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# Local differentiation in heat response of *Laminaria digitata* at the range edges

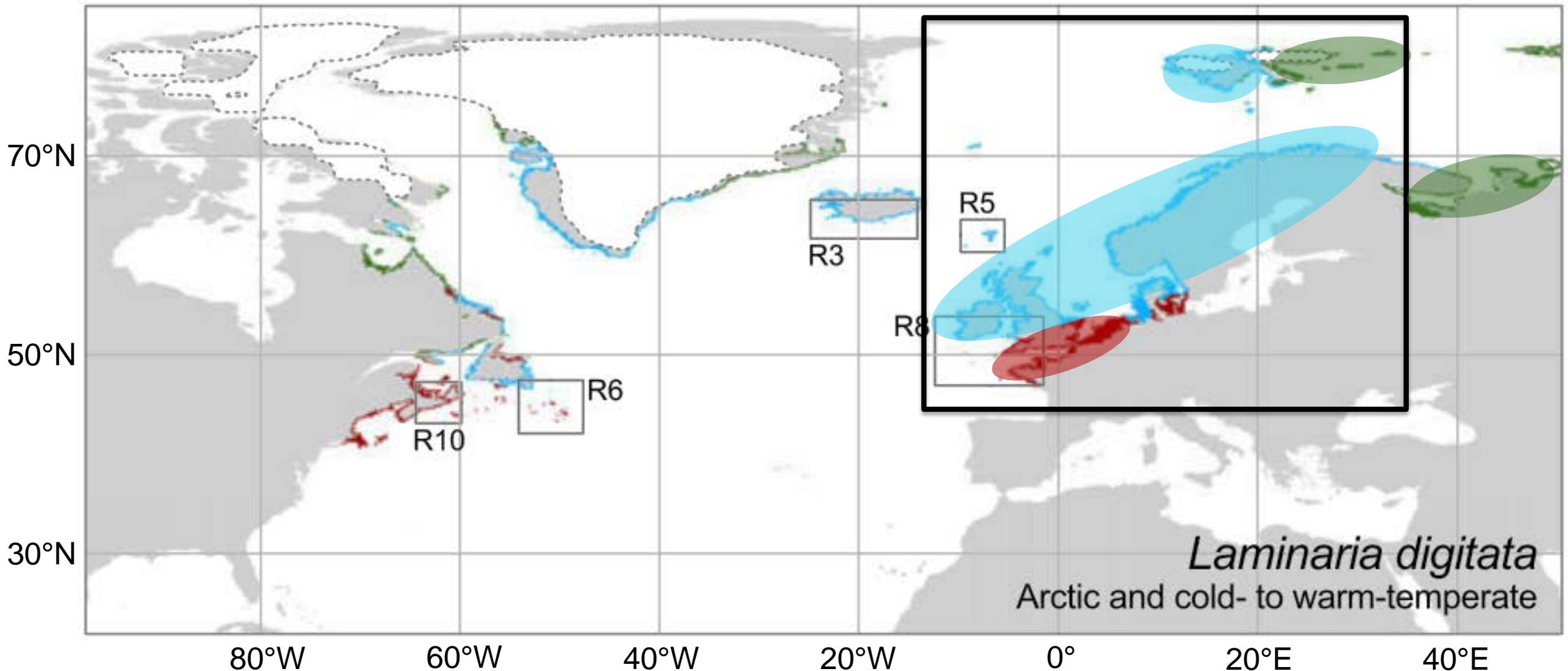


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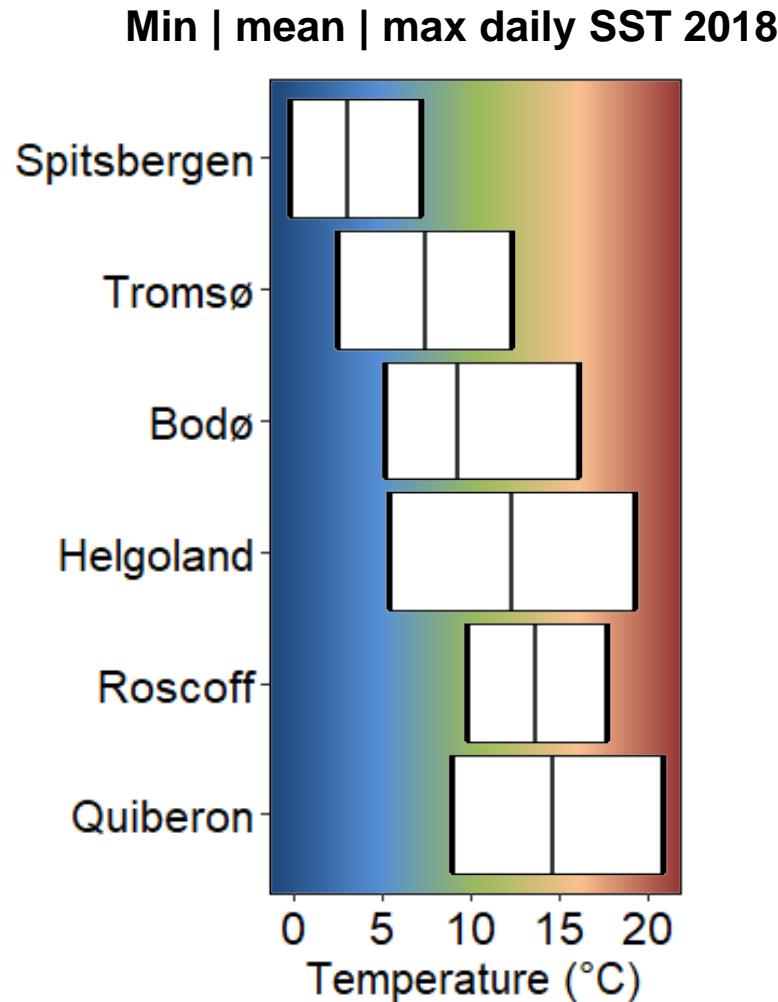
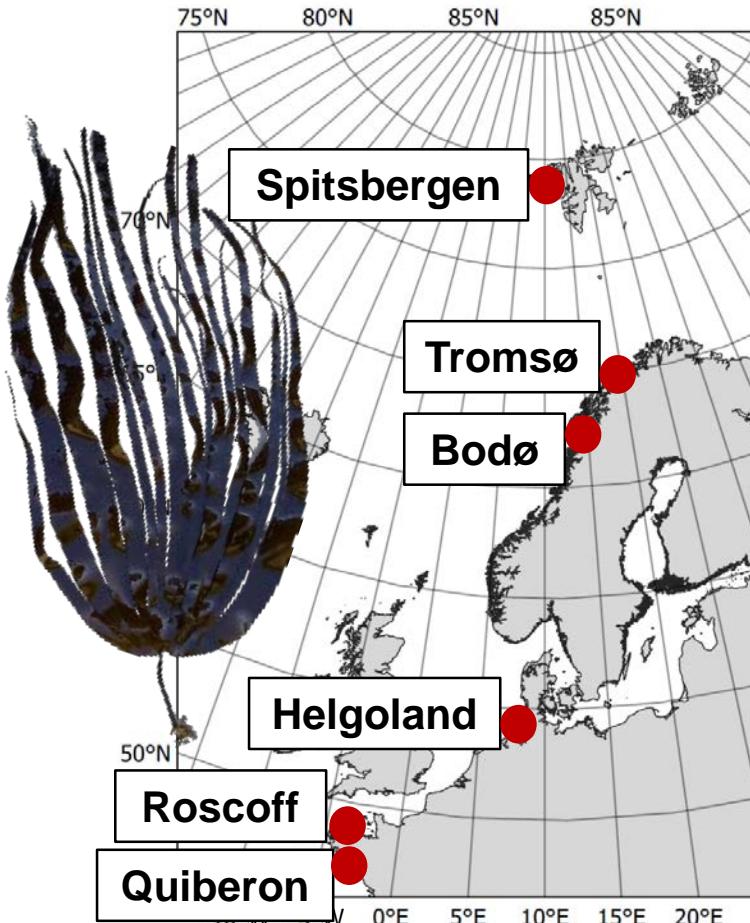
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# Range shifts



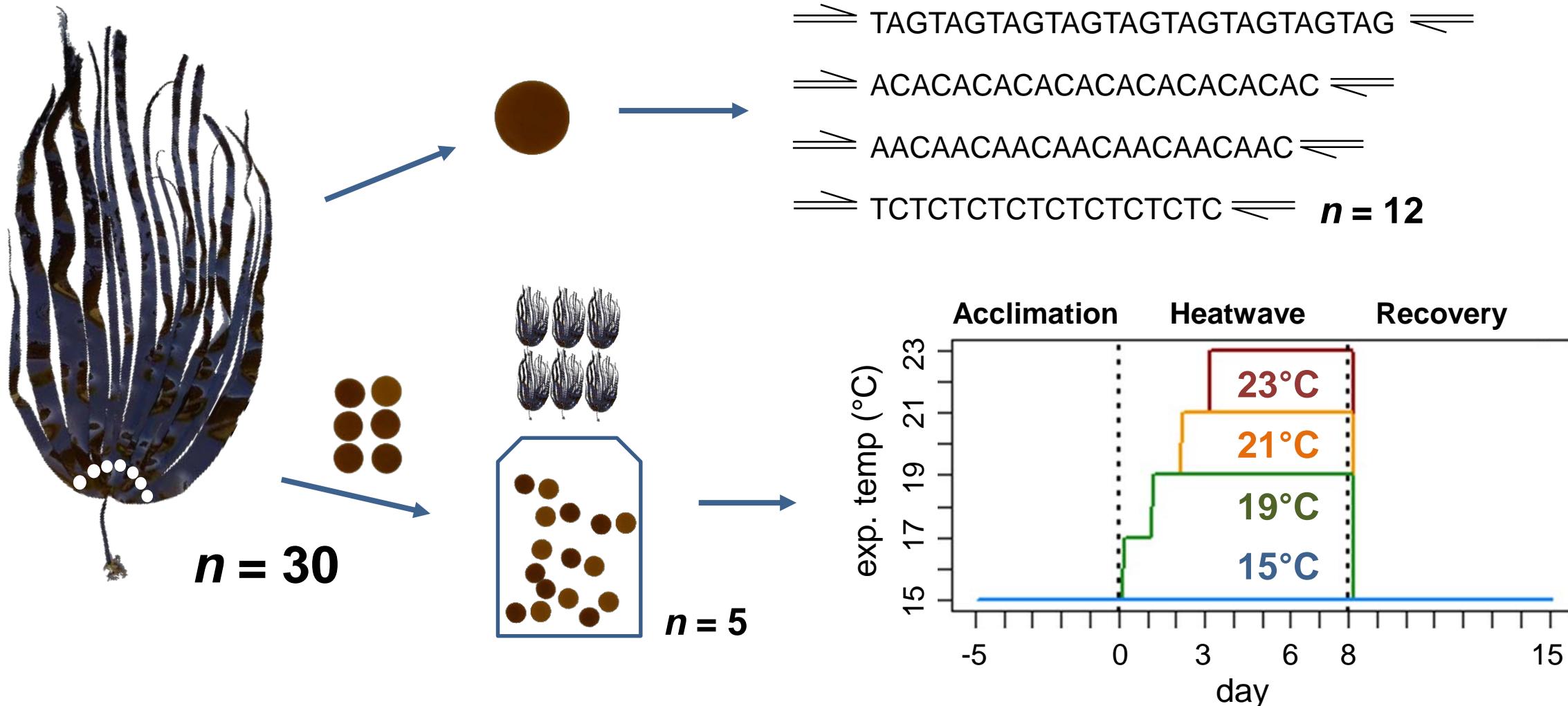
# Local adaptation for heat tolerance?



Do populations of *Laminaria digitata* differ in short-term heat tolerance?

Do population genetic characteristics relate to physiological responses?

# Experimental design



# Experimental design

## Genetic structure and diversity

Growth

- Fresh weight

PAM  
Fluorometry

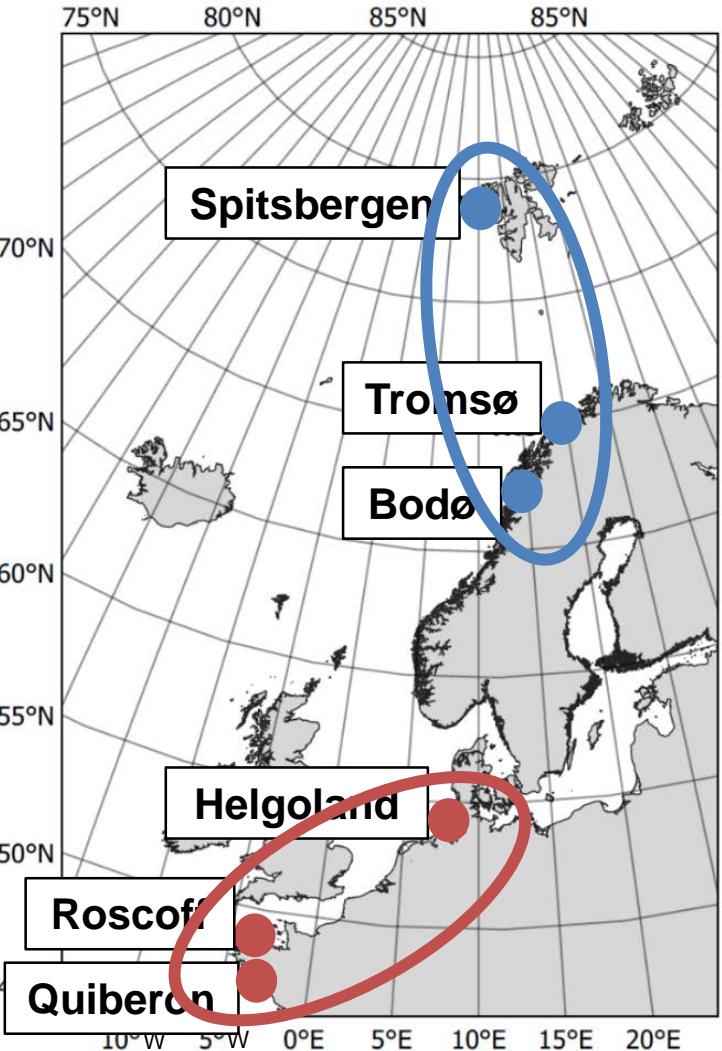
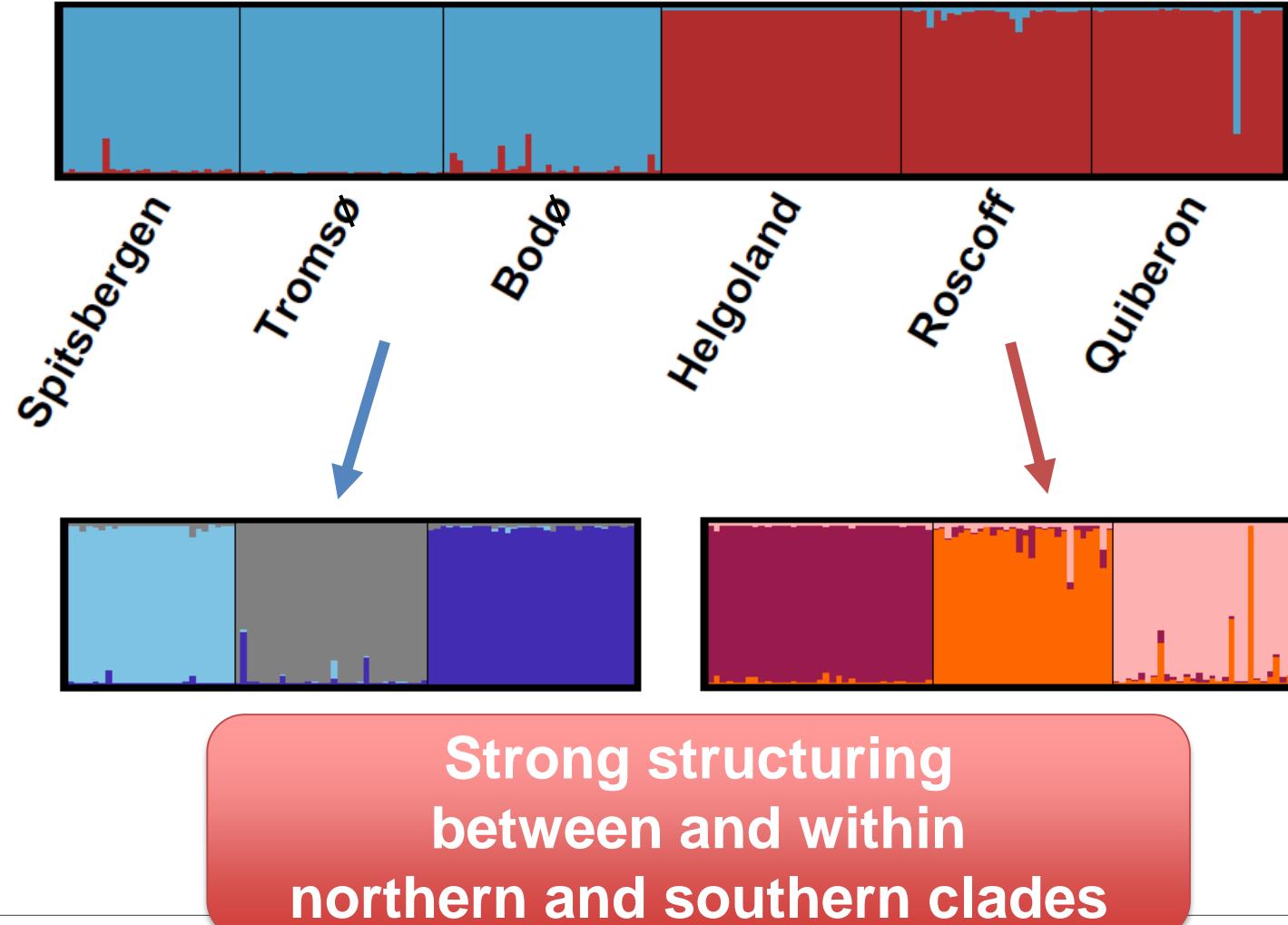
- $F_v/F_m$



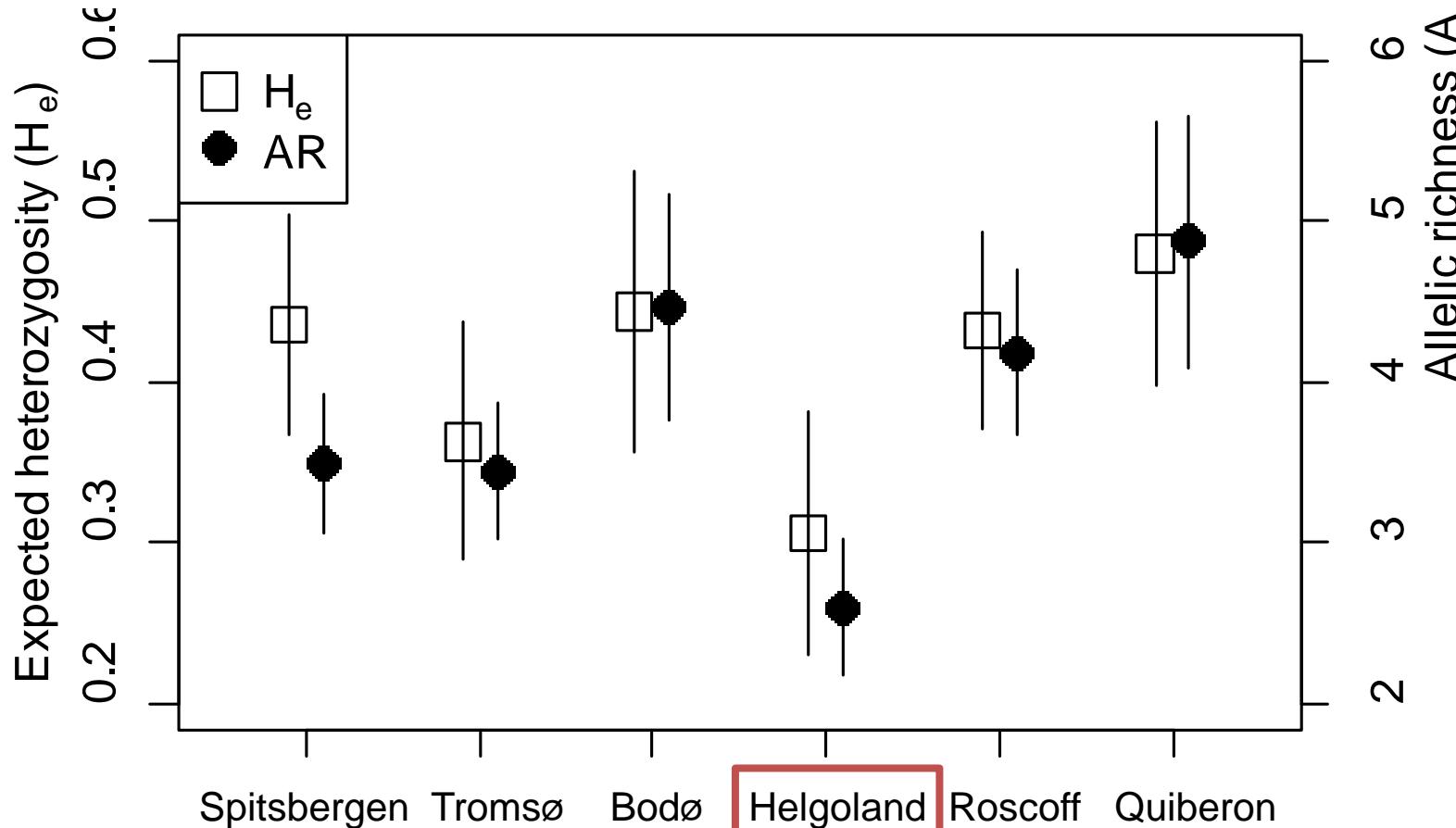
## Hypotheses:

1. Heat resilience decreases with higher latitudes.
2. ... and with lower genetic diversity.

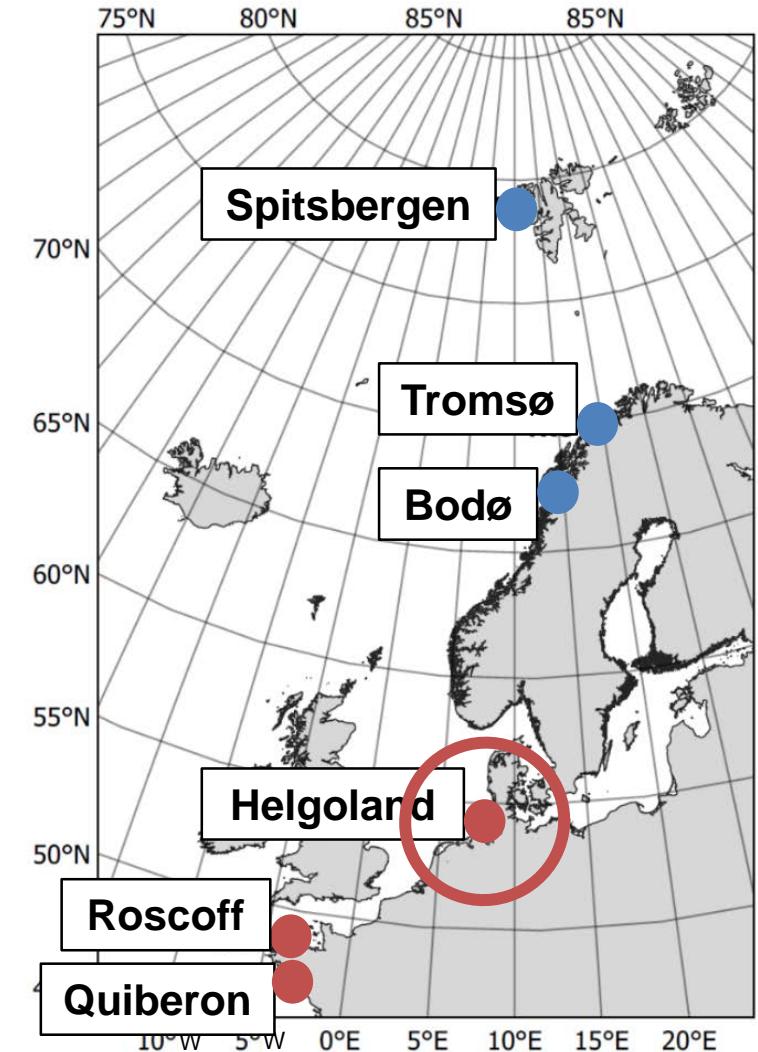
# Population genetics: structure



# Population genetics: diversity

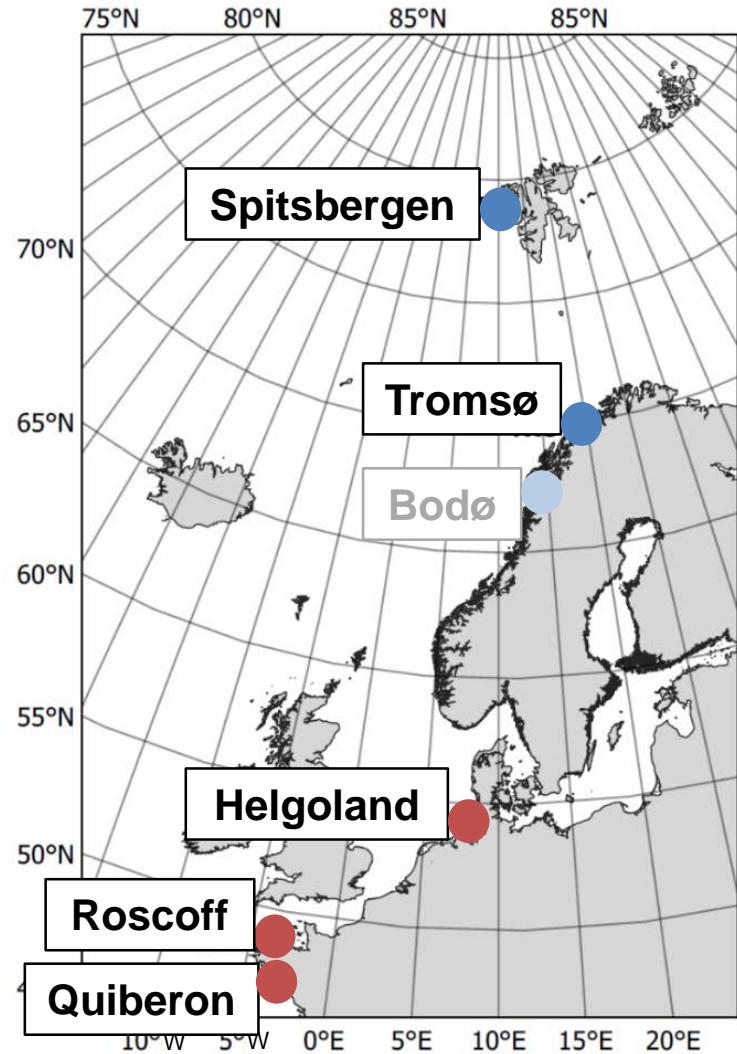
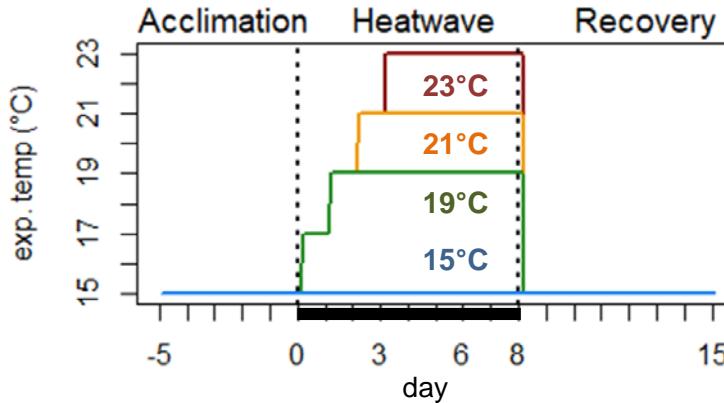
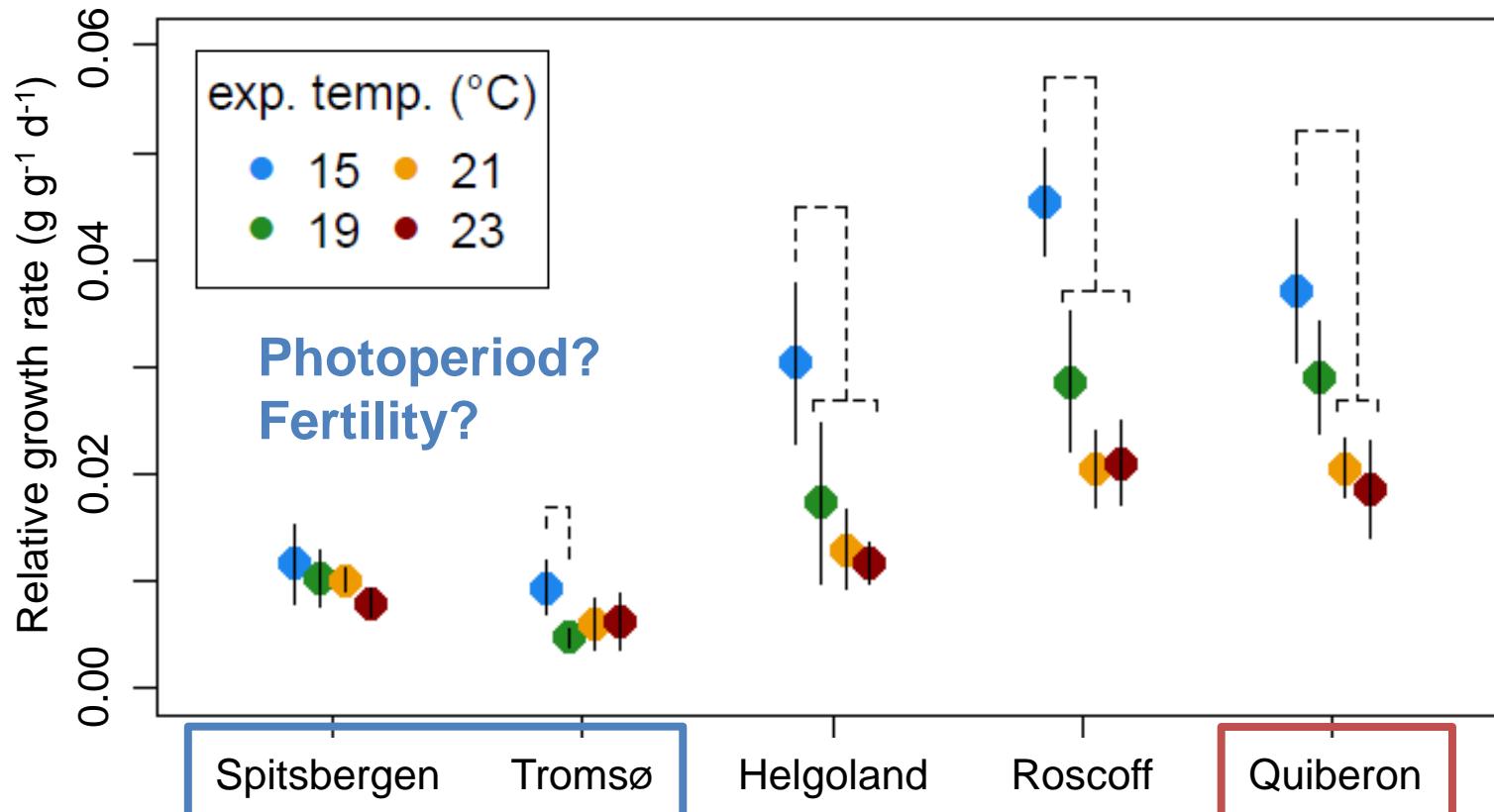


Helgoland is genetically isolated.

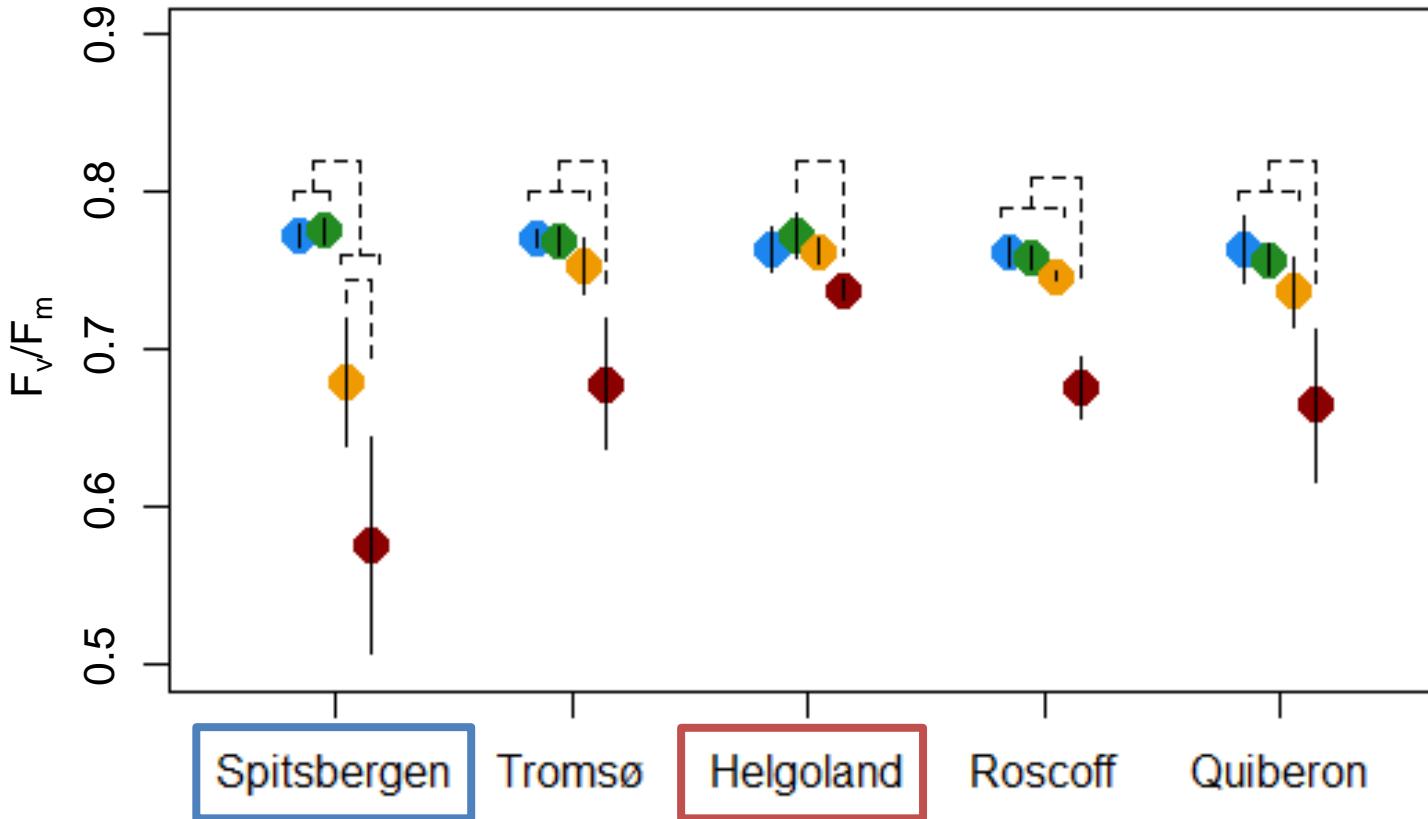


# Physiology: growth

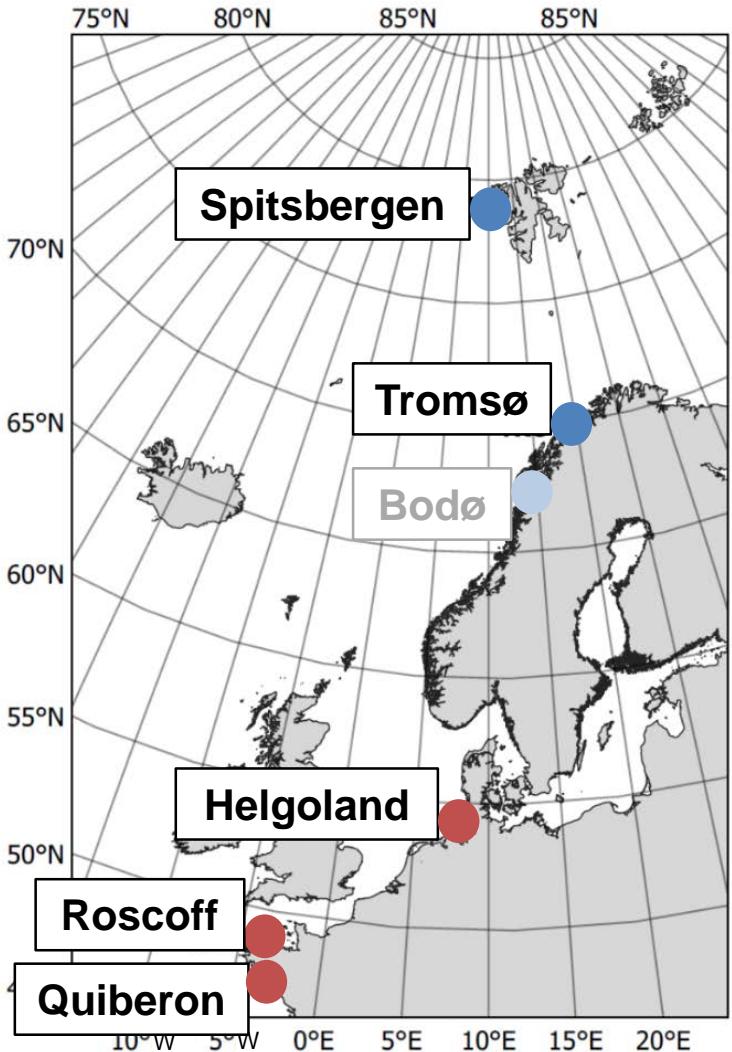
Slight advantage for Quiberon?



# Physiology: optimum quantum yield

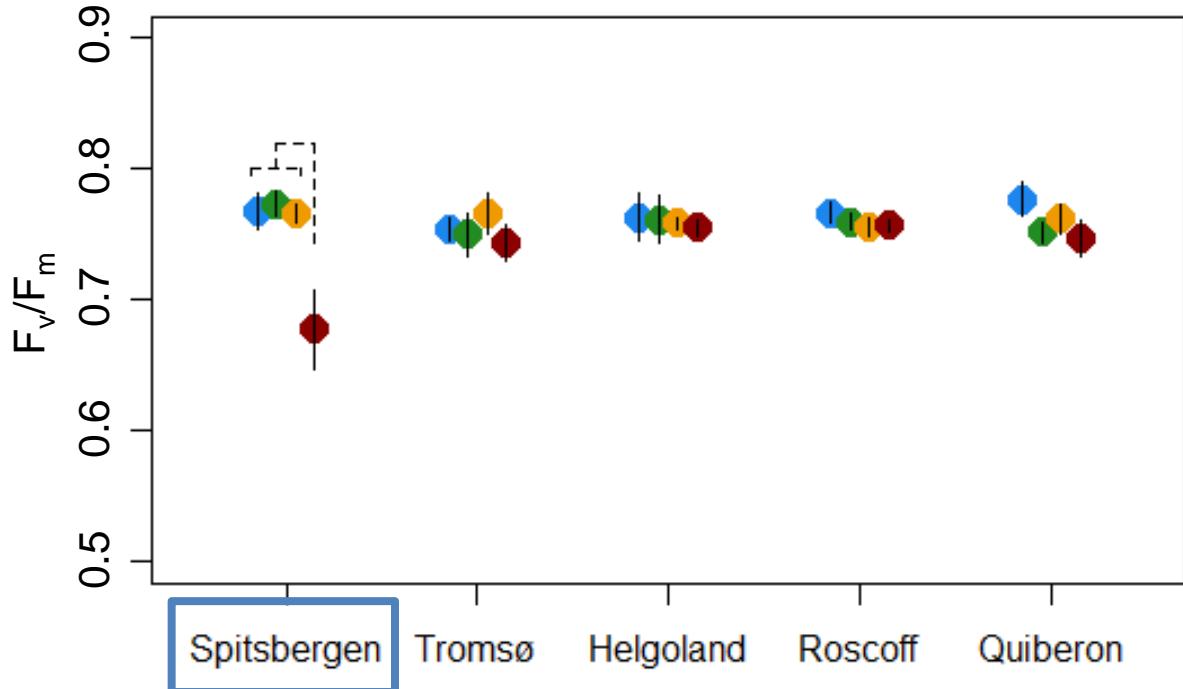


No stress response in  
Helgoland?

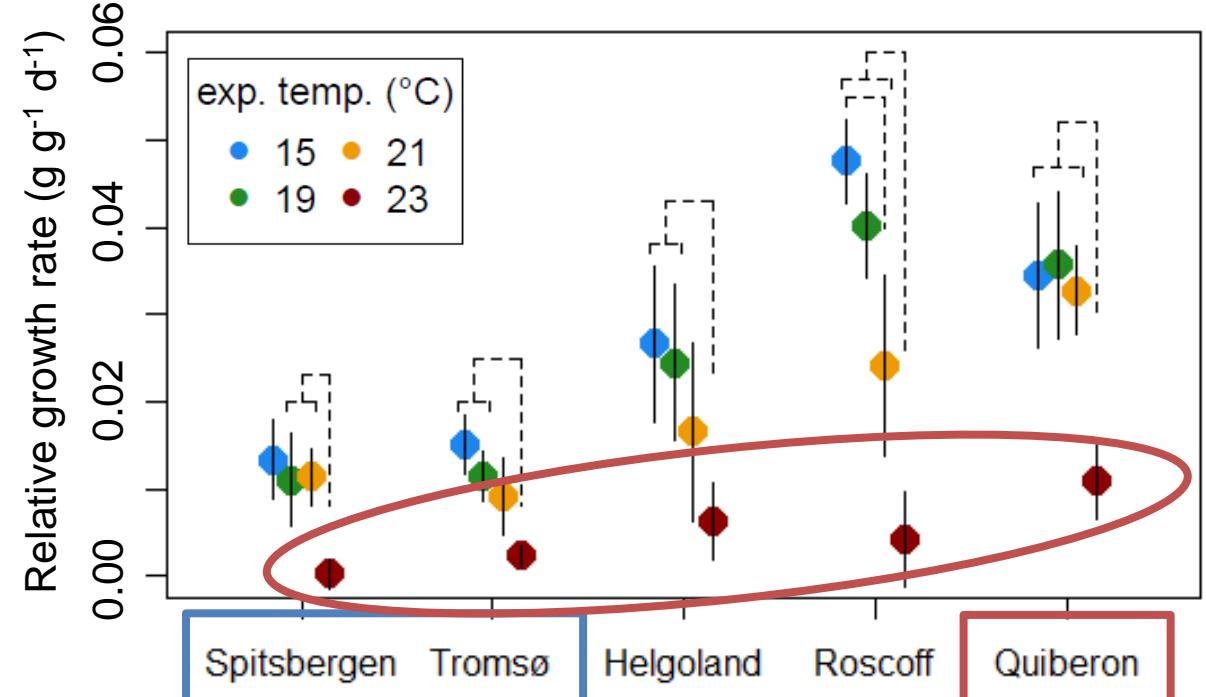


# Physiology: recovery

Optimum quantum yield

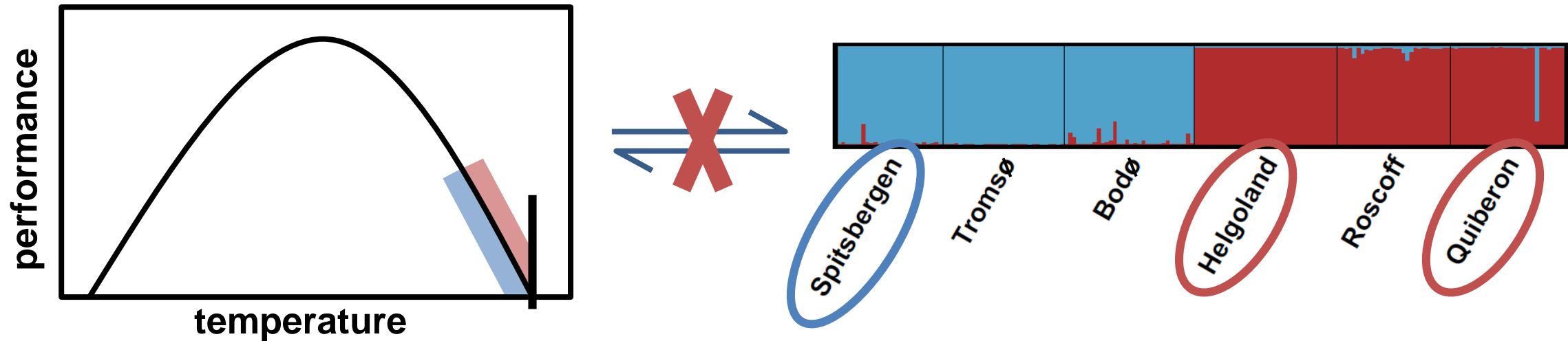


Growth



5 days at 23°C harmful for  
all populations.

# Synthesis



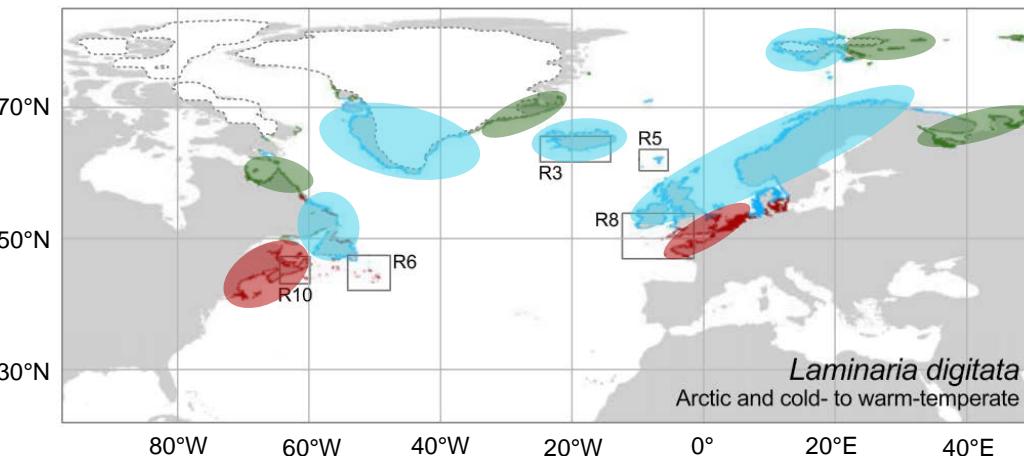
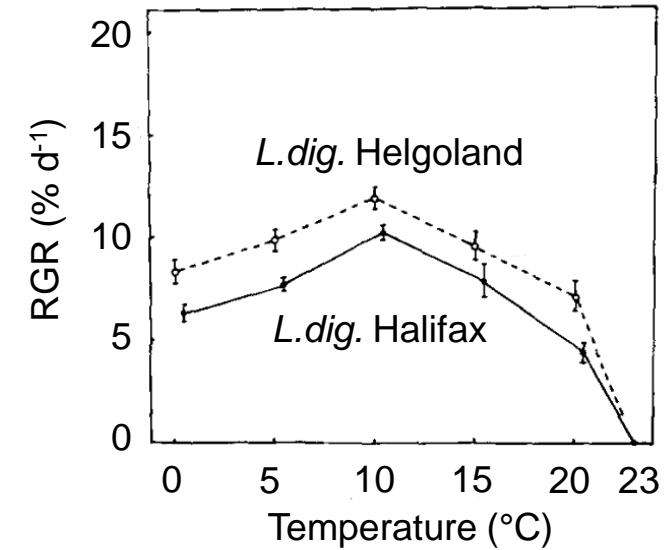
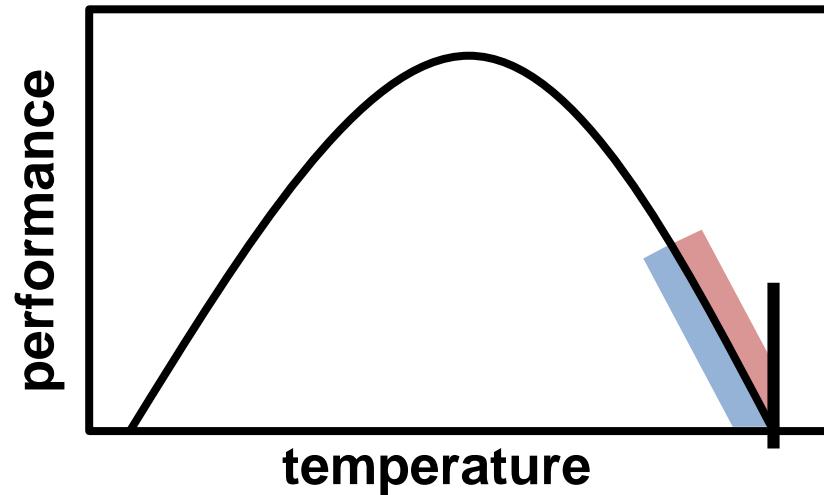
Fixed thermal  
limit

Northern and  
southern  
clades

Subtle  
differentiation  
in marginal  
populations

Genetic  
diversity  
 $\neq$   
heat tolerance

# Relevance



**Loss of southern populations  
&  
range expansion of  
northern clade?**

# Thank you!



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Also worth a look:

Kiara Franke's talk on *L. dig.* vs. *H. nigripes*  
Nele Schimpf's poster on gametophyte UST

Further work:

1. Transgenerational effects
2. Parent-specific inheritance patterns



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