



## StrathCal:

Spatial Modelling of Size-Structured *Calanus*

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## Where StrathCal does it fit?



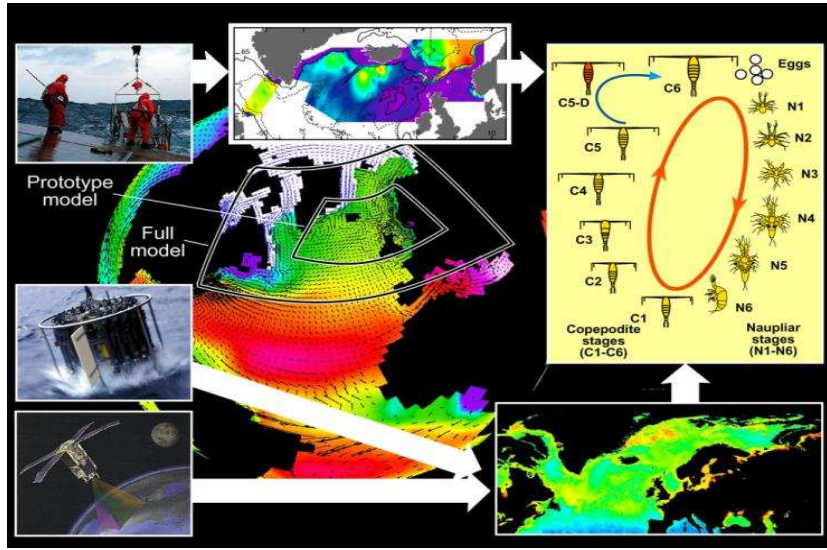
It is one of two models in “**DIAPOD WP5 Integrative spatial models of *Calanus* spp. - Evaluating the new arctic as habitat**” used to address the following:

**Model Question 1:** What are the limits to poleward expansion of *C. finmarchicus* in the Atlantic Arctic in the near term: advection, low temperatures, or the availability of high-quality prey?

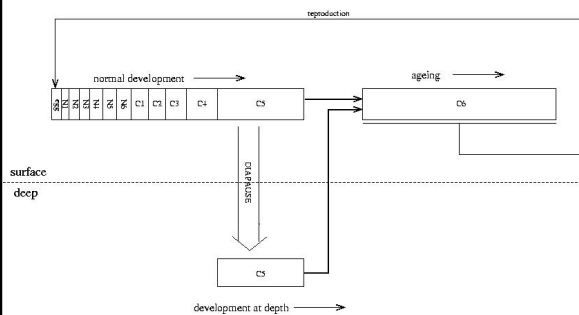
**Model Question 2:** How will the map of viable Arctic/subarctic habitat change over the next century for small income breeders like *C. finmarchicus*, large capital breeders like *C. hyperboreus*, and highly plastic intermediate organisms like *C. glacialis*?

**Model Question 3:** Are spatiotemporal changes in total primary production, and total *Calanus* lipid production (i.e. *Calanus* production times average individual lipid content) consistent with each other or distinct?

# The origins of StrathCal: The NERC MarProd programme



## The Model Framework



- Uniform 'physiological age' for each group of stages
- Development rate a function of temp. and food
- Diapause entry from start of C5 stage

Update all classes in given group at given location at times  $(U_{x,j})$  such that

$$\Delta q = \int_{U_{x,j}}^{U_{x,j+1}} g(t) dt$$

according to  $C_{q+\Delta q, x, U}^+ = \xi_{q, x, U} C_{q, x, U}^-$

where  $\xi_{q, x, U} \equiv$  Survival of individual in q at x over increment up to u

Update at regularly spaced times:  $T_i$

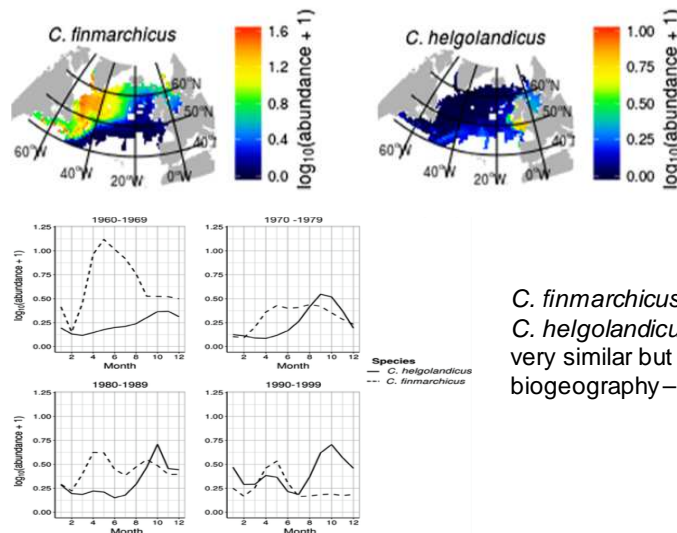
$$C_{q, x, T_i}^+ = \sum_y \Psi_{x, y, T_i} C_{q, y, T_i}^-$$

$C_{q, x, T_i}^- \equiv$  Class abundance just before update

$C_{q, x, T_i}^+ \equiv$  Class abundance just after update

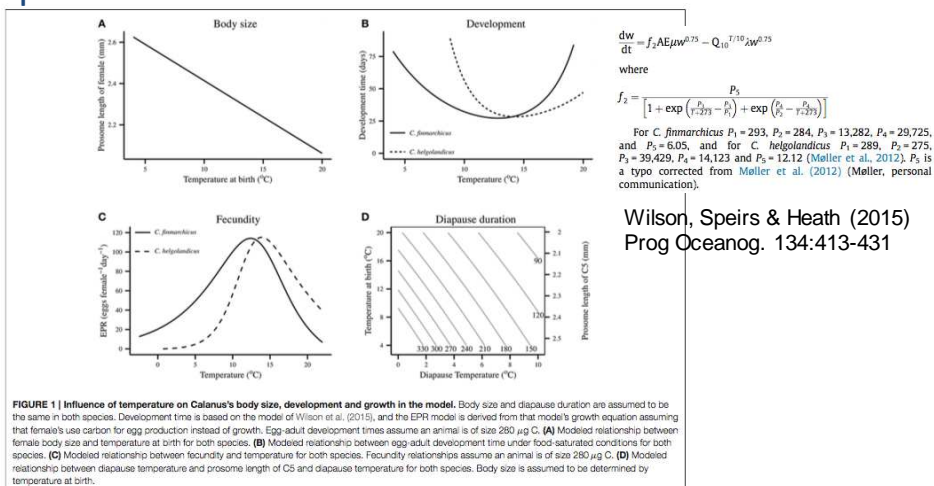
$\Psi_{x, y, T_i} \equiv$  Transfer matrix element from y to x for period to  $T_i$ . Determine by particle tracking in flow fields from GCM plus random (diffusive) component.

## Extending StrathCal to other *Calanus* species



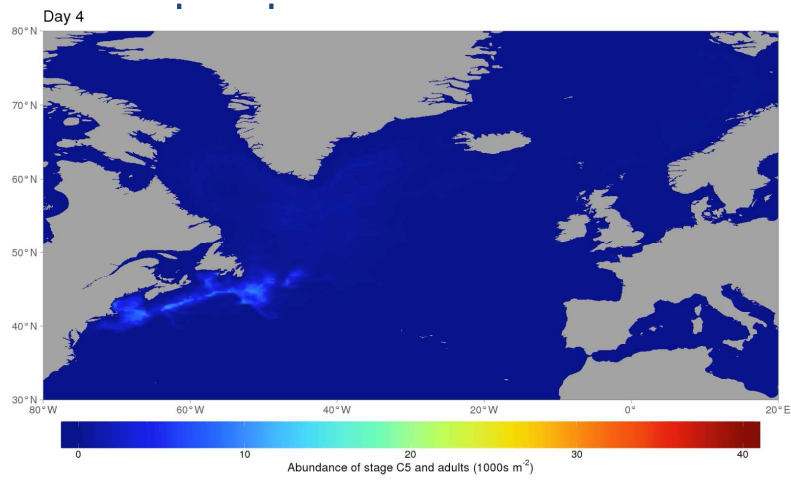
*C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus*: physically very similar but very different biogeography – why?

## Influence of temperature on *Calanus* feeding, body size, growth, and diapause potential

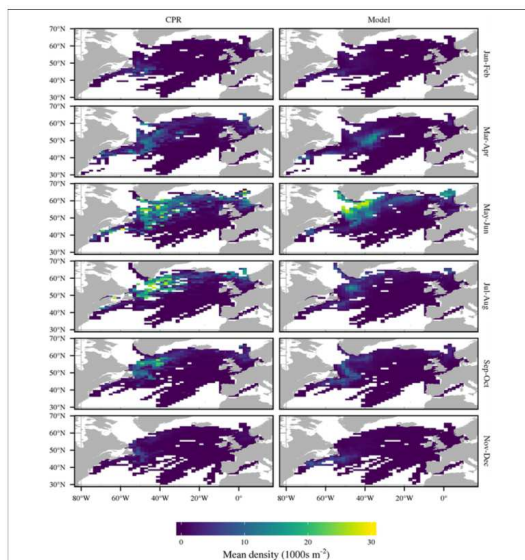


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## Modelled annual cycle of surface *C. finmarchicus*

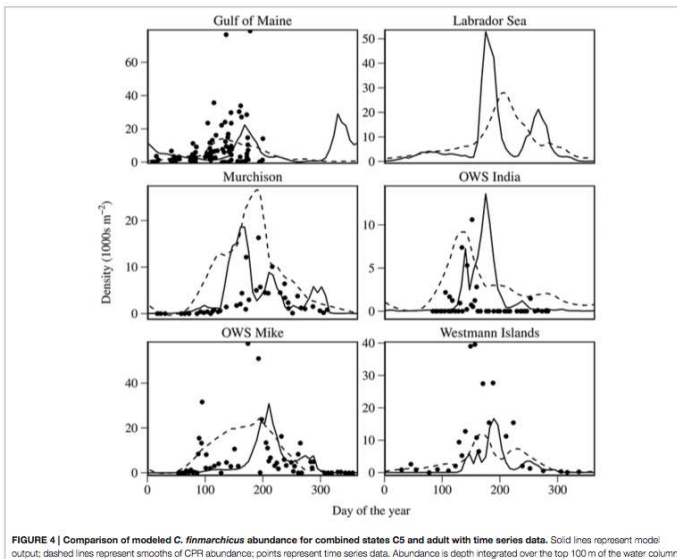


## Predicted and observed spatial distributions of surface CV & CVIs



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## *C. finmarchicus* time series comparisons



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## Summary of StrathCal key features

- **2.5 D in space:** lat, lon, 2 depth layers (surface 20m, and deep). Deep layer is fixed in time but variable – data-based - in space.
- **Horizontal movement** in both layers determined by ocean currents.
- **Development rate** on surface depends on temperature and food (chlorophyll). This is an emergent property of a model of temperature-dependent feeding and metabolic costs.
- **Adult body size** – and lipid content - determined by temperature at birth.
- **Fecundity** depends on temperature, food, and body size. This is an emergent property of the temperature-dependent feeding and metabolic costs model.
- **Mortality** has
  - i) a stage-dependent background rate that scales with temperature
  - ii) a starvation term below a threshold growth rate
  - iii) a density-dependent term which depends on local (model spatial cell) total biomass
- **Entry to diapause** is a growth-rate-dependent fraction of individuals entering CV stage.
- **Duration of diapause** is determined by body size (lipid content) and deep temperature.



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