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23 **Rapid phenotypic evolution of quantitative traits can occur in natural populations on a**
24 **timescale of decades or even years¹, but little is known about its underlying genetic**
25 **architecture². Theoretical investigations have revealed that genes with intermediate**
26 **pleiotropy will, under certain conditions, drive adaptive evolution³⁻⁴ but these**
27 **predictions have rarely been tested, especially under ecologically realistic conditions.**
28 **Here, we performed a resurrection experiment to compare the evolution of multiple**
29 **traits across six *in situ* micro-habitats within a natural population of the plant**
30 ***Arabidopsis thaliana*. We then used Genome Wide Association mapping to identify the**
31 **SNPs associated with evolved and unevolved traits in each of these sites. Finally, a**
32 **genome-wide analysis of temporal genetic differentiation allowed us to test for selection**
33 **acting on these SNPs. Phenotypic evolution was consistent across all micro-habitats but**
34 **GWAS revealed largely distinct genetic bases among sites. Adaptive evolutionary**
35 **change was largely driven by a small number of QTLs with intermediate degrees of**
36 **pleiotropy under strong selection; this pleiotropy was synergistic with the per-trait effect**
37 **size of a SNP increasing with the degree of pleiotropy. In addition to these pleiotropic**
38 **QTLs, weak selection was detected for frequent small micro-habitat-specific QTLs that**
39 **shape single traits. In this French population, *A. thaliana* likely responded to both local**
40 **warming and increased competition, in part mediated by central regulators of flowering**
41 **time such as FLOWERING LOCUS C and TWIN SISTER OF FT. This genetic**
42 **architecture, which includes both synergistic pleiotropic QTLs and distinct QTLs within**
43 **particular micro-habitats, enables rapid phenotypic evolution while still maintaining**
44 **genetic variation in wild populations.**

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47 Contemporary and rapid phenotypic evolution has been observed in many natural
48 populations of plant and animal species^{1,5}, especially during invasion⁶ and in response to both
49 global climate change⁷ and toxic pollution⁸. A handful of studies have identified the genetic
50 architecture of contemporary adaptive evolution of qualitative traits (such as industrial
51 melanism)⁹ or single quantitative traits (such as herbicide detoxification in weeds or heavy-
52 metal tolerance)^{10,11}. However, the genetic architecture of many traits simultaneously
53 experiencing contemporary adaptive evolution, especially assayed at the level of whole
54 genomes, remains unexplored, despite its significance for predicting evolutionary trajectories
55 of natural populations¹².

56 There are many factors that will impact the evolutionary trajectory of a natural
57 population. In addition to well recognized factors such as the source of adaptive genetic
58 variation^{13,14} and the scenario of environmental change^{14,15}, theoretical studies predict that the
59 number and effect sizes of alleles underlying multi-trait adaptive evolution depends on the
60 magnitude of pleiotropy^{3,4,16}. This relationship was first investigated using Fisher's geometric
61 model, in which every mutation potentially affects all traits. Under this model, the rate of
62 adaptation of an allele should decrease with its degree of pleiotropy⁴ due to the increased
63 probability of antagonistic effects of a mutation when more traits are impacted. In other
64 words, the probability that a mutation is advantageous to one trait but detrimental to another
65 trait increases with the degree of pleiotropy, leading to the concept of the so-called 'cost of
66 complexity'⁴. However, in contrast to the assumptions of the geometric model, laboratory
67 studies performed on yeast, nematode and mouse have found that the degree of pleiotropy
68 follows an L-shaped distribution such that most mutations affect only a small subset of
69 traits^{3,16}. This distribution would diminish the 'cost of complexity'^{3,4}.

70 Of additional importance is the relationship between the degree of pleiotropy and the
71 per-trait effect size of a mutation (termed pleiotropic scaling)^{3,16}. Most theoretical models
72 assume that the per-trait effect size of a mutation decreases (invariant total effect model) or
73 remains constant (Euclidean superposition model) with the degree of pleiotropy⁴. Laboratory
74 studies, on the other hand, have found synergistic pleiotropy in which the per-trait effect size
75 of a mutation increases with the number of traits affected by that mutation³. Because this
76 scaling property leads to an increased fitness advantage for more pleiotropic mutations, any
77 cost of complexity is expected to be greatly alleviated⁴. Consequently, the combination of
78 restricted and synergistic pleiotropy leads to the prediction that polymorphisms with
79 intermediate degrees of pleiotropy, while rare, should have the highest rate of adaptive
80 evolution^{3,4}. This prediction is yet to be tested empirically.

81 In its most general sense, pleiotropy refers to the shared impact of SNPs. This can
82 include the effect of a SNP on (i) multiple phenotypic traits in one environment, referred to as
83 morphological pleiotropy³, (ii) a single phenotypic trait among environments, referred to as
84 environmental pleiotropy³, or (iii) multiple traits in multiple environments, hereafter named
85 morpho-environmental pleiotropy. Because wild populations evolve in complex abiotic and
86 biotic environments, an exploration of the role of pleiotropy requires consideration of the
87 impact of spatial environmental heterogeneity. In particular, when the same SNPs are favored
88 in distinct micro-habitats, then the suite of selective effects may combine to drive rapid
89 adaptive evolution whereas competing demands on a SNP across micro-sites might inhibit
90 adaptive evolution.

91 In this study, we aimed to generate a comprehensive and unbiased view of how a local
92 population of the annual model plant, *Arabidopsis thaliana*, changed over an eight year period
93 in nature. During this time period, our natural population experienced climate change while it

94 evolved in an environment that is spatially heterogeneous in terms of both biotic and abiotic
95 factors. Thus, this study adopts the modern standards of ecological genomics to describe the
96 genetic architecture underlying rapid phenotypic evolution of multiple quantitative traits
97 within a local plant population *in situ*.

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99 **RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

100 Our study focused on the local population TOU-A (East of France; **Supplementary**
101 **Fig. 1**) that experienced an increase in mean annual temperature of more than 1°C over the
102 last 30 years (**Supplementary Fig. 2**). The site occupancy by *A. thaliana* additionally
103 increased between 2002 and 2007 and remained stable thereafter (**Supplementary Fig. 1**).
104 Seeds of 80 and 115 individual plants (hereafter named accessions) were collected in 2002
105 and 2010, respectively. Previous studies conducted on accessions collected in 2002 showed
106 that this population has an estimated outcrossing rate of 6%¹⁷ and is highly diverse at both
107 genetic (based on genotyping at 149 SNPs) and phenotypic levels¹⁷⁻²⁰. In addition, the TOU-A
108 population presents fine-scale spatial variation for a broad range of soil characteristics and is
109 located between two permanent meadows dominated by grasses (**Supplementary Figs. 1 and**
110 **3**).

111 **A resurrection experiment revealed rapid phenotypic evolution.**

112 To identify phenotypic traits exhibiting evolutionary change within eight years, we
113 established a resurrection experiment in which the 195 accessions collected in 2002 and 2010
114 were grown under common environmental conditions. This design enabled us to differentiate
115 plastic from genetic responses²¹. The 195 accessions were grown *in situ* in six representative
116 micro-habitats, consisting of three contrasting soil types crossed with the presence or absence
117 of the bluegrass *Poa annua*, a species frequently associated with *A. thaliana*²⁰

118 **(Supplementary Fig. 1)**. A total of 5,850 plants were scored for 29 traits related to
119 phenology, resource acquisition, shoot architecture, seed dispersal, fecundity, reproductive
120 strategy and survival²². We detected significant genetic evolution for 16 out of the 29 traits
121 **(Fig. 1a, Supplementary Table 1)**. For example, we found a significant mean delay of 6.1
122 days for bolting time and a significant mean increase of ~7% in the number of fruits produced
123 on the main stem **(Fig. 2a)**. Interestingly, no evolutionary change was observed for average
124 total seed production across the six micro-habitats, demonstrating that constant seed numbers
125 can be maintained through evolution of flexible life-history and individual reproductive traits.
126 A comparison of our results with the rates of evolution in other plant species²³ suggests a
127 moderate rate of mean phenotypic evolution in the TOU-A population **(Fig. 2a)**.

128 Analysis of our sequences of the genomes of the 195 accessions (~25x coverage)
129 confirmed that the mean phenotypic change we observed was not the result of immigration
130 from other phenotypically diverse populations. We observed extensive genetic variation,
131 detecting 1,902,592 Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms, only 5.6 times less than observed in a
132 panel of 1135 worldwide accessions²⁴. However, the TOU-A population appears strongly
133 genetically isolated from other local populations sampled within 1km **(Fig. 3a)**, confirming
134 the negligible role of immigration in the observed phenotypic change.

135 **Similar phenotypic evolution associated with strong genotype-by-environment**
136 **interactions.**

137 We dissected the phenotypic evolution within each micro-habitat to test whether local
138 abiotic and biotic growing conditions affect the genotype-phenotype relationships in the
139 TOU-A population. Across the 29 traits measured in the six micro-habitats, 144 of these 174
140 eco-phenotypes displayed significant genetic variance **(Fig. 1b)**, with broad-sense heritability
141 estimates ranging from 0.20 to 0.87 (mean $H^2 = 0.57$, median $H^2 = 0.60$; **Supplementary**

142 **Table 2**). Average values of the phenotypes differed substantially among the six micro-
143 habitats (**Fig. 2b, Supplementary Table 1**). The proportions (ranging from 22.7% to 76.2%)
144 and identities of genetically variable traits that evolved in our eight-year timespan also
145 depended on the micro-habitat (**Figs. 1b and 2c**). These results highlight the need to consider
146 fine-scale environmental conditions to obtain an accurate picture of the diversity of micro-
147 evolutionary phenotypic processes occurring within a population.

148 Although each trait that evolved was consistent in its direction in all micro-habitats
149 (**Fig. 1b**), we observed highly significant changes in the ranking of accessions among micro-
150 habitats for most traits, with a mean across-micro-habitat genetic correlation of 0.46 (median
151 = 0.46, min = 0.04, max 0.89) (**Supplementary Table 1, Supplementary Fig. 4**). For
152 example, increased allocation of reproduction to the main stem was consistently observed but
153 different accessions most strongly manifested this allocation pattern among micro-habitats
154 (**Supplementary Fig. 5**). These results are in accordance with previous studies revealing
155 genotype-by-environment interactions for plant fitness-related traits at the scale of a few
156 meters^{25,26}. However, the existence of genotype-by-environment interactions does not clarify
157 the extent of pleiotropy governing phenotypes in alternative micro-habitats: phenotypic
158 evolution toward the same optimum may be driven by loci harboring alleles differing in the
159 magnitude of allelic effects across micro-habitats and/or by distinct genetic bases in different
160 micro-habitats²⁷.

161 **Pleiotropy is restricted and synergistic**

162 To characterize the genetics underlying these environmentally dependent genotype-
163 phenotype relationships, we used GWA mapping to determine the genetic architecture, the
164 magnitude of pleiotropy and the extent of pleiotropic scaling. The TOU-A population is well-
165 suited for GWA mapping because it is phenotypically diverse and linkage disequilibrium
166 (LD) decays to $r^2 = 0.5$ within an average of 18 base pairs (**Fig. 3b**). In agreement with

167 limited LD, we observed an L-shaped distribution of the size of LD blocks, with a median
168 size of 780bp (mean size = 5.5kb) (**Supplementary Fig. 6**). To verify our ability to finely
169 map genomic regions associated with phenotypic variation, we first tested for the presence of
170 significant associations of known functional polymorphisms. We successfully identified three
171 known functional genes conferring either qualitative or quantitative resistance against
172 bacterial pathogens when the 195 TOU-A accessions were infected under controlled
173 conditions. In two of the three cases, the most highly associated SNP (hereafter named top
174 SNP) was located within the gene (*RPS2* and *RKSI*)^{19,28} and in the third case it was located 15
175 bp away (*RPM1*)²⁹ (**Supplementary Fig. 7**).

176 To further assess the efficacy of GWAS mapping in the TOU-A population, we
177 followed the methodology used in Brachi *et al.* (2010)³⁰ to calculate enrichments for *a priori*
178 candidate genes for bolting time in the six *in situ* micro-habitats (**Fig. 1b**). Because bolting
179 time is a quantitative trait for which the genetic network has been extensively studied, it is
180 well suited for calculating enrichments for *a priori* candidate genes. Similar to previous
181 results for a field trial utilizing 197 worldwide accessions³⁰, the enrichment ratio quickly
182 dropped with the number of top SNPs in five out of the six micro-habitats, demonstrating that
183 candidate genes were overrepresented among top-ranking SNPs (**Fig. 4a, Supplementary**
184 **Fig. 8**).

185 Here, we illustrate the impacts of genetic architecture, magnitude of pleiotropy and
186 pleiotropic scaling when considering the 200 top SNPs (0.01% of the total number of SNPs)
187 for each of the 144 eco-phenotypes that were heritable. Although we observed significant
188 enrichment for up to the 500 SNPs, focus on only 200 top SNPs is conservative in defining
189 pleiotropy and increases the fraction of true positives. Our choice of threshold does not
190 matter: our biological conclusions are robust to successive cutoffs of top SNPs within the
191 range of 50-500 SNPs, and to three successive cutoffs in terms of the significance of SNPs (-

192 $\log_{10} p\text{-value} > 6$, $-\log_{10} p\text{-value} > 5$, $-\log_{10} p\text{-value} > 4$; chosen based on van Rooijen *et al.*
193 2015, Thoen *et al.* 2016, Kooke *et al.* 2017)^{31,33}.

194 We first compared the genetic architecture among micro-habitats for GWA results
195 from each of the 144 heritable eco-phenotypes (**Supplementary Fig. 9**). The number of genes
196 located within 2kb of the 200 top SNPs ranged from 45 (fruit number on basal branches in
197 soil B with *P. annua*) to 141 (maximum height scored in soil B without *P. annua*) (mean =
198 105 genes, median = 108 genes; **Supplementary Fig. 10**). For a given phenotypic trait, the
199 numbers of associated genes and their corresponding allelic effects sometimes varied widely
200 across micro-habitats, even when broad-sense heritabilities were similar (**Supplementary**
201 **Fig. 10, Supplementary Table 2**); for one dramatic example, see the results for bolting time
202 (**Fig. 4a, Supplementary Fig. 11**).

203 The extent of pleiotropy for each top SNP was determined by calculating an effective
204 number of eco-phenotypes, N_{eff} , sharing a given top SNP according to Pavlicev *et al.* (2009)³⁴.
205 This statistic corrects for correlations among eco-phenotypes to produce a measure of
206 pleiotropy that is not inflated. In agreement with previous laboratory observations on yeast,
207 nematode and mouse³, we found that N_{eff} follows an L-shaped distribution (**Fig. 5a**). More
208 than 78% of top SNPs impacted a single trait in a single micro-habitat, indicating that genetic
209 bases are largely distinct across micro-habitats (**Supplementary Fig. 12 and 13**), as
210 illustrated for bolting time (**Fig. 4b**). As previously noted for yeast, nematode and mouse^{3,16},
211 this pattern of restricted pleiotropy is more consistent with the notion of modular pleiotropy
212 (with genes being organized into structured networks) than universal pleiotropy in Fisher's
213 geometric model (i.e. each gene affects every trait)^{3,4}.

214 Pleiotropic SNPs were most frequently those demonstrating morpho-environmental
215 pleiotropy. In particular, the relative frequency of morpho-environmental pleiotropy increased

216 rapidly with the overall degree of pleiotropy, just as morphological pleiotropy became
217 relatively less common (**Supplementary Fig. 14**). Perhaps surprisingly, there were very few
218 examples of environmental pleiotropy, in which a significant SNP impacted the same trait in
219 multiple environments. Our observation of the predominance of morpho-environmental
220 pleiotropy is consistent with previous studies in *A. thaliana* reporting that the identity of traits
221 affected by a gene can depend on the abiotic and biotic phenotyping environment³⁵⁻³⁶ and
222 highlights the importance of spatial environmental heterogeneity in determining the role of
223 pleiotropy on phenotypic evolution of a suite of quantitative traits.

224 We found that the total effect size of a top SNP, calculated by either the Manhattan
225 distance (T_M) or the Euclidean distance (T_E), increased with N_{eff} faster than linearly ($T_M =$
226 $c * N_{\text{eff}}^d$, $d = 1.226 \pm 0.003$; $T_E = a * N_{\text{eff}}^b$, $b = 0.724 \pm 0.0035$; **Fig. 5b, Supplementary**
227 **Fig. 13 and 15, Supplementary Tables 3 and 4**). This empirical pattern of synergistic
228 pleiotropy contrasts with most theoretical models, which typically assume that the per-trait
229 effect size of a mutation decreases ($d = 0.5$ or $b = 0$, invariant total effect model) or remains
230 constant ($d = 1$ or $b = 0.5$, Euclidean superposition model) with the degree of pleiotropy⁴.
231 While previously observed in controlled laboratory conditions³, our study reveals that such a
232 pattern of synergistic pleiotropy can also extend to phenotypes scored in ecological realistic
233 conditions. It should be noted that the non-linear relationship between total effect size and
234 degree of pleiotropy is robust to successive decreasing cutoffs of N_{eff} (**Supplementary Table**
235 **5**), suggesting that the pattern of synergistic pleiotropy detected in our study is not driven
236 solely by highly pleiotropic SNPs.

237 **Intermediate degrees of synergistic pleiotropy drive adaptive evolution.**

238 According to theoretical predictions^{3,4}, the combination of an L-shape distribution of
239 N_{eff} and synergistic pleiotropy should lead polymorphisms with intermediate degrees of

240 pleiotropy, while rare, to experience the highest rates of adaptive evolution. One approach for
241 determining rates of adaptive evolution is to measure the fitness impact of particular SNPs in
242 particular environments. Unfortunately, the fitness proxies that we measured (e.g., total seed
243 production and survival) were not genetically variable in some micro-habitats (**Fig. 1b**). This
244 does not imply an absence of selection because we did not measure key germination and
245 seedling survival traits. Therefore, we instead estimated signatures of selection on top SNPs
246 by testing for the homogeneity of differentiation across SNP markers between our two
247 temporal samples. Such a population genomics approach allows taking into account both the
248 effect of selective processes at all life-stages and the effect of local demographic history
249 between 2002 and 2010.

250 A genome-wide scan for selection based on temporal differentiation (F_{ST})
251 (**Supplementary Fig. 16**) revealed a signature of selection for top SNPs associated with
252 evolved eco-phenotypes, but not for top SNPs associated with unevolved eco-phenotypes; top
253 SNPs jointly associated with evolved and unevolved eco-phenotypes revealed an intermediate
254 signature of selection (**Fig. 5c, Supplementary Fig. 13**). Because temporal differentiation
255 was tested against changes in the genomic background, this result rejects the hypothesis of
256 selectively neutral evolution for evolved eco-phenotypes. When focusing attention on top
257 SNPs associated with evolved eco-phenotypes, we found that single-trait micro-habitat-
258 specific SNPs were weakly differentiated while SNPs exhibiting an intermediate degree of
259 pleiotropy revealed the largest fold-increase of median temporal F_{ST} values (**Fig. 5d,**
260 **Supplementary Fig. 13**). This pattern is strengthened when considering only the top SNPs
261 for evolved phenotypes that have a polarity of effects in line with the direction of phenotypic
262 evolution (~75.4% of the total number of top SNPs associated with evolved eco-phenotypes;
263 **Supplementary Fig. 17**). In addition, we found that the mean F_{ST} value of the top SNPs was
264 significantly and positively associated with estimates of phenotypic evolution (i.e. *haldanes*)

265 when we considered the evolved eco-phenotypes, but not when we considered the unevolved
266 eco-phenotypes (**Supplementary Fig. 18**). Taken together, and considering the prevalence of
267 morph-environmental pleiotropy observed at intermediate degrees of pleiotropy
268 (**Supplementary Fig. 14**), our results suggest the evolution of a common adaptive strategy
269 that was accelerated due to top SNPs being shared across environments, although they affect
270 different traits in different environments.

271 As previously highlighted for the patterns of restricted pleiotropy and synergistic
272 pleiotropy, the relationships between degree of pleiotropy and signatures of selection were
273 robust to different number of top SNPs and thresholds of significance (within the range
274 considered; **Supplementary Fig. 13**).

275 **Identity of candidate genes under directional selection.**

276 The most pleiotropic genes underlying adaptive evolution in the TOU-A population
277 were determined by retrieving all genes associated with 11 or more evolved eco-phenotypes.
278 Among the 14 candidate genes (**Supplementary Table 6**), was the floral integrator *TWIN*
279 *SISTER OF FT (TSF)*, which was associated with bolting time (three microhabitats),
280 flowering interval (one micro-habitat), the length of reproductive period (three micro-
281 habitats), the number of primary branches (one micro-habitat) and the escape strategy to
282 competition (three micro-habitats). Interestingly, based on a panel of 948 worldwide
283 accessions of *A. thaliana*, *TSF* has been found to be significantly associated with climate
284 variation (i.e. number of consecutive cold days)³⁷, suggesting that *TSF* may play a major role
285 in the adaptation of *A. thaliana* to climate at different geographical scales.

286 We additionally tested for biological processes that were enriched in the extreme tail
287 of our genome-wide temporal differentiation scan (**Supplementary Table 7**). In total, 24
288 biological processes were enriched, 15 of which were supported by genes associated with

289 phenotypic traits measured in this study (**Supplementary Table 7**). Enrichment for
290 vernalization response was supported by *VERNALIZATION2 (VRN2)* associated with six eco-
291 phenotypes including two proxies of fitness (i.e. survival and seed production,
292 **Supplementary Table 7**). We also detected many related, enriched functions such as stamen
293 development, pollen maturation and callose deposition (**Supplementary Table 7**), which are
294 consistent with the simultaneous evolution of fecundity traits observed in this study (**Fig. 1**).
295 For instance, the candidate gene *POWDERY MILDEW RESISTANT 4* is traditionally regarded
296 as a defense response to wounding and pathogens due to its role in reinforcing the cell wall,
297 although it is also essential for pollen viability and cell division³⁸. In this study, *POWDERY*
298 *MILDEW RESISTANT 4* was associated with two fecundity traits: mean fruit length on
299 primary branches (in soil A without *P. annua*) and the number of fruits on the main stem (in
300 soil C with *P. annua*; **Supplementary Table 7**). The simultaneous evolution of fecundity
301 traits suggests an adaptive strategy of short-lived semelparous species like *A. thaliana* in
302 crowded environments, where plants tend to escape competition^{20,39}. In agreement with this
303 hypothesis, we observed an evolution of the escape strategy trait in five out of six micro-
304 habitats (**Fig. 1b**).

305 The remaining nine enriched biological processes were supported by genes that were
306 not associated with any measured phenotype. This is not surprising in that we missed the
307 entire seed and seedling stage, and did not capture the entire suite of biotic and abiotic factors
308 that can impact selection over time. Among these candidate genes was the MADS-box
309 transcription factor *FLOWERING LOCUS C (FLC)* that, in agreement with the recent local
310 warming experienced by the TOU-A population, supported the strong enrichment detected for
311 vernalization response, response to temperature stimulus and regulation of circadian rhythm
312 (**Supplementary Table 6**). *FLC* is a well-known pleiotropic gene⁴⁰ that affects many traits
313 that we did not measure (such as vernalization response, water use efficiency and regulation

314 of seed dormancy by maternal temperature)⁴¹⁻⁴⁴, suggesting that one or more of these traits
315 may have undergone contemporary and rapid phenotypic evolution in the TOU-A population.
316 For example, the proportion of accessions with a slow rather than rapid vernalization
317 haplotype at *FLC*⁴² increased between 2002 and 2010 (Chi-squared test = 16.554, $P =$
318 0.000047; **Supplementary Fig. 19**). Such a pattern is understandable in light of the increase
319 in the number of chilling degree days observed between 2002 and 2010 (**Supplementary Fig.**
320 **2**).

321 It is interesting to note that we identified two central regulators of flowering time in
322 our set of candidate pleiotropic genes, *i.e.* *FLC* and *TSF*. In two *Brassica rapa* populations
323 that evolved rapidly following drought in Southern California¹², rapid evolution was in part
324 mediated by a homologue of *SUPPRESSOR OF OVEREXPRESSION OF CONSTANS 1*
325 (*SOCI*), a target of *FLC*-mediated transcriptional repression⁴⁵, suggesting that central
326 regulators of flowering time play a major role in the response to global warming.

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328 **CONCLUSION**

329 Our ecological genomic comparison of plants separated by eight generations revealed
330 rapid multi-trait adaptive evolution that was similar among six micro-habitats, but largely
331 mediated by different genes. The strong genotype-by-environment interactions highlight the
332 importance of considering fine-scale ecological variation. By limiting the erosion of standing
333 genetic variation, this micro-habitat dependent genetic architecture should allow populations
334 like TOU-A to continue to respond to future environmental changes.

335 In addition, the combination of GWAS and an *in situ* resurrection experiment
336 validated the prediction that polymorphisms with intermediate degrees of pleiotropy, while
337 rare, should have the highest rate of adaptive evolution. This result reinforces the importance

338 of simultaneous evolution of multiple traits in shaping the genomic adaptive trajectory of
339 natural populations. On-going resurrection projects in plants⁴⁶ and long-term population
340 surveys of wild animals⁴⁷ represent an exciting opportunity to test whether restricted
341 pleiotropy combined with synergistic pleiotropy also underlies contemporary and rapid
342 adaptive evolution in other plant and animal species.

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489 **METHODS**

490 **Plant material.** The population TOU-A is located under a 350m electric fence separating two
491 permanent meadows experiencing cycles of periodic grazing by cattle in the village of
492 Toulon-sur-Arroux (France, Burgundy, N 46°38'57.302'', E 4°7'16.892''). Seeds from
493 individual plants were collected in 2002 (TOU-A-2002, n = 80) and 2010 (TOU-A-2010, n =
494 115) according to a sampling scheme allowing us to take into account the density of *A.*
495 *thaliana* plants along a 350m transect (**Supplementary Fig. 1**). Differences in maternal
496 effects among the 195 accessions collected in 2002 and 2010 were reduced by growing one
497 plant per family under controlled greenhouse conditions, for one generation (16-h
498 photoperiod, 20°C).

499 **Ecological characterization.** Eighty-three soil samples collected along the 350m transect
500 were characterized for 14 edaphic factors¹⁸: pH, maximal water holding capacity (WHC),
501 total nitrogen content (N), organic carbon content (C), C/N ratio, soil organic matter content
502 (SOM), concentrations of P₂O₅, K, Ca, Mg, Mn, Al, Na and Fe. Climate data was generated
503 with the ClimateEU v4.63 software package⁴⁸.

504 **Phenotypic characterization.** An experiment of 5,850 plants was set up at the local site of
505 the TOU-A population. The 195 accessions collected in 2002 and 2010 were grown in six
506 representative 'soil x competition' micro-habitats. Each of these micro-habitats was organized
507 in five blocks. Each of the five blocks corresponded to an independent randomization of 195

508 plants with one replicate per accession collected in 2002 and 2010. Seeds were sown in late
509 September to mimic the main natural germination cohort observed in the TOU-A population
510 (**Supplementary Fig. 1**). Each plant was scored for a total of 29 phenotypic traits chosen to
511 characterize the life history of *A. thaliana* including the timing of offspring production or seed
512 dispersal, or because they are involved in the response to competition and/or are good
513 estimators of life-time fitness and reproductive strategies²².

514 **Phenotypic analyses, natural variation, phenotypic evolution and evolutionary rates.** We
515 explored natural variation of all phenotypic traits using the following statistical mixed model:

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$$517 \quad Y_{ijklm} = \mu_{\text{trait}} + \text{block}_i (\text{soil}_j * \text{comp}_k) + \text{soil}_j + \text{comp}_k + \text{soil}_j * \text{comp}_k + \text{year}_l + \text{soil}_j * \text{year}_l + \\ 518 \quad \text{comp}_k * \text{year}_l + \text{soil}_j * \text{comp}_k * \text{year}_l + \text{accession}_m (\text{year}_l) + \text{accession}_m (\text{year}_l) * \text{soil}_j + \\ 519 \quad \text{accession}_m (\text{year}_l) * \text{comp}_k + \text{accession}_m (\text{year}_l) * \text{soil}_j * \text{comp}_k + \varepsilon_{ijklm} \quad (1)$$

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521 In this model, ‘*Y*’ is one of the 29 phenotypic traits, ‘ μ ’ is the overall phenotypic mean;
522 ‘block’ accounts for differences between the five experimental blocks within each type of
523 ‘soil * absence/presence of *P. annua*’ experimental combination; ‘soil’ corresponds to the
524 effects of the three types of soil; ‘comp’ measure the effect of the presence of *P. annua*; ‘year’
525 corresponds to effect of the two sampling years 2002 and 2010; ‘accession’ measures the
526 effect of accessions within year; interaction terms involving the ‘accession’ term account for
527 genetic variation in reaction norms of accessions between the three types of soil and the
528 absence or presence of *P. annua*; and ‘ ε ’ is the residual term.

529 All factors were treated as fixed effects, except ‘accession’ that was treated as a
530 random effect. For fixed effects, terms were tested over their appropriate denominators for
531 calculating *F*-values. Significance of the random effects was determined by likelihood ratio
532 tests of model with and without these effects. When necessary, raw data were either log

533 transformed or Box-Cox transformed to satisfy the normality and equal variance assumptions
534 of linear regression. A correction for the number of tests was performed for each modeled
535 effect to control the False Discovery Rate (FDR) at a nominal level of 5%.

536 Inference was performed using ReML estimation, using the PROC MIXED procedure
537 in SAS 9.3 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, North Carolina, USA) for all traits with the exception of
538 SURVIVAL, which was analyzed using the PROC GLIMMIX procedure in SAS 9.3.

539 For all traits, Best Linear Unbiased Predictions (BLUPs) were obtained for each
540 accession in each of the six experimental conditions, using the PROC MIXED procedure in
541 SAS 9.3 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, North Carolina, USA):

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$$543 \quad Y_{imc} = \mu_{\text{trait}} + \text{block}_i + \text{accession}_m + \varepsilon_{im} \quad (2)$$

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545 For each trait, significant genetic variation among the accessions was detected by testing the
546 significance of the ‘accession’ term in equation (2). A correction for the number of tests was
547 performed for the modeled ‘accession’ effect (across the 29 traits within each of the six
548 experimental conditions) to control the FDR at a nominal level of 5%. Because *A. thaliana* is
549 a highly selfing species¹³, BLUPs correspond to the genotypic values of accessions.

550 In each of the six experimental conditions, rates of evolutionary change based on
551 genotypic values of accessions were calculated in *haldanes* (h_g) for all eco-phenotypes with
552 significant genetic variation among the 195 accessions collected in 2002 and 2010. *haldanes*
553 is a metric that scales the magnitude of change by incorporating trait standard deviations^{49,50}.

554 h_g values were calculated between 2002 and 2010, as:

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$$556 \quad h_g = \frac{(x_2/s_p) - (x_1/s_p)}{g} \quad (3)$$

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558 where 'x' corresponds to the mean genotypic value at year 1 (TOU-A population collected in
559 2002) and year 2 (TOU-A population collected in 2010), ' s_p ' is the standard deviation of the
560 genotypic values of the trait pooled across the two years, and 'g' is the number of generations.
561 Because only one germination cohort was observed every year between 2002 and 2010 (i.e.
562 fall germination cohort), only one generation per year was considered in the calculation of
563 *haldanes* values. For a given trait, 95% confidence intervals were estimated based on the
564 distribution of 1000 *haldanes* values obtained by bootstrapping 1000 random samplings with
565 replacement of genetic values within each year. A *haldanes* value was considered
566 significantly different from zero if its 95% confidence intervals did not overlap zero.

567 **Sequencing and polymorphism detection.** DNA-seq experiments were performed on an
568 Illumina HiSeq2500 using a paired-end read length of 2x100 pb with the Illumina TruSeq
569 SBS v3 Reagent Kits. Raw reads of each of the 195 accessions were mapped onto the TAIR10
570 *A. thaliana* reference genome Col-0 with a maximum of 5 mismatches on at least 80
571 nucleotides. A semi-stringent SNP calling across the genome was then performed for each
572 accession with SAMtools mpileup (v0.01019)⁵¹ and VarScan (v2.3)⁵² with the parameters
573 corresponding to a theoretical sequencing coverage of 30X and the search for homozygous
574 sites.

575 **Patterns of linkage disequilibrium and geographic structure.** Considering only SNPs with
576 a Minor Allele Relative Frequency (MARF) > 0.07, the LD extent within 30kb-windows on
577 each chromosome were estimated using *VCFtools*⁵³. LD blocks across the genome were
578 identified in the PLINK environment using the following parameters --blocks no-pheno-req --
579 maf 0.07 --blocks-max-kb 200, leading to the identification of 19,607 blocks with at least two
580 SNPs (mean number of SNPs per block = 47.6, median number of SNPs per block = 12, mean
581 block length = 5.5kb, median block length = 0.78kb). To position the TOU-A population

582 within the French geographic structure, we retrieved the positions of the 214,051 SNPs
583 genotyped on 24 accessions within 10 populations located within 1km of the TOU-A
584 population⁵⁴ across the genomes of the TOU-A population. Clustering genotype analysis was
585 performed using the packages gdsfmt and SNPRelate in the *R* environment⁵⁵, using the
586 snpgdsLD pruning command with the following parameters *ld.threshold=0.8*
587 *slide.max.bp=500 maf=0.07*, leaving us with 90,883 SNPs.

588 **Genome-Wide Association mapping and MARF threshold.** GWA mapping was run using
589 a mixed-model approach implemented in the software EMMAX (Efficient Mixed-Model
590 Association eXpedited)⁵⁶. This model includes a genetic kinship matrix as a covariate to
591 control for population structure.

592 Because of bias due to rare alleles^{30,56,57}, we estimated a MARF threshold above which
593 the *p*-value distribution is not dependent on the MARF. We plotted the 99% quantile of the *p*-
594 value distribution of all 144 eco-phenotypes (i.e. ‘micro-habitat x trait’ combinations)
595 displaying significant genetic variance (**Fig. 1**) along 50 MARF values (with an increment of
596 0.01 from 0.01 to 0.5). A locally-weighted polynomial regression indicated that *p*-value
597 distributions were dependent on MARF value. From visual inspection, we considered a
598 threshold of MARF value > 0.07, which resulted in a total number of 981,617 SNPs for the
599 following analyses (**Supplementary Fig. 20**).

600 **Enrichment for *a priori* candidate genes.** To determine the threshold number of top SNPs
601 (i.e. SNPs with the highest associations) above which additional top SNPs would behave like
602 the rest of the genome, we calculated enrichments for *a priori* candidate genes for natural
603 genetic variation of bolting time observed in the six *in situ* experimental conditions (**Fig. 1**).
604 Based on an algorithm described in Brachi *et al.*(2010)³⁰ and a list of 328 candidate genes for
605 bolting time¹⁴, enrichment was calculated for progressively fewer selective sets of top SNPs

606 within a 20Kb window of an *a priori* candidate gene. For each set of top SNPs, a null
607 distribution of enrichment was computed to determine a 95% confidence interval³⁰.

608 **Degree of pleiotropy and pleiotropic scaling.** Each trait displaying significant genetic
609 variance in a given *in situ* micro-habitat was considered an “eco-phenotype”. The degree of
610 pleiotropy of a given top SNP was defined as the number of eco-phenotypes that shared this
611 top SNP. To account for the correlations between eco-phenotypes that can overestimate the
612 degree of pleiotropy, we followed Wagner *et al.* (2008)¹⁶ by estimating for each top SNP an
613 effective number of eco-phenotypes as $N_{\text{eff}} = N - \text{var}(\lambda)$ where $\text{var}(\lambda)$ is the variance of the
614 eigenvalues of the error-corrected matrix.

615 The allelic effects were calculated using the mixed model implemented in the software
616 EMMA after fitting the pairwise genetic kinship effect⁵⁶. Because different units were used
617 to measure the 29 traits scored in this study, we calculated a standardized allelic effect for
618 each eco-phenotype affected by a top SNP according to Wagner *et al.* (2008)¹⁶. The
619 standardized effect on eco-phenotype i , denoted by A_i , is half the difference in genotypic
620 means between the two homozygous genotypes. The total size of the phenotypic effects of a
621 top SNP was then calculated by the Manhattan distance⁵⁸ $T_M = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i|$, where n is the
622 degree of pleiotropy and A_i is the standardized allelic effect^{3,4,16}. The pleiotropic scaling
623 relationship between the total effect size and the effective number of eco-phenotypes was
624 calculated as $T_M = c * N_{\text{eff}}^d$.

625 The pleiotropic scaling relationship between the total effect size and the effective
626 number of eco-phenotypes was also calculated as $T_E = a * N_{\text{eff}}^b$, with T_E corresponding to
627 the Euclidean distance and calculated as $T_E = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n A_i^2}$, where n is the degree of pleiotropy
628 and A_i is the standardized allelic effect.

629 The degree of pleiotropy and the pleiotropic scaling relationship were calculated for (i)
630 five threshold number of top SNPs (i.e. 50 SNPs, 100 SNPs, 200 SNPs, 300 SNPs and 500

631 SNPs) and (ii) three thresholds of significance ($-\log_{10} p\text{-value} > 6$, $-\log_{10} p\text{-value} > 5$, $-\log_{10} p\text{-}$
632 $\text{value} > 4$). To avoid pseudo-replication due to the presence of several top SNPs in a given LD
633 block ($n = 19,607$ blocks with at least two SNPs), the pleiotropic scaling was also calculated
634 for each threshold number of top SNPs and each threshold of significance, (i) by considering
635 the mean value of T_M (or T_E) and N_{eff} per LD block containing top SNPs and (ii) by randomly
636 sampling one top SNP per LD block (this step was repeated 1,000 times).

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639 **Genome-wide scan for selection based on temporal differentiation.** In the following, we
640 outline a procedure inspired by Goldringer & Bataillon (2004)⁵⁹ to test for the homogeneity of
641 differentiation across SNP markers between two temporal samples. If all SNP markers are
642 selectively neutral, they should provide estimates of temporal differentiation drawn from the
643 same distribution, which depends on the strength of genetic drift in the population (and
644 therefore on its effective size). In contrast, if some marker loci are targeted by selection (or if
645 they are in linkage disequilibrium with selected variants), then some heterogeneity in locus-
646 specific measures of temporal differentiation should be observed. This is due to selection that
647 will tend to drive measures of differentiation to values greater (or smaller) than expected
648 under drift alone. The rationale of our approach is therefore to identify those SNPs that show
649 outstanding differentiation, compared to neutral expectation.

650 We measure temporal differentiation between sample pairs using F_{ST} . Although the F_C
651 statistic⁶⁰ was used in Goldringer & Bataillon (2004)⁵⁹, estimators of F_{ST} have better
652 statistical properties in terms of bias and variance, and multilocus estimates have been
653 precisely defined and thoroughly evaluated⁶¹.

654 Using a multilocus estimate of F_{ST} from the pair of temporal samples, we infer the

655 effective size of the population. Because the 195 *A. thaliana* accessions are considered highly
 656 homozygous across the genome, heterozygous sites were discarded (see above) and the data
 657 therefore consist of haploid genotypes. We considered a single haploid population of constant
 658 size N_e , which has been sampled at generation 0, and τ generations later. Generations do not
 659 overlap. New mutations arise at a rate μ , and follow the infinite allele model (IAM).
 660 Following Skoglund *et al.* (2014)⁶², the pairwise parameter F_{ST} between the two samples can

661 be read:

$$F_{ST} = \frac{1 - e^{-\theta T/2}}{1 + \theta - e^{-\theta T/2}}$$

662 where $T \equiv \tau / N_e$ and $\theta \equiv 2N_e\mu$. In the low mutation limit (i.e., as $\mu \rightarrow 0$):

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$$F_{ST} \approx \frac{T}{T+2} = \frac{\tau}{\tau+4N_e}$$

664 This suggests that a simple moment-based estimator of effective population size can be
 665 derived as:

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$$\hat{N}_e = \frac{\tau(1 - \hat{F}_{ST})}{4\hat{F}_{ST}}$$

667 where \hat{F}_{ST} is a multilocus estimate of the parameter F_{ST} . In what follows, we use the
 668 estimator of Weir & Cockerham (1984)⁶¹; preliminary analyses showed that these estimates of
 669 effective size have lower bias and variance than averaged estimates based on single-locus
 670 estimates of F_C .

671 In this study, the pairwise differentiation between the 195 *A. thaliana* accessions
 672 samples collected in 2002 and 2010 based on the full set of 1,902,592 SNP markers was: \hat{F}_{ST}
 673 = 0.0215, which gives an estimate of $\hat{N}_e = 182$ (measured as a number of gene copies).

674 For each SNP, we tested the null hypothesis that the locus-specific differentiation
 675 measured at this focal marker was only due to genetic drift. For this purpose, we computed
 676 the expected distribution of F_{ST} for each SNP, conditional upon the estimated effective size

677 (using the same estimated value for all markers: $\hat{N}_e = 182$), and the allele frequencies at the
678 focal SNP in the initial sample (i.e. 80 accessions collected in 2002). We simulated individual
679 gene frequency trajectories, as follows:

680 Suppose that we observe k_0 copies of the reference allele, out of n_0 sampled genes, in
681 the 2002 sample. We assume that these observed counts are drawn from a binomial
682 distribution $B(n_0, \pi_0)$ where π_0 is the (unknown) allele frequency of the reference allele in the
683 population. Assuming a Beta(1,1) prior distribution for π_0 (uniform distribution), and using
684 the Bayes inversion formula, the posterior distribution of π_0 is a Beta($k_0 + 1, n_0 - k_0 + 1$). For
685 each marker and for each simulation, we therefore draw the initial allele frequency $\tilde{\pi}_0$ from a
686 Beta($k_0 + 1, n_0 - k_0 + 1$). We then draw “pseudo-observed” allele counts using a random draw
687 from $B(n_0, \tilde{\pi}_0)$. This procedure allows accounting for the sampling variance in initial allele
688 frequencies, instead of fixing $\tilde{\pi}_0$ to the observed frequency in the sample, as previously done
689 in Goldringer & Bataillon (2004)⁵⁹.

690 Then, we simulated eight generations of drift, using successive binomial draws with
691 parameters $\hat{N}_e = 182$ and the allele frequency in the previous generation. In the last
692 generation, a sample of genes is taken as a binomial draw with parameters n_τ (the sample size
693 in 2010), and $\tilde{\pi}_\tau$ (the simulated allele frequency in the last generation).

694 Last, we computed locus-specific estimates of temporal F_{ST} from the simulated allele
695 counts at the initial and last generation. The whole procedure was repeated at least 10,000
696 times for each marker (additional simulations were performed for some markers to obtain
697 non-null p -values).

698 Finally, we assigned a p -value to each SNP marker, computed as the proportion of
699 simulations giving a locus-specific estimate of F_{ST} larger than or equal to the observed value
700 at the focal SNP. We checked that the distribution of p -values was fairly uniform (data not

701 shown).

702 Note that all SNP markers with a MARF ≤ 0.07 (computed as the overall frequency
703 across the two temporal samples) were discarded from the analysis. There were 981,617
704 remaining loci (**Supplementary Fig. 7**). To avoid any potential bias, all the distributions of
705 F_{ST} were obtained using only simulated markers with a MARF > 0.07 .

706 **Enrichment analysis of top SNPs for signals of selection.** Based on the effective number of
707 eco-phenotypes affected by a SNP, we tested whether top SNPs related to evolved eco-
708 phenotypes rejected the hypothesis of selectively neutral evolution more often than top SNPs
709 related to unevolved eco-phenotypes for any given degree of pleiotropy. For each set of top
710 SNPs (i.e. top SNPs that hit only evolved eco-phenotypes, top SNPs that hit only unevolved
711 eco-phenotypes and top SNPs that hit both types of eco-phenotypes), we first computed a
712 fold-increase in median significance of F_{ST} values using the following ratio: $\text{ratio}_{\text{significance}} =$
713 $\text{median of } -\log_{10}(p\text{-values}) \text{ of } F_{ST} \text{ values of } n \text{ top SNPs} / \text{median of } -\log_{10}(p\text{-values}) \text{ of } F_{ST}$
714 $\text{values of } n \text{ SNPs randomly sampled across the genome, where } n = \text{number of top SNPs. This}$
715 $\text{step was repeated 1,000 times, generating a distribution of fold-increase in median}$
716 $\text{significance of } F_{ST} \text{ values of top SNPs. We assigned a } p\text{-value by computing the proportion of}$
717 $\text{ratio}_{\text{significance}} \text{ smaller or equal to 1. The random sampling was done according to a scheme that}$
718 $\text{results in sets of SNPs that resemble the original set with respect to linkage disequilibrium}^{37}$.

719 We then tested whether the strength of selection differed among the degrees of
720 pleiotropy by computing a fold-increase in median F_{ST} values for each set of top SNPs, using
721 the following ratio: $\text{ratio}_{\text{values}} = \text{median of } F_{ST} \text{ values of } n \text{ top SNPs} / \text{median of } F_{ST} \text{ values of}$
722 $\text{all SNPs. This step was repeated 1,000 times, by randomly sampling the same number } n \text{ of}$
723 $\text{SNPs across the genome. This procedure generated a null distribution of fold-increase in}$
724 $\text{median } F_{ST} \text{ values. We assigned a } p\text{-value by comparing } \text{ratio}_{\text{values}} \text{ calculated for the set of top}$
725 $\text{SNPs to the quantiles at 95\%, 99\% and 99.9\% of the null distribution.}$

726 The enrichment analysis of top SNPs for signals of selection was calculated for (i) five
727 threshold number of top SNPs (i.e. 50 SNPs, 100 SNPs, 200 SNPs, 300 SNPs and 500 SNPs)
728 and (ii) three thresholds of significance ($-\log_{10}p\text{-value} > 6$, $-\log_{10}p\text{-value} > 5$, $-\log_{10}p\text{-value} >$
729 4).

730 **Identity of candidate genes under directional selection and enrichment in biological** 731 **processes.**

732 To identify pleiotropic candidate genes associated with the 76 evolved eco-
733 phenotypes, we first selected the 50 SNPs the most associated with each evolved eco-
734 phenotype, leading to a total of 3800 SNPs. We then retrieved all the annotated genes located
735 within a 2kb window on each side of those top SNPs, leading to a final list of 4855 unique
736 candidate genes. We finally focused on genes associated with 11 or more evolved eco-
737 phenotypes.

738 To determine which biological processes were important for adaptation of the TOU-A
739 population over eight generations, we tested whether SNPs in the 0.1% upper tail of the F_{ST}
740 value distribution were over-represented in each of 736 Gene Ontology Biological Processes
741 from the GOslim set⁶³. 10,000 permutations were run to assess significance using the same
742 methodology as described in Hancock *et al.* (2011)³⁷. For each significantly enriched
743 biological process, we retrieved the identity of all the genes containing SNPs in the 0.1%
744 upper tail of the F_{ST} values distribution.

745 ***FLC* haplotypes analysis**

746 Following Li *et al.* (2014)⁴², we extracted the 17 SNPs located within *FLC* and we
747 removed from the analysis 44 accessions with more than one missing SNP information. We
748 then merged this data set with the *FLC* SNP data set obtained across 1307 accessions of the
749 Regional Mapping panel project^{42,54}. The 17 SNPs data set was used as the input into the
750 software fastPHASE version 1.4.8⁶⁴. fastPHASE was run using the same parameters as

751 described in Li *et al.* (2014)⁴² with the exception of invoking the -K20 option to obtain the
752 same number of haplotypes identified in Li *et al.* (2014)⁴². We identified eight haplotypes
753 among the 151 TOU-A accessions. Seventy accessions have a haplotype related to a rapid
754 vernalization response (RV haplotype)⁴², whereas 78 accessions have a haplotype related to a
755 slow vernalization response (SV haplotype)⁴². The remaining three accessions are related to
756 an unknown vernalization response profile.

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759 **Data availability.** The raw sequencing data used for this study will be available at the NCBI
760 Sequence Read Archive (<http://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra>) through the Study
761 accession SRP077483. The phenotypic data that support the findings of this study are
762 available from the authors on a reasonable request. The genomic SNP data files will be
763 archived through the Dryad digital repository upon acceptance for publication.

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765 **Code availability.** Custom scripts and phenotypic and genomic files used in this study have
766 been archived in a local depository ([https://lipm-browsers.toulouse.inra.fr/pub/Frachon2017-
767 NEE/](https://lipm-browsers.toulouse.inra.fr/pub/Frachon2017-NEE/)) that can be accessed by the reviewers with the login ‘reviewersNEE’ and the
768 password ‘FaupKinmyad4’. All the scripts and data sets will be made available available in
769 the Dryad database upon acceptance of the manuscript. The code for performing genome-
770 wide scan for selection based on temporal differentiation will be made available on the
771 Zenodo database upon acceptance of the manuscript (Vitalis R, Gay L and Navascues M
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815 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

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817 **Figure 1 | Genetic variation among accessions and phenotypic evolution between 2002**

818 **and 2010. (a)** Across the six micro-habitats. Genetic variation was detected for the 29

819 measured phenotypic traits. **(b)** Within each ‘soil x competition’ micro-habitat. The letters A,

820 B and C stand for the three types of soil. ‘w/o *P. annua*’ and ‘w/*P. annua*’ correspond to the

821 absence and presence of *P. annua*, respectively. The number of genetically variable traits

822 varied between 21 (soil A in absence of *P. annua*) and 28 (soil C in presence of *P. annua*).

823 The percentage of evolved genetically variable traits varied between 22.7% (soil C in absence

824 of *P. annua*) and 76.2% (soil A in absence of *P. annua*). Each genetically variable trait (white

825 and colored squares) in a given *in situ* experimental condition was defined as an eco-

826 phenotype (n = 144). The rates of evolution are expressed in *haldanes* (a metric that scales the

827 magnitude of change by incorporating trait standard deviations).

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829 **Figure 2 | Phenotypic changes in the TOU-A population over 8 generations. (a)** Mean

830 phenotypic evolution across the six micro-habitats. The total number of seeds produced can

831 be maintained through evolution of phenological (bolting time and flowering interval) and

832 individual reproductive (seed production on the main stem) traits. **(b)** Comparison among the

833 six *in situ* ‘soil x competition’ micro-habitats. Average values of the phenotypes differed

834 substantially among the six micro-habitats. **(c)** Evolution within each *in situ* micro-habitat. ‘n’

835 indicates the number of evolved phenotypic traits (**Fig. 1**). The identity of genetically variable

836 traits that evolved between 2002 and 2008 depended on the micro-habitat. Each box plot is

837 based on the genotypic values (BLUPs) of the TOU-A accessions (year 2002: n = 80, year

838 2010: n = 115). **(b)** and **(c)** The letters A, B and C stand for the three types of soil. ‘w/o *P.*

839 *annua*’ and ‘w/*P. annua*’ correspond to the absence and presence of *P. annua*, respectively.

840 (a) and (c): solid and dashed boxes indicate significant evolution with absolute *haldanes* >
841 0.05 and with absolute *haldanes* < 0.05, respectively (Fig. 1).

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843 **Figure 3 | Genomic patterns of the TOU-A population.** (a) Hierarchical clustering analysis
844 of the 195 TOU-A accessions and 24 accessions from 10 populations located within 1 km of
845 the TOU-A population. (b) Decay of linkage disequilibrium (r^2) with physical distance over
846 the five chromosomes of *A. thaliana*.

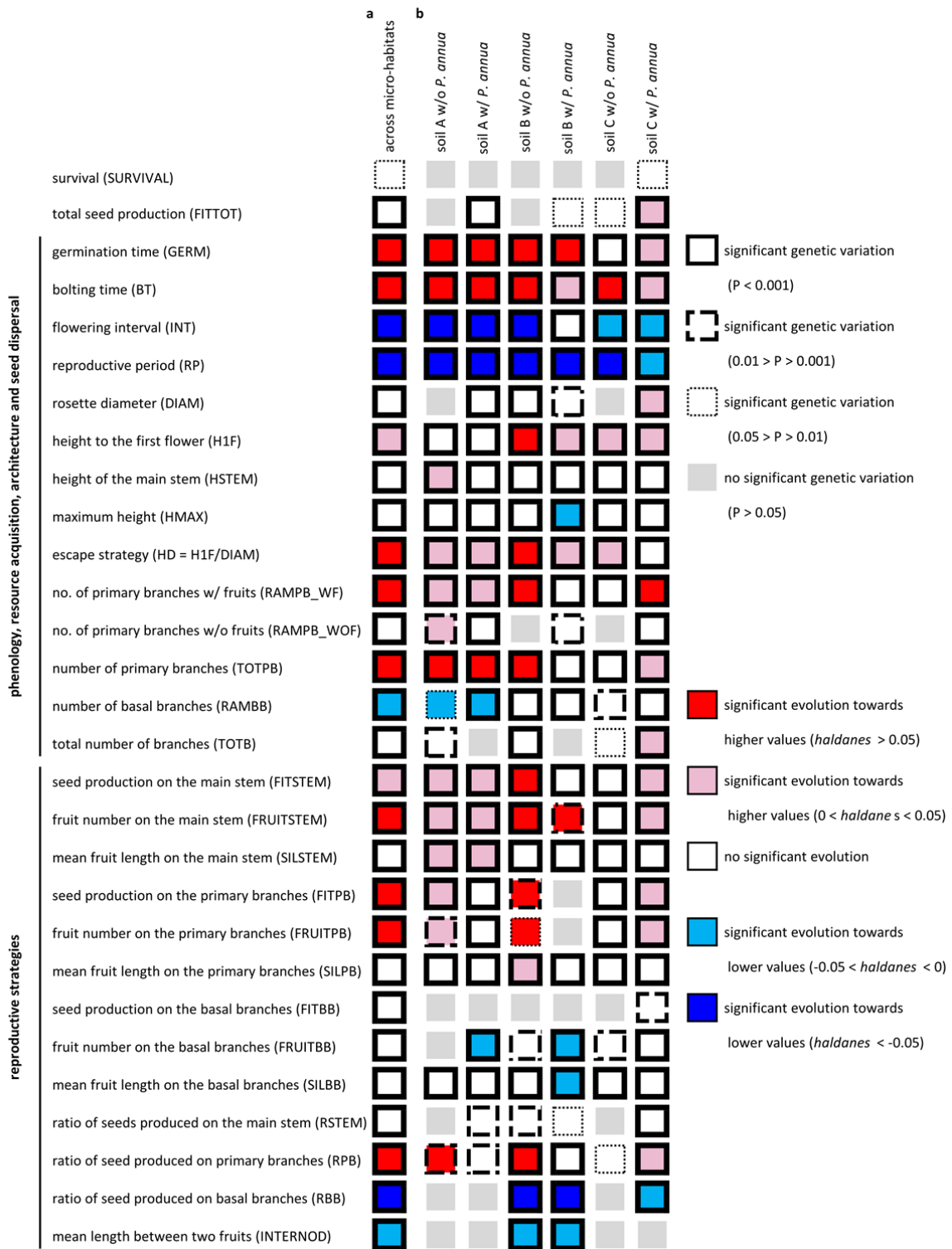
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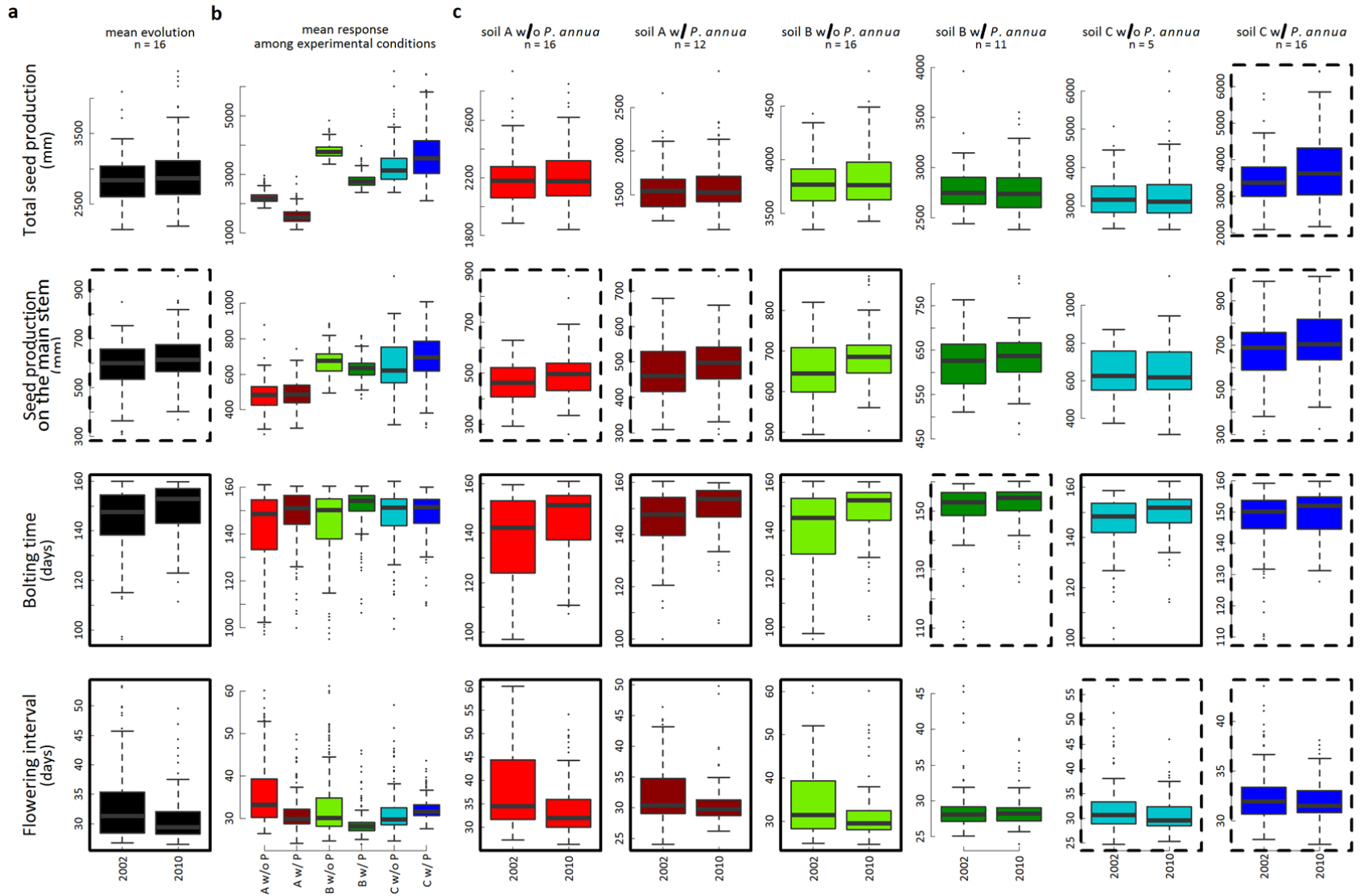
848 **Figure 4 | Identification of genomic regions associated with bolting time variation in the**
849 **TOU-A population.** (a) Manhattan plots of mapping results for each of the six *in situ* ‘soil x
850 competition’ treatments. The *x*-axis indicates the physical position along the chromosome.
851 The *y*-axis indicates the $-\log_{10} p$ -values using the EMMAX method. MARF > 7%. For each
852 experimental condition, the 200 top SNPs are highlighted in red. (b) Venn diagram
853 partitioning the bolting time SNPs detected among the lists of 200 top SNPs for each *in situ*
854 ‘soil x competition’ treatment. Genetic bases underlying bolting time are largely distinct
855 across micro-habitats

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857 **Figure 5 | Genetic architecture underlying *in situ* phenotypic evolution in the TOU-A**
858 **population when considering a threshold of 200 top SNPs.** (a) Frequency distribution of
859 the effective number of eco-phenotypes affected by a SNP (N_{eff} , accounting for the
860 correlations among eco-phenotypes)³¹ among the 21,268 unique top SNPs. (b) Regression of
861 total effect size T_M (total effect size by the Manhattan distance) on N_{eff} . The formula
862 corresponds to the pleiotropic scaling relationship $T_M = c * N_{\text{eff}}^d$. A scaling component d
863 exceeding 1 indicates that the mean per-trait effect size of a given top SNP increased with
864 N_{eff} ^{3,4}. Solid red line: fitted relationship between T_M and N_{eff} , solid black line: linear

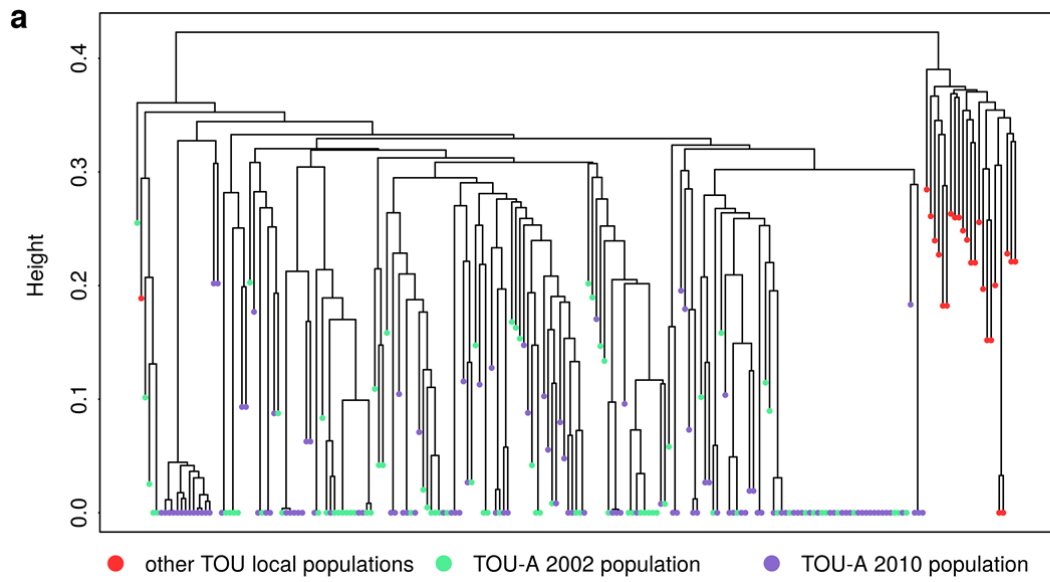
865 dependence ($d = 1$). **(c)** Fold-increase in median $-\log_{10}(p\text{-values})$ of neutrality tests based on
866 temporal differentiation for SNPs that hit only evolved eco-phenotypes, only unevolved eco-
867 phenotypes or both types of eco-phenotypes, according to different classes of effective
868 number of eco-phenotypes. The dashed line corresponds to a fold-increase of 1, i.e. no
869 increase in median significance of neutrality tests based on temporal differentiation. **(d)** Fold-
870 increase in median F_{ST} values for SNPs that hit only evolved eco-phenotypes, only unevolved
871 eco-phenotypes or both types of eco-phenotypes, according to different classes of N_{eff}
872 (median F_{ST} across the genome = 0.00293). Significance against a null distribution obtained
873 by bootstrapping: * $0.05 > P > 0.01$, ** $0.01 > P > 0.001$, *** $P < 0.001$, absence of symbols:
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879 **Figure 3**

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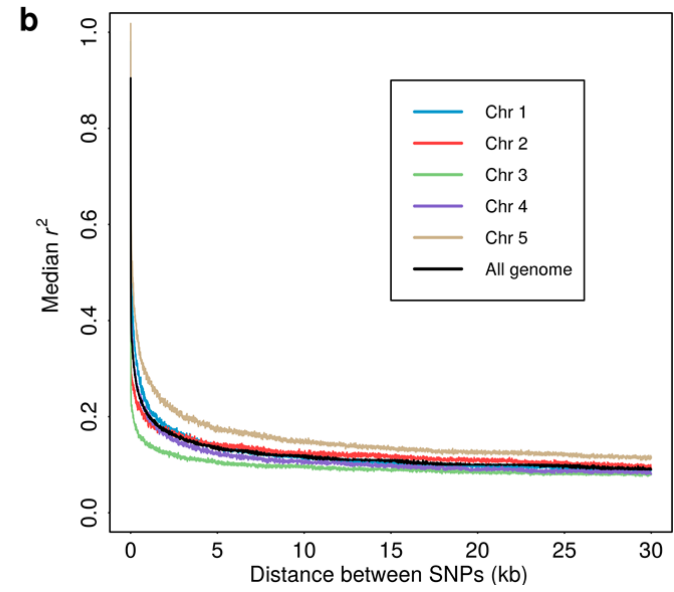
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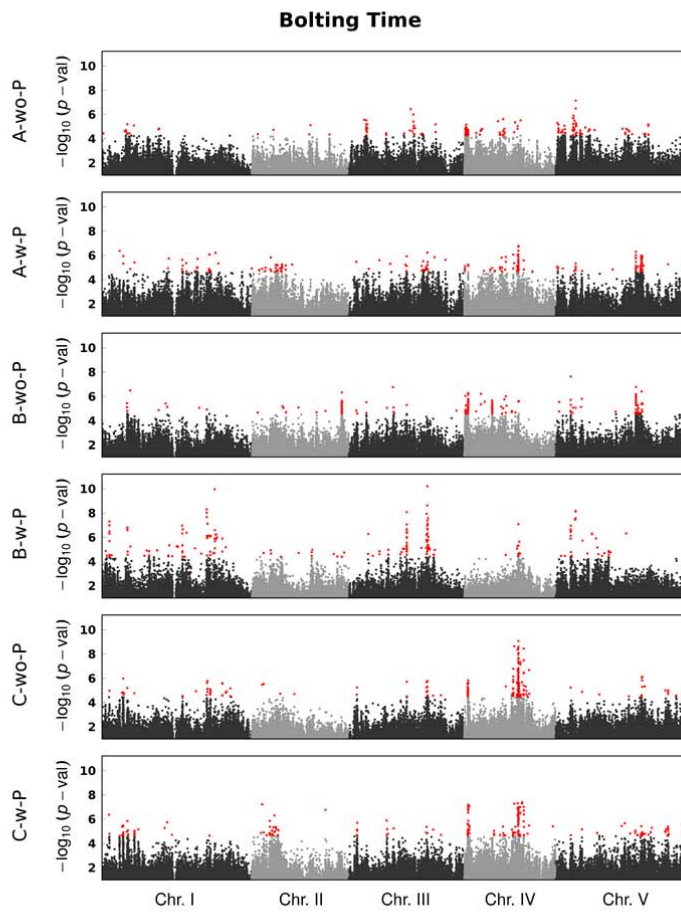
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