

1 **Limpet feeding rate and the consistency of physiological response to temperature**

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9 **Abstract**

10 Thermal reaction norms are fundamental relationships for geographic comparisons of organism
11 response to temperature. They are shaped by an organism's environmental history and provide
12 insights into both the global patterns of thermal sensitivity and the physiological mechanisms
13 underlying temperature response. In this study we conducted the first measure of the thermal
14 reaction norm for feeding, comparing the radula rasping rate of two tropical and one polar limpet
15 species. The consistency of thermal response was tested through comparisons with limpet duration
16 tenacity. Feeding and duration tenacity of limpets are ecologically important muscular mechanisms
17 that rely on very different aspects of muscle physiology, repeated concentric (shortening) and
18 isometric (fixed length) contraction of muscles, respectively. In these limpets the thermal reaction
19 norms of feeding limpets were best described by a single break point at a maximum temperature
20 with linear declines at higher (*S. atra*) or lower temperatures (*N. concinna* and *C. radiata*) rather
21 than a bell shaped curve. The thermal reaction norms for duration tenacity were similar in the two
22 tropical limpets. However, the rasping rate in Antarctic *Nacella concinna*, increased linearly with
23 temperature up to a maximum at 12.3°C (maximal range 8.5 to 12.3°C) when feeding stopped. In
24 contrast duration tenacity in *N. concinna*, was maximal at 1.0°C (-0.6 to 3.8°C), and linearly
25 decreased with increasing temperature. The thermal reaction norms of muscular activity were
26 therefore inconsistent within and between species, indicating that different mechanisms likely
27 underlie different aspects of species sensitivities to temperature.

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29 **Key-words:** Thermal reaction norm; radula; rasping rate; tropical; Antarctic; *Nacella concinna*

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31 **Introduction**

32 Understanding how species ranges are controlled by variation in their environment, and how these
33 ranges are likely to shift in response to future environmental conditions, is one of the major current
34 scientific challenges (Pennisi 2005). Whilst in the oceans a range of variables such as salinity, wave

35 exposure, primary productivity and competition are important controlling factors, temperature is
36 arguably the most important for ectotherms as it controls the rates of all biochemical reactions
37 within body tissues (Hochachka and Somero 2002). The magnitude and variation of temperature are
38 important determinants of ectotherm physiological limits (Peck 2005; Gaston et al. 2009) which play
39 a major role in limiting their distributions (e.g. Gaston et al. 2009). The predictability of temperature
40 variation is, also, increasingly being recognised as a key factor determining both acclimatory capacity
41 (Sinclair et al. 2006; Peck et al. 2006; Morley et al. 2012a) and thermal adaptation (Alto et al. 2013).

42 Unifying physiological principles such as oxygen and capacity limited thermal tolerance
43 (Pörtner and Knust 2007; Pörtner and Farrell 2008) or the metabolic theory of ecology (Gillooly et al.
44 2001) provide mechanistic frameworks against which the generality of thermal response can be
45 compared. These frameworks improve understanding of the physiological mechanisms underlying
46 ectotherm response to temperature, which are, in turn, expected to improve predictions of future
47 species ranges (e.g. Kearney et al. 2009; Calosi et al. 2010). However, rather than species sensitivity
48 to temperature being caused by a single pervasive mechanism, it is increasingly argued that a
49 combination of multiple physiological factors, which can have different thermal limits and can vary
50 in importance through an organisms life history are likely to determine species vulnerability (Clark et
51 al. 2013). This might explain why quite different predictions of the future range can be obtained
52 using current realised and physiological niches based on single trait analyses (diving beetles,
53 Sanchez-Fernandez et al. 2012). There is also evidence showing that the rate of temperature change
54 has marked effects on measured thermal limits in both terrestrial and aquatic environments (Mora
55 and Moya 2006; Terblanche et al. 2007; Chown et al. 2009; Peck et al. 2009; Richard et al. 2012;
56 Nguyen et al. 2012) with indications that different mechanisms underlie temperature limits at
57 different rates of change (Peck et al. 2009; Richard et al. 2012; Nguyen et al. 2012). Thermal limits
58 may also vary hierarchically between different physiological measures, from high to low complexity,
59 i.e. processes that rely on the integration of multiple organs, such as feeding and locomotion, are
60 expected to have lower thermal limits than individual biochemical pathways (Prosser 1973; Pörtner
61 et al. 2007). This might also be expected to vary between processes with different fitness
62 consequences, with lethal limits being higher than those for escape responses or feeding.

63 Limpets and other gastropod molluscs feed using a chitinous ribbon with teeth that are
64 hardened with iron and silicone oxides (Fig. 1, Liddiard et al 2004). The teeth of the radula rasp algae
65 from hard substrata, which are then ingested (e.g. Boyden and Zeldis 1979). Whilst radula rasping
66 rate is not the only factor affecting consumption rate, radula rasping is an easily quantifiable activity,
67 which is expected to closely correlate with feeding rate. Most intertidal molluscs feed when they are
68 awash or submerged and radula rasping rate in molluscs has generally been found to be sensitive to

69 both temperature and body size (Boyden and Zeldis 1979; Horn 1986; Petraitis 1992; although see
70 *Bembicium nanum*; Petraitis 1992). This study presents the first measure of the thermal reaction
71 norm for feeding in limpets from the Antarctic, *Nacella concinna* (recent synonym *N. polaris*) and
72 tropical Singapore, *Cellana radiata* and *Siphonaria atra*. Previous assessments of the thermal
73 reaction norm of duration tenacity of *N. concinna* found no difference between individuals collected
74 from the intertidal or subtidal (Morley et al. 2012a).

75 To investigate the mechanisms underlying thermal reaction norms, this new measure of the
76 thermal response of feeding in all three species and new data for the thermal response of tenacity
77 and mortality for *Siphonaria atra* were compared with previously published tenacity and mortality
78 data for *Nacella concinna* and *Cellana radiata* (Morley et al. 2012a). Current theory predicts that
79 thermal reaction norms will be consistent across different measures of muscular performance with
80 consistent optimal, upper and lower thermal limits which will correlate with experienced
81 microhabitat temperature (Angilletta 2009). This is increasingly being questioned as different
82 physiological processes are expected to rely on different mechanisms which are likely to have
83 different thermal responses (e.g. Morley et al. 2012; Clark et al. 2013). The study aimed to test, 1) if
84 differences in experienced thermal regime led to differences in the thermal reaction norm of feeding
85 in intertidal and subtidal *N. concinna*, 2) if the thermal reaction norm of rasping in one Antarctic and
86 two tropical limpets correlated with differences in their experienced environments and 3) if the
87 shape of the thermal reaction norm was consistent across these species and between rasping rate
88 and duration tenacity.

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90 **Materials and methods**

91 *Cellana radiata* and *Siphonaria atra* were collected from the shore at the Tropical Marine Science
92 Institute, St John's Island, Singapore (1° 31.2'N, 103° 51.56'E) and *Nacella concinna* were collected
93 from both the shore and 6m depth (by SCUBA divers) at the British Antarctic Survey's Rothera
94 Research Station (67° 34.25'S, 68° 08.00'W). The temperature response of feeding was measured in
95 subtidal *N. concinna* in 2006/2007 and in both subtidal and intertidal *N. concinna* in 2012/13.
96 Singapore limpets were tested between November 2009 and March 2010.

97 In Rothera and Singapore, limpets were transferred after collection, in insulated seawater
98 containers, to flow-through aquaria for at least 24 hours. They were then transferred to jacketed
99 tanks which were heated by thermocirculators at a rate of $0.2 \pm 0.1^\circ\text{C hour}^{-1}$ (after Morley et al.
100 2012a). Animals were maintained at test temperature for 24 hours (Table S1), to allow their
101 physiology to fully adjust, before the start of feeding experiments. Feeding rate was then measured
102 over 24 hours. Individuals were placed on a piece of overhead projector acetate sheet that had been

103 incubated in the flow through seawater aquaria for over 2 weeks in Singapore and over 2 months in
104 the Antarctic. This was long enough to ensure that an algal biofilm had developed that was sufficient
105 to stimulate feeding. After 1 hour, any feeding individuals were filmed for three sequences of 6 to 10
106 radula rasps, with a Microsoft LifeCam Studio HD web camera, directly onto a computer hard drive.
107 Counts started after the completion of the forward stroke and closure of the mouth. After feeding
108 had been recorded the length of each limpet was measured and the limpet removed to the
109 aquarium so that each limpet was only used once. The duration of each radula rasp was analysed
110 from the time stamped videos. Trials were run at temperatures, evenly spaced over temperatures
111 they were predicted to survive (Peck et al. 2009; Nugyen et al. 2011), in a random order, until a
112 temperature was reached when less than 5 limpets fed within the 24 hour period (Table 1).

113 New data for the duration tenacity and survival of *S. atra* is also presented alongside
114 published data for *N. concinna* and *C. radiata* (Morley et al. 2012a). The detailed method for
115 duration tenacity is described in Morley et al. (2011, 2012), which utilised the same heating protocol
116 to measure feeding rates. Briefly, a fine soft stainless steel cradle (Leader wire, Bass Pro Shops) was
117 hooked underneath the shell edge, with contact at 4 points around the shell, (modified from Grenon
118 and Walker 1981), before temperatures were changed. Animals were then held in seawater at the
119 required experimental temperature for 24 hours before tenacity was measured following Morley et
120 al. (2011, 2012a). Individuals were tested at one trial temperature only. During all trials any
121 individual that did not have a measurable tenacity was tested by stimulation of the foot with a blunt
122 seeker. Failure of the foot muscle to respond was recorded as functional mortality. This was used to
123 determine upper 50% lethal (CT_{max}) and lower 50% lethal (CT_{min}) limits (following Peck et al. 2009).
124 To standardise measurements, limpet shells were tapped three times to stimulate a clamping
125 response (Grenon and Walker 1981), before the 200g (*N. concinna*) or 919g (*C. radiata* and *S. atra*)
126 weight was attached. 20 kg mono filament fishing wire was hooked to the stainless steel cradle or
127 cotton loop and passed over two 18KN pulleys (Petzl, France) supported by a retort stand frame. 20
128 seconds after the limpet shell was tapped, the weight was hooked to the line and gently lowered
129 until the full force was supported directly above the centre of each limpet. The subsequent time
130 taken for the limpet to be pulled from the substratum was recorded.

131 Microhabitat temperature for all three limpets was measured using biomimetic loggers (as
132 described in Morley et al. 2012a). Signatrol button loggers were silicon sealed into empty limpet
133 shells and glued onto the shore (using marine araldite) at the median height that each limpet species
134 was found. These loggers were set to record every 30 minutes and were deployed between
135 16/06/10 and 02/08/10 on break waters around St. John's Island, Singapore and between 29/12/12
136 and 15/02/13 on East Beach, Rothera Point. Previously published logger data were also available

137 (Singapore *C. radiata*, Morley et al. 2012a; Rothera, *N. concinna*, Waller et al. 2006). On spring low
138 waters foot temperatures of *N. concinna* were also recorded, using a thermocouple. As the loggers
139 were fixed in position and limpets are mobile, movement patterns of individuals were monitored
140 during successive low waters. The distance moved from the first recorded position was monitored
141 over 3 low tides for *N. concinna* and *S. atra* and 19 low waters for *C. radiata*.

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143 Data analysis

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145 Temperatures recorded by biomimetic loggers were analysed by calculating the average
146 number of hours in each day that each temperature was experienced (collated into 1°C bins). The
147 temperature profiles of each replicate logger were not normally distributed and so differences
148 between the recorded temperature distributions were tested with multiple (bonferroni corrected)
149 Mann-Whitney tests.

150 The R-package strucchange (Zeileis et al. 2002) was used to find the most appropriate
151 piecewise linear breakpoints within the relationship between temperature and either rasping rate or
152 duration tenacity of individuals (TF_{max} and TT_{max}). After breakpoint selection, linear models were
153 fitted to the respective sections, incorporating the endpoints in all contiguous sections. Quadratic
154 functions were also fitted to the data. Akaike Information Criteria (AIC) were compared to determine
155 the best overall fit to the data sets and the significance of the parameters in each model compared
156 (modified from Angilletta 2009). 4 out of 6 quadratic fits had lower AIC's (Table S2), but this was not
157 significantly different from a 1:1 ratio ($\chi^2 = 0.67$, $P = 0.41$). However, as half of the quadratic (T^2)
158 parameters were not significant (Table S2) and there were visible discontinuities in the thermal
159 profiles, the piecewise linear fits were chosen as the overall best fit and biological description of the
160 data. Post Hoc multiple Tukey test were then used to determine which temperatures were not
161 significantly different from this breakpoint value.

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163 Results

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165 *Microhabitat temperatures*

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167 There were no significant differences in the temperature distributions recorded by the replicate
168 loggers (Mann-Whitney; *N. concinna*, $U < 122$, $p > 0.79$; *C. radiata*, $U < 86$, $P > 0.07$; *S. atra*, $U = 174$,
169 $p = 0.94$; Fig. 2). Median logger temperature for *N. concinna* was 1°C, with a summer minimum of -1°C
170 but also a few high temperatures to a maximum of 9°C. *S. atra* loggers also recorded a few high

171 temperatures with a maximum over 40°C. *S atra* experienced higher maximum temperatures than
172 those recorded by *C. radiata* loggers (maximum of 35°C). The median temperature for *S. atra* (30°C)
173 was 1°C higher than that for *C. radiata* (29°C). The minimum logger temperature for both tropical
174 limpets was 24°C.

175 The two tropical limpets moved very little (median 10cm) between successive low waters,
176 remaining on the same rock surface, and therefore experiencing the same level of exposure to the
177 sun during each low water (Fig. 3). *N. concinna* moved much greater distances, up to 3.4m between
178 tides. Individuals moved to different rock surfaces and might, therefore, have experienced a wider
179 temperature range than that recorded by loggers fixed to the rocks. However, foot temperatures of
180 *N. concinna* were similar to those recorded by loggers (Table 1); on 31/12/12 the logger temperature
181 was 1 to 2°C higher than the limpet foot temperature, but 1 to 2°C lower on 16/1/12.
182 The highest foot temperature was 13.2°C, recorded on 28/12/12.

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184 *Radula rasping rate*

185 There was no relationship between feeding rate and limpet size, or the interaction of size and
186 temperature for any of the 3 groups of limpets: *N. concinna* ($F_{1,265}=3.8$, $p=0.052$; $F_{1,265}=0.88$, $p=0.35$);
187 *C. radiata* ($F_{1,69}=1.7$, $p=0.20$; $F_{1,69}=1.9$, $p=0.18$) or *S. atra* ($F_{1,63}=0.00$, $p=0.99$; $F_{1,63}=0.01$, $p=0.94$).

188 The rasping rate of *N. concinna* increased with temperature until the temperature was too
189 high for them to feed (Fig 4A, Table S3). The highest temperature at which individuals fed in 2007
190 was 6.6°C, with no feeding at 8.4°C, but 4 intertidal and 3 subtidal individuals fed at 12.3°C in 2012.
191 Most *N. concinna* were moribund at 12.3°C, none fed at 14.4°C and only 1 intertidal limpet survived
192 at this temperature. Despite this interannual difference in temperature limit there was no significant
193 difference in the relationship between rasping rate and temperature in the 3 *N. concinna* trials
194 (ANCOVA; $F_{2,265}=0.70$, $p=0.50$) or the interaction with temperature ($F_{2,265}=0.29$, $p=0.75$), so the data
195 were combined. Tukey *posthoc* multiple comparison tests showed that the temperature over which
196 rasping rates of *N. concinna* were fastest occurred within the range 8.5 to 12.3°C. *Cellana radiata*
197 had a maximum rasping rate at 30.6°C and *posthoc* tests showed the optimal range was between
198 26.6 and 34.6°C (Fig4B). *S. atra* had a maximum rasping rate at 24.6°C with an optimal range
199 between 24.6 and 36.6°C (Fig 4C).

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201 *Tenacity*

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203 A lower Akaike Information Criteria was obtained for a polynomial fit for tenacity of Singapore *S.*
204 *atra*, rather than the breakpoint analysis (AIC= 3288 versus 3976). The polynomial fit had a
205 maximum tenacity at 24.9°C, but tenacity was relatively constant across the temperature range 18-
206 30°C. The individual variability in duration tenacity was high enough that *posthoc* tests could not
207 identify significant pairwise differences between temperatures (fig 5A). *N. concinna* had a break
208 point at 1.0°C with an optimal temperature range between -0.6 and 3.8°C (Fig S1; Morley et al.
209 2012a). *C. radiata* had a maximum temperature for tenacity of 27.6°C and there was a significant
210 linear reduction in tenacity above and below this temperature.

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212 *Mortality data*

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214 The CT_{min} of *S. atra* was between 13.6 to 15.6°C and the CT_{max} between 36.6 to 37.6°C (fig 5B). The
215 CT_{max} of Rothera *N. concinna* was 12.0°C (Morley et al. 2012a). The CT_{min} for *C. radiata* was 2.6 to
216 4.6°C and the CT_{max} 33.6 to 34.6°C (Morley et al. 2012a).

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218 **Discussion**

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220 *Thermal reaction norm*

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222 Despite the approximately 30°C difference in environmental temperature between the seas around
223 the Western Antarctic Peninsula and Singapore, average rasping rates of *N. concinna* and *S. atra*
224 were similar (0.2-0.3 rasps sec⁻¹). Instead there was a bigger difference between the two tropical
225 limpets, with *C. radiata* having three times faster average rasping rate (0.9 rasps sec⁻¹). Many factors,
226 such as previous feeding history (Boyden and Zeldis 1979), can affect the rasping rate but there are
227 also large differences between species (Petraitis 1992). Inter-specific comparisons were therefore
228 focussed on the shape of the thermal reaction norms and their relationship with experienced
229 temperature.

230 The concept that ectotherms will have an optimal physiological temperature range is a
231 fundamental paradigm within thermal physiology and has led to thermal reaction norms typically
232 being described by bell shaped curves, with an optimal range and a decline in performance either
233 side of this range (Huey and Kingsolver 1989; Pörtner and Knust 2007, Pörtner and Farrell 2008;
234 Angilletta 2009). These curves are useful for comparing the relative thermal response between
235 species as temperature ranges are expected to be wider in species that experience more variable
236 thermal environments and have optima that match their experienced environment (e.g. Huey and

237 Kingsolver 1989; Angilletta 2009). The thermal reaction norms for these three species were best
238 described by a single breakpoint at a temperature where feeding rate was at a maximum, with a
239 gradual linear reduction at temperatures below this in *N. concinna* and *C. radiata*, but a significant
240 linear reduction at temperatures above this in *S. atra*. For both species the optimal temperature
241 range over which the change in feeding rate was not significant had an upper boundary at a
242 temperature close to that of their upper lethal limit. Previous studies of rasping rate in molluscs
243 have also measured a linear increase with temperature, at least over a limited temperature range
244 (Boyden and Zeldis 1979; Horn 1986; Petraitis 1992). The generally poor fit of the quadratic term
245 meant that the expectation of a bell shaped rate temperature curve was not met. This was
246 particularly true in *N. concinna* whose rasping rate increased linearly with temperature to a
247 maximum that was also close to their upper lethal limit. Several recent studies have found a similar
248 thermal response with aerobic scope only collapsing at temperatures close to upper lethal limits,
249 contradicting one of the central tenets of the principle of oxygen and capacity limitation of thermal
250 tolerance (see Clark et al. 2013).

251 Whilst the reaction norms for duration tenacity and feeding in the two tropical limpets were
252 very similar the temperature responses were reversed, giving very different measures of thermal
253 sensitivity in *N. concinna* (figs 5 and S1). Duration tenacity measures the time to fatigue of constant
254 (tetanic), fixed length (isometric) contraction of muscles, as they resist a constant force (Morley et
255 al. 2012a). Feeding, however, relies on alternate shortening (concentric contraction) of antagonistic
256 muscles of the odontophore that scrape the radula back and forth. These are very different muscle
257 mechanisms and are likely to have different reliance on aerobic metabolism. Behavioural responses,
258 such as feeding, can also be governed by a hierarchical response to stimuli, where, for example, the
259 presence of food leads to a feeding bout which overrides the stimulus of a prosobranch mollusc to
260 right itself (Davis et al. 1974). It is therefore perhaps more surprising that the thermal reaction
261 norms for the two tropical limpets were so similar in shape.

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263 *Microhabitat and thermal limits*

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265 In the current study there was no difference in the thermal response of rasping in intertidal and
266 subtidal *N. concinna*, despite their vastly different experienced environments. This was the same
267 pattern as previously measured for duration tenacity in this species (Morley et al. 2012). Intertidal
268 temperatures in the Antarctic are highly variable and the cyclical pattern of temperature variation
269 and the unpredictability of temperature may preclude acclimatisation to the intertidal environment
270 (Morley et al. 2012). However, although subtidal Southern Ocean temperatures are amongst the

271 most stable there was a large difference in the maximum temperature for feeding of subtidal *N.*
272 *concinna* between 2007 (6.4°C) and 2012 (12.4°C). This corresponded to a difference in the
273 maximum summer seawater temperature between 2007, which was a cooler year (1.0°C) and 2012,
274 which was one of the warmest years on record (1.9°C). Differences in the upper temperature limits
275 of Antarctic species have previously been recorded between years; with the starfish *Odontaster*
276 *validus* and the clam *Laternula elliptica* having higher lethal limits in warmer years (Morley et al.
277 2012b).

278 Whilst there were no differences in the rasping rate of Rothera *N. concinna* between years,
279 there were differences between Rothera *N. concinna* measured in this study and rasping rate of
280 Signy Island *N. concinna* (60° 42.16'S, 45°35.45'W) measured over a reduced temperature range in
281 1986 (Fig. S1). Signy *N. concinna* measured in 1986, had a significantly faster rasping rate at all
282 temperatures than Rothera *N. concinna* (ANCOVA; $F_{1,286}=57.9$, $p<0.01$), but rasping rate had the
283 same slope with temperature ($F_{1,286}=1.1$, $p=0.29$). The consistent response of rasping rate to
284 temperature suggests that it is a robust measure of thermal response in *N. concinna*.

285 Within the tropics, *S. atra* experiences higher maximum and median environmental
286 temperatures than *C. radiata*, but approximately the same lower environmental temperature (Table
287 1). As predicted *S. atra* had higher upper lethal limits and a wider optimal temperature range for
288 feeding than *C. radiata* but these ranges were centred on the same midpoint. In global latitudinal
289 analyses, lower lethal limits of marine ectotherms are also generally correlated with latitudinal
290 temperature gradients (e.g. Sunday et al. 2012). However, in the current study, the lower lethal
291 limits of both tropical species were below the minimum environmental temperature experienced in
292 Singapore. The CT_{min} of *C. radiata* was extremely low (2.6 to 4.6°C), as was the previously measured
293 CT_{min} of the Singapore clam *Laternula truncata* (5.7°C, Lai et al. 2011) and three species of tropical
294 oyster (1.4 to 5.0°C; Davenport and Wong 1992). There are clearly factors, other than recent thermal
295 history, which affect the temperature tolerance of ectotherms, such as the predictability of
296 temperature variation (Morley et al. 2012a) and evolutionary history (Bozinovic et al. 2011; Richard
297 et al. 2012). This understanding is particularly important for intertidal species, where the complex
298 microhabitat structure on the shore means that even small differences in climate temperature
299 (0.75°C in 60 years) have had dramatic effects on the structure of Californian intertidal communities
300 (Barry et al. 1995; Sagarin et al. 1999).

301 The thermal reaction norm for these two very different muscular activities was consistent in
302 the two species of tropical limpet but was almost opposite in the one Antarctic species. Even
303 measurements from these three species indicate how very different estimates of species'
304 vulnerability to climate warming can be predicted from the thermal reaction norms measured for

305 different muscle activity. Acute thermal tolerance will be modified by species physiological flexibility
306 (acclimitisation capacity) and ultimately adaptation. Polar and tropical species are known to have
307 reduced acclimation capacity (Nguyen et al. 2011; Richard et al. 2011; Peck et al. 2013) and are
308 expected to have slower rates of adaptation (Peck 2011) than species from temperate regions.
309 Climate warming is also a non-linear process and extreme events are also expected to increase in
310 frequency (Karl et al. 1997). Understanding which physiological mechanisms underlie these different
311 measures, and which will be most important to future fitness, is an important step towards
312 improving our assessments of future vulnerability.

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420 Figure legends

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422 Figure 1. Feeding *Nacella concinna*, showing the head and radula. Photo credit: Pete Bucktrout.

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424 Figure 2. The average number of hours each temperature was experienced per 24 hour period was
425 measured by replicate biomimetic loggers (different coloured bars) recording every 30 minutes. A,
426 *Rothera Nacella concinna*, B, *Cellana radiata* and C, *Siphonaria atra*. Note logarithmic scales to
427 emphasise rare high and low temperatures.

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429 Figure 3. Distance moved by individual limpets, A) *Rothera Nacella concinna* at air temperatures
430 between -1 to 9°C, B) *Cellana radiata* at air temperatures between 24 and 33°C, C) *Siphonaria atra*
431 at air temperatures between 25 and 37°C, between successive tides. *C. radiata*, movement was
432 averaged over 19 low tides. *S. atra* and *N. concinna*, averaged over 3 low tides. Median, 5 and 95%
433 percentiles. Solid circles indicate outliers.

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435 Figure 4. The rate of radula rasping at different temperatures (mean \pm 1SEM). A, *Nacella concinna*, B,
436 *Cellana radiata*, C, *Siphonaria atra*. Whilst *N. concinna* survived at 8.6°C in 2007 there was no
437 feeding at this temperature. Dotted lines indicate non-significant linear regressions (Table S2).

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439 Figure 5. A, Duration tenacity and B, mortality of *Siphonaria atra*.

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441 Tables

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443 Table 1. *Rothera Nacella concinna* foot temperatures and the 4 logger temperatures at the time of
444 foot measurement.

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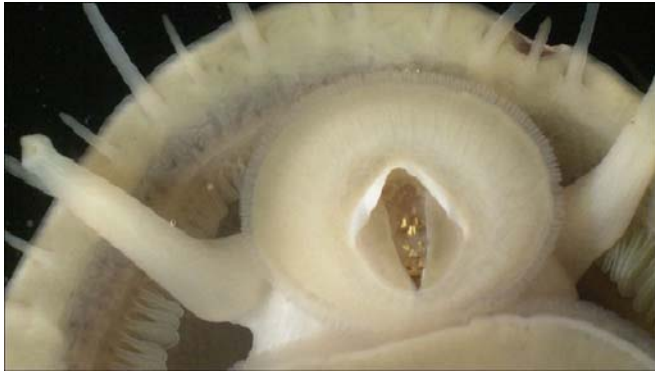
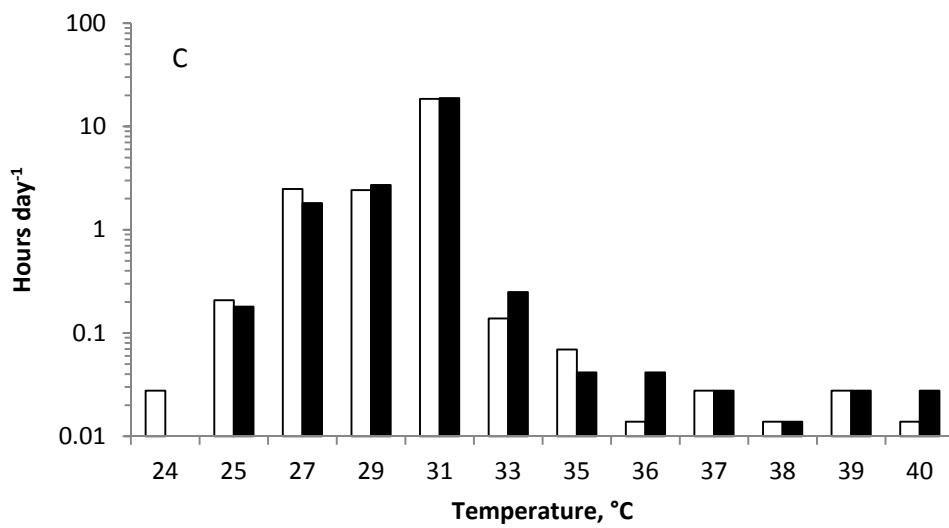
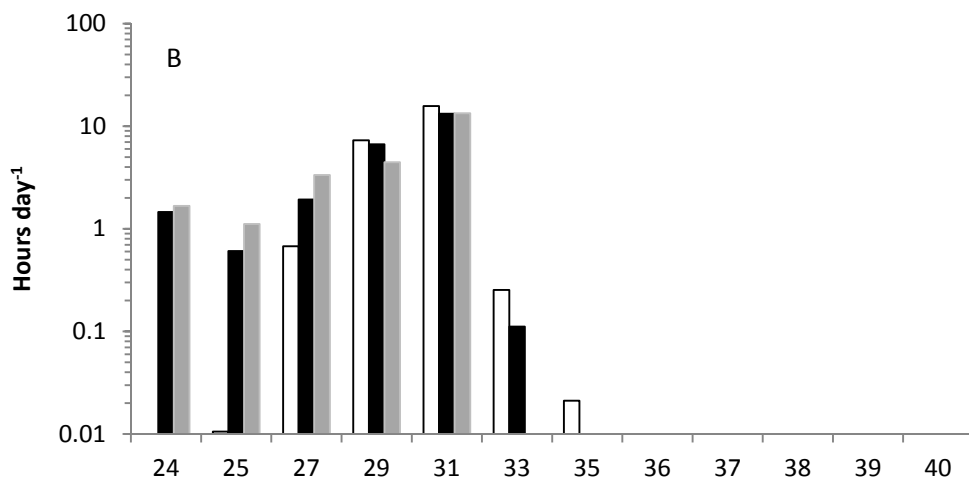
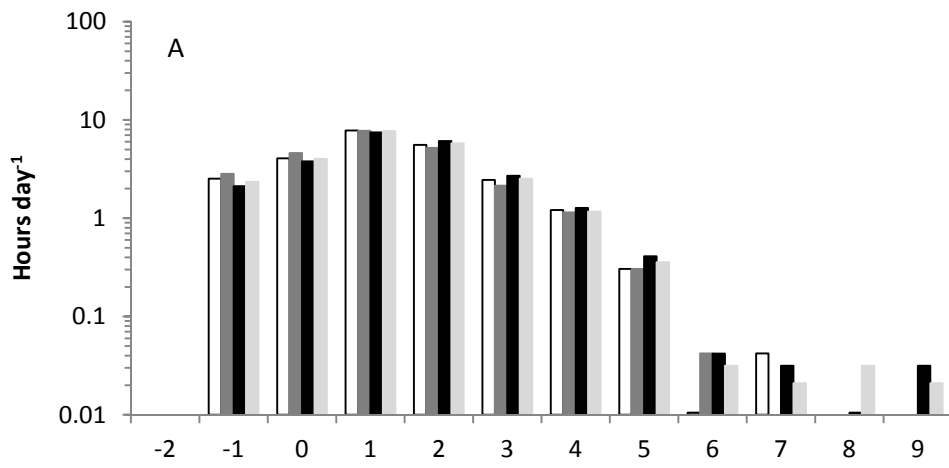


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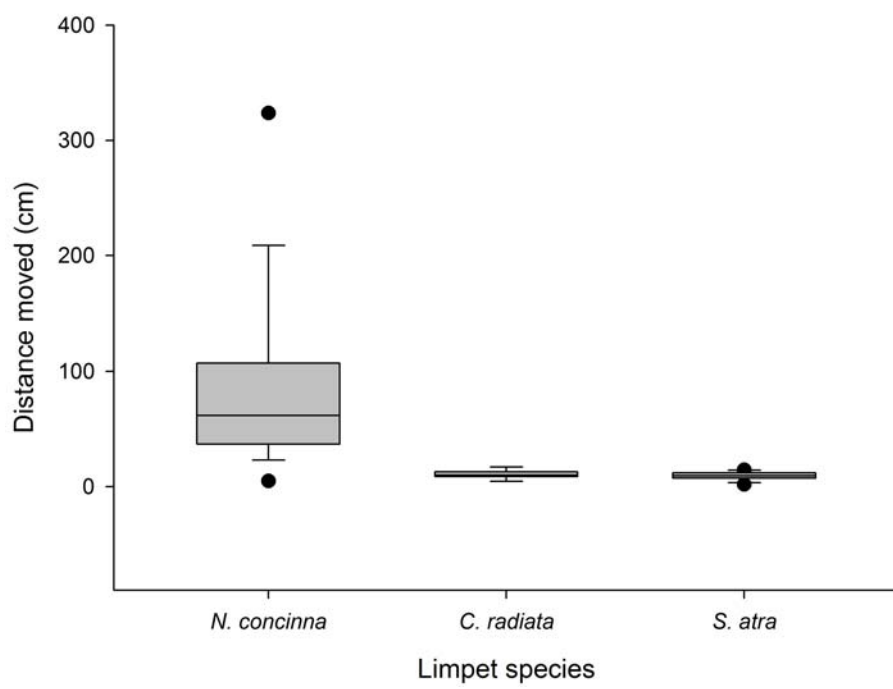
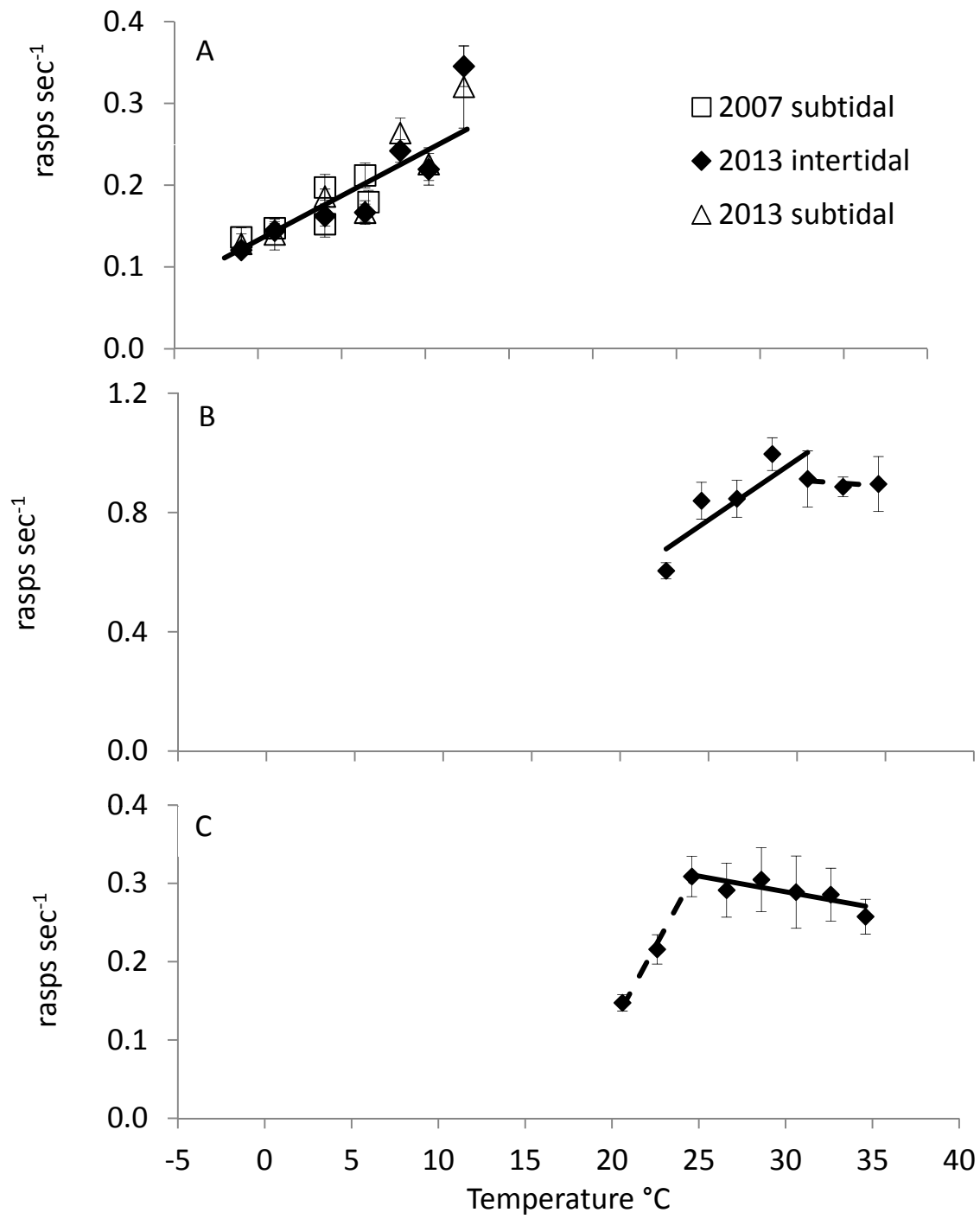


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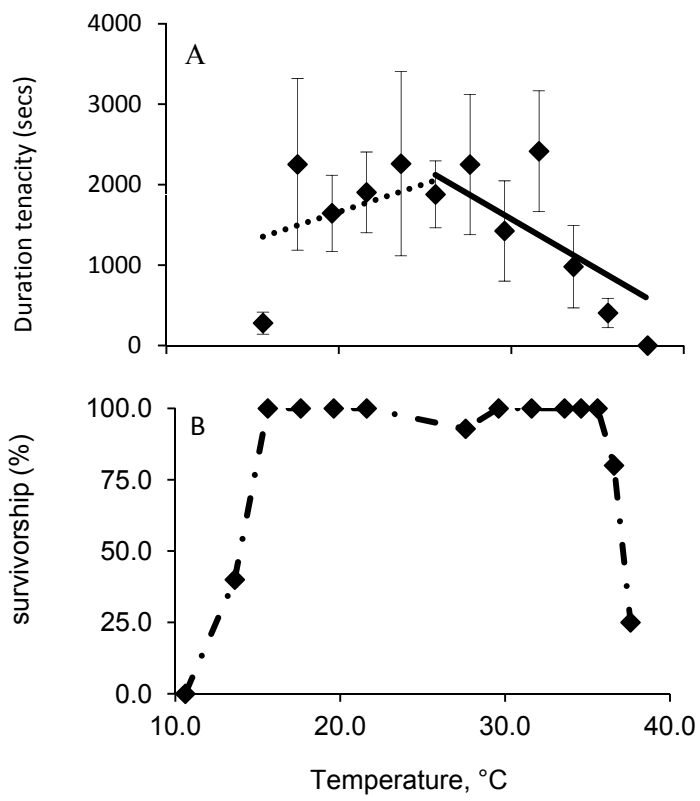


Table 1. *Rothera Nacella polaris* foot temperatures and the 4 logger temperatures at the time of foot measurement.

Date		Foot temperature			Logger temperature
		°C	SEM	N	°C
28/12/2012	emersed	9.68	0.34	32	-
	partially immersed	8.60	0.10	2	
	Immersed‡	9.45	0.40	26	
				10	3.31 ,4.26, 4.30,
31/12/2012	emersed	2.45	0.11		4.04
	immersed	2.00	0.06	3	
				2	2.18, 2.40, 2.23,
16/01/2012	emersed	4.45	2.55		2.09
	immersed	2.07	0.28	15	

‡ Immersed limpets were in semi-isolated rock pools in which water could have been heated by solar radiation.

