# Nuclear-plastid phylogenomic discordance in *Isoëtes* (Lycopodiophyta) from North America



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### Isoëtes (Quillworts, Merlin's Grass)

Cosmopolitan except Antarctica

Estimated 150-300 spp.

Occur in nearly any freshwater habitat



Extremely conserved morphology: "Cone on a corm"







Africa, Australasia, Neotropics



Australasia

Americas



#### 15 diploid species

I. butleri I. echinospora I. engelmannii I. flaccida s.l. I. lithophila I. mattaponica I. melanopoda s.l. I. melanospora I. mississippiensis I. piedmontana *I. prototypus I. tegetiformans* I. texana I. valida I. viridimontana





#### I. appalachiana I. boomii I. georgiana I. graniticola I. hyemalis I. junciformis I. lacustris I. louisianensis I. microvela I. septentrionalis I. tennesseensis I. tuckermanii I. riparia I. virginica

14 allopolyploid species

### Resolve Diploid Backbone Phylogeny

#### 1. Whole chloroplast genomes

- Genome skimming on Illumina MiSeq/HiSeq
- Combined reference-based and *de novo* assembly
- 2. Target-capture low-copy nuclear markers
  - Generated by GoFlag project
  - Target loci reconstructed by several pipelines: Phyluce, HybPiper, HybPhyloMaker
  - Alignments trimmed by various parameters
  - Trees inferred by RAxML and IQ-TREE

### Plastome Phylogeny Diploid species in the SE US



#### ML analysis of concatenated data

Resolves relationships between species, subspecies, varieties

Schafran et al. 2018, Castanea

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Discordance based on plastid subsets

Coding sequences (left) vs. non-coding (right)

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# Plastome Phylogeny

Isoetes\_toximontana\_consensus Africa

100

100

100

100

100

New data support ITS + plastid spacer phylogenies

Finds high support between species in American clade (but potentially misleading)





Branches w/ support < 75 bootstrap/0.75 PP collapsed

### Analysis of Target-Enrichment Data Sequence data from 11 diploids

**Percent Recovery of Targets** 

#### **GoFlag Percent Recovery of Targets**

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0

0

400

350

300

200

50

0

8



0 150 100 GoFlag potentially detecting additional paralogs, but HybPiper reports many fewer

# Analysis of Target-Enrichment Data



#### Tree Comparisons Pairwise Robinson-Foulds Distance – PAUP\*

	tree	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Complete	1																
	2	9															
	3	6	13														
	4	7	6	11													
	5	6	11	8	9												
	6	5	8	11	6	9											
	7	6	9	12	9	10	3										
	8	9	4	13	4	11	6	7									
Incomplete	9	8	9	12	9	10	9	6	9								
	10	9	10	13	10	11	8	7	10	5							
	11	8	9	12	9	10	7	4	7	2	7						
	12	9	10	11	10	9	8	5	10	5	4	7					
	13	8	9	12	9	10	9	8	9	2	5	4	7				
	14	9	10	11	10	9	8	5	10	5	4	7	0	7			
	15	10	11	14	11	8	9	6	9	6	11	4	9	8	9		
	16	9	10	11	10	9	8	7	10	7	2	9	2	7	2	11	
		COMPLETE								INCOMPLETE							
		AUTO MAFFT				STRICT UPE			STRIC	RIC AUTO		MAFFT		STRICT		UPERSTRIC	
		С	Α	С	Α	С	Α	С	Α	С	А	С	А	С	Α	С	А

Average pairwise distances:

Complete data vs. complete: 8.88 Complete data vs. incomplete: 9.29 Incomplete data vs. incomplete: 7

Trees from unfiltered, concatenated dataset with greatest RF distances

#### Tree Comparisons Multidimensional Scaling – R code from Liam Revell

Individual loci by trimming parameters





Alignment trimming seems to have strongest effect on tree topology

# Seeing the forest for the trees

Superstrict concat vs. majority consensus ASTRAL vs. plastome



4 species consistently resolved together: *I. engelmannii I. piedmontana I. silvatica I. mattaponica Similar distribution and morphology*

Potential chloroplast capture in *I. chapmanii*: Plastome sister to *I. melanopoda,* ~99% less distant than other tip pairs

Nuclear position sister to *I. flaccida,* shortest distance in tree (~80% shorter than average)

# In progress...allele phasing

Assumption that neotetraploids function like diploids at single-copy loci

Illumina reads phased with samtools, loci reconstructed with HybPiper

Gene phylogenies constructed, distances from phased copies to putative diploid parents used to test parentage

*I. appalachiana* (4x) parentage known from Sanger seq of LFY intron 2

I. engelmannii X I. valida

Low # of loci supporting (eng,app) conflicts with plastome showing *I. engelmannii* as maternal parent



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