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- 2 Island populations of the copepod *Tigriopus californicus* (Baker)
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1 **ABSTRACT**

2 Local adaptation has been studied in a broad range of taxa for decades. However, we 3 have limited understanding of how often it occurs in variable environments. Whether phenotypic 4 plasticity can evolve in distinct ways among populations experiencing different patterns of 5 abiotic variability is unclear. Abiotic conditions in coastal marine habitats can be highly 6 heterogeneous at small spatial scales, which might promote local adaptation. The harpacticoid 7 copepod *Tigriopus californicus* (Baker, 1912) has become a model system for testing whether 8 phenotypic differences among populations are a result of local adaptation. To identify potential 9 selective pressures in the field, temperature and salinity were measured in high shore pools for 10 six months at three sites on San Juan Island in Washington, USA. A common garden experiment 11 with factorial combinations of seven temperature and two salinity (32, 55 ppt) treatments was 12 conducted on these distinct populations. Two temperature treatments varied daily, both with an 13 average of 20°C, but different ranges (low amplitude: 15-25°C, high amplitude: 10-30°C). The 14 other five treatments were the average, maximum, and minimum temperatures held constant. 15 Fecundity, survivorship, and development were characterized across two generations. There 16 were strong interactive effects of temperature and hypersalinity on copepod culture dynamics, 17 but these effects differed among populations. Abiotic patterns in the field were correlated with 18 few observed differences in population phenotypes, thus limited evidence for local adaptation 19 was found. For these populations, differences in selective pressures among sites might not be 20 strong enough to overcome the influence of genetic drift.

21 **Key words:** *Tigriopus californicus*, life history, rocky intertidal, copepod, multiple stressors, 22 local adaptation

1 **1. INTRODUCTION**

2 Local adaptation can occur when populations experience different selective pressures in 3 heterogeneous environments, leading to native individuals in a particular environment having 4 higher fitness than individuals from elsewhere (Hoban et al., 2016; Kawecki and Ebert, 2004). 5 Although this phenomenon has been studied for decades (Hereford, 2009), we still do not know 6 how often it can be expected among physically close populations (Sanford and Kelly, 2011). Our 7 knowledge is particulary limited in marine systems, which until recently have been relatively 8 understudied in this context due to the assumption of few dispersal barriers and high gene flow 9 (Conover et al., 2006). 10 Because local adaptation is expected when the spatial scale of gene flow is small relative 11 to that of a changing selective gradient, many studies on marine species with high dispersal 12 potential have focused on regional-scale latitudinal gradients, or populations separated by 13 hundreds or thousands of kilometers (Sanford and Kelly 2011). Studies at smaller spatial scales, 14 such as populations separated by a few kilometers, or by only a few meters at different heights in 15 the intertidal zone, have focused on direct developers, or species that typically have limited 16 migration potential (Bohonak, 1999; Kirby et al., 1994; Struhsaker, 1968). However, a rapidly 17 growing body of research provides evidence for high genetic differentiation among many marine 18 populations, even for species with planktonic dispersal (Burton, 1986; Edmands et al., 1996; 19 Levin, 2006; Palumbi, 2004). Local adaptation is likely prevalent in marine systems, at a wide 20 range of spatial scales and across species and populations with diverse life histories (Sanford and 21 Kelly, 2011).

22 Unlike the relatively stable open ocean, coastal systems are highly heterogeneous, which 23 could lead to different selective pressures throughout the ranges of marine species (Gunderson et

1 al., 2016; Helmuth et al., 2006; Hofmann et al., 2010). The intertidal zone in particular is among 2 the most variable habitats on the planet (Tomanek and Helmuth, 2002) and the organisms that 3 persist there must withstand drastic changes in temperature, salinity, carbonate chemistry, 4 oxygen availability, physical disturbance, and other factors (Daniel and Boyden 1975; Truchot 5 and Duhamel-Jouve 1980; Morris and Taylor 1983). This abiotic variability can occur spatially, 6 as stark vertical gradients occur over a few meters, where marine and terrestrial environments 7 meet (Connell, 1961; Somero, 2002). Spatial heterogeneity also occurs along shorelines, as 8 oceanographic, biological, geological, and anthropogenic factors influence local environments. 9 For example, coastal upwelling, terrestrial input of freshwater and nutrients, and the respiration 10 and photosynthesis of local biological communities can lead to complex spatial mosaics 11 (Helmuth et al., 2002; Hofmann et al., 2010; Kroeker et al., 2016). Differences in tidal regimes 12 can influence the temperatures of intertidal zones via the timing of shore exposure across 13 seasons, which can disrupt expected latitudinal temperature gradients (Helmuth et al., 2002). 14 Spatial heterogeneity in environmental conditions can promote local adaptation. 15 However, conditions in intertidal zones are also highly variable in time, which could constrain 16 such adaptive divergence (Sanford and Kelly, 2011). Abiotic factors can vary daily, weekly, and 17 monthly, due to changing tides, weather, and seasons, which influence biological processes that 18 feed back into local abiotic dynamics (Helmuth et al., 2006). Populations persisting in such 19 temporally variable environments might be more likely to evolve plastic traits, including the 20 capacity to physiologically acclimate to a wide range of conditions (Kawecki and Ebert, 2004; 21 Sanford and Kelly, 2011).

22 However, if abiotic conditions experienced by separate populations differ in their 23 magnitude of variability, there could be potential for the evolution of different levels of

1 phenotypic plasticity among the populations (Chevin and Hoffmann, 2017; Kelly, 2019). At 2 larger spatial scales, the evolution of specialist and generalist populations is often studied in the 3 context of seasonality. It is expected that populations experiencing greater seasonality in higher 4 latitudes will be more likely to evolve wider thermal niches than populations in lower latitudes. 5 However, individuals with narrow niches in more stable environments are expected to have 6 higher fitness around their optimum (Gilchrist, 1995). Similar expectations might hold at smaller 7 scales, for populations living in microhabitats with consistent differences in abiotic variability. 8 *Tigriopus californicus* (Baker, 1912) is a harpacticoid copepod found in rocky intertidal 9 splashpools along the west coast of North America (Dethier, 1980). This species has become a 10 model system for the study of adaptation, population differentiation, and physiological responses 11 to multiple stressors (Raisuddin et al., 2007). Though all life stages of *T. californicus* are free-12 swimming, decades of research show that there is limited gene flow and high genetic 13 differentiation among populations (Barreto et al., 2018; Burton, 1997, 1987, 1986; Burton et al., 14 1979; Burton and Feldman, 1981; Burton and Lee, 1994; Edmands, 2001; Edmands and 15 Harrison, 2003; Willett and Ladner, 2009). Studies on dozens of populations distributed from 16 British Columbia, Canada to Baja California, Mexico have found that northern populations are 17 more tolerant of low salinities caused by high input of precipitation in pools, whereas southern 18 populations are more tolerant of high temperatures and high salinities caused by evaporation 19 (Kelly et al., 2012; Leong et al., 2017; Pereira et al., 2017; Willett, 2010). 20 *Tigriopus californicus* is restricted to high intertidal and supralittoral splash pools due to

22 edge of the shore also means that they thrive in what is likely one of the most extreme and

21 intense predation in lower zones of the shore. The restriction of *T. californicus* to the highest

23 variable marine habitats, where few other species can persist (Dethier, 1980). Both temperature

1 and salinity are more variable in splashpools than in lower zones of the intertidal because 2 splashpools are rarely flushed out by high tides or strong wave action. Temperatures can range 3 from near freezing to over 40 \degree C (daily ranges of >20 \degree C are possible) and salinity can range from 4 0 to at least 139 ppt (Powlik, 1999). This temporal variability might constrain local adaptation, as 5 isolated but geographically proximate populations may have evolved similar capacities to 6 acclimate to a wide range of stressful conditions.

7 However, temperature and salinity dynamics within *T. californicus* pools have not been 8 well characterized throughout their range. Differences in wave exposure, pool heights and sizes, 9 tides, and other factors among rock outcrops might cause *T. californicus* populations to 10 experience divergent amplitudes of variability in temperature and salinity, even if they are 11 separated by only a few kilometers (Leong et al., 2017; Metaxas and Scheibling, 1993). Indeed, 12 Dybdahl (1995) found that *T. californicus* pools at an exposed outer coast site in California 13 experienced higher, more variable salinity, whereas pools within a protected cove had more 14 stable conditions, with salinities close to that of ambient, open seawater.

15 *Tigriopus californicus* populations on San Juan Island in Washington, USA have distinct 16 life history characteristics, including different reproductive rates, development times, and 17 resilience to stressors (*A.L. Liguori, unpublished data*). The goal of this study was to determine if 18 these differences are due to genetic differentiation and local adaptation, and to test whether 19 populations have evolved different capacities for acclimation to temperature variation. A 20 laboratory and field study consisting of two parts was conducted: 1) a common garden, factorial 21 experiment testing for local adaptation among three *T. californicus* populations to different 22 temperature and salinity regimes, and 2) monitoring of environmental conditions within pools at 23 each site to assess the potential for divergent selective pressures. The study sites were chosen

1 effects from exposure to the field environment (Kawecki and Ebert, 2004). Adults were removed 2 from the cultures after two weeks of offspring production using size-selection with Nitex mesh 3 filters, to prevent overlapping generations. Cultures were fed Spirulina powder *ad libitum*, 50% 4 water changes were conducted approximately every two weeks, and copepods from the same 5 population were mixed among jars to prevent genetic drift and ensure equal densities.

6 **2.2 Field data collection**

7 At each site, environmental data were collected from 5-7 *T. californicus* pools, including 8 the same pools that copepods were collected from. Pools of various sizes and heights on the 9 shore were included in an attempt to characterize the full range of conditions at each site. 10 Temperature data were collected between May 26th and July 7th, 2018 and between July 27th and 11 October 20th, 2018. Temperature dataloggers (Thermochron iButtons, no. DS1921G, 12 OnSolution) were waterproofed with clear Plasti-Dip (Plasti Dip International, USA; as in 13 Roznik and Alford 2012; Leong et al., 2017) and secured to the deepest point of pools using 14 marine epoxy. Loggers recorded temperature every 30 minutes. Salinity measurements were taken approximately every two weeks from June 8th to 16 Cetober 20th, 2018. Samples were taken from the deepest point of undisturbed pools using a 17 pipette and measured with a refractometer with an upper limit of 100 ppt. At FH, a relatively 18 protected cove, all pools were measured at every time point because they were always filled with 19 seawater. However, two pools were occasionally unoccupied by *T. californicus,* most likely 20 because they were flushed out of the pools at high tide. At CP, an exposed site where pools are 21 spread out across a wider rock bench, the majority of pools were always filled and occupied by 22 copepods. At DM, there are fewer pools on two rocky outcrops surrounded by pebble beaches. 23 There are two pool types: some that are low on the shore and frequently flushed at high tide, and

1 some that are very high on the shore, on top of a taller rock face. Of these pools, only four at 2 lower heights on the shore were monitored consistently, whereas the others were often 3 completely dry or filled with rainwater, and did not always contain copepods. Heights of pools 4 on the shore were measured with a rotary laser level kit (Lasermark LD-100N; Table S10). In the 5 San Juan Islands, most rainfall occurs in the winter, thus low rain accumulation was recorded 6 throughout the survey period (ranged from no rain in August to ~ 0.6 inches total in October).

7 **2.3 Experimental set up**

8 Temperature and salinity data collected in the spring of 2018 (May - July) informed the 9 treatment combinations that were selected for laboratory tests of local adaptation, which began in 10 August. Experimental treatments were chosen to reproduce the range of temperature and salinity 11 that these *T. californicus* populations regularly experience in the San Juan Island high intertidal 12 zone. Environmental data from the entire 2018 field season (May - October) were analyzed to 13 explore differences in abiotic conditions among sites and to define expectations for laboratory 14 patterns that would occur if populations were locally adapted.

15 Each of three replicate mass jar cultures of copepods per population (CP, DM, FH) were 16 initiated with 20 gravid females from common garden cultures. Cultures were maintained in 17 factorial combinations of two salinity treatments (32 and 55 ppt) and seven temperature 18 treatments, five of which were held constant (10, 15, 20, 25, 30°C) and two of which were 19 variable. Both variable treatments had an average temperature of 20° C, but one had a higher 20 amplitude (variable high; VH) that varied between 10 and 30°C and the other had a lower 21 amplitude (variable low; VL) that varied between 15 and 25°C (Table S4). Variable cultures 22 were held in the minimum and maximum temperatures for 12 hours per day each. While 23 maximum temperatures in *T. californicus* pools typically do not occur for more than a few hours

1 per day, this design was employed to parse out the effects of stable average, maximum, and 2 minimum temperatures, versus the effects of variability and amplitude of daily change in 3 temperature. While *T. californicus* can experience more extreme conditions than these treatments 4 in the field, the goal of this study was to characterize the performance of populations in response 5 to sub-lethal stress.

6 The experiment included a total of 126 mass jar cultures, each with a volume of 600 mL. 7 Constant temperature treatments were maintained in ~50 L water baths (three per temperature), 8 all haphazardly arranged (baths of the same temperature were never adjacent) within a cold room 9 set at 10°C with a 12:12 hr light/dark cycle. Variable temperature regimes were achieved by 10 moving cultures between water baths of the maximum and minimum temperatures. Temperature 11 was monitored throughout the experiment with waterproofed iButton dataloggers that took 12 measurements every 10 minutes.

13 Salinity was manipulated by the addition of either distilled water or Instant Ocean Sea 14 Salt to ambient, 1 μ m bag-filtered seawater collected from the flow-through seawater system at 15 FHL. After thorough mixing, ambient air was bubbled into treatment water for at least 24 hours 16 prior to use in the experiment. Water changes (50%) were conducted approximately every two 17 weeks, before which salinity in each jar was checked with a refractometer. If salinity was too 18 high, distilled water was added, although this was a rare occurrence, as loose-fitting lids on the 19 jars prevented rapid evaporation.

20 At the beginning of the experiment and during each water change, each jar was fed 10-15 21 mg of Spirulina powder. All jars were given equal quantities at each feeding. This food was 22 supplemented with equal quantities of dense blends of live *Tisochrysis lutea*, *Pavlova* sp., and 23 *Tetraselmis chuii* microalgae once per week to prevent loss of carotenoid pigment in the

1 copepods (Weaver et al., 2018). Volumes of algae added were typically less than 10 mL and had 2 a negligible effect on salinity.

3 Mass jar cultures were maintained in these conditions for eight weeks, and F₀ mothers 4 were removed from the cultures after two weeks of offspring production to prevent overlapping 5 generations. Life history responses were measured in subsets of individuals throughout the 6 development of the F_2 generation (described below). After eight weeks, all remaining individuals 7 in each jar culture were preserved in ethanol for quantification of copepodites and adults. At the 8 end of the experiment, cultures contained individuals from the F_1 , F_2 , and potentially F_3 9 generations, but any F3 individuals present were likely still nauplii and were not counted because 10 early life stages did not preserve well.

11 **2.4 Life history responses**

12 Fecundity of the F_1 generation and survival and development of the F_2 generation were 13 quantified by subsampling individual gravid F_1 females from each mass jar culture and 14 incubating them in their own 15 mL Falcon culture tubes at the appropriate treatment conditions 15 (hereafter referred to as "single clutch cultures"). As F_1 copepods developed, jar cultures were 16 monitored daily and gravid F_1 females were removed as soon as they appeared, which occurred 17 at different times for different treatment combinations, due to delayed development. Therefore, 18 the fastest developing individuals from each replicate jar culture were used to initiate single 19 clutch cultures. Clutch number, but not age, was the same across individuals. For *T. californicus,* 20 clutch size declines with age and with successive reproductive bouts (clutch number; Powers et 21 al., 2020), however, it is not clear how these declines would be affected by developmental 22 delays.

23 interaction terms, follow-up ANOVA tests were conducted to assess the effects of temperature

1 **3. RESULTS**

1 largest daily temperature ranges occurred within pools at DM (mean range: 12.9°C), and the 2 smallest ranges occurred within pools at CP (mean range: 10.33°C; Fig. 3d; Table 2, S2).

3 **3.2 Laboratory experiment: Survivorship in the stable 30**°**C temperature treatment**

4 During the first water change of the laboratory experiment, after two weeks of F_1 5 development, a large decline in cultures in the stable 30°C treatment was observed. This 6 treatment, combined with both salinities, was ended for all populations and all surviving 7 individuals were counted. There were no significant differences among populations ($F_{2,12} = 0.37$, 8 p = 0.701), however, there were more survivors in the 55 ppt salinity treatment (F_{1,12} = 33.8, p < 9 0.001; Fig. S1, Table S5). This temperature treatment is omitted from all results following this 10 section.

11 **3.3 Laboratory experiment: F1 Development & Fecundity**

12 The first gravid F_1 females developed in the jar cultures at four weeks after the start of 13 the experiment. The fastest development occurred in the lower salinity treatment (32 ppt) and in 14 the higher temperature treatments (20, 25^oC, VL). For the FH and DM populations, development 15 was delayed in 10°C. When this temperature was combined with 32 ppt, development of gravid 16 females was delayed by approximately one week. In combination with 55 ppt, development was 17 delayed by two weeks or longer. Delays of about one week also occurred in 15° C in combination 18 with 55 ppt, but not 32 ppt (Fig. 4).

19 For the CP population, developmental delays within the 55 ppt salinity treatment were 20 even more pronounced. When combined with 10° C, development was so slow that F_1 21 copepodites did not develop into gravid females before the end of the experiment, thus 22 development was delayed by at least four weeks. The higher salinity also led to delays of about a 23 week within the 20 \degree C and VL temperature treatments (Fig. 4). In the highest temperatures (25 \degree C

1 and VH), females with egg sacs appeared in cultures early in the experiment, however, many of 2 those egg sacs never hatched into nauplii and were assumed to be inviable.

3 Across populations, fecundity (the number of nauplii hatched from the first clutch) was 4 highest in the lowest stable temperatures (10 and 15°C) and lowest in the 25°C and VH 5 treatments. There were differences among populations in the magnitude of temperature treatment 6 effects and their interactions with salinity treatments. For the CP population, no F_1 females 7 developed in the 10 \degree C and 55 ppt treatment combination and 10 \degree C (combined with both 8 salinities) was excluded from analyses. However, the highest fecundity was observed in the 10^oC 9 and 32 ppt treatment combination (mean $=$ 50.4 nauplii female⁻¹). There was a significant 10 temperature by salinity interaction $(F_{4,20} = 3.51, p = 0.025)$, in which fecundity was similar 11 across all temperature treatments above 10°C within 32 ppt, however, fecundity of copepods in 12 the VH treatment was slightly lower on average. Within the 55 ppt treatment, fecundity was 13 highest in 15°C, but not statistically different from that of the 20°C and VL treatments, and 14 lowest in the 25°C and VH treatments (Fig. 6a, Table S6).

15 Only temperature significantly affected fecundity for the DM population ($F_{5,21} = 16.08$, p 16 \leq 0.001). Fecundity was highest in 10^oC (average = 39.1 nauplii per female), similar among 17 copepods in the 15, 20 $^{\circ}$ C, and VL treatments (\sim 50% as fecund as copepods reared in 10 $^{\circ}$ C), and 18 lowest in the 25^oC and VH treatments (Fig. 6b, Table S6). Like CP, a significant temperature by 19 salinity interaction was observed for the FH population $(F_{5,22} = 4.30, p = 0.007)$. Copepods 20 exposed to 32 ppt combined with 20, 25°C, and VL treatments had similar fecundities, which 21 were lower than fecundities observed in 10 and 15°C, but higher than fecundities in VH on 22 average. For the 55 ppt treatment, fecundity was similar among cultures in the 15, 20 °C, and VL

treatments (between 20 and 30 nauplii clutch⁻¹) and fecundity was reduced to less than 10 nauplii 2 per clutch within the 25° C and VH treatments (Fig. 6c, Table S6).

3 **3.4 Laboratory experiment: F2 Survivorship**

4 F2 survivorship was tracked across three weeks in a subset of clutches that were initiated 5 early enough in the experiment. Treatment combinations in which the majority of clutches had 6 delayed development were omitted from analyses due to missing data (10° C and VH, as well as 7 25°C for the FH and DM populations). For the CP population, over 75% of individuals survived 8 to week four of the experiment in most replicate cultures for the 15, 20^oC, and VL treatments, in 9 both salinities. Survivorship was lower in the highest temperatures (25°C and VH; 50 - 60% of 10 individuals survived to week four in most cultures). Survivorship in 25° C was slightly higher on 11 average in 55 ppt than in 32 ppt (Figs. 5a, S2a).

12 For the DM population, the percentage of individuals that survived to week four in 55 ppt 13 was similar among the 15, 20°C, and VL treatments (near 90% on average). In 32 ppt,

14 survivorship within 20 \degree C and VL was equal ($\sim 85\%$ survivorship at week four), whereas

15 survivorship over time in 15°C was lower on average (76%) and variation among replicate

16 cultures was high (Figs. 5b, S2b).

17 For the FH population, survivorship was highest on average in 20^oC for both salinities, 18 although there were no statistically significant differences among the tested treatments (15, 20°C, 19 and VL; Table S7). In 55 ppt, survivorship was lowest on average within 15°C (average of 77% 20 by week four), but there was high variation among replicates (Figs. 5c, S2c).

21 **3.5 Laboratory experiment: F2 Development**

22 The proportions of F₂ nauplii that developed into copepodites between weeks one and 23 two were smallest in the lowest temperatures (10 and 15° C), and this effect was stronger in

8 **3.6 Laboratory experiment: Population dynamics in mass cultures after eight weeks**

9 After eight weeks, all individuals in the mass jar cultures were preserved and counted to 10 assess total culture sizes, which included a mixture of F_1 and F_2 copepods. For the CP population, 11 there was a significant effect of temperature on total culture size $(F_{5,24} = 52.72, p \le 0.001)$, in 12 which the largest cultures occurred in the 10 and 15ºC treatments in both salinities. Cultures in 13 20 °C were approximately half as large (average culture sizes across both salinities for 10° C = 14 714; 15ºC = 811; 20ºC = 358 individuals), and cultures exposed to the VL treatment were 15 smaller than those in 20ºC on average (207 individuals), but this difference was not significant. 16 Total culture sizes were smallest for both the 25ºC and VH treatments, in which all replicate 17 cultures had fewer than 200 individuals at the end of the experiment (Fig. 7a). 18 For the FH population, trends among temperature treatments were slightly different than

19 those observed for CP. Cultures were largest in 15ºC (average = 661 individuals), and cultures in 20 10 and 20ºC were about half as large as those in 15ºC on average (Fig. 7c). Overall, FH culture 21 sizes were smaller than those of the CP population, across all treatment combinations. 22 For DM, there was a significant temperature and salinity interaction ($F_{5,24} = 4.09$, p =

23 0.008), in which the largest cultures were observed in 15^oC in both salinity treatments (average

1 for 32 ppt = 695; 55 ppt = 754 individuals), as well as in 10 $^{\circ}$ C combined with 32 ppt (average = 2 711 individuals). Cultures in 20°C across both salinities and in 10°C combined with 55 ppt were 3 about half as large. As was observed for the other populations, the smallest cultures were those 4 that were exposed to the 25ºC and VH treatments (Fig. 7b, Table S9).

5 **4. DISCUSSION**

6 Local adaptation to temperature and salinity has been well-studied across *Tigriopus* 7 *californicus* populations spanning the west coast of North America, but less is known about the 8 potential for the evolution of physiological plasticity at smaller spatial scales. The goal of this 9 study was to test for local adaptation among three geographically close populations with distinct 10 life history characteristics, from microhabitats with potentially different magnitudes of abiotic 11 variability. In the laboratory, a common garden, factorial experiment was conducted to 12 characterize responses to locally-relevant temperature and salinity regimes. In the field, 13 environmental conditions within pools were monitored at each site to assess the potential for 14 divergent selective pressures.

15 **4.1 F1 fecundity and F2 survivorship were highest in 10 and 15°C**

16 Fecundity, which was defined as the size of a female's first clutch, was highest in F_1 17 copepods that were reared in 10°C. The first clutch size is a good predictor of lifetime 18 reproductive success and is likely a suitable fitness proxy in *T. californicus* (Powers et al., 2020). 19 Additionally, development was most delayed in 10°C, and this effect was even stronger in 20 combination with the higher salinity. Such a strong effect of the lowest stable temperature 21 treatment aligns with previous studies that have found trade-offs between rate of maturation and 22 fecundity (Dybdahl, 1995; Edmands and Harrison, 2003; Hong and Shurin, 2015; Park, 2019; 23 Willett, 2010). It took F_1 females in 10°C at least one additional week, relative to females in

1 higher temperatures, to reach maturity (production of the first egg sac). Female development was 2 delayed in 15° C only in combination with the 55 ppt salinity treatment, and their fecundity was 3 higher than that of faster developing copepods reared in 15°C combined with 32 ppt. This 4 extended development possibly allowed for the allocation of more energy and resources into 5 offspring production versus growth. At these low temperatures, it is also possible that fewer 6 resources were dedicated to costly maintenance and repair mechanisms, such as the production 7 of heat shock proteins, which might have been necessary in the higher temperatures (Sokolova, 8 2013; Somero, 2002).

9 Due to this delayed development, few clutches in 10^oC could be tracked across a full four 10 weeks, but overall survivorship was high (over 90%), at least over 1-2 weeks of F_2 development. 11 Although initial clutch sizes in 15°C were smaller, similarly high percentages of individuals 12 survived by the end of the experiment, although there was high variability among replicates for 13 the DM and FH populations. The overall mean of all field temperature data collected from late 14 spring through early fall, the warmest part of the year, was just under 17^oC, which may explain 15 why survivorship was highest within the lowest temperature treatments. However, it was 16 surprising that survivorship was lower in the 20°C and VL temperature treatments, which were 17 expected to be relatively benign based on previous research. Although *T. californicus* 18 populations from throughout their range have been studied, the majority of research has been 19 conducted on Californian populations, which have higher tolerances for warmer temperatures 20 (Kelly et al., 2012; Leong et al., 2017; Willett, 2010).

21 Around the San Juan Islands, open waters of the Salish Sea range from approximately 6 - 22 12°C throughout the year (Murray et al., 2015). Inundation of *Tigriopus* pools by high tides in 23 the summer can cause large temperature fluctuations, as seawater temperatures are much colder

1 than air temperatures, which largely drive dynamics in small, isolated splashpools (Leong et al., 2 2017). During the winter however, seawater and air temperatures are more similar, as winters are 3 relatively mild in the San Juan Islands and air temperatures rarely go below freezing. The stable 4 10°C treatment in this experiment likely approximates conditions in pools from late fall through 5 early spring.

6 *Tigriopus californicus* does not have any resting stages (Edmands and Deimler, 2004) 7 and these copepods are active year-round, although populations decline in the winter due to 8 higher storm and wave action (Clark, 1968; Powlik, 1999). It is possible that delayed 9 development caused by low temperatures throughout the winter leads to high survival of 10 copepods (if they are not swept out to sea), as well as the production of relatively large egg sacs. 11 There may be very low hatch rates and egg sac turnover during the winter, but once pools warm 12 and storm intensity wanes in the spring, these larger clutches could develop and hatch quickly. 13 These dynamics could underlie the large spring population blooms that have been observed for 14 *Tigriopus* and other tidepool organisms in seasonal habitats (Clark, 1968; Powlik, 1996; Vittor, 15 1971).

16 **4.2 Exposure to temperatures above 25°C led to culture decline**

17 Mass jar cultures in the constant 30°C treatment rapidly declined, until only a few 18 survivors were left after two weeks of exposure. The constant 25°C treatment was also stressful 19 for all populations, but cultures did persist for the full eight weeks of the laboratory experiment. 20 However, only dozens of copepods survived in 25°C, whereas cultures in lower temperatures had 21 hundreds. Other studies on different populations of *T. californicus* have found similar effects of 22 exposure to 25°C (Edmands and Deimler, 2004). Willett (2010) and Willett and Son (2018)

1 found that exposure to 37°C for one hour killed nearly all copepods from more northern

2 populations (British Columbia, Friday Harbor, and northern California).

3 Short-term exposures to 30°C are probably much less stressful, and frequently 4 experienced by San Juan Island populations in the field. Cultures that were exposed to the 5 variable, high amplitude (VH) treatment, which was held at 30 and 10°C for 12 hours each 6 everyday, had similar population dynamics to cultures in 25°C. It seems that such extended daily 7 exposure to 30°C was stressful, however, the temperature drop to 10°C allowed for some 8 recovery, as cultures in the VH treatment lasted at least six weeks longer than those in constant 9 30°C. In the cooler half of the day, copepod metabolism might have slowed and allowed for the 10 repair of any damage caused by the warmer half. Repair processes are energetically costly, but 11 food was provided *ad libitum*, which may explain how cultures persisted across two generations. 12 However, eventual culture declines might have occurred with more generations. High 13 maintenance costs lead to reduced deposition of energy reserves, which could translate into the 14 production of fewer offspring of lower quality (Sokolova, 2013).

15 **4.3 Population dynamics were equivalent between the 20°C and VL treatments**

16 Across populations and salinity treatments, fecundity, development, and survivorship 17 were similar among cultures reared in both the stable 20°C and variable, low amplitude (VL; 15 - 18 25°C at 12 hrs each, daily) temperature treatments. It seems that it is the average temperature 19 experience over time, rather than the amplitude of daily temperature variability, that matters 20 most for *T. californicus* population dynamics.

21 This result corroborates findings by Hong and Shurin (2015), who also tested for *T.* 22 *californicus* population responses to the amplitude of daily thermal fluctuations. Three northern 23 populations (from British Columbia and Oregon) and three southern populations (from mid-to

1 **4.4 Temperature and salinity interactions**

2 Development was delayed in the lowest temperatures and this effect was even stronger in 3 combination with hypersalinity. For cultures reared in 10 \degree C and 55 ppt, the development of F₁ 4 copepods was so delayed that in some replicates, females did not reach reproductive maturity by 5 the end of the experiment (eight weeks since hatching). This combination of factors might rarely 6 or never happen in *T. californicus* pools in the field, as cold temperatures typically co-occur with 7 lower salinities during the winter. These populations may have never experienced selective 8 pressures that would have led to the evolution of physiological mechanisms to acclimate to this 9 combination of stressors. Low temperatures may decrease membrane permeability, as well as 10 slow the production and activity of enzymes, which could interrupt mechanisms for regulating 11 internal ion concentrations (Sokolova, 2013). This could constrain the optimization of 12 physiological traits for tolerating both low temperature and high salinity simultaneously 13 (Hochachka and Somero 1984).

14 There was also a significant interaction between salinity and the highest temperature 15 treatment, 30°C, across populations. Cultures reared in 30°C and 32 ppt had nearly 100% 16 mortality by two weeks of exposure, whereas cultures reared in 30°C and 55 ppt had dozens of 17 survivors. The cultures in the hypersaline treatment were clearly in decline. But the reduced 18 mortality rate could be advantageous in the field, as abiotic conditions are highly variable and 19 there could be potential for recovery once temperatures drop. In the field, hypersalinity and high 20 temperatures co-occur commonly, particularly in the summer as pools isolated from high tides 21 evaporate. A similar result was found for Californian populations by Kelly and colleagues 22 (2016), who argued that the positive effects of high salinity on heat tolerance may be due to a 23 functional overlap in the two stress responses. They found that in hyperosmotic treatments, gene

1 expression responses were dominated by transcripts involved in protein stabilization, including 2 heat shock proteins, which are critical components of responses to heat stress (Schoville et al., 3 2012).

4 **4.5 Differences among populations persisted after common garden rearing**

5 While the effects of temperature and salinity treatment combinations were similar among 6 populations, the magnitude of these effects and their interactions were different, even after 7 multiple generations in a common laboratory environment. For example, the hypersalinity 8 treatment caused larger developmental delays for the CP population at a wider range of 9 temperatures than the other populations. *Tigriopus californicus* responds to hypersalinity by 10 accumulating intracellular organic osmolytes, including free amino acids, which are costly to 11 synthesize and regulate (Burton and Feldman, 1982; Goolish and Burton, 1989). If this response 12 causes energy limitation, populations could differ in how they allocate resources to maintenance 13 and repair mechanisms, growth, and reproduction (Sokolova, 2013). It is possible that copepods 14 from the CP population allocate fewer resources to growth and development during times of 15 salinity stress than copepods from the other populations.

16 Across treatment combinations, the FH population tended to have smaller culture sizes 17 and faster development than the other two populations. In stressful treatments, cultures of the FH 18 population were less robust. Previous studies on *T. californicus* have found that populations with 19 a faster pace of living, or earlier age at maturity, pay a cost of reduced fecundity and 20 survivorship (Dybdahl 1995; Willett 2010; Hong and Shurin 2015; Park 2019). The evolution of 21 such a life history strategy might be expected in environments where the growing season is short, 22 or the risk of mortality is high (Stearns, 1989). At the FH site, it seems that there is less of a 23 chance of exposure to extreme salinities or temperatures because pools are distributed lower on

1 the shore (Table S10). However, this lower distribution also means that there is a high chance of 2 copepods being washed out of pools into areas of high predation risk. During this study, this 3 flushing of copepods was observed multiple times throughout the summer, and it likely occurs 4 more frequently during increased storm activity in winter. These events lead to relatively high 5 mortality of juveniles, and lower mortality of adults that are able to cling to the substrate (Park, 6 2019), which likely selects for faster development across generations.

7 **4.6 Limited evidence for local adaptation of San Juan Island populations**

8 Differences in local geology among sites on San Juan Island influence the distribution of 9 *T. californicus* pools on the shore, which seems to affect the variability of abiotic conditions 10 within pools in subtle ways. Pools containing *T. californicus* at FH occurred within a relatively 11 narrow, lower zonation on the shore and had the lowest average salinity and lowest variability 12 among pools and time points out of the sites. At multiple time points, the salinity across all 13 measured pools was near 32 ppt. At the other sites, pools containing *T. californicus* spanned 14 higher parts of the shore. These pools were more isolated from seawater input, which led to more 15 extreme variability in salinity. When comparing responses to hypersalinity within the laboratory, 16 the CP population did tend to have higher fecundity than the FH population in 55 ppt. However, 17 this was not true across all treatment combinations, as fecundity was equivalent between the 18 populations in some temperatures. The DM and FH populations had equivalent fecundity 19 patterns across temperatures within the 55 ppt treatment. Thus, there was no clear indication that 20 the populations were locally adapted to different salinity regimes.

21 From spring through fall of 2018, pools at the DM site had the largest daily temperature 22 ranges, as well as a slightly higher mean temperature overall. Lowest daily mean temperatures 23 occurred at the FH site, particularly towards the end of the field season in October. In the

1 While pools were carefully chosen to represent the full range of conditions that might 2 occur at each site (pools of different sizes, heights on the shore, and exposure), there were still 3 many pools that were uncharacterized. Since *T. californicus* can move freely among adjacent 4 pools within a rock outcrop, copepods within different pools can be considered subpopulations of 5 a metapopulation. Abiotic conditions within all pools on an outcrop may affect the evolution of 6 the entire metapopulation (Altermatt et al., 2012; Burton and Swisher, 1984).

7 Additionally, not all sites were composed of one discrete rock outcrop. The DM site 8 probably is discrete, since it contains two close rock outcrops surrounded by pebble beaches on 9 both sides. However, the FH and CP sites are part of larger, more continuous rock benches, each 10 with a beach on only one side and more rock, potentially connected to other *T. californicus* 11 pools, on the other side. Migrants from uncharacterized pools further down the shore, potentially 12 affected by different selective pressures, could have influenced the genetic composition of the 13 pools studied here.

14 Most environmental differences among sites were driven by a few extreme pools that 15 were higher on the shore and isolated from high tide input. These pools did not contain copepods 16 at all surveys, as extended exposure to extremely low or high salinities likely caused complete 17 die offs. It is not clear whether this high abiotic variability both within and among pools 18 constrains adaptation. On one hand, we might expect that copepod populations with a high risk 19 of exposure to extreme abiotic conditions would evolve higher capacity to acclimate to such 20 stressors. However, if all individuals that are exposed to these extremes end up dying, adaptation 21 cannot occur. It is possible that the extreme, higher pools found at the CP and DM sites are just 22 population sinks, where conditions become too extreme too often. These sinks might not have 23 much of an influence on the evolution of the entire metapopulation. The more stable, consistenly

1 occupied pools that are sources of colonizers might be the biggest drivers of evolutionary 2 dynamics. To truly understand the stressors faced by *T. californicus* populations, it will be 3 critical to understand how individuals move among pools within sites (Altermatt et al., 2012; 4 Dybdahl, 1995, 1994).

5 While this study did not find strong evidence for local adaptation among Washington *T.* 6 *californicus* populations separated by 30 km or less, multiple differences among populations in 7 life history responses to temperature and salinity were observed. These differences persisted after 8 multiple generations in a common environment, which suggests genetic underpinnings (Kawecki 9 and Ebert, 2004). These population differences may be largely due to isolation and genetic drift, 10 rather than divergent selective pressures among sites. These results build upon decades of 11 research that has shown that *T. californicus* populations can be highly differentiated, even at 12 small spatial scales (Burton et al. 1979; Burton 1986, 1987, 1997; Burton and Lee 1994; 13 Edmands 2001; Edmands & Harrison 2003; Willett and Ladner 2009; Barreto et al. 2018).

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1 **TABLES**

2 **Table 1.** Field salinity summary statistics per pool. The 'Number of measurements' column 3 shows the number of times salinity was recorded for each pool throughout the 2018 field season. 4 Pools had fewer measurements if they were completely dry or filled with sediment or debris 5 during some of the surveys. The 'Percent occupancy' column indicates the percent of the total 6 number of surveys during which *Tigriopus californicus* were observed in the pool.

Pool Identity	Mean salinity	Standard	Number of	Percent
	(ppt)	deviation (ppt)	measurements	occupancy
CP1	64	36.8	9	55.6
CP2	34.6	3.04	11	100
CP ₃	46	18.0	11	100
CP4	55.8	22.6	11	100
CP ₅	36.5	5.99	11	100
CP ₆	36.1	6.25	11	100
DM1	38.7	10.3	9	100
DM ₂	33.5	2.66	11	81.8
DM3	42.6	16.7	11	100
DM4	40.8	16.7	11	100
DM ₅	11.5	2.12	$\overline{2}$	$\overline{0}$
DM ₆	38.7	8.46	11	100
DM7	75.8	27.2	10	60
FH ₁	32.9	2.43	11	72.7
FH ₂	35.5	4.80	11	100
FH ₃	33.5	3.39	11	90.9
FH4	40.7	11.2	11	100
FH ₅	45.3	20.9	11	100
FH ₆	34.4	8.18	11	100

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1 **Table 2.** Field temperature summary statistics per pool. Pools displayed here are a subset of the pools that were surveyed for salinity 2 over time. Due to the loss of some temperature loggers, not all pools per site were measured throughout the entire 2018 field season. 3 For the daily maximum, minimum, and range columns, values are means ± standard deviation. The months column indicates the 4 portion of the field season over which temperature measurements were taken.

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FIGURES

Figure 1. Map of *Tigriopus californicus* populations used for this study on San Juan Island,

4 Washington, USA. CP: Cattle Point, FH: Friday Harbor, DM: Dead Man's Cove. Map made

⁵ using 'ggmap' (Kahle & Wickham 2013).

2 **Figure 2.** Field salinity measurements, taken approximately every two weeks, from June to 3 October of 2018. Each point represents the average of salinity measurements from 6-7 pools per 4 site (error bars: ± 1 SE) at each survey. Different populations (CP = Cattle Point, DM = Dead 5 Man's Cove, FH = Friday Harbor) are represented by different line types.

- 2 temperature ranges (D) were calculated for each field site from late May through late October of 2018 (note an approximately two
- 3 week gap in measurements in July). Numbers of pools measured (3-6 per day) varied throughout the field season due to the loss of
- 4 some loggers. Different sites (CP = Cattle Point, DM = Dead Man's Cove, FH = Friday Harbor) are represented by different line
- 5 types.

Figure 4. F1 generation development histogram. The x-axis displays the date on which single clutch (Falcon tube) cultures were

initiated with gravid F_1 females, which was a proxy for timing of sexual maturity. Mass jar cultures were monitored for the appearance

- 3 columns. VL represents the "variable low" temperature treatment, which varied between 15 and 25°C daily. All other temperature
- 4 treatments were held stable. The VH ("variable high") temperature treatment was omitted due to the prevalence of inviable egg sacs.

2 **Figure 5.** Single clutch culture sizes over time for the F₂ generation of the Cattle Point (A), Dead Man's Cove (B), and Friday Harbor 3 (C) populations. This represents a subset of the entire single clutch culture dataset: it only includes data from clutches that were 4 tracked across four weeks. Multiple clutches from each replicate jar culture were tracked over time and counts were averaged for each 5 of three replicate cultures (with some exceptions, due to delayed development, as described below). Facets contain single clutch 6 culture sizes over time for each temperature treatment within each salinity treatment (32 and 55 ppt). Each point represents the 7 average of replicate jar cultures at each weekly count (error bars: ±1 SE). Different temperature treatments are represented by different 8 point symbols and line types. Temperature treatments from 10 - 25 (°C) were held constant, and the VL and VH treatments varied 9 around an average of 20°C daily (VL: 15-25°C, VH: 10-30°C). There are no data for the 10°C and 55 ppt treatment combination (for

1 all populations) due to delayed development of the F_1 generation (the VH and 32 ppt combination is also missing for FH). If error bars 2 are missing from the plotted points, data from only one replicate were collected across the full four weeks. Data from only two 3 replicate cultures are displayed in the following treatment combinations: 10°C and 32 ppt & VH and 32 ppt (CP & DM), 15°C and 32 4 ppt & VH and 55 ppt (DM only).

Temperature \Box 10 \triangle 20 \bullet VL
treatment \Box 15 **■** 25 **▲** VH

1 **Figure 6.** F1 fecundity and the proportion of F2 nauplii that transitioned into copepodites in single clutch cultures between weeks one 2 and two for the Cattle Point (A, D), Dead Man's Cove (B, E), and Friday Harbor (C, F) populations. Multiple single clutch cultures 3 were averaged for each replicate. Facets contain counts/transition proportions for each temperature treatment within each salinity 4 treatment (32 and 55 ppt). Temperature treatments from 10 - 25 (°C) were held constant, and the VL and VH treatments varied around 5 an average of 20 $^{\circ}$ C daily (VL: 15-25 $^{\circ}$ C, VH: 10-30 $^{\circ}$ C). Each bold point represents the average of replicate cultures (error bars: ± 1) 6 SE). Lighter points represent raw data (three replicate cultures per salinity and temperature combination, with some exceptions). Some 7 proportions for treatment combinations are missing due to very low total culture sizes and/or disrupted development. For fecundity, 8 significant differences among treatment combinations are indicated by different letters above the points (note that each population was 9 analyzed separately).

2 **Figure 7.** Total jar culture sizes, including the F₁ and F₂ generations, for the Cattle Point (A), Dead Man's Cove (B), and Friday 3 Harbor (C) populations after two months of exposure to temperature and salinity treatment combinations. Facets contain counts for 4 each temperature treatment within each salinity treatment (32 and 55 ppt). Temperature treatments from 10 - 25 (°C) were held 5 constant, and the VL and VH treatments varied around an average of 20°C daily (VL: 15-25°C, VH: 10-30°C). Each bold point 6 represents the average of replicate jar culture counts (error bars: ±1 SE). Lighter points represent raw data (three replicate cultures per 7 salinity and temperature combination). Significant differences among treatment combinations are indicated by different letters above 8 the points (note that each population was analyzed separately).