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- For Bayesian analysis, information on the choice of priors and Markov chain Monte Carlo settings
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- Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's  $d$ , Pearson's  $r$ ), indicating how they were calculated

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### Software and code

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Data collection

No software was used to collect the data in this study

Data analysis

The following software and packages were used throughout this study. More details about their functionality and implementation can be found in the Material and Methods and Appendix section.

CodonCode Aligner (v. 6.0.2)  
MEGA for Mac (v. 7)  
BWA (v. 0.7.12-r1039)  
MAFFT (v. 7.7217)  
PartitionFinder2  
RAxML (v. 8.2.8)  
PhyML (v. 3.1)  
Seaview (v. 4.6.1)  
R (v. 3.3.2)  
R-packages: SNPRelate (v. 1.8.0), gdsfmt (v. 1.10.1), PopGenome (v. 2.6.1), lme4 (v1.1-7)  
BWA (v. 0.7.15-r1140)  
SAMtools (v 1.3.1)  
Picard tools (v 2.6.0)  
GATK (v. 3.6-0-g89b7209)  
ORCAE  
Integrative Genomics Viewer (v. 2.3)  
Python 3 (v3.4) packages:  
pandas (v. 1.0.3)

numpy (1.16.2)  
Matplotlib (v. 3.1.1)

Heterozygosity levels were calculated using custom Python 3 scripts available at [github.com/akurlovs/hetero](https://github.com/akurlovs/hetero)

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## Data

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- Accession codes, unique identifiers, or web links for publicly available datasets
- A list of figures that have associated raw data
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Sequence data that support the findings of this study have been deposited in the following databases:

CO1 sequences in GenBank with the accession codes MT814055-MT814210

Whole genome sequences of field-derived mite lines in SRA with accessions SAMN13693727-52

16S bacterial sequences of field-derived mite lines in SRA with accessions SRR12491964-89 and of laboratory lines with accessions SRR12492212-14

Whole genome sequencing of *Tetranychus urticae* green and red morphs, and *T. turkestanii*, *T. kanzawai* sequences in SRA under bioproject PRJNA530192.

Datasets used to generate Figures 1, 4, 5, Supplementary Figures 2, 8 and 9, and Supplementary Tables 2 and 3 are available in figshare with the identifier <https://doi.org/10.21942/uva.c.5447778.v1>.

Additional datasets that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

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## Ecological, evolutionary & environmental sciences study design

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Study description

We investigated intra-specific differences within and between populations of the herbivorous spider mite *Tetranychus urticae*. We sampled and genotyped individual adult mites found in two separate locations along the Dutch dune ecosystem by amplifying and sequencing a mitochondrial marker (CO1), across three field seasons, from 2015 to 2017, from a total of 1023 individuals. From these individuals, 157 unique haplotypes were retrieved and used for phylogenetic analyses. Twenty-six iso-female lines were created in the laboratory. Whole genome sequencing was used to investigate the extent of genome-wide differentiation between them field-derived lines, plus 30 additional genomes of this species (28 of the green morph of this species, 2 of the red morph) and 5 genomes of closely related species *T. turkestanii* (4 genomes) and *T. kanzawai* (1 genome). The resulting dataset was used to perform the genomic analyses. Amplification of 16S rDNA bacterial sequences from the 26 field-derived lines plus three laboratory lines were performed prior to crossing assays. Three independent crossing assays were performed, each with a pair of field-derived lines representing three common mite genotypes found in the field, with approximately 50 crosses per treatment in total. Differences between crossing treatments and intraline controls were compared using linear mixed models, with 'crossing treatment' as fixed effect, and isofemale line and experimental block as random effects. Quantification of fitness traits of field-derived lines on different plant species were compared between lines. Reproductive output per unit of time between genotypes was compared for each of 5 different host plants using a linear mixed model with genotype as fixed effect, and the iso-female line as random factor. Juvenile survival was quantified as a proportion of surviving individuals per replicate on honeysuckle for 6 lines in three independent experiments, each with a different pair of mite lines and compared using a linear mixed model with line as the fixed factor and the side of the leaf and each replicate per genotype as random factors.

Research sample

Field populations and derived laboratory lines of the two-spotted spider mite *Tetranychus urticae* that occurred naturally in the dune ecosystem of The Netherlands. Juvenile and adult individuals from these populations were collected from the field and used in different experiments. Additional laboratory populations of *T. urticae* green and red morphs, *T. kanzawai* and *T. turkestanii* were originally collected by RMC and collaborators

Sampling strategy

Field sampling was performed extensively and there were no predeterminations of sample sizes needed. During the 2015 season, 160 individuals were successfully genotyped. For the 2016 season, 210 individuals were successfully genotyped. For the 2017 season, a new DNA extraction and amplification protocol was used and 627 individuals were successfully genotyped. Every season the same patterns were observed, and therefore the sample size of 2015 was deemed sufficient. The number of samples used for whole genome sequencing were based on financial and technological limitations.

Data collection

Field sampling, genotyping and laboratory assays were performed by EV-P. In the field, the coordinates of each population, the host plant on which the individuals were found and the date of collection were annotated. DNA extraction for the field-derived lines was performed by EV-P. Laboratory experiments were performed at the University of Amsterdam by EV-P and supervised by JB and TVL. Genome sequencing of laboratory populations was performed by RMC and collaborators.

Timing and spatial scale	Field sampling was performed in the summers of 2015, 2016 and 2017. Sampling occurred between July and August every year. During this period, spider mite populations are large enough to be established on their hosts, but not advanced enough that the plant is destroyed. This study was designed to extensively sample a small spatial scale, comprised by two separate sampling sites in the Dutch dune ecosystem. Within each of these sites, transects were traced along forested areas and sampling locations were established at least 50 meters apart from each other. Within each of these locations, all the plants found to be infested by mites in a 10m <sup>2</sup> area were sampled and brought back to the laboratory for processing within a maximum of 48 hours from collection.
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from the study
Reproducibility	Field sampling was reproduced every season across three consecutive years. Laboratory assays (crossing assays and fitness quantification) were performed in batches of three experiments using different iso female lines to ensure reproducibility.
Randomization	Field sampling was done extensively and multiple individuals were sampled. Adult mites used for mitochondrial genotyping were selected randomly from each host plant from each sampling location. Field-derived lines were started from selected individuals that belonged to the genotypes previously described by the field sampling.
Blinding	Blinding was not relevant for this study, since we are primarily describing a natural system using an experimental design that is not biased by the observations of each researcher
Did the study involve field work?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## Field work, collection and transport

Field conditions	Field sampling was performed across three consecutive years in the Dutch dunes. Each year, sampling was performed during July/August, when rainfall did not occur, and the temperature was on average 25C.
Location	All sampling was performed in the Dutch dune ecosystem located near to Castricum and Meijndel in The Netherlands, which are at sea level.
Access & import/export	All samples were obtained from public natural areas under permission of the relevant authorities of the natural areas in the Netherlands, namely PWN for Castricum and Dunea in Meijndel.
Disturbance	Sampling of commonly occurring plants infested by mites was not destructive; only a reduced number of leaves were collected.

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## Animals and other organisms

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Laboratory animals	We developed field-derived laboratory lines of the two-spotted spider mite <i>Tetranychus urticae</i>
Wild animals	Field sampling consisted on identifying plants infested with mites and collecting several infested leaves wrapped in kitchen paper and placed inside individual plastic bags. After a max of 48h, samples were analyzed under the microscope and 10 individuals per plant per location were collected for DNA extraction and genotyping. The remaining leaves and individuals were discarded in a biological material container.
Field-collected samples	In 2015, populations representing three common mite genotypes were sampled and used to establish iso-female lines in the laboratory. Twenty six iso-female lines were created, each from a single virgin female crossed to her son and kept since then on detached common bean leaves ( <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> ) surrounded by wet cotton wool to prevent cross contamination. All lines were kept since then in a room with controlled climate conditions (25C, light:dark period of 16h:8h and 60% relative humidity).
Ethics oversight	We study commonly occurring invertebrates for which no ethical guides exist

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