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The genetic landscape of animal behavior

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21 **Although most animal behaviors are associated with some form of heritable genetic variation we do**
22 **not yet understand how genes sculpt behavior across evolution, either directly or indirectly. To**
23 **address this, I here compile a dataset comprised of over 1,000 genomic loci representing a spectrum**
24 **of behavioral variation across animal taxa. Comparative analyses reveal that courtship and feeding**
25 **behaviors are associated with genomic regions of significantly greater effect than other traits, on**
26 **average three fold greater than other behaviors. Investigations of whole-genome sequencing and**
27 **phenotypic data for 87 behavioral traits from the Drosophila Genetics Reference Panel indicate**
28 **that courtship and feeding behaviors have significantly greater genetic contributions and that, in**
29 **general, behavioral traits overlap little in individual base pairs but increasingly interact at the**
30 **levels of genes and traits. These results provide evidence that different types of behavior are**
31 **associated with variable genetic bases and suggest that, across animal evolution, the genetic**
32 **landscape of behavior is more rugged, yet predictable, than previously thought.**

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47 **Introduction**

48 Nearly all behaviors are associated with some form of heritable genetic variation (Kendler and
49 Greenspan 2006). This interplay between genetic and other forces that shape behavior is complex and
50 disentangling it occupies an array of research endeavors, spanning disciplines from evolutionary biology
51 to psychiatry. Accordingly, recent years have seen reasonable progress toward understanding the genetic
52 architecture of certain behavioral traits using model systems (Reaume and Sokolowski 2011). The general
53 conclusion from this research in mice, flies, worms, and humans is that the genetic architectures of
54 behaviors generally fit an exponential distribution, with a small number of loci of moderate to large effect
55 and a larger number of loci with small effects (Robertson 1967; Flint and Mackay 2009). However, owing
56 to limits in data and methods, the extent to which genetic architectures vary across a full spectrum of
57 behaviors and animal taxa has remained largely unexplored.

58 Behaviors can exhibit considerable variation in genetic influence. Comparative analyses reveal
59 that behaviors vary substantially in heritability estimates, most often ranging between 10% and 50%
60 (Kendler and Greenspan 2006; Mousseau and Roff 1987; Meffert et al. 2002). Analyses of individual
61 behaviors reveal even greater diversity. For example, a single retro-element is responsible variation in a
62 courtship song between *Drosophila* species (Ding et al. 2016) while other traits, such as deer mouse
63 burrowing, have modular genetic architectures comprised of multiple interacting loci (Weber et al. 2013).
64 Furthermore, the structure and effect of genetic architectures may vary with behavioral traits, as suggested
65 by the preponderance of large effect loci found for insect courtship traits across multiple species
66 (Arbuthnott 2009). Despite these observations the extent to which behavioral traits may systematically
67 vary across species and behaviors remains unknown. Understanding this could provide insights into how
68 behaviors respond to evolutionary processes, the prospects for finding general principles in the genetic
69 evolution of behavior, and even potentially why there has been such variable success in the mapping of
70 human neuropsychiatric traits.

71 Here, using reports associating behavioral variation with the genes for specific traits across
72 diverse species, I assemble a comparative behavior genetics resource composed of 1,007 significant

73 genomic loci from 114 QTL studies conducted in 30 species across 5 taxonomic classes. These data
74 exploit advances in sequencing and genetic marker design that have accelerated reports using quantitative
75 trait locus (QTL) mapping to identify genomic regions that are associated with behavioral variation
76 (Lander and Botstein 1989; Flint and Mackay 2009). With the compiled dataset I compare the genetic
77 architecture of behavioral types across animal taxa. I then corroborate these observations and assay
78 genetic processes involved in the early stages of behavioral differentiation in a natural population using
79 whole genome data from the Drosophila Genetic Resource Panel (DGRP). These analyses provide insight
80 into the genetic architecture of behavior across animals and the interplay between specific behavioral
81 traits and their genetic influence through evolutionary history.

82 **Results and Discussion**

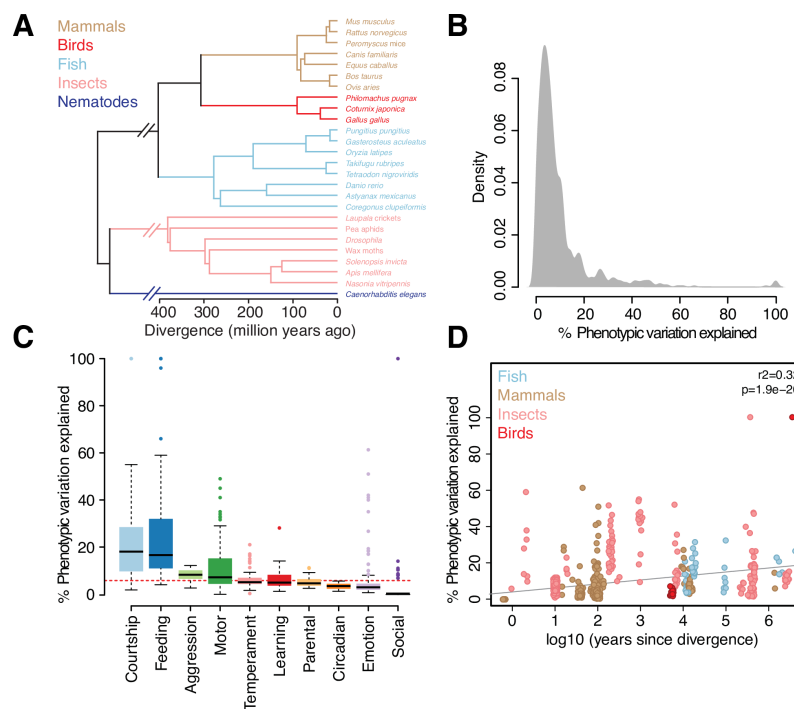
83 I performed a comprehensive analysis of results aggregated from 114 QTL studies conducted in
84 30 species across 5 taxonomic classes to assemble a comparative behavior genetics resource composed of
85 1,007 significant genomic loci (Database S1). The species examined represent over 500 million years of
86 evolutionary divergence and over a broad spectrum of phylogenetic data (Fig 1a). For each locus I
87 annotated the trait measured and its associated effect size (percent phenotypic variation explained), the
88 reported measure of significance (e.g., LOD score), genomic locus, and study sample size. I focused the
89 analyses on the reported effect sizes to allow comparison of the genomic architecture of traits across
90 studies similar to previous meta-analyses of behavioral QTL in mice and flies (Flint 2003; Flint and
91 Mackay 2009).

92 I found that the distribution of effect sizes in the dataset is similar to that found in these previous
93 studies (Fig 1b). In the majority of loci (89.51%) the effect sizes are less than 20% with a mean effect size
94 of 9.54%, suggesting that the genetic bases of most behaviors assayed are complex and composed of
95 many loci of moderate effect.

96 Though these results support a model of many loci with small effects for behavior overall, I then
97 asked whether genetic architecture might vary across *types* of behavior. I identified ten behavioral
98 categories for which traits had been measured in at least two species (See supplementary methods). My

99 null hypothesis was that individual categories would likely reflect the overall distribution seen across the
100 dataset, consistent with previous observations that QTL have relatively similar effect sizes across mouse
101 and fly phenotypes (Flint 2003; Flint and Mackay 2009). Surprisingly, I found instead that behaviors
102 differed significantly in their effect sizes. Specifically, loci associated with courtship (n=124) explained
103 significantly more phenotypic variance than all other behaviors combined (Kruskal-Wallis $p = 6.7 \times 10^{-29}$)
104 and had a mean effect size three times larger than found in all other categories (Fig. 1c). Loci associated
105 with feeding behaviors (n=11) also explained significantly more phenotypic variance than all other
106 behaviors combined ($p = 6.8 \times 10^{-13}$) while emotion and social behaviors explained significantly less ($p =$
107 8.6×10^{-33} ; $p = 2.5 \times 10^{-21}$, respectively). These data suggest that, across species, courtship and feeding
108 behaviors possess genetic architectures different from those of other traits.

109 **Figure 1:**

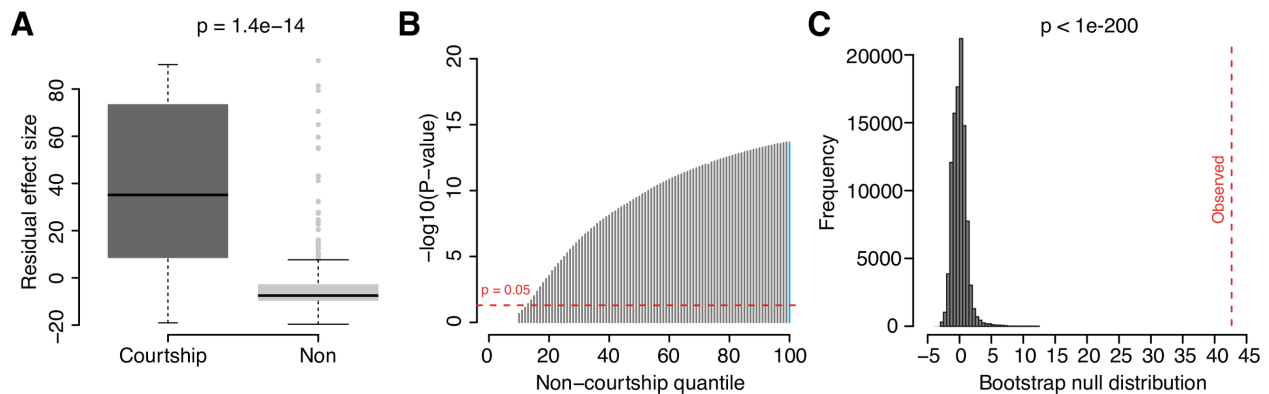


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111 To assess whether these observations arose from differences in the behavioral traits, as
112 byproducts or experimental artifacts I controlled for factors that might have contributed bias. I first
113 considered the effect of *intraspecific* (within species) compared to *interspecific* (between species) crosses
114 used for the QTL mapping, a known source of influence in QTL studies (Broman 2001). I indeed found

115 that experiments employing interspecific crosses identified loci of significantly higher effect ($p = 4.5 \times$
116 10^{-5}). To control for this quantitatively, I estimated phylogenetic divergence and generation times between
117 the crosses used in each of the 115 studies (Supplementary methods). There was a positive correlation
118 between evolutionary divergence and effect size ($r^2 = 0.32$, $p = 1.9 \times 10^{-20}$; Fig. 1d; Supplementary
119 methods). I also considered sample size, a well-known source of bias for which, as might be expected,
120 there was a negative correlation with effect size ($r^2 = -0.37$, $p < 0.0001$).

121 To test the effect of key variables, evolutionary divergence individually, sample size individually,
122 and both combined, I used three linear models (Supplementary methods). Strikingly, the overall structure
123 of the effect size distribution remained largely unaffected after analysis of the residuals from all three
124 models (Fig S1-3; Supplementary methods). In addition, courtship and feeding behaviors had
125 significantly larger effect sizes even after accounting for these potential sources of bias ($p = 1.4 \times 10^{-14}$
126 and $p = 5.7 \times 10^{-7}$, respectively; Fig 2a).

127 **Figure 2:**



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129 After eliminating sources of potential biases inherent to individual datasets, I next considered the
130 possibility that the detection of courtship and feeding behaviors as outliers was a trivial outcome of our
131 own classification method for grouping single behaviors into ten categories. Minimally assuming that the
132 categorizations of courtship and feeding traits were correct, it is possible that the binning of traits into the
133 other eight categories may have masked a real signal from some biologically relevant categorization.

134 To test this possibility, I compared the distribution of effect sizes for the courtship and feeding
135 categories to the distribution for *all* other behaviors combined (Supplementary methods). I found that
136 courtship behaviors explained significantly more variation ($p < 0.05$) than 89% of non-courtship behaviors
137 while feeding behaviors explained more variation than 46% of non-feeding behaviors (Fig 2b; Fig S4b). I
138 complemented this test with a bootstrap analysis that created a null distribution from 10,000 permutations
139 of the non-courtship/feeding trait effect sizes. The observed mean adjusted effect size for both courtship
140 and feeding fell significantly outside the bootstrap null distribution created for each comparison ($p < 5 \times$
141 10^{-200}) (Fig 2c; Fig S4c). These findings reject the notion that there may be another categorization of non-
142 courtship and feeding behaviors missed by our schema that explains substantially more variation of effect.

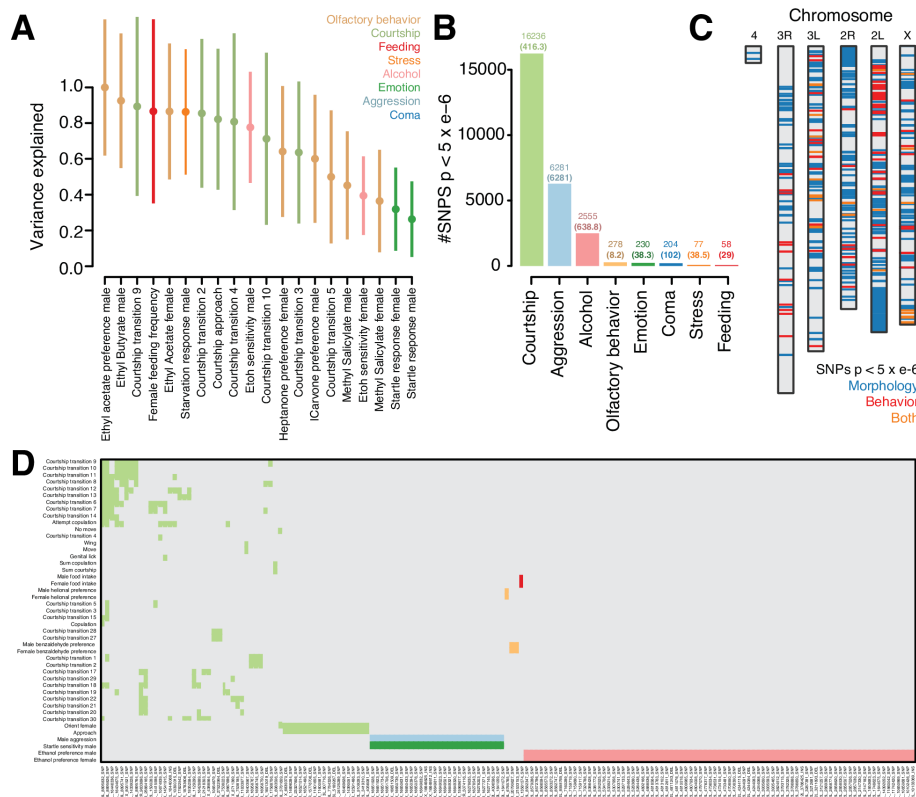
143 My results suggest that courtship behaviors, and to a lesser extent feeding, may respond to
144 evolutionary pressures differently than other behavioral traits. Consistent with this notion, previous
145 analyses of the QTL behavior literature in insects found that a majority of courtship traits are associated
146 with few loci of particularly strong effect that play a potential role in rapid speciation through prezygotic
147 isolation (Arbuthnott 2009). In addition, theoretical work has suggested that traits controlling local
148 adaptation during speciation, such as courtship and feeding, evolve more rapidly if they are associated
149 with a smaller number of loci (Gavrilets et al. 2007). Given the importance of behavior's role in the early
150 stages of speciation it may be possible that for the organisms and traits analyzed here, courtship and
151 feeding traits with simpler genetic components of large effect were selected for during the evolution of
152 these lineages. These observations led me to hypothesize that, in a naturally interbreeding population,
153 courtship and feeding behaviors may be associated with more heritable genetic architectures of greater
154 effect when compared to other behavioral traits.

155 To test this idea, I used the *Drosophila* Genetic Reference Panel (DGRP). The DGRP is
156 comprised of over 200 inbred, fully sequenced *Drosophila melanogaster* lines isolated from a farmer's
157 market in Raleigh, North Carolina (Mackay et al. 2012). Phenotypic measures for a wide number of
158 behavioral traits are available for the DGRP lines in addition to full genome sequence and variant
159 information, making this resource unique in enabling us to ask larger scale questions about variation and

160 evolution in behavior. I collected phenotypic measures for 87 behavioral traits spanning 8 categories,
 161 produced in 9 separate GWA studies (Jordan et al. 2012; Weber et al. 2012; Swarup et al. 2013; Arya et
 162 al. 2015; Gaertner et al. 2015; Garlapow et al. 2015; Morozova et al. 2015; Shorter et al. 2015).

163 I first used genome-wide complex trait analysis (GCTA) to survey the extent to which the 87
 164 behavioral traits varied in genomic heritability attributable to all autosomal SNPs (Yang et al. 2011).
 165 After running GCTA 20 behavioral traits passed a p-value threshold of 0.05, indicating that autosomal
 166 SNPs could explain more trait variation than by chance in these cases (Fig. 3a; Supplementary methods).
 167 The majority of these traits were enriched for involvement in courtship and feeding: 30% (6/20) were
 168 associated with courtship and 50% (10/20) were either involved in olfactory behavior or feeding. Notably,
 169 for a number of these traits the vast majority of phenotypic variation could be explained by genome-wide
 170 SNPs, including preference for the food odorant ethyl acetate (99.99 +/-38.05%) and courtship transition
 171 9 (89.38 +/- 50.03%).

172 **Figure 3:**



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174 In addition to an increase in genomic heritability, my QTL analyses also showed that the genomic
175 architectures of courtship and feeding traits may be simpler and of higher effect. To test this I performed
176 a separate GWA experiment for each trait across all lines with available phenotypic data and filtered for
177 SNPs with a nominal p-value of 5×10^{-6} (Supplementary methods). At this threshold I found 25,919 SNPs
178 (Fig. 3b; Table S1).

179 I re-ran GCTA for each trait using only SNPs identified at $p < 5 \times 10^{-6}$ from the GWAS
180 (supplementary methods). This test is more conservative compared to genome-wide GCTA since it uses
181 just the fraction of genomic variants significantly associated with each individual trait. After GCTA I
182 found 16 behavioral traits that passed the p-value threshold of $P < 0.05$. Half of these significant traits
183 were courtship behaviors, including the top four traits with the most variation explained by GWAS SNPs
184 (Fig. S5a). The number of GWAS significant SNPs for these 16 traits varied substantially and was
185 positively correlated with the amount of phenotypic variance explained (Fig. S5b). For traits with more
186 SNPs, significant portions of the variance could be accounted for. For example, 665 SNPs could account
187 for 63.52 \pm 8.42% of variation in courtship wing movement, 828 accounted for 68.64 \pm 6.69% of
188 genital licking behavior, and 8,013 accounted for 78.45 \pm 5.97% of courtship approach behavior. The
189 results from both GCTA tests in the DGRP lines support the hypothesis that courtship and feeding-related
190 behaviors are associated with more heritable genetic architectures of large effect, even within less
191 diverged natural populations.

192 I next used the DGRP lines to query the extent to which genes or genomic loci may affect
193 multiple behavioral traits (pleiotropy) (Greenspan 2004). I exploited the breadth of phenotypic and
194 genomic data available in the DGRP to empirically address this question at three levels: SNPs, genes, and
195 traits. To allow for comparisons of behavior and other trait types I also conducted GWA for 26
196 morphological traits reported in Vonesch et al. 2016 (Supplementary methods; Table S2). SNPs found to
197 be associated with morphology and behavior at $p < 5 \times 10^{-6}$ were distributed across the *Drosophila*
198 *melanogaster* genome, 80 of which were associated with both behavioral and morphological traits (Fig.
199 3c).

200 With this list of variants I queried which individual SNPs were associated with multiple
201 behavioral categories. I identified 169 SNPs associated with at least two behavioral measures. These
202 variants largely segregated *within* behavioral categories rather than *between* categories, suggesting that at
203 the level of individual SNPs these traits may have largely independent genetic architectures amongst the
204 DGRP lines (Fig. 3d). Many of these SNPs fell within the same genomic regions. I found 72 genes had at
205 least 2 SNPs associated with multiple traits, several of which contained a multitude of variants (Fig. S6a).
206 These genes are enriched for involved in biological processes such as Notch signaling, receptor activity,
207 and morphogenesis (Supplementary methods; Table S3). In addition, I found 81 intergenic SNPs that
208 each occurred within 20kb of their nearest gene - 26 genes in total - suggesting potential regulatory roles
209 for these SNPs (Fig. S6b).

210 I then assessed the extent to which behaviorally associated variants may act pleiotropically at the
211 trait level, using the list of 25,919 variants associated with behavior. With this I correlated the effect sizes
212 of trait-associated SNPs with the effect sizes of those same variants across all other traits (following ref.
213 26). The results of this analysis are summarized in the clustered heatmap in Fig. S7. In general I found
214 extensive correlations between behavioral traits, suggesting widespread pleiotropic genetic effects. I also
215 observed several large clusters of highly correlated traits, suggesting a higher-level structure for
216 phenotypic variation based on trait interactions (labeled 1-4 in Fig. S7). The existence of these apparent
217 clusters suggest that, while behavioral categories in the DGRP overlap little in genomic architecture at the
218 individual variant level, there may be common molecular pathways through which different behavioral
219 traits are altered in a correlated fashion.

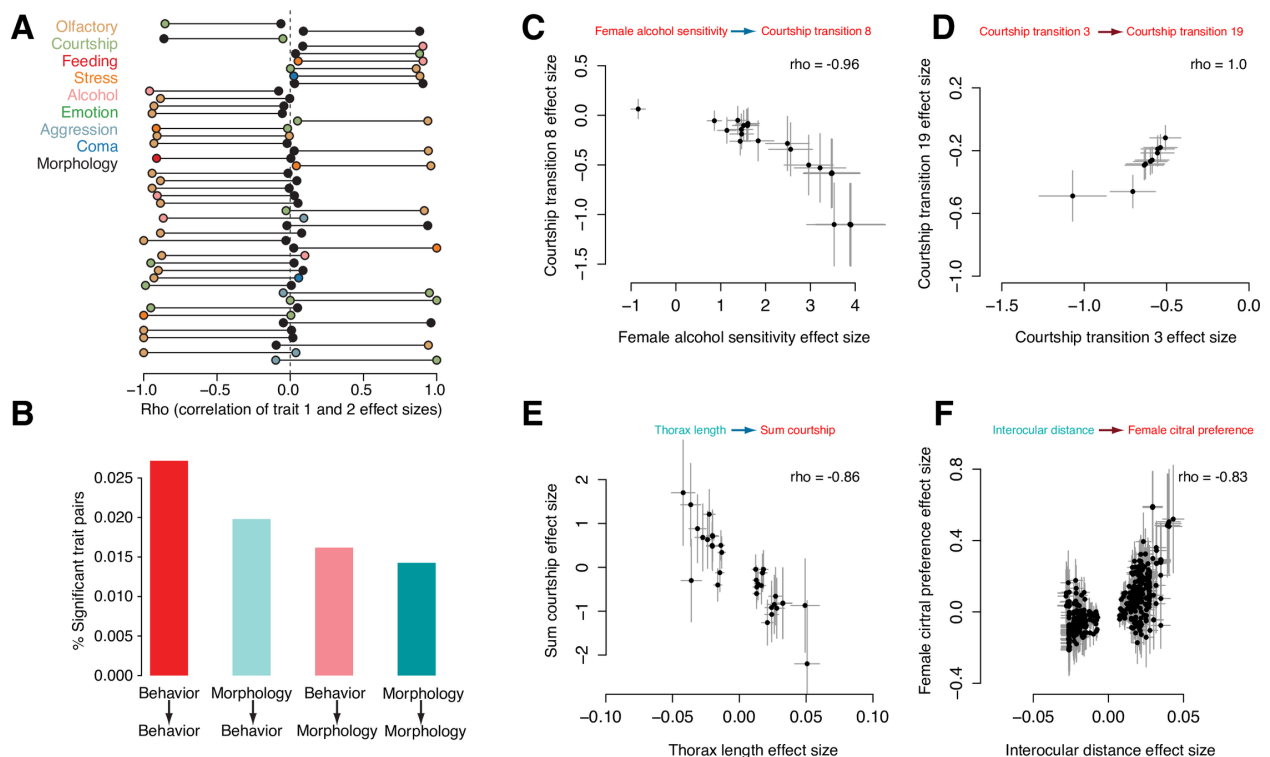
220 Finally, I explored pairs of traits with putative directional relationships given the effect sizes of
221 their associated variants. I avoid calling these relationships causal since, given the existence of extensive
222 epistasis and genetic linkage the DGRP lines, it is difficult to identify individual variants of likely causal
223 effect (Huang et al. 2012). I instead sought to elucidate aspects of a directional relationship by
224 discriminating between cases in which a genotype effects multiple traits through different mechanisms
225 versus scenarios where a genotype exerts an effect on a trait through a second, intermediate trait

226 (summarized as $P_1 \leftarrow G \rightarrow P_2$ compared to $G \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_2$) (Pickrell et al. 2016). In addition to the 87
 227 identified behavioral traits, I included the 26 morphological measures to gather insights into potentially
 228 directional relationships between behavior and morphology in the DGRP.

229 I conducted pairwise tests of each trait at which GWAS variants at the $p < 5 \times 10^{-6}$ level were
 230 identified. Using a permutation based test I found 143 trait pairs that showed directionality wherein the
 231 correlation of effect sizes was strong and significant in one comparison but not the other (Supplementary
 232 methods; Fig. 4a).

233 Trait pairs identified as significant showed an uneven distribution of potential directional effect
 234 between behavior and morphology, with the largest amount occurring between pairs of behavioral traits
 235 (Fig. 4b). Figures 4c-f highlight examples of these SNP effect size correlations for different behavioral
 236 and morphological measures. A particularly interesting connection was found between SNPs associated
 237 with EGFR signaling affecting thorax length and the total amount of courtship attempted by male flies
 238 ($\rho = -0.86$, $p = 8.6 \times 10^{-8}$; supplementary methods).

239 **Figure 4:**



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241 The connection between male courtship behaviors and body size has long been recognized in laboratory
242 strains of *Drosophila* though with little evidence of a molecular basis for this effect (Ewing 1961). In
243 general I find extensive evidence of both directional ($G \rightarrow P_1 \rightarrow P_2$) and general ($P_1 \leftarrow G \rightarrow P_2$) pleiotropic
244 effects between traits in the DGRP, supporting the notion that the early stages of behavioral
245 diversification involve the role of genes that can effect multiple types of traits. Furthermore, I observe that
246 while variation in behavior across trait categories is associated with non-overlapping variants these may
247 occur in common genes and molecular pathways with pleiotropic effects, reflecting suggestions of the
248 existence of phenotypic “hotspots” that are recurrently used by evolution to sculpt phenotypes (Stern &
249 Orgogozo 2008).

250 Taken together these results suggest that behavioral traits may respond to evolutionary processes
251 with greater variation than previously appreciated. For example, researchers may now anticipate that
252 assaying a courtship ritual will likely yield a higher genetic effect than, say, variation in a personality
253 trait. These insights are supported by observations that behavioral categories vary in their heritability and
254 genomic architecture during even the earliest stages of diversification within populations. Furthermore,
255 such behaviors are associated with a small number of highly pleiotropic genes and these traits interact,
256 indicating that there are identifiable molecular and phenotypic patterns that govern behavior.

257 These findings suggest several important caveats and prospects for future behavior genetic
258 studies. First, QTL mapping methods possess inherent limitations in detecting the complete genetic
259 architecture of certain traits. For example, QTL studies are often insensitive to the detection of loci with
260 opposing effects on the trait of interest, thus potentially masking important genetic effects from the
261 researcher’s analysis (Mackay et al. 2009). Future studies of the genetic architecture of behavior will thus
262 benefit from integrating QTL methods with results from genome-wide sequencing and genetic
263 interrogations directed by genome editing⁷. Second, a more complete survey of behavioral categories
264 within and across a variety of taxa are needed to confidently establish whether or not the patterns
265 observed in this study are general principles of how behavior evolves. Finally, empirical tests in the field

266 and lab may offer a deeper understanding of the extent to which courtship and feeding behaviors respond
267 uniquely to selective pressures, and which evolutionary and ecological mechanisms may account for this
268 phenomenon. Expanding on this with the tools and data now becoming available, behavioral biology may
269 begin to produce a more nuanced and predictive understanding of the interplay of genetic forces
270 governing the evolution of behavior.

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292 **Materials and methods**

293 **QTL collection**

294 I first identified behavioral QTL through literature search querying online engines (e.g. PUBMED) with
295 the keywords “QTL”, “behavior”, “quantitative trait locus”, and “behavioral”. I analyzed the results and
296 collected QTL for each relevant publication identified. In order to gather as many relevant QTL as
297 possible over time I expanded the search to include more specific terms relating to behaviors and
298 categories of interest and to those referenced in previously identified papers. I filtered for loci reported as
299 significant by the original authors, resulting in 1,007 QTL from 115 studies. For each locus I recorded the
300 reported effect size (percent phenotypic variation explained), significance measure, genomic location,
301 sample size, and the number of loci reported overall. QTL studies often report other measures in addition
302 to those that I collected (e.g. broad or narrow sense heritability). While it would be desirable to compare
303 certain of these across behaviors and taxonomic groups I found that, within the studies assayed, the
304 reporting of measures other than those I collected was very inconsistent and allowed for only extremely
305 restricted comparisons. Since the measure used to report significance varied across studies I converted all
306 LOD scores to Log p-values using the following R function (R.C.team 2013):

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$$-\log(\text{pchisq}(x * (2 * \log(10)), df=1, \text{lower.tail}=\text{FALSE}) / 2)$$

308 I next classified behaviors following the six groups used in the meta-analysis of mouse QTL studies done
309 by Flint 2003. Several categories represented in our data set were not assayed in this original study (e.g.
310 courtship). In our classification of these I attempted to strike a balance between breadth (to increase the
311 tractability of our comparisons) and biological specificity. To do so I required that a category be
312 represented in at least two species or populations and that the classification match either that reported by
313 the original authors or a reasonable division as reported by the animal behavior literature. The
314 classification of a range of biological traits into broader categories is of course difficult and can
315 repeatedly tempt debate; accordingly this is discussed at length in Flint 2003. I offer that it is important to
316 rigorously test results implicating a broadly defined category as interesting through comparisons of that
317 category to the overall distribution of effects, with the goal of controlling for bias introduced by the

318 original classifications (as is discussed below). All QTL and the associated measures mentioned here are
319 available in Table S1.

320 **Phylogeny**

321 I used the phylogenetic relationships reported in Ponting 2008 as a template for our phylogeny of species
322 examined (Fig. 1a). I added unrepresented species and adjusted dates of evolutionary divergence using the
323 most recent reports available for each specific clade/species. The following sources were used (along with
324 the associated phylogenetic divergences):

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326 *Ruff/quail and chicken*: Jarvis et al. 2014
327 *Quail and chicken*: Kayang et al. 2006
328 *Nine spined and three spined stickleback*: Guo et al. 2013
329 *Stickleback and teleost*: Pfister et al. 2007
330 *Cave fish and teleost divergence*: Briggs 2005
331 *Laupala cricket and insect divergence*: Misof et al. 2014
332 *Wax moth and insects*: Misof et al. 2014
333 *Pea aphids and insects*: Misof et al. 2014
334 *Peromyscus and mice/rats*: Bedford and Hoekstra 2015
335 *Solenopsis and Apis*: Ward 2014
336 *Sheep and cows*: Bibi 2013
337 *White fish and teleosts*: Betancu-R et al. 2013

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339 **Effect size comparisons**

340 The overall distribution of effect sizes (Fig. 1B) was plotted using the density function in R. Since some
341 behavioral categories possessed relatively small sample sizes all comparisons of effect size were done
342 with the non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis test.

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344 For the analyses plotted in Fig. 2a-2c and Figs. S1-4 I summed the effect sizes of all loci associated with a
345 specific behavioral measure for each study. This was done to allow for a comparison of the maximum
346 amount of phenotypic variance explained for each trait in order to allow for conservative test between
347 courtship and feeding and all other traits. For example, there may have been non-courtship/feeding traits
348 associated with many loci that, on their own, possessed small effects but when added together explained a
349 substantial portion of variation. Following this I filtered for loci where sample size information and

350 evolutionary divergence information were available, resulting in 773 loci. The rationales for each estimate
351 of evolutionary divergence are discussed in the next section.

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353 I used several linear models to test for potential biasing effects from evolutionary divergence and sample
354 size, both individually and combined. The resulting residuals from these models are presented in figures
355 S1-3. I found no significant correlations between the residuals from the models and the original variables
356 tested. For the model incorporating sample size alone I observed a correlation between the residuals and
357 sample size itself of -4.06×10^{-17} . For the models incorporating evolutionary divergence alone I observed
358 a correlation between the residuals and divergence of -5.34×10^{-17} . Finally for the model incorporating
359 both there was a correlation of -1.16×10^{-16} with sample size and a correlation of 3.00×10^{-17} for
360 divergence. Given the lack of correlation with either variable this suggests that the combined model
361 successfully controlled for both factors. The residuals for this final combined model were then used for a
362 comparison between all categories (Fig. S1) and between courtship/non-courtship (Fig. 2a) and
363 feeding/non-feeding (Fig. S4a).

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365 For the comparison of the observed courtship and feeding residual effect sizes to the quantiles of all non-
366 courtship/feeding traits I used the following R function (where `non_courtship` and `courtship` are
367 vectors of residual effect sizes for these groups):

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368  
369 quants = data.frame(matrix(nrow=100, ncol=2));  
370 for (i in 10:nrow(quants)){  
371   court_quants[i,1] = i;  
372   non_court = non_courtship[non_courtship[,10]>  
373     quantile(non_courtship[,10], 1-i/100),];  
374   df = as.data.frame(rbind(courtship, non_court));  
375   court_quants[i,2] = kruskal.test(df[,10],  
376     as.factor(df[,11]))$p.value  
377 }  
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379 The bootstrap comparisons in Figs. 2c and S3c were done using the custom R function

380 `bootstrap.2independent` which is available on the Fernald lab website. For these tests I

381 permuted the non-courtship/non-feeding residual effect sizes 10,000 times (with replacement) to create a
382 null distribution against I which I tested the observed median residual effect size for each trait. A p-value
383 for each test was calculated by dividing the sum of instances in which the permuted medians were greater
384 than the observed by 10,000. All plots were produced using base graphics in R and adjusted for design in
385 Adobe Illustrator.

386 **Data collection of the DGRP lines**

387 I downloaded the DGRP freeze 2.0 variant calls and plink files from the *Drosophila* genetics reference
388 panel website (<http://dgrp2.gnets.ncsu.edu>). Raw data for phenotypic measures were downloaded from
389 the following sources:

390 *Starvation resistance*: Mackay et al. 2012
391 *Startle response*: Mackay et al. 2012
392 *Chill coma recovery time*: Mackay et al. 2012
393 *Startle response under oxidative stress*: Jordan et al. 2012
394 *Negative geotaxis under oxidative stress*: Jordan et al. 2012
395 *Olfactory behavior (benzaldehyde)*: Swarup et al. 2013
396 *Courtship behavior*: Gaertner et al. 2015
397 *Olfactory behavior (multiple measures)*: Arya et al. 2015
398 *Aggressive behavior*: Shorter et al. 2015
399 *Food intake*: Garlapow et al. 2015
400 *Alcohol sensitivity*: Morozova et al. 2015
401 *Morphology*: Vonesch et al. 2016

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403 I compiled the raw data into two tables for use in genome-wide analyses of SNP variation, one composed
404 of the 87 behavioral traits obtained and another of the 26 morphological traits. For traits in which multiple
405 measurements were reported I calculated the mean trait measurement and used this for subsequent
406 analyses. I classified traits into behavioral categories in the same fashion as for the evolutionary QTL
407 analyses.

408 **Heritability analyses**

409 I first employed genome-wide complex trait analysis (GCTA) to survey genomic heritability across the 87
410 behavioral traits (Yang et al. 2011). For each trait I used `grem1 v1.26.0` to obtain estimates of
411 heritability from genome-wide SNP variation across all DGRP lines for which phenotypic measures were

412 available. Using the plink files obtained from the DGRP website (base file name dgrp2) I first created a
413 genotype relatedness matrix for all DGRP lines:

```
414 gcta64 --bfile dgrp2 --autosome --autosome-num 3 --maf 0.01 --  
415 make-grm --out dgrp2
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417 Individual phenotype files (*.phen) were created for each trait, including fam and individual IDs and the
418 associate phenotypic measures for each DGRP line. I ran GREML for each phenotype separately:

```
419 subjects=$(ls | grep ".phen")  
420 for s in $subjects  
421 do  
422 gcta64 --grm dgrp2 -pheno $s --reml --out "${s}"  
423 done
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424 I then filtered for traits in which the reported p-value from GREML was <0.05, resulting in 20 traits. Fig
425 3a. shows the distribution of phenotypic variance explained by genome-wide SNPs as measured by the
426 genotypic variance divided by phenotypic variance (V_g/V_p).

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428 For the GCTA analyses of just GWAS significant SNPs I compiled a list of associated SNPs for each trait
429 and built a separate genotype relatedness matrix for each by extracting just those SNPs from the plink bed
430 files. I then reran GREML for each trait using the corresponding genotype relatedness matrix and testing
431 only for the SNPs that it contained. Like above I then filtered for traits in which the reported p-value from
432 GREML was <0.05, resulting in 16 traits.

433 **Genome-wide association analyses**

434 The plink and phenotype files from the GCTA analyses were used to conduct separate genome-wide
435 association studies (GWAS) for each trait. I used plink v1.90 to conduct these tests on the combined
436 phenotype matrix ("dgrp_phenos.txt"):

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437 plink --bfile dgrp2 --pheno dgrp_phenos.txt --assoc --out  
438 plink_GWAS/dgrp_all_traits --all-pheno
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440 Associations were then filtered for a p-value < 5×10^{-6} . SNPs associated with multiple traits were
441 identified and plotted using a binary heatmap with the heatmap2 function in R. Genes associated with
442 multiple SNPs were identified using the variant annotation file available on the DGRP website.

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444 I next assayed relationships between SNPs and multiple traits using the effect sizes (betas) in the
445 *.qassoc files outputted by plink. To do so I compiled a matrix of the effect sizes for all traits at
446 each of the 25,919 significant SNPs (Table S4). This matrix could then be directly queried for comparison
447 of the effect sizes associated with a certain set of SNPs across traits of interest. In order to assess the
448 overall structure of this data set I used Spearman rank correlations to test the associations between all
449 possible trait pairs. The results of this test were visualized using the clustering functionality of
450 heatmap2 in R (Fig. S7).

451 **Tests for trait pair directionality**

452 Directionality in the relationships between trait pairs was tested by first obtaining pairwise rank
453 correlations for each trait pair in which both traits were associated with >3 significant SNPs (60 traits).
454 For traits x and y, s_1 is the vector of SNPs significantly associated with trait x and s_2 is the vector of SNPs
455 significantly associated with trait y. xx is the vector of effect sizes at s_1 for trait x and xy is the vector of
456 effect sizes at s_1 for trait y. Similarly yy is the vector of effect sizes at s_2 for trait y and yx is the vector of
457 effect sizes at s_2 for trait x. Rank correlations can then be obtained for each in R:

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458 x_cor = cor(xx, xy, method="spearman")  
459 y_cor = cor(yy, yx, method="spearman")
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460 Since the strongest signal of directionality would be cases in which the absolute value of x_cor/y_cor
461 equals 1 and the other is equal 0, I assessed directionality as a function of how close to 1 the absolute
462 difference between the correlations was:

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463 D = abs(1-abs(x_cor-y_cor))
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464 I filtered for trait pairs in which rho for one correlation was >0.5 and for the other was <0.1. I then tested
465 the directional significance of each trait pair by permuting xx , xy , yy , and yx 1,000 times and
466 recomputed x_cor , y_cor , and D for each permutation. I then calculated a p-value for each trait pair
467 by comparing the vector of permuted D values (pseudo) to the observed D:

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468 pseudo = c();
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469   for (trial in 1:1000) {
470     pxx = sample(xx, length(xx), replace = F);
471     Bxy = sample(xy, length(xy), replace = F);
472     Byy = sample(yy, length(yy), replace = F);
473     Byx = sample(yx, length(yx), replace = F);
474     p_x_cor = cor(pxx, pxy, method="spearman",
475                 use="pairwise.complete.obs")
476     p_y_cor = cor(pyy, pyx, method="spearman",
477                 use="pairwise.complete.obs")
478     d = abs(p_x_cor-p_y_cor)
479     pD = abs(1-d)
480     pseudo[trial] = pD
481   }
482   p_value = sum(D > pD)/1000
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484 The resulting p-values were adjusted using Bonferroni correction.

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519 **Fig. 1. The genomic landscape of animal behavior** | (A) Phylogeny of all species studied in which
520 genomic loci were collected for the meta-analysis. (B) Density plot of the distribution of effect sizes for
521 all behavioral traits studied. (C) Boxplot of effect sizes (% variation explained) by behavioral category.
522 (D) Scatterplot of the relationship between evolutionary divergence (represented by the log10 of years
523 since divergence) and effect size.

524 **Fig. 2 Assaying the genetic architecture of courtship** | (A) Boxplot of the comparison between the
525 residual effect sizes of courtship and non-courtship behaviors that resulted from a linear model controlling
526 for sample size and evolutionary divergence. (B) Quantile-based $-\log_{10}(\text{p-values})$ comparing the residual
527 effect sizes of courtship and non-courtship behaviors at each quantile cutoff. The blue line corresponds to
528 the comparison in Fig 2a. (C) The null distribution resulting from bootstrapping all non-courtship residual
529 effect sizes for 10,000 permutations and the observed median residual effect size for courtship (dashed
530 red line).

531 **Figure 3 Comparative genome-wide analyses of the Drosophila Genetic Resource Panel** | (A)
532 Heritability estimates ($V(G)/V_p$) from GCTA for the 20 measures identified as significant ($p\text{-value} <$
533 0.05), colored by behavioral category. (B) Barplot summarizing the number of SNPs with $p < 5 \times 10^{-6}$
534 collected for each behavioral category from GWAS on 87 traits. (C) The distribution of SNPs with $p < 5$
535 $\times 10^{-6}$ across the *Drosophila melanogaster* genome for morphological (blue) behavioral traits (red) and
536 SNPs that associate with measures of both (orange) (D) Heatmap representing the distribution of shared
537 SNPs with $p < 5 \times 10^{-6}$ across all behavioral traits. Plotted are SNPs that possess associations with at least
538 two behavioral traits, colored by the categories highlighted in (A).

539 **Figure 4 Directional relationships between trait pairs in the DGRP** | (A) Directional trait pairs
540 identified as significant by permutation testing. Plotted are traits where the significant correlation
541 possesses a $\rho > 0.85$. The significant correlation is represented by a red circle. (B) Barplot summarizing
542 the number of significant trait pairs identified where the focal trait is either behavioral or morphological
543 with a correlation one of these two domains. Behavioral focal traits are colored red, morphological traits

544 are colored blue. **(C-F)** Scatterplots of the effect sizes for the focal SNPs of example significant trait
545 pairs. Standard errors are plotted as grey lines. Positive correlations are represented by red arrows and
546 negative correlations are represented by blue arrows.

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