# Phylogenetic analyses of two mitochondrial metabolic GENES SAMPLED IN PARALLEL FROM ANGIOSPERMS FIND FUNDAMENTAL INTERLOCUS INCONGRUENCE ${ }^{1}$ 

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#### Abstract

Plant molecular phylogeneticists have supported an analytical approach of combining loci from different genomes, but the combination of mitochondrial sequences with chloroplast and nuclear sequences is potentially problematic. Low substitution rates in mitochondrial genes should decrease saturation, which is especially useful for the study of deep divergences. However, individual mitochondrial loci are insufficiently informative, so that combining congruent loci is necessary. For this study atpl and coxl were selected, which are of similar lengths, encode components of the respiratory pathway, and generally lack introns. Thus, these genes might be expected to have similar functional constraints, selection pressures, and evolutionary histories. Strictly parallel sampling of 52 species was achieved as well as six additional composite terminals with representatives from the major angiosperm clades. However, analyses of the separate loci produced strongly incongruent topologies. The source of the incongruence was investigated by validating sequences with questionable affinities, excluding RNA-edited nucleotides, deleting taxa with unexpected phylogenetic associations, and comparing different phylogenetic methods. However, even after potential artifacts were addressed and sites and taxa putatively associated with conflict were excluded, the resulting gene trees for the two mitochondrial loci were still substantially incongruent by all measures examined. Therefore, combining these loci in phylogenetic analysis may be counterproductive to the goal of fully resolving the angiosperm phylogeny.


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Molecular phylogenetic relationships in angiosperms are confidently inferred when independent lines of evidence support the same phylogenetic topologies. Molecular characters may be drawn from the chloroplast, mitochondrion, and nucleus in what have sometimes been called trigenomic analyses (summarized in Savolainen and Chase, 2003). However, the trigenomic approach has not retrieved a fully resolved, well-supported phylogeny-especially for early nodes such as those defining the associations between magnoliids, Chloranthaceae, Ceratophyllaceae, eudicots, and monocots, which largely remain unresolved or weakly supported in these studies (Parkinson et al., 1999; Soltis et al., 1999, 2000; Duvall, 2000; Zanis et al., 2003; Duvall et al., 2006). Continued failure to resolve early nodes after even more loci from the three genomes were added suggested that the underlying problem is not simply one of insufficient phylogenetic information. Phylogenetic efforts are likely stymied by a synergy between several factors, possibly including selection, functional constraints, rapid radiation, and interlocus historical conflicts.

Single-gene phylogenies inferred from loci drawn from different genomes may be studied by comparative separate and combined analyses. For example, Duvall and Ervin (2004) compared the widely used 18 S rDNA locus against plastid and mitochondrial loci. Substantial conflicting phylogenetic signal

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was found, particularly regarding the monophyly and placement of the monocots. Residual effects of lineage sorting among 18 S loci were hypothesized to be responsible for the inability to resolve the monocots and to prevent robust phylogenetic placement of the monocots and Ceratophyllaceae. This conflict also may have lowered support at other deep nodes placing Chloranthaceae, eudicots, and magnoliids in the angiosperm phylogeny. As expected, extensive further sampling did not solve the problem. In a nine-gene study including 18S sequences of 100 species, Qiu et al. (2005) found that monocot monophyly was not supported by the nuclear data. Conflicts involving the 26 S nuclear ribosomal gene were also observed. Thus, while phylogenetic studies of nuclear ribosomal loci have had utility in broad phylogenetic research, combining these sequences with others in multigene studies of deep angiosperm phylogenetics has not been particularly productive for resolving specific deep nodes. Duvall and Ervin (2004) demonstrated that the PHYC locus was a more useful nuclear marker that had greater congruence with gene trees from other genomes for the sampled taxa. However, substituting PHYC for 18 S sequences in trigenomic data sets did not by itself resolve the deep angiosperm phylogeny (Duvall et al., 2006).

Mitochondrial genes, with very low substitution rates (Wolfe et al., 1987), are potentially useful tools for exploring deep evolutionary divergences among angiosperms and other green plants. For example, Parkinson et al. (1999) elected to emphasize mitochondrial genes for a phylogenetic study of early diverging angiopsperms. Included among these genes were mitochondrial small subunit (SSU) rDNA, coxl and rps2. Bowe et al. (2000) used mitochondrial atpl and coxl among other genes to explore the relationships among seed plants. Hajibabaei et al. (2006) compared these same mitochondrial gene phylogenies with those of chloroplast and nuclear genes in phylogenetic studies of gnetophytes and other gymnosperms. Qiu et al. (2005) included four mitochondrial genes, atpl, $m a t R$, mtSSU , and mitochondrial large subunit (mtLSU) in a
study of basal angiosperms. Davis et al. (2004) analyzed mitochondrial atpl and cob sequences among monocots for comparisons against chloroplast gene trees. In these and other studies, relatively low signals in individual mitochondrial genes necessitated the combination of two or more with the resulting potential for intragenomic conflict, similar to that between 18S and PHYC.

Recent di- and trigenomic studies (Duvall et al., 2006; Davis et al., 2004) resolved the monocots to be the sister group to the magnoliids, a clade comprised of Canellales, Piperales, Magnoliales, and Laurales (i.e., the "eumagnoliids" of Qiu et al., 2000). Notably, these studies included atpl sequences from the mitochondrial genome, in combination with other sequences ( $r b c L, n d h F$ and PHYC in Duvall et al., 2006; rbcL in Davis et al., 2004). A troubling aspect of these results is that the phylogenetic signal in atp 1 has a disproportionate impact in combined analyses on the resolution of the deep topology, where there is less phylogenetic information contributed by the other genes, possibly because of saturation. Duvall et al. (2006) compared four-gene analyses with those excluding the mitochondrial sequences. In the latter analyses, the monocots, eudicots, magnoliids and Chloranthales plus Ceratophyllaceae were placed at different, and even more weakly supported positions.

One difficulty in comparing individual gene trees for deep angiosperm evolution is that the phylogenetic information in each of the individual loci, particularly those of the slowly evolving plant mitochondrion, is insufficient for robust resolution. Removing atpl from the four-gene analysis not only removed a source of potential intergenomic conflict, but also reduced phylogenetic information at some nodes. In particular, sequences from a second mitochondrial locus with a similarly low level of saturation would better augment the mitochondrial signal in trigenomic analyses.

We thus sought a mitochondrial locus similar to atpl among the other most commonly banked angiosperm loci: matR, coxl, mtSSU , and mtLSU. Of these, the gene product that is most similar in function to atpl is coxl. Unlike the mitochondrial ribosomal RNAs or maturase R, coxl is both protein-coding and it encodes subunit 1 of cytochrome $c$ oxidase, a membraneembedded component of the respiratory pathway, which thus might be expected to have functional constraints, selection pressures, and molecular evolutionary parameters similar to that of atp1. The coxl sequences that were already available were primarily from the work of Parkinson et al. (1999) and Barkman et al. (2000).

In this paper, we analyzed these two mitochondrial loci after sampling representatives across the angiosperms. Phylogenetic analyses were performed using parsimony, likelihood, and Bayesian methods. Factors that might be expected to affect phylogenetic congruence, including erroneous sequences, sites subject to RNA editing, long-branch attraction (LBA; Felsenstein, 1978), problematic taxa and type of phylogenetic method were tested. Analyses on different subsets of the complete data matrix were compared to assess the impact on phylogenetic congruence as measured under both parsimony and likelihood.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sampling and DNA extraction-Taxa were sampled from the early grade of angiosperms, Ceratophyllaceae, Chloranthaceae, eudicots, magnoliids, and monocots. Early diverging families were emphasized in the larger groups.

Specimen vouchers for the 22 newly determined sequences (from 20 taxa) are listed (Appendix 1). DNA was extracted as previously described (Duvall et al., 1993) or using the DNeasy Plant Mini kits according to manufacturer's instructions (Qiagen, Valencia, California, USA).

Sequence determination-Sequences of atp1 were determined largely by previously described methods (Duvall, 2000). Two new primers were designed to obtain more complete terminal sequences. The primer 5_F ( $5^{\prime}$ -AATTCTCACCCAGAGCTGC-3') corresponds to positions 116-134 in the reference sequence from Oryza sativa L. (GenBank accession X51422), and is five bases downstream of the beginning of the start codon. Primer 1474R (5'-GCATCTGGTTCCATCTTTCTTTC-3') corresponds to positions 1607-1585, which is 31 bases upstream of the stop codon in the reference. These primers were selected from highly conserved regions of previously published complete coding sequences of atp 1 from three grasses and nine eudicots, which are listed with GenBank accession numbers-Oryza sativa, X51422 (reference sequence); Secale cereale L., X99020; Zea mays L., M16222; Beta vulgaris L., BA000024; Panax ginseng C.A.Mey, AF034118; Petunia axillaris (Lam.) Britton, Sterns \& Poggenb., U61391; Nicotiana plumbaginifolia Willd., X07745; Helianthus annuus L., X53537; Pisum sativum L., D14698; Glycine max Merr., Z14031; Vigna radiata (L.) R.Wilczek, AF071550; and Oenothera biennis L., X04023. The complete list of atp1 and cox1 sequences analyzed, including previously published sequences, is given (Appendix 2).

DNA sequences of coxl were largely determined by previously described methods (Bowe et al., 2000). A different forward amplification primer sequence, 130F: 5'-GACCCGGCGATCAAATTCTTG-3' (Leslie R. Goertzen, Indiana University, personal communication), was useful across a taxonomically broader range of angiosperms. Three new internal primers were designed for use in sequence determination. In each case, these primers were located near the position of a previously published primer to take advantage of a region with minimal interference from secondary structure. The names and sequences of these primers are listed-705R 5'-ACCGAAGAACCGAAAGAGATG-3'; 446R: 5'-GCTGAATCAACTGCTCCTCC-3' and 1096F: 5'-GACATTGCTC-TACATGATACTTATTATG-3'. Sequences were assembled in the program Gene Inspector 1.5 (Textco, West Lebanon, New Hampshire, USA) and aligned with the embedded module Clustal W (Thompson et al., 1994) using default penalty parameters.

RNA editing - Three approaches are proposed for the phylogenetic analyses of loci such as atpl and coxl that are subject to RNA editing. (1) The cDNA sequences may be used, so that data reflect the edited condition, operating under the assumption that the most phylogenetic information is to be found in the edited gene product (Hiesel et al., 1994). (2) Edited sites may be identified and excluded from phylogenetic analyses under the assumption that they impede the accurate inference of phylogeny (Bergthorsson et al., 2003). (3) Unaltered genomic sequences may be analyzed in the pre-edited condition, under the assumption that edited sites have limited phylogenetic impact or are even informational (Bowe and dePamphilis, 1996; Petersen et al., 2006a, b). Because the phylogenetic impact of edited sites is not clear and because relatively few sites are edited (Schuster et al., 1991; Kadowaki et al., 1995; Laser et al., 1995; Giegé and Brennicke, 1999), we favor excluding these sites from analyses. However, for purposes of comparison, edited sites were alternatively included and excluded in phylogenetic analyses to determine if congruence between atpl and coxl gene trees was in any way affected by these positions.

Sequences from both loci were screened using the program PREP-mt (Mower, 2005). Other methods for prediction of RNA edited sites rely on the presence of signature sequences around edited sites. However, not all edited sites are associated with these sequences (Bowe and dePamphilis, 1996). PREP-mt identifies C to U editing events that increase amino acid conservation. The program predicts the location of edited sites in a plant mitochondrial pro-tein-coding gene by comparing the amino acid sequence inferred from the DNA sequence against a set of aligned experimentally verified proteins from representative green plants. The ability of this program to accurately predict edited sites in mitochondrial loci was recently demonstrated to be above 97.5\% (Chaw et al., 2008). PREP-mt analyses were run with the cutoff set to zero, to maximize the predicted number of edited sites. Nucleotide sites that were predicted by PREP-mt to be edited in two or more sequences were initially included and later excluded from phylogenetic analyses for comparative purposes.

Phylogenetic analyses-Maximum parsimony (MP), maximum likelihood (ML; Felsenstein, 1973) and Bayesian Markov chain Monte Carlo inference (BI; Yang and Rannala, 1997) methods of analysis were all used. Analyses were run with four programs: PAUP* version 4.0b10 (Swofford, 2002), PAUPRat for
the parsimony ratchet (Nixon, 1999; Sikes and Lewis, 2001), GARLI version 0.951-1 (Zwickl, 2006), and MrBayes version 3.1 (Ronquist and Huelsenbeck, 2003). In all cases, Amborella trichopoda Baill. was the specified outgroup. A mutation hotspot, corresponding to nucleotides 571-609 in atp1 from Oryza sativa, in which the frequency of indels and point mutations made alignment uncertain was excluded from all analyses. The coxl sequences of Asimina triloba Dun. and Knema latericia Elmer contain intron sequences that were also excluded as well as the six nucleotides of the coconversion tract that otherwise cause a spurious association between these taxa (Cho et al., 1998).

Heuristic MP analyses for 100 random-addition sequences and tree-bisectionreconnection (TBR) branch swapping were performed for the separate loci using PAUP*. Ten to thirty searches of 200 iterations each were conducted using PAUPRat. Nonparametric parsimony bootstrap analysis (Felsenstein, 1985) was conducted with one random-addition sequence and other default parameters for each of 1000 pseudoreplicates with TBR swapping. The computer time required for the MP analysis of coxl sequences was prohibitive (exceeding 1430 h )—apparently because of time taken in branch swapping on the much larger number of trees that were one step longer than the most parsimonious trees. Because of the high computer burden, the MP bootstrap analysis of the coxl sequences was conducted with the "fast heuristic search option" instead of the full heuristic search. A published comparison of this fast method with one in which branch swapping was performed showed effects of only a few percentage points on nodes supported by values at or above $85 \%$ (Mort et al., 2000). All reported bootstrap percentages (BP) are parsimony bootstrap values unless specifically indicated to be ML BP.

The best-fit substitution models for the sequences were determined using MODELTEST version 3.7 (Posada and Crandall, 1998). The hypothesis that atp1 and coxl had similar evolutionary histories was supported by the fact that both had the same optimal model, TVM $+\mathrm{I}+\Gamma$, selected by the Akaike information criterion (Akaike, 1974). Evolutionary parameters for both loci were also largely similar. For atp1, these were as follows: nucleotide frequencies-A = $0.2808, \mathrm{C}=0.2182, \mathrm{G}=0.2344, \mathrm{~T}=0.2666$; substitution rates- $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{C}=$ 1.3630, $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{G}=1.9560, \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{T}=1.2038, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{G}=0.5457, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{T}=1.9560$; Pinvar $=0.5261 ;$ alpha $=0.6269$. The coxl model parameters were as follows: nucleotide frequencies- $\mathrm{A}=0.2318, \mathrm{C}=0.2113, \mathrm{G}=0.2180, \mathrm{~T}=0.3388$; substitution rates- $\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{C}=2.1937, \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{G}=1.858, \mathrm{~A}-\mathrm{T}=1.4045, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{G}=$ $0.8125, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{T}=1.8588 ;$ Pinvar $=0.5449 ;$ alpha $=0.8120$. Heuristic ML searches were performed in PAUP* with 100 random addition sequence replicates and TBR swapping using the parameters of the optimal model generated by MODELTEST. To determine the dependence of the ML analysis on these model parameters, ML analyses were also performed with GARLI in which all model parameters were estimated. ML bootstrap analyses were performed in GARLI, estimating all model parameters, for 1000 replicates.

Bayesian inference analyses were also performed (Huelsenbeck and Ronquist, 2001). The general GTR $+\mathrm{I}+\Gamma$ model (nst $=6$; rates $=$ invgamma) was used because the TVM model is not implemented in MrBayes. All trees were given equal weight a priori. Sequences were partitioned by gene and site-specific rates were allowed to vary across partitions (ratepr = variable). Default settings were used for other prior probability parameters. All BI analyses were executed for two replicates of 10000000 generations each (four chains per replicate run) with trees sampled every 1000 generations. The first $25 \%$ of the trees were discarded $($ burnin $=2501)$ by default, after which improvement in the range of log-likelihood values was not observed, leaving 7500 trees recovered from each replicate so that the majority rule consensus was of a total of 15000 trees. Posterior probability (PP) values greater than 89 were reported.

Maximum parsimony, BI, and ML analyses were repeated with the conditions specified above excluding sites predicted to be RNA-edited, and again excluding six taxa that were suspected sources of interlocus phylogenetic conflict. Thus, for each of the two loci three subsets of the data were run with each of the three methods.

Unexpected placements conflicting with multigene phylogenetic results accumulated over the past decade were examined by searching GenBank using the NCBI Blast tool (Altschul et al., 1990) with each sequence of unexpected placement as the query. In some cases we elected to resequence selected loci or chose different published sequences (see section Sequence authenticity in Discussion), depending on the outcome of the BLAST searches.

Parametric bootstrap study-A parametric bootstrap analysis was performed to determine whether an unexpected association between Acoraceae and Lilium in coxl gene trees might be attributed to long-branch attraction (LBA) because these two taxa are on the longest branches in these analysis. A subset of 17 species of monocots plus one outgroup were selected for the simulations including Acorus calamus L., A. gramineus Soland., Alisma plantago-
aquatica L., Arisaema triphyllum Schott, Asparagus officinalis L., Carludovica palmata Ruiz \& Pav., Dioscorea macrostachya M.Martens \& Galeotti, Elodea Juss. sp., Lilium lancifolium Thunb., Joinvillea plicata (Hook. f.) Newell \& Stone, Liriodendron tulipifera L., Oryza sativa, Pleea tenuifolia Michx., Potamogeton berchtoldii Fieb., Sagittaria latifolia Willd., Smilax L. sp., Spathiphyllum Juss. cv. Clevelandii and Tofieldia calyculata (L.) Wahlenb. Three sets of relationships were separately tested. (1) The two species of Acorus, which were sister to each other, were constrained to be sister to the remaining 15 monocots, which is a result that has been recovered in analyses of chloroplast (APG II, 2003; Cai et al., 2006) and selected nuclear sequences (Duvall and Ervin, 2004) and multigene studies including these loci. (2) Lilium was constrained to be sister to Smilax because the current evidence largely supports a sister group relationship between Liliaceae and Smilaceae (APG II, 2003). (3) The two long-branch taxa, Acoraceae and Lilium, were allowed to unite in an unconstrained ML search. For each of these three models, 100 data sets of the same size as the original coxl data matrix were generated with the program Seq-Gen version 1.2.5 (Rambaut and Grassly, 1997).

Branch lengths and other parameters for the simulations were obtained from MODELTEST. Each of the 300 simulated data sets was then analyzed using heuristic ML searches with 100 random addition sequence replicates and TBR branch swapping in PAUP*. Model trees were compared to inferred trees to determine if the long branches in coxl trees leading to Acoraceae and Lilium were attracted to each other or to other long branches in the trees, when other models were specified.

Congruence tests-Both parsimony-based and ML-based tests of congruence were conducted on the separate atpl and coxl gene trees. For a parsimo-ny-based test, the two mitochondrial loci were treated as separate partitions for the incongruence length difference (ILD; Farris et al., 1995) test, implemented in PAUP* as the partition homogeneity test. One random addition sequence was performed for each of 100 replicates. The ILD test was repeated on the data matrix excluding 55 sites predicted to be RNA-edited and was also performed on a subset of 52 taxa, excluding long-branch or otherwise problematic taxa. The ILD test is a useful starting point for exploring congruence (Sanderson and Shaffer, 2002 Hipp et al., 2004; contra Yoder et al., 2001), although it is relatively insensitive to incongruence under certain conditions (Darlu and Lecointre, 2002). A second parsimony-based test, the Templeton test (Templeton, 1983) implemented in PAUP*, was also used to test the congruence of the most parsimonious trees produced from analyses each of the same three subsets of the data matrix.

The Shimodaira-Hasegawa (SH) test (Shimodaira and Hasegawa, 1999) was selected for likelihood-based tests of congruence. Phylograms and summary model parameters generated by the Bayesian inference analyses were used for SH tests. The SH test is a conservative test that performs well when there are few trees (in this case two per comparison) and is excellent at controlling type 1 statistical errors (Shimodaira and Hasegawa, 2002). The SH tests were implemented in PAUP* on the three sets of single-gene trees described earlier. In each case, reciprocal SH tests were conducted for each mitochondrial locus.

## RESULTS

GenBank accession numbers for the new sequences determined from atpl (three) and coxl (19) are listed together with those from previously banked sequences (Appendix 2). The aligned data and ML trees were submitted to TreeBase (SN3833). The overall data matrix included perfectly parallel sampling of 52 taxa for the two loci. Additionally, five taxa were "composite terminals" (Nixon and Davis, 1991) in which the two sequences were obtained from different congeners drawn from relatively small monophyletic genera. These six species pairs were Asparagus officinalis L., A. falcatus L.; Cabomba Aubl. sp. Palmer 688, C. sp. Qiu 97027 (which may be from the same species); Nelumbo nucifera Gaertn., N. lutea Pers., Potamogeton berchtoldii, P. crispus L.; Sarcandra chloranthoides Gardner, S. grandifolia (Miq.) Subramanyam \& A.N.Henry; and Smilax rotundifolia L., S. tamnoides L.

Prediction of edited sites by PREP-mt among the atpl sequences analyzed here ranged from none in 10 species, to 10 edited sites in three species with a mean value of five predicted


C to U edits per atpl sequence. Eleven of these putatively edited sites were shared by two or more sequences and were excluded from alternate phylogenetic analyses of atpl for comparative purposes. The number of analyzed, nonedited sites of atpl was 1110, of which 246 were parsimony informative.

Prediction of edited sites by PREP-mt among the coxl sequences analyzed here was more variable than for atpl, ranging from none, in Alisma plantago-aquatica and Canella winterana Gaertn., to 40 edited sites in Amborella trichopoda with a mean value of 24 predicted $C$ to $U$ edits per sequence. Forty-four of these putatively edited sites were shared by two or more sequences and were excluded from alternate phylogenetic analyses of coxl. The number of analyzed, nonedited positions of coxl was 1299 sites, of which 162 were parsimony informative.

Single-locus MP analysis of atp1 produced 24 equally parsimonious trees of 897 steps (ensemble consistency index [Kluge and Farris, 1969] excluding uninformative characters, CI = 0.474 ; ensemble retention index [Farris, 1989], $\mathrm{RI}=0.698$; see strict consensus tree, Fig. 1). Forty-seven nodes were resolved in the strict consensus of these trees. Parsimony ratchet analysis found the same most parsimonious trees. Posterior probabilities from 15000 trees were mapped onto the Bayesian inference phylogram (Fig. 2). Maximum likelihood analysis of atpl produced one tree $(-\operatorname{lnL}=6495.08)$, which is posted at the TreeBASE database (http://www.treebase.org) together with the results of the ML bootstrap analysis.

Single-locus MP analysis of coxl produced 47743 trees of 587 steps $(\mathrm{CI}=0.510 ; \mathrm{RI}=0.671)$ after 100 random addition sequence replicates. The strict consensus of these trees had only 32 of 57 possible resolved nodes (Fig. 1). Parsimony ratchet analysis found the same most parsimonious trees for the 52 taxon subset, but found trees one step longer than the trees of the MP analysis in PAUP* for the two 58 taxon subsets. Posterior probabilities from 15000 trees were mapped onto the Bayesian inference phylogram (Fig. 3). Maximum likelihood analysis of coxl produced one tree $(-\operatorname{lnL}=5531.23)$, which is posted at TreeBASE together with the results of the ML bootstrap analysis. Because the BI and ML analyses were topologically congruent for both genes, the former will be the focus of further discussion in this paper.

The ILD tests indicated significant incongruence between the two mitochondrial partitions in the complete data matrix (Table 1). All of the summed tree lengths from the random partitions in the ILD tests were greater than the sum of the trees from the original partitions. Parsimony-based Templeton tests also indicated significant incongruence between atpl and coxl gene trees in all cases $(P<0.001$, Table 1). SH tests likewise found the atpl and coxl gene trees to be incongruent (Table 1).

In the ML trees of the parametric bootstrap study, longbranch taxa failed to associate whenever they were not initially united in the model tree. In the unconstrained model, Acoraceae were sister to Lilium in $99 \%$ of the inferred trees (Table 2) and paraphyletic with Lilium in the tree from the remaining replicate. When Acoraceae were constrained in a sister group position to the other monocots, that placement was retrieved in $71 \%$ of the inferred trees. In the other $29 \%$, Acorus was variously
united with Carludovica, Dioscorea, Potamogeton, and/or Smilax, but never with Lilium. When Lilium was constrained to a sister group position with Smilax, 100\% of the trees retained that aspect of the topology and Acoraceae were variously sister to one or more of Alismatales, Poales, and/or Asparagus, but never to Lilium. Thus under each of the three models, the specified phylogenetic positions of Acoraceae and Lilium were retrieved in $71-100 \%$ of the simulations.

## DISCUSSION

Comparison of single-gene analyses-The deeper nodes in the atpl tree were generally better resolved and more strongly supported than those in the coxl tree. Nine clades corresponding to previously recognized orders or taxa of higher rank were resolved by analyses of the atpl sequences, confirming published multigene analyses (Figs. 1, 2; Table 3). These were Austrobaileyales (Austrobaileya, Illicium, Kadsura and Schisandra), Canellales (Canella and Drimys), Chloranthales (Chloranthus and Sarcandra), eudicots (10 spp., Appendix 2), magnoliids (19 spp.), monocots (19 spp.), Nymphaeales (Nymphaea and Cabomba), Poales (Oryza and Joinvillea) and Piperales (six spp.). Note that in most cases, the MP BP offers a more conservative indication of support than the PP for the same clade. Only five of these clades, Austrobaileyales, Chloranthales, monocots Nymphaeales and Poales, were also supported in the coxl trees (Figs. 1, 2; Table 2). Ceratophyllum was resolved as the sister taxon to Chloranthaceae in the atpl trees ( $\mathrm{BP}=59 ; \mathrm{PP}=100$ ) but was sister to Calycanthaceae in the coxl MP trees $(\mathrm{BP}=75)$ and unresolved in the BI analysis.

The atpl trees strongly supported $(\mathrm{BP}>95 ; \mathrm{PP}=100)$ five families as clades (Table 3). Among monocots Acoraceae (A. calamus and A. gramineus.) and Alismataceae (Alisma and Sagittaria) were strongly supported as clades. In Laurales, two families, Calycanthaceae (Calycanthus and Idiospermum) and Lauraceae (Cinnamomum and Laurus) were strongly supported. The monophyly of Schisandraceae (Austrobaileyales) was also strongly supported. There was at least moderate congruent support ( $\mathrm{BP} \geq 75 ; \mathrm{PP} \geq 99$ ) in the coxl trees for four of these, but the two species of Lauraceae were in a weakly supported, unresolved trichotomy with Hedycarya (Monimiaceae) in both MP and BI analyses (Figs. 1, 3).

Also receiving strong support were two clades corresponding to portions of families. In each of these cases, the topology of the coxl tree shows an unexpected, though not necessarily strongly supported, paraphyletic arrangement for the subtaxon with other taxa. These included two of the three Araceae, Arisaema and Spathiphyllum (atp1: BP =99; PP = 100; coxl: BP = $66 ; \mathrm{PP}=100$; Araceae were weakly paraphyletic with Tofieldiaceae in the coxl MP and BI trees). Three of the six Piperales, Houttuynia, Piper and Saururus, were supported as monophyletic (atpl: BP $=80 ; \mathrm{PP}=100$; coxl: $\mathrm{BP}=72 ; \mathrm{PP}=100$; Piperales were broadly paraphyletic with other dicots in the coxl ML tree). However, the internal arrangements of the latter clade differed between the two trees (Figs. 1-3).

Fig. 1. Strict consensus maximum parsimony trees for atpl (left side: consensus of 24 trees of length 897 steps) and coxl (right side: consensus of 47743 trees of length 587 steps) for 58 taxa. Nucleotide sites putatively subject to RNA editing were excluded from both analyses. Numbers along the branches are bootstrap values $>50 \%$. Dashed lines connect identical terminals or identical groups of terminals. In some cases the name of the taxon (genus only) is repeated on the coxl tree for clarification.


Table 1. The $p$-values resulting from parsimony-based (ILD and Templeton) and likelihood-based (SH) tests of congruence between atp1 and coxl rounded to two decimal places. Note that all tests were significant at $P<0.05$.

| Test | 58 Sequences, RNA- <br> edited sites included. | 58 Sequences, RNA- <br> edited sites excluded. | 52 Sequences, RNA- <br> edited sites excluded. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ILD | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.02 |
| Templeton | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| SH | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |

Aside from these points of similarity, the atpl and coxl trees had numerous topological differences, but these were rarely strongly supported in both trees. Differences between the two mitochondrial gene trees caused the two partitions to consistently fail tests of congruence. This incongruence was unexpected, given the general similarities between these two loci and their gene products. Several hypotheses were tested in an effort to eliminate artifactual sources of phylogenetic incongruence.

Sequence authenticity-The first of these was a test of sequence authenticity. For example, three banked sequences of coxl, those of Liriodendron (AF193959, Parkinson et al., 1999), Nelumbo nucifera (AF193950, Parkinson et al., 1999) and Tetracentron (AY009455, Barkman et al., 2000) were unexpectedly identical across their entire aligned lengths of 1413 bases. Including these three sequences in phylogenetic analyses resulted in paraphyletic arrangements of Magnoliales and eudicots in MP, ML, and BI coxl trees (results not shown). This situation was resolved by resequencing one of these (Liriodendron [DQ980415]) and substituting alternative banked sequences for the other two (Nelumbo lutea [AY009447] and Tetracentron [AF193964]) in the data matrix.

Whether these banked sequences were actual and atypical coxl paralogues or simply misidentified sequences is unknown, but the following example shows a specific instance of misidentification. At the time of the initial analyses for this paper, there were two banked sequences of coxl for Austrobaileya scandens C. T. White (AY009434, Barkman et al., 2000; AF193954, Parkinson et al., 1999). These two sequences differed from each other by 28 substitutions across 1390 bp. In BLAST searches, the former sequence targeted other members of Austrobaileyales whereas the latter targeted Ceratophyllum and so was not chosen for this paper. By this writing, the source taxon for the AF193954 entry has been changed in GenBank, to Ceratophyllum demersum L. However, the accession number remains incorrect in printed records (Table S1, p. S2, supplementary material in Parkinson et al., 1999; M. Duvall, unpublished BLAST report, July 2006).

The Lilium coxl sequence determined for this study also showed strongly supported phylogenetic incongruence with atp1. An unanticipated and moderately supported association was observed uniting Acoraceae and Lilium in coxl MP, ML, and BI trees $(\mathrm{BP}=85$; $\mathrm{PP}=91$; Fig. 3). Three coxl sequences from Acorus were produced in two different laboratories from source materials harvested from A. americanus Raf., A. calamus, and A. gramineus and were $98 \%$ identical across 1351 bp . The coxl se-

Table 2. Percentage recovery of model trees in simulations in which three sets of relationships were separately tested to assess whether the unexpected association between Acoraceae and Lilium might be attributed to long-branch attraction.

|  | Inferred tree |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Model tree | Acoraceae sister to <br> monocots | Lilium <br> sister to Smilax | Acoraceae sister to <br> Lilium |
| Acoraceae sister to monocots | 71 | 0 | 0 |
| Lilium sister to Smilax | 0 | 100 | 0 |
| Acoraceae sister to Lilium | 0 | 0 | 99 |

quences of $A$. americanus and A. calamus differed at only three sites so that only the latter was included in our phylogenetic analyses. The similarities among these three independently produced sequences argue for their authenticity. The coxl sequence from Lilium proved to be reproducible from a new DNA extract obtained from newly harvested, confidently identified leaf tissue of the same species, and so the reproducibility of this sequence was confirmed.

Long-branch attraction-Acoraceae and a clade of four Alismatales (Alisma, Elodea, Potamogeton, and Sagittaria) are on the longest branches in the atpl trees probably due to higher rates of substitution in these two lineages (see Fig. 2). These long branches are sister lineages in the MP atpl tree ( $\mathrm{BP}=93$; Fig. 1), but not in the BI tree. Their position as a highly derived clade of monocots in the MP tree is unexpected, but this position is only weakly supported ( $\mathrm{BP}<50$ ). The separation of these two long branches in the ML and BI trees (Fig. 2) suggests that this is a LBA artifact to which parsimony is more susceptible than likelihood (Huelsenbeck, 1997). However, the previously established relationship between these clades makes their strongly supported association in the MP atpl tree unsurprising and would complicate an investigation of this as a putative systematic error.

A less obscure example is to be found in the coxl trees where Acoraceae and Lilium are on the two longest branches (see Fig. 3) as sister lineages. The unexpected and moderately supported association between these taxa $(B P=85 ; ~ P P=91)$ suggested a LBA artifact. We chose four approaches to test for evidence of LBA. First, MP, BI, and ML methods were all employed in analyses of the coxl sequences. All produced trees with this unexpected association. Even though ML is less biased to LBA, it is not completely unaffected by this type of systematic error (Bergsten, 2005), and so this finding is inconclusive.

Second, an attempt was made to break up the long branches by including coxl sequences from related taxa. The coxl sequence of A. americanus was too similar to that of A. calamus to divide the branch leading to Acoraceae (see earlier). Some other lilioid taxa, such as Erythronium, also have high substitution rates so that adding them to the analysis has the effect of replacing one long branch by another (trees not shown). The coxl sequence of Fritillaria crassifolia Boiss. \& Huet differed from that of Lilium lancifolium by 10 substitutions. A ML bootstrap analysis was performed on a subset of the coxl sequences to reduce the computation time. Adding the Fritillaria

Fig. 2. Bayesian inference phylogram for 58 atp 1 sequences. Branches are depicted as proportional to their calculated mean lengths except in two instances where unusually long branches were truncated and marked (//) to make the figure more readable. Numbers along the branches are posterior probability (PP) values $>89 \%$ from the Bayesian inference analysis.


Table 3. Parsimony bootstrap (MP BP) and posterior probability (PP) values for taxonomically defined clades that were retrieved in one or both of the mitochondrial gene trees.

| Clade (no. species) | $\begin{array}{c}\text { atpl } \\ \text { MP BP }\end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { atpl } \\ \text { PP }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | \(\left.\left.\begin{array}{c}coxl <br>

MP BP\end{array}\right] $$
\begin{array}{c}\text { coxl } \\
\text { PP }\end{array}
$$\right]\)

Note: $\mathrm{NR}=$ not resolved
sequence failed to disrupt the acoroid/lilioid association (ML BP = 83; Fig. 4), although because Liliaceae were still resolved on a relatively long branch, it was potentially still susceptible to LBA.

Third, a parametric bootstrap study tested whether the two long-branch taxa associated in spite of models in which (1) Acoraceae were constrained as the sister to the remaining monocots and (2) Lilium and Smilax were constrained to be sister to each other. These two models test more expected phylogenetic placements for both taxa (APG II, 2003). However, in neither constrained model did the two long-branch taxa ever associate with each other after ML analysis of 100 simulated coxl matrices each (Table 2). (See section Problematic species later for a description of the results of the fourth approach, exclusion of long-branch taxa.) So while we were unable to eliminate LBA as a source of possible systematic error for these taxa, we were also not able to find evidence for it.

RNA editing-The potential impact of RNA editing on phylogenetic topology was also investigated. A total of 55 sites, 11 in atpl and 44 in coxl, which were predicted to be RNA-edited by unexpected differences in coding sequences, were excluded from the 58-taxon data set and the phylogenetic analyses were repeated. Exclusion of putatively RNA-edited nucleotides somewhat increased resolution and support. For example, in BI analyses of coxl, the clade of angiosperms other than Amborella and Nymphaeales was not resolved, whereas in the analysis without edited sites, this clade was strongly supported ( $\mathrm{PP}=$ 99). RNA-edited sites might be expected to increase the incidence of apparently parallel mutations that would conflict with real synapomorphic substitutions presumably lowering both resolution and support. However, the exclusion of these sites still failed to produce mitochondrial gene trees that were congruent under either MP (ILD and Templeton tests) or ML (SH tests) methods (Table 1).

Problematic species-In some cases phylogenetic incongruence is restricted to specific taxa in an analysis because of unique historical events such as hybridization, horizontal gene transfer, or lineage sorting. Removal of these taxa eliminates the source of conflict so that congruent gene trees can be produced. While there are many differences and surprising relationships in the atpl and coxl trees, most of them have little support. Two examples of at least moderately supported conflicts between the atpl and coxl gene trees were identified. First, the position of Oenothera in a clade with Buxus and Trochodendron in the coxl trees was somewhat unexpected ( $\mathrm{BP}<$ 50; PP = 99). Because Oenothera was the only relatively derived eudicot in the analysis, its position in this clade may be an artifact of uneven sampling. However, another trochondendroid, Tetracentron, was excluded from this clade. Moreover, Oenothera occupied a weakly supported position as the sister to the remaining eudicots in the atpl trees ( $\mathrm{BP}<50$; $\mathrm{PP}<90$ ) as might be expected for an isolated derived eudicot. Oenothera was judged to be problematic on the basis of sampling, as were Buxus and Trochodendron by association in the coxl tree.

Second, Acoraceae were strongly supported in an unexpected sister position with Lilium in the coxl tree, possibly because of LBA, as noted before ( $\mathrm{BP}=85$; $\mathrm{PP}=91$ ). Acoraceae associated with a subset of Alismatales in the MP atpl trees $(\mathrm{BP}=93)$ and are unresolved in the BI tree ( $\mathrm{PP}<50$ ). Lilium was in an expected, though more weakly supported sister position with Smilax in the atpl BI tree $(\mathrm{PP}=93)$ and not resolved in the MP tree. The positions of both Lilium and Smilax were only weakly supported in the atpl MP tree. Thus, Acorus calamus, A. gramineus, and Lilium were considered to be problematic.

Because Acoraceae, Lilium, Buxus, Oenothera, and Trochodendron were involved in conflicting clades that were at least moderately supported in some of the single locus trees, the phylogenetic analyses for the nonedited sites of both loci were repeated after exclusion of these taxa. However, even after removal of these putatively problematic taxa and the RNAedited sites, the resulting trees were still incongruent under both parsimony and likelihood-based tests (Table 1).

Conclusion-We present evidence of interlocus incongruence between two mitochondrial protein-coding metabolic genes with the same optimal evolutionary model. Ultimately, we were unable to attribute incongruence to erroneous sequences, attraction between long-branch taxa or other specific problematic taxa, inclusion of RNA-edited sites, or choice of phylogenetic method. Such incongruence may be attributed to fundamentally different molecular evolutionary histories between these apparently similar mitochondrial loci, such as might be caused by ancient lineage sorting, horizontal gene transfers (HGT), or unrecognized gene duplications.

The persistent strongly supported placement of Acoraceae within a clade of lilioid monocots in coxl gene trees (Figs. 3, 4) is in opposition to the evidence of morphology and other genes (APG II, 2003). Such a discrepancy is suggestive of either a duplication event or a HGT (Graur and Li, 2000). The former is less likely because it presupposes that there is an atypical,

Fig. 3. Bayesian inference phylogram for 58 coxl sequences. Branches are depicted as proportional to their calculated mean lengths except in two instances where unusually long branches were truncated and marked $(/ /)$ to make the figure more readable. Numbers along the branches are posterior probability (PP) values $>89 \%$ from the Bayesian inference analysis. Note the unexpected and well-supported position of Acoraceae as the sister group to Lilium lancifolium.


Fig. 4. Maximum likelihood tree for 20 coxl sequences from monocots plus one outgroup. Branches are depicted as proportional to their calculated lengths. Numbers along the branches are maximum likelihood bootsrap values (ML BP) $>50 \%$. Note the unexpected and moderately well-supported position of Acoraceae as the sister group to Liliaceae (ML BP $=83$ ).
unidentified paralogue (probably of coxl) that was coincidentally and preferentially amplified and sequenced in multiple species. Horizontal gene transfer events have been identified among other plant mitochondrial genes (e.g., Bergthorsson et al., 2003, 2004). The tree of Fig. 4 suggests that the transfer occurred between an ancestor of the two lilioid taxa and an ancestor of the Acoraceae analyzed here. Because Lilium diverged from Fritillaria an estimated five million years ago (Vinnersten and Bremer, 2001), this places an upper bound on the age of this event. Continuing this line of reasoning, because exclusion of these lineages fails to produce congruent mitochondrial gene trees, other events, possibly including other HGTs, must also be invoked. Moreover, because other instances of strongly supported topological differences are not otherwise apparent, these other events may be of greater age and are now partly obliter-
ated by subsequent mutational histories. Confirmation of putatively ancient events that are now identifiable only as a background of unexpected, but weakly supported relationships may be impractical.

In general the combination of congruent loci is expected to increase phylogenetic signal and decrease homoplasy. A combined atp1, coxl analysis was performed with MP ("fast heuristic" bootstrap), BI, and ML over the 2409 unedited sites to see the effect of combining these incongruent sequences into a single analysis (BI results are given in Fig. 5; MP and ML results are posted at TreeBase). In the combined tree, the placements of the problematic taxa identified above resembled those of the coxl tree, rather than the atpl tree (Acoraceae are united with Lilium, PP = 94; Oenothera were united with Buxus, PP = 96). Moreover, combining atpl and coxl increased the tree length

Fig. 5. Bayesian inference phylogram from a combined analysis of atpl and coxl loci for 58 taxa. Branches are depicted as proportional to their calculated mean lengths except in two instances where unusually long branches were truncated and marked (//) to make the figure more readable. Numbers along the branches are PP values $>89 \%$ from the Bayesian inference analysis.

by 36 steps over the sum of the lengths of the two individual trees because of the increased homoplasy. The homoplasy indices for the MP trees, excluding uninformative characters, were 0.5257 (atpl) and 0.4896 (coxl). The homoplasy index for the combined analysis was 0.5268 , so that combining these loci actually slightly increased homoplasy over the more homoplasious single gene tree.

Trigenomic analysis has been a generally productive approach in phylogenetics (e.g., Qiu et al., 2005). Combining data from different loci is potentially productive in phylogenetics particularly when there are no strongly supported conflicts or other indications of incongruence (Duvall, 2000; Duvall et al., 2006). The rationale for including sequences with low substitution rates, such as mitochondrial genes, is that these will have a lower degree of saturation and will better resolve deep divergences. Mitochondrial coding sequences as similar as atpl and coxl are not expected to produce gene trees that are fundamentally and pervasively incongruent. However, there is strongly supported conflict between the separate atpl and coxl gene trees and persistent indications of incongruence so that combining these mitochondrial sequences is clearly counterproductive to the goal of increasing phylogenetic signal at specific deep nodes in the angiosperm phylogeny. We believe that mitochondrial sequences in particular should not be indiscriminately combined with each other or the sequences of other loci in spite of the theoretical appeal of this total evidence approach (Kluge, 1989). Singlegene analyses must first be performed to permit tests of interlocus phylogenetic incongruence. If incongruence is found, hypotheses should be devised and tested seeking the likely cause, so that appropriate analytical strategies, such as the exclusion of certain subsets of the data, may be devised. However, when the source of the incongruence cannot be identified, such as with atpl and coxl, perhaps entirely different approaches, such as whole genome analyses (e.g., Hansen et al., 2007; Moore et al., 2007), will prove to be more productive.

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APPENDIX 1. Voucher information for taxa sequenced in this study. Vouchers are deposited at DEK unless otherwise indicated.

Taxon-Voucher specimen, Herbarium other than DEK.

Acorus americanus (Raf.) Raf., M. Duvall s. n. Acorus gramineus Soland., M. Duvall s. n. 26 May 2006. Alisma plantago-aquatica L., No voucher. Asparagus falcatus L., W. J. Hahn 6881, WIS. Carludovica palmata Ruiz \& Pavon, Y.-L. Qiu 97021, IND. Elodea sp., M. Duvall s. n. 26 May 2006. Fritillaria crassifolia Boiss. \& Huet, M. Duvall s. n. Hedycarya arborea J.R. \& G. Forst., Y.-L. Qiu 90028, NCU. Houttuynia cordata Thunb., Y.-L. Qiu 92016, NCU. Idiospermum australiense (Diels) S.T. Blake, Y.-L. Qiu 91042, NCU. Joinvillea plicata, L. Thien 84, NO.

Lilium tigrinum Ker Gawl. (= L. lancifolium Thunb.), M. Duvall s. n. 1 Aug. 2005. Liriodendron tulipifera, M. Duvall s. n. DEK000372. Nymphaea odorata Aiton, D. Les s. n., CONN. Phoenix dactylifera L., M. Duvall s. n. 26 May 2006. Pleea tenuifolia Michx., Y.-L. Qiu 96128, IND. Potamogeton crispus L., Y.-L. Qiu 96086, IND. Sagittaria latifolia Willd., M. Duvall s. n. 13 Aug. 2002. Smilax tamnoides L., M. Duvall s. n. 31 May 2006. Tofieldia calyculata Wahlenb., Y.-L. Qiu 97041, IND.

APPENDIX 2. GenBank accession numbers of sequences analyzed in this paper. The accession numbers for newly determined sequences begin with "DQ" or "EU." The single accession numbers listed for Acorus americanus and Fritillaria crassifolia are for atpl; there are no banked sequences of coxl for these two species.

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