Circadian and circatidal oscillations of clock gene expression in brains of *Eurydice pulchra* and *Parhyale hawaiensis*.

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Abstract

Coastal organisms express daily and tidal rhythms of physiology and behaviour to adapt to their intertidal environments. Although the molecular-genetic basis of the circadian clocks driving daily rhythms is well understood, the nature and mechanism of circatidal clocks remain a mystery. Using fluorescent *in situ* hybridisation, we mapped discrete clusters of putative "clock" cells co-expressing canonical circadian clock genes across the brains of the intertidal crustaceans *Eurydice pulchra* and *Parhyale hawaiensis*. Tidally rhythmic, field-collected *E. pulchra* exhibited ~12-hour and ~24-hours rhythms of gene expression in discrete cell groups. Laboratory-reared *P. hawaiensis* entrained to 24-hour light:dark cycles (LD) and exhibiting daily behaviour exhibited robust 24-hour rhythms of gene expression in several cell groups. In *P. hawaiensis* showing circatidal behaviour following tidal entrainment by agitation cycles under LD, circadian gene expression was evident in some of the daily rhythmic cell groups, but cells in the dorsal-lateral cluster exhibited robust ~12-hour, i.e., circatidal, transcriptional rhythms. This oscillation was phased to the prior tidal agitation, not to LD. These brain networks of cell groups with circadian or circatidal periodicities tracking LD or tidal agitation, respectively, reveal a neural substrate for the interactive generation of rhythms appropriate to complex intertidal habitats.

Introduction:

Organisms adapt to their cyclical environments through rhythms of metabolism, physiology

and behaviour that are driven by internal biological clocks [1]. Terrestrial environmental cycles

are predominantly daily, leading to the evolution of clocks with an autonomous period of

approximately one day (hence circadian) and which are entrained to the cycle of light and

darkness. In contrast, marine and coastal environments present much greater temporal

complexity and marine organisms have additionally evolved a range of circatidal (~12.4

hours), circasemilunar (~14.8 days) and circalunar (~29.5 days) timing mechanisms [2] [3] that

co-ordinate adaptive rhythms of behaviour, metabolism and reproduction. Despite more than

six decades of research, the mechanistic underpinnings of circatidal clocks remain a mystery.

Observations of behavioural phenotypes have given rise to three principal hypotheses [2]. First,

circatidal and circadian rhythms are driven by a single oscillatory system that is plastic,

adapting to the period of the dominant environmental cue [4]. Second, paired lunidian (~24.8-

hour, i.e., slightly modified circadian) oscillators run in antiphase to create 12.4-hour rhythms

[5]. Third, 12.4-hour circatidal and 24-hour oscillators co-exist to drive circatidal and daily

phenotypes [6]. Testing these models requires identification of the clock cells and genes

responsible for circatidal rhythms.

The recurrent motif of eukaryotic circadian clocks is a transcriptional/ translational feedback

loop (TTFL) in which positive factors transactivate the expression of genes that encode

negative regulators [7]. Accumulating negative regulators progressively suppress their

transactivation and following their degradation the cycle restarts every ~24 hours [8]. In

mammals and flies, heterodimers of CLOCK (CLK) and BMAL1 (or CYC in flies) transactivate

the negative regulators PERIOD (PER) and CRYPTOCHROME (CRY) (and/ or TIMELESS

(TIM) depending on species) through E-box promotor sites [9]. The intertidal isopod *Eurydice*

pulchra and the amphipod *Parhyale hawaiensis* can express autonomous circadian and/ or

circatidal rhythms of locomotor behaviour in the absence of environmental cues [10] [11] [12] [13].

However, the only molecular markers of tidal timekeeping relate to mitochondrial gene

expression and cellular redox state in *E. pulchra* [14]. Nevertheless, genes encoding CLOCK,

BMAL1, PER and CRY2 are present in both species [12] [15] and *tim* expression in the head of *E.*

pulchra is circadian [12] [16] (*P. hawaiensis* lacks *tim* [15]). *E. pulchra* CLOCK:BMAL1 heterodimers

can transactivate E-boxes and are suppressed by PER and CRY2 [12], whilst PhBMAL1 co-

expressed with mouse CLK can also transactivate E-boxes [13]. Are these conserved circadian

factors involved in circatidal time-keeping? Genomic deletion (*P. hawaiensis*) or RNAi-knock-

down (*E. pulchra*) of *Bmal1* compromises tidal activity rhythms [13] [16], raising the intriguing

possibility of interactions at the molecular-genetic level between circadian and circatidal

clocks.

The current aim, therefore, was to describe the expression of *Bmal1*, *Clk*, *per* and *cry2*

(together with *tim* in *E. pulchra* and *vrille* in *P. hawaiensis*) across the brain and test its

relationship to circadian and circatidal behaviour. We present the first evidence of multiple

cell groups in the crustacean brain capable of tracking circadian time, encoded as the rhythmic

expression of canonical clock genes. Furthermore, we reveal the presence of cells capable

of tracking circatidal time, independently of circadian time, encoded as the expression of *per*

and *cry2* with ~12-hour rhythms. These brain networks of cell groups with circadian or

circatidal periodicities reveals a neural substrate for the interactive generation of rhythms

appropriate to complex intertidal habitats and further implicates canonical circadian genes in

circatidal timekeeping.

Results

***Free-running activity rhythms in* E. pulchra *and* P. hawaiensis**

When placed into free-running conditions (DD) in the laboratory, field-collected *E pulchra* displayed strong circatidal activity rhythms with a period of 12.36 ±0.02 h, (mean ±SEM) (Figure 1a, b, Supplementary Figure 1a). From analysis of 11 independent field collections, an average of 54.5 ±6.5% of animals were tidally rhythmic (range: 20–76%, Supplementary Figure 1b) with peak activity corresponding to the expected time of high water on the home beach.

After being entrained in the laboratory to a 12h:12h light/dark (LD) cycle, 58.6 ±4.4% of *P. hawaiensis* across 7 experiments exhibited daily activity cycles (range: 45 -80%, total N =189), with elevated activity at night (Figure 1C, Supplementary Figure 2 a- f). When released into constant darkness, animals showed persistent circadian rhythms in their locomotor activity (Figure 1c, Supplementary Figure 2c, g, h), with an average period of 24.17 ±0.17 h SEM (Figure 1d). Activity levels were significantly higher during the subjective night than in the subjective day (Figure 1C, Supplementary Figure 2 g, h, i). It should be noted, however, that the percentage of rhythmic animals was lower in DD than under LD (22.9 ±7.5%, range: 0 - 50%, Supplementary Figure 2e).

In addition to circadian behaviour, the activity of *P. hawaiensis* can be entrained in a laboratory setting by tidal cycles of inundation [13]. We demonstrated that *P. hawaiensis* held under LD can also be entrained to tidal cycles of mechanical agitation to simulate wave action, as is the case for *E. pulchra* [11]. After over 30 days of tidal entrainment, individual *P. hawaiensis* showed circatidal locomotor behaviour under free-running conditions of DD and no further agitation (Figure 1e, Supplementary Figure 3a-c) with a mean period of 12.40 ±0.02 h SEM (Figure 1f). Across 13 experiments 52.8 ±2.8% of animals showed circatidal behaviour (range 40 –70%, total N =456, Supplementary Figure 3d), with significantly greater activity at subjective high tide than at low tide (Supplementary Figure 3c, e). To confirm that the circatidal behaviour was phased by the agitation and not by the LD cycle, animals were subjected to a phase-shift entrainment regime over 6 days in which tidal agitation occurred every 12.9 hours rather than every 12.4 hours. It therefore moved progressively later relative to the LD cycle than in the initial 12.4 hours paradigm, with an accumulated delay of ~6 hours (0.5 hours per cycle over 12 cycles/ 6 days). On release to DD, phase-shifted animals exhibited circatidal behavioural rhythms with a mean period of 12.4 hours (Figure 1g, Supplementary Figure 3f) and with peak activity again at projected high tide. Importantly, across 4 independent experiments with

control and phase-shifted animals, the phase of the circatidal behaviour relative to the prior

LD cycle was delayed by 4.94 hours, relative to that set by the original schedule (Figure 1h,

Supplementary Figure 3g). The overall quality of the rhythms and the effectiveness of the

phase-shifted entrainment were comparable to those seen after the original phase

(Supplementary Figure 3h-j). Our data thereby confirm the endogenous tidal rhythmicity of

both species, with appropriate periods and phased to their respective entrainment regimes.

We also demonstrate the ability of *P. hawaiensis* to exhibit either circadian or circatidal

behaviour, subject to prior laboratory entrainment by LD cycles and tidal agitation,

respectively.

***Cellular expression of circadian clock genes in the brains of* E. pulchra *and* P.**

hawaiensis*.*

To examine gene expression across the brain, we generated reference brains for each species

by averaging confocal image stacks of brains immunolabelled with anti-SYNORF1

(Supplementary Figure 4). The brains of *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis* are flexed dorsally

around the oesophagus and lie approximately perpendicular to the ventral nerve cord.

Descriptions of gross brain anatomy and later naming of clock cell groups are relative to the

body axis and our neuroanatomical descriptions of *E. pulchra* are based on the valviferan

isopod *Saduria entomon* [17]. For *P. hawaiensis* we refer to [18] and [19] (Supplementary Figure 5,

Supplementary Material, Results).

Given that *Bmal1* has been implicated in circadian and circatidal timekeeping in both *E.*

pulchra and *P. hawaiensis*, we first localised *Bmal1* transcript as our entry point for a

neuroanatomical investigation of putative "clock" cells. Whole-mount HCR-FISH revealed that

Bmal1 is widely expressed across the brain of *E. pulchra* (Figure 2a). This pan-cellular

expression and the intensity of *Bmal1* labelling did not change over time in LD (Supplementary

Figure 6a), supporting our earlier study using whole head qPCR [12] and suggesting that we

did not overlook possibly phase-dependent cell-specific enriched expression. The signals we

observed were specific, insofar as control HCR-FISH probes against the *deGFP* gene, which

is not expressed in *E. pulchra*, showed no labelling (Supplementary Figure 8). We next

examined the expression of *Clk* mRNA that encodes CLOCK, the heterodimeric partner of

BMAL1. This revealed similarly widespread expression in the brain of *E. pulchra*, with most

cells expressing specific but low levels of *Clk* mRNA (Figure 2b). In contrast to *Bmal1*,

however, there was a condensation of higher intensity signals in ~60 cells, located principally

in the cell rinds overlaying the median protocerebrum. These *Bmal1* and *Clk* expression

patterns in the brain of *E, pulchra* were confirmed using RNAscope on brain sections
(Supplementary Figure 7).

The pan-cellular expression of *Bmal1* was also evident in the brain of *P. hawaiensis* (Figure
2c) and, again, this did not change across the LD cycle (Supplementary Figure 6b). In
contrast, the expression of *Clk* in *P. hawaiensis* was less widespread than in *E. pulchra* and
there was a clear enrichment of expression in cells in the median protocerebrum. These were
comparable in number and location to those seen in *E. pulchra* (Figure 2d). Thus,
notwithstanding the requirement for *Bmal1* to sustain circatidal behaviour in both species [13] [16],
the pattern of its expression did not reveal a population of dedicated clock cells. In contrast,
the expression of *Clk* was significantly elevated in discrete cell populations in the median
protocerebrum of both *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis*.

Given that TTFL-based clocks require negative regulators, we next mapped the expression
across the brain of *E. pulchra* of *cryptochrome 2* (*cry2*), *period* (*per*) and *timeless* (*tim*). This
revealed strong, specific signal but in contrast to the widespread expression of the positive
regulators, transcripts encoding the negative regulators were invariably restricted to discrete
cell clusters in the median protocerebrum (Figure 2e, f, g). In the *P. hawaiensis* brain the
expression of *per* and *cry2* exhibited a similar pattern to *E. pulchra*, with high levels of both
transcripts localised to ~60 cells in the median protocerebrum (Figure 2h, i). *Tim* is absent
from the *P. hawaiensis* genome [15] and so we probed *P. hawaiensis* for *vrille* (*vri*), which in
Drosophila is colocalised to circadian cells and whose expression is driven by dCLK and CYC
[20] [21] and this revealed a widespread expression pattern (Figure 2j).

Co-expression of circadian clock genes in distinct cell groups of E. pulchra and P. hawaiensis brains.

On the basis that CLOCK:BMAL1 heterodimers are required for transactivation of *per* and *tim*
within the TTFL of *Drosophila*, the co-expression of *Bmal1* and *Clk* was compared by
multiplexed HCR-FISH of *E. pulchra* brains dissected in the light phase. The *Clk*-enriched
cells not only expressed *Bmal1* at a level seen in other cells across the brain, but also highly
expressed *per* (Figure 3a). *Per*-expressing cells also express *cry2* (Figure 3b) and *tim* (Figure
3c). This relatively small population of cells in the median protocerebrum of *E. pulchra*
therefore co-expressed the full complement of genes required for a functional TTFL,
supporting the view that they may be functional clock cells. Notably, *per* and *cry2* encode the
principal negative regulators of E-box-mediated transcription in *E. pulchra* [12]. We then applied
a similar analysis to *P. hawaiensis* and found, again, that *Clk*-enriched cells express *Bmal1*

and high levels of *cry2* (Figure 3d). Furthermore, the *cry2-* (and hence, *Clk-*) enriched cells

also expressed both *per* and *vri* (Figure 3e), highlighting them as likely clock-competent cells.

***Regional expression of circadian clock genes in the brains of* E. pulchra *and* P.**

hawaiensis*.*

By combining HCR-FISH with anti-SYNORF1 immunofluorescence and registering images to

the reference brains, we delineated and localised putative clock cell clusters (Supplementary

Figure 9). All groups were bilaterally symmetrical in both species, the cell numbers stated

below being per hemisphere. In *E. pulchra, per-* and *cry2*-expressing cells were primarily

found in the posterior cell body rind overlying the medial protocerebrum (MP), hemi-ellipsoid

body and medulla terminalis (HE/MT, Figure 4a, b). There were nine somata in the rind

posterior to the protocerebral bridge (rPBp) [22], which we termed the "medioposterior" cells.

Dorsal and anterior to these cells was a cluster of 5 somata in the cell body rind dorsal to the

PB (rPBd) that we assigned as "medial" cells. Lateral to these medial and medioposterior

cells was a cell pair in the rind posterior of the medulla terminalis (rMTp) which we named

"lateroposterior" cells. In the cell body rind posterior to the hemi-ellipsoid body/ medulla

terminalis (rHEp/MTp) were 4 "dorsal" cells, one of which was larger than the others and we

refer to as "large dorsal" cell. In the dorsal region of the cell body rind posterior of the MP

(rMPp) ~4-6 "ventroposterior" cells. In the anterior aspect of the brain, we found fewer cells;

in the cell body rind lateroanterior of the hemi-ellipsoid body/medulla terminalis (rHE/MTla)

was a single pair of cells, the "dorsoanterior" cells. A single "lateroanterior" cell was in the rind

ventral and anterior of the lobula (rLOva). Finally, a pair of cells on the midline (one per

hemisphere), anterior of the medial protocerebrum were named "medioanterior" cells (rMPa).

Cell groups and their given nomenclature are summarised in Supplementary Table 1.

In *P. hawaiensis*, *per-* and *cry2*-enriched cells were found throughout the anterior and posterior

aspects of cell body rind overlying MP and HE/MT. In the cell body rind posterior and lateral

to the PB (rPBp) were ten *per-* and *cry2*-enriched somata that we assigned as "medioposterior"

cells (Figure 4c, d). Dorsoanterior to these cells were three cells, two of which were closer to

each other than the last one; these we termed "medial-2" and "medial-1", respectively, and

collectively, the medial cells. In the cell body rind dorsal of the HE/MT (rHE/MTd), we identified

two somata as the "dorsal-lateral" cells, and antero-medial to these cells were six cells that

we called the "dorsal" cells. On the anterior aspect of the brain, we identified one cell in the

cell body rind anterior of the HE/MT (rHE/MTa) as "anterior-lateral" cells. Lastly, we found 8 –

9 cells on the anterior aspect of the medial protocerebrum (rPMa). We refer to these cells

collectively as the "anterior-medial" cells and they can be divided into 4 groups. "Anterior-

medial b" cells described two cells with distinctive location lateral to the myoarterial formation.

Dorsal to the anterior-medial b cells were two cells, in which one was positioned medially to

the other. These, we termed "anterior-medial a1" and "anterior-medial a2" cells, respectively.

The "anterior-medial c" cells were a group of 4 – 5 cells located dorsal to the anterior-medial

a1-2 cells.

Pigment dispersing hormone cells are distinct from clock cells.

In *Drosophila melanogaster* the neuropeptide pigment-dispersing factor (PDF) is a marker for

the ventral lateral (LN$_v$) circadian clock neurons, and it signals temporal cues within the clock

neurocircuitry [23]. The expression of the gene encoding the crustacean homologue, pigment-

dispersing hormone (PDH), was mapped and compared to that of the *per-* and *cry2*-enriched

cells. In *E. pulchra*, *pdh* transcript was expressed strongly in five cell bodies in the anterior

HE/ MT and weakly in two cells anterior and medial of the HE/MT (Figure 5a, b) [24]. In both

regions, cells expressing *per* and *cry2* were absent. Dual-labelling confirmed that, in contrast

to fruit flies, none of the *cry2*-enriched cells expressed *pdh* (Figure 5c). Similar analysis in *P.*

hawaiensis produced the same results: dual-labelling showed that *pdh* was not expressed in

the cells expressing *cry2*, and by extension the other circadian regulators (Figure 5d-f). These

results do not exclude *pdh* cells from clock functions, but they do show that the putative neural

circuitry underlying circadian time-keeping and its neuropeptidergic components differ

between *D. melanogaster* and these two crustaceans.

Rhythmic expression of circadian clock genes in circatidally rhythmic* E. pulchra *under

a light:dark cycle.

A canonical feature of the TTFL is the rhythmic expression of one or more negative regulators.

In *E. pulchra*, the accumulation of *Eptim*, as determined by qPCR of pooled heads, exhibits a

circadian cycle with a peak in late circadian day (~CT16-18), but rhythmic expression of *Epper*

or *Epcry2* was not detected [12]. It is possible, however, that rhythmic gene expression in

individual cell populations is masked by bulk sampling. To determine whether individual clock

cells, or clusters of cells, exhibit rhythms of expression, we performed whole-mount,

multiplexed HCR-FISH on dissected brains of circatidally rhythmic, beach-caught *E. pulchra*

sampled every 2 hours under LD (16:8) for 24 hours and quantified the number of HCR-FISH

spots as a proxy for transcript abundance. We considered transcript levels to be rhythmic only

when Kruskal-Wallis/ ANOVA identified a significant time effect and both JTK_CYC [25] and

RAIN [26] exceeded significance thresholds at a period of 12 hours (p<0.05) or 24 hours for

circatidal and daily rhythms, respectively. First, we aggregated counts across all putative clock

cells as a proxy for total brain expression, i.e., the total, specific signal fluorescence per brain (Figure 6a). Both *per* and *cry2* showed a strong daily (24-hour) rhythm in expression, peaking in the later dark phase. Aggregate levels of *tim* also showed an effect of time but it was more complex, being statistically significant at both 24-hour and 12-hour periods.

An attractive hypothesis as to how circatidal and circadian behavioural phenotypes are driven in coastal animals is that different cell populations contain ~12-hour and ~24-hour molecular timers and entrain to appropriate stimuli for each time domain. To test this, we analysed expression at the level of individual cell groups (Figure 6b, c, Supplementary Figure 10). In the largest cell group, the medioposterior cells, both *per* and *cry2* showed a strong daily cycle, again peaking in late dark phase, whereas *tim* transcript abundance did not vary significantly between time points (Supplementary Table 2). In the medial cell group, *per* showed a daily cycle peaking in late dark phase, but *cry2* did not vary significantly (Supplementary Table 2). Expression of *tim*, however, showed a 12-hour pattern with elevated counts after subjective high water (Figure 6d, e). A 12-hour cycle was also found for *tim* in the lateroposterior cells, but *per* was non-rhythmic and *cry2* did not vary significantly between time points in these cells (Supplementary Figure 10b, c, Supplementary Table 2). In the lateroanterior cells *per* and *cry2* did not vary significantly. In these same cells, *tim* expression cycled with a 24-hour rhythm (Supplementary Figure 10d, e) and a 24-hour rhythm was found for *cry2* in the large dorsal cells. In the large dorsal cells (*per* and *tim*) and dorsoanterior cells, *per, cry2* and *tim* expression either did not vary significantly between time points or cyclic expression was not detected (Supplementary Figure 10, Supplementary Table 2). Thus, in circatidally behaving *E. pulchra* sampled under LD, aggregate expression of *per* and *cry2* tracked daily time, whilst aggregate levels of *tim* reflected both daily and circatidal time. When examined across distinct cell groups, daily cycles of *per* and *cry2* were evident in some groups whilst a circatidal pattern of *tim* expression was detected in a limited number of cells.

Rhythmic expression of circadian clock genes in P. hawaiensis *under a light:dark cycle.*
In contrast to wild-caught *E. pulchra*, *P. hawaiensis* is amenable to daily and tidal entrainment in a controlled setting, thereby allowing for more rigorous dissection of 24-hour and 12.4-hour timing (Figure 1) [13] [10]. Taking advantage of this, we first examined the expression of circadian genes in animals entrained to LD cycles without tidal agitation. Correspondingly, these animals exhibited daily behavioural rhythms prior to sampling (Supplementary Figure 11a). When examined in aggregate across all cells as a proxy for total brain expression, *per* levels changed significantly across 24 h time (Figure 7a), with higher levels during the late night (ZT17-23) and an afternoon nadir (ZT9-ZT13). In contrast, although it was statistically

significant, the daily cycles of *cry2* and *Clk* expression were less marked (Figure 7a). When
examined within discrete cell groups, however, the rhythmic expression of these genes was
more pronounced. For example, the anterior-medial a1 cells exhibited highly significant daily
cycles of *per*, *cry2* and *Clk* expression (Figure 7b, c). *Per* was again high in the dark phase
whereas expression of *cry2* and *Clk* cycled in antiphase to *per* with a daytime elevation and
nocturnal decline. Circadian gene expression in the anterior-medial a1 cells is therefore able
to track the light-dark cycle. Rhythmic expression of *per* was shared across several cell
groups, including the medioposterior cells (Supplementary Figure 11b, c), the dorsal cells
(Supplementary Figure 11d, e) and the anterior-medial b cells (Supplementary Figure 11f, g),
in all cases peaking in the night. The rhythms of *cry2* and *Clk* were more variable across
these cell groups. In contrast, anterior-medial c cells did not exhibit clear rhythms, and only
cry2 expression rhythm was statistically significant, albeit with a low amplitude
(Supplementary Figure 11h, i). Similarly, the medial-1, medial-2, dorsal-lateral, anterior-lateral
and anterior-medial a2 cells did not shown significant rhythms of expression of *per*, *cry2* or
Clk (Supplementary Figure 12). Overall, the phase of peak *per* expression in those cell groups
that were rhythmic was consistently nocturnal (ZT20.85 $\pm$1.02 SEM), whereas the phase of
cry2 and *Clk* rhythms varied between cell groups (Figure 7d).
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***Rhythmic expression of circadian clock genes in circatidally active* P. hawaiensis*.**
Having established that circadian gene expression could track the LD cycle in a gene-specific
and cell-type-specific manner, we then tested whether any cell groups in *P. hawaiensis* could
track tidal time. Animals were entrained for over 30 days by cycles of swirling agitation at 12.4
h intervals under 12:12 LD regimes and were then allowed to free-run after transfer to DD in
the absence of swirling, with the first two expected high tides beginning at ~CT9.2 and
~CT21.6.   The animals exhibited a clear pattern of circatidal activity before harvest
(Supplementary Figure 13a). Aggregate expression of *per* was circadian, with peak
expression in circadian night, consistent with the daily rhythm seen in animals entrained to the
LD cycle (Figure 8a). The aggregate expression of *cry2* and *vri* was not notably circadian.
When examined by cell groups, expression of *per* was strongly circadian in anterior-medial a1
cells (Figure 8b, c) and in medioposterior cells (Figure 8d, e). These cells also showed
circadian cycles of *cry2* expression, in antiphase to the *per* cycle, recapitulating the patterns
observed on LD cycles. Expression of *vri* was marginally rhythmic in these cells. Importantly,
therefore, *per* and *cry2* expression in these cells continued to track circadian time rather than
tidal time in circatidally rhythmic animals. This was not the case for the dorsal-lateral cells.
Under LD cycles with no agitation the expression of *per*, *cry2* and *Clk* in animals showing daily
behaviour was not rhythmic (Supplementary Figure 12e, f). In contrast, in animals showing

circatidal behaviour there was a significant 12-hour cycle of *per*, *cry2* and *vri* transcripts in the dorsal-lateral cells (Figure 9a, b). Furthermore, *per* and *cry2* oscillated almost in phase, both peaking after subjective high tide. The experiment was repeated with tidal swirling applied slightly later (+1.2 hours) relative to the LD cycle and the animals again exhibited robust circatidal activity rhythms (Supplementary Figure 14a). Aggregate expression of *per* was again circadian (Supplementary Figure 14a), as was expression of *per* and *cry2* in the anterior-medial a1 and medioposterior cells (Supplementary Figure 14c, d and e, f). Nevertheless, the dorsal-lateral cells again showed a strong circatidal pattern of expression of *per* and *cry*, which oscillated in phase, peaking after subjective high tide (Figure 9c, d).

A key criterion for a *bona fide* clock is that it phase-entrains to appropriate environmental stimuli. To test whether we could phase-entrain these putative tidal cells, and to differentiate them from circadian cells exhibiting bimodal 24-hour rhythms, we sampled animals when the tidal stimulus regime was 5.4-hour phase-shifted relative to the 12:12LD cycle (i.e., subjective high tide at ~CT3.8 and ~CT16.2). The animals exhibited appropriately phased robust circatidal rhythms of activity, again peaking at subjective high tide (Supplementary Figure 15a). The aggregate expression of *per* as well as cell-specific levels in anterior-medial a1 and medioposterior cells remained circadian, with a peak in subjective night (Supplementary Figure 15b-f). In contrast, the dorsal-lateral cells again showed 12 h cycles of *per*, *cry2* and *vri* expression which peaked after subjective high tide (Figure 9e, f). Therefore, the profiles were phase-shifted relative to the prior LD cycle by ~6 hours, corresponding to the altered phase of tidal entrainment.

The distinctions between circatidal and circadian rhythms of gene expression are evident in the combined analysis across the three tidal entrainment studies, registered in either tidal or circadian time. When examined across all three experiments and six tidal cycles, the expression of *per*, *cry2* and *vri* in dorsal-lateral cells was highly circatidal (Figure 10c), with mean acrophases of CTT4.4, CTT5.8 and CTT1.9 (circatidal time, CTT =0 at subjective high tide onset) respectively (Figure 10e). In the same circatidally behaving animals, the expression of *per*, *cry2* and *vri* was highly circadian in the anterior-medial a1 and medioposterior cells (Figure 10a, b), with the latter two genes oscillating in anti-phase to *per* (Figure 10d). This mapping of the tidal oscillations to the phase of tidal entrainment in all three experiments confirmed that the dorsal-lateral cells were able to express a free-running molecular signature of tidal time that was independent of circadian time and revealed that the brain of *P. hawaiensis* contains both circadian and circatidally rhythmic cell populations.

Discussion

Examination of the expression of canonical circadian clock genes across the brains of both *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis* identified ~60 cells co-expressing *Clk*, *Bmal1*, *cry2* and *per*, arranged into distinct groups across the protocerebrum. Although the loss of *Bmal1* compromises circatidal behaviour in *E. pulchra* [16] and in *P. hawaiensis* [13], its brain-wide expression showed no local enrichment and so did not highlight any potential circatidal clock cells. This broad distribution is, however, concurrent with BMAL1 having diverse, pleiotropic actions beyond timekeeping [27]. On the other hand, the observed enrichment of *Clk*, *per*, and *cry2* expression (alongside *tim* in *E. pulchra*) in specific cell groups indicated their potential function as circadian oscillators. In contrast to *Drosophila* and other insects [28] [29], however, none of these putative clock cells in *E. pulchra* or *P. hawaiensis* co-expressed *pdh*/ *pdf*, emphasising a major neurochemical difference between the insect and crustacean clock circuits [30].

In circatidally active *E. pulchra* sampled under LD cycles, the aggregated signals for *per* and *cry2* were daily, reflective of their putative circadian roles, and both peaked in the late night as expected for negative co-regulators of the TTFL. In contrast, aggregate brain expression of *tim* showed significant patterning not only at 24 hours, consistent with circadian cycling of *tim* in whole heads assayed by qPCR [12], but also at 12 hours. Analysis at the level of individual cell groups, however, provided a more granular insight, revealing ~24-hour rhythms of *per* and *cry2* in medioposterior and *per* in medial cells, with peak expression in late night. This absence of circatidal rhythmicity of *per* expression resonates with the finding that knockdown of *per* to ~20% of wild-type levels, had no effect on circatidal activity in *E. pulchra*, although it did disrupt circadian phenotypes [12]. Alternatively, *tim* showed ~12-hour accumulation in both the medial and the lateroposterior cells, peaking ~2 hours after expected high water, indicative of tidal time-keeping in these cells. The cell-specific differences in *tim* expression therefore explain the compound periodicity evident in the aggregate expression and associate the medial and the lateroposterior cells with the circatidal behaviour.

In *P. hawaiensis*, aggregate expression of *per* tracked daily time under LD and circadian time under DD, with elevated levels during the dark phase and subjective night, respectively. Daily and circadian patterning was even more pronounced when examined in individual cell groups, with rhythmic expression of *per* notable in anterior-medial a1, medioposterior, dorsal and anterior-medial b cells. Notably, whereas *per* and *cry2* were in phase in daily cells of *E. pulchra*, expression of *per* and *cry2* in daily and circadian cells in *P. hawaiensis* was antiphasic, suggesting inter-species differences in the molecular architecture of putative clock cells.

Remarkably, following entrainment of *P. hawaiensis* to artificial tidal cycles under LD and then subsequent transfer to free-running conditions, dorsal-lateral cells were robustly rhythmic for *per*, *cry2* and *vri* expression, with a circatidal period that reflects with the circatidal behaviour of the animals. Across independent trials, these cells tracked experimental tidal time, regardless of prior LD phase. In contrast, clock gene expression in these cells was arrhythmic when analysed across individuals sampled under LD without tidal cues. These observations place the dorsal-lateral cells as strong candidates for circatidal oscillators, especially when other cell groups in the same brains (e.g., anterior-medial a1 cells), remained circadian, phased to prior LD and ignoring tidal cues. Notably, *per* and *cry2* in these tidal cells oscillated in phase, in contrast to the antiphasic rhythms of *per* and *cry2* in daily/ circadian cells. The functional significance of these varying relationships, which are surprising in terms of the canonical TTFL, is not clear but they suggest that a common molecular architecture may have diverged, evolving to operate under different time-bases, in different cells.

Even though both *E. pulchra* and tidally entrained *P. hawaiensis* were strongly circatidal in terms of behaviour, numerous cells in their brain oscillated at ~24 hours (for example, 22 in *P. hawaiensis*), and only a few tidal oscillators were observed (4 in *P. hawaiensis*). This raises the question of why strong tidal phenotypes are organised by relatively few tidal cells. Of course, day/ night cycles are highly predictable in the wild and it is therefore expected that circadian systems will be a prominent and robust feature. Nevertheless, coastal animals have evolved temporally complex behaviours to match their habitats [11] [12] [13] [10] and so it may be that gene expression can be circatidal in additional cell groups. This may have evaded statistical detection in the current study because of the high variance intrinsic to population-based measures. Alternatively, it may be that different tidal cells respond to distinct entraining cues, including mechanical agitation (current) or immersion/ emersion [13], and so only a subset is revealed in an experimental setting. Such a cell- and stimulus-specific entrainment repertoire raises the question of how tidal stimuli are transduced to the central brain, and whether the subsets of cells we describe here as non-rhythmic might be recruited by tidal stimuli of other modalities. Such a distributed network would potentially broaden the capacity for tidal entrainment and reinforce it in diverse natural settings.

In considering the three hypotheses of circatidal time-keeping [4] [5] [6], our data concur most with the model of dedicated tidal and daily timers proposed by Naylor [6], with canonical circadian genes in distinct cell groups tuning to either circatidal or circadian periodicities. Our demonstration that dual circatidal and circadian systems operate in parallel also corroborates other work on circatidal clocks. For example, surgical removal of optic lobes of the mangrove

cricket, *Apteronemobius asahinai*, abrogates circadian but not circatidal locomotor

phenotypes, indicative of two anatomically separable timers [31] [32]. In contrast, evidence in

favour of a circadian/ tidal timer based on a single "plastic" clock influenced by the prevailing

dominant temporal cue, as proposed by Enright [4], received support from studies on the coastal

oyster *Crassostrea gigas*, which shows ~12-hour and/ or ~24-hour expression of circadian

gene homologues [33]. Importantly, these models are not mutually exclusive. Given the

evolutionary distance between molluscs and arthropods, it is entirely possible that tidal timing

machinery has evolved independently. In fact, a parsimonious explanation of the evolution of

clock cells with different periodicities would be that pre-existing circadian clock components

were co-opted to track relevant tidal cues. The cells we identified invariably co-expressed the

rudiments of a circadian TTFL but with either daily or tidal frequencies in the same brain and

it is possible that they evolved in parallel, diverging under the influence of photic and

mechanosenory (tidal) inputs, respectively.

Kwiatkowski et al. [10] asked how *P. hawaiensis* 'chooses' between 12.4-hour and 24-hour

environmental rhythms during entrainment. Our observation that distinct circadian and

circatidal cells groups entrain independently to light and mechanical stimuli, respectively,

provides a solution to this problem. Similarly, the authors also questioned whether neurons

coordinating rhythmic behaviour in *P. hawaiensis* have two different timers with differential

sensitivity to light and tides, or two cell types exist. Whilst we cannot currently exclude the

former, our data align better with the latter. This does not preclude interactions of the two

systems, however, and the genetic and behavioural malleability of *P. hawaiensis* should

enable their decipherment. Thus, our findings now enable the examination of input and output

pathways of tidal and daily cues at cellular resolution, progressing towards defining the nature

and connectivity of circadian and circatidal neural clockworks.

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Methods

Eurydice pulchra collection and phenotypic analysis

Animals were collected from Llanddona beach, Anglesey, UK, during spring high tides during the months May to October [12]. Swimming behaviour of both females and males was recorded in DAM10 and LAM10 activity monitors (Trikinetics Inc., USA) ambient lighting (LD) at 16°C with animals housed individually in 3 ml (Ø: 11 mm) plastic vials containing 33 psu artificial seawater (ASW, Reef Salt, Tropical Marine Centre, Germany) and ~5 mm depth of fine sand. Infrared beam interruptions were recorded using the DAMSystem3 software (TriKinetics Inc., USA) in one-minute bins. The first peak in tidal swimming activity was omitted from analysis and behavioural rhythmicity was assessed over the subsequent six tidal cycles using chi-squared periodogram analysis in Rethomics R package [34].

Parhyale hawaiensis husbandry and behavioural analysis

Chicago F strain *P. hawaiensis* were maintained in 6.5 L polypropylene containers (h: 125 mm, w: 260 mm, d: 260 mm) containing 30 –35 psu ASW and a layer of crushed coral substrate (grain size 2 –20 mm). Animals were reared at 25°C under 12h light:dark (LD) cycles. The containers were covered with clear Perspex lids to prevent evaporation and aerated using aquarium air pumps and air stones. Animals were fed carrots, goldfish flakes (Tetra GmbH, Germany), algae wafers (Kyorin Food Ind. Ltd., Japan), freeze-dried brine shrimps, and/or freeze-dried Tubifex (Interpret, UK) once weekly. Full water changes were performed fortnightly. For locomotor activity monitoring, female and male animals were placed individually into 23 mL polystyrene vials (h: 75 mm, Ø: 23.5 mm) containing a layer (~2 mm) of crushed coral substrate (grain size 2 –5 mm) and approximately 6 cm of 30 psu ASW at 25°C. Tubes were loosely covered with parafilm and loaded into two-tier activity monitors modified from the LAM25 Locomotor Activity Monitors (TriKinetics Inc., USA; Supplementary Figure 2a) configured to record swimming and/or roaming activity. Infrared beam interruptions were recorded using the DAMSystem3 software (TriKinetics Inc., USA).

Beam interruptions were collected into 30-minute bins and normalised within each animal by dividing the count in each bin by the average count across all bins for that animal. Autocorrelation periodogram was used to determine whether animals were rhythmic, with a significance threshold of $\alpha = 0.05$ [35]. The period and the power of rhythmicity were determined using Lomb-Scargle periodogram analysis [36] of binned and normalised data at the significance level $\alpha = 0.05$. For circatidal experiments, the first subjective high tide after loading was omitted from analysis and behavioural rhythmicity was assessed over the subsequent six tidal cycles.

For circadian entrainment experiments, animals loaded into the monitor were subjected to at

least four 12:12 LD (ZT0/lights-on at 0600 local time) cycles before being allowed to free run

in DD. For tidal entrainment, animals were kept under LD as above but mechanically agitated

on an orbital shaker set at 50 –60 rpm for 2 hours at 12.4-hour intervals. For behavioural

monitoring, animals were taken from entrainment regimes during the agitation phase and

placed in the activity monitor as described above to free-run without agitation in DD.

Brain collection and processing for immunohistochemistry and HCR-FISH

Animals were anaesthetised in ice-cold seawater, and their brains dissected using sharpened

watch-maker's forceps in ice-chilled physiological saline [37] (*E. pulchra)* or 0.22 µm filter-

sterilised ASW (30 -35 psu, FASW; *P. hawaiensis*). Tissues were immediately fixed in 4%

paraformaldehyde (made in PBS for *E. pulchra* and FASW for *P. hawaiensis*) for 1 hour at

room temperature, dehydrated serially in 33%, 66%, 100% methanol in PBST (PBS

supplemented with 0.1% Tween20), and stored in 100% methanol at -20°C for at least 16 h

before hybridisation or immunohistochemistry. Immediately prior to use, brains were

rehydrated in 66/33% methanol and washed/equilibrated in PBST (3x10 min). Neuropils were

immunolabelled using anti-SYNORF1 antibody (3C11, Developmental Studies Hybridoma

Bank (DSHB)). For *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis* brains immunohistochemistry followed [38], [39]

and (Supplementary Methods). HCR™RNA-FISH probes were designed and synthesised by

Molecular Instruments Inc, USA against user-supplied sequences (Supplementary Table 2).

HCR-FISH followed the manufacturer's protocol [40] with some minor alterations following [41]

(Supplementary Methods). To co-localise putative clock cells relative to major neuropils,

immunostaining with anti-SYNORF1 antibody was followed by HCR-FISH (Supplementary

Methods). Reference brains were generated from confocal image stacks of brains in which

neuropils were labelled with anti-SYNORF1 (Supplementary Methods).

Time-course sampling design.

To investigate clock gene expression pattern in the brain of *E. pulchra*, animals were collected

from Llanddona beach, Anglesey, UK, during spring high tides in October 2024 and loaded

into activity monitors. Prior to sampling, animals were maintained under 18 h: 6 h L:D cycle

for 24 hours. Animals showing peaks of swimming activity during the two subjective high

waters during this period were sampled every two hours, beginning at ZT7 (Supplementary

Figure 17a). To investigate daily clock gene expression pattern in the brain of *P. hawaiensis*,

animals were loaded into activity monitors and subjected to 12 h: 12 h LD cycle for 6 days as

described. Individuals showing significant 24-h rhythmicity in locomotor activity (as described)

over this entrainment period up to the day before sampling were marked for sampling. On the

day of sampling, marked animals were sampled every 2 hours, beginning at ZT1 and ending

at ZT25, for a total of 13 timepoints (Supplementary Figure 17b).

To investigate circatidal clock gene expression pattern in the brain of tidally entrained *P.*

hawaiensis, animals which have been subjected to tidal entrainment were loaded into activity

monitors as described. Sampling occurred every 3 hours, beginning at CT0 on the day after

monitor loading and ending at CT24, for a total of 9 timepoints (Supplementary Figure 17c).

Individuals were only sampled if they showed peaks of locomotor activity during the subjective

high tides preceding their sampling timepoint.

Dissected brains were processed for digital HCR-FISH as described. HCR-FISH probes used

for time -course experiments are described in Supplementary Table 10.

Whole brain digital HCR-FISH

For quantification of diffraction-limited spots [40], signal amplification with 60 nM of each hairpin

was performed for 1 h, followed by staining with 1 µg/mL DAPI (as above). Brains were

mounted in Prolong Glass Antifade Mountant (ThermoFisher #P36980). *E. pulchra* brains

were mounted with the posterior surface apposed to the coverslip whilst *P. hawaiensis* brains

were mounted with the anterior surface apposed. To minimise signal loss with imaging depth,

brains were compressed to within 40 µm by mounting the coverslips containing brains onto

spacers made from double-sided adhesive tape (Radio Spares #770-3422). An Andor BC43

CF benchtop microscope equipped with a 60x/1.42NA Plan Apochromat oil immersion

objective was used to image each brain with an optical section interval of 0.3 µm.

To prepare images for segmentation of cell groups enriched for expression of *per*, *cry2*, and/

or *Clk/ tim*, 2D maximum filters were applied to each HCR-FISH channel, followed by

summation of the filtered images across channels and 2D gaussian filtering. The resulting

images, together with the corresponding raw DAPI image as the auxiliary channel, were

subjected to segmentation using Cellpose [42] and a custom model (available at GitHub) trained

via the human-in-the-loop functionality of the Cellpose 2.0 graphical user interface [43]. The

resulting masks were manually curated as required in napari [44] and assigned to distinct cell

groups. For spot detection, images were deconvolved using ClearView™ Deconvolution with

10 iterations after being acquired in the Fusion software. RNA foci were then detected in

deconvolved images and assigned to cell groups using the RS-FISH ImageJ plugin [45].

Statistical analyses

Shapiro-Wilk test used to determine normal distribution of data, and Levene's test used to

determine if the variances of all groups are equal. An overall time effect was tested by ANOVA

for normally distributed data and by Kruskal-Wallis for non-normal datasets. Where this

yielded a statistically significant effect, rhythmicity in the data was analysed further by JTK

CYCLE [25] and RAIN [26] at 12-hour or 24-hour periods. JTK-cycle p-values are adjusted using

Bonferroni's method, and RAIN p-values are adjusted using the adaptive Benjamini-Hochberg

(default) method. Gene expression was considered rhythmic when ANOVA was significant,

and both JTK CYCLE and RAIN were significant for the same period (12 hours or 24 hours).

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Main Figures and Legends.

Figure 1. Circatidal and circadian locomotor rhythms in *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis*.

a Beach-caught *E. pulchra* show robust circatidal swimming activity under free-running
conditions. Plot shows normalised swimming activity for an individual *E. pulchra* under DD.
Blue shadings indicate subjective high tides. See also **Supplementary Figure 1**.
b Individual periods of beach-caught *E. pulchra* swimming activity under DD. Mean (±S.E.M.)
is 12.36 ±0.02 h.
c Activity recording of individual laboratory-cultured *P. hawaiensis*, which had never been
subjected to tidal entrainment, showing more activity during the night when maintained under
12 h:12 h L:D cycle (yellow/black bars). When allowed to free-run under DD (grey/ black bars),
individual shows robust circadian locomotor activity with peaks in subjective night. See also
Supplementary Figure 2.
d Individual periods of circadian locomotor activity under DD of LD-entrained *P. hawaiensis*.
Mean (±S.E.M.) is 24.14 ±0.17 h.
e Activity recording of individual laboratory-cultured *P. hawaiensis* free-running under DD
(grey/ black bars), following entrainment to 2 h of agitation every 12.4 h. Blue bars indicate
time of subjective tidal agitation. See also **Supplementary Figure 3**.
f Individual periods of circatidal locomotor activity under DD of tidally entrained *P. hawaiensis*
Mean (±SEM) is 12.40 ±0.02 h.
g Activity recording of two individual laboratory-cultured *P. hawaiensis* free-running under DD
(black/ grey bars) following prior tidal entrainment at a period of 12.4 h (cyan, control) or 12.9
h (red, phase-shifted) over 6 days. Arrows indicate times of subjective tidal agitation. See
also **Supplementary Figure 3**.
h Circular plot on a 12.4 h timescale showing the phases of circatidal swimming of
individual animals from the control (cyan) and phase-shifted (red) tidal entrainment groups.
Arrowed lines indicate mean phase within each group ($\phi_{control}$ =0.77 ±0.33 h, $\phi_{phase-shifted}$ =4.44
±0.42 h (mean ±SEM), Watson's U^2 test: U^2 =0.36, p <0.01, $N_{control}$ =9, $N_{phase-shifted}$ =10), and
length of arrowed lines indicates mean resultant length of the vector at each mean ($\rho_{control}$
=0.88, $\rho_{phase-shifted}$ =0.80). See also **Supplementary Figure 3**.
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Figure 2. Expression of circadian clock positive and negative regulators across the

brains of *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis*.

a Left panel: maximum intensity Z-projection of image stack of an entire *E. pulchra* brain

(posterior apposing coverslip) probed for circadian factor *EpBmal1* using HCR-FISH. Right

panel: maximum intensity Z-projection of two-cell-thick image stack (16 µm) from the boxed

region of the brain in the left panel.

b As in **a**, probed for circadian factor, *EpClk*.

c Left panel: maximum intensity Z-projection of image stacks of a *P. hawaiensis* brain (anterior

apposing coverslip) probed for circadian factor *PhBmal1*. Right panel: maximum intensity Z-

projection of two-cell-thick image stacks (24 µm) from the boxed region of the brain in the left

panels.

d As in **c**, probed for circadian factor, *PhClk*.

e, f, g Maximum intensity Z-projections of image stacks of *E. pulchra* brains (posterior

apposing coverslip) probed for circadian clock repressors, *Epcry2, Epper* and *Eptim*, using

HCR-FISH.

h, i, j Maximum intensity Z-projections of image stacks of *P. hawaiensis* brains (anterior

apposing coverslip) probed for circadian clock repressors, *Phcry2* and *Phper* and secondary

regulator *Phvri*. Scale bars: 100 µm.

Arrows indicate dorsal orientation. Yellow dotted outlines in **a**- **d** indicate cells in which *Clk*

expression is enriched. Scale bars: 100 µm (**a-d:** left panels**, e-j**) and 10 µm (**a-d:** right

panels).

Figure 3 (top right)

Expanded view of numbered boxes

Maximum intensity Z-projection of protocerebrum | Single optical section | Maximum intensity Z-projection

Figure 3. Cellular co-expression of circadian clock genes in the brains of *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis*.

a Representative maximum intensity Z projections and single optical sections of *E. pulchra* brain probed for *Epper*, *EpClk* and *EpBmal1* using HCR-FISH. Left: merged low-power (25x)

view of protocerebrum of *E. pulchra*, centre: merged high-power (40x) single optical sections

in boxes labelled 1 and 2, right: single channel high-power maximum intensity Z projections.

EpBmal1 is widely and uniformly expressed in both putative clock cells and other cells across

the brain, but it is not enriched in cells enriched for *EpClk*, whereas *Epper* is enriched in *EpClk*-

enriched cells.

b As in **a** for *Epper* and *Epcry2*, expression of which is co-enriched in putative clock cells but

not in other cells in the brain of *E. pulchra*.

c As in **a** for *Epper* and *Eptim*, of *Epper*-enriched cells (arrowheads) in *E. pulchra*.

d As in **a** but for *P. hawaiensis* brain probed for *PhBmal1*, *PhClk* and *Phcry2* using HCR-FISH.

PhBmal1 is widely and uniformly expressed in both putative clock cells and other cells across

the brain, but it is not enriched in cells enriched for *PhClk*, whereas *Phcry2* is enriched in

PhClk-enriched cells.

e As in **a** but for *P. hawaiensis* brain labelled for *Phcry2*, *Phper* and *Phvri*. *Phcry2* and *Phper*

are co-enriched in putative clock cells, but not other cells in the brain, whilst *Phvri* expression

is more widespread, with slight enrichment in some clock cells (arrowheads).

Scale bars: 100 µm (left-most panels), 10 µm (other panels).

Figure 4. Distribution of cell clusters enriched for negative regulators *per* and *cry2* across the brains of *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis*.

a Lateral, frontal and dorsal views of the *E. pulchra* reference brain model (from **Supplementary Figure 5a**) on to which somata enriched for expression of *Epper* and *Epcry2* are registered and segmented. Neuropils referred to in the main text to signpost putative clock cells are made translucent.

b Diagrammatic representation of the *E. pulchra* brain summarising the locations of cells co-enriched for *Epper* and *Epcry2*, based on the 3D reconstruction in **a**.

c Lateral, frontal and dorsal views of the *P. hawaiensis* reference brain model (from **Supplementary Figure 5c**) on to which somata enriched for expression of *Phper* and *Phcry2* are registered and segmented. Neuropils referred to in the main text to signpost putative clock cells are made translucent.

d Diagrammatic representation of the *P. hawaiensis* brain summarising the locations of cells co-enriched for *Phper* and *Phcry2*, based on the 3D reconstruction in **c**.

Compass markers in **a** and **c** show anterior (a), posterior (p), dorsal (d) and ventral (v) directions. Discrete cell groups are colour coded (see key). Cell numbers within each group (per hemisphere) in parenthesis. Scale bars: 100 μm.

Figure 5. Relative distributions of cells expressing *pigment dispersing hormone* (*pdh*) and cells expressing *cry2* in the brains of *E. pulchra* or *P. hawaiensis*.

a Maximum intensity Z-projection of an *E. pulchra* brain probed for *Epcry2* (cyan) and *Eppdh* (magenta) using HCR-FISH.

b *E. pulchra* reference brain model onto which *Eppdh* and *Epcry2* channels were registered and somata enriched for either transcript was segmented.

c Maximum intensity Z-projections of the boxed regions in **a** (individual channels and composite), showing that none of the described putative clock cells express *Eppdh*.

d Maximum intensity projection of a *P. hawaiensis* brain probed for *Phcry2* and *Phpdh* using HCR-FISH.

e *P. hawaiensis* reference brain model onto which *Phpdh* and *Phcry2* channels were registered and somata enriched for either transcript was segmented.

f Maximum intensity Z-projections of the boxed regions in **d** (individual channels and composite), showing that none of the described putative clock cells express *Phpdh*.

Compass markers in **b** and **e** show anterior (a), posterior (p), dorsal (d) and ventral (v) directions. Dotted outlines in **c** and **f** are colour-coded according to the key in Figure 4 to indicate each cell group. Scale bars: 100 μm (**a, b, d, e**); 10 μm (**c, f**).

Figure 6

Figure 6. Time course of expression of *per, tim and cry2* in cells of tidally rhythmic *E.*
***pulchra* held on a LD cycle.**

a Profile of mean aggregate expression of *Epper, Epcry2* and *EpClk* across all cells plotted
across time in beach-caught animals held under LD. Each point is from one brain.

b Left: cartoon to show location of medioposterior cell group in the brain. Right: representative
maximum intensity Z-projections of *Epper*, *Epcry2* and *Eptim* expression in both hemispheres
(L: left, R: right) across ZT (individual HCR-FISH channels in rows). Scale bars: 20 μm.

c Profile of mean aggregate expression of *Eppler, Epcry2* and *EpClk* in medioposterior cell
group plotted across time in beach-caught animals held under LD. Each point is from one
brain.

d, e As **b** and **c** but for medial cells group. Yellow dashed lines: midlines. Scale bars: 10 μm.
Inset text in **c** and **e** indicate statistical tests (JTK-cycle and RAIN) performed to determine
rhythmicity following significant time effect by ANOVA or Kruskall-Wallis. $p < 0.001$***, p
< 0.01**, $p \leq 0.05$*, $p > 0.05^{ns}$. See also **Supplementary Figure 10** for other cell groups with
or without cycling clock gene expression. For statistics and data shown in this figure, refer to
Supplementary Table 2.

Figure 7

a All clock cells

Phper   *Phcry2*   *PhClk*

Anterior-medial a1 cells

b   ZT1   ZT5   ZT9   ZT13   ZT17   ZT21   ZT25

Phper

Phcry2

PhClk

c   *Phper*   *Phcry2*   *PhClk*

d Cell groups with significant 24-h clock gene expression rhythms

light
dark

cell group

all clock cells   anterior-medial a1
medioposterior   anterior-medial b
dorsal   anterior-medial c

Figure 7. Time course of expression of *per, cry2* and *Clk* in cells of *P. hawaiensis*
synchronised to the LD cycle.

a Profile of mean aggregate expression of *Phper, Phcry2* and *PhClk* across all cells plotted
across time in animals entrained to, and sampled under, a 12 h:12 h LD cycle. Each point is
from one brain.

b Left: cartoon to show location of anterior-medial a1 cell group in the brain. Right:
representative maximum intensity Z-projections of *Phper, Phcry2* and *PhClk* expression in
both hemispheres (L: left, R: right) across ZT (individual HCR-FISH channels in rows). Scale
bars: 5 µm.

c Plots of mean transcript abundance, quantified as the number of FISH spots, across daily
time for *Phper* (left), *Phcry2* (middle) and *PhClk* (right).

d Circular plots of peak expression of *Phper, Phcry2* and *PhClk* across cell groups with
significant 24-h clock gene expression rhythms. RAE, relative amplitude error.

Inset text in **a** and **c** indicate statistical tests (JTK-cycle and RAIN) performed to determine 24-
hour rhythmicity. $p < 0.001^{***}$, $p < 0.01^{**}$, $p \leq 0.05^{*}$, $p > 0.05^{ns}$. See also **Supplementary Figure**
11 for other cell groups with 24-h cycling in clock gene expression, and **Supplementary**
Figure 12 for cell groups with no evidence of 24-h clock gene expression rhythm. For statistics
and data shown in this figure, refer to **Supplementary Table 3**.

Figure 8

Figure 8. **Free-running clock gene expression rhythms in tidally entrained *P.***
***hawaiensis* (tidal phase θ).**
a Profile of mean aggregate expression of *Phper, Phcry2* and *Phvri* across all putative clock
cells plotted across time in tidally entrained animals sampled under DD. Each point is from
one brain.
b Left: cartoon to show location of anterior-medial a1 cell group in the brain. Right:
representative maximum intensity Z-projections of *Phper*, *Phcry2* and *Phvri* expression in both
hemispheres (L: left, R: right) across CT (individual HCR-FISH channels in rows). Scale bars:
5 µm.
c Plots of mean transcript abundance, quantified as the number of FISH spots, across CT for
Phper (left), *Phcry2* (middle) and *Phvri* (right). Each point is from one brain.
d, e As in **b** and **c** for medioposterior cells. Yellow dashed lines: midlines. Scale bars: 10 µm.
Inset text in **a**, **c**, **d** and **e** indicate statistical tests (JTK-cycle and RAIN) performed to
determine 24-h rhythmicity with the tested periods in parentheses. $p < 0.001$***, $p < 0.01$**, p
≤ 0.05*, $p > 0.05$[ns]. See also **Supplementary Figures 14-15** for other cell groups with 24-hour
cycling in clock gene expression for the experiments with tidal phase θ +1.2 h and θ –5.4 h,
respectively. For statistics shown in this figure, refer to **Supplementary Table 4**.
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Figure 9

997	**Figure 9**. **Circatidal rhythms of expression of *Phper*, *Phcry2* and *Phvri* in dorsal-lateral**
998	**cells in the brain of tidally entrained *P. hawaiensis*.**
999	**a** Representative maximum intensity Z-projections of *Phper*, *Phcry2* and *Phvri* expression in
1000	both hemispheres (L: left, R: right) across CT (individual HCR-FISH channels in rows). Scale
1001	bars: 5 μm.
1002	**b** Plots of mean transcript abundance, quantified as the number of FISH spots, across
1003	circadian time for *Phper* (left), *Phcry2* (middle) and *Phvri* (right) (blue shadings: subjective high
1004	water). Each point is from one brain.
1005	**c**, **d** As in **a** and **b** for animals entrained to a tidal cycle delayed, relative to the LD cycle, by
1006	1.2 hours.
1007	**e, f** As in **a** and **b** for animals entrained to a tidal cycle advanced, relative to the LD cycle, by
1008	5.4 hours.
1009	Inset text in **b**, **d** and **f** indicate statistical tests (JTK-cycle and RAIN) performed to determine
1010	rhythmicity, with the tested periods in parentheses. $p < 0.001$***, $p < 0.01$**, $p \leq 0.05$*, $p > 0.05$[ns].
1011	For statistics and data of FISH time-course experiments on tidally entrained animals, refer to
1012	**Supplementary Table 4, 5 and 6** (tidal phases θ, +1.2 h and –5.4 h).
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a Anterior-medial a1 cells   Figure 10

Phper ***cosinor (24 h) *Phcry2* ***cosinor (24 h) *Phvri* ***cosinor (24 h)

b Medioposterior cells

Phper ***cosinor (24 h) *Phcry2* ***cosinor (24 h) *Phvri* ***cosinor (24 h)

c Dorsal-lateral cells

Phper ***cosinor (12.4 h) *Phcry2* ***cosinor (12.4 h) *Phvri* ***cosinor (12.4 h)

d Aligned to CT0

e Aligned to CTT0 within each experiment
Dorsal-lateral cells

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Figure 10. Summary analysis of circatidal and circadian rhythms of clock gene
expression in dorsal-lateral, anterior-medial a1 and medioposterior cell groups of *P.*
***hawaiensis* exhibiting circatidal activity rhythms.**

a Cartoon to show location of the anterior-medial a1 cell group in the brain (left) and scatter
plot of aggregate expression of *Phper* (left), *Phcry2* (middle) and *Phvri* (right) across three
independent experiments registered to subjective circadian time (Circadian Time, CT =0). Red
lines indicate 24-h cosinor fits.

b As in **a** for medioposterior cells.

c Cartoon to show location of the dorsal-lateral cell group in the brain (left) and scatter plot of
aggregate expression of *Phper* (left), *Phcry2* (middle) and *Phvri* (right) across three
independent experiments registered to subjective high tide (Circatidal Time, CTT =0). Red
lines indicate 12.4-h cosinor fits. Inset text in **a-c** indicate statistical significance of cosinor fit.
p <0.001***.

d Circular plot of circadian peak expression phase of *Phper*, *Phcry2* and *Phvri* in selected
rhythmic cell groups of *P. hawaiensis* exhibiting circatidal activity rhythms. Each colour-shape
combination represents data from across N =3 experiments (except for medioposterior-*Phvri*
combination, of which only 2 out of 3 experiments reported significant 24-h rhythmicity).
Arrowed lines indicate mean phase for each gene-cell group combination, and length of
arrowed lines indicates mean resultant length of the vector at each mean.

e Circular plots of circatidal peak expression phase of *Phper*, *Phcry2* and *Phvri* in the dorsal-
lateral cells of *P. hawaiensis* exhibiting circatidal activity rhythms, with the circatidal acrophase
aligned to CTT0 within each individual experiment. Arrowed lines indicate mean phase for
each gene-cell group combination, and length of arrowed lines indicates mean resultant length
of the vector at each mean. For mean phase and mean vector lengths for each gene-cell
group combination in **d** and **e**, see **Supplementary Table 7**.

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Supplementary materials: Figures, Tables, Results, Methods and References.

Supplementary Figures and Legends

Supplementary Figure 1. Details of circatidal locomotor activity for *E. pulchra*.

a Beach-caught *E. pulchra* show robust circatidal swimming activity under free-running conditions. Plot shows the mean ±SEM normalised swimming activity for a group of *E. pulchra* under DD (N =23).

b Percentage of animals showing rhythmic swimming behaviour from 11 independent experiments, representing 11 beach collections from 2022 to 2024. Error bar indicates SEM.

Supplementary Figure 2. Laboratory-cultured *P. hawaiensis* show circadian activity rhythms after entrainment to LD cycle.

a Activity-recording apparatus used two LAM25 infrared beam emitter/ detector arrays stacked over each other to capture locomotor activity of individual *P. hawaiensis* both at the substrate level (all locomotion) and within the water column (swimming).

b Mean daily profile for the individual from **Figure 1c** showing its higher activity during night-time, as well as peaks of activity during light transitions. Shaded area indicates ±SEM.

c Mean normalised locomotor activity profile for all circadian rhythmic *P. hawaiensis* under LD (yellow/ black bars) and then DD (grey/ black bars) from the same experiment as the individual in **Figure 1c** (N =9). Shaded area indicates ±SEM.

d Aggregate daily profile for circadian rhythmic *P. hawaiensis* from **c**, showing their prior LD-synchronised activity was higher during night-time. Shaded area indicates mean ±SEM.

e Percentage of animals showing daily or circadian rhythmic activity under LD cycles and subsequent DD, respectively. Data from 7 independent experiments (N =189) indicating that circadian rhythmicity is detected in ~50% of *P. hawaiensis* that were rhythmic under the preceding LD cycle (paired *t*-test: *t* =7.37, df =6, p <0.001, Cohen's d =2.784). Filled black circles indicate mean and error bars indicate SEM.

f *P. hawaiensis* synchronised to the LD cycle are more active during the night than during the day (7 independent experiments, N =105, Wilcoxon signed rank test: $|W|$ =5267, p <0.001, rank biserial correlation =0.95). Filled black circles indicate mean and error bars indicate SEM.

g Mean circadian profile for the individual from **Figure 1c** showing its higher activity over periods of subjective night. Shaded area indicates ±SEM.

h Aggregate circadian profile for the group of rhythmic animals from **c**, showing that *P. hawaiensis* are more active during subjective night. Shaded area indicates mean ±SEM.

i *P. hawaiensis* which show a circadian activity rhythm are more active during subjective night (7 independent experiments, N =41, Wilcoxon signed rank test: $|W|$ =595, p <0.001, rank biserial correlation =0.69). Filled black circles indicate mean and error bars indicate SEM.

Supplementary Figure 3. Laboratory-cultured *P. hawaiensis* show circatidal activity rhythms after entrainment to a tidal cycle of 2 hours of mechanical agitation every 12.4 hours simulating high water.

a Mean activity profile for the individual from **Figure 1e** showing activity peak coincides with subjective high tide (blue shadings). Shaded area indicates ±SEM.

b Mean normalised swimming activity profile for all circatidal rhythmic *P. hawaiensis* under DD (grey/ black bars) from the same experiment as the individual in **Figure 1e** (N =16). Blue shadings are anticipated tidal agitation, shaded area indicates ±SEM.

c Aggregate activity profile for circatidally rhythmic animals from **b** (N =16), showing that tidally entrained *P. hawaiensis* are more active during subjective high water. Blue shadings are anticipated tidal agitation, shaded area indicates ±SEM.

d Percentage of animals showing a circatidal rhythm in swimming activity after tidal entrainment by agitation. Data from 13 independent experiments (N =456). Error bars indicate SEM.

e Circatidally rhythmic *P. hawaiensis* have higher swimming activity during times of subjective high tide under DD (13 independent experiments, N =239, Wilcoxon signed rank test: $|W|$ =27748, *p* <0.001, rank biserial correlation =0.97). Filled black circles indicate mean and error bars indicate SEM.

f Mean normalised swimming activity profile for circatidally rhythmic control (12.4 h agitation) and phase-shifted (12.9 h agitation) *P. hawaiensis* under DD (grey/ black bars) from the same phase-shift experiment as the individuals in Figure 1G ($N_{control}$ =9, $N_{phase-shifted}$ =10). Coloured arrows are anticipated tidal agitation for the control and phase-shifted groups, shaded area indicates ±SEM.

g Mean phase of swimming rhythm of *P. hawaiensis* after tidal entrainment by agitation under control and phase-shifted conditions, with the subjective high tide onset of control animals defined as phase =0 (4 independent experiments, $N_{control}$ =34, $N_{phase-shifted}$ =42). Horizontal lines indicate mean phase within each group.

h Percentage of *P. hawaiensis* showing a circatidal rhythm in swimming activity after tidal entrainment by agitation under control and phase-shifted conditions (4 independent experiments, $N_{control}$ =73, $N_{phase-shifted}$ =93, paired *t*-test: t =0.27, df =3, p =0.80, n.s., Cohen's d =0.136). Bars indicate mean within each group.

i Period of circatidal activity rhythm of *P. hawaiensis* after tidal entrainment by agitation under control and phase-shifted conditions (4 independent experiments, $N_{control}$ =34, $N_{phase-shifted}$ =42, Kolmogorov-Smirnov test: D =0.238, p =0.24, n.s.). Horizontal lines indicate mean phase within each group, and error bars indicate SEM.

j Power of circatidal rhythm reported as by Lomb-Scargle periodogram of *P. hawaiensis* after tidal entrainment by agitation under control and phase-shifted conditions (4 independent experiments, $N_{control}$ =34, $N_{phase-shifted}$ =42, Kolmogorov-Smirnov test: D =0.1779, p =0.59, n.s.). Horizontal lines indicate mean phase within each group, and error bars indicate SEM.

Supplementary Figure 4. Overview of representative *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis* brains, immunostained with anti-SYNORF to highlight the neuropils.

a Anterior view of a *E. pulchra* brain (3D volume projection), with optic lobes, deutocerebral chemosensory lobes, antenna neuropils and hemi-ellipsoid body/medulla terminalis complexes are visible on the anterior surface of the brain.

b Posterior view of a *E. pulchra* brain (3D volume projection). The optic lobes, deutocerebral chemosensory lobes and hemi-ellipsoid body/medulla terminalis complexes are visible on the posterior surface. The protocerebral bridge appears as a distinct arch-like structure under the hemi-ellipsoid body/medulla terminalis complexes.

c-e Selected optical sections of a *E. pulchra* brain from anterior to posterior, showing locations of distinct neuropils throughout the depth of the brain. The optic lobes span the anterior-posterior axis, with the lobula constrained to the anterior aspect (**c**), and the medulla and lamina (**d**, **e**) occupying the medial and posterior aspects. The cigar-shaped central body is at its most expansive towards the middle of the brain.

f Maximum intensity Z-projection through the protocerebral bridge of a *E. pulchra* brain.

g Anterior view of a *P. hawaiensis* brain (3D volume projection), with parts of the optic lobes (lamina and lobula), deutocerebral chemosensory lobes, antenna neuropils and hemi-ellipsoid body/medulla terminalis complexes are visible on the anterior surface of the brain.

h Posterior view of a *P. hawaiensis* brain (3D volume projection). Parts of the optic lobes (medulla and lobula), deutocerebral chemosensory lobes and hemi-ellipsoid body/medulla terminalis complexes are visible on the posterior surface. As in *E. pulchra,* the protocerebral bridge of *P. hawaiensis* is located posteriorly under the hemi-ellipsoid body/medulla terminalis complexes.

i-k Selected optical sections of a *P. hawaiensis* brain from anterior to posterior, showing locations of distinct neuropils throughout the depth of the brain. The hemi-ellipsoid body/medulla terminalis complexes and the foramina accommodating two of the brain arteries, the anterior aorta and myoarterial formation a, are visible throughout the thickness of the brain. The former also constitute the most dorsal neuropils of the brain. The deutocerebral chemosensory lobes are located anterior to the rest of the optic lobes (**i**, **j**). The lamina is the most anteriorly positioned optic neuropils (**j**), followed almost simultaneously by the medulla and lobula (**k**). The sausage-shaped central body is at its most expansive towards the middle of the brain (**j**).

l Maximum intensity Z-projection through the protocerebral bridge of a *P. hawaiensis* brain.

Abbreviations: ANN, antenna 2 neuropil; ao, anterior aorta; ca, cerebral artery; CB, central body; DCL, deutocerebral chemosensory lobe; HE/MT, hemi-ellipsoid body/medulla terminalis; LA, lamina; LAN, lateral antenna 1 neuropil; LO, lobula; LOP, lobula plate; maf a, myoarterial formation a; ME, medulla; oc, oesophageal connective; oe, oesophageal foramen; PB, protocerebral bridge. Scale bars*:* 100 μm.

Supplementary Figure 5. Gross anatomy of *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis* brains revealed by anti-SYNORF1 immunostaining, registered to refence brain.

a Lateral, anterior and dorsal views of the *E. pulchra* surface-rendered 3D average reference brain, with major neuropils demarcated. See also Supplementary Video 1.

b Diagrammatic representation of the of *E. pulchra* brain, based on **a**.

c Lateral, anterior and dorsal views of *P. hawaiensis* surface-rendered 3D average reference brain with major neuropils demarcated. See also Supplementary Video 2.

d Diagrammatic representation of the *P. hawaiensis* brain, based on **c**.

Compass markers in **a** and **c** show anterior (a), posterior (p), dorsal (d) and ventral (v) directions.

Abbreviations: ANN antenna 2 neuropil, CB central body, DCL deutocerebral chemosensory lobe, HE/MT medulla terminalis/ hemi-ellipsoid body, LA lamina, LAL lateral accessory lobe, LAN lateral antenna 1 neuropil, LO lobula, LOP lobula plate, ME medulla, PB protocerebral bridge. Scale bars: 100 µm.

Supplementary Figure 6. Cellular expression of *Bmal1* in brains of *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis* brains across time.

a Maximum intensity Z-projections of representative brains (posterior apposing coverslip) from field-collected *E. pulchra* sampled under 14 h: 10 h LD cycle and then probed for *EpBmal1* using HCR-FISH.

b Maximum intensity Z-projections of representative *P. hawaiensis* brains (anterior apposing coverslip) sampled under 12 h: 12 h LD cycle and then probed for *PhBmal1* using HCR-FISH.

Supplementary Figure 7. Expression of circadian clock genes in *E. pulchra* brain sections detected using RNAScope™.

a Representative image (single optical section) of *E. pulchra* brain sections probed for negative control (left), *EpBmal1* (middle) and *EpClk* (right).

b Representative image (single optical section) of a *E. pulchra* brain section stained with DAPI (left) and probed for *Epper* (middle) and *EpClk* (right).

c As in **b** for *Epper* and *EpBmal1*.

Yellow dashed outlines indicate cells enriched for *Epper* and *EpClk* expression. Yellow dotted lines indicate midlines. Scale bars: 10 μm.

Supplementary Figure 8. HCR-FISH negative control.

a Representative maximum intensity Z-projection of *E. pulchra* brains (posterior apposing coverslip) labelled for *Epcry2* (left) as a positive signal and the negative control probe *deGFP* (right).

b Representative maximum intensity Z-projection of a *P. hawaiensis* brain (anterior apposing coverslip) co-labelled for *Phcry2* as a positive signal (left) and the negative control probe *deGFP* (right).

Scale bars: 100 μm. Arrows indicates dorsal orientation.

Supplementary Figure 9. Representative orthogonal views of brains co-labelled with anti-synorf (IHC) and *cry2* (HCR-FISH).

a Orthogonal views showing *Phcry2* enrichment in four medioposterior cells of a *E. pulchra* brain co-stained with anti-SYNORF1. Cartoon shows location of these cells.

b As in **a** but for the medial cells.

c Orthogonal views showing *Phcry2* enrichment in four medioposterior cells of a *P. hawaiensis* brain co-stained with anti-SYNORF1. Cartoon shows location of these cells.

d As in **c** but for the two dorsal-lateral cells.

Horizonal (and vertical) scale bars: 10 μm.

SuppFig 10

Locomotor activity of sampled animals

Lateroposterior cells

Lateroanterior cells

Dorsal cells

f

g

Large dorsal cells

h

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Supplementary Figure 10. Time course of expression of *per, cry2* and *tim* in cells of tidally rhythmic *E. pulchra* held on a LD cycle.

a Normalised swimming activity of beach-caught *E. pulchra* used in the HCR-FISH time-course showed peak activity just after expected HW under LD (16 h:8 h). Plots shows normalised locomotor activity (mean ±SEM) of harvested animals over the sampling interval (initial group size at start of harvest at ZT7 =65).

b Left: Cartoon to show location of lateroposterior cell group in the brain and Right: representative maximum intensity Z-projections of *Epper*, *Epcry2* and *Eptim* expression in lateroposterior cells in both hemispheres (L: left, R: right, yellow dashed lines: midlines) across ZT (individual HCR-FISH channels in rows).

c. Plots of mean transcript abundance, quantified as the number of FISH spots, across ZT for *Epper* (left), *Epcry2* (middle) and *Eptim* expression (right) in the lateroposterior cells. Each point is from one brain.

d, e As in **b, c** for lateroanterior cells.

f, g As in **b, c** for dorsal cells.

h, i As in **b, c** for large dorsal cells.

j, k As in **b, c** for dorsoanterior cells.

Inset text in **c**, **e**, **g**, **i** and **k** indicate statistical tests performed to determine variation of gene expression with time and/or rhythmicity, with the tested periods (if any) in parentheses. p <0.001***, p <0.01**, p ≤0.05*, p >0.05[ns]. For statistics shown in this figure, refer to Supplementary Table 2. Scale bars: 10 μm (**b**, **d**, **f** (upper row)), 5 μm (**f** (lower row), **h**, **j**).

Supplementary Figure 11. Time course of rhythmic expression of *per, cry2* and *Clk* in cells of *P. hawaiensis* synchronised to the LD cycle.

a Normalised swimming activity of *P. hawaiensis* used in the HCR-FISH time-course showed a daily activity rhythm synchronised to the LD cycle. Plots shows mean activity with SEM (shading) of harvested animals over the sampling interval (initial group size at start of harvest at ZT1 =79).

b Left: Cartoon to show location of medioposterior cell group in the brain and Right: representative maximum intensity Z-projections of *Phper*, *Phcry2* and *PhClk* expression in the medioposterior cells of both hemispheres (L: left, R: right, yellow dashed lines: midlines) across ZT (individual HCR-FISH channels in rows).

c Plots of mean transcript abundance, quantified as the number of FISH spots, across ZT for *Phper* (left), *Phcry2* (middle) and *PhClk* (right) in the medioposterior cells. Each point is from one brain.

d, **e** As in **b**, **c** for dorsal cell group.

f, **g** As in **b**, **c** for anterior-medial b cell group.

h, **i** As in **b**, **c** for anterior-medial c cell group.

Inset text in **c**, **e**, **g** and **i** indicate statistical tests performed to determine variation of gene expression with time and/or rhythmicity, with the tested periods (if any) in parentheses. $p < 0.001$***, $p < 0.01$**, $p \leq 0.05$*, $p > 0.05$[ns]. Scale bars: 10 μm (**b**), 5 μm (**d**, **f**, **h**). For statistics shown in this figure, refer to Supplementary Table 3.

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Medial-1 cells

a

| | ZT1 | ZT5 | ZT9 | ZT13 | ZT17 | ZT21 | ZT25 |

Phper

Phcry2

PhClk

b

Phper

Number of spots

^{ns}JTK (12 h)
*RAIN (12 h)

ZT

Phcry2

^{ns}ANOVA

ZT

PhClk

^{ns}ANOVA

ZT

Medial-2 cells

c

| | ZT1 | ZT5 | ZT9 | ZT13 | ZT17 | ZT21 | ZT25 |

Phper

Phcry2

PhClk

d

Phper

Number of spots

^{ns}KW

ZT

Phcry2

^{ns}JTK (24 h)
^{ns}RAIN (24 h)

ZT

PhClk

^{ns}ANOVA

ZT

Dorsal-lateral cells

Anterior-lateral cells

Supplementary Figure 12. Time course of non-rhythmic expression of *per, cry2* and *Clk* in cells of *P. hawaiensis* synchronised to the LD cycle.

a Left: Cartoon to show location of medial-1 cell group in the brain and Right: representative maximum intensity Z-projections of *Phper*, *Phcry2* and *PhClk* expression in the medial-1 cells from both hemispheres (L: left, R: right, yellow dashed lines: midlines) across ZT (individual HCR-FISH channels in rows).

b Plots of mean transcript abundance, quantified as the number of FISH spots, across ZT for *Phper* (left), *Phcry2* (middle) and *PhClk* (right) in the medial-1 cells. Each point is from one brain.

c, **d** As in **a**, **b** for medial-2 cell group.

e, **f** As in **a**, **b** for dorsal-lateral cell group.

g, **h** As in **a**, **b** for anterior-lateral cell group.

i, **j** As in **a**, **b** for anterior-medial a2 cell group.

Inset text in **b**, **d**, **f**, **h** and **j** indicate statistical tests performed to determine variation of gene expression with time and/or rhythmicity, with the tested periods (if any) in parentheses. $p < 0.001$***, $p < 0.01$**, $p \leq 0.05$*, $p > 0.05$ns. KW: Kruskal-Wallis test. For statistics shown in this figure, refer to Supplementary Table 3. Scale bars: 5 µm.

a

Swimming activity of sampled animals

Supplementary Figure 13. Free-running activity of tidally entrained *P. hawaiensis* (tidal phase θ).

a Normalised swimming activity of *P. hawaiensis* used in the HCR-FISH time-course showed a circatidal activity rhythm synchronised to the prior agitation cycle. Plots shows mean activity with SEM (shading) of harvested animals over the sampling interval (initial group size at start of harvest at CT0 =37).

a Swimming activity of sampled animals

subjective light
subjective dark
subjective high tide

b All clock cells

Phper ***JTK (24 h) ***RAIN (24 h)

Phcry2 nsANOVA

Phvri nsKW

Anterior-medial a1 cells

c CT0 CT3 CT6 CT9 CT12 CT15 CT18 CT21 CT24

Phper
Phcry2
Phvri

d

Phper ***JTK (24 h) ***RAIN (24 h)

Phcry2 ***JTK (24 h) ***RAIN (24 h)

Phvri nsANOVA

Supplementary Figure 14. Free-running clock gene expression rhythms in tidally entrained *P. hawaiensis* (tidal phase θ + 1.2 h).

a Normalised swimming activity of *P. hawaiensis* used in the HCR-FISH time-course showed a circatidal activity rhythm synchronised to the prior agitation cycle. Plots shows mean activity with SEM (shading) of harvested animals over the sampling interval (initial group size at start of harvest at CT0 =35.

b Profile of mean aggregate expression of *Phper, Phcry2* and *Phvri* across all cells plotted across time in tidally entrained animals sampled under DD. Each point is from one brain.

c Left: Cartoon to show location of anterior-medial a1 in the brain and Right: representative maximum intensity Z-projections of *Phper*, *Phcry2* and *Phvri* expression in the anterior-medial a1 cells from both hemispheres (L: left, R: right, yellow dashed lines: midlines) across CT (individual HCR-FISH channels in rows).

d Plots of mean transcript abundance, quantified as the number of FISH spots, across CT for *Phper* (left), *Phcry2* (middle) and *Phvri* (right) in the anterior-medial a1 cells. Each point is from one brain.

e, **f** As in **c**, **d** for medioposterior cell group.

Inset text in **b**, **d** and **f** indicate statistical tests performed to determine variation of gene expression with time and/or rhythmicity, with the tested periods (if any) in parentheses. $p < 0.001$***, $p < 0.01$**, $p \leq 0.05$*, $p > 0.05$[ns]. KW: Kruskal-Wallis test. For statistics shown in this figure, refer to Supplementary Table 5. Scale bars: 5 µm (**c**), 10 µm (**e**).

a

Swimming activity of sampled animals

subjective light
subjective dark
subjective high tide

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b
All clock cells

Phper

Phcry2

Phvri

Anterior-medial a1 cells

c

d

Phper

Phcry2

Phvri

Medioposterior cells

e

f

Phper

Phcry2

Phvri

Supplementary Figure 15. Free-running clock gene expression rhythms in tidally entrained *P. hawaiensis* (tidal phase θ +5.4 h).

a Normalised swimming activity of *P. hawaiensis* used in the HCR-FISH time-course showed a circatidal activity rhythm synchronised to the prior agitation cycle. Plots shows mean activity with SEM (shading) of harvested animals over the sampling interval (initial group size at start of harvest at CT0 =35).

b Profile of mean aggregate expression of *Phper, Phcry2* and *Phvri* across all cells plotted across time in tidally entrained animals sampled under DD. Each point is from one brain.

c Left: Cartoon to show location of anterior-medial a1 cells in the brain and Right: representative maximum intensity Z-projections of *Phper*, *Phcry2* and *Phvri* expression in the anterior-medial a1 cells from both hemispheres (L: left, R: right, yellow dashed lines: midlines) across CT (individual HCR-FISH channels in rows).

d Plots of mean transcript abundance, quantified as the number of FISH spots, across CT for *Phper* (left), *Phcry2* (middle) and *Phvri* (right) in the anterior-medial a1 cells. Each point is from one brain.

e, **f** As in **c**, **d** for medioposterior cell group.

Inset text in **b**, **d** and **f** indicate statistical tests performed to determine variation of gene expression with time and/or rhythmicity, with the tested periods (if any) in parentheses. $p < 0.001$***, $p < 0.01$**, $p \leq 0.05$*, $p > 0.05$ns. KW: Kruskal-Wallis test. For statistics shown in this figure, refer to Supplementary Table 6. Scale bars: 5 μm (**c**), 10 μm (**e**).

Dorsal-lateral cells

Aligned to CTT0 of experiment with tidal phase θ

Supplementary Figure 16. Acrophase of free-running clock gene expression pattern in the dorsal lateral cells of *P. hawaiensis* entrained to tidal cycles of different phase.
Circular plots of phase of circatidal peak expression of *Phper*, *Phcry2* and *Phvri* in the dorsal-lateral cells of *P. hawaiensis* exhibiting circatidal activity rhythms. The phase of each experiment is aligned to circatidal time (CTT) =0 of the experiment with tidal phase θ. Each colour represents an individual experiment at each of different phases (total N =3 X 3). RAE: relative amplitude error.

Supplementary Figure 17. HCR-FISH time-course design.

a Field-caught *E. pulchra* were loaded into activity monitors and maintained under 16 h: 8 h LD cycles. At ZT7 on the day after loading, animals showing circatidal rhythmicity in their swimming activity were sampled every 2 hours, for a total of 13 timepoints.

b Laboratory-cultured *P. hawaiensis* that had never been tidally entrained were loaded into activity monitors and maintained under 12 h: 12 h LD cycles for 5 days. Animals showing 24-h rhythmicity over the 5-day LD entrainment period were sampled every 2 hours beginning at ZT1 on day 6, for a total of 13 timepoints.

c Laboratory-cultured *P. hawaiensis* which had been subjected to tidal cycles of mechanical agitations were loaded into activity monitors whilst being shaken. At CT0 on the day after loading, animals showing peaks in activity coinciding with the subjective high tide during the night before were sampled every 3 hours, for a total of 9 timepoints.

Time-course design is also described in Supplementary Table 10.

Supplementary Table 1. Summary of cell groups enriched for *per* and *cry* expression in *E. pulchra* and *P. hawaiensis*.

E. pulchra			*P. hawaiensis*		
Cell group	# of cells	Anatomical location	Cell group	# of cells	Anatomical location
Medioposterior	18	rPBp	Medioposterior	20	rPBp
Medial	10	rPBdp	Medial	6	rPBp
Dorsal	8	rHE/MTp	Dorsal	12	rHE/MTd
Medioanterior	2	rMPa	Dorsal-lateral	4	rHE/MTd
Lateroposterior	4	rMTp	Anterior-lateral	2	rHE/MTa
Dorsoanterior	4	rHE/MTa	Anterior-medial a1	2	rMPa
Lateroanterior	2	rLOva	Anterior-medial a2	2	rMPa
Ventroposterior	8-12	rMPp	Anterior-medial b	4	rMPa
			Anterior-medial c	8-10	rMPa

Supplementary Table 2. Statistical tests for all gene-cell group combinations for the HCR-FISH time-course experiment of tidally active, beach-caught *E. pulchra* under LD. Effect size quantified as eta squared. Related to Figure 6 and Supplementary Figure 10. KW: Kruskal-Wallis test.

Gene	Cell group	Significant variation with time					24-h rhythmicity		12-h rhythmicity	
		Test	df	Test statistic	p-value	Effect size	JTK_cycle	RAIN	JTK_cycle	RAIN
Epper	all clock cells	ANOVA	12	2.590	0.011	0.425	0.003	0.001	1.000	0.852
	dorsal	ANOVA	12	1.718	0.100	0.346				
	dorsoanterior	ANOVA	12	2.346	0.020	0.390	0.602	1.000	0.943	1.000
	large-dorsal	ANOVA	12	2.090	0.041	0.391	0.003	0.192	1.000	1.000
	lateroanterior	KW	12	20.792	0.054	0.187				
	lateroposterior	ANOVA	12	2.200	0.030	0.386	0.459	1.000	1.000	0.999
	medial	ANOVA	12	2.617	0.011	0.428	0.022	0.003	1.000	0.711
	medioposterior	ANOVA	12	2.522	0.014	0.431	<0.001	0.001	1.000	0.990
Epcry2	all clock cells	KW	12	24.662	0.017	0.301	<0.001	<0.001	1.000	0.747
	dorsal	KW	12	16.606	0.165	0.118				
	dorsoanterior	KW	12	14.737	0.256	0.061				
	large-dorsal	KW	12	26.095	0.010	0.361	<0.001	0.017	1.000	0.996
	lateroanterior	KW	12	18.405	0.104	0.133				
	lateroposterior	KW	12	19.553	0.076	0.176				
	medial	KW	12	19.532	0.076	0.179				
	medioposterior	ANOVA	12	2.563	0.013	0.435	<0.001	<0.001	1.000	0.886

Supplementary Table 2. Continued.

Gene	Cell group	Significant variation with time					24-h rhythmicity		12-h rhythmicity	
		Test	df	Test statistic	p-value	Effect size	JTK_cycle	RAIN	JTK_cycle	RAIN
Eptim	all clock cells	KW	12	26.588	0.009	0.347	0.034	0.009	0.034	0.008
	dorsal	KW	12	19.182	0.084	0.184				
	dorsoanterior	KW	12	30.541	0.002	0.412	0.539	0.545	0.169	0.050
	large-dorsal	KW	12	17.331	0.138	0.137				
	lateroanterior	KW	12	40.436	<0.001	0.592	0.005	0.001	0.092	0.002
	lateroposterior	KW	12	31.599	0.002	0.456	0.556	1.000	0.009	0.042
	medial	KW	12	29.999	0.003	0.429	0.170	0.028	0.046	0.005
	medioposterior	KW	12	20.747	0.054	0.219				

Supplementary Table 3. Statistical tests and cosinor analysis (with defined periods of 24-h whenever appropriate) for all gene-cell group combinations for the HCR-FISH time-course experiment of *P. hawaiensis* synchronised to and sampled under LD. Related to Figure 7 and Supplementary Figure 11-12. Effect size quantified as eta squared. Phase derived from cosinor fit is corrected to Circadian Time (CT) =0. KW: Kruskal-Wallis test; RAE: relative amplitude error.

Gene	Cell group	Significant variation with time					24-h rhythmicity		12-h rhythmicity		Cosinor fit	
		Test	df	Test statistic	p-value	Effect size	JTK_cycle	RAIN	JTK_cycle	RAIN	phase	RAE
Phper	all clock cells	ANOVA	12	14.28	<0.001	0.764	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.250	21.14	0.11
	medioposterior	KW	12	54.45	<0.001	0.801	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.515	21.62	0.07
	medial-1	KW	12	24.66	0.017	0.239	1	0.868	1	0.014		
	medial-2	KW	12	20.18	0.064	0.157						
	dorsal-lateral	ANOVA	12	3.973	<0.001	0.474	0.103	0.003	1	0.051		
	dorsal	ANOVA	12	6.225	<0.001	0.585	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.193	19.11	0.18
	anterior-lateral	KW	12	13.09	0.363	0.021						
	anterior-medial a1	KW	12	57.04	<0.001	0.850	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.717	21.05	0.09
	anterior-medial a2	KW	12	20.94	0.051	0.172						
	anterior-medial b	ANOVA	12	9.073	<0.001	0.673	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.791	21.55	0.11
	anterior-medial c	ANOVA	12	1.697	0.095	0.285						
Phcry2	all clock cells	KW	12	26.16	0.010	0.267	0.05	0.001	1	0.019	11.70	0.36
	medioposterior	ANOVA	12	12.40	<0.001	0.737	<0.001	<0.001	0.014	<0.001	9.03	0.16
	medial-1	ANOVA	12	1.233	0.286	0.218						
	medial-2	ANOVA	12	2.057	0.037	0.322	1	0.951	1	0.989		
	dorsal-lateral	ANOVA	12	1.501	0.153	0.254						
	dorsal	ANOVA	12	1.792	0.074	0.289						
	anterior-lateral	ANOVA	12	0.9371	0.518	0.178						
	anterior-medial a1	KW	12	41.79	<0.001	0.562	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.219	8.28	0.12
	anterior-medial a2	KW	12	15.15	0.233	0.061						
	anterior-medial b	ANOVA	12	6.574	<0.001	0.598	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.580	16.39	0.14
	anterior-medial c	ANOVA	12	2.203	0.026	0.341	0.049	0.009	1	0.034	15.78	0.34

Supplementary Table 3. Continued.

Gene	Cell group	Significant variation with time					24-h rhythmicity		12-h rhythmicity		Cosinor fit	
		Test	df	Test statistic	p-value	Effect size	JTK_cycle	RAIN	JTK_cycle	RAIN	phase	RAE
PhClk	all clock cells	ANOVA	12	2.626	0.008	0.374	0.022	0.001	1	0.251	21.28	0.26
	medioposterior	ANOVA	12	7.723	<0.001	0.636	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.085	22.54	0.13
	medial-1	ANOVA	12	0.6906	0.753	0.135						
	medial-2	ANOVA	12	0.812	0.637	0.158						
	dorsal-lateral	ANOVA	12	1.426	0.184	0.244						
	dorsal	KW	12	31.68	0.002	0.371	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.831	17.19	0.15
	anterior-lateral	ANOVA	12	0.7788	0.669	0.152						
	anterior-medial a1	ANOVA	12	23.71	<0.001	0.843	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.743	7.73	0.07
	anterior-medial a2	KW	12	14.58	0.265	0.050						
	anterior-medial b	ANOVA	12	1.300	0.246	0.227						
	anterior-medial c	ANOVA	12	1.353	0.219	0.241						

Supplementary Table 4. Statistical tests and cosinor analysis (with defined periods of 24-h and/or 12.4-h, whenever appropriate) for all gene-cell group combinations for the HCR-FISH time-course experiment of *P. hawaiensis* entrained to tidal phase θ. Related to Figures 8-9, Supplementary Figure 13 and Supplementary Table 7. Effect size quantified as eta squared. Phase derived from cosinor fit is corrected to Circadian Time (CT) =0 or Circatidal Time (CTT) =0, as appropriate. KW: Kruskal-Wallis test; RAE: relative amplitude error.

Gene	Cell group	Significant variation with time					24-h rhythmicity		12-h rhythmicity		Cosinor fit	
		Test	df	Test statistic	p-value	Effect size	JTK_cycle	RAIN	JTK_cycle	RAIN	phase	RAE
Phper	all clock cells	ANOVA	8	11.99	<0.001	0.813	<0.001	<0.001	0.299	0.083	22.33	0.16
	medioposterior	ANOVA	8	62.35	<0.001	0.954	<0.001	<0.001	0.381	0.262	22.32	0.07
	medial-1	ANOVA	8	1.031	0.441	0.256						
	medial-2	ANOVA	8	1.180	0.353	0.291						
	dorsal-lateral	ANOVA	8	6.584	<0.001	0.678	1	0.034	0.006	<0.001	4.20	0.18
	dorsal	ANOVA	8	1.962	0.099	0.406						
	anterior-lateral	ANOVA	8	1.090	0.403	0.267						
	anterior-medial a1	ANOVA	8	43.95	<0.001	0.934	<0.001	<0.001	0.388	0.793	22.31	0.06
	anterior-medial a2	ANOVA	8	2.157	0.068	0.408						
	anterior-medial b	ANOVA	8	2.253	0.059	0.429						
	anterior-medial c	ANOVA	8	1.856	0.125	0.426						
Phcry2	all clock cells	ANOVA	8	3.942	0.005	0.589	0.441	0.023	0.087	0.004		
	medioposterior	ANOVA	8	15.13	<0.001	0.835	<0.001	<0.001	0.059	0.002	9.35	0.14
	medial-1	ANOVA	8	1.387	0.252	0.316						
	medial-2	KW	8	8.827	0.357	0.036						
	dorsal-lateral	ANOVA	8	6.866	<0.001	0.687	1	0.086	0.002	<0.001	5.26	0.18
	dorsal	ANOVA	8	1.391	0.252	0.326						
	anterior-lateral	ANOVA	8	0.7758	0.628	0.205						
	anterior-medial a1	ANOVA	8	9.814	<0.001	0.758	<0.001	<0.001	0.930	0.567	8.86	0.14
	anterior-medial a2	ANOVA	8	0.4122	0.903	0.117						
	anterior-medial b	ANOVA	8	1.501	0.209	0.333						
	anterior-medial c	KW	8	7.572	0.476	−0.021						

Supplementary Table 4. Continued.

Gene	Cell group	Significant variation with time					24-h rhythmicity		12-h rhythmicity		Cosinor fit	
		Test	df	Test statistic	p-value	Effect size	JTK_cycle	RAIN	JTK_cycle	RAIN	phase	RAE
Phvri	all clock cells	ANOVA	8	1.348	0.273	0.329						
	medioposterior	ANOVA	8	2.796	0.024	0.482	0.057	<0.001	0.582	0.299		
	medial-1	ANOVA	8	0.7772	0.626	0.206						
	medial-2	ANOVA	8	0.9382	0.505	0.246						
	dorsal-lateral	ANOVA	8	2.770	0.024	0.470	0.623	0.003	0.025	0.003	2.11	0.35
	dorsal	ANOVA	8	0.7326	0.662	0.203						
	anterior-lateral	ANOVA	8	0.5677	0.794	0.159						
	anterior-medial a1	ANOVA	8	3.428	0.009	0.523	0.441	0.022	1	0.923		
	anterior-medial a2	ANOVA	8	1.220	0.328	0.281						
	anterior-medial b	ANOVA	8	1.603	0.176	0.348						
	anterior-medial c	ANOVA	8	0.8998	0.535	0.265						

Supplementary Table 5. Statistical tests and cosinor analysis (with defined periods of 24-h and/ or 12.4-h, whenever appropriate) for all gene-cell group combinations for the HCR-FISH time-course experiment of *Parhyale hawaiensis* entrained to tidal phase θ +1.2 h. Related to Figure 9, Supplementary Figure 14 and Supplementary Table 7. Effect size quantified as eta squared. Phase derived from cosinor fit is corrected to Circadian Time (CT) =0 or Circatidal Time (CTT) =0, as appropriate. KW: Kruskal-Wallis test; RAE: relative amplitude error.

Gene	Cell group	Significant variation with time					24-h rhythmicity		12-h rhythmicity		Cosinor fit	
		Test	df	Test statistic	p-value	Effect size	JTK_cycle	RAIN	JTK_cycle	RAIN	phase	RAE
Phper	all clock cells	ANOVA	8	4.899	0.003	0.697	<0.001	<0.001	1	<0.001	23.03	0.17
	medioposterior	ANOVA	8	12.96	<0.001	0.845	<0.001	<0.001	0.772	0.462	22.90	0.11
	medial-1	ANOVA	8	0.5012	0.84	0.182						
	medial-2	ANOVA	8	0.4058	0.902	0.160						
	dorsal-lateral	ANOVA	8	7.212	<0.001	0.743	0.232	0.003	0.016	<0.001	4.53	0.21
	dorsal	ANOVA	8	0.7518	0.648	0.273						
	anterior-lateral	ANOVA	8	1.982	0.109	0.468						
	anterior-medial a1	ANOVA	8	49.29	<0.001	0.952	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.753	22.17	0.06
	anterior-medial a2	ANOVA	8	1.732	0.152	0.410						
	anterior-medial b	KW	8	16.20	0.040	0.304	0.232	0.003	0.772	0.106		
	anterior-medial c	ANOVA	8	1.101	0.414	0.370						
Phcry2	all clock cells	ANOVA	8	1.266	0.323	0.373						
	medioposterior	ANOVA	8	7.967	<0.001	0.770	0.005	<0.001	0.023	0.001	7.01	0.24
	medial-1	ANOVA	8	0.6999	0.688	0.237						
	medial-2	ANOVA	8	1.522	0.222	0.417						
	dorsal-lateral	ANOVA	8	4.908	0.002	0.663	1	0.215	0.016	<0.001	6.58	0.18
	dorsal	ANOVA	8	0.9256	0.522	0.316						
	anterior-lateral	ANOVA	8	0.5485	0.805	0.196						
	anterior-medial a1	ANOVA	8	6.807	<0.001	0.731	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.773	7.88	0.13
	anterior-medial a2	ANOVA	8	1.667	0.168	0.400						
	anterior-medial b	ANOVA	8	2.880	0.026	0.535	0.222	0.014	1	0.460		
	anterior-medial c	ANOVA	8	0.4578	0.867	0.196						

Supplementary Table 5. Continued.

Gene	Cell group	Significant variation with time					24-h rhythmicity		12-h rhythmicity		Cosinor fit	
		Test	df	Test statistic	p-value	Effect size	JTK_cycle	RAIN	JTK_cycle	RAIN	phase	RAE
Phvri	all clock cells	KW	8	13.08	0.109	0.299						
	medioposterior	KW	8	24.10	0.002	0.847	<0.001	<0.001	1	0.815	6.44	0.12
	medial-1	ANOVA	8	0.5257	0.822	0.189						
	medial-2	ANOVA	8	0.3815	0.916	0.152						
	dorsal-lateral	KW	8	18.13	0.02	0.507	0.245	<0.001	0.032	0.001	1.79	0.28
	dorsal	KW	8	13.35	0.100	0.334						
	anterior-lateral	ANOVA	8	1.553	0.208	0.408						
	anterior-medial a1	ANOVA	8	2.132	0.081	0.460						
	anterior-medial a2	ANOVA	8	1.460	0.233	0.369						
	anterior-medial b	KW	8	20.20	0.010	0.610	0.173	0.01	1	0.569		
	anterior-medial c	ANOVA	8	3.369	0.020	0.642	0.460	0.082	0.772	0.092		

Supplementary Table 6. Statistical tests and cosinor analysis (with defined periods of 24-h and/ or 12.4-h, whenever appropriate) for all gene-cell group combinations for the HCR-FISH time-course experiment of *P. hawaiensis* entrained to tidal phase θ – 5.4 h. Related to Figure 9, Supplementary Figure 15 and Supplementary Table 7. Effect size quantified as eta squared. Phase derived from cosinor fit is corrected to Circadian Time (CT) =0 or Circatidal Time (CTT) =0, as appropriate. KW: Kruskal-Wallis test; RAE: relative amplitude error.

Gene	Cell group	Significant variation with time					24-h rhythmicity		12-h rhythmicity		Cosinor fit	
		Test	df	Test statistic	p-value	Effect size	JTK_cycle	RAIN	JTK_cycle	RAIN	phase	RAE
Phper	all clock cells	KW	8	19.98	0.010	0.705	0.002	<0.001	0.627	0.25	22.32	0.16
	medioposterior	KW	8	20.39	0.009	0.689	0.002	<0.001	1	0.879	22.57	0.11
	medial-1	KW	8	11.56	0.172	0.223						
	medial-2	KW	8	7.392	0.495	-0.036						
	dorsal-lateral	ANOVA	8	7.469	<0.001	0.768	1	0.277	<0.001	<0.001	4.40	0.15
	dorsal	ANOVA	8	1.808	0.145	0.460						
	anterior-lateral	KW	8	11.99	0.152	0.234						
	anterior-medial a1	ANOVA	8	23.67	<0.001	0.913	0.005	<0.001	0.829	0.654	22.73	0.12
	anterior-medial a2	KW	8	6.759	0.563	−0.073						
	anterior-medial b	ANOVA	8	1.912	0.121	0.096						
	anterior-medial c	KW	8	9.893	0.273	0.111						
Phcry2	all clock cells	ANOVA	8	1.544	0.215	0.421						
	medioposterior	ANOVA	8	2.537	0.048	0.530	0.016	0.001	1	0.84	9.06	0.23
	medial-1	ANOVA	8	1.497	0.234	0.428						
	medial-2	ANOVA	8	0.8941	0.542	0.296						
	dorsal-lateral	ANOVA	8	8.943	<0.001	0.799	0.758	0.085	<0.001	<0.001	5.59	0.18
	dorsal	KW	8	13.51	0.096	0.324						
	anterior-lateral	ANOVA	8	4.823	0.003	0.694	1	0.203	<0.001	<0.001	3.93	0.17
	anterior-medial a1	KW	8	10.06	0.261	0.114						
	anterior-medial a2	KW	8	12.26	0.14	0.251						
	anterior-medial b	ANOVA	8	1.129	0.391	0.334						
	anterior-medial c	ANOVA	8	2.131	0.090	0.501						

Supplementary Table 6. Continued.

Gene	Cell group	Significant variation with time					24-h rhythmicity		12-h rhythmicity		Cosinor fit	
		Test	df	Test statistic	p-value	Effect size	JTK_cycle	RAIN	JTK_cycle	RAIN	phase	RAE
Phvri	all clock cells	ANOVA	8	4.368	0.005	0.673	0.331	0.014	0.198	0.095		
	medioposterior	ANOVA	8	16.67	<0.001	0.881	0.002	<0.001	0.627	0.203	6.71	0.17
	medial-1	ANOVA	8	1.722	0.169	0.463						
	medial-2	KW	8	3.99	0.858	−0.236						
	dorsal-lateral	ANOVA	8	16.35	<0.001	0.879	1	0.229	0.05	0.007	1.93	0.20
	dorsal	ANOVA	8	1.421	0.257	0.401						
	anterior-lateral	KW	8	9.894	0.273	0.111						
	anterior-medial a1	KW	8	11.42	0.179	0.190						
	anterior-medial a2	ANOVA	8	1.708	0.168	0.446						
	anterior-medial b	ANOVA	8	0.9457	0.505	0.296						
	anterior-medial c	ANOVA	8	1.696	0.171	0.444						

Supplementary Table 7. Circular statistics of gene-cell group combinations that show statistically significant rhythmicity (at 24-h or 12-h) across 3 HCR-FISH time-course experiments of tidally entrained *P. hawaiensis*. Related to Figure 10, Supplementary Figures 13-15, Supplementary Tables 4-6.

Gene	Cell group	Mean phase	Mean vector length	Number of experiments
Circadian oscillators				
Phper	All clock cells	22.56	1.00	3
	Medioposterior	22.60	1.00	3
	Anterior-medial a1	22.40	1.00	3
Phcry2	Medioposterior	8.48	0.96	3
	Anterior-medial a1	8.37	0.99	2
Phvri	Medioposterior	6.58	1.00	2
Circatidal oscillators				
Phper	Dorsal-lateral	4.38	1.00	3
Phcry2		5.81	0.96	3
Phvri		1.94	1.00	3

Supplementary Table 8. The targets, hairpin identities and lot numbers of the HCR-FISH primary probes used to generate the data described in this study.

Probe/target genes	NCBI accession #	Probe hairpin	Number of probe pairs	Lot number	Relevant figure(s)
EpBmal1	KC885968.1	B3	20	PRP939	Fig. 2-3, Supp. Fig. 6
EpBmal1 additional	KC885968.1	B3	40	RTA402	Fig. 2-3, Supp. Fig. 6
EpClk 1-9	KC885973.1	B1	40	RTA400	Fig. 2-3
EpClk 1-9 additional	KC885973.1	B1	29	RTE285	Fig. 2-3
Epcry2	KC885970.1	B1	20	RTA399	Fig. 2-3, 5, Supp. Fig. 8
Epcry2	KC885970.1	B3	20	RTO453	Fig. 6, Supp. Fig. 10
Epper	KC885967.1	B2	20	RTO454	Fig. 2-3, 6, Supp. Fig. 10
Eptim	KC885969.1	B1	20	PRP937	Fig. 2-3, 6, Supp. Fig. 10
Eppdh	GQ380440.1	B4	9	RTE284	Fig. 5
PhBmal1	Not applicable. Sequences from Hunt, Mallon & Rosato (2019)	B1	38	RTC080	Fig. 2-3, Supp. Fig. 6
Phpdh		B1	12	RTF908	Fig. 5
Phper		B1/B2	30	RTK407/RTC082	Fig. 2-3, 7-9, Supp. Fig. 11-15
PhClk-fragment 1		B2	40	RTG497	Fig. 2-3, 7, Supp. Fig. 11-12
PhClk-fragment 2		B2	28	RTG498	Fig. 2-3, 7, Supp. Fig. 11-12
Phcry2		B3	30	RTC083	Fig. 2-3, 5, 7-9, Supp. Fig. 8-9, 11-15
Phvri		B4	20	RTC086	Fig. 2-3, 9, Supp. Fig. 14-15
Phvri-30-probe-pairs		B4	30	RTI933	Fig. 8-9, Supp. Fig. 13
deGFP	Not applicable. Sequence provided by Molecular Instruments Inc.	B1	12	RTA210	Supp. Fig. 8
deGFP		B2	12	PRQ740	Supp. Fig. 8

Supplementary Table 9. The names, hairpin identities and lot numbers of the RNAScope technology FISH probes

Probe/target gene	NCBI accession #	Amplifier	ACD cat number
Epper-C4	KC885967.1	C4	578211-C4
EpClk5-C1	KC885973.1	C1	578151-C1
Epcry2-C1	KC885970.1	C1	1039411-C1
Eptim-C3	KC885969.1	C3	1099401-C3
EpBmal1-C2	KC885968.1	C2	578191-C2
-ve control			

*negative control probe is designed against the DapB gene of *Bacillus subtilis* strain

Supplementary Table 10. FISH time-course designs for investigating clock gene expression rhythms. Related to Supplementary Figure 17.

Experiment	Sampling condition	First sampling time-point	*N* total animals sampled	Sampling interval	1st subjective high tide onset during sampling	HCR-FISH primary probes	HCR-FISH hairpins (AF: AlexaFluor)	Relevant figures/tables
14h:10h LD-maintained *E. pulchra*								
LD (*E. pulchra*) (Supp. Fig. 17a)	LD	ZT7	65	2	ZT18.4	*Eptim*-B1, *Epper*-B2, *Epcry2*-B3	B1-AF647, B2-AF546, B3-AF488	Fig. 6, Supp. Fig. 10, Supp. Table 2
12h:12h LD-synchronised *P. hawaiensis*								
LD (*P. hawaiensis*) (Supp. Fig. 17b)	LD	ZT1	79	2	N.A.	*Phper*-B1, *PhClk*-fragment1-B2, *PhClk*-fragment2-B2, *Phcry2*-B3	B1-AF647, B2-AF546, B4-AF647	Fig. 7, Supp. Figs. 11-12, Supp. Table 3
Tidally entrained *P. hawaiensis* (Supp. Fig. 17c)								
θ	DD	CT0	37	3	CT9.2	*Phper*-B2, *Phcry2*-B3, *Phvri*-30-probe-pairs-B4	B2-AF546, B3-AF488, B4-AF647	Fig. 8-9, Supp. Fig. 13, Supp. Table 4
θ + 1.2h	DD	CT0	35	3	CT10.4	*Phper*-B2, *Phcry2*-B3, *Phvri*-B4	B2-AF647, B3-AF488, B4-AF546	Fig. 9, Supp. Fig. 14, Supp. Table 5
θ − 5.4h	DD	CT0	35	3	CT3.8	*Phper*-B2, *Phcry2*-B3, *Phvri*-B4	B2-AF647, B3-AF488, B4-AF546	Fig. 9, Supp. Fig. 15, Supp. Table 6

Supplementary results

Neuropils of *E. pulchra*.

In *E. pulchra*, the optic neuropils comprise lamina (LA), medulla (ME), and lobula (LO). The ME is proximal to the LA and distal to the LO. Ventral to the LO is a small unidentified neuropil. The optic neuropils are distal to the lateral protocerebrum (LP), which comprises the medulla terminalis (MT) and hemi-ellipsoid body (HE). These neuropils are poorly demarcated, and we did not attempt to determine the borders of each, segmenting them as a contiguous complex (HE/MT). The median protocerebrum (MP) comprises a large central body (CB) and protocerebral bridge (PB). The CB extends across the width of the brain and appears to be layered. Ventral to the protocerebrum is the deutocerebrum comprising the deutocerebral chemosensory lobes (DCL) and lateral antenna 1 neuropil (LAN). The DCL are lateral to the brain and comprise numerous olfactory glomeruli. Medial of the DCL is the LAN and ventral of this is antenna 2 neuropil (ANN) within the tritocerebrum. We also identified lateral accessory lobes (LAL) and nodules (NOD), and the medial antenna 1 neuropil (MAN). For *P. hawaiensis* we confirmed the anatomy of Whittforth et al. [1] and identified all major neuropils in our refence brain, which correspond closely with those we describe in *E. pulchra*. See also Supplementary Figures 4-5 and Supplementary Videos 1-2.

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27 **Supplementary Video 1**
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29 **Reference brain of *E. pulchra* revealed by anti-SYNORF1 immunostaining and**
30 **neuroanatomy of putative clock cell groups revealed by co-immuno-HCR-FISH staining.**
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32 **Related to Figure 4a and Supplementary Figure 5a.**
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Supplementary Video 2

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50 **Reference brain of *P. hawaiensis* revealed by anti-SYNORF1 immunostaining and**

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53 **Related to Figure 4c and Supplementary Figure 5 c.**

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Supplementary methods

Immunostaining

For immunolabelling of *E. pulchra* brains with anti-SYNORF1, after rehydration to PBST, brains were washed in PTx (PBS supplemented with 0.1% Triton X-100), permeabilised in detergent solution (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA pH 8, 1% SDS, 0.5% Tween-20) for 30 min at room temperature (Bruce et al. 2021) and then incubated with 1:50 anti-SYNORF1 in PTx containing 5% normal goat serum (NGS) overnight at room temperature, followed by 5 days at 4°C, with rotation. After extensive washing in PTx, brains were incubated with anti-mouse Alexa 488 (ThermoFisher #A-21141) at 1:1000 in PTx containing 5% NGS for 3 days at 4°C, with rotation. After extensive washing with PTx, nuclei were stained with 0.1 µg/mL DAPI int PTx for 1h. Brains were then bridge-mounted in RapiClear 1.49 (SunJin Lab Optical Clearing Innovation, #RC149001) using No. 2 thickness coverslips to maintain 3D morphology. For *P. hawaiensis*, brains were incubated in blocking buffer (1x PBS, 0.5% Tween-20, 5% NGS, 1% bovine serum albumin) containing 1:50 anti-SYNORF1 for 3 days at 4°C with gentle shaking, followed by extensive washing in PTw (PBS supplemented with 0.5% Tween-20) and incubation in secondary antiserum F(ab')2-goat anti-mouse IgG-Alexa Fluor 488 (ThermoFisher #A-11017) or Alexa Fluor Plus 555 (ThermoFisher #A48287) at 1:250 made in blocking buffer for 2 days at 4°C with gentle agitation. Nuclei were stained with 0.1 µg/mL DAPI for 30 min prior to final washing in PTw and preparations mounted in DPX (Sigma Aldrich #06522) according to [2].

Reference brains

Whole-mount brain samples used for generating reference brains and describing the neuroanatomy of putative clock cells were imaged on a Nikon CSU-W1 spinning disk confocal microscope equipped with a 25x/1.05NA silicone oil CFI Plan Apochromat Lambda S objective and a Prime 95B 22mm sCMOS camera. To make an *E. pulchra* reference brain, two sex-specific references were made by registering and then averaging 7 male brains to one male "seed" brain and 6 female brains to a female "seed" brain. These sex-specific references were then averaged to generate a final intersex reference brain (an average of 15 brains) used for all subsequent analyses. For *P. hawaiensis*, 10 male brains were registered and then averaged to a seed brain to generate a reference brain. Registration and averaging were done using: https://github.com/jefferislab/MakeAverageBrain [3] [4]. Briefly, Computational Morphometry Toolkit (CMTK) was used to register image stacks against a seed image stack; first with a rigid and then a non-rigid registration [5, 6]. Image stacks of brains with co-immuno-RNA-FISH labelling of neuropils and circadian clock genes (*per*/ *cry2*/ *tim*) were registered to

reference brains based on the anti-SYNORF1 signal. Three-dimensional surface models of

neuropils were based on reference brains and generated using the Segmentation Editor in

3DSlicer software (www.slicer.org). 3D surface models of putative clock cells were based on

circadian clock gene HCR-FISH labelling (*Epcry2* or *Phcry2*) in an image stack registered to

the reference brain and using the Segmentation Editor in 3DSlicer.

HCR-FISH

For HCR-FISH, rehydrated brains were permeabilised in detergent solution for 30 min at room

temperature, and equilibrated in pre-warmed probe hybridisation buffer for 30 min at 37°C.

Brains were then incubated in probe hybridisation solution containing 10 nM of each primary

probe set for 2 days (*E. pulchra*) or 3 days (*P. hawaiensis*) at 37°C. For *P. hawaiensis*, 1:1000

murine RNase inhibitor (NEB #M0314L) was added to the probe hybridisation buffer. Signal

amplification with 60 nM fluorescently tagged hairpins was allowed to proceed for 2 days,

followed by staining with 0.1 µg/mL DAPI in 5x SSC supplemented with 0.5% Tween-20 (30

min) during one of the final washing steps. *E. pulchra* brains were bridge-mounted using No.

1.5 thickness coverslips in RapiClear 1.49 whilst *P. hawaiensis* brains were dehydrated and

mounted in DPX according to [2]. The target genes used for probe design, their accession

numbers, and the Molecular Instruments probe lot numbers and concentrations used are listed

in Supplementary Tables 8. For experiments investigating co-expression of clock genes, a

40x/1.3NA Plan Fluorite oil immersion objective was used to image with an optical section

interval of 1 µm.

For co-immuno-RNA-FISH staining, following rehydration and permeabilization in detergent

solution, *E. pulchra*, brains were incubated with 1:50 anti-SYNORF1 in PTx containing 1.6

U/µL RNaseOUT™ ribonuclease inhibitor (Invitrogen #10777019) overnight at room

temperature, followed by 3 days at 4°C, with rotation. After extensive washing in PTx, brains

were incubated with anti-mouse Alexa 488 (ThermoFisher #A-21141) at 1:1000 in PTx

containing RNase inhibitor for 2 days at 4°C, with rotation. After washing in PTx/w, brains

were fixed in 4% PFA (in PBS) for 1 hour at room temperature. After washing in PTx/w, the

neuropil-stained brains were processed for HCR-FISH as above and mounted as described

above. *P. hawaiensis* brains were washed in PTw and subjected to one-step immunostaining

[7] by incubating in PTw containing pre-mixed 1:250 murine RNase inhibitor, 1:50 anti-

SYNORF1, 3.33 ng/µL Fab goat anti-mouse IgG-Alexa Fluor 488 (Jackson ImmunoResearch

#115-547-003) for 2 days at room temperature.

RNAscope methods for formalin-fixed, paraffin-wax embedded *E.pulchra* brains

E. pulchra brains were dissected in ice-chilled crustacean saline [8] and fixed immediately in 10% normal buffered formalin (10%) overnight (16h) at RT. After fixing, brains were washed extensively in PBS, dehydrated through an ethanol series (50%, 70%, 80%, 90%, 95%, 100%), cleared in xylene (1h at RT) and infiltrated in molten wax (Leica Paraplast Plus®, Leica Biosystems, Sheffield UK) 3x, each for 1h, before embedding in wax such that the brains could be mounted for frontal sections to be cut. Serial sections (6µm) were cut on a standard wax microtome and mounted on Superfrost™ Plus (Thermo Fisher, UK). After drying, sections were baked at 60°C for 2h to adhere fully to the slides. Slides were de-waxed in clean xylene and taken to water through an ethanol series before drying at 60C for 1h. Following preparation, manufacturer's instructions were followed exactly, except that target retrieval was done in 700 mL Target Retrieval buffer in a 1L beaker, for 15 minutes at 98-104°C, over a hot-plate. Protease Plus was applied for 30 minutes at 40°C. Signal amplification was done using Opal™ fluors (Opal 520 and Opal 570). All reagents and kit components were as recommended by ACD Biotechne (Abingdon, Oxford, UK. RNAscope® Multiplex Fluorescent Reagent Kit v2 Assay). Target probes were designed by ACD Biotechne and probe details provided in Supplementary Tables 9. Negative control probes were supplied by ACD Biotechne and are designed against the *DapB2* gene of *Bacillus subtilis*. Following hybridisation and amplification, sections were counterstained with DAPI provided with the kit and mounted under Vectashield® Antifade mounting fluid (Vector Laboratories, supplied by 2B Scientific, Oxford, UK). Images were captured on a Leica SP8 confocal microscope at 1µm z-stack intervals and using Leica LAX proprietary software. Images were re-sized, cropped and adjusted for brightness and contrast using ImageJ software.

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