Pervasive fitness trade-offs revealed by rapid adaptation in large experimental populations of

Drosophila melanogaster

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Abstract

Life-history trade-offs are an inherent feature of organismal biology that evolutionary

theory posits play a key role in patterns of divergence within and between species. Efforts to

quantify trade-offs are largely confined to phenotypic measurements and the identification of

negative genetic-correlations among fitness-relevant traits. Here, we use time-series genomic

data collected during experimental evolution in large, genetically diverse populations

of *Drosophila melanogaster* to directly measure the manifestation of trade-offs in response to

temporally fluctuating selection pressures on ecological timescales. Specifically, we quantify the

genome-wide signal of antagonistic pleiotropy suggestive of trade-offs between reproduction

and stress tolerance. We further identify a putative role of two cosmopolitan inversions in these

trade-offs, and show that loci responding to selection during lab-based, reproduction selection

exhibit signals of fluctuating selection in an outdoor mesocosm exposed to natural

environmental conditions. Our results demonstrate the utility of time-series genomic data in

revealing the presence and genomic architecture underlying fitness trade-offs, and add

credence to models positing a role of generic life history trade-offs in the maintenance of

variation in natural populations.

Introduction

A fundamental tenet of evolutionary theory is that trait adaptation is restricted by

trade-offs: the cost to individual fitness when an advantageous change in one trait occurs at the

detriment to another (1,2). Trade-offs can be observed across closely related species, such as

those between beak and body size among Darwin's finches (3,4). They can also arise as a

consequence of microevolutionary processes among populations of the same species; for

instance, the trade-offs to survival associated with distinct reproductive strategies among

populations of salmon (5). Trade-offs oftentimes emerge, and are most readily studied, in the

context of life-history traits, and form the basis of the theory of life history evolution (2).

Ultimately, a key theoretical implication of trade-offs is that they maintain variation in fitness

by constraining the simultaneous optimization of traits important for different environmental

conditions (2,6–8).

At the molecular level, trade-offs likely reflect antagonistic pleiotropy, a phenomenon in

which an allele that enhances one fitness-related trait may simultaneously impede another.

Crucially however, since only a subset of traits may positively impact fitness in a given

environment, selection on the allele is not net-neutral, but instead flips direction when the

environment changes (7–9). Thus, a widely used method for inferring the presence of

antagonistic pleiotropy and trade-offs is to compute genetic (co) variances using phenotypic

data (10–12). Still, a more explicit way to quantify trade-offs, and also link them to the

maintenance of variation, would be to directly measure population allele frequencies over time

while selective pressures fluctuate. Indeed, several recent studies observed genome-wide

fluctuations in allele frequencies through time, and across several distinct systems, suggesting

underlying trade-offs (13–18).

A fundamental life-history trade-off is the balance between directing energy either

towards survival or reproduction whereby periods of stressful environmental conditions favor

somatic maintenance at the cost of reproductive investment (19). This tradeoff is clearly

apparent among populations of *Drosophila melanogaster* inhabiting temperate environments, a

well-studied system in which increased food accessibility and warmer climates during summer

spur exponential population growth, followed in winter by harsher conditions and population

collapse (20–22). These cyclical boom-bust population dynamics occur over approximately 10

generations and coincide with the evolution of several classic life history traits: traits conferring

increased reproduction (e.g., fecundity, faster developmental rates) are favored during spring

and summer as populations expand, followed by an increase in stress tolerance traits (e.g.,

desiccation and starvation resistance) throughout the harsh winter and subsequent population
collapse (23–25). It is likely that trade-offs underpin these contrasting patterns of adaptation, as
negative genetic correlations have been quantified between seasonally evolving reproduction
and stress tolerance traits (10,26–28).

Recent genome-wide sequencing of wild populations, and outbred populations evolved
in semi-natural mesocosms, has revealed evidence that hundreds of independent loci exhibit
signatures of selection concurrent to these patterns of rapid phenotypic evolution, many of
which switch in sign in concert with the fluctuating environment and evolving traits (13–16).
Strikingly, despite differences in the particular environmental conditions in which patterns of
evolutionary change were assayed (e.g., different observation years and geographic locations),
there is high repeatability in the genomic regions subject to fluctuating selection across space
and time (13–15). This suggests that the shared genomic signals of temporally varying selection
could be underpinned by a generic response elicited by fundamental, life-history trade-offs.
However, in the context of the natural environments in which these studies were conducted, it
is exceptionally challenging to decompose which specific environmental pressures and fitness-
relevant traits may interact to produce trade-offs and maintain variation in the system. For
example, it is unknown whether the magnitude of phenotypic and genomic evolutionary
change can be solely attributed to shifting ecological pressures, such as population expansion
and collapse; or, whether the interaction of intraspecific ecological processes and changing
abiotic conditions (e.g., temperature and precipitation) is necessary to solicit such dramatic
adaptive responses and reversions in allele frequency trends. Decoupling these selective forces,
and directly linking them to specific traits and patterns of allele frequency change, would be
more robustly addressed in the context of simplified and controlled experimental settings.

Here, we used two lab-based experimental evolution studies to more explicitly link key
components of life history evolution to patterns of fluctuating selection and maintenance of
variation in *D. melanogaster*. In the first of these studies, we assayed the impact of ecological
shifts, independent from any environmental selection. To do so, we monitored patterns of
genomic variation in genetically diverse, replicate populations housed in a controlled, indoor
environment throughout eleven discrete (non-overlapping) generations of population
expansion, and a single bout of population truncation (Fig. 1; Fig S1). Our replicate populations
were derived from a reconstituted, outbred population initiated from 145 inbred (DGRP) lines
(Methods; Supplementary Data File 1), and evolution proceeded in four replicate cages (2 m^3).
Food availability in the replicate cages was commensurate with increasing population sizes
during the expansion phase, generating a selective regime that eliminated the impact of
intraspecific competition (e.g. for food or egg laying space) and favored the reproduction-
associated traits expected when resources are abundant, such as fecundity and developmental

rate (24). Contrarily, population truncation was induced by removing all food and water from
our replicate cages and sampling the surviving individuals as the replicates collapsed. This
mirrors dynamics of a population that has exceeded carrying capacity and, in effect, selects for
the ability to withstand depleted resources via stress-tolerance mechanisms (29), which in our
experiment is most likely to be desiccation resistance (30). We hypothesized that these
contrasting selective regimes (hereafter, 'reproduction' and 'stress-tolerance' selection) would
reveal trade-offs between life-history variation, whereby antagonistically pleiotropic alleles
favored during sustained population expansion would become selected against during
truncation.
The second experiment leveraged an independent inbred panel to construct a genetically
diverse, outbred population, which was split into sets of indoor cage (N = 10) and outdoor
mesocosm (N = 12) replicates. Through this, we used the same mapping population (thereby
eliminating any confounding impacts of differences in linkage disequilibrium) to directly test
whether loci identified under isolated selection for fast reproduction in the lab display
predictable patterns of selection and antagonistic pleiotropy during adaptation in complex
natural environments. In concert, our results provide evidence for: (1) strong, parallel selection
induced under sustained population expansion (2) genome-wide tradeoffs associated with
contrasting selective regimes of population expansion and truncation, (3) the role of
cosmopolitan inversions underpinning fitness trade-offs during population expansion and
collapse and (4) relevance of the alleles responding to selection for increased fecundity in a lab-
based experiment to patterns of selection during adaptation to natural environmental
fluctuations.
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Figure 1. Schematic of lab-based, population expansion-truncation selection experiment | Four replicate, 2 m³ cages were seeded with a genetically diverse, outbred population generated via four generations of recombination (N = 145 inbred lines). Evolution proceeded in discrete generations, whereby the amount of food was doubled every generation until replicate populations reached a census size of approximately 600,000 flies per cage (generation four). At this point, eggs from the generation 5 cohort were collected and all food and water was removed from the replicate cages. The adult cohort of the generation 4 flies was then sampled at seven time points (hours 0-21) as the absence of resources collapsed the populations. The generation 5 eggs were used to re-seed the replicate cages, which underwent continued population expansion for four additional generations. DNA in vials denotes generations of expansion, and hours of truncation, during which pooled samples were collected for pooled allele frequency calculation. Schematic generated with bioRender (https://www.biorender.com/).

Results

Selection during population expansion elicits genome-wide signals of strong, parallel selection

We observed parallel shifts in allele frequencies across the four replicate populations throughout the progression of population expansion, indicating adaptive responses to the shared selective pressures imposed in our experimental system. We quantified these systematic

allelic shifts using several approaches. We first computed genome-wide divergence as average

F_{ST} across all segregating sites pairwise among all expansion samples and used these data to

carry out several tests. F_{ST} divergence from the generation 0 populations increased steadily

within each cage through time, readily exceeding differentiation between biological replicates (F

= 172.2; p-value < 0.01; Fig. 2A & Fig. S2). We then used pairwise F_{ST} values as a distance metric

to create multi-dimensional scaling (MDS) plots, in which divergence between samples is

represented as distance among the points in a 2-D plane. Coloring samples based on the

replicate cage identity indicated that genome-wide allele frequencies in one replicate were

perturbed, shifting its points from the remaining three replicates throughout expansion (Fig.

2B). We hypothesize this was likely a result of potential bottlenecks during replicate cage

founding. However, despite this offset, samples from all cages appeared to shift across the 2-D

plane in the same direction through time, suggesting that the replicate populations experienced

parallel shifts in genome-wide allele frequencies (Fig 2C and Fig S3; a trend that was also

detected using principal component analysis; Fig. S4).

To more rigorously quantify the systematic movement of samples through time

observed in the two-dimensional MDS space, we translated coordinates for each cage such that

the centroid of all generation 0 samples was centered at the origin. We then used these

translated points to fit a simple linear regression model to samples from expansion generations

0-4 (Methods; Fig. S5). The resulting axis represents the primary axis of variation in the 2D

plane during early expansion for each replicate. We hypothesized that if sustained, directional

selection imposed by population expansion was a primary driver of patterns of genomic

variation, samples from the remaining expansion generations (generations 6-9) would continue

to proceed along the established axis of variation in the same direction. Indeed, projection of

late expansion samples onto this axis of variation indicated a significant correlation of sample

collection generation and distance along the axis (Fig 2D.; significance of correlation determined

via permutations). When segregating this analysis by chromosomal arm, however, this

parallelism was only evident on chromosomal arms 2L, 3L, and 3R ; while correlations derived

from SNPs on 2R and X were indistinguishable from permuted values (Fig. 2D). We re-sampled

SNPs across the genome iteratively to match the number present on each chromosomal arm to

confirm that the variation in parallelism was not a technical artifact. In each case, our sub-

sampling yielded correlations that matched the genome-wide trend, indicating that differences

observed among chromosomal arms (Fig. 2D) reflect systematic differences in the behavior of

loci across the genome (Fig. S6, Table S2).

To determine the distribution of SNPs (N = 1.7 M SNPs) contributing to the parallel

patterns of divergence across cages, a generalized linear model was fit to allele frequencies from

all expansion samples (generation 0-9). This model assessed the significance of the linear

relationship between allele frequency and generation of sampling across all cages, using a
quasibinomial error model to reduce false positive associations (15,16,31). While an association
between allele frequency and sampling timepoint within a single cage may represent either drift
or selection, a significant parallel association across all four replicate cages indicates allele
frequency trajectories that are both predictable over time and parallel across populations. In this
case, selection (or linked selection) is the more parsimonious explanation. A total of 389,588
SNPs (22.9 % of all sites), across all chromosomal arms, showed significant parallelism after
multiple testing correction (Benjamini-Hochberg false discovery rate <0.01 and allele frequency
change > 2%). These SNPs showed systematic, directional selection across replicates throughout
expansion (Fig. 2E; Fig. S7). Furthermore, the genomic distribution of these SNPs spanned all
five chromosomal arms and were located both within and outside the breakpoints of five major
cosmopolitan inversions that segregated at appreciable frequency (>4%) in our inbred reference
panel (Fig. 2F).
We validated the parallelism inferred by GLM by implementing a leave-one-out cross
validation. Specifically, we iteratively identified sets of parallel SNPs across expansion samples
using a GLM fit to allele frequency data from three of the four replicate cages. We then
quantified the frequency shifts of the rising allele at significant SNPs (FDR < 0.01, allele
frequency shift > 2 %) in the left-out cage. In each iteration of this analysis, the left-out cage
exhibited a magnitude of allele frequency change that exceeded the background allele
frequency change (quantified using matched control SNPs; see Methods), and in a direction of
change parallel to that observed in the other three cages (Fig 2G). The genome-wide median
shifts of target SNPs across replicates ranged between 5 and 7.5%, indicating that these parallel
patterns of adaptation were underpinned by strong selection, on the order of 10-20% per
generation. While the per-chromosome Fst and MDS analyses described above, which focus on
signal averaged across all segregating sites, suggest that non-parallel idiosyncratic movement
may be the dominant force on certain chromosomes, our GLM analysis parallel SNPs can still
be discovered on every chromosomal arm.

Figure 2. Adaptation under sustained population expansion elicits strong, genome-wide parallel responses | (A)
Mean, genome-wide F_{ST} between biological replicates ('Biological Replicates'; same replicate/collection time point,
different pooled sample/extraction of flies) and evolved replicate samples and their respective generation 0
expansion sample ('Gen. 0->n'). Grey points indicate individual replicate samples, and black diamonds the averaged
value across replicates. F_{ST} differentiation from generation 0 samples increased monotonically as function of
collection time (F = 172.2; p-value < 0.01). (B-C) MDS of F_{ST} values computed pairwise across all expansion samples,
colored according to (B) replicate cage or (C) collection generation. (D) Average Pearson Correlation across replicates
(+/- standard deviation) between sample expansion generation and distance along a one-dimensional axis
constructed using F_{ST} MDS coordinates for early expansion (generation 0-4) samples (Fig. 2C). Purple points and error
bars correspond to observed values (mean +/- standard deviation across cages), while grey points and error bars
correspond to values derived from N = 100 permutations. (E) Trajectories of rising alleles at SNPs identified via GLM
(FDR < 0.01 and effect size > 2%) across all nine generations of expansion. (D) Genomic distribution of SNPs depicted
in (E). The coordinates of the major cosmopolitan inversions segregating in our founding reference panel at greater
than 4% frequency in our founding strains are depicted above the x-axis. (G) Leave-one-out cross-validation to infer
replicate-specific parallelism of adaptation to sustained population expansion. Portrayed is the median shift of the
rising allele for sets of target SNPs (points) identified via GLM (FDR < 0.01 and effect size > 2%) in 3 of 4 cages,
relative to medians derived from a matched control SNP set (X's), in the left-out replicate. Target SNP medians are
colored red if the distribution of phased allele frequency shifts was significantly greater than that of matched control
sites (two-tailed t-test, FDR < 0.05).

Genomic evidence of trade-offs induced by fluctuating selection across expansion and truncation

The parallel frequency shifts observed throughout expansion may be the product of

three, not mutually exclusive, evolutionary dynamics: (1) directional selection in response to

sustained fecundity selection, (2) adaptation to the lab environment, and/or (3) the purging of

recessive deleterious alleles (i.e., negative selection) in outbred population. To disentangle these

various dynamics and, in turn, identify the presence of fitness-tradeoffs at putatively selected

alleles, we leveraged our samples collected throughout truncation selection. Alleles identified

during expansion that were a product of consistent lab selection and/or negative selection

against unconditionally deleterious recessives should continue to show systematic, directional

change throughout truncation (as their effect is not conditional on the specific treatment).

However, alleles with treatment-specific behavior during expansion and truncation (i.e.,

moving in the opposite direction) represent those that likely underpin trade-offs between

fecundity and stress tolerance selection.

We tested for evidence of context-specific behavior and trade-offs of genome-wide SNPs

by re-conducting our MDS analysis of pairwise divergence values, this time including all

samples collected throughout expansion and truncation. If the dominant direction of allele

frequency change was sustained across both expansion and truncation (indicating sustained lab

selection or purging of deleterious mutations), truncation samples would be ordered from early

to late in a parallel manner as the expansion samples (Fig 2B). Instead, we observed that

samples taken during truncation (initiated at expansion generation 5) shifted back towards

earlier expansion samples, potentially suggesting a genome-wide reversion of allele frequencies

(Fig. 3A; Fig. S8). We quantified these trends as above, translating the MDS coordinates of each

truncation sample such that the centroid of all hour 0 samples was centered at the origin and

then projecting them onto a the single axis linear regression model derived from early

expansion points (Fig. 2D; Fig. S5). As hypothesized, correlations between collection time and

distance along this axis were, genome-wide, significantly negative (Fig. 3B; Table S1).

Segregating this analysis by chromosomal arm yielded more nuanced dynamics whereby 3L,

3R, and X yielded evidence of anti-parallel/reversions in allele frequencies, while 2L and 2R

exhibited correlations that were insignificant relative to our permuted distributions (Fig. 3B).

Again, as above, we validated that these differences among chromosomal arms were not simply

a reflection of variation in number of SNPs available for measurement and reflected systematic

differences in allele frequency dynamics across the genome (Fig. S9).

We garnered further evidence of trade-offs across fecundity and desiccation selection

using allele frequency trajectories. Specifically, we selected those SNPs with evidence of

systematic movement across replicates throughout expansion (GLM FDR < 0.01 and allele

frequency shift > 2%) and measured the average frequency shifts of the rising allele across cages

throughout truncation (Figure 3D). If patterns of fluctuating selection and antagonistic

pleiotropy dominated the data, we expected trajectories to be enriched for SNPs moving in the

opposite (negative) direction during truncation. Indeed, across all expansion-identified SNPs,

the ratio was significantly skewed towards those with exhibiting fluctuating selection, as

opposed to sustained directional selection, across expansion and truncation selection (χ^2 =

1123.6; P-value < 0.001). These trajectories are depicted in Figure 3D, in which colored

trajectories indicate those expansion-identified SNPs with additional, independent evidence of

systematic movement across cages during truncation (GLM FDR < 0.05 and effect size > 1%):

purple for those SNPs with consistent directional selection across selection regimes, and orange

for those with anti-parallel movement across regimes. As expected, this subset of SNPs (N =

24,814) exhibited even greater evidence of fluctuating selection and were 3.5 times more likely

to fluctuate directions across treatments than exhibit sustained directional selection (19,158

relative to 5,656 SNPs, respectively). We assessed how consistent this dynamic was across the

genome by quantifying the ratio of parallel vs. fluctuating selection genome-wide, and

separately for each chromosomal arm. As expected based on the F_{ST} MDS analysis described

above, there was strong evidence of enrichment for fluctuating selection on chromosomal arms

3L, 3R, and X. However, this analysis revealed an enrichment of 2L SNPs with sustained

parallel selection across selection regimes, which was an undetected in our F_{ST} MDS analysis.

We explored this dynamic further, using the underlying allele frequency shift distributions to

compute empirical cumulative distribution functions, separately for alleles with sustained

directional selection and for those with evidence of fluctuating selection (See Supp. Mat.). This

verified an enrichment of alleles exhibiting fluctuating selection on arms 3L, 3R, and X, and

sustained directional selection on 2L (Fig S10). In conclusion, we find evidence for the existence

of pervasive, genome-wide trade-offs between fecundity and desiccation selection, as well as

some evidence of sustained directional selection due to either adaptation to the lab environment

or purging of the unconditionally deleterious alleles. It is important to note the patterns of

fluctuating selection quantified here cannot be a spurious artifact driven by regression to the

mean, as the data from which the trajectories were computed are entirely independent across

expansion and truncation because they share no common datapoints.

Figure 3. Genome-wide signal of fitness trade-offs between population expansion and truncation | (A) MDS of pairwise F_{ST} values across all samples collected throughout expansion (purple-hue points) and truncation (orange-hue points), shaded according to collection time point (darker hues indicate later expansion or truncation sampling generation/hour. (B) Average Pearson correlation across replicates (+/- standard deviation) between sample expansion generation and distance along a one-dimensional axis constructed using F_{ST} MDS coordinates for early expansion (generation 0-4) samples (Fig. 3A). Orange points and error bars correspond to observed values (mean +/- standard deviation across cages), while grey points and error bars correspond to values derived from N = 100 permutations. (C) Trajectories of SNPs identified via GLM regression across replicates throughout expansion, measured during truncation. Trajectories are colored for SNPs that exhibited evidence of systematic allele frequency changes across replicates during truncation (GLM FDR < 0.05 and allele frequency change > 1%) and displayed sustained directional (purple) or fluctuating selection (orange). (D) Ratio of parallel to fluctuating dynamics for expansion-favored alleles during truncation, segregated by chromosomal arm and percentile of truncation allele frequency shift. Points are further colored if the ratio of parallel to fluctuating behavior differed significantly from that expected based on a matched control set (χ^2 test P-value < 0.05).

The role of inversions in reproduction/stress-tolerance trade-offs

Theoretical, and emerging empirical, research suggests a dominant role of chromosomal inversions in adaptation in natural populations (32). Accordingly, we quantified whether five major cosmopolitan inversions in *D. melanogaster* (*In(2L)t*, *In(2R)NS*, *In(3R)K*, *In(3R)P*, *In(3R)Mo*), which all occurred at starting frequency > 4% in our inbred reference panel, exhibited dynamics consistent with adaptation and, if so, trade-offs between population expansion and truncation (Supplementary Data File 3). Generalized linear regression of inversion frequencies yielded evidence that all inversions shifted systematically across replicates during expansion, with magnitude of frequency shifts ranging between 1 and 7% (Fig. 4A-E; Table S2). *In(3R)K* and *In(3R)P* were the only two inversions that exhibited evidence of trade-offs across selection regimes, whereby each inversion was systematically favored during expansion and then became selected against during truncation (Fig. 4A-B).

Given the appreciable effect of inversions on patterns of adaptation throughout the experiment, we next explored the extent to which our inference of trade-offs was solely a function of variation within, or in tight linkage of, these structural variants. Specifically, we reconducted F_{ST}-based MDS analysis on a subset of SNPs, excluding all those within, or 100 kb away from, inversion breakpoints. Through this, we observed that the signal of reversions in allele frequencies were maintained on 3L and X, but eliminated on 3R. Still, the genome-wide signal of this analysis continued to indicate parallel movement across early and late-expansion samples, and that a signal of fluctuating selection dominates patterns of genomic variation between expansion and truncation (Fig. S11). We validated that this trend was not simply a function of the reduced set of SNPs available for analysis, relative to the genome-wide panel (Fig. S12).

Figure 4. Role of inversions in reproduction and stress-tolerance trade-offs | Mean inversion frequency changes (+/- s.e.) across expansion generations (purple trajectories) and truncation hours (orange trajectories).

The emergence of tradeoffs in response to natural environmental fluctuations

We quantified whether alleles identified via selection under sustained population
expansion in a laboratory setting can predict patterns of adaption and trade-offs in an outdoor
environment, where populations adapt both to changes in population density as well as a suite
of additional abiotic variables. Specifically, we leveraged data from an independent study year
when we monitored patterns of genomic variation in a genetically diverse population that was
split into a series of large, replicate cages maintained in both a controlled, indoor laboratory (N
= 10 replicate populations), as well as outdoor mesocosms exposed to natural environmental
fluctuations (N = 12 replicate populations; data previously reported in Bitter et al. 2024) (Fig.
S13). As with our indoor expansion/truncation experiment described above, the population
used in this experiment was derived via outbreeding an inbred reference panel, which in this
case was originally collected from Linvilla Orchards, Media, PA (Supplementary Data File 2).
The replicates in both environments evolved with overlapping generations, under constant food
conditions, for a period of four months (see Methods). This induced rapid population expansion
in each environment until a peak/stabilization of density was observed, suggesting the
initiation of density control (Fig. S11; Table S7).

We first quantified the extent to which evolution in the outdoor environment is driven
by the selective pressures solely associated with increasing population density (e.g., selection
for increased fecundity, faster developmental rate). Specifically, we identified alleles
systematically favored throughout concurrent sampling of the indoor and outdoor cages using
a GLM (see Methods), and found far greater overlap than expected based on matched control
SNPs (Fig. 5A). Next, we asked whether the dominant direction of selection was parallel across
environments by quantifying frequency shifts in the outdoor replicates at the rising allele for
each SNP identified within the indoor environment. We observed that the magnitude of allele
frequency shifts was significantly greater than background allele frequency movement, and that
the dominant direction of selection was conserved between environments (indicated via
positive median shifts depicted in Fig. 5B; Table S6).

Finally, we tested whether the pervasive trade-offs we inferred from the previous
experiment and results described above (Fig. 1-4) manifested in the outdoor mesocosms.
Specifically, we leveraged an additional month of sampling in the outdoor mesocosms, during
which time a population decline and ultimate collapse was observed as winter and the
deterioration of abiotic conditions progressed (14). We hypothesized that, should those alleles
identified in the indoor environment underpin antagonistic pleiotropy and trade-offs for
fitness-relevant variation, allele frequencies should reverse in direction as the outdoor
mesocosms collapsed. Indeed, we found a subtle, but significant genome-wide reversion in

allele frequencies in the outdoor cages throughout this period, which was ultimately driven by

patterns of variation on 2L and 3R (Fig. 5C; Table S6).

Figure 5. Selection on reproduction under controlled, lab-based conditions predicts patterns of adaptation and

trade-offs in outdoor mesocosms | (A) Observed vs. expected overlap in SNPs with systematic allele frequency

movement (GLM FDR < 0.01; allele frequency change > 2%) in a paired indoor and outdoor experimental evolution

study. (B-C) Median shift of alleles identified during expansion in an indoor environment, quantified during

population expansion (B) and collapse (C) in an outdoor mesocosm. Colored circles correspond to indoor-identified

SNPs with allele frequency shift distributions that were either significantly greater (orange) or less (purple) than that

observed for matched control SNPs (X's) (two-tailed t-test FDR < 0.05).

Discussion

We quantified genome-wide evidence of fitness trade-offs in response to selection on

two key life-history traits in the context of ecologically realistic population boom and bust

population dynamics. Our results hold relevance for the maintenance of fitness-relevant

variation, the genomic basis of fitness-tradeoffs, and the interplay of ecological and

evolutionary processes in natural populations.

We manipulated reproduction selection via nine generations of sustained population

expansion in the absence of density regulation mechanisms. This process induced parallel,

genome-wide shifts in allele frequencies across four, independent replicate populations. The

strong selection coefficients quantified throughout this period (~10% per generation) are

comparable to those quantified during sampling between summer and fall in wild populations

and outdoor mesocosms (13–16). Thus, while it has been previously speculated that such

patterns of evolution of *D. melanogaster* across seasons may be dominated by adaptation to

shifting temperatures (e.g., Boulétreau-Merle, Fouillet, and Terrier 1987), our lab-based

manipulation here provides direct evidence that the sole impact of shifting population densities

can drive rapid adaptation over the course of several generations. In effect, this finding bolsters

the notion that the interaction of ecological and evolutionary forces may be a fundamental force

acting within natural populations (33,34).

By imposing a bout of truncation selection midway through population expansion,
during which time individual survival and associated patterns of allele frequency change
revealed differences in relative stress tolerance (e.g., desiccation resistance) among genotypes,
we aimed to explore evidence of fitness-tradeoffs in the system. We quantified a pervasive,
genome-wide signal of fluctuating selection, whereby patterns of allele frequency movement
reversed direction across selection regimes. These patterns are indicative of antagonistic
pleiotropy, whereby selected alleles conveying advantageous trait values for the phenotypes
favored during reproduction selection convey disadvantageous trait values for the suite of
phenotypes favored during truncation (7,35). While this dynamic was *a priori* expected based on
the negative genetic correlations between traits likely under selection in our experiment (10,26–
28), few data exist directly observing the manifestation of such trade-offs, particularly over the
ecologically-relevant timescales assayed in our experiment. The key implication of this
antagonistically pleiotropic behavior is that this process may, in effect, maintain variation in the
population (7,8). Specifically, mutations with unconditionally advantageous effects will
ultimately be driven to fixation, while those with context-specific behavior can in principle be
maintained for longer periods of time in the presence of fluctuating selective pressures (36,37).
The key challenge for future work will be to discern whether these dynamics indeed balance
alleles over long time-periods, which will ultimately be aided by refining the causal loci driving
the patterns observed here and observation across multiple bouts of fluctuating selection.
The genomic architecture of trade-offs was not dominated by a single, large-effect locus,
nor were antagonistically pleiotropic alleles distributed evenly across chromosomal arms.
Rather, we quantified a dominant signal of fluctuating selection across reproduction and stress-
tolerance selection on chromosomal arms 3L, 3R, and X, and extensively showed that this signal
was not spurious due to variation in the number of SNPs available for analysis across arms. We
further showed that the trade-offs quantified on 3R were likely underpinned by inversions
segregating in our experimental population. Inversions are a common form of structural
variation both across species and within populations and have long been recognized as
important for adaptive evolution. For example, suppressed recombination within the
breakpoints of relatively young inversions can give rise to the accumulation of putatively
adaptive alleles (38–41). Indeed, in natural populations of *D. melanogaster*, inversions are
implicated in adaptation to spatially and temporally varying selection pressures, which may, in
part, be underpinned by the selective pressures manipulated in our lab-based study (15,42–44).
We add to this growing body of research, here reporting evidence for a role of each of five
major chromosomal inversions during reproduction selection, with two of these inversions,
In(3R)P, and *In(3R)K*, showing a behavior consistent with trade-offs between reproduction and
stress-tolerance selection. In congruence with this result, previous experimental work has

demonstrated that inverted karyotypes of *In(3R)P* are shorter-lived and less stress resistant than

non-inverted karyotypes, as would be predicted based on the frequency trajectories of this

inversion in our experiment (45). Still, resolving the functional relevance of each of these major

inversions is nascent and provides a fruitful avenue of future research.

It is noteworthy that the trade-offs quantified here manifested during a single bout of

truncation selection, which proceeded over the course of just 24 hours. This illustrates how

finely adaptation via standing variation can track shifting environmental conditions, and that

selection can be detected on temporal scales shorter than a single generation. Indeed, mounting

research has shown how both anomalous (e.g., heat wave, hurricane, or poaching) and non-

anomalous (e.g., weekly to seasonal shifts in abiotic and biotic conditions) environmental

perturbations can elicit patterns of adaptation on similar timescales in natural populations (13–

16,44,46–49). This growing body of research increasingly suggests that the selection coefficients

underpinning the standing, functional variation in natural populations may be substantially

larger than previously recognized, and ultimately augment adaptation to the accelerated shifts

in mean environments associated with global climate change.

Our paired indoor cage and outdoor mesocosm experiment demonstrated how selection

induced by population expansion under controlled, lab-based conditions can identify alleles

that are relevant to adaptation and trade-offs in response to natural environmental fluctuations

(Fig. 5). Such repeatability in the targets of selection suggests a set of shared selective pressures

acted across environments, which in this case are most likely those associated with changes in

population density (as abiotic conditions in the indoor environment were controlled). Thus, the

repeated signals of fluctuating selection quantified in *D. melanogaster*, both across populations

and through time (13–16), may be underpinned by fundamental life-history trade-offs that

emerge as a result of shifts in the selective environment induced by population boom-bust

demographic dynamics. These boom-bust demographic dynamics are a generic feature of

populations across taxa, and this phenomenon may thus be more widespread than previously

recognized and provide a key instance of the interplay of ecological and evolutionary forces in

natural populations (33,34,50,51). Furthermore, given the dramatic differences in indoor and

outdoor environments, the shared allele frequency patterns observed here suggest that core

alleles may underpin adaptation during generic boom and bust cycles, regardless of specific

abiotic condition. Such a 'coarse-graining' of the architecture of the adaptive response would

position fluctuating selection as a key force in maintaining variation in natural populations.

While we note the possibility that a unique set of loci become fitness-relevant under specific

abiotic contexts, our goal here was to simply query whether a common set of loci underpinned

trade-offs and responded generically to fluctuating selection across abiotic contexts, for which

we found substantial evidence.

Finally, we observed differences in the architecture of trade-offs between our indoor

population expansion/truncation selection experiment and the paired indoor-outdoor

mesocosm study. For example, chromosomal arm 2L displayed evidence of sustained selection

across reproduction and stress tolerance selection in the first experiment, but exhibited strong

evidence of antagonistic pleiotropy between population expansion and collapse during our

outdoor mesocosm experiment. Furthermore, we did not detect any shared enrichment of SNPs

with evidence of linked selection across these experiments. While there were distinct

methodological and environmental differences that may have played a role in this discordance,

a more salient possibility is the use of a different set of inbred lines to generate the outbred

mapping population for each experiment. As our analyses ultimately identify sets of SNPs in

tight linkage to an underlying causal locus, differences in patterns of linkage across mapping

populations could, in effect, lead to dramatic differences in the relative effect size of marker

alleles across studies. This process is analogous to the oftentimes poor portability of association

studies across human populations (52,53), and is an important consideration for future research

using experimental evolution approaches to characterize the architecture of complex trait

adaptation.

In conclusion, the data presented here demonstrate how well-resolved time-series

genomic data can reveal the presence of, and genomic architecture underlying, fitness trade-

offs. Such trade-offs can emerge in response to generic shifts in intraspecific ecological

conditions and may in turn serve as a key force maintaining variation in natural populations.

Methods

Population construction and replicate cage seeding for expansion/truncation selection experiment

We constructed a genetically diverse founder population via outbreeding 145 lines of the

Drosophila melanogaster Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP; Mackay et al. 2012). Ten mated

females per DGRP inbred line, each of the same age cohort and from density-controlled line

cultures, were pooled into a single 0.3m x 0.6m x 0.3m cage (P0 generation). Over the course of

4d, eggs were collected in 64 culture bottles (P1 generation) using cornmeal molasses medium

(16 bottles added per day, then capped, removed, and 16 new bottles added); the 64 bottles

were then randomly assigned to 1 of the 4 replicate cages; from this point forward, all replicates

were cultured independently. Once flies eclosed, they were again released into 4 replicate 0.3m

x 0.7m x 0.3m cages, and eggs were collected over 24h on two culture trays (0.5m x 0.3m x 0.1m;

1L of Drosophila cornmeal molasses medium per tray) per replicate. Once these flies eclosed

(the first true F1 generation), the flies were released into 4 replicate, medium sized cages (0.6m x

0.6m x 1.2m) and allowed to oviposit on 4 trays of culture medium over 24h (embryos were the

F2 generation). The F2 embryos from these trays were sealed and collected, and the adults

discarded. Once the F2 flies eclosed, they were then released into large, experimental cages (3

m³) and given 8 trays of media for oviposition over 24h.

Population expansion/truncation selection in large, indoor cages

Culturing within the large, experimental cages proceeded via discrete generations,

throughout which the amount of food was doubled every generation (starting at 8 trays for the

F2). By doubling food every generation we generated sustained population expansion, thereby

continually selecting for the fecundity-associated traits that are advantageous in wild

populations when resources are abundant, most likely reproductive output and increased

developmental rate. Hereafter, we refer to collection timepoints in accordance with the number

of generations since release into large cages (the first 8 tray stage), which was two generations

from the actual founding of the experimental populations (i.e., the samples labeled "generation

0" are F2's, "generation 1" are F3's, and so forth). Once flies had laid eggs for a period of 24h,

the adults were removed from each cage and their volume measured to estimate census size.

The remaining embryos (i.e., subsequent generation of flies) were left to develop and eclose

within the same replicate cage. Across replicates, the population sizes rapidly expanded across

generations, a dynamic selecting for individuals exhibiting increased reproduction (e.g.,

fecundity and developmental rate) (Fig. 1).

We maintained food doubling until generation 4 at which point, due to logistical

constraints, it was not possible to continue the doubling of population size per cage beyond the

64 tray per cage generation. In order to continue the selection regime of population expansion

(and selection for early fecundity, fast developmental rate), we instituted a random dilution

followed by re-expansion. Specifically, the fifth generation was founded with embryos collected

over 24h on two food trays (containing eggs of approximately 20,000 flies), from the from the

fourth generation. These generation 5 flies were allowed to develop and eclose in the large

indoor cages, at which point 8 trays of medium were added to each replicate cage, and

oviposition was carried out for 24h and after which adults were discarded. Once the sixth

generation of flies eclosed, they were allowed to oviposit for 24h on 2 food trays. These

generation 7 embryos were then allowed to develop, eclose, and expanded out to 8 trays for the

eighth generation. The generation 8 flies were allowed to oviposit over 24h on 8 trays,

consistent with the previous generation (thus each generation of flies resulted from egg laying

over a period of 24h from the preceding generation). We collected a random sample of 100 male

and 100 female flies in generations 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9, and pooled sexes separately for later

whole genome shotgun sequencing (see below). We took additional samples of each replicate at

generations 6 and 8 to use as biological replicates (i.e., same replicate/generation, different set

of 100 flies) to quantify noise in our allele frequency estimates (see below). Census estimates

(based on the total volume of dead flies) of adult flies within each cage were conducted on

generations 1-4. Calibration of census estimates was conducted by counting the number of flies

(desiccated and dried) in 1cm^3 and then measuring the volume in a given sample.

Concurrent to the generation 4 dilution and re-expansion described above, we induced a

bout of truncation selection that segregated flies based on stress-tolerance, most likely

desiccation resistance as water availability is expected to drive mortality at a much faster rate

than starvation (30). Specifically, after collecting generation 5 embryos for continued expansion,

we retained the adult flies within their respective cages, removed all food and water, and

sampled the surviving adults at various timepoints by direct aspiration using vacuums until all

flies had died. The live samples were immediately sorted by sex and timepoint and preserved in

ethanol (as with expansion samples, 100 male and 100 female flies were isolated at each

collection time point for whole genome shotgun sequencing). We continued this process until

there were an insufficient number of flies (i.e., < 100 individuals) for sampling, resulting in

samples for DNA analysis collected at hours 0, 6, 9, 12, 15, 19, and 21. Samples collected

throughout this process were expected to reveal changes in the relative frequency of genotypes

of differing degrees of stress-tolerance, traits expected to trade-off with the reproductive traits

favored during the nine generations of expansion selection (10,26).

Pooled genomic sequencing and allele frequency estimation of expansion/truncation selection experiment

Genomic DNA from pools of 100 male and 100 female flies were extracted and

sequenced in two rounds. First, multiplexed libraries were created for 56 expansion samples

using Illumina Nextera DNA Prep with e-gel size selection and i7 indexing. Barcoded fragments

were mixed and loaded evenly into 4 lanes, then sequenced with 100 bp paired-end reads on an

Illumina HiSeq2000 sequencer, with target coverage of 10x per sample. After QC, resulting

per/sample coverage was quite variable, and 26 samples from this round with coverage <2x

were later re-sequenced with 150-bp dual-indexed reads on an Illumina HiSeq4000 sequencer.

Reads from the same sample were merged after all QC and mapping steps. A separate round of

sequencing was conducted for the remaining 96 samples, including remaining expansion and

truncation samples. These samples were sequenced with 150-bp paired-end dual-index reads on

a NextSeq550 high output machine, with a target coverage 7x per sample. All samples were

demultiplexed, adapter sequences were trimmed, and reads with any 3' bases with quality score

< 20 or trim length <18 were discarded. Overlapping forward and reverse reads were

subsequently assembled and reads were mapped separately to the *D.mel* v5.39 reference

genome using bwa and default parameters (54). Aligned reads were deduplicated using Picard

tools (http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/), and all reads were re-aligned around indels

using GATK v4 IndelRealigner (https://gatk.broadinstitute.org/).

We used the founder line genome sequencing data to compute haplotype-informed

allele frequency estimates at 2.7 M, previously identified, segregating sites using a local

inference method and pipeline developed and described by (55,56). We conducted haplotype

inference in window sizes that varied proportionally to the length of un-recombined haplotype

blocks expected as a function of the estimated number of generations since the construction of

the outbred population. We have previously provided extensive validation that our haplotype-

informed allele frequencies are replicable across different sets of subsampled reads from the

same sample, and produce an accuracy of allele frequency estimates that is comparable to deep

sequencing and standard methods for pooled, allele frequency estimation (14,16,56). We filtered

our allele frequencies to only include those sites with an average minor allele > 0.02 across all

samples, resulting in 1.7M SNPs for analysis. Finally, we averaged technical replicate allele

frequencies (i.e. the male and female pool) for each replicate and collection time point, resulting

in 4 cages per time point, across 8 expansion generations and 7 truncation time points (60 total

samples).

Identifying parallel patterns of allele frequency change and genome-wide evidence of trade-offs

Statistical analysis of allele frequency data was conducted using R v. 3.5.6. We first

explored patterns of genomic divergence between samples as average F_{ST} across all segregating

sites. We compared F_{ST} between biological replicates (same replicate cage/collection time point,

different pool/extraction) to those values obtained for each replicate cage between its

generation 0 sample and all subsequent generation expansion samples. We quantified whether

evolutionary divergence increased throughout the course of expansion, and at what point it

exceeded the sources of biological noise impacting our allele frequency estimates, using a linear

regression.

We next explored whether increasing differentiation through time was underpinned by

parallel allele frequency shifts across replicates. Specifically, we used our pairwise divergence

values (i.e., F_{ST} between samples) to create multi-dimensional scaling (MDS) plots, in which

divergence between samples is represented as distance between points in a 2-D plane (*cmdscale*

function in *stats* package R). If the observed evolutionary change across replicates was

dominated by parallel responses to shifting population densities, then the segregation of

samples across the 2-D plane should, in part, correspond to the generation from which samples

were derived. This analysis was conducted on mean, genome-wide F_{st} values, as well as F_{st}

values computed separately for SNPs on each chromosomal arm. To quantify trends visualized

using MDS, we translated the coordinates for each cage such that the centroid of all generation 0

samples was centered at the origin and then projected all points onto a single axis which was

constructed by fitting a simple linear regression model to samples from generations 0-4

(regressions were constructed separately for each replicate cage). The resulting axis represents

the primary axis of variation in the 2D plane during early expansion for each replicate (Fig. S5).

We hypothesized that if sustained, directional selection imposed by population expansion was a

primary driver of patterns in genomic variation, the samples from the remaining expansion
generations would continue to proceed along the established axis of variation in the same
direction. To evaluate the degree of concordance of early and late expansion generation samples
we computed Pearson correlations between collection time and position along this axis. The
significance of these correlations was determined via permutations of sample collection time
point ($N = 100$ permutations). We conducted this analysis across all genome-wide SNPs, as well
as separately for SNPs on each chromosomal arm. Finally, to disentangle whether differences in
dynamics observed among chromosomal arms reflected true systematic differences in allele
frequency behavior, as opposed technical artifacts driven by differences in the number of SNPs
available for analysis across arms, we re-conducted this analysis using randomly sampled
subsets of SNPs matching that present on each arm.
We quantified the extent to which individual SNPs exhibited parallel movement across
cages and throughout expansion by fitting a generalized linear model to allele frequencies
(formula: allele frequency ~ expansion generation; *glm* function in base R) (31). Allele
frequencies were weighted by the total number of chromosomes sequenced (N = 200) and depth
per sample (56). This model assessed the significance of the linear relationship between allele
frequency and generation of sampling across all cages, using a quasibinomial error model to
reduce false positive associations (15,16,31). While an association between allele frequency and
sampling timepoint within a single cage may represent either drift or selection, a significant
association across all four replicate cages indicates allele frequency trajectories that are both
predictable over time and parallel across populations. In this case, selection (or linked selection)
is the more parsimonious explanation. P-values were adjusted using the Benjamini-Hochberg
false discovery rate (FDR) correction (*p.adjust* package in base R). We considered a SNP
significant if it exhibited an FDR < 0.01 and effect size > 2%. We further validated the
parallelism inferred by the GLM by implementing a leave-one-out cross validation. Specifically,
we iteratively identified sets of parallel SNPs (FDR < 0.01 and effect size > 2%) across expansion
samples using a GLM and allele frequency data from three of the four replicate cages. We then
quantified the frequency shifts of the favored allele at significant sites in the left-out cage
between generation 0 and 9 of expansion. For sets of parallel SNPs identified via each iteration
of the leave-one-out validation, we matched each parallel SNP to a control SNP based on
chromosomal arm, starting frequency (within 5% of generation 0 frequency), inversion status,
and recombination rate. We compared the distribution of allele frequency shifts at parallel vs.
matched control sites (using a two-tailed, paired t-test) for each left out cage to infer if the
magnitude of allele frequency change exceeded background allele frequency movement, and
whether the dominant direction of allele frequency change was in a direction concordant with

the three training cages. We conducted this analysis for SNPs identified genome-wide, as well

as separately for each chromosomal arm.

Quantifying evidence of fecundity and desiccation tolerance trade-offs

We next used samples collected throughout truncation, during which patterns of

survival and selection were most likely underpinned by differences in desiccation resistance

among genotypes, to quantify the presence of fitness-tradeoffs at those alleles systematically

favored during expansion. First, we re-conducted our MDS analysis of pairwise divergence

values, this time including all samples collected across both phases of the experiment. While

general qualitative inference may be obtained from the visualization of this analysis, we

explicitly quantified the relative movement of expansion and truncation samples across this 2D

plane to provide a more rigorous investigation into the relative direction of allele frequency

movement across phases. Specifically, as above, we translated MDS coordinates for each cage

such that the centroid of all hour 0 truncation samples was centered at the origin, and then

projected onto a single axis which, as above, was constructed by fitting a simple linear

regression model to samples from expansion generations 0-4. We hypothesized that if our

contrasting reproduction/stress-tolerance selection environments were inducing genome-wide

reversions in allele frequency movement, then the projection of samples collected throughout

truncation would regress in the opposite direction as that observed for the expansion samples.

The degree of concordance/discordance for truncation samples were quantified as the Pearson

Correlation between collection time and position along this axis, and the significance of these

correlations was determined via permutations of sample collection time point ($N = 100$

permutations). This analysis was also conducted both genome-wide and separately for each

chromosomal arm and, as above, we used genome-wide subsampling to infer whether variation

in dynamics among chromosomal arms was a technical artifact.

Finally, we aimed to corroborate patterns observed in the dimensionality reduction of

genome and chromosome-wide F_{ST} values described above by accruing additional evidence of

genome-wide trade-offs using allele frequency trajectories. We first isolated those SNPs with

strong evidence of linkage to a selected locus throughout expansion (GLM FDR < 0.01 and allele

frequency shift > 2%). We then quantified the behavior of the rising allele at each SNP

throughout the progression of truncation, and evaluated whether these alleles were more likely

to exhibit a reversion in trajectory direction, or continue in the same direction, using a Chi-

squared test and set of control SNPs (matched on chromosome, starting frequency,

recombination rate, and inversion status). We further assessed if and how the results of this

analysis varied when only evaluating trajectories of expansion-identified SNPs that also

exhibited independent evidence of linkage to a selected locus (GLM FDR < 0.05 and allele

frequency shift > 1%) during truncation. Finally, we further quantified the distribution of

expansion-identified SNPs, genome-wide and per chromosomal arm, using empirical

cumulative distribution functions (eCDF). The eCDFs for SNPs with sustained directional

movement across treatments and evidence of fluctuating selection were evaluated

independently via comparison to eCDFs generated via a set of matched control SNPs, and using

a Kolmorgorov-Smirnov test (*stats* package in R).

Assessing the role of inversions in fitness trade-offs

From the known cosmopolitan inversions found in the DGRP lines (57), we analyzed

those that occurred in at least 10 of our founding strains (i.e., > 4%). We used chromosome-level

haplotype frequencies to compute the frequencies of each of these inversions independently

during expansion and truncation. Next, we regressed inversion frequencies through time using

a generalized linear model (logistic link function, and quasibinomial error variance) to classify

inversions moving systematically across replicates throughout each phase (Benjamini-Hochberg

corrected P-value < 0.1). For those inversions displaying significant frequency change across

both expansion and truncation, we characterized those that exhibited thus fluctuating selection

and trade-offs (i.e. switched directions) across phases.

We next aimed to quantify the extent to which SNPs within, or in tight linkage of, of the

assayed inversions underpinned genome-wide signals of trade-offs quantified in our

experiment. We thus first generated a winnowed set of genome-wide SNPs, eliminating those

either within, or up to 100 Kb away from, inversion breakpoints. We then explored whether we

retained signals of parallel adaptation throughout expansion and trade-offs during truncation

using this inversion-free SNP panel and re-conducting our F_{ST}-based MDS analysis of

expansion and truncation samples (described in *Quantifying evidence of fecundity and desiccation*

tolerance trade-offs, above).

Quantifying the emergence of trade-offs during adaptation to natural environmental fluctuations

We next quantified whether alleles identified via selection under sustained population

expansion in a laboratory setting can predict patterns of adaption and trade-offs in an outdoor

environment. Specifically, we leveraged data from an independent study year when we

monitored patterns of genomic variation in a genetically diverse, outbred population that was

split into a series of large, replicate cages maintained in a controlled, indoor laboratory, as well

as outdoor mesocosms exposed to natural environmental fluctuations. Allele frequency data for

the outdoor mesocosms were previously described, analyzed, and reported in Bitter *et al.* (2024).

Briefly, the outdoor mesocosms were located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and consisted of

twelve, replicate 2 m^3 cages, each consisting of a single dwarf peach tree and exposed to natural

environmental fluctuations. The paired, indoor cage study (not reported or analyzed by Bitter *et*

al. (2024)) consisted of ten, replicate ~0.5 m^3 cages housed in a temperature-controlled laboratory

at the University of Pennsylvania.

The replicate cages for both the outdoor mesocosms and indoor cage study were seeded

with a genetically diverse, outbred population, derived from a panel of 76 inbred strains

originally collected wild from Linvilla Orchards, Media, PA (Supplementary Data File 2).

Constat food was supplied to the replicates within each environment, whereby four hundred ml

of Drosophila media ('Spradling cornmeal recipe') was provided in 900 cm^3 aluminum loaf pans

within each cage three times per week. These pans provided the only source of food and egg

laying substrate, and egg laying upon each loaf pan was carried out for two days, after which a

new pan was added, and the original pan was covered with a mesh lid to prevent any further

laying. The lids were removed after eclosure was first observed, causing each replicate to

experience a near continual input of new flies that evolved with overlapping generations. The

census size of the adult population in the outdoor mesocosms were estimated five times

throughout the progression of the experiment (19 July, 5 August, 20 August, 17 September, and

20 October) (14), while the final census in the indoor cages were estimated at the end of the

monitoring period via collection and volumetric quantification of all flies remaining in each

replicate. The outdoor mesocosms were sampled to quantify patterns of genomic variation

weekly for 9 weeks (13 July – 7 September), after which samples were collected on 21

September, 20 October, and following the first freeze and population crash on 20 December (12

total time points). The indoor cages were sampled at the first, second, eighth, and eleventh time

points. The overlapping monitoring period of the outdoor and indoor cages encompassed the

rapid population expansion and ultimate stabilization of cage densities as the replicates in each

environment presumably reached carrying capacity (Fig S11) (14). The selective landscape

experienced during this shared monitoring period probably mirrors that experienced under the

sustained population expansion imposed by population expansion portion of the first

experiment of this study, described above. The notable differences between these experiments,

however, is that the first experiment increased food availability as a function of population

density throughout expansion, while our latter experiment maintained a constant food

substrate throughout the study period. Thus, this paired, indoor-outdoor study likely also

imposed selection on traits impacted by density regulation (e.g., larval competition). Analogous

to the truncation portion of the first experiment, the final collection interval of the outdoor

mesocosm study (time point 11->12) encompassed the onset of winter, during which time a

total crash of the adult populations in the cages was observed. Selection during this phase of the

experiment was thus hypothesized to favor increased in stress tolerance traits associated with

the deteriorating abiotic conditions.

Methods for sampling flies for sequencing from the outdoor mesocosms and indoor

cages were similar to those described above: eggs were collected overnight directly from each

replicate cage, and larval development was carried out in the indoor environment where eggs

developed and eclosed to F1 adults in 30 cm^3 cages. A random set of 100 females were sampled

from each cage 3-5 days post-eclosure and preserved in 99% ethanol at -20°C (14). Genomic

DNA was extracted from pools of flies for each replicate and time point using the Monarch

Genomic DNA Purification Kit (New England Biolabs). Libraries were nonstructured using the

Illumina DNA Prep Tagmentation Kit and all samples were sequenced on Illumina Novaseq

6000 flow cells using 150 bp, paired end reads. Raw sequencing reads from each sample were

trimmed of adapter sequences and bases with quality score < 20, and aligned to the *Drosophila*

melanogaster v5.39 reference genome using bwa and default parameters(54). Aligned reads were

deduplicated using Picard tools (http://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/) and the final set of

reads for each sample was down-sampled to obtain an equivalent, genome-wide coverage of 8x

across all samples (>100x effective coverage) (14,56). Haplotype informed allele frequencies

from reads from each replicate and time point were then generated using the local inference

pipeline described above (see *Allele Frequency Calculation*) (55,56). The final set of allele

frequencies only included those sites with an average minor allele frequency > 0.02 in the

baseline population, and present in at least one evolved sample at a MAF > 0.01, ultimately

yielding 1.9 M SNPs (14).

We quantified the extent to which evolution in the outdoor environment is driven by the

selective pressures solely associated with increasing population density (e.g., selection for

increased fecundity, faster developmental rate, increased competitive ability). Specifically, we

identified alleles with systematic behavior independently in the indoor and outdoor cages using

GLM (FDR < 0.01; allele frequency change > 2%), and compared the observed overlap between

these lists using a Chi squared test and with null expectations generated via a set of matched

control SNP set. Next, we queried whether the dominant direction of selection throughout the

shared monitoring period of the indoor and outdoor environment was consistent. Specifically,

we quantified the mean frequency shift of the rising allele at SNPs identified in the indoor

environment via GLM, in the outdoor cages during the same time interval. We determined

whether the magnitude of frequency shifts exceeded background allele frequency movement

expected via matched control SNPs, and whether the dominant direction was parallel or anti-

parallel given the sign of observed median shift (analysis conducted both genome-wide and

separately for each chromosomal arm using a paired t-test and sign test). Finally, to test

whether the total population crash in the outdoor mesocosms elicited evidence of the trade-offs,

we quantified the behavior of the indoor identified alleles throughout this period. Through this,

we used a common set of alleles, determined as linked to an advantageous locus during

increasing population density in a controlled, lab-based setting, to infer the presence of trade-

offs during a bout of population expansion and collapse in a semi-natural setting.

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1028 **Figure S1.** Census estimates of indoor replicate cages during the first four generations of population expansion.
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Figure S2. Evolution of allele frequencies across expansion generations | (A) Mean, genome-wide Fst between each evolved replicate and its generation 0 sample (Gen.0->n), segregated by chromosomal arm. Each grey dot corresponds to an individual replicate.

Figure S3. MDS of pairwise Fst values computed per chromosomal arm and and across all expansion samples. Point Color corresponds to sample expansion collection generation.

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Figure S4. Principal component analysis of samples collected throughout expansion using allele frequency data across all 1.7 M SNPs. Samples are projected onto the first two principal components and colored in accordance with expansion generation collection time point.

A. Multi-dimensional scaling of pairwise F$_{ST}$ matrix

B. Translation of points such that generation 0 sample falls at origin

C. Projection of translated points onto single axis constructed from linear regression of generations 0-4 samples

Figure S5. F$_{ST}$-based MDS analysis workflow. (A) Multi-dimensional scaling of expansion sample pairwise F$_{ST}$ matrix as in main figure 2. (B) Translation of expansion points such that, for each replicate, the generation 0 sample falls at the plot origin. (C) Projection of translated points (B) onto a single axis constructed via a simple linear regression of generation 0-4 translated points.

Figure S6. Average Pearson Correlation across replicates (+/- standard deviation) between sample expansion generation and distance along a one-dimensional axis constructed using F$_{ST}$ MDS coordinates for early expansion (generation 0-4) samples. Purple points and error bars correspond to empirical values, while grey points and error bars correspond to values derived from empirical permutations (N = 100). Here, Fst values and MDS analysis was run on SNPs randomly sampled throughout the genome, matching the number of SNPs present on each chromosomal arm.

Figure S7. Trajectories of SNPs identified via GLM as exhibiting parallel frequency shifts across replicates throughout expansion (GLM FDR < 0.01 and effect size > 2%), segregated by chromosomal arm.

Figure S8. MDS of pairwise Fst values for each chromosomal arm and across all samples collected throughout expansion (purple-hue points) and truncation (orange-hue points). Points are shaded according to collection time point (darker hues indicate later expansion or truncation sampling generation/hour).

Figure S9. Average Pearson Correlation across replicates (+/- standard deviation) between sample truncation hour and distance along a one-dimensional axis constructed using F_{ST} MDS coordinates for early expansion (generation 0-4) samples. Orange points and error bars correspond to empirical values, while grey points and error bars correspond to values derived from empirical permutations (N = 100). Here, Fst values were derived from randomly sampled SNPs throughout the genome, matching the number of SNPs present on each chromosomal arm.

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Figure S10. eCDFs of expansion-favored SNPs during truncation, segregated by those with sustained direction of movement (A) or reversals in direction (B). Asterisks correspond to instances in which the observed eCDF differed significantly from that generated via matched control SNPs (grey lines) (one-tailed Kolmogorov-Smirnov test, p-value < 0.05)

Figure S11. Average Pearson Correlation across replicates (+/- standard deviation) between sample expansion generation and distance along a one-dimensional axis constructed using F_{ST} MDS coordinates for early expansion (generation 0-4) samples. Purple points and error bars correspond to empirical values, while grey points and error bars correspond to values derived from empirical permutations (N = 100). Here, Fst values were derived from SNPs excluding those within, or up to 100 Kb away from, inversion breakpoints.

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Figure S12. Average Pearson Correlation across replicates (+/- standard deviation) between sample expansion generation and distance along a one-dimensional axis constructed using F_{ST} MDS coordinates for early expansion (generation 0-4) samples. Purple points and error bars correspond to empirical values, while grey points and error bars correspond to values derived from empirical permutations (N = 100). Here, Fst values were derived from randomly sampled SNPs throughout the genome matched to the total number of SNPs present on each chromosomal arm and excluding those within, or up to 100 Kb away from, inversion breakpoints.

Figure S13. Census estimates of flies in the outdoor mesocosm experiment from 2021. Figure modified from Bitter *et al* . (2024).

Table S1 Statistics for projection of late expansion (generations 6-9) and truncation samples onto a one-dimensional axis constructed using F_{ST} MDS coordinates of early expansion (generation 0-4) samples. Correlation coefficients were computed between sample collection time point and distance along this axis for each cage, and reported are the median values across cage for each chromosomal arm, as well as when the analysis was run genome-wide. P-values were generated via comparison of each median correlation to a distribution generated via permutation of time point labels (N = 100 total permutations) .

Test Interval	Chromosome	Median Correlation	Permutation p-value
Late Expansion	2L	0.97213201683991	0.0337499999999999
Late Expansion	2R	-0.244238340356563	0.375
Late Expansion	3L	0.972604523272359	0.08875
Late Expansion	3R	0.988165487304083	0.05375
Late Expansion	X	0.315657111616651	0.425
Late Expansion	Genome	0.975609936558498	0.06875
Truncation	2L	-0.0443704606050802	0.43875
Truncation	2R	-0.317142428585079	0.23625
Truncation	3L	-0.578233415528078	0.06375
Truncation	3R	-0.862222504266232	0.005
Truncation	X	-0.504215848697299	0.13
Truncation	Genome	-0.753283710728129	0.01625

Table S3 Inversion Frequency Dynamics | GLM regression summary statistics of the expansion and truncation dynamics of four major cosmopolitan inversions segregating in our outbred population of DGRP lines. The FDR corrected p-value for each inversion during both phases of the experiment (expansion and truncation) are presented, alongside the mean inversion frequency shift in cases in which the GLM regression was significant.

Inversion	Selection Phase	FDR P-value	Frequency Shift
In(2L)t	Expansion	0.094*	-0.97%
In(2L)t	Truncation	0.426	Not significant
In(2R)NS	Expansion	<0.001**	-3.02%
In(2R)NS	Truncation	0.439	Not significant
In(3R)K	Expansion	<0.001**	1.65%
In(3R)K	Truncation	<0.001**	-1.35%
In(3R)Mo	Expansion	0.003**	-7.49%
In(3R)Mo	Truncation	0.017**	-1.73%
In(3R)P	Expansion	0.001**	1.17%
In(3R)P	Truncation	<0.001**	-1.21%

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Table S4 Statistics for projection of late expansion (generations 6-9) and truncation samples onto a one-dimensional axis constructed using F_{ST} MDS coordinates of early expansion (generation 0-4) samples. Correlation coefficients were computed between sample collection time point and distance along this axis for each cage, and reported are the median values across cage for each chromosomal arm, as well as when the analysis was run genome-wide. P-values were generated via comparison of each median correlation to a distribution generated via permutation of time point labels (N = 100 total permutations). Here, Fst values and MDS analysis was run on a set of SNPs excluding those within, or up to 100 Kb away from, inversion breakpoints.

Test Interval	Chromosome	Median Correlation	Permutation p-value
Late Expansion	2L	0.941877272974043	0.15875
Late Expansion	2R	0.906664673672926	0.12875
Late Expansion	3L	0.972604523272357	0.0925
Late Expansion	3R	0.949409974764516	0.10375
Late Expansion	X	0.315657111616649	0.39
Late Expansion	Genome	0.988690601491595	0.0855
Truncation	2L	0.193910187619202	0.345
Truncation	2R	0.1106453838666	0.41375
Truncation	3L	-0.578233415528078	0.0775
Truncation	3R	0.516639815656395	0.10625
Truncation	X	-0.504215848697302	0.10125
Truncation	Genome	-0.660159220395907	0.047

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Table S5 Statistics for projection of late expansion (generations 6-9) and truncation samples onto a one-dimensional axis constructed using F_{ST} MDS coordinates of early expansion (generation 0-4) samples. Correlation coefficients were computed between sample collection time point and distance along this axis for each cage, and reported are the median values across cage for each chromosomal arm, as well as when the analysis was run genome-wide. P-values were generated via comparison of each median correlation to a distribution generated via permutation of time point labels (N = 100 total permutations). Here, Fst values and MDS analysis was run on SNPs randomly sampled throughout the genome, matched to the number of SNPs present on each chromosomal arm, and excluding those within, or up to 100 Kb away from, inversion breakpoints.

Test Interval	Chromosome	Median Correlation	Permutation p-value
Late Expansion	2L	0.988413197497469	0.0525
Late Expansion	2R	0.989942495115707	0.05125
Late Expansion	3L	0.989390312932461	0.05
Late Expansion	3R	0.990068206319797	0.06375
Late Expansion	X	0.989855205403952	0.08125
Truncation	2L	-0.665094200789921	0.04375
Truncation	2R	-0.661142450550023	0.055
Truncation	3L	-0.660888966235905	0.0525
Truncation	3R	-0.653623292619365	0.03875
Truncation	X	-0.660601423436917	0.045

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Table S6 Statistics for comparison of rising allele frequency shifts of indoor-identified SNPs in an outdoor mesocosm during population expansion and collapse. Target values (Mean.Target, Median.Target) indicate those derived from indoor-identified SNPs, while matched values indicate those derived from control SNPs. The distributions of target and matched sites were compared using both a two-tailed t-test and sign test. The resulting test statistics are provided.

Chromosome	Mean.Target	Median.Target	Mean.Matched	Median.Matched	t	FDR.t.test	FDR.sign.test	Test.Interval
2L	0.0319985981378007	3.038013e-02	0.00316831802589668	3.178635e-03	90.4650925090862	0.000000e+00	8.326673e-16	Expansion
2R	0.028969065444205	2.551098e-02	0.00115295987609255	1.615365e-03	66.0420368142833	0.000000e+00	8.326673e-16	Expansion
3L	0.0335003699797639	3.080976e-02	0.00286597441953921	3.928358e-03	90.8841932663739	0.000000e+00	8.326673e-16	Expansion
3R	0.0369291946950844	3.378144e-02	0.00264119051901511	3.484494e-03	129.54052005962	0.000000e+00	8.326673e-16	Expansion
X	0.0288667950506608	2.644817e-02	0.0025943771973813	3.045992e-03	60.462689719572	0.000000e+00	8.326673e-16	Expansion
Genome	0.0333054320018882	3.057965e-02	0.00260823894732216	3.234185e-03	199.627700493635	0.000000e+00	8.326673e-16	Expansion
2L	-0.00487214737932314	-4.692767e-03	-0.00104825093438945	-9.152650e-04	-19.5690789120401	2.356927e-84	7.180716e-52	Collapse
2R	0.000478905306333812	8.868033e-04	-0.000171925992292266	4.171333e-05	2.8948882077324	3.958655e-03	9.993639e-05	Collapse
3L	0.00187994456347232	1.696414e-03	-7.9971808333333e-05	2.173192e-04	8.39801534836484	5.830216e-17	1.057355e-15	Collapse
3R	-0.000895085879399349	-1.074300e-04	0.000631816786767623	6.350982e-04	-8.12116003302136	5.475990e-16	3.364728e-06	Collapse
X	-0.000821591180249633	4.711083e-05	-0.000622166078071464	3.165075e-04	-0.573004050626995	5.666659e-01	3.673839e-02	Collapse
Genome	-0.00109679281216485	-5.765000e-04	-0.000135973486759733	9.451667e-05	-9.42612164714719	4.364745e-21	2.861040e-08	Collapse

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Table S7 Final fly census size in indoor cages from paired indoor-outdoor mesocosm study. Census sizes were estimated volumetrically using the total remaining flies at the final collection time point (each replicate was originally seeded with 1,000 total flies).

Replicate	Census estimate
1	67200
2	120000
3	83400
4	67800
5	90000
6	90600
7	97800
8	70200
9	69000
10	51600

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