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Clinal and seasonal change are correlated 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 correlation between clinal and seasonal change, and whether

the pattern is consistent with selection. 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 correlation between clinal and

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

stronger in genomic regions with higher functional content, consistent with natural selection.

We derive a way to biologically interpret these correlations and show that around 3.7% of the

common, autosomal variants could be under parallel seasonal and spatial selection. Our

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

frequencies in natural fly populations and point to a shared genomic basis to climate

adaptation which happens over space and time 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). Populations may adapt to the local conditions of the environment in which they occur, resulting in covariation between traits and space (Endler 1977; Barton 1983; Barton 1999; Kawecki and Ebert 2004). Similarly, predictable changes in the environment through time can lead covariation between relevant traits and time (Levene, 1953; Ewing 1979). Although correlations between environment and traits (either in time or space) are indicative of selection, these patterns can be produced by non-adaptive processes such as migration, isolation by distance and range expansion (Wright 1943; Vasemägi 2006; Excoffier et al. 2009; Duchen et al. 2013; Bergland et al. 2016). It is not trivial to identify the role of selection in diversifying traits, but a promising approach might be to jointly model changes across space and time.

Drosophila melanogaster is a uniquely suited to study both spatial and temporal adaptation. These sub-Saharan flies recently invaded most of the world (David and Capy 1988), and adaptations at the phenotypic and genotypic levels evolved in response to the colonization of new habitats (Mettler et al. 1977; Knibb 1982; Oakeshott et al. 1982; David and Capy 1988; Schmidt et al. 2000; de Jong and Bochdanovits 2003; Sezgin et al. 2004). Many traits, polymorphisms and inversions were observed to covary with latitude (also called clinal) in natural fly populations (Hoffmann et al. 2002; Hoffmann and Weeks 2007; Turner et al. 2008; Paaby et al. 2010; Yukilevich et al. 2010; Reinhardt et al. 2014; Schrider et al. 2016). For instance, flies from colder environments 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).

In higher latitudes, fly populations started to experience dramatic cyclical changes in

the environment through seasons. Given these flies have multiple generations per year,

differential fitness across seasons could theoretically lead to temporal adaptations (Levene

1953; Ewing 1979). Traits that favor rapid reproduction in the summer can be particularly

different to those which favor endurance in the winter (Behrman et al. 2015). Concordant

with this hypothesis, chromosomal inversions in *D. pseudoobscura* were observed to cycle

with seasons (Dobzhansky 1943). In *D. melanogaster*, 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).

Genome-wide analyses have identified polymorphisms and inversions that oscillate in

seasonal timescales in several localities in the United States and Europe (Bergland et al.

2014; Kapun et al. 2016; Machado et al. 2021). However, a recent analysis suggested

seasonal fluctuations in allele frequencies seems small and temporal structure independent of

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

It is challenging to characterize the role of selection in producing spatial or seasonal

change in allele frequencies. At the spatial scale, the axis of demography and environmental

heterogeneity are confounded in this system (i.e., migration and environment are structured

along the south-north axis) (Caracristi and Schlotterer 2003; Yukilevich and True 2008;

Duchen et al. 2013; Kao et al. 2015). At the seasonal scale, the magnitude of allele frequency

change with seasons is expected to be rather small, and stochastic environmental events not

aligned with seasons complicate inferences even further (Machado et al. 2021). However, we

can gain power by jointly modelling latitudinal and seasonal changes (Cogni et al. 2015).

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). The effects of neutral, demographic processes which can confound interpretation are

expected to be much less pronounced because of the short time scale of seasonal processes.

Thus, parallel latitudinal and seasonal variation in a trait is strong evidence in favor of natural

selection (Bergland et al. 2014; Cogni et al. 2015).

Some empirical studies have found parallelism between 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. 2021). The prevalence of reproductive diapause, a phenotype tightly

linked to adaptation to cold environments, varies both with latitude and seasons (Schmidt et

al. 2005). Cogni et al. (2014) found that a variant in the *couchpotato* gene, which encodes

diapause inducibility, also varied predictably with latitude and across seasons: the diapause-

inducing allele is positively correlated with latitude and its frequency increases from summer

into winter. Cogni et al. (2015) found an association between clinal and seasonal change in

central metabolic genes, which are likely important drivers of climatic adaptation. Kapun et

al. (2016) found that a few cosmopolitan inversions thought to be involved with climate

adaptation also vary in parallel with latitude and through seasons.

Here, we test whether parallel clinal and seasonal variation is pervasive across the *D.*

melanogaster genome. It is essential we further our understanding of the genomic basis to

climate adaptation in *D. melanogaster*, so that we can identify possible mechanisms which

allow adaptation over such short time scales (Wittmann et al. 2017). A parallel and

independent study also investigated the relationship between clinal and seasonal change in *D.*

melanogaster (Machado et al. 2021). Nevertheless, our work is fundamentally different from

previous studies because (i) we use seasonal samples collected over six years, as opposed to

at most three years in other studies; (ii) our samples are all from the same location in

Pennsylvania, where seasonality is strong and phenotypes are known to cycle seasonally, and

where there is little evidence of population substructure or large scale migrations events

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

2018); (iii) we analyze how the correlation between clinal and seasonal variation changes

across genomic regions which differ in density of functional sites, allowing us to better

disentangle demography and selection; and (iv) we dissect the role of linkage disequilibrium

in driving these patterns.

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. 2021) (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. One of the Pennsylvania samples was exclusively

used for the clinal analysis to minimize dependency between our clinal and seasonal sets. We

also replicated our clinal analysis 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. SNPs with mean 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. We only considered bi-allelic, autosomal SNPs in our downstream analyses. Functional annotations for the identified SNPs obtained using SNPeff version 4.3o (Cingolani et al. 2012).

Clinal and seasonal changes in allele frequency

The allele frequencies were calculated by diving the number of reads supporting each allele, divided by the total number of reads. Because pool-seq data contain an additional component of error due to sampling, we did not weight the allele frequencies by total depth at each site;

181   instead we used the effective sample size, or effective number of chromosomes (N_E), as the

182   denominator. This metric can be computed as follows:

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

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

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

To assess latitudinal variation, we fitted a binomial linear model of allele frequency

against latitude for each site. Similarly, we regressed allele frequency at each site against a

season dummy variable (June and July were encoded as Spring, and September, October and

November as Fall) and included the year of sampling as a covariate. For either regression, we

required the variant to be polymorphic in at least two samples. Further, we computed

pairwise F_{ST} for all our samples using the R package poolfstat (Hivert et al., 2018).

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.

Correlation between clinal and seasonal variation

Our main goal was to evaluate whether clinal and seasonal change are correlated, pooling

information across the thousands of polymorphisms that segregate in natural populations. To

do so, we regressed the slopes of the clinal regressions and the slope of the seasonal

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

outliers. Before fitting the regression, we z-normalized the clinal and seasonal slopes, so the

slope of the regression of clinal and seasonal change is actually the same as the correlation.

We also investigated how the correlation between clinal and seasonal change differed

across genomic regions. For that, we used a dummy variable with annotations as a covariate.

The regions analyzed were exon, intron, 5' UTR, 3' UTR, upstream, downstream intergenic

and splice. 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 annotated SNPs

surrounding (2Mb) common inversion breakpoints and added inversion status as a covariate

in the linear model (Corbett-Detig and Hartl 2012).

To confirm our results are robust to potential model misspecifications, we

implemented a permutation test in which we rerun the 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.

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 and allele frequency variation, 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, lists of 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 plotted P-values against distance to a

top SNP. 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 computed the correlation between

clinal and seasonal slopes, and compared the distribution of the thinned regression

coefficients to the coefficients we obtained using all SNPs.

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.

Results

We assembled 20 *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. 2021). 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 (6 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.

2021; Bergland et al. 2014). After all the filtering steps, we identified 798,176 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.

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. There is no excess of low

P-values (Fig. S1), and the season P-values are not correlated with Durbin-Watson test P-

value ($P = 0.77$). 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. Similar enrichment patterns have been observed for both top clinal and seasonal

(Kolaczowski et al. 2011; Fabian et al. 2012,; Bergland et al. 2014; Machado et al. 2016,

2021). Using a 5% cutoff, our enrichment results are 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. 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).

We found a significant negative correlation between clinal and seasonal regression

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

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

Nonetheless, the correlation 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. Qualitatively

similar results were replicated using a different minor allele frequency cutoff and using

samples from Maine, which were obtained the summer – in contrast to all the other clinal

populations that were sampled in the fall (Fig. S3B-C).

Figure 3. Clinal change parallels seasonal change. Correlation between clinal change and seasonal change for each genic class (A) and by inversion breakpoint (B). (C) Association between top latitudinal and seasonal variants for different P-value cutoffs. Gray histograms are the null distribution of the correlation (after permuting the latitude and season labels) and vertical bars represent the observed correlation.

Given that previous studies have demonstrated the importance of cosmopolitan

inversions in climatic adaptation (e.g., Kapun et al. 2016), we looked at the correlation

between clinal and seasonal change near common cosmopolitan inversions breakpoints. We

found that the correlation between clinal and seasonal change is strongest near the

breakpoints of inversions In(2R)NS, In(3R)P and In(3L)P (Fig. 3B, Table S4). 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. 3C). 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 correlated

using clinal 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 negative correlation between clinal variation in Australia and seasonal variation in

Pennsylvania that, although minor, is significant (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. 4A, B), but the effect

virtually disappears after 5kb.

We assessed the impact of linkage on the correlation 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 correlation is rather small (Fig. 4C) and the genome-wide correlation remains

significantly different from zero (P= 0.001; Fig. 4D). The thinning did not significantly

reduce the signal for many regions, but the strength of the signal within splicing, UTR 5',

upstream, downstream and intergenic regions decreased and did not remain significantly

different from zero (Fig. 4D). It seems that most of the signal coming from those regions are

due to the linked effects of selection.

Figure 4. 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 correlation
between clinal and seasonal variation is affected by dependency among SNPs. C) the
correlation between clinal and seasonal variation changes with the size of the thinning
window. D) comparison among original estimates (arrows) and values obtained after thinning
using a window size of 5kb (histogram). Histograms show the distributions across sampled
thinned datasets, and the black arrows point to the original estimates.

Biological interpretation of the correlation between clinal and seasonal change

Although the negative correlation between clinal and seasonal change indicates a role for

selection, it is unclear how strongly parallel selection would need to be to generate this

correlation. Intuitively, we expect the correlation to be rather small, as the majority of the

variants are likely not under parallel selection. Below, we derive how to get a rough estimate

of the number of SNPs under parallel selection from the observed correlation.

Suppose that for a proportion p of the SNPs the clinal and seasonal regression

coefficients are correlated due to parallel selection, whereas for the remainder of the SNPs

they are independent. What genome-wide correlation would we expect? To find this, we can

write (Z_1, Z_2) for the two z-normalized regression coefficients of a randomly chosen SNP.

SNPs can be either under parallel selection or not, so we define (X_1, X_2) and (Y_1, Y_2) as

random draws from the z-normalized regression coefficients for SNPs under parallel

selection and not, respectively. Then, $(Z_1, Z_2) = (X_1, X_2)$ with probability p, and $(Z_1, Z_2) =$

(Y_1, Y_2) otherwise. To find the $\text{cor}(Z_1, Z_2)$, note that since Z_1 and Z_2 have mean 0 and

standard deviation 1, $\text{cor}(Z_1, Z_2) = E[Z_1 Z_2]$ (and similarly for X and Y). So,

$\text{cor}(Z_1, Z_2) = p \, \text{cor}(X_1, X_2) + (1 - p) \, \text{cor}(Y_1, Y_2)$ using the law of total expectation.

For the subset of SNPs under parallel selection, we suppose $\text{cor}(X_1, X_2) = \rho$ and for

the remainder of the SNPs we suppose no correlation, or $\text{cor}(Y_1, Y_2) = 0$. Then the genome-

wide correlation is $\text{cor}(Z_1, Z_2) = p \, \rho$. Here, p is the proportion of SNPs under parallel

selection and it can be estimated as $p = \text{cor}(Z_1, Z_2) \div \rho$. We do not know what the

correlation ρ between clinal and seasonal change should be for the variants under selection,

but since it is expected to be $-1 < \rho < 0$, estimating p as $-\text{cor}(Z_1, Z_2)$ is conservative (also

see Fig. S4). Recall we assume ρ is negative because the climate becomes colder in higher

latitudes, but it gets warmer from spring to fall.

Note our model has a few assumptions: (i) our measures of clinal and seasonal change

have mean zero and variance one, which is met given we are dealing with the z-normalized

regression coefficients and (ii) all polymorphisms are independent from one another.

Accounting for linkage disequilibrium is notoriously complicated in genomic analyses,

especially because we cannot accurately measure LD from pooled sequencing (Feder et al.

2012). However, in the previous section we showed that we are able to mitigate the effects of

LD on the correlation between clinal and seasonal change using a thinning approach.

We can now readily interpret our observed correlations as proportion of SNPs under

parallel selection (ignoring the negative sign). Using our thinned estimates, the patterns

uncovered here are consistent with 3.78% of the common, autosomal variants being under

parallel selection. It is curious our estimated proportion is close to previous estimates for the

proportion of clinal (3.7% in Machado et al. 2015) and seasonal SNPs (~4% in Machado et

al. 2021), both of which were obtained using different signals (using regression analyses P-

values, as opposed to correlations between clinal and seasonal change).

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. The

environment changes similarly with latitude and through seasons, so by jointly modelling

spatial and temporal changes in allele frequency it may be possible to disentangle the role of

adaptive and non-adaptive processes. Here, we showed that clinal and seasonal changes are

correlated across the *D. melanogaster* genome, suggesting natural selection plays an

important role in structuring allele frequencies over latitude and seasons.

Demographic processes are expected to impact the genome as a whole, but the effects

of selection are stronger in regions with higher densities of functional sites (Andolfatto

2005). Consistent with this expectation, we found that correlation between clinal and

seasonal change varies across genomic regions, being stronger in coding regions (Fig. 2A,C).

We derived a way to biologically interpret our statistic of interest, the correlation between

clinal and seasonal change. We found that allele frequency changes in roughly 3.7% of

common, autosomal SNPs could be driven by natural selection.

Because we expect selection to intensify linkage disequilibrium, the correlation

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

Segregating inversions are known to underlie much of climatic adaptation in *D. melanogaster*

(Fabian et al. 2012, Kapun et al. 2014, 2016), therefore we investigated how much of our

signal depended on inversion status. We found the correlation between clinal and seasonal

change to be stronger surrounding common inversions, highlighting the role of selection in

driving frequency changes in common, cosmopolitan inversions in *D. melanogaster*. The

correlation between clinal and seasonal change is particularly high for SNPs near

In(3R)Payne breakpoints, an inversion known to be associated to phenotypes relevant to

adaptation to cooler climates (reviewed in Kapun et al. 2019). Nevertheless, clinal and

seasonal change are significantly correlated for SNPs far from inversion breakpoints,

suggesting loci involved in adaptation at the spatial and seasonal scales are not restricted to

inversions. We also controlled for autocorrelation along chromosomes and found that the

effects of linkage disequilibrium are rather strong, but they decay rapidly and seem to return

to background levels after 5kb (Fig. 3A-C). Indeed, the correlation between clinal and

seasonal change remains rather strong even after accounting for LD, suggesting parallel

selection acts pervasively across the genome.

Population substructure and migration could be causing seasonal variation in allele

frequency in *D. melanogaster*. For example, rural populations of *D. melanogaster* in

temperate regions could 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). *D. melanogaster* have been shown to survive

and reproduce during winter season in temperate regions, so 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. 2021), bolstering the argument for

seasonal adaptation. 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 is acting to maintain cryptic population structure within each

location.

Differential admixture from Europe and Africa to the ends of the clines cannot

plausibly explain the parallel clinal and repeatably seasonal changes in allele frequencies

(Duchen et al. 2013; Kao et al. 2015; Bergland et al. 2016), because variation over seasonal

time scales is less affected by broader scale migration patterns. Further, the evidence for

secondary contact in Australia is quite weak (see Bergland et al. 2016), but we show that

clinal variation in Australia is correlated with seasonal variation in Pennsylvania (Fig. S3).

Secondary contact may have contributed ancestral variation, which has since been selectively

sorted along the cline (Flatt 2016). Consistent with this interpretation that selection mediates

admixture in *D. melanogaster*, it has been found that the proportion of African ancestry is

lower in low recombination regions (Pool 2015).

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 obtained 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 also found the rate of change in frequency between

Virginia and Maine to be 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.

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. 2021 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) and the matrix of pairwise F_{ST} shows some strong

and seemingly haphazard temporal events (e.g., consider the entries for PA_07_2010 and

PA_07_2015 in Fig. S5). Here with an expanded seasonal set of samples, we show that the

distribution of seasonal P-values is only slightly enriched for low P-values (Fig. 1B), but 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 with current datasets. Once more comprehensive time series data is

available, environmental heterogeneity could be explored without the need for an imperfect

proxy (such as seasons).

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. Our empirical work suggests a

considerable fraction of variants distributed across the genome underlie adaptation to

environmental changes over space and time in *D. melanogaster*. Importantly, our findings,

together with previous studies on seasonal adaptation in flies, are bound to challenge new

theoretical developments on the mechanisms that are compatible with rapid and polygenic

responses to changes in the environment (e.g., Wittmann et al. 2017).

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732 **Supplementary information**

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

Figure S3. Correlation between clinal and seasonal change using A) 5% allele frequency
cutoff (main results), 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 correlation 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).

Figure S6. Mean pairwise F_{ST} values for all US samples included in our main analyses. Refer
to Table S1 for more information on each population.

762   **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

SRR39 39096	PA_10_2 014	Linvilla, PA	39.88	Oct-14	50	103	10	Fall	1	0
SRR39 39097	PA_06_2 014	Linvilla, PA	39.88	Jun-14	92	68	6	Spri ng	1	0
SRR39 39098	PA_10_2 015	Linvilla, PA	39.88	Oct-15	52	97	10	Fall	1	0
SRR39 39099	PA_07_2 015	Linvilla, PA	39.88	Jul-15	74	215	7	Spri ng	1	0

764 **Table S2.** Summary of a regression of z-normalized latitude regression coefficients against z-

765 normalized season regression coefficients genome-wide. CI stands for 95% confidence

766 interval.

	Latitudinal slope		
Predictors	*Estimates*	*CI*	*p*
Intercept	0.014	0.012 – 0.016	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope	-0.039	-0.042 – -0.037	**<0.001**
Observations	798196		

768 **Table S3.** Summary of a regression of z-normalized latitude regression coefficients against z-

769 normalized season regression coefficients for each genic class. CI stands for 95% confidence

770 interval.

	Latitudinal slope		
Predictors	*Estimates*	*CI*	*p*
Intercept	0.014	0.011 – 0.016	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Intergenic	-0.029	-0.038 – -0.021	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Exon	-0.051	-0.058 – -0.044	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Intron	-0.046	-0.051 – -0.042	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Downstream	-0.037	-0.043 – -0.031	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Upstream	-0.036	-0.040 – -0.033	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:UTR_3	-0.046	-0.056 – -0.036	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:UTR_5	-0.045	-0.058 – -0.032	**<0.001**

Seasonal slope:Splice	-0.049	-0.071 – -0.026	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Other	-0.004	-0.016 – 0.009	0.584
Observations	798196		

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

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

774 CI stands for 95% confidence interval.

	Latitudinal slope		
Predictors	*Estimates*	*CI*	*p*
Intercept	0.014	0.012 – 0.016	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:In(2L)t	0.004	-0.003 – 0.010	0.235
Seasonal slope:In(2R)NS	-0.020	-0.026 – -0.013	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:In(3L)P	-0.069	-0.076 – -0.063	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:In(3R)P	-0.173	-0.181 – -0.166	**<0.001**
Seasonal slope:Outside	-0.031	-0.033 – -0.028	**<0.001**
Observations	798196		

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