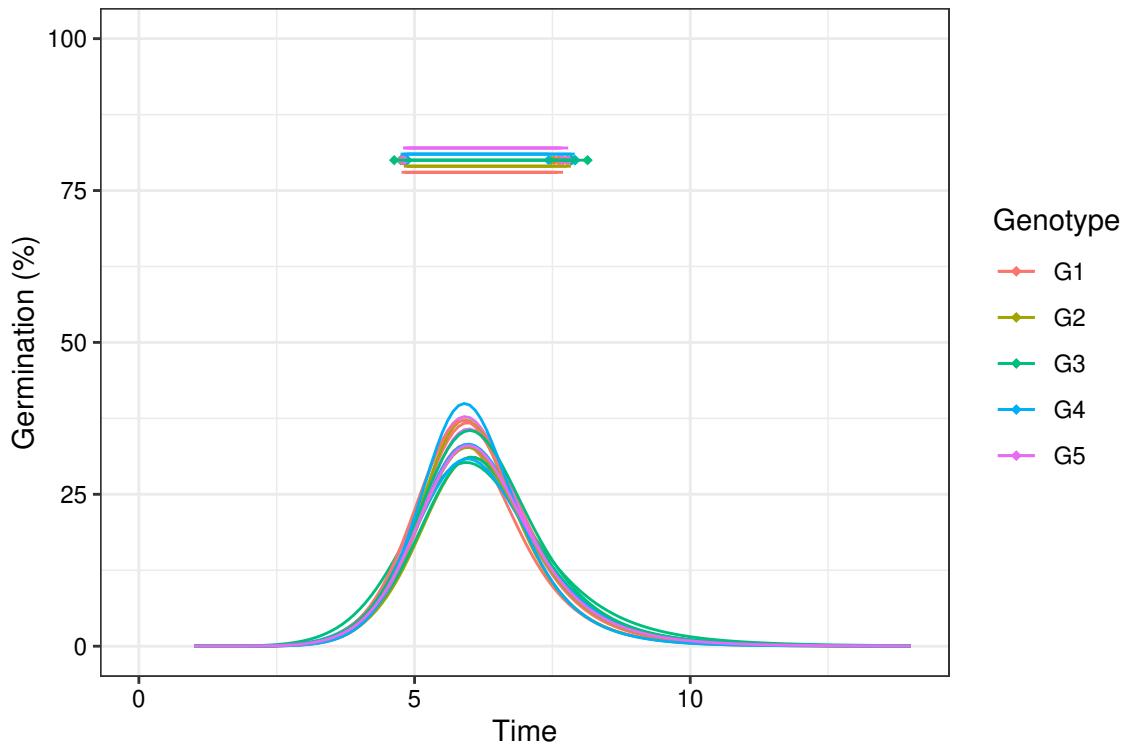
```
plot(fits, rog = TRUE, group.col = "Genotype", annotate = "t50. germ")
```



```
plot(fits, rog = TRUE, group.col = "Genotype", annotate = "tmgr")
```

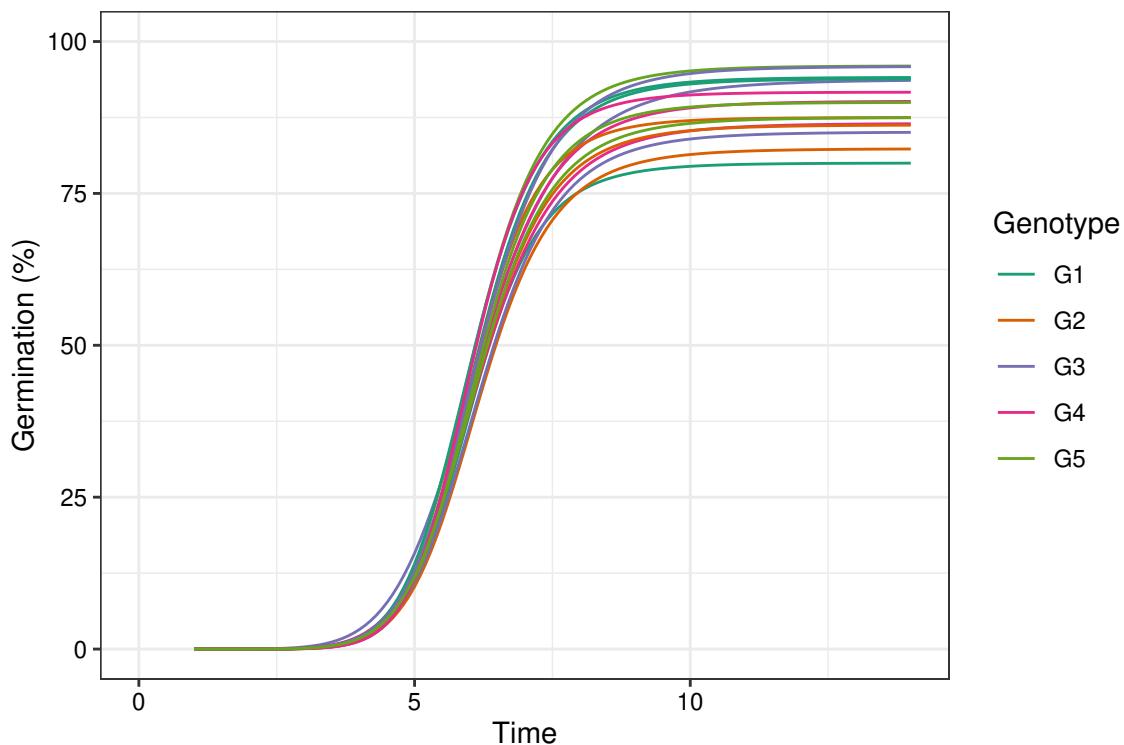


Warning: `position\_dodge()` requires non-overlapping x intervals  
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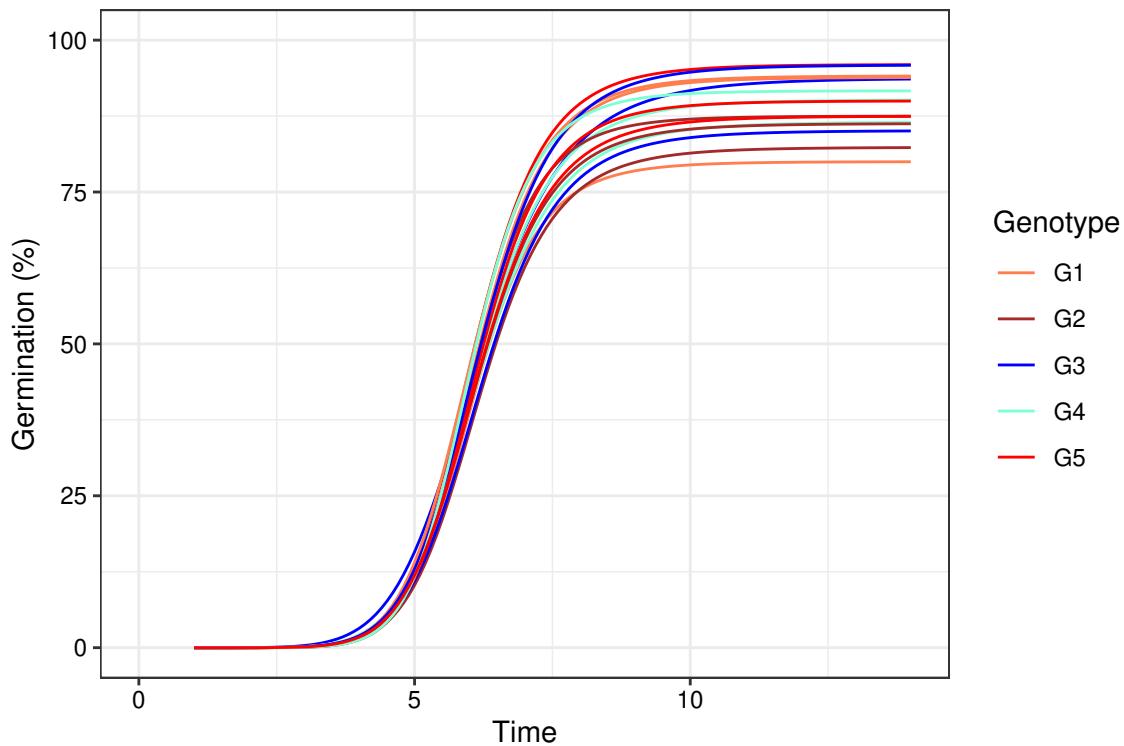


```
# Change colour of curves using ggplot2 options
library(ggplot2)
curvesplot <- plot(fits, group.col = "Genotype")

# 'Dark2' palette from RColorBrewer
curvesplot + scale_colour_brewer(palette = "Dark2")
```



```
# Manual colours
curvesplot +
  scale_colour_manual(values = c("Coral", "Brown", "Blue",
                                "Aquamarine", "Red"))
```



## Citing germinationmetrics

To cite the R package 'germinationmetrics' in publications use:

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## Session Info

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sessionInfo()
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Running under: Windows 11 x64 (build 22621)
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