Strongly asymmetric hybridization barriers shape the origin of a new

polyploid species and its hybrid ancestor[1]

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ABSTRACT

• *Premise of the study:* Hybridization between diploids and tetraploids can lead to new
allopolyploid species, often via a triploid intermediate. Viable triploids are often produced
asymmetrically, with greater success observed for "maternal-excess" crosses where the
mother has a higher ploidy than the father. Here we investigate the evolutionary origins of
Mimulus peregrinus, an allohexaploid recently derived from the triploid *M. x robertsii*, to
determine whether reproductive asymmetry has shaped the formation of this new species.

• *Methods:* We used reciprocal crosses between the diploid (*M. guttatus*) and tetraploid (*M.*
luteus) progenitors to determine the viability of triploid *M. x robertsii* hybrids resulting from
paternal-versus maternal-excess crosses. To investigate whether experimental results predict
patterns seen in the field, we performed parentage analyses comparing natural populations of
M. peregrinus to its diploid, tetraploid, and triploid progenitors. Organellar sequences
obtained from pre-existing genomic data, supplemented with additional genotyping was used
to establish the maternal ancestry of multiple *M. peregrinus* and *M. x robertsii* populations.

• *Key results:* We find strong evidence for asymmetric origins of *M. peregrinus*, but opposite
to the common pattern, with paternal-excess crosses significantly more successful than
maternal-excess crosses. These results successfully predicted hybrid formation in nature: 111
of 114 *M. x robertsii* individuals, and 27 of 27 *M. peregrinus*, had an *M. guttatus* maternal
haplotype.

• *Conclusion:* This study, which includes the first *Mimulus* chloroplast genome assembly,
demonstrates the utility of parentage analysis through genome skimming. We highlight the
benefits of complementing genomic analyses with experimental approaches to understand
asymmetry in allopolyploid speciation.

KEYWORDS: Allopolyploidy; asexual reproduction, chloroplast genome; genome skimming,
hybridization; introduced species; *Mimulus peregrinus*; mitochondrial genome; sterile hybrid;
triploid block.

INTRODUCTION

The extraordinary abundance of polyploid lineages among flowering plants (Otto and Whitton, 2000; Soltis et al., 2014; Barker et al., 2015) has led to great interest in understanding the processes of polyploid formation and establishment in the wild. Polyploids (individuals carrying more than two sets of chromosomes) can originate through a variety of pathways. These include the somatic doubling of chromosomes in meristematic tissue during mitosis and, perhaps more commonly, unreduced gametes (Ramsey and Schemske, 1998; Mallet, 2007). When the formation of polyploids involves fusion of gametes with different ploidy levels (e.g., reduced and unreduced gametes, or between a diploid and a tetraploid), an individual with an unbalanced ploidy level (e.g., a triploid) will be formed (Levin, 2002). In most cases, these odd-ploidy individuals are a transient phase in polyploid formation, leading to the eventual production of higher ploidy, stable lineages such as tetraploids and hexaploids (Levin, 2002).

Odd-ploidy levels represent a significant challenge to overcome in the formation of polyploids, as inter-ploidy crosses often display strong post-zygotic reproductive barriers, severely reducing hybrid viability and fertility (Ramsey and Schemske, 1998; Levin, 2002; Comai, 2005; Köhler, Scheid, and Erilova, 2010). The term "triploid block" has been coined to describe the regular observation that inter-ploidy crosses, specifically between diploids and tetraploids, often result in early hybrid inviability and sterility (Köhler, Scheid, and Erilova, 2010). However, evidence from both natural and experimental systems has shown that interploidy crosses can sometimes produce odd-ploidy offspring that are viable (Burton and Husband, 2000; Husband, 2004; Stace, Preston, and Pearman, 2015).

The ability to overcome the triploid block can be asymmetric, with offspring viability dependent on whether the maternal or paternal parent had the higher ploidy level (Köhler, Scheid, and Erilova, 2010). Asymmetric hybridization has considerable potential for influencing population genetic processes. It generates a predictable bias in cytoplasmic inheritance, and in some cases can promote unidirectional introgression (Field et al., 2011). Repeated backcrossing between an asymmetrically-produced hybrid and its paternal pollen source may lead to "cytoplasmic capture," in which the mitochondria and chloroplasts of the maternal progenitor are combined with the nuclear genome of the paternal progenitor (Petit et al., 2004). Asymmetric introgression

82 can have conservation implications, for example through genetic swamping or competitive

83 displacement of the rarer progenitor species (Rhymer and Simberloff, 1996).

85 Asymmetric hybridization can be explained by a variety of mechanisms, including cyto-nuclear

86 incompatibilities (Tiffin, Olson, and Moyle, 2001), or imbalances in either the ploidy ratio of

87 endosperm:embryo (Watkins, 1932; Burton and Husband, 2000) or between maternal:paternal

88 genomes (Haig and Westoby, 1989; Köhler, Scheid, and Erilova, 2010). Barriers to inter-ploidy

89 mating within and between species, including triploid block, have been studied using controlled

90 crosses in a variety of natural and artificially produced diploids and polyploids (Ramsey and

91 Schemske, 1998; Husband, 2004; Köhler, Scheid, and Erilova, 2010; Scott, Tratt, and Bolbol,

92 2013). Earlier surveys of interploidy crossing data determined that maternal-excess crosses—

93 those in which the maternal parent has a higher ploidy level than the paternal one—are

94 consistently more successful than paternal-excess crosses at producing viable triploid seeds

95 (Stebbins, 1957; Ramsey and Schemske, 1998). However, a number of counter-examples, in

96 which paternal-excess crosses are more successful, have been recently discovered (Table 1;

97 Appendix S1).

99 Asymmetric reproductive barriers during interploidy hybridization can be identified

100 experimentally by performing reciprocal crosses (e.g. Husband, 2004), but discovering whether

101 asymmetries observed in the lab translate to patterns in nature, requires tracing the maternal

102 *versus* paternal ancestry of wild populations. Ancestry analysis of this kind requires uniparentally

103 inherited genetic markers, such as mitochondria or chloroplast that contain enough genetic

104 differences between parental taxa. The rapid growth of next generation sequencing projects offers

105 an extraordinary opportunity to generate (sometimes inadvertently) exactly the type of data

106 necessary to elucidate the maternal ancestry of wild populations at a genomic scale. Because

107 cytoplasmic genomes (mitochondria and chloroplast) are present at a much higher number per

108 cell than the nuclear genome, targeted and non-targeted sequencing often results in incidental

109 high coverage of cytoplasmic genomes, as well as of repetitive elements in the nuclear genome

110 (Dodsworth, 2015). Thus mitochondrial and chloroplast information can be "skimmed" from the

111 larger collection of sequences obtained in whole-genome sequencing projects (Straub et al.,

112 2012), or from targeted sequencing approaches (Weitemier et al., 2014), and used for parentage

113 analyses. These resource-efficient approaches not only rescue information that would otherwise

be discarded, but also provide effective means for addressing longstanding questions about the

ancestries of naturally-occurring polyploid lineages.

A new system for investigating allopolyploid speciation, using the complementary approaches of

experimental manipulation and next-generation sequencing, is the complex of naturalized

Mimulus L. (Phrymaceae) species in Great Britain and Ireland. Hybridization between introduced

populations of the North American diploid *M. guttatus* (2n = 2x = 28) and the South American

tetraploid *M. luteus* (2n = 4x = 60-62) have given rise to *M. x robertsii,* a triploid (2n = 3x = 44-

46), sexually sterile, but widely naturalized taxon distributed across the British Isles (Roberts,

1964; Parker, 1975; Silverside, 1990; Vallejo-Marín et al., 2015). By means of rapid vegetative

propagation, *M. x. robertsii* has become common and is now found in about 40% of British

Mimulus populations (Vallejo-Marín and Lye, 2013). The reproductive asymmetry typical of

interploidy matings has been reported for *M. guttatus* x *M. luteus* hybrids, but in the less common

direction: triploids have been successfully produced only by paternal-excess crosses, with

tetraploid *M. luteus* as the pollen donor (Roberts, 1964; Parker, 1975). These early studies suggest

that *M. x robertsii* is likely to have arisen in the same way, from a *M. guttatus* mother and *M.*

luteus father. *Mimulus x robertsii* has given rise at least twice to a sexually fertile allohexaploid

species, *M. peregrinus* Vallejo-Marín ($2n = 6x = 92$), through genome doubling (Vallejo-Marín,

2012; Vallejo-Marín et al., 2015). This speciation event is quite recent, as both progenitors were

introduced to the United Kingdom (UK) in the last 200 years, and the earliest records of hybrid

populations date back approximately 140 years (Preston, Pearman, and Dines, 2002; Vallejo-

Marín et al., 2015). Given that *M. peregrinus* evolved from *M. x robertsii*, one would expect that

the maternal ancestor of *M. peregrinus* is also *M. guttatus*.

Here we investigate the occurrence and consequences of inter-ploidy reproductive barriers in

polyploid *Mimulus* (*M. x robertsii* and *M. peregrinus*) produced by hybridization between diploid

(*M. guttatus*) and tetraploid taxa (*M. luteus*). We complement classic crossing experiments with

analyses of the parentage of natural hybrid populations using genome-skimming of chloroplast

and mitochondrial genomes and single-marker genotyping. Inter-ploidy hybrids in *Mimulus* are

ideally suited for this purpose due to their experimental tractability (Wu et al., 2008) as well as

the growing genomic resources available for this genus, including whole genome sequences for

both nuclear and mitochondrial genomes for *M. guttatus* (Mower et al., 2012; Hellsten et al.,

2013), ongoing work on the *M. luteus* genome (Edger et al., in prep), and recent whole-genome

and targeted sequence data for native and introduced *Mimulus* populations (Puzey and Vallejo-

Marín, 2014; Vallejo-Marín et al., 2015). We experimentally evaluate the success of reciprocal

crosses between *M. guttatus* and *M. luteus* to confirm previous observations of triploid block

asymmetry, and compare the phenotype of hybrids produced in reciprocal directions. We use a

combination of genome skimming and genotyping of natural populations to evaluate the

hypothesis that reproductive asymmetry observed between *M. guttatus* and *M. luteus* violates the

trend (Ramsey and Schemske, 1998) of triploid formation via maternal-excess crosses. Our study

addresses the following specific questions: (1) What is the effect of cross direction on the

phenotype and viability of hybrids? (2) Are naturalized triploid hybrids between *M. guttatus* and

M. luteus (i.e., *M. x robertsii*) asymmetrically produced, and does the asymmetry match the

pattern observed in experimental hybridizations? (3) Who is the maternal parent of hexaploid *M.*

peregrinus, and does this fit the pattern seen for experimental crosses and naturalized *M. x*

robertsii?

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Study system—The introduction of *Mimulus* into Europe in the 1800's resulted in hybridization

between closely related, but previously geographically isolated taxa. Hybridization between taxa

in the North American *M. guttatus* DC. and South American *M. luteus* L. species aggregates has

yielded a taxonomically complex array of hybrids that establish naturalized populations in the

British Isles (Roberts, 1964; Silverside, 1998; Stace, Preston, and Pearman, 2015). The *M. luteus*

group includes a number of interfertile taxa: *M. luteus* var. *luteus, M. luteus* var. *variegatus, M.*

naiandinus, M. cupreus, and *M. depressus* (Grant, 1924; Watson, 1989; von Bohlen, 1995;

Cooley and Willis, 2009), some of which have become naturalized in the British Isles (Stace,

2010). Extant populations of *M. luteus* in the British Isles include highly polymorphic

individuals, which may have resulted from hybridization events between different naturalized

varieties. Here we focus on interspecific hybrids between *M. guttatus* and different varieties of *M.*

luteus s.l., excluding hybrids with another closely related South American taxon, *M. cupreus*,

which are rarer and easily distinguished (Stace, 2010). Hybrids between *M. guttatus* and *M. luteus*

s.l. receive different taxonomic names, mostly based on color patterns of the corolla (Stace,

2010). For simplicity, hereafter we refer to these hybrids as *M. x robertsii*, and the interested

reader is referred to Silverside (1998) for a more detailed morphological classification of hybrid

types.

Hybridization between diploid *M. guttatus* (2n= 2x = 28) and tetraploid *M. luteus* (2n = 4x = 60-

62) yields highly sterile, triploid individuals (2n = 3x = 44 - 46, *M. x robertsii*). Despite their

sterility (Roberts, 1964; Parker, 1975), these triploid hybrids can be vegetatively vigorous and

display a strong capacity to reproduce by clonal propagation from plant fragments that root at the

nodes. *M. x robertsii* has been very successful at establishing naturalized populations throughout

the British Isles (Stace, Preston, and Pearman, 2015), and it can become locally abundant,

forming populations of thousands of individuals. A recent genetic survey of *M. x robertsii*

showed that populations of this sterile hybrid are genetically variable and composed of multiple

highly heterozygous genotypes (Vallejo-Marín and Lye, 2013). Approximately 40-50% of extant

Mimulus populations in the United Kingdom contain *M. x robertsii* (Vallejo-Marín and Lye,

2013).

Crossing design—To generate the plants used in this study, seeds were collected from natural

populations of *M. guttatus* from Dunblane, Perthshire, Scotland (56.19°N, 3.98°W), and *M. luteus*

s.l. from Coldstream, Scottish Borders, Scotland (55.65°N, 2.24°W) on 8 Aug 2009 and 10 July

2010, respectively. Individuals of *M. luteus s.l.* from Coldstream are polymorphic for the number

of purple blotches present in the corolla lobes. Phenotypically, these *M. luteus s.l.* plants resemble

intraspecific hybrids between *M. luteus* var. *luteus* and *M. luteus* var. *variegatus* (sometimes

called *M. smithii*). From each population, we randomly chose six individuals collected as seeds

from separate maternal plants and crossed them to generate 12 outbred lines for each species

using an equal contribution design in which each individual contributed to the genome of four

lines, two as the paternal parent and two as the maternal parent.

To generate interspecific hybrids, each of the 12 *M. guttatus* outbred lines were randomly paired

with one of 12 *M. luteus s.l.* outbred lines. Two of these interspecific pairs were then assigned to

each of six mating groups, and each of these groups was subject to a diallel cross, except selfs. To

avoid half-sib matings, conspecifics in the same mating group were chosen to be unrelated.

Therefore, all matings within each group are outbred and have the same inbreeding coefficient

relative to the parental generation. Flowers were emasculated before conducting hand

pollinations. Only 33 out of 72 possible hybrid crosses were performed due to flower availability.

The crossing design yielded individuals of four different types: (**a**) *M. guttatus* x *M. guttatus* (MG

x MG); (**b**) *M. luteus s.l.* x *M. luteus s.l.* (ML x ML); and reciprocal F1 hybrid crosses of (**c**) *M.*

guttatus x *M. luteus s.l.* (MG x ML), and (**d**) *M. luteus s.l.* x *M. guttatus* (ML x MG). Hereafter,

crosses are represented as maternal x paternal parent. In total we obtained seeds of 33 lines of the

following crossing types: MG x MG (4 lines), ML x ML (10 lines), MG x ML (10 lines), and ML

x MG (9 lines). For all subsequent experiments, we randomly chose four lines of each crossing

type (16 lines total; Appendix S2; see Supplemental Data with the online version of this article).

Seed production—To determine the number of seeds produced per fruit, between 14 to 20 days

after hand pollination, 9 to 11 randomly selected fruits of each parental and F1 cross types were

collected into glassine paper bags. The fruits were dissected in a stereo microscope (MZ6, Leica

Microsystems, Milton Keynes, UK) at 0.63x – 4.0x magnification to remove the fruit casing and

count all seeds.

Germination rate—To determine seed viability and germination, for the F1 crosses, 100

randomly selected seeds from each line were surface-sown in 3.5", 370 mL, round pots (9F;

Desch PlantPak, Netherlands) using a low nutrient compost (Modular Seed Growing Medium,

William-Sinclair, Lincoln, UK). The pots were arranged in plastic trays in standing water

(approximately 3-4cm water depth). Trays were placed in controlled environment chambers

(Microclima; Snijders Scientific B.V, Tilberg, Netherlands) at the University of Stirling, and

maintained at cycles of 16 light-hours (24°C) and 8 dark-hours (16°C) at 70% constant humidity.

Seedling emergence was scored daily by counting the cumulative number of individuals in which

the cotyledons could be observed.

Floral and vegetative phenotyping—To compare the phenotypes of parental and hybrid lines, a

second set of seeds from the same lines were planted and germinated as described above.

Individual seedlings of each line were transplanted 10 days after germination into 3.5" pots with

low nutrient compost and arranged in flooded, plastic trays. Trays were placed at the University

of Stirling glasshouses under natural light conditions, with 16 hours of supplemental light

provided by compact-fluorescent lamps. Heating was only provided if the temperature inside the

glasshouse dropped below 15°C during the day and 10°C at night. Plants were sprayed once to

control for an aphid infestation, with 1.5L of diluted Provado Ultimate Bug Killer (20 mL/L)

(Bayer Garden, Cambridge, UK). This experiment was carried out between 3 July and 2 October

2012. The date and plant height at the time when the first flower opened was recorded, as well as

the following measurements from the first two flowers of each plant, which were taken using

digital calipers: (a) corolla width (maximum distance between lateral petal lobes in frontal view);

(b) corolla height (maximum distance between upper and lower petal lobes in frontal view); (c)

corolla throat (size of the opening of the corolla tube taken near the center of the flower); (d)

calyx length (measured at the upper sepal); (e) tube length (measured in side view); (f) pedicel

length; (g) bract width (width of the subtending leaf at the node of the flower being measured) ;

and (h) bract length (including petiole). Nectar production was measured on a subset of flowers

using a 50μL calibrated glass pipette (Drummond Scientific Company, Broomall, PA, USA). The

fertility of reciprocal crosses was not quantified here, but previous work (Roberts 1964), and our

preliminary observations suggest that triploid hybrids are sterile regardless of crossing direction.

Confirming the success of artificial crosses—To further check that the individuals produced

through artificial crosses were indeed derived from interspecific hybridization, we genotyped all

plants used in the morphological analyses. Leaf tissue samples were collected in August-October

2012 and stored in silica gel. DNA was extracted using a modification of the CTAB protocol

described in Doyle and Doyle (1990), and quantified with Nanodrop 2000 (Thermo Scientific,

Wilmington, DE, USA). We genotyped putative hybrids and parents at six microsatellite loci

(ATT240, AAT217, ATT267, AAT230, AAT225, AAT300; (Kelly and Willis, 1998) following

the protocol described in Vallejo-Marín and Lye (2013). We used STRand 2.4.59 (Toonen and

Hughes, 2001) to analyze fluorescence profiles. Based on the genotyping results, four ML x MG

individuals were identified as self-pollinations of the ML maternal plant based on lack of

expected heterozygosity, and excluded from subsequent analyses. While we do not have

cytological data for individuals included in this experiment, we have confirmed the triploid nature

of other putative triploid individuals in the same interspecific crosses using genome size estimates

of nuclei stained with propidium iodide, and analyzed in a *Guava easyCyte 5* (Merck Millipore,

Watford, U.K.) flow cytometer (Vallejo-Marín, unpublished).

Data analysis—The number of seeds produced by the four cross types (MG x MG, MG x ML,

ML x MG, and ML x ML) was statistically compared with a general linear model (with normal

distribution) with cross type as explanatory variable using the *glm* package in *R* ver. 3.1.2 (R

Core Team, 2015). Pairwise posthoc comparisons among cross types was done using Tukey tests

on the fitted model using *multcomp* (Hothorn, Bretz, and Westfall, 2008). Germination curves for

each cross type were calculated as the mean of the four studied lines. The proportion of plants

that flowered was analyzed using a binomial distribution (logit link) in *glm*, and posthoc pairwise

comparisons among cross types done with Tukey tests in *multcomp*. Nectar content and plant

height were also analyzed using *glm* with cross type as an explanatory variable, and Tukey tests

performed in *multcomp.* Floral and leaf traits are presented as mean and standard error for

illustration only, and no further general linear model or pairwise posthoc comparisons for cross

types were done on these traits. A PCA of the 10 floral and vegetative traits shown in Table 4 was

conducted using the function *princomp* on the correlation matrix.

Chloroplast assembly—Despite the availability of both nuclear (Hellsten et al., 2013) and

mitochondrial (Mower et al., 2012) genomes for *M. guttatus,* no chloroplast genome for any

Mimulus species had been previously published. Thus we sought to generate an assembly of the

entire chloroplast genome using newly generated whole-genome sequences of an advanced inbred

line of *M. luteus var. luteus* (MLll/MLl2, Table 2). MLll/MLl2 are the same inbred line but are

listed separately in Table 2 as they were genotyped via different methods (WGS and sequence

capture) . Whole genome shotgun reads were trimmed using Trimmomatic v.0.32 (Bolger, Lohse,

and Usadel, 2014) with the SLIDINGWINDOW:10:20 and MINLEN:40 parameters. Trimmed

reads were mapped against the *Salvia miltiorrhiza* chloroplast genome (NC_020431.1; Qian et

al., 2013) using bowtie2 v.2.1.0 (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012) with the default "very-sensitive-

local parameter" set. Mapped reads were assembled using SPAdes v.3.1.0 (Bankevich et al.,

2012) with k-mer sizes of 55 and 87 under the "only-assembler" option. The resulting contigs

were assembled with the full trimmed data set using afin (bitbucket.org/benine/afin) with the

following parameters: a stop extension value of 0.1, an initial trim of 100 base pairs to contigs, a

maximum extension of 100 bp per loop, and 50 search loops. afin spans contigs by trimming

contig ends, identifying matching reads to the contig ends, and extending the contigs iteratively

while attempting to fuse contigs at each iteration. Ultimately, afin was able to assemble the

plastome from ~10 contigs to one. The assembled plastome was put into Sequencher 5.0.1

(Genecodes), and the boundaries of the quadripartite regions (large single copy-LSC, inverted

repeat B-IRB, small single copy-SSC, and inverted repeat A-IRA) were identified. The final

plastome is presented in the LSC-IRB-SSC-IRA format. The final assembly of the plastome was

verified through a coverage analysis. Jellyfish v.2.1.3 (Marçais and Kingsford, 2011) was used to

estimate 25-mer abundance from the cleaned reads. These abundances were used to map a 25

base pair sliding window of coverage across the assembled plastome. The coverage was found to

be uniform and equal for the single copy regions (LSC=373X; SSC=328X) with the inverted

repeat having ~2x the coverage of the single copy regions (IR=756X), as expected. DOGMA

(Wyman, Jansen, and Boore, 2004) was used to annotate the *Mimulus luteus* plastome. A graph of

the annotated plastome structure was created using Circos v.0.66 (Krzywinski et al., 2009), as

implemented in Verdant (verdant.iplantcollaborative.org).

***Samples for genomic parentage analysis*—**In order to determine the relationships between the

cytoplasmic genomes of *M. guttatus* and *M. luteus*, we analyzed previously published and newly

generated sequencing data of both parental taxa (Table 2). We included 24 individuals of *M.*

guttatus from 10 introduced (UK) and 9 native populations. Within the introduced range we

included replicate individuals for four populations (AYR, CER, DBL and HOU), as well as a

controlled cross of one of these populations (DBL). For *M. luteus*, we included an inbred line of

M. luteus var. luteus and one inbred line of *M. luteus var. variegatus* both originally collected in

the native range (Chile). The *M. luteus var. luteus* inbred line was represented by two individuals

(MLl1 and MLl2, from the 7th and 9th inbred generations). In addition, we analyzed *M. luteus s.l.*

from two populations in the introduced range in the UK (COL and EVI), including two

individuals originating from the same population (COL): a wild collected plant, and an individual

from an experimental cross (Table 2). For *M. x robertsii,* we included samples from four natural

populations (GIO, LED, NEN and TOR). For *M. peregrinus* we analyzed samples from three

populations (GON, STR, and LED), including three individuals from the type populations for the

allopolyploid species (LED). As a control, we also analyzed an experimentally-produced "*M. x*

robertsii" hybrid obtained by crossing *M. guttatus* x *M. luteus s.l.* (DBL x COL, maternal x

paternal parent; CG-1-1 x CS-4-3 = H003b), as well as an S1 synthetic "*M. peregrinus*"

allohexaploid produced by colchicine treatment of the H003b "*M. x robertsii*" line (13-SYN-1-

JP1). In addition, we also included three samples from taxa closely related to *M. guttatus* in North

America (*M. nasutus, M. micranthus,* and *M. platycalyx*), plus one outgroup (*M, dentilobus*)

(Table 2). In terms of sequencing approach, 16 samples (four of each *M. guttatus, M. luteus, M. x*

robertsii, and *M. peregrinus*) were derived using sequence capture (Vallejo-Marín et al. 2015),

and the remaining through whole-genome sequencing obtained from previously published data

(10 samples; Puzey and Vallejo-Marín 2014, 13 samples from the NIH sequence read archive

(deposited by JGI; http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra)), or data newly generated here (six samples).

In total we analyzed 45 genomic samples (Table 2).

***Genotyping of plastid genomes*—**We used the publicly available *M. guttatus* mitochondrial

genome (Mower et al., 2012) (JN098455) or the newly assembled *M. luteus var. luteus*

chloroplast genome (this study) as references for base calling and genotyping. All reads were

aligned to the references using *bowtie2* (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). Alignments were sorted,

duplicates marked and discarded, and read groups added using *Picard* tools

(http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard). Following alignment filtration, genotypes were called used

GATK UnifiedGenotyper (McKenna et al., 2010; DePristo et al., 2011; Auwera et al., 2013)

(Appendix S3; see Supplemental Methods with the online version of this article). Following

genotyping, indels and heterozygous sites were excluded.

Filtering of genomic data for phylogenetic analysis—The 17 chloroplast-derived regions of the

Mimulus guttatus mitochondrial genome (NC_018041.1; Mower et al., 2012) were extracted and

aligned against the *Mimulus luteus* chloroplast genome using Sequencher v.5.0.1

(http://www.genecodes.com). The *Mimulus luteus* chloroplast sequence was trimmed prior to

alignment so that only the LSC, IRB, and SSC were present. Alignments were inspected for

sequence similarity. Multiple instances where portions of the mitochondrial chloroplast-derived

sequences did not have an ordinal alignment with the majority of the sequence were identified. In

these cases, the region that did not align was removed and realigned to the full plastome. These

chimeric chloroplast-derived sequences may reflect multiple recombination events, and

subsequence recombination hotspots of the mitochondrial genome, or they are representative of

multiple chloroplast-genome insertion events in the history of the mitochondrial genome. Once

aligned, the coordinates of alignment to the chloroplast genome were recorded. Data

corresponding to these positions were eventually removed from the data matrix (see below).

Chloroplast sequences were reconstructed from VCF files representing mapping to the *Mimulus*

luteus plastome (see above). For each position of the *M. luteus* plastome, the corresponding base

in the mapped data set was recorded. If an indel was identified, that position was ignored. Indels

are difficult to distinguish from missing data using this method, so we chose to completely ignore

them to reduce potentially conflicting signal. Each reconstructed plastome was split into features

(protein-coding genes, tRNAs, and rRNAs) and inter-feature regions, which were used for

individual alignments and concatenation (see below). Features were identified based on their

alignment to known coordinates of the annotated the *Mimulus luteus* chloroplast genomes.

Chloroplast regions identified in mitochondrial genome were excluded in phylogenetic analyses.

This process was done using a Perl script

(https://github.com/mrmckain/AJB_2015_Mimulus_Allopolyploidy).

Mitochondrial sequences were reconstructed in a similar manner to that of the plastid sequences.

In this case, the annotation of the *M. guttatus* mitochondrial genomes was used to recognize

features in the reconstructed sequences. Regions mapping to the chloroplast-derived regions of

the mitochondrial were ignored. As before, reconstructed features and inter-feature regions were

used in alignments and then concatenated (see below).

Phylogenetic analyses—Individual features and inter-feature regions were aligned using MAFFT

v7.029b (Katoh et al., 2005) on auto settings. Individual alignments were concatenated into a

single alignment that was assessed for presence/absence of nucleotides at each site. For the

chloroplast alignment, if a gap was identified at a site, that site was removed. As with indels, we

chose to do this to alleviate the effects of missing data on the phylogeny estimation. The final, un-

gapped alignment was 86,843 bp for all 45 samples. The chloroplast phylogeny was estimated

using RAxML v8.0.22 (Stamatakis, 2006) under the GTR+Γ model of evolution with 500

bootstrap replicates.

Mitochondrial sequences were processed in a similar fashion to the plastid sequences. The

individual feature and inter-feature regions were aligned using MAFFT and concatenated. The

mitochondrial sequence data was missing a larger percentage of the total mitochondrial genome,

on average, across the 45 sample set. We noted that the sequence-captured samples were

extremely low in their total representation of the mitochondrial genome. Filtering out all gapped

sites (as above) resulted in a very short alignment of 4,875 bp. After removal of the sequence-

captured samples and the WGS sample CG, which demonstrated a low coverage of the

mitochondrial genome, the un-gapped alignment of the remaining 28 accessions totaled 402,717

bp. The mitochondrial phylogeny was estimated as above using the reduced 28 sample set.

We included CS-4-3 (*M. luteus*), CG-1-1 (*M. guttatus*), first generation lab generated triploid

hybrid HOO3b (CG-1-1 x CS-4-3), and lab generated allohexaploid SYN (13-SYN-1-JP1) to

verify that this approach could determine maternal ancestry in a controlled hybridization event. In

addition, we also included two *M. luteus* individuals (MLl1 and MLl2) derived from the same

inbred line but genotyped using different methods (WGS and SC, respectively). Alignments and

phylogenetic trees are available on Dryad (doi:10.5061/dryad.5q91d).

Haplotype networks— We estimated matrilineal haplotype networks for both chloroplast and

mitochondria using statistical parsimony (TCS) implemented in PopArt

(http://popart.otago.ac.nz). For this analysis we used a panel of 929 SNPs for the chloroplast, and

1,454 for the mitochondria. Only variable sites were included in the SNP matrix. Indels and sites

filtered as described in above section (*Filtering of genomic data for phylogenetic analysis*) were

excluded. For chloroplast, we included both whole-genome sequence (WGS) and sequence

capture (SC) samples, and for mitochondria we excluded the SC samples as above. For both data

sets we excluded sites with more than 5% missing data. This allowed us to analyze 493 sites of

which 161 were parsimony-informative for chloroplast, and 784 sites of which 300 were

parsimony-informative for the mitochondria.

Principal component analysis—We also conducted a principal component analysis (PCA) using

the SNP data of the chloroplast and mitochondrial genomes using the *glPca* function in the *R*

package *adegenet* v. 2.0 (Jombart and Ahmed, 2011). For this analysis we removed genomic

regions with low genotyping success, and included only those SNP sites that were successfully

genotyped in 90% (41/45) or more individuals. This filtering step removed poorly genotyped

genomic regions, and reduced the total number of SNPs from 1454 to 434 for the mitochondrial

genome and from 929 to 694 in the chloroplast. For the chloroplast analysis, we also removed a

single WGS individual which had poor genotyping success across the genome even after filtering

(CG). As expected the amount of missing data across genotyped SNP loci was higher for the SC

than for the WGS data set after filtering. For the mitochondria data set, the amount of missing

data per site per individuals was 0.0013 for WGS and 0.1080 for SC. For the chloroplast, the

same threshold yielded an average amount of missing data per site per individuals of 0.0054 for

WGS and 0.0176 for SC.

Mitochondrial genotyping in natural hybrids—We used mitochondrial genome sequences to

identify potential markers that could help us distinguish *M. guttatus* and *M. luteu*s in natural

hybrid populations. We sought loci segregating for alternative alleles in *M. luteus* (MLl1 and CS)

and *M.* guttatus (CG and AYR1) in the sequenced panel. Our goal was to identify fragment length

polymorphic sites (indels) that could be scored using microcapillary fragment analysis. To

identify segregating indels, we sorted BAM alignments in IGV genome browser, and manually

screened for indels that were alternatively fixed between *M. luteus* and *M. guttatus*. We identified

three indels (3-4 bp) that distinguished *M. guttatus* and *M. luteus*. Genotyping individuals at these

indels produced a distinct haplotype with which we could potentially identify the maternal

(mitochondrial) parent of hybrid individuals. To facilitate large-scale genotyping, we designed

primers flanking each of the indel regions using Primer3Plus (Untergasser et al., 2012), and

confirmed their amplification, and sequence in a separate test panel of parental and hybrid

individuals using Sanger sequencing. We checked the compatibility of the three primer pairs for

pooling them in a single multiplex reaction using Multiplex Manager v 1.2 (Holleley and Geerts,

2009). We then used fluorescently-labelled forward primers (6-FAM, Eurofins Genomics,

Germany), and unlabeled reverse primers to generate PCR products in a single multiplex reaction

(Type-It, QIAGEN, UK). PCR cycles consisted of a denaturing step of 5 min at 95 ° C, followed

by 30 cycles of 95 ° C for 30 s, 55 ° C for 180 s, and 72 ° C for 30 s, and a final elongation step

of 30 min at 60 ° C. Fragment length of the PCR products was measured in an ABI3730

sequencer using LIZ500 as a size standard (DNA Sequencing and Services, Dundee, UK). Primer

sequences for these mitochondrial markers are given in Appendix S4 (see Supplemental Data

with the online version of this article). We genotyped 163 individuals of *M. guttatus* (3

populations), *M. luteus s.l.* (4 populations), *M. x robertsii* (13 populations), and *M. peregrinus* (2

populations), as well as a synthetic allohexaploid line product of an *M. guttatus* (DBL) x *M.*

luteus (COL) cross treated with colchicine and selfed for one generation (SYN; Table 2).

Between 1 and 15 individuals were genotyped per taxon per population (6.8 ± 3.5, mean ± SD)

(Table 3).

RESULTS

Seed set and germination of artificial hybrids—Reciprocal crosses between *M. guttatus* and *M.*

luteus resulted in a relatively high number of seeds per fruit in both directions. The average

number of seeds per fruit was 723 ± 73 (mean ± SE) for the MG x ML cross, and 635 ± 100 for

ML x MG. This difference was not statistically significant (Tukey test, *P* = 0.72; Fig. 1A). Within

species crossing yielded 1,237 ± 95, and 467 ± 57 seeds per fruit for *M. guttatus* and *M. luteus*,

respectively (Fig. 1A). In comparison, we found a marked effect of the identity of the maternal

parent on seed germination. While approximately half of the seeds of the MG x ML cross

germinated (0.525 ± 0.062), only 4% of the ML x MG were able to do so (0.042 ± 0.018) (Fig.

1B). Both parental taxa had high germination proportions (0.835 ± 0.037 and 0.825 ± 0.020, for

MG x MG, and ML x ML, respectively), although *M. guttatus* seeds achieved maximum

germination at a much faster rate (Fig. 1B).

453 ***Floral and vegetative phenotype of F1 hybrids***—The proportion of hybrid plants that flowered

454 was significantly different depending on crossing direction. The MG x ML cross had a higher

455 proportion of flowering individuals (0.983 ± 0.017, $n = 60$) than the reciprocal cross ($0.706 \pm$

456 0.114, $n = 17$) (Tukey test $z = 2.809$; $P = 0.021$). The proportion of flowering plants for the MG x

457 ML cross also exceeded both parental crosses (0.633 ± 0.044, $n = 120$; and 0.741 ± 0.040, $n =$

458 120; for MG x MG ($z = 3.442$, $P < 0.01$) and ML x ML ($z = 2.979$; $P < 0.05$), respectively).

459 Moreover, MG x ML hybrids began flowering on average nine days earlier than the reciprocal

460 cross (54.91 ± 0.96 days, 63.25 ± 4.08). Flowering occurred slightly earlier for *M. luteus* ($53.08 \pm$

461 0.98) than for *M. guttatus* (57.77 ± 1.14).

462 Among plants that flowered, the MG x ML hybrid achieved the largest stature of all cross types

463 (267 ± 9mm, *vs.* 139.1 ± 12.3, 188.7 ± 5.0, and 138.9 ± 5.4; for ML x MG ($z = 7.491$, $P < 0.001$),

464 MG x MG ($z = 8.431$, $P < 0.001$), and ML x ML ($z = 14.011$, $P < 0.001$), respectively; Fig. 2).

465 Flowers and bracts of both types of hybrids were intermediate or larger than the parental values

466 (Table 4, Appendix S5-S6 (see Supplemental Data with the online version of this article)). Both

467 MG x ML and ML x MG hybrids had similar-sized flowers, although hybrids with *M. guttatus* as

468 the maternal parent had longer pedicels and larger bracts (Table 4). Parental taxa differed

469 significantly in nectar production (ML x ML produced more nectar than MG x MG; Tukey test *z*

470 $= 4.998$; $P < 0.001$), but while MG x ML hybrids produced significantly more nectar than MG x

471 MG ($z = 6.138$; $P < 0.001$), ML x MG hybrids produced larger amounts, but not significantly so

472 ($z = 2.299$; $P = 0.092$), than the *M. guttatus* parent (Fig. 2).

473 ***Analysis of Mimulus chloroplast***—The complete *Mimulus luteus* chloroplast genome was

474 assembled, providing the first published sequence for both the genus *Mimulus* and the family

475 Phrymaceae. The plastome follows the typical quadripartite structure found in most of the

476 photosynthetic angiosperm lineages. The total length of the chloroplast genome is 153,150 bp and

477 is made up of a 84,293 bp LSC, a 17,851 bp SSC, and two 25,503 bp IR regions (Fig. 3). The

478 complete chloroplast sequence is available on Genbank (KU705476). The plastome contains 80

479 unique protein-coding genes (including *ycf1*, *ycf15*, and *ycf2*), 30 unique tRNAs, and 4 unique

480 rRNAs. No major gene losses or rearrangements were identified relative other published

481 plastomes from Lamiales (Qian et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2013; Nazereno, Carlsen, and Lohmann

482 2015.

Genomic analysis of hybrid parentage based on cytoplasmic genomes— On average,

sequencing coverage of the cytoplasmic genomes was very high, although also very skewed. For

WGS datasets, per individual average read coverage of the mitochondrial and chloroplast genome

ranged from 48-940x and 347-5556x with global means of 318 and 2303, respectively. As

expected, the sequence capture datasets had high read coverage but totals were considerably

lower than the WGS datasets (Appendix S2). Per individual average read coverage for SC

datasets mapped against the mitochondrial and chloroplasts genomes from 6-13x and 55-112x

with means of 9x and 85x, respectively. The chloroplast has considerably greater read depth than

the mitochondria. The fraction of genotyped bases varied considerably between the WGS and SC

dataset (Appendix S7; see Supplemental Data with the online version of this article). On average,

68% and 80% of chloroplast sites were genotyped in the SC and WGS datasets, respectively

(fraction of sites genotyped calculated from entire mitochondrial and chloroplast datasets before

filtering). The mitochondria exhibited larger span between the average percentage of called bases

between the SC and WGS datasets with 57% and 85% called.

The chloroplast tree had relatively high resolution and strong support at the taxon level (i.e., *M.*

guttatus vs. M. luteus), but was less useful to resolve relationships between populations within

species (Fig. 4), suggesting recent divergence of populations. A single monophyletic *M. luteus*

clade (minus MLv) is well supported in the chloroplast tree. The mitochondrial dataset does not

support *M. luteus* monophyly. Within the chloroplast tree, *M. peregrinus* (allopolyploid) forms

two distinct groups and are more closely related to geographically proximate sterile triploid

hybrids. *M. x robertsii* sample (LED1), and *M. peregrinus*, LED2, LED3, and LED4, are closely

related and all collected form Leadhills, Scotland. *M. peregrinus* sample GON, also falls within

the above group and is from nearby Glengonnar, Scotland. Based on the chloroplast data, the

other naturally *M. peregrinus* sample included in this analysis, STR, also falls within a clade with

geographically proximate *M. x robertsii* (TOR). The relationship of *M. x robertsii* and *M.*

peregrinus supports the finding of Vallejo-Marín *et al.* (2015) using a different aspect of the

genomic data, i.e., the nuclear component of the genome. Naturally occurring allopolyploids

(LED2, LED3 LED4, GON, and STR) as well as naturally occurring hybrids (LED1, TOR, NEN,

GIO) are more closely related to *M. guttatus* than they are to *M. luteus* based on chloroplast

analysis. The mitochondrial tree topology indicates that naturally occurring allopolyploid LED is

nested within a *M. guttatus* clade. The chloroplast tree places MLl1 and MLl2 (samples derived

from the same inbred lines but genotyped using different methods) sister to each other. SYN and

HOO, triploid hybrid and allohexaploid samples, respectively, derived from an artificial cross

between CG x CS, fall within the same clade in both the chloroplast and mitochondrial trees. The

maternal parent of these lines (CG) is not sister to the SYN and HOO samples as expected. This

is most likely due to homoplasy affecting tree reconstruction due to relatively low sequence

divergence between accessions.

The haplotype network of the chloroplast showed that both *M. x robertsii* and *M. peregrinus*

samples have identical or nearly identical haplotypes to *M. guttatus* (Fig. 5A). Samples of *M.*

peregrinus from Leadhills (LED2, LED3, LED4) and nearby Glengonnar (GON) share a

haplotype with *M. x robertsii* from Leadhills (LED1). Samples of *M. peregrinus* from Orkney

(STR) belong to a closely related haplotype that also includes *M. x robertsii* from Orkney (TOR),

northern England (rob3), and the Outer Hebrides (rob4). This haplotype also includes most of the

M. guttatus samples from the British Isles, the synthetic triploid and hexaploid (HOO and SYN),

and one native population (AHQT). Samples of *M. luteus s.l.* from the British Isles (CS and COL,

Coldstream; EVI, Evie) fall in a distinct group of haplotypes separated from other *Mimulus* by

several mutational steps, and which also includes the two replicates from the *M. luteus var. luteus*

inbred line (MLl1 and MLl2; Chile). As in the phylogenetic reconstruction, the sample from a

Chilean *M. luteus var. variegatus* (MLv) is situated near *M. guttatus* haplotypes. The

mitochondrial network, which excludes all SC samples due to low genotyping success, shows the

single individual of wild *M. peregrinus* (LED2) as part of a haplotype that includes most of the

British *M. guttatus* as well as the synthetic triploid and hexaploid accessions (HOO and SYN).

Both *M. luteus var. luteus* (MLl1) and *M. luteus s.l.* (CS) are separated from all other *Mimulus* by

a large number of mutational steps (Fig. 5B).

The PCA of both chloroplast and mitochondria data sets also showed that *M. x robertsii* and *M.*

peregrinus cluster together with *M. guttatus* samples (Fig. 6). In the chloroplast PCA, the two

known origins of *M. peregrinus* (Leadhills and Orkney) fall in separate clusters with *M. guttatus*,

each of them associated with local *M. x robertsii* samples (Fig 6A, Appendix S8; see

Supplemental Data with the online version of this article). In the mitochondrial PCA, there is not

enough resolution to differentiate these two origins, and all *M. peregrinus* and *M. x robertsii*

samples fall in the same cluster, along with other native and introduced *M. guttatus* (Fig. 6B,

Appendix S9; see Supplemental Data with the online version of this article). As above, the *M.*

luteus var. variegatus sample from Chile (MLv) is closer to *M. guttatus* samples than to other *M.*

luteus.

Natural frequency of M. guttatus *as maternal parent*—We successfully genotyped 163

Mimulus spp. individuals from 21 populations and one synthetic line at three mitochondrial loci

(Table 3). We recovered only two haplotypes: *237/296/313* and *240/292/317* (fragment size in

base pairs for markers mit-259, mit-262, and mit-357, respectively). For *M. luteus*, we genotyped

10 individuals, all of which had haplotype *240/292/317*. For *M. guttatus,* we genotyped 14

individuals from three populations of which all but one had haplotype *237/296/313*. The

exceptional individual belonged to population DBL (Table 3). We genotyped 110 individuals of

M. x robertsii from 12 populations across the U.K. From these, 107 had haplotype *237/296/313*

(*"M. guttatus* haplotype"), while three individuals from population NEN had the other haplotype.

Finally, the 23 individuals of *M. peregrinus* sampled in populations STR and LED also had the

haplotype *237/296/313*. The synthetic allohexaploid line created with *M. guttatus* as the maternal

parent, had haplotype *237/296/313* as expected.

DISCUSSION

Our study combines experimental crosses, genomic analyses of chloroplast and mitochondrial

genomes, and surveys of natural hybrid populations to demonstrate how a strongly asymmetric

post-zygotic hybridization barrier has shaped the origin of the recently formed allopolyploid

species *Mimulus peregrinus*, and its triploid ancestor *M. x robertsii* (= *M. guttatus* x *M. luteus*).

Thus our study confirms early crossing experiments (Roberts, 1964; Parker, 1975), and adds to a

growing list of exceptions to the "rule" of poorly-performing paternal-excess crosses (Table 1;

Appendix S1; see Supplemental Data with the online version of this article). Specifically, we

showed that viable hybrids are considerably more likely to be produced when diploid *M. guttatus*

is used as the maternal parent and tetraploid *M. luteus* as the paternal parent (MG x ML), than in

the opposite direction (ML x MG). We showed that MG x ML hybrids are larger in size than the

parental taxa and the reciprocal hybrid ML x MG. The MG x ML hybrids also flowered earlier

and produced more nectar than their *M. guttatus* parents. Motivated by this observed asymmetry

of hybridization, we used previously available genomic sequences, and developed novel genomic

resources, including the first assembled chloroplast in the genus *Mimulus* and in the family

Phrymaceae, to show that most individuals in natural populations of the triploid hybrid *M. x*

robertsii have *M. guttatus* as their maternal parent. As expected, *M. peregrinus*, which arose by

genome duplication from *M. x robertsii,* also has *M. guttatus* as its maternal parent. Beyond

revealing the asymmetric origin of *M. x robertsii* and *M. peregrinus*, our study shows the general

potential of exploiting cytoplasmic genome data from both targeted and whole-genome sequence

projects (Straub et al., 2012; Dodsworth, 2015), to investigate the evolution and speciation of

polyploid and hybrid taxa.

Pattern of hybridization asymmetry: seed viability and germination—Cytonuclear

incompatibilities and differences in ploidy level, or a combination of both, can result in post-

zygotic asymmetric hybridization (Tiffin, Olson, and Moyle, 2001; Köhler, Scheid, and Erilova,

2010; Scott, Tratt, and Bolbol, 2013). We currently cannot distinguish between these two classes

of mechanisms to explain the observed pattern of asymmetric hybridization leading to *M. x*

robertsii and *M. peregrinus*. However, analysis of the morphology of hybrid seeds obtained in

reciprocal crosses may offer some insight into the mechanisms of such asymmetry. For example,

intra-specific hybridization between diploid and tetraploid *Arabidopsis thaliana* has shown that

crosses with maternal excess (4x – 2x) yield smaller seed sizes than the reciprocal paternal excess

cross (2x – 4x) (Scott, Tratt, and Bolbol, 2013). The seed size differences are thought to result

from misregulation of imprinted genes that control growth and cell division in the endosperm

(Köhler and Kradolfer, 2011; Schatlowski and Köhler, 2012; Lafon-Placette and Köhler, 2015).

Paternal excess may cause endosperm over-proliferation and failed endosperm cellularization

(resulting in large seeds), while maternal excess results in endosperm proliferation and small

seeds (Haig and Westoby, 1991; Scott et al., 1998; Bushell, Spielman, and Scott, 2003; Scott,

Tratt, and Bolbol, 2013).

As a first step toward understanding the mechanism of reproductive asymmetry in *Mimulus*, we

compared seed size in the 16 controlled crosses used in the phenotypic experiment. These crosses

included four accessions of each parental taxa and the reciprocal hybrid crosses (Appendix S2;

see Supplemental Data with the online version of this article). We estimated seed size as seed

area obtained from digital images of 300-600 seeds per cross type (Appendix S10; see

Supplemental Data with the online version of this article). Our results indicate that although both

types of hybrids have smaller seeds than the parental taxa, the ML x MG cross produces larger (if

mostly inviable) seeds than the reciprocal (and more viable) MG x ML cross (Appendix S10; see

Supplemental Data with the online version of this article). This suggests that interploidy crosses

in *Mimulus* do not mimic the seed phenotypes of interploidy crosses in *Arabidopsis* (Scott, Tratt,

and Bolbol, 2013). Further analyses of the morphology and histology of interploidy reciprocal

crosses of *M. guttatus* x *M. luteus* are needed to elucidate the mechanistic and genetic basis of

post-zygotic hybridization asymmetry in this group.

***Pattern of hybridization asymmetry: adult plant phenotype*—**Most previous experimental

studies comparing the viability of asymmetrically produced hybrids have focused on the

immediate consequences of intrinsic post-zygotic incompatibities at the seed and seedling stage

(seed number and seed germination). However, as we have shown, surviving hybrids may also

differ in their adult phenotypes depending on cross direction. Although our sample size is small,

our results show that paternal-excess *Mimulus* triploids possessed characteristics potentially

associated with high extrinsic fitness, including larger plant size. Paternal excess hybrids also

flowered earlier, and produced more nectar than maternal-excess triploids, but the direct effects

of these traits on hybrid fitness are expected to be negligible given that *M. x robertsii* is sexually

sterile (Roberts, 1964; Stace, 2010), and this sterility does not differ in synthetic hybrids created

using reciprocal crosses (Roberts 1964, p. 73). A major gap in our knowledge is whether

phenotypic differences among reciprocal hybrids observed in greenhouse conditions, translate to

performance differences in the field, and further studies on the ecology and fitness of reciprocal

hybrids and their parents are needed. It would also be important to compare the morphology of

triploid *M. x robertsii* and its allohexaploid derivative *M. peregrinus*, in order to assess the effects

of genome duplication on the phenotype. Preliminary field observations suggest that

allopolyploids are larger in size for some morphological traits such as flower size (Vallejo-Marín,

pers. obs.). The combination of *Mimulus* genomic and transgenic resources (Wu et al., 2008;

Hellsten et al., 2013; Yuan et al., 2013; Twyford et al., 2015) with a rich ecological knowledge

base, makes the naturalized hybrids and neopolyploids of the British Isles an exciting model for

connecting molecular mechanisms of interploidy asymmetry to observed patterns of speciation in

the wild.

***Genetic ancestry of* M. x robertsii *and* M. peregrinus*—**Regardless of mechanism, our study

seems to be an exception to the general pattern in which viable inter-ploidy hybrids are more

likely to be produced when the maternal parent is of higher ploidy level than the paternal one

(maternal excess; Stebbins, 1957; Ramsey and Schemske, 1998). Both chloroplast and

mitochondrial genomic analyses clearly show that the triploid and hexaploid individuals cluster

more closely with *M. guttatus* than with any native or introduced *M. luteus* (Figs. 4, 5, 6). The

genomic data also shows that even whole-genome sequences are unable to completely separate

M. guttatus and *M. luteus*, which may reflect incomplete lineage sorting between these relatively

closely related taxa (Madison and Knowles, 2006) Moreover, the origin of *M. luteus* itself is

unknown, but nuclear genomic data suggests that this taxon has a hybrid origin (Vallejo-Marín et

al., 2015), perhaps with a *M. guttatus*-like ancestor (Mukherjee and Vickery, 1962). If the

putative allopolyploid *M. luteus* has had multiple origins, then the simple expectation of

reciprocal monophyly for the plastid genomes of *M. luteus* and *M. guttatus* may not be met.

Solving the mystery of the origin of *M. luteus* and its relationship with *M. guttatus* and related

taxa will require detailed analyses of natural populations throughout the native South American

range.

Our survey of hybrid *Mimulus* populations across the British Isles using three mitochondrial loci

also supports *M. guttatus* as the maternal parent of *M. x robertsii* and *M. peregrinus*. Of 114

triploid *M. x robertsii* from 13 populations, and 27 individuals from three populations of the

hexaploid *M. peregrinus* that were genotyped at these three mitochondrial loci, all but three *M. x*

robertsii, individuals from a single population had maternal haplotypes that could be confidently

assigned to *M. guttatus*. The three individuals of *M. x robertsii* (all from population NEN) that

had *M. luteus* mitochondrial haplotypes (Table 3) pose an exception to the general pattern

detected here. An *M. luteus*-like maternal haplotype in hybrids could be explained in a number of

ways. First, it could simply be due to contamination during genotyping. However, we re-extracted

and re-genotyped this samples and confirmed the mitochondrial haplotype. Second, the three

samples could have been mistakenly identified as *M. x robertsii* but instead belong to *M. luteus.*

We think this is also unlikely as plants were morphologically identified on site, and we have also

conducted surveys of this population (NEN) in 2010, 2011, and 2013, and *M. luteus* has never

been observed in this or nearby populations. Third, the haplotypes in these three hybrids could

arise via introgression from *M. luteus*. Introgression across ploidy barriers has been shown for

nuclear markers in other species (Chapman and Abbott, 2010), and could possibly occur at the

mitochondrial level as well. Although, we cannot rule out this possibility, the lack of local *M.*

luteus (the nearest known *M. luteus* natural population is ~100km north), and principally the fact

that hybrids are not known to set seed (i.e., are almost completely sterile; Roberts, 1964; Vallejo-

Marín, 2012), makes the introgression scenario unlikely. Fourth, the "*M. luteus*" haplotype in

hybrids could be explained by incomplete lineage sorting of ancestral polymorphisms between *M.*

guttatus and *M. luteus* (Twyford and Ennos, 2012). We cannot currently rule out ancestral

polymorphism, and this remains a distinct possibility given the observations that a single

individual of *M. guttatus* (DBL) bears a mitochondrial haplotype otherwise characteristic of *M.*

luteus (Table 2). Similarly the mitochondrial haplotype for the British individual of *M. luteus s.l.*

(CS) nested within the *M. guttatus* clade also suggests incomplete lineage sorting. Given the

limited sampling of parental genotypes, incomplete lineage sorting remains a very likely

possibility. Fifth, it is possible that homoplasy resulting from the sequences converging on a

similar haplotype (especially if the sequences are not that distinct) could explain this pattern.

Finally, a simpler explanation may be that although the majority of hybrids are produced when *M.*

guttatus is the maternal parent, occasionally, the opposite cross can yield viable offspring. Indeed,

our experimental results show that viable hybrids in the ML x MG direction are produced albeit

with low probability (Figure 1).

Skimming of cytoplasmic genomes — Acquisition of complete organellar genomes is

increasingly feasible with the advent of "genome skimming" techniques associated with next-

generation sequencing projects. In fact, mitochondrial sequences usually represent 1-5% of the

reads obtained in such projects (Steele, et al., 2012; Smith, 2015) and are often discarded as

contamination during nuclear genomic analyses. Our study showed that data generated by whole-

genome sequencing contain enough cytoplasmic 'contamination' to yield between 1,515 and 208-

fold mean coverage of the chloroplast and mitochondria, respectively. Even the approach of

sequence capture, in which specific (nuclear) regions were targeted (Vallejo-Marín et al., 2015)

contained sufficient reads to build large contigs of both chloroplast and mitochondrial genes

(86,843 bp and 402,717 bp, respectively). As expected, however, the sequence capture data did

not allow us to genotype all the same sites in all individuals. The limited coverage of specific

sites was particularly acute for the mitochondrial genome, which reduced its utility in some of the

analyses conducted here. Our results suggest that using off-targeted reads from sequence capture

approaches may be sufficient to generate moderate numbers of genetic markers (e.g., Fig. 6), but

this approach is of limited utility when coverage of large numbers of sites across multiple

individuals is required (e.g., Figs. 4, 5).

The* Mimulus *chloroplast genome —Shallow whole-genome sequencing (also referred to as

genome skimming) allowed us to reconstruct the chloroplast genome of *M. luteus*. The structure

and gene content of this genome follows what has been seen for other taxa in Lamiales (Nazareno

et al., 2015), including that of *Utricularia gibba* (Ibarra-Laclette et al., 2013), a species known for

a diminutive nuclear genome. The relatively constant architecture and gene content identified

across multiple lineages of the order Lamiales suggests that there may be selection for

maintenance of gene content and structure relative to other eudicots lineages like saguaro

(Sanderson et al., 2015) and legumes (Saski et al., 2005). A more comprehensive taxon sampling

of chloroplast genomes is needed throughout the Lamiales and all angiosperm to truly understand

the dynamics and evolution of this vital organelle.

The use of genome skimming has repeatedly proven to be a useful technique for acquiring either

complete gene sets (e.g. Washburn et al., 2015) or full plastomes (e.g. Bock et al., 2013). Here we

demonstrate the utility of a single plastome and mitochondrial genome as anchors to identify

organellar genome sequences rapidly from genome skimming data. Though full plastid and

mitochondrial genome sequences were not recovered, a large proportion of each genome was and

those regions were identified to annotated features and alignable providing resolution of

relationships at the population level. Future work in the group will include *de novo* assembly of

whole chloroplast genomes across the genus providing valuable resources for population-level

studies of hybridization and polyploidy.

Conclusions —The value of genome skimming for general phylogenetic analyses is well

recognized (e.g. Hahn, Bachmann, and Chevreux, 2013). We demonstrate that the analysis of the

entire mitochondrial and chloroplast genomes can yield information to infer the maternal ancestry

of a hybrid and neo-allopolyploid derived from recently diverged taxa (Beardsley and Olmstead,

2002; Nie et al., 2006). However, our study also shows that even whole genome sequences might

only imperfectly resolve phylogenetic relationships between closely related species. Therefore,

genomic analysis of hybrid ancestry can be significantly strengthened by experimental crossing

data such as the one conducted here. Exploration of reproductive isolation asymmetry across the

plant kingdom through genome-skimming may allow for a better understanding of the origin of

hybrid and allopolyploid species. Connecting the genomic and molecular underpinnings of

reproductive asymmetry to the morphological and ecological consequences of asymmetric

barriers will ultimately generate a better solution to the puzzle of allopolyploids' evolutionary

success.

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1. (A) Mean seed number and 95% confidence intervals (CI) obtained in crosses within

species (MG x MG, and ML x ML), and between species (MG x ML and ML x MG). Sample

sizes: 9, 11, 10, 10 fruits. Different letters indicate significantly different means as assessed with

a pairwise Tukey test ($z > 2.98$, $P < 0.05$). **(B)** Mean germination of *M. guttatus* x *M. guttatus*

(black circle), *M. luteus* x *M. luteus* (black square), *M. guttatus* x *M. luteus* (gray circle), *M.*

luteus x *M. guttatus* (gray square). Crosses are indicated as maternal x paternal parent. Four lines

for each cross type were analyzed, planting 100 seeds per line (1600 seeds total). Each data point

represents the average (+/- SE) proportion of germinated seeds across the four lines for a given

cross type across the germination period.

Figure 2. Plant height at first flower **(A),** and nectar content per flower (**B**) of *Mimulus* crosses

within- (MG x MG and ML x ML) and between-species (MG x ML and ML x MG). Sample size

(number of individuals) for plant height: $n = 72, 54, 11, 78$; sample size (number of flowers): $n =$

67, 73, 14, 73. Dotted line shows the mid-parent value. Bars are 95% confidence intervals.

Figure 3. Circular plot of *Mimulus luteus* var. *luteus* chloroplast genome. The plastome is

153,150 base pairs with a 84,293 base pair large single copy (LSC) region, a 17,851 base pair

small single copy (SSC) region, and two 25,503 base pair inverted repeat regions (IRB and IRA).

Photosystem genes are in green, RNA polymerase subunits are in orange, ribosomal genes are in

black, other protein encoding genes are in yellow, rRNAs are in blue, and tRNAs are in black.

Figure 4. Maximum likelihood tree of *Mimulus* species and populations based on alignments of

86,843 base pairs from chloroplast genomes (A) and 402,717 base pairs from mitochondrial

genomes (B). Bootstrap values are indicated. Nodes with less than 50% bootstrap support were

collapsed. Samples genotyped using sequence-capture (N=16) are excluded from the

mitochondrial analysis due to low genotyping success. Trees are rooted with *M. dentilobus*,

Color-coding is based on species identity.

Figure 5. Matrilineal haplotype network (statistical parsimony; TCS) of (A) chloroplast and (B)

mitochondrial SNPs. The chloroplast analysis is based on 493 sites, and the mitochondrial on 784

sites. Sites with more than 5% missing data were excluded. Hash marks on lines are mutational

steps. The haplotype circles are labeled with one individual and all other individuals with that

haplotype are listed to the right. The mitochondrial dataset excludes 16 samples obtain through

sequence capture due to low genotyping success (see Results). Names for individual samples are

only shown here for *M. x robertsii* and *M. peregrinus.*

Figure 6. Principal component analysis of (A) 929 SNPs from the chloroplast and (B) 1454 SNPs

from the mitochondria. Only sites successfully genotyped in 41/45 samples were included in this

analysis. The chloroplast dataset excludes one individual (CG) with low genotyping success for

the analyzed SNPs. The mitochondrial dataset excludes 16 samples obtain through sequence

capture due to low genotyping success (see Results). A fully annotated version of this Figure is

available as Appendix S8 and Appendix S9.

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Table 1. Recent (1998-2015) reports of asymmetric crossing success following interploidy crosses. Some of the studies listed below verified that the seeds or seedlings produced were triploid; others did not and could potentially include diploid, tetraploid, or aneuploid offspring in their measure of success.

Genus	Reference	Ploidy Type	Superior Direction	Measure of Success
Brassica	Stoute et al., 2012	auto (a)	m	% seed germination; all seedlings tested were triploid
Brassica x *Sinapsis*	Cheung et al., 2015	allo	m	triploid seedlings per pollination, relative to intraploidy crosses
Buxus	Van Laere et al., 2015	unknown	m	seedlings per pollination
Calluna	Behrend et al., 2015	auto (n)	m	triploid seedlings per pollination
Erythronium	Roccaforte, Russo, and Pilson, 2015	auto (n)	m	seeds per pollination relative to intraploidy crosses
Lonicera	Miyashita and Hoshino, 2015	unknown	m*	triploid seedlings per pollination
Oryza (rice)	Sekine et al., 2013	auto (u)	m	% seed germination
Acacia	Nghiem et al., 2013	auto (c)	p	filled fruits per pollination and filled seeds per fruit, relative to intraploidy crosses

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Aster	Castro et al., 2011	autohexaploid (n)	p	seeds per pollination, % seed germination, triploid seedlings per pollination, relative to intraploidy crosses
Castilleja	Hersch-Green, 2012	unknown naturally ocurring 2x, 4x, and 8x	p	filled fruits per pollination and seeds per fruit, relative to intraploidy crosses
Chamerion	Sabara, Kron, and Husband, 2013	unknown naturally occurring 2x and 4x	p	observed vs expected triploid production from wild-collected maternal seed families
Leucanthemum	Greiner and Oberprieler, 2012	allo	p	seeds per pollination relative to intraploidy crosses
Solanum	Dinu et al., 2005	auto (u)	p*	seed development and % seed germination

Notes: Ploidy type: a, derived from anther culture; c, colchicine-induced; n, naturally-occurring; u, type of autotetraploid unknown. *Superior Direction:* m, crosses more successful when maternal parent has higher ploidy; p, crosses more successful when paternal parent has higher ploidy.

*with embryo rescue

Table 2. Sample names and sampling locations for *Mimulus* accessions used in this study. Data type: WGS = whole-genome sequencing; SC = sequence capture.

Taxon	Population	Sample ID	Short Name	Location	Latitude	Longitude	Data Type*	Accession Number
M. guttatus (2x)	AYR	10-AYR-10	AYR1	Ayr, Ayrshire, Scotland	55.461	-4.625	WGS	SRR1462346
	AYR	10-AYR-18-1	AYR2	Ayr, Ayrshire, Scotland	55.461	-4.625	SC	dryad.gg273
	CER	10-CER-10	CER1	Cerrigydrudion, Wales	53.006	-3.549	WGS	SRR1475232
	CER	10-CER-25-1	CER2	Cerrigydrudion, Wales	53.006	-3.549	SC	dryad.gg273
	CRO	12-CRO-5	CRO	Crowan, Cornwall	50.163	-5.293	WGS	SRR1482405
	DBL	10-DBL-20	DBL1	Dunblane, Scotland	56.197	-3.965	WGS	SRR1475385
	DBL	CG-1-1-JP1	CG	Dunblane, Scotland	56.197	-3.965	WGS	this study
	DBL	11-DBL-1-1	DBL2	Dunblane, Scotland	56.187	-3.965	SC	dryad.gg273
	HOU	10-HOU-17	HOU1	Houghton Lodge, England	51.097	-1.508	WGS	SRR1481643
	HOU	10-HOU-23-1	HOU2	Houghton Lodge, England	51.097	-1.508	SC	dryad.gg273
	PAC	12-PAC-39	PAC	Packhorse Bridge, Scotland	57.355	-3.336	WGS	SRR1482406
	QUA	10-QUA-47	QUA	Quarff, Shetland Islands	60.105	-1.227	WGS	SRR1481644
	TOM	10-TOM-23	TOM	Tomintoul, Scotland	57.255	-3.368	WGS	SRR1482404
	TRE	12-TRE-17	TRE	Tremar Coombe, England	50.498	-4.465	WGS	SRR1482409
	TSG	TSG	TSG	Haida Gwaii, Canada	53.419	-131.916	WGS	SRS120816
	VIC	12-VIC-18	VIC	Victoria Bridge, Northern Ireland	54.763	-7.454	WGS	SRR1482407
	AHQ	AHQT	AHQT	Lonestar Basin Thermal Spring, Teton Co., WY	44.431	-110.813	WGS	SRR486613
	BOG	BOG	BOG	Bog Hot Springs, Humboldt, Co., NV	41.924	-118.804	WGS	SRR071996
	LMC	LMC	LMC	Yorkville, Mendocino Co., CA	38.864	-123.084	WGS	SRR072031
	MAR	MAR	MAR	Marshanne Landing, Douglas Co., OR	43.479	-123.294	WGS	SRR071967
	PED	PED	PED	San Pedro River, Pinal Co., AZ	32.711	-110.628	WGS	SRR071969
	REM	REM	REM	Rumsey, Yolo Co., CA	38.859	-122.410	WGS	SRR071971
	SWB	SWB	SWB	Sperm Whale Beach, Mendocino Co., CA	39.036	-123.691	WGS	SRR072030

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Taxon	Pop	Sample ID	Code	Location	Lat	Long	Data type	Source
	YJS	YJS	YJS	Yellowjacket creek, Lemhi Co., ID	44.951	−114.585	WGS	SRR071970
M. guttatus complex								
M. platycalyx	CVP	CVP	CVP	Coleman Valley Road, Sonoma Co., CA	38.372	−123.055	WGS	SRR486607
M. micranthus	EBR	EBR	EBR	Branscomb, Mendocino Co., CA	39.631	−123.532	WGS	SRR486609
M. nasutus	SF	SF	SF	Shears Falls, Wasco Co., OR	45.635	−120.914	WGS	SRR400478
M. luteus s.l. (4x)	COL	CS-4-JP1	CS	Coldstream, Scotland	55.655	−2.240	WGS	this study
	COL	10-COL-20e-1	COL	Coldstream, Scotland	55.655	−2.240	SC	dryad.gg273
	EVI	13-EVI-5	EVI	Evie, Scotland	59.112	−3.108	SC	dryad.gg273
M. l. luteus	EY	MLl-EY	MLl1	El Yeso, Chile	−33.4	−70.0	WGS	this study
M. l. luteus	EY	MLl-EY-7x4-1-3	MLl2	El Yeso, Chile	−33.4	−70.0	SC	dryad.gg273
M. l. variegatus	RC	MLv-RC-5x4-4-1	MLv	Rio Cipreses, Chile	−34.2	−70.3	SC	dryad.gg273
M. robertsii (3x)	DBL x COL (3x)	H003b-JP1	HOO	Artificial triploid (CG-1-1 x CS-4-3)			WGS	this study
	GIO	13-GIO-13	GIO	Giordail Beach, Scotland	58.337	-6.202	SC	dryad.gg273
	LED	12-LED-3-11	LED1	Leadhills, Scotland	55.424	−3.735	SC	dryad.gg273
	NEN	12-NEN-41	NEN	Nenthall, England	54.806	−2.376	SC	dryad.gg273
	TOR	13-TOR-13	TOR	Tormiston, Scotland	58.996	−3.183	SC	dryad.gg273
M. peregrinus (6x)	DBL x COL (6x)	13-SYN-1-JP1	SYN	Artificial hexaploid (CG-1-1 x CS-4-3)			WGS	this study
	GON	12-GON-106	GON	Glen Gonnar, Scotland	55.467	3.738	SC	dryad.gg273
	LED	11-LED-seed-1-JP1	LED2	Leadhills, Scotland	55.423	−3.735	WGS	this study
	LED	11-LED-seed-30	LED3	Leadhills, Scotland	55.423	−3.735	SC	dryad.gg273
	LED	11-LED-seed-2-11	LED4	Leadhills, Scotland	55.424	−3.735	SC	dryad.gg273
	STR	13-STR-32	STR	Stromness, Scotland	58.969	−3.283	SC	dryad.gg273
M. dentilobus (outgroup)	DENT	DENT	DENT	NA	NA	NA	WGS	SRX030541

*Note: *Data type: WGS, Whole Genome Sequencing; SC, Sequence Capture.*

Table 3. Mitochondrial haplotypes of 163 individuals of *M. guttatus*, *M. luteus*, and their hybrid derivatives, the triploid *M. x robertsii* and allopolyploid *M. peregrinus*. Haplotypes are given as the size in base pairs of three mitochondrial loci with fragment-length polymorphism (indels). Between 1 and 15 individuals of each of 21 populations, and one artificially created allopolyploid, were genotyped at all three loci. The synthetic allopolyploid was the product of a *M. guttatus* (DBL) x *M. luteus s.l.* (COL) cross, with *M. guttatus* as the maternal parent. A single individual phenotyped as *M. guttatus* (DBL), but with a "*M. luteus*" maternal haplotype is presented separately.

Taxon	Population	# Samples	Haplotype	Inferred maternal parent
M. guttatus	COL	5	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	DBL	5	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	DBL	1	**240/292/317**	**M. luteus**
	TOM	3	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
M. luteus s.l.	COL	5	**240/292/317**	**M. luteus**
	EVI	3	**240/292/317**	**M. luteus**
M. luteus var. luteus	EY, Chile	1	**240/292/317**	**M. luteus**
M. luteus var. variegatus	RC, Chile	1	**240/292/317**	**M. luteus**
M. x robertsii	BCH	6	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	EOR	9	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	EVI	1	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	GIO	8	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	GON	9	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	GOO	10	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	GRO	10	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	NEN	9	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	NEN	3	**240/292/317**	**M. luteus**
	NEN	9	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	NOR	9	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	PLY	7	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	SCA	9	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	TAR	10	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	TOR	10	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*

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M. peregrinus				
	LED	15	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	STR	8	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
	Synthetic (DBL x COL)	6	237/296/313	*M. guttatus*
Total		22	163	

Table 4. Phenotypic measurements of *M. guttatus* (MG x MG)*, M. luteus* (ML x ML)*,* and their reciprocal hybrids (MG x ML, and ML x MG). Crosses are shown as maternal x paternal parent. Mean +/- standard error (SE). All values in millimeters.

	MG x MG (n=146)	MG x ML (n=117)	ML x MG (n=23)	ML x ML (n=155)
Floral traits				
Corolla height	23.54 ± 0.47	26.85 ± 0.44	27.43 ± 1.47	21.18 ± 0.42
Corolla width	27.26 ± 0.4	30.53 ± 0.39	29.79 ± 1.44	24.21 ± 0.46
Corolla throat	2.56 ± 0.07	3.63 ± 0.07	3.98 ± 0.26	4.43 ± 0.08
Corolla tube	20.74 ± 0.22	24.38 ± 0.24	24.45 ± 0.5	23.51 ± 0.27
Flower depth	36.04 ± 0.47	36.54 ± 0.38	35.34 ± 1.15	31.53 ± 0.4
Calyx length	13.12 ± 0.14	14.81 ± 0.15	15.03 ± 0.32	13.87 ± 0.12
Pedicel length	18.91 ± 0.45	42.16 ± 1.31	35.31 ± 3.12	46.53 ± 1.01
Vegetative traits				
Bract length	16.58 ± 0.48	56.59 ± 2.34	43.42 ± 5.93	52.62 ± 1.78
Bract width	16.21 ± 0.39	42.95 ± 1.46	31.2 ± 2.86	34.62 ± 0.93

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