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Widespread introgression across a phylogeny of 155 *Drosophila* genomes



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Glue Genes Are Subjected to Diverse Selective Forces during *Drosophila* Development

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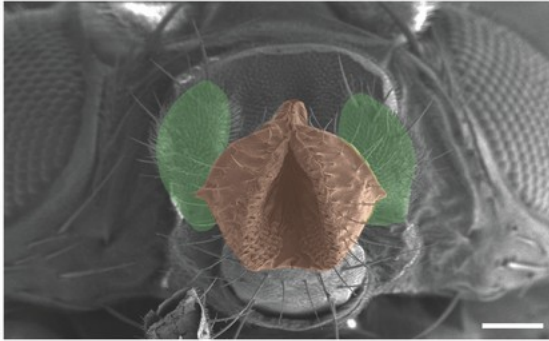
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Dissecting the evolutionary role of the *Hox* gene *proboscipedia* in *Drosophila* mouthpart diversification by full locus replacement

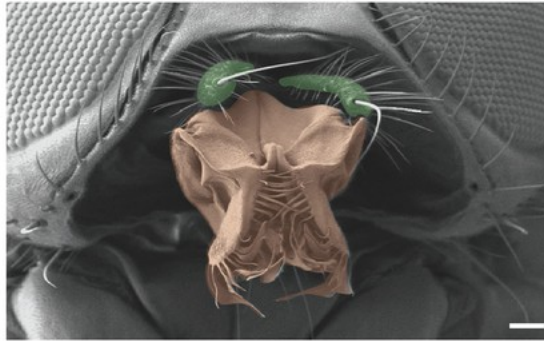
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Hox genes determine positional codes along the head-to-tail axis. Here, we replaced the entire *Drosophila melanogaster proboscipedia* (*pb*) *Hox* locus, which controls the development of the proboscis and maxillary palps, with that from *Drosophila mimica*, a related species with highly modified mouthparts. The *D. mimica* replacement rescues most aspects of adult proboscis morphology; however, the shape and orientation of maxillary palps were modified, resembling *D. mimica* and closely related species. Expressing the *D. mimica* Pb protein in the *D. melanogaster* pattern fully rescued *D. melanogaster* morphology. However, the expression pattern directed by *D. mimica pb* cis-regulatory sequences differed from that of *D. melanogaster pb* in cells that produce altered maxillary structures, indicating that *pb* regulatory sequences can evolve in related species to alter morphology.

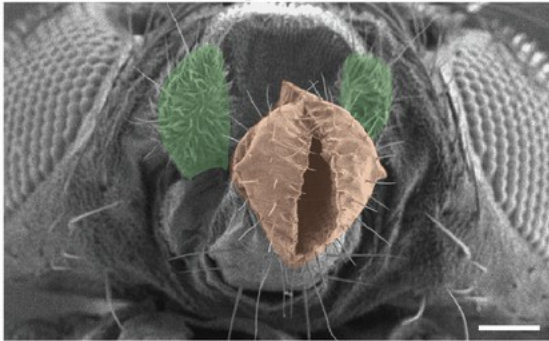
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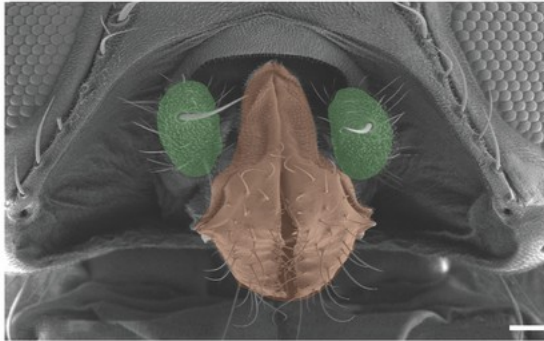
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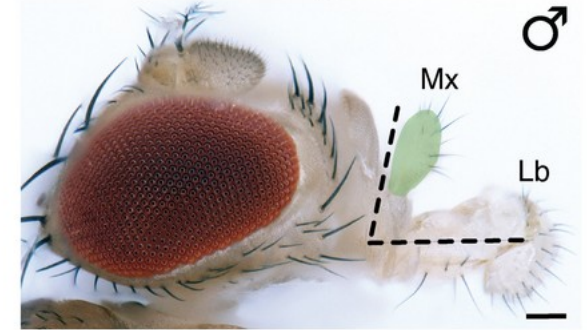


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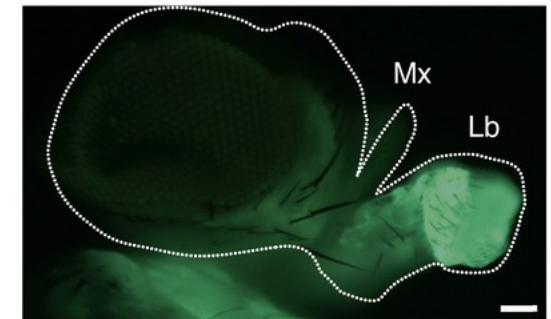
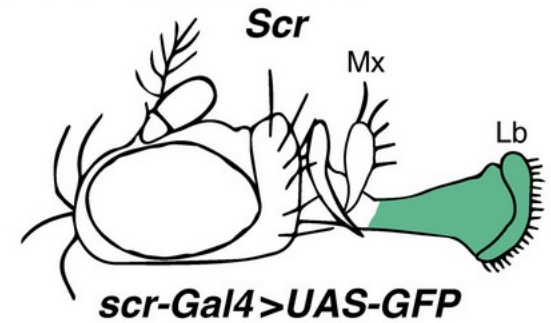
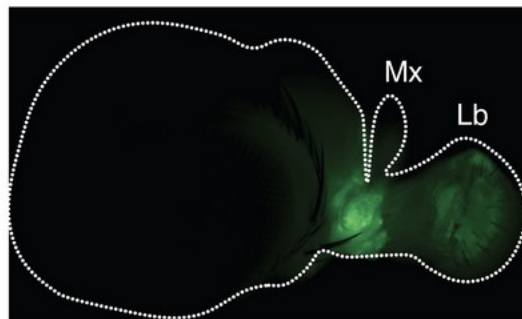
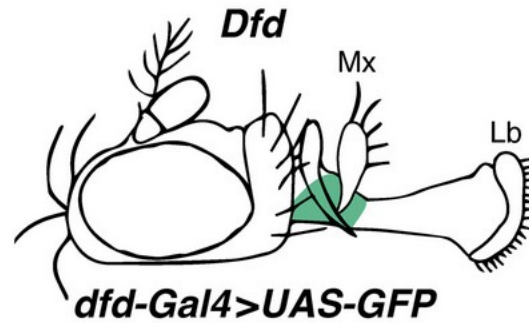
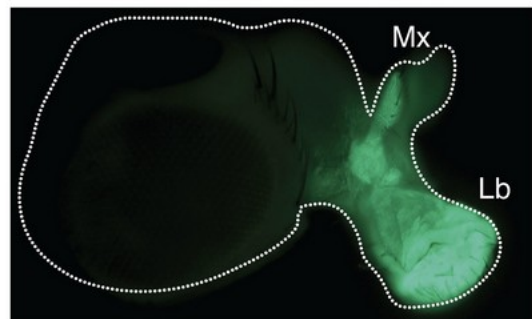
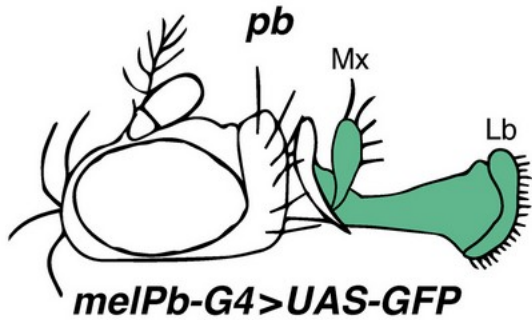
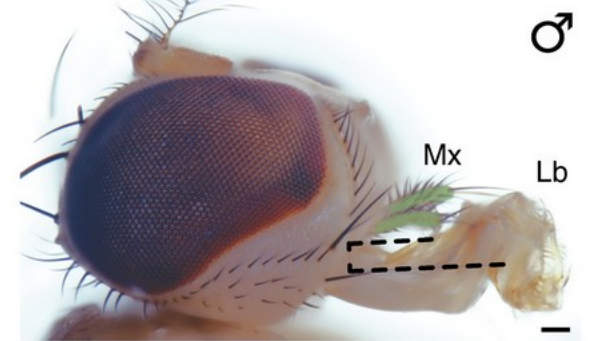
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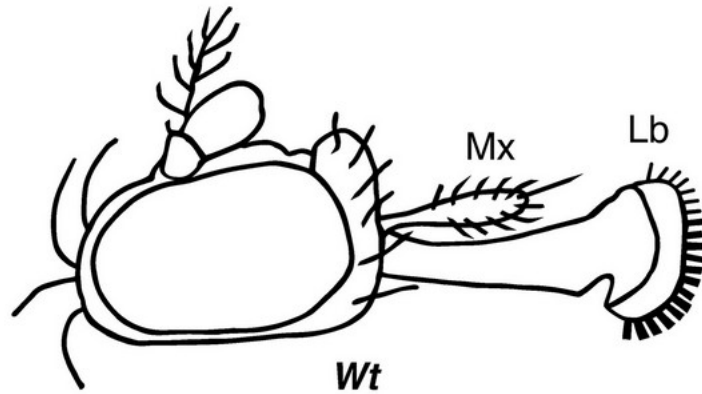
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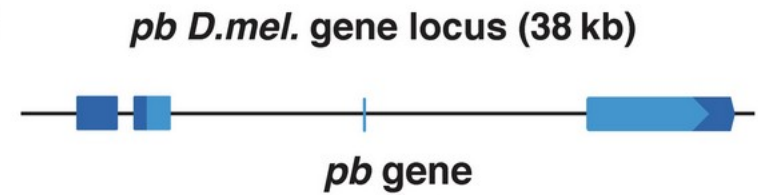
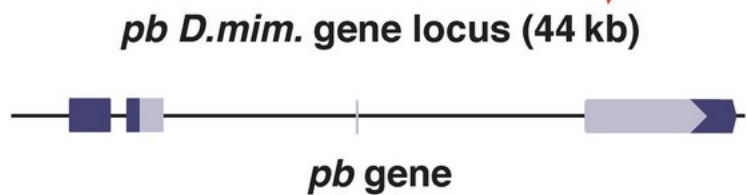
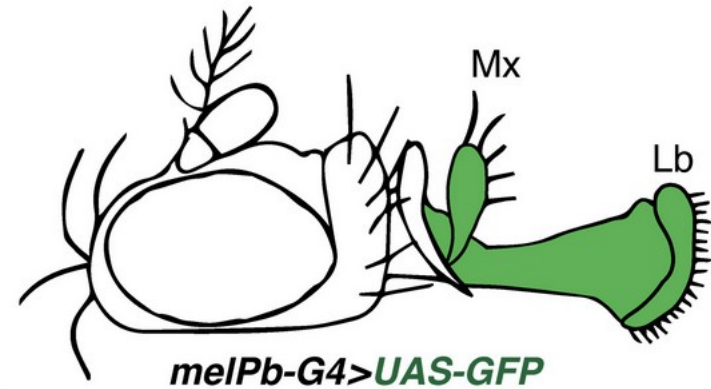


HOX gene replacement

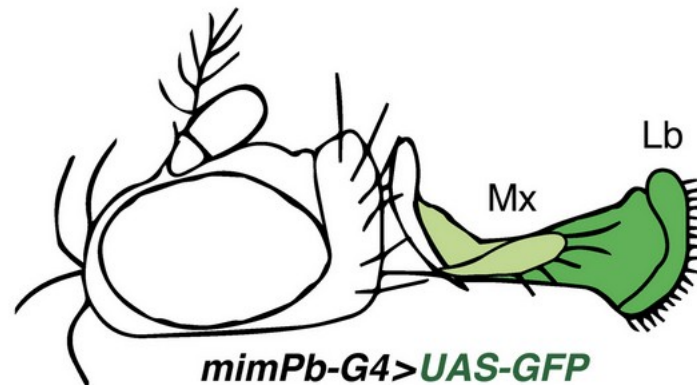
D. mimica



D. melanogaster



pb-mim replaced



A transposon expression burst accompanies the activation of Y-chromosome fertility genes during *Drosophila* spermatogenesis

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ovel insertions to developmental y numbers. However, itis are not well datasets to quantify TE

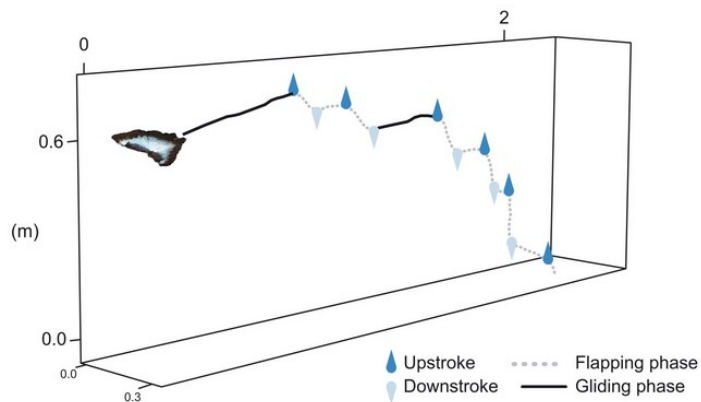
expression in the distinct cell types of the *Drosophila* testis. We develop a method for identification of TE and host gene expression modules and find that a distinct population of early spermatocytes expresses a large number of TEs at much higher levels than other germline and somatic components of the testes. This burst of TE expression coincides with the activation of Y chromosome fertility factors and spermatocyte-specific transcriptional regulators, as well as downregulation of many components of the piRNA pathway. The TEs expressed by this cell population are specifically enriched on the Y chromosome and depleted on the X chromosome, relative to other active TEs. These data suggest that some TEs may achieve high insertional activity in males by exploiting a window of opportunity for mobilization created by the activation of spermatocyte-specific and Y chromosome-specific transcriptional programs.

REPORT | ADAPTIVE FLIGHT



Adaptive evolution of flight in *Morpho* butterflies

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The diversity of flying animals suggests that countless combinations of flight morphologies and behaviors have evolved with specific lifestyles, thereby exploiting diverse aerodynamic mechanisms. How morphology, flight behavior, and aerodynamic properties together diversify with contrasting ecology remains to be elucidated. We studied the adaptive codivergence in wing shape, flight behavior, and aerodynamic efficiency among *Morpho* butterflies living in different forest strata by combining high-speed videography in the field with morphometric analyses and aerodynamic modeling. By comparing canopy and understory species, we show that adaptation to an open canopy environment resulted in increased glide efficiency. Moreover, this enhanced glide efficiency was achieved by different canopy species through distinct combinations of flight behavior, wing shape, and aerodynamic mechanisms, highlighting the multiple pathways of adaptive evolution.

Origins and evolution of extreme life span in Pacific Ocean rockfishes

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Fish have wide variations in life span even within closely related species. One such example are the rockfish species found along North Pacific coasts, which have life spans ranging from 11 to more than 200 years. Kolora *et al.* sequenced and performed a genomic analysis of 88 rockfish species, including long-read sequencing of the genomes of six species (see the Perspective by Lu *et al.*). From this analysis, the authors unmasked the genetic drivers of longevity evolution, including immunity and DNA repair–related pathways. Copy number expansion in the butyrophilin gene family was shown to be positively associated with life span, and population historical dynamics and life histories correlated differently between long- and short-lived species. These results support the idea that inflammation may modulate the aging process in these fish. —LMZ

A circular phylogenetic tree illustrating the evolutionary relationships among various species of the genus *Sebastes*. The tree is color-coded by genus: *Sebastes* (dark blue), *Hozukius* (light blue), *Adelosebastes* (yellow), *Sebastiscus* (orange), and *Sebastolobus* (red). Each branch is labeled with the species name. A color scale bar indicates the maximum lifespan in years, ranging from 0 to 200. Asterisks (*) denote long-read assemblies. The tree is surrounded by illustrations of representative fish species.

The Birth-and-Death Evolution of Cytochrome P450 Genes in Bees

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VIEWPOINT: COVID-19

Dissecting the early COVID-19 cases in Wuhan

Elucidating the origin of the pandemic requires understanding of the Wuhan outbreak

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Some key questions lie at the heart of investigations into the origin of the COVID-19 pandemic, including what is known about the earliest COVID-19 cases in Wuhan, China, and what can be learned from them? Despite asser-