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Sequencing of the genus *Arabidopsis* identifies a complex history of nonbifurcating speciation and abundant trans-specific polymorphism

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The notion of species as reproductively isolated units related through a bifurcating tree implies that gene trees should generally agree with the species tree and that sister taxa should not share polymorphisms unless they diverged recently and should be equally closely related to outgroups. It is now possible to evaluate this model systematically. We sequenced multiple individuals from 27 described taxa representing the entire *Arabidopsis* genus. Cluster analysis identified seven groups, corresponding to described species that capture the structure of the genus. However, at the level of gene trees, only the separation of *Arabidopsis thaliana* from the remaining species was universally supported, and, overall, the amount of shared polymorphism demonstrated that reproductive isolation was considerably more recent than the estimated divergence times. We uncovered multiple cases of past gene flow that contradict a bifurcating species tree. Finally, we showed that the pattern of divergence differs between gene ontologies, suggesting a role for selection.

The genus *Arabidopsis* has been proposed to consist of as many as 26 taxa in addition to the model plant *A. thaliana*¹. To clarify relationships within this important genus, we resequenced 94 individuals, covering all taxa, sampled throughout their geographic range (Table 1, Supplementary Data Set 1 and Supplementary Fig. 1). Because *A. thaliana* was known to be most distantly related to the other taxa and should thus be equally related to all of them under a bifurcating speciation model, the reads were mapped to the *A. thaliana* reference genome. On average, 43% were mapped, covering about

66% of the genome (Supplementary Data Set 1). To produce a high-quality data set for between-species comparisons across the genus, we focused on genic regions, requiring that at least half of all exons be covered in each individual, and excluded genes that showed evidence of duplication. The resulting data are thus biased toward conserved exons, as well as with respect to *A. thaliana*. In total, 9,119 genes fulfilled our criteria across the entire sample, comprising genus-wide alignments for 25 Mb of the genome. The data were analyzed together with published SNPs from 337 *A. thaliana* lines^{2–4}. In total the alignment contains 7.5 million SNPs, 6.6 million of which are biallelic.

Clustering on the basis of genome-wide polymorphism revealed four major groups, corresponding to the widely distributed species *A. thaliana*, *A. halleri*, *A. lyrata* and *A. arenosa*, and three minor groups, corresponding to the geographically limited *A. croatica*, *A. cebennensis* and *A. pedemontana* (Fig. 1 and Supplementary Fig. 2). This is in broad agreement with previous results¹. In addition, there are the two well-known allotetraploid species, *A. suecica* and *A. kamchatica*, hybrids between *A. arenosa* and *A. thaliana* and between *A. lyrata* and *A. halleri*, respectively^{5–7}, and there is also clear evidence for the previously described admixture between tetraploid *A. lyrata* ssp. *petraea* and *A. arenosa* ssp. *borbasii*⁸.

The divergence among these species is highly variable. At the level of individual gene trees (Supplementary Fig. 3), 100% supported the monophyly of *A. thaliana*—as expected, given that this species is estimated to have diverged from the rest of the genus at least 6 million years ago (Myr)⁹ (Supplementary Fig. 4) and is reproductively isolated as a consequence of a chromosome number of 5 rather than 8 (Table 1). The separation of *A. cebennensis* and *A. pedemontana* from

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Table 1 List of analyzed *Arabidopsis* individuals and taxa¹. See Supplementary Data Set 1 for further details, and Supplementary Fig. 1 for sampling locations

Taxon	Ploidy	Samples
<i>A. thaliana</i>	2n = 10	337
<i>A. halleri</i>		11
<i>A. halleri</i> ssp. <i>dacica</i>	2n = 16	1
<i>A. halleri</i> ssp. <i>gemmifera</i>	2n = 16	2
<i>A. halleri</i> ssp. <i>halleri</i>	2n = 16	3
<i>A. halleri</i> ssp. <i>ovirensis</i>	2n = 16	2
<i>A. halleri</i> ssp. <i>tatrica</i>	2n = 16	2
<i>A. umezawana</i>	2n = 16	1
<i>A. arenosa</i>		39
<i>A. arenosa</i> ssp. <i>arenosa</i>	2n = 16/32	9
<i>A. arenosa</i> ssp. <i>borbasii</i>	2n = 32	6
<i>A. arenosa</i> ssp. <i>intermedia</i>	2n = 32	1
<i>A. carpatica</i>	2n = 16	8
<i>A. neglecta</i> ssp. <i>neglecta</i>	2n = 16	4
<i>A. neglecta</i> ssp. <i>robusta</i>	2n = 32	2
<i>A. nitida</i>	2n = 16	4
<i>A. petrogena</i> ssp. <i>exoleta</i>	2n = 32	2
<i>A. petrogena</i> ssp. <i>petrogena</i>	2n = 16	3
<i>A. lyrata</i>		30
<i>A. arenicola</i>	2n = 16	3
<i>A. lyrata</i> ssp. <i>lyrata</i>	2n = 16	2
<i>A. lyrata</i> ssp. <i>petraea</i>	2n = 16/32	21
<i>A. petraea</i> ssp. <i>septentrionalis</i>	2n = 16	2
<i>A. petraea</i> ssp. <i>umbrosa</i>	2n = 16	2
Individual distinct lineages		
<i>A. cebennensis</i>	2n = 16	3
<i>A. pedemontana</i>	2n = 16	2
<i>A. croatica</i>	2n = 16	2
Allotetraploid species		
<i>A. suecica</i>	2n = 26	3
<i>A. kamchatica</i> ssp. <i>kamchatica</i>	2n = 32	3
<i>A. kamchatica</i> ssp. <i>kawasakiana</i>	2n = 32	1

the remaining diploids is also strong (63% of gene trees supported this split), whereas the remaining species, at least some of which can be crossed experimentally^{10,11}, are much more closely related.

To gain further insight into the relationships among the species, we searched for identical-by-descent (IBD) haplotypes using BEAGLE¹² (Fig. 2). Only 49 such haplotypes were detected in comparisons between species, compared to 14,600 within the outcrossing species (haplotype sharing in the selfing *A. thaliana* is much more extensive, as expected)¹³. The haplotypes shared between species were very short (median = 2.0 kb, maximum = 3.4 kb), suggesting gene flow occurring on the order of 20,000 generations ago rather than more recently (Online Methods). Much longer shared haplotypes were found within the outcrossing species (median = 2.3 kb, maximum = 16.3 kb), although most haplotypes shared within these species were also short (Supplementary Fig. 5), probably owing to the patchiness of data that result from cross-species alignments.

Although the IBD analysis did not reveal conclusive evidence for gene flow, we used the results to guide further analyses. Specifically, we used the presence of between-species IBD blocks (Fig. 2) to identify probable cases of gene flow and then further examined these using the ABBA-BABA test^{14,15}. This test uses the distribution of derived alleles to determine whether one of two sister taxa is closer to an outgroup than the other (thus violating a bifurcating species tree). We found several such cases. For example, subarctic *A. lyrata* was more closely related to *A. halleri* from East Asia than to *A. halleri*

from continental Europe (Fig. 3a,b and Supplementary Fig. 6a–d), suggesting ancient admixture in East Asia between *A. lyrata* and *A. halleri*. Gene flow between these species was also supported by the incongruence between the chloroplast tree and the species tree (Fig. 1 and Supplementary Figs. 3 and 4), and the allopolyploid *A. kamchatica* originated in East Asia through hybridization between *A. lyrata* and *A. halleri*⁷. Similarly, the common ancestor of *A. pedemontana* and *A. cebennensis* was more closely related to *A. halleri* than to *A. lyrata* or *A. arenosa* (Supplementary Fig. 7a). Consistent with hybridization between these species, we observed shared haplotypes between only the geographically closest samples of *A. pedemontana* and *A. halleri* (Fig. 2 and Supplementary Fig. 7b).

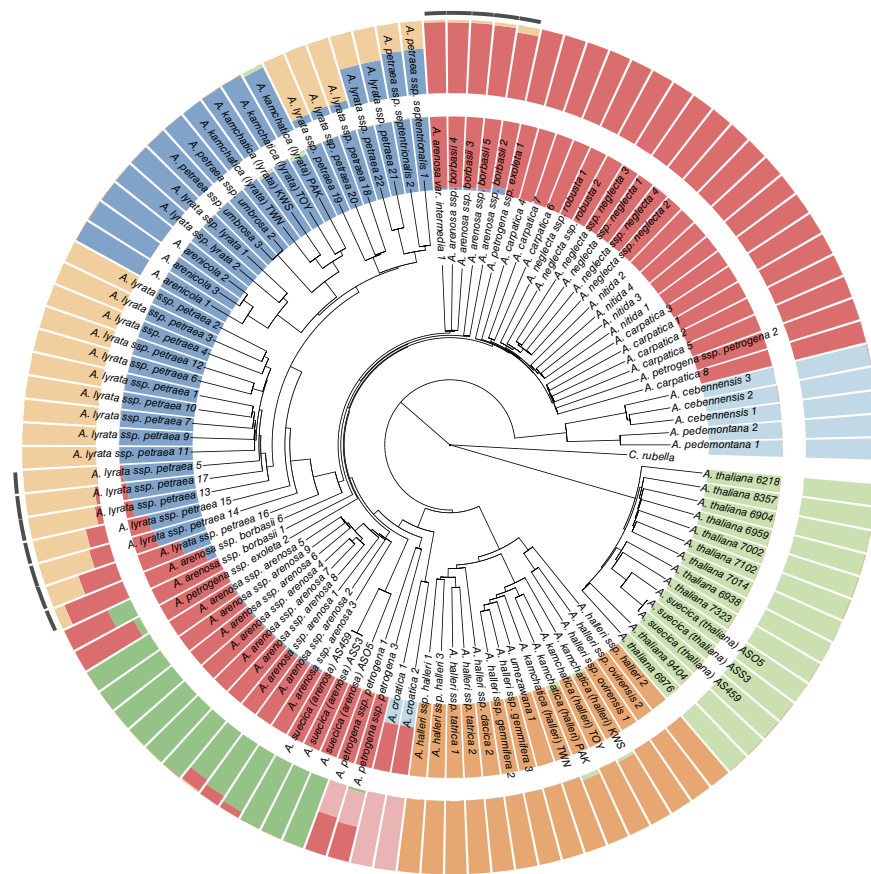
We did not detect any shared IBD blocks between *A. thaliana* and other species in the genus. However, the ABBA-BABA test shows that *A. thaliana* is closer to *A. lyrata* than to *A. arenosa* (Fig. 3c and Supplementary Fig. 6e–j). This contradicts a species tree in which the rest of the genus would be monophyletic with respect to *A. thaliana* and is notable given that the average sequence divergence between the common outcrossing species is less than half of that between these species and *A. thaliana* (Supplementary Table 1). Thus the highly diverged model plant *A. thaliana* appears to have become reproductively isolated from the outcrossing species considerably more recently than the estimated divergence time of 6 Myr⁹ (Supplementary Fig. 3). This has important implications for within-species polymorphism data. For example, the well-established pattern of local deep sequence divergence within *A. thaliana*¹⁶ may well reflect ancient admixture, and the dramatic changes in genome structure that distinguish this species from the rest of the genus may have occurred even more rapidly than previously believed¹⁷, perhaps in conjunction with the transition to selfing^{18,19}.

Significant ABBA-BABA results may reflect population subdivision in the ancestral species as well as gene flow^{14,20}. Thus the fact that fossil Neanderthals share more alleles with modern non-Africans than with modern Africans may not necessarily reflect admixture between Neanderthals and anatomically modern humans outside Africa but could also indicate that both Neanderthals and the modern humans that left Africa came from the same African subpopulation or isolated region¹⁵. However, for this to have occurred, the ancient African subdivision would have had to persist for a very long time while still allowing sufficient gene flow for modern humans to be most closely related at most loci (and evolve into anatomically modern humans). Admixture thus seems a more likely explanation.

Analogously, the greater number of shared alleles between *A. thaliana* and *A. lyrata* than between *A. thaliana* and *A. halleri* or *A. arenosa* could be due to ancient population subdivision, with the same subpopulation or region giving rise to *A. thaliana* and *A. lyrata*. However, the argument against the likelihood of ancient subdivision in humans is even stronger in *Arabidopsis*, because the species are so highly diverged. Whereas average coalescence times in modern humans are greater than the supposed split from Neanderthals, the average coalescence times between the common outcrossing *Arabidopsis* species is less than half the divergence between these species and *A. thaliana*.

Despite the evidence for ancient gene flow, the modern species are clearly distinct. Allele frequencies for shared polymorphisms were uncorrelated (Fig. 4), and F_{st} was very high (given the high levels of within-species polymorphism²¹), ranging from 0.71 to 0.78 for comparisons involving *A. thaliana*, ranging 0.2–0.4 for comparisons among the other three common species (Supplementary Table 1). However, even the highly diverged *A. thaliana* shares polymorphisms with the other species (for example, more than 20,000 synonymous SNPs with *A. lyrata*). Many of these must be due to mutation independently

Figure 1 Clustering of sequenced individuals on the basis of polymorphism data. The genus *Arabidopsis* can be grouped into four common species (*A. thaliana*, *A. halleri*, *A. lyrata* and *A. arenosa*), three species with limited geographic distribution (*A. croatica*, *A. cebennensis* and *A. pedemontana*) and two allotetraploid species (*A. suecica* and *A. kamchatica*). Center, neighbor-joining tree based on genetic distance between all analyzed individuals including ten *A. thaliana* accessions and using *Capsella rubella* as an outgroup. Allotetraploid individuals were each treated as two independent individuals based on previous mapping to parental genomes (Online Methods). Colored bars show the results of clustering using ADMIXTURE⁴⁷ (inner circle $K = 5$; outer circle, $K = 8$; see **Supplementary Fig. 2** for cross-validation results). Tetraploid individuals from the *A. lyrata* and *A. arenosa* clades that were previously shown to be the product of admixture⁸ are marked with black lines outside the circles.



generating the same polymorphism in both species, but they could also be ancestral polymorphisms, maintained either by balancing selection^{22,23} or by chance (the latter is possible only if divergence times were more recent than estimated; see Online Methods).

To investigate this further, we focused on SNPs that segregate in all four common species. Using conservative filtering to avoid paralogous SNPs caused by cryptic duplications, we observed 3,818 SNPs in 2,365 genes. These genes show substantially higher values of Tajima's D statistic²⁴ than random genes (**Supplementary Fig. 8**), as expected for ancestral polymorphisms, regardless of whether they are maintained by selection.

To eliminate any shared polymorphism due to repeated mutations, we refined this set further by considering only shared haplotypes with at least two shared SNPs. Such haplotypes are unlikely to have arisen independently²⁵. Specifically, we selected genes with shared haplotypes such that a pair of SNPs shared across species was in linkage disequilibrium ($r^2 > 0.3$) in *A. thaliana* and in at least two of the three other common species. Moreover, we required that at least one of the shared SNPs was nonsynonymous. Using these criteria, we ended up with 129 genes containing 340 shared sites (**Supplementary Data Set 2**). These genes showed an even stronger increase in Tajima's D value relative to background (**Supplementary Fig. 8**) and were significantly (FDR-corrected $P = 0.006$; Online Methods) enriched for genes involved in response to virus, suggesting that selection may indeed have contributed to maintaining some of the ancestral polymorphisms. We identified a total of four virus-response genes with haplotypes shared across all four species: *CYCT1;4* (TAIR locus AT4G19600), which is involved in transcriptional activation of viral genes; *GRIK1* (TAIR locus AT3G45240), which has a role in the metabolic regulation of virus-infected cells^{26,27}; *NIG* (TAIR locus AT4G13350), which is involved in nucleocytoplasmic trafficking of viral proteins²⁸; and *WAK1* (TAIR locus AT1G21250), which activates an immunity response to damaged cell walls²⁹.

If selection had a role in determining which genes share polymorphism across species, it may also have influenced which genes do not. Although our data are heavily biased toward genes that are conserved

across the genus, we searched for genes that may have contributed to the adaptive divergence between species, primarily relying on high F_{st} values in combination with low polymorphism and Tajima's D values. We focused on identifying gene categories that appeared to be over-represented among divergent genes in particular species. Several such categories were found (**Supplementary Table 2**). For example, genes divergent in *A. halleri* were over-represented in the 'heavy metal-associated domain' category, consistent with metal hyperaccumulation in *A. halleri*^{30,31}. Less obviously, genes divergent in *A. lyrata* were over-represented in the 'circadian rhythm' category, perhaps reflecting the wide latitudinal distribution of this species and adaptation to different day lengths. Indeed, a recent selective sweep in phytochromes has been described in *A. lyrata* populations³². Finally, genes identified in the morphologically highly divergent *A. pedemontana* and *A. cebennensis* were over-represented in the 'organ morphogenesis' and 'tissue development' categories.

In conclusion, the current species of the genus *Arabidopsis*, which are clearly identifiable with either morphological or polymorphism data (**Fig. 1**), do not have a tree-like relationship. Gene trees and species trees may disagree because of 'incomplete lineage sorting', but this discrepancy is simply a consequence of random coalescence events between closely related species; it may make species trees difficult to infer, but it does not contradict their existence³³. The results we present here do, and the apparent pervasiveness of gene flow suggests that it is not just a case of introgression leading to minor inconsistencies. Rather, we would argue that speciation in this genus is a protracted process involving selection and long periods of partial isolation between multiple incipient species, perhaps as a consequence of the multiple glaciations that have characterized the Quaternary Period. A bifurcating species tree describes neither

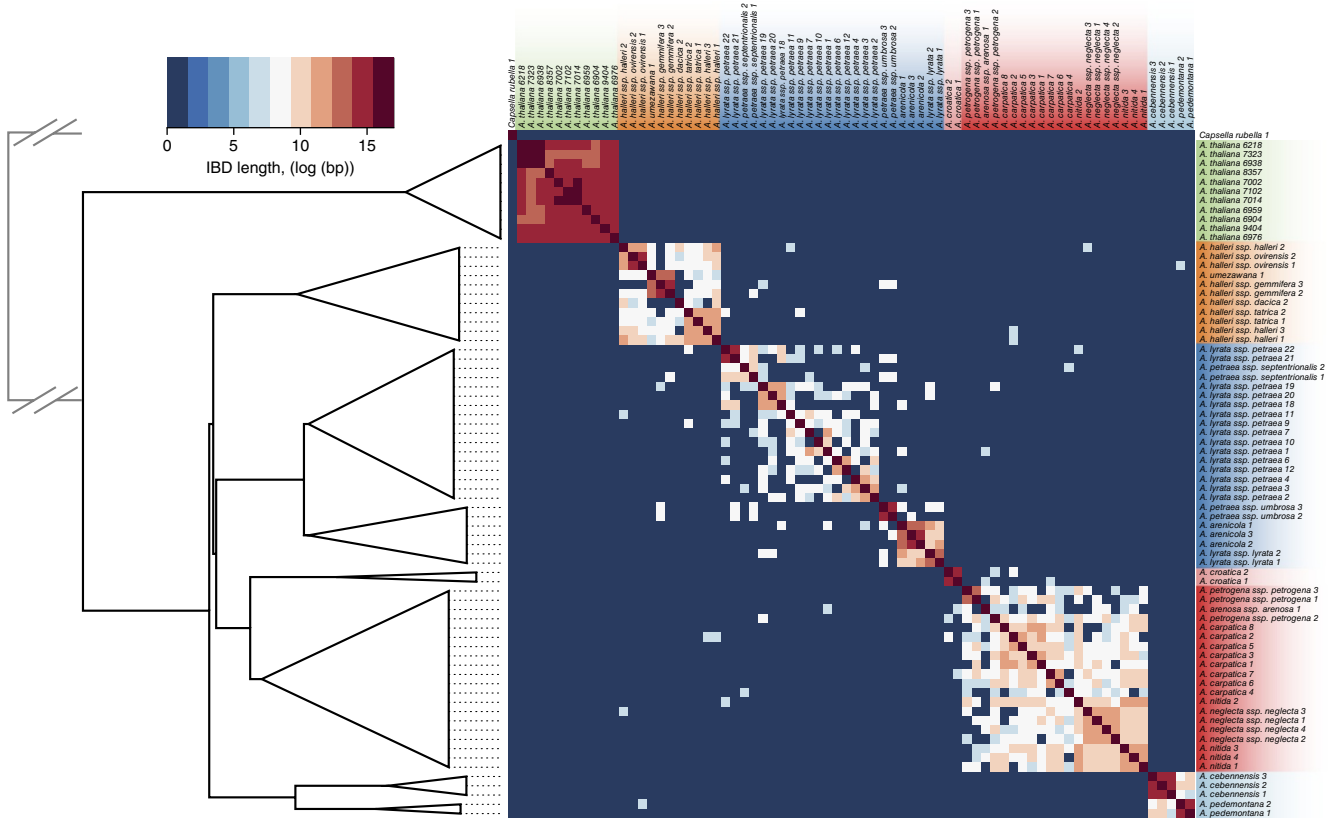


Figure 2 Estimated haplotype sharing in the *Arabidopsis* genus. Because the BEAGLE algorithm requires phased data, only diploid individuals were used. Heatmap colors represent the total length of IBD blocks for each pairwise comparison (Online Methods).

the data nor the process that gave rise to the data. Evidence for genome-wide contradictions between gene trees and species trees is rapidly accumulating in a wide range of species^{15,34–44}, raising

the question of whether this should lead to a reevaluation of the utility of the tree as model for speciation^{45,46}. We think it should, but time will tell.

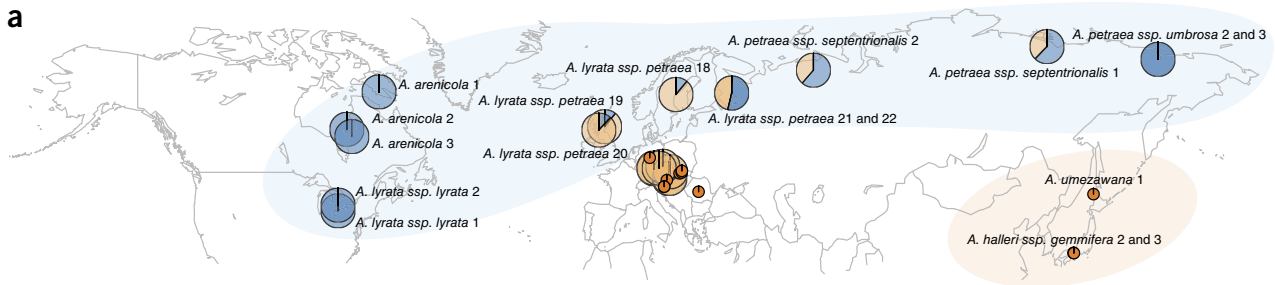


Figure 3 ABBA-BABA tests provide evidence of ancient gene flow. (a) Geographic distribution of the *A. halleri* (small charts) and *A. lyrata* (large charts) samples used. The colors of the charts correspond to the ADMIXTURE results with $K = 8$ in **Figure 1**. We divided *A. halleri* into eastern (orange area) and western lineages and *A. lyrata* into northern (blue area) and southern lineages. (b) Northern *A. lyrata* (IN) are closer to eastern *A. halleri* (hE) than to western *A. halleri* (hW). Plots show the distribution of D statistics resulting from testing different individuals from each region; the significance of the D statistics for each test can be assessed using previously published methods^{14,48} (Supplementary Fig. 6a–d and Online Methods). All between-population comparisons discussed are significant, i.e., hE was closer to *A. lyrata* than was hW (two-sided Wilcoxon test; $P = 9.5 \times 10^{-190}$, blue vs. green plot), and IN was closer to hE than was southern *A. lyrata* (IS) ($P = 8.2 \times 10^{-11}$, light green vs. dark green plot). ** $P < 0.01$. (c) *A. thaliana* is closest to *A. lyrata* and most distant from *A. arenosa*. The Z-scores corresponding to the D statistics for each test are shown in Supplementary Figure 6e–j.

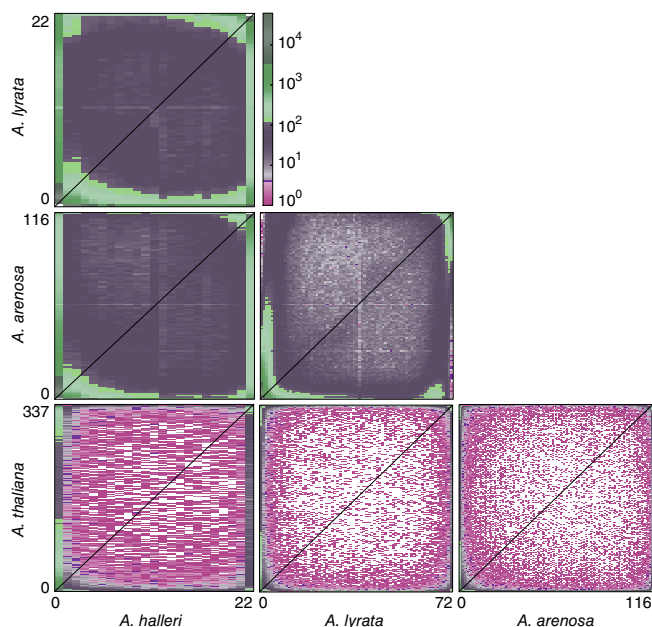


Figure 4 Joint allele frequency spectra between *A. thaliana*, *A. halleri*, *A. lyrata* and *A. arenosa*. Colors reflect the number of SNPs.

METHODS

Methods and any associated references are available in the [online version of the paper](#).

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DNA extraction, library preparation and sequencing. Whole genomic DNA was extracted from fresh, silica dried or herbarium voucher leaf material either with the CTAB protocol⁴⁹ or Invisorb Spin Plant Mini Kit or Qiagen DNeasy plant kit (Supplementary Data Set 1). The CTAB protocol was used with the following modifications: DNA pellets were washed with 70% ethanol twice and dissolved in 100 μ l TE buffer supplemented with 2 units RNase A. Total genomic DNA libraries were prepared using either NEXTflex DNA Sequencing Kit or NEBNext DNA Library Prep Kit or TruSeq DNA Sample Prep Kit. Sequencing was performed on Illumina HiSeq 2000 in 100 bp paired-end mode with a library insert size of 200–400 bp (Supplementary Data Set 1).

We performed correction of raw reads for the *A. halleri* ssp. *halleri* 3 sample (Supplementary Data Set 1). The ErrorCorrectReads.pl module of ALLPATHS-LG version 44837 was used for correction of raw reads (34.0 million reads). PHRED_ENCODING was set to 64, and the other parameters were set to default according to the ALLPATHS-LG manual. In total, 24.9 million corrected reads were used in downstream data analyses.

Raw reads were uploaded to NCBI SRA (numbers of BioProjects and BioSamples are available in Supplementary Data Set 1). Chloroplast assemblies were uploaded to ENA (Supplementary Data Set 1).

Read mapping and variants discovery. We mapped reads to *A. thaliana* (TAIR10) reference genome using the BWA-MEM algorithm from BWA⁵⁰ (version 0.7.4) with an increased penalty for unpaired read pairs to 15, then we removed duplicated reads with Samtools⁵¹ (version 0.1.18) rmdup function and performed local realignment with Genome Analysis Toolkit^{52,53} (GATK, version 2.5.2) IndelRealigner. After filtering for uniquely and primary aligned reads, we calculated coverage distribution using GATK Pileup and chose intervals with coverage between the third and ninety-seventh percentiles for further analysis. SNPs and short indels were called with GATK UnifiedGenotyper with default quality thresholds. Diploid samples were phased using GATK ReadBackedPhasing. Called SNPs were annotated with SnpEff software⁵⁴. We also included 337 *A. thaliana* accessions from already published data sets^{2–4} and used mapping and SNP calling for these samples from the 1001 Genomes Project⁵⁵.

We first separated allopolyploid samples raw data according to the parental genomes and then included them into the main pipeline for diploid and tetraploid individuals described above. *A. suecica* reads were mapped to *A. thaliana* (TAIR10) and *A. lyrata*¹⁷ (version 1.0) references simultaneously using the same parameters and software. After the realignment step, reads were filtered for primary and uniquely aligned reads in proper pairs (samtools flags -F 256 -f 3 -q 10) and then split according to the scaffolds. Reads mapped to Chr1–5 of *A. thaliana* and scaffolds 1–8 of *A. lyrata* reference parts were then mapped separately to the *A. thaliana* reference. *A. kamchatica* reads were mapped to two parental species genome (*A. halleri*⁵⁶ and *A. lyrata*) and separated into two groups using the read classification method HomeoRoq⁵⁶, and we treated each *A. kamchatica* sample as two different diploid individuals.

The structure of the genus *Arabidopsis*. Population structure analysis was performed using all the samples of *A. thaliana* relatives, 10 *A. thaliana* accessions from different geographical locations and *C. rubella* as an outgroup. We focused on genic regions where at least half of the total exon length was covered in each individual analyzed. Then we calculated copy number for those genes in each individual on the basis of total exon coverage depth normalized by mean coverage depth and filtered for genes with copy number between 0.4 and 1.6 in all individuals. 9,119 genes satisfied these criteria.

A neighbor-joining tree was built with R package APE⁵⁷ from the genetic distance matrix generated from the 281,305 biallelic SNP calls that had no missing data. Genealogies of individual genes were generated using the same approach. Support values for tree splits were calculated by SumTrees program from DendroPy package⁵⁸ using the percentage of the trees in which a particular split is found as a degree of support. Maximum likelihoods of individual ancestries were estimated with ADMIXTURE⁴⁷ for the same genes, allowing for missing data. In order to include autotetraploid samples in ancestry assignment, we randomly chose two alleles for each site. We chose two local minima of cross-validation errors of ancestral populations assignment ($K = 5$ and $K = 8$) for subsequent analysis (Supplementary Fig. 2).

We performed identity-by-descent (IBD) blocks analysis for diploid *Arabidopsis* lineages using the algorithm from BEAGLE¹² (version 4.0) with the following parameters: window = 100,000; overlap = 10,000; ibdtrim = 100; ibldod = 10. The number of markers per window, overlap between windows, and number of trimmed markers were roughly doubled compared to the default parameters, which were optimized for human SNP array data; input data in our case are more dense in number of SNPs per cM. We expect no IBD blocks between *C. rubella* and *Arabidopsis*, and this was satisfied using a minimum LOD score of 10.

Very roughly, the expected length of a shared haplotype is $1/(rt)$, where r is the recombination rate per base pair, and t is the time of separation⁵⁹. Thus, assuming $r = 10^{-8}$, we would expect to see shared haplotypes of length 2 kb if $t = 20,000$ generations.

ABBA-BABA analysis was performed with the ANGSD toolbox⁶⁰ (analysis of next-generation sequencing, version 0.579) using *C. rubella* as an outgroup in all comparisons and genotype information only at coding regions from the 9,119 genes that passed copy number filtering. *A. halleri* lineages were split into eastern (*A. halleri* E) and western (*A. halleri* W) groups according to their geographical origin; *A. lyrata* lineages were split into northern (*A. lyrata* N) and southern (*A. lyrata* S) groups according to their geographical origin and ADMIXTURE assignment at $K = 8$ (Fig. 4a). We ran ABBA-BABA analysis and calculated D statistics for all combinations of *A. halleri* and *A. lyrata* lineages (Fig. 4b). D statistics for analysis including *A. thaliana* were calculated as $(ABBA - BABA) / (ABBA + BABA)$ for biallelic sites between the reference (TAIR10, Col-0 accession) and diploid *A. thaliana* relatives (Fig. 4c). To determine the significance of the D statistics we calculated Z scores for 1-Mb blocks using jackKnife.R script from the ANGSD toolbox⁶⁰. Note that all the species were mapped to *A. thaliana* reference genome, which can be considered an outgroup for the other *Arabidopsis* species. This approach makes mapping bias unlikely when considering admixture between *A. thaliana* and the remaining species (whereas mapping to *A. lyrata* would greatly favor *A. lyrata* samples over those from *A. arenosa* and *A. halleri*).

***Arabidopsis* genus structure based on chloroplast DNA.** Complete chloroplast genomes were assembled in CLC Genomics Workbench version 6.0.4 (CLC bio). Reads were trimmed for adapters as well as a minimum quality of 0.001 (Phred score 30) and a minimum length of 50 bp. Paired reads were assembled using the legacy version of the CLC *de novo* algorithm with length fraction 0.9, similarity 0.9 and appropriate distance settings. Contigs belonging to the chloroplast were identified using blastn and aligned manually to the closest related published complete chloroplast sequence (*A. thaliana* for *Arabidopsis* species, *Capsella bursa-pastoris* for *C. rubella* and *Camelina sativa*) using PhyDE version 0.9971. A preliminary pseudo-reference was created by filling gaps between nonoverlapping contigs from the reference sequence. The complete chloroplast genome was obtained by repeated cycles of mapping back to the pseudo-reference and variant detection in CLC (minimum coverage 1, variant probability 0.1) as well as manually. Misalignments and mismatches were adjusted at every step.

Complete chloroplast sequences were aligned using MAFFT⁶¹ version 7.017 implemented in Geneious version 7.1.7 (Biomatters Ltd.). The FFT-NS-ix1000 algorithm was used, with the 200PAM / $k = 2$ scoring matrix, a gap open penalty of 1.53 and an offset value of 0.123. The second copy of the inverted repeat was excluded. Using the annotation of the *A. thaliana* chloroplast genome, the complete alignment was divided into 263 parts, corresponding to exons, introns and intergenic regions. Indels and nonalignable regions were excluded from the alignments using Gblocks⁶² version 0.91b, with minimum block length of 2 bp.

PartitionFinder^{63,64} version 1.1.1 was used to partition the data set into subsets of genes evolving with a similar rate and under the same nucleotide substitution model, thus accounting for rate heterogeneity among genes. Only models implemented in BEAST were tested, with BIC used for model selection in a 'greedy' search and unlinked branch lengths. The best partitioning scheme comprised two subsets, one (55,892 bp) evolving under the generalized time-reversible model of evolution with gamma model of rate heterogeneity and invariant sites (GTR+I+ Γ) and the other (62,184 bp) under the GTR+I model.

Phylogenetic trees were reconstructed with maximum likelihood (ML) using RAxML⁶⁵ version 8.1.16 based on the two partitioned sequence alignments

described above. A rapid bootstrap analysis and search for the best-scoring ML tree was conducted with 1,000 bootstrap replicates. The partitioned data set with per-partition estimation of branch lengths was used with GTR+I+ Γ as substitution model and the clade of *C. rubella*, *C. bursa-pastoris* and *Camelina sativa* was set as an outgroup. The ML tree was used as a starting tree for divergence time estimation after it was made ultrametric with node ages to fit constraints using the R package APE⁵⁷ version 3.1–4. Divergence time was estimated using the software BEAST⁶⁶ version 1.7. The same partitioned alignments as for ML analysis were used, with their respective best models as substitution models. Site and clock models were set to unlinked, but a linked partition tree was used with tree prior birth–death incomplete sampling⁶⁷. An uncorrelated lognormal relaxed clock with estimated rates was used to account for rate heterogeneity between sites⁶⁸. Owing to the lack of fossils from the genus *Arabidopsis* or the Brassicaceae family we used secondary calibration for divergence time estimation. Three calibration points were extracted from Hohmann *et al.*⁹: The age of the outgroup (split between the genera *Camelina* and *Capsella*) was set to 7.3572 Myr; the crown age of the genus *Arabidopsis* was set to 5.9685 Myr, and the root height (split between outgroup and genus *Arabidopsis*) was set to 8.1627 Myr. Normal distributions with a s.d. = 1.0 fit the 95% confidence intervals from Hohmann *et al.*⁹ and were thus used for all three calibration points. An additional constraint was set on the root height by truncation to 4–12 Myr.

We ran two independent MCMC runs with 5×10^8 generations each and sampling parameters every 5×10^4 generations. LogCombiner⁶⁶ version 1.7.5 was used to combine trees from the two runs and the first 5×10^7 generations of each run were discarded as burn-in. The resulting 18,000 trees were combined to a maximum clade credibility tree in TreeAnnotator⁶⁶ version 1.7.5 and visualized in FigTree⁶⁶ version 1.4.1.

Neutral expectations for allele sharing. Consider the number of shared polymorphism expected under the standard coalescent model. A necessary condition for trans-specific polymorphism is that two lineages survive back to the species split in both sister species. The probability of this is $\exp[-t_{\text{split}}/(2N_e)]$ independently in each species, where t_{split} is the number of generations ago the two species became isolated, and N_e is the effective population size, which may differ between the two species⁶⁹. The expected pairwise coalescence time is $E(T_2) = 2N_e$ generations within each species, and $E(T_2) = 2N_e + t_{\text{split}}$ generations between species, where N_e in the latter equation is that of the ancestral species. In what follows, we will assume that N_e of the ancestral species equaled the larger of the N_e of the descendant species. Simple moments estimators for all relevant parameters can be obtained by noting that the expectation of the pairwise sequence divergence d is proportional to $E(T_2)$. We can thus obtain an upper bound for the probability of a trans-specific polymorphism as

$$\exp[-(d_{AB} - \max\{d_A, d_B\}/d_A)] \times \exp[-(d_{AB} - \max\{d_A, d_B\}/d_B)]$$

where d_A is the estimated pairwise sequence divergence (nucleotide diversity) within species A, d_B the same for species B, and d_{AB} is the estimated pairwise sequence divergence between species.

For example, the per-site probability of a trans-specific polymorphism under neutrality between *A. thaliana* and *A. lyrata* is less than $e^{-(11.57-3.04)/0.69} \times e^{-(11.6-3.04)/3.04} = 2.5 \times 10^{-7}$. This is conservative, because it ignores the probability of the right order of coalescences in the ancestral species. The pairwise sequence divergence at aligned fourfold degenerate sites was used for the calculation. Thus, if we were to choose two alleles at random from each these two species, we would expect <1 out of the 2,909,657 fourfold degenerate sites to be trans-specific by chance. In the actual data we observed 599, and we conclude that either there was gene flow more recently than what is implied by the high divergence under the simple model of splitting or polymorphisms were maintained by selection.

Shared polymorphisms between common *Arabidopsis* species. We applied the same criteria to choose genes for the analysis of shared variation between major *Arabidopsis* clades, restricting it to 80 *A. thaliana* relatives analyzed and excluding *A. thaliana* from filtering genes pipeline, which gave us 15,454 genes that passed copy number filtering. Joint allele frequency spectra were

calculated for biallelic sites in two clades, unfolded using *C. rubella* as an outgroup and plotted with dadi⁷⁰.

F_{st} estimates for pairwise common species (*A. thaliana*, *A. halleri*, *A. lyrata*, *A. arenosa*), comparisons were calculated at biallelic synonymous SNPs (Supplementary Table 1) as $(H_{\text{total}} - H_{\text{subsp}}) / H_{\text{total}}$, where H_{total} is heterozygosity in total population (for example, *A. thaliana* and *A. halleri* taken together as one population), H_{subsp} is average of heterozygosities in subpopulations (for example, average of *A. thaliana* and *A. halleri* heterozygosities). Heterozygosity is calculated as $2pq$, where p and q are derived and ancestral allele frequencies, respectively.

We searched for SNPs segregating in all four common *Arabidopsis* species. Even though we filtered out potential duplicated genes on the basis of coverage before calling variants, we noticed that some of the shared sites show: (i) only heterozygous genotypes (Aa) or (ii) heterozygous and only one of the homozygous genotypes (Aa and AA or Aa and aa) among diploid *A. thaliana* relatives, which can be explained by the presence of a duplicated region. After filtering out such sites, we ended up with 3,818 sites spanning 2,365 genes. Additional filtering based on linkage was applied to avoid potential back mutations among shared SNPs. Here, we selected genes with shared haplotypes such that a pair of shared SNPs were in linkage disequilibrium ($r^2 > 0.3$) in *A. thaliana* and in at least two out of the three other common species. Moreover, we required that at least one of the shared SNPs was nonsynonymous.

We used GOWINDA⁷¹ to test enrichment for Gene Ontology categories (GO slim) for identified genes under balancing selection. Total (private and shared) coding SNPs identified for the four common species (*A. thaliana*, *A. halleri*, *A. lyrata* and *A. arenosa*) were used as a background set, and shared coding SNPs segregating in all four species (3,818 SNPs in 2,365 genes) and that passed additional LD filtering (340 SNPs in 129 genes) were used as the query sets. We ran GOWINDA with 100,000 simulations in ‘gene’ mode, assuming that only SNPs located inside a gene are associated with the corresponding gene (—gene-definition ‘gene’). Additionally to GO_SLIM terms from TAIR10 we created and tested GO term for NB-LRR gene family previously identified⁷².

Clade-specific divergence in common *Arabidopsis* species. To check for clade-specific divergence we tested for enrichment of particular *A. thaliana* GO_SLIM and INTERPRO categories in the diverged genes for the major clades *A. halleri*, *A. lyrata*, and *A. arenosa*, as well as for *A. cebennensis* and *A. pedemontana* as one clade. F_{st} , nucleotide diversity and Tajima’s D for each gene (including UTR regions) in each clade were calculated using msABC⁷³ ‘observed’ mode (—obs). Several cut-off combinations were tried, and for some comparisons we also considered nucleotide diversity as this resulted in more interesting results. The reported P values do not take this implicit multiple testing into account and should thus be interpreted with caution. There is no obvious way of correcting for this kind of overfitting, and there is also no way of knowing *a priori* what parameters might be appropriate to detect selection in a given species.

For *A. cebennensis* and *A. pedemontana*, divergent genes were identified as those with F_{st} values in the upper eighty-fifth percentile in comparisons between this clade and *A. halleri*, *A. lyrata* and *A. arenosa*. For *A. halleri*, we used the upper eightieth percentile threshold for F_{st} and the additional criterion of nucleotide diversity in the lower fiftieth percentile in *A. halleri*. For *A. lyrata* and *A. arenosa*, divergent genes were identified as having F_{st} values in the upper eighty-fifth percentile, and we also required nucleotide diversity in the lower forty-fifth percentile and Tajima’s D values in the lower thirty-fifth percentile. Individuals that showed signs of introgression between *A. lyrata* and *A. arenosa* in the ADMIXTURE analysis we excluded.

We used only general *A. thaliana* GO_SLIM categories (TAIR10), which were not deeper than the third node on a GO categories graph for ‘biological process’ root category (136 categories in total) and also used only the first node categories of INTERPRO database (627 categories). We also required a minimum of five genes from a category to be present in a candidate set to perform a test. Gene categories enrichment was tested by Fisher’s exact test: all P values were adjusted for multiple testing (using R function ‘p.adjust’ with method = ‘fdr’).

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