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3 **Running title:** Broad-scale  $\beta$ -SGDCs in freshwater fishes

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23 **Abstract**

- 24 – **Aim:** Dispersal limitation, environmental selection and drift are known to influence both  
25 taxonomic similarity between communities and genetic similarity between populations.  
26 However, disentangling the relative roles of these processes on spatial patterns of  
27 differentiation - whether regarding taxonomic differentiation between communities or  
28 genetic differentiation between populations - is challenging. Investigating whether spatial  
29 patterns of taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation are correlated ( $\beta$ -SGDCs)  
30 is a promising approach to address this issue. Here, we investigated  $\beta$ -SGDCs over broad  
31 spatial scales and 22 freshwater fish species to elucidate the processes shaping taxonomic  
32 and genetic differentiations between drainage basins.
- 33 – **Location:** Global scope, data mainly from Europe and North America.
- 34 – **Taxon:** Actinopterygii and Petromyzontiformes (freshwater fishes).
- 35 – **Methods:** We used Mantel tests to investigate the raw correlation between taxonomic and  
36 genetic differentiations. We carried out multiple regressions to characterise the effects of  
37 geographic distance (proxy of dispersal limitation), environmental distance (proxy of  
38 environmental selection) and pairwise harmonic mean area between basins (proxy of drift)  
39 on taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation taken separately. We then  
40 analysed the correlation between the residuals of these two regressions with Mantel tests.  
41 Finally, we investigated whether the variation in  $\beta$ -SGDC between species was related to  
42 species traits.
- 43 – **Results:** We detected an overall positive  $\beta$ -SGDC, both for the raw and the residual  
44 correlations. This implies that, unmeasured effects, other than geographic distance,  
45 environmental distance and harmonic mean area, influence the  $\beta$ -SGDC observed. Values  
46 of  $\beta$ -SGDCs greatly varied between species, but this was not explained by any species  
47 traits.

48 – **Main conclusions:** Independently of the effects of geographic distance, environmental  
49 distance and harmonic mean area, the  $\beta$ -SGDC we observed suggests that historical  
50 processes strongly shaped the patterns of taxonomic and genetic differentiations between  
51 basins. Consequently, taxonomic differentiation may be an appropriate proxy to explain  
52 the influence of historical processes on genetic differentiation.

53 **Keywords**

54  $\beta$ -SGDC, dispersal limitation, distance decay, drift, environmental selection, freshwater  
55 fishes, historical processes, macrogenetics, Mantel tests, multiple regression of distance  
56 matrices

## 58 **Introduction**

59 Understanding the mechanisms that shape taxonomic differentiation between spatially  
60 separated communities and those influencing genetic differentiation between spatially  
61 separated populations are long-standing issues in ecology and evolution (Wright, 1943, 1951;  
62 Whittaker, 1960, 1972; Preston, 1962; Mayr, 1963). More recently, these issues have been  
63 united (Vellend, 2003; Vellend & Geber, 2005; Kahilainen, Puurtinen, & Kotiaho, 2014),  
64 emphasising that drift, dispersal and selection influence both taxonomic differentiation  
65 between communities and genetic differentiation between populations. Drift and selection  
66 affect the species frequencies within communities and gene frequencies within populations,  
67 which tend to increase differentiation. Conversely, dispersal of individuals between  
68 populations and dispersal of species between communities will tend to decrease  
69 differentiation.

70       Among the factors that can affect both taxonomic and genetic differentiation,  
71 geographic distance is probably the most studied. The similarity in taxonomic composition  
72 between communities tends to decrease with the geographic distance that separates them; a  
73 pattern long-recognised in biogeography and formalised as the distance decay of similarity  
74 (Nekola & White, 1999; Soininen, McDonald, & Hillebrand, 2007). Similarly, the genetic  
75 similarity between populations tends to decrease with the geographic distance separating  
76 them; a pattern long-recognised in population genetics and referred to as isolation-by-distance  
77 (IBD; Wright, 1943; Rousset, 1997). Two main non-mutually exclusive explanations can  
78 account for the distance decay of taxonomic and genetic similarity (see Soininen et al., 2007  
79 and Orsini et al., 2013 for reviews). First, similarity decreases with geographic distance  
80 because the dispersal of organisms (i.e. their movement from a place to another) is limited by  
81 their intrinsic dispersal ability, which hence does not counteract anymore the differentiating  
82 effect of drift. Secondly, similarity decays with geographic distance because of decreasing

83 similarity in spatially correlated environmental features; in such cases, the underlying  
84 explanation is environmental selection of different species (community differentiation) or  
85 genotypes (genetic differentiation) in distinct environments. However, differentiation between  
86 sites does not always increase with geographic distance. This is the case when the migrants  
87 are competitively excluded by already established communities (e.g. Almany, 2003) or  
88 populations (e.g. Fraser et al., 2018) at high densities, therefore counteracting the  
89 homogenising effect of dispersal whatever the intrinsic dispersal ability of the migrants. This  
90 may also happen when the environmental variation between sites displays no – or negative –  
91 spatial autocorrelation (e.g. Derry et al., 2009).

92         Although spatial patterns of taxonomic and genetic differentiations can be explained  
93 by environmental selection independently of limited dispersal and vice-versa, disentangling  
94 the relative strengths of these mechanisms is challenging, as communities and populations  
95 that are geographically distant are also likely to inhabit different environments. Using modern  
96 spatial statistical methods, some recent studies have nonetheless taken up the challenge. In  
97 their study of global patterns of species turnover in terrestrial vertebrates, Qian & Ricklefs  
98 (2012) have shown that both dispersal limitation and environmental selection have played  
99 important roles in determining the patterns they observed. Similarly, in their reinterpretation  
100 of 34 representative studies, Orsini *et al.* (2013) highlighted that patterns associated with  
101 dispersal limitation were as common as those associated with local genetic adaptation in  
102 structuring population genetic differentiation in the wild. However, the relative strength of  
103 dispersal limitation and environmental selection on differentiation patterns seems to vary  
104 according to the species and the spatial scale under consideration, both for taxonomic  
105 (Astorga et al., 2012; Moritz et al., 2013) and genetic (Orsini et al., 2013) differentiations.  
106 Comparative studies of multiple taxonomic groups suggest that the influence of dispersal  
107 limitation on taxonomic differentiation is stronger for species with low dispersal ability than

108 for more effective dispersers, and this result holds true both at the broad-scale (e.g. Qian &  
109 Ricklefs, 2012) and at the fine-scale (e.g. Astorga et al., 2012). Comparative studies of  
110 multiple species have also been identified as a promising avenue to reveal the factors  
111 influencing patterns of genetic differentiation (Wang et al., 2013). Yet, such studies are scarce  
112 and mainly carried out at relatively small spatial scales (e.g. Wang et al., 2013; Fourtune, Paz-  
113 Vinas, Loot, Prunier, & Blanchet, 2016) despite the increasing availability of broad-scale  
114 datasets in population genetics, suggesting that it is now time to embrace macrogenetics  
115 (Blanchet, Prunier, & De Kort, 2017).

116         Theories in population genetics and community ecology acknowledge that dispersal,  
117 selection and drift together shape the differentiation between populations and between  
118 communities (see e.g. Vellend & Orrock, 2009 for a review of processes in both disciplines).  
119 However, the contribution of drift to taxonomic or genetic differentiation has been the subject  
120 of few empirical investigations, in contrast with dispersal limitation and environmental  
121 selection (Gilbert & Levine, 2017; Prunier, Dubut, Chikhi, & Blanchet, 2017). Genetic drift is  
122 the evolutionary process of random fluctuations in allelic frequencies occurring naturally in  
123 all populations due to their finite size, although it is stronger in small ones (Allendorf, 1986).  
124 Similarly, ecological drift corresponds to the random fluctuations in species frequencies  
125 occurring naturally in all communities due to their finite size and this too is stronger in small  
126 ones. Drift is the result of random sampling during the processes of birth, death and  
127 reproduction and ultimately leads to the loss of genetic diversity within populations, and  
128 species diversity within communities. Therefore, drift increases the differentiation between  
129 populations and between communities depending on their respective sizes: the smaller they  
130 are, the more they will differentiate. Dispersal of organisms between populations and between  
131 communities counteracts the differentiating effect of drift while environmental selection can  
132 accelerate it. Attributing the observed spatial patterns of genetic or taxonomic differentiation

133 to dispersal limitation or to environmental selection without accounting for drift may thus be  
134 misleading.

135         Most of the explanatory variables used in analyses to infer the role of dispersal  
136 limitation and environmental selection on differentiation patterns are proxies representing  
137 present-day conditions. Thus, using current explanatory variables to investigate dispersal  
138 limitation and environmental selection on differentiation patterns is only relevant if the  
139 contemporary geography and environment of the study area has not changed substantially  
140 since these patterns were established (Wang et al., 2013). Otherwise, the historical processes  
141 that may have shaped the observed differentiation patterns, including those explaining  
142 colonisation histories, may be overlooked. In addition, if dispersal is not continuous (as  
143 generally assumed) but rather intermittent because of landscape dynamics which have induced  
144 the appearance and disappearance of dispersal barriers, then two geographically close  
145 localities sharing a similar environment could, nevertheless, be dissimilar in terms of  
146 community composition and allele frequencies provided they have been isolated for a  
147 sufficiently long time (given their sizes) for drift to be effective. Nonetheless, examining  
148 which part of differentiation patterns is not explained by current explanatory variables may  
149 help to elucidate the influence of historical processes on those patterns.

150         In such complex contexts, understanding the rules that govern differentiation patterns  
151 (both taxonomic and genetic) may be enhanced by comparing taxonomic dissimilarities  
152 between communities and genetic dissimilarities between populations of a focal species  
153 (Lamy, Laroche, David, Massol, & Jarne, 2017). The few empirical studies that have  
154 examined these correlations, called beta species-genetic diversity correlations ( $\beta$ -SGDCs)  
155 (Kahilainen et al., 2014), revealed a majority of positive correlations (reviewed by Lamy et  
156 al., 2017). This suggests that the processes affecting taxonomic dissimilarity affect genetic  
157 dissimilarity of the species under study in the same way (Baselga et al., 2013; Baselga,

158 Gómez-Rodríguez, & Vogler, 2015). However, because the relative strength of processes  
159 shaping patterns of taxonomic and genetic differentiation is expected to vary according to the  
160 species and the spatial scale under consideration, so is the strength of the putative resulting  $\beta$ -  
161 SGDCs. Among the rare studies of  $\beta$ -SGDCs over multiple species, some have highlighted  
162 that positive  $\beta$ -SGDCs were stronger for focal species with low dispersive abilities (e.g.  
163 Papadoulou et al., 2011) while others did not find strong differences between species (e.g.  
164 Fourtune et al., 2016), and all were carried out at relatively small spatial scales. These  
165 contrasting results call for more studies of  $\beta$ -SGDCs for multiple species to gain a better  
166 understanding of whether and how variations in species traits lead to distinct patterns of  $\beta$ -  
167 SGDCs. In addition,  $\beta$ -SGDCs for multiple species have not been examined yet at broad  
168 spatial scales.

169         Freshwater fishes are a relevant model to start investigating this question for at least  
170 three reasons. First, as  $\beta$ -SGDCs for multiple freshwater fish species have been conducted at  
171 small scales within a single drainage basin (Fourtune et al., 2016), computing  $\beta$ -SGDCs for  
172 multiple freshwater fish species at broader scales will permit the comparison of  $\beta$ -SGDC  
173 variations across scales for the same biological model. Secondly, for strictly freshwater fishes,  
174 at present, almost no exchange of individuals occurs between drainage basins (hereafter  
175 “basins”) because they are isolated from each other by land and/or sea (although dispersal  
176 may occasionally occur between adjacent basins). Therefore, if basins are isolated from each  
177 other independently of the geographic distance between them, we can expect dispersal  
178 limitation to play a minor role on the broad-scale between-basin patterns of taxonomic and  
179 genetic differentiations. On the contrary, if basins have been isolated from each other for a  
180 long time, we can expect drift to play a significant role on the broad-scale between-basin  
181 patterns of taxonomic and genetic differentiations, as dispersal no longer counteracts the  
182 effect of drift. This is particularly true if population sizes and community sizes are small: the

183 larger they are, the longer it will take to observe differentiation. Finally, while several recent  
184 studies have tried to disentangle the role of dispersal limitation, environmental selection and  
185 historical processes on patterns of taxonomic differentiation between basins (Leprieur et al.,  
186 2009, 2011; Dias et al., 2014), the processes shaping genetic differentiation at such broad  
187 scales have rarely been examined together. Studying  $\beta$ -SGDCs may therefore reveal whether  
188 the processes influencing between-basin taxonomic differentiation, affect between-basin  
189 genetic differentiation in the same way.

190 In this meta-analysis of 22 freshwater fish species, our main goal was to elucidate the  
191 processes underlying  $\beta$ -SGDCs at broad spatial scales. In particular, we wanted to test  
192 whether  $\beta$ -SGDCs can be explained by the parallel action of measurable processes (dispersal  
193 limitation, environmental selection and drift) on taxonomic and genetic differentiation, or are  
194 due to other, non-measurable processes. To that end, we first computed measures of genetic  
195 differentiation between basins for each fish species. Then, for each species, we investigated i)  
196 the raw correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations, ii) the effects of  
197 geographic distance (as a proxy of dispersal limitation), environmental distance (as a proxy of  
198 environmental selection) and pairwise harmonic mean area between basins (as a proxy of  
199 drift) on taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation taken separately and iii) the  
200 correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations independent of the effects of  
201 geographic distance, environmental distance and harmonic mean area (Fig. 1). Such  
202 independent correlation integrates the effects of unmeasured processes, including the  
203 historical processes of dispersal, environmental selection and drift related to the historical  
204 connectivity of basins. This allowed us to characterise the overall (i.e. mean over the species)  
205 raw  $\beta$ -SGDC, the overall effects associated with each predictor for each response variable,  
206 and the overall independent  $\beta$ -SGDC. Finally, we tested whether the variation in  $\beta$ -SGDCs  
207 between species could be attributed to variations in species traits.

208

209 **Materials and methods**210 *Genetic differentiation and geographic distribution of genetic data*

211 As we wanted to investigate genetic differentiation at the broad scale, we restricted our  
212 analyses of spatial genetic differentiation to species exhibiting a wide distribution. We  
213 downloaded sequence records of the mitochondrial gene cytochrome c oxidase I (COI) from  
214 BOLD ([www.boldsystems.org](http://www.boldsystems.org)) in May 2017 for the following widespread taxa: Cyprinidae,  
215 Salmonidae, *Lampetra*, *Petromyzon*, *Cobitis*, *Misgurnus*, *Barbatula*, *Silurus*, *Esox*, *Lota lota*,  
216 *Gymnocephalus* and *Sander*. We first cleaned and aligned sequences by taxon and then re-  
217 aligned them together to keep the same fragment of 501 nucleotides for the analyses.  
218 Sequence records without sufficient geographic information to assign them to a drainage  
219 basin (hereafter “basin”) or without a species name were discarded from our dataset. We  
220 defined a basin as the drainage area upstream from its mouth at the sea. According to this  
221 definition, a basin is isolated from other basins by barriers (sea or land) which are impassable  
222 for strictly freshwater fishes. The validity of species names was assessed using FishBase  
223 (Froese & Pauly, 2017), resulting in a total of 6637 sequence records with a valid species  
224 names belonging to 716 distinct species distributed in 218 basins. We checked the  
225 environment (i.e. “freshwater”, “brackish”, “saltwater”) of each species using FishBase  
226 (Froese & Pauly, 2017), the status (i.e. “native”, “exotic” or “unknown”) of each species in  
227 each basin using the global database on freshwater fish species occurrence (Tedesco et al.,  
228 2017). We conserved only native records of strictly freshwater species, i.e. 4894 records,  
229 corresponding to a total of 509 species in 176 basins.

230 We calculated between-basin genetic differentiation (by pooling individuals in the  
231 drainage basins) for the polymorphic species present in at least four basins with a minimum of

232 three individuals per basin. To calculate such genetic differentiation, we converted single  
233 nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) of the sequence data into a table of individual genotypes  
234 and then calculated pairwise genetic distances for each pair of basins using  $G''_{ST}$  (Meirmans  
235 & Hedrick, 2011), the corrected version of Hedrick's  $G'_{ST}$  (Hedrick, 2005).  $G''_{ST}$  is  
236 independent from within population diversity and does not underestimate genetic distance  
237 when the number of populations is small (Meirmans & Hedrick, 2011). As  $G''_{ST}$  likely  
238 removes the effect of drift, we also calculated the pairwise genetic distances for each pair of  
239 basins using  $F_{ST}$  (Nei, 1973) for comparison purpose.

240 All these different selection filters drastically reduced the number of species we  
241 included in analyses: we finally focused our analyses of between-basin genetic differentiation  
242 on a total of 22 species in 38 basins (for more details about these basins, see Appendix S1 in  
243 Supporting Information). For instance, from all the species of *Lampetra* and *Petromyzon* we  
244 searched in BOLD, we conserved only *L. planeri* for the analyses. The number of species  
245 with analysed genetic data per basin varies from one (for 20 basins) to seventeen (for one  
246 basin, the basin "Odra"; Fig. 2; Appendix S1). The number of basins per species varies from  
247 four (our minimum threshold) to eleven (for the species *Esox lucius*) covering on average 76  
248 % (standard deviation (sd) = 18 %) of their native range, with species exhibiting on average  
249 11.0 individuals per basin (sd = 11.0; Appendix S2). Most records are located in Europe and  
250 North-America (Fig. 2).

### 251 *Taxonomic differentiation*

252 We calculated pairwise taxonomic differentiation between each pair of basins based on the list  
253 of native species per basin extracted from the global database on freshwater fish species  
254 occurrence (Tedesco et al., 2017). We used Simpson dissimilarity ( $\beta_{sim}$ ) - the turnover  
255 component of Sørensen dissimilarity (Sørensen, 1948) - which is independent from total

256 taxonomic richness (see Baselga 2012 for review).

257 *Geographic distance, environmental distance and pairwise harmonic mean area*

258 We computed between-basin geographic distance by calculating the distance between basin  
259 centroids. The average distance between basins was 5 295 km (sd = 3 920 km). Measurements  
260 of geographic distance were then centred and scaled before further analyses.

261 To characterise the environment of the basins, we used variables related to the  
262 contemporary climate known to influence freshwater fish alpha diversity patterns at the global  
263 scale (e.g. Dias et al. 2014; Oberdorff et al. 2011; Tedesco et al. 2012; Tisseuil et al. 2013) i.e.  
264 mean annual temperature and precipitation (<http://www.worldclim.org/>), mean annual surface  
265 runoff (<http://www.grdc.sr.unh.edu/>) and mean annual actual and potential evapotranspiration  
266 (<http://csi.cgiar.org/Aridity/>). The mean values of all the variables were computed for each  
267 basin. To compute pairwise environmental distances between each pair of basins, we  
268 performed a principal component analysis (PCA) on these environmental variables  
269 (previously centred and scaled) and calculated the Euclidean distance between basins based  
270 on the first three PCA axes.

271 Finally, we calculated the pairwise harmonic mean area between each pair of basins.  
272 Indeed, the harmonic mean population size between pairs allows the role of drift on genetic  
273 differentiation (Serrouya et al., 2012) to be taken into account and can be computed using  
274 environmental proxies for local carrying capacities (Prunier et al., 2017). In our case, we used  
275 the surface area of the basin as a raw environmental proxy for local carrying capacity. The  
276 basins studied had an average surface area of 257 589 km<sup>2</sup> (sd = 584 803 km<sup>2</sup>). Measurements  
277 of harmonic mean area were centred and scaled before further analyses.

278 *Statistical analyses*

279 First, we investigated the raw correlation between taxonomic differentiation and genetic  
280 differentiation for each species individually using a Mantel correlation test with 999  
281 permutations. To test the null hypothesis that there is no relationship between taxonomic  
282 differentiation and genetic differentiation using the information provided by all the species  
283 examined, we considered that this hypothesis has been tested independently  $n$  times, with  $n$   
284 being the number of species included in the analyses. To combine the results from several  
285 independent tests bearing upon the same overall hypothesis, we used a modification of the  
286 Fisher's combined probability test. Under the null hypothesis that taxonomic and genetic  
287 differentiations are unrelated, observed p-values associated with the Mantel's test of each  
288 species are expected to be distributed according to a uniform distribution in  $[0, 1]$ . We  
289 therefore compared the observed mean p-value over the species to a null distribution of mean  
290 p-values obtained by sampling randomly 10 000 times one p-value by species in a uniform  
291 distribution in  $[0, 1]$ . We calculated the p-value associated with the combined test as the  
292 frequency at which null mean p-values were below the observed mean p-value. This  
293 procedure avoids some problems identified by the use of a chi-2 test (e.g. Whitlock, 2005)  
294 which was the method initially proposed by Fisher.

295 To investigate the putative roles of dispersal limitation, environmental selection and  
296 drift on taxonomic and genetic differentiations, for each species we built multiple regressions  
297 of geographic distance ( $D_{\text{geo}}$ ), environmental distance ( $D_{\text{env}}$ ) and harmonic mean area ( $D_{\text{area}}$ )  
298 on taxonomic differentiation (TD) and genetic differentiation (GD) taken separately (Fig. 1)  
299 as follows:  $TD = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 * D_{\text{geo}} + \alpha_2 * D_{\text{env}} + \alpha_3 * D_{\text{area}}$  and  $GD = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * D_{\text{geo}} + \beta_2 * D_{\text{env}} +$   
300  $\beta_3 * D_{\text{area}}$ . Our approach is very similar to multiple regressions on distance matrices (MRM;  
301 Lichstein 2007) except in the way we calculated p-values associated with partial regression  
302 coefficients. As in MRM, we permuted the rows and associated columns of the response  
303 distance matrix simultaneously. We repeated this operation 1999 times while holding the

304 explanatory distance matrices constant to generate null distributions for partial regression  
305 coefficients. Then, in MRM, the p-value associated with a partial regression coefficient is  
306 calculated with a two-sided permutation test using the pseudo-t of Legendre et al. (1994), i.e.  
307 it tests whether the t-statistic associated with each regression coefficient is lower or higher  
308 than expected under a null distribution of pseudo-t obtained by permutation. In our approach,  
309 we hypothesised that geographic distance and environmental distance have a positive effect  
310 on both taxonomic and genetic differentiations (dispersal limitation and environmental  
311 selection enhance differentiation and are positively related to geographic and environmental  
312 distances respectively) while harmonic mean area has a negative effect on taxonomic and  
313 genetic differentiations (drift enhances differentiation and is negatively related to the  
314 harmonic mean area). To increase the statistical power of the tests, we therefore carried out  
315 one-sided tests for calculating the p-values associated with each partial regression coefficient.  
316 We tested the overall (i.e. over the species) effects of geographic distance, environmental  
317 distance and harmonic mean area on taxonomic and genetic differentiations by performing a  
318 combined probability test as described for the raw correlation between taxonomic and genetic  
319 differentiations, but this time considering probabilities associated with partial regression  
320 coefficients.

321       To examine whether taxonomic and genetic differentiations were still correlated once  
322 the effects of geographic distance and environmental distance had been taken into account, we  
323 then performed a Mantel correlation test between the residuals of the multiple regression on  
324 taxonomic differentiation and the residuals of the multiple regression on genetic  
325 differentiation with 999 permutations for each species. We tested this overall (i.e. over the  
326 species) residual correlation using a combined probability test as described for the raw  
327 correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations.

328 Finally, we examined the heterogeneity between species regarding the residual  
329 correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations and tested whether some species  
330 traits could explain such heterogeneity. The species traits initially considered were body  
331 length, longevity in the wild, vulnerability, used in aquaculture, use as bait, use in the  
332 aquarium, habitat, migratory behaviour and dispersal ability – which was calculated using a  
333 formula giving dispersal distance as a function of body size and caudal fin aspect ratio  
334 (Radinger & Wolter, 2014). However, as migratory behaviour was ‘potamodromous’ for 16  
335 out of the 22 species, ‘non-migratory’ for one species and the information was not available  
336 for the 5 species left, we excluded this non-informative trait from our analyses. Species traits  
337 were directly extracted from FishBase (Froese & Pauly, 2017). All the analyses and the  
338 corresponding figures were realised with R 3.5.1 (R Core Team 2018) using the packages  
339 ‘ade4’ (Dray & Dufour, 2007), ‘ape’ (Paradis, Claude, & Strimmer, 2004), ‘betapart’  
340 (Baselga, Orme, Villeger, De Bortoli, & Leprieur, 2018), ‘Biostrings’ (Pagès, Aboyoun,  
341 Gentleman, & DebRoy, 2018), ‘broom’ (Robinson & Hayes, 2018), ‘ggplot2’ (Wickham,  
342 2016), ‘ggthemes’ (Arnold, 2018), ‘hierfstat’ (Goudet & Jombart, 2015), ‘maptools’ (Bivand  
343 & Lewin-Koh, 2018), ‘mmod’ (Winter, 2012), ‘RColorBrewer’ (Neuwirth, 2014), ‘rgdal’  
344 (Bivand, Keitt, & Rowlingson, 2018), ‘rgeos’ (Bivand & Rundel, 2018), ‘reshape2’  
345 (Wickham, 2007), ‘seriation’ (Hahsler, Buchta, & Hornik, 2018) and ‘vegan’ (Oksanen et al.,  
346 2018).

347

## 348 **Results**

349 We detected an overall positive correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations,  
350 significantly different from 0. This result holds true both for the raw correlation between  
351 taxonomic and genetic differentiations ( $r_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = 0.433 \pm 0.420$ ; Fig. 3a; Appendices S3, S4)

352 and for the residual correlation, i.e. the correlation between taxonomic and genetic  
353 differentiations independent of the effects of geographic distance, environmental distance and  
354 harmonic mean area ( $r_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = 0.379 \pm 0.641$ ; Fig. 3b; Appendices S3, S4).

355         There was almost no overall effect of geographic distance on taxonomic differentiation  
356 ( $\alpha_1_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = 0.032 \pm 1.051$ ) or on genetic differentiation ( $\beta_1_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = -0.011 \pm 1.060$ ), and  
357 these overall effects did not differ significantly from 0 (Fig. 4; Appendices S5, S6, S7). In  
358 contrast, we detected an overall positive effect of environmental distance on both taxonomic  
359 differentiation ( $\alpha_2_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = 0.405 \pm 0.956$ ) and genetic differentiation ( $\beta_2_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = 0.229 \pm$   
360  $0.865$ ), although it was only significantly different from 0 for taxonomic differentiation (Fig.  
361 4; Appendices S5, S6, S7). There was an overall negative effect of harmonic mean area on  
362 both taxonomic differentiation ( $\alpha_3_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = -0.178 \pm 0.617$ ) and genetic differentiation ( $\beta_3_{\text{mean}}$   
363  $\pm \text{sd} = -0.092 \pm 0.713$ ), but it was only significantly different from 0 for taxonomic  
364 differentiation (Fig. 4; Appendices S5, S6, S7). Using  $F_{\text{ST}}$  as a measure of genetic  
365 differentiation did not change the trend we observed: there was an overall negative but not  
366 significant effect of harmonic area on  $F_{\text{ST}}$  (Appendices S6, S7).

367         The results of these multiple regressions as well as the residual correlations between  
368 taxonomic and genetic differentiations are summarised in Fig. 5. Overall, they suggest that the  
369 effect of geographic distance, environmental distance and harmonic mean area only explain a  
370 small part of the correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations.

371         Despite this strong overall independent correlation between taxonomic differentiation  
372 of freshwater fish communities and genetic differentiation of freshwater fish populations, the  
373 correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations varied greatly between species  
374 (Fig. 3b; Appendix S3). For some species, such as the common roach *Rutilus rutilus* (Fig. 6a,  
375 b), there was a sound correlation between taxonomic differentiation and genetic

376 differentiation, whether we considered the raw or residual correlation. In other species, such  
377 as the common chub *Squalius cephalus*, taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation  
378 were not correlated (Fig. 6c, d). In this species, genetic differentiation was better predicted by  
379 geographic distance and harmonic mean area (Appendix S5). However, none of the species  
380 traits examined explained this heterogeneity of responses between species (Appendix S8).

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## 382 **Discussion**

383 Our analyses indicated that taxonomic and genetic differentiations are strongly correlated  
384 overall, and independently of the parallel effects of geographic distance, environmental  
385 distance and harmonic mean area on taxonomic and genetic differentiations. This suggests  
386 that the parallel influence of dispersal limitation, environmental selection and drift on  
387 taxonomic and genetic differentiations only partially explains the overall  $\beta$ -SGDC we  
388 observed. This independent, unexplained correlation between taxonomic and genetic  
389 differentiations thus probably results from processes that we did not explicitly consider in our  
390 study. The most probable explanation is that the independent  $\beta$ -SGDC we observed is due to  
391 the parallel action of historical processes, which occurred when the basins were still  
392 connected, on taxonomic and genetic differentiations. These historical processes include all  
393 the different processes that explain the colonisation history of basins (Orsini et al., 2013): i)  
394 the dispersal of individuals between previously connected basins in interaction with  
395 environmental and/or biotic selection on their dispersal route and ii) environmental and/or  
396 biotic selection in interaction with drift within their place of arrival and/or origin that may  
397 have led to extinction. This explanation is supported by previous studies on the influence of  
398 historical processes on broad-scale taxonomic differentiation between freshwater fish  
399 communities on the one hand and on broad-scale genetic differentiation between freshwater

400 fish populations on the other hand. Two recent studies on global freshwater fish biodiversity  
401 have shown that present-day patterns of taxonomic dissimilarity across basins are well  
402 explained by the historical connectivity of basins (Dias et al., 2014) and also historical  
403 climatic oscillations that took place during the Quaternary and the Holocene (Leprieur et al.,  
404 2011). For fish species, it is well known that historical dispersal influences genetic structure  
405 across basins (Carvalho, 1993), especially for zones that were subject to intense post-glacial  
406 recolonisation such as our study area. Multispecies comparisons at large spatial scales in  
407 Europe (Seifertová, Bryja, Vyskočilová, Martínková, & Šimková, 2012) and in North  
408 America (April, Hanner, Mayden, & Bernatchez, 2013) have shown that the climatic  
409 fluctuations that caused glacial cycles during the Pleistocene had a generalised effect on the  
410 patterns of fish genetic divergence. In addition, three other, non-exclusive hypotheses may  
411 explain the independent  $\beta$ -SGDC we observed. First, the proxies we used to account for  
412 dispersal limitation, environmental selection and drift may not fully represent these processes.  
413 For instance, we may have overlooked some environmental variables that are important in  
414 driving environmental selection. Alternatively, we may have poorly estimated the role of drift,  
415 either because the area of the basin we used to account for drift may be too approximate to  
416 accurately represent the carrying capacities of populations and communities or because we  
417 did not consider that the influence of drift within a basin increases with its age of isolation.  
418 Secondly, the sequence data we used to calculate genetic differentiation may not detect  
419 dispersal limitation and/or environmental selection properly, either because they did not cover  
420 the entire native ranges of species (see possible consequences of such sampling bias in e.g.  
421 Meirmans, 2015), or because the mitochondrial gene COI is not directly under environmental  
422 selection. Finally, the proposed frameworks to interpret SGDCs (Vellend & Geber, 2005;  
423 Lamy et al., 2017) suggest that correlations between species diversity and genetic diversity  
424 may also result from a causal action of species diversity on genetic diversity or vice-versa.

425 For instance, if the focal species (i.e. the species for which we studied genetic diversity) is a  
426 facilitator for the other component species of the community, we would expect their  
427 populations sizes to co-vary positively, resulting in a positive  $\alpha$ -SGDC; the converse is  
428 expected if the focal species is a competitor. If the nature of the interaction between the focal  
429 species and the other species of the community is generally the same within each basin, such  
430 causal effect is not expected to influence the  $\beta$ -SGDC we observed. However, if the focal  
431 species is facilitator in one basin and competitor in another, we would expect the population  
432 sizes of the other component species of the community to increase in the first case and  
433 decrease in the second case. This would result in more ecological drift within the community  
434 where the focal species is competitor, and therefore more taxonomic differentiation between  
435 basins than would be expected without this causal effect. In the end, such causal effect would  
436 tend to reduce  $\beta$ -SGDC because it would increase taxonomic differentiation between basins  
437 without influencing genetic differentiation.

438         Moreover, our results contribute new insights into the study of  $\beta$ -SGDCs. With the  
439 study of 22 new  $\beta$ -SGDCs, we increased the number of  $\beta$ -SGDCs (43) previously reported in  
440 the literature by more than 50 % (see Lamy *et al.*, 2017 for the most recent review). We found  
441 an average raw correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations of 0.433, and an  
442 independent correlation (i.e. independent from the parallel effects of geographic distance,  
443 environmental distance and harmonic mean area on taxonomic and genetic differentiations) of  
444 0.379. Both of these values are superior to the average value of 0.221 reported by Lamy *et al.*  
445 (2017). They are also around three times superior to the average value of 0.139 found by  
446 Fourtune *et al.* (2016) in their study of four freshwater fish species at a smaller scale, within  
447 one drainage basin. This suggests that the strong correlations we found are probably more  
448 related to the size and/or the isolation of the habitats we studied (i.e. large drainage basins  
449 isolated from each other) rather than our biological model. Previous syntheses have reported

450 that  $\alpha$ -SGDCs (i.e. correlations between genetic diversity within populations and species  
451 diversity within communities) are stronger and more often positive in island-like habitats  
452 (Vellend & Geber, 2005; Vellend et al., 2014), in agreement with the predictions of  
453 theoretical models (Laroche et al., 2015). As drainage basins are typically island-like habitats  
454 (Sepkoski & Rex, 1974; Hugueny, 1989), our findings suggest that this explanation may hold  
455 true for  $\beta$ -SGDCs as well. The observed differences also suggest that for a system without  
456 present-day dispersal the  $\beta$ -SGDC is stronger than in systems with present-day dispersal.  
457 Actually, the opposite could have been expected (i.e. weaker  $\beta$ -SGDCs for systems without  
458 present-day dispersal than for systems with present-day dispersal) if the genetic similarity  
459 between two previously connected populations had been erased by genetic drift occurring  
460 after their isolation without changes in species composition (i.e. no species extinction).  
461 However, our results suggest that drift did not influence significantly the patterns of genetic  
462 differentiation we observed. As this result holds true both for  $G''_{ST}$  and  $F_{ST}$ , this is probably  
463 because we mainly focused on large drainage basins and consequently large population sizes.

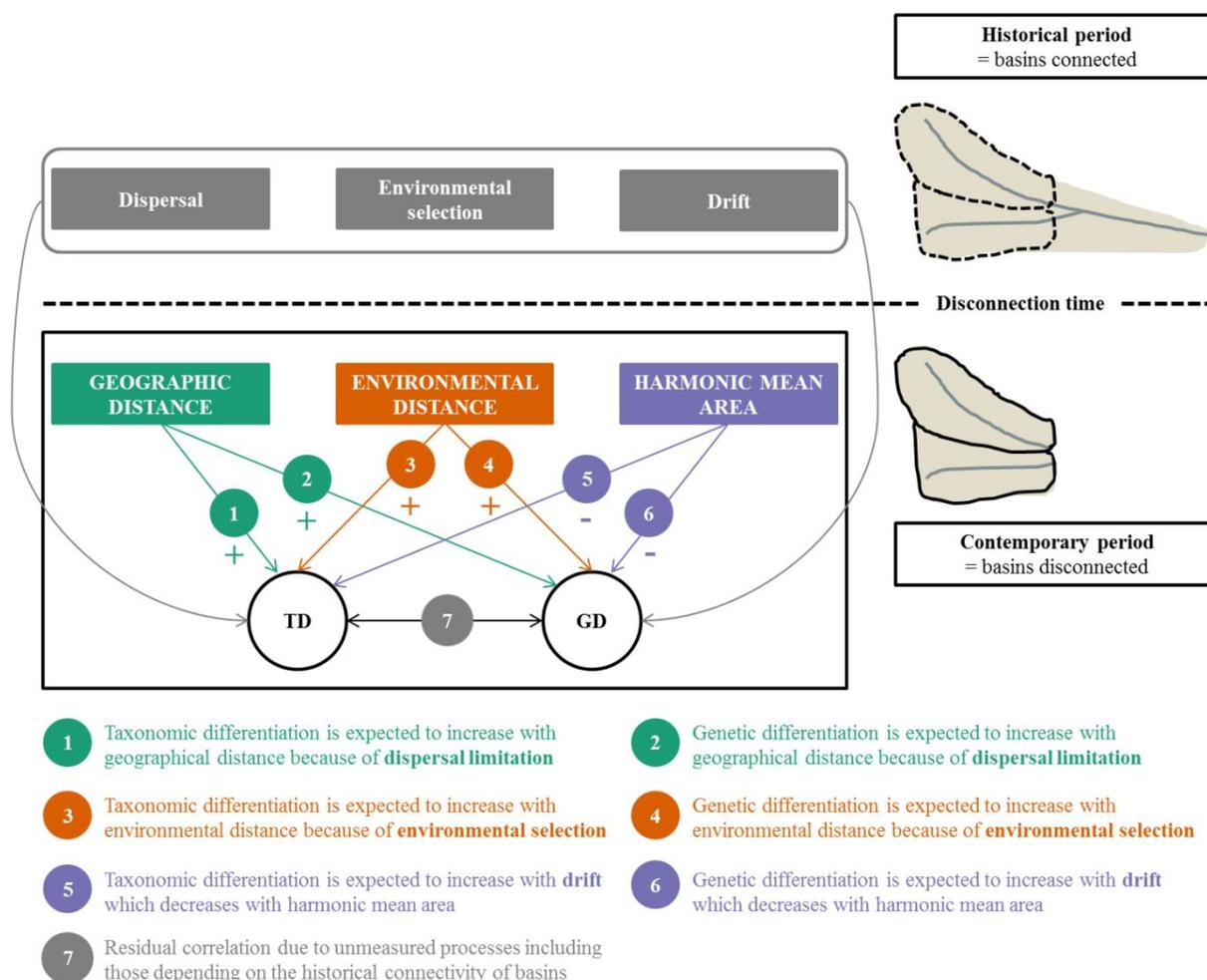
464 Our results also indicate that the sign and magnitude of  $\beta$ -SGDCs varied greatly  
465 between the different species we examined. We provided two examples. On the one hand, we  
466 showed that the  $\beta$ -SGDC was strong for *Rutilus rutilus*, suggesting that historical processes  
467 largely shaped the patterns of genetic differentiation observed in this species. This is  
468 consistent with a previous study indicating that *R. rutilus* is composed of two historically  
469 isolated, independently evolving sets of populations (Larmuseau et al., 2009). On the other  
470 hand, our results indicate that genetic differentiation in *Squalius cephalus* was not correlated  
471 to taxonomic differentiation, but was well explained by geographic distance. This suggests  
472 that dispersal limitation has a more important effect than any other processes on broad-scale  
473 genetic differentiation in *S. cephalus*. This might seem surprising, since previous analyses of  
474 the mitochondrial gene cytochrome b in that species indicated four main lineages originating

475 from multiple glacial refugia (Durand, Persat, & Bouvet, 1999; Seifertová et al., 2012).  
476 However, the use of a combination of both mitochondrial and nuclear DNA, Seifertová et al.  
477 (2012) also suggested that genetic differentiation in *S. cephalus* resulted from a combination  
478 of different factors, i.e. post-glacial colonisation from different refugia or recent evolutionary  
479 processes such as drift or dispersal limitation. Our results based on the analysis of the  
480 mitochondrial gene COI strongly support the dispersal limitation hypothesis although, as we  
481 did not design the sampling, but analysed existing data, we might not have captured the whole  
482 picture. As *R. rutilus* and *S. cephalus* have similar dispersal abilities, this difference of  $\beta$ -  
483 SGDC between the two species does not seem to be related to their difference in dispersal  
484 abilities. Beyond these two species and this single trait, our analyses did not permit us to  
485 uncover any trait that could explain the variability of  $\beta$ -SGDC over the 22 species we  
486 examined. This is surprising because life-history traits of species are known to shape spatial  
487 patterns of genetic differentiation (e.g. Duminil et al., 2007; Kelly & Palumbi, 2010), and  
488 therefore  $\beta$ -SGDC. This unexpected finding may be due to different reasons. First, the  
489 variability of  $\beta$ -SGDC may be due to species traits that we did not consider. Secondly, the  $\beta$ -  
490 SGDC at the specific scale was sometimes examined for a small number of basins, which may  
491 result in wide variations in the estimated correlation coefficients. Therefore, single species  
492 outcomes should be interpreted with great caution.

493 To conclude, this study of broad-scale  $\beta$ -SGDC for multiple freshwater fish species  
494 suggests that historical processes greatly contributed to the shape of present-day patterns of  
495 taxonomic and genetic differentiations, independently of contemporary processes. This  
496 implies that taxonomic differentiation may be an appropriate proxy to explain the role of  
497 historical processes on patterns of genetic differentiation, which remains a challenging issue  
498 in landscape genetics (Dyer, Nason, & Garrick, 2010). We believe that further studies of  
499 broad-scale  $\beta$ -SGDCs comparing organisms whose dispersal is limited within habitat patches

500 with organisms that are able to disperse across habitat patches, will help to investigate the  
501 extent to which our findings can be generalised.

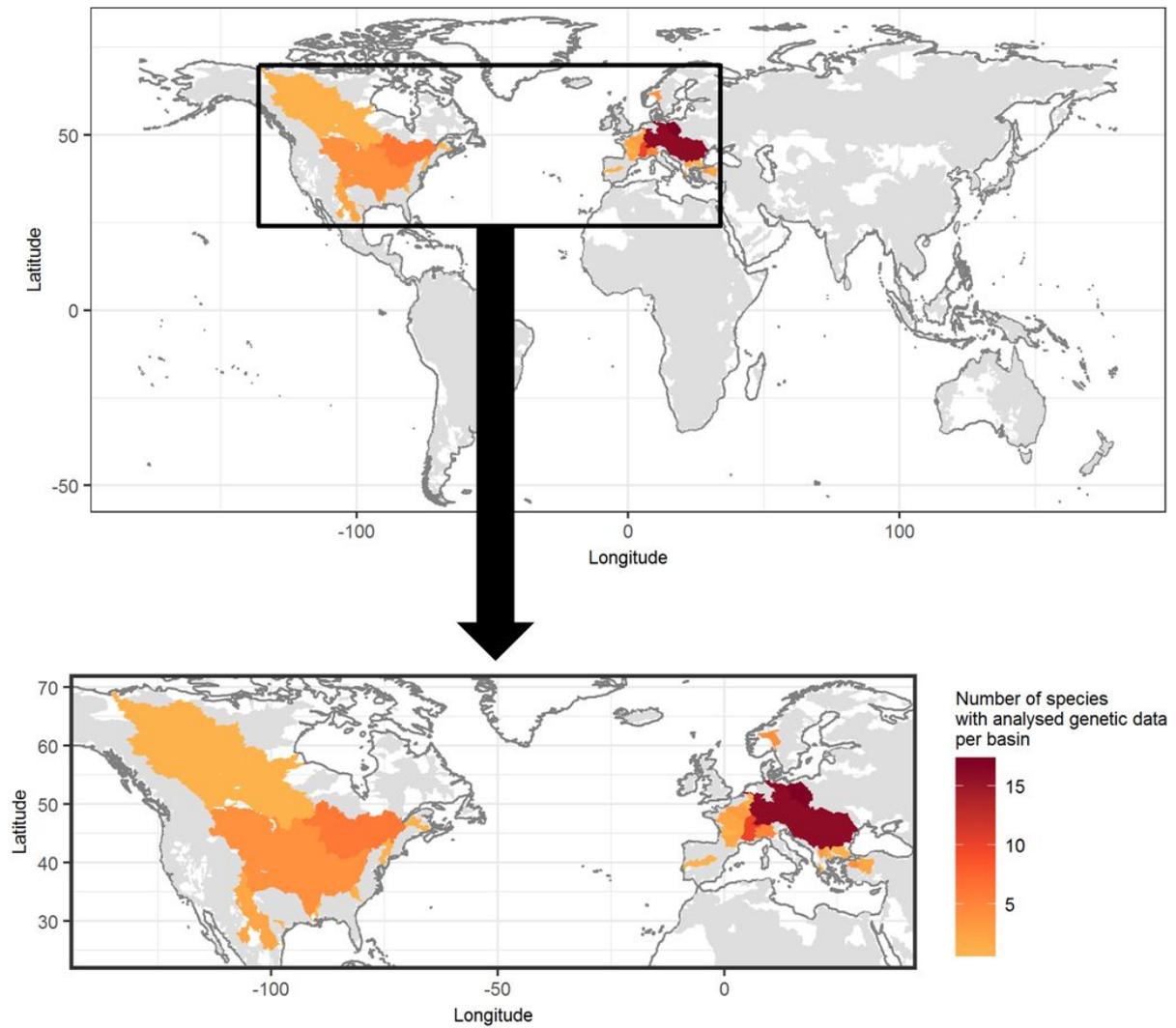
503 **Figures**



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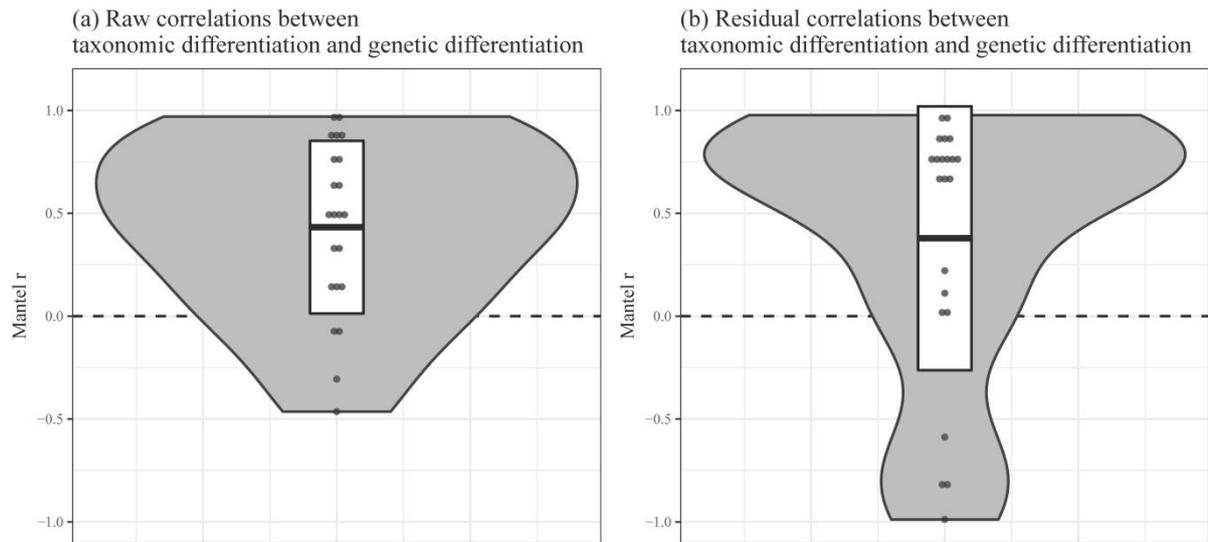
505 **Figure 1.** Illustration of the different processes expected to act in parallel on between-basin  
 506 taxonomic differentiation of freshwater fish communities (TD) and on between-basin genetic  
 507 differentiation of freshwater fish populations (GD) at different periods and the proxies used in  
 508 this study to infer those processes. The black frame encompasses the causal diagram depicting  
 509 the relationships that we actually tested in this study, i.e. the effects of geographic distance  
 510 (proxy of contemporary dispersal limitation), environmental distance (proxy of contemporary  
 511 environmental selection) and pairwise harmonic mean area between basins (proxy of  
 512 contemporary drift) on TD and GD. The double arrow between TD and GD represent the  
 513 residual correlation, i.e. the correlation between TD and GD which is not explained by the  
 514 parallel influence of contemporary dispersal limitation, contemporary environmental selection

515 and contemporary drift on TD and GD. The numbers on the arrows and the signs below them  
516 correspond to our theoretical expectations regarding the different effects which are detailed in  
517 the text below the black frame. The grey arrows represent the putative effects of historical  
518 dispersal limitation, historical environmental selection and historical drift on TD and GD that  
519 we did not directly test in our statistical approach. The grey polygons on the right side  
520 represent the evolution of the basin configuration through time from one unique basin to two  
521 distinct and disconnected basins, with almost no contemporary dispersal of individuals  
522 between them (dispersal may occasionally occur between adjacent basins).



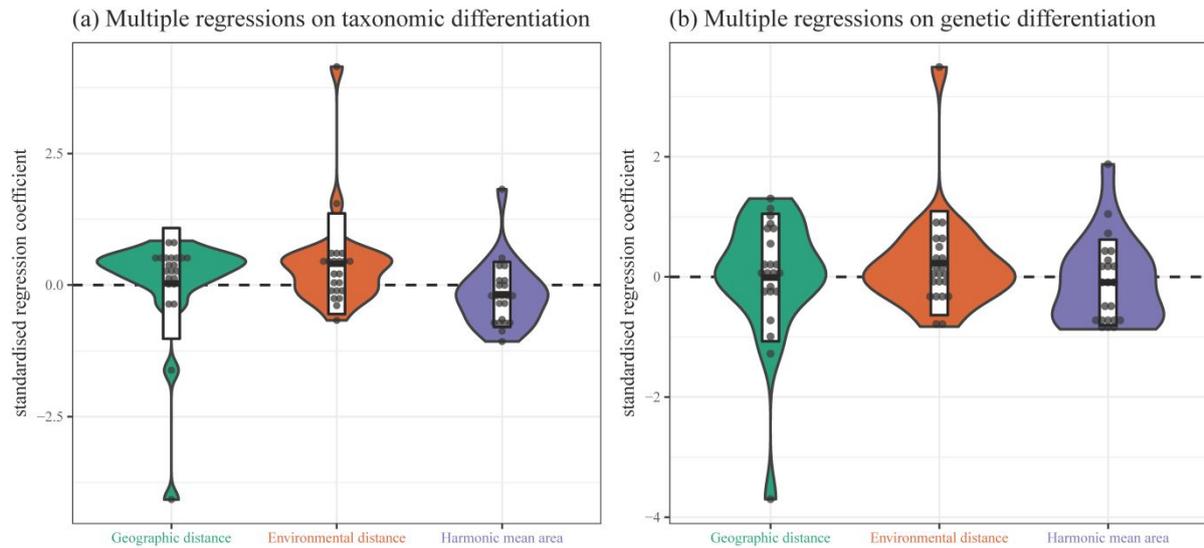
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525 **Figure 2.** Spatial distribution of the number of species with analysed genetic data per basin  
526 studied in our analyses at the global scale. Top: the rectangle indicates the location of the  
527 enlarged area. Bottom: enlarged area including Europe and North America. In total, our study  
528 encompasses 22 species with analysed genetic data in 38 basins.



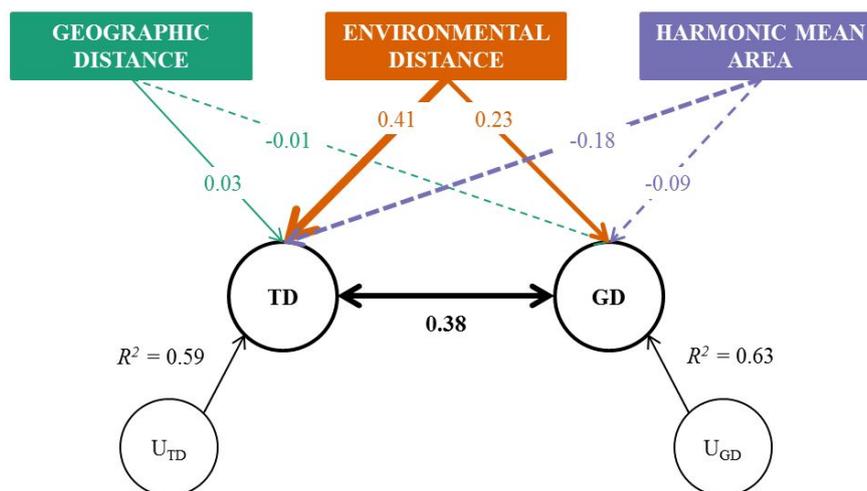
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531 **Figure 3.** Violin plots showing the distribution and the probability density of (a) raw  
532 correlations coefficients and (b) residual correlation coefficients between taxonomic  
533 differentiation and genetic differentiation for the 22 [fish](#) species examined [at global scale](#).  
534 Crossbars indicate mean  $\pm$  standard deviation.



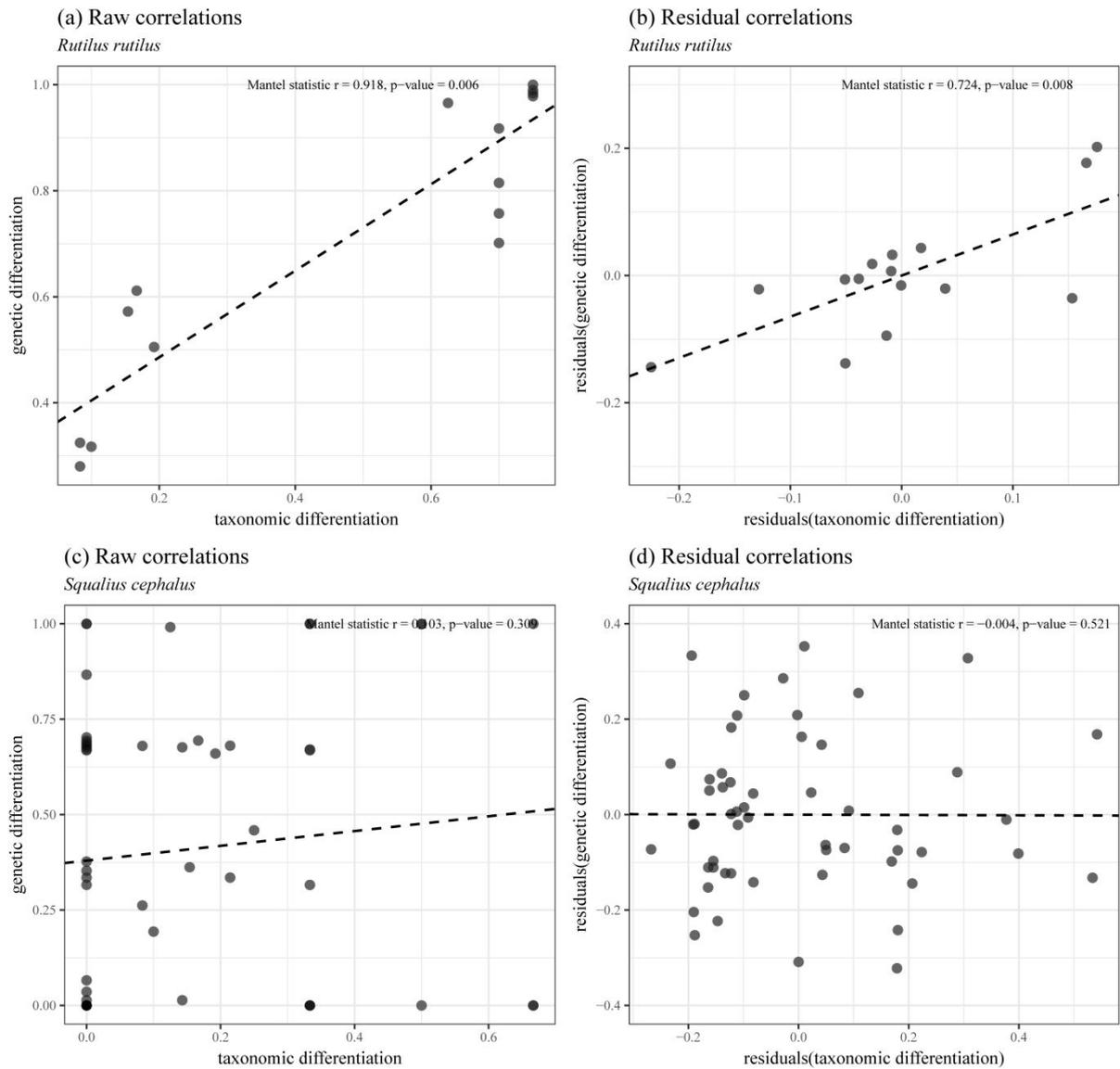
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537 **Figure 4.** Violin plots showing the distribution and the probability density of the effect of  
538 geographic distance, environmental distance and harmonic mean area (as standardised  
539 regression coefficients) for the 22 fish species examined at global scale on (a) taxonomic  
540 differentiation and (b) genetic differentiation. Crossbars indicate mean  $\pm$  standard deviation.



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543 **Figure 5.** Causal diagram depicting the results of multiple regressions of geographic distance,  
 544 environmental distance and harmonic mean area on TD and GD (taken separately). Arrows  
 545 represent putative causal effects through the standardised regression coefficients (positive  
 546 values: solid arrows; negative values: dotted arrows; arrow width is proportional to coefficient  
 547 value). The  $R^2$  represent the part of variance explained by the multiple regressions on TD  
 548 (left) and GD (right).  $U_{TD}$  and  $U_{GD}$  represent unspecified factors influencing TD and GD  
 549 respectively. The double arrow between SD and GD corresponds to the residual correlation.  
 550 All numerical values represent means for the 22 fish species examined at global scale.



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552 **Figure 6.** Observed (dots) and predicted (dashed line) raw values (a, c) and residual values

553 from the multiple regressions (b, d) of genetic differentiation as a function of taxonomic

554 differentiation for the two fish species (a, b) *Rutilus rutilus* and (c, d) *Squalius cephalus*.

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755 **Biosketch**

756 The authors are particularly interested in documenting and explaining spatial patterns of  
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758 contemporary factors (including anthropogenic pressures) in shaping patterns of alpha and  
759 beta diversities in aquatic populations and communities and value this knowledge to guide  
760 conservation strategies of aquatic ecosystems.

761 **Supporting information**

762 Supporting information for this article may be found online.

763 **Data availability**

764 ~~The data and the script~~ Upon acceptance of this manuscript, all data and scripts used for the  
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2 **dominant imprint of historical processes on beta diversities**

3 **Running title:** Broad-scale  $\beta$ -SGDCs in freshwater fishes

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23 **Abstract**

- 24 – **Aim:** Dispersal limitation, environmental selection and drift are known to influence both  
25 taxonomic similarity between communities and genetic similarity between populations.  
26 However, disentangling the relative roles of these processes on spatial patterns of  
27 differentiation - whether regarding taxonomic differentiation between communities or  
28 genetic differentiation between populations - is challenging. Investigating whether spatial  
29 patterns of taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation are correlated ( $\beta$ -SGDCs)  
30 is a promising approach to address this issue. Here, we investigated  $\beta$ -SGDCs over broad  
31 spatial scales and 22 freshwater fish species to elucidate the processes shaping taxonomic  
32 and genetic differentiations between drainage basins.
- 33 – **Location:** Global scope, data mainly from Europe and North America.
- 34 – **Taxon:** Actinopterygii and Petromyzontiformes (freshwater fishes).
- 35 – **Methods:** We used Mantel tests to investigate the raw correlation between taxonomic and  
36 genetic differentiations. We carried out multiple regressions to characterise the effects of  
37 geographic distance (proxy of dispersal limitation), environmental distance (proxy of  
38 environmental selection) and pairwise harmonic mean area between basins (proxy of drift)  
39 on taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation taken separately. We then  
40 analysed the correlation between the residuals of these two regressions with Mantel tests.  
41 Finally, we investigated whether the variation in  $\beta$ -SGDC between species was related to  
42 species traits.
- 43 – **Results:** We detected an overall positive  $\beta$ -SGDC, both for the raw and the residual  
44 correlations. This implies that, unmeasured effects, other than geographic distance,  
45 environmental distance and harmonic mean area, influence the  $\beta$ -SGDC observed. Values  
46 of  $\beta$ -SGDCs greatly varied between species, but this was not explained by any species  
47 traits.

48 – **Main conclusions:** Independently of the effects of geographic distance, environmental  
49 distance and harmonic mean area, the  $\beta$ -SGDC we observed suggests that historical  
50 processes strongly shaped the patterns of taxonomic and genetic differentiations between  
51 basins. Consequently, taxonomic differentiation may be an appropriate proxy to explain  
52 the influence of historical processes on genetic differentiation.

53 **Keywords**

54  $\beta$ -SGDC, dispersal limitation, distance decay, drift, environmental selection, freshwater  
55 fishes, historical processes, macrogenetics, Mantel tests, multiple regression of distance  
56 matrices

## 58 **Introduction**

59 Understanding the mechanisms that shape taxonomic differentiation between spatially  
60 separated communities and those influencing genetic differentiation between spatially  
61 separated populations are long-standing issues in ecology and evolution (Wright, 1943, 1951;  
62 Whittaker, 1960, 1972; Preston, 1962; Mayr, 1963). More recently, these issues have been  
63 united (Vellend, 2003; Vellend & Geber, 2005; Kahilainen, Puurtinen, & Kotiaho, 2014),  
64 emphasising that drift, dispersal and selection influence both taxonomic differentiation  
65 between communities and genetic differentiation between populations. Drift and selection  
66 affect the species frequencies within communities and gene frequencies within populations,  
67 which tend to increase differentiation. Conversely, dispersal of individuals between  
68 populations and dispersal of species between communities will tend to decrease  
69 differentiation.

70       Among the factors that can affect both taxonomic and genetic differentiation,  
71 geographic distance is probably the most studied. The similarity in taxonomic composition  
72 between communities tends to decrease with the geographic distance that separates them; a  
73 pattern long-recognised in biogeography and formalised as the distance decay of similarity  
74 (Nekola & White, 1999; Soininen, McDonald, & Hillebrand, 2007). Similarly, the genetic  
75 similarity between populations tends to decrease with the geographic distance separating  
76 them; a pattern long-recognised in population genetics and referred to as isolation-by-distance  
77 (IBD; Wright, 1943; Rousset, 1997). Two main non-mutually exclusive explanations can  
78 account for the distance decay of taxonomic and genetic similarity (see Soininen et al., 2007  
79 and Orsini et al., 2013 for reviews). First, similarity decreases with geographic distance  
80 because the dispersal of organisms (i.e. their movement from a place to another) is limited by  
81 their intrinsic dispersal ability, which hence does not counteract anymore the differentiating  
82 effect of drift. Secondly, similarity decays with geographic distance because of decreasing

83 similarity in spatially correlated environmental features; in such cases, the underlying  
84 explanation is environmental selection of different species (community differentiation) or  
85 genotypes (genetic differentiation) in distinct environments. However, differentiation between  
86 sites does not always increase with geographic distance. This is the case when the migrants  
87 are competitively excluded by already established communities (e.g. Almany, 2003) or  
88 populations (e.g. Fraser et al., 2018) at high densities, therefore counteracting the  
89 homogenising effect of dispersal whatever the intrinsic dispersal ability of the migrants. This  
90 may also happen when the environmental variation between sites displays no – or negative –  
91 spatial autocorrelation (e.g. Derry et al., 2009).

92         Although spatial patterns of taxonomic and genetic differentiations can be explained  
93 by environmental selection independently of limited dispersal and vice-versa, disentangling  
94 the relative strengths of these mechanisms is challenging, as communities and populations  
95 that are geographically distant are also likely to inhabit different environments. Using modern  
96 spatial statistical methods, some recent studies have nonetheless taken up the challenge. In  
97 their study of global patterns of species turnover in terrestrial vertebrates, Qian & Ricklefs  
98 (2012) have shown that both dispersal limitation and environmental selection have played  
99 important roles in determining the patterns they observed. Similarly, in their reinterpretation  
100 of 34 representative studies, Orsini *et al.* (2013) highlighted that patterns associated with  
101 dispersal limitation were as common as those associated with local genetic adaptation in  
102 structuring population genetic differentiation in the wild. However, the relative strength of  
103 dispersal limitation and environmental selection on differentiation patterns seems to vary  
104 according to the species and the spatial scale under consideration, both for taxonomic  
105 (Astorga et al., 2012; Moritz et al., 2013) and genetic (Orsini et al., 2013) differentiations.  
106 Comparative studies of multiple taxonomic groups suggest that the influence of dispersal  
107 limitation on taxonomic differentiation is stronger for species with low dispersal ability than

108 for more effective dispersers, and this result holds true both at the broad-scale (e.g. Qian &  
109 Ricklefs, 2012) and at the fine-scale (e.g. Astorga et al., 2012). Comparative studies of  
110 multiple species have also been identified as a promising avenue to reveal the factors  
111 influencing patterns of genetic differentiation (Wang et al., 2013). Yet, such studies are scarce  
112 and mainly carried out at relatively small spatial scales (e.g. Wang et al., 2013; Fourtune, Paz-  
113 Vinas, Loot, Prunier, & Blanchet, 2016) despite the increasing availability of broad-scale  
114 datasets in population genetics, suggesting that it is now time to embrace macrogenetics  
115 (Blanchet, Prunier, & De Kort, 2017).

116         Theories in population genetics and community ecology acknowledge that dispersal,  
117 selection and drift together shape the differentiation between populations and between  
118 communities (see e.g. Vellend & Orrock, 2009 for a review of processes in both disciplines).  
119 However, the contribution of drift to taxonomic or genetic differentiation has been the subject  
120 of few empirical investigations, in contrast with dispersal limitation and environmental  
121 selection (Gilbert & Levine, 2017; Prunier, Dubut, Chikhi, & Blanchet, 2017). Genetic drift is  
122 the evolutionary process of random fluctuations in allelic frequencies occurring naturally in  
123 all populations due to their finite size, although it is stronger in small ones (Allendorf, 1986).  
124 Similarly, ecological drift corresponds to the random fluctuations in species frequencies  
125 occurring naturally in all communities due to their finite size and this too is stronger in small  
126 ones. Drift is the result of random sampling during the processes of birth, death and  
127 reproduction and ultimately leads to the loss of genetic diversity within populations, and  
128 species diversity within communities. Therefore, drift increases the differentiation between  
129 populations and between communities depending on their respective sizes: the smaller they  
130 are, the more they will differentiate. Dispersal of organisms between populations and between  
131 communities counteracts the differentiating effect of drift while environmental selection can  
132 accelerate it. Attributing the observed spatial patterns of genetic or taxonomic differentiation

133 to dispersal limitation or to environmental selection without accounting for drift may thus be  
134 misleading.

135         Most of the explanatory variables used in analyses to infer the role of dispersal  
136 limitation and environmental selection on differentiation patterns are proxies representing  
137 present-day conditions. Thus, using current explanatory variables to investigate dispersal  
138 limitation and environmental selection on differentiation patterns is only relevant if the  
139 contemporary geography and environment of the study area has not changed substantially  
140 since these patterns were established (Wang et al., 2013). Otherwise, the historical processes  
141 that may have shaped the observed differentiation patterns, including those explaining  
142 colonisation histories, may be overlooked. In addition, if dispersal is not continuous (as  
143 generally assumed) but rather intermittent because of landscape dynamics which have induced  
144 the appearance and disappearance of dispersal barriers, then two geographically close  
145 localities sharing a similar environment could, nevertheless, be dissimilar in terms of  
146 community composition and allele frequencies provided they have been isolated for a  
147 sufficiently long time (given their sizes) for drift to be effective. Nonetheless, examining  
148 which part of differentiation patterns is not explained by current explanatory variables may  
149 help to elucidate the influence of historical processes on those patterns.

150         In such complex contexts, understanding the rules that govern differentiation patterns  
151 (both taxonomic and genetic) may be enhanced by comparing taxonomic dissimilarities  
152 between communities and genetic dissimilarities between populations of a focal species  
153 (Lamy, Laroche, David, Massol, & Jarne, 2017). The few empirical studies that have  
154 examined these correlations, called beta species-genetic diversity correlations ( $\beta$ -SGDCs)  
155 (Kahilainen et al., 2014), revealed a majority of positive correlations (reviewed by Lamy et  
156 al., 2017). This suggests that the processes affecting taxonomic dissimilarity affect genetic  
157 dissimilarity of the species under study in the same way (Baselga et al., 2013; Baselga,

158 Gómez-Rodríguez, & Vogler, 2015). However, because the relative strength of processes  
159 shaping patterns of taxonomic and genetic differentiation is expected to vary according to the  
160 species and the spatial scale under consideration, so is the strength of the putative resulting  $\beta$ -  
161 SGDCs. Among the rare studies of  $\beta$ -SGDCs over multiple species, some have highlighted  
162 that positive  $\beta$ -SGDCs were stronger for focal species with low dispersive abilities (e.g.  
163 Papadoulou et al., 2011) while others did not find strong differences between species (e.g.  
164 Fourtune et al., 2016), and all were carried out at relatively small spatial scales. These  
165 contrasting results call for more studies of  $\beta$ -SGDCs for multiple species to gain a better  
166 understanding of whether and how variations in species traits lead to distinct patterns of  $\beta$ -  
167 SGDCs. In addition,  $\beta$ -SGDCs for multiple species have not been examined yet at broad  
168 spatial scales.

169         Freshwater fishes are a relevant model to start investigating this question for at least  
170 three reasons. First, as  $\beta$ -SGDCs for multiple freshwater fish species have been conducted at  
171 small scales within a single drainage basin (Fourtune et al., 2016), computing  $\beta$ -SGDCs for  
172 multiple freshwater fish species at broader scales will permit the comparison of  $\beta$ -SGDC  
173 variations across scales for the same biological model. Secondly, for strictly freshwater fishes,  
174 at present, almost no exchange of individuals occurs between drainage basins (hereafter  
175 “basins”) because they are isolated from each other by land and/or sea (although dispersal  
176 may occasionally occur between adjacent basins). Therefore, if basins are isolated from each  
177 other independently of the geographic distance between them, we can expect dispersal  
178 limitation to play a minor role on the broad-scale between-basin patterns of taxonomic and  
179 genetic differentiations. On the contrary, if basins have been isolated from each other for a  
180 long time, we can expect drift to play a significant role on the broad-scale between-basin  
181 patterns of taxonomic and genetic differentiations, as dispersal no longer counteracts the  
182 effect of drift. This is particularly true if population sizes and community sizes are small: the

183 larger they are, the longer it will take to observe differentiation. Finally, while several recent  
184 studies have tried to disentangle the role of dispersal limitation, environmental selection and  
185 historical processes on patterns of taxonomic differentiation between basins (Leprieur et al.,  
186 2009, 2011; Dias et al., 2014), the processes shaping genetic differentiation at such broad  
187 scales have rarely been examined together. Studying  $\beta$ -SGDCs may therefore reveal whether  
188 the processes influencing between-basin taxonomic differentiation, affect between-basin  
189 genetic differentiation in the same way.

190 In this meta-analysis of 22 freshwater fish species, our main goal was to elucidate the  
191 processes underlying  $\beta$ -SGDCs at broad spatial scales. In particular, we wanted to test  
192 whether  $\beta$ -SGDCs can be explained by the parallel action of measurable processes (dispersal  
193 limitation, environmental selection and drift) on taxonomic and genetic differentiation, or are  
194 due to other, non-measurable processes. To that end, we first computed measures of genetic  
195 differentiation between basins for each fish species. Then, for each species, we investigated i)  
196 the raw correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations, ii) the effects of  
197 geographic distance (as a proxy of dispersal limitation), environmental distance (as a proxy of  
198 environmental selection) and pairwise harmonic mean area between basins (as a proxy of  
199 drift) on taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation taken separately and iii) the  
200 correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations independent of the effects of  
201 geographic distance, environmental distance and harmonic mean area (Fig. 1). Such  
202 independent correlation integrates the effects of unmeasured processes, including the  
203 historical processes of dispersal, environmental selection and drift related to the historical  
204 connectivity of basins. This allowed us to characterise the overall (i.e. mean over the species)  
205 raw  $\beta$ -SGDC, the overall effects associated with each predictor for each response variable,  
206 and the overall independent  $\beta$ -SGDC. Finally, we tested whether the variation in  $\beta$ -SGDCs  
207 between species could be attributed to variations in species traits.

208

209 **Materials and methods**210 *Genetic differentiation and geographic distribution of genetic data*

211 As we wanted to investigate genetic differentiation at the broad scale, we restricted our  
212 analyses of spatial genetic differentiation to species exhibiting a wide distribution. We  
213 downloaded sequence records of the mitochondrial gene cytochrome c oxidase I (COI) from  
214 BOLD ([www.boldsystems.org](http://www.boldsystems.org)) in May 2017 for the following widespread taxa: Cyprinidae,  
215 Salmonidae, *Lampetra*, *Petromyzon*, *Cobitis*, *Misgurnus*, *Barbatula*, *Silurus*, *Esox*, *Lota lota*,  
216 *Gymnocephalus* and *Sander*. We first cleaned and aligned sequences by taxon and then re-  
217 aligned them together to keep the same fragment of 501 nucleotides for the analyses.  
218 Sequence records without sufficient geographic information to assign them to a drainage  
219 basin (hereafter “basin”) or without a species name were discarded from our dataset. We  
220 defined a basin as the drainage area upstream from its mouth at the sea. According to this  
221 definition, a basin is isolated from other basins by barriers (sea or land) which are impassable  
222 for strictly freshwater fishes. The validity of species names was assessed using FishBase  
223 (Froese & Pauly, 2017), resulting in a total of 6637 sequence records with a valid species  
224 names belonging to 716 distinct species distributed in 218 basins. We checked the  
225 environment (i.e. “freshwater”, “brackish”, “saltwater”) of each species using FishBase  
226 (Froese & Pauly, 2017), the status (i.e. “native”, “exotic” or “unknown”) of each species in  
227 each basin using the global database on freshwater fish species occurrence (Tedesco et al.,  
228 2017). We conserved only native records of strictly freshwater species, i.e. 4894 records,  
229 corresponding to a total of 509 species in 176 basins.

230 We calculated between-basin genetic differentiation (by pooling individuals in the  
231 drainage basins) for the polymorphic species present in at least four basins with a minimum of

232 three individuals per basin. To calculate such genetic differentiation, we converted single  
233 nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) of the sequence data into a table of individual genotypes  
234 and then calculated pairwise genetic distances for each pair of basins using  $G''_{ST}$  (Meirmans  
235 & Hedrick, 2011), the corrected version of Hedrick's  $G'_{ST}$  (Hedrick, 2005).  $G''_{ST}$  is  
236 independent from within population diversity and does not underestimate genetic distance  
237 when the number of populations is small (Meirmans & Hedrick, 2011). As  $G''_{ST}$  likely  
238 removes the effect of drift, we also calculated the pairwise genetic distances for each pair of  
239 basins using  $F_{ST}$  (Nei, 1973) for comparison purpose.

240 All these different selection filters drastically reduced the number of species we  
241 included in analyses: we finally focused our analyses of between-basin genetic differentiation  
242 on a total of 22 species in 38 basins (for more details about these basins, see Appendix S1 in  
243 Supporting Information). For instance, from all the species of *Lampetra* and *Petromyzon* we  
244 searched in BOLD, we conserved only *L. planeri* for the analyses. The number of species  
245 with analysed genetic data per basin varies from one (for 20 basins) to seventeen (for one  
246 basin, the basin "Odra"; Fig. 2; Appendix S1). The number of basins per species varies from  
247 four (our minimum threshold) to eleven (for the species *Esox lucius*) covering on average 76  
248 % (standard deviation (sd) = 18 %) of their native range, with species exhibiting on average  
249 11.0 individuals per basin (sd = 11.0; Appendix S2). Most records are located in Europe and  
250 North-America (Fig. 2).

### 251 *Taxonomic differentiation*

252 We calculated pairwise taxonomic differentiation between each pair of basins based on the list  
253 of native species per basin extracted from the global database on freshwater fish species  
254 occurrence (Tedesco et al., 2017). We used Simpson dissimilarity ( $\beta_{sim}$ ) - the turnover  
255 component of Sørensen dissimilarity (Sørensen, 1948) - which is independent from total

256 taxonomic richness (see Baselga 2012 for review).

257 *Geographic distance, environmental distance and pairwise harmonic mean area*

258 We computed between-basin geographic distance by calculating the distance between basin  
259 centroids. The average distance between basins was 5 295 km (sd = 3 920 km). Measurements  
260 of geographic distance were then centred and scaled before further analyses.

261 To characterise the environment of the basins, we used variables related to the  
262 contemporary climate known to influence freshwater fish alpha diversity patterns at the global  
263 scale (e.g. Dias et al. 2014; Oberdorff et al. 2011; Tedesco et al. 2012; Tisseuil et al. 2013) i.e.  
264 mean annual temperature and precipitation (<http://www.worldclim.org/>), mean annual surface  
265 runoff (<http://www.grdc.sr.unh.edu/>) and mean annual actual and potential evapotranspiration  
266 (<http://csi.cgiar.org/Aridity/>). The mean values of all the variables were computed for each  
267 basin. To compute pairwise environmental distances between each pair of basins, we  
268 performed a principal component analysis (PCA) on these environmental variables  
269 (previously centred and scaled) and calculated the Euclidean distance between basins based  
270 on the first three PCA axes.

271 Finally, we calculated the pairwise harmonic mean area between each pair of basins.  
272 Indeed, the harmonic mean population size between pairs allows the role of drift on genetic  
273 differentiation (Serrouya et al., 2012) to be taken into account and can be computed using  
274 environmental proxies for local carrying capacities (Prunier et al., 2017). In our case, we used  
275 the surface area of the basin as a raw environmental proxy for local carrying capacity. The  
276 basins studied had an average surface area of 257 589 km<sup>2</sup> (sd = 584 803 km<sup>2</sup>). Measurements  
277 of harmonic mean area were centred and scaled before further analyses.

278 *Statistical analyses*

279 First, we investigated the raw correlation between taxonomic differentiation and genetic  
280 differentiation for each species individually using a Mantel correlation test with 999  
281 permutations. To test the null hypothesis that there is no relationship between taxonomic  
282 differentiation and genetic differentiation using the information provided by all the species  
283 examined, we considered that this hypothesis has been tested independently  $n$  times, with  $n$   
284 being the number of species included in the analyses. To combine the results from several  
285 independent tests bearing upon the same overall hypothesis, we used a modification of the  
286 Fisher's combined probability test. Under the null hypothesis that taxonomic and genetic  
287 differentiations are unrelated, observed p-values associated with the Mantel's test of each  
288 species are expected to be distributed according to a uniform distribution in  $[0, 1]$ . We  
289 therefore compared the observed mean p-value over the species to a null distribution of mean  
290 p-values obtained by sampling randomly 10 000 times one p-value by species in a uniform  
291 distribution in  $[0, 1]$ . We calculated the p-value associated with the combined test as the  
292 frequency at which null mean p-values were below the observed mean p-value. This  
293 procedure avoids some problems identified by the use of a chi-2 test (e.g. Whitlock, 2005)  
294 which was the method initially proposed by Fisher.

295 To investigate the putative roles of dispersal limitation, environmental selection and  
296 drift on taxonomic and genetic differentiations, for each species we built multiple regressions  
297 of geographic distance ( $D_{\text{geo}}$ ), environmental distance ( $D_{\text{env}}$ ) and harmonic mean area ( $D_{\text{area}}$ )  
298 on taxonomic differentiation (TD) and genetic differentiation (GD) taken separately (Fig. 1)  
299 as follows:  $\text{TD} = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 * D_{\text{geo}} + \alpha_2 * D_{\text{env}} + \alpha_3 * D_{\text{area}}$  and  $\text{GD} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * D_{\text{geo}} + \beta_2 * D_{\text{env}} +$   
300  $\beta_3 * D_{\text{area}}$ . Our approach is very similar to multiple regressions on distance matrices (MRM;  
301 Lichstein 2007) except in the way we calculated p-values associated with partial regression  
302 coefficients. As in MRM, we permuted the rows and associated columns of the response  
303 distance matrix simultaneously. We repeated this operation 1999 times while holding the

304 explanatory distance matrices constant to generate null distributions for partial regression  
305 coefficients. Then, in MRM, the p-value associated with a partial regression coefficient is  
306 calculated with a two-sided permutation test using the pseudo-t of Legendre et al. (1994), i.e.  
307 it tests whether the t-statistic associated with each regression coefficient is lower or higher  
308 than expected under a null distribution of pseudo-t obtained by permutation. In our approach,  
309 we hypothesised that geographic distance and environmental distance have a positive effect  
310 on both taxonomic and genetic differentiations (dispersal limitation and environmental  
311 selection enhance differentiation and are positively related to geographic and environmental  
312 distances respectively) while harmonic mean area has a negative effect on taxonomic and  
313 genetic differentiations (drift enhances differentiation and is negatively related to the  
314 harmonic mean area). To increase the statistical power of the tests, we therefore carried out  
315 one-sided tests for calculating the p-values associated with each partial regression coefficient.  
316 We tested the overall (i.e. over the species) effects of geographic distance, environmental  
317 distance and harmonic mean area on taxonomic and genetic differentiations by performing a  
318 combined probability test as described for the raw correlation between taxonomic and genetic  
319 differentiations, but this time considering probabilities associated with partial regression  
320 coefficients.

321       To examine whether taxonomic and genetic differentiations were still correlated once  
322 the effects of geographic distance and environmental distance had been taken into account, we  
323 then performed a Mantel correlation test between the residuals of the multiple regression on  
324 taxonomic differentiation and the residuals of the multiple regression on genetic  
325 differentiation with 999 permutations for each species. We tested this overall (i.e. over the  
326 species) residual correlation using a combined probability test as described for the raw  
327 correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations.

328 Finally, we examined the heterogeneity between species regarding the residual  
329 correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations and tested whether some species  
330 traits could explain such heterogeneity. The species traits initially considered were body  
331 length, longevity in the wild, vulnerability, used in aquaculture, use as bait, use in the  
332 aquarium, habitat, migratory behaviour and dispersal ability – which was calculated using a  
333 formula giving dispersal distance as a function of body size and caudal fin aspect ratio  
334 (Radinger & Wolter, 2014). However, as migratory behaviour was ‘potamodromous’ for 16  
335 out of the 22 species, ‘non-migratory’ for one species and the information was not available  
336 for the 5 species left, we excluded this non-informative trait from our analyses. Species traits  
337 were directly extracted from FishBase (Froese & Pauly, 2017). All the analyses and the  
338 corresponding figures were realised with R 3.5.1 (R Core Team 2018) using the packages  
339 ‘ade4’ (Dray & Dufour, 2007), ‘ape’ (Paradis, Claude, & Strimmer, 2004), ‘betapart’  
340 (Baselga, Orme, Villeger, De Bortoli, & Leprieur, 2018), ‘Biostrings’ (Pagès, Aboyoun,  
341 Gentleman, & DebRoy, 2018), ‘broom’ (Robinson & Hayes, 2018), ‘ggplot2’ (Wickham,  
342 2016), ‘ggthemes’ (Arnold, 2018), ‘hierfstat’ (Goudet & Jombart, 2015), ‘maptools’ (Bivand  
343 & Lewin-Koh, 2018), ‘mmod’ (Winter, 2012), ‘RColorBrewer’ (Neuwirth, 2014), ‘rgdal’  
344 (Bivand, Keitt, & Rowlingson, 2018), ‘rgeos’ (Bivand & Rundel, 2018), ‘reshape2’  
345 (Wickham, 2007), ‘seriation’ (Hahsler, Buchta, & Hornik, 2018) and ‘vegan’ (Oksanen et al.,  
346 2018).

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## 348 **Results**

349 We detected an overall positive correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations,  
350 significantly different from 0. This result holds true both for the raw correlation between  
351 taxonomic and genetic differentiations ( $r_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = 0.433 \pm 0.420$ ; Fig. 3a; Appendices S3, S4)

352 and for the residual correlation, i.e. the correlation between taxonomic and genetic  
353 differentiations independent of the effects of geographic distance, environmental distance and  
354 harmonic mean area ( $r_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = 0.379 \pm 0.641$ ; Fig. 3b; Appendices S3, S4).

355         There was almost no overall effect of geographic distance on taxonomic differentiation  
356 ( $\alpha_1_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = 0.032 \pm 1.051$ ) or on genetic differentiation ( $\beta_1_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = -0.011 \pm 1.060$ ), and  
357 these overall effects did not differ significantly from 0 (Fig. 4; Appendices S5, S6, S7). In  
358 contrast, we detected an overall positive effect of environmental distance on both taxonomic  
359 differentiation ( $\alpha_2_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = 0.405 \pm 0.956$ ) and genetic differentiation ( $\beta_2_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = 0.229 \pm$   
360  $0.865$ ), although it was only significantly different from 0 for taxonomic differentiation (Fig.  
361 4; Appendices S5, S6, S7). There was an overall negative effect of harmonic mean area on  
362 both taxonomic differentiation ( $\alpha_3_{\text{mean} \pm \text{sd}} = -0.178 \pm 0.617$ ) and genetic differentiation ( $\beta_3_{\text{mean}}$   
363  $\pm \text{sd} = -0.092 \pm 0.713$ ), but it was only significantly different from 0 for taxonomic  
364 differentiation (Fig. 4; Appendices S5, S6, S7). Using  $F_{\text{ST}}$  as a measure of genetic  
365 differentiation did not change the trend we observed: there was an overall negative but not  
366 significant effect of harmonic area on  $F_{\text{ST}}$  (Appendices S6, S7).

367         The results of these multiple regressions as well as the residual correlations between  
368 taxonomic and genetic differentiations are summarised in Fig. 5. Overall, they suggest that the  
369 effect of geographic distance, environmental distance and harmonic mean area only explain a  
370 small part of the correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations.

371         Despite this strong overall independent correlation between taxonomic differentiation  
372 of freshwater fish communities and genetic differentiation of freshwater fish populations, the  
373 correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations varied greatly between species  
374 (Fig. 3b; Appendix S3). For some species, such as the common roach *Rutilus rutilus* (Fig. 6a,  
375 b), there was a sound correlation between taxonomic differentiation and genetic

376 differentiation, whether we considered the raw or residual correlation. In other species, such  
377 as the common chub *Squalius cephalus*, taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation  
378 were not correlated (Fig. 6c, d). In this species, genetic differentiation was better predicted by  
379 geographic distance and harmonic mean area (Appendix S5). However, none of the species  
380 traits examined explained this heterogeneity of responses between species (Appendix S8).

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## 382 **Discussion**

383 Our analyses indicated that taxonomic and genetic differentiations are strongly correlated  
384 overall, and independently of the parallel effects of geographic distance, environmental  
385 distance and harmonic mean area on taxonomic and genetic differentiations. This suggests  
386 that the parallel influence of dispersal limitation, environmental selection and drift on  
387 taxonomic and genetic differentiations only partially explains the overall  $\beta$ -SGDC we  
388 observed. This independent, unexplained correlation between taxonomic and genetic  
389 differentiations thus probably results from processes that we did not explicitly consider in our  
390 study. The most probable explanation is that the independent  $\beta$ -SGDC we observed is due to  
391 the parallel action of historical processes, which occurred when the basins were still  
392 connected, on taxonomic and genetic differentiations. These historical processes include all  
393 the different processes that explain the colonisation history of basins (Orsini et al., 2013): i)  
394 the dispersal of individuals between previously connected basins in interaction with  
395 environmental and/or biotic selection on their dispersal route and ii) environmental and/or  
396 biotic selection in interaction with drift within their place of arrival and/or origin that may  
397 have led to extinction. This explanation is supported by previous studies on the influence of  
398 historical processes on broad-scale taxonomic differentiation between freshwater fish  
399 communities on the one hand and on broad-scale genetic differentiation between freshwater

400 fish populations on the other hand. Two recent studies on global freshwater fish biodiversity  
401 have shown that present-day patterns of taxonomic dissimilarity across basins are well  
402 explained by the historical connectivity of basins (Dias et al., 2014) and also historical  
403 climatic oscillations that took place during the Quaternary and the Holocene (Leprieur et al.,  
404 2011). For fish species, it is well known that historical dispersal influences genetic structure  
405 across basins (Carvalho, 1993), especially for zones that were subject to intense post-glacial  
406 recolonisation such as our study area. Multispecies comparisons at large spatial scales in  
407 Europe (Seifertová, Bryja, Vyskočilová, Martínková, & Šimková, 2012) and in North  
408 America (April, Hanner, Mayden, & Bernatchez, 2013) have shown that the climatic  
409 fluctuations that caused glacial cycles during the Pleistocene had a generalised effect on the  
410 patterns of fish genetic divergence. In addition, three other, non-exclusive hypotheses may  
411 explain the independent  $\beta$ -SGDC we observed. First, the proxies we used to account for  
412 dispersal limitation, environmental selection and drift may not fully represent these processes.  
413 For instance, we may have overlooked some environmental variables that are important in  
414 driving environmental selection. Alternatively, we may have poorly estimated the role of drift,  
415 either because the area of the basin we used to account for drift may be too approximate to  
416 accurately represent the carrying capacities of populations and communities or because we  
417 did not consider that the influence of drift within a basin increases with its age of isolation.  
418 Secondly, the sequence data we used to calculate genetic differentiation may not detect  
419 dispersal limitation and/or environmental selection properly, either because they did not cover  
420 the entire native ranges of species (see possible consequences of such sampling bias in e.g.  
421 Meirmans, 2015), or because the mitochondrial gene COI is not directly under environmental  
422 selection. Finally, the proposed frameworks to interpret SGDCs (Vellend & Geber, 2005;  
423 Lamy et al., 2017) suggest that correlations between species diversity and genetic diversity  
424 may also result from a causal action of species diversity on genetic diversity or vice-versa.

425 For instance, if the focal species (i.e. the species for which we studied genetic diversity) is a  
426 facilitator for the other component species of the community, we would expect their  
427 populations sizes to co-vary positively, resulting in a positive  $\alpha$ -SGDC; the converse is  
428 expected if the focal species is a competitor. If the nature of the interaction between the focal  
429 species and the other species of the community is generally the same within each basin, such  
430 causal effect is not expected to influence the  $\beta$ -SGDC we observed. However, if the focal  
431 species is facilitator in one basin and competitor in another, we would expect the population  
432 sizes of the other component species of the community to increase in the first case and  
433 decrease in the second case. This would result in more ecological drift within the community  
434 where the focal species is competitor, and therefore more taxonomic differentiation between  
435 basins than would be expected without this causal effect. In the end, such causal effect would  
436 tend to reduce  $\beta$ -SGDC because it would increase taxonomic differentiation between basins  
437 without influencing genetic differentiation.

438         Moreover, our results contribute new insights into the study of  $\beta$ -SGDCs. With the  
439 study of 22 new  $\beta$ -SGDCs, we increased the number of  $\beta$ -SGDCs (43) previously reported in  
440 the literature by more than 50 % (see Lamy *et al.*, 2017 for the most recent review). We found  
441 an average raw correlation between taxonomic and genetic differentiations of 0.433, and an  
442 independent correlation (i.e. independent from the parallel effects of geographic distance,  
443 environmental distance and harmonic mean area on taxonomic and genetic differentiations) of  
444 0.379. Both of these values are superior to the average value of 0.221 reported by Lamy *et al.*  
445 (2017). They are also around three times superior to the average value of 0.139 found by  
446 Fourtune *et al.* (2016) in their study of four freshwater fish species at a smaller scale, within  
447 one drainage basin. This suggests that the strong correlations we found are probably more  
448 related to the size and/or the isolation of the habitats we studied (i.e. large drainage basins  
449 isolated from each other) rather than our biological model. Previous syntheses have reported

450 that  $\alpha$ -SGDCs (i.e. correlations between genetic diversity within populations and species  
451 diversity within communities) are stronger and more often positive in island-like habitats  
452 (Vellend & Geber, 2005; Vellend et al., 2014), in agreement with the predictions of  
453 theoretical models (Laroche et al., 2015). As drainage basins are typically island-like habitats  
454 (Sepkoski & Rex, 1974; Hugueny, 1989), our findings suggest that this explanation may hold  
455 true for  $\beta$ -SGDCs as well. The observed differences also suggest that for a system without  
456 present-day dispersal the  $\beta$ -SGDC is stronger than in systems with present-day dispersal.  
457 Actually, the opposite could have been expected (i.e. weaker  $\beta$ -SGDCs for systems without  
458 present-day dispersal than for systems with present-day dispersal) if the genetic similarity  
459 between two previously connected populations had been erased by genetic drift occurring  
460 after their isolation without changes in species composition (i.e. no species extinction).  
461 However, our results suggest that drift did not influence significantly the patterns of genetic  
462 differentiation we observed. As this result holds true both for  $G''_{ST}$  and  $F_{ST}$ , this is probably  
463 because we mainly focused on large drainage basins and consequently large population sizes.

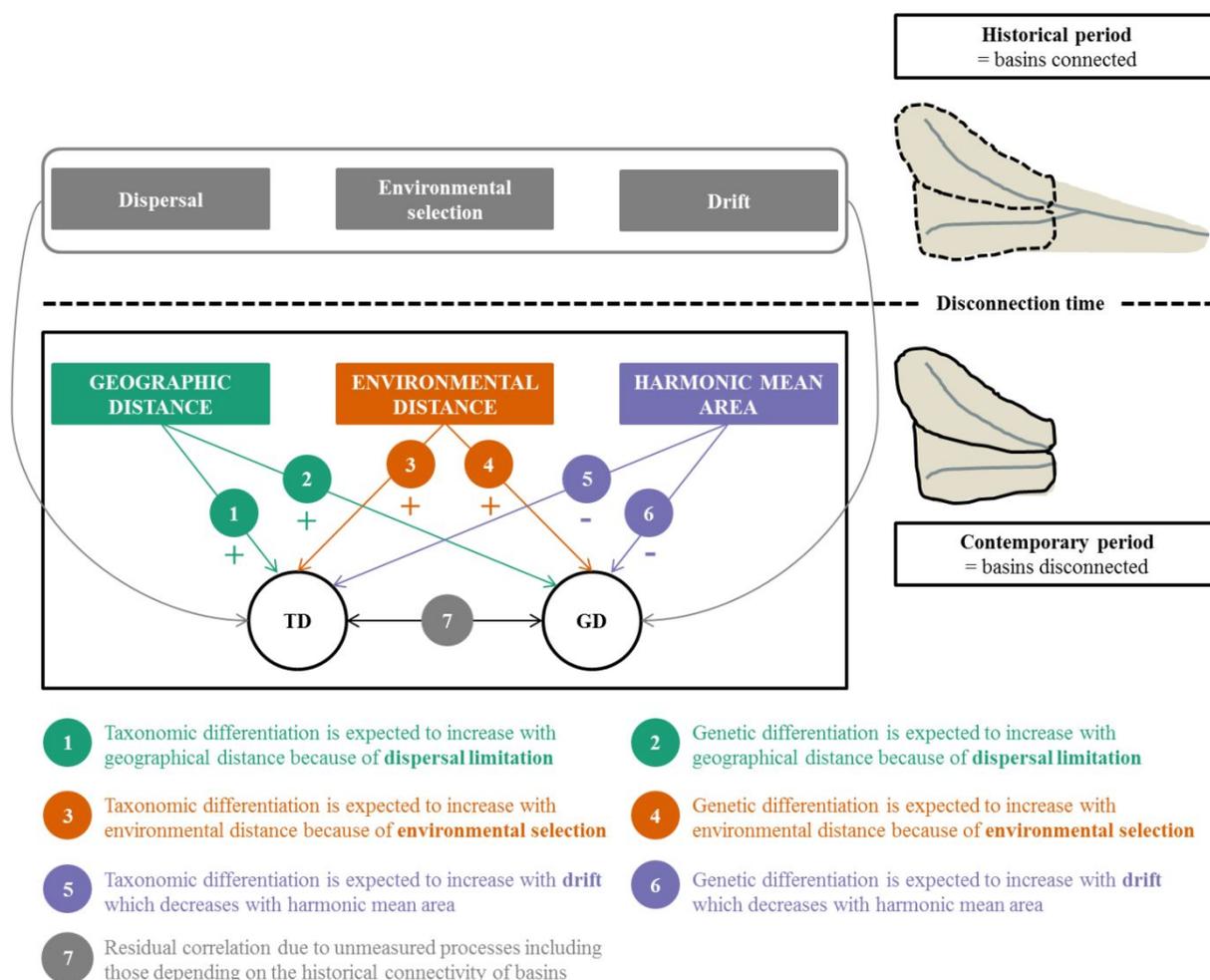
464 Our results also indicate that the sign and magnitude of  $\beta$ -SGDCs varied greatly  
465 between the different species we examined. We provided two examples. On the one hand, we  
466 showed that the  $\beta$ -SGDC was strong for *Rutilus rutilus*, suggesting that historical processes  
467 largely shaped the patterns of genetic differentiation observed in this species. This is  
468 consistent with a previous study indicating that *R. rutilus* is composed of two historically  
469 isolated, independently evolving sets of populations (Larmuseau et al., 2009). On the other  
470 hand, our results indicate that genetic differentiation in *Squalius cephalus* was not correlated  
471 to taxonomic differentiation, but was well explained by geographic distance. This suggests  
472 that dispersal limitation has a more important effect than any other processes on broad-scale  
473 genetic differentiation in *S. cephalus*. This might seem surprising, since previous analyses of  
474 the mitochondrial gene cytochrome b in that species indicated four main lineages originating

475 from multiple glacial refugia (Durand, Persat, & Bouvet, 1999; Seifertová et al., 2012).  
476 However, the use of a combination of both mitochondrial and nuclear DNA, Seifertová et al.  
477 (2012) also suggested that genetic differentiation in *S. cephalus* resulted from a combination  
478 of different factors, i.e. post-glacial colonisation from different refugia or recent evolutionary  
479 processes such as drift or dispersal limitation. Our results based on the analysis of the  
480 mitochondrial gene COI strongly support the dispersal limitation hypothesis although, as we  
481 did not design the sampling, but analysed existing data, we might not have captured the whole  
482 picture. As *R. rutilus* and *S. cephalus* have similar dispersal abilities, this difference of  $\beta$ -  
483 SGDC between the two species does not seem to be related to their difference in dispersal  
484 abilities. Beyond these two species and this single trait, our analyses did not permit us to  
485 uncover any trait that could explain the variability of  $\beta$ -SGDC over the 22 species we  
486 examined. This is surprising because life-history traits of species are known to shape spatial  
487 patterns of genetic differentiation (e.g. Duminil et al., 2007; Kelly & Palumbi, 2010), and  
488 therefore  $\beta$ -SGDC. This unexpected finding may be due to different reasons. First, the  
489 variability of  $\beta$ -SGDC may be due to species traits that we did not consider. Secondly, the  $\beta$ -  
490 SGDC at the specific scale was sometimes examined for a small number of basins, which may  
491 result in wide variations in the estimated correlation coefficients. Therefore, single species  
492 outcomes should be interpreted with great caution.

493 To conclude, this study of broad-scale  $\beta$ -SGDC for multiple freshwater fish species  
494 suggests that historical processes greatly contributed to the shape of present-day patterns of  
495 taxonomic and genetic differentiations, independently of contemporary processes. This  
496 implies that taxonomic differentiation may be an appropriate proxy to explain the role of  
497 historical processes on patterns of genetic differentiation, which remains a challenging issue  
498 in landscape genetics (Dyer, Nason, & Garrick, 2010). We believe that further studies of  
499 broad-scale  $\beta$ -SGDCs comparing organisms whose dispersal is limited within habitat patches

500 with organisms that are able to disperse across habitat patches, will help to investigate the  
501 extent to which our findings can be generalised.

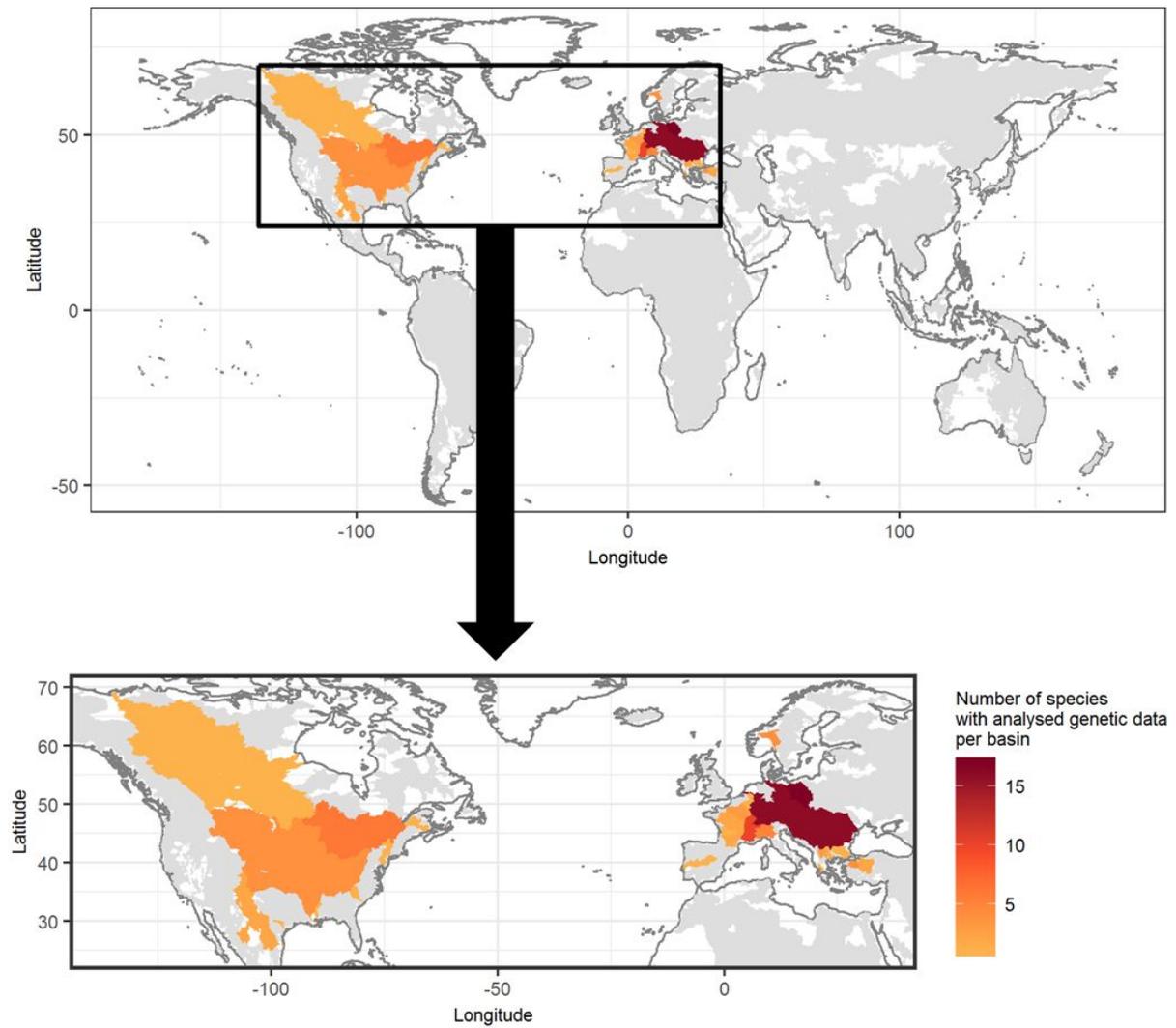
503 **Figures**



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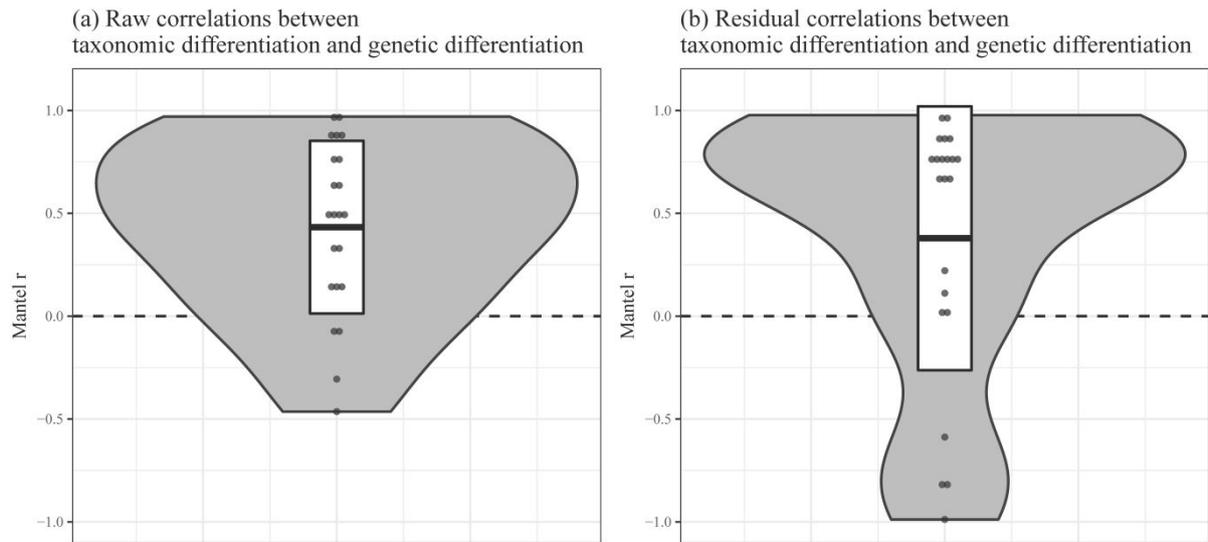
505 **Figure 1.** Illustration of the different processes expected to act in parallel on between-basin  
 506 taxonomic differentiation of freshwater fish communities (TD) and on between-basin genetic  
 507 differentiation of freshwater fish populations (GD) at different periods and the proxies used in  
 508 this study to infer those processes. The black frame encompasses the causal diagram depicting  
 509 the relationships that we actually tested in this study, i.e. the effects of geographic distance  
 510 (proxy of contemporary dispersal limitation), environmental distance (proxy of contemporary  
 511 environmental selection) and pairwise harmonic mean area between basins (proxy of  
 512 contemporary drift) on TD and GD. The double arrow between TD and GD represent the  
 513 residual correlation, i.e. the correlation between TD and GD which is not explained by the  
 514 parallel influence of contemporary dispersal limitation, contemporary environmental selection

515 and contemporary drift on TD and GD. The numbers on the arrows and the signs below them  
516 correspond to our theoretical expectations regarding the different effects which are detailed in  
517 the text below the black frame. The grey arrows represent the putative effects of historical  
518 dispersal limitation, historical environmental selection and historical drift on TD and GD that  
519 we did not directly test in our statistical approach. The grey polygons on the right side  
520 represent the evolution of the basin configuration through time from one unique basin to two  
521 distinct and disconnected basins, with almost no contemporary dispersal of individuals  
522 between them (dispersal may occasionally occur between adjacent basins).



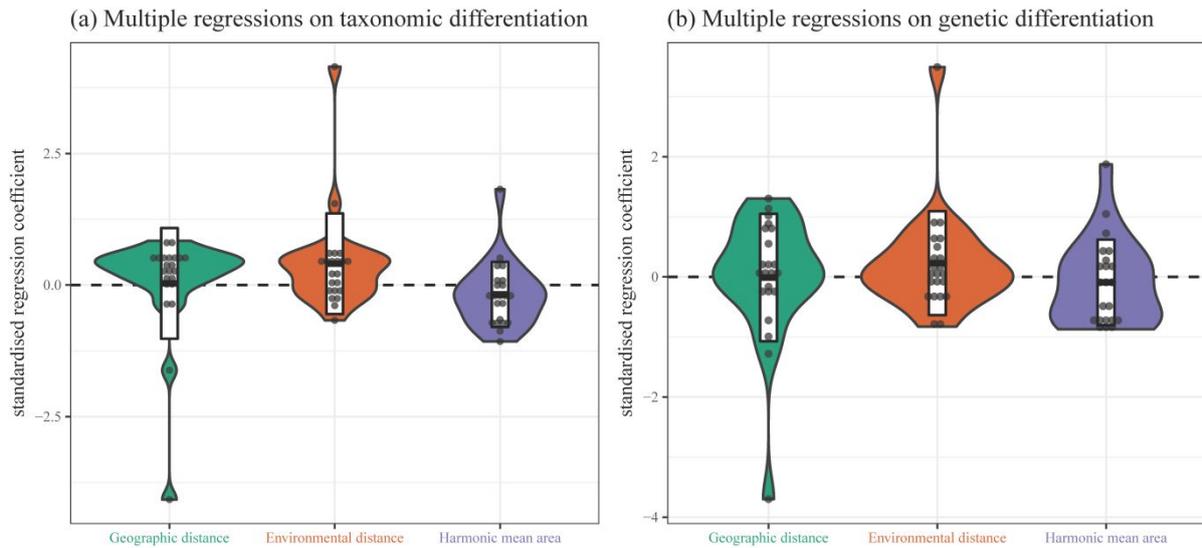
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525 **Figure 2.** Spatial distribution of the number of species with analysed genetic data per basin  
526 studied in our analyses at the global scale. Top: the rectangle indicates the location of the  
527 enlarged area. Bottom: enlarged area including Europe and North America. In total, our study  
528 encompasses 22 species with analysed genetic data in 38 basins.



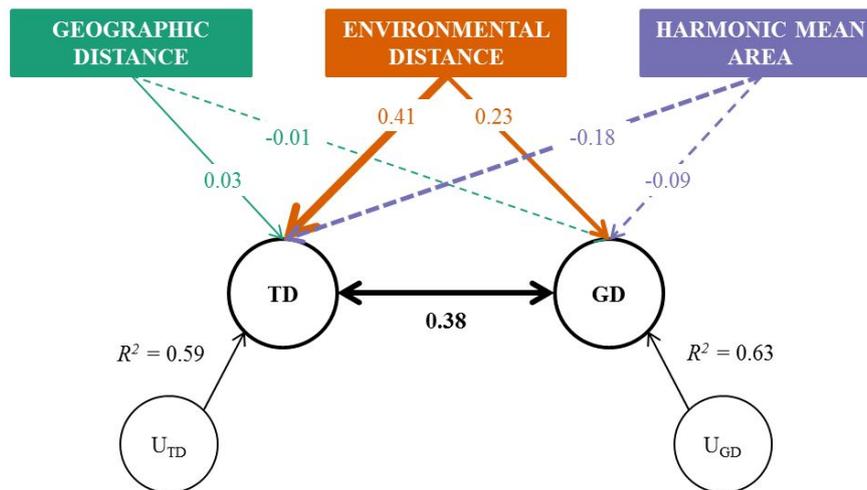
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531 **Figure 3.** Violin plots showing the distribution and the probability density of (a) raw  
532 correlations coefficients and (b) residual correlation coefficients between taxonomic  
533 differentiation and genetic differentiation for the 22 fish species examined at global scale.  
534 Crossbars indicate mean  $\pm$  standard deviation.



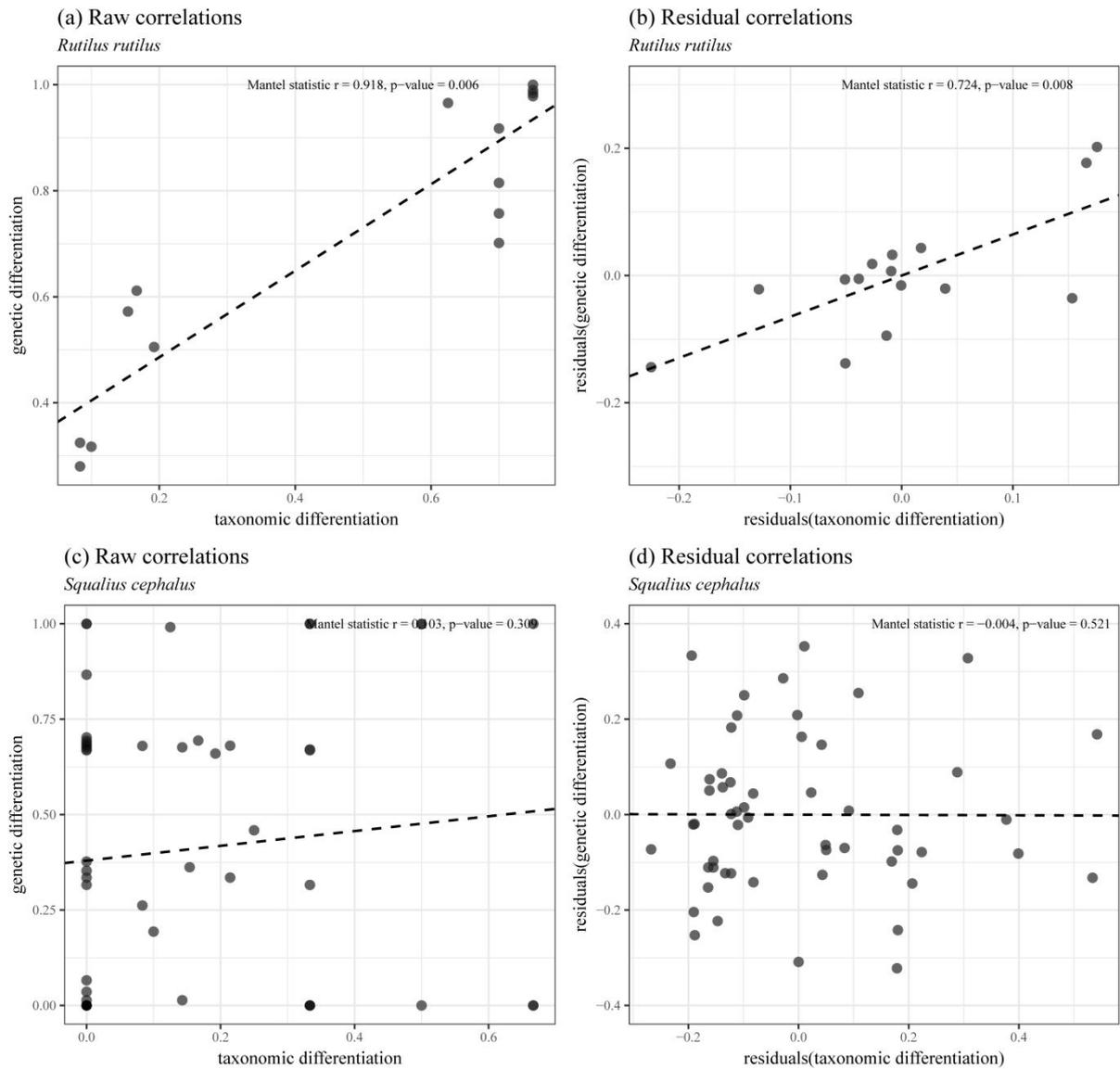
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537 **Figure 4.** Violin plots showing the distribution and the probability density of the effect of  
 538 geographic distance, environmental distance and harmonic mean area (as standardised  
 539 regression coefficients) for the 22 fish species examined at global scale on (a) taxonomic  
 540 differentiation and (b) genetic differentiation. Crossbars indicate mean  $\pm$  standard deviation.



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543 **Figure 5.** Causal diagram depicting the results of multiple regressions of geographic distance,  
 544 environmental distance and harmonic mean area on TD and GD (taken separately). Arrows  
 545 represent putative causal effects through the standardised regression coefficients (positive  
 546 values: solid arrows; negative values: dotted arrows; arrow width is proportional to coefficient  
 547 value). The  $R^2$  represent the part of variance explained by the multiple regressions on TD  
 548 (left) and GD (right).  $U_{TD}$  and  $U_{GD}$  represent unspecified factors influencing TD and GD  
 549 respectively. The double arrow between SD and GD corresponds to the residual correlation.  
 550 All numerical values represent means for the 22 fish species examined at global scale.



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552 **Figure 6.** Observed (dots) and predicted (dashed line) raw values (a, c) and residual values  
 553 from the multiple regressions (b, d) of genetic differentiation as a function of taxonomic  
 554 differentiation for the two fish species (a, b) *Rutilus rutilus* and (c, d) *Squalius cephalus*.

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753 **Biosketch**

754 The authors are particularly interested in documenting and explaining spatial patterns of  
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756 contemporary factors (including anthropogenic pressures) in shaping patterns of alpha and  
757 beta diversities in aquatic populations and communities and value this knowledge to guide  
758 conservation strategies of aquatic ecosystems.

759 **Supporting information**

760 Supporting information for this article may be found online.

761 **Data availability**

762 The data and the script used for the analyses are available from the Dryad Digital Repository:

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION****Correlations between broad-scale taxonomic and genetic differentiations suggest a dominant imprint of historical processes on beta diversities**

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**Appendix S1** Characteristics of the drainage basins analysed in our study

aet = mean annual actual evapotranspiration; pet = mean annual potential evapotranspiration; tmoy = mean annual temperature ; precsum = mean annual precipitation; runoff = mean annual surface runoff; Surface\_area\_km = surface area; N\_species = number of species with genetic data. See main text for the source of data. Mean and standard deviation (SD) over the 38 basins are given at the end of the table.

<b>Basins</b>	<b>aet</b>	<b>pet</b>	<b>tmoy</b>	<b>precsum</b>	<b>runoff</b>	<b>Surf_area_km</b>	<b>N_species</b>
Acheloos	640	1066.1	123.27929	924.009	557.74899	5821.728156	1
Agly	630	906.3	125.49053	770.632	116.367	1125.200682	3
Arachthos	655	1034.7	113.31274	1004.44	742.65767	2473.939349	1
Aude	625	928.5	123.53473	781.976	130.21899	5283.136409	1
Axios	493	986.3	101.52936	601.732	154.31825	24583.23488	3
Charente	644	911.6	120.03306	867.967	233.5864	9561.56072	1
Churchill	398	582	-23.90383	475.655	118.85188	304248.866	1
Danube	574	850.7	87.342907	750.564	295.57456	802142.8624	16
Delaware	813	991.2	91.341375	1148.11	623.8048	28618.74225	1
Dordogne	682	935.2	111.27602	886.614	350.67982	24113.64285	1
Elbe	507	721.7	79.989063	623.004	178.65205	143864.5137	16
Evinos	629	1068.6	124.6515	898.565	462.55499	1105.990108	1
Evros	525	994.7	112.64752	622.026	233.69195	53005.94877	1
Garonne	653	932	111.66166	822.437	258.36741	55217.94818	2
Glomma	404	469.2	8.6601708	730.294	415.933	41930.43322	4
Grande.USA	333	1517.8	163.21044	395.802	11.279145	480465.5835	2
Guadalupe	714	1510	198.33098	844.73	31.73177	15777.64583	1
Hudson	756	924.8	71.827872	1118.13	526.25893	34795.07612	1
Loire	602	854.6	105.10719	750.497	196.85747	116661.6899	2
Louros	663	1121.3	145.51997	1040.27	713.57898	1080.177613	1
Mackenzie	329	521.7	-43.57659	392.294	160.29758	1680044.211	1
Meuse	588	732.3	91.633783	886.959	285.14163	32856.16342	1
Mississippi	618	1096.6	95.416708	759.456	222.75135	3017672.487	4
Nelson	418	726	12.974033	492.429	95.228112	1019864.883	1
Odra	489	737.8	81.363189	581.098	155.37879	118991.636	17
Pearl	1119	1437.3	178.64183	1495.1	483.74908	21790.63225	1

Po	635	788.2	92.085106	1020.21	519.70202	73831.63159	5
Rhine	588	738.1	82.161385	872.964	475.19941	163633.2382	16
Rhone	629	802.8	85.285926	1019.07	479.94488	96827.05122	10
Rihios	414	1063.9	139.98324	484.53	1.7229	2088.952236	2
Saint.Jean.USA	635	762.6	36.171725	1049.03	608.68723	54888.62971	1
Saint.Laurent	629	811.7	49.93017	884.414	343.00659	1056005.322	6
Sakarya	421	1033.3	106.13612	497.924	62.963135	70666.64849	2
Santee	985	1322.8	155.71445	1239.84	132.91453	39531.78697	1
Seine	559	811.4	101.43787	690.465	173.8974	75984.27645	3
Strymon	459	957.1	104.39717	545.061	93.719109	16826.18541	1
Susurluk.Cayi	578	1056.4	120.13898	727.301	111.40774	23768.99736	4
Tagus	459	1097.2	136.86304	565.262	214.13121	71216.07416	1
<b>Mean</b>	591.9	942.2	97.9	796.3	288.8	257588.6	3.6
<b>SD</b>	158.5	237.6	50.0	245.9	204.0	584802.5	4.8

**Appendix S2** Descriptive statistics of the datasets used for analyses

N\_basins\_genet = number of basins with genetic data analysed; N\_basins\_native = number of basins where the species is recorded as native; Prop\_basins\_genet/native = proportion of basins with genetic data analysed over basins where the species is recorded as native; N\_indiv\_tot = total number of individuals; N\_indiv\_mean = mean number of individuals by basin; N\_indiv\_min = minimum number of individuals in a basin; N\_indiv\_max = maximum number of individuals in a basin. Mean and standard deviation (SD) over the 22 species are given at the end of the table.

Species	N_basins_genet	N_basins_native	Prop_basins_genet/native	N_indiv_tot	N_indiv_mean	N_indiv_min	N_indiv_max
<i>Abramis brama</i>	4	8	0.500	46	12	6	16
<i>Alburnoides bipunctatus</i>	5	5	1.000	31	6	4	13
<i>Alburnus alburnus</i>	5	8	0.625	43	9	3	18
<i>Barbatula barbatula</i>	4	4	1.000	55	14	5	22
<i>Campostoma anomalum</i>	4	6	0.667	30	8	5	15
<i>Chondrostoma nasus</i>	4	5	0.800	71	18	5	35
<i>Esox lucius</i>	11	16	0.688	97	9	3	15
<i>Gobio gobio</i>	7	8	0.875	71	10	3	22
<i>Lampetra planeri</i>	4	6	0.667	27	7	3	10
<i>Leuciscus aspius</i>	4	5	0.800	34	9	3	17
<i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i>	4	5	0.800	47	12	4	19
<i>Lota lota</i>	5	7	0.714	37	7	5	13
<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>	4	4	1.000	25	6	4	11
<i>Phoxinus phoxinus</i>	4	4	1.000	234	59	5	207
<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>	5	5	1.000	28	6	3	11
<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	4	5	0.800	39	10	5	17
<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>	6	11	0.545	58	10	3	17
<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>	4	11	0.364	26	7	3	10
<i>Squalius cephalus</i>	11	16	0.688	87	8	3	21
<i>Telestes pleurobipunctatus</i>	4	6	0.667	20	5	3	9
<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>	6	7	0.857	41	7	4	11
<i>Tinca tinca</i>	5	7	0.714	32	6	3	13
<b>Mean</b>	5.2	7.2	0.762	53.6	11.0	3.9	24.6
<b>SD</b>	2.1	3.4	0.175	45.3	11.0	1.0	41.1

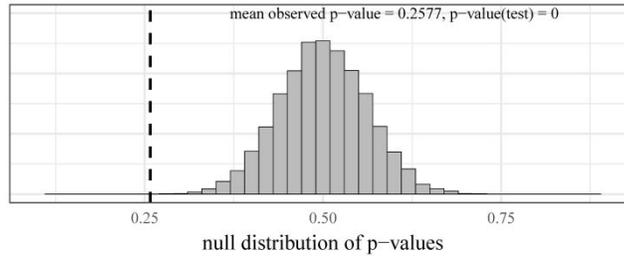
**Appendix S3** Results of the Mantel tests between taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation (raw correlations) and between the residuals of taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation (residual correlations)

r is the Mantel r coefficient; mean and standard deviation (SD) over the 22 species are given at the end of the table

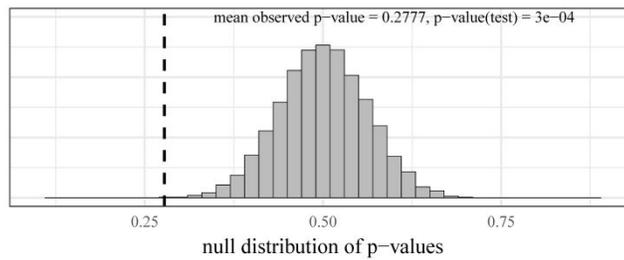
Species	Raw correlations		Residual correlations	
	r	pval	r	pval
<i>Abramis brama</i>	0.539	0.167	0.949	0.042
<i>Alburnoides bipunctatus</i>	0.963	0.100	0.885	0.008
<i>Alburnus alburnus</i>	-0.098	0.333	-0.781	0.975
<i>Barbatula barbatula</i>	0.327	0.458	0.716	0.083
<i>Campostoma anomalum</i>	0.333	0.250	-0.857	1.000
<i>Chondrostoma nasus</i>	0.841	0.042	0.784	0.042
<i>Esox lucius</i>	0.685	0.077	0.040	0.406
<i>Gobio gobio</i>	0.586	0.174	0.112	0.354
<i>Lampetra planeri</i>	-0.306	0.583	0.900	0.083
<i>Leuciscus aspius</i>	0.448	0.167	0.825	0.042
<i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i>	0.511	0.167	-0.989	1.000
<i>Lota lota</i>	0.918	0.050	0.793	0.008
<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>	0.725	0.208	0.221	0.375
<i>Phoxinus phoxinus</i>	-0.049	0.708	0.802	0.042
<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>	0.488	0.033	0.682	0.025
<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	0.099	0.625	-0.588	1.000
<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>	0.918	0.006	0.724	0.008
<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>	0.970	0.250	0.978	0.042
<i>Squalius cephalus</i>	0.103	0.304	-0.004	0.507
<i>Telestes pleurobipunctatus</i>	-0.464	0.750	0.798	0.042
<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>	0.799	0.001	0.730	0.008
<i>Tinca tinca</i>	0.187	0.217	0.618	0.017
<b>Mean</b>	0.433	0.258	0.379	0.278
<b>SD</b>	0.420	0.229	0.641	0.376

**Appendix S4.** Tests of the overall correlation (over the 22 species) between taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation for (a) the raw correlations and (b) the residual correlations (i.e. the correlations between the residuals of the multiple regressions). The p-values associated to these tests were obtained by comparing the mean observed p-value over the species to a null distribution of p-values. Dashed vertical lines in test plots show the mean observed p-value over the species.

(a) Raw correlations between taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation



(b) Residual correlations between taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation



**Appendix S5** Results of multiple regressions on taxonomic differentiation

All the coefficients are standardised partial regression coefficients; R2 is the total variance explained by the multiple regression; mean and standard deviation (SD) over the 22 species are given at the end of the table.

Species	Intercept	pval.Intercept	Geo	pval.Geo	Env	pval.Env	Area	pval.Area	R2	pval.R2
<i>Abramis brama</i>	0.659	0.701	0.521	0.398	0.475	0.298	-0.202	0.360	0.521	0.624
<i>Alburnoides bipunctatus</i>	2.261	0.207	0.338	0.207	-0.084	0.550	-0.763	0.207	0.784	0.020
<i>Alburnus alburnus</i>	2.194	0.199	0.416	0.079	-0.669	0.813	-0.670	0.164	0.388	0.367
<i>Barbatula barbatula</i>	0.659	0.628	0.521	0.326	0.475	0.138	-0.202	0.323	0.521	0.624
<i>Campostoma anomalum</i>	0.672	0.882	0.305	0.461	0.570	0.329	0.324	0.700	0.797	0.288
<i>Chondrostoma nasus</i>	0.659	0.705	0.521	0.406	0.475	0.301	-0.202	0.366	0.521	0.624
<i>Esox lucius</i>	0.317	0.092	0.558	0.090	0.073	0.267	0.410	0.989	0.702	0.000
<i>Gobio gobio</i>	1.402	0.445	0.150	0.331	0.015	0.438	-0.711	0.099	0.602	0.001
<i>Lampetra planeri</i>	1.962	0.844	0.470	0.387	0.195	0.503	-0.389	0.330	0.978	0.032
<i>Leuciscus aspius</i>	-0.253	0.908	-0.333	0.540	0.641	0.460	0.083	0.464	0.085	0.975
<i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i>	0.659	0.618	0.521	0.326	0.475	0.126	-0.202	0.331	0.521	0.624
<i>Lota lota</i>	0.421	0.794	0.770	0.233	0.568	0.142	0.036	0.628	0.853	0.007
<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>	0.605	0.710	0.101	0.461	0.426	0.379	-0.303	0.369	0.594	0.542
<i>Phoxinus phoxinus</i>	0.659	0.629	0.521	0.375	0.475	0.131	-0.202	0.332	0.521	0.624
<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>	0.344	0.859	0.061	0.510	-0.287	0.684	0.513	0.791	0.314	0.488
<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	-9.883	0.373	-4.072	0.882	4.147	0.079	1.821	0.830	0.576	0.563
<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>	1.819	0.391	0.312	0.164	-0.132	0.559	-0.875	0.089	0.873	0.000
<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>	-0.590	0.748	-0.385	0.662	-0.219	0.670	-0.712	0.167	0.789	0.299
<i>Squalius cephalus</i>	0.034	0.956	-0.025	0.527	0.228	0.196	-0.044	0.423	0.052	0.434
<i>Telestes pleurobipunctatus</i>	-87.769	0.253	-1.617	0.829	1.548	0.171	0.086	0.423	0.867	0.192
<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>	1.903	0.715	0.215	0.368	-0.089	0.542	-0.654	0.120	0.353	0.172
<i>Tinca tinca</i>	7.394	0.550	0.839	0.397	-0.389	0.603	-1.071	0.196	0.802	0.016
<b>Mean</b>	-3.358	0.600	0.032	0.407	0.405	0.381	-0.178	0.395	0.592	0.342
<b>SD</b>	19.067	0.254	1.051	0.204	0.956	0.214	0.617	0.250	0.249	0.288

## Appendix S6 Results of multiple regressions on genetic differentiation

All the coefficients are standardised partial regression coefficients; R2 is the total variance explained by the multiple regression; mean and standard deviation (SD) over the 22 species are given at the end of the table.

**Table S6.1** Results when genetic differentiation is measured with  $G''_{ST}$

Species	Intercept	pval.Intercept	Geo	pval.Geo	Env	pval.Env	Area	pval.Area	R2	pval.R2
<i>Abramis brama</i>	-7.853	0.142	-1.278	0.954	0.630	0.089	1.047	1.000	0.286	0.847
<i>Alburnoides bipunctatus</i>	1.667	0.375	0.156	0.349	0.045	0.496	-0.760	0.204	0.739	0.035
<i>Alburnus alburnus</i>	0.928	0.791	0.034	0.619	-0.084	0.442	-0.694	0.359	0.448	0.280
<i>Barbatula barbatula</i>	2.138	0.562	0.224	0.343	0.030	0.457	-0.854	0.174	0.466	0.682
<i>Campostoma anomalum</i>	3.536	0.001	1.136	0.000	-0.347	0.902	-0.042	0.310	0.931	0.101
<i>Chondrostoma nasus</i>	-0.458	0.952	-0.165	0.582	0.650	0.167	0.463	0.671	0.417	0.731
<i>Esox lucius</i>	1.025	0.097	1.021	0.097	-0.103	0.627	-0.138	0.335	0.927	0.000
<i>Gobio gobio</i>	5.610	0.120	0.768	0.132	-0.335	0.848	-0.511	0.144	0.737	0.000
<i>Lampetra planeri</i>	2.266	0.286	0.552	0.000	-0.742	1.000	0.397	1.000	0.335	0.806
<i>Leuciscus aspius</i>	-1.954	0.658	-0.992	0.711	0.147	0.437	-0.460	0.314	0.545	0.598
<i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i>	-2.365	1.000	-0.210	0.511	0.944	0.162	0.725	0.671	0.962	0.056
<i>Lota lota</i>	0.710	0.476	0.884	0.216	0.295	0.236	-0.094	0.507	0.757	0.028
<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>	-0.801	0.833	-0.255	0.594	0.500	0.244	-0.685	0.163	0.999	0.001
<i>Phoxinus phoxinus</i>	1.527	0.751	0.047	0.468	-0.304	0.754	-0.870	0.218	0.725	0.382
<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>	-1.992	0.417	-0.723	0.839	0.867	0.159	0.171	0.572	0.234	0.633
<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	-1.374	0.198	-3.698	1.000	3.493	0.000	1.875	1.000	0.380	0.766
<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>	0.772	0.679	0.039	0.505	0.327	0.292	-0.682	0.130	0.872	0.000
<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>	-0.167	1.000	-0.275	0.523	-0.331	0.499	-0.799	0.242	0.929	0.105
<i>Squalius cephalus</i>	3.345	0.024	0.848	0.011	0.069	0.383	0.222	0.760	0.813	0.000
<i>Telestes pleurobipunctatus</i>	99.964	0.175	1.305	0.000	-0.826	1.000	0.275	0.825	0.657	0.467
<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>	2.520	0.570	0.255	0.330	0.175	0.378	-0.742	0.069	0.639	0.009
<i>Tinca tinca</i>	1.026	0.877	0.092	0.470	-0.054	0.496	0.131	0.591	0.036	0.972
<b>Mean</b>	5.003	0.499	-0.011	0.420	0.229	0.457	-0.092	0.466	0.629	0.341
<b>SD</b>	21.381	0.334	1.060	0.305	0.865	0.293	0.713	0.308	0.271	0.350

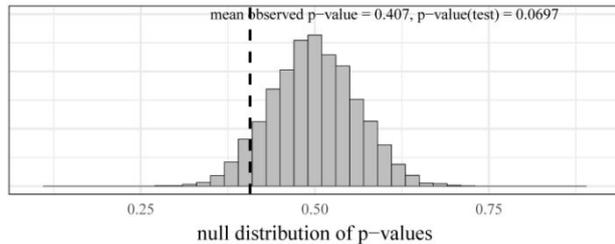
**Table S6.2** Results when genetic differentiation is measured with  $F_{ST}$

Species	Intercept	pval.Intercept	Geo	pval.Geo	Env	pval.Env	Area	pval.Area	R2	pval.R2
<i>Abramis brama</i>	0.808	0.810	0.170	0.481	-0.633	0.778	-0.813	0.277	0.698	0.416
<i>Alburnoides bipunctatus</i>	-1.278	0.198	-0.268	1.000	0.228	0.000	0.113	0.655	0.044	0.961
<i>Alburnus alburnus</i>	-3.214	0.108	-0.621	0.902	1.165	0.144	0.723	0.906	0.599	0.118
<i>Barbatula barbatula</i>	-4.092	0.543	-0.765	0.718	0.205	0.379	1.140	0.803	0.324	0.816
<i>Campostoma anomalum</i>	1.264	0.706	-0.093	0.530	-0.702	0.797	-0.207	0.627	0.675	0.446
<i>Chondrostoma nasus</i>	-0.127	0.870	-0.098	0.532	0.722	0.180	0.191	0.619	0.469	0.679
<i>Esox lucius</i>	0.230	0.357	-0.119	0.571	-0.155	0.726	0.051	0.538	0.038	0.578
<i>Gobio gobio</i>	1.649	0.540	0.183	0.298	-0.276	0.789	-0.120	0.338	0.047	0.839
<i>Lampetra planeri</i>	-4.038	0.379	-1.397	0.699	1.337	0.343	0.033	0.419	0.944	0.082
<i>Leuciscus aspius</i>	-1.608	0.309	-1.292	1.000	0.829	0.113	-0.268	0.340	0.380	0.766
<i>Leuciscus leuciscus</i>	-2.876	0.398	-0.536	0.763	0.103	0.326	-0.043	0.502	0.308	0.829
<i>Lota lota</i>	0.661	0.263	1.058	0.196	0.309	0.214	-0.275	0.262	0.971	0.000
<i>Notropis atherinoides</i>	-1.436	0.958	-0.390	0.505	0.609	0.495	-0.626	0.493	0.963	0.055
<i>Phoxinus phoxinus</i>	15.134	0.169	1.609	0.169	-0.234	0.792	-2.050	0.123	0.986	0.021
<i>Rhinichthys atratulus</i>	2.101	0.398	0.640	0.219	-0.560	0.778	-0.278	0.242	0.172	0.748
<i>Rhinichthys cataractae</i>	0.363	0.865	-0.235	0.553	0.169	0.443	0.630	0.756	0.282	0.850
<i>Rutilus rutilus</i>	-1.722	0.109	-0.469	0.991	1.028	0.033	0.102	0.603	0.582	0.019
<i>Scardinius erythrophthalmus</i>	6.458	0.254	0.950	0.000	-0.552	1.000	0.458	0.747	0.605	0.530
<i>Squalius cephalus</i>	0.188	0.808	-0.038	0.565	-0.065	0.511	0.019	0.453	0.010	0.913
<i>Telestes pleurobipunctatus</i>	100.388	0.339	1.331	0.159	-0.821	0.749	0.261	0.497	0.683	0.436
<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>	3.549	0.310	0.529	0.222	-0.608	0.855	-0.340	0.218	0.171	0.543
<i>Tinca tinca</i>	-0.616	0.847	-0.148	0.586	0.652	0.148	-0.214	0.375	0.512	0.202
<b>Mean</b>	5.081	0.479	0.000	0.530	0.125	0.481	-0.069	0.490	0.476	0.493
<b>SD</b>	21.673	0.277	0.774	0.295	0.648	0.310	0.623	0.209	0.324	0.333

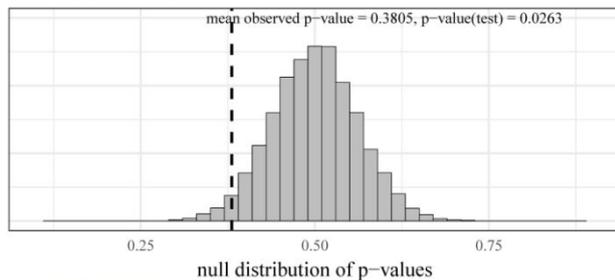
**Appendix S7.** Tests of the overall effects (over the 22 species) of geographic distance, environmental distance and difference in area on (a) taxonomic differentiation, (b) genetic differentiation measured with  $G''_{ST}$  and (c) genetic differentiation measured with  $F_{ST}$ . The p-values associated to these tests were obtained by comparing the mean observed p-value over the species associated to each effect to a null distribution of p-values. Dashed vertical lines in test plots show the mean observed p-value over the species.

(a) Multiple regressions on taxonomic differentiation

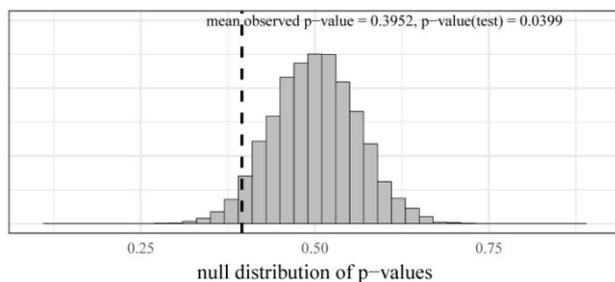
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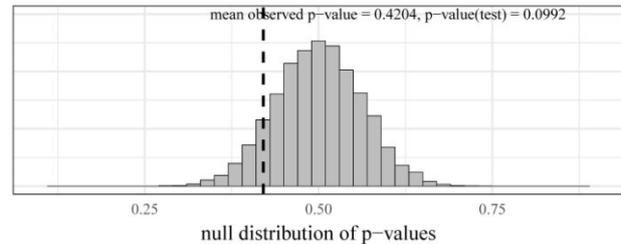


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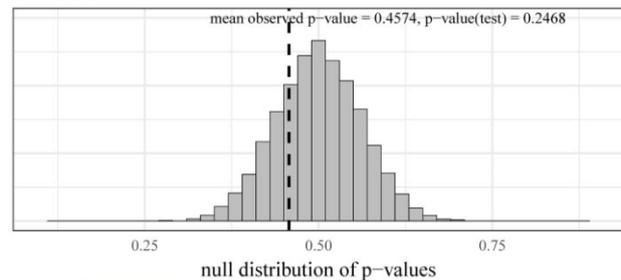


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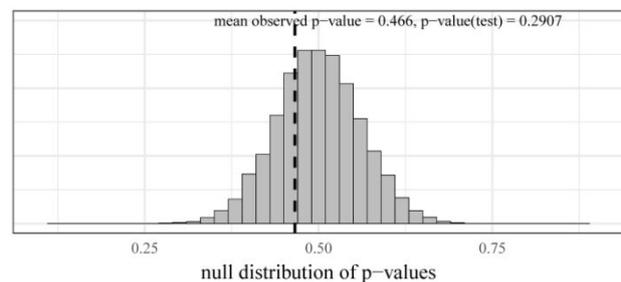
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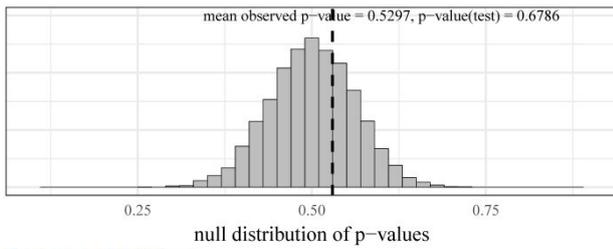


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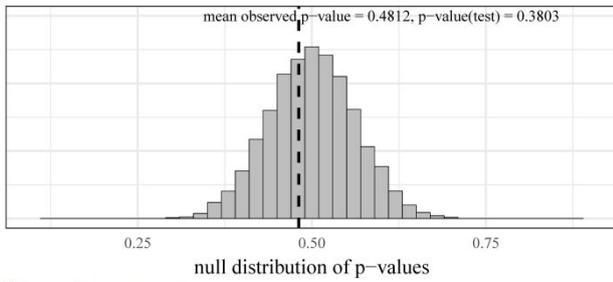


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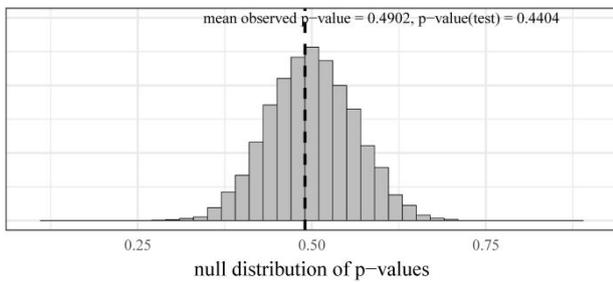
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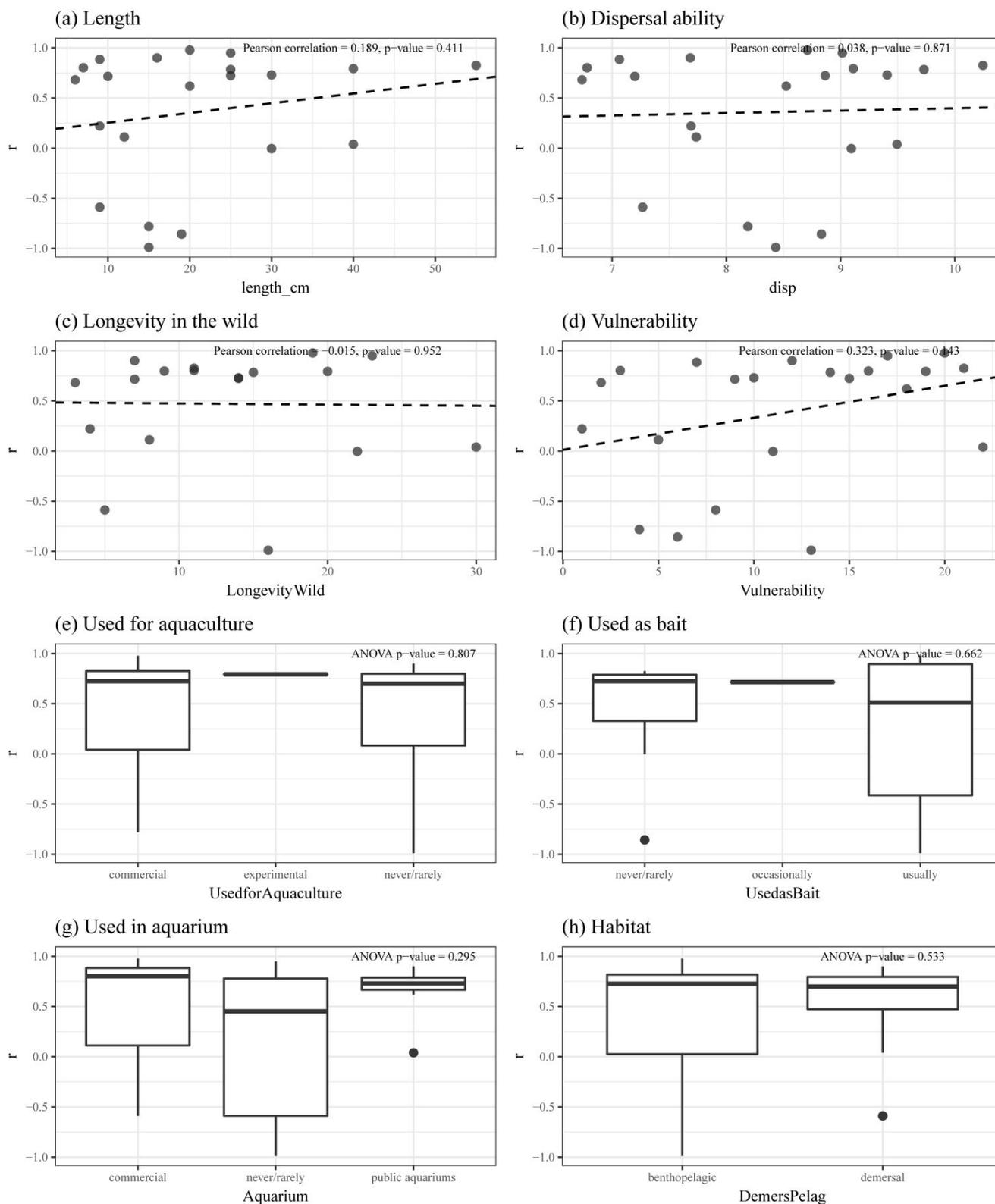
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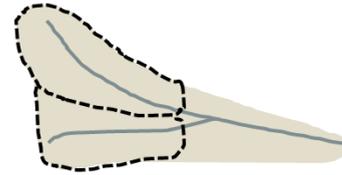


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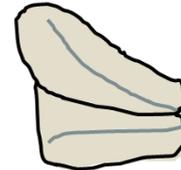
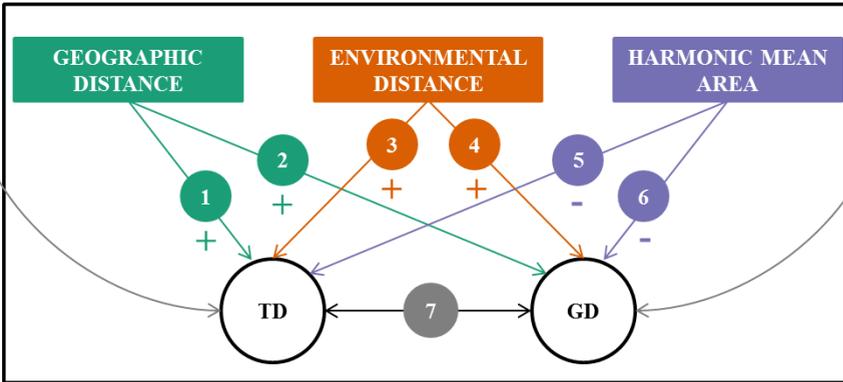


**Appendix S8.** Variations of the residual correlation coefficient between taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation ( $r$ ) according to different species traits: (a) length, (b) dispersal ability, (c) longevity in the wild, (d) vulnerability, (e) use in aquaculture, (f) use as baits, (g) use in aquarium and (h) habitat.



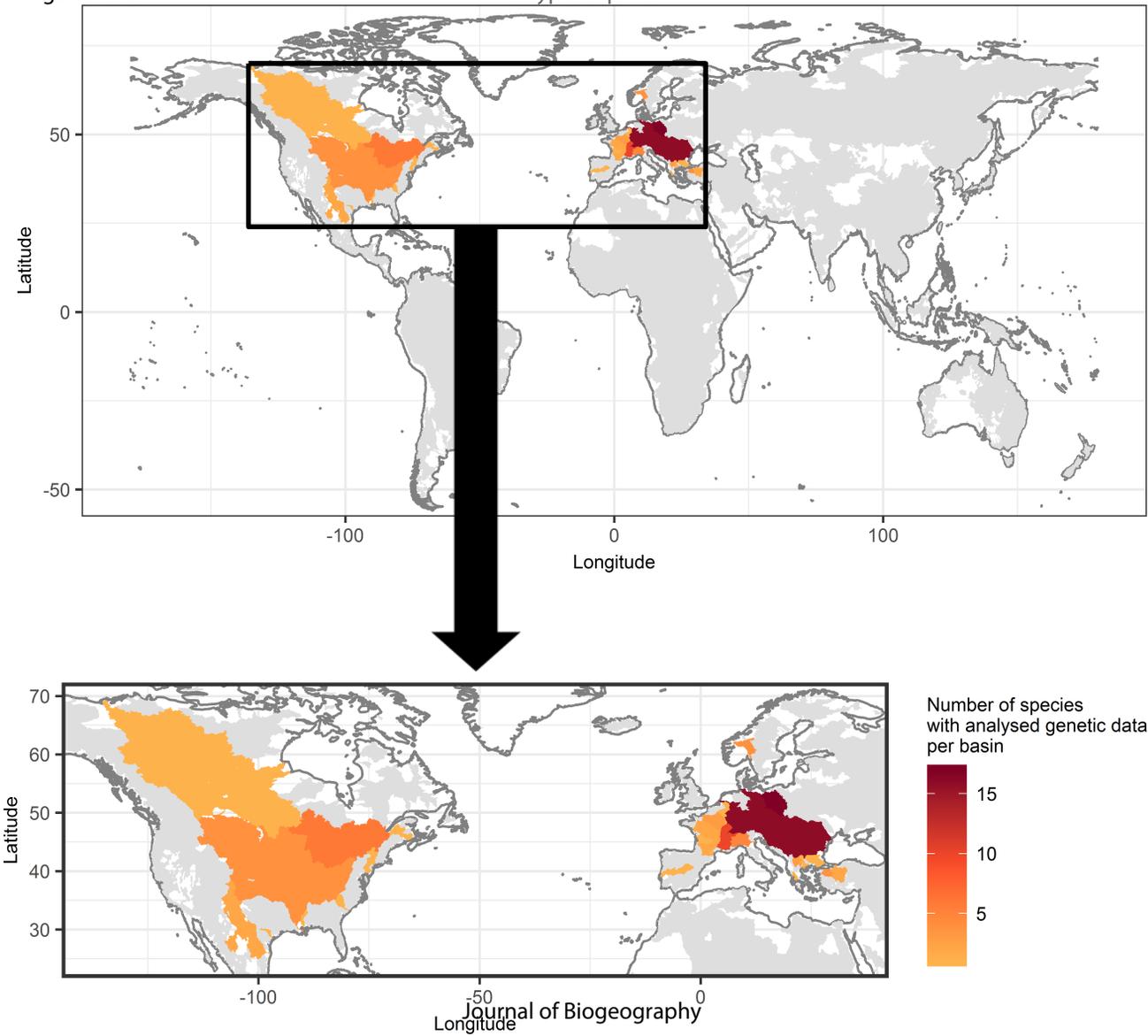


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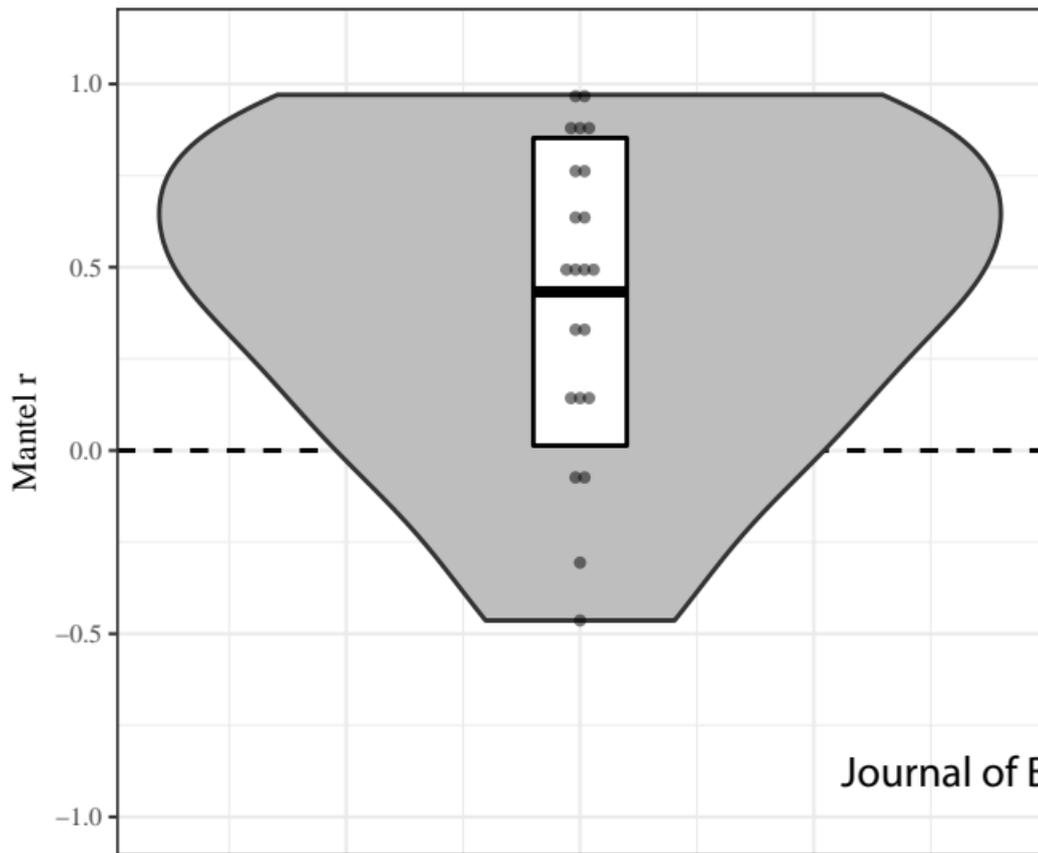


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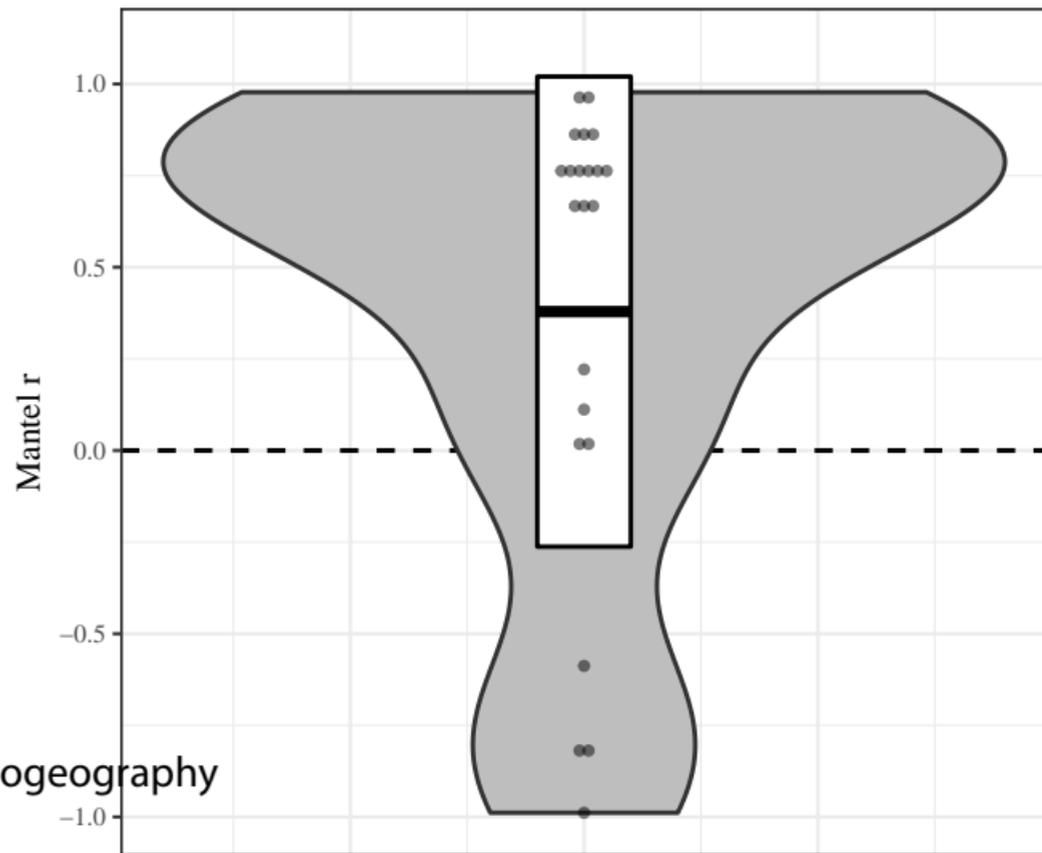
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- 2 Genetic differentiation is expected to increase with geographical distance because of **dispersal limitation**
- 3 Taxonomic differentiation is expected to increase with environmental distance because of **environmental selection**
- 4 Genetic differentiation is expected to increase with environmental distance because of **environmental selection**
- 5 Taxonomic differentiation is expected to increase with **drift** which decreases with harmonic mean area
- 6 Genetic differentiation is expected to increase with **drift** which decreases with harmonic mean area
- 7 Residual correlation due to unmeasured processes including those depending on the historical connectivity of basins



(a) Raw correlations between taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation



(b) Residual correlations between taxonomic differentiation and genetic differentiation

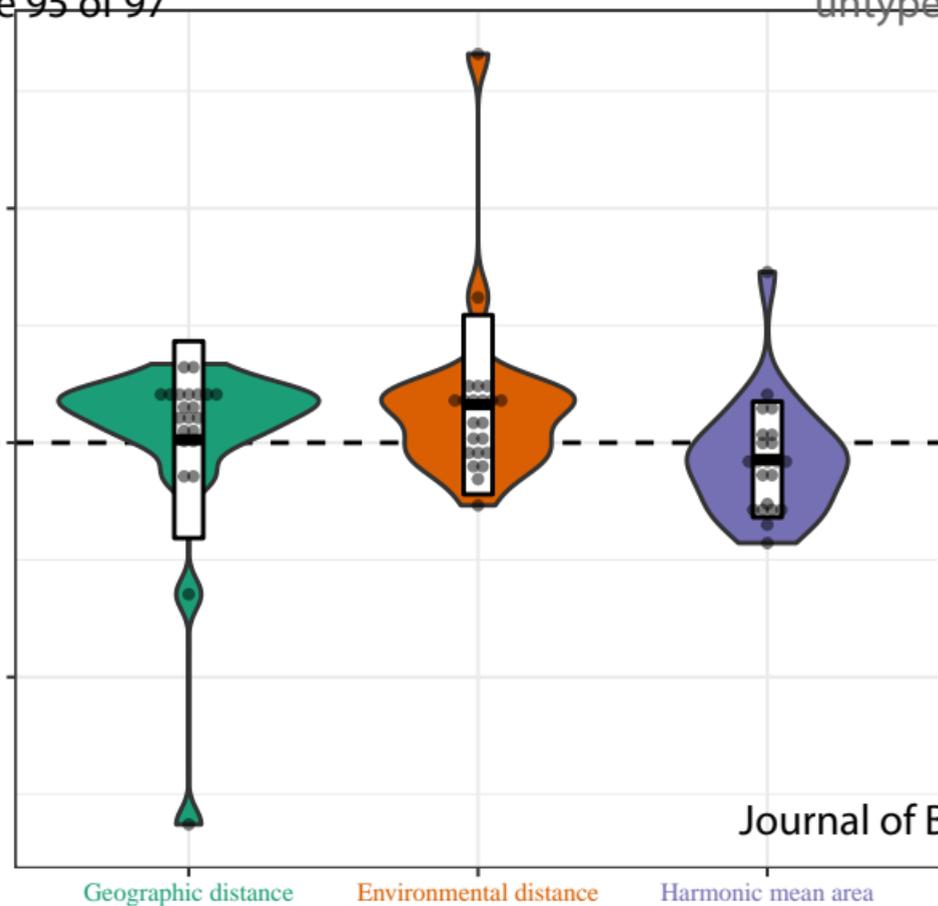


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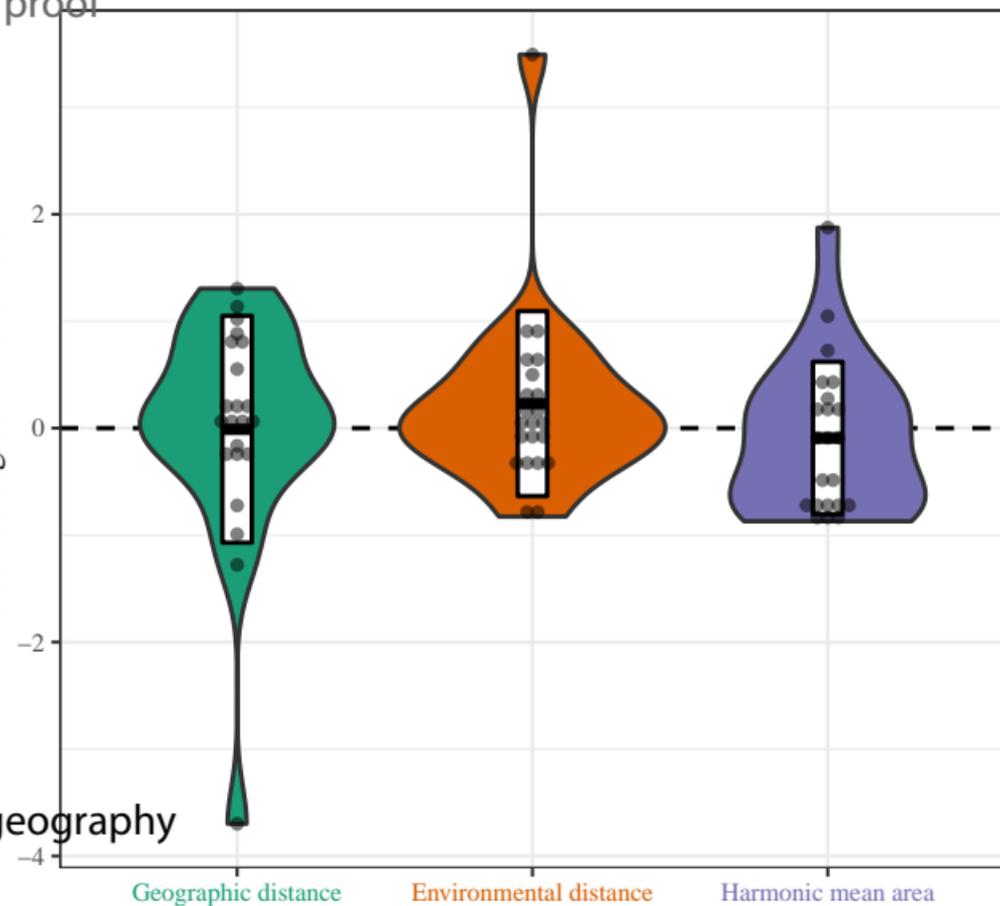
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(b) Multiple regressions on genetic differentiation

standardised regression coefficient



standardised regression coefficient

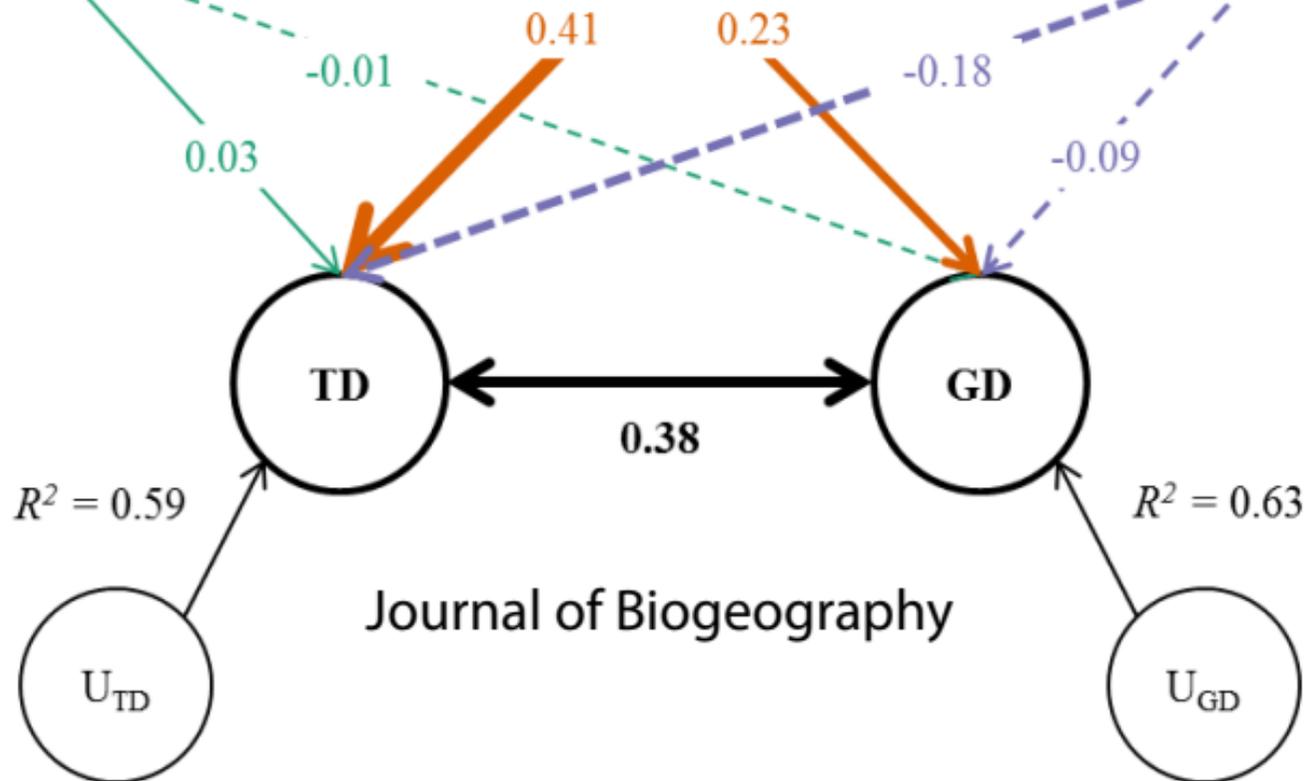


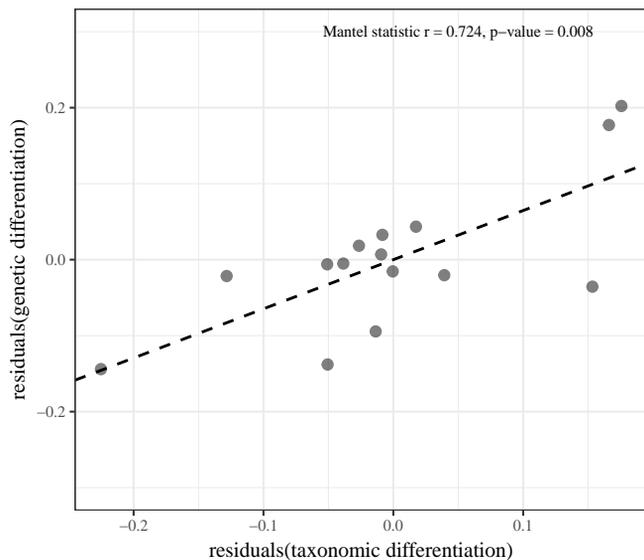
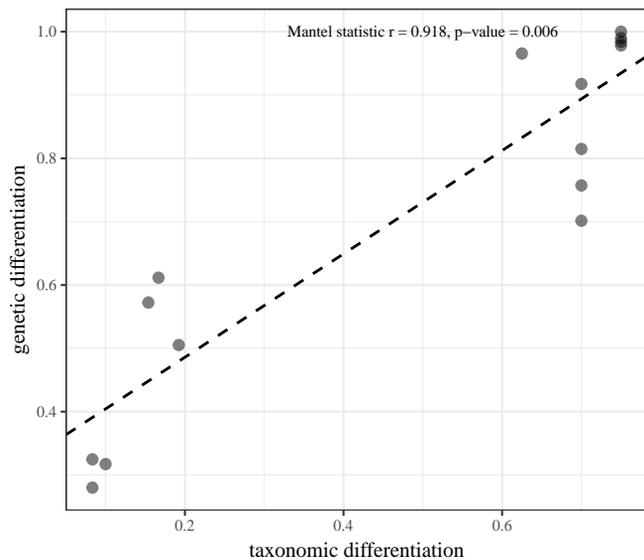
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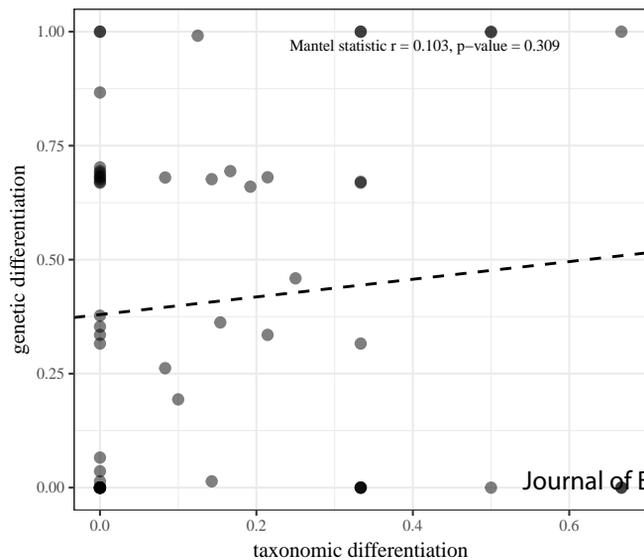
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(c) Raw correlations

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(d) Residual correlations

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