



Antarctic krill in a high CO₂ Southern Ocean: potential impacts on early development and adult growth

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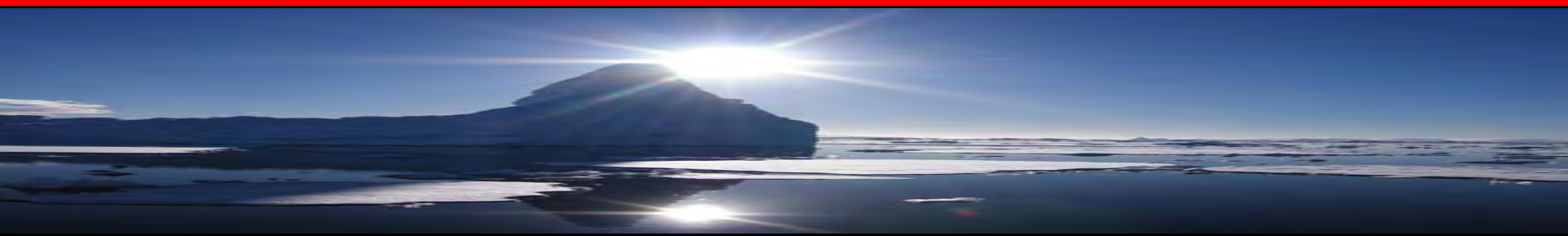
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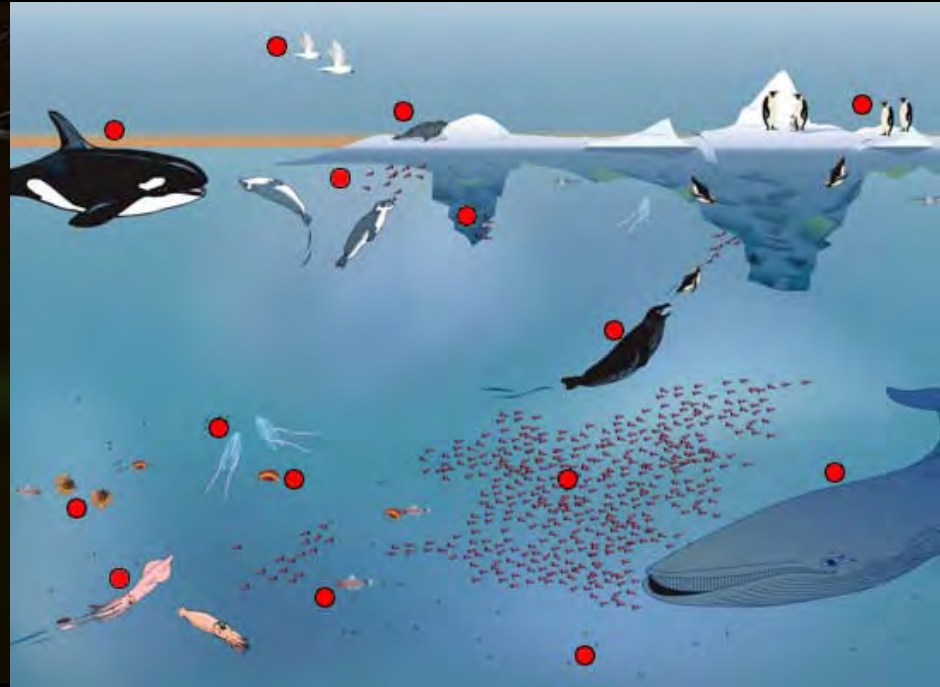
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Antarctic krill (*Euphausia superba*)



Max. total length 6-6.5 cm
Life span 5-7 yr



Ecologically- and economically-important species

Annual catch of *Euphausia superba* by the major fishing nations (x 10³ tonnes). Data from FAO

Country/year	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Japan	67	51	60	34	23	33	24	38	21
South Korea	8	14	20	25	27	43	33	38	43
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	9	40	63	44
Poland	14	16	9	9	4	5	7	8	8
Ukraine	14	32	18	12	22	15	-	8	0
USSR/Russia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	10
USA	2	12	10	9	2	-	-	-	-
Vanuatu	-	-	-	29	48	-	-	-	-
Total	104	125	117	118	129	104	106	156	125

A dash means “no catch”; a zero indicates a small catch < 500 t.

Krill products

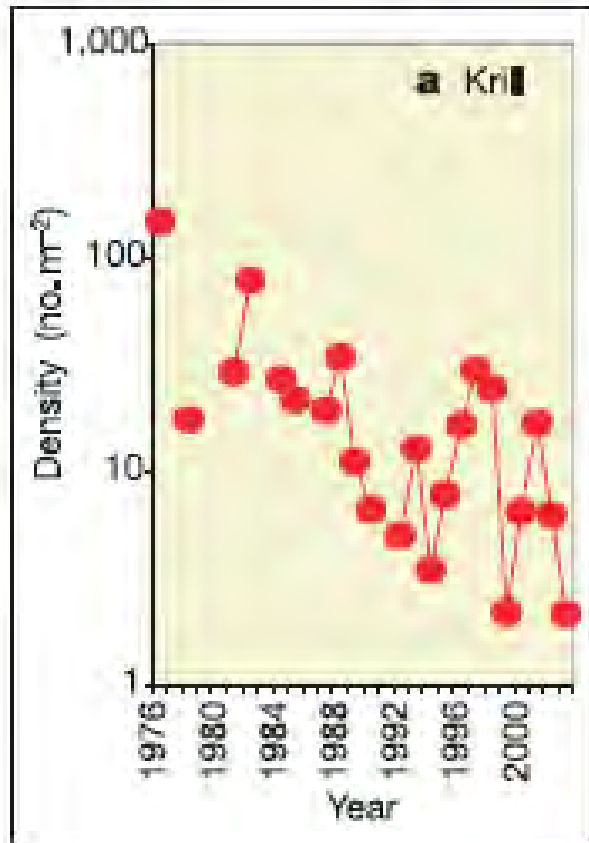


Astaxanthin in salmon feed from krill

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Long-term decline in krill stock and increase in salps within the Southern Ocean

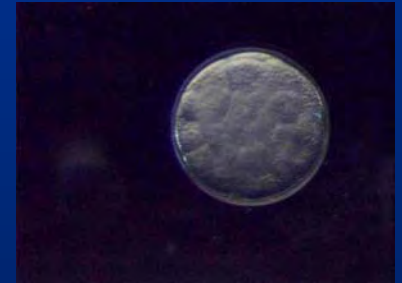
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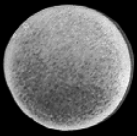
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- Embryonic development
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The Krill Cycle

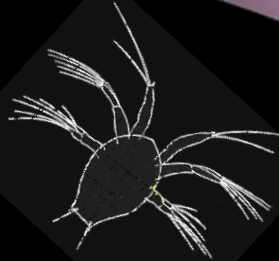
Egg (summer)



Nauplius I
(hatch at
800-1000 m
depths)



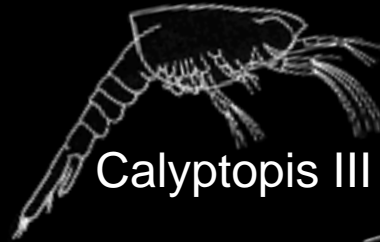
Metanauplius



Nauplius II



Calyptopis I (start feeding)



Calyptopis III



Furcilia II

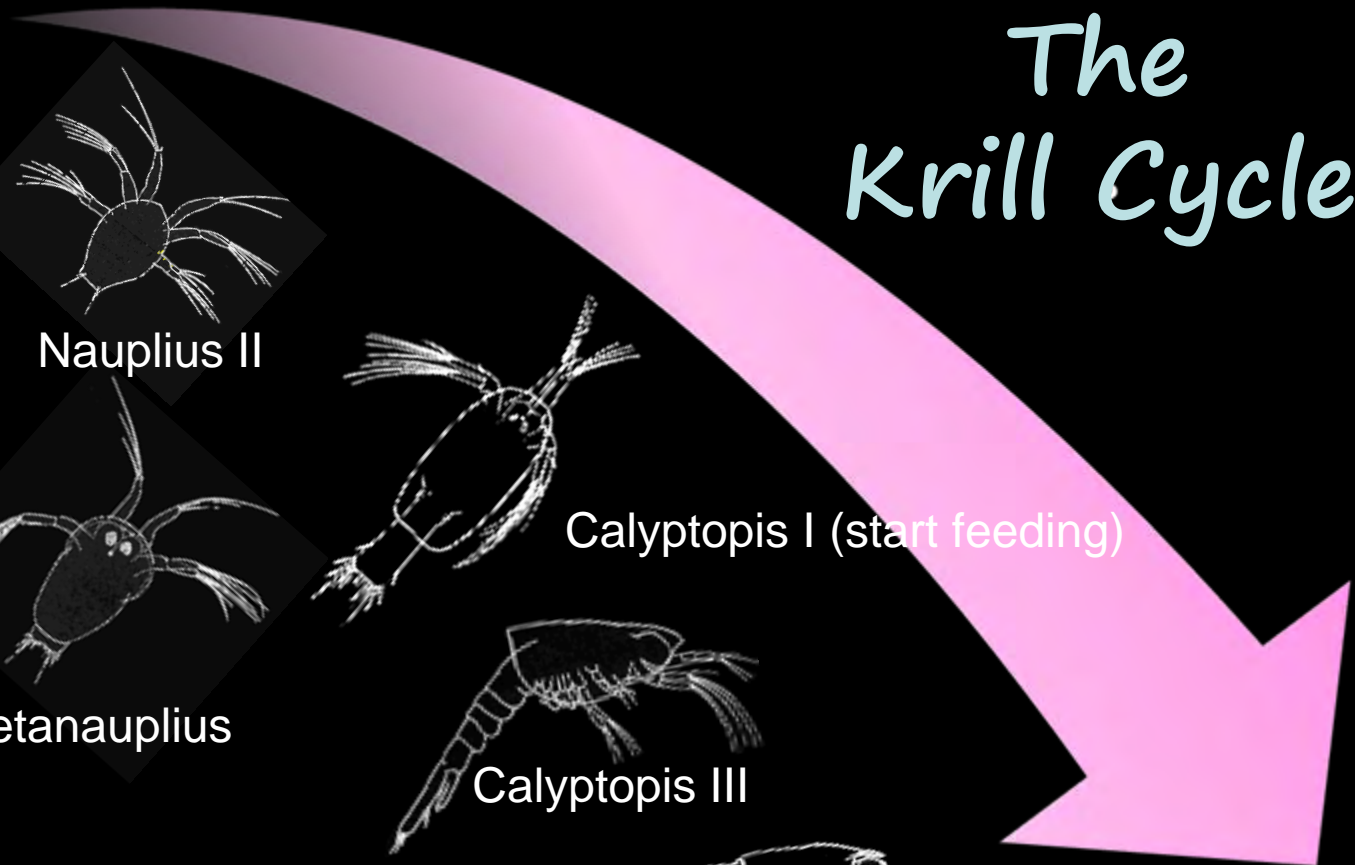


Furcilia V

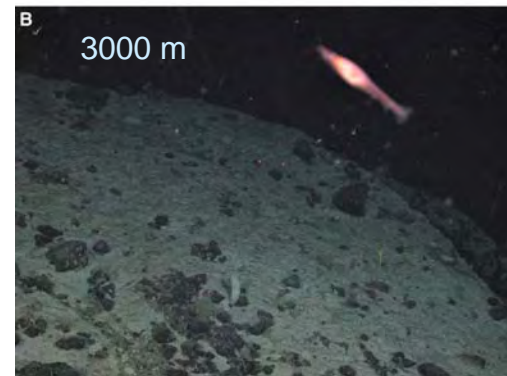
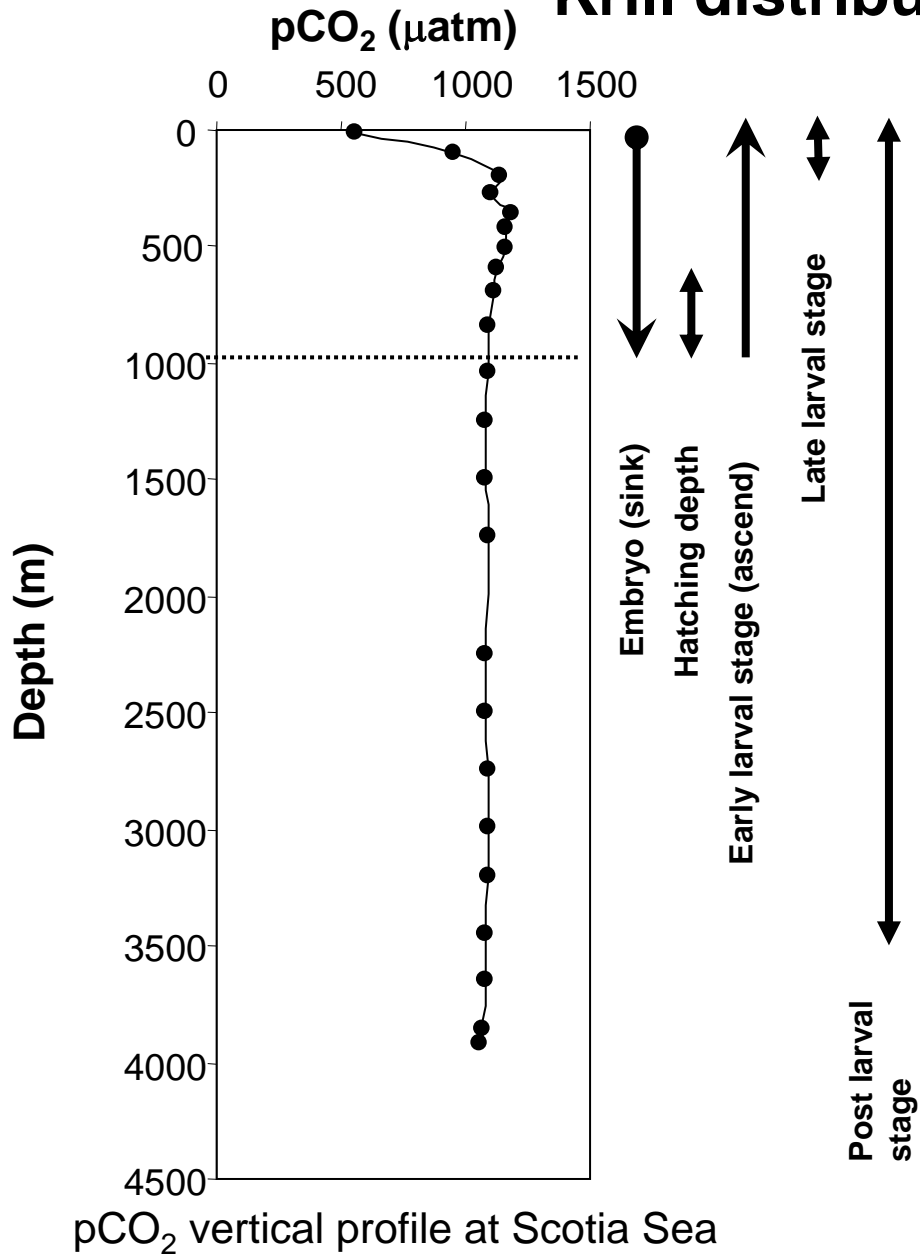


Juvenile (Spring)

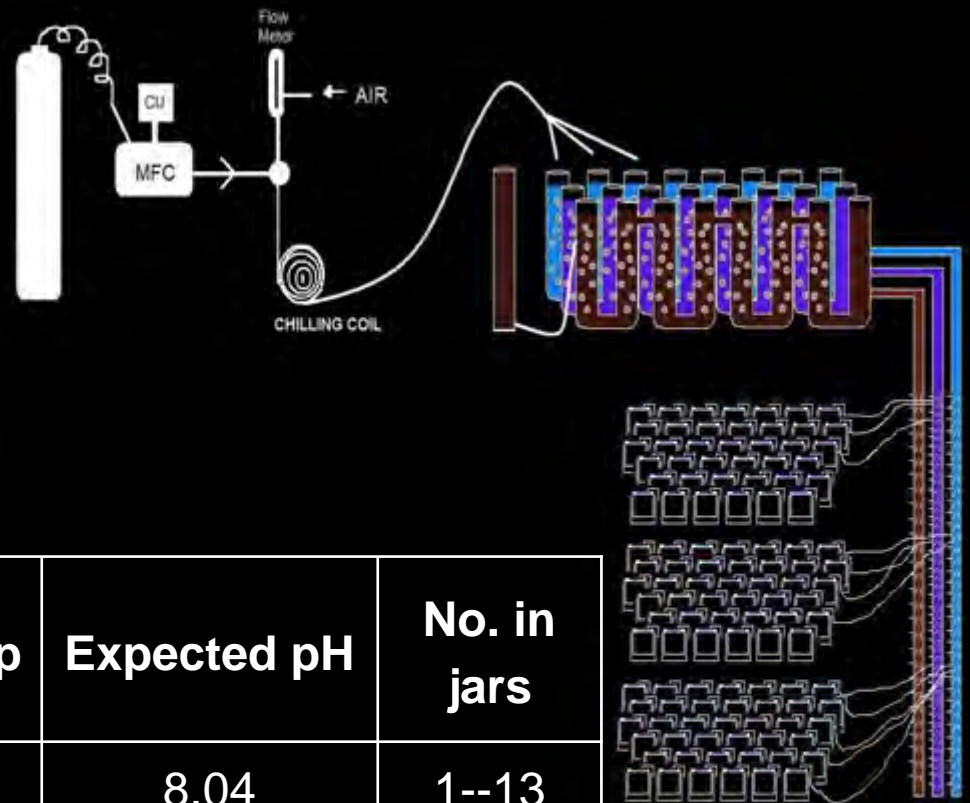
Six furcilia stages
(summer, autumn and winter)



Krill distribution range

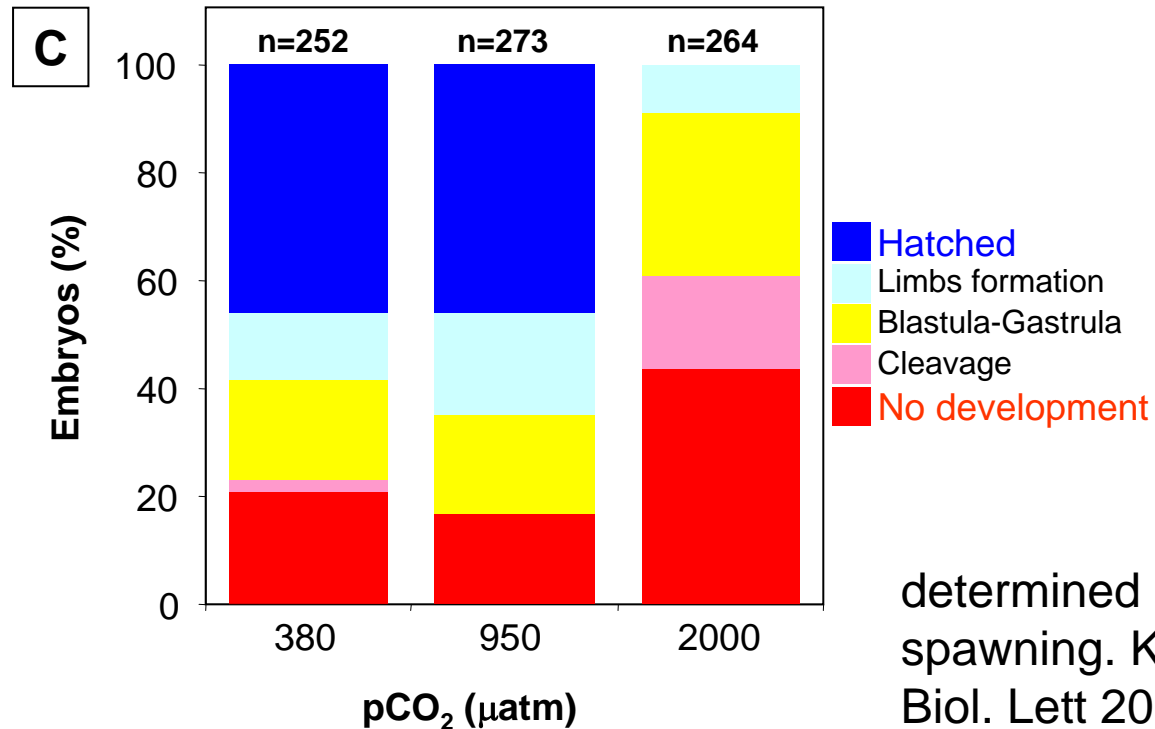
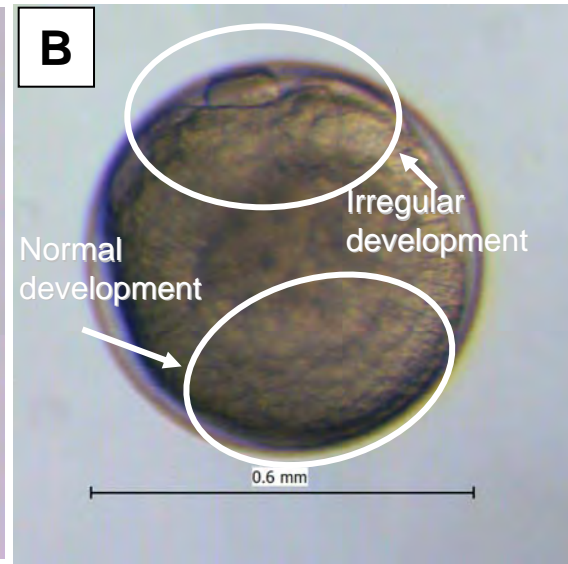
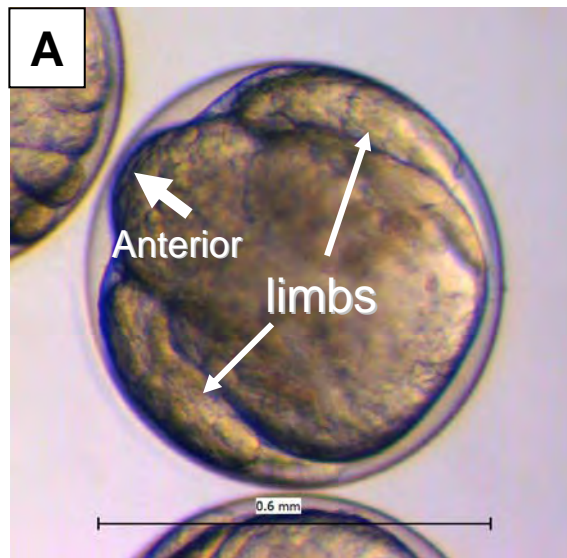


Experimental design



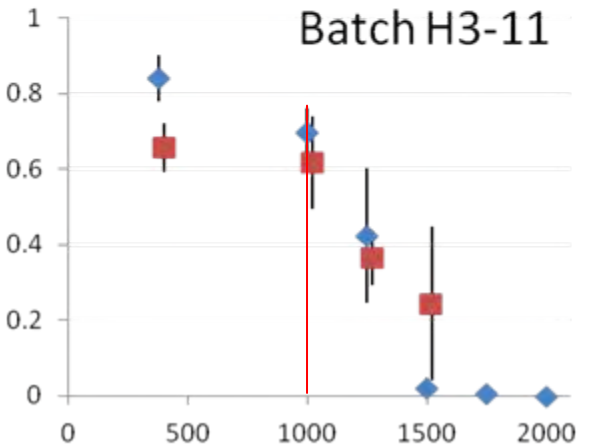
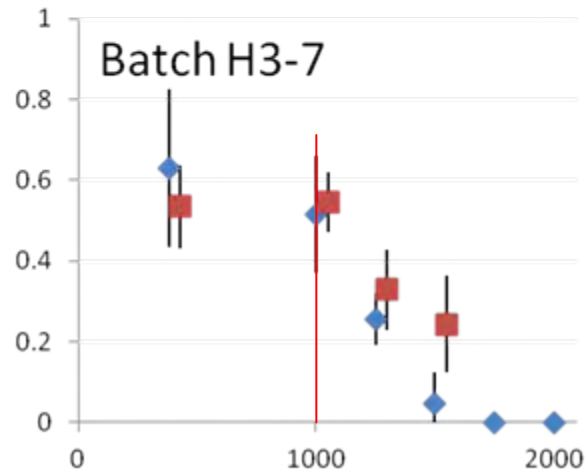
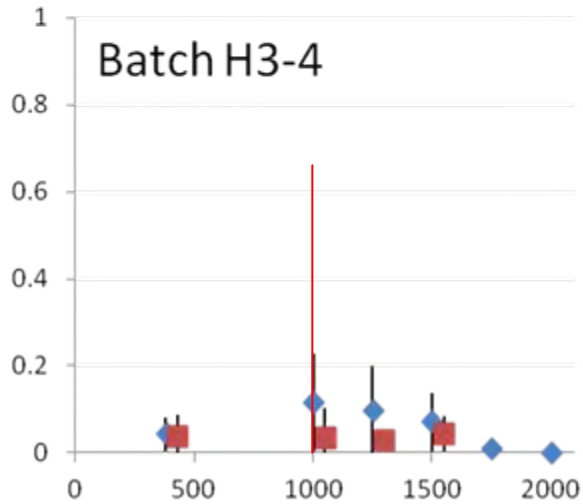
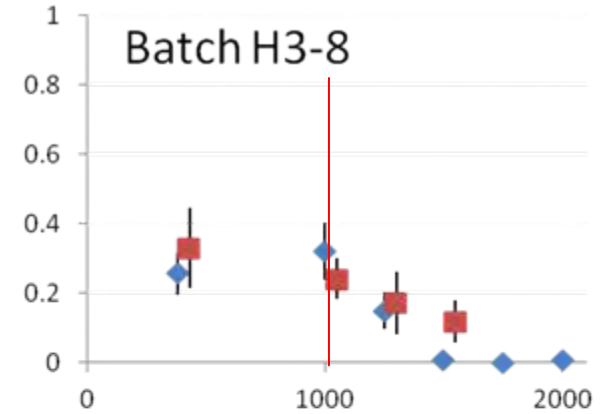
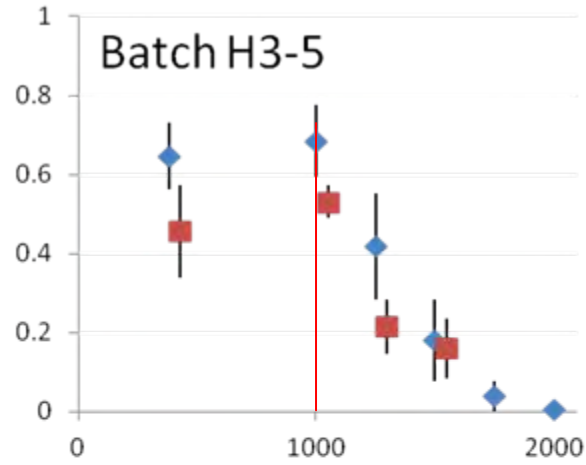
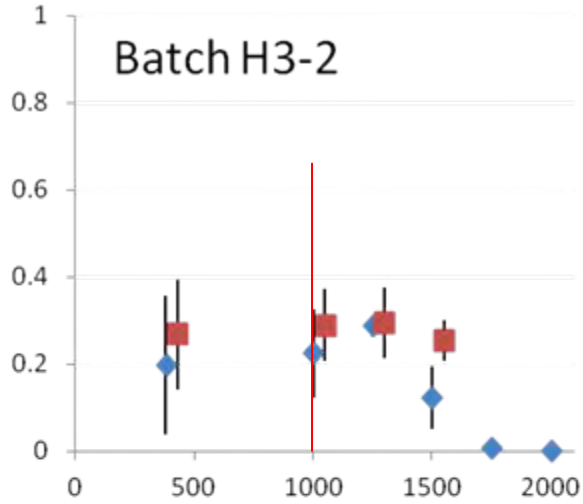
	CO ₂ (ml/min)	AIR (l/min)	Temp	Expected pH	No. in jars
Control	0	12	1°C	8.04	1--13
950 ppm	9.72	12	1°C	7.65	14--26
2000 ppm	19.44	12	1°C	7.36	27--39

■ Control
■ AIR + 1000PPM
■ AIR + 2000PPM



determined 7-10 days after spawning. Kawaguchi et al. Biol. Lett 2011, 7, 288

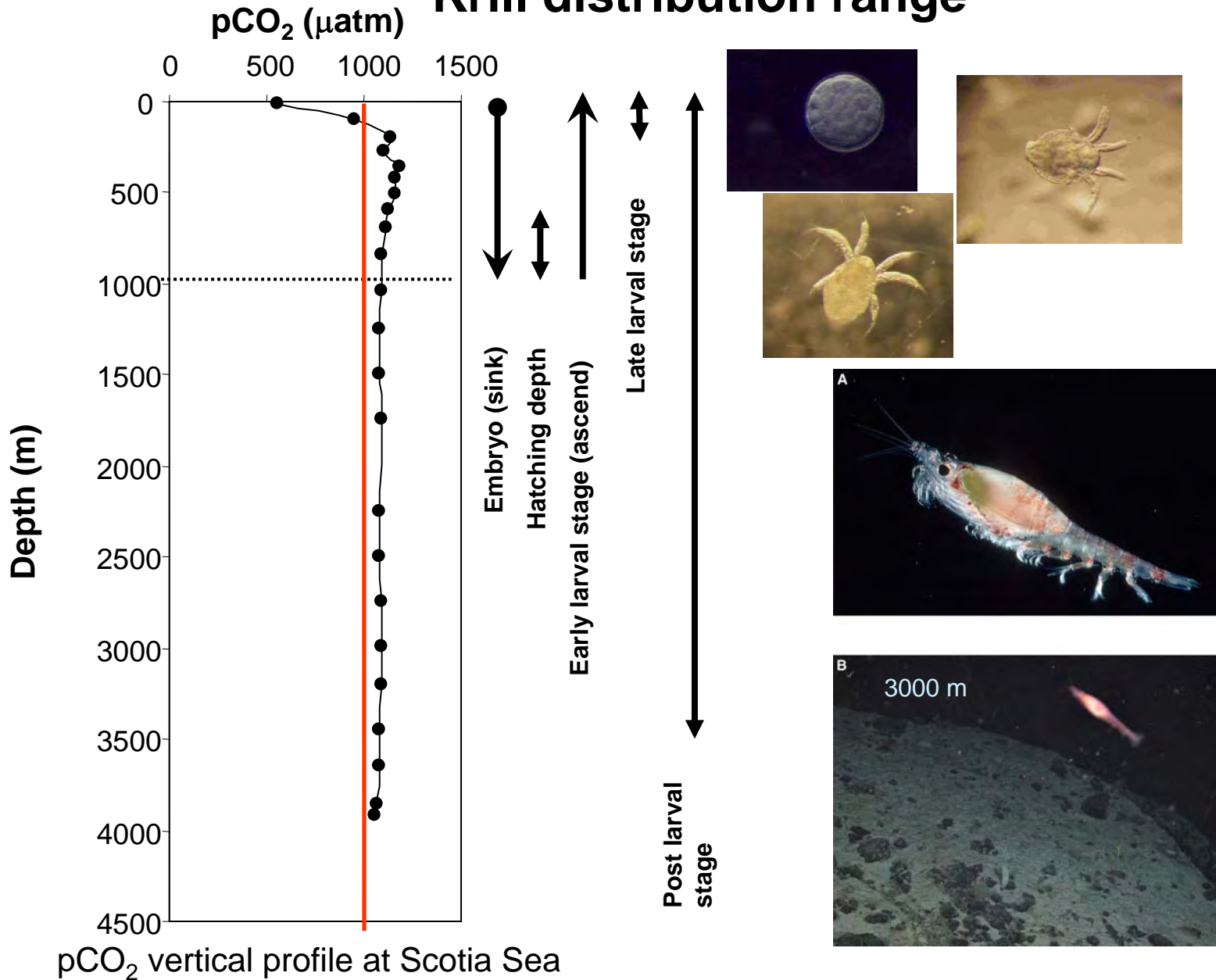
Effect of CO₂ on hatching rate



N = 6, X + SD

Blue : Low temp 0.5C, Red : High temp 3.0C

Krill distribution range



Control
Calyptopsis I

950 ppm
Calyptopsis I



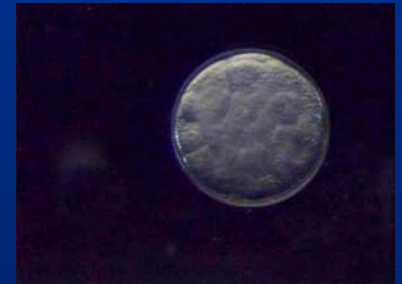
Preliminary Observations on swimming

Day	Stage	CO ₂		
		Control	950 ppm	2000 ppm
7	Nauplius I	Swimming actively throughout water column	Swimming actively throughout water column	unhatched
12	Nauplius II	Swimming actively throughout water column	Fairly active	unhatched
17	Metanauplius	Swimming actively throughout water column	Struggling to swim (in circles only).	unhatched
26	Calyptopsis I	Swimming actively throughout water column	Laying on side/back on bottom, barely moving	unhatched



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