Linking climate change to community-level impacts on copepods via a new, trait-based model

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Region-specific shifts in zooplankton community composition



C. finmarchicus vs C. helgolandicus

impacts on pollock, salmon, cod, forage fish like herring and sandeels, seabirds, whales....

# Past approaches

#### **Optimal annual routines**

(Varpe et al. 2007, 2009; Houston & McNamara 1999, Clark & Mangel 2000)

focus on reserves and timing

# **Emergent copepod communities**

(Record et al. 2013)

trait-based metacommunity

Coltrane (Copepod Life-history traits and adaptation to novel environments)





Diapause is on/off based on a "myopic" criterion; turns off development, ingestion, and mortality, and reduces metabolism to 1/4 (Maps et al. 2012)





#### survivorship **N**



Two versions:

"egg/reserves": explicit model for income egg production (from ingestion) and capital egg production (from R)

"potential": replace R with free scope  $\varphi$ ; look for the optimal date on which to spend it on eggs (i.e. the stable cycle that maximises egg fitness)



A general theory of large zooplankton in relation to environment ought to be able to reproduce



### Idealised "global biogeography" testbed

Gaussian window of prey availability; constant surface temperature; deep temperature =  $0.4 \cdot \text{surface}$ 







#### C. glacialis/marshallae abundance (log mean, ind $m^{-2}$ ) 3 8 7 2.5 32 34 Annual mean surface temperature (°C) -6 • • 0 2 • • • 210 Population growth rate ۲ 5 1100 • • 1600 0 0 5700 • 2600 1.5 4 0 0 0 3 1 0 2 O 0.5 Southeast Bering Sea (M2), $\bigcirc$ ----1 1971-2012 O 0 Northeast Bering Sea (M8), 1971-2012 0 0 160 60 80 100 140 180 20 40 120 ()Date of ice retreat (yearday) Increasing ice algae Bloom delayed by winter mixing Bloom follows ice retreat

#### Bering Sea, C. glacialis/marshallae



At both coarse and fine levels of detail, the threshhold for viability of high-latitude *Calanus* is mainly a matter of **timing**, **not temperature** 



#### Warming per se is not necessarily a stressor



## **Disko Bay**

1996–97 annual cycle + two axes of diversity:  $u_0$  (development rate  $\rightarrow$  adult size)  $t_{egg}$  (delay between maturation and egg production)







## Where this is headed



## Summary

Many patterns in *Calanus* spp. (in latitude, time, and trait space) can be reproduced as a consequence of a handful of constraints in an individual's energy budget...

total energy available in an environment per year; energy and time required to build a body; metabolic and predation penalties for taking too long to mature and reproduce; size and temperature scalings for vital rates

Phenology is crucial, but *not* (in these examples) through match/mismatch.

This approach constitutes a metacommunity model on top of which one can layer other species-level or region-specific constraints: cues for diapause, physiology of egg production, prey quality and selectivity, environmental dependence of predation, and so on.

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