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13 Summary

- 14 1. Local adaptation determines responses to climate change, but is not well-explored for
15 terrestrial animals, particularly in the context of winter.
- 16 2. The physiological and ecological impact of the thermal environment across life-stages
17 can result in tradeoffs that determine fitness and population dynamics. Understanding
18 mechanisms and consequences of local adaptation for any organism that overwinters
19 requires taking a cross-seasonal perspective.
- 20 3. We used a trait-based approach to distinguish variation among ecotypes in ecological and
21 physiological responses to overwintering conditions. We used fall webworms
22 (*Hyphantria cunea*; Lepidoptera: Arctiidae) from Ottawa, Ontario and Columbus Ohio,
23 representing the centre and periphery of the native range.
- 24 4. We hypothesized that populations would be locally adapted to their overwintering
25 environments, with fitness maximised under natal overwintering conditions. We
26 predicted that this local adaptation would result from modulation of rates of energy use,
27 growth and development.
- 28 5. The Ohio ecotype was larger at pupation, and entered dormancy two weeks earlier than
29 the Ontario ecotype.
- 30 6. Each ecotype had higher overwinter survival in their natal compared to non-natal winter
31 environment, and this was associated with larger pupal mass, size and carbohydrate
32 reserves at the end of winter. This suggests that the ecotypes are locally adapted to
33 winter conditions. Larger adults laid more eggs, but there was no effect of ecotype or
34 environment on fecundity.

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- 35 7. Pupae that overwintered at warm, energetically demanding southern temperatures
36 facultatively suppressed their metabolism in autumn, and developed more quickly in the
37 spring, compensating for the increased energetic demands of warmer winters. Northern
38 ecotypes had lower thermal sensitivity of metabolism, leading to higher metabolic rates at
39 cool temperatures and faster post-winter development.
- 40 8. This local adaptation to winter conditions suggests it is simplistic to expect performance
41 of peripheral populations to be enhanced by warming winters, and that predicted
42 decoupling of winter and growing season temperatures may have negative fitness
43 consequences for ectotherms.

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46 overwintering, temperature compensation, tradeoff

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49 Introduction

50 Temperature regulates the performance and evolution of ectotherms through
51 thermodynamic effects on biochemical processes (Clarke & Fraser 2004). Global climate
52 change is altering operative temperatures for ectotherms (Dillon, Wang & Huey 2010), and is
53 also decoupling the relationship between growing season and winter temperatures (Bonsal &
54 Kochtubjada 2009). Ectotherms can compensate physiologically for changes in temperature,
55 facilitating the colonisation of diverse thermal environments (Hochachka & Somero 2002;
56 Clarke 2003). However, the role of among-population variation in temperature responses is
57 underexplored, particularly for terrestrial ectotherms, despite its importance in determining
58 species' responses to climate change (Sinclair, Williams & Terblanche 2012).

59 Local adaptation (higher fitness of a population at its native site compared to other
60 populations) will determine a population's response to climate change by determining a species'
61 ability to respond to conditions that change across the geographic range. If responses to the
62 environment are invariant across a species' range, then central populations will be better adapted
63 to their environment than peripheral populations (assuming that range limits are set by
64 environmental factors). If climate change makes environmental conditions at the periphery more
65 like central conditions (e.g. poleward range limits in a warming climate), then peripheral
66 populations will be enhanced. Conversely, if all populations are adapted to their current
67 environment (e.g. peripheral populations have enhanced environmental tolerance compared to
68 central populations), climate change may cause global fitness declines as all populations are
69 disturbed from local fitness optima (Hellmann, Prior & Pelini 2012).

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70 The response of a population to environmental conditions can be described by reaction
71 norms that relate a phenotype expressed by a genotype to the environment in which that
72 phenotype is expressed (Stearns 1992). The slope of a reaction norm estimates the environmental
73 sensitivity (phenotypic plasticity) of the phenotype. Steep reaction norms that are parallel among
74 genotypes indicate that a species responds to environmentally-heterogeneous environments
75 primarily through phenotypic plasticity. Conversely, divergent reaction norm slopes indicate that
76 the degree or direction of plasticity has evolved (a genotype-by-environment interaction). This
77 evolution of plasticity may lead to local adaptation if fitness is higher for genotypes in their natal
78 environment, relative to non-adapted genotypes (Kawecki & Ebert 2004). To detect local
79 adaptation, multiple populations must thus be assessed under more than one environmental
80 condition, and a reaction norm constructed for each population (Kawecki & Ebert 2004).

81 Our ability to predict the impacts of climate change is thus impeded by lack of
82 information on local adaptation to temperature in terrestrial animals. Of 74 field studies of local
83 adaptation, Hereford (2009) identified only four on terrestrial animals, of which only one
84 assessed local adaptation to temperature (Qualls 1997). Local adaptation was present in 71% of
85 remaining local adaptation studies, with substantial fitness advantages, so the dearth of
86 knowledge on terrestrial animals is troubling. Inclusion of laboratory studies (e.g. simulated
87 reciprocal transplants, or common garden experiments with more than one acclimation
88 treatment), and studies using fitness proxies such as size or growth and development rates reveals
89 several convincing demonstrations of local adaptation to temperature in terrestrial animals
90 including butterfly larvae, frog tadpoles, and adult flies (e.g. Ayres & Scriber 1994; Berrigan &
91 Partridge 1997; Laugen *et al.* 2003; Rotvit & Jacobsen 2014). Thus, that local adaptation to
92 temperature may be common in terrestrial animals.

93 Insects in temperate regions can spend more than half of their lives dormant (Košťál
94 2006), subsisting on metabolic reserves which must also fuel pre-feeding development and
95 reproduction in spring (Hahn & Denlinger 2007). Metabolic rates during diapause are suppressed
96 but still temperature-sensitive: an increase in temperature elicits an increase in metabolic rate and
97 can hasten energy depletion (e.g. Bosch & Kemp 2004; Williams, Hellmann & Sinclair 2012),
98 imposing selection for strategies that enhance energy conservation (e.g. Williams, Shorthouse &
99 Lee 2003; Williams, Hellmann & Sinclair 2012; Williams *et al.* 2012). Local adaptation to
100 winter conditions has been described for traits related to dormancy (e.g. Bradshaw & Holzapfel
101 2001), and thermal tolerance (e.g. Kukul, Ayres & Scriber 1991; Lyytinen, Mappes & Lindström
102 2012). However, few studies have examined local adaptation in overwintering energetics of
103 terrestrial ectotherms (but see Pelini *et al.* 2009; Williams *et al.* 2012), and none have taken a
104 cross-seasonal perspective (Williams, Henry & Sinclair in press).

105 Higher order traits such as fecundity or viability are determined by nutrient allocation
106 strategies at the physiological level (Zera & Harshman 2001). Thus, studying physiological traits
107 can advance a mechanistic understanding of local adaptation (Woods & Harrison 2002; Schulte,
108 Healy & Fangué 2011). Because the consequences of season-specific physiological performance
109 are integrated across the lifecycle, a cross-seasonal perspective is essential to realise the full
110 fitness consequences of variation in physiological traits (Potter & Woods 2012). For example,
111 caterpillars with high metabolic rates and thermal sensitivity benefit from faster growth and
112 development during the summer growing season (Ayres & Scriber 1994), but individuals with
113 high metabolic rates consume more energy reserves during winter (Pelini *et al.* 2009; Williams *et*
114 *al.* 2012). Since winter temperatures are predicted to change more than summer temperatures
115 (Bonsal & Kochtubjada 2009), it is important to understand whether alterations to metabolism

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116 are induced by winter or are a carryover from growing season conditions, and whether this
117 relationship is modulated by local adaptation.

118 Here, we experimentally decouple growing season and winter temperatures in the
119 laboratory to separate the effects of growing season temperatures from those of overwintering
120 temperatures. We construct thermal reaction norms for multiple physiological and life-history
121 traits related to energy metabolism, testing for signatures of local adaptation and plasticity in
122 overwintering energetics. We use Fall webworms (*Hyphantria cunea* Drury; Lepidoptera:
123 Arctiidae; Fig. 1), a widespread moth species, from populations at the northern edge and centre
124 of their native North American range. This system is ideal for several reasons: 1) Fall webworms
125 inhabit thermal environments from sub-tropical to cool temperate, implying they are masters of
126 temperature compensation; 2) adults do not feed post-winter, thus, reproductive capacity depends
127 solely on juvenile-derived nutrients making them vulnerable to negative fitness consequences of
128 energy depletion (Gomi 2000) and 3) larvae live communally in nests, each of which is the entire
129 reproductive output of a singly-inseminated female (Jaenike & Selander 1980), facilitating a
130 split-brood design. *Hyphantria cunea* species has traits which promote genetically-based local
131 adaptation: moderate dispersal (Yamanaka, Tatsuki & Shimada 2001), genetic structure across
132 their native range (Gomi, Muraji & Takeda 2004), and high genetic diversity (Tao *et al.* 2009).
133 Local adaptation of development time, critical photoperiod for diapause induction, and number
134 of larval instars has been detected in *H. cunea* populations in Japan (Gomi & Takeda 1996;
135 Gomi, Inudo & Yamada 2003; Gomi 2007; Gomi *et al.* 2007).

136 We thus hypothesise that *H. cunea* populations will be locally adapted to their
137 overwintering thermal environment, generating non-parallel reaction norms for fitness-related
138 life-history traits, such that fitness is maximised in natal overwintering conditions. We predict

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139 that this local adaptation will stem from divergence of overwintering metabolism between
140 populations, which will alter reaction norms for energy use, growth and post-winter
141 development.

142 **Materials and methods**

143 OVERVIEW OF STUDY DESIGN

144 We employ a reciprocal common-garden design, using populations of *H. cunea* from the
145 northern edge and centre of their native range, wild-collected at the end of the larval growing
146 season, and housed in the laboratory at temperatures approximating the northern range edge and
147 range centre. Since the majority of development occurred in the field prior to collection,
148 population effects are due not only to the genetic background, but are also a result of
149 developmental effects prior to collection, as well as maternal effects (Nijhout & Davidowitz
150 2009). We will refer to the source populations as “ecotypes”, to emphasise the joint impacts of
151 genotype and environment in determining the phenotypes of each population.

152 MICROCLIMATE DATA

153 We collected microclimate temperatures ($\pm 0.5^\circ\text{C}$) at hourly intervals from October 2008
154 to May 2009 using iButton thermochron data loggers (Model DS1922L, Maxim-Dallas
155 Semiconductor; Sunnyvale, CA, USA) (Sinclair *et al.* 2013). We placed the data loggers in 10
156 mL plastic containers filled with silica gel to protect them from moisture damage, and deployed
157 three loggers on the ground beneath the leaf litter in one woodlot near Ottawa, Ontario
158 (dominated by black walnut [*Juglans nigra*], ash [*Fraxinus spp.*], and cherry [*Prunus spp.*]), and
159 one near Athens, Ohio (black walnut). *H. cunea* were present in these woodlots, and

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160 overwintered beneath the leaf litter similar to the logger placement. We calculated bi-weekly
161 mean daily maxima and minima for each location from the microclimate data, and used these to
162 determine the temperature regimes used in the laboratory experiments. We also summed the total
163 degrees above a threshold of -10°C for each logger over the whole period of recording (Oct–
164 May) to give an index of the amount of heat accumulated at each site (and compared these
165 accumulated heat units between sites using a t-test). We inferred snow cover when microclimate
166 temperatures remained close to 0°C with little daily variation.

167 STUDY SPECIES AND REARING

168 The native range of *Hyphantria cunea* extends from Mexico to northern Canada across
169 the breadth of North America (Wagner 2005), with an invasive range encompassing much of
170 Asia (Gomi *et al.* 2007). Larvae are polyphagous, feeding on >400 species of woody plants
171 (Wagner 2005). The *H. cunea* larvae used in this study were black-headed, although there is a
172 sympatric sibling sub-species of red-headed larvae with markedly different ecology (Takeda
173 2005). Fall webworms overwinter in pupal diapause in the leaf litter, and adults emerge in early
174 summer (Takeda 2005) (Fig. 1). We collected late-instar larvae in August 2009 by removing 20
175 entire nests per site from walnut trees in Columbus, Ohio, USA (40.06°N , 82.57°W) and Ottawa,
176 Ontario, Canada (45.23°N , 75.43°W). We transported the larvae to the Biotron Experimental
177 Climate Change Facility at the University of Western Ontario, where we counted them and
178 reared them to pupation on *ad libitum* freshly cut local black walnut leaves in 3.7 L plastic
179 containers (one nest per container) in temperature-controlled chambers (EGC-TC2,
180 Environmental Growth Chambers, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, USA) under short daylength (12L:12D),
181 20:12°C 80 % RH.

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182 We checked the larvae daily for pupation, and upon pupation broods were split between
183 warm (Ohio-like) or cool (Ontario-like) overwintering treatment giving four treatment groups
184 (Ecotype/winter environment): Ohio /warm, Ontario/warm, Ohio /cool, and Ontario/cool.
185 Remaining larvae were discarded in late October when the host plant leaves began to senesce.
186 All larvae that successfully pupated were considered to have survived the larval period, while
187 larvae that did not pupate before 28 October were included in larval mortality estimates.
188 Although pupae from each family were allocated evenly between overwinter environments, some
189 families were underrepresented in some treatments by the end of winter due to mortality.

190 The pupae were kept in the dark in 6-well cell culture plates with a moist paper towel on
191 the lid to maintain high humidity, in MIR-153 incubators (Sanyo Scientific, Bensenville, IL,
192 USA) at temperatures fluctuating between the mean daily maximum and minimum microclimate
193 temperatures for Ontario and Ohio calculated from hourly microclimate data (Fig. 2). The
194 incubators were reset every two weeks to track seasonal changes in microclimate temperatures.
195 We weighed the pupae in November and April (MX5 microbalance, Mettler-Toledo, Columbus,
196 OH, USA; d=0.1 µg) and measured their length (± 0.5 mm) using digital calipers (Mastercraft,
197 Toronto, Ontario, Canada). In November and April, 20 pupae from each treatment group were
198 flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C for body composition analysis. At the
199 beginning of April, all pupae were placed on moist vermiculite, and transferred to EGC-TC2
200 chambers on a long day photoperiod (16L:8D) under a $25^{\circ}\text{C}:15^{\circ}\text{C}$ thermocycle, at 80% relative
201 humidity. Emergence was checked daily, and, when adult moths emerged, time taken to emerge
202 following transfer to 25°C was recorded, the moths were killed at -20°C , and the length of the
203 right forewing was measured from the proximal wing attachment point to the apex.

204 ENERGY RESERVE ASSAYS

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205 To determine the effects of source population and overwintering environment on energy
206 reserves, we measured storage lipids, total carbohydrates, and protein in overwintering pupae at
207 the beginning (November) and end (April) of winter. We determined the sex of each pupa by the
208 presence (female) or absence (male) of a line intersecting the first abdominal sternite. We
209 validated this method of sexing pupae by sexing 77 pupae that were subsequently allowed to
210 develop into adults, and sexed by the presence (males) or absence (females) of claspers and
211 feathered antennae (Resh & Cardé 2009), with a success rate of 95%. We assayed triglycerides,
212 carbohydrates and protein as previously described (Williams *et al.* 2011; Williams, Hellmann &
213 Sinclair 2012). We expressed triglycerides, carbohydrate and protein concentrations in $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{mg}$
214 DM^{-1} , then scaled them up to whole-animal values by multiplying by total DM. We subtracted
215 whole-animal TAG and carbohydrate from DM to give lipid- (and carbohydrate-) free DM.

216 RESPIROMETRY

217 To assess plasticity and local adaptation in the temperature-metabolic rate relationship,
218 we measured the CO_2 emission of six pupae from each treatment group over a range of
219 temperatures in November (beginning of winter) and April (end of winter). We measured each
220 individual pupa five times: at 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25°C. The order of temperature and time of day
221 of measurement (between 8am and 8pm) were randomized, and there was no less than 48 hours
222 between measurements on any individual. Pupae were weighed before each measurement.

223 We measured CO_2 emission as a proxy for metabolic rate using a Sable Systems flow-
224 through respirometry system (Sable Systems International [SSI], Las Vegas, Nevada) with a
225 Li7000 infrared CO_2 analyser (LiCor; Lincoln, NE, USA) as previously described (Williams *et*
226 *al.* 2010). The flow rate was $50 \text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ through a 4 cm^3 chamber. We controlled the

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227 temperatures ($\pm 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$) using a PELT-5 temperature-controlled cabinet (SSI) in which all
228 chambers were contained. Data were acquired at 1s frequency with a UI2 interface (SSI).
229 Resulting data were converted into energy used per unit time (Supporting information).

230 DATA ANALYSIS

231 All statistical analyses were performed in R v2.15.1. Preliminary data analysis was
232 performed using a standardised data exploration protocol (Zuur, Ieno & Elphick 2010), and our
233 general modelling approach was to start with the saturated model and drop non-significant terms
234 sequentially (confirming the improved fit by ANOVA) until the minimal adequate model was
235 reached (Crawley 2007). The fit of each model was then assessed by plotting residuals against
236 fitted values to check for mean residual deviation of zero and constant variance. Where non-
237 significant terms are retained in a final model, the distribution of residual variance was strongly
238 preferable in the model presented compared to the simplified model.

239 We calculated larval and pupal survival for each family as the proportion surviving to
240 pupation and adulthood respectively. We compared larval survival among ecotypes using a
241 binomial regression, pupal survival using a generalised linear mixed model (*nlme* package)
242 (Pinheiro *et al.* 2013) with binomial errors; for all other variables we used general linear mixed
243 models (*lme4* package) (Bates, Maechler & Bolker 2011) with Gaussian errors using maximum
244 likelihood parameter estimation. We used family as a random factor in all cases apart from larval
245 survival (for which each family was represented by only one value [proportion survival] since
246 the broods had not yet been split), with the fixed factors ecotype (larval and pupal survival),
247 ecotype and sex (date of diapause) or ecotype, environment, and sex (all other univariate
248 analyses). Fecundity analysis was performed only on females so sex was omitted as a factor and

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249 pupal mass added as a covariate due to an observed strong correlation between pupal mass and
250 fecundity. For metabolite analyses, lipid-free dry mass (calculated by subtracting estimated lipid
251 mass from dry mass) was used as a covariate to control for body size.

252 To examine direct correlations among life-history traits, we used data all females that
253 survived to adulthood and constructed network graphs based on partial correlation matrices
254 (pairwise Pearson's correlations conditioned on all other life-history variables) using the *qgraph*
255 package (Epskamp *et al.* 2012), where two traits were connected by an edge if they had a
256 significant partial correlations (FDR < 0.05) (Benjamini & Hochberg 1995).

257 Results

258 MICROCLIMATE DIFFERENCES AMONG SITES

259 Mean microclimate temperatures in Ohio were warmer and accumulated more heat units
260 over winter than those in Ontario ($t_1=18.3$, $p=0.035$; Table S1; Fig. 2). In Ohio, the data loggers
261 were covered by snow for only a few weeks in January, while in Ontario there was some snow in
262 late November, and continuous cover (leading to low thermal variability) from mid-December to
263 late March (Fig. 2A, Table S1). In months without snow cover, thermal variability of
264 microclimates at the two sites was similar (Table S1). Incubator temperature regimes calculated
265 from these data reflected what we regard as the salient features of the thermal environment at
266 each site: specifically, the longer period of low and stable temperatures in Ontario, and the
267 greater thermal variability and accumulation of heat in Ohio (Fig. 2C).

268 LIFE HISTORY MEASUREMENTS

269 The Ontario ecotype had significantly higher larval survival rates than the Ohio ecotype
270 (Ontario: 26.8 % of 2418 larvae from 15 nests survived; Ohio: 17.5 % of 3637 larvae from 20
271 nests survived; $z = 7.64$, $p < 0.0001$). The Ohio ecotype had higher mass than the Ontario
272 ecotype at pupation (Fig. 3A, Table S2, Table S3). By the end of winter, pupae from the two
273 ecotypes were more similar in mass, but the responses to the environment differed among
274 ecotypes: each ecotype lost more mass over the winter in the non-natal compared to natal
275 environment, such that Ontario ecotypes were larger than Ohio ecotypes in the cool environment,
276 while Ohio ecotypes were larger than Ontario ecotypes in warm environments (Fig. 3B, Table
277 S2, Table S3). Reaction norms for pupal length in April revealed a similar interaction between
278 ecotype and environment, except that in this case the pupal size was similar in cool
279 environments, while Ohio pupae were considerably larger than Ontario pupae in the warm
280 environment (Fig. 3C, Table S2, Table S3). By adulthood, Ohio ecotypes were larger and there
281 were no effects of overwintering environment (Fig. 3D, Table S2, Table S3). Females were
282 larger in all size and mass measurements (Table S2, Table S3).

283 Ohio ecotypes entered dormancy on average two weeks earlier than Ontario ecotypes
284 (Ohio: 14 Sep \pm 12 days; Ontario: 29 Sep \pm 16 days; Table S2, Fig. 4A). Emergence from
285 dormancy was governed by both ecotype and environment: Ontario ecotypes and individuals in
286 warm environments emerged a few days earlier than Ohio ecotypes and those in cool
287 environments respectively (Fig. 4B, Table S2). Fecundity was positively related to mass, and
288 thus larger Ohio ecotypes tended to lay more eggs than did Ontario ecotypes (Fig. 4C, Table S2).
289 However, there was no effect of ecotype or environment on fecundity once size was controlled
290 for (Table S2). Each ecotype survived to adulthood better under their natal overwintering
291 conditions than did the non-natal ecotype (ecotype \times environment $z = 1.966$, $p = 0.049$; Fig. 4D).

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292 There were significant partial correlations among size measurements within each life stage, but
293 no direct significant correlations across life-stages in size measurements (Fig. 5). However, we
294 did detect correlations between pupal size measurements and fecundity (estimated by egg
295 number), and a negative partial correlation between egg number and egg size (Fig. 5).

296 PHYSIOLOGICAL MEASUREMENTS

297 Water content at the beginning of winter was higher in females and Ohio ecotypes (Fig.
298 6A, Table S4). By the end of winter, water content had decreased considerably and did not differ
299 by ecotype or environment, although females had a higher water content than did males (Fig. 6B,
300 Table S4). Triglycerides at the beginning of winter were higher in females (Fig. 6C), and the
301 warm environment showed a trend toward reducing triglyceride stores in October (Fig. 6C, Table
302 S4). Triglycerides at the end of winter were natural-log-transformed to improve normality. Ohio
303 ecotypes in both environments and Ontario ecotypes in the warm environment had similar
304 (relatively high) triglyceride levels, but Ontario ecotypes in the cool environment had very low
305 triglyceride levels (Fig. 6D, Table S4). Carbohydrates at the beginning and end of winter were
306 square-root-transformed to improve normality. For females at the beginning of winter,
307 carbohydrate concentrations were higher for natal compared to non-natal ecotypes ($t_{1,7}=2.33$,
308 $p=0.044$). At the end of winter, carbohydrate content was positively related to lipid-free dry mass
309 (females: $t_{1,7}=2.57$, $p=0.037$; males: $t_{1,9}=6.18$, $p<0.001$) and Ontario ecotype females had higher
310 carbohydrate content at the end of winter (Table S5), while for males there was no effect of
311 ecotype or environment on carbohydrate content at the end of winter. Soluble protein was higher
312 in females at both the beginning and end of winter (Table S4, Table S5). Lipid-free dry mass was
313 higher for females than for males, but did not differ by ecotype or environment at either the
314 beginning or the end of winter (Table S4, Table S5).

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315 All pupae respired continuously (i.e. did not exhibit discontinuous or cyclic gas
316 exchange) at all measurement temperatures (Fig. S1). Metabolic rate was \log_{10} -transformed prior
317 to analysis to meet assumptions of normality. There were no effects of measurement order on
318 metabolic rate at either time point (beginning of winter: $F_{1,118}=0.261$, $p=0.610$; end of winter:
319 $F_{1,117}=0.1147$, $p=0.735$). At the end of winter, the 15°C measurement for one individual from the
320 Ontario ecotype in the cool environment was lost due to equipment malfunction. We interpolated
321 to this value using a linear regression of measurement temperature on \log_{10} metabolic rate for
322 that individual. At the beginning of winter, metabolic rate was positively correlated with
323 measurement temperature and negatively correlated with mass, and was lower in pupae that were
324 overwintering in the warm environment (Table S4, Fig. 7A). At the end of winter, metabolic rate
325 remained positively temperature-dependent and was subject to a significant measurement
326 temperature \times ecotype interaction, such that the thermal sensitivity of metabolic rate was lower
327 in individuals from Ontario (Fig. 7B).

328 Discussion

329 Metabolic responses to changes in winter conditions have diverged between populations
330 of *Hyphantria cunea*, and these altered responses at the physiological level give rise to
331 differences in fitness-relevant traits that suggest adaptation to local winter thermal conditions.
332 This local adaptation appears to be driven by among-population variation in rates of energy use,
333 growth and development and increases survival to adulthood in the natal overwintering
334 environment for each population.

335 EVIDENCE FOR LOCAL ADAPTATION – A CROSS-SEASONAL PERSPECTIVE

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336 Increased performance of natal compared to non-natal ecotypes within each environment
337 is a characteristic signature of local adaptation (Kawecki & Ebert 2004). We found this signature
338 of local adaptation in overwinter survival: mortality of each ecotype was lowest in their natal
339 environment. We note that this pattern may also be generated by developmental or maternal
340 effects, so we use the term local adaptation as an hypothesis requiring further experiments to test.
341 Looking to the physiological level to explain the mechanisms for this local adaptation, we found
342 similar ecotype-by-environment interactions in fitness-relevant traits including pupal mass, size
343 and storage lipid and carbohydrate reserves at the end of winter, thermal sensitivity of
344 metabolism in the spring, and mortality. For all of these traits (except storage lipids),
345 performance was higher for each ecotype at “home” compared to “away”. Thus, it appears that
346 the higher survival of each ecotype in their natal winter conditions is mediated by alterations to
347 intermediary metabolism that allow them to retain larger size and greater energy reserves
348 throughout winter. This suggests that if winter temperatures become decoupled from growing
349 season temperatures, negative fitness consequences could result for both ecotypes.

350 Local adaptation to temperature in terrestrial animals has been shown in life-history traits
351 including body size and growth and development rates (Conover, Duffy & Hice 2009), but few
352 studies have measured traits at both the physiological and life-history level, across multiple life-
353 stages and seasons. In particular, we have shown that local adaptation is mediated across seasons
354 – energetic responses to the overwintering environment influence performance and fitness the
355 following spring, emphasising the importance of taking a cross-seasonal perspective to
356 understanding the impacts of climate change on terrestrial organisms (Williams, Henry &
357 Sinclair in press). Many of these impacts will be mediated through the effects of energetics on
358 seasonal timing.

359 The timing of entry into and exit from dormancy will interact with energetics to
360 determine performance and fitness. All else being equal, a longer overwintering period relative
361 to growing season will reduce fitness due to increased energetic costs of winter, or reduced
362 opportunity for resource accumulation. We found that Ohio ecotypes enter dormancy on average
363 two weeks earlier than Ontario ecotypes, likely due to a combination of earlier spring emergence
364 and faster rates of larval growth and development due to warmer temperatures (Morris & Fulton
365 1970a). The threshold temperature for pupal development in *H. cunea* is 11°C (Morris & Fulton
366 1970a; Gomi, Inudo & Yamada 2003) - our microclimate data show that mean temperatures
367 would cross this threshold in March in the range centre, but not until April at the northern range
368 edge (Fig. 2A). This suggests that adult emergence would occur earlier in Ohio than in Ontario,
369 and indeed spring phenology is generally correlated with latitude, with more southerly
370 populations having earlier spring phenology (Hodgson *et al.* 2011). Earlier entry into dormancy
371 in autumn can have negative fitness consequences, since it increases the length of dormancy and
372 leads to energy drain in this species (Gomi 2000), and other insects (Bosch & Kemp 2004).
373 However, the Ohio ecotype also accumulated greater lipid, protein and carbohydrate reserves and
374 attained larger pupal mass and length, which appeared to offset any energetic costs of longer
375 dormancy, since fecundity and adult size were higher in the Ohio ecotype.

376 Shorter growing seasons at high latitudes limits the time available for foraging and
377 growth, and thus final size that can be obtained, resulting in body size clines towards smaller size
378 at high latitudes (converse Bergmann clines), particularly in ectotherms with long generation
379 times relative to season length (Blanckenhorn & Demont 2004). Our data are consistent with a
380 converse Bergmann cline in this species, which at the latitudes we collected from have 1-2
381 generations per year (Wagner 2005). Seasonal time constraints at high latitudes drive differential

382 selection on growing season energetics which can lead to countergradient variation in growth
383 and development rates (Blanckenhorn & Demont 2004). Consistent with this hypothesis, we
384 observed faster development in the Ontario ecotype. *Hyphantria cunea* populations have been
385 previously shown to differ in their heat requirement for post-winter pupal development post-
386 winter, with populations from relatively cool continental environments in Canada having lower
387 pupal heat requirements post-winter than do coastal populations, enabling early emergence in
388 cool environments (Morris & Fulton 1970a). Post-winter pupal development in this species is
389 highly heritable and influences fitness (Morris & Fulton 1970b). Frog tadpoles, dragonfly larvae
390 and butterfly larvae from poleward populations also develop faster at a common temperature
391 than do more central populations (Ayres & Scriber 1994; Laugen *et al.* 2003; Śniegula,
392 Johansson & Nilsson-Örtman 2012; Muir *et al.* 2014).

393 We propose that increased low-temperature anabolism at the end of winter could underlie
394 early development in these and other ectotherms adapted to high temperate latitudes: since it is
395 likely that development had resumed by May when the end-of-winter measurements were taken,
396 the metabolism we measured likely included costs of synthesising adult tissue, and the increased
397 metabolic rate in Ontario ecotypes at low temperatures may reflect an increase in anabolic
398 processes - consistent with selection for early emergence in short, cool growing seasons. Global
399 patterns in the relationship between thermal sensitivity of growth, development and metabolism
400 have been mixed, with various studies finding either negative (MacKay 1982; Addo-Bediako,
401 Chown & Gaston 2002; Terblanche *et al.* 2009), positive (Rao & Bullock 1954), or no
402 relationship (Scholander *et al.* 1953) between thermal sensitivity and environmental
403 temperatures. Some authors have suggested that these idiosyncrasies may relate to microclimate
404 temperatures available to the organism, whereby cold-adapted organisms that have access to

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405 more frequent hot, sunny periods might be expected to have higher thermal sensitivity relative to
406 warm-adapted organisms, while those in permanently cool and cloudy environments might have
407 reduced thermal sensitivity (Addo-Bediako, Chown & Gaston 2002). Our study species
408 overwinters on the ground beneath the leaf litter in wooded areas, and microclimate temperatures
409 in Ontario remain below 10°C until late April. Thus, reduced thermal sensitivity that prevents
410 large reductions in metabolic and development rates at low temperatures may be most beneficial
411 (and are supported by our data). By measuring both metabolism and development rates, the
412 present study provides evidence linking the physiological mechanism (increased metabolic rate)
413 to the life-history consequence (faster post-winter development) under laboratory conditions.

414 Local adaptation will determine species' responses to climate change: if poleward
415 populations are metabolically adapted to local climate conditions, then warming may
416 disproportionately impact these populations by increasing overwinter mortality. This, in turn,
417 could lead to range contraction, or the failure to colonise newly suitable poleward climates. It
418 remains to be seen how widespread such metabolic local adaptation to winter climate may be
419 among ectotherms or hibernators. If such local adaptation to winter conditions is common, it may
420 require us to rethink the paradigm of peripheral enhancement for poleward populations under
421 climate warming scenarios.

422 EFFECTS OF THE OVERWINTERING ENVIRONMENT

423 The warm overwintering environment induced a plastic metabolic suppression in pupae
424 from both ecotypes at the beginning of winter. Plastic changes to phenotypes may be adaptive,
425 maladaptive, or neutral, depending on their fitness consequences (Ghalambor *et al.* 2007). The
426 plastic metabolic response to warm winters may be an example of adaptive phenotypic plasticity

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427 (DeWitt & Scheiner 2004), since it was in the predicted direction, expressed similarly by two
428 separate populations, and prevented pupae from experiencing energy drain from warmer winters.
429 Adaptive phenotypic plasticity can facilitate adaptation to novel environments, by reducing
430 directional selection and allowing time for organisms to respond to environmental change
431 (Ghalambor *et al.* 2007). Global climate change is modifying winter conditions rapidly, and the
432 capacity for adaptive phenotypic plasticity to buffer some of the negative effects will be an
433 important predictor of species responses to climate change (Williams, Henry & Sinclair in press).
434 The presence of substantial phenotypic plasticity in energy use will decrease the vulnerability of
435 *H. cunea* to energy drain as a result of winter warming. *Hyphantria cunea* pupae also show
436 pronounced metabolic suppression and no detectable decline in energy reserves over the course
437 of a winter in the field (Li *et al.* 2001). However, many dormant ectotherms do experience
438 energy drain as a result of winter warming (Williams, Shorthouse & Lee 2003; Williams,
439 Hellmann & Sinclair 2012; Muir *et al.* 2013), suggesting that metabolic plasticity is not universal
440 and may be a useful predictor of vulnerability to climate change.

441 Since broods experienced identical conditions up until the point of transfer into
442 overwintering treatments, we can definitively say that the metabolic suppression resulted from
443 thermal conditions experienced during the dormant, overwintering stage. Metabolic suppression
444 is a common component of winter dormancy both in insects (Košťál 2006) and in other
445 hibernating or torpid animals (Storey & Storey 2004), but here we illustrate that the depth of
446 suppression can be modulated by conditions experienced after the onset of dormancy. The depth
447 of metabolic suppression in an overwintering insect can also be increased by increasing thermal
448 variability (Williams *et al.* 2012).

449 CONCLUSIONS

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450 We detected a signature of local adaptation to the overwintering environment such that
451 survival was maximised in natal environments by both ecotypes, as a result of alterations to
452 intermediary metabolism. These alterations to overwintering metabolism impacted not only
453 survival but also performance in spring. This suggests that any changes to overwintering
454 conditions could have negative impacts on populations across the range of *H. cunea*, rather than
455 enhancing poleward populations. Since the data available suggest that local adaptation may be
456 common in terrestrial animals, and winter conditions are changing rapidly, more research effort
457 should be expended to assessing cross-seasonal consequences of local adaptation to thermal
458 conditions in terrestrial animals. Current evidence for local adaptation to thermal conditions in
459 terrestrial animals is sufficient to suggest that the population is the appropriate unit for
460 conservation.

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654 Figure captions

655 **Figure 1 – Life cycle of temperate univoltine populations of *Hyphantria cunea*.** Adults lay
656 eggs in late spring, which hatch and feed communally in nests during the summer until they
657 reach the final (6th) instar (larval developmental stage) in the autumn. They then disperse into
658 the leaf litter and pupate, overwintering in cocoons beneath the leaf litter. Photos provided by Dr.
659 Andrei Sourakov, McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity, Gainesville FL.

660 **Figure 2 - Microclimate temperatures for sites near Ottawa, Ontario (ON) and Columbus,**
661 **Ohio (OH), and incubator temperatures derived from those data (A)** Representative traces
662 of microclimate temperatures from under the leaf litter in woodlots where *Hyphantria cunea*
663 occur in ON or OH from October 2008 to May 2009; measured by paired iButton data loggers.
664 Horizontal lines below indicate the period of continuous snow cover at each site, determined by
665 continuous zero temperatures and low thermal variability. **(B)** Accumulated degrees above -10°C
666 (close to the minimum temperature experienced at either site) between October and
667 May in Ohio and Ontario. Data are mean \pm SEM of two loggers at each site. **(C)** Temperatures
668 of incubators used to house *H. cunea* under conditions approximating OH (warm) or ON (cool).
669 Incubator temperatures were derived from fortnightly mean daily minima and maxima for Oct
670 2008 - May 2009, calculated from microclimate temperatures from two iButtons per site.

671 **Figure 3 - Size measurements of *Hyphantria cunea* from Ohio or Ontario, overwintered at**
672 **warm or cool temperatures in the lab in a simulated reciprocal transplant.** Pupal mass at the
673 beginning **(A)** and end **(B)** of winter; pupal length at the end of winter **(C)**; and adult mass in the
674 spring **(D)**. Values (\pm SEM) are predicted from models provided in Table S2, thus taking into
675 account the effects of family and any significant covariates. See Table S3 for raw data.

676 **Figure 4 – Life history reaction norms of *Hyphantria cunea* from Ohio or Ontario,**
677 **overwintered at warm or cool temperatures in the lab in a simulated reciprocal transplant.**
678 (A) Date of entering diapause in the fall; (B) days at 25°C prior to adult emergence in the spring;
679 (C) number of eggs per female and (D) percent survival. Values (\pm SEM) are predicted from
680 models provided in Table S2, thus taking into account the effects of family and any significant
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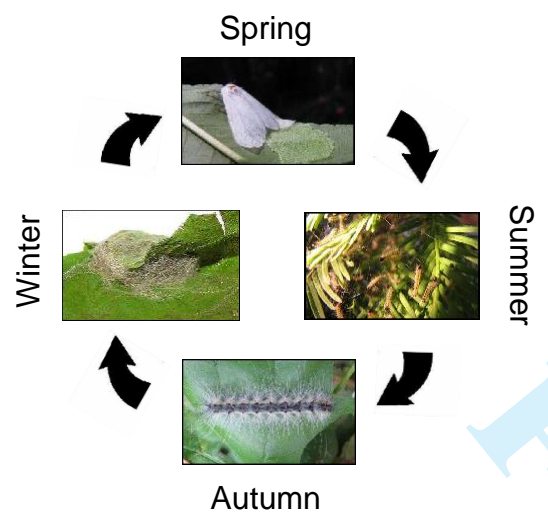
682 **Figure 5 – Partial correlations among life-history traits across life-stages of *Hyphantria***
683 ***cunea*.** Beg = beginning of winter, End = end of winter. We found consistent direct correlations
684 within life stages, but few among-stage correlations. Notably, we did not demonstrate any
685 relationship between adult size and fecundity.

686 **Figure 6 – Body composition measurements of *Hyphantria cunea* from Ohio or Ontario,**
687 **overwintered at warm or cool temperatures in the lab in a simulated reciprocal transplant.**
688 Water at the beginning (A) and end (B) of winter; and triglycerides at the beginning (C) and end
689 (D) of winter. Values (\pm SEM) are predicted from models provided in Table S2, thus taking into
690 account the effects of family and any significant covariates. See Table S5 for raw data.

691 **Figure 7 - Metabolic rates of diapausing *Hyphantria cunea* pupae from Ohio or Ontario,**
692 **overwintered at warm or cool temperatures in the lab in a simulated reciprocal transplant.**
693 Metabolic rate was measured in (A) October (beginning of winter) or (B) April (end of winter)
694 using flow-through respirometry. The trend lines indicate the predictions of linear models (Table
695 S2). Pupae kept under warm winter conditions had decreased metabolic rates at the beginning of
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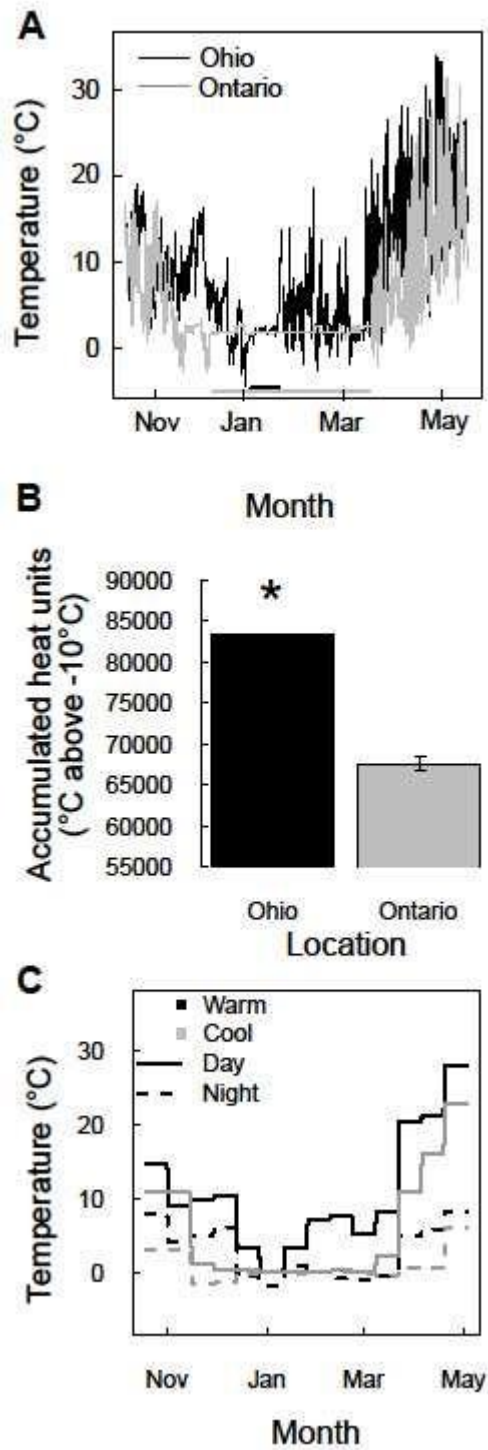


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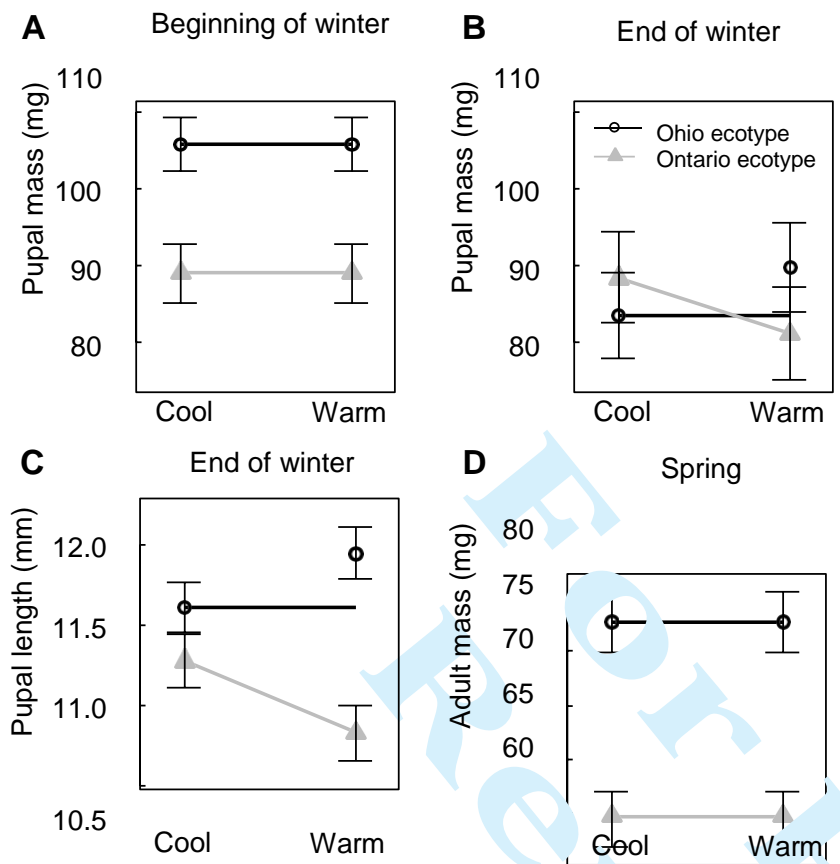
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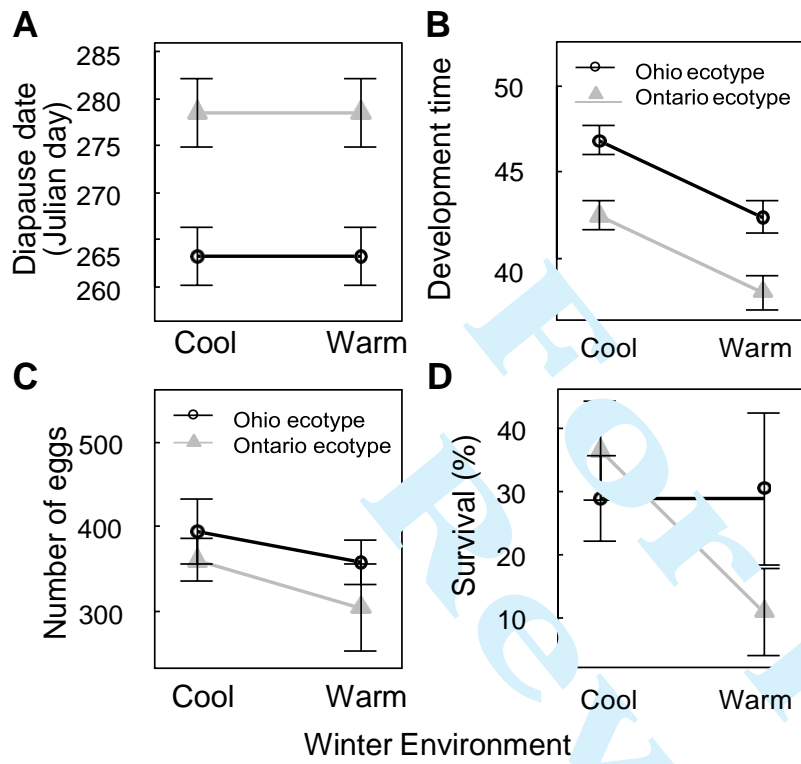


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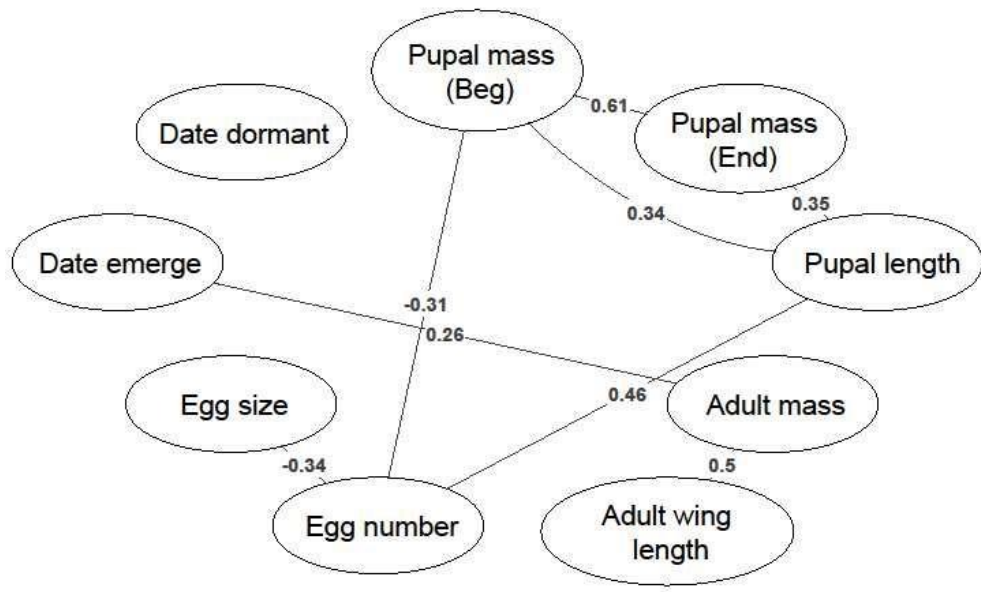
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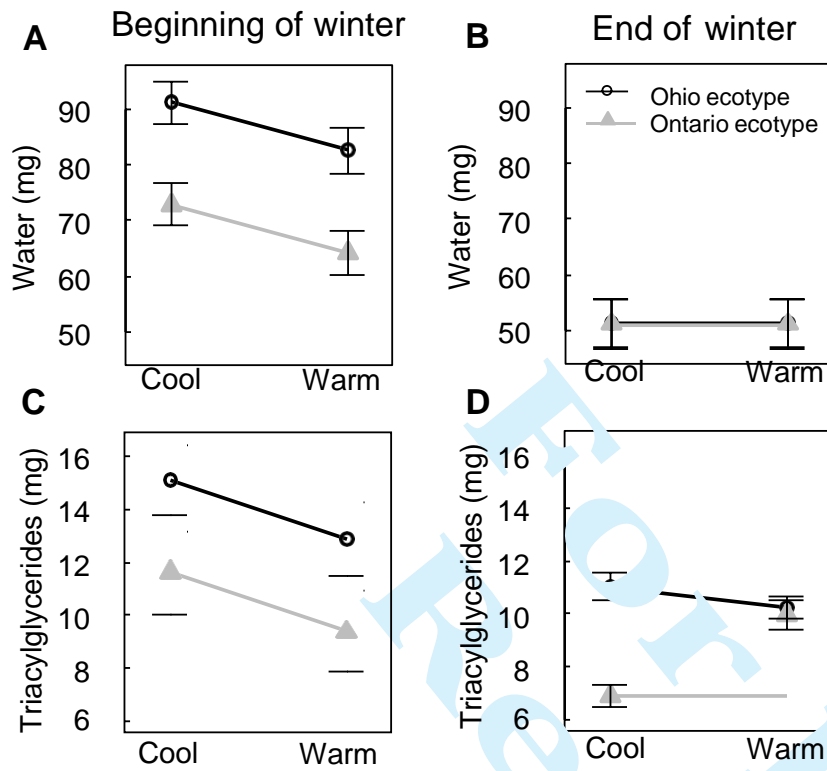
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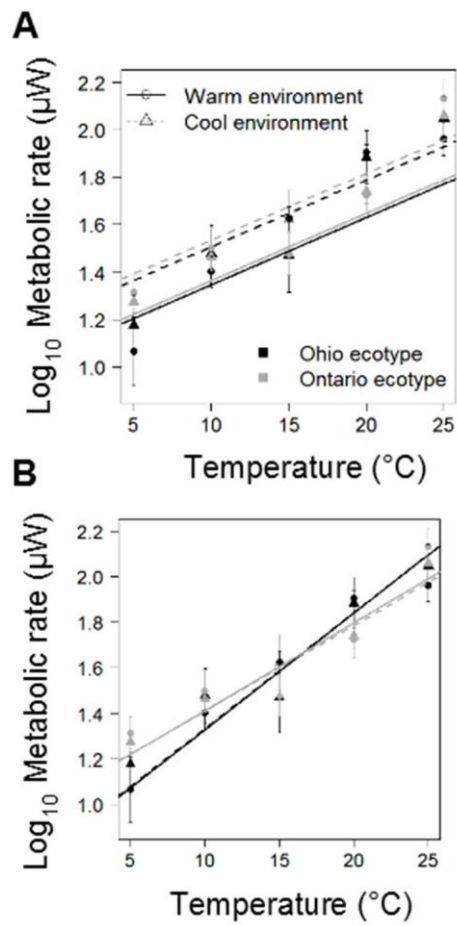


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Supporting information

SUPPORTING METHODS

Respirometry data processing

We drift-corrected water and CO₂ measurements to the baseline chamber, then converted into CO₂ production using the following equation (Lighton 2008):

$$VCO_2 = FR_i(F_eCO_2 - F_iCO_2) \times FR \quad (1)$$

Where VCO_2 is the rate of CO₂ production in mL·min⁻¹; FR_i is the incurrent flow rate in mL·min⁻¹, and F_eCO_2 and F_iCO_2 are the fractional concentrations of excurrent and incurrent CO₂ respectively.

We measured VCO_2 of each pupa over a 40 min period after a minimum of 1 h acclimation and calculated mean VCO_2 emission over the final 30 minutes of recording to allow accumulated gases to wash through the system. We converted VCO_2 to VO_2 (rate of O₂ consumption) assuming a respiratory exchange ratio (RER) of 0.8:

$$VO_2 = VCO_2 / RER \quad (2)$$

and then converted VO_2 into metabolic rate in Watts (J·sec⁻¹) using the oxyjoule equivalent (Lighton 2008):

$$\text{oxyjoule equivalent} = 16 + (5 \times RER) \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Metabolic rate} = (VO_2 \times \text{oxyjoule equivalent}) / 60 \quad (4)$$

As RERs of non-assimilating organisms vary from 0.7 - 1 depending on the metabolic substrate, some error (-3 to +5%) will be introduced by an incorrect assumption of RER in equation 2 (Lighton 2008). However, as the value of the oxyjoule equivalent also depends on RER (equation 3), and the error introduced at this step is in the opposite direction, the assumption of an RER of 0.8 throughout will cause less than 0.6 % error in metabolic rate estimates over the entire physiological range of RER (Lighton 2008).

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SUPPORTING FIGURES

Figure S1 - Representative CO₂ emission traces from 6 female overwintering *Hyphantria cunea* pupae, weighing 0.057, 0.089, 0.065, 0.057, 0.0069, and 0.043g (left to right) and measured at 20°C. 'b' indicates baseline measurements from an empty cuvette, conducted at the beginning and end of each run.

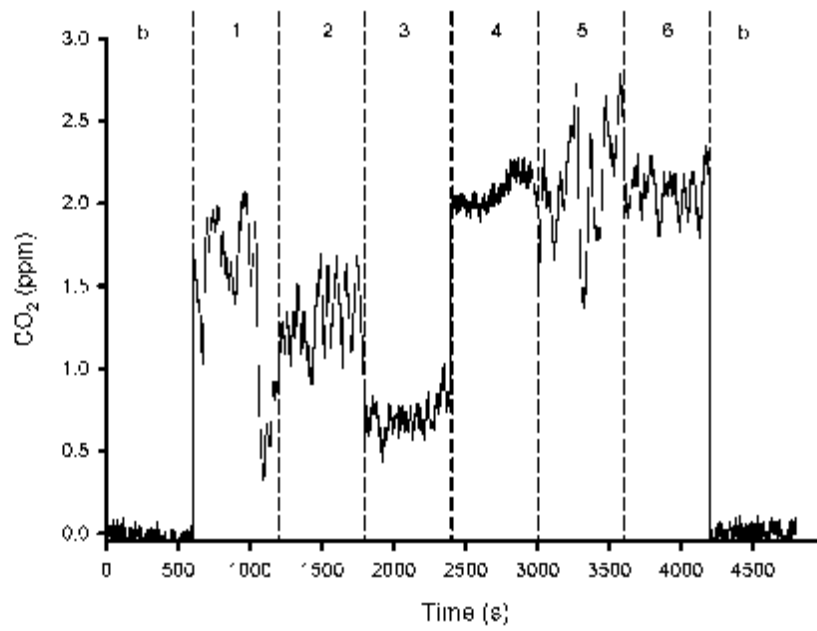


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SUPPORTING TABLES

Table S1 - Microclimate temperatures from *H. cunea* habitat in Ottawa, Ontario or Athens, Ohio. Data are soil surface temperatures in °C (monthly mean \pm SEM) for the 2008 – 2009 winter, from iButton data loggers in the leaf litter. N= number of loggers per site; Snow = days of snow cover.

Location N	Ontario 45.2°N, 75.4°W 2				Ohio 39.2°N, 82.0°W 2			
	Minimum	Mean	Maximum	Snow	Minimum	Mean	Maximum	Snow
October	0.4 \pm 2.2	6.0 \pm 3.5	18.7 \pm 4.2	0	2.3 \pm 3.5	11.3 \pm 4.2	20.0 \pm 2.7	0
November	-5.2 \pm 3.3	2.9 \pm 4.3	18.5 \pm 5.8	0	-0.5 \pm 2.2	6.9 \pm 3.9	16.3 \pm 2.2	0
December	-4.4 \pm 1.5	0.0 \pm 1.0	2.1 \pm 0.6	18	-7.2 \pm 5.2	3.3 \pm 6.3	18.8 \pm 5.4	0
January	-0.4 \pm 0.2	0.0 \pm 0.2	0.4 \pm 0.2	31	-5.0 \pm 2.1	1.6 \pm 3.3	14.8 \pm 4.3	28
February	0.1 \pm 0.1	0.3 \pm 0.2	0.6 \pm 0.2	28	-6.1 \pm 2.5	2.8 \pm 4.3	19.8 \pm 4.4	6
March	-4.7 \pm 1.5	1.7 \pm 3.9	23.7 \pm 5.4	25	-5.8 \pm 2.5	4.0 \pm 5.5	25.8 \pm 8.9	5
April	-2.4 \pm 3.0	8.7 \pm 7.5	39.2 \pm 8.1	0	2.8 \pm 2.8	12.7 \pm 5.5	33.5 \pm 7.7	0
May	3.9 \pm 2.6	13.7 \pm 5.7	33.7 \pm 7.2	0	9.3 \pm 2.2	17.2 \pm 4.1	33.7 \pm 5.5	0
Absolute min	-5.4				-9.1			
Absolute max	42.1				34.8			
Length of snow cover	14.5 weeks				5.5 weeks			

Table S2 – Influences on life-history of overwintering *Hyphantria cunea*. General linear mixed effects models of the effects of ecotype, overwintering environment, and sex on Fall webworms from Columbus, Ohio (OH) or Ottawa, Ontario (ON) overwintered in the laboratory at warm or cool microclimate temperatures in a simulated reciprocal transplant. Mass = pupal mass, Development = days to emerge after transfer to 25°C. The factor level associated with higher values of the response variable is indicated in parentheses unless interactions were detected, and the direction of the slope for significant covariates is indicated in parentheses. Q-values were calculated using a table-wide FDR-correction (Benjamini & Hochberg 1995).

Variable	Parameter	df	T statistic	P value	Q value
Mass _{Nov}	Sex (F)	511	8.65	<0.001	<0.001
	Ecotype (OH)	29	2.48	0.019	0.021
Mass _{Apr}	Sex (F)	144	4.11	<0.001	<0.001
	Ecotype × Environment	144	2.09	0.038	0.038
Pupal length _{Apr}	Sex (F)	141	4.28	<0.001	<0.001
	Ecotype × Environment	141	3.22	0.002	0.003
Adult mass	Sex (F)	59	8.58	<0.001	<0.001
	Ecotype (OH)	19	5.11	<0.001	<0.001
Wing length	Sex (F)	55	4.78	<0.001	<0.001
Diapause date	Ecotype (ON)	30	3.2	0.003	0.004
Development	Ecotype (ON)	16	3.89	0.001	0.001
	Environment (Cool)	48	4.76	<0.001	<0.001
Fecundity	Mass (+)	10	4.97	<0.001	0.001

Table S3 - Size of Fall webworms originating from Ohio or Ontario and overwintered at warm (shaded) or cool temperatures in a simulated reciprocal transplant experiment.

Values are mean \pm SEM, sample sizes are in parentheses.

Ecotype	Environment	Sex	Pupal measurements			Adult measurements	
			Autumn mass (mg)	Spring mass (mg)	Length (mm)	Mass (mg)	Wing length (mm)
Ohio	warm	M	88.2 \pm 3.0 (73)	74.8 \pm 6.8 (22)	11.6 \pm 0.2 (22)	51.1 \pm 5.8 (10)	12.7 \pm 0.5 (8)
		F	102.3 \pm 3.4 (61)	92.2 \pm 4.6 (21)	11.9 \pm 0.1 (21)	79.7 \pm 2.8 (13)	14.4 \pm 0.7 (13)
	cool	M	84.1 \pm 2.5 (71)	79.5 \pm 3.9 (21)	11 \pm 0.2 (21)	45.4 \pm 5.1 (12)	12.2 \pm 0.4 (10)
		F	108.6 \pm 2.9 (73)	89.3 \pm 4.8 (27)	11.8 \pm 0.2 (27)	78.9 \pm 4.4 (10)	13.4 \pm 0.7 (10)
Ontario	warm	M	76.9 \pm 2.7 (57)	69.8 \pm 4.6 (16)	10.5 \pm 0.2 (16)	31.7 \pm 4.7 (5)	11.8 \pm 0.5 (4)
		F	91.1 \pm 2.9 (74)	79.7 \pm 4.4 (21)	10.9 \pm 0.2 (21)	61.5 \pm 7.3 (6)	13.5 \pm 0.7 (6)
	cool	M	81.3 \pm 1.8 (74)	70.9 \pm 2.7 (22)	10.8 \pm 0.1 (21)	35.3 \pm 4.2 (9)	11.3 \pm 0.6 (9)
		F	91.4 \pm 2.5 (60)	90.3 \pm 4.7 (16)	11.2 \pm 0.2 (14)	57 \pm 4.0 (16)	13.7 \pm 0.3 (16)

Table S4 – Influences on physiology of overwintering *Hyphantria cunea*. General linear mixed effects models of the effects of ecotype, overwintering environment, and sex on Fall webworms from Columbus, Ohio (OH) or Ottawa, Ontario (ON) overwintered in the laboratory at warm or cool microclimate temperatures in a simulated reciprocal transplant. Mass = pupal mass, LFDM = lipid-free dry mass, Met. rate = metabolic rate, Temp. = measurement temperature for metabolic thermal performance curves. The factor level associated with higher values of the response variable is indicated in parentheses unless interactions were detected, and the direction of the slope for significant covariates is indicated in parentheses. Q-values were calculated using a table-wide FDR-correction (Benjamini & Hochberg 1995).

Variable	Parameter	df	T statistic	P value	Q value
Water _{Nov}	Sex (F)	21	2.25	0.035	0.049
	Ecotype (OH)	15	4.59	<0.001	0.001
	Environment (Cool)	21	2.15	0.044	0.057
Water _{Apr}	Sex (F)	20	2.76	0.012	0.023
Triglycerides _{Nov}	Sex (F)	21	2.32	0.030	0.045
	Ecotype (OH)	15	2.14	0.049	0.057
	Environment (Cool)	21	1.74	0.096	0.096
Triglycerides _{Apr}	Sex (F)	18	3.90	0.001	0.003
	Ecotype × Environment	18	2.49	0.023	0.037
Carbohydrates _{Nov}	Sex × Ecotype × Environment	18	2.04	0.057	0.060
Carbohydrates _{Apr}	Sex × Ecotype × Environment	17	2.06	0.055	0.060
Protein _{Nov}	Sex (F)	24	4.45	<0.001	<0.001
Protein _{Apr}	Sex (F)	23	4.61	<0.001	<0.001
	Ecotype (OH)	23	2.10	0.046	0.057
LFDM _{Nov}	Sex (F)	22	5.40	<0.001	<0.001
LFDM _{Apr}	Sex (F)	20	3.50	0.002	0.006
Met. rate _{Nov}	Temp. (+)	94	10.45	<0.001	<0.001
	Mass (-)	94	2.64	0.010	0.021
	Incubator (Cool)	22	2.99	0.007	0.016
Met. rate _{Apr}	Temp. (+)	94	13.77	<0.001	<0.001
	Temp. × Ecotype	94	2.47	0.015	0.026

Table S5 – Body composition of Fall webworms originating from Ohio or Ontario and overwintered at warm (shaded) or cool temperatures in a simulated reciprocal transplant experiment. Values are mean ± SEM, sample sizes are in parentheses. TAG = triglycerides, Carb = carbohydrates, LFDM = lipid- and carbohydrate-free dry mass.

Ecotype	Environment	Sex	Autumn measurements (November)					Spring measurements (April)				
			Water (mg)	TAG (mg)	Carb (mg)	Protein (mg)	LFDM (mg)	Water (mg)	TAG (mg)	Carb (mg)	Protein (mg)	LFDM (mg)
Ohio	warm	M	77.3 ± 4.5 (5)	10.9 ± 1.4 (5)	0.074 ± 0.044 (5)	13.7 ± 0.8 (3)	22.0 ± 2.5 (5)	30.7 ± 10 (4)	10.9 ± 1.4 (5)	0.062 ± 0.034 (3)	14.6 ± 2.3 (5)	19.9 ± 1.7 (4)
		F	80.3 ± 5.1 (4)	12.3 ± 2.4 (4)	0.257 ± 0.042 (6)	8.1 ± 0.4 (6)	28.3 ± 2.8 (4)	50 ± 7.1 (7)	12.3 ± 2.4 (4)	0.033 ± 0.020 (6)	7.2 ± 0.6 (6)	27.5 ± 3.1 (7)
	cool	M	76.2 ± 2.8 (6)	11.2 ± 0.9 (6)	0.253 ± 0.067 (4)	12.6 ± 1.1 (7)	19.1 ± 1.7 (6)	39 ± 11.2 (6)	11.2 ± 0.9 (6)	0.122 ± 0.052 (7)	11.7 ± 1.3 (4)	21.2 ± 2.7 (6)
		F	96.4 ± 3.5 (5)	16.5 ± 2.5 (5)	0.221 ± 0.040 (5)	10.4 ± 1.7 (4)	28.1 ± 1.7 (5)	51.2 ± 8.5 (3)	16.5 ± 2.5 (5)	0.095 ± 0.014 (4)	8.5 ± 0.9 (5)	26.8 ± 1.5 (3)
Ontario	warm	M	54.4 ± 8.4 (6)	6.7 ± 1.6 (6)	0.273 ± 0.097 (5)	10.6 ± 0.6 (5)	17.2 ± 1.2 (6)	34 ± 2.8 (5)	6.7 ± 1.6 (6)	0.159 ± 0.014 (5)	11.6 ± 0.9 (5)	21.6 ± 2.5 (5)
		F	63 ± 8.9 (4)	9.7 ± 4.1 (4)	0.179 ± 0.081 (5)	7.2 ± 0.9 (5)	22.6 ± 2.3 (4)	66.8 ± 7.2 (4)	9.7 ± 4.1 (4)	0.146 ± 0.055 (5)	8.4 ± 1.4 (5)	25.8 ± 2.6 (4)
	cool	M	68.2 ± 4 (5)	10.4 ± 1.2 (5)	0.124 ± 0.066 (4)	10.9 ± 1.2 (4)	17.9 ± 0.9 (5)	49.8 ± 2.3 (5)	10.4 ± 1.2 (5)	0.306 ± 0.087 (4)	10.1 ± 1.5 (4)	15.9 ± 1.6 (5)
		F	70.4 ± 5.3 (5)	11.6 ± 1.4 (5)	0.134 ± 0.048 (6)	9.2 ± 0.8 (5)	28.8 ± 3.2 (5)	49.9 ± 9.6 (5)	11.6 ± 1.4 (5)	0.081 ± 0.028 (5)	7.7 ± 1.3 (6)	24.2 ± 1.3 (5)