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(ゲノム解析による新規および多様な環境への適応の

遺伝的基盤の解明)

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General Introduction

Recent environmental changes often caused specie's responses such as shifting their geographical distribution and/or adaptation to novel environments in the nature. However, some species cannot respond to rapid environmental changes and lead to extinction, whereas some species such as invaded species can often adapt to novel environments and expand rapidly after the introduction during short-period a time. These indicate that the capacity of a species to adapt to environmental changes differs among species. In general, there are two mechanisms to response to environmental changes, plasticity and physiological tolerance, and adaptive evolution through natural selection. Although both provide the potential of responding to environmental changes, the magnitude of recent climate changes is often larger than those of species' plastic responses, and several researches showed that evolutionary responses through climate-driven selection have often occurred. Thus, adaptive evolution plays a more important role in responses to environmental changes than previously thought.

To what degree a species can adapt to various environments within their habitats is one of important questions for understanding mechanisms of adaptive capacity of the species. Some species have large habitat range with various environments, whereas other species have narrow ranges with uniform environment, and the present habitat ranges might be determined of their historical adaptation. Although habitat ranges are limited by several complex factors, lack of genetic variation within populations or species might be related to failure in expanding their habitat ranges. Why successful invaded species can expand in novel introduced habitat is also a related to problems as to mechanisms of adaptive capacity. Invaded species often expand from small number of founder individuals, and it is unclear whether they can adapt to novel environments with lower genetic variation. Thus, what genetic basis could facilitate adaptation to various environments within their habitat and rapid adaptive responses to novel environments after the introduction are challenging unsolved problems for evolutionary biology and conservation. Recently next generation sequencers have been developed and improved, and a huge genome information is easily available even though non-model species. A whole-genome approach can utilize overwhelmingly a large number of loci throughout a genome without investigating ecologically important traits that obviously related to phenotypes. Thus, whole-genomic analyses would be effective tools for understanding the genetic basis for adaptive capacity for various species.

In this thesis, I aim to explore the genetic basis conferring specie's adaptive capacity. In chapter 1, I focused on gene duplication event that is one of the source of genetic variation, and estimate the relationship between proportion of duplicated genes (P_D) and their habitat diversity in mammal species. In chapter 2, I focused on the green anole lizard (*Anolis carolinensis*) invaded in Ogasawara Islands and examining genetic basis of rapid adaptation to a novel environment by estimating historical demography and detecting the recent natural selection contributed to the adaptation.

Chapter 1. Contribution of non-ohnologous duplicated genes to high habitat variability in mammals

The mechanism by which genetic systems affect environmental adaptation is a focus of considerable attention in the fields of ecology, evolution, and conservation. However, the genomic characteristics that constrain adaptive evolution have

remained unknown. Gene duplication event is one of the source of genetic variation, because duplicated genes often accumulate mutations under relaxed functional constraints, and generate novel genes. A recent study showed that the proportion of duplicated genes in whole Drosophila genomes correlated with environmental variability within habitat, but it remains unclear whether the correlation is observed even in vertebrates whose genomes including a large number of duplicated genes generated by whole-genome duplication (WGD). Ohnologs, which are duplicated genes by WGD, are not just ancient duplicated remnants and have different features compared to small-scale duplication (SSD) genes. Ohnolog are likely to be dosage-balanced genes, and gene knockout of an ohnolog causes lethal phenotypes, whereas SSD genes are possibly related to response to biotic stimuli, a property that could be important for adaptive traits. Here, I used fully sequenced mammalian genomes that experienced WGD in early vertebrate lineages and focus on the relationship between both ohnolog and SSD genes and habitat variability. I revealed the proportion of SSD genes but not that of WGD genes, is significantly correlated with habitat variability. Moreover, species with low habitat variability have a higher proportion of lost duplicated genes, particularly SSD genes, than those with high habitat variability. These results indicate that species that inhabit variable environments may maintain more SSD genes in their genomes and suggest that SSD genes are important for adapting to novel environments and surviving environmental changes. My findings suggest that proportion of duplicated genes (P_D) , in particular the proportion of SSD genes, would be an appropriate index for evaluating species vulnerability to future environmental changes for the conservation of biodiversity.

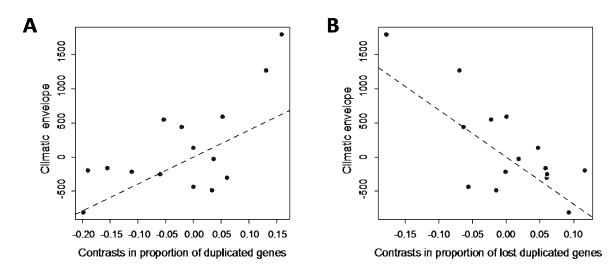


Figure 1-1. Correction between P_D and habitat variability for 16 mammals. The x-axis represents phylogenetic independent contrasts (PICs) in the P_D . The y-axis represents PICs in the climatic envelope estimated from WORLDCLIM.

Chapter 2. Estimating demographic history and recent natural selection for *Anolis carolinensis* introduced into Ogasawara archipelago

Many studies reported that invaded species could rapidly expand and establish to novel environments through adaptive evolution after the invasion. The green anole (*A. carolinensis*) was introduced into Chichijima, one of Ogasawara Islands in 1960s, and then expanded rapidly throughout the Chichijima and Hahajima islands. To estimate the demographic history and detect recent natural selection after the invasion, I conducted coalescent simulations and sliding window analysis using the whole-genome sequences of both the introduced Ogasawara and native Florida populations, and also compared the

morphological traits among the populations. The results indicated that the estimated initial and the present effective size of the introduced population were 28 and 229, respectively, and no migration between the introduced and native population have occurred. Morphological analysis showed that lower hindlimb length was longer in the introduced populations than the native populations and the head width was larger in Hahajima islands than other populations. Twenty candidate genes that had been subject to selective sweep or positive selection were detected and among the detected candidate genes, 6 genes have functions of muscle development and contraction, three have metabolic process, and the others have growth factors and temperature perception. The results indicated that although the effective number of introduced population was small, several genes had been subject to selection and might be related to adaptation to the introduced environments. Some of genes might contribute to evolution of hindlimb length which might be related to adaptation to change in microhabitat uses. Other gene has function of metabolic processes, which might be related to change in food habit in the introduced populations.

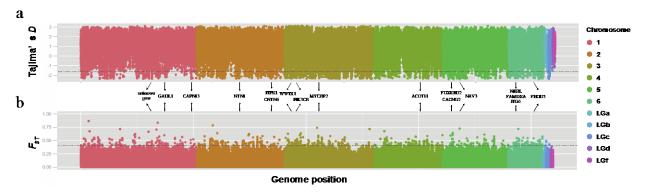


Figure 2-3. Genome wide sliding window analysis (window size = 10kb, sliding size = 5kb) of Tajima's D and F_{ST} in both introduced population. Each color indicates the difference of chromosome 1-6 and LGa-f. P < 0.05. P values were determined based on the null distribution produced by the coalescent simulation. The arrows indicate 20 genomic regions with significantly lower Tajima's D and higher F_{ST} (P < 0.05). (a) Tajima's D values in each window of Chichijima population. The horizontal dashed line indicates the threshold at lower P < 0.05. (b) F_{ST} values in each window of Chichijima population. The horizontal dashed line indicates the threshold at higher P < 0.05.

General discussion

In chapter 1, I revealed that the species inhabit variable environments maintained higher P_D in their genome especially SSD genes in mammals. My results suggest that the proportion of gene duplications, not ohnolog but particulary SSD genes, in a genome are important for adapting to various environments within their habitat and it becomes an effective signature of species adaptive capacity. In chapter 2, I revealed the historical demography of Ogasawara islands, and detected morphological changes and some genes are related to recent rapid expansion. My results indicate that A. carolinensis might expand responding to the introduced environments with adaptive evolution despite of the low initial population size due to bottleneck effect. Recent rapid environmental changes cause serious effects for various species, but my results suggest that the species which maintains higher P_D in their genome would be robust for environmental changes, and species also might lead to a rapid adaptive evolution in spite of the small initial population size, if the founder genetic variation is not too small. Therefore, I propose that we could evaluate the adaptive capacity of a species by estimating the

genetic basis of the species such as P_D and the historical effective population sizes. Since the whole genome information expected to be available for many species, genomic structure of the species revealed by whole-genome analysis would provide variable information for conservation of biodiversity.

論文審査結果の要旨

玉手智史氏提出の博士論文では、1 章でゲノム内の遺伝子重複率が生物の生息環境多様 性に及ぼす効果、2章で新規環境に侵入し、短期間に急速に拡大・定着した侵略外来種 Anolis carolinensis の進化について報告している。1章では、脊椎動物で過去に3回生じた 全ゲノム重複によって生じた重複遺伝子(オオノログ)と小規模なゲノム領域で通常生じ ている小規模重複遺伝子(SSD)とに区別し、ゲノム内の遺伝子重複率と生息域内の環境多 様性をゲノム配列が既知の哺乳類 16 種について調べた。その結果、SSD においてのみゲ ノム内遺伝子重複率と生息域内環境多様性との間に正の関係があることを示した。この結 果は、ゲノム内の遺伝子重複率が種の分布域内の生息環境多様性と有意な関係があり、重 複遺伝子の中でも SSD が多様な環境への適応力に関係していることを初めて示した研究 である。2章は、50年前に小笠原諸島に侵入し、潜伏期を経て個体数が急激に拡大し、固 有の生物に大きな影響を及ぼしている A. carolinensis に焦点をあて、ゲノム配列から侵入 の個体数動態と進化的変化を推定した研究である。移入元であるフロリダの集団と小笠原 父島および母島の個体のゲノムを用いて Joint-Site-frequency 法によって、有効集団サイズ を推定したところ、50年前に約28個体が小笠原に侵入し、その後移住はみられないとい う予測になった。また、現在の有効集団サイズは 229 個体と推定された。また、侵入後 50年の間に小笠原で自然選択をうけて進化したと思われる遺伝子として12の遺伝子が検 出された。そのうち3つの遺伝子はインシュリン抵抗性に関わる遺伝子で、食性の変化あ るいは成長に関すると考えられた。また、6 つの遺伝子は、筋発生や収縮に関連する遺伝 子で後肢長の長さの進化と関係があることが示唆された。これらの結果は、移入種が移入 時点でどのような遺伝的多様性をもっていたのか、また、どの程度の遺伝的多様性で侵入 後の進化が可能になったのかを初めて示した研究である。これらの研究は、玉手智史氏が 主導で行った研究であり、玉手智史氏は自立して研究活動を行うに必要な高度の研究能力 と学識を有することを示している。したがって、玉手智史氏提出の論文は、博士(生命科 学)の博士論文として合格と認める。