## **THE GENETICS OF CONTEMPORARY EVOLUTION**

## **IN AN INVASIVE PERENNIAL SUNFLOWER**

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## **Abstract**

While it is now widely accepted that contemporary evolution is common, we have limited information on the genetic underpinnings of these transitions. Here, I investigate this topic in invasive perennial sunflowers. First, I review the plant evolutionary biology literature to assess the validity of a common assumption, that plant organelle genome variation is selectively neutral. I show that organelle-encoded adaptations are likely, and supported both theoretically and empirically. I then rely on genome skimming to clarify the origin of *Helianthus tuberosus*, a hexaploid perennial sunflower and the study system I used for the rest of this thesis. Based on phylogenomic evidence, I show that *H. tuberosus* is an auto-allopolyploid that formed by hybridization between diploid and auto-tetraploid perennial sunflowers. This study provides an early example of the use of genome skimming for the identification of the progenitors of polyploid taxa, and facilitates studies on genome reorganization following polyploid speciation. Finally, I investigate the genetic architecture of invasiveness in *H. tuberosus*. I use genomic data to show that invasive genotypes originated repeatedly, and that most derive from hybridization between native and cultivated material. I then combine information from the greenhouse and from a replicated common garden, and show that increased clonal propagation is a major invasiveness trait in this system. I present evidence that high invasiveness in *H. tuberosus* can be achieved by hybridization and heterosis, or independent of hybridization, through the action of two major additive effect loci. Moreover, I find that these different genetic mechanisms can act synergistically, and that both have been exploited by widespread invasive clones. Collectively, these results show that invasiveness can be achieved *via* multiple genetic routes in the same system and during the same biological invasion event. These findings contribute to our understanding of the diverse genetic basis of contemporary evolutionary transitions.

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# **Lay abstract**

With this dissertation, I aimed to contribute to our understanding of the genetic basis of rapid evolution. The first study summarizes evidence that DNA variation maintained in plant organelle genomes can be adaptive, and may be involved in these contemporary transitions. In the second study, I use a technique known as genome skimming to clarify the ancestry of the sunflower *Helianthus tuberosus*, the species I focused on for the rest of this thesis. In the third study, I investigate the genetic basis of invasiveness in *H. tuberosus*. I first rely on genetic data to clarify the origin of invasive European genotypes. I then use trait data to show that invasiveness in this system is achieved through the production of a large number of tubers. Finally, I combine genetic and phenotype data to show that invasiveness in *H. tuberosus* has evolved through two distinct genetic mechanisms.

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# **Dedication**

To my family, both near and far, who constantly encouraged me during this adventure.

## **Chapter 1: Introduction**

## **1.1 Background**

Ecological and evolutionary forays into the mechanisms that generate and maintain biological diversity have traditionally been considered as distinct enterprises. This is because, for much of the past century, the prevailing view has been that these processes are relevant at very different timescales (Slobodkin 1961). Compared to contemporary ecological change, evolutionary transitions were principally assumed to occur over millennia or longer. This paradigm has been lost during the past two decades, due to abundant reports of dramatic heritable shifts in phenotype that occur over only a few years or generations (e.g. Conover  $\&$ Munch 2002; Grant & Grant 2002; Koskinen et al. 2002; Stuart et al. 2014).

Currently, the study of contemporary evolution is one of the most active areas of biological research. Several important topics are being investigated. For instance, there is great interest in understanding the interplay between rapid evolution and ecological speciation (reviewed in Hendry et al. 2007). The contemporary (i.e. occurring over tens to hundreds of generations) evolution of reproductive isolation *via* adaptive divergence is bolstered by mathematical models (e.g. Fry 2003) and examples from nature, in both plants (e.g. Rieseberg et al. 2003; James & Abbott 2005) and animals (e.g. Bearhop et al. 2005). Limited information is available, however, on the relative speed and types of contributing reproductive barriers, the strength of selection, or the genetic architectures involved (Hendry et al. 2007).

Recent work has also investigated rapid evolution occurring within even narrower time frames, in the context of bi-directional interactions between ecological and evolutionary processes (i.e. eco-evolutionary feedbacks; Pelletier et al. 2009; Schoener 2011). Here, important

unknowns concern the relative contribution of evolutionary (e.g. changes in adaptive traits) vs. ecological parameters (e.g. predation pressure) in determining population growth rates and higher ecosystem-level effects (Schoener 2011). Also, with increasing numbers of empirical examples that use genomics to dissect the adaptive traits involved, the hope is that ecoevolutionary dynamics will become increasingly predictable (Rodríguez-Verdugo et al. 2017).

As noted above, a recurring theme for contemporary evolution research has been understanding the genomic basis of rapidly evolving traits. We would like to know, for instance, the number and effect sizes of contributing loci (e.g. Jones et al. 2012; Levy et al. 2015), and their genetic origin (e.g. Yeaman et al. 2016). As well, important progress is to be made towards understanding the extent to which these changes are repeatable between parallel evolutionary transitions within taxa (e.g. Pascoal et al. 2014; Lescak et al. 2015) or between taxa that are exposed to similar selection pressures (Yeaman et al. 2016). Answers to these questions have important fundamental and applied bearing. From a fundamental standpoint, generalizations are expected to help guide the parameterization and predictive ability of mathematical models (Messer et al. 2016). From a practical standpoint, understanding the conditions that facilitate or impede rapid evolution can help guide the management of taxa exposed to novel environments (Stockwell et al. 2003).

The genetic study of contemporary evolution can be approached from multiple angles. One of these, commonly referred to as the 'evolve and resequence' approach (Schlötterer et al. 2014), involves interrogating the genomes of experimental populations that are grown under controlled laboratory settings. These studies capitalize on the availability of genome-enabled experimental organisms that also have rapid generational turnover, such as yeast or fruit flies (e.g. Levy et al. 2015; Graves et al. 2017). Naturally occurring populations of non-indigenous

species have frequently been proposed as an alternative study system, in the context of the rapid evolution of invasive potential (e.g. Prentis et al. 2008; Bock et al. 2015; Colautti & Lau 2015). This is not surprising, given that a large fraction of early examples of contemporary evolution involved long-distance human-mediated introductions (e.g. Williams & Moore 1989; Weber & Schmid, 1998; Lee 1999; Huey et al. 2000). Compared to the 'evolve and resequence' approach, the study of biological invasions offers the possibility of a wider snapshot, both in terms of evolutionary time and range of organisms that can be considered. Repeated introductions to geographically disparate areas are common, and so these natural experiments may frequently be replicated (e.g. Huey et al. 2000).

With this thesis, I took this latter approach. Specifically, using an invasive species as a study system, I aimed to contribute to our understanding of the genetic underpinnings of contemporary evolution. I first place this work within the context of current research on the genetics of biological invasions. I then briefly discuss the focus of each of the component studies.

### **1.2 The genetics of biological invasions**

Understanding the genetic and molecular mechanisms that underlie the formation of invasive genotypes has been a central goal of invasion genetics since the inception of the field (Baker & Stebbins 1965), yet knowledge on the topic remains limited. The few currently available examples indicate that invasiveness is often underpinned by a small number of genes. Moreover, rapid evolution in invasive taxa does not appear to be mutation limited. Below, I discuss the genetic architecture of invasiveness in the framework of two general approaches, topdown (or forward) genetics and bottom-up (or reverse) genetics.

#### **1.2.1 The top-down approach**

The top-down approach starts with knowledge on the phenotypic traits that vary between invasive and noninvasive genotypes, or that have been targets of selection during the evolution of invasiveness. The task then becomes to identify loci that underlie those traits. This can be achieved through candidate gene analyses and through genomewide association or quantitative trait locus (QTL) mapping.

In some cases, dissecting the genetic basis of invasiveness can be relatively straightforward, if a list of candidate genes known to affect the phenotypes under investigation is available. Some of the best-known invasiveness genes come from studies in this category. One example comes from studies of the fire ant (*Solenopsis invicta*), in which multi-queened introduced populations are more ecologically destructive and show less aggression to conspecifics than single-queened native populations (Porter & Savignano 1990). Krieger & Ross (2002) were able to identify Gp-9, a gene that encodes an odorant-binding protein, as the locus underlying polymorphism in this social behaviour in *S. invicta*. Another example is the dopamine receptor D4 gene, which is associated with novelty seeking and activity behaviour in introduced populations of yellow-crowned bishops (Mueller et al. 2014).

More often than not, no information is available on the likely genetic underpinnings of invasiveness. In this case, efforts have been directed towards finding associations between genetic markers and phenotypes of interest in pools of unrelated individuals, or in experimental populations derived from crosses between parents that show extreme trait values.

This latter approach, known as QTL-mapping, has been used with some success in weed genomics (Basu et al. 2004). In allopolyploid invasive Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*),

Paterson et al. (1995) used crosses between the two species progenitors to understand the genetic basis of rhizomatousness, a weediness trait in this system. A small number of QTLs, most of which show additive or dominant gene action, were identified. More recently, Whitney et al. (2015) investigated loci involved in adaptive introgression associated with range expansion in the natural hybrid sunflower *H. annuus texanus*. Three donated QTLs were found that increased components of male and female fitness in the recipient species, likely as pleiotropic effects of phenological and architectural trait QTLs that colocalized with the fitness QTLs.

#### **1.2.2 The bottom-up approach**

The bottom-up approach does not require prior knowledge on traits that contribute to the propensity to invade. Instead, this strategy involves searching for changes in gene expression or allele frequency between pools of native and invasive genotypes, and making inferences about the traits involved based on knowledge of gene function.

Transcriptome analyses use microarrays or direct sequencing of RNA to identify genes that are differentially expressed in native and invasive genotypes. Lockwood  $&$  Somero (2011), for example, investigated the transcriptional response to low-salinity stress in two species of blue mussels (genus *Mytilus*). One of these, *M. galloprovincialis*, is invasive and has spread along the Pacific coast of California except areas North of Bodega Bay. This area is characterized by lower salinity and is still dominated by the native species *M. trossulus*. The authors performed a microarray analysis of *M. galloprovincialis* and *M. trossulus* individuals grown under benign conditions as well as those simulating abrupt decreases of salinity. Results revealed that most differentially expressed genes in response to salt stress are shared between the two species. Thus, either a small number of genes limit the spread of the invader, or most species-specific

differences in tolerance to osmotic stress are mediated downstream of transcription (Lockwood & Somero 2011).

Similar studies have been performed for invasive plants. Hodgins et al. (2013), for example, examined differential gene expression between native and invasive genotypes of common ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*) across 45 062 unigenes. In this case as well, a small fraction of the genes were differentially expressed between native and invasive samples. The functional categories over-represented among the differentially expressed genes were also in agreement with results from a common garden experiment in this system (Hodgins & Rieseberg 2011) and highlighted genes involved in oxidoreductase activity, response to blue light, as well as abiotic and biotic stress response, as strong candidates for invasiveness genes in this system.

At the genome level, bottom-up approaches rely on finding the signature of positive selection, which can include regions that show high levels of genetic differentiation or shifts in the site frequency spectrum of mutations. Puzey & Vallejo-Marın (2014), for example, performed one such genome scan analysis to detect the signature of positive selection during the invasion of monkeyflowers (*Mimulus guttatus*) in the UK. While a specific target of selection was not identified, genes located in swept regions were shown to be associated with flowering time, as well as biotic and abiotic stress (Puzey & Vallejo-Marin 2014). Moreover, two of these regions were positioned near or at a chromosomal inversion polymorphism associated with a number of morphological and life history differences in monkeyflowers (Puzey & Vallejo-Marın 2014).

In another recent example, Vandepitte et al. (2014) investigated the genetic basis of adaptation following the 1824 introduction of the Pyrenean rocket (*Sisymbrium austriaum* subsp. *chrysanthum*) in Belgium using native, contemporary invasive samples and herbarium specimens collected in the introduced area. Six genes involved in flowering were identified as outliers of

genetic differentiation and experienced allele frequency changes over the course of the invasion process.

A concern with the bottom-up approach is false positives, which can arise due to nonequilibrium demographic histories (Lotterhos & Whitlock 2014), as well to genomic heterogeneity in mutation and recombination rates (Renaut et al. 2014). These issues can be especially problematic in invaders, as generally little is known about their genomes. Also, as previously discussed, populations at the invasion front undergo extreme drift, allowing neutral and deleterious alleles to surf to high frequency, mimicking the signature of selection. Further, the loci identified as 'invasion loci' remain hypotheses until further work confirms that they control actual invasiveness in the field.

#### **1.2.3 Conclusions**

The small number of studies investigating the genetic architecture of invasiveness currently precludes the making of many generalizations. It is unclear, for example, whether and how often the genetic architecture of invasiveness traits differs from that of other traits differentiating natural populations or species. For example, are recessive QTLs more frequently established in invasive populations? Theory predicts that the probability of fixation for advantageous mutations is higher if they are dominant (Haldane's sieve; Turner 1977). Because of frequent bottlenecks, this process might be less effective in invasive populations. Also, the extent to which evolution re-uses the same genes or genomic regions during the evolution of invasiveness remains unclear.

### **1.3 Breakdown of chapters**

Chapter 2 is a review that attempts to answer the question of whether DNA variation maintained in plant organelle genomes is selectively neutral. The answer to this question has implications that range from inferences of evolutionary history (e.g. Percy et al. 2014) to contemporary adaptation (e.g. Bashalkhanov et al. 2013). While plant organelle variation has traditionally been assumed to be neutral, recent studies in animals have shown that, on the contrary, mitochondrial DNA polymorphism is frequently adaptive (e.g. Ballard & Whitlock 2004; Dowling et al. 2008; Galtier et al. 2009). In plants, however, the neutrality assumption has not been strongly challenged. I begin with a critical evaluation of arguments in favor of this long-held view. I then discuss the latest empirical evidence for the opposing prediction that sequence variation in plant cytoplasmic genomes is frequently adaptive. While outstanding research progress is being made towards understanding this fundamental topic, I highlight the need for studies that combine information ranging from field experiments to physiology to molecular evolutionary biology. Such an interdisciplinary approach provides a means for determining the frequency, drivers and evolutionary significance of adaptive organelle DNA variation.

Chapter 3 presents work that I performed to understand the origin of *H. tuberosus* (Jerusalem artichoke), the study system used in the bulk of this thesis. Despite the cultural and economic importance of this hexaploid tuber crop, its origin is debated. Competing hypotheses implicate the occurrence of polyploidization with or without hybridization, and list the annual sunflower *H. annuus* and five distantly related perennial sunflower species as potential parents. I test these scenarios by skimming the genomes of diverse populations of Jerusalem Artichoke and its putative progenitors. I identify relationships among *Helianthus* taxa using complete plastomes

(151 551 bp), partial mitochondrial genomes (196 853 bp) and 35S (8196 bp) and 5S (514 bp) ribosomal DNA. The results I present refute the possibility that Jerusalem Artichoke is of *H. annuus* ancestry. I provide the first genetic evidence that this species originated recursively from perennial sunflowers of central-eastern North America *via* hybridization between tetraploid Hairy Sunflower and diploid Sawtooth Sunflower.

Chapter 4 describes work that I performed to understand the origin of invasive *H. tuberosus*, the phenotypic basis of invasive potential, as well as the genetic architecture of invasiveness in this system. I first clarify the origin of invasive genotypes using genotyping-by-sequencing data and population genetic analyses. I then describe a common garden and a greenhouse experiment that were used to show that clonality is a major invasiveness trait in this species. I further demonstrate that invasiveness in *H. tuberosus* can result from hybrid vigor and/or the action of two major additive-effect loci. I find that these non-exclusive genetic mechanisms can act synergistically, and that both have been exploited during the recent European range expansion of this species. These results therefore collectively demonstrate that even during the same biological invasion event, multiple genetic solutions may exist for the evolution of invasiveness.

In the final chapter of the thesis I present general conclusions that can drawn based on the research described in this thesis. I also highlight potentially fruitful directions for future research.

## **Chapter 2: On the adaptive value of cytoplasmic genomes in plants**

### **2.1 Introduction**

For more than four decades, phylogenetic and phylogeographic studies in animals and plants have relied heavily on variation in organellar genomes (Avise et al. 1979; Scowcroft 1979), with the assumption that sequence polymorphism maintained at the level of the plasmotype is selectively neutral. This assumption is based to a large extent on the fact that organelle genes have repeatedly been shown to evolve under strong purifying selection (see section 2.1.1 below) and – in agreement with the neutral theory of molecular evolution (Kimura 1983) – under such conditions the fate of persisting variation should be dominated by genetic drift. While purifying selection does not exclude the possibility of positive selection, neutrality conditions for organelle DNA variation are often implicitly assumed to be met.

Studies in animals have increasingly contested the generality of this assumption (Ballard & Whitlock 2004; Dowling et al. 2008; Galtier et al. 2009; Balloux 2010). First, parallels have been reported between mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) haplotype frequencies and natural or laboratory-manipulated conditions (reviewed in Toews & Brelsford 2012). Second, functional differences with potential fitness implications have been assigned to naturally-occurring mtDNA variants (Toews et al. 2013; reviewed in Ballard & Melvin 2010). Third, the signs of positive selection at mtDNA have been detected using neutrality tests (Ruiz-Pesini et al. 2004; Bazin et al. 2006; da Fonseca et al. 2008; Llopart et al. 2014).

With some exceptions (Budar & Roux 2011; Greiner & Bock 2013), the plant literature remained relatively quiescent to these developments. Assessing the validity of the neutrality assumption for plant organelle genetic variation is opportune for two reasons. First, lessons from

plant physiology teach us that if organelle genomes are under positive selection, organelleencoded adaptations are likely to be involved in traits of major conservation, ecological, and economical importance, especially in the context of accelerating climate warming, such as tolerance to drought, light, and salt stress (Atkin & Macherel 2009; Chaves et al. 2009). Second, advances in sequencing technology have contributed to increased interest in using complete organelle genomes in studies of phylogenetics, phylogeography, and population genetics (Straub et al. 2012; Bock et al. 2014; Mariac et al. 2014). Non-neutrality of organelle DNA polymorphism might, in this case, have important bearing on our ability to infer evolutionary processes from patterns of genomic variation.

We begin this review with a critical evaluation of arguments at the center of the assumption that plant organelle DNA variation is neutral. We then discuss why theory predicts adaptive evolution at plant organelle DNA is possible, and highlight the strengths and limitations of the latest supporting empirical evidence. Some aspects of our argumentation are necessarily based on a limited number of examples currently available. Nevertheless, we hope information presented here can serve as an impetus for future studies aiming to advance our understanding of this fundamental topic further.

#### **2.1.1 Purifying selection in organelle genomes**

Mitochondria and chloroplasts are firmly positioned at the hub of cellular metabolism. The critical importance of both organelles and the genes they retain has been confirmed repeatedly by observations that organelle malfunction and minute changes at organelle DNA can have severely debilitating consequences, and may even culminate in lethality (Wallace 2005; Greiner 2012). These and other observations, such as the fact that organelle genomes are highly

conserved in structure, have contributed to the view that purifying selection is the predominant force shaping organelle DNA evolution.

This assumption has been substantiated by multiple lines of evidence. For one, early comparisons of rates of synonymous and nonsynonymous substitution at organelle DNA reported an excess of nonsynonymous changes within species, as compared to those detected between species (Nachman 1998; Rand & Kann 1998). This indicated that many organelle DNA nonsynonymous mutations that contribute to intra-specific polymorphism are evolutionarily ephemeral, and removed by purifying selection before they can accumulate as inter-specific divergences.

Consistent results were provided by empirical studies. For example, in the near absence of natural selection, mutation accumulation experiments reported a considerable increase in the number of nonsynonymous mutations in mtDNA as compared to estimates obtained using phylogenetic comparisons of species pairs (Haag-Liautard et al. 2008). Also, studies using mice mutator lines, which express a proofreading-deficient mitochondrial DNA polymerase, revealed that over the course of only two generations, a large proportion of nonsynonymous changes in organelle protein-coding genes are eliminated (Stewart et al. 2008). Recent evidence from *Drosophila* suggests this rapid purging is achieved via selection at the organelle level, through the preferential propagation of unimpaired haplotypes during oogenesis (Hill et al. 2014).

In plants, examples analogous to mutation-accumulation experiments can be observed in the wild, in species that have made the evolutionary leap to parasitism. By relying on their hosts for nutrient and carbon uptake, parasitic plants have partially or completely shed the need to fix carbon autotrophically *via* photosynthesis, thereby loosening the selective clench on chloroplast genome variation (Krause 2012). Studies of organelle genome evolution in parasitic plants report

extensive genome rearrangements, gene losses, and increased rates of base substitution (Krause 2012). These results are consistent with evolution under relaxed purifying selection, although other factors, including positive selection, reduced effective population sizes, or increased mutation rates, also appear to be at least partially implicated (Bromham et al. 2013).

### **2.2 Arguments for the neutrality of plant organelle DNA variation**

Neutralist interpretations for plant organelle genetic variation can be traced to a series of three arguments. While the first two of these are shared with the animal mitochondrial genome, the third is applicable to organelle genetic variation in plants.

#### **2.2.1 Nonsynonymous DNA polymorphism should be rare in organelle genomes**

According to this argument, chloroplast and mitochondrial genomes are unlikely to undergo adaptive evolution, since they should retain limited amounts of nonsynonymous DNA polymorphism within populations (Dowling et al. 2008; Galtier et al. 2009; Budar & Roux 2011). This is because organelle genes are under strong purifying selection (see section 2.1.1), and nonsynonymous mutations that occur in a haploid genome should be continuously exposed to selection.

On careful examination, it is clear that this argument does not fully consider the biology of cytoplasmic genomes, and that other attributes of plastomes and chondriomes suggest there should be scope for nonsynonymous organelle DNA variation. For example, on account of haploidy and generally uniparental inheritance, the effective population size of organelle genomes is reduced relative to that of the nuclear genome (Birky et al. 1983; Dowling et al. 2008). While low effective population size is often associated with a reduction in genetic

diversity (Cutter & Payseur 2013), it is also predicted to reduce the efficiency of selection. Moreover, because of complete linkage, selective interference (Hill & Robertson 1966) should be high in organelle DNA. From this perspective, organelle genomes should behave similarly to regions of the nuclear genome that have a long history of reduced recombination, such as the dot chromosome in Drosophila, or the degenerate sex chromosomes of dioecious animals and plants, which show accelerated accumulation of nonsynonymous polymorphisms (Betancourt et al. 2009; Hough et al. 2014).

Empirical evidence supports these predictions. One example is the study by Drouin et al. (2008). The authors surveyed the rates of synonymous and nonsynonymous substitutions in three mitochondrial, five chloroplast, and four nuclear genes for 27 seed plant species. While rates of nonsynonymous polymorphisms were 46 times lower than rates of synonymous polymorphisms for nuclear genes, these differences were considerably reduced for organelle genes. Specifically, nonsynonymous rates estimated at 0.042 substitutions per site for mitochondrial genes and at 0.082 substitutions per site for chloroplast genes were only 6 and 7 times lower than synonymous rates inferred for the same loci (Drouin et al. 2008).

#### **2.2.2 Organelle genomes have limited coding potential**

According to this argument, because mitochondria and chloroplasts relinquished most of their genes to the nuclear genome during endosymbiotic gene transfer (Timmis et al. 2004), most organelle functions are under nuclear control. Therefore, even if local adaptation requires changes in organelle function, these are most likely to be encoded in nuclear DNA.

Of course, we already know that the apparent simplicity of organelle genomes cannot be taken as *prima facie* evidence for the adaptive neutrality of organelle DNA variation. A number

of adaptive responses have been traced back to the compact mitochondrial and chloroplast genomes of animals and plants. In animals, for which the coding capacity of the chondriome is even more reduced than it is in plants (Timmis et al. 2004), naturally-occurring mtDNA variants have been shown to differentially affect a host of traits including lifespan, fecundity, or starvation resistance (Toews et al. 2013; reviewed in Ballard & Melvin 2010). In plants, the case of weed resistance to triazine herbicides constitutes a textbook example. Over the past 40 years, persistent application of triazine herbicides has imposed a strong selective pressure for the evolution of resistance on weed populations globally (Powles & Yu 2010). Since it was initially reported in the 1970s, triazine resistance has been described in at least 68 weed species (Powles & Yu 2010). In the majority of these cases, the resistance trait has been mapped to a point mutation in the plastome psbA gene (Powles  $& Yu 2010$ ). Another compelling example from plants is chilling tolerance in cucumber. Gordon & Staub (2011) used reciprocal backcrosses between chilling-sensitive and chilling-tolerant lines to show that tolerance to reduced temperature is inherited maternally, with the nuclear genome having a negligible contribution. The causative mutations for this trait are most likely located in the chloroplast genome, since only the plastome is inherited maternally in cucumber, while the chondriome is inherited paternally (Gordon  $\&$ Staub 2011). This possibility is reinforced by the fact that strong associations between three single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in the cucumber plastome and chilling tolerance have been reported previously (Chung et al. 2007).

#### **2.2.3 Mutation rates are reduced for plant organelle DNA**

Contrary to animal mtDNA, plant organelle DNA often shows markedly reduced mutation rates (see section 2.2.3.1 for a description of patterns reported as well as mechanistic

explanations). Because the rate of adaptation is limited by the supply of mutations, a third argument that can be made is that low mutational input limits adaptive evolution of plant organelle genomes.

There are three caveats to this argument. First, while mutation rates will determine the amount of standing or *de novo* variation available for adaptive evolution, we know that a third source of variation, introgression, is common for plant organelle genomes (Rieseberg & Soltis 1991). Indeed, evidence has been provided for trans-species selective sweeps at plant organelle DNA (see 'Observational evidence' below; Muir & Filatov 2007). Second, we do not know how much organelle DNA variation is needed for an adaptive response under changing environments. The examples of resistance to triazine herbicides in weeds or chilling tolerance in cucumber (Powles & Yu 2010; Gordon & Staub 2011) suggest the slightest alterations in organelle DNA can have important adaptive consequences. Third, comprehensive analyses of plant organelle DNA variation have been uncommon until recently and, with some exceptions, low mutation rates have been substantiated by surveys of few genes and/or a limited number of samples. With the accumulation of DNA sequence over the past decade, mutation rate speed-ups have been described at multiple levels of biological organization (Table 2.1), and the generality of this assumption has been shaken. Thus, it is not reasonable to attribute low adaptability of plant organelle DNA to its universally low rate of mutation.

#### **2.2.3.1 Variation in organelle DNA mutation rates**

While in animals, mtDNA mutation rates are 5-50 times faster than for nuclear DNA (Brown et al. 1979), the situation is often inversed in plants. In a pioneering study 27 years ago,

Wolfe et al. (1987) showed that genes in the mitochondrial and chloroplast genomes of plants evolve at roughly 6-fold and 2-fold slower rates, respectively, than genes in the nuclear genome.

More recent studies have made use of an increasing amount of DNA sequence data to further revise these estimates. Drouin et al. (2008), for example, documented levels of polymorphism retained in three mitochondrial, five chloroplast, and four nuclear genes for 27 seed plant species. Results confirmed the patterns initially reported by Wolfe et al. (1987), although the magnitude of differences was shown to differ between plant groups. For instance, the ratios of mitochondrial to chloroplast to nuclear DNA synonymous substitutions were estimated to be 1:3:16 for angiosperms, compared to 1:2:4 for gymnosperms (Drouin et al. 2008). Consistent with the view that organelle DNA evolves mainly under purifying selection (section 2.1.1 ), the rates of nonsynonymous substitution for the same organelle genes and taxa were 6-7 times lower than rates of synonymous substitution (Drouin et al. 2008).

Mechanistic explanations for the discrepancies between animal and plant systems in organelle DNA mutation rates have generally revolved around differences that exist between animals and plants in the nuclear-encoded machinery of organelle DNA replication and repair. For instance, high mutation rates in animal mtDNA have been suggested to be at least partially caused by the absence, in animal nuclear genomes sequenced to date, of homologs for the mutS and recA genes (Lin et al. 2006; Sloan & Taylor 2012). Both of these are classic players in bacterial DNA recombination and mismatch repair that seem to have been lost in animals during endosymbiotic gene transfers (Lin et al. 2006; Sloan & Taylor 2012).

In plants on the other hand, homologs for mutS and recA are present in multiple active copies (e.g. Lin et al. 2006; Maréchal & Brisson 2010). Studies using mutants and RNA interference have illustrated that products of these genes limit the frequency of illegitimate

recombination and genome rearrangements in the plastome and chondriome (Maréchal & Brisson 2010; Sloan & Taylor 2012). Given that gene conversion, a process relying on recombination, has been shown experimentally to contribute to the elimination of *de novo* base pair substitutions in tobacco plastomes (Khakhlova & Bock 2006), it is likely that a similar mechanism also contributes to the maintenance of reduced point mutation rates at plant organelle genomes.

#### **2.3 Evidence for an adaptive value of plant cytoplasm**

The arguments outlined above, while firmly grounded in organelle biology, then do not seem to exclude the possibility that positive selection may shape plant organelle DNA diversity. So is there evidence that plant organelle genetic variation is adaptive?

Characteristics of plant dispersal and gene flow suggest the maternal contribution of the genome should be a prime target for adaptive divergence. Plant dispersal is mediated by pollen and seed. Among these, seed is known to have a disproportionately lower contribution to dispersal (Petit et al. 2005). In agreement with this observation, maternally inherited markers show more subdivision among plant populations than paternally or biparentally inherited ones (Petit et al. 2005). Chloroplasts may be inherited paternally, as in conifers (Neale et al. 1986), or biparentally, as in Passiflora (Hansen et al. 2007), and patterns of mitochondrial variation in some cases suggest occasional leakage and recombination of paternal mitochondrial genomes (Jaramillo-Correa & Bousquet 2005; McCauley 2013). Nevertheless, inheritance of organelles is overwhelmingly uniparental and typically maternal in most groups. Given that the diversifying effects of positive selection are hindered by the homogenizing effects of gene flow, high genetic
subdivision of maternally inherited genomes may mean that even weak selection at plant organelle DNA can be sufficient to drive local adaptation.

Computer simulations support this argument. Irwin (2012) used individual-based modeling to track the genealogy of a uniparentally-inherited locus and the distribution of the phenotypic values linked to it, under spatially varying selection. Under conditions of high dispersal and extremely weak selection, the locus behaved neutrally. When dispersal was moderate, however, even fairly weak selection led to the formation of locally adapted clades (Irwin 2012). We next discuss empirical evidence that supports this theoretical prediction, pointing to adaptive plant organelle DNA variation.

#### **2.3.1 Observational evidence: studies of organelle genome capture**

The replacement of one species' or population's organelle genomes with those of another has been observed in a range of taxa (Rieseberg & Soltis 1991). Commonly referred to as chloroplast or mitochondrial capture, this phenomenon is thought to originate by hybridization followed by repeated backcrossing to the pollen donor or via asexual transfer of organelles across natural grafts (Stegemann et al. 2012; Fuentes et al. 2014).

While the mechanisms by which capture takes place are clear, the evolutionary contexts it occurs in are less well understood. A common interpretation is that these events are selectively neutral, resulting from incomplete lineage sorting (Comes & Abbott 2001), from stochastic surfing of alien cytoplasm during range expansions (Neiva et al. 2010), from differential allocation to female reproductive functions (Tsitrone et al. 2003) or because reproductive barriers between species are asymmetric (McKinnon et al. 2004). Another possibility is that organelle capture events are adaptive, with plasmotypes being transferred because they confer a selective

advantage (Toews & Brelsford 2012; Greiner & Bock 2013). This scenario is used to interpret cases where captured haplotypes are associated with geography. Examples of such associations abound in animals (Toews & Brelsford 2012). In plants, however, they are less frequently reported, potentially because landscape-level surveys of organelle DNA variation have been relatively rare in plants (Schaal et al. 1998).

Some of the best known plant examples of chloroplast introgression come from studies of European white oaks. Petit et al. (2002a) performed what is to date one of the most ambitious landscape-level surveys of plant organelle DNA variation. The authors sampled over 2,600 European populations of eight white oak species and typed 12,214 individuals at chloroplast DNA. Chloroplast capture was inferred to be extensive, as haplotypes did not group by species. Instead, six chloroplast DNA clades were distributed along a longitudinal gradient across the continent (Petit et al. 2002a). This result built on previous findings in white oaks of such associations at the regional and local scales as well (Dumolin-Lapegue et al. 1997; Petit et al. 1997; Petit et al. 2002b). Other similar examples have since been provided by studies in European Betula (Palme et al. 2004), or South American Nothofagus (Acosta & Premoli 2010).

On a cursory examination, it seems reasonable to assume that positive selection was involved. Transferred haplotypes could be more fit if, for example, they are less mutationally loaded than haplotypes being replaced, or they could be better adapted to local environments. Although intuitively appealing, this adaptive designation is premature, as alternative neutral scenarios can generate similar patterns. For example, it may be that the front of organelle DNA introgression is moving, and overlaps with environment by chance. Indeed, the dominant interpretation of these data has been adaptively neutral, with introgression driven by invasion of the pollen parent (e.g. Petit et al. 2004). In light of the growing evidence for adaptive evolution

of organelle genomes, additional analyses are required to identify determinants of organelle capture.

Scenarios of neutral and adaptive organelle introgression can be tested by looking for the DNA footprints of positive selection. For example, neutral population growth and positive selection are both expected to lead to an excess of rare polymorphisms. One can differentiate between the two scenarios using coalescent simulations, by comparing levels of observed variation with those expected under neutrality (Llopart et al. 2014). Alternatively, tests of neutrality can be applied concomitantly to organelle and nuclear DNA data. Contrary to the signature for positive selection, which should be found only in organelle DNA if capture events are adaptive, neutral factors such as population expansion should leave a trace in both organelle and nuclear DNA.

This approach was used by Muir & Filatov (2007). The authors sampled populations of the hybridizing angiosperm species *Silene latifolia* and *S. dioica* across Eurasia, and typed specimens at organelle and nuclear DNA. Consistent with chloroplast capture, there was extensive haplotype sharing between species in regions of range overlap. Also, analyses rejected neutrality for chloroplast genes. By contrasting these results with those obtained for nuclear DNA, which behaved according to neutral expectations, the authors were able to exclude the possibility that organelle capture was neutral (Muir & Filatov 2007). Instead, a selective sweep was inferred to have occurred in the *Silene* plastome between 0.16 and 1.06 million years ago, which then crossed the *Silene* species boundaries (Muir & Filatov 2007).

#### **2.3.2 Experimental evidence: studies of cytonuclear interactions**

Strong evidence for local cytoplasmic adaptation has been provided by studies aiming to understand the determinants of cytonuclear interactions (CNI) (Burton et al. 2013). These studies use crosses or *in vitro* manipulation to make lines for which the native plasmotype has been replaced with the plasmotype of a different species or ecotype (Burton et al. 2013; Greiner & Bock 2013).

The fitness of such alloplasmic lines can be reduced irrespective of environment. In this case, intrinsic selection is thought to act against dissonant interactions between nuclear and organelle genomes that are not adapted to function in the same cell (Burton et al. 2013; Greiner & Bock 2013). Occasionally, genes involved in these interactions have been identified (Maheshwari & Barbash 2011). For example, the albino phenotype of hybrids carrying the chloroplast genome of tobacco and the nuclear genome of deadly nightshade was shown to result from defective RNA editing of the tobacco plastid atpA gene by nightshade nuclear-encoded enzymes (Schmitz-Linneweber et al. 2005). If, however, the fitness of alloplasmic lines is contingent on environment, extrinsic ecological selection is inferred to contribute to CNI (Burton et al. 2013; Greiner & Bock 2013). Under this scenario, CNI results because organelle genes are locally adapted, and potentially also involved in maladaptive cross-talk with nuclear genes, either directly or through linkage.

Sambatti et al. (2008) is a well-known example of studies in this category. The authors investigated the contribution of extrinsic ecological selection to CNI between *Helianthus petiolaris* and *H. annuus*, two hybridizing annual sunflowers that occupy contiguous and contrasting habitats in North America (Figure 2.1a). The authors carried out a reciprocal transplant experiment using 5,600 seedlings of the two species, their reciprocal F1s, and eight

backcross combinations of nuclear and cytoplasmic genomes (Figure 2.1b). Analysis of the survivorship of transplanted genotypes revealed a significant interaction between habitat and the fraction of *H. annuus* nuclear genome, as well as between habitat and the plasmotype of both species (Fig. 2.1c). These results are a strong indication that ecological differentiation (e.g. drought adaptation) in *H. petiolaris* and *H. annuus* is underpinned not only by nuclear genes, but also by organelle genes (Sambatti et al. 2008). Reciprocal transplant experiments have since shown that environment-dependent selection on the cytoplasm contributes to CNI between *Ipomopsis aggregata* and *I. tenuituba* (Campbell et al. 2008), and between *Penstemon newberryi* and *P. davidsonii* (Kimball et al. 2008), two pairs of species that hybridize along altitudinal clines.

Compelling examples exist at the infraspecific level as well. Leinonen et al. (2011), for instance, performed a reciprocal transplant of *Arabidopsis lyrata* subspecies that diverged in allopatry in Europe and North America, as well as their F1 and F2 reciprocal hybrids. As expected if cytoplasmic genomes - either alone or *via* their interaction with the nuclear genome contribute to local adaptation, a strong positive effect on fitness was observed for the local cytoplasm (Leinonen et al. 2011). This pattern was pursued further in a follow-up study that used quantitative trait locus (QTL) mapping to understand the number and genomic location of nuclear genes that interact with cytoplasmic genomes during local adaptation (Leinonen et al. 2013). A fitness advantage of local nuclear alleles was associated with the local cytoplasm only at some QTLs, and only in European samples. These results showed that fitness advantages of local cytoplasm observed by Leinonen et al. (2011) are largely conferred by variation in organelle genomes, and not by CNIs (Leinonen et al. 2013).

Studies such as those outlined above, which assess the fitness of experimental crosses under natural settings, are a powerful way of determining whether plant cytoplasm contributes to local adaptation. One limitation of this approach is that, unless environmental variables are experimentally manipulated, it does not by itself provide any measure of the selection pressures that may be driving ecological divergence. Also, unless used in species for which the plastome and chondriome have opposite modes of inheritance, the experimental approach does not allow inferences to be made regarding which of the two organelle genomes is the target of selection.

## **2.3.3 Statistical evidence: studies of positive selection at the molecular level**

The adaptive contribution of plant organelle genetic variation has also been studied by looking for footprints left by positive selection in patterns of DNA variation. One of the first and most taxonomically diverse studies in this category is that by Kapralov  $&$  Filatov (2007). The authors leveraged the wealth of sequence data generated for phylogenetic purposes for the plastome *rbcL* gene, which encodes the large subunit of the photosynthetic enzyme Rubisco. Their dataset included 3,228 sequences obtained from all lineages of green plants, and some lineages of brown and red algae, diatoms, euglenids and cyanobacteria. Contrary to the traditional view that plant organelle DNA variation is neutral, the *dN/dS* ratio test provided evidence for positive selection at *rbcL* in as many as 75-88% of land plants (Kapralov & Filatov 2007). This result was followed by a number of other similar studies. While some provided results consistent with neutral organelle polymorphism (e.g. Wright et al. 2008), others reported patterns indicative of non-neutrality (Table 2.2). Similarly to the Kapralov & Filatov (2007) example, many of these used the *dN/dS* ratio test to look for sites under positive selection along a gene of interest and across a phylogeny (Table 2.2).

Loci involved in local adaptation can also be identified by searching for correlations between allele frequencies and environmental variables (Coop et al. 2010). This is a powerful way to study adaptive organelle DNA evolution, as it allows inferences to be made not only on the genetic basis of local adaptation, but also on likely agents of selection. Ideally, to understand the full genetic architecture of adaptive responses, genome-wide surveys of polymorphism should be performed. A less comprehensive but still valuable approach is to rely on knowledge of gene function, and to select a subset of loci suspected to be involved in the adaptations of interest. One example is the study of Bashalkhanov et al. (2013). The authors performed an environmental correlation analysis in red spruce, using SNPs from 36 nuclear and plastome candidate genes, chosen for their likely involvement in adaptation to climate and human-induced air pollution. Polymorphism at six nuclear genes, as well as the plastome *chlB* gene, which encodes for the light-independent protochlorophyllide reductase, was strongly associated with 19 climatic variables, suggesting these loci have been targets of spatially variable selection (Bashalkhanov et al. 2013).

Ideally, statistical inferences of positive selection should be interpreted in conjunction with experimental evidence. This is because false positive rates of neutrality tests can be high if the underlying demographic assumptions are unrealistic (Nielsen 2001; Beaumont & Balding 2004; Beaumont 2005). Moreover, interdisciplinary approaches are more likely to paint a complete picture of the genetic and ecological contexts of adaptive evolution. Galmes et al. (2014) used this strategy to investigate whether positive selection at the plastome *rbcL* gene contributed to adaptation to drought conditions during the recent diversification of the perennial angiosperm genus *Limonium* in the Balearic Islands. Two derived substitutions at functionally important Rubisco residues, I309M and S328A, were inferred to have been the result of positive

selection according to the *dN/dS* ratio test. In vitro enzymatic assays confirmed that these substitutions are associated with increased CO2 affinity and reduced carboxylase efficiency of Rubisco. By rearing plants with both derived and ancestral *rbcL* haplotypes under irrigated and water-limited conditions, the authors were able to identify that the levels of CO2 available in the chloroplast stroma during periods of drought was the likely selective agent driving these substitutions (Galmes et al. 2014).

Neutrality tests can be used to dissect episodes of adaptive evolution at the molecular level. Apart from the scarcity of experimental confirmation of putative examples of molecular adaptation, the greatest limitation of studies in this category performed so far is that they have relied on a limited number of genes. Such approaches may allow, at best, only incomplete glimpses of non-neutrality of organelle DNA variation. Analyses of complete or nearly-complete organelle genomes, which have now become increasingly accessible, should provide a more unbiased look at positive selection at the level of the plasmotype.

#### **2.4 Conclusions**

In this Review, we presented experimental evidence for why it should no longer be assumed that plant organelle DNA variation is selectively neutral. In doing so, our aim was not to dampen recent excitement about the use of complete sequences of plant organelle genomes in studies of plant phylogenetics and phylogeography. Rather, we hope to caution against the use of these data without testing beforehand that neutrality assumptions are met. This is particularly relevant for studies using population samples, for which neutrality violations are expected to have a disproportionately larger effect. More generally, we aimed to highlight the neglected

possibility that local adaptation of plant populations is underpinned by both nuclear and cytoplasmic genes.

Given that sequence data are being collected at an unprecedented pace, we predict that in the near future, evidence for non-neutrality of plant organelle DNA variation, and in particular that obtained from patterns of organelle capture and tests of neutrality, will continue to accumulate. We can also expect that concomitant improvements in analytical approaches will increase the reliability of inferences of positive selection drawn from sequence data alone. Even so, by relying on isolated examples obtained from distantly connected branches in the tree of life, we are unlikely to obtain a complete picture of positive selection at plant organelle DNA. This is because answers to many of the currently outstanding questions on this topic, a few of which are highlighted in Chapter 5, are likely to depend on the species under consideration.

Future approaches should therefore aim to integrate observational, experimental, and statistical evidence in multiple systems. Moreover, physiological experiments and functional studies should be implemented to connect molecular and experimental evidence of adaptive evolution with differences in fitness. It is only by using an interdisciplinary approach that we can hope to move from documenting isolated examples of adaptive organelle DNA evolution, to understanding its frequency, drivers, and evolutionary significance.

**Table 2.1**: Examples of studies reporting accelerated rates of nucleotide substitution in plant organelle genomes. "P" is used to indicate loci in the plastome, and "C" is used to indicate loci in the chondriome.



**Table 2.2**: Examples of studies using neutrality tests of DNA polymorphism to infer positive selection at organelle genes. All loci investigated were located in the plastome.

Taxa included in analysis	<b>Genes</b> investigated	<b>Neutrality test</b> used	<b>Selected genes</b>	Putative agent of selection	Reference
Schiedea (27 taxa)	matK, psbA, rbcL	$dN/dS$ ratio test	rbcL	Photosynthetic performance under dry sunny conditions	Kapralov & Filatov (2006)
Green plants, brown and red algae, diatoms, euglenids and cyanobacteria (3228 taxa)	rbcL	$dN/dS$ ratio test	rbcL	Photosynthetic performance under fluctuating thermal and gaseous conditions in terrestrial environments	Kapralov & Filatov (2007)
Silene latifolia (75 samples) and <i>S. dioica</i> (29 samples)	trnL, matK, rbcL	HKA and Tajima's $D$	matK, $rbcL$ , $trnL +$ matK	Not discussed	Muir & Filatov (2007)
Commelinoid monocots $(338 \text{ taxa})$	$rbcL$ , $ndhF$	dN/dS ratio test	rbcL	Photosynthetic performance in CO2-rich bundle sheath cells of C4 plants.	Christin et al. (2008)
Sileneae (21 taxa) and Oenothera (4 taxa)	clpPI	$dN/dS$ ratio test	clpPI	Not discussed	Erixon & Oxelman (2008)
Flowering plants (47 taxa)	72 plastid genes	dN/dS ratio test	$rpoB$ , $rpoCl$ , $rpoC2$	Not discussed	Guisinger et al. (2008)
Potamogeton (18 taxa)	$rbcL$ , $atpB$ , $petA$	$dN/dS$ ratio test	rbcL	Photosynthetic performance under environmental variation in temperature and dryness	Iida et al. (2009)
Green plants (31 taxa)	75 plastid genes	dN/dS ratio test	atpE, cemA, clpP rpoB, rps11	Not discussed	Zhong et al. (2009)
Pinus (37 taxa)	nearly-complete plastomes	$dN/dS$ ratio test	ycf1, ycf2	Not discussed	Parks et al. (2009)
Green plants (2279 taxa)	matK	dN/dS ratio test	matK	Not discussed	Hao et al. (2010)
Flaveria (15 taxa)	ndhF, psbA, rbcL	dN/dS ratio test	rbcL	Not discussed	Kapralov et al. (2011)
Ferns (27 taxa)	psbA	$dN/dS$ ratio test	psbA	Photosynthetic performance under modified light conditions caused by angiosperm diversification	Sen et al. (2011)
Amaranthaceae sensu lato $(179 \text{ taxa})$	rbcL	$dN/dS$ ratio test	rbcL	Photosynthetic performance in warm climates	Kapralov et al. (2012)
Pelargonium (58 species)	rbcL, matK, ndhF, rpoC1, $trnL-F$	$dN/dS$ ratio test	rpoCl	Not discussed	Weng et al. (2012)
Picea rubens	$ch$ $B$	environmental correlation	$ch$ <i>lB</i>	Photosynthetic performance under changing climatic conditions	Bashalkhanov et al. (2013)
Sileneae (7 species)	complete plastomes	dN/dS ratio test	clpP, ycf1, ycf2	Not discussed	Sloan et al. (2014b)
<i>Limonium</i> (42 species)	rbcL	dN/dS ratio test	rbcL	CO <sub>2</sub> availability under drought conditions	Galmes et al. (2014)

**Figure 2.1:** Example of experimental confirmation of the adaptive contribution of the plant plasmotype. (a) *Helianthus petiolaris* (PET), *H. annuus* (ANN), and common garden locations used in Sambatti et al. (2008). (b) Crosses used in Sambatti et al. (2008) to obtain different nuclear genome – organelle genome combinations. For the F1s, the maternal parent is listed first. The eight possible backcross combinations are indicated with grey shading. Squares represent the nuclear genomes, while open circles represent the plasmotype for PET (red) and ANN (blue). (c) Cytoplasm by habitat interaction for survivorship expressed as the mean  $\pm$  SE of the natural log of days to mortality for individuals sharing the same cytoplasm (reproduced with permission from Sambatti et al. (2008); photo credits: JBM Sambatti, GJ Seiler, J Rick).



**Chapter 3: Genome skimming reveals the origin of the Jerusalem Artichoke tuber crop species: neither from Jerusalem nor an Artichoke**

# **3.1 Introduction**

The perennial sunflower *Helianthus tuberosus* is a taxon with a rich human-connected history. The Cree and Huron Indians of Eastern North America, who referred to this plant, respectively, as 'askipaw' and 'skibwan' ("raw thing"), grew it for its large tubers before the first European contact (Heiser, 1976; Kosaric et al. 1984; Kays & Nottingham, 2008). As such, although tuber archaeological remains are yet to be recovered for this species, *H. tuberosus* represents one of the few domesticates that can support Eastern North America as one of the world's cradles of domestication. After being transferred to the Old World in the early 1600s, it was readily adopted as a food plant (Heiser, 1976; Kosaric et al. 1984; Kays & Nottingham, 2008). In the process, it acquired an impressive assortment of common names that vary in botanical accuracy (Heiser, 1976; Kosaric et al. 1984; Kays & Nottingham, 2008), such as "Jerusalem Artichoke" or "Sunchoke". Among these, "Jerusalem Artichoke", thought to be a corruption of the Italian 'girasole articiocco' ("sunflower artichoke"; Smith 1807), is its most widely used appellative. By the mid 18th century, as farming of potato became widespread, the relative importance of Jerusalem Artichoke as a food plant decreased (Kays & Nottingham, 2008). Even so, it remains a globally-cultivated multifunctional crop, well adapted to diverse geoclimatic regions (Kosaric et al. 1984) including dry climates with nutrient-poor soils (Kays & Nottingham, 2008). Recent surges in its production have been prompted by the health benefits associated with the consumption of inulin (Kleessen et al. 2007; Roberfroid, 2007), the reserve carbohydrate stored in Jerusalem Artichoke tubers, and the utility of its below-ground and above-

ground parts for biofuel production and livestock feed (Bajpai & Bajpai, 1991; Cheng et al. 2009).

Despite its cultural and economic significance, important aspects of the origin of the Jerusalem Artichoke, with implications for germplasm preservation and cultivar improvement, remain unanswered. Specifically, although it is currently agreed that the Jerusalem Artichoke species originated in Central-Eastern North America, where its wild populations abound (Rogers et al. 1982; Kays & Nottingham, 2008), other details of its evolution remain a mystery. For instance, it is uncertain whether this hexaploid species  $(2n = 6x = 102)$  is monophyletic (i.e. autopolyploid) or polyphyletic (i.e. allopolyploid or auto-allopolyploid; Kostoff, 1934; Kostoff, 1939; Darlington, 1956; Heiser & Smith, 1964). Among these, the polyphyletic autoallopolyploid scenario appears to be the most likely, as it is supported by the cytogenetic observation that two of the three chromosome sets of Jerusalem Artichoke are homologous (Kostoff, 1939). Aside from the mechanism of formation, also unknown is the identity of the progenitor species. Two competing hypotheses have been proposed, each based on different lines of evidence. The first hypothesis, drawing on the fact that the Jerusalem Artichoke can be crossed readily with the annual sunflower *H. annuus* (Kostoff, 1939) and shows similarity to this species based on immunochemistry data (Anisimova, 1982), posits that one parent of Jerusalem Artichoke is the annual Common Sunflower *H. annuus*. The alternative hypothesis is that the Jerusalem Artichoke originated strictly from perennial sunflowers, most likely *via* hybridization between tetraploid ( $2n = 4x = 68$ ) and diploid species ( $2n = 2x = 34$ ; Heiser & Smith, 1964; Heiser, 1976). This hypothesis implicates as potential progenitors a group of five perennial sunflower taxa whose morphology and North American ranges overlap with that of Jerusalem

Artichoke (Heiser et al. 1969; Heiser, 1976; Kays & Nottingham, 2008). Of these, the Hairy Sunflower (*H. hirsutus*), a species whose rhizomes are often thickened terminally (Heiser et al. 1969) which has been proposed as an autopolyploid of *H. divaricatus* (Heiser et al. 1969), is seen as the most likely tetraploid progenitor (Heiser, 1976). The Sawtooth Sunflower (*H. grosseserratus)* and the Giant Sunflower (*H. giganteus*) are similarly considered the most likely diploid progenitors (Heiser, 1976).

Molecular phylogenetics has so far remained inconclusive in establishing the origin of the Jerusalem Artichoke (Gentzbittel et al. 1992; Schilling, 1997; Schilling et al. 1998; Timme et al. 2007). This is because the diversification of perennial *Helianthus* species is characterized by several processes known to confound phylogenetic inference. These include their recent, rapid radiation (Schilling, 1997; Timme et al. 2007), the formation of diploid hybrids (Long, 1955; Timme et al. 2007) and of polyploids *via* whole-genome duplication with or without hybridization (Timme et al. 2007), and the prevalence of post-speciation gene flow facilitated by high levels of interspecies fertility (Heiser & Smith, 1964). In addition, taxonomic ambiguity is common among perennial sunflowers, given their frequently overlapping morphologies (Heiser et al. 1969).

Phylogenomics is an effective means of addressing complex phylogenetic questions. Although traditionally used to resolve deep splits in the tree of life, this approach is now being applied to shallow phylogenetic divisions (Emerson et al. 2010; Wagner et al. 2013). For recently diverged plant species in particular, and for those with large genomes, a genome-skimming approach has been advocated (Straub et al. 2012). Also known as ultra-barcoding, or UBC, (Kane & Cronk, 2008; Kane et al. 2012), genome skimming consists of the assembly and analysis of the high-copy genomic fraction, consisting of plastid and mitochondrial genomes as

well as nuclear ribosomal DNA (rDNA). Aside from the large amount of data generated, the value of this approach stems from the complementary utility of the two marker categories. The non-recombining and uniparentally inherited organellar genomes allow the matrilineal genealogy to be recovered. In cases of reticulate speciation, organellar DNA can be used to discern between single versus multiple origin scenarios (Soltis & Soltis, 1989; Schwarzbach & Rieseberg, 2002; Guggisberg et al. 2006; Slotte et al. 2006), and to clarify whether maternal parentage was reciprocal or unidirectional (Soltis & Soltis, 1989). The biparentally inherited rDNA is ideally suited for inferring species-level phylogenies. Provided that concerted evolution has not homogenized divergent parental genotypes, rDNA can readily reveal evidence of hybridization (Malinska et al. 2010; Malinska et al. 2011). In perennial sunflowers in particular, rDNA has proven to be the most phylogenetically informative region studied so far (Timme et al. 2007).

Here, we use a genome-skimming approach to investigate the origin of the Jerusalem Artichoke. We collected the largest dataset used to date in *Helianthus* phylogeny, consisting of complete plastid genomes as well as partial sequences for the mitochondrial genome and nuclearencoded 35S and 5S rDNA. We screened 38 accessions, representing geographically diverse populations of eight species (Fig. 3.1; Table A.1), including the Jerusalem Artichoke and all diploid and tetraploid perennial sunflowers that have been proposed as its progenitors. We supplement these data with corresponding sequences from *H. annuus* such that all proposed parents of the Jerusalem Artichoke are represented in our dataset.

# **3.2 Materials and Methods**

#### **3.2.1 Molecular techniques**

The accessions used in this study were obtained from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) collections held at Ames, Iowa, and were chosen to maximize geographical representation for each species within Central-Eastern North America (Fig. 3.1; Table A.1). The ploidy of each accession (Fig. 3.1; Table A.1) was determined using flow cytometry, with the internal standards *Zea mays* (2C = 5.43 pg), *Secale cereale* (2C = 16.19 pg) and *Vicia faba* (2C = 26.90 pg; Dolezel et al. 2007). DNA was extracted from leaf tissue of single individuals using established procedures (Doyle & Doyle, 1987). Illumina paired-end (PE) libraries (100 bp read length) were prepared from fragmented genomic DNA (fragment size  $\sim$  400 bp) following standard protocols. With the exception of the four *H. maximiliani* accessions which were sequenced with samples from a related project, all libraries were run on one lane on an Illumina HiSeq 2000 machine, with pooling designed to achieve comparable total coverage for each species and ploidy level (Table A.2).

## **3.2.2 Assembly of plastid and mitochondrial genomes**

Prior to *de novo* assembly, we reduced the complexity of each library by aligning qualityfiltered reads to the *H. annuus* plastid (GenBank accession NC007977) and mitochondrial (GenBank accession KF815390) genomes using Bowtie2 (Langmead & Salzberg, 2012). Apart from simplifying the assembly task, this step was used to gauge the average coverage across each genome (Table A.3), and to calibrate the fragment length of each library for *de novo* assembly. Reads corresponding to organellar genomes were assembled using the *de novo* de Bruijn graphbased tool VELVET (version 1.2.06; Zerbino & Birney, 2008). We used a hash length of 21, and

a minimum contig length of 100 bp. For the plastid assembly, for which average coverage depth was 95x (Table A.3), we set the coverage cutoff to 15. For the mitochondrial genome, for which average coverage depth was 9x (Table A.3), we allowed VELVET to automate the coverage cutoff. Resulting contigs were aligned to the corresponding organellar genome of *H. annuus*, ordered, and merged (when overlapped) using CodonCode Aligner (version 2.0.4; CodonCode Corporation, Dedham, MA, USA). For the plastid genome, small gaps were filled using trimmed Illumina reads. Mononucleotide repeats that could not be bridged in all samples were collapsed, for all samples, to the smallest repeat size present in the dataset. For the mitochondrial genome, gaps that could not be bridged by Illumina reads were coded as missing data. Draft assemblies for the plastid and mitochondrial genomes of each accession were validated by mapping qualityfiltered Illumina reads and visually inspecting the coverage distribution using Tablet (version 1.12.03.26; Milne et al. 2010). The full-length plastid genome of each accession was annotated using DOGMA (Wyman et al. 2004).

#### **3.2.3 Assembly of 35S and 5S rDNA regions**

Quality-filtered reads for each accession were assembled using the de novo de Bruijn graph-based tool Trinity (version R2012-06-08; Grabherr et al. 2011) at default parameters. Contigs for 35S and 5S rDNA were identified based on alignments to the corresponding *H. annuus* references for 35S (GenBank accession KF767534) and 5S (GenBank accession HM638217). Preliminary inspection of rDNA contigs revealed three regions that could be aligned unambiguously across all samples: a 7,457 bp stretch of 35S rDNA (consisting of partial ETS, 18S, ITS1, 5.8S, ITS2, 26S, and partial NTS), an additional 739 bp stretch of the NTS associated with 35S, and a 514 bp stretch of 5S rDNA (consisting of 5S and its corresponding

NTS region). To incorporate intra-individual polymorphism between rDNA repeats, we aligned quality-filtered reads to each of the three regions using Bowtie2, and called SNPs using Unified Genotyper from the Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK; version 2.1-13; DePristo et al. 2011). Because of the repetitive nature of rDNA, we treated all samples as polyploids at the SNP-calling step. To determine the ploidy setting, we surveyed 23 distinct values in Unified Genotyper (range  $2x - 200x$ ; Figs. A.1 and A.2) for each accession and rDNA region and recorded the number of SNPs called given the filtering criteria (i.e. GATK confidence score  $> 10$ ; mapping quality  $> 15$ ). For the final analysis, we used 100x, the ploidy setting for which the maximum number of SNPs was called, and beyond which the number of SNPs remained relatively constant (Figs. A.1 and A.2). Polymorphisms scored under these conditions and filtering criteria were incorporated in the de novo assemblies using IUPAC ambiguity codes.

## **3.2.4 Alignment and phylogenetic analyses**

For each region, we retained full sequence data, consisting of both variable and invariable sites. Alignments performed in MAFFT (version 6.814b; Katoh & Toh, 2008) with default settings were inspected and edited in CodonCode Aligner. For the alignment of draft mitochondrial genomes, we removed sites with missing data in more than five samples, and excluded singleton SNPs, due to the low coverage obtained for this region (Table A.3). We also excluded 15 segments that were classified, according to BLAST searches against the *H. annuus* plastid genome, as likely integrants of plastid DNA in the mitochondrial genome. For the 35S and 5S rDNA alignments, we excluded singleton SNPs identified (Fig. A.3), to address the possibility that false positive calls may have been incorporated in the assemblies at the SNPcalling step.

Maximum likelihood (ML) phylogenies were inferred using PhyML Best AIC Tree (version 1.02b), implemented in Phylemon (version 2.0; Sánchez et al. 2011). PhyML Best AIC Tree uses PhyML (version 3.0; Guindon & Gascuel, 2003) to select the best model of sequence evolution under AIC and build ML phylogenies. ML branch support was estimated using the Shimodaira–Hasegawa-like (SH-like) procedure implemented in PhyML (Guindon & Gascuel, 2003). The SH-like procedure assesses whether the branch being studied provides a significant likelihood gain compared to the null hypothesis that involves collapsing that branch (Guindon  $\&$ Gascuel, 2003). It is a fast method for branch support estimation suitable for large datasets, which provides similar results to bootstrap (Anisimova & Gascuel, 2006). Bayesian inference analyses were conducted with MrBayes (version 3.2.1; Ronquist & Huelsenbeck, 2003), with parameters of sequence substitution set to follow as closely as possible the model inferred by PhyML. We used four runs, each with four Markov chains initiated from a random tree and run until the average standard deviation of split frequencies remained below 0.01 (range 1,000,000 to 4,000,000 generations). Trees were sampled every 500 generations. The first 25% of all trees sampled before convergence were discarded as burn-in. Mean level of sequence divergence between organellar haplotypes within each species was calculated in MEGA 5 (Tamura et al. 2011), using the Tamura-Nei model (Tamura & Nei, 1993).

#### **3.2.5 Survey of diagnostic polymorphism in rDNA data**

Diagnostic sites, defined here as sites that are fixed in a given species at its lowest ploidy level, were identified by scanning the rDNA alignments in CodonCode Aligner. When such diagnostic sites showed intra-individual polymorphism (i.e. were coded in IUPAC degenerate

bases), we obtained the frequency of each underlying allele from individual quality-filtered VCF files.

#### **3.3 Results and Discussion**

Unrooted phylogenies of organellar genomes and rDNA revealed extensive sequence divergence between *H. annuus* and perennial sunflowers, including the Jerusalem Artichoke (Figs. A.4-A.6). Two scenarios are compatible with this observation. The first is that *H. annuus* was involved in the parentage of Jerusalem Artichoke as the pollen donor, but concerted evolutionary forces acting since the polyploidization event have overwritten the *H. annuus* derived rDNA to the maternal type. Homogenization of rDNA arrays has been documented in other polyploids (Wendel et al. 1995), and can occur over the course of only a few generations (Malinska et al. 2010; Malinska et al. 2011). Nevertheless, in the case of Jerusalem Artichoke frequent vegetative reproduction should have resulted in the retention of both parental sequences for prolonged periods of time. The alternative scenario is that *H. annuus* did not contribute any of the three genomes in Jerusalem Artichoke. The two species are cross-fertile, and this possibility has been exploited in the past to transfer resistance to pathogens from Jerusalem Artichoke into cultivated sunflower (Atlagić et al. 1993; Atlagić & Škorić, 2006). However, the resulting hybrids often show greatly reduced fertility (Heiser & Smith, 1964; Atlagić et al. 1993; Atlagić & Škorić, 2006). Cytogenetic observations of Jerusalem Artichoke x *H. annuus* progeny have also documented a high frequency of meiotic abnormalities linked to faulty homolog recognition, including univalent and multivalent formation (Atlagić et al. 1993; Atlagić & Škorić, 2006). By contrast, hybrids between Jerusalem Artichoke and diploid perennial sunflowers such as *H. divaricatus* show more regular meiosis, with reduced univalent formation

(Chandler, 1991). These studies suggest that differences in chromosomal structure between Jerusalem Artichoke and *H. annuus* are more pronounced than those between Jerusalem Artichoke and perennial sunflowers, and as such lend further weight to the view that the formation of Jerusalem Artichoke entailed the exclusive contribution of perennial sunflowers, and not *H. annuus*.

The organellar phylogenies rooted with *H. annuus* did not recover any perennial sunflower species as reciprocally monophyletic (Fig. 3.2). Incomplete lineage sorting (ILS) and reticulation, two alternative but not mutually exclusive processes, can be invoked to explain this pattern. Caused by the retention of ancestral polymorphism, ILS should be common in perennial sunflowers, given their recent, rapid radiation (Schilling, 1997; Timme et al. 2007). Because ILS is stochastic in nature, it should result in discordant associations between accessions of different species, within and between the two organellar phylogenies. As expected, such discordant associations are a pervasive occurrence across both plastid and mitochondria phylogenies (Fig. 3.2). A similar trend was found for the diploid-only subset (Fig. A.7). Given that diploid-only phylogenies exclude the contribution of polyploid taxa of possible reticulate ancestry, this finding lends further support to the view that ILS is a major contributor to the discordances we observe.

In contrast to ILS, reticulation should result in systematic associations between species, reflecting the prevalence of post-speciation organelle capture among pairs of taxa that are interfertile and/or the maternal ancestry of hybrid species with extant progenitors. Such consistent associations include those between *H. giganteus* and *H. decapetalus* accessions (Fig. 3.2). Two of these groupings were corroborated by geography (Fig. 3.2), indicating they are likely instances of recent organelle capture, a phenomenon that is widespread in the genus (Rieseberg

& Soltis, 1991). The only groupings of Jerusalem Artichoke accessions recovered repeatedly across analytical methods and organellar phylogenies are those with *H. hirsutus* and *H. divaricatus* (Fig. 3.2).

The survey of cytoplasmic genomes further revealed high levels of organellar genetic variation in Jerusalem Artichoke. Each accession had a unique plastid and mitochondrial haplotype (Fig. 3.2). The mean level of sequence divergence between Jerusalem Artichoke organellar haplotypes was also within the range of those recovered between the geographically diverse accessions of other perennial sunflowers (Fig. 3.3). This is in stark contrast with the nearly complete lack of plastid variation reported in polyploids thought to have single origins (Guggisberg et al. 2006; Slotte et al. 2006). Under the assumption of Jerusalem Artichoke formation through a single genetic event, post-speciation organelle capture from other perennial sunflowers could be invoked as the source of this variation. However, given that most perennial sunflower species are diploid or tetraploid (Heiser et al. 1969) and considering that strong preand post-zygotic barriers are typically associated with inter-cytotype gene exchange (Husband  $\&$ Sabara, 2003), organelle capture from other species is expected to be limited in Jerusalem Artichoke. An alternative, more plausible explanation is that, similar to many other polyploid taxa (reviewed in Soltis & Soltis, 1999), the Jerusalem Artichoke experienced multiple independent origins, each time sequestering different organellar haplotype combinations from its maternal parent.

The rDNA phylogenies showed, in agreement with previous studies (Schilling et al. 1998; Timme et al. 2007), that no single rDNA region can resolve relationships among all perennial sunflowers (Fig. A.8). The concatenated rDNA phylogeny was nevertheless highly informative, providing unprecedented resolution for this group. Notably, most taxa that have long been

recognized as distinct based on morphology formed monophyletic groups, some with high support (Fig. 3.4). Two major clades, A and B, were recovered (Fig. 3.4). Clade A comprised all *H. giganteus* and *H. decapetalus* accessions, in line with organellar phylogenies which repeatedly group these species. Within clade B, the morphologically distinct *H. maximiliani* was recovered as highly divergent and monophyletic. All *H. divaricatus* and *H. hirsutus* accessions, along with the tetraploid accession of *H. strumosus* formed another group within clade B (Fig. 3.4). The grouping of *H. hirsutus* with *H. divaricatus* represents the first molecular phylogenetic support of the morphology-based assumption that *H. hirsutus* is an autotetraploid of *H. divaricatus* (Heiser et al. 1969). However, in consideration of the fact that rDNA may underestimate the frequency of allopolyploid speciation events (Kim et al. 2008), this possibility should be investigated further, to exclude the possibility that divergent rDNA arrays in *H. hirsutus* were homogenized to the *H. divaricatus* type. The placement of the *H. strumosus* accession with *H. divaricatus* and *H. hirsutus* is also in agreement with previous taxonomical work. Notably, tetraploid *H. strumosus* was proposed to be included with *H. hirsutus*, based on its high morphological resemblance to *H. hirsutus*, and the fact that its cross with *H. hirsutus* results in highly fertile progeny (Rogers et al. 1982; Heiser et al. 1969). In line with this observation, for the remaining analyses, we treated the *H. strumosus* accession as *H. hirsutus*.

The Jerusalem Artichoke accessions were part of a polytomy within clade B, and were closely related to the monophyletic *H. divaricatus*/*H. hirsutus* and *H. grosseserratus* clades (Fig. 3.4). This indicates that few autapomorphies separate the Jerusalem Artichoke from *H. hirsutus* and *H. grosseserratus*, the two species considered its most likely progenitors based on morphology and overlapping geographical ranges (Heiser, 1976). The unresolved phylogenetic placement of Jerusalem Artichoke accessions relative to *H. hirsutus* and *H. grosseserratus*

further indicates the possibility that Jerusalem Artichoke rDNA contains alleles that are diagnostic for each of these putative progenitors, which have not been homogenized by concerted evolutionary forces.

To test this hypothesis we defined diagnostic alleles as those that are present in all accessions of a species at the lowest ploidy level. Because these alleles must co-occur in populations sampled from disparate geographical regions (Fig. 3.1) they likely originated early in the formation of each species and would represent a small fraction of the phylogenetic variation analyzed here. Nonetheless, they should be highly informative, particularly with regards to the ancestry of taxa that arose *via* hybridization. In all, we identified 30 diagnostic sites across the rDNA regions (Fig. 3.5). In agreement with our expectation formulated on the basis of the phylogenetic reconstruction, the Jerusalem Artichoke was revealed as containing diagnostic sites from both *H. hirsutus* and *H. grosseserratus*. All alleles diagnostic of *H. hirsutus* and of *H. grosseserratus* are present in Jerusalem Artichoke (Fig. 3.5b). By contrast, with the exception of two alleles diagnostic of *H. decapetalus* which were present at low frequency in one Jerusalem Artichoke accession, no alleles diagnostic of other putative progenitors segregated in Jerusalem artichoke. Lastly, only two alleles present in all Jerusalem Artichoke accessions were not observed in any putative parental species.

The phylogenetic placement of Jerusalem Artichoke (Fig. 3.4), as well as the pattern of hybridity revealed for geographically diverse accessions analyzed here (Fig. 3.5b), indicate a monophyletic, autopolyploid origin of this species is highly unlikely. Instead, our results provide strong support that the origin of Jerusalem Artichoke was polyphyletic, involving hybridization between *H. hirsutus* and *H. grosseserratus*. Among two polyploidization scenarios that can be characterized as polyphyletic, allopolyploidization and auto-allopolyploidization, the latter is the

most plausible according to results presented here, which indicate the speciation event involved the merger of two duplicate genomes contributed by the *H. hirsutus* parent, and a third differentiated genome contributed by the *H. grosseserratus* parent. This auto-allopolyploidization scenario is also in agreement with previous cytogenetic observations pointing to a high degree of homology between two of the three chromosome complements of Jerusalem Artichoke (Kostoff, 1939).

## **3.4 Conclusions**

The origin of Jerusalem Artichoke, a tuber-producing species that is widely grown as a cultivated plant, has long fascinated botanists. The dataset and analyses presented here provide strong genetic evidence that the origin of Jerusalem Artichoke is polyphyletic, from perennial sunflowers in Central-Eastern North America. The likely progenitors of this species, as indicated by additive patterns of rDNA variation, were the Hairy Sunflower (*H. hirsutus*) - which was supported as a likely autotetraploid of *H. divaricatus* - and the diploid Sawtooth Sunflower (*H. grosseserratus*). Additional information was provided by organellar phylogenies. Notably, high levels of organellar genome variation indicate that Jerusalem Artichoke likely experienced recurrent formation. Furthermore, maternal origins of Jerusalem Artichoke appear to have been unidirectional, from *H. hirustus*. This conclusion is supported by the fact that while Jerusalem Artichoke – *H. hirsutus* groupings were recovered repeatedly across analytical methods and organellar phylogenies, there was no case where organellar genomes of Jerusalem Artichoke were grouped with those of *H. grosseserratus*.

This information can be used to direct efforts of germplasm preservation for Jerusalem Artichoke and its wild species progenitors, and should form the foundation of future

improvement programs aiming to add novel valuable diversity in Jerusalem Artichoke cultivars from closely related congeners. Our findings also provide a previously lacking evolutionary framework that allows us to investigate the evolution and genetic architecture of perennial life habit and tuber production in sunflowers. Beyond these considerations, results presented here highlight the promise and applicability of next-generation sequencing technologies in general, and the genome skimming approach in particular, for resolving species boundaries, origins and relationships in previously intractable polyploid complexes.

**Figure 3.1:** Geographic distribution of the perennial *Helianthus* accessions sequenced. Grey shading is used to illustrate the range of Jerusalem Artichoke in the United States [redrawn from Rogers et al. (1982)].



**Figure 3.2:** Maximum likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction of (a) complete plastid genomes (151,552 bp) and (b) partial mitochondrial genomes (196,853 bp) for perennial *Helianthus* accessions sequenced. Groupings supported by geography are indicated by black vertical bars.



**Figure 3.3**: Mean of pairwise sequence divergences calculated between all pairs of accessions within each species for (a) whole-plastome haplotypes (151,552 bp) and (b) partial mitochondrial haplotypes (196,853 bp). *Helianthus strumosus* was excluded from this analysis since only one accession was available for this species.



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**Figure 3.4**: Maximum likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction of concatenated rDNA sequences (8,710 bp) for perennial *Helianthus* accessions sequenced. Support is shown for nodes with SHlike values  $> 70\%$  (above) and Bayesian posterior probabilities  $> 0.7$  (below).



**Figure 3.5**: Survey of diagnostic rDNA polymorphism with position of diagnostic sites along the 35S and 5S rDNA regions (a) and allelic profiles for diagnostic sites (S1-S30) identified (b). All sites were bi-allelic. Bar plots show the relative proportion of the common allele (white segments) and the species-diagnostic allele (red segments) in each accession and site. Diagnostic sites are grouped by species: *H. maximiliani* (I), *H. giganteus* (II), *H. decapetalus* (III), *H. grosseserratus* (IV), *H. divaricatus* (V), *H. hirsutus* (VI), and *H. tuberosus* (VII).



# **Chapter 4: Multiple genetic routes to the evolution of invasiveness in a perennial sunflower**

# **4.1 Introduction, Results and Discussion**

The long-held view that evolutionary change is a slow process and therefore unlikely to contribute to the success of biological invasions has now repeatedly been challenged (Prentis *et al*. 2008; Bock et al. 2015; Colautti & Lau 2015). Increasingly often, studies are demonstrating that contemporary evolution of invasives can have a large impact on their performance, either independent of the local environment (Krieger & Ross 2002; Perkins et al. 2013), or through adaptation across climatic gradients (Dlugosch & Parker 2008; Colautti & Barrett 2013). However, with some notable exceptions (Krieger & Ross 2002), few studies have succeeded in identifying the genetic mechanisms involved. As such, we do not know if evolution of invasiveness is genetically constrained, if standing genetic variation or *de novo* mutations are typically at play, or to what extent invasiveness is conferred by a few large-effect genes, or, alternatively, by many small-effect genes scattered throughout the genome (Bock et al. 2015). Interest in the genetic mechanisms of invasion success is strong because this information could eventually be used to curtail further spread of harmful non-indigenous species (Champer et al. 2016), or, alternatively, to maximize evolutionary potential in endangered or economicallyrelevant ones.

Here, we investigated the genetic architecture of invasion success in the perennial sunflower *Helianthus tuberosus* (Jerusalem artichoke). This species was first introduced to Europe as a tuber crop in 1607, and remained a minor cultigen until the 1900s (Kays  $\&$ Nottingham 2008). At this time, a number of breeding programs and field trials were established

across the continent, with the aim of developing *H. tuberosus* as a bioenergy crop (Konvalinková 2003). Towards the end of the century, as breeding efforts were abandoned, the spread of the species in natural habitats started to be reported (Konvalinková 2003). These expansions became more aggressive during the past three decades, such that *H. tuberosus* is now considered one of the most invasive plants in Europe (Anastasiu & Negrean 2009; Filep *et al*. 2010; Fehér 2007, Konvalinková 2003).

To clarify the origin of invasive *H. tuberosus*, we used genotyping-by-sequencing (see section 4.2, Detailed Materials and Methods). We sampled the genomes of 691 individuals obtained from 49 native sites, from 21 invasive sites, and from three major international repositories of cultivated *H. tuberosus* (Appendix Table B.1; Appendix Figures B.1 & B.2). We additionally included 175 samples of the proposed progenitors of *H. tuberosus*, represented by the diploids *H. grosseserratus* and *H. divaricatus*, and by *H. hirsutus,* an autotetraploid of *H. divaricatus* (see section 4.2, Detailed Materials and Methods; Appendix Table B.2). Lastly, we incorporated SNP data from 150 samples of the annual congener *H. annuus*. Recent phylogenetic evidence indicates *H. tuberosus* is an auto-allopolyploid (Bock et al. 2014; Baute et al. 2016). We confirmed these findings using a principal component analysis (PCA) in which *H. tuberosus*  clustered between its proposed progenitors (Figure 4.1A). While interspecific *H. annuus* x *H. tuberosus* hybrids have reportedly been used in *H. tuberosus* breeding (Kays & Nottingham 2008), we did not recover evidence for a *H. annuus* contribution to the ancestry of samples included in our dataset (see Appendix Figure B.4).

Within *H. tuberosus*, the PCA shows that the main axis of divergence is between wild samples obtained from North America (hereafter 'native samples') and cultivated samples. While invasive *H. tuberosus* spanned a large fraction of the PC space occupied by native and cultivated

samples, most grouped as intermediate (Figure 4.1B; Appendix Figures B.4 & B.6). This is consistent with a diverse and predominantly admixed origin for invasive genotypes, a result substantiated by multiple additional lines of evidence. A maximum-likelihood phylogeny based on diploid subgenome markers (see section 4.2, Detailed Materials and Methods) grouped invasive genotypes in two native and in two cultivated clades (Figure 4.1C; Appendix Figure B.7), indicating that invasive *H. tuberosus* originated on at least four different occasions. One of the inferred origins (clade 3, Figure 4.1C) comprises over 85% of the invasive genotypes. These samples group as basal relative to cultivated *H. tuberosus*, and are part of a larger clade containing breeding lines that were obtained from crosses (Appendix Figure B.8). Bayesian clustering also supported both the multiple origins of invasive genotypes and their admixed ancestry. While native and cultivated individuals were mainly assigned to one of two genetic clusters, invasive individuals had significant ancestry from both groups (Figure 4.1D; Appendix Figures B.9-B.11).

The levels of genetic diversity that we observe are consistent with a mainly admixed origin of invasive *H. tuberosus*. Specifically, heterozygosity was significantly elevated in invasive samples relative to that of native or cultivated samples (Figure 4.1E). This result is consistent throughout much of the genome (Appendix Figure B.12), and is robust to calculations of heterozygosity based on the complete marker set, or the subsets of SNPs assigned to the two subgenomes (Appendix Figure B.13). Also, with the exception of diploid subgenome markers, heterozygosity of cultivated samples was not significantly reduced compared to that of native *H. tuberosus*. Thus, while we did not explicitly set out to investigate the genomic consequences of artificial selection in this system, our results provide an early indication that the domestication

bottleneck in cultivated *H. tuberosus* was limited, a result that is consistent with observations in other clonal crops (e.g. Cornille et al. 2012).

Previous studies have proposed that invasion success in *H. tuberosus* could be determined by increased allelopathic potential or clonal growth (Tesio *et al*. 2010; Filep *et al*. 2016; Konvalinková 2003). To evaluate these possibilities, we compared allelopathy, clonality (estimated here as the number of tubers), and 18 other traits among 225 native, cultivated and invasive samples (section 4.2, Detailed Materials and Methods; Appendix Table B.3). For allelopathy, we additionally included 135 samples of the progenitor species of *H. tuberosus*, which are not reported as invasive. Overall, the first two PC axes of morphological variation within *H. tuberosus* recapitulated the intermediacy of invasive genotypes (Figure 4.2A; see also Appendix Figure B.14). While allelopathic potential was differentiated between species (Appendix Table B.4), we did not recover evidence for a contribution of allelopathy to invasiveness. This is because samples of *H. tuberosus* did not exceed values observed in noninvasive parental species (Figure 4.2B; see also Appendix Figure B.15), and invasive *H. tuberosus* genotypes were not extreme relative to native or cultivated conspecifics (Figure 4.2B; Appendix Table B.5). The same trend was observed for most of the other traits, with invasive genotypes displaying largely intermediate values (Appendix Figure B.16). Invasive *H. tuberosus* did show extreme phenotypes for three of the measured traits, including the number of branches, the number or inflorescences, and the number of tubers (Appendix Figure B.16). Among these, tuber number was the only one consistently identified as a significant outlier in invasive samples (Appendix Tables B.6 & B.7). The extent of divergence in tuber number between invasive and non-invasive *H. tuberosus* is substantial, and comparable with domestication-related divergence in this species for the total weight of tubers, as well as divergence at other traits associated with
invasiveness in a variety of taxa (Figure 4.2C; Appendix Table B.8; section 4.2, Detailed Materials and Methods).

Clonal relationships inferred from marker data further corroborated the important role of vegetative propagation in the invasive spread of *H. tuberosus*. Clones were common in invasive populations, with 84% (112 of 133) of samples obtained from tubers sharing a clonal connection (Appendix Table B.10). Also, clones were not restricted to single sampling locales, and in some cases were shared between sites separated by over 500 km (e.g. clonal series 3, Appendix Table B.10). Moreover, two of the clonal series contain invasive samples obtained from 2013, as well as multiple accessions that were collected in Europe since at least 1975, and archived in public repositories of *H. tuberosus* (clonal series 3 and 4; Appendix Table B.10, Appendix Figure B.3). This indicates invasive *H. tuberosus* clones can be both widespread and long-lived, a finding that mirrors results from other important weeds that rely predominantly on vegetative propagation (e.g. Hollingsworth & Bailey 2000; Kliber & Eckert 2005). Hereafter, we considered tuber number a major invasiveness trait in this system.

We next investigated the genetic architecture of invasiveness in *H. tuberosus*. One means by which we may expect invasive samples to benefit from elevated heterozygosity is through heterosis, or hybrid vigor (Lippman & Zamir, 2007). Experimental evolution evidence suggests that this mechanism can have an important contribution to the success of biological invasions (e.g. Turgeon et al. 2011; Hahn & Rieseberg 2016). When determined by dominance or epistasis, heterosis can be fixed by natural selection. The general view, however, is that it erodes quickly with sexual reproduction, and as such contributes only to the short-term success of invasives (Rius & Darling 2014). Important exceptions to this view apply to the *H. tuberosus* system. For instance, even with frequent sexual reproduction, polyploidy will delay the loss of genome-wide

heterozygosity, therefore prolonging any heterotic effects. Also, in clonally propagated species such as *H. tuberosus*, heterosis can be stabilized indefinitely, irrespective of its genetic basis.

As expected if overall heterozygosity has an important fitness contribution in this system, significant positive correlations between heterozygosity and trait values were recovered for 10 of 19 (52.6%) measured phenotypes (Appendix Figure B.17). Among these, the number of branches, the number or inflorescences, and the number of tubers consistently showed the strongest correlations across marker sets (Appendix Figure B.17). For tuber number, correlations were significant for all samples combined ( $r = 0.41$ ;  $P < 0.001$ ), as well as for the native ( $r =$ 0.37;  $P < 0.001$ ) and the cultivated subsets ( $r = 0.31$ ;  $P < 0.05$ ; Figure 4.3A; see also Appendix Figure B.18). Invasive samples, by comparison, did not show a significant correlation, with most individuals maintaining high tuber number production irrespective of heterozygosity (Figure 4.3A; see also Appendix Figure B.18). The lack of a significant correlation for invasive *H. tuberosus* could have resulted if there is no added benefit for tuber number production beyond a given heterozygosity level, or because of the reduced samples size available for this group. Indeed, the estimated power to detect an effect similar to the one we observed in non-invasive samples was low for invasive *H. tuberosus* (0.3; section 4.2, Detailed Materials and Methods). A third possibility is that additional genetic factors have an important contribution to tuber number production in invasive samples, therefore weakening the heterosis signal.

To investigate this possibility, we performed genome-wide association (GWA) mapping. We used 43,276 biallelic SNPs, with genotypes in hexaploid format (section 4.2, Detailed Materials and Methods). After Bonferroni correction, we detected 30 associations across all traits (Appendix Table B.9). For tuber number, two highly significant QTLs were identified on two linkage groups (LGs) of the *H. annuus* HA412 genome (Badouin et al. 2017): one on LG9 (*P* =

1.2 x 10<sup>-6</sup>), and one on LG14 ( $P = 7.94$  x 10<sup>-7</sup>; Figure 4.3B). We note that these marker-trait associations cannot be attributed to unaccounted population stratification, as indicated by the inflation factor ( $\lambda = 0.99$ ). The two QTLs show additive mode of gene action and have large effect sizes, jointly explaining an estimated 31% of variation in tuber number (13% for L9 QTL; 18% for LG14 QTL). Furthermore, we found clear differences in the frequency of superior alleles at these QTLs between invasive and non-invasive *H. tuberosus*. While 78.6% of invasive samples contained at least one high tuber number allele, this frequency dropped to 29.6% and 25.6% for native and cultivated samples, respectively. We also performed a set of association analyses for tuber number that incorporate genome-wide heterozygosity as an additional covariate. As expected if the signal identified at the two additive QTLs is independent of hybrid vigor, this resulted in improved association signals for both loci (Appendix Table B.9).

We further evaluated the relative contribution of the two genetic mechanisms identified here, additive QTLs and hybrid vigor, as well as their interaction, to tuber number production in *H. tuberosus*. To do this, we fit three nested linear models that explain tuber number as follows. The 'qtl-only' model included one term for genotypes at each of the LG9 and LG14 QTLs (adjusted  $R^2 = 26.1\%$ ;  $F_{7,268} = 14.89$ ;  $P < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$ ; AIC = 655.05). The 'qtl and hybrid vigor' model additionally included a term for genome-wide heterozygosity (adjusted  $R^2 = 34.56\%$ ;  $F_{8,267}$  $= 19.16$ ;  $P < 2.2$  x  $10^{-16}$ ; AIC = 622.54). Finally, the 'interaction' model included all terms from the preceding models, as well as interaction terms between genotypes at each of the two QTLs and heterozygosity (adjusted  $R^2 = 35.59\%$ ;  $F_{13,262} = 12.69$ ;  $P < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$ ; AIC = 622.96). AIC scores and likelihood ratio tests confirmed that the 'qtl and hybrid vigor' model outperforms the 'qtl-only' model ( $P = 2.47 \times 10^{-9}$ ), and that the 'interaction' model does not provide a significantly better fit ( $P = 0.09$ ). These results therefore support the conclusion that, for tuber number

production in *H. tuberosus*, additive QTLs and hybrid vigor act synergistically, with maximal tuber number production being achieved through the combined action of both mechanisms (Figure 4.3C). This result is corroborated by the relative abundance and range of invasive *H. tuberosus* clones. The most abundant genotypes, both in terms of overall number of clones (not shown) and number of populations covered (Figure 4.3D), were those characterized by increased heterozygosity as well as superior tuber number alleles.

While the role of evolutionary change in the success of biological invasions is well established, the genetic factors involved are often unknown. Using a top-down approach, we identified two genetic mechanisms that have contributed to the evolution of a major invasiveness trait in *H. tuberosus*, a rapidly spreading perennial plant. This finding parallels results from recent studies, which highlight that independent evolution of invasiveness between species and between populations might have a diverse genetic basis (Hodgins *et al*. 2015; Qi et al. 2015). Our results further show how different genetic determinants of invasiveness can interact during the same biological invasion event. Collectively, these results confirm worries formulated during early surveys of molecular variation, which indicated invasives are unlikely to be genetically constrained (e.g. Kolbe et al. 2004). The success of genetic control strategies for invasive species will therefore depend on a thorough understanding of the range of genetic solutions that can be exploited during the evolution of invasiveness.

# **4.2 Detailed materials and methods**

## **4.2.1 Sampling**

#### **4.2.1.1 Public collections –** *H. tuberosus*

We obtained *H. tuberosus* samples from four major public collections: the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) in Ames, USA, the Plant Gene Resources of Canada (PGRC) in Saskatoon, Canada, the Leibniz Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research (IPK) in Gatersleben, Germany, and the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA) in Montpellier, France (Appendix Table B.1). The USDA samples  $(N = 241)$  were collected from 49 sites in Central-Eastern US (see Appendix Figure B.1 for map of sampling locations). The PGRC  $(N = 138)$ , IPK  $(N = 70)$ , and INRA  $(N = 130)$  collections comprise mainly breeding lines and cultivars, as well as samples of unknown origin ( Kays & Nottingham, 2008).

#### **4.2.1.2 Public collections – progenitor species**

We additionally obtained samples of the progenitor species of *H. tuberosus*, collected by USDA, also from the Central-Eastern US (Appendix Table B.2). These included samples of the diploid subgenome donor, *H. grosseserratus* (2n = 2x = 34), and samples representative of the tetraploid subgenome donor, which include both *H. hirsutus* (2n = 4x = 68) and *H. divaricatus* (2n = 2x = 34; Bock *et al*. 2014). We used these samples to verify the ancestry of *H. tuberosus*, to identify markers likely to segregate within the diploid subgenome of *H. tuberosus*, and to compare allelopathy of *H. tuberosus* to that of its non-invasive progenitor species (detailed below)*.* In all, we obtained samples from 19 populations of *H. grosseserratus* (*N* = 95), eight populations of *H. hirsutus* ( $N = 40$ ), and eight populations of *H. divaricatus* ( $N = 40$ ).

## **4.2.1.3 Sampling of invasive populations**

In August-September 2013, we obtained tubers from plants growing in typical invasive *H. tuberosus* habitat at 19 sites from Central-Eastern Europe (*N* = 105; Appendix Table B.1; see Appendix Figure B.2 for map of sampling locations). At each location, we used a linear transect of 60 meters and collected randomly selected plants along the transect. Collected plants at each site were separated by an average distance of 11 meters (rage 7.5 – 14.5). Samples from an additional two populations (one in Romania and one in Hungary;  $N = 7$ ) were provided by Rita Filep (University of Pécs, Hungary).

# **4.2.2 Ploidy inference**

We confirmed expected ploidy for seven accessions of *H. tuberosus*, 10 accessions of *H. grosseserratus*, and all accessions of *H. divaricatus* and *H. hirsutus* (Appendix Table B.1) using flow cytometry and the internal genome size standards *Zea mays* (2C = 5.43 pg), *Secale cereale*  $(2C = 16.19 \text{ pg})$ , and *Vicia faba*  $(2C = 26.90 \text{ pg})$ ; Dolezel *et al.* 2007). Following these analyses, in agreement with previous phylogenetic results that indicate *H. hirsutus* is an autotetraploid of the diploid *H. divaricatus* (Bock *et al*. 2014), we reclassified four tetraploid USDA accessions initially labeled as *H. divaricatus* to *H. hirsutus* (Appendix Table B.2).

# **4.2.3 Genotyping-by-sequencing**

Genomic DNA was isolated from fresh leaf tissue for all samples of all four species ( $N =$ 866) using a modified CTAB protocol (Doyle & Doyle, 1987). For *H. tuberosus*, of the 691 samples, we selected four genotypes for which library preparation and sequencing was

performed in duplicate (Appendix Table B.1). These were used to assess genotyping error rates and to facilitate identification of clonal genotypes (see below).

We constructed genotyping-by-sequencing (GBS) libraries using the *PstI* and *MspI* restriction enzymes, following the protocol described in Poland *et al*. (2012), with modifications. Firstly, we multiplexed libraries after the PCR step. Prior to pooling, the amplification products were cleaned and quantified individually. Concentration estimates were accounted for at the pooling step, to minimize between-sample variation in sequencing output. Secondly, to maximize between-library representation of GBS tags, we selected multiplexed libraries for fragments in the range of 400-700 bp. Thirdly, to reduce high-abundance (e.g. organelle or transposable element DNA) sequence representation, we used a duplex-specific nuclease step, following a modified version of the protocol in Matvienko *et al*. (2013). For all four species, we sequenced 96 samples per lane on an Illumina HiSeq 2000. Sequence reads were sorted according to adapter barcodes using pyRAD v2.17 (Eaton 2014). Adapter contamination in demultiplexed reads was removed with cutadapt v1.8 (Martin 2012). We allowed a maximum error rate of 0.15 and retained reads of a minimum length of 30 nucleotides.

# **4.2.4 Alignment of sequence data and variant calling**

For all taxa, we aligned GBS reads to the *H. annuus* line HA412 reference genome (v1.1.bronze; http://www.sunflowergenome.org) using BWA-MEM v0.7.10 (Li 2013) at default parameters. Local realignment around indels was performed using the *RealignerTargetCreator* and *IndelRealigner* utilities of the Genome Analysis Toolkit v3.4 (McKenna *et al*. 2010). We sorted and merged BAM files with added read group information using Picard tools v1.79 (http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/). We called sequence polymorphisms using the FreeBayes

v1.0.1 haplotype-based variant detector (Garrison & Marth 2012). To optimize memory usage and to remove noisy alleles, we required that a minimum of 10 reads support an allele in order for it to be considered. Also, only the best seven alleles were evaluated for each locus. Lastly, the minimum fraction of alternate to reference reads was adjusted depending on ploidy, according to manual recommendations (https://github.com/ekg/freebayes). We used the default setting of 0.2 for diploids, and values of 0.1 and 0.05 for tetraploids and hexaploids, respectively.

For *H. tuberosus*, all individuals were genotyped as hexaploids. From this set, we isolated markers likely to segregate within the diploid subgenome (detailed below), which were used for a subset of the phylogenetics and population genetics analyses. For *H. grosseserratus*, *H. hirsutus* and *H. divaricatus* samples, two FreeBayes runs were performed, with the aim of maximizing variant detection. Specifically, all *H. grosseserratus*, *H. hirsutus* and *H. divaricatus*  samples were genotyped simultaneously, once as diploids and once as tetraploids. Genotypes for each species were subsequently extracted from the call set of correct ploidy.

#### **4.2.5 Variant filtration and genotyping error rates**

Genotype calls for all taxa and ploidies were filtered using the *vcffilter* utility of vcflib, part of the FreeBayes package (https://github.com/ekg/vcflib). We retained biallelic SNPs with values for QUAL and  $MQ > 30$ . We also capped minimum depth per genotype at 6,8, and 10 reads for diploids, tetraploids, and hexaploids, respectively, and coded genotype inferences based on fewer reads as missing data. We also selected only loci with data in at least 60% of samples and minor allele frequency > 1%. For the *H. tuberosus* call set, to remove likely betweenhomeologue variants, we further pruned sites with observed heterozygosity  $> 60\%$ . Lastly, we removed samples with over 50% missing data at filtered SNPs.

We evaluated post-filtering genotyping error rates by tallying the percentage of sites at which replicates of the four *H. tuberosus* samples were assigned different genotypes. When considering each of the five heterozygote classes in a hexaploid distinct, inferred error rates were 0.1. Note that these estimates are comparable to or lower than those previously reported for polyploid taxa (e.g. Cornille *et al*. 2016). Most genotyping errors were cases in which replicates of the same genotype were assigned to different but adjacent polyploid heterozygote classes (e.g. simplex – duplex; duplex – triplex), and as such are unlikely to have a large impact on the accuracy of our population genomics or genome-wide association (GWA) analyses. When considering heterozygote classes separated by 1 allele to be equivalent, inferred hexaploid error rates decreased to 0.04. Likewise, when considering all heterozygotes equivalent, as is the case in the diploidized *H. tuberosus* SNP set, or for the subset of diploid-like genetic models used in our GWA, error rates were 0.04.

#### **4.2.6 Clonal relationships in the** *H. tuberosus* **collection**

To identify clonal genotypes, we used the R package SNPRelate (Zheng *et al*. 2012). Because SNPRelate does not support polyploid VCF files, we used a diploidized version of the filtered SNP set, for which all heterozygotes were considered equivalent. We computed pairwise identity-by-state (IBS) values for all *H. tuberosus* samples, including the four replicates. The smallest IBS value obtained between DNA replicates was 97.7%, while the average IBS between all samples was 85.6%. All IBS values calculated between replicate DNA samples were part of a peak formed at the upper tail of the distribution (Appendix Figure B.3). With this information, we set a conservative IBS threshold of 97% above which genotype pairs were considered to be clones. As expected, with this criterion, no *H. tuberosus* accession originally obtained from seeds

was inferred to be part of a clonal relationship. For all subsequent analyses, unless otherwise specified, we randomly selected one sample from each clonal series (Appendix Table B.10), such that no two *H. tuberosus* genotypes had an IBS value larger than 0.97. When greenhousepropagated plants were available for a clonal series, the clone selection was done from among these samples, such that clones included in the unique genotype set were also used for the common garden and GWAS experiments (see below). The unique genotype set consisted of 428 *H. tuberosus* samples and 84,365 SNPs filtered using the criteria above.

#### **4.2.7 Confirmation of** *H. tuberosus* **ancestry and taxonomic identifications**

We previously showed, using organelle DNA and rDNA data, that *H. tuberosus* ( $2n = 6x$ ) = 102) is an autoallohexaploid that resulted from hybridization between the diploid *H. grosseserratus* ( $2n = 2x = 34$ ) and the tetraploid *H. hirsutus* ( $2n = 4x = 68$ ). We also showed that *H. hirsutus,* the donor of the tetraploid subgenome of *H. tuberosus,* is a chromosome-doubled offspring of *H. divaricatus* (2n = 2x = 34; Bock *et al*. 2014). These relationships have more recently been confirmed using broader taxonomic sampling across the *Helianthus* genus (Baute *et al*. 2016).

To verify these results and to detect hybrids or potentially mis-identified samples that may have been inadvertently included in our dataset, we performed a series of principal component analyses (PCAs). In addition to the four perennial *Helianthus* taxa, we included a whole genome shotgun sequencing (WGSS) - derived call set consisting of 150 samples of the annual congener *H. annuus*, as well as 10 samples of *H. divaricatus*, and 10 samples of *H. grosseserratus*. The *H. annuus* samples, used in the first and second PCAs, were included because hybrids between *H. tuberosus* and *H. annuus* resulting from breeding efforts may be

present in *H. tuberosus* genebank material (Kays & Nottingham, 2008). The *H. divaricatus* and *H. grosseserratus* WGSS-derived variants, used in the second PCA, were included to verify that no major biases were introduced when jointly analyzing SNPs obtained through GBS and WGSS. All call sets were filtered as above, with the exception of the 1% minor allele frequency filter, which was applied across call sets in a PCA. We used the R package adegenet v2.0.1 (Jombart  $&$  Ahmed 2011), which allows for multiple ploidies to be represented in the same analysis.

#### **4.2.8 Isolation of** *H. tuberosus* **subgenome-specific markers**

We relied on SNP data for *H. grosseserratus*, *H. hirsutus* and *H. divaricatus* to isolate markers likely to segregate within the diploid and the tetraploid subgenomes of *H. tuberosus*. To isolate diploid subgenome markers, we first identified biallelic variants that are polymorphic (10% < allele frequency < 90%) in samples of the diploid subgenome donor species (*H. grosseserratus*) but monomorphic in samples of the tetraploid subgenome donor species (*H. hirsutus*/ *H. divaricatus*). We asked that these markers be scored in at least five samples of each progenitor species, and identified the subset shared with *H. tuberosus*. On average, selected SNPs were scored in 47 (50 %) samples of *H. grosseserratus* and 46 (58 %) samples of *H. hirsutus*/ *H. divaricatus*. For *H. tuberosus,* variants were filtered as above, with the exception of maximum observed heterozygosity, for which we did not set an upper bound. This was because we expected observed heterozygosity to be elevated for markers fixed for one allele in the tetraploid progenitor, and polymorphic for the other allele in the diploid progenitor. A total of 35,705 SNPs were polymorphic in *H. grosseserratus* but not in *H. hirsutus*/ *H. divaricatus*. Of these, 6,190 (17%) segregated among *H. tuberosus* samples with a minor allele frequency larger

than 1%. We considered these markers as candidate diploid subgenome SNPs. We used the same approach to identify markers likely to segregate within the tetraploid subgenome. A total of 37,129 SNPs were polymorphic in *H. hirsutus*/ *H. divaricatus* but not in *H. grosseserratus*. Of these, 5,366 (14%) were scored in *H. tuberosus* samples at a minor allele frequency larger than 1%. These were therefore considered candidate tetraploid subgenome SNPs.

We further excluded candidate diploid and tetraploid subgenome SNPs for which the dosage of the progenitor-derived alleles departed from expectations for a diploid or a tetraploid subgenome. For candidate diploid subgenome SNPs, we requested that 90% or more of *H. tuberosus* genotypes at each marker contain at most two copies of the allele inferred to have originated from *H. grosseserratus*. Similarly, for candidate tetraploid subgenome SNPs, we requested that 90% or more of *H. tuberosus* genotypes at each marker contain at most four copies of the allele inferred to have originated from *H. hirsutus*/ *H. divaricatus*. Our reasoning was that candidate subgenome SNPs with large differences between observed and expected dosage can be the result of polymorphism erroneously assigned as diagnostic of one parental taxon. The majority of SNPs met the dosage filtering criterion (76% of diploid subgenome SNPs, and 89% of tetraploid subgenome SNPs). For downstream analyses using subgenome-assigned markers, *H. tuberosus* genotypes were converted from hexaploid to diploid or tetraploid format (Appendix Table B.11).

We note that our strategy for assigning SNPs to the two subgenomes of *H. tuberosus* relies on important assumptions that might not be met across all sites. For instance, we assumed that allele frequencies observed in contemporary samples of *H. grosseserratus* and *H. hirsutus*/ *H. divaricatus* are representative of the genotypes that were involved in the ancestry of *H. tuberosus.* While evidence from organelle genomes indicates that *H. tuberosus* most likely

originated repeatedly (Bock *et al*. 2014), it is currently not known which genotypes of each parental species are most similar to the ones that participated in the polyploidization events. As well, our dosage filtering criteria does not account for the possibility of partial or complete homeolog loss, which has previously been shown to occur rapidly after polyploid formation (e.g. Buggs *et al*. 2012). Under this latter scenario, our filtering criteria are conservative, and would have retained only loci without extensive evidence of loss of parental species contributions. Considering these limitations, wherever possible, we compare subgenome-specific analyses with those based on the complete filtered call set.

# **4.2.9** *H. tuberosus* **phylogenetic analyses**

We performed all phylogenetic analyses using the filtered diploid subgenome call set (4,700 SNPs). To convert the data from VCF format to aligned PHYLIP format, we used the SNPhylo pipeline v20140701 (Lee *et al*. 2014). Briefly, SNPs for each sample were concatenated, and heterozygous positions were coded using IUPAC ambiguity codes. Sequences were then aligned using MUSCLE v3.8.31 (Edgar 2004). For phylogeny reconstruction, we used the IQ-TREE v1.4.2 software (Nguyen *et al*. 2015), which accounts for variability in the rate of sequence evolution by incorporating a FreeRate model as well as gamma rate distribution models. We identified the best model of evolution for the data using the -m TESTNEWONLY +ASC option of IQ-TREE. Note that the +ASC flag is used to account for ascertainment bias. We then inferred maximum-likelihood trees with node support evaluated using 10,000 ultra-fast bootstrap replicates (Minh *et al*. 2013). The final tree was viewed and manipulated for figure generation using FigTree v1.4.2 (Rambaut 2009).

## **4.2.10** *H. tuberosus* **population genetic structure**

To further understand genetic structure among sampled *H. tuberosus* individuals, we used PCA and the Bayesian model-based clustering implemented in STRUCTURE v2.3.4 (Pritchard *et al*. 2000). Both analyses were performed using the filtered *H. tuberosus* hexaploid call set (82,946 SNPs), as well as the diploid subgenome call set (4,700 SNPs) and the tetraploid subgenome call set (4,770 SNPs)*.* The PCAs were conducted in the R package adegenet as above. For the STRUCTURE analysis based on the filtered hexaploid call set only, to optimize run times, we used a random subset of 5,000 SNPs, selected using the *vcfrandomsample* utility of vcflib. For each STRUCTURE run, we used the admixture model with correlated allele frequencies, with  $10<sup>5</sup>$  burn-in replicates, followed by  $10<sup>5</sup>$  replicates. We performed 20 runs for each value of *K* ranging from 1 to 10. To select the most likely value of *K* according to Evanno *et al*. (2005) and Pritchard *et al*. (2000), we used Structure Harvester (Earl *et al*. 2012). Results were plotted using the pophelper v1.2.1 R package (Francis 2016).

#### **4.2.11 Classification of native, cultivated, and invasive** *H. tuberosus*

Because of the extensive cultivation history of *H. tuberosus* across its ancestral distribution range, it can be difficult to unambiguously identify which of the naturally-occurring North American populations contain native wild material or escapes from cultivation. Classification can be challenging for cultivated lines as well*.* This is because cultivated *H. tuberosus* has not been subjected to prolonged and intense selection, and as a result is more morphologically similar to its wild progenitor than most modern crops are (Kays & Nottingham 2008). Also, while the bulk of samples maintained by PGRC, IPK, and INRA should represent cultivated accessions that have been selected for increased tuber and general biomass production (Kays & Nottingham 2008), wild or invasive samples, as well as curation errors, may still be present. Here, we classified samples as native, cultivated, invasive, or unknown using a combination of collection notes and genetic data.

To identify native samples, we first labeled the 49 USDA accessions as "natural habitat"  $(N = 34$  accessions) or "artificial habitat"  $(N = 15$  accessions; Appendix Table B.1). The "natural habitat" accessions had no notes indicative of possible contribution from cultivated material, while the "artificial habitat" accessions were collected from disturbed sites like railroad tracks, edges of crop fields, and abandoned farms, or had information that was otherwise indicative of cultivated status. We then compared the grouping of samples from these two habitat categories in the PCA that included only *H. tuberosus* samples, and using the best supported STRUCTURE model  $(K = 2)$ . "Natural habitat" samples clustered towards negative values on PC1 (average PC1 score -7.7), whereas "artificial habitat" samples were more variable, and pulled towards positive PC1 values (average PC1 score -3.9), similarly to the cultivated samples described below (Appendix Table B.1). The STRUCTURE membership coefficients followed the same pattern (Appendix Figure B.1). With this information, we set a PC1 score of -5 as threshold for the identification of native material. All USDA-collected individuals with PC1 scores below this value were designated as wild  $(N = 174)$ , irrespective of whether they were originally obtained from natural or artificial North American habitats. The remaining USDA-collected samples (*N* = 67) were left as unknown.

To identify which of the PGRC, IPK, and INRA accessions are likely of cultivated status, we first used accession passport data, or information detailed in Kays & Nottingham (2008). For INRA accessions, we also used the tuber images presented for this collection in Serieys *et al*. (2010). Aside from origin information and commercial clone name, we required that notes or

images confirming the production of round or ovoid tubers be available. Because *H. tuberosus*  has been selected as a tuber crop, tuber shape is one of the few morphological criteria that can be used to separate cultivated from wild samples. For accessions with no tuber morphology information, we used documentation from clones of those samples, when clones were available. We note that five of the seed-propagated INRA accessions represented in our dataset were described as wild material (Serieys et al. 2010). These samples also grouped with the rest of the wild samples in the PCA (PC1 score below -10), and had tuber morphologies characteristic of wild *H. tuberosus* (Serieys *et al*. 2010). We therefore labeled these five accessions as wild. For *H. tuberosus* maintained at PGRC, we also labeled as cultivated those accessions that had notes indicating they were breeding and research clones and/or originated from the Morden Research Station, in Manitoba, Canada. The Morden Station was one of the main research centers developing *H. tuberosus* lines with increased tuber yields (Kays & Nottingham 2008). Lastly, we excluded from the cultivated category five accessions that had PC1 scores lower than -5, and were therefore more similar to wild samples. The remaining cultivated samples  $(N = 275)$  were distinct according to PC1 scores from wild material (average cultivated PC1 score 12.4).

We identified as invasive all *H. tuberosus* samples obtained in 2013 from European populations  $(N = 112)$ , as well as two PGRC and 19 IPK accessions. The two PGRC accessions and nine of the 19 IPK accessions were clones of material we obtained from European populations. The remaining 10 invasive IPK accessions grouped with high support with the majority of invasive samples in our dataset (Clade 3, Figure 4.1C), and were distinct from cultivated or wild material, according to the phylogenetic reconstruction. We used three additional lines of evidence when including these samples as invasive. First, five of the 10 samples had collection notes indicating they were obtained from European sites (Poland).

Second, there were no passport or collection notes indicating wild or cultivated status for these samples. Third, neither of the 10 IPK accessions had clones present in the PGRC or INRA collections. Considering the high degree of redundancy between the three germplasm collections for other accessions, we considered it unlikely that these are unlabeled wild or cultivated lines.

Finally, we note that even if sample categorization using the criteria outlined above may have resulted in the misclassification of a small number of samples, these are unlikely to affect our results, which are based on overall trends between the wild, cultivated, and invasive categories. Several lines of evidence indicate that mis-classifications are rare, if present. First, a PCA performed for *H. tuberosus* and its progenitor species showed that, among all *H. tuberosus* samples, the material we labeled as wild is most similar to samples of the diploid and tetraploid progenitor species. This is expected if the wild group is representative of the ancestral state for the species (see Figure 4.1A). Second, analysis of tuber morphology for the subset of wild and cultivated samples represented in our common garden experiment are in agreement with patterns expected for a tuber crop. Specifically, the tubers of wild samples were narrow and elongated, indicating that these plants are likely not of cultivation value. By contrast, cultivated samples produced tubers that were significantly larger and more round (see Common garden section below). Third, there was a significant latitudinal cline for flowering time among wild samples. While recent studies have shown that this pattern can also evolve relatively quickly in introduced species as well (Colautti & Barrett 2013), it has most commonly been reported for locally adapted native plant populations, including in annual and perennial sunflowers (e.g. Blackman et al. 2011; Kawakami et al. 2011).

#### **4.2.12 Identification of invasiveness traits in** *H. tuberosus*

To investigate whether certain traits have a disproportionate contribution to invasion success in *H. tuberosus*, we compared phenotypes of invasive and non-invasive samples using a greenhouse and a common garden experiment. In line with previous studies (Brown & Eckert 2005; Lavergne & Molofsky 2007; Pyšek & Richardson 2007), we expect important phenotypic determinants of invasiveness to show extreme values for invasive *H. tuberosus*.

## **4.2.12.1 Phenotype data collection**

To minimize maternal effects, prior to the greenhouse and common garden experiments, we propagated experimental plants at the University of British Columbia (UBC) horticulture greenhouse for two generations from tubers. We scored allelopathy and investment in clonal growth (quantified as the number of tubers), as well as additional traits that have previously been considered to drive invasiveness in other species (Muth & Pigliucci 2006; Pyšek & Richardson 2007; Razanajatovo *et al*. 2016). These included stem diameter, plant height, number of branches, flowering time, number of inflorescences, inflorescence diameter, or self-compatibility (see Appendix Table B.3 for the complete list of traits). As positive controls of phenotypic differentiation, and to confirm the validity of our classification for wild and cultivated samples, we additionally scored descriptors of tuber shape, size, and yield. Given that large tubers have been the main focus of selection during *H. tuberosus* domestication (Kays & Nottingham 2008), we expected these traits to be diverged between wild and cultivated genotypes.

To quantify allelopathic potential, we followed previous work on the system (e.g. Vidotto *et al*. 2008; Tesio *et al*. 2010; Filep *et al*. 2016), and used germination bioassays. We tested the effect of aqueous leaf extracts from greenhouse-propagated plants on germination and seedling

growth of tomato. Tomato is a commonly-used bioassay test species that has previously been shown to be sensitive to *H. tuberosus* extracts prepared using a similar approach (Vidotto *et al*. 2008). We used 160 *H. tuberosus* genotypes, of which 119 were classified as either wild (*N* = 43), cultivated (*N* = 50), or invasive (*N* = 26). Additionally, to compare allelopathy of *H. tuberosus* to that of its non-invasive progenitor species, we included samples of *H. grosseserratus* ( $N = 76$ ), *H. hirsutus* ( $N = 30$ ), and *H. divaricatus* ( $N = 29$ ).

All experimental plants were grown at the UBC horticulture greenhouse in pots (15 cm diameter, 18 cm height) with potting soil, and maintained under a 12-hour light cycle with a minimum temperature of 20° C and a maximum temperature of 25° C. We collected 4 grams of leaf tissue from 3.5 month-old plants, which we dried for 2.5 days in an incubator at 37° C, in the presence of silica gel. We ground the dried leaf tissue for 1 min using a coffee grinder, and soaked the powdered material in 10 mL of MilliQ water to obtain a dilution of 40% w/v of fresh material. Following incubation for 24h at 4° C, we thoroughly mixed the samples using a vortex, and separated the extract from the leaf material using centrifugation. Extracts were stored at 4° C until further use.

Bioassays were set up in 60 x 15 mm Petri dishes, on No. 1 Whatman filter paper (Whatman International Ltd.). In each Petri dish, we evenly placed 9 tomato seeds that had previously been sterilized by soaking in 70% ethanol for 1 min, and added 1 mL leaf extract. With each experimental batch, we included a control bioassay, for which we substituted the leaf extracts with an equal volume of MilliQ water. Petri dishes were sealed with parafilm, and stored in a closed seed germination box in the dark at room temperature for seven days. Each control and test treatment was replicated four times (304 experiments x 4 replicates = 1,216 bioassays). We recorded germination daily. Also, on day 7, we scanned 5,032 of the available tomato

seedlings and used image analysis to quantify their size. We used these data to asess allelopathy using six metrics. These included total germination, the speed of germination, the speed of accumulated germination, the coefficient of rate of germination, tomato seedling radicle length, and tomato seedling plumule length (Appendix Table B.3).

We scored 14 other traits using a common garden established from spring to fall 2015 at the UBC Totem Field research station (49°16′ N, 123°14′ W, 45 m elevation). Plants were sprouted at the UBC horticulture greenhouse from 2-3 cm tubers or from tuber fragments of the same size in the case of accessions for which only larger tubers were available. Between April  $17<sup>th</sup>$  and May  $21<sup>st</sup>$ , we transplanted 300 accessions replicated 1-3 times to the field. Prior to the transplant, to facilitate acclimatization of the plants to field conditions, we gradually lowered the greenhouse maximal and minimal temperatures for nine days, down to a maximal temperature of 18º C and a minimal temperature of 9º C. In all, 726 1-month old plants (15-30 cm tall) were included in the transplant after this hardening step.

Genotype replicates were randomly assigned a position in one of three incomplete blocks, each of which consisted of 14 rows and 18 columns. Blocks were separated by a minimal distance of 5 meters. Prior to planting, to limit competition from weeds, we covered the experimental plots with DeWitt Pro 5 weed barrier (DeWitt Co., Sikeston, MO). Within each block, to minimize plant-to-plant competition and to prevent overlap in tuber production between adjacent accessions, we spaced plants on 1.2 meter centers. We decided on this planting distance based on a preliminary field trial that we performed at the same site during the previous year. After transplanting, we monitored and hand-watered the plants as needed for one week. During this time, we replaced any plants that died with greenhouse-propagated replicates of the same genotypes, when those were available. To minimize wind damage during the growing season, for

all three blocks, we set up 4x4 wooden fence posts at both ends of each row and tied nylon rope at low, mid, and high levels along all rows. Experimental plants were individually stabilized using bamboo stakes tied to these ropes. During the growing season, we watered the plants as needed using sprinkler irrigation.

We monitored the onset of flowering three times per week, and recorded the date at which reproductively active flowers were present. To asses self-incompatibility, we bagged three flower heads per plant before anthesis, and recorded the presence or absence of seeds at the end of the growing season. By the end of the experiment, of the 726 initial plants, we excluded 117 that either died because of transplant shock or herbivory, or suffered considerable damage during a windstorm that occurred in Vancouver on August 29<sup>th</sup>. We harvested the remaining 609 plants, which represented 298 genotypes, between October  $20<sup>th</sup>$  and November  $20<sup>th</sup> 2015$ . At this time, most (74%) had flowered. We decided to process all plants regardless of their flowering status, to avoid the increasingly frequent frosts occurring towards the end of November, which would have impeded the harvest of below-ground biomass. A number of measurements were collected before plants were cut down. These included the diameter (in mm) of the main stem recorded at 10 cm above ground level with a digital caliper, the height (in cm) of the primary stem recorded from ground level to the apex, as well as the total number of branches and inflorescences. Note that we only counted branches that were at least 2 cm in length. For the plants that flowered during the growing season, we also collected five randomly selected inflorescences (where available), which we dried for 3 days in an incubator at 37° C. We then measured (in mm) the disk diameter of the dried material using a digital caliper, and recorded for each plant the values averaged across the five inflorescences (Appendix Table B.3).

We harvested the tubers by loosening the soil around each plant, and digging up the plants. For most samples, tubers were concentrated at the base of the main stem and/or were still attached to rhizomes. In the few cases where tubers were more dispersed, we used the direction of growth, which is outward from the plant, as well as differences in tuber shape and color to correctly identify the tuber yields of neighboring plants. The tubers from each plant were washed, counted, and weighed in the field. In all, for the 609 plants, we obtained 75,915 tubers with a total weight of 1.02 tones. From the total tuber yield of each plant, we randomly selected five tubers (609 plants x 5 tubers per plant  $= 3,045$  tubers) which we scanned. We processed the resulting images using the software Tomato Analyzer (Brewer et al. 2006). We visually inspected the processed images and correct automatically-inferred tuber edges, whenever necessary. We then calculated four parameters of tuber shape and size. These included tuber area, perimeter, curved length, and fruit-shape index (the ratio of curved length to maximum width; Appendix Table B.3). Tuber measurements for each trait were averaged over the five tubers scanned per accession.

# **4.2.12.2 Phenotype data analyses**

Data were analyzed using R version 3.1.2 (R Core Team 2015). For the common garden experiment, we removed the self-incompatibility trait, since no seeds were recovered for any of the samples. To improve assumptions of normality, we rank-transformed the data using the GenABEL package (Aulchenko et al. 2007). We quantified overall phenotype differentiation between samples using a PCA computed using the prcomp function in R. For this, we included 11 of the 19 traits with data for 90% or more of samples, and replaced missing values with the average observed across the population.

To identify traits with significantly extreme values in invasive *H. tuberosus*, we compared 225 samples that could be classified as wild, cultivated, or invasive using the criteria outlined above. We excluded unknown samples because this category is likely to include a mix of material from the other three categories. For allelopathy, an additional level of comparison between *H. tuberosus* and its non-invasive progenitor species was used. For each of the six allelopathy traits, we ran two types of fixed ANOVAs. The first contained data from all four taxa, and had species (*H. grosseserratus*, *H. tuberosus*, *H. divaricatus*, and *H. hirsutus*) as predictor variable. The second contained only *H. tuberosus* samples, and had sample category (native, invasive, cultivated) as the predictor. For the traits scored in common garden plants, we used mixed ANOVAs implemented with the lme function in the nlme package (Pinheiro et al 2015). We treated sample category as a fixed effect, and replicate nested within genotype as random effects. We ran all models using only *H. tuberosus* data with and without correction for population structure. The versions corrected for population structure also included as covariates the scores for the first two PC axes calculated using all filtered markers (82,957 SNPs). Significance levels were adjusted using the sequential Bonferroni method (Holm 1979).

We additionally implemented generalized linear mixed models (glmms) using Markov chain Monte Carlo in the MCMCglmm R package (Hadfield, 2010). For these analyses, we treated sample category as the response variable, and concomitantly considered all traits as predictor variables. Prior to the MCMCglmm analysis, we removed missing data as follows. First, for the 13 traits measured in the common garden experiment, we collapsed the 1-3 replicates available for each genotype to one value per genotype. To do this, we verified whether there was a significant block effect by fitting linear mixed effect models to the rank-transformed data for each trait with maximum likelihood. We used the lme function of the nlme package,

treating genotype as fixed effect and block as random effect. We compared the fit of these models to the fit of linear models without a block term. For flowering time, plant height, disk diameter, tuber number, and tuber fruit-shape index, block was not significant. For these traits, we used the average of rank-transformed trait values for the replicates available for a given genotype. For the eight other traits for which block was significant, we used the least-squares means, which was calculated based on the linear mixed effect models described above, using the package lsmeans (Lenth and Hervé 2015). We note that the same approach for calculating mean trait values was used for the association mapping. Lastly, we included as predictors only the 11 traits with data in 90% or more of samples. For these traits, we replaced missing values with the average recorded across the experiment. Of all phenotypes, we selected seven through a stepwise withdrawal of traits that have a Variance Inflation Factor greater than 5. Similarly to the mixed ANOVAs described above, we fit equivalent models with correction for population structure, by including genetic PC1 and PC2 scores as additional fixed effects. MCMCglmm ran for  $10<sup>9</sup>$ iterations.

#### **4.2.12.3 Effect size estimates and comparisons with previous studies**

For traits that we infer to be associated with invasion success and domestication in *H. tuberosus*, we calculated Hedges' *g* unbiased effect size estimator using the mean, standard deviation, and sample sizes for each sample group in the *compute.es* package in R (Del Re 2013). For invasiveness traits, effect sizes were conservatively obtained from comparisons between the invasive category and the phenotypically most similar non-invasive category. For domestication traits, effect sizes were obtained from comparisons between the cultivated and

native categories. In all cases, we used the mean values obtained from replicates available for a given genotype as described above.

We additionally searched the literature for estimates of differentiation in traits associated with invasion success in other systems. We used Google Scholar, references from published papers, and the dataset reported in a recent meta-analysis (Colautti et al. 2009). Papers were trimmed using a series of selection criteria. First, we only considered studies that compared trait differentiation between invasive and non-invasive samples grown in a common greenhouse or field environment. Second, we limited our selection to studies that reported trait values for plants grown under benign conditions (similarly to those reported here), and where inferences were based on a minimum of 10 native and 10 invasive populations. Third, we included only examples in which candidate invasiveness traits were confirmed to be significantly differentiated in the expected direction between the native and invasive ranges. Because raw phenotype data is rarely given in materials made available at publication stage, we used ANOVA F-statistics reported for comparisons between native and invasive ranges. This statistic was used along with reported sample sizes to calculate Hedges' *g* effects in R, with *compute.es*.

#### **4.2.13 Genetic architecture of invasiveness**

# **4.2.13.1 Relationship between heterozygosity and trait values**

We used Pearson's correlation analyses to test the relationship between genome-wide heterozygosity estimated using the 6x, 4x, and 2x call sets and trait values. For tuber number, to account for the possibility that population structure may be driving the observed patterns, we repeated these analyses for each of the three sample categories separately. For invasive samples, we additionally investigated the power available to detect an effect of the same magnitude to the

one observed in non-invasive (native, cultivated and unknown) samples. We used the function 'pwr.f2.test' from the *pwr* R package (Champely 2012). We set the critical α level to 0.05. Effect size was estimated as the  $R<sup>2</sup>$  from a linear model between rank-transformed heterozygosity and tuber number values. The model considered all non-invasive samples, and was built using the linear model-fitting R function 'lm'.

# **4.2.13.2 Association mapping**

We used the R package GWASpoly (Rosyara *et al.* 2016), which extends the Q (or P) + K mixed linear model for association analyses to allow the use of diploid and polyploid data. We included 305 *H. tuberosus* accessions for which genotype and phenotype data was available. The genotypes were in hexaploid format, and were based on 43,276 SNPs. These markers were obtained using the same filtering criteria as above, with the exception of the call rate threshold, which we increased from 60% to 90%. We ran mixed linear models that account for kinship (K), kinship and population structure as estimated using the top two principal components  $(K + P)$ , or kinship and population structure as estimated using membership coefficients for the twopopulations STRUCTURE model  $(K + Q)$ . The kinship matrix, which is included as a random effect in the associations, was calculated in GWASpoly as the realized relationship matrix, computed after imputing missing marker data with the population mean. We used additive, dominant, and diplo-general (diploid-like) marker-effect models. When the same associations were identified by different marker-effect models, we recorded the associations with the lowest *P* value. To establish the significance level, we used a conservative 5% Bonferroni threshold (0.05 / number of tested SNPs). All association models were evaluated using quantile-quantile plots. Additionally, to verify that population stratification is correctly accounted for, we

calculated inflation factors ( $\lambda$  values) in R using the GenABEL package. The proportion of variance explained  $(R^2)$  for the top most significant SNP for each association was calculated by fitting linear models with trait values as response variable and genotype as explanatory variable. Finally, we generated manhattan and quantile-quantile plots using the R package qqman (Turner 2014).

**Figure 4.1: Population structure and genetic diversity of** *Helianthus tuberosus***.** (A) PCA of 427 *H. tuberosus* non-clonal genotypes and 175 genotypes of the progenitor species based on 27,396 shared SNPs. (B) Magnification of *H. tuberosus* genotypes used in the PCA, with samples classified as native (blue), invasive (red), cultivated (orange), or unknown (black). (C) Maximum-likelihood phylogeny based on 4,700 diploid subgenome SNPs, for the subset of 333 non-clonal native, invasive, and cultivated genotypes. Numbered clades indicate inferred origins of invasive genotypes. The tree is rooted with a sample of *H. grosseserratus,* and black circles indicate bootstrap values below 70%. (D) Bayesian clustering of native, invasive and cultivated genotypes. The top barplot indicates individual membership coefficients (*Q*) for 333 non-clonal genotypes excluding unknown samples. Black circles indicate mean *Q* (+/- SD) for one of the two inferred clusters calculated for each of the native, invasive, and cultivated groups. Kruskal-Wallis tests for differences in *Q* among groups:  $\chi^2$  = 251.69, *P* < 2.2 x 10<sup>-16</sup>; pairwise Kruskal–Wallis comparisons using Nemenyi-test, and sequential Bonferroni adjusted *P* values: *Prative-cultivated* < 2.2 x 10<sup>-16</sup>, *Prative-invasive* = 7.8 x 10<sup>-8</sup>, *Pcultivated-invasive* = 2.57 x 10<sup>-4</sup>. The bottom barplots indicate admixture proportions at *K*=2 and *K*=3 for the invasive group, with each genotype multiplied by the number of observed clones. Numbers above the plots indicate the four inferred origins of invasive genotypes, and vertical black lines are used to delineate sampling locations. (E) Genomewide heterozygosity for native, cultivated, unknown and invasive samples calculated using 82,957 filtered SNPs. Invasive samples are divided by inferred origin. Kruskal-Wallis tests for differences among groups:  $\chi^2 = 88.705$ ,  $P < 2.2 \times 10^{-16}$ ; pairwise Kruskal–Wallis comparisons using Nemenyi-test, and sequential Bonferroni adjusted P values: Pnative-cultivated =  $0.06$ , Pnative-invasive =  $6.66 \times 10^{-16}$ , *P*cultivated-invasive =  $6.65 \times 10^{-9}$ .



**Figure 4.2: Phenotypic determinants of invasiveness in** *Helianthus tuberosus***.** (A) PCA based on 11 quantitative traits with data in 90% or more of samples for 225 native, invasive, and cultivated *H. tuberosus* samples (filled circles), and 80 unknown *H. tuberosus* samples (empty circles). Polygons enclose native (blue), invasive (red), and cultivated (orange) samples. (B) Trait means and 95% bootstrapped confidence intervals for allelopathy and clonality in *H. grosseserratus* (GRO), *H. divaricatus* (DIV), *H. hirsutus* (HIR), and for native (TUBN), invasive (TUBI) or cultivated (TUBC) *H. tuberosus*. Allelopathy is given as speed of accumulated germination estimated using bioassays, with lower values indicating higher toxicity. Clonality is quantified as the number of tubers. Sample sizes for each group are given in parentheses. Kruskal-Wallis tests for differences among groups: allelopathy between species ( $\chi^2$  = 54.02, *P*  $= 1.1 \times 10^{-11}$ ), allelopathy within *H. tuberosus* ( $\chi^2 = 1.98$ , *P* = 0.371), clonality within *H*. *tuberosus* ( $\chi^2 = 36.94$ ,  $P = 9.47 \times 10^{-9}$ ). (C) Hedges' effect size estimates (+/- 95% CI) for clonality (tuber number), three *H. tuberosus* domestication traits including total tuber weight (empty square), average tuber weight (empty triangle), and tuber shape index (empty circle), and 18 proposed drivers of invasiveness in other systems (references a-f; Appendix Table B.8). The dashed line marks the effect size estimate for clonality in *H. tuberosus*.



**Figure 4.3: Genetic architecture of invasiveness in** *Helianthus tuberosus*. (A) The relationship between rank-transformed values for heterozygosity estimated from 82,957 filtered SNPs and rank-transformed values for tuber number. Correlations are given for all samples combined (black), as well as native (blue), cultivated (orange), and invasive (red) samples. (B) Manhattan and quantile-quantile plots for tuber number association analyses. The level of statistical significance is given using Bonferroni (full line) and FDR (dotted line). The inflation factor  $(\lambda)$  is shown in the quantile-quantile plot. (C) Boxplot of tuber number for low, medium, and high heterozygosity classes. Within each heterozygosity class, samples are divided based on the number of alleles associated with increased tuber number production. Red lines indicate average tuber number production per heterozygosity class. (D) Number of populations covered by invasive clones, plotted based on heterozygosity class and number of alleles associated with increased tuber number production.



# **Chapter 5: Conclusions**

With this dissertation, I aimed to improve our understanding of the genetics of rapid evolutionary transitions. I started this research with a review of the validity of a common assumption in the plant evolutionary biology literature, that organelle DNA variation is selectively neutral. As outlined in Chapter 2, this assumption, if incorrect, has broad implications, that include understanding contemporary evolution in response to anthropogenic stressors. In Chapter 3, I use genome skimming to identify the parentage of *H. tuberosus*, a perennial sunflower that formed *via* polyploidization, the most rapid form of speciation. This research highlights the utility of genome skimming for clarifying the evolutionary history of phylogenetically challenging taxa (see also Straub et al. 2012; Kane et al. 2012). Finally, in Chapter 4, I combine greenhouse and common garden data with large scale genotyping in *H. tuberosus*. I identify a major invasiveness trait in this system and clarify its diverse genetic architecture. I outline below a series of outstanding questions that remain to be addressed in future research, on each of the topics covered. Where possible, I also identify limitations of the approaches I used.

## **5.1 Chapter 2 future directions**

Current work on the adaptive contribution of plant organelle genomes has been disproportionately focused on the plastome. This bias is evident when considering studies that used tests of neutrality on organelle genes (Table 2.2), which have so far only considered loci in the chloroplast genome. There is therefore a need to expand these surveys to the mitochondrial genome. Beyond analyses of DNA polymorphism, substitution crosses and reciprocal transplant

experiments should be used in species for which the plastomes and chondriomes have opposite modes of inheritance, to isolate the fitness effects of mitochondrial DNA variation.

What agents of selection cause adaptive evolution in plant organelle DNA? This topic has attracted surprisingly little explicit interest so far. Most of the information currently available is indirect, and stems from knowledge of the ecology of species under investigation (e.g. Sambatti et al. 2008), or from correlations between putatively selected haplotypes and environmental variables (e.g. Bashalkhanov et al. 2013). Future studies of organelle-encoded fitness effects should aim to test these predictions experimentally, by manipulating biotic and abiotic factors suspected to act as agents of selection. The relationship between agents of selection, the strength of selection, and the likelihood of adaptive evolution in organelle DNA should then also be investigated.

Because of their tight functional integration, it has been hypothesized that coevolution between the nuclear and organelle genomes is common (Burton et al. 2013). Examples available so far appear to be cases where deleterious mutations at organelle loci have resulted in selection for compensatory mutations at nuclear loci, to maintain organelle function (Osada & Akashi 2012; Sloan et al. 2014). It is unknown, however, whether such interactions contribute to local adaptation as well. Provided that dense taxonomic sampling is available for organelle and nuclear loci of interest, future studies could investigate this possibility in a phylogenetic framework, to identify which mutations are causal and which mutations are correlated (e.g. Osada & Akashi 2012).

# **5.2 Chapter 3 future directions**

The origin of *H. tuberosus* as inferred *via* genome skimming has since been confirmed based on GBS data using broader taxonomic sampling within the *Helianthus* genus (Baute et al. 2016). In chapter 4, I recovered further support for this result, using more comprehensive sampling for both *H. tuberosus* and the inferred progenitors. While the identity of the parental taxa appears to be resolved, other questions regarding the formation of *H. tuberosus* remain. For example, we do not yet know how many speciation events there were, or which parental lineages were involved. Multiple origins of polyploid taxa are now considered to be the norm (Soltis  $\&$ Soltis 2009). In *H. tuberosus* as well, the levels of genetic diversity present in organellar genomes (Fig. 3.3) indicate the species is polyphyletic. Because of widespread incomplete lineage sorting (Schilling, 1997; Timme et al. 2007), pinpointing the number and identity of the contributing *H. tuberosus* parental lineages will, most likely, require the use of whole genome sequencing data.

Knowledge of the parental species of *H. tuberosus* allows additional questions to be asked, with relevance to our current understanding of polyploid speciation (reviewed in Soltis et al. 2010). For instance, is there gene flow between *H. tuberosus* and its diploid and tetraploid progenitors? If so, what is the frequency, directionality, and adaptive contribution of these events? The increase in chromosome number for polyploids is expected to provide instantaneous reproductive isolation from the sympatric parental taxa, thereby facilitating the establishment of the new polyploid species (Coyne & Orr ). Even so, we know that geneflow can occur between ploidal levels (Stebbins 1971). Recent studies have provided preliminary genomic evidence that post-polyploidization geneflow can be unidirectional from the progenitor to the polyploid (e.g.
Zohren et al. 2016), as well as bi-directional (Arnold et al. 2015), and that some of the introgressed regions may have been under selection (Arnold et al. 2015).

Other questions concern the dynamics of genome reorganizaton in *H. tuberosus*. A common observed phenomenon following the formation of polyploid taxa is genome downsizing, whereby the observed DNA content of the polyploid derivative is smaller than the sum of progenitor genome sizes (Leitch & Bennett 2004). This appears to be the case for *H. tuberosus* as well. Specifically, 2C DNA content estimates that I obtained for *H. tuberosus* using flow cytometry (23.4 pg) are smaller than what we would predict (24.2 pg) strictly based on values measured for *H. hirsutus* (15.8 pg) and *H. grosseserratus* (8.4 pg). In the context of polyploid speciation, we would like to know if this DNA loss is random with respect to the constituent subgenomes, or if fragments form one progenitor species are preferentially lost (Soltis et al. 2010). Evidence from *Nicotiana* and *Tragopogon* polyploids point towards nonrandom DNA loss occurring more frequently from the paternal parent (Renny-Byfield et al. 2012; Soltis et al. 2012). These results mirror those observed with regards to gene silencing in *Gossypium* polyploids, where maternal gene expression dominates (Gong et al. 2012). One explanation for these patterns is that genomic reorganization following polyploid formation will favor the maternal contribution to minimize cytonuclear incompatibilities and increase polyploid stability (Gong et al. 2012). Additional examples corroborating this possibility from a range of polyploid taxa are needed.

## **5.3 Chapter 4 future directions**

The study presented in Chapter 4 advances our understanding of the genetic architecture of invasive potential, and more generally, of contemporary evolution. Nevertheless, several

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unknowns remain. First, we currently do not have information on the identity of the genes and mutations that drive the two association signals for tuber number production. Therefore, additional molecular work remains to be done. While this will likely be a challenging task due the hexaploid genome *of H. tuberosus*, other characteristics of the system, including the availability of a transformation protocol (Kim et al. 2016), could facilitate experimentation. Important questions that could be addressed with this information include the relative contribution of regulatory versus protein-coding changes, and the extent of parallel use of the same gene(s), both between different biological invasion events in *H. tuberosus*, and between *H. tuberosus* and other clonal invasives.

Also, we do not currently know why the invasive *H. tuberosus* phenotype identified here, as well as the alleles associated with this trait, is being maintained at low frequencies in the native range. Previous studies have highlighted that increased performance of invasive individuals compared to native conspecifics might be due to the release from tradeoffs. These may include growth and reproductive output on one hand, and herbivore defense (Blossey  $\&$ Notzold 1995) or stressful abiotic conditions (Bossdorf et al. 2005; Turner et al. 2014; Hodgins & Rieseberg 2011) on the other. Moreover, recent work has highlighted that the performance of invasive genotypes can be context-dependent (e.g. Molofsky et al. 2017). We could not investigate these possibilities because the logistic requirements for maintaining and harvesting multiple common garden experiments would have been too large. Future studies could investigate the importance of trade-offs to the evolution of invasiveness in *H. tuberosus* by comparing the performance of invasive and non-invasive genotypes under control and stress treatments.

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Finally, results presented in Chapter 4 indicate that certain *H. tuberosus* clones are particularly widespread. A promising future line of investigation could therefore be to investigate whether epigenetic modifications facilitate post-establishment spread in this system. This could be accomplished by studying the association between clonal phenotypic variation scored in a common environment and epigenotypes (e.g. Zhang et al. 2016). The contribution of epigenetic modifications to invasion success and rapid adaptation in general is an area for which considerable additional research is needed (Bossdorf et al. 2008).

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## **Appendices**

## **Appendix A - Chapter 3 Supplementary Material**

**Figure A.1**: Number of SNPs called (y axis) vs. ploidy setting used in Unified Genotyper (x axis) for the 35S segment in all species and accessions. For the final analysis we set ploidy to 100x.



Figure A.2: Number of SNPs called (y axis) vs. ploidy setting used in Unified Genotyper (x axis) for the 5S segment (consisting of 5S and its associated NTS region) in all species and accessions. For the final analysis we set ploidy to 100x.


**Figure A.3**: Number of singletons (white segments) and polymorphism shared between two or more samples (red segments) for each surveyed region in all species and accessions. Counts do not include sites with missing data or insertion-deletion polymorphisms.



**Figure A.4**: Unrooted maximum likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction of complete plastid genomes (151,551 bp).



**Figure A.5:** Unrooted maximum likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction of partial mitochondrial genomes (196,853 bp).



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Figure A.6: Unrooted maximum likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction of concatenated rDNA sequences (8,710 bp).

**Figure A.7:** Maximum likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction of (a) complete plastid genomes (151,551 bp), and (b) partial mitochondrial genomes (196,853 bp) for diploid-only accessions. Support is shown for nodes with SH-like values > 70% (above) and Bayesian posterior probabilities  $> 0.7$  (below).

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**Figure A.8:** Maximum likelihood phylogenetic reconstruction of (a) 35S rDNA (8,196 bp) and (b) 5S rDNA (514 bp) regions. Support is shown for nodes with SH-like values  $> 70\%$  (above) and Bayesian posterior probabilities  $> 0.7$  (below).



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## **Table A.1:** Details of samples used for sequencing.

Table A.2: Summary of sequencing data, including reads that passed quality control (i.e. reads with  $> 36$ ) bp of quality above 10, and any 3 bp sub-sequences of above 20 average quality). Coverage for 2x, 4x, and 6x accessions was estimated based the 2C genome size values for *H. giganteus* (2x; 9.4 Gbp), *H. divaricatus* (4x; 16.5 Gbp) and *H. tuberosus* (6x; 25.3 Gbp; Bennett & Leitch, 2010).

2,399 <b>MX01</b> 25,696,125 93 2x $, \,$ 94 MX15 6,424,846 603 $, ,$ 572 94 MX16 6,110,243	0.25x $0.06\ \mathrm{x}$ $0.06\ \mathrm{x}$ $0.05~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ 94 MX17 5,486,297 517	
$, \,$ 659 95 DB01 6,899,823	$0.07~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ 894 95 DB02 9,448,256	$0.09~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ DB03 777 95 8,205,921	$0.08~\mathrm{x}$
$, ,$ DB04 699 94 7,417,402	$0.07~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ 94 DB20 6,921,829 653	$0.07~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ 604 94 DB <sub>21</sub> 6,405,530	$0.06\ \mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ 94 DB11 644 6,835,529	$0.07~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ DB12 568 94 6,032,053	$0.06\ \mathrm{x}$
$, ,$ $\rm DB28$ 759 94 8,049,819	$0.08~\mathrm{x}$
94 DB13 13,706,235 1295 4x	$0.08~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ 993 94 <b>DB26</b> 10,518,696	$0.06\ \mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ 94 DB <sub>27</sub> 1198 12,697,192	$0.07~\mathrm{x}$
DB05 596 94 2x 6,313,648	$0.06\ \rm x$
$, \,$ <b>DB06</b> 886 95 9,363,912	$0.09~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ 94 DB <sub>22</sub> 446 4,736,616	0.05x
$, \,$ DB <sub>23</sub> 732 94 7,771,209	$0.08~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ 94 DB <sub>24</sub> 477 5,058,722	$0.05~\mathrm{x}$
$, ,$ DB25 405 94 4,294,040	$0.04~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ 588 94 DB07 6,235,212	$0.06\ \rm x$
$, \,$ 94 <b>DB08</b> 6,622,086 623	$0.07$ x
$, \,$ 731 94 DB19 7,756,751	$0.08~\mathrm{x}$
1208 94 DB09 4x 12,794,832	$0.07~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ DB10 1417 94 15,022,683	$0.09$ x
$, ,$ 94 DB14 1578 16,734,141	$0.10\ \mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ DB15 1133 94 12,013,247	0.07x
$, \,$ DB <sub>29</sub> 969 94 10,291,521	0.06x
11,867,147 DB <sub>30</sub> 1121 94	0.07 x
$, \,$ 13,967,130 94 DB31 1316	0.08x
20,055,926 1891 94 DB16 6x	$0.08~\mathrm{x}$
$, \,$ 94 DB17 16,704,014 1574	0.06x
$, \,$ 94 18,507,147 1740 <b>DB18</b>	$0.07$ x
$, ,$ 1279 94 DB32 13,626,680	0.05 x
$, \,$ 94 DB33 14,423,711 1360	0.06x
$, ,$ 10,172,519 948 93 <b>DB34</b>	$0.04~\mathrm{x}$

Sample ID	<b>Plastid</b>		Mitochondria		35S rDNA		5S rDNA	
	<b>Total reads</b>	Coverage	<b>Total reads</b>	Coverage	<b>Total reads</b>	Coverage	<b>Total reads</b>	Coverage
MX01	575,399	355 x	57,721	18x	79,927	740 x	6,695	1,168x
<b>MX15</b>	143,152	89 x	20,885	6 x	35,950	328 x	1,216	207 x
MX16	148,266	92 x	18,372	6 x	14,824	135 x	1,680	286 x
<b>MX17</b>	128,265	80x	10,965	3x	17,286	159x	809	139x
DB01	68,561	43 x	19,561	6 x	28,429	258 x	2,106	$352~\rm{x}$
<b>DB02</b>	84,850	53 x	24,161	$7\,\mathrm{x}$	32,712	297 x	1,972	329 x
DB03	92,754	58 x	23,382	$7\,\mathrm{x}$	45,343	412 x	2,036	$342~\rm{x}$
DB04	48,686	30x	13,656	$4\ \mathrm{x}$	29,131	263 x	2,268	383 x
<b>DB20</b>	144,245	90 x	21,516	$7\,\mathrm{x}$	34,667	314x	1,563	262x
DB <sub>21</sub>	137,795	86 x	17,062	5x	21,396	194 x	1,878	313 x
DB11	53,303	33 x	20,119	6 x	13,695	123x	1,525	$255~\rm{x}$
<b>DB12</b>	84,898	53 x	20,412	6 x	13,310	119x	1,928	319 x
<b>DB28</b>	258,432	161 x	23,519	$7~\rm x$	32,485	294 x	2,099	355 x
<b>DB13</b>	77,665	$48~\rm{x}$	30,218	$9\ \mathrm{x}$	28,793	261 x	2,852	473 x
<b>DB26</b>	173,137	108x	33,506	10x	25,258	229 x	2,161	360x
DB <sub>27</sub>	308,258	192 x	33,864	10x	49,042	445 x	5,031	833 x
<b>DB05</b>	52,399	33x	17,380	5x	23,030	208x	1,948	327 x
<b>DB06</b>	193,449	121 x	34,462	11x	32,959	299 x	2,625	443 x
<b>DB22</b>	107,105	67 x	14,702	4 x	26,978	243 x	1,482	$248~\rm{x}$
DB <sub>23</sub>	262,641	164x	30,250	9x	34,657	313 x	1,606	$270~\rm{x}$
DB <sub>24</sub>	154,448	96 x	18,545	6 x	17,856	161 x	1,198	$202~\rm{x}$
DB <sub>25</sub>	137,912	86 x	17,844	$5~\rm x$	25,505	230 x	838	142 x
DB07	56,450	35 x	21,122	6 x	17,827	$161~\rm x$	1,657	$280~\rm{x}$
<b>DB08</b>	50,918	32 x	18,009	5x	20,308	183 x	1,031	177x
DB19	134,407	84 x	26,847	$8\ \mathrm{x}$	23,681	214x	1,665	275 x
<b>DB09</b>	113,612	71x	30,002	$9\ \mathrm{x}$	28,623	$258~\rm{x}$	2,715	458 x
DB10	129,070	$80\ \rm{x}$	41,821	13x	29,768	269 x	4,274	726 x
DB14	99,686	$62~\rm{x}$	54,710	17x	44,613	401 x	2,383	401 x
<b>DB15</b>	84,312	52 x	41,345	13x	46,212	417 x	1,311	215 x
DB29	130,348	81 x	32,562	10 x	28,742	259 x	781	132 x
<b>DB30</b>	199,269	124 x	55,990	17x	28,092	255 x	1,474	253 x
DB31	105,508	66 x	38,205	12 x	18,275	164x	2,668	447 x
DB16	169,874	106x	39,151	12 x	50,245	452 x	3,188	536 x
DB17	131,994	82 x	39,652	12 x	31,853	$287~\rm x$	3,292	553 x
<b>DB18</b>	169,072	105 x	40,237	12 x	51,139	459 x	4,453	750 x
DB32	435,900	270x	36,401	11x	25,179	225 x	2,136	357 x
DB33	123,477	77x	43,369	13x	23,237	210x	1,926	324x
DB34	239,738	147 x	32,918	10x	21,396	189 x	1,700	274 x

**Table A.3:** Total reads and mean coverage for high-copy regions, estimated based on alignments to the *H. annuus* reference. Only reads that passed quality control are considered.

## **Appendix B - Chapter 4 Supplementary Material**

**Figure B.1**: Map of North America showing *H. tuberosus* USDA sampling locations for which GPS coordinates were available (45 of 49 accessions; Table B.1). Light gray shading is used for the US range of *H. tuberosus*, following Rogers *et al*. (1982). Pie charts represent average membership proportions for the two main genetic clusters identified in the STRUCTURE analysis. The two boxplots represent PC1 scores (top plot) and membership coefficients for the STRUCTURE cluster that is dominant in cultivated *H. tuberosus* (bottom plot) for samples collected from artificial and natural habitats. Both comparisons between site categories are statistically significant (PC1: Mann-Whitney *U* test,  $P < 2.5 \times 10^{-10}$ ; STRUCTURE: Mann-Whitney *U* test,  $P < 1.1 \times 10^{-8}$ ).



**Figure B.2**: Map of Europe showing sampling locations for which GPS coordinates were available (21 of 42 accessions; Table B.1). Pie charts represent average membership proportions for the two main genetic clusters identified in the STRUCTURE analysis.



**Figure B.3**: Clonality in the *H. tuberosus* collection. (A) IBS distribution from pairwise comparisons among 695 samples, calculated using 78,839 diploidized SNPs. The red dashed line marks the 0.97 threshold set to delineate clonal and non-clonal relationships. (B) Number of clonal connections evaluated for 435 tuber-propagated accessions. (C) Clonal relationships represented as clusters for the same set of 435 samples. Single data points represent unique accessions. The dashed circles delineate the two clonal series containing invasive samples obtained in 2013, as well as PGRC or IPK accessions (see text for details).



**Figure B.4**: PCA including 602 samples of *H. tuberosus*, *H. grosseserratus*, *H. divaricatus* and *H. hirsutus*, and 150 samples of *H. annuus* based on 2,916 SNPs. PC1 corresponds to divergence between annual and perennial species.



**Figure B.5**: PCA including only samples sequenced using WGSS, including 150 samples of *H. annuus*, 10 samples of *H. grosseserratus*, and 10 samples of *H. divaricatus*. The analysis is based on 3,916 SNPs. PC1 summarizes divergence between perennial (*H. grosseserratus* and *H. divaricatus*) and annual (*H. annuus*) species.



**Figure B.6**: PCA including 427 *H. tuberosus* samples assigned to the native (blue), cultivated (orange), invasive (red), or unknown (black) categories. (A) Analysis based on all 82,957 SNPs and genotypes in hexaploid format. (B) Analysis based on 4,700 SNPs assigned to the diploid subgenome, with genotypes converted to diploid format. (C) Analysis based on 4,770 SNPs assigned to the tetraploid subgenome, with genotypes converted to tetraploid format.



**Figure B.7**: Maximum-likelihood phylogeny for the *H. tuberosus* unique genotype set (427 samples), including native (blue) cultivated (orange) invasive (red) or unknown (black) samples. The analysis is based on 4,700 SNPs assigned to the diploid subgenome. The tree is rooted with a sample of *H. grosseserratus*. Black circles indicate bootstrap values lower than 70%. Clades 1- 4 indicate the four inferred origins of invasive genotypes.



**Figure B.8**: Pedigree information (detailed in Kays & Nottingham 2008) for the cultivated samples clustering with invasive *H. tuberosus* genotypes in clade 3 (as identified in Fig. 4.1C and Appendix Figure B.7).



**Figure B.9**: Bayesian STRUCTURE analysis of 427 *H. tuberosus* samples based on 5,000 SNPs that were randomly selected from the filtered hexaploid SNP set. (A) Log probability of the data, and (B) Δ *K* as a function of number of *K* inferred clusters. (C) Plots of individual membership coefficients for values of *K* ranging from 2 to 5. Each of the 427 samples is represented by a vertical stacked bar, with colors indicating genetic clusters. Black vertical lines separate samples assigned to the four categories.



**Figure B.10**: Bayesian STRUCTURE analysis of 427 *H. tuberosus* samples based on 4,700 SNPs assigned to the diploid subgenome, for which genotypes were converted to diploid format. (A) Log probability of the data, and (B) Δ *K* as a function of number of *K* inferred clusters. (C) Plots of individual membership coefficients for values of *K* ranging from 2 to 5. Each of the 427 samples is represented by a vertical stacked bar, with colors indicating genetic clusters. Black vertical lines separate samples assigned to the four categories.



**Figure B.11**: Bayesian STRUCTURE analysis of 427 *H. tuberosus* samples based on 4,770 SNPs assigned to the tetraploid subgenome, for which genotypes were converted to tetraploid format. (A) Log probability of the data, and (B) Δ *K* as a function of number of *K* inferred clusters. (C) Plots of individual membership coefficients for values of *K* ranging from 2 to 5. Each of the 427 samples is represented by a vertical stacked bar, with colors indicating genetic clusters. Black vertical lines separate samples assigned to the four categories.



**Figure B.12**: Heterozygosity calculated in 5MB non-overlapping windows along the genome. The X axis indicates genome position (MB), and the Y axis indicates heterozygosity (%) calculated within each window for each of the native, invasive, cultivated, or unknown sample categories. The bar above each plot indicates windows for which heterozygosity of invasive samples was highest (black), lowest (white), or intermediate between other sample categories (grey).



**Figure B.13**: Genome-wide heterozygosity calculated for 427 *H. tuberosus* samples across 82,957 SNPs with genotypes in hexaploid format (A), 4,700 SNPs assigned to the diploid subgenome with genotypes converted to diploid format (B), and 4,770 SNPs assigned to the tetraploid subgenome with genotypes converted to tetraploid format (C). White circles are used to indicate mean (+/- SD) for each of the native, cultivated, invasive, or unknown sample categories. Significance was tested using Kruskal–Wallis and posthoc Nemenyi-tests implemented in the PMCMR (Pohlert, 2015) package in R. *P* values are presented for significant comparisons, after adjustment using Holm (1979).



**Figure B.14**: (A) PCA for 305 *H. tuberosus* samples included in the greenhouse and common garden experiments. The analysis is based on 11 quantitative traits with data in 90% or more of samples, for which missing data was replaced with the average value observed across the collection. Samples are colored based on membership to the native (blue), cultivated (orange), invasive (red), or unknown (white) categories. Polygons enclose native, cultivated, and invasive samples. (B) Percentage of the variance accounted by the 11 principal components. (C) Loading plot showing the correlation between the factor loadings and the first two principal components. Trait abbreviations are as per Table B.3.



**Figure B.15**: Means and 95% bootstrapped confidence intervals for six metrics of allelopathy in *H. tuberosus* [native (TUB<sub>N</sub>), invasive (TUB<sub>I</sub>) or cultivated (TUB<sub>C</sub>) ] and progenitor species [*H. grosseserratus* (GRO), *H. divaricatus* (DIV), *H. hirsutus* (HIR)]. Trait abbreviations are as per Table B.3. CTRL represents the the control extracts, which contained only water.



Figure B.16: Means and 95% bootstrapped confidence intervals for 13 traits measured in a common garden in native (blue), invasive (red) cultivated (orange), and unknown (black) *H. tuberosus*. Trait abbreviations are as per Table B.3. Column A are traits for which invasive samples are similar to the native group. Column B are traits for which invasive samples are similar to the cultivated group. Column C group traits for which the invasive group is intermediate. Column D is for traits showing extreme values in invasive samples.



Figure B.17: Pearson correlation coefficients between all trait values as heterozygosity estimated per sample based on all markers (6x), diploid subgenome markers (2x), and tetraploid subgenome markers (4x). Asterisks are used to indicate significance for each correlation. Trait abbreviations are as per Table B.3.



**Figure B.18**: Correlations between tuber number and heterozygosity of whole-genome genotypes for samples assigned to the native (blue), cultivated (orange), or invasive (red) categories. Heterozygosity is calculated based on all hexaploid-format markers (6x), diploid subgenome markers (2x), or tetraploid subgenome markers (4x).



**Table B.1**: Sampling information for all *H. tuberosus* accessions. For USDA accessions, the asterisk is used to denote artificial sampling habitats. *N* denotes sample size per accession. For sample IDs, letters in parentheses are used to indicate samples categorized as native (n), cultivated (c), invasive (i), or unknown (u). Sample IDs for USDA and Rieseberg Lab accessions include only intra-population/accession identifiers [e.g. 503262  $1(n)$  is presented as  $1(n)$ ; ]
































<b>Species</b>	<b>Ploidy</b>	Collection	Accession	Lat.	Long.	$\boldsymbol{N}$
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 435697	37.16	$-94.85$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 468725	34.91	$-95.3$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 468727	35.4	$-94.58$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 468726	33.46	$-89.71$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 649998	46.65	$-97.23$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 649995	43.3	$-97.11$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547185	43.58	$-88.93$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547186	42.95	$-89.78$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547188	42.51	$-89.68$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 649997	40.46	$-96.36$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 586890	42.16	$-100.38$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547193	40.75	$-86.93$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547195	45.2	$-85.16$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 649992	42.73	$-96.23$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547202	41.68	$-93.13$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547197	38.91	$-87.7$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547200	39.98	$-90.83$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547201	40.05	$-91.15$	5
H. grosseserratus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547192	40.73	$-88.76$	5
H. hirsutus	4x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 468739	34.7	$-94.53$	5
H. hirsutus	4x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 495610	40.1	$-95.21$	5
H. hirsutus	4x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547204	40.03	$-90.9$	5
H. hirsutus	4x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 468735	43.06	$-89.43$	5
H. hirsutus	4x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547173	38.91	$-87.7$	5
H. hirsutus	4x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547174	39.18	$-88.8$	5
H. hirsutus	4x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 547171	40.06	$-81.38$	5
H. hirsutus	4x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 664604	43.06	$-89.43$	5
H. divaricatus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 435675	34.96	$-94.71$	5 <sup>5</sup>
H. divaricatus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 649973	38.66	$-78.15$	5 <sup>5</sup>
H. divaricatus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 503214	41	$-73$	5
H. divaricatus	2x	<b>USDA</b>	PI 503216	41	$-71$	5
H. divaricatus	$2\mathrm{x}$	<b>USDA</b>	PI 503215	41	$-73$	5

**Table B.2**: Sampling information for *H. grosseserratus*, *H. divaricatus*, and *H. hirsutus* accessions. The four *H. divaricatus* accessions that we reclassified to *H. hirsutus* following ploidy inference are indicated in bold.



**Table B.3**: Traits measured, with abbreviations used, details of scoring, and corresponding experiment.





**Table B.4**: Results of fixed-ANOVAs performed for the between-species comparisons (including the controls) for the six allelopathy metrics. Trait abbreviations are as per Table B.3. Post-hoc comparisons between species [*H. tuberosus* (T), *H. grosseserratus* (G), *H. divaricatus* (D), *H. hirsutus* (H)] were performed in the *lsmeans* package. *P* values are corrected for multiple comparisons using the sequential Bonferroni method. Bold font indicates significance.



**Table B.5**: Results of fixed-ANOVAs (with and without corrections for population structure) for comparisons at the six allelopathy metrics performed within *H. tuberosus*, including the native, invasive and cultivated sample categories. Trait abbreviations are as per Table B.3. Significant *P* values are given in bold font.



**Table B.6**: Results of mixed-ANOVAs with and without corrections for population structure for 13 common garden traits. Post-hoc comparisons were performed for tests with significant Category term [native (N), invasive (I) and cultivated (C)] in the lsmeans package. *P* values are corrected for multiple comparisons using the sequential Bonferroni method. Bold font indicates significance.





<b>Trait</b>	<b>Analysis</b>	Group compared to <b>Invasive</b>	<b>Posterior mean</b>	Lower 95% CI	Upper 95% CI	<b>Effective sample size</b>	<b>pMCMC</b>
<b>STEM DIA</b>	No PCA	Native	$-1.49419$	$-3.05926$	0.05364	833348	0.0541
		Cultivated	$-1.0181$	$-2.66106$	0.59532	813857	0.2159
	With PCA	Native	37.2751	10.4119	63.1968	3957.3	0.004147
		Cultivated	$-5.1337$	$-9.8867$	$-0.78$	1456.2	0.007259
<b>HEIGHT</b>	No PCA	Native	$-0.44046$	$-1.85293$	0.94807	844568	0.5381
		Cultivated	0.20101	$-1.1217$	1.54896	861552	0.7722
	With PCA	Native	$-0.4589$	$-20.1066$	19.3297	5987.8	0.951019
		Cultivated	2.047	$-0.6917$	5.0689	2801.4	0.126328
FLO NO	No PCA	Native	$-1.43803$	$-2.66409$	$-0.25291$	600962	0.0107
		Cultivated	$-0.68037$	$-1.99633$	0.61251	571615	0.3046
	With PCA	Native	$-29.1688$	$-48.4337$	$-9.8254$	3711.1	0.001276
		Cultivated	$-1.7869$	$-5.5018$	1.711	1944.4	0.318868
TUB NO	No PCA	Native	$-2.80355$	$-4.29123$	$-1.36415$	384279	$10^{-5}$
		Cultivated	$-2.95858$	$-4.705$	$-1.32166$	406258	$5 \times 10^{-5}$
	With PCA	Native	$-72.0814$	$-95.5221$	$-48.6813$	3114.1	$6 \times 10^{-7}$
		Cultivated	$-4.6501$	$-9.3997$	$-0.6514$	1209.6	0.003491
AV_TUB_W	No PCA	Native	$-2.05067$	$-4.21686$	0.07743	724950	0.0511
		Cultivated	$-0.81831$	$-3.40124$	1.78615	729867	0.5364
	With PCA	Native	$-53.312$	-93.6668	$-12.3658$	4239.3	0.010326
		Cultivated	2.2288	$-5.4254$	9.8933	1440	0.560983
TUB AREA	No PCA	Native	$-0.49171$	$-2.24931$	1.24025	717038	0.579
		Cultivated	2.12503	0.08567	4.21291	682716	0.0376
	With PCA	Native	$-46.6235$	$-67.7166$	$-25.6383$	7365.4	$6 \times 10^{-7}$
		Cultivated	1.0617	$-3.7231$	5.9882	2177.8	0.669441

**Table B.7**: Results of MCMCglmm with and without correction for population structure. Bold font indicates significance.



**Table B.8**: Hedges' effect size estimates calculated for one invasiveness trait (tuber number) and three domestication traits (total tuber weight, average tuber weight, tuber fruit-shape index) in *H. tuberosus*, as well as for 18 invasiveness traits identified from other studies. *N*1 and *N*2 are the sample sizes for groups 1 and 2.



**Table B.9**: Results from the  $K + Q$  association mapping models. Results from K and  $K + P$ models were consistent (data not shown). For tuber number, P values are given for models with and without genome-wide heterozygosity as an additional covariate  $(P_{\text{no\_het}}/P_{\text{het}})$ .





**Table B.10**: Clonal series identified for *H. tuberosus* samples. Details regarding sample IDs are given in Table B.1. For each clonal series, bold font is used to indicate the sample included in the unique genotype set.





**Table B.11**: Strategy used for diploidization and tetraploidization of subgenome SNPs. We consider cases in which the alternate allele (B) or the reference allele (A) is assigned to the diploid and the tetraploid subgenome. For each scenario, we present genotypes observed in samples of the progenitor species, original (6x) and 2x- or 4x-converted genotypes of *H. tuberosus* samples, and observed frequency of each genotype in the *H. tuberosus* SNP set used for the conversion.

