Discordant population structure inferred from male- and female-

type mtDNAs from *Limecola balthica*, a bivalve species

characterized by doubly uniparental inheritance of mitochondria

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Abstract

Doubly Uniparental Inheritance (DUI) of mitochondria is a remarkable exception to the

Strictly Maternal Inheritance (SMI) in metazoans. In species characterized by DUI --almost

exclusively gonochoric bivalve mollusks--, females (F) transmit mitochondria to offspring of

both sexes, while males (M) pass on their mitochondria exclusively to their sons. Under DUI,

males are heteroplasmic, somatic tissues containing F-transmitted mtDNA and gametic cells

containing M-transmitted mtDNAs. The aforementioned transmission routes make M- and F-

transmitted mtDNA interesting as sex-specific markers which can differ in their effective

population sizes, mutation rates, and selective constraints. For these reasons, looking at both

markers can provide significant insight into the genetic structure of populations and

investigate its determinants. In this study, we document differences in genetic diversity,

divergence, inter-populational genetic differentiation and biogeographic structure between

M- and F-type *cox1* mt genes in the Baltic tellin (*Limecola balthica*) to test whether *cox1m*

and *cox1f* genes bear the marks of similar phylogeographic histories. Both markers were

sequenced for 313 male individuals sampled from the Baltic Sea to the Gironde Estuary

(Southern France). Haplotype diversity and net divergence were over twice higher in *cox1m*

compared to *cox1f*. A strong southward decrease in nucleotide diversity was observed only at
cox1m. Genetic differentiation between northern and southern populations was nearly 3 times
higher at *cox1m* compared to *cox1*f (global ΦST = 0.447 and 0.126 respectively) and the
geographic localization of the strongest genetic break significantly differed between the
markers (Finistère Peninsula at *cox1*f; Cotentin Peninsula at *cox1m*). A higher mutation rate,
relaxed negative selective pressure and differences in effective population sizes (depending
on locations) at *cox1m* could explain differences in population genetic structure. As both F-
and M-type mtDNAs interact with nuclear genes for oxidative phosphorylation and ATP
production, geographical discordances in genetic clines could be linked to mito-nuclear
genetic incompatibilities in this system.

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Introduction
Some species show a remarkable exception to the maternal inheritance of mitochondria in
metazoans: the doubly uniparental mode of inheritance (DUI). In this system, both males and
females are able to transmit their mitochondria. The former transmits "female-inherited" (F-
type) mitochondria to all their progeny and the latter pass on "male-inherited" (M-type)
mitochondria to their male offspring, where the male mitogenomes (mt) are quartered in male
germ line and gametes (reviewed in Zouros, 2013). To date, DUI species have only been
discovered in the class Bivalvia, with over 100 DUI species (Gusman et al 2016) among the
about 11,000 contained in this taxon (Huber 2010, 2015). They are all gonochoric, except for
the hermaphroditic mussel *Semimytilus algosus* (Lubosny et al 2020). More than a simple
peculiarity, DUI is suspected to play a role in sex-determination and gonad differentiation
(Zouros 2000, Breton et al 2011, Guerra et al 2017, Capt et al 2018, 2019), and could well be
involved in population structure through intrinsic (*e.g.* genetic incompatibilities; Saavedra et
al 1996) and extrinsic (*e.g.* selection and demography, Stewart et al 1996) factors.
In DUI species, the divergence between F-type and M-type mitogenomes is variable
but generally high, ranging from 6 to over 50% (reviewed in Breton et al 2007 and Gusman et
al 2016), which questions the maintenance of mito-nuclear genetic coadaptation. Indeed, both
F- and M-type mitochondria can be found in males and females but in majority, females are

homoplasmic for the F-type mtDNA whereas males are heteroplasmic, accommodating two

highly divergent mitogenomes (F-type in somatic tissues and M-type in sperm). The presence

of the M-type mtDNA in somatic tissues is considered as a paternal leak due to elimination or

segregation failure of sperm mitochondria in female or male embryos, respectively (Milani et

al 2012). Both F- and M-type mt lineages show rapid molecular evolution compared to other

animals, the M-type mtDNA usually evolving faster than the F-type mtDNA (Zouros et al

2013). Coevolution and coadaptation of mitochondrial and nuclear genes are required for

efficient cellular energy production (*i.e.* oxidative phosphorylation OXPHOS) and mito-

nuclear genetic incompatibilities (MNIs) can lead to a desynchronization of this machinery

(Burton & Baretto 2012,2013). Therefore, DUI offers tremendous potential for genetic

incompatibilities to develop, in particular, in inter-populational hybrids, as a network of cyto-

nuclear interactions exists (Saavedra et al 1996): mito-genetic incompatibilities can be

expressed not only between the F-type and nuclear genes (in somatic tissues and oocytes in

females), but also between the M-type and nuclear genes in sperm. Recombination between

M- and F-types can further complicate mito-nuclear dynamics (reviewed in Zouros 2013).

DUI could, therefore, bear on the maintenance of genetic structure among populations of

highly dispersive bivalve species at small spatial scales, and provide key insight into the

establishment and maintenance of local adaptation. While significant efforts have been made

in the recent years to comprehend how DUI works and how it evolved (*e.g.* Breton et al 2007,

2014; Zouros, 2013, Zouros 2020), little information is available on how it might participate

to reproductive isolation.

Thus, barriers to gene flow can arise and be maintained by a multitude of

environmental and/or intrinsic factors (Barberousse et al 2010), from ecological isolation to

genetic incompatibilities. Hybrid zones, which correspond to transition regions between

spatially separated genetic stocks, are "natural laboratories" to study the interactions between

intrinsic barriers and the environment, and the processes of adaptation and speciation.

Limecola balthica (previously known as *Macoma balthica*, Huber, 2015), a species in

which DUI has recently been detected (Pante et al 2017), is a noteworthy model species to

study hybrid zones in marine ecosystems (Strelkov et al 2007, Riginos & Cunningham 2007).

It has a wide distribution range spanning from the west pacific coasts, in Japan and from

Alaska to Oregon (USA, Luttikhuizen, 2003) to the North Atlantic, where the species is

found in the west from Arctic to Virginia (USA; Meehan, 1985) and in the east from the

north of Russia (Hummel et al, 1997) to the Arcachon Basin (Hily 2013 and this publication).

The succession of glaciation and inter-glaciation periods has resulted in colonization events

of the Atlantic marked by repeated isolation, invasion, and re-colonization events (Nikula et

al, 2007). These episodic colonization events have created multiple opportunities for

secondary contacts between different genetic stocks and the establishment of several hybrid

zones in the Atlantic. Two subspecies of *L. balthica* co-occur in North Atlantic: a Pacific

lineage (*L. balthica balthica*) present in the Baltic Sea and the White Sea, and an Atlantic

lineage (*L. balthica rubra*) present in the Norwegian Sea, the North Sea and along the British

coasts, down to the southern range limit of the species (Väinölä 2003, Luttikhuisen et al

2003, Nikula et al 2008). In Europe, genetic breaks were described in the Kattegat Detroit

between Sweden and Denmark (Nikula et al. 2007, 2008) and in the North Finistère between

the Channel and the Atlantic Ocean. Southern populations of *L. balthica rubra* exhibit F-type

mtDNA signatures consistent with long-term isolation in the glacial refugium of the Bay of

Biscay: high genetic diversity relative to previously-glaciated areas, high prevalence of

private alleles, and a sharp genetic break separating them from northern populations (Becquet

et al 2012). Multiple genes involved in the oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS) system

(including genes coding for ATP synthase subunits and an ADP/ATP transporter were

detected as significantly differentiated among southern and northern populations by an F_{ST}

scan (Pante et al 2012, 2019). These results suggested that incompatibilities between

mitochondrial and nuclear genes encoding OXPHOS functions could be involved in

endogenous barriers to gene flow in *L. balthica*.

Here, we present sharp differences in genetic diversity, divergence and population

genetic structure between F- and M-type mtDNAs of *L. balthica* male individuals, in

particular along the northeast Atlantic hybrid zone first described in Becquet et al (2012).

Given the typically higher evolution rate and the potentially relaxed selection pressures acting

on the M-type mitogenome, these comparative data allow us to start testing whether

mitotypes are sufficiently different to cause genetic incompatibilities impeding gene flow in

L. balthica.

Materials and Methods

Sampling

Individuals were collected from a total of 17 sampling sites ranging from Arcachon (southern

range limit of the species, France) to Le Crotoy (Somme Bay, northern France) and from

Kruiningen (the Netherlands) to Umea (Swedish Baltic Sea) (Table S1). Individuals from

sampling sites on the French coasts were treated as follows: 70 to 100 adults from 11 mm to

23 mm were randomly collected live at sexual maturity between 4th and 23rd of April 2018

at 9 locations ranging from the Bay of Biscay in southern France to Somme Bay (Table S1).

Individuals were then held in aquaria until dissection at the LIENSs laboratory (LIttoral

ENvironnement et Sociétés) in La Rochelle, France, with water temperature maintained at

10°C. They were fed with a multispecific microalgal mixture every other day and dead or

dying individuals were removed daily if necessary. For each individual, the adductor muscle

was carefully severed to separate the two valves, without damaging the gonad, and a sample

of the mantle was taken. Sex and gonadal maturation stage were determined with a dissecting

microscope (x100 to x400). For each individual, two types tissue samples were collected, a

gonadic sample and a somatic sample (mantle). All tissue samples were flashfrozen in liquid

nitrogen, and then stored at -80°C until DNA extraction. At each step of this protocol,

dissecting tools and bench surfaces were thoroughly cleaned in successive baths of 10 %

bleach, demineralized water, and 95 % EtOH as to avoid DNA cross-contamination. Using

this dataset, we checked that male mitochondria were limited to male gonads (*i.e.* absent from

other male tissues and from females); thus making molecular sexing permissible (Le Cam et

al in prep).

For the other sampling sites, whole individuals had been collected for a previous

study (Becquet et al. 2012 and the BIOCOMBE project) and were preserved in 95% EtOH. A

3 mm^3 piece of tissue was sampled from the gonad, gDNA was purified and quantified as

detailed below, and PCR amplifications were attempted with both the *cox1m* and *cox1f*

primers. Individuals for which both gene regions could be amplified were considered as

males and included in subsequent analyses.

Molecular Analyses

Total DNA was extracted with the Nucleospin Tissue Kit (Macherey Nagel), following the

manufacturer's instructions. In Saint-Vaast and Mont Saint Michel, most specimens were

sexually undifferentiated at the time of sampling. Therefore, for these samples and for the

samples from all the other "non-French" localities, sex was determined by checking for the

amplification of both male and female *cox1* markers in gonad DNA. DNA purity and

potential contaminants were checked using a NanoDrop2000.

Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplifications of the female (*cox1f*) and male

(*cox1m*) mitochondrial DNA regions were performed using specific primers (Cox1m:

cox1m14641F   ATAGCTGGCCTGGTGTTTAGG,   cox1m15560R

TTGGACCCTTTCGAGCCAAG; Cox1f: cox1f5343F TTAGTGACTTCACACGGTTTGC,

cox1f6032R TGGGAAATAATCCCAAACCCG). Amplifications were realized in a total

volume of 25 µL, with 0.1 µL of Taq Polymerase 5 U.µL^{-1} (TaKaRa Ex Taq® Kit MgCl$_2$

Free Buffer) (TaKaRa Ex Taq, TaKaRa Bio, Shiga, Japan), 2.5 µL PCR Buffer 10X, 1.5 µL

MgCl$_2$ 25 mM, 1 µL dNTP 2.5 mM each, 0.6 µL each primer 10 µM and 17.7 Milli-Q water,

and 1 to 20 ng of template DNA. SensoQuest thermal cyclers (Göttingen, Germany) were

used to perform the following PCR cycling profiles: (i) for the *cox1f*, 2 min of initial

denaturation at 94°C, then 30 cycles consisting of 45 sec at 94°C followed by 30 sec of

annealing at 57°C and 40 sec of elongation at 72°C, and a 5 min final step of elongation at

72°C, and (ii) for the *cox1m*, 2 min at 94°C, then 30 cycles of 30 sec at 94°C, 30 sec at 60°C

and 55 sec at 72°C, and a final elongation for 5 min at 72°C. PCR success (*i.e.* amplicon

concentration, specificity and absence of amplicons for PCR and extraction negative

controls), was tested on 1% agarose gels. PCR products were then sent to Eurofins GATC

Biotech GmbH (Konstanz, Germany) to be purified and Sanger sequencing was performed on

both directions.

Sequence Analyses

All sequences of *cox1f* sequences and *cox1m* fragments were quality-controlled and aligned

in Geneious Prime 10.2.6 (Kearse et al 2012). Consensus sequences were trimmed to 479 bp

and 676 bp for *cox1f* and *cox1m*, respectively. Full length *cox1m* (676 bp) was called *cox1m-*

long hereon and trimmed *cox1m* sequences at the same length as *cox1f* (479bp) to compute

further comparative analyses was referred to *cox1m* hereon.

Haplotype sequences and their frequencies from *cox1-long* computed in R v3.3.3 (R Core

Team, 2017) using the *pegas* package v0.11. (Paradis, 2010) In order to model intraspecific

relationships among haplotypes, for both *cox1f* and *cox1m-long*, median-joining networks

(Bandelt et al., 1999) were constructed with PopART v1.7 software (Leigh & Bryant, 2015).

Genetic diversity indices and population differentiation analyses at *cox1f* and *cox1m*

were estimated only for sampling sites with a minimum sample size of 10 individuals.

Genetic diversity indices were calculated using Arlequin v3.5.2.2 (Excoffier et al., 1992):

haplotype number (H), haplotype diversity (Hd) and nucleotide diversity (π Tajima, 1983).

Index distributions were statistically compared using paired non-parametric Mann-Whitney-

Wilcoxon tests. Genetic differentiation was estimated in Arlequin using the $\square_{ST}$ fixation

index and its statistical significance was tested by performing 10,000 permutations (Excoffier

et al., 1992).

An analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA) was carried out to evaluate the genetic

structure among geographic regions and overall sampling sites using 10,000 permutations

with Arlequin v3.5.2.2 (Excoffier et al., 1992). We used jModeltest2 (Darriba et al., 2012;

Guindon & Gascuel, 2003) to choose the Tamura-Nei model of nucleotide substitution (with

gamma shape parameters of 0.1150 and 0.1450 for *cox1f* and *cox1m* respectively) as a

measure of haplotype distances in Arlequin. Based on discordances in the distribution of the

genetic diversity at *cox1f* and *cox1m*, several hierarchical groupings of subpopulations were

tested for each marker to determine the best geographical delineation of genetic structure.

Different measures of populations differentiation (pairwise and AMOVA) were also

carried out using conventional F- statistics.

To test for differences in selective pressure on the female and male mitochondrial sequence

sets, the Tajima's D (Tajima, 1989) test for deviations from the neutral theory model for a

population of constant size was calculated in Arlequin v3.5.2.2 (Excoffier et al., 1992) for

each marker and sampling sites. Its statistical significance was tested with 10,000

permutations. The McDonald and Kreitman test (McDonald and Kreitman 1991) was used to

compare polymorphism and divergence among female and male mitotypes. The test was

conducted in DNAsp (Librado and Rozas 2009) within genetically homogeneous groups at

the north and south of the hybrid zone.

Because the difference in effective population size (Ne) between males and females is often

invoked in the literature as a factor influencing the population genetics of M- and F-

mitogenomes, we estimated this parameter using three different methods: first, based on the

method used in Ladoukakis et al (2002), the ratio of the male and female genome effective

size N_e was estimated based on

(i)   the expected effective number of alleles under neutrality formulated by Crow and

Kimura (1970, equation 7.2.5)

$$n_e = CN_e\mu + 1 \text{ (not } n_e = Cn_e\mu \text{ as written Ladoukakis et al 2002)}$$

C being variable according to the mutation model and the genome (mitochondrial *vs*

nuclear). Conversely to Ladoukakis et al 2002, because we estimated a male mitogenome

mutation rate (μ_M) twice as high as μ_F, the mutation rate term was μ was kept in the

equation:

$$\frac{N_{eF}}{N_{eM}} = \frac{n_{eF}-1}{n_{eM}-1} x \, \frac{\mu_M}{\mu_F}$$

(ii)   an estimate of n_e given by Zouros (1979, equation 15)

$$n_e = \frac{1}{1-Hd}.$$

This method solely relies on the estimate of haplotype diversity Hd and the mutation rate μ.
The marker-specific mutation rates were estimated together with the molecular clocks as
described thereafter in the paragraph. Second, π_a/π_s was used as a proxy Ne since small Ne
are expected to exhibit a higher segregating mutation load (high π_a/π_s) (Galtier and
Rousselle 2020).
Last, we used Coalescent Bayesian Skylines to estimate differences in demographic
history between the male and the female mitochondrial makers, both sampled from male
individuals. This method is based on the tree topology, from which is extracted the rate of
coalescent event and hence Ne (Drummond et al 2005). For this, we focused on a southern
group composed of Arcachon, Fouras, Aytré and Saint Brévin, and on a northern group
composed of Kruiningen, Crildumersiel, Wilhelmshaven and Sylt. In both case, populations
are genetically homogeneous (Tables S2 and S3), unambiguously outside of the
Finistère/Cotentin hybrid zone. Sample sizes were 102 and 42 males, respectively. First, we
estimated a molecular clock for the male and female *cox1* gene by calculating the genetic
distance among sequences of *L. balthica* and *Donax*, another Tellinoidea characterized by
DUI (Theologidis et al 2008; Gusman et al 2016). *For L. balthica, we used m and f*
haplotypes from Umea and Arcachon as extremes on the haplotypes networks (Fig 1). For
Donax, we used GenBank records for *D. fab*a (AB040843 and AB040844 for m and f *cox1*,
respectively) and for *D. cuneatus* (AB040841 and AB040842 for m and f *cox1*, respectively).
The mean genetic distance (Kimura 2-parameters distance, Kimura 1980) between all
Limecola / Donax sequence pairs were used to calculate a marker-specific molecular clock,
given a divergence time of 90 to 140 My between the two genera (as in Luttikhuisen et al
2003, based on fossil dating in Pohlo 1982). To run the Bayesian skyline analysis, we
followed the protocol of Müller and du Plessis (Barido-Sottani et al 2018). For each dataset
(male and female) and for each extreme of the estimated molecular clocks, we ran BEAST
v2.6.3 (Bouckaert et al 2019) using a GTR+G+I site model, a strict clock model, 800M
generations with a pre-burnin of 80M generations. The number of dimensions (groups of
coalescent events) was set to 3 after test runs with 3 to 5 dimensions. Other priors were left at
their default values. Convergence was checked in Tracer v1.7.1. Ne estimates are presented

as median values for the retained runs for the low mutation rate, unless otherwise noted.

Generation time for *L. balthica* is 2 yrs (Beukema et al 2001).

Results

A total of 666 individuals from 17 sampling sites of the French Atlantic coast were dissected

and optical microscopy sexing reported 248 males, 185 females and 233 undifferentiated

individuals. Undifferentiated specimens might have released their gametes or resorbed them,

as lipid droplets were observed in some of the undifferentiated gonads. Molecular sexing was

used to detect males in undiffereciated individuals.

Both *cox1m-long* and *cox1f* were successfully sequenced for 313 male individuals

from 17 sampling sites (Table 1). Sampling size per site ranged from 2 to 33 overall sampling

sites and from 28 to 33 when only considering sampling sites in France, apart from Arcachon

(N=10). We used *cox1m-long* for haplotype networks (Fig 1) and haplotype geographical

frequencies (Fig 2). All other analyses were performed on *cox1m* rather than *cox1m-long* to

compare M and F markers in a strict, quantitative fashion.

Among the 313 studied individuals, 37 and 81 haplotypes were found for *cox1f* and

cox1m-long, respectively. Among these, 57% were singletons at cox1f and 80% at *cox1m-*

long. Median joining networks showed a similar geographical pattern with three main

haplogroups encompassing mainly the northern, central and southern samples (Fig 1 A and

C). A second *cox1m-long* central haplogroup (IIb) containing 6 haplotypes was observed and

only found in the hybrid zone (MSM: Mont Saint Michel and BRI: Saint Brieuc).

Nonetheless, the networks revealed important differences between markers. First, *cox1m-long*

not only presented a higher diversity, but also a higher divergence level: a maximum of 24

and 40 mutation steps separated the most divergent haplotypes for *cox1f* and *cox1m-long,*

respectively. Haplotype networks and frequencies for the truncated *cox1m* dataset are

presented in Fig S1 and revealed similar pattern of high diversity (64 haplotypes) and

divergence (9 mutation steps were estimated between the main central haplotype and the

northern one for *cox1f* against 18 for *cox1m*). We estimated divergence rates of 0.47 s/s and

0.24 s/s for the m and f datasets, respectively. This difference is significant based on the

relative-rates test (100% significant comparisons out of 2368

https://github.com/lyy005/Relative-Rate-Test). This resulted in molecular clocks of 0.0033

and 0.0017 s/s/My for *cox1m* and *cox1f*, respectively, considering a 140My divergence

between *Limecola* and *Donax*; 0.0052 and 0.0027 s/s/My for *cox1m* and *cox1f*, respectively,

considering a 90 My divergence between these taxa.

The relative frequencies of the haplogroups illustrated in Fig 2 showed different

patterns. The *cox1m-long* haplogroup I was present only in Baltic and North Sea samples

while the *cox1f* haplogroup I encompassed individuals from the Baltic Sea to the English

Channel (hybrid zone). Also, the haplogroup II of *cox1f* was shared among the Baltic Sea,

North Sea, the English Channel and Atlantic samples whereas the main central haplogroup

(IIa) of *cox1m-long* was found only in the North Sea and the Channel Sea. Interestingly, clear

genetic breaks were revealed for each marker and they were not located at the same

geographical location. For the *cox1m-long*, the Cotentin peninsula represented a sharp

transition zone between the haplogroups IIa and III which was confirmed by pairwise Φ_{ST}

values (Table S2). Two homogenous populations were observed north of the Cotentin

peninsula and the south of the Finistère (within group pairwise Φ_{ST} ranged from -0.05 to

0.04) and these populations were highly differentiated (between group pairwise Φ_{ST} ranged

from 0.38 to 0.61). In between, the BRI and MSM sampling sites were very differentiated

(between group pairwise Φ_{ST} ranged from 0.50 to 0.61) from the North of the Cotentin but

they were also weakly yet significantly different from some sites at the South of the Finistère

(between group pairwise Φ_{ST} ranged from 0.02 to 0.04). For *cox1f*, the pattern was more

complex. The haplogroup III was composed of haplotypes found in majority at the south of

the Finistère (Fig 2) and samples from either side of the Finistère were highly divergent

(pairwise Φ_{ST} ranging from 0.41 to 0.79, Table S3). On both sides of the Finistère peninsula,

significant population substructure was detectable: the Pont Mahé (MAH) sampling site was

mildly differentiated from Saint Brévin (BRE) and Aytré (AYT) (pairwise Φ_{ST} of 0.13 and

0.08 respectively, table S3). Also, the relative frequency of the 3 haplogroups was variable in

the north of the Finistère peninsula, resulting in a patchy distribution of the genetic diversity

(Fig 2). Saint Brieuc (BRI) for instance was highly differentiated from all other northern sites

except from MSM (Mont Saint Michel). Based on these results, genetically homogenous

sampling sites were merged in 3 geographical groups presented in Table 1 and used in

subsequent analysis (North, Center and South). The hybrid/Finistère group showed genetic

differentiation only for *cox1m*.

Haplotypes from the extreme haplogroups were rarely shared within one individual

(Fig1 B) and while 17 individuals exhibited the haplogroup I at *cox1f* and the haplogroup III

at *cox1m*, no individual shared the *cox1f* haplogroup III and the *cox1m* haplogroup I. Also,

only 4 individuals presented both the *cox1f* haplogroup III and the *cox1m* haplogroup IIa,

suggesting non-random mating or lethal haplotype combinations. Noteworthily, all these
individuals were found in the hybrid zone sampling sites. These results were confirmed by
the significant linkage disequilibrium test carried out among haplogroups for phased data
(T_2 test df=6, p<0.001). The heatmap presented in Figure 3 illustrates the frequency of all
the possible haplogroup associations and the associated correlation values.

The level of genetic diversity also differed between the two markers (Table 1). While
the average nucleotide diversity (π) and its range across sampling sites were similar (a mean
value of 0.055 and a range of 0 to 0.0141 for *cox1f*; a mean of 0.0038 and a range 0.0004 to
0.025 for *cox1m*), the median values of the nucleotide diversity (0.61 and 0.20 for *cox1f* and
cox1m respectively) showed that the nucleotide diversity is significantly greater for *cox1f*
than for *cox1m* (Wilcoxon rank test V= 65 p= 0.002). We observed the lowest nucleotide
diversities in southern sampling sites for *cox1m* compared to *cox1f*. The haplotype diversity
was not significantly different between the two markers (Wilcoxon rank test, V = 35, p =
0.89) but the haplotype diversity showed a significant negative southward trend (a = -0.07,
R^2= 0.72) only for *cox1m*. Finally, Tajima's D also differed among the two markers. When
considering the three geographical groups, significant negative values were found only for
cox1m indicating the possibility of population expansion after a bottleneck event or selective
sweep. For *cox1f*, on the other hand, no sign of deviation from neutral expectations was
detected at the population level.

Consistently with the haplotype networks, the results of the AMOVAs suggested
different geographic structuration patterns for *cox1m* and *cox1f* (Table 2). The best
hierarchical model based on the F_{SC}/F_{CT} ratio (least variation within and highest between
groups) was different for the two markers: for *cox1f* the best model was two groups separated
by the Finistère peninsula (KRU, CRI, CRO, VAA, MSM, BRI *vs* MAH, BRE, AYT, FOU,
ARC) whereas for *cox1m*, the best model was also two groups of subpopulation but with the
Cotentin peninsula as a major geographical break (KRU, CRI, CRO, VAA) *vs* (MSM, BRI,
MAH, BRE, AYT, FOU, ARC). The result of the AMOVAs (Table 2) showed similar level
of among subpopulation genetic variation relative to the total variation for both markers
(*cox1m*: 42% and Φ_{ST}= 0.58, p<0.001; *cox1f*: 44% and and Φ_{ST}= 0.55, p<0.001). The level of
differentiation among groups was higher for *cox1m* compared to *cox1f* (Φ_{CT}= 0.57, p<0.001
and Φ_{CT}= 0.49, p<0.001 for *cox1m* and *cox1f* respectively). Finally, within group genetic
structure is detected only for *cox1f* (Φ_{SC}= 0.01, p=0.062 and Φ_{SC}= 0.13, p<0.001 for *cox1m*

and *cox1f* respectively). Genetic differentiation analyses based only on haplotype frequencies

(conventional F-statistics) were also carried out and gave similar results (not shown).

McDonald and Kreitman tests were carried out in two genetically homogeneous

groups for both markers: "North" and "South" composed of individuals from KRU, SYL,

WIL and CRI sampling sites and from AYT, ARC, BRE and FOU respectively (Table 3). In

both groups, the MK tests revealed that the divergence between male- and female-type *cox1*

gene showed a significant departure from neutral expectations with a large excess of fixed

non-synonymous mutations (Table 3). Also, the very low π_a/π_s within each mitotype in both

genetic groups showed that the two genes (*cox1m* and *cox1f*) are under strong purifying

selection. Non-synonymous nucleotide diversity in *cox1m* was slightly higher than in *cox1f* in

the North group and overall samples but not significantly, suggesting selection pressure acting

acting on *cox1* gene was similar among mitotypes.

Two of the three methods used to infer effective population size converged to suggest

that contemporary N_{eM} is higher than N_{eF} at northern sampling sites, while the opposite holds

at southern sites (Zouros N_{eF}/N_{eM} ratio, Table 1; Bayesian Skyline Plot, Figure 4).

Contemporary N_{eF}/N_{eM} calculated using Zouros' method and BSP at time=0 were 0.91 and

0.27 within the northern group and 5.09 and 1.07 within the southern group, respectively

(0.13 and 1.09 for high mutation rates, Figure S2). π_a/π_s estimates, on the other hand, were

always higher for *cox1m*, suggesting a smaller Ne for this marker compared to cox1f

regardless of the group considered.

BSP further suggested that historical N_e dynamics differed between markers (Figure 4

for the high mutation rate and figure S2 for the low mutation rate). Southern populations

exhibited N_e ranging between 1 and 4.5 M individuals with similar median values (2.3 and

2.5 M for *cox1m* and *cox1f*, respectively), with similar population growth that started about

200,000 years ago for *cox1f* (about 122,000 years ago based on the fastest mutation rate).

ESS values for the estimated parameters are excellent for the southern group (e.g. posterior

ESS between 270 and 422). Northern M-type and F-type datasets exhibited significantly

different patterns, with similar N_e for *cox1f* and *cox1m* prior to about 155,600 years ago

(about 107,300 for the highest mutation rate), followed by an exponential N_e increase for

cox1m only. ESS for the posterior were lower than for the southern group, but acceptable

(110 to 154).

Discussion

Investigating genetic structure of the DUI species *Limecola balthica* across a hybrid

zone in the English Channel revealed discordant phylogeographic patterns for the female- and

male-type mitochondrial *cox1* gene. Because F- and M- mtDNA were compared among

homologous regions within heteroplasmic males, variability can be strictly attributed to

heredity rather than inter-individual or inter-genic differences. This variability resides in (1) a

latitudinal gradient in haplotypic diversity for *cox1m* but not *cox1f*, (2) sharper deviation from

neutral expectations of nucleotide diversity levels for *cox1m* relative to *cox1f* that can be

attributed to historical demographic changes and / or relaxed purifying selection at the former

locus, and (3) discordant geographic clines for M- and F- mtDNAs. Below we discuss these

differences considering neutral and selective processes that may have caused them.

Genetic diversity: differential latitudinal variation between m and f genes

Male-type mtDNA was almost up to twice as polymorphic as its female counterpart,

with more haplotypes, more haplotypes represented by a single male and more segregating

sites. Higher polymorphism in the M-type mtDNA, both within and between species

(Skibinski et al 1999), is a common feature among DUI species, as reported in *Polititapes*

rhombroides (Chacon et al 2020), *Pyganodon grandis* (Krebs 2004) and *Mytilus sp.* (Ort and

Pogson 2003; Smietanka et al 2009, 2013, 2017). Higher frequency of rare M-type

haplotypes (80% of singletons compared to 57% among F-type haplotypes in *L. balthica*) is

another largely shared feature among DUI species (Chacon et al 2020, Ort & Pogson 2007,

Smietanka et al 2009, 2013, 2017). Major determinants of genetic diversity in animals are

linked selection, mutation and effective population size (Ellegren and Galtier 2016). In DUI

bivalves, polymorphism might result from different selection pressures on male- and female-

type mitogenomes (*e.g.* Milani et al 2012): female-type mitochondria ensure proper

mitochondrial function at the scale of the individual whereas male-type mitochondria, which

solely co-occurs in heteroplasmic individuals with the F-type mitochondria (Skibinski et al

1994 and Zouros et al. 1994) have to effectively function exclusively in the male germ line

and gametes (different 'arenas of selection' *sensu* Stewart et al 1996). According to the male-

driven evolution hypothesis, higher germ cell divisions in males (Shimmin et al 1993) could

result in an enhanced replication rate of the M-type mitochondria during spermatogenesis,

providing more opportunities for mutations to accumulate (Rawson and Hilbish 1995 and

Stewart et al 1995). In addition, oxidative damage might be important in sperm (Zouros

2013), and/or selection pressures on chaperonins and DNA repair genes might be relaxed. We

can also expect sex-linked demographic differences to influence polymorphism, if the

effective population size differs between males and females; this is supported by our dataset

to a large extent at historical (*e.g.* past expansion inferred for *cox1m* in the north) and

contemporary time scales. Most hypotheses on the role of selection, mutation and effective

population size in shaping genetic diversity in DUI bivalves remain to be empirically tested.

However, counter examples do exist. For instance, Beauchamp et al (2020) found

more F-type haplotypes than M-type haplotypes in *Pyganodon grandis* (11 and 7,

respectively) and *P. lacustris* (20 and 6, respectively). Smietanka et al 2013 (87 F- and 76 M-

type haplotypes in *Mytilus trossulus*) and Riginos et al 2004 (132 F- and 56 M-type

haplotypes in *Mytilus edulis*) reported the same pattern, although the latter results might be

due to the difficulty of amplifying the male-type mtDNA.

Although often presented as such in the literature, higher polymorphism in males is

therefore not a universal feature of the population genetics of DUI species. When genetic

diversity was measured using nucleotide diversity π, the two markers differed significantly

along the geographical area sampled with a significant positive trend observed between π and

latitude at the M-type marker. While it varied between sites, π at *cox1f* displayed no

geographic pattern.

Estimating π at *cox1f*, regardless of individual sexes, Becquet et al (2012) found that

Southern populations, near the species range limit (brought here to Arcachon Basin), were

more diverse than northern populations both at mitochondrial and nuclear markers. This

pattern was attributed to phylogeography, the Bay of Biscay being a glacial refugium for

other species (eg. Hewitt 1999; Gomez and Lunt 2007). Contrasting diversity patterns

between F-type and M-type mtDNA observed in the present study bear similarities with

predictions of population characteristics at the border of the species range (Holt et al 2003,

reviewed in Dawson et al 2010). Predictions associated with the hypothesis of genetic

impoverishment (H1: few northern migrants enter southern peripheral populations) are

mostly met at *cox1m*, while the migration load hypothesis (H2: northern migrants bear alleles

that are maladaptive in southern environments) seems to better fit the *cox1f* dataset. Gene

flow between populations towards the range limit should be lower under H1 and higher under

H2. While populations across the Cotentin were more differentiated at *cox1m* than

populations across the Finistère at *cox1f*, Pairwise Φ_{ST} were higher between southern

populations at *cox1f* than *cox1m*. Genetic diversity should be low (decreasing toward the

range limit) under H1 and high under H2, which is met for *cox1m* and *cox1f*, respectively.

These patterns support the hypothesis that different selection pressures act on M-type and F-

type mt genes, and therefore on male gametes vs. male adults and female at all life stages.

This seems plausible (and testable) if we consider that genetic impoverishment occurs at

early life stages in males (gamete and/or early zygote survival) and migration load occurs at

all stages, such as was previously hypothesized for mitochondrial function (Pante et al 2012,

2019).

Discordance of geographic breaks between sex-specific mitogenomes

Both male and female mtDNAs displayed significant segregation of haplotypes in

space. As previously described by Becquet et al (2012), southern populations were

significantly differentiated from northern ones based on *cox1f*, and a geographical break

between these two groups was observed at the Finistère peninsula. Sampling done for the

present study narrows the gap between northern and southern populations by about 50 km

thanks to the addition of the site of Saint Brieuc Bay, however we failed at sampling any

large population between the latter and Pont Mahé, south of Finistère (Fig 2). While

anecdotal data support the presence of *L. balthica* near Brest (on the banks of Le Faou River;

Hily 2013), we speculate based on field observations (Becquet et al 2012, Le Mao et al 2020

and this study) that the Finistère intertidal seem largely inhospitable to this species due to the

scarcity of mud flats. It therefore appears as a credible physical barrier to genetic

connectivity, and it has been indeed identified in the past as a genetic transition zone for other

marine benthic-pelagic species confined to estuaries and bays (muddy-fine sediment species

Jolly et al 2005, 2006).

Likewise, *cox1m* haplotypes strongly segregated in space, separating southern and

northern populations at the Cotentin peninsula. This peninsula is located about 50 km farther

East of the Finistère peninsula. As for the Finistère, sandy mud flats hospitable to *L. balthica*

are scarce, and our field surveys failed at identifying populations between Mont-Saint-Michel

Bay and Saint Vaast, although anecdotal presence of the species was recorded farther along

the Cotentin coast and was reported to be present but rare on the Normand-Breton Gulf (Le

Mao et al 2020). Along with the scarcity of seemingly appropriate habitat and patchiness of

small populations in the intertidal zone of Cotentin, we observed significant differences in

gonadal development and spawning phenology between populations on either side of the

peninsula. While individuals with full gonads and well-developed gametes were sampled

between the 4th and the 23rd of April 2018 from Fouras to Mont Saint-Michel Bay (some

individuals having even spawned in the field at MSM and Saint Brieuc), gonads from Saint

Vaast and Somme Bay individuals were still in early stages of development by April 19, 2018

(most gametes being still undifferentiated). These observations were on par with previous

reports suggesting spawning asynchrony across the Cotentin Peninsula, with spawning

occurring in early April in Aytré (Saunier 2015) and August in Somme Bay (Ruellet 2013).

In the great scallop, *Pecten maximus*, different spawning phenologies were described across

the Cotentin peninsula (Lubet et al 1995). As for the Finistère, the Cotentin Peninsula was

previously identified as a barrier to gene flow (Jolly et al 2005, Quéméré et al 2016, Handal

et al 2020). It is also the southern biogeographical boundary of the northern cold temperate

Boreal region (Dinter 2001) with distinct hydrologic and oceanographic features from the

western part of the English Channel (Dauvin 2012)

There are, therefore, multiple exogenous (habitat availability; oceanographic currents,

e.g. Hily 2013, Dupont et al 2007, Fievet et al 2007) and endogenous (asynchrony in

reproductive phenology and genetic incompatibilities, discussed below) barriers that could

contribute to the genetic differentiation of populations across these two peninsulas. Whether

these breaks are involved in primary intergradation or secondary contact (by geographically

stabilizing endogenous genetic barriers; Bierne et al 2011) remains to be answered (we

attempted to test scenario of isolation with migration using the present dataset without

success). We can nevertheless note that divergence of populations on either side of the

Finistère-Cotentin break occurred between 0.11 to 2.6 Myr ago (Luttikhuisen et al 2003),

while population expansion on either side of the break took place 107 to 200 k years ago

(depending on the marker and on the clock; table 1, Figures 4, S2). We can therefore

tentatively speculate that these populations diverged during the penultimate glacial maximum

occurring in the NE Atlantic 140,000 years ago (Martin-Garcia 2019) and expended with

secondary contact after that event.

The fact that each of these barriers is sex-specific is quite original for a marine

invertebrate. In the DUI literature, studies have reported that genetic differentiation across

populations is stronger for M-type mtDNA than for F-type mtDNA (Liu et al 1996, Skibinski

et al 1999, Riginos et al 2004), and some authors reported discordant genetic structure

between markers. The freshwater mussels *Lampsilis siliquoidea* displayed population genetic

structure at *cox1f* but none at *cox1m* (Krebs et al 2013). Conversely, Riginos et al (2004)

found weak connectivity at F-type mtDNA but none at M-type mtDNA in *Mytilus edulis*

across the Atlantic Ocean. At the entrance of the Baltic, rampant introgression of *M. edulis* F-

type mtDNA was observed, compared to a sharp cline at M-type mtDNA concordant with
M7 lysin (a nuclear gene involved in fertilization; Stukas et al 2009). This makes the
population structure described here for *L. balthica* noteworthy in the sense that the
phylogeography of F- and M-type mt markers do not simply differ in amplitude or resolution
(due to significant differences in mutation rates, μM being about twice μF) but differ in the
geographical position of the haplotypic cline separating southern and northern *L. balthica*
rubra.

While a genetic break located around the Finistère peninsula corresponds to previous
results by Becquet et al (2012) for *cox1f* and eight nuclear microsatellites, the Cotentin was
not detected as a barrier in that study. However, spatial structure was detected at the nuclear
atp5c1 gene (encoding the gamma subunit of the FO/F1 ATP synthase protein complex)
between Mont-Saint-Michel and Somme Bay (Saunier 2015). Non-synonymous point
mutations separating southern and northern populations are located in an inter-peptide
interaction domain of the gamma subunit, suggesting mito-nuclear incompatibilies (Pante et
al 2019). The concordance of atp5c1 and *cox1m* call for further investigation of
incompatibilities involving the male mitogenome specifically.

Interestingly, significant differentiation with *cox1f* was detected between Pont Mahé
(MAH) and the Saint Brévin (BRE) and Aytré (AYT) populations (Table S3). These two
groups, separated by the Vilaine River, were identified as significantly differentiated based
on microsatellites, but not *cox1f* in the study of Becquet et al (2012), which was based on
individuals from both sexes, while our study focused on males exclusively. We may therefore
benefit from higher statistical power to detect differences in differentiation across the Vilaine
River. This implies that genetic structure among males at *cox1f* is higher than in females.
Although we did not include females in our study, we did compare pairwise φ_{ST} values
between sampling sites that were common between our study and Becquet's. F_{ST} and φ_{ST}
were both significantly higher in the dataset composed of males exclusively, compared to the
dataset composed of males and females (Figure 5). This pattern can be attributed to stochastic
genetic variation (effects of mutations and drift) and/or differences of gene flow between
sexes. The geographical discordance observed at the Finistère and Cotentin peninsulas for
cox1f and *cox1m* are also reminiscent of sex-level differences. Indeed, in studies using
female-transmited mtDNA and male-transmitted Y chromosome to investigate population
structure, sex-biased asymmetries are often cited as a determinant of discordant geographic
patterns (*e.g.* Boissinot et al 1997, Trejo-Salazar et al 2021). Sex-level differences in gene
flow are scarcely reported but exist in bivalves, as in the protandrous pearl oyster *Pinctada*

mazatlanica, which effective sex-ratio is strongly biased towards males (Arnaud-Haond et al

2003).

Interestingly, the *cox1m* IIb haplogroup, branching from the southern haplogroup III,

is private to the two populations sampled between Finistère and Cotentin (Saint Brieuc and

Mont-Saint-Michel; Figs 1-2). This suggests genetic isolation of these populations and

subsequent retention of these private haplotypes in the Gulf. This pattern supports a

(re)colonization scenario from the south to the Gulf (fitting "concordant" simulated networks

for colonization from a refugium; Maggs et al 2008). An alternative scenario, unsupported by

the genetic diversity observed in the south, is a stepwise colonization of the south from the

north and the loss of IIb haplotypes in the south either from drift or selection.

Other factors could explain the M- vs. F-mtDNA discordance, such as mtDNA

introgression and heterogeneity in its rate, hybrid zone movement and drift (Barton and

Hewitt 1985, Bierne et al 2003, Toews et al 2012). Patterns of asymmetric introgression of

alleles are commonly observed in hybrid zones (Barton and Hewitt 1985) and were observed

in the Bay of Biscay between *Mytilus edulis* and *M. galloprovincialis* (Rawson and Hilbish

1998). In *L. balthica*, asymmetrical gene flow from North to South was detected at *cox1f*

(Becquet et al 2012, this study), and atp5c1 (Saunier 2015, Pante et al 2019). At that same

locus, Gagnaire et al (2012), looking at divergence and selection among populations of the

eels *Anguilla rostrata* and *A. anguilla* (two hybridizing sister species) also found evidence of

unidirectional introgression from the former to the later. At *cox1m*, little introgression was

detectable in *L. balthica*, but nevertheless sensibly higher from north to south.

Hybrid zone movement has been recognized for long, as a manifestation of variation

in population density, dispersal rate, individual fitness, effects of allele frequencies on

population structure, and spatially- or frequency-dependent selection (Barton and Hewitt

1985). It has been proposed that the northeastern Atlantic *Mytilus* hybrid zones move parallel

to warming sea surface temperatures (Hilbish et al 2012). While a similar phenomenon may

occur in Baltic tellins, suggesting that genotype-environment correlations could affect cline

geography (Ducos et al unpublished), neutral forces may be sufficient to result in discordant

M-type and F-type mtDNA cline centers and width. Indeed, as detailed above, both the

Finistère and the Cotentin peninsulas are characterized by low population densities and

oceanic currents disrupting along-coast dispersal. While mitochondrial recombination is

expected to be rare (or at least, rarely transmitted to offspring; Passamonti et al 2003),

looking at whole mitogenomes as well as nuclear genes of mitochondrial function vs. other

(putatively neutral) nuclear markers may help shed light on the degree to which the patterns
detected at *cox1* and atp5c1 depart from neutral expectations.

Whether the asymmetric, discordant clines in *L. balthica* observed here are due to
cline movement, differential gene flow, population structure, or selection (Barton and Hewitt
1985) remains a fascinating avenue for future research. In particular, introgression across the
hybrid zone in the English Channel calls for a test of asymmetric fitness of inter-lineage
crosses (e.g., Turelli et al 2007). An involvement of mito-nuclear incompatibilities could
explain the observed asymmetric allele frequencies if northern hybrids with southern
mitochondria are less fit than southern hybrids with northern mitochondria.

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Legends

Figure 1: Median joining networks constructed from the haplotypes found among the 313

individuals distributed in 17 sampling sites for (A) the *cox1f* gene (479bp) and (C) the

cox1m-long gene (676bp). Haplotype associations among haplogroups are represented with a

tanglegram (B) with bold lines highlighting individuals sharing distant haplogroups

Figure 2: Geographical distribution of the *cox1f* and *cox1m-long* haplogroups: haplogroup

frequencies are represented for each marker in all the sites with a pie chart. The size of the

pie chart indicates the number of individuals analyzed.

Figure 3: Heatmap representing linkage disequilibrium among haplogroups of *cox1f* and

cox1m-long. Color key is based on correlation values among haplogroups and cell value

represent the observed frequencies of each possible association. Dendogram based on

pairwise distance between main haplotypes of each haplogroup using the Tamura-Nei

nucleotide substitution model and a gamma correction of 0.1150 and 0.1450 for *cox1f* and

cox1m-long respectively.

Figure 4: Bayesian skyline plots for North and South subpopulations illustrating effective

population size (N_e) variation through time for both markers. The lines represent the mean

effective population size, and the colored area represent 95% higher and lower confidence

interval of posterior probabilities Here the 90 My divergence time with the *Donax* genus is

considered (5.19×10^{-2} substitution/site/My).

Figure 5: Comparison of pairwise Φ_{ST} estimated at the *cox1f* gene between common sampling

sites studied in Becquet et al (2012) (males and females) and the present study (males only).

The plain line represents the x=y axis and the dash line, the linear regression (y = 1.27 x +

0.03, df = 62, R^2_{adj}=0.74, p<0.001). A Mantel test revealed a significant correlation between

the two datasets (r=0.786, p=0.0084).

Table 1: Genetic diversity indices at *cox1f* (479bp) and *cox1m* (479bp) loci for each sampling
site: n: number of individuals, nsites: number of polymorphic sites, H: number of haplotypes,
π: nucleotide diversity, Hd: Haplotype diversity and D: Tajima's D coefficient. N_{eF}/N_{eM}: the
ratio of female to male effective population size * *indicates significant values (<0.05, 10000*
permutations), Na: not available

Geographic zone	Sampling site	n	*cox1f*					*cox1m*					N_{eF}/N_{eM}
			nsites	H	$\pi(10^2)$	Hd	D	nsites	H	$\pi(10^2)$	Hd	D	
	Umea (UME)	2	6	2	1.41	-	-	12	2	2.5	-	-	-
	Lomma (LOM)	6	7	3	0.81	-	-	4	3	0.28	-	-	-
	Mecklenburg bight (MEC)	3	4	3	0.61	-	-	10	3	1	-	-	-
	Sylt (SYL)	7	7	4	0.91	-	-	5	4	0.38	-	-	-
	Wilhelmshaven (WIL)	3	0	1	0.00	-	-	1	3	0.13	-	-	-
North	Crildumersiel (CRI)	10	6	2	0.77	0.53	2.10	14	9	0.70	0.98	-1.47	0.04
	Kruiningen (KRU)	22	11	7	0.77	0.69	0.11	10	22	0.23	0.65	-2.00*	2.30
	all	*42*	*11*	*7*	*0.75±0.43*	*0.64±0.06*	*0.75*	*23*	*16*	*0.36±0.24*	*0.79±0.05*	*-2.26**	*0.91*
	Le Crotoy (CRO)	28	13	7	0.77	0.58	-0.24	14	14	0.38	0.88	-1.68*	0.36
Center	Saint Vaast (VAA)	31	11	5	0.33	0.24	-1.63*	11	9	0.27	0.75	-1.69*	0.20
	all	*59*	*14*	*9*	*0.52±0.31*	*0.42±0.08*	*-0.79*	*20*	*20*	*0.32±0.21*	*0.81±0.04*	*-1.99**	*0.33*
	Mont Saint Michel (MSM)	31	8	4	0.22	0.24	-1.60*	5	7	0.11	0.35	-1.51*	1.12
Hybrid/Finistère	Saint Brieuc (BRI)	30	15	9	0.76	0.99	0.17	4	5	0.08	0.36	-1.58*	337.57
	all	*61*	*16*	*10*	*0.74±0.42*	*0.58±0.07*	*-0.28*	*8*	*10*	*0.09±0.09*	*0.35±0.08*	*-1.91**	*4.92*
	Pont Mahé (MAH)	30	8	6	0.18	0.36	-1.86*	5	6	0.07	0.31	-2.00*	2.40
	Saint Brevin (BRE)	29	9	8	0.71	0.49	-0.25	8	9	0.13	0.53	-2.14*	1.63
	Noirmoutier (NOI)	8	3	4	0.23	-	-	1	2	0.05	-	-	-
	Aytré (AYT)	33	8	6	0.43	0.55	-0.18	5	6	0.07	0.28	-1.88*	6.03
South	Fouras (FOU)	30	8	7	0.29	0.50	-1.12	6	6	0.08	0.31	-2.10*	4.27
	all	*63*	*11*	*10*	*0.36±0.23*	*0.52±0.07*	*-0.89*	*9*	*9*	*0.08±0.08*	*0.29±0.07*	*-2.15**	*5.09*
	Arcachon (ARC)	10	5	3	0.23	0.38	-1.74*	1	2	0.04	0.2	-1.11	4.70
	All	**313**	**37**	**37**	**0.85**	**0.76**	**-1.13**	**55**	**64**	**0.42**	**0.70**	**-2.28***	**2.60**

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959 Table 2: Analysis of molecular variance (AMOVA) to partition the genetic variation among hierarchical geographical scales. Results are
960 presented for both markers, with different options of hierarchical grouping of subpopulations.
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Number of groups	Groups		cox1f			Cox1m		
			Among groups relative to total variance	Among subpopulations within groups	Among subpopulations relative to total variance	Among groups relative to total variance	Among subpopulations within groups	Among subpopulations relative to total variance
3	(CRI,KRU) (CRO,VAA,MSM,BRI) (MAH,BRE,AYT,FOU,ARC)	%var	44.71	7	48.29	22.2	22.54	55.26
		Fixation indices	$\Phi_{CT}=0.447$***	$\Phi_{SC}=0.517$***	$\Phi_{ST}=0.126$**	$\Phi_{CT}=0.221^{ns}$	$\Phi_{SC}=0.290$***	$\Phi_{ST}=0.447$***
2	(CRI,KRU,CRO,VAA) (MSM,BRI,MAH,BRE,AYT,FOU, ARC)	%var	16.98	31.02	52	57.36	0.56	42.08
		Fixation indices	$\Phi_{CT}=0.170^{ns}$	$\Phi_{SC}=0.374$***	$\Phi_{ST}=0.480$***	$\Phi_{CT}=0.574$***	$\Phi_{sc}=0.013^{ns}$	$\Phi_{ST}=0.579$***
2	(CRI,KRU,CRO,VAA,MSM,BRI) (MAH,BRE,AYT,FOU,ARC)	%var	49.14	6.4	44.46	21.88	4.18	53.94
		Fixation indices	$\Phi_{CT}=0.491$***	$\Phi_{SC}=0.126$***	$\Phi_{ST}=0.555$**	$\Phi_{CT}=0.212$*	$\Phi_{SC}=0.309$***	$\Phi_{ST}=0.460$***

962 *$P>0.05$, **$P>0.01$,***$P < 0.001$, ns: non significant
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Table 3: McDonald and Kreitman contingency table: the number of non-synonymous and synonymous substitutions within and among mitotypes for the two *L. balthica* genetic lineages, the neutrality index (NI) and the results from the Fisher Exact and G tests.

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Group	*cox1f* vs. *cox1m* segregating sites	Polymorphic	Fixed	NI	Fisher Exact Test Pvalue	G test
North						
	Non-synonymous	2	56	0.083	<0.0001	20.165***
	Synonymous	32	74			
South						
	Non-synonymous	2	54	0.107	<0.0002	15.111***
	Synonymous	29	84			

***P < 0.0001,

Table 4: Measures of nonsynonymous to synonymous (i) nucleotide diversity within each mitotype (π_a, π_s) and (ii) number of substitutions among mitotypes (K_a, K_s) using the Jukes and Cantor correction

		Intra mitotype (10^2)			Inter-mitotype		
		π_a	π_s	ratio	K_a	K_s	ratio
North					0.201	2.008	0.100±0.028
	f	0.000	2.779	0.000			
	m	0.026	1.401	0.018			
South					0.201	2.086	0.097±0.031
	f	0.011	1.421	0.008			
	m	0.005	0.348	0.015			
All					0.201	2.063	0.098±0.029
	f	0.008	2.733	0.003			
	m	0.012	1.037	0.011			

(A) *cox1f*:

N=313
H=37

haplogroup I

haplogroup II

haplogroup III

(B)

haplogroup I

haplogroup II

haplogroup III

haplogroup I

haplogroup IIa

haplogroup IIb

haplogroup III

cox1f

cox1m-long

(C) *cox1m-long* :

N=313
H=81

haplogroup I

haplogroup IIa

haplogroup IIb

haplogroup III

Umea
Lomma
Sylt
Mecklenburg
Crildumersiel
Wilhelmshaven
Kruiningen
Le Crotoy
Saint Vaast
Mont Saint Michel
Saint Brieuc
Pont Mahé
Saint Brévin
Noirmoutier
Aytrè
Fouras
Arcachon

30 samples
10 samples
1 sample

cox1m-long

- I (dark green)
- IIa (grey)
- IIb (dark grey)
- III (orange-brown)

cox1f

- I (green)
- II (light grey)
- III (orange)

UME
LOM
MEC
SYL
WIL
CRI
KRU

Cotentin peninsula
Finistère peninsula

CRO
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MSM
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