

# Acid base parameters in control and treated Antarctic krill, *Euphausia superba*, over 19 days (OA Krill)

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## Project

» [Collaborative Research: Synergistic effects of Elevated Carbon Dioxide \(CO<sub>2</sub>\) and Temperature on the Metabolism, Growth, and Reproduction of Antarctic Krill \(\*Euphausia superba\*\)](#) (OA Krill)

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## Abstract

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## Coverage

**Spatial Extent:** Lat:-64.7743 Lon:-64.0533

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## Dataset Description

This dataset includes intracellular (tissue) and extracellular (blood) pH and lactate concentrations for Antarctic krill, *Euphausia superba*, maintained at ambient and high temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> levels over a 19 day period.

## Methods & Sampling

**Capture and husbandry:** Antarctic krill (*Euphausia superba*) were captured during austral summers 2013/2014 and 2014/2015. Krill were collected by net tow (2 m diameter, 1000 m mesh, non-filtering cod end) off the R/V Laurence M. Gould near the Western Antarctic Peninsula and transported directly to Palmer Research Station. One to two thousand krill were housed in one 4'w x 3'h circular holding tank and two 5' x 2' x 1' rectangular tanks provided with aeration and flow-through seawater. Water was non-filtered and individuals were able to feed on plankton *ad libitum* throughout the season.

**Experimental treatments:** Four experimental treatments were targeted in this study, (1) ambient temperature and ambient CO<sub>2</sub>, (2) ambient temperature and high CO<sub>2</sub> (800ppm), (3) high temperature (3C) and ambient CO<sub>2</sub> (4) high temperature and high CO<sub>2</sub>. Temperature treatments were obtained using two

separate recirculating systems. One 800 L cylindrical polycarbonate carboy was attached to a temperature controlled chiller (Delta Star) and inline pump. The carboy was placed in a flow-through water bath and maintained at 0C. A similar system was set up without a chiller and placed in an environmental chamber set at 3C. The systems were replaced with new water and allowed to acclimate to temperature 24 hours before the start of a trial or water change. High CO<sub>2</sub> conditions were obtained using a peristaltic pump to inject straight CO<sub>2</sub> into the propeller of a pump submerged in seawater. Treated water was then pumped with minimal disturbance into treatment buckets.

Krill of comparable size (average 1 g) were picked and placed in 19 L plastic buckets with airtight lids up to n = 20. Buckets were filled with one of the four treatment waters as described above. Buckets were immediately closed and placed in environmental chambers set to 0C or 3C. Every 24 hours 80% of the water was siphoned out and replaced to minimize excretory and respiratory effect of the animals on treatment conditions. Time points were set at time = 0, 1, 6, 12, 24, 48 hours and 7, 14, 19 days (168, 336, 456 hours). Each bucket was run in duplicate for each treatment at each time point. During season one two 48 hour experiments and three 24 hour long experiments were run. During season two one 24-hour, one 48-hour and one 19-day experiment were completed. Separate buckets were run in duplicate at 0C and 3C for TMAO analysis. For endpoint respirometry, krill were placed one at a time in 300mL airtight glass jars filled with 2um filtered treatment water. Each jar was paired with a blank containing no individuals, placed in water baths, covered, and put in 0C or 3C environmental chambers for the duration of the experiment.

**Analyses:** At the end of an experimental duration, blood was immediately taken from 5-10 krill using a 20 gauge needle and pooled. Blood pH was determined using a temperature controlled pH microelectrode (Microelectrodes, Inc. Bedford, NH, USA). Blood lactate was also measured using a handheld lactate meter (Roche Accutrend). The remaining 10 krill were decapitated and their bodies flash frozen for later analysis. Individual tissue (up to n=5) was weighed and homogenized in 500uL homogenate buffer containing 150 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> Potassium fluoride and 5 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> nitrilotriacetic acid (Portner et al., 1990). 75uL homogenate was injected into the Corning 965 total CO<sub>2</sub> analyzer, Midland, MI, USA for TCO<sub>2</sub> determination. Remaining homogenate was then used to measure pH using the microelectrode as described above. Alternate individuals (up to n=5) were used to measure tissue lactate. Tissue was homogenized 1:1 in DI water using 3 mL glass homogenizers on ice. The supernatant was then measured for lactate using the Accutrend lactate meter. Individuals used for TMAO determination were homogenized 1:5 in 5% trichloroacetic acid then supernatant used with the ferrous sulfate-EDTA method of TMAO determination described by Wekell and Barnett (1991). Endpoint respirometry measurements were taken using a Strathkelvin oxygen electrode and blanks used to correct for residual bacterial respiration.

## Data Processing Description

### BCO-DMO Processing Notes:

version: 2018-01-23:

- added conventional header with dataset name, PI name, version date
- modified parameter names to conform with BCO-DMO naming conventions
- reformatted pdf multi-level table to a servable flat file

version: 2018-05-03:

- added O<sub>2</sub>\_consumption column

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## Data Files

File
<b>acid_base_Tbl1.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 3.18 KB) MD5:5e002c098d0fe946ad8d3632315c5050
Primary data file for dataset ID 724502

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## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
treatment_temp	temperature treatment: either ambient or high (3C)	unitless
treatment_CO2	CO2 treatment: either ambient or high (800 ppm)	unitless
time_elapsed	time since start of experimental trial	time_elapsed
pHe	extracellular or blood pH	unitless; pH scale
pHe_stderr	extracellular or blood pH standard error of the mean	unitless; pH scale
pHe_n	extracellular or blood pH - number or individuals measured	krill
pHi	intracellular or blood pH	unitless; pH scale
pHi_stderr	intracellular or blood pH standard error of the mean	unitless; pH scale
pHi_n	intracellular or blood pH - number or individuals measured	krill
TCO2	total CO2 concentration	millimol/gram
TCO2_stderr	total CO2 concentration standard error of the mean	millimol/gram
TCO2_n	total CO2 concentration - number or individuals measured	krill
blood_lactate	blood lactate concentration	microMolar
blood_lactate_stderr	blood lactate concentration standard error of the mean	microMolar
blood_lactate_n	blood lactate concentration - number or individuals measured	krill
tissue_lactate	tissue (abdomen) lactate concentration	microMolar
tissue_lactate_stderr	tissue (abdomen) lactate concentration standard error of the mean	microMolar
tissue_lactate_n	tissue (abdomen) lactate concentration - number or individuals measured	krill
O2_consumption	mean oxygen consumption	micromoles Oxygen/gram/hr (umol O2 g-1h-1)

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## Instruments

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	Delta Star chiller
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Aquarium chiller
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	Used to cool water to ambient temperature.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	Immersible or in-line liquid cooling device, usually with temperature control.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	Corning 965 total CO2 analyser, Midland, MI, USA
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	CO2 Analyzer
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	Used to measure CO2 in tissues.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	Measures atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2) concentration.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Homogenizer
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	Used to homogenize krill tissues.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	A homogenizer is a piece of laboratory equipment used for the homogenization of various types of material, such as tissue, plant, food, soil, and many others.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	handheld lactate meter (Roche Accutrend)
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Optode
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	Used to measure lactate concentrations in krill blood and tissue.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	An optode or optrode is an optical sensor device that optically measures a specific substance usually with the aid of a chemical transducer.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	Strathkelvin oxygen electrode
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Oxygen Microelectrode Sensor
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	Used to measure end-point respirometry.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	Any microelectrode sensor that measures oxygen.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	temperature controlled pH microelectrode (Microelectrodes, Inc. Bedford, NH, USA)
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	pH Sensor
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	Used to measure blood and tissue pH.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	An instrument that measures the hydrogen ion activity in solutions. The overall concentration of hydrogen ions is inversely related to its pH. The pH scale ranges from 0 to 14 and indicates whether acidic (more H+) or basic (less H+).

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Plankton Net
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	Net with 2 m diameter, 1000 m mesh, non-filtering cod end. Used to collect krill for experimental analyses.
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	A Plankton Net is a generic term for a sampling net that is used to collect plankton. It is used only when detailed instrument documentation is not available.

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## Project Information

**Collaborative Research: Synergistic effects of Elevated Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and Temperature**

## on the Metabolism, Growth, and Reproduction of Antarctic Krill (*Euphausia superba*) (OA Krill)

**Website:** <http://coseenow.net/project-parka/>

**Coverage:** Palmer Station, Antarctica

### *NSF Award Abstract:*

Climate change projections for this century suggest that the Southern Ocean will be the first region to be affected by seawater chemistry changes associated with enhanced carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). Additionally, regions of the Southern Ocean are warming faster than any other locations on the planet. Ocean acidification and warming may act synergistically to impair the performance of different organisms by simultaneously increasing metabolic needs and reducing oxygen transport. However, no studies have measured krill acid-base regulation, metabolism, growth, or reproduction in the context of ocean acidification or synergistic "greenhouse" conditions of elevated CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature. In the present project, the investigators will conduct both short and prolonged exposure experiments at Palmer Station, Antarctica to determine the responses of *Euphausia superba* to elevated CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature. The investigators will test hypotheses related to acid-base compensation and acclimation of various life stages of krill to elevated CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature. Furthermore, they will determine these impacts on feeding, respiration, metabolism, growth, and reproduction.

The Antarctic krill, *Euphausia superba*, is a key species in Antarctic food webs as they are a primary food source for many of the top predators in the Southern Ocean including baleen whales, seals, penguins, and other sea birds. This project will determine the responses of Antarctic krill exposed to elevated CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature and whether or not krill have the capacity to fully compensate under future ocean conditions. The proposed field effort will be complemented by an extensive broader impact effort focused on bringing marine science to both rural and urban high school students in the Midwest (Kansas). The core educational objectives of this proposal are to 1) instruct students about potential careers in marine science, 2) engage students and promote their interest in the scientific process, critical thinking, and applications of science, mathematics, and technology, and 3) and increase student and teacher awareness and understanding of the oceans and global climate change, with special focus on the Western Antarctic Peninsula region. Finally, this project will engage undergraduate and graduate students in the production, analysis, presentation and publication of datasets.

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<a href="#">NSF Office of Polar Programs (formerly NSF PLR) (NSF OPP)</a>	<a href="#">OPP-1641198</a>

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