

Mayr, Dobzhansky, and Bush and the complexities of sympatric speciation in *Rhagoletis*

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The *Rhagoletis pomonella* sibling species complex is a model for sympatric speciation by means of host plant shifting. However, genetic variation aiding the sympatric radiation of the group in the United States may have geographic roots. Inversions on chromosomes 1–3 affecting diapause traits adapting flies to differences in host fruiting phenology appear to exist in the United States because of a series of secondary introgression events from Mexico. Here, we investigate whether these inverted regions of the genome may have subsequently evolved to become more recalcitrant to introgression relative to collinear regions, consistent with new models for chromosomal speciation. As predicted by the models, gene trees for six nuclear loci mapping to chromosomes other than 1–3 tended to have shallower node depths separating Mexican and U.S. haplotypes relative to an outgroup sequence than nine genes residing on chromosomes 1–3. We discuss the implications of secondary contact and differential introgression with respect to sympatric host race formation and speciation in *Rhagoletis*, reconciling some of the seemingly dichotomous views of Mayr, Dobzhansky, and Bush concerning modes of divergence.

Ernst Mayr helped to transform speciation into a holistic science. With his influential book *Systematics and the Origins of Species*, Mayr (1) integrated and synthesized information from genetics, natural history, biogeography, and phylogenetics into a coherent concept of a biological species and a theory for allopatric speciation. Mayr stressed the critical importance of biogeography and systematics as cornerstones for understanding speciation. Divorced from time, space, and phylogenetic relationship, the analysis of reproductive isolation (the defining characteristic of biological species) loses evolutionary context and meaning. The proper chronological ordering of taxa at various stages of divergence also becomes untenable, prohibiting evaluation of the type, sequence, and importance of ecological, demographic, and genetic factors leading to speciation. Therefore, Mayr (1, 2) presented a cogent strategy for studying speciation, clarifying the nature of the question and the critical parameters for investigating the process.

Despite widespread acceptance of Mayr's general framework for studying speciation, several seemingly dichotomous views and personalities nevertheless have shaped and still greatly influence our understanding of the process. Mayr (1, 2) made a forceful argument that geographic isolation (allopatry) is a requisite first step for facilitating divergence in animals. He stressed the coadapted nature of the genome and gene pools, as well as the need for allopatry to break the cohesive chains of gene flow to permit populations to diverge independently. In contrast, Guy Bush (3, 4) championed the importance of ecological adaptation in speciation. This view was epitomized in his arguments that certain phytophagous insect specialists speciate sympatrically in the process of shifting and adapting to new host

plants. Theodosius Dobzhansky (5, 6) pioneered the genetic study of speciation, mapping genetic factors responsible for hybrid sterility and inviability and surveying natural populations to assess levels of genetic variation. He crystallized the view that speciation represents the transformation of within-population variation into between-taxa differences through the evolution of inherent reproductive isolating barriers. Dobzhansky (6) also was a strong advocate of genetic coadaptation, especially with regard to balanced polymorphisms in the form of chromosomal inversions. All of these themes are subsumed within the cladistic framework of Hennig and the paleontological perspective of Simpson; speciation represents population bifurcations in which an ancestral population is split into two distinct, descendent daughter lineages on separate evolutionary paths (7).

However, many of the dichotomies that we envision concerning modes of divergence, the cladistic splitting of taxa, and systematic categories of organisms may blur during species formation. For example, it may not always be the case that geographic isolation is absolute or complete during active stages of species formation. Populations at different stages of divergence may experience periods of spatial isolation interspersed with episodes of contact and differential introgression. Sometimes the new genetic variation introduced by introgression may even open novel environments for populations, facilitating local adaptive divergence (8). Other times, gene flow will homogenize much of the genome, leaving behind a core of coadapted genes differentially evolved between populations. When these gene complexes persist (because of strong selection and their likely linkage in regions of reduced recombination, for example, in inversions) they form a nucleus from which further divergence can build in sympatry by means of reinforcement or ecological specialization (9), as well as in allopatry if isolation reoccurs. Thus, there has been an increasing realization over the last several decades that fields of recombination often extend beyond taxonomic boundaries (10–12) and introgression can occur between hybridizing species in parts of their genomes but not others (13–20). Moreover, although bifurcating phylogenies may be constructed for taxonomic groups viewed from the perspective of deep evolutionary time, forcing such a pattern on

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Abbreviations: Mya, million years ago; ML, maximum likelihood; MP, maximum parsimony; RND, relative node depth.

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population divergence may misrepresent a more dynamic and reticulate speciation process (17, 20–22) and, hence, the evolutionary relationships of taxa. Rather than the analogy of a “tree of life,” a “delta of life” composed of many intertwined banks may be more appropriate in several instances.

Here, we investigate the biogeography of the *Rhagoletis pomonella* sibling species complex, a group of tephritid fruit fly specialists with a potentially reticulate genetics and history (23). Detailed study of the biogeography of *R. pomonella* flies may seem paradoxical. The four described and several undescribed sibling species constituting the complex are a model for ecological divergence without geographic isolation by sympatric host plant shifts (3, 4). Moreover, the recent shift of the species *R. pomonella* from its ancestral host hawthorn (*Crataegus* spp.) to introduced, domesticated apple (*Malus pumila*) within the last 150 years in the eastern United States is often cited as an example of host race formation in action, the hypothesized initial stage of sympatric speciation (3, 4). However, we have discovered a surprising geographic source of genetic variation contributing to sympatric host shifts (23). Based on gene trees constructed for three anonymous nuclear loci mapping to separate rearrangements on chromosomes 1–3 of the *R. pomonella* genome, as well as mtDNA, we inferred that an ancestral, hawthorn-infesting fly population became geographically subdivided into Mexican and “Northern” (United States) isolates ≈ 1.57 million years ago (Mya). Episodes of gene flow from the Altiplano highland fly population in Mexico subsequently infused the Northern population with inversion polymorphism affecting key diapause traits, forming adaptive clines. Later, diapause variation in the latitudinal inversion clines appears to have aided flies in the United States in shifting and adapting to various new plants with different fruiting times. These shifts were mediated by population-level changes in allele (inversion) frequencies, generating premating and postmating reproductive isolation in the process and helping to spawn several new host-specific taxa, including the recently formed apple race. We stress that we are not contending that the *R. pomonella* complex in the United States evolved in allopatry. Rather, certain raw genetic material contributing to the adaptive radiation of *R. pomonella* in the United States originated in a different time and place than the proximate ecological host shifts triggering sympatric divergence.

The evidence for past introgression and its contribution to sympatric host shifts could be interpreted as indicating that inversions preferentially flowed from the Mexican Altiplano into the Northern fly population after secondary contact. However, the persistence of latitudinal clines in the United States suggests that environmental factors may have constrained the spread (prevented the fixation) of the inversions relative to other genes. Hawthorns tend to fruit later in southern latitudes (H.D. and J.L.F., unpublished data). Hawthorn-fly populations in the United States track this geographic variation in host phenology, possessing inversion genotypes for chromosomes 1–3 in the “South” that cause them to eclose later in the season (23–25). The pattern continues into Mexico. In the Altiplano, flies infest their primary hawthorn hosts, *Crataegus mexicana* and *Crataegus rosei* var. *rosei*, from mid-October to late December (J.R., J.L.F., S. Berlocher, and M.A., unpublished data). However, in the United States, *R. pomonella* infests various different hawthorn species, mainly from mid-August to late October. Mexican flies take significantly longer to eclose than U.S. flies, even those from Texas (H.D., J.L.F., J.R., S. Berlocher, and M.A., unpublished data). Consequently, the positions of the inversion clines represent a balance between diapause selection and migration. In contrast to the inversions, loci mapping to other chromosomal regions generally do not differ in allele frequency between the host races, vary clinally, correlate with the timing of eclosion, nor display high levels of linkage disequilibrium in nature (26–30).

Therefore, these apparently collinear regions of the genome may have introgressed more readily at times in the past between Mexico and the North, homogenizing in frequency because of a lack of differential selection combined with recombination.

The contrasting pattern of genetic differentiation seen for chromosomes 1–3 vs. other genomic regions is consistent with new models of chromosomal speciation (9, 31, 32). In these models, reduced recombination associated with rearrangements facilitates the retention of linked genes conferring adaptation or reproductive isolation between hybridizing taxa. However, collinear portions of the genome tend to introgress because recombination results in weak or no linkage of most genes in these regions to loci causing reproductive isolation. Studies in sunflowers (14), the *Drosophila pseudoobscura* subgroup (18–20), and *Anopheles* mosquitoes (33, 34) have found evidence for greater introgression in collinear segments of the genome than inverted segments. If differential introgression is true also for *Rhagoletis*, then the prediction is that loci mapping outside the inversion carrying chromosomes 1–3 should generally show less genetic divergence between Altiplano and U.S. flies compared with genes within the rearranged chromosomes. Coalescence times for noninverted regions should primarily date to the most recent period of contact and gene flow; rearrangements should display deeper divergence times congruent with the initial separation of Mexican and Northern populations. Thus, the chromosome model is predicated on *Rhagoletis* inversions having partially introgressed at a distant time in the past. During subsequent periods of geographic isolation between Mexican and Northern populations, these inverted regions accumulated additional host-related, as well as possibly non-host-related, genetic changes. Some of the changes, because of their linkage in rearrangements differing between the populations, reduced the potential for the inversions to introgress between Mexican and U.S. flies.

Here, we examine the applicability of the “rearrangement” model to *R. pomonella* by means of an expanded DNA sequence analysis of loci encompassing both inverted and likely collinear regions of the genome of the fly. We report a pattern of genetic differentiation that is consistent with the rearrangement hypothesis for differential gene flow; gene trees for six nuclear loci mapping to chromosomes other than 1–3 tended to have shallower relative node depths (RNDs) separating Mexican and U.S. sequences than nine genes residing on chromosomes 1–3. We discuss the implications of secondary contact and differential gene flow with respect to sympatric host race formation and speciation in *Rhagoletis*.

Materials and Methods

Fly Populations. Taxa, host plants, collecting sites, and sampling dates for flies are given in Figs. 1 and 2. Flies were collected as larvae in infested fruit and either (i) dissected from the fruit and frozen for later genetic analysis or (ii) reared to adulthood in the laboratory.

DNA Sequencing. Sequence data were generated for 16 nuclear loci isolated from an *R. pomonella* EST library, in addition to the three nuclear genes (P220, P2956, and P7) and mtDNA (3' portion of COI, tRNA-Leu, and COII) analyzed in ref. 23. Nine of the new loci map to the inversion containing chromosomes 1–3, whereas seven genes reside elsewhere in regions that genetic data suggest are not associated with rearrangements (26–30, 35) (Table 1). Genomic DNA were PCR amplified for 35 cycles (94°C for 30 sec, 52°C for 1 min, and 72°C for 1.5 min) by using locus-specific primers (35). Products were TA-cloned into pCR II vectors (Invitrogen). PCR amplification products initially were cloned separately for two to three flies from each study site, with from four to six clones sequenced per locus per fly in the 5' and 3' directions on an ALF sequencer (Amersham Pharma-



Fig. 1. The current range of *R. pomonella* in North America. Estimated distributions for the hawthorn-infesting U.S. (light gray) and Mexican Altiplano (dark gray) populations of flies, as well as the recently discovered Sierra Madre Oriental population (black; see text for discussion of "Sierra" flies), are shown. The fly is also distributed patchily in the western United States. Further work is needed to clarify the distribution and origins of these western populations, because they may represent recent introductions. Numbers indicate sampling sites in study (see the Fig. 2 legend for site descriptions).

cia Biotech). To increase sample sizes for certain sites, we also separately amplified genomic DNA for eight flies from the site and TA-cloned the pooled amplification products for sequencing. To avoid analysis of identical alleles from the same individual, sequences generated from the pooled cloning were not included unless they differed from each other.

Gene-Tree Construction. Maximum parsimony (MP) and maximum likelihood (ML) gene trees were constructed by using PAUP* (Version 4.0, Beta 10; ref. 36). For the MP analysis, deletions were treated as a fifth base pair, with indels of identical length and position recoded to count as single mutational steps. *Rhagoletis electromorpha*, belonging to the sister species group (*Rhagoletis tabellaria*) to *R. pomonella* (3), was used as an outgroup. MP and ML gene trees were very similar, and, thus, only the MP results are presented. Intra-genic recombination was tested by using the method of Hudson and Kaplan (37). Putative recombinant alleles and gene regions were identified, and the alleles were excluded from initial MP gene-tree construction. Recombinant alleles were then added to the trees by hand to generate sequence networks. The molecular clock was tested for each locus for *R. pomonella* and *R. electromorpha* sequences by comparing log likelihood scores enforcing vs. relaxing the clock hypothesis for the best supported DNA substitution model identified by using MODELTEST (38). To quantify gene-tree topology and genetic divergence, RNDs were calculated between major haplotype classes of alleles segregating in Mexican and U.S. fly populations by dividing the number of substitution differences between a given pair of Mexican and U.S. alleles by the mean number of substitutions between each of these alleles and the *R. electromorpha* outgroup sequence. Assuming a molecular clock (which none of the nuclear loci or mtDNA violated; Table 1), the mean RND for all pairs of Mexican and U.S. alleles between two haplotype classes estimates the age of separation of the haplotypes relative to the divergence of *R. electromorpha*, given a low to moderate effective size for the ancestral *R. pomonella*/*R. electromorpha* population.

Results and Discussion

Nuclear and mtDNA Gene Trees. Of the 19 total nuclear loci analyzed in the study, 4 were determined to be duplicated loci and excluded from further analysis (P341, P2480, P70, and P2919, mapping to chromosomes 1, 3, 3, and 6, respectively). MP gene trees for the remaining 15 nuclear loci and mtDNA are

shown in Fig. 2 and supporting information, which is published on the PNAS web site). None of the sequenced genes deviated significantly from a molecular clock (Table 1). Nine of the 15 nuclear loci displayed evidence for possible recombination by the method of Hudson and Kaplan (Table 1). However, exchange was limited to alleles within identified haplotype classes (i.e., M, S/N, or N) or within geographic populations (Altiplano or United States). The only exceptions were the loci P667, P1700, and P2473, where recombination occurred between major haplotypes within the U.S. population (see supporting information). As would be expected for a nonrecombinant molecule, there was no evidence for exchange among mtDNA sequences.

Gene Tree Topologies and RND. Gene tree topologies differed significantly between loci mapping to chromosomes 1–3 and those residing elsewhere in the genome (Fig. 2). A summary of the differences is shown in Fig. 3, where RNDs are plotted between major haplotype classes segregating at loci in Altiplano vs. U.S. flies. RNDs clustered into three groups, corresponding to deep, intermediate, and shallow divergence between Mexican and U.S. haplotypes. Loci tended to fall into different RND categories based on their chromosomal location. Loci mapping to chromosomes 1–3 had significantly greater RNDs than genes on other chromosomes. Six of the nine loci on chromosomes 1–3, as well as mtDNA, had RNDs >0.63 between at least one pair of haplotypes segregating in the United States and Altiplano (Table 1). Two of the three loci not displaying deep RNDs (P3072 and P667) showed low levels of disequilibrium, with linked allozymes differentiating the apple and hawthorn host races (standardized disequilibrium between P3072 and *Aat-2*, 0.077; $P = 0.504$; $n = 75$ scored chromosomes; r value P667/*Me*, 0.117; $P = 0.259$; $n = 92$), suggesting possible weaker associations of these genes with inversions or targets of selection on chromosomes 1 and 2, respectively. In contrast, none of the six loci residing on chromosomes other than 1–3 possessed a deep RND (Table 1). Indeed, the deepest RND for any of these six loci was 0.361 (P1700), which was shallower than P22, the third locus on chromosome 3 not possessing a deep RND. Four of the six loci not on chromosomes 1–3 also displayed shallow RNDs of <0.16 , not appreciably greater than values found segregating within haplotype classes for these loci within Altiplano and U.S. populations (Fig. 2). No locus residing on chromosomes 1–3 possessed a shallow RND (Table 1).

Implications of the Gene Trees: Isolation, Contact, and Differential Gene Flow. The tripartite distribution of RNDs for nuclear and mtDNA gene trees is consistent with a hypothesis that Mexican and U.S. fly populations have undergone two cycles of geographic isolation and differential introgression (Fig. 4). The deep and congruent RNDs for six of the loci on chromosomes 1–3 and mtDNA suggest an initial population subdivision of a Mexican/U.S. common ancestor ≈ 1.57 Mya based on an insect mtDNA clock (1.15×10^{-8} substitutions per bp per year) (39). We propose that this initial isolation event was followed by a period of contact from 0.5–1 Mya, during which time gene flow was considerable. Extensive population mixing accounts for the large number of loci displaying intermediate RNDs, as well as for the establishment of adaptive clines for inversions on chromosome 1–3. We do not know the location or extent of the contact zone or clines when they first formed. However, we presume that ecological factors related to host phenology affected the clines in the past in a similar manner as they do currently. Loci residing in other regions of the genome not under selection moved readily between Mexican and Northern populations and recombined, accounting for the lack of deep RNDs for chromosome 4 and 5 loci. In contrast, mtDNA did not introgress during this or any subsequent period of contact.

Table 1. Loci sequenced in this study

Locus	<i>c</i>	<i>P</i>	Model	<i>r</i>	RND
P181	1	0.89	F81	0	0.375, 0.710
P220	1	0.62	TrN+I	0	0.402, 0.677
P3072	1	0.32	TrN+I	1	0.298
P2473	2	0.12	TrN+I	1	0.378, 0.651
P2956	2	0.64	TrN+I	0	0.669, 0.755
P667	2	0.78	TrN	2	0.287, 0.391
P8	2	0.70	HKY	1	0.656
P22	3	0.48	HKY	0	0.281, 0.439
P7	3	0.32	HKY	1	0.281, 0.639
P2963	4	0.30	F81	3	0.323
P661	4	0.40	TrN+I	1	0.134, 0.267
P1700	5	0.24	HKY	4	0.313, 0.361
P2620	5	0.73	F81	0	0.144, 0.155
P309	5	0.73	HKY	0	0.078
P3060	?	0.75	HKY	1	0.158
mtDNA	—	0.43	TrN+I	0	0.691

The chromosome map positions (*c*), the probability level (*P*) for whether loci conform to a molecular clock, and the ML substitution model (Model) as determined by MODELTEST (Akaike information criterion estimate; ref. 38) are given. The exact map position of P3060 is not known, but the gene does not reside on chromosomes 1–3. Also, it is shown whether genes display evidence for recombination (*r*, minimum no. of recombination events as estimated by the method of Hudson and Kaplan; ref. 37), and RND values for loci between major haplotype classes segregating in Mexican and U.S. populations. Cases in which two haplotypes are segregating in the U.S. population (or Altiplano for P1700) have two RND values (one value for each haplotype).

Alternative Hypotheses for the Gene Trees. The pattern of differentiation seen for nuclear loci could potentially also be explained by incomplete lineage sorting of balanced inversion polymorphisms present in the ancestral Mexican/U.S. population. In this scenario, Mexican and Northern isolates diverged recently from a common ancestor of modest population size, accounting for the shallow RNDs for loci mapping to chromosomes 4 and 5. In contrast, rearranged regions on chromosomes 1–3 tend to have deeper RNDs because of (i) limited recombination between inversion karyotypes (Mexican and U.S. haplotypes on alternate inversions may often be restricted from coalescing until before

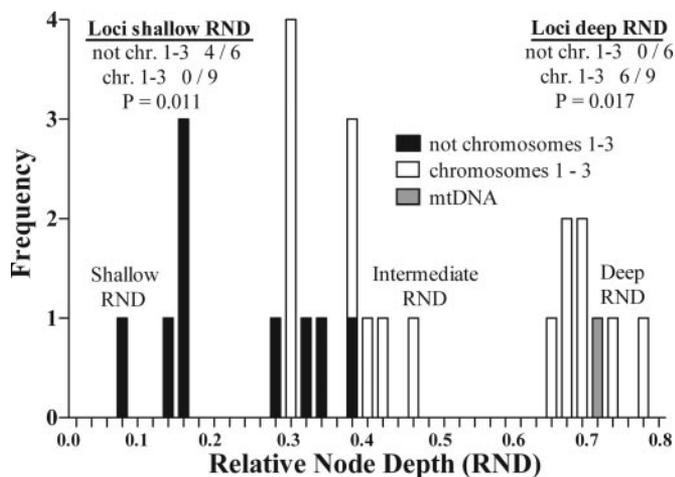


Fig. 3. Distribution of RNDs for nuclear loci not residing on chromosomes 1–3 (black bars), for genes located on chromosomes 1–3 (white bars), and for mtDNA (gray bar). The list on the left gives the number of loci displaying shallow RNDs (<0.16) for the six sequenced genes not mapping to chromosomes 1–3 vs. the nine genes that do. The list on the right gives the number of loci displaying deep RNDs (>0.63). RND values for each locus are given in Table 1. *P* values were determined by two-tailed Fisher's exact tests.

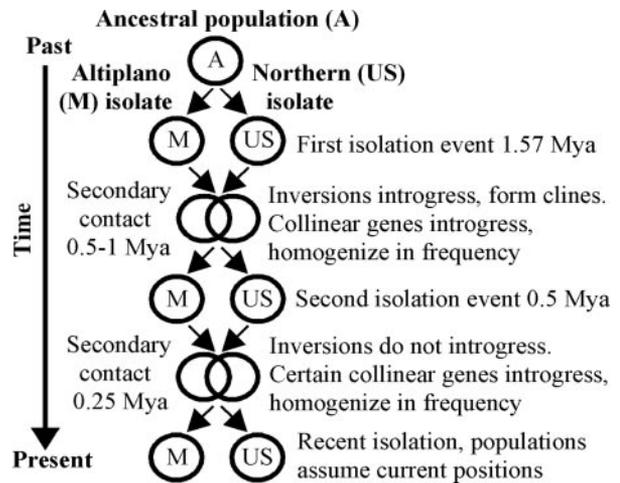


Fig. 4. Biogeographic model depicting two cycles of isolation and differential introgression between Mexican Altiplano and Northern (United States) populations of *R. pomonella*.

the origin of the chromosomal rearrangement separating them in the common ancestor) and (ii) the increased retention time of rearrangements in the ancestral population due to overdominance. At the time of population subdivision, the inversions may have been arrayed in the form of primary clines. Inversions prominent in the South consequently sorted into the Mexican fly population, while a large portion of the polymorphism was retained in the North. As a result, SN haplotypes (alleles that now vary clinally and are found in increasing frequency in southern U.S. fly populations) are genetically more closely related to M haplotypes in Mexico than to alternate N haplotypes segregating in the same host populations (Fig. 2*A* and supporting information).

However, in the absence of a mechanism that coordinately generates inversions throughout the genome, the incomplete lineage-sorting hypothesis has difficulty explaining the clustered distribution of RND values for chromosome 1–3 loci into intermediate and deep categories (Fig. 3). Correlated RND values may be expected among loci residing in the same inverted region of a chromosome but not among rearranged regions on different chromosomes, as noted. Moreover, incomplete lineage sorting cannot readily account for the deep RND seen for mtDNA and its congruence with many chromosome 1–3 loci (Figs. 2 and 3 and Table 1). Given a recent time of separation and modest effective size for the ancestral population, mtDNA should have coalesced quickly and should display minimal differentiation between Mexican and U.S. flies. Last, although inverted regions can be biased toward containing haplotypes with deeper RNDs, unless population splitting was precise, one would still expect to see a subset of inversions shared in common between Mexican and U.S. flies. Haplotypes in the shared inversions should show shallow RNDs, similar to loci on chromosomes 4 and 5. Consequently, the observed gene trees are more consistent with the hypothesis of repeated isolation and secondary contact, with inversions on chromosomes 1–3 becoming increasingly more recalcitrant to introgression through time relative to collinear regions of the genome.

Our data could also be explained by a series of gene duplication and deletion events within *R. pomonella* and the outgroup species *R. electromorpha* such that many of the haplotype comparisons made in the study were between paralogous rather than orthologous sequences. Four of the original 19 loci amplified in the study were found to be duplicate loci. If similar duplications were accompanied by deletions for many of the

other 15 loci, then these duplications/deletions could confound our biogeographic interpretation of the gene trees. However, the deletion scenario, considered alone, suffers the same difficulties as the lineage-sorting hypotheses in explaining the tripartite distribution and deep congruence of chromosome 1–3 nuclear and mtDNA RND values. But it is possible that a composite biogeography/deletion model could account for the pattern. Under this scenario, Mexican and Northern isolates formed ≈ 1.57 Mya. A period of secondary contact and gene flow followed from 0.5–1 Mya. After this time, Altiplano and Northern populations have remained disjunct. The shallow RNDs observed for loci not on chromosomes 1–3 would be due reciprocal deletions of paralogous genes in *R. pomonella* and *R. electromorpha*, resulting in improper comparisons of orthologous Mexican and U.S. haplotypes within *R. pomonella* to a highly diverged paralogous outgroup sequence for *R. electromorpha*.

The deletion hypothesis would not negate the contributory roles of allopatry and secondary introgression in facilitating the sympatric radiation of the *R. pomonella* group by means of host shifting. However, it would call into question whether gene flow was differential for inverted vs. collinear regions of the genome. In essence, there would not have been a second period of recent contact when such a pattern could have been fully generated. Genetic crosses of flies imply that U.S. haplotypes represent allelic variation segregating at single loci (30, 35). However, it is difficult to completely rule out the possibility that deletions at very tightly linked duplicated loci generated the observed segregation patterns. Moreover, test cross results for *R. pomonella* are not directly germane to resolving the status of *R. electromorpha* sequences. However, sequence data available for the more distantly related *R. cingulata* and *R. suavis* for P661, P309, P2620, and P3060 (loci with shallow RNDs) place *R. electromorpha* between these two species and *R. pomonella*. The lack of interspersed clades of sequences containing all or subsets of the four species implies that variation at P661, P309, P2620, and P3060 is allelic and not paralogous.

A Second Mexican Population. Recently, we have discovered a second population of *R. pomonella*-like flies that infest hawthorns in the Sierra Madre Oriental mountains of Mexico (Fig. 1). The genetics, biogeography, and phenology of the Sierra Oriental population suggest that it may have been a conduit for gene flow between the Altiplano and the North in the past (J.R., J.L.F., X.X., S. Berlocher, and M.A., unpublished data). DNA sequence analysis indicates that Sierra flies are differentiated but, overall, appear to be most closely related to southern U.S. populations (X.X. and J.L.F., unpublished data). The Sierra population abuts the Altiplano population through parts of the states of Veracruz, Puebla, and Hidalgo, Mexico (Fig. 1) (J.R., J.L.F., X.X., S. Berlocher, and M.A., unpublished data). We do not know whether the Sierra population contacts U.S. flies. However, if it does, this contact zone is spotty and ephemeral. Hawthorns are rare through the border region but are present in isolated patches in southern New Mexico and, possibly, the Davis Mountains of Texas. The primary hawthorn host for Sierra flies is *C. rosei* var. *parrayana*, which is infested from September to early October (J.R., J.L.F., S. Berlocher, and M.A., unpublished data). As is the case for Altiplano and U.S. flies, the diapause characteristics of the Sierra population match host phenology. Sierra flies eclose significantly earlier than Altiplano flies, resulting in potentially substantial allochronic isolation (J.R., J.L.F., X.X., S. Berlocher, and M.A., unpublished data). However, host specificity is not absolute in Mexico. In the transition region between the Altiplano and Sierra, *C. mexicana* and *C. rosei rosei* cooccur with *C. rosei parrayana* and can be found infested by genetically Sierra populations of flies. Here, *C. mexicana* and *C. rosei rosei* fruit earlier than they do on the Altiplano and are infested from late September to early No-

ember. Thus, host specificity is not as critical a factor isolating Mexican flies as it is for the *R. pomonella* complex in the United States. However, the spatial and temporal overlap of hawthorns in the transition zone provides a potential bridge for past introgression between the Altiplano and North via the Sierra population.

A Golden Braid. The views of Mayr, Dobzhansky, and Bush may not be as trichotomous as they seem with respect to *Rhagoletis*. Geographic isolation appears to have established an initial kernel of genetic differentiation that was later expanded on and contributed to sympatric host shifts and new fly taxa. Thus, although geographic context is critical for understanding speciation, allopatry and sympatry should not always be considered as diametrically opposed modes of divergence along an axis of spatial isolation. Differentiation and processes occurring in isolation and contact can interact and compliment each other to accentuate species formation, arguing for a more pluralistic view of modes of speciation (40). In the case of *R. pomonella*, the relationship involves a likely sequence of geographic isolation, life-history adaptation, secondary contact, differential introgression, inversion clines, and sympatric host shifts. The evolution of reinforcement can be viewed in an analogous manner, involving non-host-related traits affecting prezygotic isolation rather than ecological adaptation *per se*. Also, there is no reason to presume that host-related differences that originated in sympatry cannot be solidified by periods of geographic isolation between host-associated populations, although such allopatry is not required to complete the speciation process. Thus, during the time course of differentiation, populations can assume characteristics of both allopatric and sympatric modes of divergence, with phenotypic and genetic elements interacting to further the speciation process.

The connectivity of speciation mode is perhaps best epitomized for *R. pomonella* if one views the phylogeography of the fly as reflecting sequential adaptation to spatially more finely packaged phenological host niches. At the coarsest level, Altiplano, Sierra Oriental, and Northern *R. pomonella* populations initially became differentially adapted to temporal and spatial disjunctions in hawthorn fruiting time through a “modular” genetics associated with inversions affecting diapause. After secondary introgression from Mexico, the modular gene blocks became arrayed in the form of broad inversion clines in the North in response to latitudinal variation in hawthorn fruiting time. Last, life-history variation inherent in the clines was extracted on a microgeographic scale [primarily by shifts in allele (inversion) frequencies] to facilitate sympatric shifts and specialization of *R. pomonella* in the United States to a number of cooccurring host plant species with differing fruiting times. However, host specificity does not appear to be a factor reproductively isolating Altiplano and Sierra flies. Here, geography may act as habitat fidelity does in sympatry, limiting migration and facilitating divergence.

The differences between Altiplano, Sierra, and U.S. populations raise a number of questions. For example, the apparently reduced potential for rearrangements to introgress implies that these regions of the genome have accumulated additional genetic changes, causing reproductive isolation between Mexican and U.S. flies after their initial establishment in secondary inversion clines in the North. Not all of these changes necessarily reflect host-associated or ecological adaptations. There is no reason that non-host-related differences resulting in prezygotic isolation and hybrid inviability and sterility should not also have accumulated between Mexican and Northern demes during periods of allopatry. Given secondary contact and differential gene flow, the chromosomal speciation models predict that these differences should be concentrated in inversions (8, 31). Therefore, the extent to which intrinsic genomic incompatibilities map to inversion differences between Mexican and U.S. flies needs to

be examined. If true, then the inversions would be simultaneously affecting speciation across both allopatric and sympatric scales in *R. pomonella*. It would be particularly intriguing if any derived differences in the inversions in the U.S. related to latitudinal variation in hawthorn fruiting phenology or interactions between sympatric *R. pomonella* taxa using different hosts feed back to restrict gene flow between U.S. and Mexican flies, closing the speciation mode braid.

Also, we stress that not all of the host-related changes contributing to sympatric host shifts are diapause-related. Differences in host discrimination (habitat-specific mating) also played a key role in generating the *R. pomonella* complex. Recently, we demonstrated that host fruit-odor discrimination is an important element of habitat choice for *R. pomonella* (41, 42). Host choice is important in *Rhagoletis* because the fly mates only on or near the fruit of its respective host plants (43, 44). Thus, variation in host choice translates directly into differences in mate choice and prezygotic isolation. The genetics of fruit-odor discrimination appear to involve loci affecting both preference and avoidance for volatile compounds emitted from the surface of natal and nonnatal fruit (H.D. and J.L.F., unpublished data). Also, F₁ hybrids appear to have a reduced ability to orient to host fruit odor in flight-tunnel tests, signifying potentially reduced fitness in the field (42). Therefore, the genetics and evolutionary history of host discrimination may prove to be different from diapause traits and not associated with periods of geographic isolation. Because hawthorns are fundamentally similar in Mexico and the United States, there is no reason to expect hawthorn discrimination to be under differential selection or to display a cline.

In conclusion, our study highlights the reticulate nature of speciation at both the population and genomic levels. Students of plant speciation have long embraced this perspective (8, 45–47), whereas workers in animal systems are gaining an increased appreciation for the importance of hybridization in metazoan diversity (8, 48–51). Many questions remain. Genetic crosses are needed between Altiplano, Sierra, and U.S. flies to assess their taxonomic status and more accurately define the

extent of inversion differences separating the populations to strengthen tests for differential introgression. Polytene chromosome spreads are of such poor quality in *Rhagoletis* that these questions cannot be answered cytologically, but it is nevertheless important to determine whether, for example, SN and M haplotypes now reside on the same or different sets of inversions in U.S. and Mexican populations. Preliminary mating studies indicate that Mexican and U.S. flies are interfertile. However, the relative sterility and viability of F₁ and second-generation hybrids remain to be quantified. Moreover, our current understanding of the biogeography of Mexico must be refined, especially in the potential contact zone between Altiplano and Sierra populations, as well as Sierra and U.S. flies, to test for active gene flow. The cause for the lack of mtDNA introgression must also be resolved. Two possibilities are male-mediated gene flow and cytonuclear gene interactions affecting host choice. Last, the paleobiology of Mexico and the Southwest must be further investigated to determine whether the distributions of cooccurring fauna and flora, as well as environmental conditions, are consistent with our historical hypothesis for differential gene flow in *R. pomonella*. Nevertheless, our results underscore Mayr's (1, 2) emphasis of the critical importance for a fully resolved biogeography and systematics for understanding speciation, even in cases of sympatric divergence in which attention usually is focused on documenting spatial overlap during differentiation. Knowledge of historical information on the biogeography and phylogeography of *R. pomonella* has helped clarified our understanding of the mechanism of sympatric speciation in these flies by adding a contributory, secondary role for allopatrically evolved inversions in the process.

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