

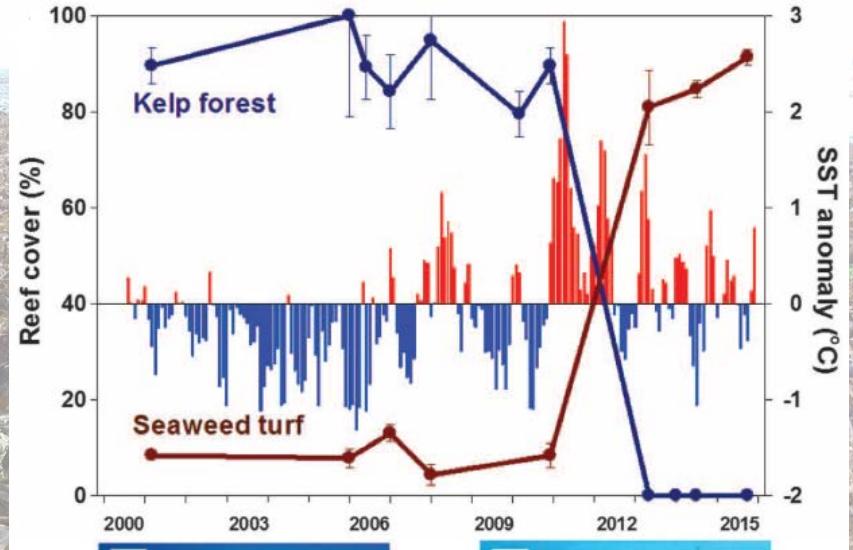
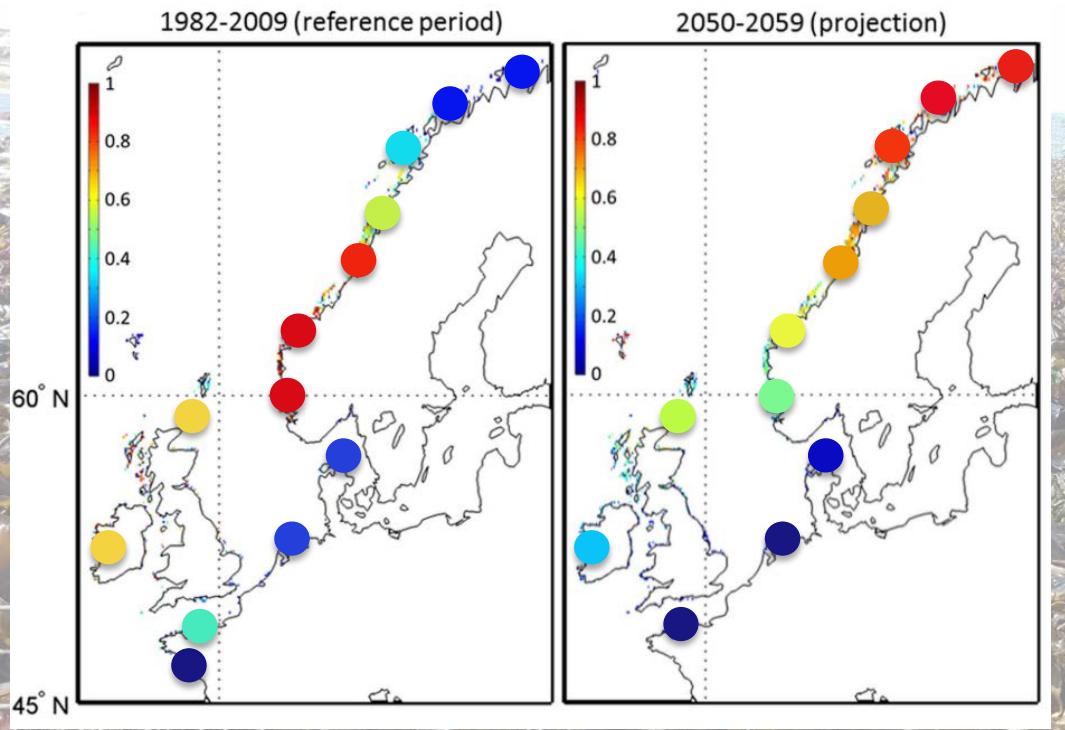
Transgenerational temperature effects in the kelp *Laminaria digitata*



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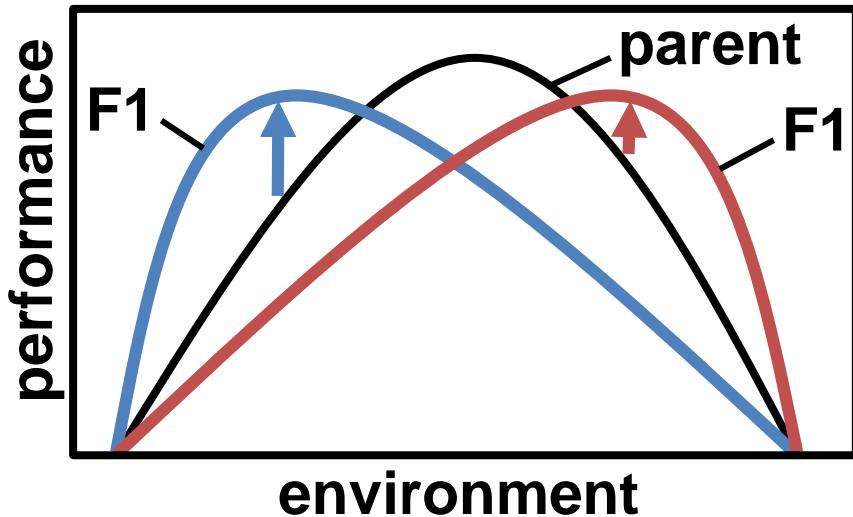
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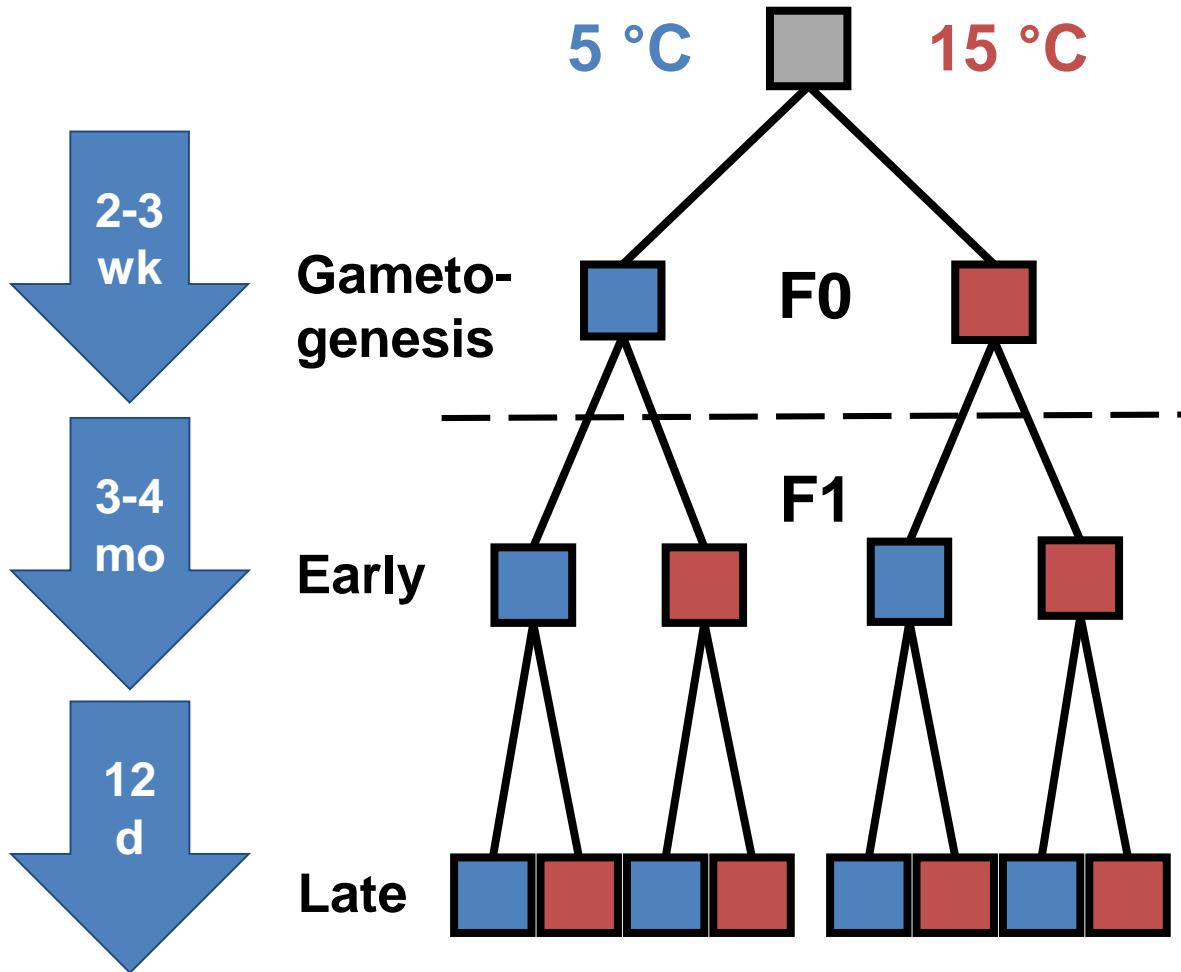
Transgenerational plasticity



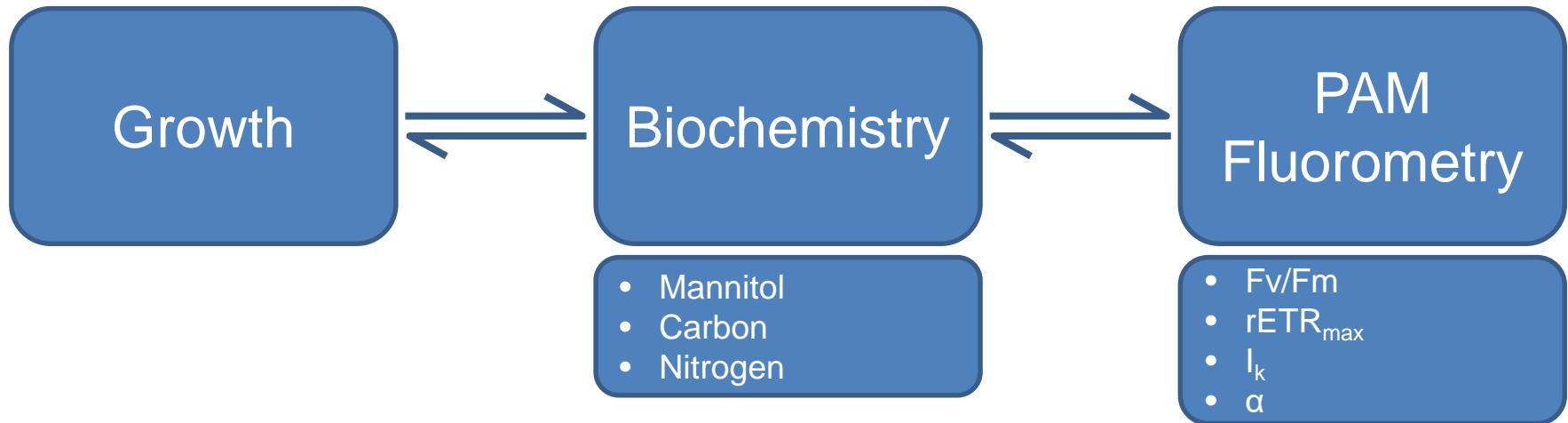
TGP: interactive effects of parental and offspring environment on offspring phenotype

Does adaptive TGP prime kelp offspring for higher temperatures across life cycle stages?

Experimental design



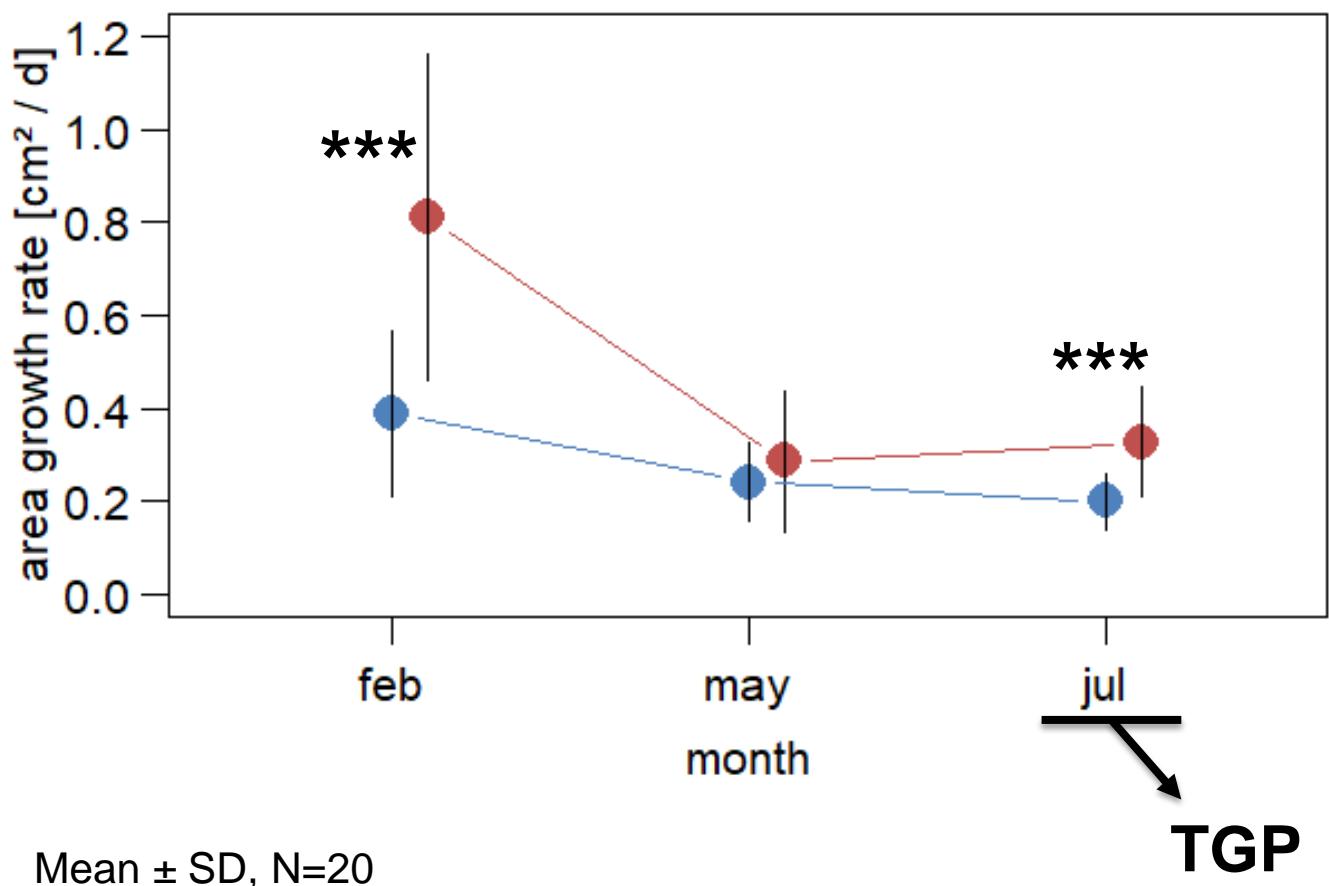
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Hypothesis:
Adaptive TGP for parental gametogenesis temperature.



Field material: Reaction norm

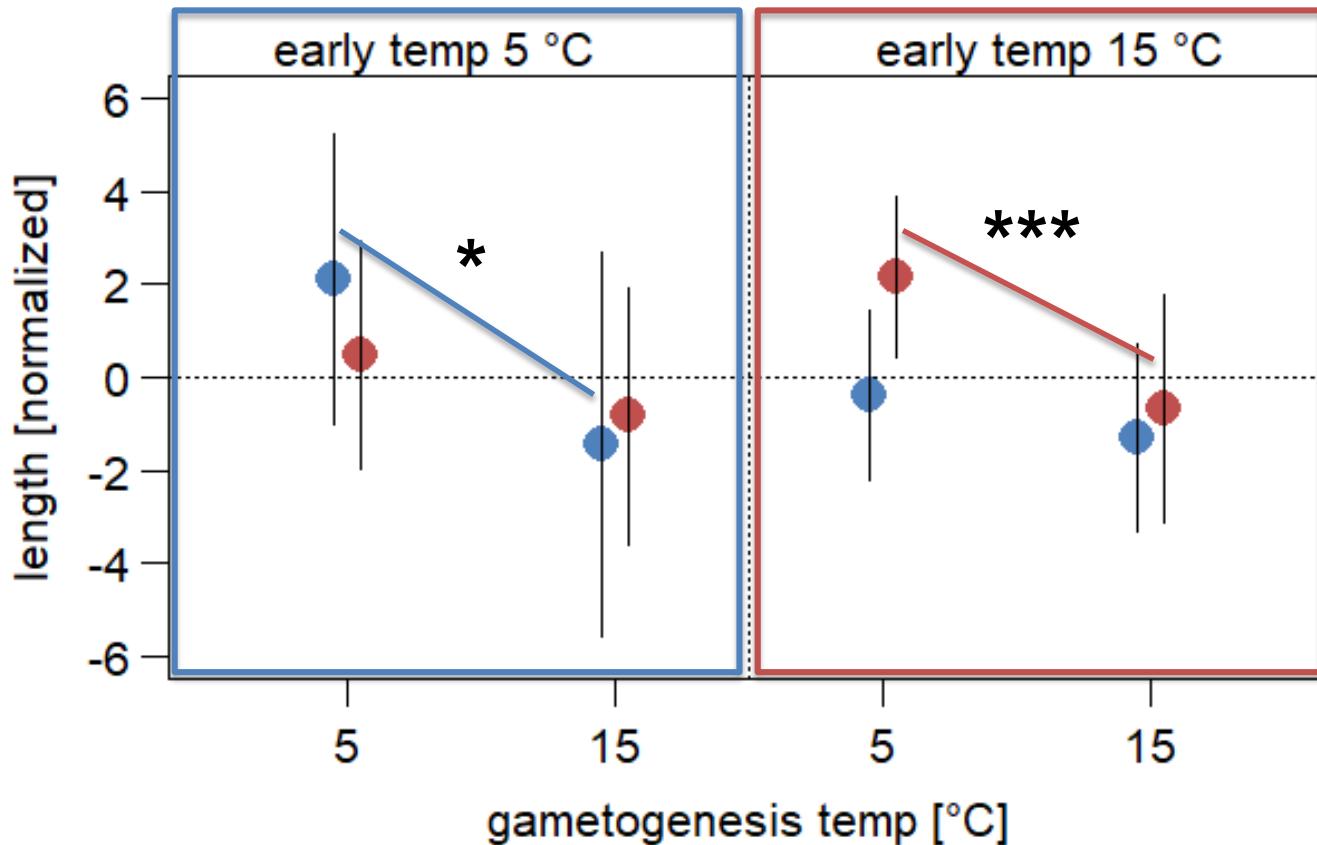


exp. temp
5 °C
15 °C

Field
meristems
grow faster at
15 °C

TGP

TGP: Growth

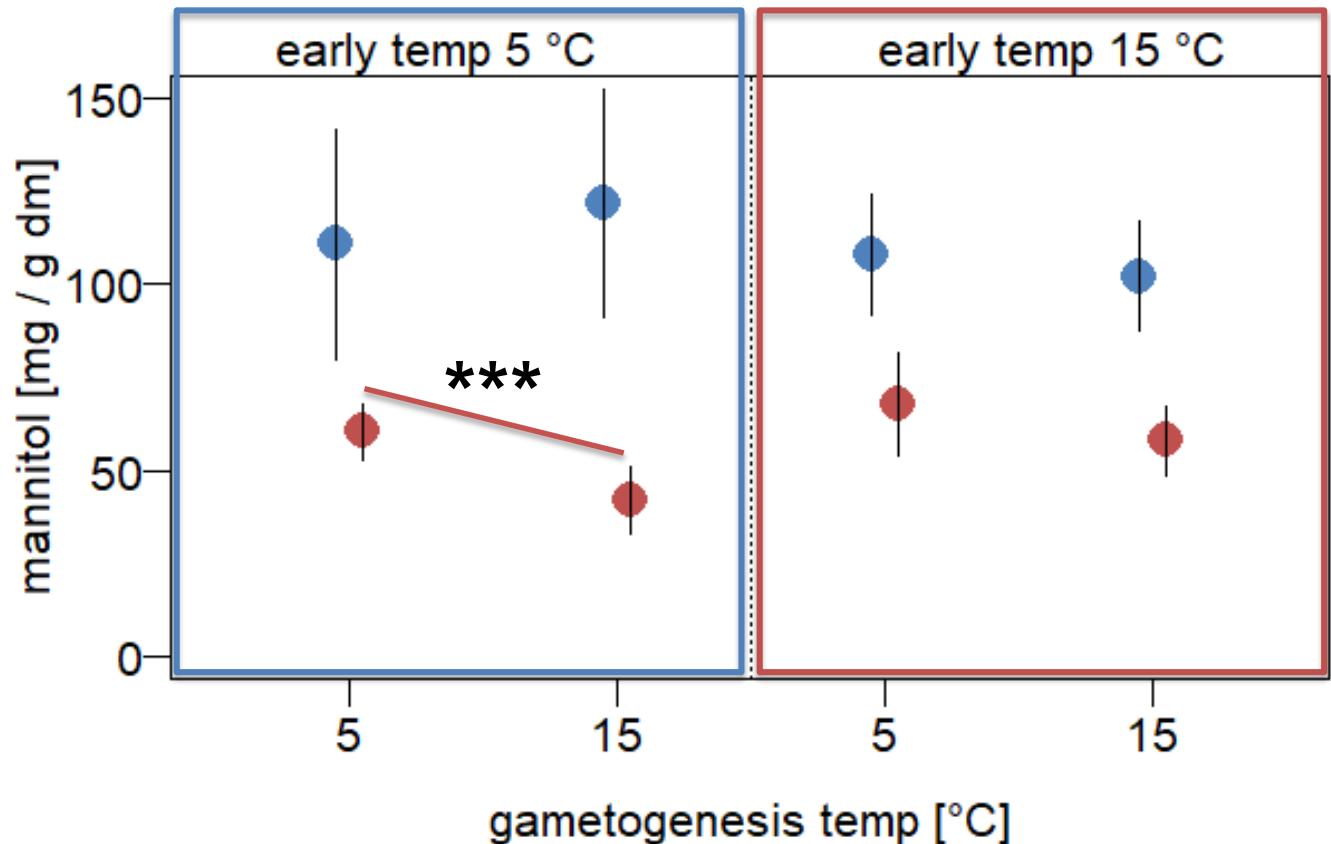


Mean ± SD, N=4 for 5 strains



late temp
TGP:
Beneficial
effect of 5 °C
gametogenesis
on growth.

TGP: Mannitol



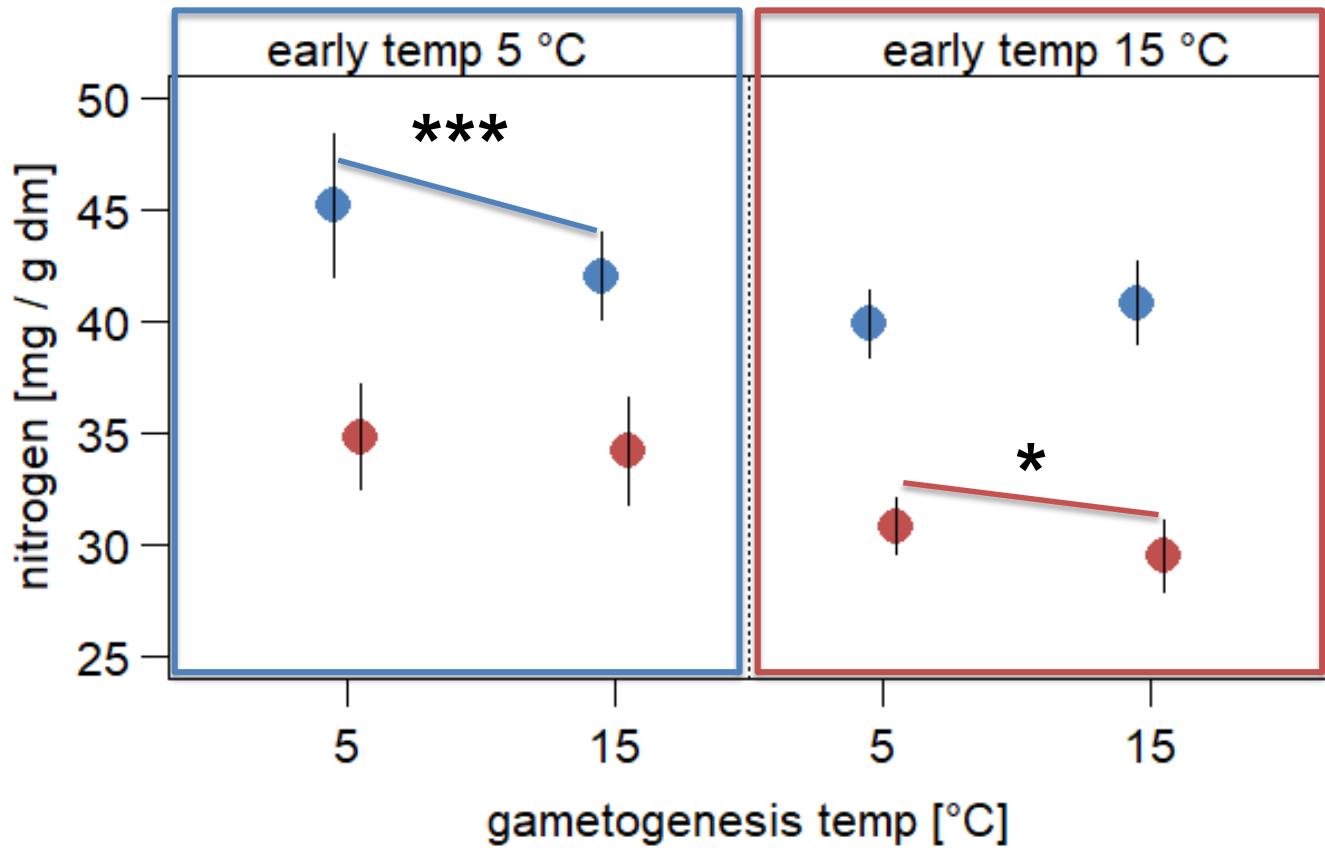
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late temp

Mannitol ~2x
higher in
L 5 °C.

TGP: Nitrogen

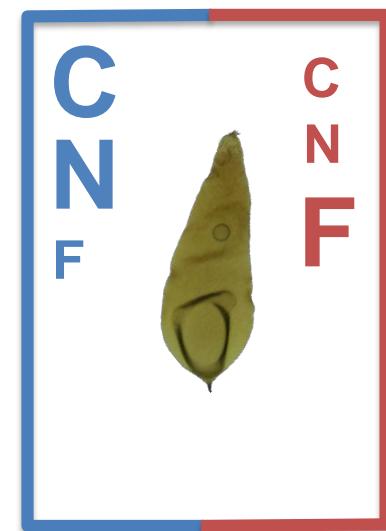
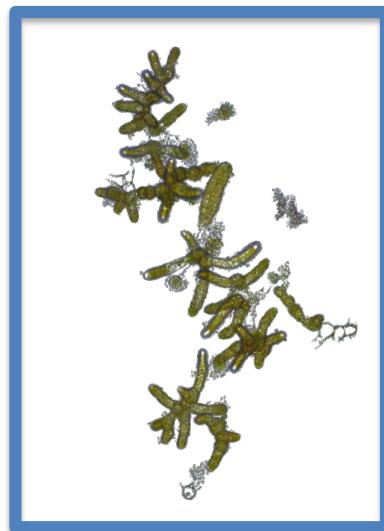


late temp

Nitrogen higher in L 5 °C.
TGP ~ growth

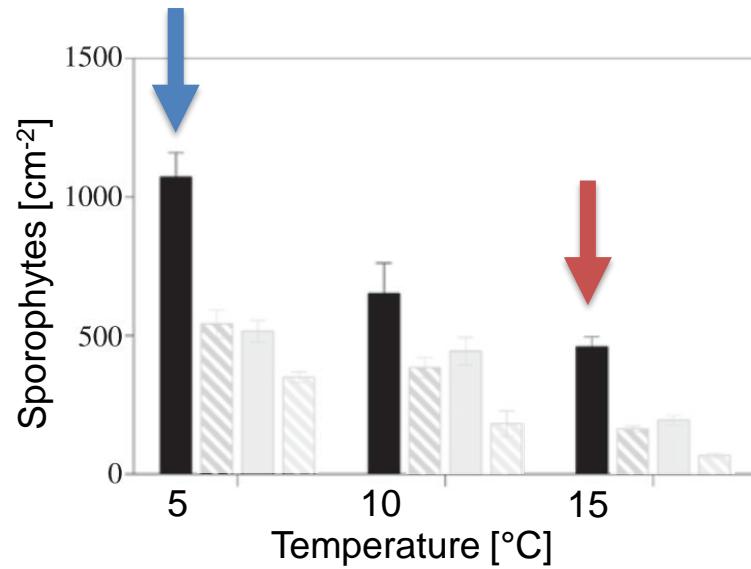
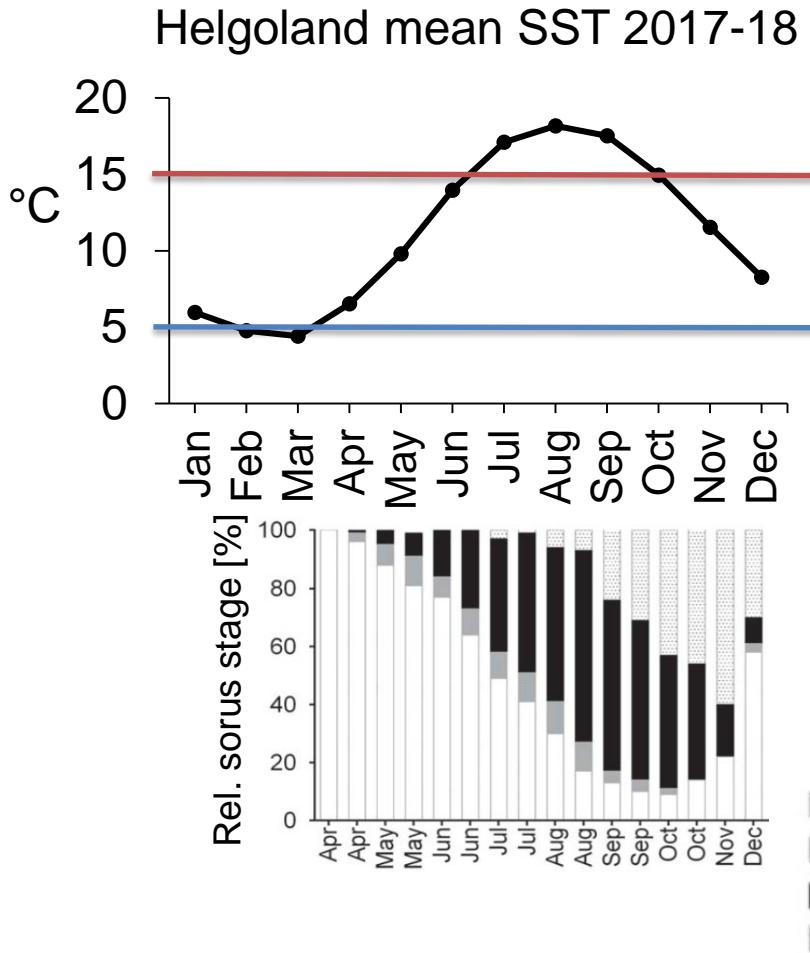
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Synthesis



**TGP: Beneficial growth effects following cold parental treatment.
No adaptive TGP regarding warm temperature.**

Outlook



Importance of
cold refuge
during winter!

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1. Ecotypic differentiation along the European latitudinal gradient
2. Parent-specific inheritance patterns

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