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ABSTRACT

The copepods *Calanus finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* co-exist in the North Sea, but their spatial distribution and phenology are very different. Long-term changes in their distributions seem to occur due to climate change resulting in a northward extension of *C. helgolandicus* and a decline of *C. finmarchicus* in this region. The aim of this study is to use life-stage structured models of the two *Calanus* species embedded in a 3D coupled hydrodynamic-biogeochemical model to investigate how the biogeography of *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* is modified by changes in $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ sea water temperatures, overwintering and oceanic inflow in the North Sea. Life-stage structured models are validated against CPR data and vertical distributions north of the Dogger Bank in the North Sea for the reference year 2005. The model shows that 1) $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$ changes from the current level mainly influence the seasonal patterns and not the relative occurrence of the two species, 2) changes due to oceanic inflow mainly appeared in the northern and southern part of the North Sea connected to the NE Atlantic and not in the central part and 3) the abundance of *Calanus* species were very sensitive to the degree of overwintering within the North Sea because it allows them to utilize the spring bloom more efficiently and independently of the timing and amount of oceanic inflow. The combination of lower temperatures, higher overwintering and oceanic inflow simulating the situation in the 1960s largely favoured *C. finmarchicus* and their relative contribution to *Calanus* spp. increased from 40% in the reference year to 72%. The $+2^{\circ}\text{C}$ scenario suggest that in a warmer future, *C. finmarchicus* is likely to decline and *C. helgolandicus* abundance will probably continue to increase in some areas.

Keywords: 3D ecosystem model; life-stages; *Calanus finmarchicus*; *Calanus helgolandicus*; temperature; overwintering; oceanic inflow

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1. INTRODUCTION

The North Sea is a continental shelf system located in the North-East Atlantic Ocean and sustains a large fishery (Mackinson and Daskalov, 2007). The two copepods *Calanus finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* are considered key species in the ecosystem because they serve as prey for commercially important fish species (Gaard and Reinert, 2002; Gislason and Astthorsson, 2002; Heath, 2007; Munk and Nielsen, 1994; Ringuelette et al., 2002). However, long-term changes in the ecosystem have been linked to global warming resulting in a northward extension of *C. helgolandicus* and a decline of *C. finmarchicus* (Beaugrand et al., 2003; Beaugrand and Reid, 2003; Bonnet et al., 2005; Pitois and Fox, 2006; Planque and Fromentin, 1996). Since 1980, the spring phenology of temperature is advanced by 2.08 days per decade in the Northern Hemisphere (Burrows et al., 2011) and sea surface temperatures in the North Sea have been observed to increase about 1.5°C (Philippart et al., 2007). This is believed to have implications for the geographical distribution and seasonality of zooplankton (Mackas et al., 2012).

Morphologically, the two *Calanus* species are difficult to distinguish. Their life cycle includes eggs, six naupliar stages followed by five copepodite stages until maturation to the 6th copepodite stage, the adult stage. Despite these similarities, the two species differ in the spatial distribution and phenology (Beaugrand et al., 2002; Bonnet et al., 2005). *C. finmarchicus* is a subarctic species occurring at latitudes 30 to 80°N with peak abundances at temperatures below 11°C (Bonnet et al., 2005; Helaouët and Beaugrand, 2007). Its lifecycle includes overwintering at 400 to 1400 m depth in the deep basins of the Norwegian Sea and the Norwegian Trench in the Skagerrak (Heath, 1999). Adults and the pre-adult copepodite stage 5 ascend in February-March and are advected into the North Sea until they start descending to diapause during summer and are practically absent from the surface waters in September (Heath et al., 1999; Jónasdóttir et al., 2005). In contrast, *C. helgolandicus* is a temperate species found at latitudes 15 to 65°N above the European shelf-edge with highest abundances at temperatures from 10 to 17°C (Bonnet et al., 2005; Helaouët and Beaugrand, 2007). *C. helgolandicus* diapause takes place at 400 to 800 m depth along the Atlantic margin or in deeper basins of the Mediterranean Sea (Bonnet et al., 2005; Williams and Conway, 1988). *C. helgolandicus* is observed from March to June in the southern part and from April to September in the central part of the North Sea (Bonnet et al., 2005; Jónasdóttir et al., 2005).

Because *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* have different phenology, changes in timing of life-stages and dominance from one to the other may cause changes in the size structure of available copepod prey for fish. Fish larvae have highly specific prey size

preferences (Munk, 1992; Munk, 1997) and are sensitive to match-mismatch with suitable prey (Durant et al., 2005). Several studies have shown that the recruitment of sandeel, cod and herring were positively associated with *Calanus* abundance (Arnott and Ruxton, 2002; Beaugrand et al., 2003; Payne et al., 2009; van Deurs et al., 2009). Thus, bottom-up effects through prey abundance and size distribution seems important for the recruitment and development of fish. The shift from *C. finmarchicus* to *C. helgolandicus* in the North Sea has been documented as early as 1996 by Planque and Fromentin (1996). However, the understanding of the underlying mechanisms and their interactions is still limited (Beare et al., 2002; Beare and McKenzie, 1999; Reid et al., 2003).

To broaden this knowledge, the present study embeds stage-structured models of the two *Calanus* species in a 3D coupled hydrodynamic-biogeochemical model. The *Calanus* models are validated against CPR data as well as vertical distributions north of the Dogger Bank. The validated model is used to investigate the sensitivity of *Calanus finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* distributions to changes in sea water temperatures, overwintering and oceanic inflow in the North Sea.

2. DATA AND MODEL DESCRIPTION

2.1. The North Sea

The North Sea (Figure 1) is a continental shelf sea with an average depth of 90 m and the deepest part (~650 m) is located in the Norwegian Trench in the Skagerrak. Water depth is generally higher in the northern part and gradually decreases towards the south. The northern part is characterized by seasonal stratification, whereas the southern part is subject to tidal mixing. The North Sea is influenced by North Atlantic Ocean inflow mainly from north along the edge of the continental shelf and to a lesser extent from the south through the English Channel. The inflow of *C. finmarchicus* are associated with the cold East Shetland Atlantic Inflow and Norwegian Coastal waters, whereas *C. helgolandicus* are associated with the warmer shelf-edge Atlantic water entering the North Sea via the Fair Isle Channel and the English Channel (Beare et al., 2002). Salinity ranges from 29 in the south-eastern German Bight to more than 35 in the northern part.

2.2. CPR data

Continuous Plankton Recorder (CPR) surveys are the best long-term data set of oceanic plankton in the North Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean and most of the plankton

near-surface abundance data collected by the survey is available to the research community (Richardson et al., 2006). The CPR is deployed from ships of opportunity and towed along the routes at a depth of about 7 to 10 m (Pitois and Fox, 2006). We use CPR data from 2004 and 2005 (Johns, 2009) to generate model initial fields and boundary data of bulk zooplankton (biomass) and the two *Calanus* species (biomass and abundance), to calibrate mortality rates (2004) and to validate (2005) model results. The year 2005 is chosen because it is a typical year in terms of temperature anomalies for the period 1985 to 2007 (Hjøllo et al., 2009) and because the ratio of *C. finmarchicus* to *Calanus* spp. (34%) is similar to the annual mean value for the period 2000 to 2008 ($33\% \pm 19\%SE$). Model abundances of the two *Calanus* species are compared with CPR data corrected for under-sampling (Pitois and Fox, 2006) for each of the CPR standard areas (B1, B2, C1, C2, D1, D2 and D3) in the North Sea (Figure 1). The size of areas C1 and D3 are slightly reduced to eliminate subareas with no data coverage. Copepod biomasses (*Calanus* spp. and bulk) are estimated from CPR data (ind. m^{-3}) using individual body dry weights (DW) of the most important copepod species in the area, i.e. *Oithona* spp., *Corycaeus* spp., *Para-Pseudocalanus* spp., *Acartia* spp., *Pseudocalanus elongatus*, *Clausocalanus* spp., *Metridia* spp., *Temora longicornis*, *Isias clavipe*, *Centropages* spp., *Candacia* spp., copepod nauplii and harpacticoids copepods. DW biomass is converted to mmol-N by a series of conversions using C/DW-ratio=0.45 (Brey, 2001), carbon weight of 12.0 g mol^{-1} , molar C:N-ratio of 5.0 for bulk zooplankton (Harris et al., 2000) and molar C:N-ratio of 5.7 for *Calanus* spp. (Møller et al., 2012).

2.3. Other field data

Data from the Arendal Station (58°23N, 8°49E, Figure 1) is used to force the seasonal vertical migration in the Skagerrak for 2004 and 2005. The data is based on depth-integrated samples from surface to 50 m with a WP2-net sampled in 2004 and 2005. Samples are collected 7 times from February to May and provided by Dr. Tone Falkenhaus, Institute of Marine Research in Norway (http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/nauplius/media/time-series/site_northsea-arendal/). Furthermore, simulated vertical profiles of temperature, Chl *a* concentrations, and *Calanus* spp. are compared with field data from Station 1 (56°65N, 3°45E), Station 3 (56°35N, 3°73E) and Station 5 (56°05N, 4°02E) from a field campaign north of the Dogger Bank (Figure 1) from 26 July to 2 August 2005 (Jónasdóttir and Koski, 2011).

2.4. Model set-up

The integrated model system consists of a 3D circulation model coupled to a biogeochemical model and life stage-structured models of *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus*. The model domain covers the North Sea and the Baltic Sea with a 6 nm horizontal resolution, but only the North Sea part is considered in the present study (Figure 1). The 3D circulation model is the Danish Meteorological Institute (DMI) operational ocean circulation model DMI-BSHcmod developed by BSH (Bundesamt fuer Seeschiffahrt und Hydrographie) and has been running operationally at DMI since 2001 (Larsen et al., 2007; She et al., 2007). The model has open lateral boundaries in the English Channel (4° W) and the northern North Sea (59.25° N) and is forced by hourly meteorological forcing (wind, air temperature, mean sea level pressure, surface humidity and cloud cover) based on DMI's operational version of the weather model HIRLAM (High Resolution Limited Area Model) (Sass et al., 2002). Lateral temperature and salinity boundary conditions for the open North Sea boundaries are based on monthly climatologic fields. Sea level at the boundaries is prescribed as the sum of astronomic tides and surge predictions from a storm surge model covering the NE North Atlantic Ocean.

The Ecological ReGional Ocean Model (ERGOM) has previously been applied to the Baltic Sea (Neumann, 2000; Neumann and Schernewski, 2008) and later adapted to the North Sea by including sea water concentrations of silicate and microzooplankton as state variables and modifying light attenuation (Maar et al., 2011). ERGOM now contains 11 pelagic and 1 benthic state variables describing nitrogen cycling through 3 groups of phytoplankton (diatoms, flagellates and cyanobacteria), microzooplankton (protozoans and nauplii), mesozooplankton and detritus and changes in sea water concentrations of nutrients (NO_3 , NH_4 , PO_4 , SiO_2), dissolved O_2 and organic matter in the sediment. The model is mass conserving for nitrogen (N), whereas the dynamics of PO_4 and SiO_2 are coupled to that of nitrogen using a Redfield ratio and a variable SiO_2 :N-ratio, respectively (Maar et al., 2011). ERGOM considers the processes of nutrient uptake, growth, grazing, mortality, pelagic- and benthic recycling, respiration, denitrification, nitrification, N_2 -fixation, and sedimentation. Further details of model configuration and validation can be found in Maar et al. (2011).

2.5. Stage - structured models

The applied stage-structured models of *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* were parameterized, validated and tested by Møller et al. (2012). These models were based on an original model for *Pseudocalanus elongatus* (Fennel, 2001) and later updated with new

formulations of ingestion and stage transfer (Stegert et al., 2009). The model considers five life-stages, namely i) eggs-naupliar stage N2, ii) naupliar stages N3 – N6, iii) copepodite stages C1– C3, iv) copepodite stages C4-C5 and v) adults (Figure 2). The general scheme uses two sets of equations; one to describe the flux of biomass (nitrogen) through the group of stages, the other one to describe the flux of individuals. Nitrogen is chosen because it is more related to active biomass than carbon (Møller et al., 2012). Development is described by the change in mean individual weight (i.e. stage biomass divided by stage abundance) through gain (ingestion) and loss (egestion, respiration, excretion, mortality) of matter and moulting that depended on a critical moulting weight (Møller et al., 2012). The parameterizations of *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* models are based on literature values and grazing experiments (Møller et al., 2012). Both species have the same ingestion response (type III) to food concentration, whereas the dome-shaped ingestion response to temperature differ between the two species (Møller et al., 2012). The temperature optima for growth of adults are 12°C and 13.5°C for *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus*, respectively (Figure 3a). Growth rate of *C. finmarchicus* is higher than for *C. helgolandicus* at temperatures below 12°C and vice versa. When taking mortality into account, the temperature window for growth of the population is from 0 to 16°C for *C. finmarchicus* and from 8 to 18°C for *C. helgolandicus* (Figure 3b).

The stage-structured models are coupled to ERGOM through ingestion, egestion, respiration and mortality except for the first stage that is non-feeding (Figure 2). Both *Calanus* species are known to feed on both autotrophic and heterotrophic plankton prey (Maar et al., 2004). The size difference between the two *Calanus* species is not large compared to the size range of prey and they will approximately have the same prey size spectra (Hansen et al., 1997). We here choose the simplest assumption i.e. *Calanus* ingest autotrophic flagellates, diatoms and microzooplankton with the same prey preferences. There is no diel vertical migration of copepods in the model and this will be a topic for future model improvements.

Mortality rates of copepods control population abundance and biomass in the model, but only slightly development rates (Stegert et al., 2007). Daily mortality rates were based on an annual study of mortality of *C. helgolandicus* in the English Channel (Hirst et al., 2007) who supply general relationships between mortality and temperature and female *C. helgolandicus* abundance. They found that mortality is highest for eggs and early naupliar stages 1-2 and lower for the other naupliar stages and adults. There is no data on copepodite stages C1-C4,

but we use the same mortality as for adults in the model. For eggs to N2 we used the mortality (M_{egg} , d^{-1}) related to the abundance of females (F_a , $ind. m^{-3}$) due to cannibalisms on eggs:

$$M_{egg} = \alpha + \beta \times F_a \quad (\text{eq. 1})$$

where $\alpha=2.142 d^{-1}$ for both species and $\beta=0.32 \text{ female}^{-1}d^{-1}$ and $0.16 \text{ female}^{-1}d^{-1}$ for *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus*, respectively. The β of *C. finmarchicus* is corrected due to the half-size of their eggs compared with *C. helgolandicus* eggs (Møller et al., 2012). To reduce the mortality at very low numbers and thereby stabilise the model, a type II saturation function for adults is applied to the temperature (T) dependent mortality (M , d^{-1}) from Hirst et al. (2007) (Stegert et al., 2009):

$$M = \exp(aT - b) \times \frac{C}{C + k_{zoo}} \quad (\text{eq. 2})$$

where $a=0.102$, $b=3.291$, C is the adult biomass ($mmol N m^{-3}$) and $k_{zoo}=0.003 \text{ mmol N m}^{-3}$ is the half-saturation constant of adult biomass ($mmol N m^{-3}$). Hirst et al. (2007) found no significant relationship between observed predators and mortality of *Calanus* adults in the beginning of the year suggesting that starvation or diseases are more important at this time. In our model starvation is however already described. Mean individual weight decrease when respiration exceeds growth rate and an increased starvation mortality of $+0.1 d^{-1}$ is introduced when the mean individual weight is less than 50% of the reference biomass. This means that total mortality in the model may be overestimated when using equation 2 on top of the starvation mortality. The calibration procedure (year 2004) therefore found it necessary to reduce the mortality by 80% in January and February for allowing adults to survive. Calibration results can be found in Table 1.

2.6. *Calanus* model settings

Model boundary data of bulk mesozooplankton and C4 to adults of *Calanus* spp. is based on monthly averaged CPR data (see above). Vertical distributions are assumed to be homogeneous at the boundary. Influx of *C. finmarchicus* adults from the North Atlantic Ocean covers the whole northern model boundary, while influx is set to zero at the boundary in the English Channel (Figure 4a). *C. helgolandicus* is assumed to enter the North Sea through the Fair Isle Current $<0^{\circ}\text{E}$ at the northern model boundary and along the boundary in the English Channel. No species specific data are available for *Calanus* spp. eggs, nauplii and C1 to C3 abundances and we use zero-gradient at the boundaries i.e. the abundance in the incoming water is the same as inside the model domain. A small fraction of the adult population of both species seems to overwinter in surface waters in some areas of the North Sea according to CPR data from January (Figures 4c, d). Therefore, *C. finmarchicus* is initialised using a constant vertical abundance of 1.0 ind. m^{-3} in the deeper areas with a water column depth $> 110 \text{ m}$ (Figure 1). *C. helgolandicus* is initialised using a function of abundance versus latitude based on average January abundances from the CPR standard areas. The two *Calanus* species diapause in the bottom layer of the Norwegian trench (Fransz et al., 1991). We therefore use data from the Arendal Station in the Skagerrak to force the seasonal vertical migration of the two *Calanus* species. *C. finmarchicus* is set to ascend from diapause in the Norwegian Trench as adults in February and as C4 to C5 from February to April (Figure 5b). *C. helgolandicus* ascend as C4, C5 and adults in April (Figure 5c). *C. finmarchicus* has been reported to descend for diapause at stages C5 to adults in late summer (Fransz et al., 1991). This was included in the model as a downward migration of 3 m d^{-1} from day 215 for stages C4 to adults based on CPR data. An improved model description of seasonal vertical migration will be tested in future model versions.

2.7. Model validation using CPR data

CPR data only distinguish between *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* at the two final stages (C5 to adults), whereas stages C1 to C4 are considered as *Calanus* spp. This stage separation is not consistent with our model structure. We therefore chose to compare the sum of the model stages 'C4 to adults' with CPR data of 'C5 to adults' for each of the two *Calanus* species. Model stages 'C1 to C3' of *Calanus* spp. showed similar patterns to that of 'C4 to adults' and is not shown. Bulk zooplankton is validated in another study (Maar et al., unpublished data).

We use correlation analysis ($p < 0.05$) of monthly means of abundances for all CPR standard areas to test the model capability to reproduce the seasonal distributions. The model

bias (MB) is used to evaluate if the model over- or underestimated abundances in the different CPR areas:

$$MB = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(M_i - \overline{D_i})}{\overline{D}} \quad (\text{eq. 3})$$

where M is monthly model abundances, D is monthly CPR abundances, N is the number of monthly means in each area and \overline{D} is the average CPR abundance in the respective area. In addition, the MB was estimated for the seasonal distribution using monthly averages from all areas.

2.8. Scenarios

The validated model (2005) is referred to as the reference run (REF). Five different scenarios are carried out to test the sensitivity of the two *Calanus* species to changes in temperature and oceanic inflow (Table 2). The same initial conditions and forcing are used for the sensitivity scenarios and REF with the exception of the following specific changes. Sea surface water temperatures in the North Sea have been observed to increase about 1.5°C since 1980 (Philippart et al., 2007). Previous model simulations with NORWECOM for the period 1985 to 2007 additionally found that surface anomalies roughly varied within ±2°C in the North Sea (Hjøllo et al., 2009). Projections of climate change suggest that the current warming is likely to continue with additional increases of +2°C in the next 100 years (Philippart et al., 2007). Therefore, in the first two sensitivity scenarios, sea water temperatures are changed with either -2°C (scenario -2T) or +2°C (scenario +2T) over the whole model domain but only for temperature dependent rates in the biogeochemical and *Calanus* models. The timing of diapause is set to two weeks earlier (later) at 2°C higher(lower) temperatures to keep the time span of feeding in the surface layer constant (Hjøllo et al., 2012). Hydrodynamics are not altered by the sea water temperature changes. In scenario -INI, initial abundance of *Calanus* is changed to mimic overwintering in surface waters according to CPR abundances from the 1960s (Figures 4c, d). This means that the initial abundance of *C. finmarchicus* is increased by an average factor of 7.0 and *C. helgolandicus* is decreased by an average factor of 0.2 in comparison with the reference year 2005. In addition, we test the influence of oceanic inflow

of *Calanus* in two scenarios by changing model boundary conditions. In these scenarios, the abundance of *C. finmarchicus* is increased by a factor of 2.0 (Figure 4a) and *C. helgolandicus* is decreased by a factor of 0.2 (Figure 4b) at the northern boundary and in the Norwegian Trench (scenario BCAL) corresponding to the situation in 1960's. In addition, we use sea water levels from 1965 at the boundaries from a 2D surge model of the North Atlantic Ocean provided by DMI. The altered inflow is then combined with the settings in scenario -2T and INI (scenario -2TIB) to correspond to the overall conditions in the 1960s. The effects of the scenarios are assessed as the mean difference in abundance from REF during the productive period March to October. We consider the model sensitivity studies as useful and simple tools that give an indication of the range of effects from the tested forcing factors and the resulting outcome of the distribution of the two dominant *Calanus* species in the North Sea. It is out of scope of the present study to consider other climatic changes (e.g. wind, short wave radiation, etc.) on the ecosystem or to provide long-term model data.

3. RESULTS

3.1. Overall model patterns in the reference run

Annual-averaged surface temperatures showed up to 5°C higher values in the southern English Channel in comparison to the NW North Sea in REF (Figure 6a). Chl *a* concentrations were patchily distributed but generally higher along the coast (Figure 6b). Microzooplankton and mesozooplankton biomass were highest in the southern part, on Dogger Bank and along the coast (Figures 6c-d). Annual-averaged *C. finmarchicus* abundance was highest at the northern boundary and along the Norwegian coast and declined drastically towards south (Figure 6e). Annual-averaged abundance of *C. helgolandicus* was highest at the southern and north-western boundaries and along the Norwegian coast and at intermediate levels in the Dogger Bank area (Figure 6f). They occurred in low numbers in the German Bight and north of Dogger Bank.

The simulated relative frequency of surface temperatures and of the two *Calanus* species (nauplii to adults) at temperature intervals of 1°C ranging from 0 to 22°C from March to October is shown in figure 7. Temperature showed a bimodal pattern with peaks at 6 to 7°C and 14 to 17°C. Distributions of *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* were both dome-shaped within the temperature intervals from 3 to 17°C and 4 to 19°C, respectively. Peak abundances were found at 11 to 15°C and 11 to 16°C for *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus*, respectively.

3.2. Validation of *Calanus* models

For the validation year 2005 (REF), the model was able to reproduce the overall seasonal and spatial patterns according to CPR data within the North Sea (Figures 8 and 9). The correlations between monthly means of CPR data and model data were high with $R^2 = 0.89$ ($p < 0.05$, $n = 12$) and $R^2 = 0.68$ ($p < 0.05$, $n = 12$) for *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus*, respectively. Annual averages were underestimated by 11 and 22% for *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus*, respectively, in the model. CPR abundances of *C. finmarchicus* were highest in areas B1, B2 and C2 and the model bias was -12 to 47% (Figure 8). In D1 and D2 areas, CPR abundances were very low except for one peak in May in area D2 that was not reproduced by the model. These high values were sampled on the border to area C2 and may not be representative for area D2. *C. finmarchicus* were totally absent in the southern area D3 according to CPR data and model. For *C. helgolandicus*, model abundances were underestimated with -51 and -57% in areas B1 and D2 (Figure 9). The contribution of *C. finmarchicus* to *Calanus* spp. was 40% on average in the model and slightly higher than the ratio of 33% ($\pm 19\%$ SE) based on CPR data (Figure 10).

North of Dogger Bank in the North Sea, the water column was stratified with a thermocline and a deep Chl *a* maximum (DCM) located at 25 to 40 m depth (Figures 11a, b). Temperatures were 15°C at the surface and 6°C at the bottom. The model showed overall the same pattern with stratification and a DCM. It did, however, overestimate surface water temperatures by 1.5°C and Chl *a* concentrations by 0.5 mg m⁻³ and DCM was located approximately 5 m higher in the water column at St. 5 (Figure 11b) than observations showed. The vertical distribution profiles of *C. finmarchicus* females showed a peak coinciding with the DCM both in ground truth data and model (Figure 11c). The observed vertical distribution of females of *C. helgolandicus* in contrast to *C. finmarchicus* showed higher values in the surface mixed layer with a peak at 15 m depth (Figure 11d). The model however, gave higher abundances in the surface layer <30 m depth but without a pronounced peak at 15 m depth. Correlation analysis for all three stations together ($n = 15$) gave $R^2 = 0.97$, 0.48, 0.75 and 0.55 for temperature, Chl *a*, *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus*, respectively, at a confidence level of 5%.

3.3. Forcing effects on seasonal distributions

Area-averaged Chl *a* concentrations for the North Sea showed a well-defined peak in April and lower values during summer in REF (Figure 12b). Higher and lower temperatures

caused an earlier or later termination of the spring bloom, respectively. Area-averaged abundance of *C. finmarchicus* increased from the beginning of May with a seasonal peak in beginning of July in REF (Figure 12c). For *C. helgolandicus*, abundances increased from mid-May with a small peak in mid-June and a larger one in mid-October in REF (Figure 12d). The first seasonal increase in abundances of *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* were accelerated with app. 2 weeks at higher temperatures (+2T) and similarly delayed at lower temperatures (-2T) in comparison with REF (Figures 12c, d). The peak-of-season estimated by an annual 'center-of-gravity' index (Mackas et al., 2012) was day 170 (18 June) and day 200 (29 July) in REF for *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus*, respectively. Peak-of-season changed with +20 and -15 days in -2T and +2T, respectively, of *C. finmarchicus*, +6 and -21 days in -2T and +2T, respectively, of *C. helgolandicus*.

3.4. Forcing effects on spatial distributions

At 2°C lower temperatures (-2T), *C. finmarchicus* increased in the north-western part and decreased in the north-eastern part due to the dome-shaped temperature response (Figure 13a). *C. helgolandicus* increased in abundance in the central North Sea (51 to 56°N) and in the Skagerrak, but decreased in the north-western part (Figure 13b). Higher temperatures (+2T) caused lower abundances of *C. finmarchicus* except for north of Dogger Bank (Figures 13c). *C. helgolandicus* mainly decreased in abundance in the central part, but increased in the English Channel and Fair Isle Channel (Figure 13d). The change caused by temperature changes was generally $\pm 10 \text{ ind. m}^{-3}$ (Figures 13a-d). The scenario with altered initial conditions (INI) resulted in $< 15 \text{ ind. m}^{-3}$ higher abundances of *C. finmarchicus* in the western part southwards to 52°N (Figure 13e) and in a reduction of $< 5 \text{ ind. m}^{-3}$ of *C. helgolandicus* in the areas less influenced by the boundaries (Figures 13f). Changes in oceanic inflow (BCAL) caused higher (lower) abundances at the northern boundary from -2 to 3°E (< -2 and $> 3^\circ\text{E}$) for both *Calanus* species (Figures 13g-h). Furthermore, *C. finmarchicus* increased in the Skagerrak/NE part and in a patch towards the British coast with up to 15 ind. m^{-3} . In contrast, *C. helgolandicus* decreased in numbers ($< 15 \text{ ind m}^{-3}$) in the English Channel, the Norwegian Trench and in some spots in the central North Sea. The combined effects of lower temperature, changes in initial abundances and oceanic inflow (-2TIB) reinforced the patterns in the previous scenarios -2T, INI and BCAL (Figures 13i-j). The relative abundance of *C. finmarchicus* to total *Calanus* spp. abundance changed from 40% in REF to 41%, 38%, 66%, 50% and 72% in -2T, +2T, INI, BCAL and -2TIB, respectively (Figure 10). The value of -2TIB (72%) was similar to the ratio of 81% $\pm 29\%$ SE, respectively, based on CPR data from the 1960s.

3.5. Forcing effects on vertical distributions

The vertical distribution of both *Calanus* species north of Dogger Bank were moved 5 to 10 m up in the water column at 2°C lower temperatures in comparison with the reference run, i.e. more *C. finmarchicus* was found in DCM and the small subsurface peak of *C. helgolandicus* disappeared and the majority was found in the upper layers (Figure 14). At 2°C higher temperatures, the model suggested that *C. finmarchicus* kept primarily in bottom waters, whereas *C. helgolandicus* had its peak concentration at 30 to 40 m in the DCM rather than at the surface in comparison with the reference run.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1. Sensitivity of *Calanus* distributions

A regime shift has occurred in the North Sea during the period 1982 to 1988 which has resulted in marked changes in the food web (Beaugrand, 2004). Specifically in the mesozooplankton community, the ecologically important copepod *C. finmarchicus* has declined in abundance, whereas *C. helgolandicus* has propagated further north. The underlying mechanisms have been suggested to be increasing sea water temperatures and/or changes in oceanic inflows but their relative impact is unknown (Beare et al., 2002; Beare and McKenzie, 1999; Reid et al., 2003). The present model study is the first to combine hydrodynamic - biogeochemical modeling with stage-structured models of both *Calanus* species in the North Sea and to investigate the sensitivity of the populations to these specific environmental changes.

The inflow of *C. finmarchicus* has been associated with the cold East Shetland Atlantic Inflow (ESAI), whereas *C. helgolandicus* are associated with the warmer shelf-edge Atlantic water (SAW) entering the North Sea via the Fair Isle Channel and the English Channel (Beare et al., 2002). We found that changes in inflow patterns and higher boundary abundances (Figure 4a) using forcing data from 1965 (BCAL) resulted in a higher and more southward invasion of *C. finmarchicus* in two patches along the western and eastern coastlines, respectively, with up to 15 ind. m⁻³ in comparison with REF (Figures 13g). The lower seeding of *C. finmarchicus* at the entrance to North Sea in 2000s (Figure 4a) was probably related to a decline in the overwintering stock in the deep waters of the Norwegian Sea (Heath et al., 1999). For *C. helgolandicus*, abundance decreased with up to 15 ind. m⁻³ in both boundary areas (Figure 13h) because the inflow of warm SAW was weaker combined with a lower seeding compared

to REF (Figure 4b). However, there was an increase in the central part of the northern boundary due to the higher inflow of ESAI. The seeding of warm-temperate species such as *C. helgolandicus* has been related to changes in the European shelf-edge current that has increased in strength since the 1980s (Beaugrand, 2004). The simulated changes in oceanic inflow increased the ratio of *C. finmarchicus* to *Calanus* spp. abundance from 40% in REF to 50% in BCAL (Figure 10). Changes in oceanic flow appeared more important in modifying the spatial distributions within the North Sea and less important for the relative *Calanus* species contribution.

Superimposed on the inflow trend, there has been an increase in sea-water temperatures since the 1960's and a change in the *Calanus* stock size that overwinters within the North Sea. *C. finmarchicus* is generally believed not to overwinter in the North Sea because it is too shallow (Beare et al., 2002; Frasz et al., 1991; Heath, 1999). Nevertheless, they were observed in relatively high numbers in the surface layer during winter in the northern part in the 1960's (Figure 4c). This higher overwintering expanded the spatial distribution southwards to 52°N in the western part for *C. finmarchicus* and increased abundances with up to 15 ind. m⁻³ according to INI (Figure 13c). It has been suggested that *C. finmarchicus* may overwinter in an atelo-diapause (i.e. low intensity diapause) in shelf seas instead of true diapause (Hirche, 1998). On the other hand, it is well known that *C. helgolandicus* overwinter in the North Sea since the 1980's probably due to warmer winters (Frasz et al., 1991). When using lower initial abundances (INI) according to the colder 1960s, *C. helgolandicus* decreased with up to 5 ind. m⁻³ abundance in most of the North Sea (Figure 13f). The lower temperature limit for growth is around 6°C in the model (Figure 3a). The present area-averaged temperatures in March ranges from 5.4 to 6.5°C (Figure 12a) and a 2°C lower temperatures is therefore detrimental for *C. helgolandicus* winter persistence in the North Sea. The ratio of *C. finmarchicus* to *Calanus* spp. abundance increased from 40% in REF to 66% in INI (Figure 10). Overwintering must be considered as an advantage for *Calanus* spp. because both species would be ready to utilise the spring bloom more efficiently and independently of the timing and spatial coverage of the oceanic inflow.

Temperature also changed the seasonal pattern of both *Calanus* species (Figures 12 c, d). At 2°C lower or higher temperatures, the first seasonal increase and peak-of-season were delayed or accelerated, respectively, two to three weeks. Lower temperatures were beneficial for both species during the late summer period. The 'growth-mortality' response to temperature is dome-shaped for both species but with different temperature optima (Figure 3b). The temperature response will therefore be either on the downhill or up-hill side of the

response curve in the different areas and seasons dependent on temperature. For *C. finmarchicus*, lower temperatures caused higher abundances in the north-western part; whereas the opposite trend was found for *C. helgolandicus* (Figure 13a, b). Furthermore, *C. helgolandicus* increased in abundance in the central and north-eastern parts of the North Sea. Overall, temperature (-2T and +2T) had a relatively small negative effect (1-2 percentage points) on the ratio of *C. finmarchicus* to *Calanus* spp. abundance (Figure 10). The model seems to suggest that the timing, and not the overall abundance, of *Calanus* spp. is particularly sensitive to temperature changes of $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$.

The scenario with combined effect of changes in inflow, initial abundances and lower temperatures (-2TIB) showed the strongest response in abundances of *C. finmarchicus*, while *C. helgolandicus* mainly decreased in the boundary areas (Figures 13i, j). This scenario resulted in a ratio of *C. finmarchicus* to *Calanus* spp. of 72% that is similar to the ratio based on CPR data of 81% ($\pm 29\%$ SE) (Figure 10). The seasonal patterns ($R^2 = 0.40-0.64$) and model abundances (MB = -22-40%) were also similar to CPR data from 1965 of both *Calanus* species (Table 1). *C. finmarchicus* was present in the whole North Sea except from the German Bight and the English Channel (Figure 13k), whereas *C. helgolandicus* was found with highest numbers at the Dogger Bank and the northern and southern boundaries (Figure 13l). The agreement with the past patterns of population abundance and distribution gives further confidence in the model estimate including predictions of probable future scenarios', which is discussed in the next paragraphs.

4.2. *Calanus* in a warmer North Sea

In a warmer climate, the model predicts that plankton seasonality changes to an earlier occurrence of both *Calanus* species and an earlier termination of the spring phytoplankton bloom in the North Sea (Figure 12). Increasing temperature has previously been shown to increase heterotrophic grazing pressure on the spring phytoplankton bloom with implications for trophodynamics (Keller et al., 1999; Maar and Hansen, 2011; Müren et al., 2005). During the summer period, there was on the other hand no significant difference in phytoplankton biomass between scenarios. A previous model study also predicted small changes in summer Chl *a* concentrations because the increased recycling of nutrients and primary production with increasing temperature is counteracted by a higher grazing pressure (Maar and Hansen, 2011). The peak-of-season of both *Calanus* species occurred two to three weeks earlier at 2°C higher temperatures (Figures 12b-c). Likewise, long-term time-series from the North Sea showed

strong zooplankton phenology correlations with temperature where e.g. *C. finmarchicus* occurred two to six weeks earlier at 2°C higher temperatures (Mackas et al., 2012). Larval fish phenology responds in the same direction as zooplankton prey to higher temperatures, but the changes tend to be smaller by a factor of two leading to increased mismatch in a warmer ocean (Beaugrand et al., 2003; Mackas et al., 2012). Future climate change will probably also change the hydrodynamics of the North Sea (Skogen et al., 2011). Model sensitivity studies using predicted increases in air temperatures, short wave radiation and wind forcing resulted in a stronger oceanic inflow, a smaller stratified area and a deeper mixed layer that would lead to higher primary production in the North Sea (Skogen et al., 2011). However, this type of scenario is constrained by the unknown changes in a future climate change situation, lack of feed-back mechanisms from the ocean to the atmosphere and problems with downscaling of climate forcing to regional levels (Skogen et al., 2011).

For the geographical distributions, populations of *C. finmarchicus* would mainly decrease in a warmer North Sea (Figure 13c). In contrast, *C. helgolandicus* populations are predicted to increase in the English Channel and the Fair Isle Channel and to decrease in the other areas (Figure 13d). The overall contribution of *C. finmarchicus* to *Calanus* spp. abundance (39%) is therefore almost the same in +2T as in REF (Figure 10). Thus, although both species peak earlier (Figures 12c, d), the dome-shaped ‘growth-mortality’ response to temperature (Figure 3b) modify the summer abundances in a negative direction at temperatures >12°C and >14°C of *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus*, respectively.

Natural mortality shows high variability and relative small changes in the parameterization of the mortality can have large implications for the model output (Skarohamar et al., 2011). Mortality is assumed to be dependent on temperature because in warm seasons both predator activity and abundance are thought to be higher (Hirst et al., 2007). For *Calanus*, stage varying mortality has been observed with the highest mortality for eggs and non-feeding nauplii (Eiane and Ohman, 2004). Past and future changes in mortality are difficult to estimate, because other factors like cannibalism, parasitism and changes in the predator community also come into play (Eiane and Ohman, 2004; Neuheimer et al., 2009; Speirs et al., 2006). The parameterization in the present model was chosen to be as simple as possible and at the same time allow for changes in different scenarios, and is a combination of temperature dependent mortality and intraguild predation by adult *Calanus* on eggs and non-feeding nauplii. If intraguild predation is the most important part of the mortality on the zooplankton (Mitra, 2009), our projections may be reliable.

Other uncertainties are the overwintering stock and the future inflow patterns since we do not know how those will change in a future warmer climate. However, it is likely that the overwintering population and oceanic inflow of *C. finmarchicus* in the North Sea would decline in a warmer future based on the trend in CPR data (Figures 4c, d), but this was not included in scenario +2T. Hence, the future predictions of the two *Calanus* distributions must be considered with these uncertainties in mind. For *C. finmarchicus*, our predictions were nevertheless supported by ecological niche and eco-physiological models that indicate that populations at the southern edge of their distribution e.g. the North Sea would decline in a warmer climate (Helaouët et al., 2011; Reygondeau and Beaugrand, 2011a). Our results indicate that *Calanus* distributions cannot be extrapolated linearly with temperature due to the dome-shaped response of growth, changes in mortality and food availability. Moreover, for future modeling a better understanding of the control of the onset of and emergence from hibernation is needed.

The vertical distribution of both *Calanus* species was shown to deepen into cooler waters at higher temperatures, but still with *C. helgolandicus* located above *C. finmarchicus* (Figure 14). Other studies have shown that *C. finmarchicus* decreased in abundance with increasing water column stability in the North Atlantic Ocean (Beare et al., 2002; Reygondeau and Beaugrand, 2011a). These authors suggested that the decline of *C. finmarchicus* was due to food limitation and temperature effects. Water column stratification is expected to increase with higher temperatures and suggested to displace the distribution of *C. finmarchicus* further north in the North Atlantic Ocean (Reygondeau and Beaugrand, 2011b). In the North Sea, *C. finmarchicus* not only exploits the spring bloom, but also the food availability in the summer DCM in stratified areas (Jónasdóttir and Koski, 2011). Ecosystem modeling, on the other hand, suggests that future higher temperatures combined with more wind would result in a smaller stratified area and a deeper mixed layer in the North Sea (Skogen et al., 2011). This effect will reduce the occurrences of DCM that may be detrimental for *C. finmarchicus* growth during summer. Thus, future predictions are difficult to make and the found non-linear interactions of *Calanus* spp. with various environmental parameters are complicated to resolve. Models, such as the present, are therefore very useful tools to address this challenge.

4.3. Model validation

Modelled spatial and seasonal distributions of the two *Calanus* species were validated against CPR data since it is the most comprehensive data set for the North Sea.

Abundances were compared as monthly means for the CPR standard areas in order to subsume small-scale patchiness due to zooplankton behavioural responses to environmental factors, local weather conditions and counting procedures (Richardson et al., 2006). The model succeeded to reproduce the overall seasonal ($R^2=0.68$ to 0.89) and spatial (MB= -22 to -11%) patterns of both *Calanus* species in 2005 (Figures 8 and 9). CPR data has previously been used to validate bulk zooplankton biomass in the North Sea (Broekhuizen et al., 1995) and was found useful to assess future model developments in order to reduce errors and improve model fit. CPR data has been criticised for underestimating the abundance of certain species, for not being depth-resolved and not to cover all areas and months equally (Broekhuizen et al., 1995). We tried to accommodate these issues by using CPR correction factors for under-sampling (Pitois and Fox, 2006) and to compare model results with another data set from north of the Dogger Bank (Figures 1, 11). Model data was here compared with depth resolved distributions of *Calanus* spp. in summer 2005 (Jónasdóttir and Koski, 2011). The model captured the main patterns with *C. helgolandicus* located in the warm surface layer and *C. finmarchicus* located around the thermocline at 25 to 40 m depth (Figure 11). However, the observed pronounced peak at 15 m depth of *C. helgolandicus* was not reproduced by the model. The peak at 15 m did not coincide with the DCM and temperatures were similar in the upper mixed layer. It is therefore unknown from the current data set what caused this peak, but it could be related to mortality, other prey types or small-scale horizontal or vertical transport. The vertical distributions were given as relative values of total water column abundance because the model values were one order of magnitude lower than observations. Since the model was in agreement with CPR data, this shows that different data sets such as CPR and net samples can give very different results probably because of small-scale patchiness and very different sampling procedures. Nevertheless, the model reproduced the vertical patterns observed during summer (Figure 11), where *C. finmarchicus* retreat to deeper and cooler layers to feed on the deep Chl *a* maximum (Jónasdóttir and Koski, 2011).

The simulated relative frequency with temperature of the two *Calanus* species shows that *Calanus* does only really appear when the temperature is above 6°C in the North Sea and they both peak at app. 11 to 16°C (Figure 7). In the North Atlantic, the distribution shows a similar pattern for *C. helgolandicus* with maximum presence at 13 to 17°C (Bonnet et al., 2005). *C. finmarchicus* on the other hand are found in high numbers at temperatures from 0 to 10°C followed by a decrease until 18°C in the North Atlantic Ocean (Bonnet et al., 2005). The thermal niche in the North Sea is the result of both the effect of temperature on growth and mortality (Figure 3), population dynamics of *Calanus*, oceanic inflow, the seasonality of the

prey and the present temperatures that mainly are within 4 to 22°C (Figure 7). Thus, although *C. finmarchicus* can evidently thrive at lower temperatures (Swailethorp et al., 2011) it does not appear so from the relative distribution in the North Sea in contrast to studies covering a larger temperature span (Bonnet et al., 2005; Helaouët and Beaugrand, 2007).

4.4. Zooplankton prey fields to fish larvae models

In order to understand how climate variability influences fish recruitment, individual-based models (IBMs) have recently been applied to key fish species (Christensen et al., 2007; Fiksen et al., 2007). These models can be used to examine transport dynamics, survival and growth of fish larvae and to identify critical habitats (Hinrichsen et al., 2005; Kühn et al., 2008; Lough et al., 2005). If vital rates of fish are to be examined, the IBMs also need information of prey fields that can be obtained from measurements or ecosystem modelling. Monitoring provides data on vertical and horizontal species distributions. However, extrapolation of point sources vertically, horizontally and seasonally is presumably associated with an unknown error and should therefore be used with caution.

Alternatively, ecosystem models can provide 3D zooplankton prey fields with a high temporal and spatial resolution. However, they often consider bulk estimates without species- or size specific resolution that are crucial for feeding of fish larvae (Munk, 1997). Copepods undergo important ontogenetic change in size that reach an order of 100 through their life cycle from eggs to adults (Carlotti et al., 1993). In addition, there is a huge variation in size between copepod species from approximately 0.1 mm of e.g. *Oithona* spp. up to several mm for adult *Calanus* spp. (Nielsen and Munk, 1998). Another solution is to model key species of zooplankton as life-stages coupled to 3D hydrodynamic - biogeochemical models. This has previously been applied for *C. finmarchicus* in the North Atlantic Ocean (Bryant et al., 1997; Heath et al., 1997; Maps et al., 2010; Speirs et al., 2006) and *C. helgolandicus* in the northern North Sea (Heath et al., 1997). The approach of using life-stage models has, however, been criticized for unrealistic ingestion of phytoplankton, lack of boundary data and increase in model complexity (Daewel et al., 2008). On the other hand, the advantage is that life-stage models coupled to ecosystem models provide high temporal-spatial resolution prey fields of size-structured key species that is directly coupled to climate forcing. The modeled spatial patterns of the two *Calanus* species were quite different from that of the bulk mesozooplankton (Figures 6d-f) and thus provide more detailed information of the zooplankton community composition. The presented model could therefore be a useful tool in

607 providing realistic 3D life-stage specific prey fields of *Calanus* spp. in the North Sea as input to
608 fish larvae models.

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Figure captions

Figure 1. The NE Atlantic Ocean showing the location of the North Sea and below a detailed map of the North Sea with water depths >110 m indicated with light grey. The sampling stations 1, 3 and 5 north of Dogger Bank and Arendal St. in the Skagerrak are shown as black circles. CPR data points show where *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* are present within the CPR standard areas B1, B2, C1, C2, D1, D2 and D3 in 2005. Area C1 was reduced in the northern part and D3 in the eastern part to eliminate subareas with no data coverage.

Figure 2. Diagram of the stage - structured model adapted to *Calanus* spp. describing the development of 5 stages from 'eggs-NII' up to 'adults' (black boxes). Adult females lay eggs and the first stage ('eggs-N2') is non-feeding and hatching into nauplii stage 'N3-N6' depends on temperature. The stages are coupled to ERGOM through ingestion of phytoplankton and microzooplankton, egestion, respiration, excretion and predation mortality (grey boxes). Eggs-N2 can also be ingested by adults.

Figure 3. Temperature response of A) growth, mortality and B) 'growth-mortality' of adult *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* in units per day of the population biomass.

Figure 4. Annual average (\pm SE) of CPR abundances at the model boundaries in areas B1, B2 and D3 from five periods of A) *C. finmarchicus* and B) *C. helgolandicus* and January values in the CPR standard areas of C) *C. finmarchicus* and D) *C. helgolandicus* from two time periods.

Figure 5. Model and monitoring data from the Arendal Station of A) *C. finmarchicus* C5 and adults and B) *C. helgolandicus* C5 and adults in 2005. Note the different scales on y-axis.

Figure 6. Annual average of A) temperature ($^{\circ}$ C), B) Chl *a* concentrations (mg m^{-3}), C) microzooplankton biomass (mg DW m^{-3}), D) bulk zooplankton biomass (mg DW m^{-3}), E) *C. finmarchicus* C4 to adult abundance (ind. m^{-3}) on log-scale and F) *C. helgolandicus* C4 to adult abundance (ind. m^{-3}) on log-scale at 10 m depth in REF.

Figure 7. The relative frequency of surface temperatures and abundances of *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* nauplii to adults from March to October.

Figure 8. Model comparison of abundances of copepodite stages 'C5 to adults' with CPR data of 'C4 to adults' of *C. finmarchicus* (ind. m^{-3}) for the seven standard areas in the North Sea in 2005. Percentage model bias (%MB) is shown for each area. The MB of the seasonal distributions using monthly means and the seasonal correlation using 'log+1' transformed monthly means between model and CPR data are shown in the last figure.

Figure 9. Model comparison of abundances of copepodite stages 'C5 to adults' with CPR data of 'C4 to adults' of *C. helgolandicus* abundance (ind. m^{-3}) for the seven standard areas in the North Sea in 2005. Percentage model bias (%MB) is shown for each area. The MB of the seasonal distributions using monthly means and the seasonal correlation using 'log+1' transformed monthly means between model and CPR data are shown in the last figure.

Figure 10. Annual ratio (%) of *C. finmarchicus* to *Calanus* spp. abundance (10 m depth) in the North Sea for the different model scenarios and of CPR data for REF and -2TIB.

Figure 11. Comparison of vertical profiles from field data (symbols) and model data (lines) of A) temperature, B) Chl *a* concentrations, and relative adult abundance to total water column abundance of C) *C. finmarchicus* and D) *C. helgolandicus* north of Dogger Bank averaged over the period 27 July-2 August 2005. Data was redrawn from Jónasdóttir and Koski (2011).

Figure 12. Area-averaged A) Surface temperatures for REF, B) Chl *a* concentrations, C) *C. finmarchicus* abundance and D) *C. helgolandicus* abundance for REF, -2T and +2T scenarios from March to October.

Figure 13. A-J) Difference in abundance of C4 to adults of *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* between the scenarios (-2T, +2T, INI, BCAL and -2TIB) and REF and K-L) abundance of C4 to adults of *C. finmarchicus* and *C. helgolandicus* in scenario -2TIB from March to October.

Figure 14. Vertical profiles of adults of A) *C. finmarchicus* and B) *C. helgolandicus* in REF, -2T and +2T scenarios north of Dogger Bank (St. 5) from 27 July to 2 August.

Table 1. Statistics of the model correlation (monthly means, $p < 0.05$) and model bias (annual means) between 1) model calibration and CPR data from 2004 and 2) model scenario -2TIB and CPR data from 1965, where n is the number of data pairs in the analysis. CPR data of *C. finmarchicus* in area D3 was ignored due to their absence.

Statistics	Species	Calibration values	-2TIB values	n
MB	<i>C. finmarchicus</i>	57	-22	6
	<i>C. helgolandicus</i>	-5	40	7
R^2	<i>C. finmarchicus</i>	0.64	0.40	12
	<i>C. helgolandicus</i>	0.40	0.64	12

Table 2. Description of model scenarios where ‘-’ is no change and ‘+’ is a change in comparison with REF. T = temperature, INI = initial abundance, BCAL = boundary condition of *Calanus*.

#	abbreviation	Temperature	Initial values	Oceanic inflow	Description
1	REF	-	-	-	Reference year 2005
2	-2T	- 2°C	-	-	Cold year
3	+2T	+2°C	-	-	Warm year
4	INI	-	+	-	Initial abundance according to 1960's
5	BCAL	-	-	+	Inflow 1965
6	-2TIB	- 2°C	+	+	Cold year + initial + inflow 1965

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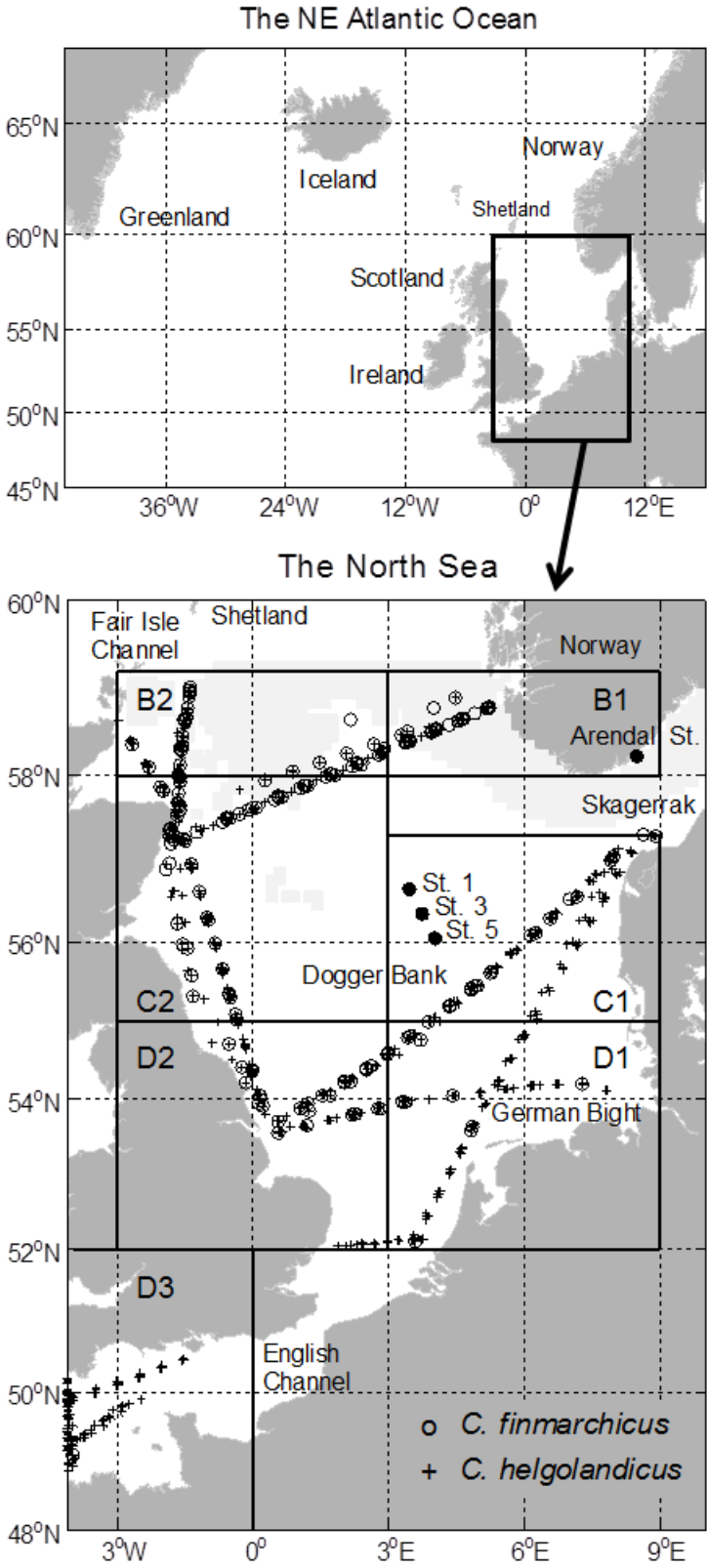


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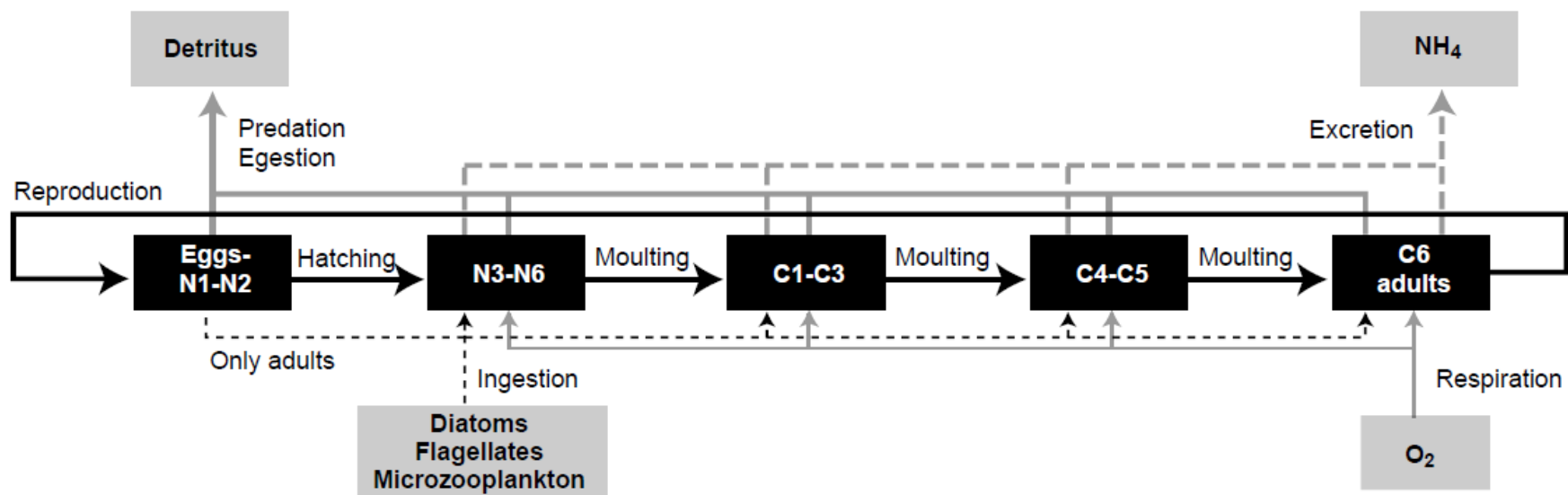


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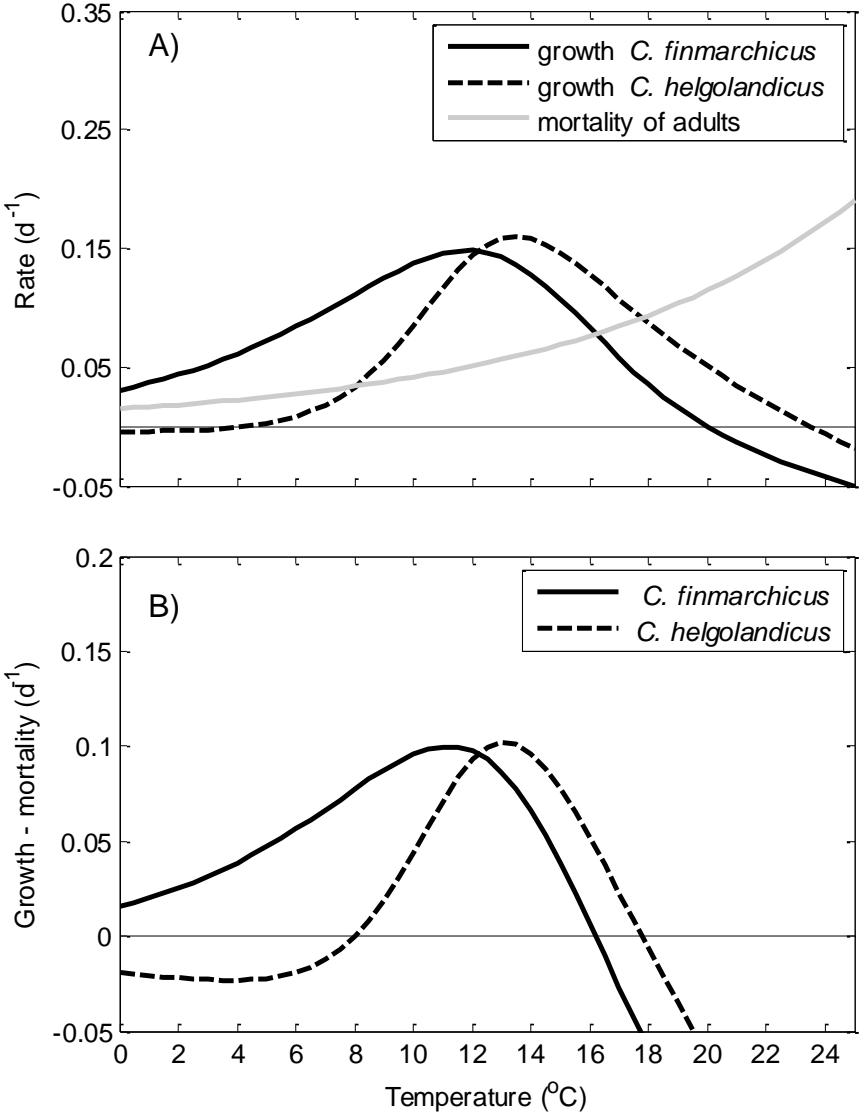


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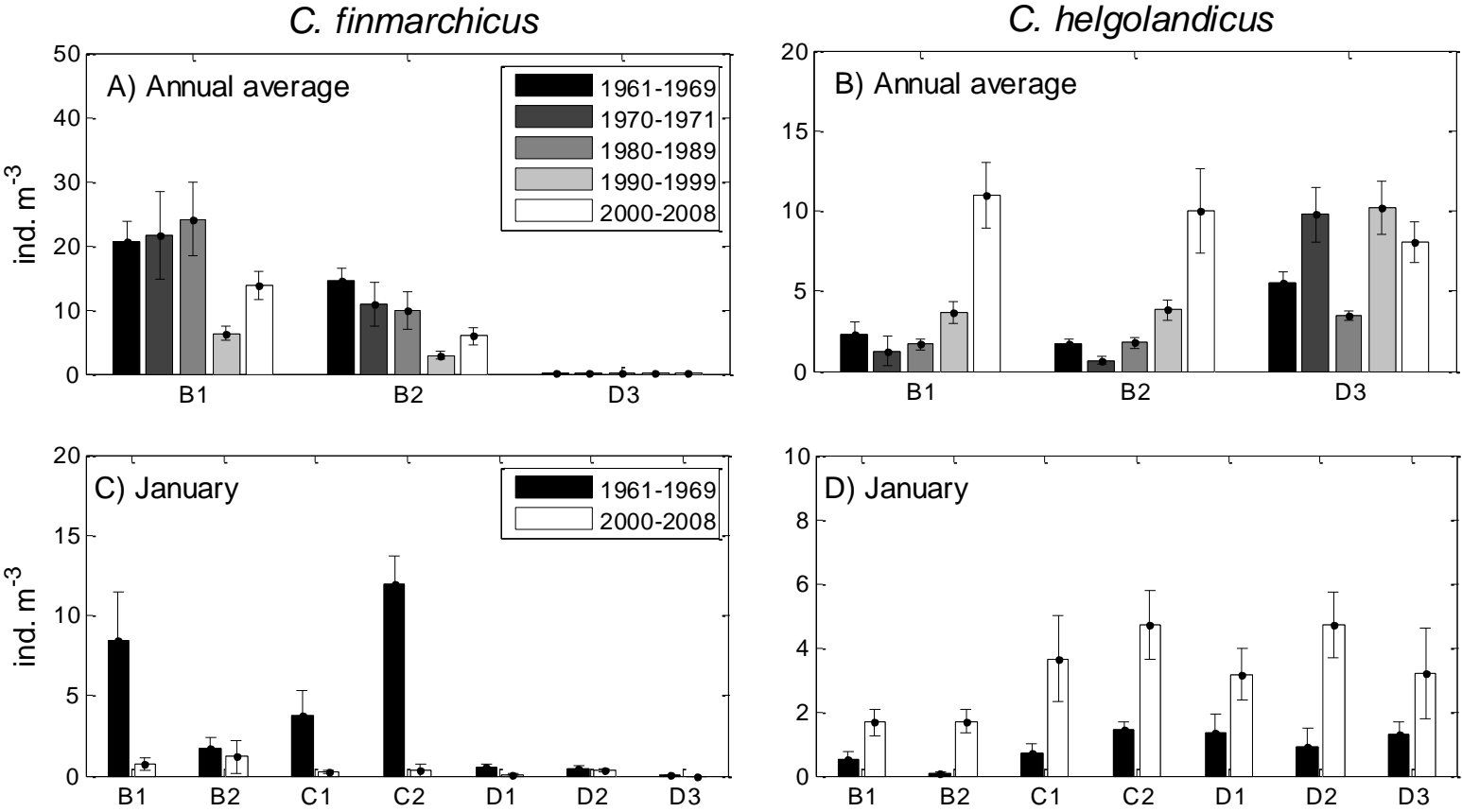


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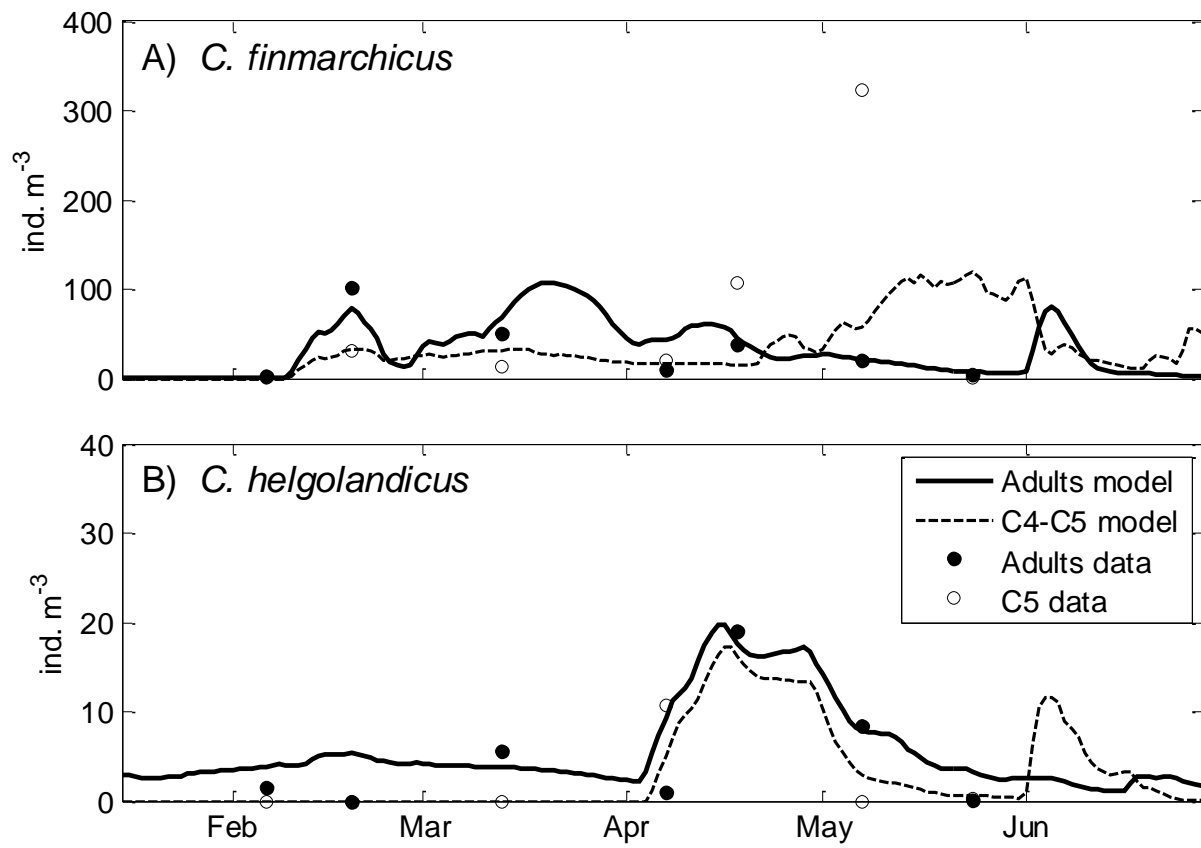


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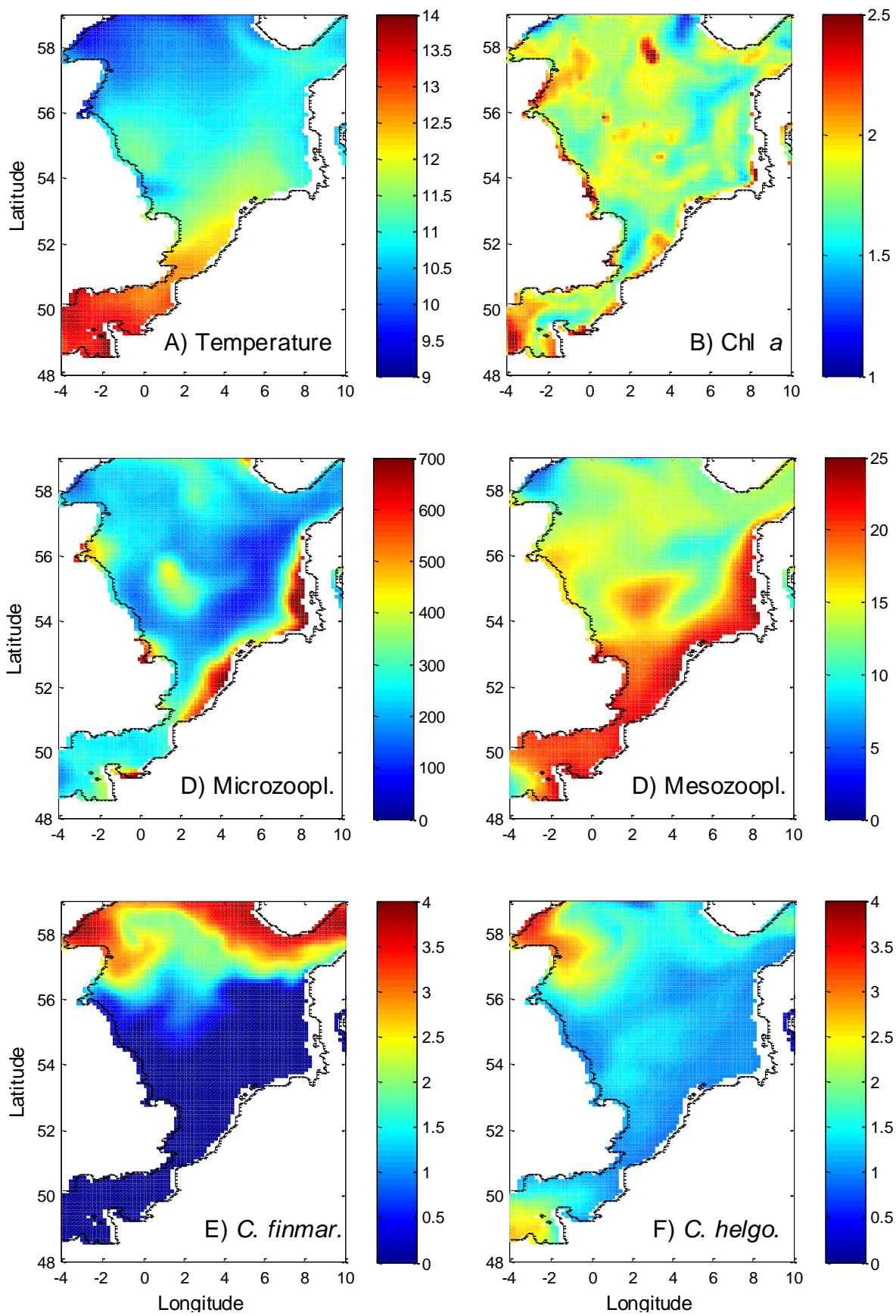


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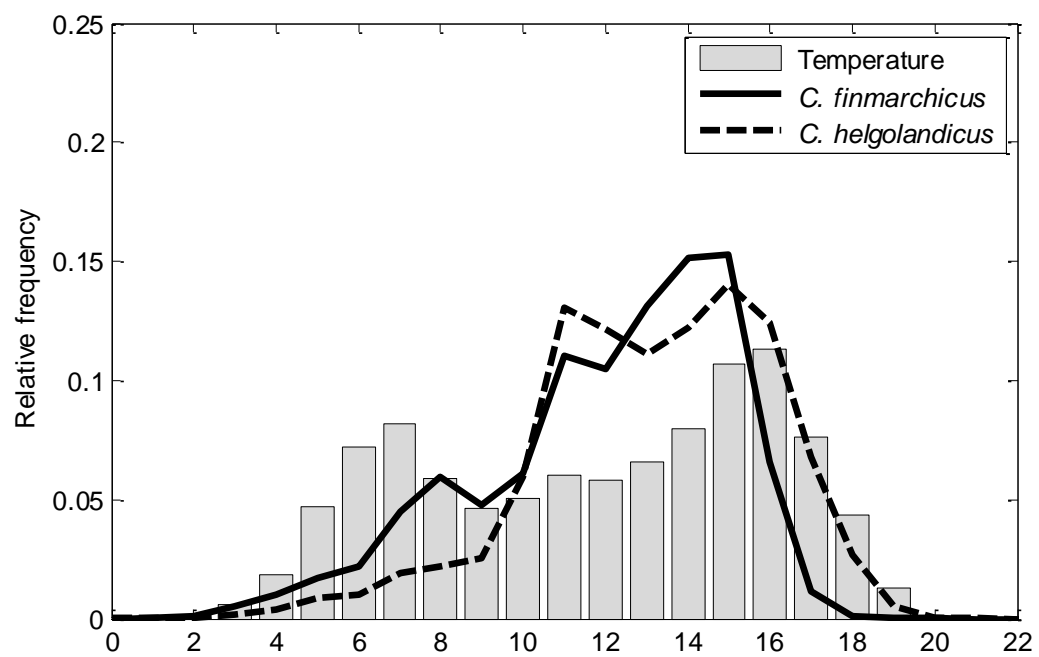


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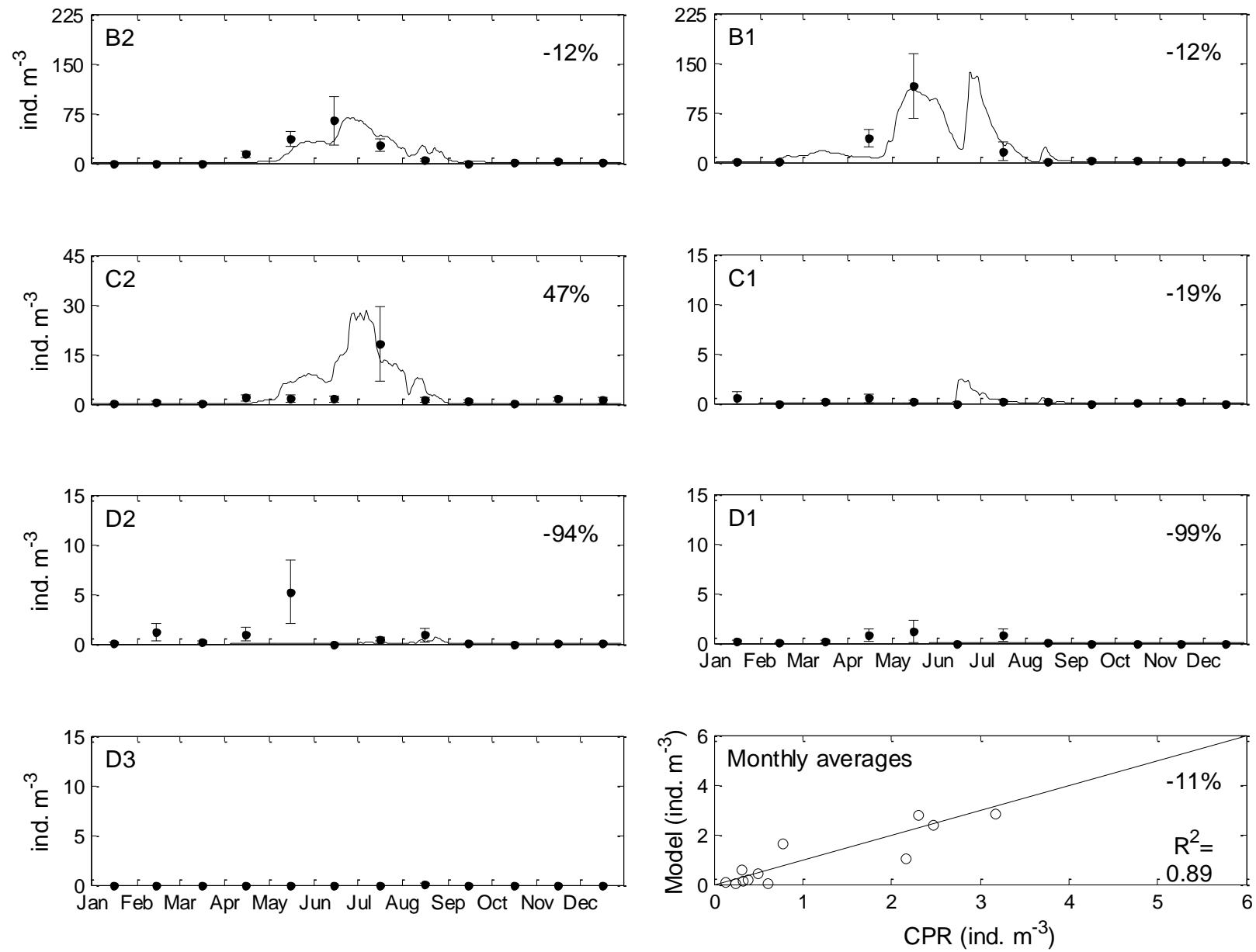


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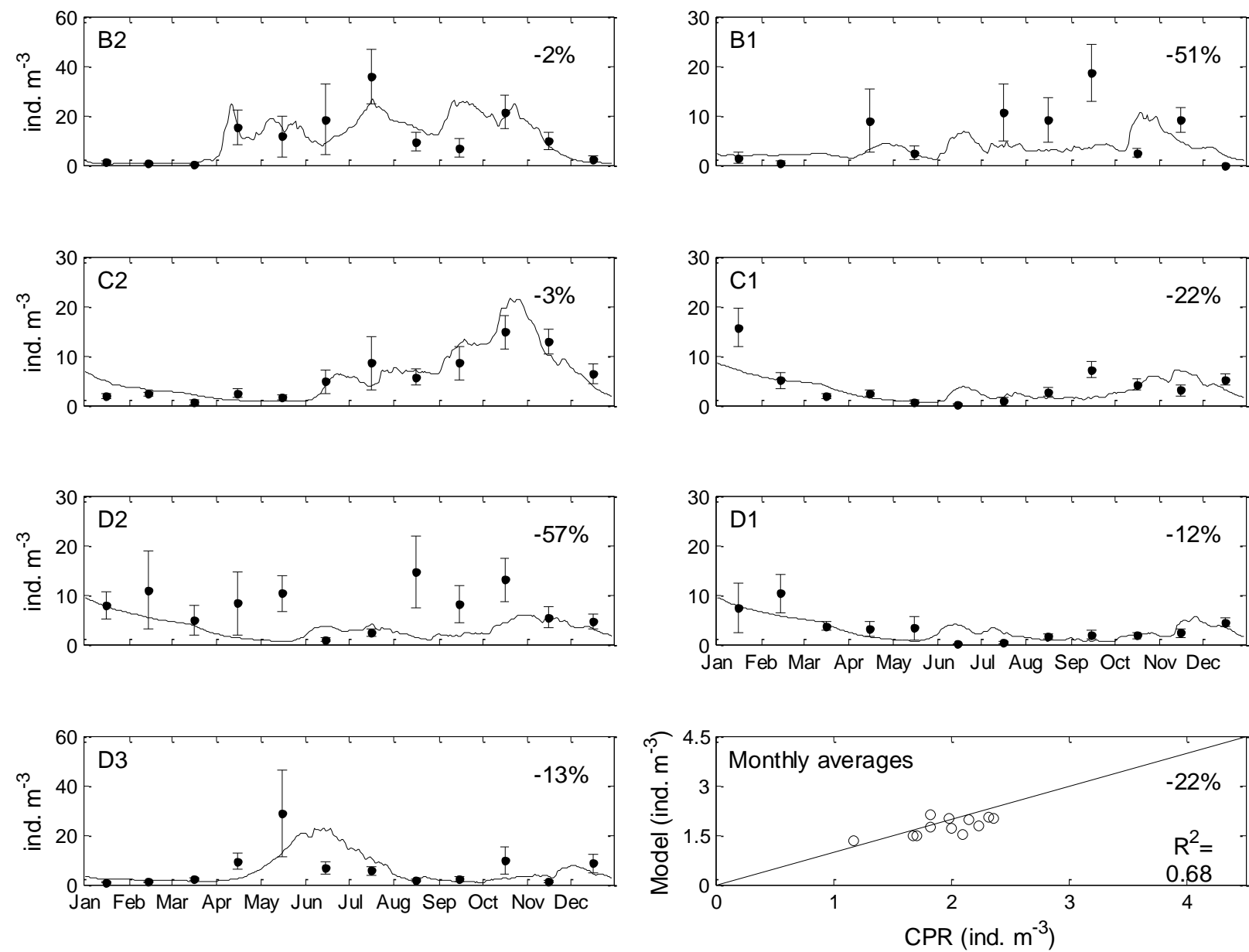


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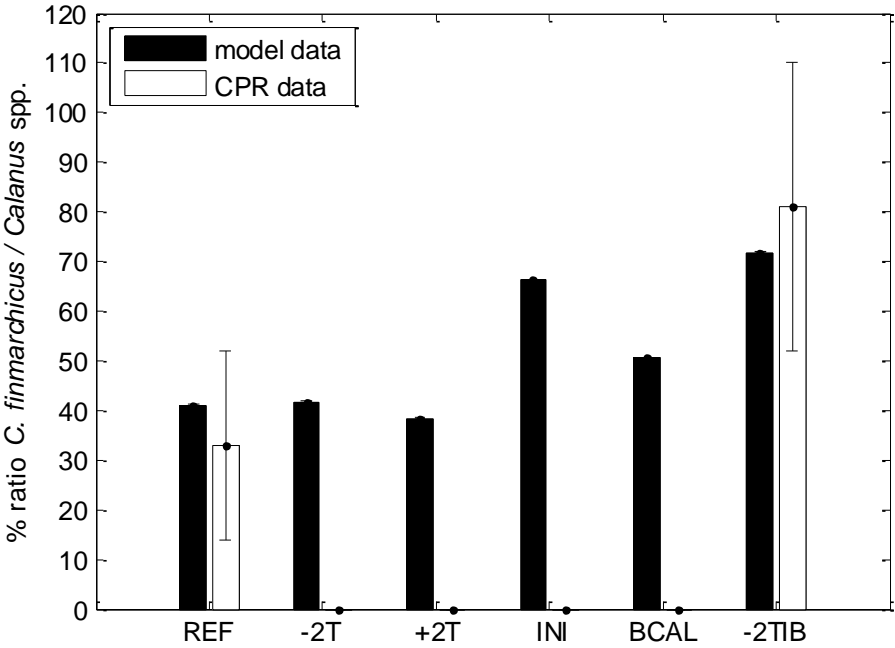


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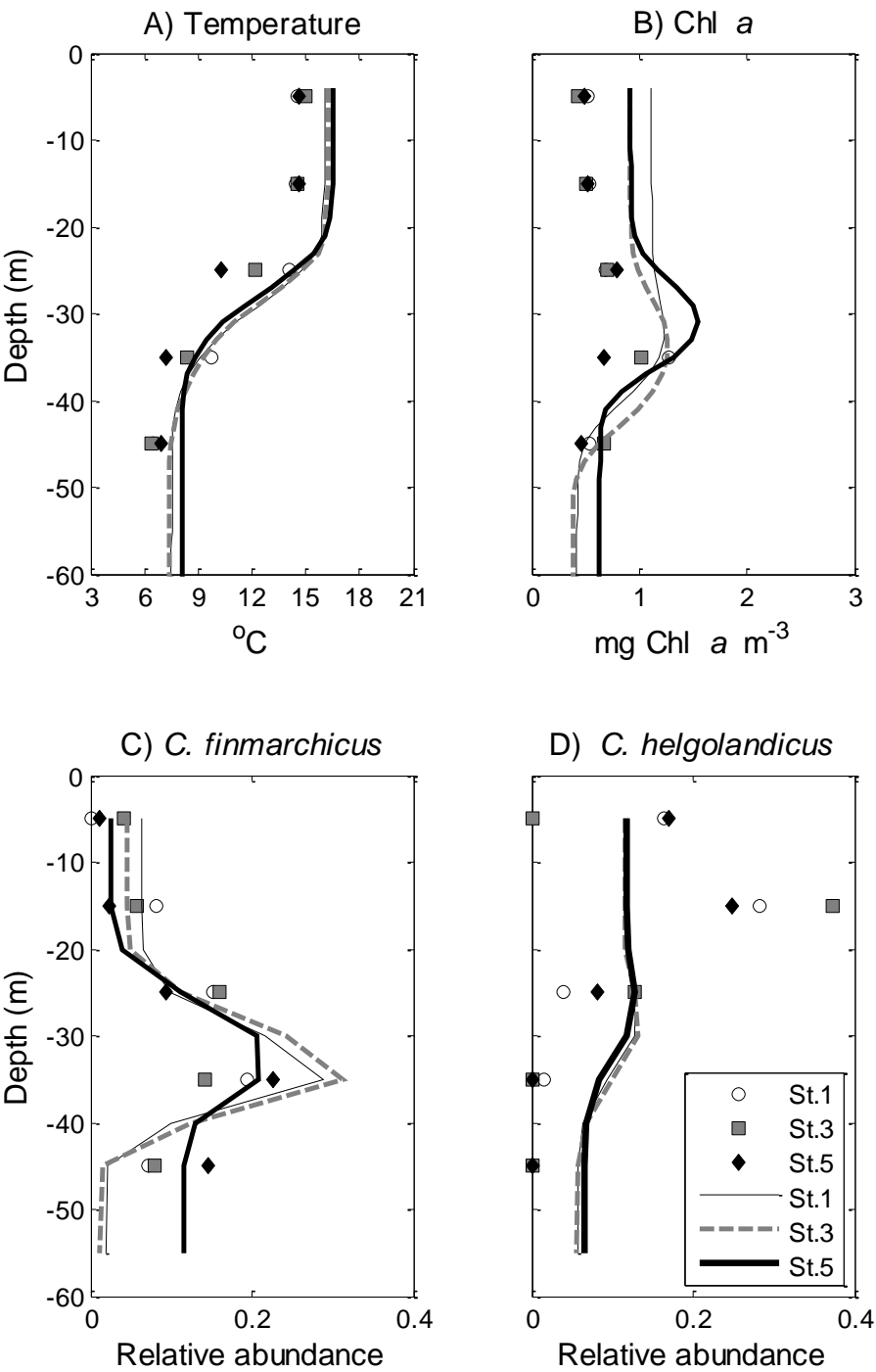


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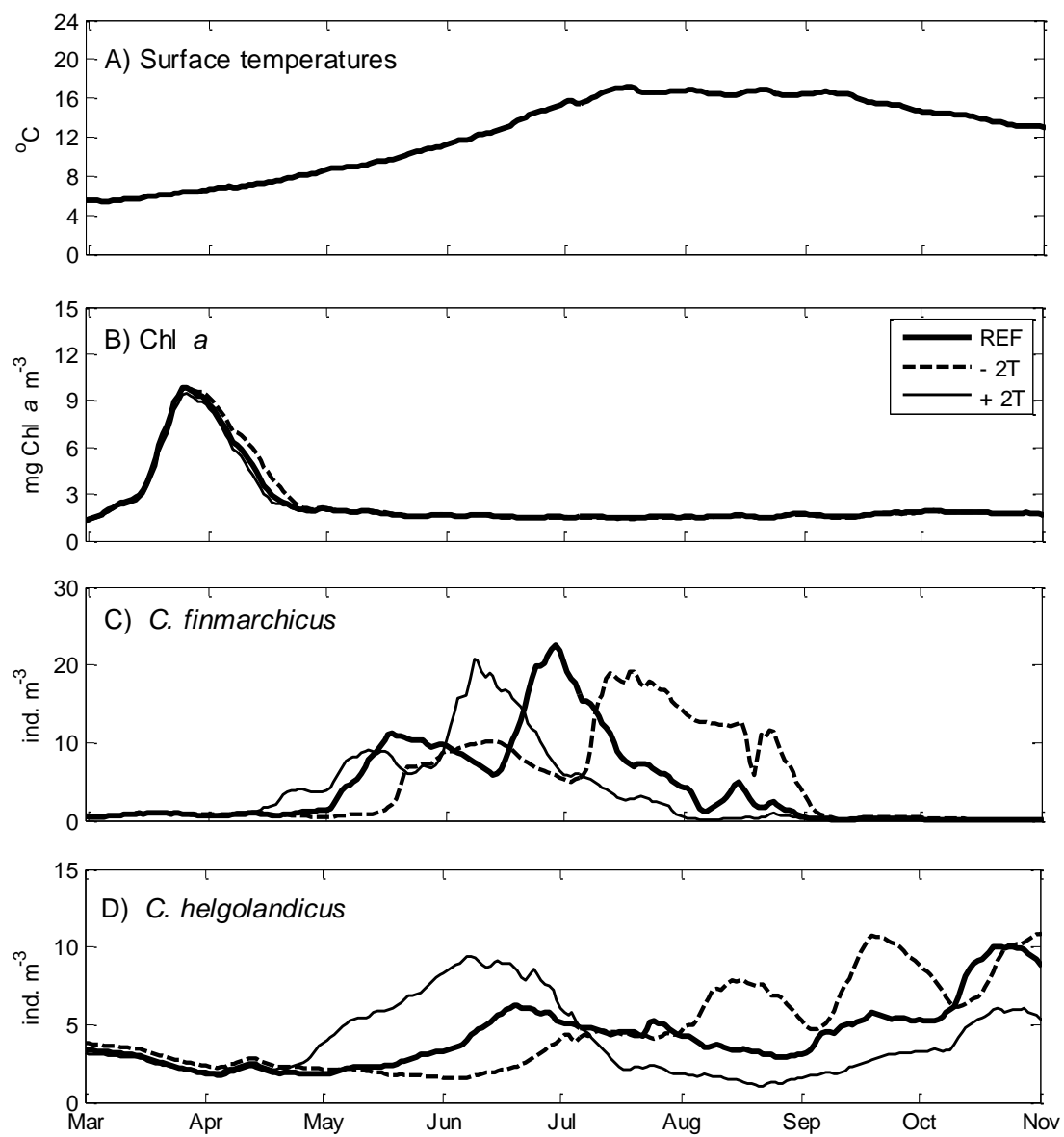


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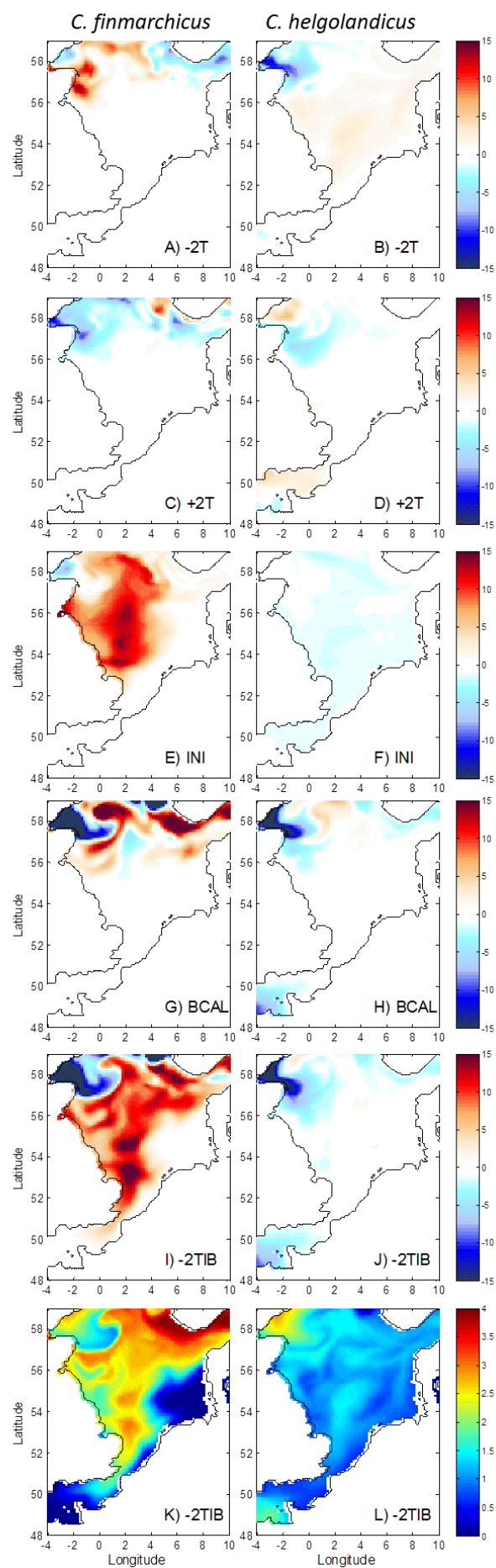


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