



Microbiome composition shapes rapid genomic adaptation of *Drosophila melanogaster*

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Population genomic data has revealed patterns of genetic variation associated with adaptation in many taxa. Yet understanding the adaptive process that drives such patterns is challenging; it requires disentangling the ecological agents of selection, determining the relevant timescales over which evolution occurs, and elucidating the genetic architecture of adaptation. Doing so for the adaptation of hosts to their microbiome is of particular interest with growing recognition of the importance and complexity of host–microbe interactions. Here, we track the pace and genomic architecture of adaptation to an experimental microbiome manipulation in replicate populations of *Drosophila melanogaster* in field mesocosms. Shifts in microbiome composition altered population dynamics and led to divergence between treatments in allele frequencies, with regions showing strong divergence found on all chromosomes. Moreover, at divergent loci previously associated with adaptation across natural populations, we found that the more common allele in fly populations experimentally enriched for a certain microbial group was also more common in natural populations with high relative abundance of that microbial group. These results suggest that microbiomes may be an agent of selection that shapes the pattern and process of adaptation and, more broadly, that variation in a single ecological factor within a complex environment can drive rapid, polygenic adaptation over short timescales.

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A growing number of studies have identified genes that contribute to adaptation (1–4), but the ecological mechanisms that drive evolution are rarely identified (5). Ecological factors often covary in nature, so disentangling the effects of putative agents of selection on changes in allele frequencies requires experimental manipulation. Patterns of intraspecific genomic variation in nature can be shaped by differences in founder populations, connectance between populations, and demography, complicating inferences of selection (6). Replicated selection experiments provide a way to test whether particular ecological mechanisms act as agents of selection and assess the genomic architecture of adaptation, both key challenges to understanding adaptation (2, 6–8). Yet, using selection experiments to identify mechanisms capable of driving rapid evolution in nature also presents methodological challenges; it is difficult to create both ecologically realistic (e.g., complex selective environment, population sizes allowed to vary across treatments) and evolutionarily realistic (e.g., sufficient standing genetic variation, multiple generations, selection agents similar to those in nature) conditions that allow experimental results to translate to populations in nature (5). Combining field selection experiments with population genomic data from both experimental and natural populations presents a powerful approach to determine whether and how particular agents of selection drive rapid evolution in the genome.

Many prominent theories in evolution suggest that species interactions are the primary mechanism that drives evolution and diversification (9–14). Yet, determining which species interactions actually drive evolution when selective landscapes are complex is

crucial to understanding both the mechanisms and outcomes of adaptation (15–17). Outdoor experiments that manipulated specific species interactions have provided convincing evidence that competition and predation can act as agents of selection capable of driving rapid phenotypic evolution (18–21). Host–microbe interactions can be strong and there is evidence they can drive macroevolutionary patterns (22–26), but associated microorganisms have not been experimentally investigated as an agent capable of driving rapid host evolution (27, 28) except where symbiont evolution is tied to the host through vertical transmission (29, 30). Bacteria play a crucial role in the physiology, ecology, and evolution of animals even if they are not transmitted or acquired across generations (22, 31–34), and the composition of affiliated microbial communities can impact host performance and relative fitness (35). Moreover, patterns of intraspecific variation in microbiome composition that could have considerable effects on host physiology and performance have been described in a growing number of taxa (36–39). The amount of intraspecific variation in microbiome composition and its effects on host phenotypes have led to considerable speculation, but little data, on the important role the microbiome may play in host evolution (27, 28, 34, 40).

Drosophila melanogaster presents an excellent system in which to investigate whether microbiome composition acts as an agent that drives rapid host genomic adaptation. *D. melanogaster* populations

Significance

Natural selection can drive evolution over short timescales. However, there is little understanding of which ecological factors are capable of driving rapid evolution and how rapid evolution alters allele frequencies across the genome. Here, we combine a field experiment with population genomic data from natural populations to assess whether and how microbiome composition drives rapid genomic evolution of host populations. We find that differences in microbiome composition cause divergence in allele frequencies genome-wide, including in genes previously associated with local adaptation. Moreover, we observed concordance between experimental and natural populations in terms of the direction of allele frequency change, suggesting that microbiome composition may be an agent of selection that drives adaptation in the wild.

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divergence of host population when standing genetic variation is present. Moreover, the architecture of this divergence, with signatures of selection at many independent regions of the genome, fits with a polygenic model of adaptation, in which many genes contribute to adaptation (71), and suggest that the genomic basis of adaptation over very short timescales can be polygenic.

Links Between Microbiome Manipulation and Changes in Allele Frequency in Nature. Combining our experiment with population genomic data from nature allows us to test whether differences in microbiome composition alone are capable of driving divergence in allele frequencies at SNPs that vary across natural populations. Previous work has found predictable changes in allele frequency at many independent SNPs across seasons from spring to fall in North American orchard populations of *D. melanogaster* (72, 73). We found more overlap than expected by chance between SNPs that show significant differentiation between *At* and *Lb* treatments and SNPs that vary significantly across seasons, using multiple cutoffs for SNP significance (SI Appendix, Table S5). Notably, we did not find this same pattern of seasonal overlap with sites that showed differentiation between the *No-Ad* treatment and any other treatment, nor between subsets of *No-Ad* populations. Taken together, these results suggest that SNPs that diverged across *At* and *Lb* treatments are also involved in seasonal adaptation in wild *D. melanogaster* populations.

In addition to changes in allele frequency across time, population genomic sequencing of *D. melanogaster* populations along the east coast of North America has uncovered thousands of putatively adaptive sites that vary significantly (FDR < 0.05) in allele frequency with latitude (73), 15,399 of which were also segregating in our experimental populations. There is also variation in microbiome composition of *D. melanogaster* populations across latitudes, as high-latitude populations of *D. melanogaster* have LAB-enriched microbiomes and populations from lower latitudes have AAB-enriched microbiomes (41). We tested whether the allele that was more common in populations experimentally enriched for a microbial group was also more common in the natural clinal population that has a high relative abundance of the same microbial group, noting the caveat that *At* and *Lb* are individual strains and cannot represent the breadth of influence pos-

sible in wild flies bearing diverse AAB and LAB strains. We labeled sites as “directionally concordant” if the allele that was at higher frequencies in high-latitude populations compared to low-latitude populations was also the allele that was at higher frequencies in *Lb* populations compared to *At* populations. When we considered all ~2 million variant sites, the percent of directionally concordant sites was 50.3%, indistinguishable from a null expectation. However, concordance rose significantly in subsets of sites with both strong divergence between microbial treatments and strong clinal variation (Fig. 4). For example, 70.7% were concordant among the 945 SNPs with *At-Lb* divergence p val < 0.05, effect size > 2%, and clinal P value < 10^{-5} , while 80.0% were concordant among the 35 SNPs with *At-Lb* divergence p val < 0.01, effect size > 2%, clinal P value < 10^{-8} . One-thousand rounds of randomly sampling sites matched to observed data for chromosome and allele frequency demonstrated that these concordance values are both significantly higher than expected by chance (P < 0.001 in both cases). In the latter case, the majority of the 35 SNPs are on chromosome arm 3R, yet are located in or near 32 different genes, several of which are known to play a role in local adaptation (72–74) (SI Appendix, Table S3). Although these high levels of concordance at top divergence sites may suggest long-range linkage, we did not find significantly elevated concordance in any of 7 large chromosomal inversions (SI Appendix, Table S2). The surprising concordance of the identity of AAB-associated and LAB-associated alleles in experimentally treated populations and natural clinal populations suggests microbiome composition may be a significant component of the fitness landscape and, hence, adaptation in natural populations.

Conclusion

Moving from documenting cases of rapid evolution to studying the driving mechanisms is crucial to understanding adaptation in natural populations (16). Microbiomes can influence nearly all aspects of host biology (27, 40, 75), and it has long been assumed that microbiomes are also an important factor at the population level (28, 76). Our manipulative experiment demonstrates that changes in the relative and total abundance of the *D. melanogaster* microbiome are sufficient to cause genomic divergence of host populations over only 5 generations. The magnitude of divergence was heterogeneous

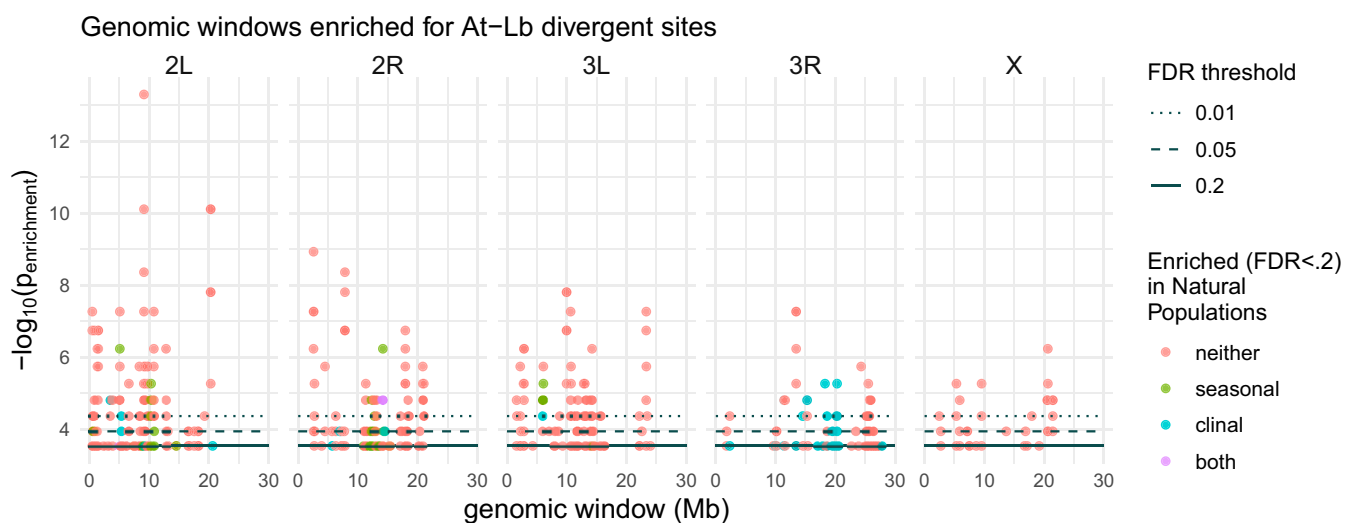


Fig. 3. Genomic landscape of divergence between *At* and *Lb* populations. Local enrichment of divergent SNPs (divergence GLM P < 0.05 and effect size \geq 2%) was calculated using a hypergeometric test in windows of 250 SNPs, tiled across the genome with 50 SNP shifts. Shown at the bottom is the $-\log_{10}$ of the enrichment P value for windows with FDR \leq 0.2. Graphs are chromosomes, and the black dotted lines show the corresponding score thresholds for FDR < 0.01 and < 0.05, in addition to the solid line for FDR < 0.2. Windows are colored according to whether they also show enrichment (FDR < 0.2) for sites that vary clinally and/or seasonally in natural populations.

and prepared libraries using ~500-bp fragments for whole-genome sequencing using KAPA Hyper Prep kit. Libraries were multiplexed with dual-indexing and sequenced on multiple lanes of an Illumina NovaSeq (6 samples on each lane) system with 150-bp paired-end reads. Reads were checked for quality using FastQC. Adapters were trimmed with Skewer (87) and reads with a quality score <20 were removed, and overlapping read pairs were merged with PEAR (88). We aligned reads to a reference genome composed of the *D. melanogaster* reference sequence (v5) (89), the *L. brevis*, and the *A. tropicalis* genomes using BWA (90), then removed duplicate reads with Picard tools (91) and realigned remaining reads around indels with GATK's IndelRealigner (92). For logistical reasons, the 16 samples included in this study were multiplexed and sequenced with other samples in 2 batches run on separate days. The first batch of samples ($n = 12$) was sequenced in the same lanes as multiplexed human genome samples, and we detected trace numbers of human reads, likely due to index switching that can happen on Illumina HiSeq platforms (93). We removed any reads that mapped to the human genome (version hg19) using bmap (94) and excluded from our analysis any *D. melanogaster* sites to which these putatively human reads mapped.

After mapping and QC, we retained an average of 83 M mapped reads per sample at an average coverage (mosdepth; ref. 95) of 109 \times of the *D. melanogaster* autosomes (range 92–133 \times) and average coverage 92 \times on the X chromosome. We then used PoPoolation2 (96) to obtain allele counts at segregating sites, discarding bases with quality <20. To be included for downstream analysis, we required SNPs to be biallelic with 1 of the 2 alleles matching the reference allele, and we excluded SNPs overlapping any called indels, SNPs with less than 10 mapped reads containing the minor allele (an allele frequency of ~0.5% across all samples), and SNPs with min and max read depths less than 50 or greater than 250, respectively. Since the timescale of our experiment was too short to expect any true signal from new mutations arising during the 5 generations of evolution, we additionally filtered out any SNPs with allele frequencies <1% in either sample from the founder population. SNPs within repeat regions as defined by University of California, Santa Cruz RepeatMasker (97) were excluded. Finally, we examined a larger panel of 112 samples all founded from the same starting population (of which the 16 samples included in this study were a subset) that were sequenced in 2 separate sets of lanes and excluded any SNPs that showed distinct allele frequency ranges across sets. This yielded a dataset of ~2 million SNPs. A full table of the number of sites excluded due to different filters is presented in *SI Appendix, Table S4*.

PCA and Fst Analyses. Allele frequencies at each segregating site for each sample were used to conduct a PCA using the R function *prcomp* with *scale = TRUE*, and the first 2 PCs were plotted to examine genome-wide divergence across samples visually. To obtain a more quantitative account of the divergence of populations under each treatment from the founder population, a bootstrap-Fst analysis was conducted with 1,000 rounds. In each round, 1,000 sites were randomly selected from across the genome, and Fst was calculated at each site between the average allele frequency in the 2 founder samples and allele frequencies averaged within treatment groups (3 of the 8 *No-Ad* samples were randomly averaged for each round to match the number of *At* and *Lb* samples). Fst values for each round were averaged across the 1,000 sites for each treatment, and the resulting distributions were plotted as boxplots.

SNP Divergence Analysis. To find SNPs that changed in association with microbial treatment, we used the R function *glm* to fit a generalized linear model (GLM) to the allele frequencies at each SNP to test for significant associations between allele frequency and treatment. GLMs were fit using a quasibinomial error structure, as this reduces the rates of false positives relative to other significance testing protocols in genomic data (98), and to account for sampling of chromosomes, all allele frequencies were first scaled to counts out of $N_{\text{effective}}$ where n is the number of individuals sampled from the population (200 for all samples), rd is the true read depth, and $N_{\text{effective}} = \frac{2n * rd - 1}{2n + rd}$ (72, 99, 100). We identified outliers as sites with significant divergence between *At* and *Lb* samples at an FDR < 0.05 (101), and a mean difference in allele frequency (effect size) of 2%, as this was approximately the average difference in allele frequency between treatments for all SNPs.

Window-Based Divergence Analysis. To identify local regions of enhanced divergence, we first identified putatively diverged sites between *At* and *Lb*

treatments using a relaxed GLM cutoff of $P < 0.05$ and an effect size threshold of 2% ($n = 81,492$ sites). Then, a hypergeometric test was conducted (with R function "phyper") to assess enrichment of these sites in windows of 250 consecutive SNPs, with 50-SNP step-size between windows. Enriched windows were identified as those with enrichment FDR < 0.2, which resulted in a minimum of 22 putatively diverged sites in each enriched window. The same process was used to separately identify windows enriched for sites with clinal GLM P value <0.05 and seasonal GLM P value <0.05.

Seasonal Enrichment Analysis. We used a hypergeometric test to determine whether sites that were divergent between treatments were enriched among sites previously found to vary over seasonal time in populations from eastern North America (73). From the 1,372,676 sites assayed in both the seasonal analysis and our experiment, n_{sea} putatively seasonal sites were first identified using various GLM cutoffs ($P < 0.1$, $P < 0.05$, $P < 0.01$, $P < 0.005$, $P < 0.001$). Then, for each pair of treatments, n_{div} putatively diverged sites between treatments were identified using the same GLM cutoff and an effect size threshold of 2%, and the number of overlapping sites n_{both} was calculated.

Test for Directional Concordance with Clinality. SNPs that vary across the North American latitudinal cline may reflect local adaptation (72–74, 102), and represent potential sources of adaptation to microbiome composition, which is 1 of many factors known to vary along this cline. Although we do not expect extensive overlap between SNPs that vary predictably along the cline and SNPs that vary predictably between treatments in our experiment (due to different segregating sites, different nonmicrobiome-related selective pressures, and different timescales of adaptation), we did predict that the subset of SNPs that are strongly predictable in both cases should be "oriented" in the same direction: i.e., an allele strongly associated with natural clinal populations harboring more AAB should also be the allele associated with experimental populations experimentally enriched for AAB (here, the *At* treatment). As such, we used an existing genomic dataset on clinal variation (72, 73) to see if the SNPs that showed both 1) divergence between microbial treatments in our experiment, and 2) divergence between natural clinal populations, were more likely to be "directionally concordant" than other SNPs. We first collected P values and coefficients for each SNP in our dataset from our generalized linear model of allele frequency divergence between treatments ($p_{\text{At-Lb}}$ and $\text{coef}_{\text{At-Lb}}$), and P values and coefficients from a previously conducted generalized linear model of allele frequency divergence across the cline (p_{cline} and $\text{coef}_{\text{cline}}$). The models were oriented such that a positive $\text{coef}_{\text{At-Lb}}$ indicated that the frequency of the alternate allele was higher in *Lb* samples than *At* samples, while a positive $\text{coef}_{\text{cline}}$ indicated that the frequency of the alternate allele was higher in high-latitude (LAB-enriched) populations than low-latitude (AAB-enriched) populations. We assigned each SNP to 2 bins: an *At-Lb* divergence bin equal to the integer nearest $-\log_{10}(p_{\text{At-Lb}})$, and a clinality bin equal to the integer nearest $-\log_{10}(p_{\text{cline}})$. We then examined the intersection of each *At-Lb* bin and each clinality bin and recorded the percent of SNPs where the sign of $\text{coef}_{\text{At-Lb}}$ matched the sign of $\text{coef}_{\text{cline}}$, which we termed "directional concordance." Finally, we shuffled the bin labels across SNPs 500 times (maintaining the same bin pairs) and remeasured directional concordance values to obtain a P value for each true concordance value.

Tests for Enrichment at Inversions. We identified breakpoints (103) and segregating marker sites (104) associated with 7 large chromosomal inversions. To test for enrichment of divergence between *At* and *Lb* samples at marker sites for each inversion, we first assigned every segregating site a divergence score equal to $-\log_{10}$ of the P value from the GLM analysis of per-site divergence. We then recorded the percent of times (of 1,000 replicates) that an equally sized random set of sites had a mean divergence score higher than the markers of a particular inversion. Similarly, to test for enrichment of *At-Lb* divergence at sites within each inversion, we recorded the percent of times (of 1,000 replicates) that a randomly selected set of 1,000 sites from outside an inversion had a mean divergence score higher than a randomly selected set of 1,000 sites from inside an inversion. Finally, to test for enrichment of clinal concordance within each inversion, we recorded the percent of times (of 1,000 replicates) that a randomly selected set of 1,000 sites from outside an inversion had a concordance rate higher than a randomly selected set of 1,000 sites from inside an inversion.

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