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Early development of Calanus hyperboreus nauplii: Response to a changing ocean

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Abstract:

To forecast effects of temperature changes on recruitment and population dynamics of the Arctic copepod Calanus hyperboreus, laboratory experiments investigating temperature and food effects on early development were performed in Disko Bay, western Greenland, in 2009, and ascent rates of C. hyperboreus eggs collected in east Greenland were measured in the laboratory. Ascent rates were highly variable both between and within clutches, ranging from 0.7 to 27.7 m d⁻¹, suggesting variability in the biochemical composition of the egg. Development of eggs were investigated between 0.8°C and 6.6°C, and hatching was fitted to a Belěhrádek temperature function ($r^2 > 0.99$) with mean development time (MDT) of eggs ranging from 2.8 to 5.8 d. MDT of fed and starved nauplii was calculated for nauplii raised at 5°C. Fed nauplii developed through the first five nauplius stages (N1-N5) during 40 d of incubation, whereas development of starved nauplii ceased at N3. Nauplii were able to survive at least 30 d of starvation. Respiration rate was measured for N1 and N3 at 0°C, 5°C, and 10°C, and it increased with development stage and temperature from 0.05 ± 0.01 to 0.29 ± 0.08 nmol O₂ nauplii⁻¹ h⁻¹ for N1 at 0°C and N3 at 10°C, respectively. A decrease in carbon and lipid content from egg to N3 indicates that nauplii are using stored lipids to cover their metabolic costs during the nonfeeding stages. Early stages of C. hyperboreus seem more affected by temperature than later stages, a vulnerability that might affect future recruitment.

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Introduction

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In Disko Bay, western Greenland, significant changes in hydrography and ice cover have occurred during the last decades. An inflow of deep Atlantic water occurred in 1997 (Hansen et al. 2012) causing a 1.5°C increase in bottom water temperature, and an acceleration of submarine melting of the Jacobhavns glacier has increased the melt water input to the bay (Holland et al. 2008). Furthermore, from 1991-2004 a 50% decrease in sea ice cover and an earlier breakup of sea ice have been observed (Hansen et al. 2006). Such changes in magnitude and duration of sea ice cover affect both timing and duration of the phytoplankton spring bloom (Tremblay and Gagnon 2009). The spring bloom in Disko Bay drives the energy transfer through the marine food web with the large Calanus copepods as key species during spring and early summer, serving as an important link to higher trophic levels (Falk-Petersen et al. 2007). Three closely related Calanus species co-occur in Disko Bay; Calanus hyperboreus, C. glacialis, and C. finmarchicus. C. hyperboreus is a true Arctic species restricted to polar waters (Conover 1988) and the largest and most lipid rich of the three species (Lee et al. 2006; Swalethorp et al. 2011). C. hyperboreus has a 2-5 years life cycle depending on environmental conditions and food availability (Conover 1988; Falk-Petersen et al. 2007) and are believed to be multiannual-iteroparous, i.e., capable of spawning in successive years (Swalethorp et al. 2011; Hirche 2013). In Disko Bay the main spawning period of C. hyperboreus is from January to March (Niehoff et al. 2002; Henriksen et al. 2012) and moulting into females, maturation of gonads and production of eggs depend entirely on internal lipid reserves (Pasternak et al. 2001). The main lipid classes of zooplankton are wax esters (WE), triacylglycerol (TAG), and phospholipids (PL; Lee et al. 2006). In C. hyperboreus adults it is the energy rich storage lipid wax esters (WE) that dominate the lipid composition.

The eggs of *C. hyperboreus* are spawned deep in the water column, and as they are positively buoyant, they float towards the surface. Since spawning takes place during winter, nauplii have to develop without food and survive on the lipids provided with the egg until the spring bloom. When the spring bloom initiates they usually have reached the first feeding stage and are ready to exploit the abundance of food (Melle and Skjoldal 1998). The lipid fueled reproduction and the capability of the nauplii to survive for a period without food are advantageous in areas where the occurrence of the phytoplankton spring bloom is short and unpredictable. However, survival will probably be highly variable between different years, and changes in the timing of the spring bloom combined with increasing temperatures that increases the metabolism, may have consequences for the survival of the nauplii and thereby the population dynamics.

A number of studies have been conducted dealing with *Calanus* spp. biology, and possible effects of global warming on the copepod community composition (Falk-Petersen et al. 2007; Henriksen et al. 2012; Kjellerup et al. 2012). Most studies however, have dealt with the more advanced stages and the reproduction of *Calanus*, whereas very few consider the early life stages. In Arctic areas information on *Calanus* nauplii development times and physiology are even more limited and only a handful of studies exist (Corkett et al. 1986; Daase et al. 2011; Grenvald et al. 2012). The success of nauplii is important for the population dynamics. Furthermore, nauplii are the most abundant metazoan in the oceans and constitute an important prey for the first feeding stages of larval fishes (Runge 1988). Development of eggs and nauplii are controlled by temperature (McLaren et al. 1969; Corkett et al. 1986) whereas food quantity and quality affect mortality rate, growth, and individual variability in development time (Hygum et al. 2000; Campbell et al. 2001; Daase et al. 2011). Even though nauplii are believed to be less affected by food limitations than later stages (Hygum et al. 2000) short periods of starvation may

reduce survival and increase development time significantly (Lopez 1996). However, the lipid rich Arctic species may have a higher starvation tolerance. *C. glacialis* nauplii were found able to survive 42 d in filtered seawater, but with mortality rates ~3 times higher than well-fed individuals (Daase et al. 2011). Starvation tolerance of *C. hyperboreus* nauplii is unknown but its lifecycle suggests that it may cope even better with prolonged starvation periods.

The success of *C. hyperboreus* nauplii is sensible to changes in temperature. Nauplii must await the phytoplankton spring bloom to feed and hence even small temperature changes in the sea might affect survival of the starving nauplii as metabolism increase with temperature. Since eggs are spawned in deep waters, *C. hyperboreus* eggs and nauplii will encounter water masses at different temperatures on their way up. However, it is not known how long time it takes an egg to reach the surface as the occurrence of positively buoyant eggs has only been described as a characteristic feature for *C. hyperboreus* (Sømme 1934; Conover 1967) and to our knowledge no effort have been made to measure ascent rate or determine egg density.

Earlier studies on pre-acclimatized *C. hyperboreus* copepodites and adult females have demonstrated a high temperature tolerance on respiration rate (Conover 1962) and egg and pellet production rates (Henriksen et al. 2012), but information on early development is lacking. To our knowledge only Conover (1967) has measured development time and no one has studied starvation potential and respiration rate of the nauplii. Such knowledge about the basic physiological response of nauplii is crucial in order to understand how global warming might affect Arctic ecosystems.

The aim of this study is to investigate the early life of *Calanus hyperboreus* and discuss how the early development is affected by increasing water temperatures. This is done by combining information on egg ascent rate, egg hatching, development rates of nauplii, and respiration measurements at different temperatures.

Methods

Study site- The egg buoyancy experiments were conducted at the Department of Bioscience in Denmark, November 2012 on *C. hyperboreus* eggs from females collected at a 2000 m deep station (72° 96′N, 13° 05′W) during a cruise with the research vessel R/V Dana in the Greenland Sea. All other experiments were conducted in Disko Bay, Western Greenland in 2009. For those experiments ripe Calanus hyperboreus females were sampled on 10 February 2009, approximately 2 km off the coast of Qeqertarsuaq in Disko Bay, Western Greenland (69° 15′N, 53° 33′W), at a 250-300 m deep station previously used in studies of the pelagic community (Levinsen et al. 2000; Madsen et al. 2001; Hansen et al. 2012). The laboratory studies were conducted at the Arctic Station, Copenhagen University on Disko Island.

Buoyancy of eggs- Mature females were retrieved with a Bongo net on 08 September 2012 between 500-800 m. They were immediately sorted out and incubated individually in 800 mL black Nunc bottles filled with in situ water from 800 m (salinity 34.5, - 0.3° C). Females were brought to Denmark and stored dark and cold (2-4°C) until experiments began. Every 2-3 d 10 mL of the water was re moved with a pipette from the top of the bottles, eggs herein counted, and new in situ water added. Experiments were conducted from 21-23 November in a 4°C (3.8 ± 0.2) climate room under constant light condition. The ascent rate was measured in a Plexiglas tube (3.6×45 cm) with marks for every 5 cm, glued to the bottom of a 20 L Plexiglas cylinder (Fig. 1). The inner tube was filled with GF/C filtered seawater from 800 m collected at the same locality as the females. The outer cylinder was filled with freshwater in order to stabilize temperature during the experiments and preventing temperature induced convection. A small piece of silicone tubing was mounted through the bottom of the inner tube

through which eggs were injected. Eggs 0-48 h old were transferred to a 5 mL syringe and carefully injected. A lid on top of the inner tube prevented evaporation during the experiment. Every 15 min the water bath was stirred to prevent temperature gradients to establish. The ascent of 2-8 eggs was individually observed over 10-30 cm and time taken using a stopwatch. The timing started when an egg passed the 10 cm mark and terminated when it passed the 40 cm mark or after maximum 4 hours. At the end of an experiment the eggs were collected and their diameter measured. In total 8 experiments were performed and ascent rate of 39 eggs spawned by 4 different females measured (female 1-4). On two occasions a mix of eggs spawned by different females was used (mix 1 and mix 2). Average temperature during the experiments varied between 3.5 ± 0.2 and 4.0 ± 0.1 °C but as no correlation was detected between ascent rates and temperature data are not presented. Mean diameter of the eggs were $192 \pm 7 \mu m$, n=36 and there was no significant difference between the diameter of the eggs used for the 8 experiments (Kruskal-Wallis). Ascent rate was converted to egg density following the procedure described in Knutsen et al. (2001).

In addition to the measured ascent rate of *C. hyperboreus* eggs from east Greenland, theoretical egg buoyancy was calculated using lipid and hydrography data from the Disko Bay study (*see* later sections) following the procedures in Visser and Jónasdóttir (1999). In short, an egg was assumed to consist of three fractions; a lipid fraction consisting mainly of WE, a water fraction, and a fraction of 'other solid material'. This last fraction was assumed to be a mixture of protein and carbohydrates, and the density of this material in adult *C. finmarchicus* has been estimated to 1.08-1.24 g cm⁻³ (Visser and Jónasdóttir 1999) and 1.06 g cm⁻³ (Visser and Jónasdóttir 1999, from Childress and Nygaard 1974). Ascent rate of eggs was calculated following the modified version of stokes equation in Visser and Jónasdóttir (1999).

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$$w = \frac{gd^2}{18\mu} [\alpha_L(\rho_L - \rho_W) + \alpha_O(\rho_O - \rho_W)]$$
 (1)

Where w=ascent rate (cm s⁻¹), g=gravitational acceleration (980 cm s⁻¹), d=diameter of the egg (198 μ m), μ =dynamic viscosity of seawater (0.018 g cm⁻¹ s⁻¹), α_L =volume fraction of lipids, ρ_L =density of lipids (0.920 g cm⁻³), ρ_w = density of sea water, α_O = volume fraction of other solid material, and ρ_O = density of other solid material. ρ_w and ρ_L were calculated from vertical profiles of temperature and salinity sampled on 10 February (presented in Henriksen et al. 2012). α_L was calculated to 0.15 as the volume of lipids divided into the volume of the egg. α_O was estimated by rearranging eq. 6 in Visser and Jónasdóttir (1999);

$$y = \frac{\alpha_L \times \rho_L}{\alpha_L \times \rho_L + \alpha_O \times \rho_O} \tag{2}$$

185 Where y is the mass of lipid divided by the dry weight (dry wt).

Phytoplankton cultures- Rhodomomas salina used for feeding the nauplii were grown at room temperature in 15 L plastic bags filled with 0.2 μ m filtered seawater added B1 medium (1 mL L⁻¹), and vitamins (0.5 mL L⁻¹). The cultures were aerated and grown in a 12:12 light:dark cycle.

Nauplii cultures- Ripe Calanus hyperboreus females were collected by vertical hauls with a 200 μ m mesh size WP2 (working party no.2) net with a closed cod-end from 250 m and up. Animals were kept cool and at arrival to the laboratory, sorted out in ice chilled petri dishes and distributed into 10 L buckets with false net bottoms filled with 50 μ m filtered

seawater. Thirty females were incubated in each bucket and placed in a temperature controlled container at 2.5°C. One third of the water was changed every second d and eggs collected every 24 h. Nauplii cultures for respiration experiments, carbon and lipid analysis were established at 0°C, 5°C and 10°C. One hundred eggs were incubated in 600 mL polycarbonate bottles filled with GF/F filtered sea water. Two third of the water was renewed every 3 d by reverse filtration and from N3 they were fed *Rhodomonas salina* in a concentration of min. 15 μ g Chl a L⁻¹.

Egg hatching- Two different hatching experiments were set up. The first experiment (expt. 1) was initiated on 12 February. Eggs spawned within 24 h at 2.5°C were collected and incubated in tissue culture trays (Nunc Multi wells) of 6 wells containing 10 mL GF/F filtered surface water and 30 eggs in each. The trays were incubated at constant temperature in temperature controlled thermo boxes at 0°C, 2.5°C, 5°C, 7.5°C, and 10°C. Every 6 h eggs and nauplii were inspected and counted. For unknown reasons, eggs incubated at 10°C were not hatching and thus not presented in the results. The second experiment (expt. 2) was initiated 03 March with eggs spawned within 24 h by females incubated at the 5 different temperatures for 13-16 d. Five×50 eggs were incubated at each temperature as described above. Temperature was logged every 15 min using Hoboware thermo loggers. The actual temperatures differed slightly from the intended temperatures (Table 1), but for convenience the intended temperatures will be used when describing data. A Belěhrádek function relating embryonic duration to temperature was fitted to data.

where D is mean development time (MDT) of eggs at the temperature (T) and a, α , and b are constants. The coefficients a and α are fitted parameters whereas the exponent b was set to -2.05,

 $D=a(T-\alpha)^b$ (3)

a widely used mean value for a range of copepod species (McLaren et al. 1969; Corkett et al. 1986; Campbell et al. 2001).

To model the development times during the ascent of eggs, the water column was divided in to three layers reflecting different water properties. A warm bottom layer from 270-152 m where average temperature were 2.8°C, a layer from 152-171 m with average temperature of 1.4°C, and a cold layer from 171-0 m with an average temperature of -1.3°C (Henriksen et al. 2012). Development rates were then calculated according to the Belěhrádek function obtained from hatching expt. 1.

Development- Development of nauplii from egg through the first 5 nauplii stages (N1-N5) was followed at 5.0 ± 0.6 °C with and without food. Six 2.6 L polycarbonate bottles were filled with GF/F filtered sea water and 794 ± 19 °C. hyperboreus eggs spawned within 24 h of collection were added each bottle. Three of the bottles were spiked with the phytoplankton culture *Rhodomonas salina* in a concentration of 15 μg chlorophyll a (Chl a) L⁻¹. The bottles were placed in a thermo box in the temperature regulated container in constant darkness and rotated by hand once a day. Every 3 day 2/3 of the water was removed by reverse filtration and 10-15 nauplii from each bottle were randomly sorted out and fixed in 4% formalin. Bottles were refilled with filtered seawater and new food was added. Temperature was logged every 15 minutes.

Nauplii were staged and measured on an Olympus-CK inverted microscope. Three measures of the nauplii were recorded: Length of carapace (CP), total length measured from the tip of the carapace to the end of the tail (TL₁) and total length measured by adding length of CP to length of tail (TL₂). For N1 and N2 only TL₁ was recorded. Mean development time (MDT) defined as the time when 50% of the nauplii had moulted to a specific stage were calculated from linear regression on arcsine root transformed proportion data as described by Landry (1983) and Daase

et al. (2011). Daily mortality rates were calculated according to Aksnes et al. (1997) from nauplii abundance at the start and the end of the incubation period. The Belěhrádek function obtained from hatching expt. 1 were used to calculate nauplii development times at other temperatures following the method described by Corkett et al. (1986).

Carbon and lipid content- Eggs and nauplii from cultures reared at 5°C were sampled for carbon and lipid measurements. Eggs were collected after 24 h, N1 after 4 d, and N3 after 12 or 16 d of incubation. For carbon measurements, eggs or nauplii were rinsed in 0.2 μm filtered seawater and transferred to pre-combusted aluminium boats. Samples of 18-35 eggs, 15-21 N1, 6-15 N3, and 5-8 N4 were collected in 5-10 replicates, with 10 controls for each stage consisting of filtered seawater. Two types of N3 samples were collected, one after 12 d of incubation in filtered seawater and one after 16 d where N3 had been fed *R. salina* for 4 d. Samples were dried over night at 60°C and frozen until analysis. Measurements were done in an infrared gas analyser (model ADC-225 MK 3; Analytical Development Company) calibrated with oxalate. Lipid measurements were conducted on rinsed eggs and animals placed on precombusted GF/F filters. Samples of 70-115 eggs, 90-100 N1 and 90-100 N3 were collected in 3-6 replicates, with 5 controls for each treatment consisting of filtered seawater. Samples were placed in 1 mL Chloroform: methanol in the relationship 2:1 and frozen at -20°C until analyses. For a detailed protocol *see* Swalethorp et al. (2011).

Respiration- Respiration was measured for N1 and N3 at 0°C, 5°C, and 10°C in a closed respirator with a Clark type O_2 micro sensor, using the micro respiratory system from Unisense A/S (Brodersen et al. 2007). Five to ten carefully rinsed nauplii (cultured at corresponding temperature and fed from N3) were placed in a 500 μ L chamber filled with 0.2 μ m

filtrated sea water. The chamber was closed by a tightfitting glass stopper with a long and slender capillary hole (<0.7*13 mm) that prevented diffusion of oxygen and through which the microelectrode was lowered during measurements. For each experiment 6 replicate chambers and 2 controls filled with $0.2~\mu m$ filtered seawater were measured. Oxygen consumption was measured over 15-48 h depending on temperature. Between each measurement the chamber was closed with a plug lowered through the capillary hole and nauplii were counted. Temperature was logged every second minute. As for egg hatching the actual temperatures differed slightly from the intended temperatures (Table 1), but the intended temperatures will be used when describing data.

Energy requirements- Energy requirements for the nauplii were calculated based on respiration and lipid measurements. As the nauplii mainly contained wax ester (WE), which is a very energy and space efficient energy store, a lipid based metabolism was assumed. WE of *C. hyperboreus* can provide 42.7 J mg lipid⁻¹ (Båmstedt 1986; Auel et al. 2003) and hence the energy available for the nauplii is calculated as WE content of nauplii × 42.7 J mg⁻¹. Respiration rate was converted to daily energy requirements by applying an oxycaloric equivalent of 19.6 J mL⁻¹ typical for lipid based metabolism (Gnaiger 1983). Using these numbers theoretic stage duration was calculated as energy available divided into daily energy requirement, and a theoretic respiration rate calculated as energy available divided into development time. The minimum carbon requirement of nauplii was calculated by applying a respiratory quotient (RQ) of 0.72 typical for a lipid based metabolism (Gnaiger 1983).

Results

Egg buoyancy- The mean ascent rate recorded was 8.6 ± 7.1 m d⁻¹. However, as indicated by the standard deviation the individual rates were highly variable ranging from 0.7 to 27.7 m d⁻¹ the median being 5.6 m d⁻¹ (Fig. 2). In general ascent rate varied both within a clutch of eggs and between females (Fig. 3). Female 3 produced mainly fast eggs ascending at 20.2 ± 5.6 m d⁻¹, female 2 and 4 produced mainly slow eggs ascending at 2.3 ± 2.0 m d⁻¹, whereas female 1 produced both fast and slow eggs with ascents ranging from 3-16.5 m d⁻¹. The observed differences in ascent rate was significant between female 3 and female 2, 4 and mix 2 (Kruskal-Wallis (p=0.001) followed by Dunns multiple comparison method). Egg density varied between 1.0006-1.0268 g cm⁻³ averaging 1.0194 ± 0.0063 g cm⁻³.

The ascent rate for the Disko Bay eggs were calculated according to Eqs. 2 and 3. Using these two equations the only unknown factor was the density of other solid material (ρ_O). Calculating ascent rate using the density range of ρ_O from from Visser and Jonasdottir 1999 (1.06-1.24 g cm⁻³) resulted in rates ranging from +11 m d⁻¹ to -12 m d⁻¹. To obtain positive ascent rates ρ_O would have to be less than 1.14 g cm⁻³. A ρ_O of 1.08 g cm⁻³ gave an ascent rate at 8 m d⁻¹ equal to an egg density of 1.0191 g cm⁻³.

was high in both experiments ranging between 75-83% in expt. 1 and 84-98% in expt. 2 (Table 2). MDT of eggs ranged between 5.8-2.8 d at 0-7°C in expt. 1 and 5.2-1.7 d at 0-10°C in expt. 2 with a significant effect of temperature in both experiments (2-way analysis of variance (ANOVA), p<0.001). Even though temperatures were slightly lower in expt. 2 (Table 1), egg hatching was significantly faster than in expt. 1 at all temperatures (Holm-Sidak Multiple comparison, Fig. 4). Q_{10} calculated for the different temperature intervals in the two experiments

ranged between 2.6 and 5.4 with the highest values from 0-2.5°C (Table 3). Applying the Belěhrádek function gave a significant fit to data (Fig. 5) in both experiments with r^2 values >0.99.

Length frequency distribution of nauplii- Of the three measurement methods applied (Tl₁, Tl₂ and CP), Tl₂ and CP where most useful in identifying distinctive length classes of nauplii stages larger than N3 (Fig. 6). Coefficient of variation (CV) was in general twice as large for TL₁ (6.8-5.2) as for TL₂ (2.5-3.4) and lowest for CP (1.2-2.6). Mean length of nauplii stages are presented in Table 4.

Development of nauplii- During the 40 d experiment nauplii developed until N5 in fed treatments, whereas in starved treatments development generally arrested at N3 (Fig. 7). However, up to 9% of the nauplii developed to N4 in the starved treatments. The long starvation period did not seem to affect the viability of nauplii since at the end of the experiment the amount of dead nauplii was approximately the same in fed and starved treatments (77% and 66%, respectively). There was no significant difference in MDT between fed and starved treatments during the first non-feeding stages, hence average MDT of all treatments are presented in in Table 5. From N3 *R. salina* was observed inside the gut of the nauplii and peristaltic movements of the gut was observed. Chl *a* concentration in the bottles measured every 3 d before addition of new food was 6.3 ± 0.7 and $0.2 \pm 0.1~\mu g$ Chl *a* L⁻¹ in fed and starved treatments, respectively. Stage duration increased with development stage, the longest being N4 lasting 14.5 d. The relative stage duration was used together with the Belěhrádek function for embryonic duration to estimate nauplii development times at different temperatures (Fig. 8). Daily mortality rates were 0.09 and 0.04 d⁻¹ for fed and starved nauplii, respectively.

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Carbon and lipid content- There was a clear trend of decreasing carbon content during the non-feeding stages (egg-N3) followed by increasing carbon content during the feeding stages (N3_{fed}- N4) (Fig. 9) even though variation between replicates were high. However, only in N3 vs. N4 and egg vs. N3 the observed difference in carbon content was significant (one-way ANOVA). The N3 fed for 4 d (N3_{fed}) had 59% higher carbon content than starved N3. Total lipid content of C. hyperboreus eggs (diameter $198 \pm 7 \mu m$, Henriksen et al. 2012) was 0.55 μg eggs⁻¹ amounting to approximately 72% of carbon content and 46% of egg dry wt when using a volume to dry wt conversion 0.29 pgC μ m³ (calculated from the dry wt and diameter of eggs measured by Conover 1967). WE was the main lipid class representing 85-90% of total lipids in all stages. The amount of TAG was considerably lower accounting for 3-4%, PL represented 6-12% of total lipids, whereas concentration of sterols were under the detection limit. A general decrease in lipid amounts from egg-N3 was seen for WE and TAG but not PL (Fig. 9). The decrease was most profound in WE, where 47% was used from egg-N3. Hatching accounted for a 12% decrease (3.8% d⁻¹) whereas 35% of WE stored in the egg were used during development from N1-N3 (4% d⁻¹). For TAG the trend was a bit more blurred with an initial rise in concentration from egg-N1 followed by a decrease from N1-N3. Overall there was a significant effect of stage, lipid class and stage \times lipid class (p < 0.001, 2-way ANOVA). The difference between stages was only significant within WE and the difference between lipid classes significant between WE and PL and WE and TAG (Holm-Sidak multiple comparison).

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Respiration- Respiration rate increased with temperature and stage (Fig. 10). There was a significant effect of temperature (p<0.001) and stage (p=0.05) on respiration rate and the difference between stages was significant at 5°C (2-way ANOVA, followed by Holm-Sidak

multiple comparison). Calculated Q_{10} values for the different temperature intervals was high ranging between 2.6-7.8 (Table 6). Minimum carbon requirements for covering basic metabolism at 0-10°C were calculated to be between 1.8-8.8 and 3.9-12.8% of bodyweight individual⁻¹ (ind.) d^{-1} for N1 and N3, respectively (Table 6).

Energy requirements- To evaluate how our different measurements corresponded, theoretical stage duration was calculated from the decrease in lipids from N1 to N3 and the respiration rate for N1 at 5°C. This theoretic stage duration was 6.3 d, whereas the measured stage duration was 6.8 d. However, the actual difference in age between N1 (age 4 d) and N3 (age 12 d) used for lipid analysis was 8 d (see Method section). Therefore, using the actual time of lipid consumption (8 d) and the decrease in lipids, a theoretical respiration rate for N1 was calculated to 0.086 nmol O₂ h⁻¹ which is 21% lower than the one measured. Accordingly in order for the measure to add up, respiration rate should be 21% lower or lipid content 27% higher, which is considered within the error margin of the measurements. With a N3 respiration at 0.172 nmol O₂ h⁻¹ the maximum timespan that N3 could starve was calculated to 6 d, whereas the observed starvation potential of N3 was at least 30 d.

Discussion

The egg- The spawning patterns of the three co-occurring Calanus spp. are different; C. hyperboreus spawn at depth prior to the spring bloom and the lipid rich eggs float to the surface, while C. glacialis and C. finmarchicus spawn in the surface layer in association with the spring bloom with eggs settling after spawning (Sømme 1934; Knutson et al. 2001). These differences in phenology are reflected in the morphology and biochemical composition of the

eggs. Where eggs of C. glacialis and C. finmarchicus have similar appearance being transparent with a robust egg shell and therefore easy to handle, eggs of C. hyperboreus are bright orange and have a very fragile egg shell that breaks easily during handling (pers. observation). The specific carbon content of eggs differs considerably between species being 0.11 pg $C \mu m^{-3}$ for C. glacialis and C. finmarchicus (Swalethorp et al. 2011) and 0.19 pg $C \mu m^{-3}$ for C. hyperboreus. The higher specific carbon content of C. hyperboreus eggs is most likely due to their very high lipid content since lipids are ~80% carbon (Jónasdóttir 1999). The lipid content of C. hyperboreus eggs was 46% of egg dry wt, with the main lipid class being WE. In comparison, lipid content of C. finmarchicus eggs has been estimated to 15% of dry wt with PL being the dominant lipid class (Lee et al. 2006). These differences corroborate the different life strategies of the two species with C. finmarchicus spawning when food is abundant in contrast to C. hyperboreus spawning in the absence of food. In the latter case the nauplii must survive on the lipids from the egg until food becomes available. As a result the main lipid in C. hyperboreus eggs are storage lipids consisting of the highly energy rich and condensed WE in contrast to the easy mobilised TAG and PL of C. finmarchicus eggs.

A side effect of having lipid rich eggs is that it makes them positively buoyant. With a calculated ascent rate of Disko Bay eggs at 8 m d⁻¹ it takes 34 d to reach the surface which means that all eggs have developed to nauplii on arrival. The average temperature of the bottom water (270-152 m) was 2.8°C. At this temperature eggs hatch after 4.3 d having moved 35 m from the spawning depth. As lipid content of the nauplii decrease with stage the ascent rate also decrease with stage and nauplii reaches N3 after 13.8 d in a depth of 159 m. Based on the lipid content of N3 and an estimated nauplii volume calculated as the volume of an ellipsoid, ascent rate of N3 was calculated to 4.4 m d⁻¹. At this rate it take another 36 d to reach the surface meaning that the nauplii arrive to surface waters 50 d after the eggs were spawned. Using the

measured range of ascent rates however the fastest eggs hatch in a depth of 150 m and reach the surface as N1 after 10 d, whereas the slowest eggs reach the surface after 386 d.

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There was good agreement between the calculated ascent rate of eggs (8 m d⁻¹) and the mean value from the direct measurements (8.6 m d⁻¹). This rate seems reasonable as passive ascent rate of adult C. finmarchicus has been estimated to 13-18 m d⁻¹ (Visser and Jónasdóttir 1999). However, as there was a large variation in ascent rate of eggs coming from the same clutch, it seems likely that the eggs also differ in other aspects. Kjesbu et al. (1991) found that the buoyancy of cod eggs was related to their diameter. This may also be true for the C. hyperboreus egg. However, the variation in ascent rate caused by differences in diameter is rather small (Eq.1), compared to the huge variability in ascent rate observed, and hence it will easily be masked by other factors influencing the ascent rate. Such factors could be differences in lipid content which directly influence the buoyancy, in the hatching rate, or in the metabolic activity of the egg. Viability of the eggs used for the experiment was not investigated, but from expt. 1 we saw that around 20% of the eggs did not hatch. As the eggs were discarded after 5-10 d it cannot be excluded that some of the eggs might have hatched later. Delayed hatching eggs (DHE) are described in various Atlantic copepod species (Engel 2005) and most likely produced as a response to unfavorable environmental conditions (Drillet et al. 2011). DHE are not believed to be as important in Arctic areas where copepods have alternative strategies to cope with environmental variability such as lipid storage capacity and dormancy of copepodite stages (Engel 2005). However, it may be an advantage for *C. hyperboreus* to spread out the hatching period of eggs to maximise the chance that some of the developing nauplii are matching the spring bloom. Plasticity in hatching times can also be a way to conserve energy as the metabolic activity of eggs (embryos) most likely is less than for nauplii. Furthermore, as the eggs are positively buoyant they are not lost to the sediment but slowly make their way towards the

surface. The ascent experiments were performed in the very beginning of the spawning cycle of *C. hyperboreus* where only a small fraction of the females were producing eggs. It therefore remains to be investigated if there is an effect of season on the ascent rate of the eggs, if buoyancy and viability of the eggs are connected as suggested by Conover (1967), and if there is plasticity in the hatching pattern of eggs. The large observed difference in buoyancy properties of the egg was also noted by Conover (1967) who observed both sinking and floating eggs during his egg production experiment. He found that the amount of floating eggs varied between 40-100% and were decreasing with time. However, from his data it is not possible to separate variation between or within clutches of eggs.

After the eggs are spawned in deep waters and have started ascending they develop towards hatching. The egg hatching rate of *C. hyperboreus* eggs was measured two times with 19 d apart. In expt. 1 the eggs were spawned at 2.5°C (which is close to bottom water temperatures in Disko Bay, Hansen et al. 2012) over a period of 24 h and incubated at a range of experimental temperatures. Hence, eggs have been affected by this low temperature both during oogenesis and maturation in the female gonads and 0-24 h after spawning. This might underestimate hatching rate in incubations above 2.5°C whereas at 0°C hatching rate could be slightly overestimated. The observed temperature dependence of hatching rate was similar to the one found in a comparable experiment by McLaren et al. in 1969 (Fig. 5). Expt. 1 mimics the current situation where eggs are spawned in the warm bottom water and float up through water masses of different temperatures. In the present situation they end up in the cold surface water. But if surface temperatures are increasing as predicted in future climate change scenarios, they meet a warmer water layer.

In expt. 2 eggs were spawned by females preconditioned to the 5 experimental temperatures and final maturation and spawning of eggs therefore occurred at the same

temperature. This experiment mimics a situation where also the bottom water temperatures have increased due to climate change. If the observed differences in hatching rate only were a matter of method, hatching in the two experiments should be identical at 2.5°C (where the method are the same), at 0°C slightly faster in expt. 1, and for temperatures above 2.5°C faster in expt. 2. Since hatching at all temperatures took significantly longer in expt. 1 than in expt. 2, there might be an effect of season, i.e., that eggs produced early develop slower than eggs produced later in the season. This could be explained by a change in egg quality concerning biochemical composition with season. If lipid content of eggs declined as the lipid content of females declined (Henriksen et al. 2012) less lipid rich eggs may hatch and develop faster in order to reach the first feeding stage sooner. Conover (1967) noted that the first batches of eggs laid by *C. hyperboreus* were floating whereas later produced egg batches sank. As it is lipids that make the eggs positively buoyant it suggests that the lipid content of eggs actually was changing, but it remains to be experimentally verified. Differences between clutches of eggs spawned by the same female was also observed by Hirche (2013) who found the viability of eggs to vary considerably from clutch to clutch, however no temporal trend in the variation was detected.

Nauplii-The nauplii stages of *C. hyperboreus* could be divided into specific size classes (Fig. 6, Table 4). The present nauplii were slightly larger than reported by Conover (1967), and overlapped in size with measures of *C. glacialis* from Daase et al. (2011). It may be a problem to compare size distribution of nauplii from different populations as size variation between populations from different environments has been found among nauplii (Table 6 in Daase et al. 2011) as well as among copepodites and adults (Kwasniewski et al. 2003; Weydmann and Kwasniewski 2008). To be able to distinguish between different species of *Calanus* nauplii from in situ samples, body size measurements have to be from the same area.

Furthermore, it is also important to consider which measure to use (Sømme 1934). When studying specific nauplii species and development stages are CP, TL_2 , or both measures often recorded. However, when nauplii are not in focus and a mixed biomass samples are analysed often TL_1 is the measure that is taken, as measuring TL_2 is both tedious and time consuming. Consequently the nauplii of closely related *Calanus* species cannot be separated based on literature reports of stage and body length alone. Therefore we call for a standardised routine measuring procedure of CP instead of TL_1 which would not be more time consuming and would allow future comparative analysis of the nauplii communities.

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In the present study development of *C. hyperboreus* was followed to N5. N3 is normally considered to be the first feeding stage for most copepod species, but for C. hyperboreus also N5 has been suggested (Conover 1962). Our study corroborates the findings of Conover (1967) and the suggestions by Melle and Skjoldal (1998) that N3 is the first feeding stage of C. hyperboreus. The development time from egg to N1 was comparable with that found by Conover (1967) (Table 5). After N1 development proceeded slower and by the time the nauplii reached N5, development time was twice as long as suggested by Conover. Part of this difference might reflect differences in incubation method and food quality offered, as Conover was feeding the nauplii with the diatom *Thalassirosira fluviatilis* and we were feeding them with the chryptophyte *Rhodomonas salina*. Mortality during the experiment was high, 77% of the fed and 66% of the starved nauplii died during the incubation period of 40 d. However, this is comparable with mortality of C. glacialis nauplii measured over 42 d during which 78 and 95% of the nauplii died in fed and starved treatments, respectively (Daase et al. 2011). As argued in Daase et al. the reason for the high mortality is the long duration of the incubation, as when it comes to daily mortality rates (0.09 and 0.04 d⁻¹ for fed and starved nauplii, respectively) they are similar to what has been found for other *Calanus* species (Daase et al. 2011; Grenvald et al.

2012). The lower mortality of starved *C. hyperboreus* in the present study probably reflects the high lipid content of the nauplii which enable them to endure starvation and obtain a higher survival rate than *C. glacialis*. The decrease in lipid from egg to N3 documented that nauplii were indeed metabolising lipid to cover their energy requirements during moulting (Fig. 9).

Nauplii of *C. hyperboreus* seem to be more sensible to temperature changes than later development stages (Henriksen et al. 2012; Conover 1962), which render recruitment the most sensible parameter in the future. Increasing temperature raised respiration rate dramatically and even though nauplii were raised at the experimental temperatures they were not able to regulate their respiration as has been shown for pre-acclimatised adults measured between 2-8°C (Conover 1962). It seemed that N1 were more affected by elevated temperature than N3 as Q₁₀ for N3 was 1/3 of that for N1. A future earlier warming of the surface water in early spring will therefore significantly increase the carbon requirements to cover the basic metabolism and thereby increase the need for earlier feeding opportunities. At 0°C N3 were using 3.8% of their bodyweight d⁻¹ to cover basic metabolism giving them 26 d before they had used all their reserves, whereas at 5°C that would take only 13 d. However, the gap found between observed age of starved N3 (30 d) and calculated maximal starvation potential of N3 (6 d) indicates that the nauplii must be able to reduce their metabolism further in response to long starvation periods e.g., by metabolic down regulation. To verify this respiration measurements should be done on starving N3 and not only on fed N3 as was the case in this study.

Very few data exist for nauplii respiration at low temperature. However, Ikeda et al. (2001) compiled data on metabolic rate from 35 zooplankton species within the temperature range of -1.7- 29°C and developed a model relating dry wt (mg) and temperature (T, °C) to metabolic rate of zooplankton (y, μ L O₂ ind. h⁻¹):

 $Ln(y) = -3.99 + 0.801 \times ln (dry wt) + 0.069 \times T$ (4)

When our results are compared with the value calculated from the observed dry wt and temperature, all measured values were well below this general one. Respiration of *Acartia tonsa* eggs at 10° C have been measured to 0.09 nmol O_2 egg⁻¹ h⁻¹ corresponding to 769 nmol O_2 mg dry wt⁻¹ h⁻¹ or 364 nmol O_2 mg dry wt⁻¹ h⁻¹ at 0° C (Q_{10} =2.51, Nielsen et al. 2007) whereas respiration of *Eucalanus pileatus* nauplii at 21°C have been measured to 0.82 nmol O_2 nauplii⁻¹ h⁻¹ or 653 nmol O_2 mg dry wt⁻¹ h⁻¹ (Köster et al. 2008). In comparison the mass specific respiration of N1 in the present study was just 51 and 251 nmol O_2 mg dry wt⁻¹ h⁻¹ at 0° C and 10° C, respectively. This indicates metabolic acclimatization or more likely an overall adaptation to living in the arctic with general low water temperatures.

The station where the eggs were spawned is 270 m deep. Hence eggs spawned at this depth must be positively buoyant to reach the productive surface layers. With both of the present estimated ascent rates (8 or 8.6 m d⁻¹) nauplii would have developed to the first feeding stage well before arrival to the surface waters. As the eggs were spawned from January to March and the spring bloom peaked in the beginning of May (Henriksen et al. 2012, Fig. 5) nauplii would face starvation for at least a month during ascend and arrive to the surface layer prior to the developing bloom. However, from early April Chl a concentration exceeded 1 μ g L⁻¹ in the upper 50 m (equal to 30 μ g C L⁻¹, applying the Chl a to a carbon conversion of 30 reported by Dünweber et al. 2008 in Disko Bay) meaning that some food was available for the nauplii at this time. Alternatively ice algal blooms may form patches of higher food concentration at the ice water interface. The present starvation experiment showed that even at 5°C N3 were able to survive at least 30 d without food, equivalent to a period of 69 d at surface water temperatures of -1.5°C (Applying a Q₁₀ of 3.6 from hatching expt. 1, Table 3). If the large variations in ascent

rate also are representative for Disko Bay, some eggs would reach the surface layer after only 10 d and some not at all. However, to get to the surface faster slow ascending nauplii could engage in swimming. Swimming speed for Calanus helgolandicus N5 have been measured to 325 m d⁻¹ (Titelman and Kiørboe 2003). As C. helgolandicus only spend 80% of the time swimming and does not swim in a straight line (Titelman and Kiørboe 2003) this would roughly be equal to around 87 m d⁻¹. Assuming swimming speed scale with size N3 of C. hyperboreus would swim around 69 m d⁻¹. As a conservative estimate this means that nauplii could reach the surface in less than a week. However, the passive ascent conserves energy and as no food is available for the first month, there would not be any reason for the early spawned nauplii to use energy on swimming. Nauplii produced towards the end of the spawning season may benefit from reaching the surface water earlier as some food might already be available. In both cases however, swimming activity would also increase the risk of being eaten (Tiselius and Jonsson 1997, Titelman 2003). Another important adaptive benefit of buoyant eggs is that it separates the eggs from the females, thereby avoiding the cannibalistic mothers. Conover (1967) observed that females ingested eggs during an egg production experiments. Likewise, observations of egg laying females producing orange pellets indicates feeding on own eggs (S. Jung-Madsen unpubl. 2009).

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The Disko bay is a rather shallow habitat compared to the Greenland Sea or Arctic Ocean. In the Greenland Sea and Fram Strait *C. hyperboreus* may overwinter at depths below 2000 m (Hirche et al. 2006; Auel et al. 2003). At such depth active swimming will be necessary in order to reach the surface in time for the spring bloom. However, during November to March when *C. hyperboreus* is reproducing (Hirche and Niehoff 1996), the main part of the female population is situated in 1000-1500 m and they move upwards during the period (Hirche and Niehoff 1996; Hirche 1997). Nauplii originating from eggs produced at this depth should be able

to reach the spring bloom. Increasing ocean temperatures will affect not only development and energy requirement of nauplii but also the timing and duration of the springbloom that they feed on. An earlier occurring bloom would counteract some of the metabolic effects of warmer water if spawning occurs at the same time. The factors controlling when *C. hyperboreus* initiates spawning still remains to be identified (Hirche 2013). However, if females use their lipid stores faster due to higher metabolism, this could be hypothesized to cause earlier spawning.

In summary, ascent rate of eggs is highly variable indicating production of eggs with different biochemical properties, which could be a strategy to enhance chances that some of the offspring successfully matches the phytoplankton springbloom. As for other copepod species the embryonic development of *C. hyperboreus* was mainly controlled by temperature, but there also seemed to be an effect of the season when eggs were produced. The early stages of *C. hyperboreus* seem to be more affected by temperature than older stages. The high lipid content of eggs and nauplii enhance survival in a food limited environment. However, increasing temperature decreases the development time and increase the carbon requirements of nauplii, and will therefore affect their possibility of matching the phytoplankton spring bloom. This may in a future warmer climate have large implication for the recruitment of *Calanus hyperboreus*.

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Tables

Table 1: Intended (T_{int}) and actual temperature (°C) \pm Standard deviation (SD) in *Calanus hyperboreus* egg hatching expts. 1 and 2 and in respiration experiments with N1 and N3 (RespN1, RespN3).

T_{int}	Expt. 1	Expt. 2	RespN1	RespN3
0.0	0.8 ± 0.6	0.0 ± 0.3	0.5 ± 0.2	0.5 ± 0.1
2.5	2.6 ± 0.2	2.6 ± 0.2		
5.0	5.5 ± 0.5	4.9 ± 0.6	4.8 ± 0.3	4.9 ± 0.3
7.5	6.6 ± 0.4	7.1 ± 0.2		
10.0	10.0 ± 0.3	9.9 ± 0.4	10.2 ± 0.1	10.3 ± 0.1

Table 2: Mean development time (MDT, days) and hatching success (HS, %) of *Calanus hyperboreus* eggs in hatching expts. 1 and 2 at 5 different temperatures.

	Expt. 1		Expt. 2	
T	MDT	HS	MDT	HS
(°C)	(days)	(%)	(days)	(%)
0	5.8 ± 0.07	83 ± 8	5.3 ± 0.16	88 ± 6
2.5	4.2 ± 0.12	78 ± 10	3.7 ± 0.14	94 ± 4
5	3.2 ± 0.02	75 ± 8	2.9 ± 0.05	91 ± 4
7	2.8 ± 0.05	79 ± 5	2.3 ± 0.05	98 ± 2
10			1.7 ± 0.20	95 ± 2

Table 3: Q_{10} of *Calanus hyperboreus* egg hatching at different temperature intervals in expts. 1 and 2.

T	Expt. 1	Expt. 2
0-2.5	5.4	4.1
0-5	3.6	3.3
0-7	3.4	3.1
0-10		3.2
2.5-5	2.8	2.6
2.5-7	2.7	2.6
2.5-10		2.9
5-7	2.7	2.7
5-10		3.1
7-10		3.4

Table 4: Mean length (μ m) \pm SD, sample size (n) and range of *Calanus hyperboreus* nauplii carapace (CP) and total length of nauplii (TL₁ for N1-N2 and TL₂ for N3-N5).

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	260 ± 13 (69)	217-279
	$318 \pm 10 \ (70)$	279-341
279-341	441 ± 11 (158)	397-471
341-403	$550 \pm 19 \ (87)$	502-595
415-440	$673 \pm 9 (33)$	651-694
	341-403	$318 \pm 10 (70)$ $279-341$ $441 \pm 11 (158)$ $341-403$ $550 \pm 19 (87)$

Table 5: MDT and stage duration (days) at 5°C, for *Calanus hyperboreus* N1-N5 in this study and according to Conover (1967).

This study			Conover 1967		
	MDT	duration	MDT	duration	
N1	3.1 ± 0.5	2.5	2.8	2.3	
N2	5.6 ± 0.4	4.3	5.0	3.0	
N3	9.9 ± 0.7	12.3	8.0	6.0	
N4	22.2 ± 2.6	14.5	14.0	4.0	
N5	36.7		18.0		

Table 6: Respiration rate \pm SD and No. of replicates (n) of *Calanus hyperboreus* N1 and N3 at 3 temperatures, corresponding carbon requirements in % of bodyweight (body wt) and Q_{10} for temperature intervals.

T	Respiration rate		Carbon requirements		T	Q10	
(°C)	nmol O ₂ ind. ⁻¹ hour ⁻¹		% body wt ind. ⁻¹ day ⁻¹		(°C)		
	N1	N3	N1	N3		N1	N3
0	0.045 ± 0.01 (7)	0.085 ± 0.01 (5)	1.8	3.8	0-5	7.8	5.0
5	0.109 ± 0.04 (6)	0.172 ± 0.06 (6)	4.2	7.7	0-10	5.3	3.5
10	$0.227 \pm 0.06 (5)$	0.287 ± 0.08 (6)	8.8	12.8	5-10	3.9	2.6

Table 7: *Calanus hyperboreus* lipid and carbon content in ng ind. $^{-1} \pm SD$ and No. of replicates (n) of wax esters (WE), triacylglycerol (TAG), phospholipids (PL), and carbon (C). N3_{fed} has been fed R. *salina* for 4 days.

	Egg	N1	N3	N3 _{fed}	N4
WE (ng)	481 ± 45 (6)	424 ± 8 (3)	254 ± 37 (6)		
TAG (ng)	$16 \pm 12 (4)$	$21 \pm 4 (3)$	$9 \pm 4 (6)$		
PL (ng)	$48 \pm 12 (3)$	$27 \pm 6 (3)$	$36 \pm 28 (4)$		
Carbon (ng)	$769 \pm 255 (10)$	$536 \pm 130 \ (6)$	292 ± 75 (4)	$465 \pm 386 (5)$	1200 ± 893 (4)

Figure text.

Fig. 1. Experimental setup for direct measurements of ascent rate of Calanus hyperboreus eggs.

Fig.2. Histogram presenting ascent rates of 39 *Calanus hyperboreus* eggs, spawned by six different females.

Fig.3. Ascent rate of *Calanus hyperboreus* eggs grouped by female. At two occasions, mix 1 and 2, eggs spawned by two females were mixed.

Fig.4. Proportion of hatched *Calanus hyperboreus* eggs (%) \pm Standard error (SE) as a function of time (days) at 5 temperatures in expt. 1 where females were incubated at 2.5°C and expt. 2 where females were incubated at the same temperatures as the eggs.

Fig.5. Belěhrádeks function (lines), relating mean development time (MDT) of *Calanus hyperboreus* eggs to temperature, fitted to data from the two hatching experiments and to egg hatching data from McLaren et al. (1969) (circles).

Fig.6. Calanus hyperboreus nauplii measurements arranged in 5 μ m bins; (A) Total length 1. measure (TL₁), (B) Total length 2. measures (carapace + tail, TL₂), and (C) Length of carapace (CP). Nauplii drawing from Sømme et al. (1934).

Fig.7. Development of starved and fed *Calanus hyperboreus* nauplii at 5°C. Values are means \pm SE (n=3).

Fig.8. Mean development time (MDT) of *Calanus hyperboreus* nauplii stage N1-N5 predicted by Belěhrádeks function $D=a\times(T+12.7)^{-2.05}$, relating MDT to temperature assuming equiproportional development.

Fig 9. Carbon (open circles) and lipid (bars) content of *Calanus hyperboreus* eggs and nauplii. Values are mean \pm SE of carbon (C), phosphorlipids (PL), triacylglycerol (TAG), and wax esters (WE). N3_{fed} was fed for 4 days before collection. n=3-6 samples per measurement.

Fig. 10. Respiration of *Calanus hyperboreus* N1 and N3. Values are means \pm SE.

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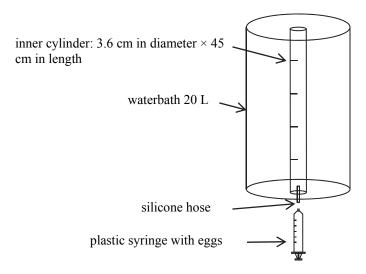


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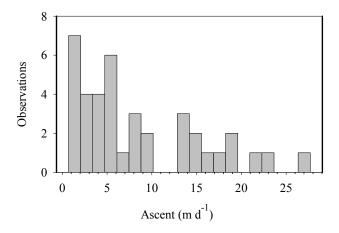


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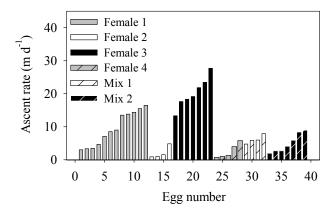


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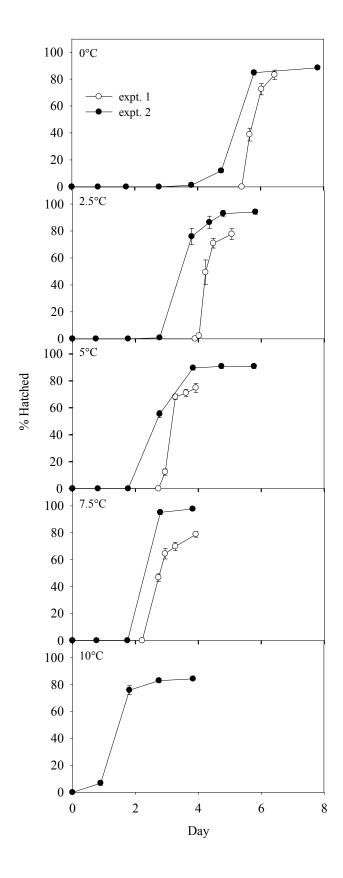


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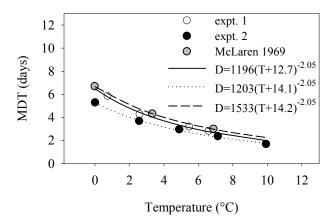


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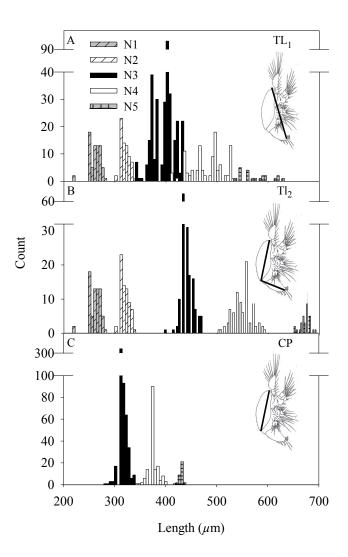


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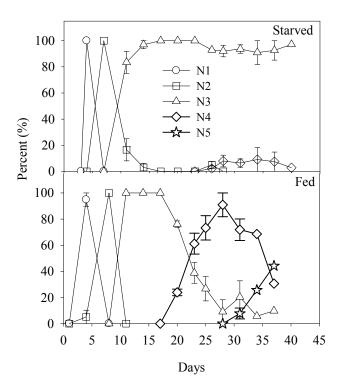


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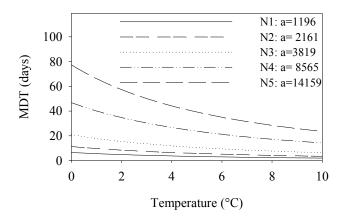


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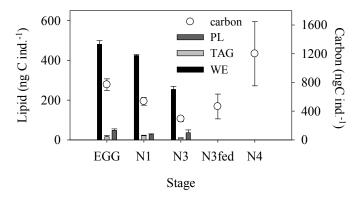


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