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FUNDAMENTAL UNITS OF BIOLOGICAL OCEANOGRAPHY: µ, B, & P

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Assignment

TOPICS

- What are biomass, production, and specific growth rate, and how are the measured?
- What are the major groups of phytoplankton and pigments?
- Why do phytoplankton fluoresce, and how is fluorescence used to estimate Chl *a*?

One of the major purposes of the discussion is to discuss the nomenclature and equations used to measure phytoplankton growth in the sea.

Does temperature control global rates of primary production, or does temperature merely affect phytoplankton species composition? Read **Eppley (1972)**, a classic, for the class discussion. Even though most oceanographers believe that global rates of primary production are not temperature-dependent, one should not conclude that temperature can be ignored. Indeed, temperature is usually highly correlated with parameters of the P *vs.* I curve (especially the maximum photosynthetic rate) and may drive phytoplankton succession. Usually, the correlation between P *vs.* I parameters and temperature is stronger than with nutrients (Harrison & Platt 1980).

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Case Studies

CASE STUDY 1.1 THE EFFECTS OF TEMPERATURE ON SPECIFIC GROWTH

Eppley (1972) described the functional relationship between temperature and the specific growth rate of phytoplankton. **Goldman & Carpenter (1974)** performed a similar analysis of temperature effects on μ for phytoplankton grown in chemostat culture. We will discuss chemostats in class 5. At the time these papers were written, virtually all biological oceanographers thought that phytoplankton populations in nature were growing at a small fraction of μ_{max} . In class 5, we will read **Goldman (1980)**, who provides additional evidence for an argument he first made in **Goldman** *et al.* **(1979)**, that phytoplankton populations in the field may be growing at or near μ_{max} . **Ahlgren (1987)** provides a scholarly review of the history behind equations to explain the empirical relationship between μ and temperature. From 18 measurements, he fits a new empirical estimate of μ and compares it to **Eppley's (1972)** relationship and Goldman & Carpenter's relationship.





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Eppley (1972, pp. 1072-1079) discusses the effects of temperature on assimilation number and temperature. This topic was addressed for Canadian waters by Harrison & Platt (1980), in a paper that we'll cover next week. We will refer back to these sections after discussing light and phytoplankton growth in the next class. Pay particular attention to Eppley's brief section on simulation modeling. This paper serves as one of the foundations for both the Steele & Frost (1977) and Kremer & Nixon (1978) approach to modeling phytoplankton growth rates. Modelers often use Eppley's equation to predict the maximum possible specific growth rate for phytoplankton at a given temperature, and then reduce the rate due to light and nutrient limitation.

Temperature changes on a longer time scale than does light. Phytoplankton populations respond to environmental factors with short characteristic frequencies like diel light intensity change through physiological adaptation. Temperature changes on a timescale that is long relative to phytoplankton doubling times and is more likely to be a process leading to successional changes in the phytoplankton community.

CASE STUDY 1.2: FLUORESCENCE AND CHLOROPHYLL A STANDING STOCK

Lorenzen's (1966) paper describing *in situ* fluorescence measurements of Chl *a* led to a revolution in how oceanographers measure phytoplankton standing stock. No longer did oceanographers have to take samples with bottles, filter them, and measure Chl *a* spectrophotometrically back at the laboratory. Such measurements are still required in Lorenzen's method in order to determine the fluorescence yield for the phytoplankton populations in order to convert fluorescence units to grams of Chl *a* per m⁻³. With the introduction of Lorenzen's method, biological oceanographers could obtain a detailed look at the fine structure of phytoplankton patchiness. **Harris (1986)** reviews much of this late 1960s and early 1970s literature on the characteristic scales of phytoplankton patchiness. The take-home message from most of these studies is that the patch structure of phytoplankton in the ocean is largely controlled by physical mixing processes.

In local waters, *in situ* fluorometry was used extensively by the MWRA contractors studying phytoplankton distributions in MA Bay. In Lorenzen's method, water had to be pumped on-board ship and passed through the light source of a Turner fluorometer in order to estimate fluorescence. Now small fluorescence detectors can be mounted on CTDs for vertical tows through the water column. Battelle New England had a torpedo-like batfish with a fluorometer that they used for mapping the fluorescence of Chl *a* in MA Bay.

Furnas (1990) provides a review of how to estimates μ and summaries of estimate specific growth rates from the ocean. Somewhat surprisingly, it is possible to estimate production without ever having to estimate the specific growth rate of phytoplankton. That is fortunate, since estimating μ from field populations is a notoriously difficult problem.



Fundamental units of biological oceanography: µ, B, & P

The Greek letter μ , pronounced ' μ ', is the biological oceanographer's designation for specific growth rate. The word 'specific' does **not** mean the growth of a biological species. Specific merely means that the variable has units of [Time⁻¹]. μ is the same as the ecologist's instantaneous or per capita growth rate, r (or sometimes called 'little r'). Both μ and r have units of inverse time.

You must note the time unit for μ . Bacterial specific growth rates may have units of h⁻¹; most planktonic specific growth rates have units of d⁻¹; and fish specific growth rates may have units of y⁻¹. Unless otherwise noted, most specific growth rates in this course are d⁻¹.

Scientists usually reserve Greek letters for parameters, not variables. The terms are not synonymous. In departure from scientific convention, the biological oceanographer's μ is a variable, not a parameter. A parameter is an entity that is relatively unchanging over space and time. For example, the population mean in statistics is a parameter, μ as it turns out. This population parameter is estimated using a sample statistic, the sample mean or \overline{X} . Similarly, the population variance is a parameter, σ^2 , estimated by a sample statistic, s², the sample variance. Although μ is a variable, μ_{max} is a parameter. μ_{max} is the maximum specific growth rate that a phytoplankton population can attain given unlimited resources.

Ecologists call the maximum instantaneous or per capita growth rate for a population r_{max} . r_{max} and is also known as the Malthusian parameter, honoring Thomas Malthus. Malthus in the 19th century stressed the importance of exponential population growth. As noted by Malthus and especially Darwin, an ungrazed population cannot grow at its maximum population growth rates for long without depleting its resource supply. In the Origin of the species, Darwin calculated how long it would take for the world to be covered with elephants with an exponential growth rate. With grazing, a population can grow at or near μ_{max} forever.

With enough resources (light and nutrients) and with no density-dependent self limitation, the specific growth rate of a population, μ , will be constant. If the population is growing at less than its physiological maximum rate, then the constant is called μ . If the population is growing at its maximum physiological rate, then the specific growth rate is called μ_{max} .

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \mu N.$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dt}.$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \mu_{max} N, \text{ with no resource limitation.}$$

$$\mu_{max} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{dN}{dt}.$$
(1)





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$$\frac{dN}{dt} = r N.$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = r_{max} N, with no resource limitation..$$
(2)

For a given set of environmental conditions, there is a maximum specific growth rate, μ_{max} , and **Goldman (1980)** calls the ratio $\frac{\mu}{\mu_{max}}$ the relative growth rate. As noted by Malthus in the early 19th century, the number of individuals in the population will increase exponentially unless

cropped by predators or unless the specific growth rate declines as the population density increases. Integration of differential equations (1) and (2) produces the familiar equations for exponential growth:

$$N_t = N_0 e^{\mu_{max}t}.$$
 (3)

$$N_t = N_0 e^{r_{max}t}.$$
 (4)

where, e is the base of the Naperian logarithms (≈ 2.718), N_o is the number of individuals at time 0, and N_t is the number of individuals at time t. Please note that whenever equations are written, they must be dimensionally homogeneous. That means, if the units on the left side of the equal sign are "individuals", then the units on the right side of the equal sign must also be "individuals." The units in the variables in an exponent, such as $e^{x y}$, must be dimensionless. In Equ. 3 and 4, the dimensions for μ_{max} and t, $\frac{1}{T}$ and T, cancel producing the desired dimensionless exponent.

A little algebra allows us to write 2 equations analogous to (3) and (4):

$$ln\left(\frac{N_t}{N_0}\right) = \mu_{\max} t.$$
 (5)

$$ln\left(\frac{N_t}{N_0}\right) = r_{\max} t.$$
 (6)

where, *ln* stands for natural logarithm or log to the base e. Equations 5 and 6 are written with μ_{max} and r_{max} , which are the parameters for a population growing at the maximum possible rate. For populations growing with reduced growth rates due to resource limitation, the appropriate parameters are μ and r. Since Thomas Malthus was the first to describe the effects of exponential population growth, r_{max} is often called the Malthusian parameter for the population or the intrinsic population growth rate. "r", which can be substantially below r_{max} , can be called the per



capita growth rate or instantaneous growth rate (or the jargon phrase is "little r"). With these two equations, we can write equations to solve for the population doubling time, t_d , the time taken for $\frac{N_t}{N_t}$ to equal 2:

$$ln\left(\frac{N_{t_d}}{N_0}\right) = ln(2) = \mu t_d.$$

$$t_d = \frac{ln(2)}{\mu} \approx \frac{0.693}{\mu}.$$

$$ln\left(\frac{N_{t_d}}{N_0}\right) = ln(2) = r t_d.$$

$$t_d = \frac{ln(2)}{r} \approx \frac{0.693}{r}.$$
(8)
where, $t_d = Doubling time.$

Please note that the equations are dimensionally consistent since t_d has dimensions of [Time] and μ has units of $\left[\frac{1}{TIME}\right] = [TIME^{-1}]$. The doubling time of a phytoplankton population in Massachusetts Bay is about 1 day. The doubling time for *E. coli* in your large intestine may be only 40 minutes.

It is now conventional to express specific growth rates only using inverse time, usually d^{-1} . However, many older oceanographic papers, for example **Eppley (1972)**, express μ with dimensions of [doublings per day]. 'Doublings per day' is equivalent to the inverse of doubling time (1/t_d). Thus,

Specific growth rate
$$\left[\frac{doublings}{day}\right] = \frac{1}{t_d}$$
.
 $= \frac{\mu}{ln(2)}$. (9)
 $\approx \frac{\mu}{0.693}$.

Equation 9 says that you must multiply each of **Eppley's (1972)** μ estimates (in doublings per day) to obtain our current μ , expressed as d⁻¹. In ecology, there is one final designation for growth rate, the finite rate of population growth, λ . λ , pronounced 'lambda', is equal to e^{rt}, where t is equal to one unit of time. A non-growing population has an per capita growth rate, r, equal to 0, but its finite growth rate is 1.



BIOMASS (B, C OR CHL A)

Biomass is a scalar quantity, expressing the amount of living organic material present per unit area or volume. Most biological oceanographers express biomass as the mass of carbon per unit volume or area. Conventional units would be g C m⁻² or g C m⁻³. As we will soon discover, it is very difficult to estimate the amount of phytoplankton or bacterial carbon present in marine ecosystems. It is easier to estimate the amount of Chl *a* present. Chl *a* is found in all photoautotrophs. Biological oceanographers use Chl *a* to estimate phytoplankton biomass. Converting Chl *a* to carbon requires an estimate of the carbon to chlorophyll *a* ratio (C:Chl *a*).

This ratio is always expressed on a weight-to-weight basis: $\frac{gC}{gChla}$. A typical C:Chl *a* ratio for

fast-growing coastal phytoplankton might be 30, but the C:Chl *a* ratio can be more than 300. **Eppley (1972)** concluded that C:Chl *a* ratios in upwelling systems were 30-40 and 90-100 in well-lit low nutrient tropical waters. **Ahlgren (1987)** estimated C:Chl *a* concentrations from lake phytoplankton and found C:Chl *a* ratios up to **390.** Healthy shade adapted phytoplankton tend to have low C:Chl *a*, and nutrient-starved or senescent phytoplankton have very high C:Chl *a* ratios.

PRODUCTION

Production is the amount of new biomass produced per unit time in a given area or space. dP

Production can be viewed as the change in biomass per unit time, or $\frac{dB}{dt}$, if all of the predation

and other processes that reduce biomass were eliminated. In nature, much of the production can be eaten resulting in no net change in biomass.

Oceanographers usually define production as change in carbon per unit area or volume per unit time, or

dC/dt, with units of $gCm^{-2}d^{-1}$ or $gCm^{-3}h^{-1}$. Production per unit area is called **areal production**. A typical primary production rate for Massachusetts Bay in the spring might be 1 or 2 $gCm^{-2}d^{-1}$. During the summer production might drop to 0.3 $gCm^{-2}d^{-1}$.

As defined on Appendix 1-Definitions (posted on Prometheus), **primary production** is the production due to autotrophs. The most important group of autotrophs are the photoautotrophs, which fix carbon via photosynthesis. Photosynthesis uses sunlight as the energy source to assimilate dissolved inorganic carbon (**DIC**) to produce organic carbon compounds. Photosynthesis produces O_2 .

Chemoautotrophs are also primary producers, but their production is usually far less than that of photoautotrophs in euphotic waters. Chemoautotrophs use reduced inorganic compounds as the energy source for the assimilation of DIC and production of organic compounds. Marine nitrifying bacteria, which use the reduced nitrogen compounds ammonia and nitrite as energy sources, are important marine chemoautotrophs. Sulfide-oxidizing bacteria provide most of the primary production for deep-sea hydrothermal vent ecosystems. Both photoautotrophs and chemoautotrophs use the enzyme ribulose biphosphate carboxylase, RuBPCO, to fix CO_2 .



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Net primary production is defined as gross production minus respiration by the phytoplankton themselves. Net and gross primary production have the same units, usually gCm⁻ $^{2}d^{-1}$. One of the major advantages of the O₂ method over the 14 C method is that it can provides an estimate of respiration losses. Peterson (1980) discusses the difficulty in converting 14 C production estimates to gross production, a conversion requiring an estimate of the photosynthetic quotient (moles O₂ evolved to CO₂ fixed).

Primary production is usually estimated by incubating phytoplankton samples in bottles and measuring either the amount of DIC fixed or the amount of O_2 produced. Production estimates from bottle incubations are expressed as mgCm⁻³h⁻¹, mgCl⁻¹h⁻¹, mgO₂m⁻³h⁻¹, mgO₂l⁻¹h⁻¹. These volumetric production estimates change greatly with depth in the ocean and these depth-related changes strongly affect the conversion of volumetric to areal production estimates.

Specific production is another name for specific growth rate and is equal to:

$$\mu = specific production.$$

$$= \frac{production}{biomass} = \frac{P}{B}.$$

$$= \frac{\frac{dC}{dt}}{B}.$$
(10)

where, B is biomass usually in units of gCm⁻² or gCm⁻³ and production must be in dimensions of $\frac{B}{TLME}$.

TIME

You must not confuse biomass with production. A crystal-clear tropical water-column may have the same areal production as a bright green mudflat. Low biomass is a characteristic of many tropical water columns. The Great Debate in biological oceanography, reviewed by **Peterson** (1980), is over whether this low biomass is consistent with very high production (>1 gCm⁻²d⁻¹) It is also possible to have high production with very low specific growth rates if the biomass is high enough.

Primary production is easier to estimate than phytoplankton specific growth rate. The major problem in applying Equation 10 to estimate μ is that it is difficult to estimate phytoplankton biomass. However, it is not necessary to estimate phytoplankton biomass to estimate production. The amount of carbon fixed or O₂ produced per unit volume or unit area can be estimated and provides a direct estimate of production. Alternatively, the amount of carbon fixed per unit Chl *a* can be estimated and then this estimate can be converted to production. The amount of carbon fixed per unit time is called either the **Chl** *a* **specific-production** or the **assimilation number** and has units of mgC(mg chl *a*)⁻¹ h⁻¹.

Primary production can be expressed as either $gCm^{-2}d^{-1}$ or $gO_2m^{-2}d^{-1}$. To convert from O_2 to carbon, one must estimate or assume a **photosynthetic quotient** [PQ]. PQ is the ratio of evolved O_2 to CO_2 incorporation. The photosynthetic quotient varies as a function of the physiological



status of the phytoplankton cells, especially the form of nitrogen being used for growth. In nitrate-rich coastal waters, **Williams** *et al.* (1983) recommend a PQ of 2.0, but in nitrate-depleted oceanic water, they recommend a PQ of 1.25. Williams & Roberson (1991) reviewed estimates of PQ ranging from 0.5 to 3.5 and concluded that the true oceanic range, after correcting errors, is from 1.0 to 1.36. This is near the range of PQ that Stumm & Morgan's (1981, p. 194) simplified photosynthetic equations predict:

With nitrate:

$$106 \text{ CO}_2 + 16 \text{ NO}_3^- + \text{HPO}_4^- + 122 \text{ H}_2\text{O} + 18 \text{ H}^+ \rightleftharpoons (\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{106}(\text{NH}_3)_{16} \text{ H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 138 \text{O}_2.$$
 (11)

With ammonia:

 $106 \text{CO}_2 + 16 \text{NH}_4^+ + \text{HPO}_4^- + 108 \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons (\text{CH}_2\text{O})_{106} (\text{NH}_3)_{16} \text{H}_3\text{PO}_4 + 107 \text{O}_2 + 14 \text{H}^+.$ (12)

The ratios of C:N:P of 106:16:1 is known as the Redfield ratio, or sometimes as the Redfield-Ketchum-Richards ratio.

TECHNIQUES TO ESTIMATE SPECIFIC GROWTH RATE (MODIFIED FROM FURNAS 1990)

Estimating primary production is tough; estimating the specific growth rate, μ , of phytoplankton is tougher still. Furnas (1990, 1991) reviews the four basic methods for estimating μ : frequency of dividing cells, biochemical indices, model approaches, and incubations without grazers.

Frequency of dividing cells

The basis of this technique is that if cell division occurs as a discrete part of the cell cycle, and the percentage of cells actively dividing can be determined, μ can be calculated. McDuff & Chisholm (1982) provide an analysis of equations for converting the frequency of dividing cells to specific growth rate, and recommend the following equation:

$$\mu = t_m^{-1} \ln(1 + f).$$
where, $t_m = time$ division is evident (e.g., mitosis time). (13)
 $f = frequency of ind.$ in pop. dividing.

Note that this equation is dimensionally correct; μ is in units of inverse time and *f* is dimensionless.



Rivkin (*e.g.*, **1986**, **Rivkin & Seliger 1981**, **Rivkin & Voytek 1986**) has applied this technique often in recent years to estimating eukaryotic algal specific growth rates. Rivkin adds radiolabeled thymidine to natural phytoplankton samples, performs the incubation, and then isolates individual phytoplankton cells of different species. By looking at the distribution of counts per cell, one can determine the frequency of diatom cells that are in the process of division (nearly twice the basal amount of DNA). Rivkin has also applied the frequency of dividing cells approach using radiolabeled Germanium, and replacement for silica in the diatom frustule and radiolabeled amino acids. This approach is very time consuming. Since the radioactivity taken up by single cells is relatively low, each cell must be examined for a long time in a liquid scintillation counter. It is difficult to convert species-specific µ values to system primary production.

Other cell-cycle markers include the frequency of paired cells and the frequency of cells containing higher DNA content. The latter marker can be detected using DNA-specific fluorescent dyes. One of the potential major advantages of the frequency of dividing cells approach is that it can allow an incubation-free method for estimating μ if the dividing cells can be identified from natural samples without requiring an incubation. Rivkin's use of the frequency of dividing cells can be done on natural samples without requiring an incubation.

Biochemical indices

Redalje-Laws Chl *a*-specific labeling to estimate μ & C:Chl *a*

Redalje & Laws' (1981) Chl *a* specific labeling procedure is a very clever method for estimating two of the three major growth variables: μ and the C:Chl *a* ration. Laws (1984) provides one mathematical and biochemical model for the method.

Table 1 shows the variables used in the calculation of the specific growth rate, using the Redalje-Laws procedure.





Laws approach (from Gould & Gallagher 1990)			
Variable	Units	Description	
ΔC	μgC sample × time	C fixed during incubation	
μ	$\frac{1}{h}$	specific growth rate	
1.05	Dimensionless	Factor to account for isotope discrimination	
A^{*}	dpm sample	¹⁴ C activity of total particulate matter	
C _p	_μgC sample	Microalgal C at the end of the incubation	
Ι*	dpm µgC	Specific activity of DIC	
R^*_{chl}	<u>dpm</u> µgC	Specific activity of C in Chl a molecule	
t	h	duration of incubation in hours.	

Table 1 Definitions and variables used in applying the Redalie-

A standard ¹⁴C incubation is run, just as if the goal were merely to measure primary production. Usually the phytoplankton population would be split into two fractions after the incubation. One half of the sample would be used to estimate the radioactivity of the total phytoplankton fraction, called A^{*} in Table 1. With A^{*} and I^{*}, the specific activity of the dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) in the incubation vessel, the amount of primary production can be determined using Equation 14:

$$\Delta C = \frac{1.05 \ A^{*}}{I^{*} t} \,. \tag{14}$$

Equation 14 is the same equation used for a standard ¹⁴C incubation to estimate primary production (covered in the next class). To estimate μ , the radioactivity in the Chl *a* molecule must be determined. This was first done by using thin-layer chromatography of the photosynthetic pigments, but now the pigments are separated using HPLC. The Chl a fraction is removed, its mass estimated, and the amount of radioactivity is determined to estimate R*. The amount of microalgal carbon at the end of the incubation can be determined from Equ 15.

$$C_p = \frac{A^*}{R^*}.$$
 (15)

The specific growth rate assuming a 12-h photic period to convert the hourly incubation timescale can be estimated using Equ. 16:



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Box 1 Derivation of the Redalje-Laws equation to estimate μ as h⁻¹. The equation multiplies the hourly rate by 12 to obtain the daily specific growth rate.

$$\mu = \frac{1}{C_{p}} \frac{dC}{dt}.$$

$$C_{p} = C_{o} e^{\mu t}.$$

$$ln\left(\frac{C_{p}}{C_{o}}\right) = \mu t.$$

$$\mu = \frac{-ln\left(\frac{C_{o}}{C_{p}}\right)}{t}.$$

$$\mu = \frac{-ln\left(\frac{C_{p} - \Delta C t}{C_{p}}\right)}{t}.$$

$$\mu = \frac{-ln\left(1 - \frac{\Delta C t}{C_{p}}\right)}{t}.$$

$$\mu = \frac{-\ln\left(1 - \left(\frac{1.05 R^*}{I^*}\right)\right)}{t} \times 12.$$
 (16)

Equation 16 certainly looks daunting. It is based on the balanced growth assumption, which states that new Chl *a* is being labelled at the same rate as the total microalgal carbon pool. Redalje (1983) and Goericke & Welschmeyer (1993a) tested this assumption, finding it is not true if the microalgae are switched from low to high light, or when sun-adapted microalgae are switched to lower light. Shade adapted algae, with a low C:Chl a ratio, drastically curtail the synthesis of Chl *a* when placed in high light and the Redalje-Laws method can grossly underestimate µ. If the balanced growth assumption is true, then the amount of microalgal carbon in the incubation vessel, C_p , can be estimated from Equ. 15. With this estimate of C_p , Equation 16 can be readily derived from Equation 1. This derivation is shown in the text box to the left.

Redalje & Laws (1981, Laws 1984) derived the equation originally under the assumption that the Chl *a* molecule turns over rapidly so that Chl *a* would have the same specific activity as the total phytoplankton carbon pool. Welschmeyer & Lorenzen (1984) derived a mathematically equivalent expression, under the less restrictive assumption that the new Chl *a* that is synthesized during an incubation matches the specific activity of the total pool of organic carbon synthesized during the incubation. This assumption is called the balanced growth assumption. If this 'balanced growth' assumption is met, the Redalje-Laws method can estimate μ , phytoplankton carbon content, and the C:Chl *a* ratio. Goericke & Welschmeyer

(1993a) experimentally showed that the Chl *a* molecule does not turn over at a significant rate during the course of an incubation, invalidating one of the original assumptions of the method, but not the equation (Equation 16). They derived a more complicated expression for estimating μ using the Chl *a* labeling method. Their major recommendation is to use long incubations (24 h) to estimate μ with Chl *a*-specific labeling. Jesperson *et al.* (1992) found that the Chl *a* molecule was labeled at a higher rate than the total phytoplankton carbon pool. Thus Equation 16 would produce an overestimate of the phytoplankton specific growth rate.



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The Redalje-Laws labeling method has been used by many investigators, most notably **Welschmeyer & Lorenzen (1984)** and Gieskes & Kraay (**1986, 1989**). Laws *et al.* (**1987)** used the technique to show that phytoplankton in the oligotrophic open ocean were growing at very high specific growth rates. Gould & Gallagher (**1990**) adapted the Redalje-Laws Chl *a* labeling procedure to obtain the first field estimates of the specific growth rates for benthic diatoms.

Taxon-specific µ

Gieskes & Kraay (1989) modified the Redalje-Laws method to estimate the specific growth rate of different phytoplankton groups (*e.g.*, diatoms *vs.* cyanobacteria) by estimating the radioactivity in ¹⁴C incorporation into different carotenoids. This technique was used to great effect by **Strom & Welschmeyer (1991)** who estimated the specific growth rate of diatoms in the subarctic Pacific. **Goericke & Welschmeyer (1993b)** provide more details on this labeling method.

Estimating relative specific growth

DiTullio & Laws (1986) developed a method to assess the amount of radioactivity taken up into the protein fraction of phytoplankton cells. From this estimate, they can derive the microalgal C:N ratio. Goldman showed that there was a predictable relationship between the C:N ratio in

phytoplankton and the relative specific growth rate $\frac{\mu}{\mu_{max}}$. Using the Redalje-Laws and DiTullio-

Laws method, Laws *et al.* (1987) showed that oligotrophic gyre phytoplankton, not only were growing at a high specific growth rate, but that this specific growth rate was close to μ_{max} .

Model approaches

Conversion from assimilation number

Following **Eppley (1972)**, the chlorophyll-specific production or assimilation number can be combined with an estimates of C:Chl *a* ratio to estimate μ . **Eppley (1972)** had the equations slightly wrong, and when **Eppley (1972)** wrote his paper assimilation number hadn't been established as meaning the asymptote of the P *vs*. I curve. Here are the appropriate equations relating the C:Chl *a* ratio, μ , and assimilation number:

$$\mu_{\max} = \frac{Assimilation number}{C:Chl \underline{a}} - specific respiration.$$

$$\mu = \frac{Chl \underline{a} - specific prod.}{C:Chl \underline{a}} - specific respiration.$$
(17)

The first equation estimates μ_{max} only if nutrients are not limiting, since the assimilation number is the maximum Chl *a*-specific production for a given temperature and nutrient regime.



Other model approaches

Phytoplankton specific growth (μ) or relative growth (μ/μ_{max}) can be estimated, albeit crudely, using RNA/DNA ratios, adenylate charge ratios, and a variety of other approaches.

The Dilution method: Changes in mass, number, or volume after reduction of grazing

Minimal estimates of μ can be obtained by estimating the change in cell number, biomass or volume through time and dividing by biomass. That is, $\mu = 1/C \ dC/dt$, $\mu = 1/N \ dN/dt$ or $\mu = 1/V \ dV/dt$, for mass [=carbon], number, or volume respectively. Unfortunately, change in phytoplankton biomass, numbers or volume provides a poor indication of μ because of grazing and other sources of mortality. If grazing mortality is expressed as a specific rate, that is [time⁻¹], then one can readily see why primary production can not be estimated from change in biomass alone:

$$\frac{change \ in \ biomass}{time} = net \ primary \ production - grazing - other \ losses.$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = C \ (\mu - G - m).$$

$$where, \ C = biomass \ [gCm^{-2} \ or \ gCm^{-3}].$$

$$\mu = specific \ growth \ rate \ [\frac{1}{time}].$$

$$G = specific \ grazing \ rate \ [\frac{1}{time}].$$

$$m = specific \ non-grazing \ loss \ (e.g., \ DOM \ loss, \ sinking) \ [\frac{1}{time}].$$
(18)

Integration of Equation 18 yields:

$$C_{t} = C_{0} e^{(\mu - G - m)t}.$$

$$ln\left(\frac{C_{t}}{C_{0}}\right) = (\mu - G - m)t.$$
(19)
where, C_{t} = biomass at time t.
 C_{0} = biomass at time 0.

If specific growth rate is balanced by losses, Equ. 19 shows that phytoplankton biomass can remain constant despite high μ and grazing losses. If the grazers could be eliminated, then change in biomass could be used to provide an estimate of μ . Grazing mortality cannot be reduced by simply sieving out the grazers because they overlap in size with the primary producers. Grazing rate is known to be dependent on phytoplankton biomass. If a phytoplankton suspension is diluted, the rate of encounter between predator and prey can be greatly diminished, reducing G.





Mike Landry diluted phytoplankton samples with grazer-free water. Many others have now adopted this dilution method for estimating μ . **Furnas (1991)** reduced G by transferring phytoplankton cells to grazer-free incubation chambers that he suspended in the water column. The change in phytoplankton biomass in the absence of grazers provides a minimum estimate of μ .

Further discussion topics

Here are some issues to think about prior to the class discussion:

Problems

CONCEPTUAL PROBLEMS

- 1. Does Eppley's temperature equation allow an investigator to predict specific growth rate in field populations?
- 2. How does measurement of μ differ from measurement of production?
- 3. Why is it more difficult to estimate μ in the field than production?
- 4. Is it possible for specific growth rate in the field to increase while production remains constant?
- 5. Is it possible for specific growth rate in the field to increase while biomass is decreasing?
- 6. How does Eppley's discussion of the ¹⁴C technique compare with Peterson's?

QUANTITATIVE PROBLEMS

1. Answer the MCAS test question shown in Figure 1.





Mathematics, Grade 10

Session 3, Open-response Questions

- The number of bacteria in a sample doubles every four hours. At the end of 24 hours there are 30,720 bacteria present in a sample.
 - a. How many bacteria were present initially? Show your work.
 - b. During which four-hour period will 5 million bacteria first be present? Show your work.
 - c. Write a mathematical expression to determine the number of bacteria present at the end of any four-hour period.

Figure 1. A question from the 10th grade MCAS Math test

2. Estimate how long it would take for a *Synechococcus*, obeying exponential growth at 20° C, to fill the world's oceans. Use the following facts: *Synechococcus* has a diameter of about 1 micrometer, the distance from the equator to the pole is 10,000 km, the mean depth of the ocean is 4200m and 75% of the world's surface area is ocean.

Outlines of papers

ASSIGNED

Eppley, R. W. 1972. Temperature and phytoplankton growth in the sea. Fish. Bull. 70: 1063-1065. [2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 14, 21, 24]

I. Introduction:

- A. Two questions:
 - 1. Why is temperature of so little importance?
 - 2. Why would anyone want to write a review on temperature and phytoplankton growth in the oceans?
- B. Answers:

1.

- 1. to suggest maximum growth and photosynthetic rates which might be reasonably expected for marine phytoplankton
- 2. to point out the interrelationship among growth rate, photosynthetic assimilation number, and carbon to chlorophyll a ratios in the phytoplankton.

II. Variation in specific Growth rate (μ) with temperature in laboratory cultures of unicellular algae.

- A. Figure 1 taken from Hoogenhout & Amesz (1965), chosen so that temperature would be limiting
 - Variation due to
 - a. cell size
 - b. concentrations of photosynthetic pigments.
 - 2. General trends:
 - a. exponential gradual increase up to about 40°C



b. A smooth curve can be drawn through the 130 points.

$$\log_{10} \mu = 0.0275 \ T - 0.070 \tag{1}$$

[It is very important to note that Eppley expresses μ in divisions per day or doublings per day. Thus a population that doubles daily has a μ =1 doubling d⁻¹. In recent years, most biological oceanographers have expressed μ using inverse time. A population that doubles once a day has a specific growth rate of approximately 0.693, the ln (2). All of Eppley's μ values should be multiplied by ln (2) to convert to accepted common usage.]

- 3. Q_{10} for growth of 1.88
- 4. van't Hoff formula [See Ahlgren 1987, p. 177-178: "Eppley based his function on data from batch cultures of laboratory algae, using in fact Berthelot's equation from 1862 (incorrectly named as Van't Hoff's rule by Eppley."]

$\mu = \mu' = 0.851 \ (1.066) \text{T}$

5. Belehradek function:

$\mu = -2.46 \text{ x } 10^{-6} (\text{T-} [-40])^{3.45}$

- B. Figure 2. Growth rate versus temperature for 5 different algae.
 - 1. algae show temperature optima
 - 2. dependent slightly on salt concentrations
- C. Figure 3. Temp. vs growth curves for *Dunaliela tertiolecta* at 5 different salt concentrations.
 - 1. 5 doublings per day max
 - 2. Useful in setting maximum dilution rate in chemostat culture.
 - G. E. Hutchinson's concept of the niche.

III. Estimates of the specific growth rates of phytoplankton in the sea.

A. Methods

1.

3.

- Rates of increase of cell concentration or chlorophyll
 - a. Nutrient depletion a problem
 - b. self shading in rich water
- 2. ¹⁵N-nitrogen assimilation rates.
 - a. Underestimated because of trypton
 - b. [N enhancement effect]
 - Carbon assimilation rates.
- B. Solution: "What is needed is an instantaneous method not confounded by the complexities of long incubations either in situ, in enclosed vessels, or in shipboard cultures. Unfortunately, no such method is in view."
- C. Eppley's cell volume method
 - 1. Carbon:volume ratios established
 - 2. [Coulter counter can be used]
- D. ATP method
 - 1. problems
 - 2. Assumes a C/ATP ratio of 250
- E. Coulter counter method
- F. Percentage of paired dinoflagellate cells in cultures.





- IV. Results of growth rate measurements in the natural phytoplankton at different temperatures.
 - A. Table 2. Some estimates of the average specific growth rate of phytoplankton in the euphotic zone for various regions.

Area	Doublings/da y
Oligotrophic	
Sargasso sea	0.26
Fla. strait	0.45
Off Carolinas	0.37
Off Montauk	0.35
Off S. California (July 1970)	0.25-0.4
S. California (April-Sept. 67)	0.7 avg
Nutrient-rich	
Peru current	0.7
April	0.67
June	0.73
Off SW Africa	1.0
Western Arabian Sea	>1.0

B. Table 3. Comparison of average growth rate using different methods

- 1. ATP
- 2. Carbon
- 3. ¹⁵N

V. Relationship between phytoplankton growth rate and assimilation number.

- A. Assimilation number: chl specific production
- B. How simple life would be if there was a constant C:Chl a ratio.
- C. C:Chl ratio changes from 30-40 (upwelling) to 90-100 (low nutrient surface waters) $\mu = 1/\delta t \log_2 [(C:Chla + \delta C/Chla)/C:Chl a]$

(5)

- Fig. 6. Photosynthetic rate (assimilation number/day) vs the specific growth rate of the phytoplankton from Equation (5)
- Fig. 7. Photosynthetic rate (assimilation number/hour) vs the specific growth rate of the phytoplankton from Equation (5)

VI. The Variation of assimilation number with temperature in the sea.

- A. **Figure 8.** The variation in maximum expected rate of photosynthesis(assimilation number) with temperature.
- B. Low temperature reduces the assimilation number and promotes increased carbon/chl ratios.
- C. Size Changes in phytoplankton size can have a major role.
 - 1. Nanoplankton show higher assimilation numbers than do net plankton.
 - 2. Increasing insolation in the spring results in increased water temperatures and often in stratification. Nutrients are depleted



- 3. Stratification reduces large cells
 - sinking a.
 - less effective at N uptake b.
- seasonal increases in temp and ratio of nano- to net plankton increase assimilation numbers. 4.
- VII. Implications for simulation models of phytoplankton production.
 - Should P_{max} be a function of temperature? Α.
 - Start out with a realistic estimate of maximum growth rate and then determine the effects of nutrient Β. limitation (this is done in Kremer and Nixon)

Lorenzen, C. J. 1966. A method for the continuous measurement of in vivo chlorophyll concentration. Deep-Sea

- **Res.** 13: 223-227. [The classic paper describing the use of pumped water through a Turner fluorometer]
- I. Materials and methods
 - Turner model III Α.
 - Β. blue fluorescent filter with maximum transmission at 430 mµ
 - C. secondary filter opaque at light at wavelengths shorter than 645 mµ and reaching maximum transmission at 650 mµ
- II. Discussion
 - Α. Can not distinguish between Chl a and phaeophytin, which is normally not found in phytoplankton (p. 226) В. In solution Chl. fluorescence decreases with increasing temperature at the rate of 0.3% per 1°C in the range of 0-35°C. in vivo fluorescence affected to a greater degree of 1.4%°C -

SUPPLEMENTAL

Ahlgren, G. 1987. Temperature functions in biology and their application to algal growth constants. Oikos 49:

177-190. [The relationships of algal growth constants such as $\hat{\mu}$ (maximum specific growth rate)m q_{α} (minimum nutrient content of algae), Y (yield coefficient), and K_s (half-saturation constant for growth) with temperature were investigated. Equations of the Belehradek type are found to be appropriate].

I. Abstract

> "Various kinds of temperature rules have been proposed for biological use, but reasons for choosing one before another have seldom been given. Arguments for such choices should include both theoretical and mathematical-statistical aspects. In this paper the relationships of algal growth constants such as $\hat{\mu}$ (maximum specific growth rate) $m q_{\alpha}$ (minimum nutrient content of algae), Y (yield coefficient), and K_s (half-saturation constant for growth) with temperature were investigated."

II. Introduction

Α.

- Reviews existing analyses.
- "Eppley based his function on data from batch cultures of laboratory algae, using in fact 1. Berthelot's equation from 1862 (incorrectly named as Van't Hoff's rule by Eppley." 2.
 - Goldman & Carpenter (1974) used Arrhenius' (1889) equation.

III. Temperature rules used in biology

- Belehrådek (1935) division of temperature formulae
 - Group I (Rules of thermal sums) 1.
 - Burkhardt's equation a.
 - $v=k(t-\alpha)$
 - b. a linear form where the Y-intercept = -k and α = -Y intercept/k or α =X intercept.
 - Equations are mathematical forms of the "rule of thermal sums" c.
 - 2. Group II (Exponential equations)
 - a. Berthelot (1862)
 - b. Van't Hoff (1884)
 - Arrhenius (1889) c.
 - 3. Group III (built on physical processes)
 - Belehrådek (1926) a.
 - Later modified $v=a(t-\alpha)^b$ b. (13)



(4)

(11)



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- "Belehradek based his rule on the view that many biological processes are probably c. not controlled by chemical processes by physical processes such as diffusion and viscosity."
- IV. Methods
 - Very interesting: fits his data using the 2-parameter Verhulst (1838) logistic rather than the geometric J А. curve.
 - B. Growth constants estimated by fitting suitable equations to the data using the SAS program NLIN (SAS users guide 1979)
- V. Results
 - Batch experiments Α.
 - Β. Chemostat experiments
 - fit Droop's (1973) q_a 1.
 - 2. fit û
- Fig. 1. Results of P-limited chemostat experiments with Scenedesmus auadricauda.
 - ¹⁴C experiments С.

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- Assimilation number estimated.
 - Both AZ and P/B ratios increased with temperature (Table 7) a.
- Table 7. Results of the ¹⁴C experiments (AZ_{opt} ranges from 0.098 to 6.47 C Chl⁻¹ h⁻¹ {field population from L. Norrviken (1980), 20.7 °C with a Carbon:Chlorophyll ratio of 390 for Cryptomonads, small monads)
 - Note that he uses the simple equation that
 - μ =Assimilation number/(C:Chl *a*) ratio
 - D. Estimation of biological zero

b.

- E. Growth constants in relation to temperature.
 - 1. Belehradek and Burckhardt-Harvey gave almost equally good fits to µ vs. t

$$\hat{\mu} = 0.0307 (t - 0.18)^{1.13}$$
 (r=0.945, n = 18) (15)

- Assimilation numbers, AZ, and P/B ratios ($\approx \mu$) based on incubator experiments with 2. monocultures at light optima also showed good relationships with temperature (Fig. 3)
- Fig. 3. Assimilation number (AZ) and primary production/biomass as functions of temperature for 3 species of algae. a.
 - Chl:C ratio decreases with temperature.
- Fig. 4. Assimilation number (AZ) and primary production/biomass as functions of temperature.
- VI. Discussion Α.
 - Maximum specific growth rate, µ
 - Belehrådek equation fits best 1.
 - 2. Comparison with Eppley (1972) and Goldman & Carpenter (1974)
- Comparison of Ahlgren's new data with the Eppley and Goldman & Carpenter curves. Fig. 5.
 - "P/B values ($\approx \mu$) multiplied by the factor 10 to get growth rates per day, agree fairly well 3. with these earlier data from batch experiments."
 - Β. Yield coefficient, Y
 - С. Minimum cell quota
 - D. Half-saturation constant, K.
 - E. K_s for Scenedesmus independent of temperature.
 - F. Interesting hypothesis:

"It is also reasonable that K_s should have the character of a real constant (Fig. 6). By definition K_e is the concentration which will support half the maximum growth rate. As the maximum growth rate increases with temperature, half the maximum growth rate should aslo increase with temperature, thus giving curves which separate immediately at the origin. A constant K_e leads to lower competition advantages with decreasing temperature. the initial gradient recommended by Talling (1979), or the ratio $\hat{\mu}/K_s$ (Healey 1980), used to characterize the competition status of an alga, would then be a useful tool to compare different algal species. A difference in that ratio, if necessary scaled to the same biological zero, for two species estimated in the laboratory at one temperature would be valid for all temperature conditions in the field. Is that too simple to be true?" p. 188

VII. Summarizing conclusion: Belehrådek best





Furnas, M. J. 1990. *In situ* growth rates of marine phytoplankton: approaches ot measurement, community and specific growth rates. J. Plankton Research 12: 1117-1151.

Abstract: Maximal growth from 3 to 3.6 doublings d⁻¹

I. Introduction.

II.

- A. aim: bring together published data on *in situ* growth on phytoplankton species and functional groups.
- B. Compare these rates with *in situ* growth of phytoplankton communities
- Approaches to measuring or estimating in situ growth rates of phytoplankton
 - A. Cytological or biochemical cell cycle markers.
 - frequency of dividing cells
 - B. Biochemical rate measurements and relative growth rate indices
 - 1. Redalje-Laws
 - 2. Redfield ratio and μ/μ_{max}
 - 3. Gieskes & Kraay (1989) pigment labeling of specific phytoplankton groups.
 - C. Cage and bottle incubations
 - D. Mathematical models of phytoplankton growth
- III. The data set

- Table II Growth rates of intact and size-fractionated phytoplankton in temperate and polar marine waters.
- Table III
 Maximum and mean *in situ* growth rates measured for centric diatom species and comparable maximum growth rates from culture
- Table IVMaximum and mean *in situ* growth rates measured for pennate diatom species and comparable
maximum growth rates from culture
- Table V Maximum and mean *in situ* growth rates measured for dinoflagellate species and comparable maximum growth rates from culture
- Table VIMaximum and mean *in situ* growth rates measured for microflagellate and ultraplankton species and
comparable maximum growth rates from culture
- IV. In situ growth rates of phytoplankton species and groups
- V. Discussion.

Goldman, J. C. and E. J. Carpenter. 1974. A kinetic approach to the effect of temperature on algal growth.

Limnol. Oceanogr. 19: 756-766. [Reviews growth rates estimated from chemostats. Maximum growth predicted by: $\mu_m = (1.80 \times 10^{10})e^{(-6842/Kelvin Temp)}$. Proposes mechanisms whereby temperature can affect the outcome of competition. Tilman has confirmed and modeled such mechanisms.]

- 1. uses Michaelis-Menten kinetics
- 2. Used Arrhenius equation:

$$\mu = A e^{-E/RT}$$
(2)

where, A=constant, day⁻¹

E= activation energy, cal mole⁻¹

R = Universal gas constant, cal °K mole⁻¹

T = temperature, Kelvin scale

 $\mu = A e^{(-E/RT)} [S/(K_s + S)]$ (3)

3. Assumes the half-saturation constant is temperature dependent.

$$\mu = A e^{(-E/RT)} [S/(K_s(T) + S]$$
(4)

- 4. Reviews maximum growth rates for algae in doublings per day. (0.4 to 5.65)
- 5. "Through application of equation (2) we can show graphically how temperature can play a role in species succession."
- 6. Multiplicative growth model proposed.



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Rhee, G.-Yull. 1982. Effects of environmental factors and their interactions on phytoplankton growth. Adv. microb. Ecol. 6: 33-74.

- I Temperature adaptation
 - I.A poorly understood
 - I.B at high temperature, the ratio of unsaturated to saturated fatty acids in the membrane commonly decreases, whereas at low temperature the opposite takes place. This ensures the fluidity and thus the stability of the membrane.
- II Interactions with nutrients.
 - II.A the maximum growth is set by temperature, but is rarely achieved.
 - II.B temperature interacts with other environmental stresses to modify growth kinetics in a complex manner
 - II.C temperature affects both the maximum growth and the half-saturation constant (p.
 - 61)

III

- II.D can also affect the minimum cell quota
- II.E combined effects of nutrient limitation and temperature stress are grater than the sum of individual effects.
- Temperature-light relations.
 - III.A photochemical reactions are insensitive to temperature. P vs I curves are not affected when light is limiting.
 - III.B dark reactions are temperature sensitive.
 - III.C therefore saturation light intensity decreases with temperature but not the slope of the P-I curve.
 - III.D at the deeper layers of the euphotic zone, the effects of temperature on primary production may be minimal

Web Resources

Table 1. Web resources on phytoplankton				
URL	Site	Description		
http://www.soton.ac.uk/~ib g/	Ivo Grigorov Research Student (School of Ocean & Earth Sciences) Southampton Oceanography Centre	Marine Diatom index, including many SEM images		



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ON ESTIMATING PRIMARY PRODUCTION & SPECIFIC GROWTH RATE

(see also Redalje-Laws ¹⁴C-labeling technique)

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