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Natural selection and parallel clinal and seasonal changes in

Drosophila melanogaster

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Abstract

Spatial and seasonal variation in the environment are ubiquitous. Environmental

heterogeneity can affect natural populations and lead to covariation between environment and

allele frequencies. *Drosophila melanogaster* is known to harbor polymorphisms that change

both with latitude and seasons. Identifying the role of selection in driving these changes is not

trivial, because non-adaptive processes can cause similar patterns. Given the environment

changes in similar ways across seasons and along the latitudinal gradient, one promising

approach may be to look for parallelism between clinal and seasonal change. Here, we test

whether there is a genome-wide relationship between clinal and seasonal variation, and

whether the pattern is consistent with selection. We investigate the role of natural selection in

driving these allele frequency changes. Allele frequency estimates were obtained from pooled

samples from seven different locations along the east coast of the US, and across seasons

within Pennsylvania. We show that there is a genome-wide pattern of clinal variation

mirroring seasonal variation, which cannot be explained by linked selection alone. This

pattern is stronger for coding than intergenic regions, consistent with natural selection. We

find that the genome-wide relationship between clinal and seasonal variation could be

explained by about 4% of the common autosomal variants being under selection. Our results

highlight the contribution of natural selection in driving fluctuations in allele frequencies in

D. melanogaster.

Introduction

Species occur in environments that vary both in space and time (Ewing 1979; Cardini

et al. 2007; Dionne et al. 2007; Hancock et al. 2008; Zuther et al. 2012; Campitelli and

Stinchcombe 2013; Kooyers et al. 2015). Traits that covary with the environment in space,

also called clinal, are usually thought to be the result of spatially varying selection (Endler

1977). However, non-adaptive processes such as isolation by distance, range expansion and

admixture can produce similar patterns of spatial change (Wright 1943; Vasemägi 2006;

Excoffier et al. 2009; Duchen et al. 2013; Bergland et al. 2016). Therefore, disentangling the

relative contributions of natural selection and demographic processes in producing clinal

variation is challenging.

Drosophila melanogaster has been used as a model to study clinal variation because,

in addition to being a model species, it is a sub-Saharan fly species that has recently invaded

most of the world (David and Capy 1988). These flies migrated into Eurasia approximately

15,000 years ago (Li and Stephan 2006), but the colonization of the Americas and Australia

likely happened in a single event within the last several hundred years (Bock and Parsons

1981; Keller 2007). The establishment of populations in dramatically different environments

(*e.g.*, temperate regions) was followed by the emergence of adaptations to these new

environments (David and Capy 1988; Yukilevich et al. 2010).

Clinal variation has been documented for *D. melanogaster* in many characters both at

the phenotypic and genetic level. For instance, at the phenotypic level, flies from higher

latitudes are darker (David et al. 1985), bigger (Arthur et al. 2008) and show higher incidence

of reproductive diapause than flies from lower latitudes (Schmidt et al. 2005). At the

genotypic level, latitudinal clines have been identified for allozymes, chromosome

inversions, copy-number variation and single nucleotide polymorphisms (Mettler et al. 1977;

Knibb 1982; Oakeshott et al. 1982; Schmidt et al. 2000; de Jong and Bochdanovits 2003;

Sezgin et al. 2004; Fabian et al. 2012; Kapun et al. 2016; Schrider et al. 2016). Surprisingly,

not much is known about the actual selective pressures in natural fly populations, but

temperature is directly or indirectly underlying much of clinal adaptation (Knibb 1982;

Krimbas and Powell 1992; Božičević et al. 2016).

A classic approach to discern between adaptive and neutral differentiation has been to

look at parallel latitudinal variation between continents (Hoffmann et al. 2002; Hoffmann and

Weeks 2007; Turner et al. 2008; Paaby et al. 2010; Reinhardt et al. 2014; Schrider et al.

2016). If a trait varies clinally in two or more continents, a plausible scenario is latitudinally

varying selection acting on ancestral variation (Endler 1977; Barton 1983; Barton 1999).

However, some of the clinal patterns observed in North America may be attributed to

migration of African flies to low latitude regions and European flies to high latitude regions

(Caracristi and Schlotterer 2003; Yukilevich and True 2008; Duchen et al. 2013; Kao et al.

2015; Bergland et al. 2016). The main evidence in favor of the secondary contact hypothesis

is that there is a cline in the proportion of African ancestry in North America (Kao et al.2015;

Bergland et al. 2016), and a weak cline in African ancestry in Australia (only marginally

significant; see Bergland et al. 2016).

Separating the role of selection and demography in maintaining clinal polymorphisms

is not trivial, given that the axis of demography and environmental change are confounded in

this system (i.e., migration and the environment are structured along the south-north axis). A

simpler, more plausible model would be that admixture introduced "pre-adapted" alleles, that

then contributed to clinal adaptation (Flatt 2016). One approach that can help disentangle the

role of adaptation is to explore signatures of parallel latitudinal and seasonal changes (Cogni

et al. 2014; Cogni et al. 2015).

Drosophila has been widely used in the study of seasonal adaptation. One of the

earliest examples of seasonal genetic variation was observed in chromosomal inversions in *D.*

pseudoobscura (Dobzhansky 1943). In *D. melanogaster*, it has been shown that flies

collected in the spring are more tolerant to stress (Behrman et al. 2015), show higher

diapause inducibility (Schmidt and Conde 2006), have increased immune function (Behrman

et al. 2018) and have different cuticular hydrocarbon profiles than those collected in the fall

(Rajpurohit et al. 2017). Furthermore, genome-wide analyses have identified polymorphisms

and inversions that oscillate in seasonal timescales in several localities in the United States

and Europe, but the mechanism behind it has not been fully resolved (Bergland et al. 2014;

Kapun et al. 2016; Machado et al. 2018; Wittman et al. 2017). Identifying polymorphisms

that fluctuate seasonally is challenging, because effect sizes are small, and populations are

subject to stochastic environmental events (Machado et al. 2018). A recent analysis suggested

seasonal fluctuations in allele frequencies is probably small, and temporal structure

independent of seasons may be more important in this system (Buffalo and Coop 2019).

Although it is hard to characterize the role of selection in producing latitudinal or

seasonal change in allele frequencies, we could gain power by analyzing parallelism between

latitudinal and seasonal changes. Two adaptive mechanisms are expected to induce

correlations between clinal and seasonal fluctuations in allele frequencies. First, the

environment changes similarly with latitude and through seasons (at least with respect to

temperature). Second, the onset of spring changes with latitude, and so seasonal changes in

polymorphisms alone could produce clinal variation, a mechanism termed seasonal phase

clines (Roff 1980; Rhomberg and Singh 1986). Demographic processes that can generate

clinal patterns like isolation by distance and secondary contact from diverged populations are

independent to variation across seasons, given the short time scale at which the seasonal

processes happen (Bergland et al. 2014; Cogni et al. 2015). Therefore, parallel latitudinal and

seasonal variation in a trait is strong evidence in favor of natural selection. Indeed, it has been

observed in *D. melanogaster* that both the prevalence of reproductive diapause and the

frequency of a variant in the couch potato gene associated with diapause inducibility vary

latitudinally and seasonally (Schmidt et al. 2005; Cogni et al. 2014). The frequency of this

diapause-inducing variant drops in the summer and is positively correlated with latitude, as

we would expect if it were being driven by natural selection.

Besides this classic example, a few studies have looked for signatures of parallel

clinal and seasonal variation in *D. melanogaster* (Bergland et al. 2014; Cogni et al. 2015;

Kapun et al. 2016; Behrman et al. 2018; Machado et al. 2018). Cogni et al. (2015) found an

association between clinal and seasonal change in central metabolic genes, that are likely

important drivers of climatic adaptation. Kapun et al. (2016) dissected the role of selection in

shaping clinal variation in *D. melanogaster* cosmopolitan inversions. By integrating clinal

and seasonal variation, information on the stability of inversion clines, and analysis of the

effect of climatic variables on inversion frequencies, they concluded that several inversion

clines are consistent with natural selection. A recent study also investigated the association

between clinal and seasonal variation and showed the direction of allele frequency change

with latitude is concordant with the change with seasons in many polymorphisms across the

D. melanogaster genome (Machado et al. 2018). Nevertheless, parallel clinal and seasonal

variation has not been used to characterize the role of selection in driving genome-wide

fluctuations in allele frequency.

Here, we aim to answer whether the clinal and seasonal patterns observed in *D.*

melanogaster are consistent with natural selection. If natural selection is a key process

underlying clinal and seasonal change, flies collected in the north should be more similar to

flies collected in early spring, whereas southern flies should be more like flies collected in the

fall (Cogni et al. 2014; Bergland et al. 2014; Cogni et al. 2015; Kapun et al. 2016; Behrman

et al. 2018; Machado et al. 2018). We quantified the relationship between clinal and seasonal

change along the *D. melanogaster* genome. Given the localized effects of selection, and the

expectation that constraint depends to some degree on genic annotations, we also expect the

parallelism to vary across genomic annotations. We also assessed if the coupling between

clinal and seasonal change stems from just a few selected polymorphisms, or if spatial and

temporal selection acts pervasively across the genome. Finally, we estimated how much of

the common polymorphisms should be under selection to explain the observed degree of

coupling between clinal and seasonal change. By integrating these two independent sources

of evidence, we further disentangle the contributions of selection in maintaining the patterns

of clinal and seasonal variation in *D. melanogaster* populations.

Material and Methods

Population samples

We analyzed 20 samples from seven locations along the United States east coast, collected by

(Bergland et al. 2014) (10 samples), and (Machado et al. 2018) (10 samples) (see Table S1).

The samples were based on pools of wild-caught individuals. We decided to not include

previously collected samples from Maine because they were collected in the fall, whereas all

of our other samples were collected in the spring, and we also did not include the DGRP

sample from North Carolina, as it is hard to ascertain when they were obtained (Fabian et al.

2012; Mackay et al. 2012; Bergland et al. 2014). The Linvilla (Pennsylvania) population was

sampled extensively from 2009 to 2015 (six spring, seven fall samples), and was therefore

used in our analysis of seasonal variation. We also replicated our results using data from four

Australian samples (Anderson et al. 2005; Kolaczkowski et al. 2011). All the data used in this

project are available on the NCBI Short Read Archive (BioProject accession numbers

PRJNA256231, PRJNA308584 and NCBI Sequence Read Archive SRA012285.16).

Mapping and processing of sequencing data

Raw, paired-end reads were mapped against the FlyBase *D. melanogaster* (r6.15) and *D.*

simulans (r2.02) reference genomes (Gramates et al. 2017) using BBSplit from the BBMap

suite (https://sourceforge.net/projects/bbmap/; version from February 11, 2019). We removed

any reads that preferentially mapped to *D. simulans* to mitigate effects of contamination (the

proportion of reads preferentially mapping to *D. simulans* was minimal, never exceeding

3%). Then, reads were remapped to *D. melanogaster* reference genome using bwa (MEM

algorithm) version 0.7.15 (Li and Durbin 2010). Files were converted from SAM to BAM

format using Picard Tools (http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard). PCR duplicates were

marked and removed using Picard Tools and local realignment around indels was performed

using GATK version 3.7 (McKenna et al. 2010). Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs)

and indels were called using CRISP with default parameters (Bansal et al. 2016). We applied

several filters to ensure that the identified SNPs were not artifacts. SNPs in repetitive regions,

identified using the RepeatMasker library for *D. melanogaster* (obtained from

http://www.repeatmasker.org), and SNPs within 5bp of polymorphic indels were removed

from our analyses, because these are more likely to be sequencing errors. SNPs with average

minor allele frequency in the clinal and seasonal samples less than 5%, with minimum per-

population coverage less than 10x (or 4x for the Australian samples) or maximum per-

population coverage greater than the 99th quantile were excluded from our analyses. Also,

SNPs with multi-allelic states were removed from the analysis. We did not include SNPs in

any of the sex chromosomes. SNPs were annotated with their genic classes using SNPeff

version 4.3o (Cingolani et al. 2012).

Clinal and seasonal changes in allele frequency

Pool-seq data contain an additional component of error due to sampling (Kofler et al. 2011;

Lynch et al. 2014). We model the additional error by computing the effective number of

chromosomes (N_E) at each site:

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$$N_E = \left(\frac{1}{D} + \frac{1}{N_C} \right)^{-1}$$

206   where N_C is the number of chromosomes in the pool and D is the read depth at that site

207   (Kolaczkowski et al. 2011; Feder et al. 2012; Bergland et al. 2014).

208   To assess latitudinal variation, we used generalized linear models (GLM) to regress

209   allele frequency at each site against latitude according to the form,

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$$y_i = \alpha + \beta^{\text{clinal}} \text{Latitude} + \epsilon_i$$

Where y_i is the allele frequency in the ith population, α is the intercept, β^{clinal} is the

regression coefficient for latitude, and ϵ_i is the binomial error given the N_E at that

polymorphism. This kind of regression is suitable for the analysis of clinal variation of allele

frequencies estimated from Pool-seq, because it accounts for differences in read depth and

number of chromosomes, and the non-normality of allele frequencies (Bergland et al. 2014;

Machado et al. 2016).

To assess seasonal variation, we followed a similar procedure. We regressed allele

frequency at each site against a binary variable corresponding to spring or fall according to

the form,

$$y_i = \alpha + \beta^{\text{seasonal}}\text{Season} + \gamma\text{Year} + \epsilon_i$$

where y_i is the allele frequency in the ith sample, α is the intercept, $\beta^{seasonal}$ is the seasonal

regression coefficient (Season is a dummy variable: June and July were encoded as Spring,

and September, October and November as Fall), γ is the regression coefficient for year, and

ϵ_i is the binomial error given the N_E at that SNP.

We defined clinal and seasonal SNPs using an outlier approach, because we do not

have an adequate genome-wide null distribution to compare our estimates. We considered

that SNPs were outliers if their regression P-value fell in the bottom 1% (or 5%) of the

distribution. All statistical analyses were performed in R 3.5.0 (R Core Team 2018).

Relationship between clinal and seasonal variation

We examined the relationship between clinal and seasonal variation by regressing the clinal

against seasonal slopes for all SNPs:

$$\beta_i^{\text{clinal}} = \alpha + \beta\beta_i^{\text{seasonal}} + \epsilon_i$$

where β_i^{clinal} is the estimated clinal slope for the ith SNP, α is the intercept, β is the slope,

$\beta_i^{seasonal}$ is the estimated seasonal slope for the i^{ith} SNP, and ϵ_i is the gaussian error at that

SNP. The regression line was fit using Huber's M estimator to improve robustness to outliers.

The clinal and seasonal slopes were z-normalized to facilitate interpretation of the magnitude;

this way, the regression coefficient can be interpreted as a correlation coefficient. To confirm

our results are robust to potential model misspecifications, we implemented a permutation

test in which we rerun the generalized linear regressions for each SNP using shuffled season

and latitude labels 2,000 times. The same procedure was implemented for most of the

statistical tests, except where indicated otherwise.

242   To assess differences in the relationship between clinal and seasonal variation across

243   different genic classes (exon, intron, 5' UTR, 3' UTR, upstream, downstream intergenic,

244   splice), we added the following interaction term:

245    $$\beta_i^{clinal} = \alpha + \gamma_i \beta_i^{\text{seasonal}} \text{Class}_j + \epsilon_i$$

246   where γ_i is the regression coefficient for the jth genic class, Class_j is the genic class of the

247   i^{th} SNP.

248   There are some chromosomal inversions segregating in the populations we studied,

and they are known to contribute to adaptation (Wright and Dobzhansky 1946; García-

Vázquez and Sánchez-Refusta 1988; Kapun et al. 2014). We tested whether the relationship

between clinal and seasonal variation is stronger at SNPs that were identified to be markers

of inversions in Kapun et al. (2014). To do so, we performed a regression that takes the form:

$$\beta_i^{\text{clinal}} = \alpha + \gamma_i \beta_i^{\text{seasonal}} \times \text{Inversion}_j + \epsilon_i$$

where Inversion_j is the inversion status of the SNP, and γ_i is the regression coefficient for

the jth status. We considered SNPs surrounding the inversion breakpoints in the same

manner (Corbett-Detig and Hartl 2012). All statistical analyses were performed in R 3.5.0 (R

Core Team 2018) and can be found at gitlab.com/mufernando/clinal_sea.git.

Enrichment tests

We tested for enrichment of genic classes using our sets of clinal and seasonal SNPs using

Fisher's exact test for each genic region and statistic. To control for confounders, such as

read depth variation, we computed P-values based on 2,000 permutations. In each iteration,

we shuffled the season and latitude labels and reran the generalized regressions. Using the P-

values obtained from regressions in which season and latitude labels were shuffled, we

defined for each iteration the top clinal and seasonal SNPs. Then, we calculated the

enrichment of each genic class using Fisher's exact test. To obtain a P-value for an

enrichment of a given genic class, we compared the observed odds ratio in the actual dataset

to the distribution of odds ratios observed for datasets in which season and latitude labels

were shuffled.

Mitigating the impact of linkage disequilibrium

Selection at one site affects genetic variation at nearby, linked neutral sites (Smith and Haigh

1974). Because we assume that sites are independent in our models, the indirect effects of

selection can inflate the magnitude of the patterns we investigated. To test the effect of

linkage disequilibrium (LD) in our outlier analyses, we computed for all SNPs how their

distance to a top SNP affects their P-value. We then smoothed the scatterplot using cubic

splines as implemented in ggplot2 (Wickham 2016). To test the effect of linkage on the

relationship between clinal and seasonal variation, we implemented a thinning approach.

Sampling one SNP per L base pairs one thousand times, we constructed sets of SNPs with

minimized dependency, where L ranged from 1 to 20kb. For each of these sets for a given L,

we regressed clinal against seasonal slopes, and compared the distribution of the thinned

regression coefficients to the coefficients we obtained using all SNPs.

Inferring proportion of selected SNPs

Although a negative, significant relationship between clinal and seasonal variation indicates

that a subset of the polymorphisms is under selection, it is difficult to measure how a given

slope is related to a biological parameter, such as the proportion of SNPs that are driven by

selection. Most of the observed polymorphisms should be neutral and only a few under direct

selection, therefore we expect the relationship between clinal and seasonal change to be

minor (i.e., for most SNPs clinal and seasonal change should be unrelated). To gain some

intuition of how the proportion of SNPs with uncoupled clinal and seasonal change (e.g.,

neutral polymorphisms) would impact our measure of interest, the regression coefficient

between clinal and seasonal variation, we performed a set of simple simulations.

The polymorphisms most affected by the environment are going to be the ones that

change most consistently with seasons and latitude. In this thought experiment, we will

assume that the rank order of clinal and seasonal change should be the same (e.g., for SNPs

under selection, the linear relationship between clinal and seasonal change will be assumed to

be exactly -1). Biologically, this would happen if the environment changed in the same ways

with latitude and seasons. This assumption is most likely not true, but it renders our thought

experiment conservative (Fig. S4). Note the coefficient cannot be less than -1, because the

two variables being regressed were z-normalized and thus have same variance.

We simulated datasets with different proportions of points falling along a line ($y =$

$-x$), representing selected SNPs and points without a linear relationship, representing SNPs

that are not under spatial and seasonal selection. For each simulation replicate, we calculated

the linear relationship between two variables with varying proportions of points falling on the

1:-1 line to independent points. Each value was drawn from the combined distribution of

observed z-normalized regression coefficients for season and latitude. By calculating the

observed slope between the regression coefficients of each of our simulated datasets, we

could establish a relationship between observed slope and the expected proportion of SNPs

that fall along 1:-1 line (or that are under selection). We then used Approximate Bayesian

Computation using a sequential sampling scheme (as implemented in the R package

EasyABC; Jabot et al. 2013) to estimate the posterior distribution of proportion of SNPs

under spatial and seasonal selection that could explain our observed relationship between

clinal and seasonal change (using our thinned estimate to alleviate the effects of linkage

disequilibrium).

Results

We assembled 21 *D. melanogaster* population samples collected from seven localities across

multiple years in the east coast of the United States. All of these samples are the result of a

collaborative effort of many researchers from a consortium, the DrosRTEC (Bergland et al.

2014; Machado et al. 2018). Seven of our samples span from Florida to Massachusetts and

together comprise our clinal set. The seasonal samples were collected in Pennsylvania in the

spring (6 samples collected in June or July) and in the fall (7 samples collected in September,

October or November). For each sample, a median of 55 individuals (with a range of 33 to

116) was pooled and resequenced to an average 75x coverage (ranging from 17 to 215). We

also used four clinal samples from the Australia (Anderson et al. 2005; Kolaczkowski et al.

2011). More details about the samples can be found on Table S1 (also see Machado et al.

2018; Bergland et al. 2014). After all the filtering steps, we identified 797,792 common

autosomal SNPs, which were used in our downstream analyses.

Allele frequency changes with latitude, seasons and years

Latitude explains much of allele frequency variation along the surveyed populations, as there

is an excess of low GLM P-value SNPs (Fig. 1A). The mean absolute difference in allele

frequency between the ends of the clines is 9.2%. Seasons, on the other hand, explain less of

the variation in allele frequency. There is only a minor excess of low GLM P-value SNPs

(Fig. 1B) and the mean absolute difference in allele frequency between seasons is 2.6%. We

also found that year of sampling is a good predictor of allele frequency change (in

Pennsylvania), more so than seasons, given there is a huge excess of low GLM P-values (Fig.

1C).

Figure 1. Distribution of P-values from the generalized linear models of allele frequency and
latitude, and allele frequency and seasons/years.
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Our generalized linear models do not account for dependency between samples,

which can be a problem when regressing allele frequency on seasons. To investigate whether

this could be an issue, we performed Durbin-Watson tests for autocorrelation in the residuals

of the seasonal regressions using Julian days as the time variable. We found a minor excess

of low P-values (Fig. S1), and the season P-values are weakly, but negatively correlated with

the Durbin-Watson test P-values (Spearman $\rho = -0.004, P = 0.0001$). This indicates that

the assumption of independency is being met for most variants, and that autocorrelation is not

artificially creating patterns of seasonality in allele frequency.

Given we do not have enough information to build an appropriate null distribution to

calibrate our P-values, we sought to demonstrate that top significant clinal and seasonal SNPs

are enriched for functional variants, which are more likely to contribute to adaptation.

Latitudinal SNPs are more likely to be in exonic and UTR 3' regions (Fig. 2A), whereas

seasonal SNPs are enriched for exonic, UTR 3' and UTR 5' regions (Fig. 2B). Further, top

latitudinal and seasonal SNPs seem to be underrepresented within upstream and downstream

regions (Fig. 2). The enrichment of top latitudinal SNPs among functional genic classes has

been reported by previous studies which used different latitudinal samples (Fabian et al.

2012; Kolaczowski et al. 2011, Machado et al. 2016). Enrichment of top seasonal SNPs

among some functional regions have been observed before (Bergland et al. 2014; Machado et

al. 2018). Using a 5% cutoff, our results with respect to enrichments is largely replicated

(Fig. S2).

Figure 2. Top SNPs are enriched for functionally relevant classes. Enrichment of top 1%
SNPs in each genic class for A) latitudinal P-value and B) seasonal P-value. The histograms
show the distribution of odds ratios when latitude and season labels were permuted, and the
vertical bars show the observed odds ratios.

Clinal variation is related to seasonal variation

A clinal pattern can arise solely as a result of demographic processes, such as isolation by

distance and admixture (Duchen et al. 2013; Kao et al. 2015; Bergland et al. 2016). Although

seasonality is less affected by such processes, seasonal change is less pronounced and more

subject to stochastic changes in the environment, making it harder to detect seasonal change

with precision. Here, we integrate both clinal and seasonal change estimates across a large

number of SNPs in the genome (about 790,000 SNPs). We expect the overall pattern that

emerges to be informative of the relative role of natural selection, because selection is a

plausible process to produce a pattern of clinal variation mirroring seasonal variation (Cogni

et al. 2015). With higher latitudes, cold-favored alleles rise in frequency, whereas from spring

to fall, the frequency of cold-favored alleles decreases. Conversely, with higher latitudes,

warm-favored alleles decrease in frequency, whereas from spring to fall, the frequency of

warm-favored alleles increases.

To assess if clinal variation and seasonal variation are related, we performed a linear

regression of the slopes of clinal and seasonal allele frequency change (see Methods). We

find a significant negative linear relationship between clinal and seasonal regression

coefficients (Fig. 3A, Table S2). The relationship is strongest for SNPs within exons, and the

weakest for unclassified SNPs and those within intergenic regions (Fig. 3A; Table S3).

Nonetheless, the relationship is different than zero for all classes (except for the unclassified),

what would be consistent either with pervasive linked selection or widespread distribution of

variants that are important for adaptation, even within non-coding regions. Our results are

robust to modelling assumptions, as they are significant when compared to the datasets with

permuted of latitude and season labels (Fig. 3C). Qualitatively similar results were replicated

using a different minor allele frequency cutoff and using samples from Maine, which were

sampled in the summer (Fig. S3A-B).

Figure 2. Clinal change parallels seasonal change. A) Linear relationship between latitudinal change and seasonal change for each genic class. B) Association between top latitudinal and seasonal variants for different P-value cutoffs. C) Null distribution of the regression coefficient between latitudinal and seasonal change for each genic class (after permuting the latitude and season labels). Vertical bars represent the observed values.

Given that previous studies have demonstrated the importance of cosmopolitan inversions in climatic adaptation (Kapun et al. 2016), we looked at how clinal and seasonal variation are related within common cosmopolitan inversions. In our dataset, we found only 16 out of hundreds of marker SNPs identified in Kapun et al. (2014). It is unclear whether this is due to lifting over their annotations to a more recent version of the reference genome or if these variants are truly absent within the samples used in our study. We found that the relationship between clinal and seasonal change for those markers is high but did not reach significance due to small number of variants (Table S4). Most of the divergence (and differentiation) between flies with and without inversions should be located around the

breakpoints (Kapun et al. 2014, Kapun et al. 2018). Thus, we checked whether the pattern of

parallelism between clinal and seasonal variation is stronger surrounding common

cosmopolitan inversions (considering SNPs within 2Mb of the breakpoints identified in

Corbett-Detig and Hartl, 2012). We found that clinal and seasonal change are strongly

coupled surrounding the inversions (Table S5). Nevertheless, the pattern is still strong outside

these regions, indicating our main results are not purely driven by frequency changes of

inversions.

Another way of testing for parallelism between clinal and seasonal change is by

testing if clinal SNPs are more likely to be seasonal (and vice-versa). We observed that clinal

SNPs are enriched for seasonal SNPs (Fig. 2B). The enrichment increases with more

stringent lower P-value quantile cut-offs, as we would expect if even strictly non-significant

variants were informative of the role of selection.

We also confirmed our main finding, that clinal and seasonal change are related using

samples from Australia. To measure clinal change in Australia, we only used four low

coverage samples in Australia, two for each of low and high latitude locations. There is a

genome-wide relationship between clinal variation in Australia and seasonal variation in

Pennsylvania that, although minor, is significant (Fig. S3C). We also found a relationship

between latitudinal regression significance and seasonal significance using the Australian

samples (Fig. S3C).

The effects of linkage disequilibrium on clinal and seasonal variation

Variation at one site is linked to variation at other sites, and selection will increase this

dependency (Smith and Haigh 1974). First, we assessed if latitudinal and seasonal P-values,

were dependent on how distant a SNP was from our top 1% SNPs. We show that both

statistics are dependent on distance from the outlier SNPs (Fig. 3A-B), but the effect virtually

disappears after 5kb.

Our regression analysis of clinal and seasonal variation assumes that SNPs are

independent. Thus, we assessed the impact of linkage on the relationship between clinal and

seasonal change by implementing a thinning approach. First, we tested how the genome-wide

regression estimate varied with changing window sizes. The effect of non-independency of

variants on the relationship between clinal and seasonal change is rather small (Fig. 3C).

Nevertheless, we chose a conservative window length of 5kb for downstream analyses. The

strength of the genome-wide relationship between clinal and seasonal variation decreased

when randomly sampling one SNP per 5kb, but it still remained significantly different from

zero (P= 0.001; Fig. 3D). Thus, it seems the signal is widespread across many loci. The

thinning did not significantly impact the signal for many regions, but the strength of the

signal within splicing, UTR 5', upstream, downstream and intergenic regions decreased and

is not significantly different from 0 (Fig. 3D). It may be that most of the signal coming from

those regions are due to the linked effects of selection.

Figure 3. Effects of linkage disequilibrium. The mean (A) latitudinal P-value and (B)
seasonal P-value depend on distance to the respective top 1% outliers. The relationship
between clinal and seasonal variation is affected by dependency among SNPs. C) the strength
relationship between clinal and seasonal variation changes with the size of the thinning
window. D) comparison among original estimates (bar) and values obtained after thinning
using a window size of 5kb (histogram). Histograms show the distributions across sampled
thinned datasets.

Selection accounts for a substantial proportion of genome-wide clines

Although we identified a significant negative relationship between clinal and seasonal

variation, the magnitude of the regression coefficient appears small (5kb bootstrap estimate

$\beta = 0.037$). It is hard to measure the biological relevance of such coefficient, and so we

designed a simple simulation approach that translates our statistic of interest into a biological

parameter, that is the proportion of selected sites. We assume that: (i) for the subset of

variants that are under selection, we would expect to see a perfectly linear relationship

between z-normalized clinal and seasonal regression coefficients; (ii) for the variants that are

not contributing to adaptation, then we would expect absolutely no relationship between

clinal and seasonal variation; (iii) variants are not linked. Assumption (i) renders our test

conservative, as the relationship would not necessarily be negative one because some variants

may be strongly seasonal but not necessarily strongly latitudinal and vice-versa. In Figure S4,

we show that if the true slope for selected SNPs is not -1, we would be severely

underestimating the proportion of selected SNPs. Accounting for linkage disequilibrium

(assumption iii) is notoriously complicated, especially because we cannot accurately measure

LD from pooled sequencing (Feder et al. 2012). However, we show that most of the effects of

autocorrelation can be accounted for with our thinning approach, thus we used the observed

relationship between clinal and seasonal change after 5kb thinning.

We asked what the expected relationship between clinal and seasonal regression

coefficients would be if some of the variants were subject to spatially and seasonally varying

selection but most were neutral. To assess this, we built datasets with varying proportion of

adaptive variants (with linear relationship between clinal and seasonal variation) to neutral

variants (no relationship between clinal and seasonal variation) and calculated the expected

linear relationship between the two variables.

We found that the observed regression coefficient is consistent with approximately

3.9% of the common variants being under selection (Fig. 4), with 95% of the posterior

estimates ranging from 3.7% to 4.2%. Thus, our analysis suggests that a sizable fraction of

common, autosomal SNPs changes due to selection. Note this proportion is in line with

previous estimates for the proportion of clinal SNPs (3.7% in Machado et al. 2015) and

seasonal variants (~4% in Machado et al. 2018).

Figure 4. Proportion of SNPs that should be under selection to explain the genome-wide
relationship between clinal and seasonal variation. A) background points represent each
simulation, and the line is the fitted loess curve. Dashed lines relate the observed regression
coefficient after thinning (5kb) to the expected proportion of selected SNPs. B) posterior
distribution of the proportion of selected SNPs, given the observed relationship between
clinal and seasonal variation (5kb thinned), with horizontal line highlighting the mean.

Discussion

Clinal patterns have been observed in both phenotypic and genotypic traits in many different

species (Hancock et al. 2008; Baxter et al. 2010; Adrion et al. 2015). Especially in systems in

which there is collinearity between the axis of gene flow and environmental heterogeneity,

disentangling the contribution of selection and demography in producing clines is not trivial.

Detecting seasonal cycling in allele frequencies is also challenging, mostly because the effect

size is likely to be small and the environment may change unpredictably within seasons. We

relied on integrating patterns of clinal and seasonal variation, since variation over short

periods is independent of most confounding demographic processes. Parallel environmental

change and the differences in the onset of seasons with latitude can create parallelism

between clinal and seasonal variation. Natural selection would be the process driving the

coupling between latitudinal and seasonal change in both scenarios, thus investigating it can

help discern the role of natural selection. Here, using *D. melanogaster* samples from the east

coast of the United States and Australia, we show that (i) there is a genome-wide pattern of

clinal variation mirroring seasonal variation, (ii) this is consistent with the action of natural

selection, and (iii) a significant number of common variants may be being driven by

selection.

We show that clinal and seasonal change are related, as there is a significant negative

relationship between clinal and seasonal regression coefficients in the *D. melanogaster*

genome (Fig. 2A), and there is an enrichment for seasonal SNPs among clinal SNPs (Fig.

2B). The relationship between clinal and seasonal regression is stronger for genic when

compared to intergenic regions (Fig. 2A,C). Demographic processes would impact the

genome as a whole, but variants in genic regions are more likely to impact fitness (Andolfatto

2005). Further, we estimate that about 3.9% of common, autosomal SNPs should be under

selection to explain the genome-wide pattern of clinal and seasonal concordance uncovered

(Fig. 4).

Because we expect selection to intensify linkage disequilibrium, the relationship

between clinal and seasonal variation could be mostly driven by a few large effect loci.

However, we show that our results cannot be fully explained by linked selection (Fig. 3).

When accounting for autocorrelation along the chromosomes, the relationship between clinal

and seasonal change disappears for variants within intergenic regions, but not for exons (Fig.

3D). The effects of linkage disequilibrium are important in this short time scale, but it decays

rapidly, and returns to background levels after 5kb (Fig. 3A-C). We also investigated whether

our results could be due to differences in inversion frequencies, whichh are known to underlie

much of climatic adaptation in *D. melanogaster* (Kapun et al. 2016). The coupling between

clinal and seasonal change surrounding common inversions is generally high, but in isolation

it cannot explain the genome-wide patterns we observed. Therefore, our results support a

scenario in which the genome-wide pattern of clinal variation mirroring seasonal variation is

a result of selection acting on many sites across the genome.

An important mechanism that can cause clinal patterns has been neglected from

recent discussions of clinal variation in *Drosophila*. The latitudinal variation on the onset of

seasons can produce clines, a phenomenon termed "seasonal phase clines" (Roff 1980;

Rhomberg and Singh 1986). Under this model, a correlation between clinal and seasonal

change is expected. Our latitudinal samples were all collected within one month of difference

(during the spring), and so our observations could be partially explained by differences in the

seasonal phase. Our data does not allow for proper disentangling of seasonal phase clines

from parallel environmental change but change on the onset of seasons alone cannot explain

our results. We found that latitude is usually a much better predictor of allele frequency

differences (Fig. 1A-B), and the magnitude of change along the cline is much greater than

what we found within a population across seasons (9.2% vs. 2.64%). We show that including

Maine samples (which were sampled in the fall, in contrast to all other samples that were

sampled in the spring) in our analyses does not meaningfully change our main results (Fig.

S3). However, the rate of change (per degree of latitude) in allele frequency from Florida to

Maine is smaller than the rate from Florida to Massachusetts. This could be due to

differences in sampling year, but we found that the rate of change in frequency between

Virginia and Maine is also smaller than the rate between Virginia and Massachusetts (FL and

ME were sampled in 2009, whereas VA and MA were sampled in 2012; Fig. S5). We

believe these differences are due to the shift in seasonal phase, as the samples from Maine

were collected in the fall, but all other samples were collected in the spring.

Importantly, our results should be robust to differential admixture from Europe and

Africa to the ends of the clines (Duchen et al. 2013; Kao et al. 2015; Bergland et al. 2016).

Given variation over seasonal time scales are less affected by broader scale migration

patterns, it is not plausible that secondary contact can create parallel clinal and seasonal

variation. Furthermore, the evidence for secondary contact in Australia is quite weak (see

Bergland et al. 2016), but we show that clinal variation in Australia is related to seasonal

variation in Pennsylvania (Fig. S3). Secondary contact may have contributed ancestral

variation, that have since been selectively sorted along the cline (Flatt 2016). Consistent with

this interpretation, the proportion of African ancestry is lower in low recombination regions,

suggesting selection is mediating admixture in *D. melanogaster* (Pool 2015).

Population substructure and migration could cause seasonal variation in allele

frequency in *D. melanogaster*. One possibility is that rural populations of *D. melanogaster* in

temperate regions collapse during the winter and recover from spring to fall. However,

reproductive diapause cycles in orchards and reaches high frequencies early in the spring,

whereas its frequency in urban fruit markets in Philadelphia is much lower (Schmidt and

Conde 2006). Another possibility is that seasonal variation is produced by migration of flies

from the south in the summer, and from the north in the winter. There is little evidence of

long-range migration in *D. melanogaster*, though this process seems important in *D. simulans*

(Bergland et al. 2014; Machado et al. 2016). Importantly, flies have been shown to survive

and reproduce during winter season in temperate regions, so rural flies can withstand a harsh

winter season and be subject to selection (Mitrovski and Hoffmann 2001; Hoffmann et al.

2003, Rudman et al. 2019). These seasonal patterns have been replicated in many populations

across North America and Europe (Machado et al. 2018), bolstering the argument for

seasonal selection. Given the patterns we uncovered here are the result of subtle, but

repeatable changes across multiple seasons, it is hard to imagine that selection is not the main

causing force, even if it's acting to maintain cryptic population structure within each location.

A recent study suggested the temporal changes in allele frequency reported in

Bergland et al. (2014) is only weakly consistent with seasonal selection (Buffalo et al. 2019).

Consecutive spring-fall pairs showed some signal of adaptation, but the effect was small and

disappeared at larger timescales (same season but across different years). Similarly, Machado

et al. 2018 found that when they flipped the season labels of some samples the seasonal

model fit was greatly improved. Consistent with these observations, we found there is strong

temporal structure across years (Fig. 1C). Though we use a different set of samples, we show

that the distribution of seasonal P-values is only slightly enriched for low P-values (Fig. 1B).

Importantly, top seasonal SNPs are enriched for functional genic classes, when compared to

datasets in which the season labels were permuted (Fig. 2B). These results highlight how

difficult it is to find truly seasonal SNPs, likely because change in allele frequency is

generally much smaller and natural populations are subject to stochastic changes in the

environment not related to seasons. Once we have larger time series data, we will not need to

rely on seasons as a proxy for environmental heterogeneity, and instead it will be possible to

perform a proper causal analysis.

A few previous studies have investigated the relationship between clinal and seasonal

variation (Bergland et al. 2014; Cogni et al. 2015; Kapun et al. 2016; Machado et al. 2018),

but here we further explore parallelism between clinal and seasonal variation to tease apart

the role of selection. Cogni et al. (2015) focused on a few SNPs in metabolic genes, and so

they could not draw robust conclusions about processes that impact most of the genome. Our

work is also fundamentally different from that of Machado et al. (2018), which revolves

around identifying seasonal variation in *D. melanogaster* by aggregating data from many

locations in North America and Europe. Here, we only included seasonal samples from

Pennsylvania. This location had the greatest number of years surveyed (7 years, as opposed

to 2 years for most of the other locations; see Machado et al. 2018), and it is the population

for which we have the most information about seasonal variation in relevant phenotypes,

such as diapause (Schmidt and Conde 2006; Behrman et al. 2015; Rajpurohit et al. 2017;

Behrman et al. 2018).

Many species occur along spatially structured environments and show clinal variation

in traits, so a question that remains open is: what is the role of selection in producing and

maintaining these patterns? Seasonal variation is also ubiquitous, especially in temperate

environments, so seasonal change could be an important feature of organisms that have

multiple generations each year (Behrman et al. 2015). Here, we demonstrate that by

integrating clinal and seasonal variation, we can discern the contributions of selection in

driving allele frequency changes with the environment. This approach could potentially be

applied to other multivoltine species that occur along environmental gradients, including

invasive species, which are known to often have short generation times and to reproduce

quickly (Sakai et al. 2001).

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845   **Supplementary information**

847   **Figure S1**. Distribution of Durbin-Watson P-values. We tested whether there is
848   autocorrelation in the residuals of the seasonal generalized linear models.
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851   **Figure S2.** Enrichment of top 5% SNPs in each genic class for A) latitudinal P-value, B)
852   seasonal P-value. Histograms show the distribution of odds ratios when season labels were
853   permuted, and the vertical bars indicated the observed odds ratio.

Figure S3. Relationship between clinal and seasonal change using A) a more stringent minor allele frequency cutoff, B) latitudinal samples from Maine, which were collected in the summer and C) samples from Australia to calculate latitudinal change.

Figure S4. Relationship between proportion of points linearly related (in comparison to points that are not related) and the expected relationship between two z-normalized variables. Each color represents a different assumed degree of linear relatedness (ranging from -1 to -0.1). Note how for a given estimated relationship between two variables, the slope we assume

(-1) results in the smallest possible proportion of points linearly related, demonstrating that
our test is conservative.

Figure S5. Rate of allele frequency differences between two populations (normalized by
difference in latitude). Note the rates are smaller for comparisons involving the samples from
Maine. FL: Florida (July 2008 and 2010), ME: Maine (October 2009), MA: Massachusetts
(July 2012), VA: Virginia (July 2012).

Table S1. Information of the samples used in this study.

Access ion #	Sample name	Location	Latit ude	Collect ion date	# Fli es	Medi an depth	Mo nth	Seas on	Seas onal set	Clin al set
SRR11 77951	AU_LO1	Queensland, Australia	16.90	2004	17	10				
SRR11 77952	AU_LO2	Queensland, Australia	16.90	2004	17	12				
SRR11 77953	AU_HI1	Tasmania, Australia	42.77	2004	15	10				
SRR11 77955	AU_HI2	Tasmania, Australia	42.77	2004	15	14				
SRR15 25685	FL1	Homestead, FL	25.47	Jul-08	39	59	7	Spri ng	0	1
SRR15 25694	FL2	Homestead, FL	25.47	Jul-10	48	37	7	Spri ng	0	1
SRR15 25698	ME1	Bowdoinha m, ME	44.02	Oct-09	75	86	9	Fall	0	0
SRR20 06283	ME2	Bowdoinha m, ME	44.02	Oct-09	75	22	9	Fall	0	0
SRR15 25695	GA	Hahira, GA	30.99	Jul-10	51	101	7	Spri ng	0	1
SRR15 25696	SC	Euatwville, SC	33.40	Jul-10	48	83	7	Spri ng	0	1
SRR35 90551	VA_07_2 012	Charlotttesv ille, VA	38.03	Jul-12	69	70	7	Spri ng	0	1
SRR39 39095	PA_06_2 013	Linvilla, PA	39.88	Jun-13	54	37	6	Spri ng	0	1
SRR35 90557	MA_07_ 2012	Lancaster, MA	42.46	Jul-12	90	51	7	Spri ng	0	1
SRR15 25768	PA_07_2 009	Linvilla, PA	39.53	Jul-09	55	186	7	Spri ng	1	0
SRR15 25769	PA_11_2 009	Linvilla, PA	39.53	Nov-09	74	66	11	Fall	1	0
SRR15 25770	PA_07_2 010	Linvilla, PA	39.53	Jul-10	11 6	17	7	Spri ng	1	0
SRR15 25771	PA_11_2 010	Linvilla, PA	39.53	Nov-10	33	76	11	Fall	1	0
SRR15 25772	PA_07_2 011	Linvilla, PA	39.53	Jul-11	75	53	7	Spri ng	1	0
SRR15 25773	PA_10_2 011	Linvilla, PA	39.53	Oct-10	47	74	10	Fall	1	0
SRR35 90560	PA_10_2 012	Linvilla, PA	39.53	Oct-12	10 0	25	10	Fall	1	0
SRR35 90561	PA_07_2 012	Linvilla, PA	39.53	Jul-12	11 5	59	7	Spri ng	1	0
SRR35 90563	PA_9_20 12	Linvilla, PA	39.53	Sep-12	50	55	9	Fall	1	0

SRR3939096	PA_10_2014	Linvilla, PA	39.88	Oct-14	50	103	10	Fall	1	0
SRR3939097	PA_06_2014	Linvilla, PA	39.88	Jun-14	92	68	6	Spring	1	0
SRR3939098	PA_10_2015	Linvilla, PA	39.88	Oct-15	52	97	10	Fall	1	0
SRR3939099	PA_07_2015	Linvilla, PA	39.88	Jul-15	74	215	7	Spring	1	0

Table S2. Summary of a regression of z-normalized latitude regression coefficients against z-normalized season regression coefficients genome-wide. CI stands for 95% confidence interval.

	Latitude slope		
Predictors	*Estimates*	*CI*	*p*
Intercept	0.013	0.011 – 0.015	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope	-0.039	-0.041 – -0.037	**<0.001**
Observations	797792		

Table S3. Summary of a regression of z-normalized latitude regression coefficients against z-normalized season regression coefficients for each genic class. CI stands for 95% confidence interval.

	Latitude slope		
Predictors	*Estimates*	*CI*	*p*
Intercept	0.013	0.011 – 0.015	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Intergenic	-0.029	-0.037 – -0.021	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Exon	-0.050	-0.057 – -0.043	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Intron	-0.045	-0.050 – -0.041	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Downstream	-0.036	-0.042 – -0.031	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Upstream	-0.035	-0.039 – -0.032	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:UTR_3	-0.045	-0.055 – -0.035	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:UTR_5	-0.044	-0.057 – -0.031	**<0.001**

Seasonal slope:Splice	-0.048	-0.070 – -0.026	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Other	-0.003	-0.016 – 0.009	0.600
Observations	797792		

883 **Table S4.** Summary of a regression of z-normalized latitude regression coefficients against z-

884 normalized season regression coefficients for each inversion status. CI stands for 95%

885 confidence interval.

	Latitude slope		
Predictors	*Estimates*	*CI*	*p*
Intercept	0.013	0.011 – 0.015	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Outside	-0.039	-0.041 – -0.036	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Inside	-0.174	-0.607 – 0.258	0.429
Observations	797792		

887 **Table S5.** Summary of a regression of z-normalized latitude regression coefficients against z-

888 normalized season regression coefficients for each SNPs surrounding inversion breakpoints.

889 CI stands for 95% confidence interval.

	Latitude slope		
Predictors	*Estimates*	*CI*	*p*
Intercept	0.013	0.011 – 0.015	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:In(2L)t	0.004	-0.003 – 0.010	0.248
Seasonal slope:In(2R)NS	-0.019	-0.026 – -0.012	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:In(3L)P	-0.068	-0.074 – -0.061	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:In(3R)P	-0.170	-0.177 – -0.163	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Outside	-0.030	-0.033 – -0.028	**<0.001**
Observations	797792		

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