

Higher Gene Flow in Sex-Related Chromosomes than in Autosomes during Fungal Divergence

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Abstract

Nonrecombining sex chromosomes are widely found to be more differentiated than autosomes among closely related species, due to smaller effective population size and/or to a disproportionately large-X effect in reproductive isolation. Although fungal mating-type chromosomes can also display large nonrecombining regions, their levels of differentiation compared with autosomes have been little studied. Anther-smut fungi from the *Microbotryum* genus are castrating pathogens of Caryophyllaceae plants with largely nonrecombining mating-type chromosomes. Using whole genome sequences of 40 fungal strains, we quantified genetic differentiation among strains isolated from the geographically overlapping North American species and subspecies of *Silene virginica* and *S. caroliniana*. We inferred that gene flow likely occurred at the early stages of divergence and then completely stopped. We identified large autosomal genomic regions with chromosomal inversions, with higher genetic divergence than the rest of the genomes and highly enriched in selective sweeps, supporting a role of rearrangements in preventing gene flow in genomic regions involved in ecological divergence. Unexpectedly, the nonrecombining mating-type chromosomes showed lower divergence than autosomes due to higher gene flow, which may be promoted by adaptive introgressions of less degenerated mating-type chromosomes. The fact that both mating-type chromosomes are always heterozygous and nonrecombining may explain such patterns that oppose to those found for XY or ZW sex chromosomes. The specific features of mating-type chromosomes may also apply to the UV sex chromosomes determining sexes at the haploid stage in algae and bryophytes and may help test general hypotheses on the evolutionary specificities of sex-related chromosomes.

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Introduction

Sex chromosomes have been found to play a prominent role in reproductive isolation. This “large-X effect” in speciation is thought to be due to the higher rate of fixation of beneficial alleles on the X chromosome (i.e., “faster-X effect”), as the X chromosome is hemizygous in males (and thus more exposed to selection) and recombines in females (allowing efficient selection). This rapid accumulation of adaptive alleles and heterozygosity asymmetry in sex chromosomes could generate more incompatibilities between lineages than on autosomes, so that sex chromosomes would disproportionately contribute to reproductive isolation (Coyne and Orr 1989; Coyne 1992; Presgraves 2008). Sex chromosomes have in fact consistently been found to display higher divergence levels between closely related species than autosomes, which could also be partly due to their smaller effective population size (Meisel and Connallon 2013; Charlesworth et al. 2018; Irwin 2018; Presgraves 2018). Chromosomal inversions are another genomic feature often found to be more differentiated

between species than the rest of the genome and have been suggested to allow ecological divergence by protecting beneficial allelic combinations from gene flow, that otherwise homogenizes gene pools and prevent local adaptation and ecological divergence (Dobzhansky 1970, 1981; Kirkpatrick and Barton 2006; Hoffmann and Rieseberg 2008; Joron et al. 2011; Thompson and Jiggins 2014; Lamichhaney et al. 2016; Christmas et al. 2019).

A case of ecological divergence is host specialization of fungal pathogens on new hosts (Giraud et al. 2010). In addition, fungi can carry mating-type chromosomes with features highly similar to those of sex chromosomes, with extensive nonrecombining regions (NRRs) and thus smaller effective population sizes compared with autosomes. Important differences with classically studied sex chromosomes however exist: Both mating-type chromosomes are always heterozygous and nonrecombining (Fraser et al. 2004; Menkis et al. 2008; Grognet et al. 2014; Badouin et al. 2015), as are UV sex chromosomes that determine sex at the haploid stage in red,

green, and brown algae, as well as in bryophytes (Coelho et al. 2019). Whether these features would change the pattern of higher divergence of sex-related chromosomes compared with autosomes between closely related species has been little investigated. Given that both mating-type chromosomes are nonrecombining, one does not expect any phenomenon similar to the “faster-X” effect, and there may thus not be stronger role of mating-type chromosomes compared with autosomes in reproductive isolation; both mating-type chromosomes are expected to rapidly differentiate and degenerate, which may promote introgression from closely related species with less degenerated mating-type chromosomes (Sun et al. 2012; Corcoran et al. 2016). It has also been little studied whether chromosomal inversions can favor host adaptation in fungal pathogens, for example, by protecting beneficial combinations of putative effectors, that is, secreted proteins that play a role in the pathogen interaction with its host. Anther-smut fungi from the *Microbotryum* genus, castrating pathogens of Caryophyllaceae plants, have proved excellent models for the study of fungal pathogen host specialization and of mating-type chromosome evolution (Le Gac et al. 2007; Refrégier et al. 2008; Gladieux et al. 2011; Hood et al. 2013; Badouin et al. 2015; Fontanillas et al. 2015; Hartmann et al. 2019). The anther-smut fungus lineage of *Microbotryum* parasitizing the North American native *Silene virginica* and *S. caroliniana* constitutes an interesting case of incipient divergence and host specialization. No differentiation was found between the anther-smut fungal populations of these two plant species based on a few molecular markers (Antonovics et al. 1996; Freeman et al. 2002; Antonovics et al. 2003; Hood et al. 2019) but their largely distinct pollinator guilds (Fenster and Dudash 2001; Reynolds and Fenster 2008; Reynolds et al. 2009) may have promoted reproductive isolation in these pollinator-borne anther-smut fungi. *Microbotryum* fungi from *S. caroliniana* are known to carry mating-type chromosomes with large NRRs that have extended in several successive steps, generating a series of successive “evolutionary strata” with varying ages of divergence (Branco et al. 2018). Only small regions at the mating-type chromosome extremities are still recombining, called pseudoautosomal regions (PARs; Branco et al. 2018).

Here, we obtained long-read and short-read genome sequences and used a population genomics approach to investigate the potential for cryptic differentiated lineages in the anther-smut fungi parasitizing *S. caroliniana* and *S. virginica*, possibly specialized on different host lineages, to assess whether the divergence occurred with gene flow, and whether mating-type chromosomes and chromosomal inversions showed higher divergence than recombining autosomes.

Results

Two Main Genetic Clusters with Different Host Ranges

We analyzed the genomes of 40 anther-smut fungal strains sampled on *S. virginica* and on four *S. caroliniana* subspecies or varieties, that may represent cryptic species (*caroliniana*,

wherryi, *pennsylvanica*, and *pennsylvanica* var. *angelica*) across their distribution in the Eastern United States of America (fig. 1A and B and supplementary table S1, Supplementary Material online; Burleigh and Holtsford 2003; Popp and Oxelman 2007). Using the available well-assembled genome of the MvCa-1250 strain sampled on *S. caroliniana* sub. *pennsylvanica* as reference (Branco et al. 2018), we identified a total of 349,045 high-quality biallelic single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) on autosomes in 38 strains, excluding two strains that were likely siblings of the individual corresponding to the reference genome, showing differences of fewer than 10 SNPs. Population structure analyses on the remaining 38 strains revealed genetic clusters differing in their host lineages despite overlapping geographical ranges (fig. 1). The principal component analysis (PCA) revealed two main genetic clusters (fig. 1C). One genetic cluster, hereafter referred to as MvCa, appeared specific to the two *S. caroliniana* subspecies *pennsylvanica* and *caroliniana*. The second genetic cluster, hereafter referred to as MvVi, appeared specific to *S. virginica* and to the *S. caroliniana* subspecies *wherryi* and variety *pennsylvanica* var. *angelica*. We confirmed the genetic subdivision into two main clusters using the model-based clustering analysis implemented in FastStructure, the nonparametric method of discriminant analysis of principal components and SplitsTree phylogenetic networks (fig. 1D and E; supplementary fig. S1 and note S1, Supplementary Material online). Further signatures of population subdivision associated with the host lineage or geography were found within each genetic cluster, although the corresponding genetic differentiation level was much lower than between the MvCa and MvVi clusters (supplementary note S1 and table S2, Supplementary Material online). We focused our subsequent analyses on the divergence between the two main genetic clusters and checked that population substructure did not affect our main conclusions (supplementary note S1, Supplementary Material online). We found a high number of SNPs on autosomes corresponding to fixed differences (55,233 SNPs) compared with shared polymorphisms (30,055 SNPs) between the MvCa and MvVi genetic clusters. Shared polymorphism was unlikely to be due to recent gene flow as we found no evidence of admixture between the MvCa and MvVi genetic clusters (fig. 1D and E and supplementary fig. S1, Supplementary Material online). The two genetic clusters had similar levels of nucleotide diversity per site π (per-gene median values in MvVi: $\pi = 2.23\text{e-}03$; per-gene median values in MvCa: $\pi = 1.54\text{e-}03$). Genome-wide divergence was in the range expected in the “gray zone of speciation” (Roux et al. 2016), with median values of per-gene relative (F_{ST}) and absolute (D_{XY}) divergence values on autosomes of 0.66 and 0.0053, respectively (supplementary table S3, Supplementary Material online).

Ancient and Heterogeneous Gene Flow

We compared 28 scenarios of divergence histories for the MvCa and MvVi genetic clusters, based on autosomal SNPs, using the diffusion approximation method implemented in *dadi* (Gutenkunst et al. 2009; supplementary table S4, Supplementary Material online). The most likely scenario,

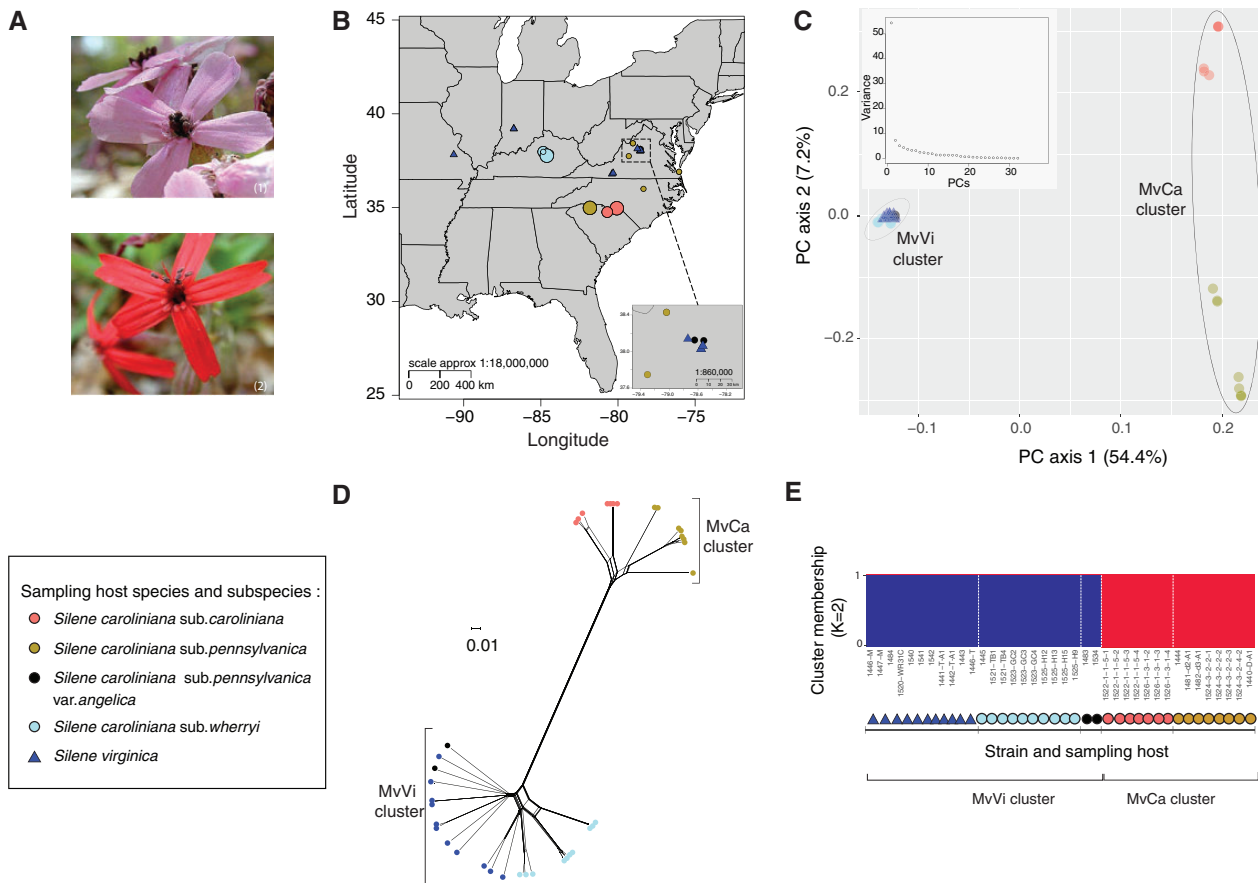


Fig. 1. Sampling and population structure of the 38 studied anther-smut fungal *Microbotryum* strains on *Silene caroliniana* and *S. virginica* inferred based on autosomal genome-wide single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs). (A) Pictures of diseased flowers of *S. caroliniana* (1) and *S. virginica* (2) by anther-smut fungi (Picture credits M.E. Hood). (B) Map of the sampling location of the 38 strains across the Eastern United States of America. The symbol size is proportional to the number of strains sampled at each site (from 1 to 4 strains per site). (C) Principal component analysis (PCA) on all 349,045 SNPs. Main plot: PCA of all 38 strains according to the first 2 principal components (PCs). Percentage of variance explained by each PC is indicated into brackets. Inset plot: genetic variance explained by the first ten PCs. (D) Neighbor-net tree from a SplitsTree analysis on 340,891 SNPs (removing SNPs with missing data). (E) Proportion of cluster membership predicted in FastStructure for $K = 2$ on 990 unlinked SNPs. Sampled host species and subspecies of the 38 strains are indicated with colors and symbols as shown in the legend in the three panels. The MvCa and MvVi genetic clusters are indicated on panels (C–E).

that is, the one with the lowest Akaike information criterion (AIC, [supplementary table S4, Supplementary Material online](#)), corresponded to a divergence with ancient and asymmetric gene flow and no recent gene flow (model AM2mG3; [fig. 2](#) and [supplementary figs. S2 and S3, Supplementary Material online](#)). The delta AIC (corresponding to the difference between the AICs of each model and of the best model, [supplementary table S4, Supplementary Material online](#)) indicated that the only two other models with AIC values close to the lowest one also assumed heterogeneous migration rates along the genome and differed from the AM2mG3 model only by population sizes (models AM2m and AM2N2m; [supplementary table S4, Supplementary Material online](#)). The model likelihood was improved by adding recent population bottlenecks in MvCa and MvVi, as well as by adding heterogeneity in introgression rates along the genome before the cessation of gene flow ([table 1; supplementary table S4 and note S2, Supplementary Material online](#)). We used two sets of migration rates, applied to a proportion P and $1 - P$ of the genome ([fig. 2B](#)), which allowed to account

for the accumulation of barriers to gene flow that can locally affect migration ([Roux et al. 2013, 2016; Tine et al. 2014](#)). We converted estimates of demographic model parameters by assuming an average mutation rate of 10^{-9} per generation and one generation per year ([Badouin et al. 2017](#)). During the period of ancient gene flow, rates of gene flow were relatively low, and effective migration from MvVi to MvCa was higher than the reverse direction by an order of magnitude ([fig. 2B](#) and [supplementary table S5A, Supplementary Material online](#)). Divergence was predicted to have initiated about 1.8 Ma (confidence interval of 360,000–5,000,000 years ago) and complete cessation of gene flow to have occurred about 50,000 years ago ([fig. 2A](#) and [supplementary table S5A, Supplementary Material online](#)). The phylogenetic network analysis implemented in SplitsTree also supported the absence of recent gene flow between the MvCa and MvVi genetic clusters, showing no footprint of recombination between strains of the two genetic clusters ([fig. 1D](#)). We found further evidence that the ancient gene flow between the diverging clusters was heterogeneous by obtaining variation in

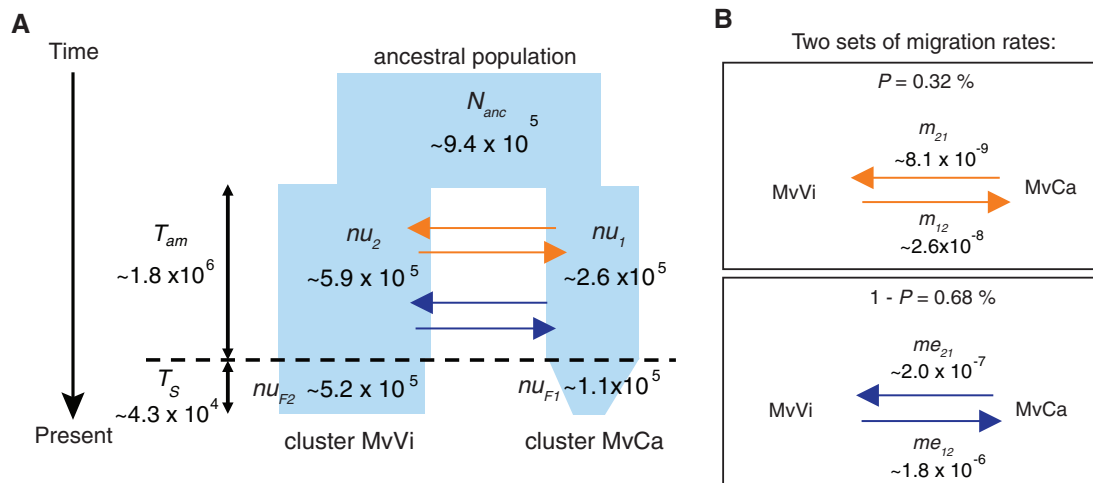


Fig. 2. Most likely demographic model of divergence between the MvCa and MvVi *Microbotryum* genetic clusters. (A) Schematic representation of the divergence scenario between the MvCa cluster and the MvVi cluster from an ancestral population of size N_{anc} : period of ancient migration during a time period T_{am} and then cessation of gene flow since T_s (model AM2mG3). In the MvCa genetic cluster, we modeled an exponential population decay at the time period T_s from a population size nu_1 to a population size nu_{F1} . In the MvVi genetic cluster, we modeled a simultaneous population decay at the time period T_s from a population size nu_2 to a population size nu_{F2} . The y-axis represents time and x-axis population sizes (not to scale). Converted parameter estimates are indicated (supplementary table S5, Supplementary Material online). Time is scaled in number of generations. (B) Two sets of migration parameters modeled to include genomic heterogeneity in gene flow during the period of ancient gene flow that accounts both for the accumulation of barriers to gene flow affecting migration locally (Roux et al. 2013, 2016; Tine et al. 2014): a proportion P of the genome has introgression rates of m_{12} and m_{21} ; a proportion $1 - P$ of the genome has introgression rates of me_{12} and me_{21} . The migration parameter m_{ij} corresponds to the per-generation fraction of replacements in population i by genetic fragments from population j .

Table 1. Summary of the Three Most Likely Demographic Models of Divergence in *dadi* between the MvCa and MvVi *Microbotryum* Genetic Clusters.

Model	Number of Model Parameters	Ln L	AIC	Delta AIC
AM2m with population size changes in MvCa and MvVi clusters (AM2mG3)	12	-7,618	15,261	0
AM2m	10	-7,679	15,379	118
AM2m with heterogeneous effective population size (AM2N2m)	12	-7,715	15,455	194

NOTE.—The three top models of divergence are variants of a model of isolation with ancient asymmetrical migration and heterogeneous migration rate across the genome (AM2m). Logarithm of the maximum likelihood (Ln L), Akaike information criterion (AIC), delta AIC (corresponding to the difference in AIC between each model and the best model), and numbers of estimated parameters for each model run using *dadi* on the observed data set based on all autosomal oriented SNPs are presented.

estimates of effective migration among autosomal contigs (supplementary note S3, fig. S4, and table S5B, Supplementary Material online). We also found that the divergence and diversity patterns along genomes were consistent with effects of linked selection, that is, with lower within-cluster genetic diversity and higher between-cluster divergence in genomic regions with lower recombination rates (supplementary note S3 and tables S6 and S7,

Supplementary Material online), as expected for hitchhiking events across longer genomic distances (Burri et al. 2015; Burri 2017).

Low Divergence Levels between Clusters on Mating-Type Chromosomes

Having identified the main genetic clusters and temporal patterns of gene flow, we then determined whether the mating-type chromosomes, carrying large regions of recombination suppression, showed specific levels of genetic diversity and population divergence between lineages. We first used a long-read based technology (Oxford Nanopore) to obtain a high-quality genome assembly of the strain MvCa-Vir-1441 (supplementary table S8, Supplementary Material online) belonging to the MvVi cluster to compare with the previously obtained reference genome for the MvCa cluster, that is, the genome assembly of the strain MvCa-1250 (Branco et al. 2018). Comparison of the high-quality genomes of the two genetic clusters showed that the mating-type chromosomes were homologous between genetic clusters (fig. 3A and supplementary fig. S5, Supplementary Material online). The same large central region lacked recombination between the a_1 and a_2 mating-type chromosomes in MvVi and MvCa, as shown by the rearrangements between mating types in this region and the collinearity in the PARs at both ends of the chromosome (supplementary fig. S5C, Supplementary Material online). We found rearrangements in the NRRs between the reference genomes of the two clusters, although in limited numbers compared with

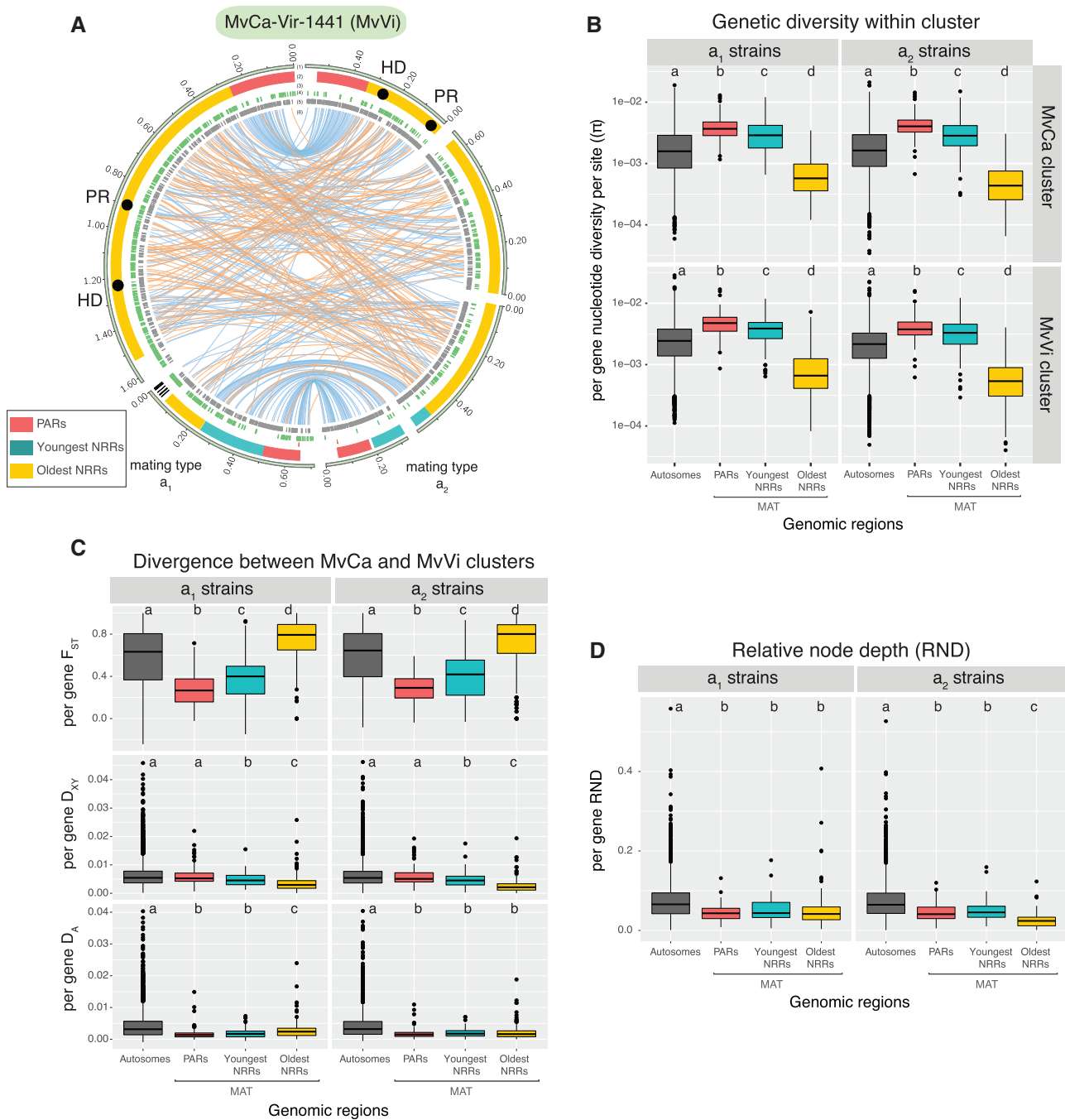


FIG. 3. Contrasted patterns of genetic diversity and population divergence between mating-type chromosomes and autosomes. (A) Structure and synteny of the a_1 and a_2 mating-type chromosomes of the MvCa-Vir-1441 strain belonging to the MvVi genetic cluster (i.e., mating-type chromosomes of MvCa-Vir-1441-A1 and MvCa-Vir-1441-A2 assemblies). Tracks represent from the outer to the inner center: 1) contigs, 2) localization of centromeric repeats in black, of the mating-type genes represented by black circles (the HD and pheromone receptor PR genes), and of regions with contrasted levels of recombination (recombining PARs in red, oldest nonrecombining regions (NRRs) in light blue, and youngest NRRs in yellow), 3) subtelomeric repeats in red, 4) transposable elements in green, 5) gene coding sequences in gray, and 6) blue and orange links connecting orthologous regions between assemblies. The link size is proportional to region length and orange links represent inversions. (B) Distribution of per-gene genetic diversity (π) in the MvCa and MvVi genetic clusters. The y-axis was log 10 scaled. (C) Distribution of per-gene net divergence (D_A), absolute divergence (D_{XY}), and relative divergence (F_{ST}) between the MvCa and MvVi genetic clusters. (D) Distribution of per-gene relative node depth (RND). Statistics distribution is presented separately for the a_1 and a_2 sequenced haploid genomes, and for the autosomes and three studied regions of the mating-type chromosome (MAT). Different letters indicate significantly different (P value < 0.05) mean values according to pairwise multiple comparisons Wilcoxon tests (P values are presented [supplementary table S9, Supplementary Material](#) online). On boxplots, the lower and upper hinges correspond to the first and third quartiles (i.e., 25th and 75th percentiles). The middle hinge corresponds to the median. Dots are outliers.

rearrangements between mating types (fig. 3A and supplementary fig. S5, Supplementary Material online). The structures of the mating-type chromosomes and the NRRs were thus overall highly similar in the two clusters, which is consistent with the mating-type chromosome having been formed a long time before the MvVi–MvCa cluster divergence; indeed, we inferred here a complete cessation of gene flow between clusters 50,000 years ago while the main recombination suppression event on the MvCa mating-type chromosomes had been estimated to have occurred ~ 2.3 Mya (Branco et al. 2018). The high-quality assemblies and the large population genomic data set further showed that the a_2 mating-type chromosomes of these North American anther-smut fungi contained a single homeodomain (HD) gene, lacking the *HD1* gene; in contrast, two *HD* genes are present in all the analyzed *Microbotryum* species to date (Branco et al. 2017, 2018; Hartmann, Rodríguez de la Vega, et al. 2018; Carpentier et al. 2019), as is typical in basidiomycete fungi, with a couple of other exceptions (Lengeler et al. 2002; Coelho et al. 2017; Sun et al. 2019).

On the mating-type chromosomes, we studied separately recombining regions (PARs), regions with most ancient suppression of recombination (oldest NRRs, ca. 2.3 My old) and regions with most recent suppression of recombination (youngest NRRs, ca. 20 times younger; fig. 3; Branco et al. 2018). In each genetic cluster, and for both a_1 and a_2 mating-type chromosomes, we found significant differences in per-gene nucleotide diversity between autosomes and different mating-type chromosome regions (PARs, oldest NRRs, and young NRRs). We found significantly lower levels of genetic diversity in oldest NRRs than in other regions of mating-type chromosomes and than in autosomes (fig. 3B and supplementary table S9, Supplementary Material online); such lower diversity in the oldest NRR is consistent with the occurrence of introgression of a low number of haplotypes followed by the replacement of the whole NRR and with the half effective population size in mating-type chromosome NRRs compared with regions with recombination (Presgraves 2018; Wilson Sayres 2018). We found significantly higher levels of genetic diversity in the mating-type chromosome PARs and youngest NRRs than in autosomes (nearly 2-fold values; fig. 3B and supplementary table S9, Supplementary Material online). Such higher diversity in regions of the mating-type chromosomes with relatively recent recombination is consistent with introgression, as similar values are expected solely based on effective population sizes. Because these regions are not or little degenerated, the introgressions would not have been followed by selective sweeps and would have thus kept higher diversity.

To study divergence levels in mating-type chromosomes between MvCa and MvVi clusters, we used F_{ST} , D_{XY} , and the net divergence index D_A (fig. 3C), as these indexes are differentially impacted by the levels of standing genetic diversity and population size changes (Noor and Bennett 2009; Cruickshank and Hahn 2014; Burri 2017). The relative measure of divergence F_{ST} is highly dependent on within-population genetic diversity (Charlesworth 1998), which is

less the case for D_{XY} , but this later statistic still depends on ancestral population diversity (Gillespie and Langley 1979). D_A allows comparison of populations with different effective sizes, such as autosomes and sex-related chromosomes (Nei and Li 1979), but is susceptible to level of diversity within each population. We found significant differences in divergence levels between autosomes and the three different mating-type chromosome regions for all three statistics, except for D_{XY} between autosomes and PARs. We found higher F_{ST} values in the oldest NRRs and lower F_{ST} values in the PARs and the youngest NRRs than in the autosomes, likely due to differences in genetic diversity levels. We found significantly lower D_{XY} levels in the youngest and oldest NRRs than in the autosomes and significantly lower D_A levels on the three mating-type chromosome regions (PARs, youngest NRRs, and oldest NRRs) than on autosomes for both mating-type chromosomes. Such a lower general differentiation in mating-type chromosomes between clusters compared with autosomes is consistent with higher levels of gene flow in mating-type chromosomes than in autosomes.

Lower differentiation in mating-type chromosomes could alternatively be due to lower mutations rates on mating-type chromosomes, although higher substitution rates are expected based on their smaller population effective size. As a matter of fact, we found significantly higher total rates of substitutions on the PARs and youngest NRRs than on autosomes (supplementary fig. S6A and table S9C, Supplementary Material online), being calculated between MvVi or MvCa and *Microbotryum lagerheimii*, an outgroup species without ancient recombination suppression. The nonsynonymous (d_N) substitution rates were higher on the oldest NRRs (supplementary fig. S6C, Supplementary Material online), which is consistent with lower population effective sizes and degeneration processes affecting mating-type chromosomes, as shown previously in other *Microbotryum* species (Fontanillas et al. 2015).

We also compared relative node depth (RND) values between autosomes and mating-type chromosomes; RND is a measure of relative per-gene divergence between the two clusters compared with the distance to an outgroup, which allows mitigating the potential confounding effect of different mutation rates on mating-type and autosomal chromosomes for gene flow inference (Feder et al. 2005; Rosenzweig et al. 2016). The shallower RNDs in gene genealogies of all three mating-type chromosome regions than in autosomes further supported higher gene flow levels in mating-type chromosomes (fig. 3D).

To test more directly if the mating-type chromosomes experienced higher levels of past gene flow than autosomes, we used *dadi* to compute estimates of past gene flow per contig, separating a_1 and a_2 genomes, based on the previously inferred most likely demographic divergence, that is, with ancient heterogeneous gene flow (model AM2mG3; fig. 2). We found that estimates of effective past migration rates on the majority of mating-type chromosomes contigs were slightly higher than on autosomal contigs, in particular from MvCa to MvVi (fig. 4; supplementary table S10 and fig. S7, Supplementary Material online). This supported the

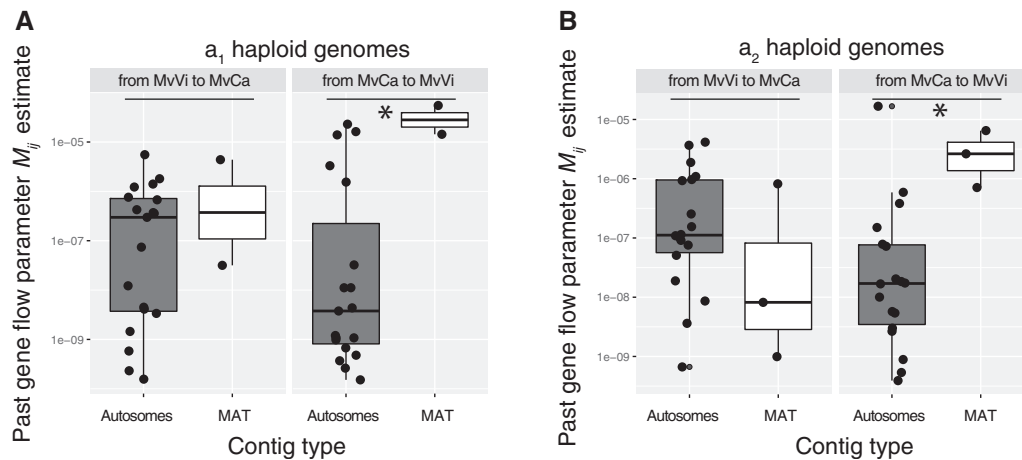


Fig. 4. Comparison of past gene flow parameter estimates, for the *dad1* most likely model, between autosomes and mating-type chromosomes (MAT). The migration parameter M_{ij} corresponds to the per-generation fraction of replacements in population i by genetic fragments from population j inferred by *dad1* most likely model (model AM2mG3) for the highest proportion of each contig for strains with a_1 haploid genome (A) or a_2 haploid genome (B). The *dad1* analysis was run by contig. Two sets of migration parameters were modeled to include genomic heterogeneity in gene flow (a proportion P of the contig having introgression rates of m_{ij} ; a proportion $1 - P$ of the contig having introgression rates of me_{ij} ; see [fig. 2B](#)); M_{ij} corresponds to m_{ij} if $P > 1 - P$ and me_{ij} if $P < 1 - P$. The y -axes were log 10 scaled. On boxplots, the lower and upper hinges correspond to the first and third quartiles (i.e., 25th and 75th percentiles). The middle hinge corresponds to the median. Dots are outliers. Asterisks indicate significantly different mean values between chromosome types (i.e., autosomes vs. mating-type chromosomes) according to Kruskal–Wallis rank sum tests (statistics are presented [supplementary table S10C](#), [Supplementary Material](#) online).

past occurrence of higher levels of gene flow between MvVi and MvCa in the mating-type chromosomes than in autosomes.

Large Chromosomal Inversions on Autosomes

We used the long-read assemblies to investigate the possible occurrence of genome rearrangements on autosomal contigs between genetic clusters, as inversions could also show patterns of gene flow different from the genome-wide average ([Hoffmann and Rieseberg 2008](#)). Autosomal gene content was similar between the two genomes assemblies ([supplementary table S8](#), [Supplementary Material](#) online), with about 95% of genes having orthologs in the two genomes; among genome-specific genes, we found no enrichment of genes encoding putative effectors (as predicted by EffectorP 2.0; [Sperschneider et al. 2018](#)). Although most autosomal contigs were highly collinear between the two assemblies, we identified two large autosomal inversions ([fig. 5A](#)), one on each of the two contigs MC02 and MC05 of each assembly, being 600- and 900-kb large, respectively ([fig. 5B](#) and [supplementary table S11](#), [Supplementary Material](#) online). Centromeric repeats were present at one extremity of each involved contigs in the MvCa-1250-A1 assembly, and at the extremity of one contig in the MvCa-Vir-1441-A1 assembly ([fig. 5B](#), track 2), but we found no evidence that the two contigs may form a single chromosome within each assembly. Presence of repeats at the rearrangement breakpoints ([fig. 5B](#), track 3) suggested that the rearrangements may have occurred via nonhomologous recombination mediated by inverted repeats between two chromosomal arms.

We checked for the presence of the large inversions involving the MC02 and MC05 contigs in the 37 other genomes of the MvCa and MvVi clusters by assembling de novo all

Illumina genomes and using a mapping approach ([supplementary note S4](#), [Supplementary Material](#) online). These analyses showed that the two large inversions were fixed within genetic clusters ([supplementary table S11](#), [fig. S8](#), and [note S4](#), [Supplementary Material](#) online). We found no evidence of heterozygosity for the inversion in any of the analyzed diploid genomes. Comparative genomics with other *Microbotryum* species suggested that the derived state of the rearrangement likely occurred in the MvVi genetic cluster ([supplementary note S4](#) and [fig. S9](#), [Supplementary Material](#) online).

SplitsTree analyses of SNPs called in two large inversions involving the MC02 and MC05 contigs showed longer branches separating strains of the two genetic clusters than the genome-wide average, suggesting stronger differentiation, and therefore representing likely older cessation of gene flow between the MvCa and MvVi genetic clusters in these genomic regions ([supplementary fig. S8C](#), [Supplementary Material](#) online). This was consistent with significantly higher mean values of relative divergence F_{ST} and absolute divergence D_{XY} of the MC02 and MC05 contigs of the MvCa-1250-A1 assembly than for other contigs (Kruskal–Wallis rank sum test χ^2 statistic = 34.353, degree of freedom = 1, P value = 4.598e-09 and χ^2 statistic = 21.708, degree of freedom = 1, P value = 3.174e-06, respectively; [supplementary figs. S4F and G](#), [Supplementary Material](#) online). The MC02 and MC05 contigs of the MvCa-1250-A1 assembly also had low estimates of effective past migration rates compared with other autosomal contigs ([supplementary figs. S4A–C](#) and [table S5B](#), [Supplementary Material](#) online).

We found no significant enrichment in any specific gene function in the MC02 and MC05 rearranged contigs compared with other autosomal contigs. In particular, we found no enrichment of genes encoding secreted proteins or

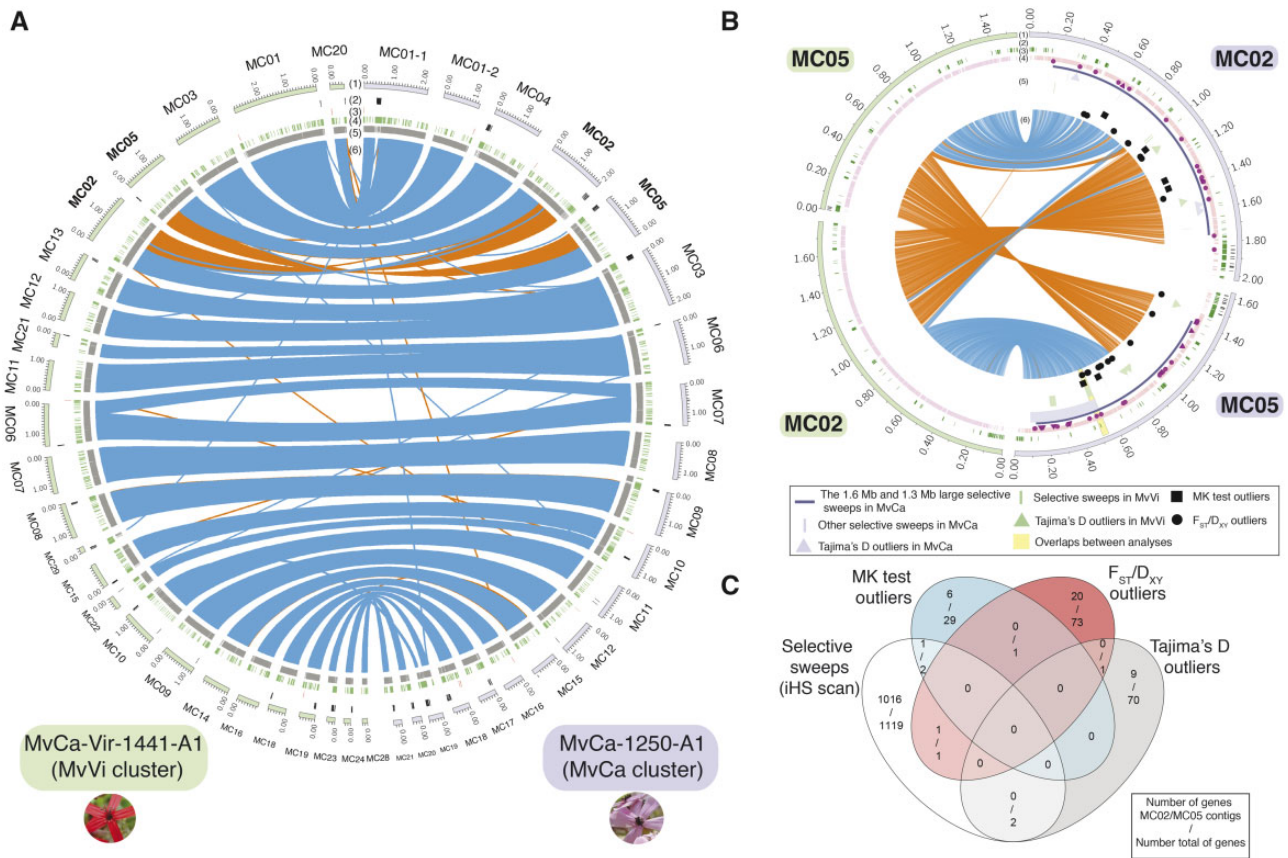


FIG. 5. Large inversions on two autosomal contigs between the MvCa and MvVi *Microbotryum* genetic clusters and signatures of positive selection. (A) Circos plot showing the synteny between the MvCa-1250-A1 (MvCa, right, purple) and MvCa-Vir-1441-A1 (MvVi, green, left) assemblies on all autosomal contigs. Pictures of sampling hosts of the two corresponding strains are shown. Tracks represent from the outer to the inner center: 1) contigs in purple for MvCa-1250-A1 and in green for MvCa-Vir-1441-A1, 2) centromeric repeats in black, 3) subtelomeric repeats in red, 4) transposable elements in green; 5) gene coding sequences in gray, and 6) blue and orange links connecting single-copy orthologs between assemblies. Rearranged contigs are highlighted in bold. (B) Circos plots showing the synteny between the rearranged autosomal contigs MC02 (i.e., MvCa-1250-A1-R1_MC02) and MC05 (i.e., MvCa-1250-A1-R1_MC05) of the MvCa-1250-A1 assembly and contigs MC02 (i.e., MvCa-Vir-1441-A1_MC02) and MC05 (i.e., MvCa-Vir-1441-A1_MC05) of the MvCa-Vir-1441-A1 assembly and signatures of positive selection. Tracks represent from the outer to the inner center: 1) contigs in purple for MvCa-1250-A1 and in green for MvCa-Vir-1441-A1; 2) centromeric repeats in black; 3) transposable elements in green; 4) gene coding sequences in pink, with triangles for genes encoding proteins with predicted effector function and circles for genes encoding other predicted secreted proteins; 5) signatures of positive selection from various analyses (selective sweeps as purple [resp. green] traits and Tajima's D as purple [resp. green] triangles in MvCa [resp. MvVi], McDonald–Kreitman [MK] tests as squares and F_{ST} and D_{XY} outliers as circles), and 6) links connecting single-copy orthologs between assemblies, with the link size being proportional to gene length and orange links representing inversions. The genomic regions harboring overlapping signatures of positive selection detected in several scans are highlighted in yellow. (C) Venn diagram of overlaps between genes detected to be under positive selection between selective sweeps, Tajima's D , MK tests, and F_{ST} and D_{XY} outlier analyses. The number of genes on the rearranged autosomal contigs MC02 (i.e., MvCa-1250-A1-R1_MC02) and MC05 (i.e., MvCa-1250-A1-R1_MC05) only and the number total of genes are presented.

effectors compared with the genome-wide average on autosomes (for secreted proteins: Pearson's chi-square test $\chi^2 = 1.3078$ and P value = 0.2528 and degree of freedom = 1; for effectors: Pearson's chi-square test $\chi^2 = 0.19611$ and P value = 0.6579 and degree of freedom = 1). We tested whether rearranged contigs were enriched in genes under diversifying selection between clusters, which would point to a role of inversions in protecting beneficial allelic combinations specific to the cluster ecological niches. For this, we looked for genome-wide signatures of positive selection within each genetic cluster or footprints of elevated differentiation between clusters, using four approaches: the iHS statistics, detecting recent selective sweeps from haplotype structure (i.e., longer

haplotypes than expected); the McDonald–Kreitman test, detecting high rates of nonsynonymous substitutions and thus recurrent selection for protein changes; Tajima's D values, detecting excess of rare alleles in site frequency spectra and thus recent selective sweeps; and F_{ST} and D_{XY} outlier genes, detecting particularly high genetic differentiation between clusters (supplementary note S5, table S12, and fig. S10, Supplementary Material online). The MC02 and MC05 rearranged contigs were significantly enriched both in selective sweeps detected with the iHS statistics and in F_{ST} and D_{XY} outliers (fig. 5B and C; supplementary note S5 and table S13, Supplementary Material online). In particular, we identified ten genes encoding secreted proteins with effector functions

in selective sweep regions in the MC02 and MC05 rearranged contigs (supplementary table S12A, Supplementary Material online), which may thus be involved in host specialization or coevolution. Noteworthy, the only two overlaps between regions with footprints of selective sweeps in the two genetic clusters were on the rearranged MC05 contig and corresponded to 26 genes, including one gene encoding a predicted effector, two genes encoding other predicted secreted proteins and one gene encoding a major facilitator superfamily transporter (supplementary note S5, table S12A, and fig. S10A, Supplementary Material online). Two additional genes were found as overlaps between iHS scans and other selection scan methods on the rearranged MC05 contig (fig. 5B and C), but these had no predicted function. The overlap between McDonald–Kreitman tests and iHS scans suggests that there has been selection for recurrent changes in amino acids and the last beneficial change was recent enough to still be detected by the presence of a long haplotype.

Discussion

Our study indicates recent divergence of plant pathogenic fungi involving genome rearrangements and initial heterogeneous gene flow across whole genomes. The most striking finding was an unexpected lower divergence between clusters in the mating-type chromosomes than in autosomes, in contrast to the higher divergence consistently found in sex chromosomes between closely related lineages in plants and animals (Meisel and Connallon 2013; Charlesworth et al. 2018; Irwin 2018; Presgraves 2018). We further detected a large autosomal inversion differentiating the clusters, with higher divergence than in other autosomal regions, and being enriched in footprints of positive selection. This provides a good example of an inversion likely involved in protecting beneficial allelic combinations (Hoffmann and Rieseberg 2008) and suggests that mating-type chromosomes may have impacts in speciation that are distinct from expectations based on sex chromosome studies.

Based on whole genome sequences, we identified two highly differentiated genetic clusters among the anther-smut fungi infecting a complex of North American *Silene* plants. The two genetic clusters of anther-smut fungi did not experience recent gene flow and were found on specific host lineages in natural populations despite largely overlapping ranges, suggesting host specialization. Adaptation to different host species may play a role in reproductive isolation, through migrant inviability and hybrid ill-suitability on parental hosts (Nosil et al. 2005; Giraud et al. 2008; de Vienne et al. 2009). Different pollinator guilds between *S. caroliniana* and *S. virginica* species (Fenster and Dudash 2001; Reynolds and Fenster 2008; Reynolds et al. 2009) might have contributed to reproductive isolation in these pollinator-borne anther-smut fungi. We did not perform cross-inoculations in controlled conditions, but these usually reveal less host specificity than in natural conditions in anther-smut fungi (de Vienne et al. 2009). Phylogeographic factors might also have played a role in the observed population structure. The isolation in

distinct refugia during the last glaciation can strongly affect population structure in natural populations (Hewitt 2000), as has been shown in several anther-smut fungi and their hosts (Vercken et al. 2010; Gladieux et al. 2011; Feurtey et al. 2016; Martin et al. 2016; Van Rossum et al. 2018). The distribution of the *S. caroliniana* subspecies and their anther-smut fungi could be consistent with the locations of identified glacial refugia across Eastern United States (Antonovics et al. 2003; Swenson and Howard 2005; Barnard-Kubow et al. 2015); furthermore population bottlenecks were inferred during the period of recent strict isolation (<50,000 years ago), as often observed during glaciation periods. The time inferred for the onset of the divergence between the clusters, about 1.8 Ma, was much older than the last glaciation maximum (ca. 20,000 years ago; Clark et al. 2009), but the inferred date of 50,000 years ago for the complete cessation of gene flow could correspond to the last glaciation given estimate confidence intervals (supplementary table S5A, Supplementary Material online).

We inferred divergence with initial gene flow, supporting the view that divergence with gene flow can occur in natural populations (Via 2001; Nosil 2008; Feder et al. 2012; Gagnaire et al. 2013). Indeed, although gene flow is predicted to impair speciation by homogenizing gene pools (Mayr 1963; Coyne and Orr 2004; Bolnick and Fitzpatrick 2007), evidence of divergence with gene flow has been inferred in several organisms, such as walking-sticks insects (Nosil and Crespi 2004), pea aphids (Via 1999), salamanders (Niemiiller et al. 2008), and *Heliconius* butterflies (Martin et al. 2013). In fungi, recent studies highlighted the importance of gene flow between recently diverged fungal populations or between distantly related species (Leroy et al. 2014; Corcoran et al. 2016; Desjardins et al. 2017; Feurtey and Stukenbrock 2018; Gladieux et al. 2018; Maxwell et al. 2018, 2019; Silva et al. 2018; Tusso et al. 2019). Pathogenic fungi often have features particularly conducive to ecological divergence in sympatry, for example, high spore number, strong selection by their host and mating within their host (Giraud et al. 2006, 2010).

We found evidence of heterogeneity in levels of past gene flow, suggesting a role of selection in decreasing gene flow at some loci while favoring gene flow in other regions or homogenizing allelic frequencies at neutral loci unlinked to loci under selection (Wu 2001; Turner et al. 2005; Barton and Cara 2009). The heterogeneity in the genome-wide levels of divergence may also be partly due to background selection and recurrent selective sweeps within genetic clusters (Charlesworth 1998; Roux et al. 2013; Burri et al. 2015; Wolf and Ellegren 2017).

The most interesting case of heterogeneity in levels of past gene flow was the contrast between the mating-type chromosomes and autosomes. We observed unexpected lower divergence levels between genetic clusters on the mating-type chromosomes than on autosomes, in striking contrast with the typical pattern commonly found in animals and plants (Presgraves 2008; Meisel and Connallon 2013; Charlesworth et al. 2018). The lower divergence between clusters on the mating-type chromosomes than on autosomes occurred despite higher substitution rates and smaller

population effective sizes, and thus most likely result from higher levels of past gene flow on the mating-type chromosomes, as supported by estimates of past gene flow parameters in *dadi*. This finding stands in stark contrast with the widespread and consistent large-X effect found in sex chromosomes in a variety of organisms, in which the X chromosome plays a disproportionately large effect as a barrier to gene flow (Meisel and Connallon 2013; Charlesworth et al. 2018; Irwin 2018; Presgraves 2018). This discrepancy can be due to the specificities of the mating-type chromosomes compared with sex chromosomes in terms of recombination suppression and heterozygosity and can thus provide general insights into the mechanisms at play in general in sex-related chromosomes. Indeed, the commonly accepted explanation for the large role of sex chromosomes in reproductive isolation is that the X chromosome recombines in females and is hemizygous in males, allowing more rapid evolution than in autosomes, inducing a large-X effect in genetic incompatibilities between closely related lineages. Sexual antagonism between males and females traits may also increase the sex chromosome evolution rate (Coyne and Orr 1989; Coyne 1992; Presgraves 2008). Because mating type is determined at the haploid stage in fungi, both mating-type chromosomes are equally nonrecombining (Branco et al. 2018), rendering selection less efficient in both mating-type chromosomes than autosomes (Fontanillas et al. 2015), so that no effect similar to the faster-X hypothesis is actually expected. Furthermore, no sexually antagonistic selection is expected as there is no male or female functions in these isogamous fungi (Bazzicalupo et al. 2019), which should also contribute to the lack of faster evolution in mating-type chromosomes. Although smaller population effective size of mating-type chromosomes should still lead to higher differentiation under neutral processes (Presgraves 2018; Wilson Sayres 2018), selection may have favored higher rates of introgression, at the early stages of MvCa–MvVi divergence, of the whole NRR of mating-type chromosomes to counter their degeneration following recombination suppression. The anther-smut fungi from the *Microbotryum* genus indeed have highly degenerated mating-type chromosomes, with accumulation of repetitive elements, nonsynonymous substitutions, and gene losses (Badouin et al. 2015; Fontanillas et al. 2015). Shortly after divergence, one lineage may have by chance suffered from a stronger deleterious mutation on one of its mating-type chromosome and introgression of the homologous mating-type chromosome from the other lineage may then have been beneficial. Such adaptive introgression of a less degenerated NRR from a closely related species has previously been suggested in another fungus with mating-type chromosomes carrying a large NRR, *Neurospora tetrasperma* (Strandberg et al. 2010; Sun et al. 2012; Corcoran et al. 2016) and our present study suggest this may, interestingly, be a general pattern. The permanent heterozygosity and lack of recombination typical of mating-type chromosomes also apply to UV sex chromosomes in organisms such as red, green, and brown algae, as well as bryophytes, in which sex is determined at the haploid stage (Coelho et al. 2019), and similar patterns of higher gene flow on such sex chromosomes would also be

predicted in these organisms, which will be interesting to test in future studies. The nonrecombining heterogametic sex chromosomes in plants and animals also degenerate, but their introgression among species is prevented by the rapidly accumulating genetic incompatibilities in homogametic sex chromosome revealed in the heterogametic sex (known as the Haldane's rule; Coyne 1985).

Another interesting case of heterogeneous gene flow in anther-smut fungi was that of the two autosomal contigs MC02 and MC05 carrying large rearrangements, with inversions having likely occurred and been fixed in the MvVi cluster. These regions with inversions had experienced less gene flow than the rest of the genome and were highly enriched in signatures of positive and divergent selection. The elevated levels of absolute divergence (D_{XY}) and reduced levels of past gene flow between genetic clusters in the genomic regions affected by inversions suggested that these rearrangements likely occurred before the complete cessation of gene flow between genetic clusters. The lower inferred gene flow and the numerous footprints of positive selection in these rearranged genomic regions suggest that the inversion protected from gene flow a suite of beneficial alleles involved in ecological adaptation, perhaps in relation to host specialization or other components of specific ecological niches of the lineages (Wellenreuther and Bernatchez 2018; Faria et al. 2019). Large rearrangements, including inversions, are well known to impede recombination upon crosses between lineages due to improper chromosome pairing during meiosis and therefore contribute to local adaptation, population divergence, and reproductive isolation, although their role is often complex (Dobzhansky 1970, 1981; Rieseberg 2001; Feder et al. 2003; Hoffmann and Rieseberg 2008; McGaugh and Noor 2012; Rogers et al. 2018; Coughlan and Willis 2019; Wellenreuther et al. 2019). It was interesting in this regard that the autosomal inversions were the only genomic regions showing multiple positive selection footprints, detected by several different methods, indicating the occurrence of different types of positive selection, across various time scales. The iHS method identifies recent selective sweeps, whereas McDonald–Kreitman tests detect recurrent changes in amino acids, and F_{ST} and D_{XY} outliers are based on overall differentiation (McDonald and Kreitman 1991; Voight et al. 2006; Sabeti et al. 2007; Burri 2017). Overlaps between these various types of selection footprints were not necessarily expected and were not found in other genomic regions in our study or in other fungi (Badouin et al. 2017; Hartmann, Rodríguez de la Vega, et al. 2018; Mohd-Assaad et al. 2018; Schirrmann et al. 2018), which points to particularly strong and recurrent selection events in the inversion regions.

In conclusion, our study provides important insights into the process of ecological divergence showing lower gene flow and more selection footprints in autosomal inversions, suggesting a role of rearrangements in protecting from recombination beneficial combinations of alleles. The most exciting finding was the unexpected higher gene flow on mating-type chromosomes, in striking contrast with the consistent and widespread opposite patterns found in sex chromosomes of plants and animals. The higher gene flow on mating-type

chromosomes suggested the lack of faster adaptive evolution of mating-type chromosomes and the occurrence of beneficial introgressions, perhaps to counteract degeneration in their NRRs. It will be interesting in future studies to test the hypothesis that mating-type chromosomes and UV sex chromosomes also have opposite patterns of gene flow compared with more classically studied XY or ZW sex chromosomes, which may contribute to generalize and test the theory on the role of sex chromosomes in speciation.

Materials and Methods

Sequencing Data and Genome Assemblies

We analyzed the genome sequences of 40 *Microbotryum* strains collected on *S. virginica* and four subspecies or varieties of *S. caroliniana* (*S. caroliniana* sub. *caroliniana*, *S. caroliniana* sub. *wherryi*, *S. caroliniana* sub. *pennsylvanica*, and *S. caroliniana* sub. *pennsylvanica* var. *angelica*) across Eastern United States (supplementary table S1, Supplementary Material online; supplementary Materials and Methods, Supplementary Material online). For read mapping, we used the high-quality genome assemblies of a_1 and a_2 genomes of the MvCa-1250 strain (collected on *S. caroliniana* sub. *pennsylvanica*, GPS: 36.91 and -76.04) previously obtained with P6/C4 Pacific Biosciences SMRT technology and annotated for gene models (supplementary table S8, Supplementary Material online; Branco et al. 2018). The MvCa-1250-A1 assembly was accessed from GenBank BioProject accession number PRJEB12080 (BioSample ID: SAMEA3706514, assembly: GCA_900014965) and the MvCa-1250-A2 assembly was accessed from GenBank BioProject accession number PRJEB12080 (BioSample ID: SAMEA3706515, assembly: GCA_900014955). Removing the strains MvCa-1250 and MvCa-1131, we kept 38 individuals for population genomic analyses using autosomes. Procedure for read mapping and SNPs calling is described in supplementary Materials and Methods, Supplementary Material online.

Population Structure Analyses

To investigate population subdivision, we used three main approaches on autosomal SNPs. First, we performed a PCA on the whole SNP data set called on autosomes (349,045 SNPs) using the R package {SNPrelate} (Zheng et al. 2012). Second, we run the model-based clustering approach implemented in FastStructure testing for $K = 2$ to $K = 10$ clusters (Raj et al. 2014). We used the “chooseK.py” script and visual inspection to assess the most relevant number of groups (K). We used the R package {Pophelper} (Francis 2017) to display barplots. Third, we performed as nonparametric test a discriminant analysis of principal components using the R package {adegenet} (Jombart 2008; Jombart and Ahmed 2011). These two analyses were performed on a set of 1,032 autosomal SNPs pruned for high linkage disequilibrium. To prune SNPs, we used the function `snpgdSLDpruning()` of the R package {SNPrelate} (Zheng et al. 2012) with a linkage disequilibrium threshold of $r^2 = 0.3$.

Demographic History of Divergence and Gene Flow

We inferred the demographic history of divergence between genetic clusters using a modified version (Tine et al. 2014) of the diffusion approximation method implemented in the python package *dadi* (Gutenkunst et al. 2009) that analyses the joint site frequency spectrum. For model comparisons, we used unfolded site frequency spectra of the whole data set of observed SNPs for the 38 individuals on autosomes (referred to as the observed data set). We compared a total of 28 different demographic models of divergence on the observed data set, including strict isolation, continuous postdivergence gene flow, ancient migration, and secondary contact (supplementary table S4, Supplementary Material online). In order to account for local variations of the effect of accumulation of barriers to gene flow and the effect of background selection, we modeled heterogeneity in migration rates (2m) and/or in population size (2N) along the genome by setting two sets of migration rates and population sizes as described in Roux et al. (2013, 2016) and Tine et al. (2014) (supplementary table S4, Supplementary Material online). We modeled different population size changes (simultaneous or exponential growth and decay, G, G2, and G3; supplementary table S4, Supplementary Material online). We used the simulated annealing optimization procedure that performs one hot and one cold simulated annealing optimization before Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno algorithm to perform optimization of model parameters (Tine et al. 2014). We used the version of *dadi* with improved optimization (available at <https://github.com/QuentinRougemont/DemographicInference>; last accessed December 15, 2018). We ran the optimization of each model at least 25 times with different parameter values to obtain convergence. We used the AIC, the delta AIC (corresponding to the difference of AIC of each model with the best model), and the distribution of the model residuals to select the most likely demographic model of divergence. We converted the scaled estimated parameters assuming an average mutation rate of 10^{-9} per generation for each simulated locus and one generation per year as previously (Badouin et al. 2017). To estimate parameter uncertainties of the selected most likely divergence model, we performed 300 parametric simulations using the same procedure as in Badouin et al. (2017). Briefly, we simulated 300 data sets using the coalescent simulator *msms* (Ewing and Hermisson 2010, compiling multiple 1-Mb fragments) based on the selected most likely divergence model and rerun parameters optimization in *dadi* for each simulated data set. We converted the scaled estimated parameters of the simulated data sets using the *Nanc* parameter estimated in the observed data set (supplementary table S5, Supplementary Material online). Equations of the selected model used in *dadi* and the coalescent simulator *msms* are presented supplementary note S2, Supplementary Material online. To compare parameter estimates of the selected demographic model for each autosomal contig, we ran *dadi* separately for each contig on unfolded site frequency spectra of the observed SNP data set of each contig for the 38 individuals using the same procedure. We only kept the 19 contigs with a length superior to N90. To accumulate further

evidence of the history of gene flow between strains, we used the program SplitsTree (Huson 1998; Huson and Bryant 2006) that performs a neighbor-net tree. We used 340,891 SNPs called on autosomes with no missing data as input for the program.

Chromosome Synteny Analyses

To perform synteny analyses between the MvCa and MvVi genetic clusters, we sequenced the a_1 and a_2 haploid genomes of the MvCa-Vir-1441 strain (collected on *S. virginica*, Route 8, Floyd County, Virginia, Coord. GPS: 36.843278 and -80.316694), with MinION Oxford Nanopore Technology. Procedure for genome assembly and comparative genomics analyses is described in [supplementary Materials](#) and Methods, [Supplementary Material](#) online.

Comparison of Diversity and Divergence between Autosomes and Mating-Type Chromosomes

To compare diversity and divergence statistics from SNP data between autosomes and mating-type chromosomes, we used only strains with haploid sequenced genomes (i.e., genomes of one single mating type) and performed SNP calling separately for a_1 and a_2 mating-type genomes using the MvCa-1250 reference genome of the corresponding mating type. Using only haploid genomes limits SNP quality bias and the need of genome phasing on the highly dimorphic and heterozygous mating-type chromosomes, in contrast to the highly collinear and homozygous autosomes. For the a_1 mating type, we studied 11 individuals having their a_1 haploid genome sequenced ([supplementary table S1, Supplementary Material](#) online) and performed read mapping and SNP calling against the MvCa-1250-A1 genome. For the a_2 mating type, we studied 27 individuals having their a_2 haploid genome sequenced ([supplementary table S1, Supplementary Material](#) online), and we performed read mapping and SNP calling against the MvCa-1250-A2 genome. For both mating types, we excluded the two strains 1250 and 1131 that were likely siblings of the individual corresponding to the reference genome. We used the same procedure for quality filtering of SNPs and repeat masking as described in section “Read Mapping and SNP Calling” of [supplementary Materials](#) and Methods, [Supplementary Material](#) online. The variant call format files are available upon request.

We computed diversity statistics as described in section “Genetic Diversity Statistics Computation” of [supplementary Materials](#) and Methods, [Supplementary Material](#) online. To compare mutation rates on autosomes and mating-type chromosome, we computed pairwise values of nonsynonymous divergence (d_N) and synonymous (neutral) substitution rate (d_S) between orthologous gene sequences of either the MvCa-1250 or the MvCa-Vir-1441 strain on the one hand, and the MvSv-1253 *M. lagerheimii* strain on the other hand, with the latter species having mostly recombining mating-type chromosomes (Branco et al. 2017, 2018, Carpentier et al. 2019). We focused on the a_1 mating-type chromosome and therefore used the a_1 haploid genome assemblies for the three studied strains (MvCa-1250-A1, MvCa-Vir-1441-A1, and MvSv-1253-A1). We aligned orthologous gene sequences

using the codon-based approach implemented in translatorX with default parameters (Abascal et al. 2010) and used the nucleotide alignment as input in the yn00 program in the PAML package (Yang and Nielsen 2000; Yang 2007). We studied only orthologous groups with a single gene copy in each of the three studied genomes. We computed 6,535 (resp. 6,531) pairwise values for the MvCa-1250-A1 versus MvSv-1253-A1 (resp. MvCa-Vir-1441-A1 vs. MvSv-1253-A1) comparisons.

We computed the RND (Feder et al. 2005; Rosenzweig et al. 2016), a statistics allowing mitigating the potential confounding effect of different mutation rates on mating-type and autosomal chromosomes, by comparing the divergence between clusters to the distance to an outgroup. To compute RND, we used a customized script and as outgroup the a_1 or a_2 haploid genome assemblies of MvSv-1253 *M. lagerheimii* strain. For each strain of the MvCa and MvVi genetic cluster, we computed the absolute distance with the outgroup using the `dist.dna()` function and the F84 model in the R package {ape} (Paradis et al. 2004). We used the average of absolute distance value of all strains with the outgroup and the per-gene D_{XY} value to compute per-gene RND.

To compare parameter estimates of the selected demographic model between autosomal and mating-type contigs, we ran *dadi* separately for autosomes and the a_1 (resp. a_2) mating-type contigs using SNPs of only strains with a_1 (resp. a_2) haploid genomes. We used the same procedure as described in section “Demographic History of Divergence and Gene Flow” except that for this set of analyses, we used the folded site frequency spectra instead of the unfolded site frequency spectra due to the lower number of SNPs on mating-type chromosomes than on autosomes ([supplementary table S3, Supplementary Material](#) online). Equation of the selected model used in *dadi* for folded site frequency spectra is presented [supplementary note S2, Supplementary Material](#) online. To be conservative, we converted the scaled estimated parameters assuming an average mutation rate of 10^{-9} per generation for each simulated locus for both autosomal and mating-type contigs, although mating-type contigs have likely higher mutation rates (see the “Results” section and [supplementary fig. S6, Supplementary Material](#) online). Higher mutation rates would decrease both estimates of population size and time of gene flow and would increase estimates of fraction of new migrants in each generation from population j to i (m_{ij}). Our assumption of equal mutation rates is thus conservative regarding gene flow on mating-type chromosomes.

Supplementary Material

[Supplementary data](#) are available at *Molecular Biology and Evolution* online.

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