The evolutionary dynamics of genetic incompatibilities introduced by duplicated genes in *Arabidopsis thaliana*

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Abstract

The fate of duplicated genes includes pseudo-, sub-, or neo-functionalization. When different copies of a duplicated gene are pseudo-functionalized in different genotypes, genetic incompatibilities can arise in their hybrid offspring. While such cases have been reported after manual crosses, it remains unclear whether they occur in nature and how they affect natural populations. Using the Arabidopsis multi-parental RIL population, we identified four duplicated-gene based incompatibilities including one previously not reported. Unexpectedly, however, for each of the genetic incompatibilities we found incompatible allele combinations in natural Arabidopsis accessions. Using the incompatible allele combinations as phenotypes for GWAS, we mapped genomic regions containing additional gene copies, which rescue the incompatible allele combinations. Reconstructing the geographic origins of the individual alleles suggested that incompatible alleles co-exist in nature, and that their effects can be overcome by additional gene copies collectively shaping the evolutionary dynamics of duplicated genes during population history.

Introduction

Genetic incompatibilities describe the decrease of fitness due to incompatible allele combinations in hybrid individuals[1]. In the hybrid offspring, genetic incompatibilities result in distorted segregation of the incompatible alleles. The evolution of genetic incompatibilities has often been explained by the Bateson-Dobzhansky-Muller (BDM) model[2–4], where independent mutations in interacting genes get fixed in different populations, which cause deleterious epistasis and reduced fitness in their hybrids. Over the past decades, many studies have elucidated the genetic basis of such genetic incompatibilities including reciprocal pseudo-functionalization (i.e. loss of function) of duplicated genes[5,6]. Gene duplications can provide genetic backup of essential genes and the basis for evolutionary novelties by allowing for new genetic and epigenetic variations[7–9]. However, in some cases pseudo-functionalization of duplicated essential genes may occur independently in both copies in different individuals. This in turn can lead to the loss of any functional gene copy in hybrid offspring of such individuals, and thereby cause severe genetic incompatibilities[10].

Genetic incompatibilities introduced by duplicated genes have been reported within inter/intra-specific hybrids of *Arabidopsis thaliana*[11–13], rice[14–16] or *Mimulus*[17]. Identification of these incompatible alleles, however, often relied on genetic mapping in experimental populations, which is a time consuming and costly process. As incompatible alleles are frequently introduced by loss-of-function (LoF) (epi)mutations[11,18], initial examination of LoF (epi)mutations within whole-genome sequence data could be a shortcut to quickly target promising candidates.

Although several incompatible alleles from duplicated genes have been identified in *A. thaliana*, it is still unclear how these incompatible alleles originate and evolve in natural populations, and how the populations adapt to the reduction in fitness. Untangling the complex evolutionary process would require accurate (epi)genotypes of incompatible genes across sufficiently large natural populations. The Arabidopsis 1001 Genomes Project[19] and 1001 Epigenomes Project[20] have released substantial omics data, which can be used to unravel the evolutionary trajectory of such incompatible alleles.

Here, we created an extended version of the Arabidopsis multiparent RIL population[21] to identify genetic incompatibilities between several different genotypes simultaneously. Based on distorted segregation of duplicated genes, we mapped four genetic incompatibilities. Unexpectedly, however, we identified several, healthy RILs which carried presumably incompatible allele combinations. Further analysis of their genomes revealed additional gene copies rescuing these severe incompatibilities. Encouraged by this, we searched for incompatible allele combinations within 1,135 accessions of the 1001 Genomes Project[19], where these combinations were surprisingly common. Using the incompatible allele

75 combinations as phenotypes we mapped modifiers of all four incompatibilities using GWA.
76 The loss-of-function alleles from duplicated genes were geographically widely distributed, and
77 co-existed with additional gene copies in the same regions showing how additional gene
78 copies can overcome differential copy loss in a population.
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Results

Identification of incompatible gene pairs within an intercross population

We used the Arabidopsis Multiparent RIL (AMPRIL) population to find incompatible
alleles that arose from duplicated genes. The eight AMPRIL founder accessions (An-1, C24,
Col-0, Cvi-0, Eri-1, Kyo, L*er* and Sha) were selected across the entire geographic distribution
of *A. thaliana* including the Northern hemisphere and the Cape Verde Islands. Recently, we
generated chromosome-level genome assemblies of all seven, non-reference founder
genomes[22]. The first release of the AMPRIL population (AMPRIL I) contained six
subpopulations (referred to as ABBA, ACCA, ADDA, BCCB, BDDB, CDDC) derived from
reciprocal diallel crosses between four hybrids (A: Col-0 x Kyo, B: Cvi-0 x Sha, C: Eri-1 x An-
1, D: L*er* x C24) and the subsequent selfing to the F4 generation by single-seed descent[21].
Here we present the extension of the AMPRIL population with six new subpopulations
referred to as EFFE, EGGE, EHHE, FGGF, FHHF and GHHG (E: Col-0 x Cvi-0, F: Sha x Kyo,
G: Ler x An-1, H: Eri-1 x C24) based on different diallel intercrossing scheme and selfing of
the recombinant genomes until the F6 generation (Fig. 1a). Each subpopulation consists of
approximately 90 individuals representing recombinants of four founders. In total, 992 RILs
from all twelve subpopulations were sequenced and analyzed using RAD-seq[23]
(Supplementary Data 1) and genotyped with ~2 million high-quality SNP markers
(Supplementary Data 2). We used a Hidden Markov Model to reconstruct the parental
haplotypes (identity-by-descent) including residual heterozygous regions[24] (Supplementary
Fig. 1 and Supplementary Note 1). The genotyping resulted in 12,878 different recombination
breakpoints (on average one breakpoint per 9.3 kb) across the entire population. This allowed
us to divide the genome of each progeny into 12,883 haplotype blocks (Supplementary Data
3), where each block relates to the haplotype(s) of only one (homozygous regions) or two
(heterozygous regions) of the founder haplotypes.
We developed a two-step workflow to combine genetic and genomic evidence to quickly
identify incompatible alleles of duplicated genes (Fig. 1b). In the first step, we selected 781
distal (inter-chromosome) duplicated gene pairs including 612 gene pairs in which the
reference sequence contains two copies and other founder genomes feature at least one
copy (Supplementary Data 4). In the remaining 169 gene pairs, the reference sequence only
has one copy and at least one other parental genome has an additional copy in a different

chromosome. As genetic incompatibility leads to the underrepresentation of incompatible allele combinations[25,26], we searched for significant distortions from the expected frequencies of all parental allele combinations across all 781 duplicated gene pairs in all twelve subpopulations, two merged subpopulations (ABBA and EFFE, CDDC and GHHG as they share the same founders), and the whole population (see Methods). These tests revealed significant distortions in 236 gene pairs (χ^2 test, p-value < 0.05, multiple testing corrected) in at least one of the populations.

However, the observed distortions do not necessarily result from genetic incompatibilities in the tested gene. Alternatively, such distortions can also occur if the tested gene duplicate is closely linked to a genetic incompatibility. Hence, in a second step, we examined the alleles of the gene pairs in the founder genomes for loss-of-function (LoF) variations or hypermethylated promoters (Fig. 1b, see Methods). This examination revealed three gene pairs with functional disruption in both of the duplicates in at least one of the founder genomes. These three duplicated genes included two, *HISTIDINOL PHOSPHATE AMINOTRANSFERASE* (*HPA*)[11] and *FOLATE TRANSPORTER* (*FOLT*)[12], which were already known for their ability to introduce genetic incompatibilities, as well as one gene pair, which so-far was not reported as the genetic basis for a genetic incompatibility, *TIM22* (*TIM22-1*: *AT1G18320*, *TIM22-2*: *AT3G10110*) (Fig. 1c). For all other 233 gene pairs we could not identify non-functional alleles in both copies.

We noted that another duplicated gene, *tRNA ADENOSINE DEAMINASE 3* (*TAD3)*, which is also know to introduce a genetic incompatibility[13], was not considered by our initial testing even though the genotypes of the AMPRIL founders should lead to incompatible allele combinations in the RIL populations: all founder genomes except for Kyo have a functional *TAD3-1* (Supplementary Table 1), while the Kyo *TAD3-1* gene is silenced most likely due to its methylated promoter (similar to the Nok-1 and Est-1 accessions in which the incompatibility was described originally[13]). The lack of a functional *TAD3-1* in Kyo is counterbalanced by additional copies (*TAD3-2*) (which however were not part of the main chromosome scaffolds of the Kyo genome assembly). Therefore, the *TAD3* gene duplicate was not considered initially, however, we also used this incompatibility for further analysis.

Figure 1. Identification of genetic incompatibilities introduced by duplicated genes in an intercross population (**a**) Construction of the extended AMPRIL population. Eight different *A. thaliana* accessions were used as founder lines. For each of the six subpopulations, two F1* hybrids, which were generated by crossing two founder lines, were again crossed to give rise to the F1 individuals of each population. The F1 individuals were further self-crossed to the F6 generation. (**b**) Workflow for the identification of potentially incompatible alleles in duplicated genes. Unlinked (i.e. on separate chromosomes) duplicated genes were selected and the expected and observed frequencies of all haplotype combinations between the two copies were calculated for each subpopulation and the whole population. Under-represented allele combinations were identified using χ^2 test. Each gene duplication with significantly underrepresented allele combinations was evaluated for non-functionalized or deleted gene copies in the respective parental genomes. (**c**) The location of incompatible alleles in four duplicated gene pairs identified in the AMPRIL population including one so-far unknown incompatibility (red) and one detected a posteriori in an informed way (*TAD3*).

Genetic incompatibility introduced by diverged copies of *TIM22*

Before we started our analysis of the four incompatibilities, we verified that the LoF alleles of *TIM22* are in fact the causal basis of the genetic incompatibility that we observed in the AMPRIL population. *TIM22* encodes for a mitochondrial import inner membrane translocase subunit of the *TIM17/TIM22/TIM23* family protein[27]. All eight founders feature two annotated *TIM22* copies, while Cvi-0 includes an extra truncated copy ~31 kb downstream to *TIM22-2* (Fig. 2a, b). We found significant segregation distortions in the complete AMPRIL population

and one subpopulation, EGGE, where the double homozygous allele combination *TIM22-1*^{Col-}

⁰*TIM22-2*^{Cvi-0} was significantly underrepresented (Supplementary Table 2 and 3).

We observed an in-frame premature stop-codon in Col-0 (mis-annotated in the reference

annotation) suggesting that *TIM22-1* is not functional in Col-0 (Fig. 2a and Supplementary

Table 4). To test if *TIM22-1* is truly non-functional in Col-0, we used the segregation of two T-

DNA insertion mutants in the two *TIM22* paralogs in Col-0. This showed that *tim22-1* could

be homozygous for the T-DNA insertion allele but the T-DNA in *tim22-2* could not be found in

homozygous state (Fig. 2c). This suggests that, in Col-0, *TIM22-1* is not functional and *TIM22-*

2 is the only functional copy.

The *TIM22* paralogs co-located within the regions of a previously reported genetic

incompatibility (hereafter named as LD2: LD2.1 for the locus at chromosome 1 and LD2.3 for

the locus at chromosome 3) which was mapped in a Cvi-0 x Col-0 RIL population[28]. The

genetic underpinnings of this incompatibility however were still unknown. This incompatibility

was expressed by a striking underrepresentation of homozygous LD2.1^{Col-0} combined with

homozygous LD2.3^{Cvi-0}, which was in agreement with the reduced allele combinations in the

AMPRIL population (Supplementary Table 2 and 3). Therefore, we generated heterogeneous

inbred family (HIF) lines from Cvi-0 x Col-0 RILs to fine-map LD2.1 and LD2.3 to respectively

70kb and 34kb intervals (Supplementary Fig 2). The two candidates *TIM22-1* and *TIM22-2*

remained within the intervals.

To validate their causative role, we conducted a complementation cross between a

heterozygous T-DNA mutant in *TIM22-2* in a Col-0 background (i.e. *TIM22-1* was non-

functional) and the original HIF line in which *TIM22-1* was homozygous for the Col-0 genotype

(i.e. also non-functional) and *TIM22-2* was heterozygous for Col-0/Cvi-0 (Fig. 2d). Within 123

hybrids of the offspring, among the four possible allelic combinations at LD2.3, we did not find

any hybrids combining a Cvi-0 and a T-DNA alleles at *TIM22-2* (Fig. 2d), providing strong

genetic evidence that the Cvi-0 allele cannot complement a knockout (T-DNA) allele at *TIM22-*

2 (in a background without other functional *TIM22* allele) and is thus non-functional.

Collectively, these segregation and complementation crosses show that the combination

of different non-functional alleles of the *TIM22* copies leads to a drastic reduction of allelic

combinations in offspring populations, and thus evidence the causative role of *TIM22* in this

genetic incompatibility.

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Figure 2. Genomic and genetic evidence of incompatible *TIM22* alleles. **(a)** Gene structure of
TIM22-1 in the genomes of the eight AMPRIL parents. The loss-of-function variants (1bp frameshift
indel and a premature stop-codon) relative to the intact *TIM22-1*[Cvi-0] are shown. The deleterious effect
of the frameshift is erased by an alternative translation start site. **(b)** Gene structure of *TIM22-2* in the
genomes of the eight AMPRIL parents. The eight accessions share the structure of *TIM22-2* without
recognizable loss-of-function variants, however, a truncated copy of *TIM22* could be found in Cvi-0 ~31
kb downstream of *TIM22-2*. **(c)** Segregation of T-DNA alleles within the descendance of 2 segregating
Col-0 T-DNA mutant lines (*tim22-1* and *tim22-2*). **(d)** A heterozygous T-DNA line (*tim22-2*) in the Col-
0 background (i.e. non-functional for *TIM22-1*) was crossed to 8HV408 (heterozygous Col-0/Cvi-0 at
TIM22-2 and homozygous for the Col-0 allele at *TIM22-1* i.e. nonfunctional for *TIM22-1*). The number
of all four possible F1 progenies are shown (in grey) for both cross directions. While the *TIM22-2*[Col-0]
allele can complement the T-DNA, the *TIM22-2*[Cvi-0] could not, implying that the *TIM22-2*[Cvi-0] allele is
non-functional. HIF: heterogeneous inbred families, Mut: mutant.

Natural modifiers can rescue incompatible allele combinations

Incompatible allele combinations can result in severe phenotypic defects, which lead to
the reduction or the full absence of specific allele combinations. For example, the double
homozygous non-functional allele combination of *HPA1/HPA2* results in embryo lethality[11]
and thereby wipes out all carriers of the incompatible allele combination. *HPA* encodes
a histidinol-phosphate amino-transferase for the biosynthesis of histidine, an essential amino
acid[29]. All eight AMPRIL founders except of Cvi-0 have a functional *HPA1* and a non-
functional *HPA2* due to a premature stop codon or a hypermethylated promoter, while Cvi-0

carries a functional *HPA2* allele, but does not carry *HPA1* at all (Supplementary Table 5). Unexpectedly, however, we did observe homozygous *HPA1/HPA2* incompatible allele combinations ($HPA2^{-/-}HPA1^{-/-}$) in eleven of the AMPRIL lines within the ABBA and EFFE subpopulations which were derived from Col-0, Cvi-0, Kyo and Sha (Supplementary Table 6-8). Further analysis of these populations revealed an extremely high frequency of the Kyo allele on chromosome 4 (Supplementary Fig. 3), making us recognize that the eleven AMPRIL lines with the incompatible allele combinations all carried at least one Kyo allele at chr4:9.2-13.7 Mb (Fig. 3a). This suggested that Kyo might contain a modifying allele of the incompatibility complementing the lethal allele combination in this region (a similar feature was described as "conditional incompatibility" by Bikard et al. when analyzing crosses between Jea and Col-0[11]). Indeed, when we checked the long-read assembly of the Kyo genome, we identified an additional *HPA* copy (hereafter named as *HPA3*) which co-located with the mapping interval at chr4:11.11 Mb (Fig. 3b), while we could not find this allele in any of the other AMPRIL founder genomes.

Figure 3. Incompatible allele combinations of *HPA* rescued by an additional gene copy. (a) Schematic of the genomes of 11 AMPRILs with presumably incompatible allele combinations of *HPA1* and *HPA2*. All these genotypes carry at least one Kyo allele at chr4: 9.2 – 13.7 Mb, suggesting that a Kyo allele in this region can rescue the incompatibility. **(b)** Sequence alignment around the *HPA3* locus on chromosome 4 between Col-0 and Kyo. The position of the third *HPA3* copy in Kyo is marked in orange. Red line: forward alignment; blue line: reverse alignment. Genes arrangement at forward (+) and reverse (-) strands, and repeat annotations are shown at the top (Col-0) or left (Kyo) axes.

Mapping modifiers of incompatible allele combinations in natural populations

This analysis showed that the negative effects of incompatible allele combinations can be overcome if they are rescued by modifying alleles. Therefore, the virtual absence of

functional alleles (among the know loci) of a duplicated gene could act as a molecular

phenotype to map the location of additional (rescuing) alleles by genome-wide association

(GWA) mapping even in natural populations.

To do this, we searched for incompatible allele combinations (separately for all four

incompatibilities) in each of the 1,135 accessions of the 1001 Genomes Project[19] and used

these allele combinations as phenotype for a GWA (Fig. 4). To define non-functional alleles,

we used the resequencing data to search for LoF variations, and the methylome data from

the 1001 Epigenomes Project[30] to identify methylated (silenced) promoters (Fig. 4a, see

Methods). Additionally, RNA-seq data were explored to distinguish pseudo-heterozygous

variants (which exist due to inaccurate short-read alignment at duplicated genes) and to check

for gene silencing.

For the first incompatibility, in *HPA*, we found pseudo-heterozygous LoF variations

including two premature stop-codons and three frameshifts at both reference copies of *HPA*

(Fig. 4c and Supplementary Table 9) due to the repetitiveness of the gene sequences. As

some accessions did not show expression of *HPA2* most likely due to hypermethylation of

their promoters, we tested which of the *HPA* alleles was present in the RNA-seq read data to

assign the LoF to either of the *HPA* copies (Fig. 4b). With this, we could assign one stop-

codon gain (LoF-300) and two frameshifts (LoF-170, LoF-230) to *HPA2* because these LoF

alleles were absent in the RNA-seq data in the accessions which lacked *HPA2* expression.

Notably, the frameshift LoF-170 could be rescued by alternative splicing as observed in RNA-

seq read mapping (Supplementary Fig. 4). Furthermore, cytosine methylation profiles

revealed hypermethylated promoters of *HPA2* in 340 accessions and of *HPA1* in 50

accessions (Fig 4d, e), suggesting gene silencing in these accessions, which was in

agreement with the absence of pseudo-heterozygous variants in the RNA-seq read data (Fig.

4b and Supplementary Fig. 4).

Figure 4: Mapping natural modifiers of genetic incompatibilities using GWAS. (a) Workflow for
the identification of modifying alleles of genetic incompatibility using GWAS. **(b)** Schematic example to
illustrate how genome-wide methylation and RNA-seq data are used to assign pseudo-heterozygous
variants to a specific gene copy despite the repetitive nature of the short-read alignments within
duplicated genes. If a specific variation is present in DNA data, but absent in RNA data and one of the
gene copies is methylated (i.e. likely expression silenced) the pseudo-heterozygous variation is
assigned to this (expression silenced) gene copy. Light green: untranslated region, green: coding
region, gray: intron or gene up/down-stream. **(c)** Pseudo-heterozygous LoF variants found in the short
read alignments (of 1,135 *A. thaliana* genomes[19]) at *HPA2* and *HPA1*. LoF-170, LoF-230, and LoF-
300 could be assigned to *HPA2* (using the procedure of (b)), while LoF-190 and LoF290 could not be
assigned to either of the gene copies. **(d, e)** Hierarchical clustering of DNA methylation profiles in *HPA1*
(d) and *HPA2* (e) based on the methylomes of 888 *A. thaliana* accessions from the 1001 Epigenome
Project[20] (NCBI GEO accession: GSE43857). Methylation profiles calculated within 100 bp sliding
windows from 500 bp upstream of the transcription start site to 300 bp downstream of the transcription
end site. **(f)** The number of accessions with different functional copies of *HPA*2 and *HPA1* across 1,135
A. thaliana accessions. **(g)** Manhattan plot of a GWA using the absence of any functional *HPA* gene
as phenotype. The most significantly associated locus reveals the region of *HPA3*. The dashed line
indicates the significant threshold after multiple testing correction (-$\log_{10}(P)$=6.68). **(h)** Two heatmaps
of haplotype clustering (defined by the 39 significantly associated markers around the *HPA3* locus)

shown for accessions with (below) or without (up) functional copies of *HPA2* or *HPA1*. **(i)** The

normalized short read mapping coverage (Norm. Cov.: average mapping coverage at *HPA2* divided by

average mapping coverage at whole genome) around *HPA2* based on read mappings against the Cvi-

0 genome including only one *HPA* gene. (Data from five accessions are shown as examples to illustrate

patterns of different *HPA* copies: Col-0: *HPA2HPA1*; Kyo and Aledal-6-49: *HPA2HPA1HPA3*; IP-Sne-

0 and T1090: *HPA2HPA1HPA4*).

By combining the LoF variant genotyping and the methylation analyses, we found 767

accessions with a non-functional *HPA2* (*HPA2^{-/-} HPA1^{+/+}*) allele and five accessions with a

non-functional *HPA1* (*HPA2^{+/+}HPA1^{-/-}*) allele (Fig. 4f and Supplementary Table 10). Also, 49

accessions did not feature any functional alleles (*HPA2^{-/-}HPA1^{-/-}*) and were expected to carry

additional modifier(s) to complement the loss of functional copies. To find the locations of

these modifiers, we used the absence of functional copies as phenotype (Supplementary

Data 5) to run a GWA under the mixed linear model using the SNP markers from the 1001

Genomes Project (www.1001genomes.org). This GWAS revealed a significantly associated

region at chr4:11.00-11.15 Mb (Fig. 4g and Supplementary Fig. 5, alpha level of 0.05,

Bonferroni correction), corresponding to the *HPA3* locus found in Kyo (chr4:11.11 Mb).

Though other peaks in unlinked regions were present, these additional loci explained only a

small proportion of the heritability.

Analyzing the haplotypes at the 39 significantly associated SNP markers at *HPA3* locus

revealed a somewhat, but not entirely homogenous haplotype in many of the *HPA2^{-/-} HPA1^{-/-}*

carriers (Fig. 4h). To confirm that the modifying haplotype is still identical to the Kyo allele, we

aligned the short reads of all accessions of the 1001 Genomes Project against the Kyo

reference sequence and found that overall 162 accessions carried the *HPA3* allele

(Supplementary Data 5)*.* However, unexpectedly the Kyo *HPA3* was only found in 13 of the

49 accessions without functional *HPA2* and *HPA1* alleles, suggesting the presence of two

different modifiers at this locus on chromosome 4. To find more support for this, we ran a new

GWA without the 162 *HPA3* (Kyo-like allele) carriers, which still led to a significantly

associated locus at the region of *HPA3* (Supplementary Fig. 6). Further short-read mappings

of all 1,135 genomes against the Cvi-0 reference sequence (where only one copy of *HPA*

exists) revealed the presence of (at least) two additional copies (in addition to *HPA1* and

HPA2) in a total of 42 accessions including all the 36 accessions with the unknown rescuing

alleles (Fig. 4i and Supplementary Data 5). Together this suggested that *HPA3* also rescues

incompatible *HPA1* and *HPA2* allele combinations in natural populations and that the locus

of *HPA3* contains an additional haplotype (hereafter named *HPA4*) which also rescues the

incompatibility between *HPA1* and *HPA2*.

We continued to apply the same approach to the other three incompatibilities. For *TIM22*,

16 accessions of the 1001 Genome Project revealed non-functional allele combinations
(Supplementary Table 11 and Supplementary Data 6), again indicating the existence of
modifying alleles. However, a GWAS using the presumably-incompatible allele combinations
as molecular phenotype did not reveal only one, but numerous significantly associated loci
(Supplementary Fig. 7). This might be explained by the low number of incompatible allele
carriers, which could affect the power of association mapping leading to false-positive
associations. However, even though we could not locate the modifying allele, further analysis
of read mapping coverage in *TIM22* revealed that all 16 accessions with non-functional
TIM22-1/TIM22-2 allele combinations carried at least one additional third copy of *TIM22*, while
among all 1,119 other genomes of the 1001 Genomes Project only three genomes carried
additional copies. This suggests that, like for *HPA*, known non-functional allele combinations
of *TIM22* are in fact rescued by additional copies. Moreover, in ten of the 16 accessions,
TIM22-2 showed not only one but multiple additional copies (hereafter named as *TIM22-3*),
which was further supported by the genome assembly of Ty-1
(https://genomevolution.org/CoGe/GenomeInfo.pl?gid=54584, unpublished), where we could
find a cluster of four tandemly arranged *TIM22* gene copies at the *TIM22-2* locus.

Because the reference sequence only contained one copy of *TAD3 (TAD3-1)*[13] and *FOLT*
(FOLT1)[12], we modified our GWA method and only used non-functional alleles at the
reference gene as the phenotype to map modifiers for the two remaining incompatibilities (Fig.
5 and Supplementary Fig. 8). Due to this modification we would expect to map also the
location of the duplicated genes as we had found them in the AMPRIL founders. For *TAD3*, an
essential ortholog of the yeast tRNA Adenosine deaminase 3[31], we did not find any
accessions with LoF alleles, but we found 150 accessions with a hypermethylated promoter
in *TAD3-1* similar to the methylated promoters found in Nok-1 and Est-1, which are known to
be non-functional due to this methylated promotor region[13] (Fig. 5a, b). The GWA result
revealed one significant peak (Fig. 5c,d), which as expected co-located with the *TAD3-2*
locus[13]. All the 150 accessions carried multiple additional copies of *TAD3-2* (Supplementary
Data 7), similar to Nok-1 and Est-1. This suggests that the expression silencing of *TAD3-1* is
common in natural populations and that the rescue of this loss-of-function allele is generally
mediated by additional gene copies at the *TAD3-2* locus as it was shown in the original
description of this incompatibility[13].

Figure 5: Mapping non-reference gene copies of incompatible alleles using GWAS. (a, e) Hierarchical clustering of cytosine methylation profiles in *TAD3-1* (a) and *FOLT1* (e) based on 888 *A. thaliana* accessions from 1001 Epigenomes Project[20]. The methylation profile was calculated based on 100 bp sliding windows from the 500 bp upstream of transcription start site to the 300 bp downstream of the transcription end site. Light green: UTR, green: coding region, gray: intron or up/down-stream. **(b, f)** The genetic incompatibilities introduced by *TAD3* (b) in hybrids between Col-0 and Nok-1/Est-1, and by *FOLT* (f) in hybrids between Col-0 and C24/Sha as shown previously[12,13]. **(c, g)** The number of accessions with functional (Phenotype=1) or non-functional (Phenotype=0) *TAD3-1* (c) and *FOLT1* (g) gene copies. **(d, h)** Manhattan plots of the GWA using the absence of functional *TAD3-1* (d) or *FOLT1* (h) gene copies as phenotype. The dashed line indicates the significance threshold after multiple testing correction ($-\log_{10}P$=6.68).

The last of the four genetic incompatibilities, introduced by *FOLT* encoding for a folate transporter, was previously discovered in hybrids from crosses between Col-0 x C24/Sha[12,28,32]. Col-0 has only one copy of *FOLT* (*FOLT1*) at chromosome 5, whereas the C24 and Sha have an additional copy, *FOLT2,* at chromosome 4 including some extra truncated copies near *FOLT2* (Supplementary Table 12). In the earlier study, the truncated copies were shown to express siRNAs and activate the RNA-directed DNA methylation pathway to silence *FOLT1* in C24 and Sha[12], which resulted in a lethal allele combination in F2 hybrids between Col-0 (*FOLT1*$^{+/+}$) and C24/Sha (*FOLT1*$^{-/-}$ *FOLT2*$^{+/+}$) (Fig. 5f). Analyzing the accessions of the 1001 Genome Project for functional and non-functional alleles of *FOLT*, we found 75 accessions with methylated promoters of *FOLT1* likely leading to expression silencing (Fig. 5e), which was supported by the lack of *FOLT1*-specific pseudo-heterozygous

SNPs in the RNA-seq data (Supplementary Fig. 9). Besides evidencing the expression silencing of *FOLT1*, this also suggested the existence of additional *FOLT* gene copies in these 75 accessions. When we repeated our GWA approach to find these interacting loci of *FOLT1*, we found multiple significantly associated loci including one region corresponding to *FOLT2* (Fig. 5g, h).

Further analyses of the *FOLT* gene copies using short read mapping against the C24 and Sha reference sequences revealed the presence of *FOLT2* in all the 75 accessions with methylated promoter of *FOLT1* and truncated copies of *FOLT2* genes in only 46 out of such 75 accessions (Fig. 5e, Supplementary Table 13 and Supplementary Data 8) suggesting that the methylation of the *FOLT1* promoter remains stable even after the truncated copies are segregated out. This is coherent to what was shown in successive generations of Sha x Col-0 RILs where the inducing locus was segregated away six generations ago[12].

Taken together we found evidence that all four incompatible allele combinations, initially identified within artificial intercross population, also occur in nature, and that the incompatible allele combinations of three of them were surprisingly common. For all incompatible allele combination carriers, we found evidence for the existence of additional copies, and could even map the locations of some of those using GWA.

Geographic distribution of incompatible allele combinations

We next asked how prevalent the potential for incompatible allele combinations was within the natural population of *A. thaliana* by analyzing the presence of different haplotypes in different geographic regions. For this, we first analyzed the allele frequencies of different haplotypes (i.e. the different combinations of functional alleles within individual plants), which varied substantially across the accessions of the 1001 Genomes Project (Fig. 6).

For example, among the accessions that carried only one functional copy of *HPA*, we found that 661, 4, 13 and 36 accessions with a single functional copy of *HPA1*, *HPA2*, *HPA3*, or *HPA4*, respectively (Fig. 6a, b, Supplementary Fig. 10). Similarly, most accessions only featured one functional copy of *TAD3* including 971 accessions with only *TAD3-1* and 150 with only *TAD3-2* (Fig. 6a, Supplementary Table 14 and Supplementary Fig. 11). In contrast, most of the accessions included multiple functional alleles of *FOLT* as well as of *TIM22* (Fig. 6a).

Genetic incompatibilities become effective in the offspring of accessions with incompatible alleles. In particular the offspring of accessions with only one functional gene copy will lead to the highest reduction in fitness. We found numerous accessions with the potential to create incompatible allele combinations in their offspring in geographically close regions (Fig. 6c, d, e). For example, among 30 accessions in the South of Italy we found 9 accessions with only a functional *HPA1* closely located with 14 accessions with either a

functional *HPA3* or a functional *HPA4* only (Fig. 6c). Likewise, accessions with contrasting
functional copies of *FOLT* and *TAD3* were collected from the same regions in Central Asia
and Germany (Fig. 6d and e) evidencing that incompatible alleles could segregate within the
same populations.

Figure 6. Distribution, origin and evolution of incompatible alleles. (a) The number of accessions with different functional copies of *HPA*, *FOLT*, *TAD3* and *TIM22* across 1,135 *A. thaliana* accessions from the 1001 Genomes Project. +: functional. **(b)** Geographic distribution of accessions only with one functional copy of *HPA*. **(c, d, e)** Examples of geographically close accessions with only one functional copy of *HPA* in Southern Europe (c), *FOLT* in Central Asia (d) and *TAD3* in Germany (e). *FOLT1-FOLT2*+(t): accessions with a functional *FOLT2*, a truncated *FOLT2* and an unexpressed *FOLT1*. *FOLT1-FOLT2*+(m): accessions with a functional *FOLT2* and an unexpressed *FOLT1*, but without truncated *FOLT2* copies. **(f, g)** Gene copies of *HPA* in African *A. thaliana* accessions. TZ: Tanzania, ZA: South Africa. **(h, i)** Schematic of a possible and parsimonious evolutionary history of gene duplication and non-functionalization of *HPA* (h) and *FOLT* (i). unexp.: unexpressed. stop-gain: premature stop codon gained SNP. dup.: gene duplication.

Interestingly, within some of these hybrid zones of accessions with incompatible alleles, we also found accessions with multiple functional gene copies. For example, in South Italy there were 7 of the 30 accessions that featured multiple functional copies of *HPA,* and similarly in Central Asia, we could find multiple accessions with two functional copies of *FOLT* in addition to the accessions with only one functional copy (Fig. 6d and Supplementary Fig. 10-12). In contrast, however, we only observed a few accessions with multiple functional alleles in the hybrid zone of incompatible *TAD3* alleles, most likely because only 14 such accessions were found in the entire set of accessions. Even though we could not find evidence that such hybrid zones are enriched for additional copies or that those additional copies would evolve in these regions, the presence of haplotypes with additional gene copies in these hybrid zones have the potential to mediate the gene flow between the haplotypes with the incompatible allele combinations.

Origin and evolution of incompatible alleles

To figure out when these incompatible alleles originated and how they evolved, we investigated their ancestral genotypes within African genotypes which likely represent the ancestral populations of the Eurasian accessions[33].

While almost all (99.7%) of the Eurasian accessions had both *HPA2* and *HPA1* (either functional or not), we found that only 27% (20 out of 75) of the African accessions carried only *HPA2* (Fig. 6f, g and Supplementary Data 6). This suggested that *HPA2* was the ancestral copy of *HPA* which was further supported by the synteny alignment with the close relative *Arabidopsis lyrata*[18], which only featured a single *HPA* gene in a region syntenic to *HPA2* and that the duplication events leading to *HPA1* happened early on in Africa (Fig. 6h). One accession, Khe32, from Morocco carried *HPA1* along with the most frequent LoF variant LoF-300 in *HPA2* in the Eurasian accessions, suggesting that the first accession with only a functional *HPA1* possibly arose in North-West Africa and thereby suggests that the genetic

incompatibility with *HPA2* carriers was already possible before the Eurasia colonization of *A. thaliana*.

In contrast, *HPA3* and *HPA4* only occur in Eurasian accessions, most likely indicating that the additional duplication events happened later (Fig. 6h). Comparing the gene sequences of the *HPA* genes revealed that *HPA3* was duplicated from *HPA2* (Supplementary Fig. 13), while *HPA4* might be a tandem duplicate of *HPA3* as it is likely located close to *HPA3*. Interestingly, *HPA3* and *HPA4* carriers segregated for the ancestral LoF-300 variant at *HPA2* (*HPA3*: 68 with and 94 without; *HPA4*: 10 with and 32 without, Supplementary Fig. 14), suggesting free segregation of different *HPA* alleles. In striking contrast to this, the inactive alleles of *HPA1* (i.e. alleles with a non-functional *HPA1* sequence, but excluding the accessions with full deletion alleles as found in Cvi-0) were almost perfectly coupled (48 of 50) with inactive alleles of *HPA2*. Such carriers nearly all had *HPA4* (35) or *HPA3* (13) (Supplementary Fig. 15) and were mainly located in the Iberian Peninsula and Southern Italy suggesting that the additional *HPA* copies were necessary to buffer the incompatibility and to allow the foundation of these populations (Fig. 6c).

Unlike the incompatibility in *HPA*, genetic incompatibilities can also arise in recent population history. All African accessions only had the *TAD3-1* copy, while accessions with multiple copies of *TAD3* can only be observed in Eurasia (Supplementary Fig. 10). Similarly, 38 of the African accessions only have *FOLT1*, while the other 37 accessions have both *FOLT1* and *FOLT2*, but none of the accessions featured a truncated copy of *FOLT2* (*FOLT2tr*), which is the mechanistic origin of the incompatible alleles at *FOLT1* and *FOLT2* (Supplementary Fig. 16 and Supplementary Data 8). In contrast, within the Eurasian accession, we even found three different haplotypes of *FOLT2tr* within a total of 46 accessions based on short read alignments against the eight *A. thaliana* genomes[22] (Supplementary Fig. 17 and Supplementary Data 8). This together suggests that also the genetic incompatibility that is based on *FOLT2tr* has evolved recently after the migration *A. thaliana* to Eurasia (Fig. 6i).

Discussion

Although gene duplication provides genetic backup of essential genes, duplicated genes can also lead to incompatible allele combinations when the duplicated genes undergo reciprocal pseudo-functionalization in separate genomes. Here we studied incompatible allele combinations of four duplicated gene pairs by integrating genetic and genomic information using a multi-parental intercross population leading to the identification of four genetic incompatibilities.

Unexpectedly in this population we identified some lines with what initially looked like an

incompatible allele combination of one of the incompatibilities, as they could be rescued by an additional, so-far unknown gene copy. Encouraged by this, we developed a GWA method to map modifying alleles also in natural populations by integrating genomic and epigenomic data to generate a molecular phenotype that describes potentially incompatible allele combinations. With this we identified many natural accessions with putatively incompatible allele combinations and could elucidate the genetics of these incompatibilities as they occur in natural population using the 1,135 accessions released by the 1001 Genomes Project[19]. This implies that besides presence/absence analysis as performed by standard pan-genome analysis, gene location is an essential feature of a gene (or gene family).

Based on multi-omics data from hundreds of *A. thaliana* accessions, we could comprehensively describe the origin and evolution of several incompatible allele combinations of the four incompatibilities. We found that incompatible alleles are surprisingly frequent in nature and also occur in sympatry, suggesting that the evolution of genetic incompatibilities does not require separated populations as proposed by BDM model[2–4]. Moreover, such incompatible allele combinations can persist over long periods as some of the alleles studied here may have originated before *A. thaliana* colonized Eurasia.

Here, new gene copies arose either from distal duplications (in *HPA* and *FOLT*) or tandem duplications (in all four cases) and counteract incompatibilities. Even though additional copies reduce the frequency and impact of genetic incompatibilities, they could also increase the potential for more incompatible allele combinations. Subsequent sub-functionalization could be a way out of the trap of genetic incompatibilities, as there would be a selective pressure to keep both gene copies. While we have assumed functional redundancy of all gene copies in this work, an extensive number of accessions shared the functional copies of bot *FOLT* genes (865 of 1,135), which could indicate that these copies are not fully redundant and thereby limit the establishment of incompatible allele combinations.

Taken together, our work demonstrates that the potential for genetic incompatibilities due to duplicated essential genes is surprisingly high in nature. However, the effects of such incompatibilities are counteracted by additional gene copies, which undergo dynamic changes shaped by the recurrent events of gene duplication and non-functionalization during population history.

Methods

AMPRIL construction

The eight *A. thaliana* accessions An-1, C24, Col-0, Cvi-0, Eri-1, Kyo, L*er*, and Sha were selected as the AMPRIL founders. We previously constructed a first version of AMPRIL population (AMPRIL I) including six RIL subpopulations[21]. Here AMPRIL I was extended with

six additional subpopulations (called AMPRIL II) based on different pairwise intercrosses of
the eight founders (Fig. 1a). Each subpopulation contains approximately 90 individuals
(Supplementary Data 1). All plants were grown under the normal growth conditions in
greenhouse at the MPI-PZ[21]. DNA of 1,100 samples was extracted from the flower buds and
prepared for RAD-seq sequencing[23].

RAD-seq Library preparation and sequencing
All plants were grown in the greenhouse. The total DNA from each of the 1,100 samples
was extracted from the flower buds using DNeasy Plant Kit 96 (Qiagen) and eluted in 200 µl
Elution buffer (EB). DNA of each genotype was isolated twice. Both genotype samples were
pooled in 1.5 ml tube and the DNA was concentrated by isopropanol precipitation for 2h at -
20°C. The samples were centrifuged at 12000 g for 5 min at 4°C, the supernatant was
removed and the DNA pellet was washed with ice-cold 70% ethanol. Centrifugation was
repeated, the supernatant was removed. Air-dried DNA was resuspended in a nuclease free
water to 26 ng/µl and stored at -20°C until use. RAD-seq sequencing libraries were prepared
as described[34] with modifications. Per genotype, 500 ng DNA were digested with 10 units of
CviQI (NEB, cutting site G'TAC) at 25°C for 2 h. The number of expected cutting sites was
estimated around 236,000 based on the Col-0 genome sequence. Cut DNA was purified using
96 DNA clean and concentrator kit (Zymo) a diluted in 25 µl EB. The 192 different (selected
out of total 210 designed, Supplementary Data 1) P1 adapters (200 nM) containing unique 12
bp barcodes were ligated by incubation with T4 ligase (NEB) at room temperature for 30 min
and the reaction was terminated by 20 min at 65°C. After 30 min at room temperature, 5 µl
from each 192 P1-barcoded sample were combined in a 2 ml low bind tube. 3 x 130 µl aliquots
were transferred to fresh tubes and DNA was fragmented to average size of 500 bp using
Covaris. Sheared DNA was purified using QiaMinElute columns (Qiagen), eluted in 10 µl EB,
and the three samples were first pooled and then divided into two 15 µl samples that were
run on 1% agarose gel. Regions of 300-500 bp fragments were dissected and DNA was
isolated using MinElute gel extraction kit (Quiagen), eluted in 10 µl EB, the samples were
pooled, DNA fragment ends were repaired using Quick Blunting™ kit (NEB), purified with
QIAquick column (Qiagen) and eluted in 43 µl EB. 3' deoxy-adenine overhangs were added
using Klenow Fragment (NEB), the sample was purified with QIAquick column, eluted in 45
µl EB, the P2 adapter was ligated, the sample was purified with QIAquick column and eluted
in 53 µl EB. To determine the library quality, 10 µl RAD library were PCR amplified (1: 98°C
30 sec; 2: 14x 98°C 10 sec, 67°C 30 sec, 68°C 30 sec; 3: 68°C 5min, 4: 4°C hold) using NEB
Next High-Fidelity master mix (NEB) in 25 µl reaction volume using RAD-Marker for/ RAD-
Marker rev primers (25 nM each) and 5 µl PCR product were loaded into 1% agarose gel next
to the 1 µl RAD library template. If the PCR product smear was at least twice as intense as

the template smear, the library was considered as of high quality and the amplification was

repeated in 50 µl reaction volume. The product was cleaned using AMPure magnetic beads

(Beckman Coulter) and dissolved in 20 µl EB. Finally, the sample was run on 1% agarose gel,

the region of 300-500 bp fragments was cut out, DNA was isolated using MinElute Gel

extraction kit (Qiagen) and eluted in 20 µl EB. The library was sequenced in an Illumina

Hiseq2000 sequencing machine. Sequencing reads were demultiplexed according to the

barcodes (Supplementary Data 1).

AMPRIL genotyping

We used previously released whole-genome short read data[22] to generate markers for

genotyping the AMPRILs. We mapped the reads to the reference sequence and called SNPs

using SHORE (version 0.9)[35] with default parameter settings. Only homozygous SNP calls

were selected after removing SNP calls with low quality (quality < 30), in the repetitive regions

or in regions with low mapping quality (quality < 30). The actual marker sets for each of the

twelve subpopulations (ABBA, ACCA … GHHG) were selected based on respective parental

genomes (Supplementary Data 2), exclusively selecting bi-allelic SNP markers. After

excluding samples with replicates or too few sequencing reads, we performed genotyping on

992 AMPRILs using a Hidden Markov Model-based approach similar to the recently

presented method for the reconstruction of genotypes derived from two parental genomes[24]

(for a detailed description see Supplementary Note 1 and Supplementary Data 3).

Identifying genetic incompatibilities based on duplicated genes

Duplicated gene pairs were selected based on gene family clustering of protein-coding

genes from all eight parental genomes using OrthoFinder (version 2.2.6)[36]. We only selected

inter-chromosome duplicated genes to avoid the effects of intra-chromosome linkage

(Supplementary Data 4). For each duplicated gene pair, we required two copies in the

reference sequence and at least one copy in one of the other genomes (DupGene2), or one

copy in reference sequence and at least one copy on a different chromosome in at least one

of the other parental genomes (DupGene1). We assessed the genotypes of each of the gene

copies in each AMPRIL using the genotypes predicted in the middle of the respective

reference gene, or in the case a gene was not present in the reference sequence – using the

midpoint between the two closest flanking syntenic regions of the non-reference gene copy

(based on synteny calculations from a previous study[22]).

We predicted candidate genetic incompatibilities using a two-steps approach. In the first

step, we performed chi-square tests (Equation 1) to check whether the frequency of allele

pairs in duplicated genes was significantly distorted in any of the subpopulations or in any of

two merged subpopulations (ABBA and EFFE or CDDC and GHHG which shared the same

four founders, respectively).

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$$\chi^2 = \sum_{i,j \in \{a,b,c,d\}} \frac{(o_{ij} - e_{ij})^2}{e_{ij}} \tag{1}$$

610   Here, the o_{ij} and e_{ij} represent the observed and expected allele pair frequency of
611   duplicated genes, respectively, and a, b, c, d represent the parental genotypes in each
612   subpopulation.

613   Additionally, we applied a modified chi-square test (Equation 2) for all the duplicated
614   genes in the whole AMPRIL population by considering the effects of population structure.

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$$x^2 = \sum_{i,j \in \{a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h\}} \frac{(\sum o_{ij} - \sum e_{ij})^2}{\sum e_{ij}} \tag{2}$$

Here, the o_{ij} and e_{ij} represent the observed and expected allele pair frequency of inter-
chromosome duplicated genes, respectively, and a, b, c, d, e, f, g, and h represent all parental
genotypes. The observed and expected allele pair frequency in the whole population was the
sum of observed ($\sum o_{ij}$) and expected ($\sum e_{ij}$) allele pair frequencies in each of the
subpopulations.

The gene pairs with at least one significant segregation distortion in their observed allele
combinations (FDR < 0.05) were kept for the next step. In this second step, we checked
whether the respective gene copies contained loss-of-function variation or methylated
promoters (as described below). To address alternative splicing which is known to rescue
loss of-function variation, we also checked the gene annotation within the parental genome
assemblies to confirm the loss-of-function. Only duplicated genes with confirmed loss-of-
function alleles in both copies of the duplication (in at least one of the parental genomes) were
kept as candidates for genetic incompatibilities based on duplicated genes.

Identification of LoF variants in candidate genes
We mapped all whole-genome resequencing reads of 1,135 accessions from the 1001
Genomes Project[19], 75 accessions from Africa[33] and 118 accessions from China[37], to the Col-
0 reference genome (TAIR10)[38,39] using BWA (version 0.7.15)[40] with the default parameter
settings. SNPs and small indels were called using SAMtools (version 1.9) using default
parameters[41]. Homozygous variants with mapping quality of more than 20 and with at least
four reads aligned were kept. Pseudo-heterozygous variants in *HPA* and *TIM22* were also
recorded. The large insertion and deletions in the 40kb extended genic region of focal genes
were predicted using Pindel (version 0.2.5)[42] with parameter settings "-T 1 -x 5 -k -r -j" and
Delly (version 0.8.1)[43] with parameter settings "delly call -q 20 -r 20 -n -u 20 -g". The functional
effects of these variations were annotated using SnpEff (version 4.3p)[44] using the default
parameter settings. The loss-of-function (LoF) effects include loss of start codon, loss of stop
codon, gain of premature stop codon, damage of splicing acceptor or donor sites, frameshift

and CDS loss.

Clustering of cytosine methylation profile in gene promoter

Cytosine methylation data (the tab separated file of methylated cytosine positions) of
1,211 samples from the 1001 Epigenomes project[20] were downloaded from NCBI (927
samples under GEO accession GSE43857 and 284 samples under GEO accession
GSE54292). After removing the redundant data sets 888 and 161 data sets from GSE43857
and GSE54292, respectively, were retained. For each sample, we calculated the percentage
of methylated cytosines in CG, CHG and CHH contexts from 500bp upstream of the
transcription start sites to 300bp downstream of the transcription termination sites of each
candidate gene in 100bp non-overlapping sliding windows. These methylation profiles were
hierarchically clustered using the hclust function implemented in R (version 3.5.1). The
pairwise, Euclidean distances between all methylation profiles were calculated and Ward's
method was used to cluster the samples into two groups (hypermethylated and unmethylated).
This clustering was performed for the samples of GSE43857 and GSE54292 separately as
these two data sets were processed in two studies with different piplines[20,45]. The heatmap of
methylation patterns was drawn in R using the heatmap.2 function.

Analysis of DNA methylation within the genomes of the AMPRIL founders

For six accessions (Col-0, An-1, C24, Cvi-0, Ler, Kyo), we downloaded the whole-
genome DNA methylation data from NCBI from the 1001 Epigenomes Project[20] (GSE43857).
For Eri-1 and Sha, DNA methylation data was generated using whole-genome bisulfite
sequencing by the Max Planck Genome center. DNA was extracted from plants grown in the
greenhouse under standard conditions using the Qiagen DNEasy Plant Mini Kit (Qiagen,
Germany) and a sequencing library was prepared using the NEXTflex Bisulfite Library Prep
Kit. This library was sequenced on an Illumina HiSeq2000 machine. Sequencing reads were
aligned the reference sequence using Bismark (version 0.20.0)[46] with these parameters "-q -
-bowtie2 -N 1 -L 24 -p 20". The cytosine methylation profiles in candidate genes were
calculated using the same sliding window method as described above. The cytosine
methylation profiles together with the profiles from GSE43857 were then clustered again with
the same clustering method as described above.

Mapping modifiers of incompatible alleles using GWA

We predicted the presence and absence of functional copies of duplicated genes (*HPA*,
TIM22) in each of 1,135 accessions from the 1001 Genomes Project according to the
annotations of loss-of-function variations and the clustering of cytosine methylation profiles in
promoters (Supplementary Data 5-8). For accessions without available methylation
sequencing data, we assume the focal genes are expressed. The presence or absence of

any functional copies of the reference genes were used as binary phenotype (presence: 1,

absence: 0). For the association, we selected 238,166 high-quality SNP markers (minor allele

frequency >0.05 and missing rate < 0.1) from 1001 Genomes Project and imputed missing

alleles with IMPUTE2[47,48]. An in-house R script implementing the mixed linear model with

correction of kinship bias was used to perform the GWA (Bonferroni correction, $P < 0.05$).

Copy number variation analysis

To test for the existence of *HPA3* in a genome, we mapped whole-genome short reads

of 1,135 accessions from 1001 Genomes Project[19], of 75 accessions from Africa[33] and of 118

accessions from China[37] to the Kyo genome assembly[22] using BWA (version 0.7.15) with

default parameters. Accessions with an average mapping coverage >= 5 along the *HPA3*

region and duplicated region breakpoints (identified based on the sequence alignment against

Col-0 genome using SyRI[49] (version 1.0) with default parameters) were considered as *HPA3*

carriers.

The copy number of duplicated genes was estimated by the ratio between the average

mapping coverage within the focal gene and the average mapping coverage across the whole

genome. To estimate the copy number of *HPA*, we mapped the short reads to the Cvi-0

genome assembly using BWA (version 0.7.15) with default parameters as the Cvi-0 genome

only has one copy of *HPA*. For *TAD3*, *FOLT* and *TIM22*, the copy number was predicted

based on short reads mapping against the reference genome where both *TAD3* and *FOLT*

only have one copy. For the *TIM22*, copy number was estimated based on the average

mapping coverage at both *TIM22-1* and *TIM22-2*.

Fine-mapping of incompatible allele at LD2 in Cvi-0 x Col-0 RIL

After the observation that it was not possible to obtain a RIL homozygous for the Col-0

allele at LD2.1 while homozygous for the Cvi-0 allele at LD2.3[28], we derived two distinct

heterogeneous inbred families (HIF) from two segregating RILs from this population

(Supplementary Fig. 2). 8RV467 is segregating for a region largely encompassing LD2.1

while fixed Cvi-0 at LD2.3. 8RV408 is segregating for LD2.3 while fixed Col-0 at LD2.1. In

each derived HIF family, it is again not possible to fix the incompatible allele combination, so

the families were used to exclude intervals that do not contribute to the incompatible

interaction. Two rounds of fine-mapping were conducted by genotypically screening

increasing populations of descendants (at the seedling stage) for recombinants in the interval.

Gradually, the causal interval is reduced and delineated by markers exploiting known SNPs

and indels in the Cvi-0 sequence.

Segregation of T-DNA mutant line at gene *TIM22-1* and *TIM22-2*

T-DNA lines GABI_848H04 segregates for an insertion in *TIM22-1*, while GABI_626H10 segregates for an insertion in *TIM22-2*, both in a Col-0 background. Descendance were screened genotypically at the seedling stage to characterize the segregation of the T-DNA insertion allele.

Complementation cross to validate the incompatible alleles of *TIM22*

A LD2.3 HIF line (8HV408-Het) was crossed with a GABI_626H10 line, both at the heterozygous state, in order to segregate potentially for all four possible hybrid allelic combinations at LD2.3, while maintaining a fixed Col-0 allele at LD2.1. The F1 descendance (123 individuals, from both cross directions) was screened genotypically at the seedling stage for the presence/absence of both the T-DNA insertion and the Cvi-0 allele.

Data availability

Raw RAD-seq data of the AMPRIL population was deposited to European Nucleotide Archive (ENA) under the project accession ID PRJEB39883. Genome resequencing data of all eight founders and BS-seq data of Eri-1 and Sha can be accessed in ENA under the project accession ID PRJEB31147 and PRJEB38624. Genome resequencing data generated in 1001 Genomes Project[19] was downloaded from NCBI under the project ID SRP056687. RNA-seq and methylation data from the 1001 Epigenomes Project[20] were downloaded from NCBI under the project accession ID GSE80744, GSE54680, GSE43857 and GSE54292. The SNP markers from the 1001 Genomes Project were downloaded from https://1001genomes.org/data/GMI-MPI/releases/v3.1/. Data supporting the findings of this work are available within the paper and its Supplementary Information files. A reporting summary for this article is available as a Supplementary Information file. The source data underlying Figures 1-6 and Supplementary Figures are provided as a Source Data file.

Code availability

Custom code used in this study can be freely accessed at *https://github.com/schneebergerlab/AMPRIL-GI*

Seed availability

We are currently preparing seeds of new AMPRIL populations for submission to NASC. (http://arabidopsis.info/). Note, heterozygous regions as reported in the genotype data might be fixed for one of the alleles in the requested seeds.

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a *TIM22-1 (AT1G18320)*

Col-0, Ler, Eri-1, Sha

frameshift   stop-gain

An-1, C24, Kyo

frameshift

Cvi-0

b *TIM22-2 (AT3G10110)*

- UTR
- CDS
- Intron
- Gene

An-1, C24, Col-0, Eri-1, Kyo, Ler, Sha

Cvi-0

31kb

TIM22-2 (intact)

TIM22-2 (truncated)

c

Gene: *TIM22-1*   *TIM22-2*

T-DNA line   Gabi_848H04   Gabi_626H10
(Col-0):

Segregation: WT   WT

                 Het   Het

                 T-DNA (Hom) ~~T-DNA (Hom)~~

=>*TIM22-1*(Col-0) not functional.

d

tim22-2 (het)   8HV408 (RIL)

Chr3   Chr3

Col-0   T-DNA   x   Col-0   Cvi-0
         (*tim22-2*)

	Col-0/Col-0	Col-0/tim22-2	Col-0/Cvi-0	Cvi-0/tim22-2
HIF x Mut	21	17	22	0
Mut x HIF	23	21	19	0

a

HPA2
non-functional in:
Col-0, Kyo, Sha

HPA1
non-functional in:
Cvi-0

9.2 Mb   13.7 Mb

AB08
AB22
AB33
BA12
BA29
BA33
BA39
EF32
EF38
FE02
FE30

Chr1   Chr5   Chr4

■ Col-0   ■ Cvi-0   ■ Kyo   ■ Sha

b

+   Col-0

HPA3   11.17

                                     11.21

                                     11.25

Kyo   11.01   11.05   11.09   11.13   Mb

■ Genes   ■ Repeats   ■ Fwd. alignment   ■ Rev. alignment

a

Bisulfite-Seq → RNA-Sseq

Clustering → Validate

Exp. Silencing → LoF variants ← Reseq.

Gene non-functional?

Phenotype → GWAS markers

GWAS

b

Methylation

HPA2

5'   3'

frameshift

Col-0	TGATGCACTGGCTCAAGACTCTG
Reseq.	GTGATGCACTGGCCAAGACTC TGATGCACTGGCCAAGACTCTG GTGATGCACTGGCTCAAGACTC TGATGCACTGGCTCAAGACTCTG
RNA-seq	TGATGCACTGGCTCAAGACTC GATGCACTGGCTCAAGACTCTG ATGCACTGGCTCAAGACTCTG TGCACTGGCTCAAGACTCTG

Assignment of pseudo heterozygous variants

c

HPA2 *HPA1*

Number of accessions

LoF-170 210 212
LoF-190 23 16
LoF-230 12 13
LoF-290 30 16
LoF-300 585 405

HPA 5'   3'

Pseudo heterozygous variants

d

HPA1 5'   3'

5mC % 0   100

Met.

Un-met.

-500   0   2200

e

HPA2 5'   3'

5mC % 0   100

Met.

Un-met.

-500   0   2200

f

Number of accessions

314   767   5   49

++   -+   +-   --

Functional (+) or nonfunctional (-) *HPA2* and *HPA1*

g

HPA3

-log₁₀(p)

Chr 1 2 3 4 5

h

Pheno. =0

Pheno. =1

SNP		Carrier		
Ref.		*HPA1HPA2HPA3*		*HPA2HPA1*
Alt.		*HPA1HPA2HPA4*		*HPA1*

i

Col–0
Kyo
Aledal–6–49
IP–Sne–0
T1090

Norm. Cov.

26.804   26.812
HPA2   Mb