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2 ABSTRACT

Flowering plants emit complex bouquets of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) to mediate interactions with their pollinators. These bouquets are undoubtedly influenced by pollinatormediated selection, particularly in deceptively-pollinated species that rely on chemical mimicry. However, many uncertainties remain regarding how spatially and temporally heterogeneous pollinators affect the diversity and distribution of floral odour variation. Here, we characterized and compared the floral odours of ten populations of deceptively-pollinated *Arum maculatum* (Araceae), and inter-annual and decadal variation in pollinator attraction 10 within these populations. Additionally, we transplanted individuals from all sampled 11 populations to two common garden sites dominated by different pollinator species (Psychoda 12 *phalaenoides* or *Psycha grisescens*), and compared pollinator attraction rates to investigate 13 whether populations maintained odour blends adapted to a specific pollinator. We identified 14 high within- and among-population variation in a common blend of VOCs found across the 15 range of A. maculatum. We also observed shifts in pollinator community composition within 16 several populations over 1-2 years, as well as over the past decade. Common garden 17 experiments further revealed that transplanted inflorescences generally attracted the dominant 18 local pollinator species in both transplant sites. However, one population (Forêt du Gâvre, 19 France) appears to exclusively attract P. grisescens, even when transplanted to a P. 20 phalaenoides-dominated site. Together, our results suggest that maintaining diverse floral odour bouquets within populations may be advantageous when pollinator communities vary 21 22 over short timescales. We propose that temporally-replicated ecological data are one potential 23 key to understanding variation in complex traits such as floral odour, and in some cases may 24 reveal resiliency to shifting pollinator communities.

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 interactions, reciprocal transplant, temporal variation

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29 1. INTRODUCTION

Widely distributed species are subject to an array of eco-evolutionary settings across their range, due to variation in abiotic conditions and biotic interactions through space and time. These mosaics of selection are known to influence the traits that underpin diverse plantherbivore and plant-pollinator interactions, affecting the evolutionary trajectories of all species involved (Levin 2000; Hendry 2017). Plant-pollinator interactions appear to be a particularly 35 important mechanism underlying the comparatively rapid rate of speciation in flowering plants 36 (van der Niet & Johnson 2012; Hernández-Hernández & Wiens 2020); this macroevolutionary 37 pattern is the result of microevolutionary processes acting on floral traits at the intraspecific 38 level (Herrera et al. 2006). Understanding the evolutionary and functional ecology of complex 39 floral traits therefore requires data on how plant-pollinator interactions vary through both space 40 and time (Waser & Ollerton 2006). However, characterizing complex trait variation and biotic 41 interactions across wide geographic ranges (e.g. Friberg et al. 2019) and through time (e.g. 42 Fishbein & Venable 1996) requires substantial effort. As a result, few studies have 43 simultaneously investigated the impact of spatial and temporal variation in pollinators on 44 intraspecific floral trait variation.

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46 As the dominant pollinators across all terrestrial ecosystems, insects exert key selective 47 pressures on many floral traits. They may be attracted or repelled by odour (Whitehead & 48 Peakall 2009), colour (Goyret et al. 2007; du Plessis et al. 2018), morphology (Ibanez et al. 49 2010, Murúa & Espíndola 2015), nectar (Parachnowitsch et al. 2019), pollen (Dobson & 50 Bergström 2000), or the multimodal expression of several of these traits (reviewed in Junker 51 & Parachnowitsch 2015). Here, we focus on floral odour bouquets, which are often complex 52 blends of many volatile organic compounds (VOCs) that mediate diverse interactions between 53 plants, insects, and microbes (Holopainen 2004; Raguso 2008).

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Recent studies on plant-pollinator interactions have identified many cases of pollinator-driven evolution of floral odour (Chess et al. 2008; Klahre et al. 2011; Breitkopf et al. 2013; Peter & Johnson 2014; Gross et al. 2016). However, a review by Delle-Vedove et al. (2017) found that floral odour variation often cannot be explained by pollinator-mediated selection alone. Several factors may explain this discrepancy, including trade-offs between pollinator attraction and

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60 chemical defence against herbivory (Schiestl et al. 2014), the nature of the interaction (i.e. 61 deceptive pollination; Renner 2006), biochemical and energetic limitations (Delle-Vedove et 62 al. 2011), phylogenetic constraints in the biosynthetic pathways for VOC production (Raguso 63 et al. 2006), gene flow (Svensson et al. 2005), or genetic drift (Suinyuy et al. 2012). Another 64 factor that may maintain floral odour variation within populations is temporal heterogeneity in pollinator community composition, as a result of pollinator declines (Yuan et al. 2009; 65 66 Thomann et al. 2013; IPBES 2016; Zattara & Aizen 2021) or shifts in pollinator phenology (Burkle & Runyon 2019). However, the impact of temporally heterogeneous pollinators on 67 68 floral odour is not yet clearly understood, because most of the aforementioned studies relied 69 on VOC and pollinator data collected at a single timepoint. Here, we aim to address this gap in 70 our knowledge, by examining how spatio-temporal variation in pollination interactions 71 influences floral odour variation in Arum maculatum L. (Araceae).

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73 Arum maculatum inflorescences (Figure 1) are pollinated deceptively, by emitting complex 74 VOC blends which are known to vary within and among populations in England (Kite 1995; 75 Kite et al. 1998; Diaz & Kite 2002), France (Chartier et al. 2011; Chartier et al. 2013), and 76 across the Alps (Gfrerer et al. 2021). The floral odour of A. maculatum is similar to dung or 77 decomposing organic matter (Lack & Diaz 1991), mimicking the natural brood sites of their 78 main pollinators, the moth flies Psychoda phalaenoides L. and Psycha grisescens Tonnoir 79 (Diptera: Psychodidae). Since pollinators are temporarily trapped in a specialized floral 80 chamber (Bröderbauer et al. 2013) until the day after anthesis (Gibernau et al. 2004), it is 81 possible to collect accurate quantitative data on pollinators attracted by individual 82 inflorescences. Furthermore, pollinators appear to be attracted by VOCs alone (Dormer 1960; Urru et al. 2011), meaning that an inflorescence's reproductive success should be closely tied 83 84 to its unique floral odour. Since A. maculatum floral odour is known to vary, and VOCs such as indole, 2-heptanone, and p-cresol are attractive to *Psychoda* species (Kite et al. 1998), we
chose to focus on floral odour in this study. Specifically, we investigated whether VOC
variation is maintained within populations due to temporally variable pollinator communities,
or across the species distribution due to spatial divergence in pollinator communities.

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90 Floral odour variation may be maintained within populations through balancing selection 91 (Delph & Kelly 2013) and/or phenotypic plasticity (Callaway et al. 2003; Majetic et al. 2009; 92 Campbell et al. 2019). In the case of A. maculatum, balancing selection may occur if relative 93 abundances of P. phalaenoides and P. grisescens vary temporally within populations (e.g. 94 Schemske & Horvitz 1989), or if pollinator learning or avoidance to escape deception (Ayasse 95 et al. 2000; Baguette et al. 2020) leads to frequency-dependent selection. In either case, we 96 would expect to observe high floral odour variation within populations of A. maculatum across 97 Europe. Phenotypic plasticity under variable abiotic and biotic conditions may also promote 98 the maintenance of trait variation (Gulisija et al. 2016). If we observe shifts in VOC emissions 99 when A. maculatum inflorescences are transplanted to non-native conditions, we may conclude 100 that plasticity also contributes to the maintenance of floral odour variation.

101 Alternatively, if pollinators only vary spatially, they may exert divergent selective pressures 102 on floral VOCs, leading to locally-adapted bouquets in populations with different pollinators 103 (Leimu & Fischer 2008, Gervasi & Schiestl 2017; Suinyuy et al. 2018; Sayers et al. 2020). 104 Previous research has shown that *P. phalaenoides* and *P. grisescens* are respectively trapped 105 by inflorescences in the northern/central and southern/western portions of A. maculatum's distribution (Espíndola et al. 2010) - except in the Atlantic fringe of France, where 106 107 inflorescences trap P. grisescens. Furthermore, the population genetic structure of A. maculatum roughly aligns with this pattern (Espíndola & Alvarez 2011). Under spatially 108 109 varying selection, we may predict that distinct A. maculatum floral VOCs or phenological adaptations will be maintained in these two pollinator backgrounds. If these variations are local adaptations, we would expect to observe decreased pollinator attraction efficiency when inflorescences are transplanted to non-native pollinator backgrounds.

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114 In this study, we investigated whether variation in A. maculatum floral odour was consistent 115 with the patterns predicted under either of the two scenarios described above. To this aim, we 116 surveyed variation in floral odour and pollinator attraction across Europe, and transplanted individuals from all sampled populations to two common garden sites dominated by either P. 117 118 phalaenoides or P. grisescens. By selecting populations where pollinator communities were 119 first surveyed a decade ago (Espíndola et al. 2010), we were further able to assess temporal 120 heterogeneity in pollinators at both the inter-annual (*i.e.* our surveys between 2017-2019), and 121 decadal scales, with the aim of understanding how temporally heterogeneous pollinators affect 122 intraspecific floral odour variation. Our specific objectives were to (1) characterize and 123 compare floral odour variation within and among populations of A. maculatum, (2) determine 124 whether the pollinators trapped by A. maculatum vary spatially and/or temporally, and (3) use these results to infer potential drivers of floral VOC variation, namely pollinator-driven 125 126 balancing selection and local adaptation.

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128 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

129 2.1 – Natural history & pollination ecology of Arum maculatum

Arum maculatum is a common European flowering plant, which is usually found in shaded areas of deciduous woodlands, particularly beech woods (Brown 2000). Its pollination cycle takes place over two days (reviewed in Gibernau et al. 2004). On the evening of the first day, the appendix is thermogenic and emits a dung-like odour to attract dipteran pollinators; heat alone is not sufficient to attract pollinators (Prime 1960), but likely aids in the dispersal of 135 VOCs such as indole, p-cresol, and 2-heptanone, which are attractive to Psychoda species when 136 used in scented traps (Kite et al. 1998). Notably, the widely distributed *Psychoda phalaenoides* 137 and *Psycha grisescens* are both trapped by A. maculatum across most of Europe, together 138 representing 87.49% of all insects found within floral chambers (Espíndola et al. 2010). 139 Psychoda setigera, P. albipennis, and P. trinodulosa are also infrequently observed within 140 inflorescences, together representing 0.46% of trapped insects in Espíndola et al. (2010). Other 141 infrequently attracted dipterans include Chironomidae (Smittia pratorum), Ceratopogonidae, 142 and Sphaeroceridae (Brachycera) (Rohacek et al. 1990; Diaz & Kite 2002; Espindola et al. 143 2010).

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145 Psychodidae are also known to be efficient carriers of Arum pollen (Albre et al. 2003; Diaz & 146 Kite 2002); one individual can carry 50-150 grains of pollen, and a significant fruit set can 147 develop from a single trapped pollinator (Lack & Diaz 1991). Based on their similar behaviours 148 and morphologies, the above-mentioned Psychoda species are all presumably efficient 149 pollinators of A. maculatum. However, antennal sensilla are known to vary among Psychodidae 150 (Faucheux & Gibernau 2011), and species may therefore vary in their responses to VOCs. 151 Although A. maculatum do not provide any nutritive rewards, this should not be detrimental to 152 trapped *P. phalaenoides* and *P. grisescens*, as they do not feed during their short adult lifespan 153 (P. Withers, cited in Lack & Diaz 1991). The conservation status of P. phalaenoides and P. 154 grisescens has not been assessed; however, Psychoda populations are known to be large and 155 dense (up to thousands of individuals per m²; Arshad & Moh Leng 1991) due to their reliance 156 on modern agriculture and human activities (e.g. manure and decomposing organic matter) for 157 reproduction (Satchell 1947; Vaillant 1971). Peak P. phalaenoides abundances also appear to correspond with the peak flowering period of A. maculatum (Ollerton & Diaz 1999). 158

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160 2.2 – Field sampling sites

We sampled ten populations of *A. maculatum* (Figure 1 & Appendix S1, Table S1), including three in France (Forêt du Gâvre, Conteville, and Chaumont), two in Switzerland (Neuchâtel and Cortaillod), one in Italy (Montese), one in Croatia (Visuć), two in Serbia (Gostilje and Sokobanja), and one in Bulgaria (Chiflik). This sampling covers the majority of the *A. maculatum* species distribution range (Appendix S1, Figure S1). During the typical flowering period of *A. maculatum* (April – May), we conducted field sampling each year between 2017 and 2019, visiting each site in at least two years during this timeframe.

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169 2.3 – Common garden experiment sites

170 We selected the Swiss population of Neuchâtel and the French population Forêt du Gâvre (on 171 the Atlantic fringe) as our common garden sites, since they were respectively dominated by 172 Psychoda phalaenoides and Psycha grisescens. We conducted common garden experiments in Neuchâtel in 2018 and 2019, and in Forêt du Gâvre in 2019. These two sites experienced a 173 174 relatively similar climate; over the course of our sampling in 2019, the mean temperature and 175 humidity in Neuchâtel at the time of sampling were 15.8°C and 61% respectively, and in Forêt 176 du Gâvre, the mean temperature and humidity were 17.2°C and 50% respectively. Five to ten 177 A. maculatum individuals with unopened inflorescences were potted in soil from their native 178 habitat, and then transplanted from all ten populations listed above to the two common garden 179 sites. Inflorescences from Neuchâtel and Forêt du Gâvre were also reciprocally transplanted as 180 part of this experiment. The total numbers of inflorescences sampled in situ and in both 181 common garden sites are given in Appendix S1, Figure S1.

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183 2.4 – Floral odour and pollinator sampling methods

184 During both the field surveys and common garden experiments, we collected dynamic 185 headspace VOCs using identical methods, and analysed them using gas chromatography 186 coupled to mass spectrometry (GC-MS; full details in Appendix S2 - Supplementary Methods). 187 Briefly, we collected VOCs from A. maculatum inflorescences undergoing anthesis in the early 188 evening on polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) coated Twister® stir bars (Gerstel: Mülheim an der Ruhr, Germany), at an air flow rate of 200 mL min⁻¹ for 30 minutes. Twisters® were kept on 189 190 ice in sealed glass containers until GC-MS analyses, where volatiles were thermally desorbed 191 and separated on a HP-5MS column. During the morning following VOC sampling, we 192 collected all insects trapped within inflorescences and preserved them in 70% ethanol until 193 identification (full identification methods detailed in Appendix S2 - Supplementary Methods). 194

2.5 – Characterizing and comparing floral odour variation across the range of A. maculatum 195 196 We compared total VOC emissions within and among populations of field-sampled 197 inflorescences (i.e. VOCs sampled in their native habitats) using Bray-Curtis distance matrices, 198 and visualized inter-individual variation using nonmetric multidimensional scaling (NMDS). 199 Then, to test for a significant effect of population (fixed effect factor) on the entire VOC matrix, we performed pairwise permutational multivariate analysis of variance (PERMANOVA, Bray-200 201 Curtis distance, n = 999 permutations) with Bonferroni correction using the *adonis* function in 202 the R v.3.6.1 (R Core Team 2019) package vegan (Oksanen et al. 2019).

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204 2.6 – Characterizing temporal variation in pollinator community composition

We investigated inter-annual variation in pollinator community composition during our study (*i.e.* 2017 - 2019) by calculating Bray-Curtis distance matrices, comparing the mean quantities of pollinators trapped per inflorescence for all populations with *in situ* pollinator data collected in two or more years. We then visualized the result using nonmetric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) ordinations. Next, we repeated this process to investigate shifts in the dominant
pollinators trapped by *A. maculatum* over the past decade. Using Bray-Curtis distance matrices
and NMDS ordinations, we compared the mean quantities of 1) Psychodidae species only, and
2) all insect families trapped per inflorescence in our study, with those collected approximately
a decade ago (2006-2008; Espíndola et al. 2010).

215 2.7 – Identifying VOCs associated with species-specific pollinator attraction

216 Since we collected paired VOCs and pollinator data for each sampled inflorescence, we were 217 able to correlate these two matrices and identify candidate compounds associated with the 218 attraction of either P. phalaenoides or P. grisescens. To this aim, we used the Random Forest 219 implementation in the R package randomForest (Liaw & Wiener 2002), with permutation 220 importance enabled (*ntree* = 500, mtry = 8; optimized using the *tuneRF* function). We then 221 calculated conditional feature contributions and identified combinations of compounds which had the greatest influence on the predictive strength of the classifier, using the Python package 222 223 TreeInterpreter (Saabas 2019). As a measure of plasticity in these candidate compounds when 224 flowering in different habitats (i.e. transplant effects), we calculated and plotted population 225 standard scores of these compounds for both *in situ* and common garden samples. We then 226 used Mann-Whitney U-tests to test whether populations with sufficient sample sizes $(n \ge 8)$ 227 emitted different quantities of candidate compounds when transplanted to common garden 228 sites.

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230 2.8 – Testing for local adaptation to pollinators using common garden experiments

We began by visualizing geographic patterns in mean pollinator attraction for each population *in situ*, and following transplants to both common garden sites. Then, following the 'local vs.
foreign' definition of local adaptation (Kawecki & Ebert 2004), we tested the hypotheses that:

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234 in the Neuchâtel common garden, transplanted A. maculatum inflorescences which attract P. 235 phalaenoides in their native population should catch 1) more P. phalaenoides and/or 2) more 236 pollinators in total than inflorescences which attract *P. grisescens* in their native population. 237 We expected to observe the inverse result in the Forêt du Gâvre common garden (i.e. 238 transplanted inflorescences that attract P. grisescens in their native population should perform 239 better on average in Forêt du Gâvre). These expectations were tested using a two-way ANOVA 240 on log+1 transformed pollinator counts, including 'native pollinator' (i.e. P. phalaenoides- or P. grisescens-dominated origin) and 'common garden location' (i.e. whether the common 241 242 garden site was dominated by P. phalaenoides or P. grisescens) and their interaction as fixed 243 factors. Here, a significant interaction would indicate local adaptation, which could be 244 confirmed using contrasts comparing trait values between native and transplant sites. Finally, 245 we analysed 'deme × habitat' interactions (Kawecki & Ebert 2004) for mean attraction rates of 246 P. phalaenoides, P. grisescens, and all insects. Here, deme and habitat respectively referred to 247 an A. maculatum population and its local pollinator community conditions. In this analysis, 248 data were subset based on each inflorescence's native pollinator and common garden location, 249 as described above.

250 **3. RESULTS**

251 3.1 – Floral odour is highly variable within and among A. maculatum populations

After filtering out compounds present in blank samples, we retained 18 *A. maculatum* floral VOCs present in relative abundances above 1% (Table 1). All of the major compounds we identified (e.g. indole, p-cresol, 2-heptanone, β -citronellene, and three unnamed sesquiterpenes) had been previously reported in studies of *A. maculatum* floral odour (Diaz & Kite 2002; Chartier et al. 2013; Marotz-Clausen et al. 2018). We observed substantial variation in floral odour both within (Figure 1) and among populations (Figure 2).

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259 3.2 – Pollinator communities are variable at both annual & decadal scales

Our sampling allowed us to compare inter-annual (*i.e.* 2017/18 vs. 2019) variation in Psychodidae trapped by *A. maculatum* in six populations. The dominant Psychodidae species trapped by inflorescences appear to have shifted in three of these populations (Conteville, FR, Neuchâtel, CH, and Visuć, HRV) over this time period (Figure 3).

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265 We also observed temporal shifts in the average abundances of trapped Psychodidae in several populations over the past decade (i.e. compared to Espíndola et al. 2010). The relative 266 267 compositions of the complete pollinator communities trapped by A. maculatum appears to have 268 shifted in five out of six populations where comparisons could be made; only Forêt du Gâvre 269 remained consistent over the past decade (Appendix S1, Figure S2). We also observed apparent 270 shifts in the dominant Psychodidae pollinator trapped within inflorescences in four out of six 271 populations over the past decade, in Chaumont FR, Conteville FR, Gostilje SRB, and Visuć, HRV (Table 2 & Appendix S1, Figure S2). 272

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275 3.3 – Low population-level VOC divergence coincides with temporally variable pollinators

PERMANOVA pairwise contrasts did not identify any pairs of populations with significant divergence in their proportional emissions of VOCs sampled in their native habitats, after correction for multiple testing. This lack of population-level differentiation in VOC blends is evident when visualizing Bray-Curtis similarities between field-sampled individuals (Figure 2), and appears to coincide with the temporal heterogeneity in pollinator communities identified in the previous section (see Figure 3 and Appendix S1, Figure S2).

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283 3.4 – Arum maculatum populations typically are not locally adapted to specific pollinators

284 Through Random Forest analyses (Appendix S1, Figure S3), we identified one compound 285 positively associated with *P. phalaenoides* attraction (β -humulene), and three compounds 286 positively associated with *P. grisescens* attraction (unnamed sesquiterpenes RI 1470 and 1681, 287 and α -selinene). After evaluating combined feature contributions within the Random Forest 288 classifier, we found that its predictive strength was most strongly influenced by unnamed sesquiterpene (RI 1681) alone. Other strong combinations included unnamed sesquiterpene RI 289 290 1681 paired with unnamed sesquiterpene RI 1470 or α -selinene, as well as β -humulene alone, 291 mirroring our initial results (full *Treeinterpreter* results in Appendix S1, Table S2).

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293 The four candidate compounds we identified (β -humulene, unnamed sesquiterpenes RI 1470 294 and 1681, and a-selinene) were widely observed and not restricted to a specific region or 295 pollinator background. Average emissions of these compounds remained relatively consistent 296 between in situ collections and samples transplanted to Neuchâtel, though some appeared to 297 increase after inflorescences were transplanted to Forêt du Gâvre (see Appendix S1, Figure 298 S4). We only observed a significant transplant effect in one compound (an increase in unnamed 299 sesquiterpene RI 1470) within one population, Neuchâtel (Mann-Whitney tests; full result in 300 Appendix S1, Table S3).

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In both common garden sites, we observed that transplanted inflorescences typically attracted the dominant local pollinator species as efficiently as native inflorescences (Figure 1). While common garden location had a significant effect on the quantity of *P. phalaenoides* and *P. grisescens* caught by *A. maculatum* (*i.e.* the two transplant sites were dominated by different Psychodidae species), no native pollinator × common garden location interaction effect was observed (2-way ANOVA, Pr(>F) > 0.05; full results in Appendix S1, Table S4). Together, these results suggest that *A. maculatum* populations are generally not locally adapted to a single pollinator species (Figure 4), with notable exceptions in Forêt du Gâvre and the two Serbian
populations Gostilje and Sokobanja, which will be discussed below.

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312 While we do not find general indications of populations being locally adapted to specific 313 pollinators, not all inflorescences were equally attractive to all pollinator species. One 314 population (Forêt du Gâvre) continued to exclusively attract their native pollinator P. 315 grisescens when transplanted to the Neuchâtel common garden (see Figure 1). Remarkably, 316 this exclusive attraction of P. grisescens was maintained even though P. phalaenoides was also 317 present (and trapped by inflorescences from other populations) at the time when inflorescences from Forêt du Gâvre opened (see Appendix S1, Figure S5a). Additionally, transplanted 318 319 inflorescences occasionally attracted the 'non-dominant' Psychodidae species in both common 320 garden sites, and a third Psychoda species (Psychoda trinodulosa) was also identified within 321 inflorescences in Croatia and Serbia during our field surveys. Psychoda trinodulosa was also 322 observed in the Neuchâtel common garden, but not in Forêt du Gâvre; inflorescences from both 323 Serbian populations (Gostilje and Sokobanja) continued to occasionally attract P. trinodulosa 324 when transplanted to the Neuchâtel common garden (Figure 1).

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326 4. DISCUSSION

In this study, we identified substantial within-and among- population variation in *A. maculatum* floral odour (Figure 1 and Figure 2) and shifts in pollinator community composition in several populations at both the inter-annual (Figure 3) and decadal scales (Appendix S1, Figure S2). Although some *A. maculatum* populations continued to attract their native pollinators in transplant sites (e.g. Forêt du Gâvre and Serbian populations), most populations did not exclusively attract *P. phalaenoides* or *P. grisescens* when transplanted to 'foreign' pollinator backgrounds (Figure 4). Since this result does not appear to be due to transplant effects / phenotypic plasticity (Appendix S1, Table S3), this leaves temporally heterogeneous pollinator
communities as a potential mechanism underlying the maintenance of high within-population
variation in floral odour.

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338 4.1 – The influence of temporally variable pollinators on A. maculatum floral odour

339 Overall, it appears that local pollinator availability at the time of anthesis plays a key role in 340 the quantity and composition of pollinators trapped within A. maculatum inflorescences. 341 Previous studies on A. maculatum pollination in England (Diaz & Kite 2002) and France 342 (Chartier et al. 2013) arrived at a similar conclusion. The difference in sex ratios, particularly 343 that no male P. phalaenoides or P. trinodulosa are attracted, may be due to differences in 344 copulation timing among Psychoda species (i.e. immediately after adult emergence), and 345 parthenogenetic reproduction (F. Vaillant, cited in Albre et al. 2003), or brood-site specific 346 VOCs which are only attractive to females of these two species. While we were unable to 347 reliably collect data on background pollinator communities as part of our sampling design, 348 Diaz & Kite (2002) found that Psychodidae species caught on sticky traps mirrored those found 349 within A. maculatum and A. italicum inflorescences. Therefore, our data should still allow us 350 to infer whether the patterns in pollinator attraction we observed within each population were 351 a consequence of balancing selection or local adaptation.

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Balancing selection may maintain variation within populations through several selective regimes, including relaxed selection, negative frequency-dependent selection due to pollinator learning, or environmental heterogeneity (Delph & Kelly 2013). While relaxed selection on floral odour has been observed in some angiosperms (Salzmann et al. 2007), this is unlikely to be the case for deceptively pollinated *A. maculatum*, given that pollinator attraction is driven by VOC emissions alone (Dormer 1960; Lack & Diaz 1991). Pollinator learning has been 359 shown to maintain polymorphism in floral colour (Gigord et al. 2001) and odour (Ayasse et al. 360 2000), but this is also less likely to occur in the case of A. maculatum. Psychodidae likely 361 experience weak and inconsistent selective pressures caused by deception, due to their large 362 population sizes and short generation times (Prime 1960; Lachmann et al. 2000), and 363 potentially sex-specific attraction in some cases. Araceae also exploit pre-existing VOC detection abilities in their pollinators (Schiestl & Dötterl 2012), which likely contributes to 364 365 their persistent inability to distinguish deceptive inflorescences (Renner 2006). This leaves 366 temporal heterogeneity in pollinator communities as the mechanism most likely contributing 367 to the maintenance of diverse floral odour bouquets in A. maculatum.

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369 In this study, we demonstrated that pollinator communities can vary within populations over 370 relatively short time periods (*i.e.* over the years- to decade-scale) across most of the range of 371 A. maculatum. Temporally heterogeneous pollinators have long been known to influence floral traits (Schemske & Horvitz 1989), but to our knowledge, have not been investigated as a 372 373 mechanism underlying floral odour variation. Further research on temporal variation in 374 pollinators may provide clarity in other cases where floral trait variation in deceptively 375 pollinated species cannot be explained by pollinator learning (e.g. Pellegrino et al. 2005; 376 Jersáková et al. 2006). Temporally variable pollinators may have also contributed to the finding 377 that, contrary to expectations, deceptively pollinated species generally do not maintain more 378 variable floral odours than rewarding species (Ackerman et al. 2011; Delle-Vedove et al. 2017).

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Currently, it is not known whether the phenologies of *P. phalaenoides* and *P. grisescens* are influenced by environmental variation; our data indicate that at least in Forêt du Gâvre, *P. grisescens* emerges slightly earlier than *P. phalaenoides* (Appendix S1, Figure S5b). A recent environmental DNA survey of cow dung (Sigsgaard et al. 2020) also identified *P.*

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phalaenoides, *P. trinodulosa*, and *P. grisescens* all within a single site in Mols Bjerge, Denmark. At the time the sample was taken (June 2019; *i.e.* later than our field surveys), *P. phalaenoides* overwhelmingly predominated over all other insects in terms of read counts (*i.e.* abundance). Taken together, these results corroborate two key points: all of the major Psychodidae pollinators of *A. maculatum* are present across the range of *A. maculatum* (Ježek et al. 2018), and their relative abundances may vary temporally over the course of the flowering period.

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392 If environmental variation influences pollinator phenology, then plasticity in floral odour based 393 on the same environmental cues might enhance pollinator attraction. With one exception in a 394 single population (i.e. unnamed sesquiterpene RI 1470 emitted by inflorescences from 395 Neuchâtel), we did not observe significant shifts in the four candidate compounds linked to 396 species-specific pollinator attraction following transplants to common gardens (*i.e.* phenotypic 397 plasticity). However, as we transplanted mature inflorescences, some environmental effects 398 may have already been in place prior to transplanting (Wund 2012). Growing A. maculatum 399 for several generations in common garden sites would give a more accurate result and eliminate 400 maternal effects, but this was not feasible within the scope of our study, as A. maculatum 401 requires at least two years (and sometimes longer) from germination to flowering (Brown 402 2000). Given the central role of VOCs in A. maculatum pollination (Kite 1995; Kite et al, 403 1998), it is unlikely that the high variation in floral odour we observed is the result of plasticity 404 alone. Further research tracking the VOC emissions of the same individual over multiple 405 flowering events would provide greater resolution into environmental influences on floral 406 odour variation.

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408 Since A. maculatum are rhizomatous, variation may also persist within populations for longer 409 periods of time compared to annual plants. Gene flow between populations may also contribute 410 to the maintenance of floral odour variation within populations. Pollen dispersal by 411 Psychodidae is likely limited due to their poor flying abilities and short adult lifespans (Lack 412 & Diaz 1991), but seed dispersal by frugivorous birds (Snow & Snow 1988) could lead to gene flow among nearby populations. While there appears to be a strong barrier to gene flow 413 414 between populations from north/central Europe, and from Italy and the Balkans (Espíndola & 415 Alvarez 2011), our data suggest that floral odour variation is widely maintained across this 416 barrier. This pattern suggests that — at least regionally — balancing selection is at work, 417 possibly in association with phenotypic plasticity and/or local adaptation in populations with 418 consistent pollinator communities.

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420 4.2 – The influence of spatially variable pollinators on A. maculatum floral odour

421 The results from our Europe-wide transplant and common garden experiment do not support 422 the hypothesis that all A. maculatum populations are (locally) adapted to attract exclusively P. 423 phalaenoides or P. grisescens. This contrasts with the patterns found in other wide-ranging 424 deceptively pollinated species such as the sexually deceptive orchids Ophrys sphegodes 425 (Breitkopf et al. 2013) and Ophrys insectifera (Triponez et al. 2013), but aligns with the results 426 of a previous reciprocal transplant experiment between two A. maculatum populations in 427 France (Chartier et al. 2013). However, we found that the Forêt du Gâvre population in coastal 428 NW France appears to have lost the ability to attract *P. phalaenoides*, possibly due to local 429 adaptation and/or genetic drift; the latter process is known to occur at the limits of species 430 ranges (Geber 2011; Gould et al. 2013). Interestingly, Forêt du Gâvre is also the only population in this study with little recorded inter-annual and decade-scale variation in 431 432 pollinator communities. It is therefore possible that the pollinator attraction patterns we d33 observed are a result of selective pressures imposed by the likely stable population of *P*.
d34 *grisescens* in this site. Further transplants of Forêt du Gâvre inflorescences to additional
d35 populations are needed to test this hypothesis.

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437 Our results also do not exclude the possibility that individual VOCs are differentially attractive 438 to certain Psychodidae species. First, we identified four sesquiterpenes that were able to predict 439 the attraction of *P. phalaenoides* (β-humulene) and *P. grisescens* (unidentified sesquiterpenes 440 RI 1470 and 1681, and α -selinene) through Random Forest analyses. Additionally, both 441 Serbian populations in this study (Gostilje and Sokobanja) attracted a third Psychodidae species 442 (P. trinodulosa) in situ and following transplants to the Neuchâtel common garden, suggesting 443 that there may also be VOCs related to species-specific attraction of P. trinodulosa. These 444 patterns suggest that specific compounds emitted by inflorescences from Serbia may also be 445 differentially attractive to P. trinodulosa. However, this species was too infrequently observed 446 in our study to make any firm conclusions; further studies of these populations are needed to 447 address this question.

448 In this study, the VOCs typically associated with Psychodidae brood sites (e.g. indole, p-cresol, 449 and 2-heptanone) were not correlated with species-specific pollinator attraction. A recent study 450 by Gfrerer et al. (2021) also found that variation in the aforementioned foetid-smelling VOCs 451 were not among those which significantly influenced fruit sets in A. maculatum. Given that 452 blends of indole, p-cresol, and 2-heptanone are known to be attractive to *Psychoda* species 453 (Kite et al. 1998), these compounds appear to be generally attractive to all species. However, 454 blends of VOCs (e.g. with specific sesquiterpenes) or the ratios at which they are emitted may 455 be differentially attractive. Behavioural assays, where different pollinator species are presented 456 with several A. maculatum inflorescences or individual VOCs, would be useful in identifying 457 which compounds or blends elicit general or species-specific responses. Similarly, Gas

458 Chromatography-Electroantennography (GC-EAD; Cork et al. 1990) could be used to identify 459 all VOCs which elicit a physiological response in different pollinator species.. The *A*. 460 *maculatum* populations with unique patterns in pollinator attraction identified in this study may 461 be useful targets for future research testing whether selection is acting on specific compounds 462 (e.g. Strensmyr et al. 2002; Urru et al. 2010), or on "super-attractive mixtures" (e.g. in *A*. 463 *palaestinum*; Stökl et al. 2010). In either case, our results still allow us to conclude that variable 464 floral odour blends are effective in the specialized

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466 Conclusion

To date, almost all studies on floral odour and pollinator variation have been carried out at a 467 468 single timepoint — possibly contributing to the numerous cases where floral odour diversity appears to exceed pollinator diversity (Delle-Vedove et al. 2017). As evidenced by the 469 470 extensive literature on local adaptation in plants (Leimu & Fischer 2008), spatially varying selection is an undoubtedly important driver of floral odour divergence, and appears to have 471 472 influenced a few A. maculatum populations (e.g. Forêt du Gâvre) as well. However, the 473 variable floral odour bouquets emitted by A. maculatum may also represent an important 474 adaptation to temporally heterogeneous pollinator communities, if the pollinator shifts we observed have been occurring over longer periods of time. In closing, we advocate for 475 476 increased attention on the temporal dimension of pollinator-mediated selection. By 477 simultaneously studying spatial and temporal variation in selection, we may further our 478 understanding of how and why flowering plants maintain high diversity in key functional traits 479 such as floral odour.

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TABLES

Table 1. Average proportional emissions (M) of volatile organic compounds (+/- SD) emitted by north/ central populations of *Arum maculatum*. Compounds

 representing more than 5% of the average total blend are highlighted in bold.

		Forêt du Gâvre,			Conteville, France			Chaumont, France			Neuchâtel, Switz-			Cortaillod, Switz-		
		Frar	1ce (n =	14)	(n = 10)		(n = 8)			erland (n = 21)			erland (n = 29)			
VOC	RI	М	SD	Freq	М	SD	Freq	М	SD	Freq	М	SD	Freq	М	SD	Freq
2-heptanone	891	1.09	1.69	50.0	7.74	16.54	40.0	4.68	10.37	25.0	0.14	0.29	28.6	1.12	2.01	41.4
β-citronellene	943	3.58	6.02	64.3	0.02	0.07	10.0	2.25	2.28	75.0	6.32	7.17	81.0	3.39	3.74	82.8
cis β-ocimene	1037	0.10	0.37	7.1	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.02	0.05	12.5	0.32	0.75	33.3	0.51	1.02	27.6
p-cresol	1076	4.04	7.54	42.9	5.71	10.15	30.0	0.04	0.12	12.5	0.79	2.11	14.3	0.00	0.00	0.0
indole	1289	22.50	15.45	100	19.92	20.11	90.0	15.23	15.61	87.5	39.02	30.26	95.2	46.26	26.81	96.6
skatole	1383	1.89	2.84	50.0	1.44	2.13	50.0	4.21	2.28	87.5	1.59	1.84	57.1	1.62	1.41	69.0
α-copaene	1374	0.02	0.04	28.6	0.01	0.02	20.0	0.25	0.53	25.0	0.02	0.07	14.3	0.48	2.06	20.7
Z-caryophyllene	1405	9.26	11.07	71.4	1.87	4.44	30.0	2.11	2.00	62.5	8.39	7.52	85.7	3.94	4.74	75.9
β-caryophyllene	1416	1.48	2.14	50.0	7.87	9.84	70.0	1.92	2.30	62.5	1.37	1.93	47.6	2.82	5.68	72.4
α-humulene	1452	5.15	4.43	71.4	17.55	22.93	70.0	11.32	2.66	100	5.82	5.44	76.2	3.87	3.10	72.4
alloaromadendrene	1459	4.66	3.81	85.7	3.96	4.53	60.0	7.02	4.26	87.5	5.62	4.41	85.7	8.09	9.94	82.8
β-humulene	1473	5.46	7.02	64.3	1.24	1.95	40.0	10.13	5.87	87.5	4.97	6.45	85.7	2.72	1.91	82.8
α-selinene	1491	2.06	3.68	35.7	0.35	1.12	10.0	3.97	4.52	62.5	1.66	3.43	28.6	0.43	1.18	17.2
bicyclogermacrene	1493	0.58	1.02	42.9	0.87	2.75	10.0	1.18	1.70	50.0	2.64	4.07	57.1	6.46	9.51	75.9
d-cadinene	1520	0.48	1.09	35.7	1.63	4.66	20.0	9.59	12.96	100	3.75	6.47	57.1	1.55	2.14	58.6
Unnamed sesqui.	1404	0.63	1.21	42.9	0.04	0.14	10.0	0.20	0.37	37.5	4.94	10.48	57.1	2.49	6.65	37.9
Unnamed sesqui.	1470	4.62	6.00	71.4	2.17	3.98	30.0	11.17	5.59	100	3.48	3.27	76.2	3.96	2.82	79.3
Unnamed sesqui.	1681^	32.39	20.75	100	27.61	17.68	80.0	14.71	8.88	100	9.15	14.36	81.0	10.29	10.45	75.9

Table 1 (cont). Average proportional emissions (M) of volatile organic compounds (+/- SD) emitted by southern (Italy) and eastern (Balkan) populations of

		Mo	ntese, It (n = 13)	aly	Visi	uć, Croa (n = 6)	atia	Gost	t ilje, Se i (n = 19)	rbia	Sokobanja, Serbia (n = 11)		Chiflik, Bulgaria $(n = 3)$			
VOC	RI	М	SD	Freq	М	SD	Freq	М	SD	Freq	М	SD	Freq	М	SD	Freq
2-heptanone	891	8.28	14.17	61.5	29.36	27.79	100	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.0
β-citronellene	943	3.26	5.49	69.2	8.77	2.18	100	0.65	2.12	21.1	0.05	0.15	9.1	0.00	0.00	0.0
cis β-ocimene	1037	0.21	0.40	30.8	0.32	0.79	16.7	0.01	0.04	5.3	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.0
p-cresol	1076	7.58	11.99	61.5	4.34	5.81	66.7	0.00	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.0	2.85	4.94	33.3
indole	1289	22.38	16.81	92.3	7.99	9.73	83.3	55.41	26.79	100	43.41	37.98	90.9	54.24	27.05	100
skatole	1383	1.46	1.49	61.5	1.07	1.10	66.7	4.34	5.80	73.7	2.92	3.19	63.6	1.84	0.45	100
α-copaene	1374	0.32	0.64	46.2	0.10	0.20	50.0	1.61	4.51	68.4	4.46	10.94	72.7	2.52	2.65	66.7
Z-caryophyllene	1405	12.78	14.31	69.2	22.25	20.66	83.3	4.65	6.29	63.2	9.88	19.53	45.5	6.90	3.86	100
β-caryophyllene	1416	0.88	1.20	38.5	1.96	2.50	50.0	0.54	2.06	15.8	0.73	2.34	18.2	0.00	0.00	0.0
α-humulene	1452	6.25	8.75	76.9	6.11	5.24	100	6.91	10.62	57.9	1.81	3.34	27.3	0.70	1.21	33.3
alloaromadendrene	1459	2.89	2.70	69.2	2.04	1.65	83.3	1.86	3.22	36.8	4.71	5.97	54.5	0.73	1.26	33.3
β-humulene	1473	8.07	13.22	100	0.75	1.09	50.0	1.54	2.77	42.1	2.64	4.09	36.4	0.67	1.16	33.3
α-selinene	1491	0.88	1.55	30.8	0.00	0.00	0.0	1.38	3.12	31.6	0.47	1.11	18.2	0.00	0.00	0.0

Arum maculatum. Compounds representing more than 5% of the average total blend are highlighted in bold.

RI = Kovats retention index (* = RI 1716 in Diaz & Kite 2002)

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Freq = proportion of chromatograms (%) in which the compound was identified in a given population.

Table 2. Mean *in-situ* abundances of *Psychoda phalaenoides* and *Psycha grisescens* individuals trapped per *Arum maculatum* inflorescence between 2006-2008 (data from Espíndola et al. 2010), and in our field surveys between 2017-2019. The number of individual inflorescences sampled *in situ* are indicated in parentheses. NAs indicate that no inflorescences were open yet at the time populations were visited.

Poll. Species / Year Population	P. phalae- noides (2008)	P. grisescens (2008)	P. phalae- noides (2019)	P. grisescens (2019)	
Fôret du Gavre (France)	0 (5)	6.4 (5)	0 (16)	25.7 (16)	
Conteville (France)	47.6 (8)	2.3 (8)	0.4 (14)	1.3 (14)	
Chaumont (France)	1.6 (6)	0.5 (6)	0 (7)	0.6 (7)	
Lausanne/Neuchâtel (Swit- zerland)	3.0 (2)	0 (2)	2.0 (44)	0.6 (44)	
Montese (Italy)	0 (5)	2 (5)	NA	NA	
Visuć (Croatia)	0.1 (7)	0.6 (7)	1.3 (6)	3.0 (6)	
Gostilje (Serbia)	0 (5)	2.4 (5)	0.4 (18)	0 (18)	
Sokobanja (Serbia)	0 (5)	0.2 (5)	0 (21)	0.1 (21)	
Chiflik (Bulgaria)	0.4 (7)	4.3 (7)	NA	NA	

FIGURE CAPTIONS

Figure 1. Europe-wide variation in floral volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and pollinator attraction of *Arum maculatum*. Stacked barplots present the relative quantities of VOCs in two terpene classes (mono- and sesquiterpenes) and four dung-mimicking VOCs emitted by individual inflorescences. Pie charts indicate the composition of Psychodidae trapped by *A. maculatum* inflorescences during field surveys (on map), and following transplants to two common garden sites (below map), scaled to represent mean quantities of Psychodidae per plant. Dotted lines link each field result with corresponding transplant results. *Note: empty chart = no Psychodidae attracted during our surveys*.

Figure 2. A) Multivariate representation of *Arum maculatum* floral volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions, using nonmetric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) of Bray-Curtis distances between individuals. Points and ellipses are coloured according to individuals' population of origin.B) Circle plot visualizing the correlations between all VOCs and the NMDS axes.

Figure 3. Interannual changes (2017/18 - 2019) in the average composition of Psychodidae pollinators trapped by six *Arum maculatum* populations. [NMDS; Bray-Curtis Distance; overall stress = 0.005]

Figure 4. Pollinator attraction in the reciprocal transplant experiment. Plots show the mean (+/-SE) numbers of A) *Psychoda phalaenoides*, B) *Psycha grisescens*, and C) all insects trapped by inflorescences, transplanted from either *P. phalaenoides*-dominated populations (filled circles) or *P. grisescens*-dominated populations (hollow circles). No deme × habitat interactions (indicative of local adaptation) were identified.



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Fig.3



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