

Shellfish model notes

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0.1 Source model

Model is based on ShellSIM, a generic shellfish model presented by Hawkins et al. (2013). It can run with Chla or Chla and POC inputs to calculate food availability (note that ShellSIM can also run with POM inputs but given the availability of POC this was considered preferable).

0.2 Notes on variables and model equations

Temperature-dependent clearance rates for different shellfish species are presented by Hawkins et al. (2013) with different functional forms. For the mussel *Mytilus edulis*:

$$CR = 4.825 - (0.013 \cdot (T - 18.954)^2)(\#eq : CR_M E) \quad (1)$$

and for Oyster *Crassostrea Gigas*

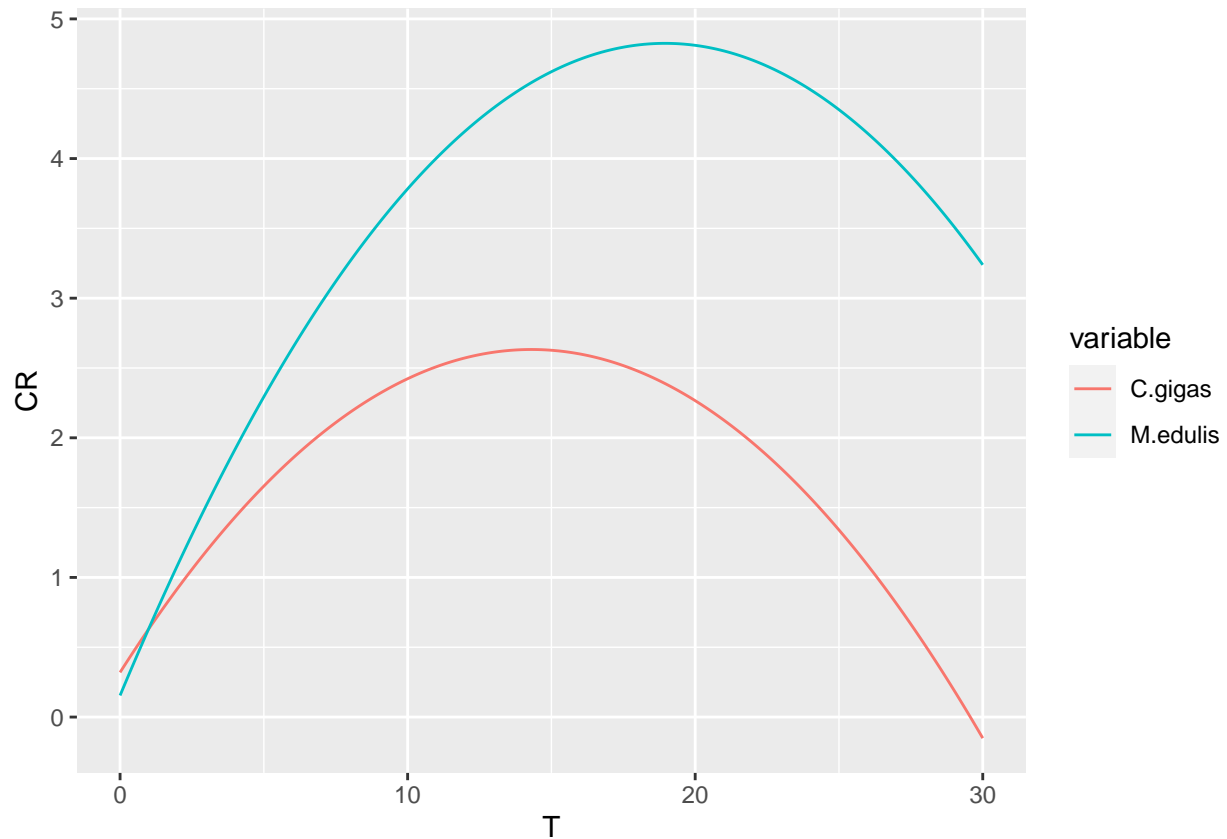
$$CR = 0.320 + (0.3233 \cdot T)^{\wedge}(0.0113 \cdot T^2) \quad (2)$$

Where T is the temperature in Ceclius. The resulting functions are not particularly different in shape and it is highly preferable to have the same form of equation paratereised to resprest different species in terms of simple model implementation. Therefore we derive a new fit for *C. Gigas* using the form of the *M. edulis* equation.

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T<-seq(0,30,0.01)
M.edulis<- 4.825-(0.013 *(T-18.954)^2)
C.gigas<-0.320 + (0.3233*T) + (-0.0113*T^2)

data<-melt(data=data.frame(T=T,C.gigas=C.gigas,M.edulis=M.edulis),id.vars='T')

ggplot(data,aes(x=T,y=value))+geom_line(aes(colour=variable))+ylab('CR')
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#define a function with the same structure as M.edulis relationship

CRfunc<-function(max,grad,inflec,T){
  max-(grad*(T-inflec)^2)
}

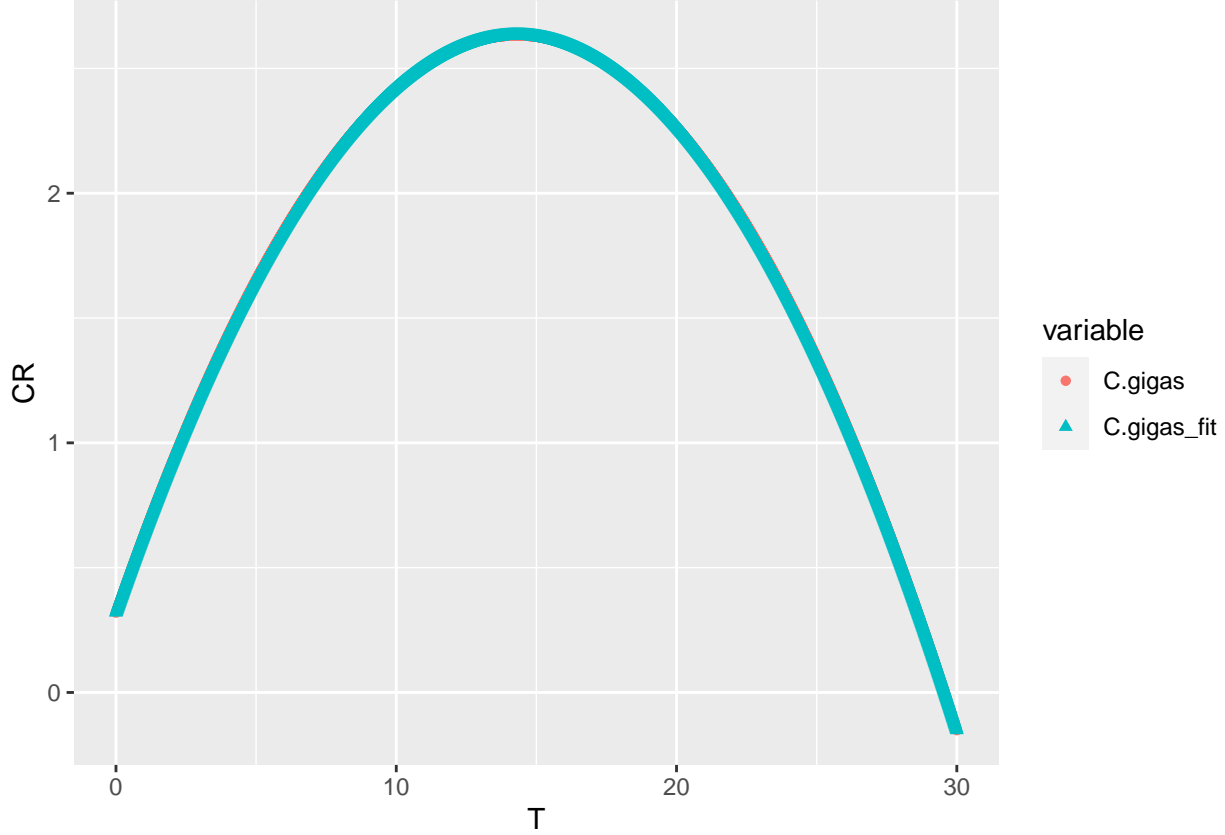
#fit the C.gigas model to it...

X<-nls(Cgig~CRfunc(m,g,i,T),data=data.frame(T=T,Cgig=jitter(C.gigas,factor=0.1)),start=list(m=2.65,g=0.1))

C.gigas_fit<-predict(X)

#plot to compare the two (they are both there, right on top of each other...)
data2<-melt(data=data.frame(T=T,C.gigas=C.gigas,C.gigas_fit=C.gigas_fit),id.vars='T')

ggplot(data2,aes(x=T,y=value))+geom_point(aes(color=variable,shape=variable))+ylab('CR')
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we therefore define a generic equation to describe clearance rate, where the characteristic maximum cr_{max} , gradient cr_{grad} and inflection point of curve (i.e. optimum temperature, cr_{inflec}):

$$CR = cr_{max} - (cr_{grad} \cdot (T - cr_{inflec})^2) \quad (3)$$

The temperature effect on feeding, TEF is the clearance rate CR at temp T normalised to CR at 15 Celcius:

$$TEF = \frac{CR(T)}{CR(15)} \quad (4)$$

NIRSELORG is the net ingestion rate of SELORG and is calculated by the following empirically derived relationship of the form $y = mx + c$ (with species specific parameters):

$$NIRSELORG = m_{NSO} \cdot SELORG + c_{NSO} \quad (5)$$

Where parameter values from Hawkins et al. (2013) are $m_{NSO} = 3.57$ and $c_{NSO} = -0.16$ for *M. edulis* and $m_{NSO} = 4.11$ and $c_{NSO} = -0.33$ for *C. gigas*.

Above is the direct NIRSELORG derived from experimental data in mg/h/g. In the table of equations in Hawkins et al. (2013), NIRSELORG is presented with temperature and shellfish size dependence as:

$$NIRSELORG = \begin{cases} b \cdot SELORG \cdot TEF \cdot \left(\frac{WE}{WS}\right)^{0.62}, & CHL \geq 0.01 \\ 0, & CHL < 0.01 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where TEF is defined above, b is Hawkins et al. (2013)'s nomenclature for m_{NSO} . c_{NSO} is absent from the equation presented in the table which I believe to be in error. $\left(\frac{WE}{WS}\right)^{0.62}$ is related to shellfish size but is

defined differently in the text of Hawkins et al. (2013) to the way it is presented in the table (where the terms are not defined. Verbatim:

Relations describing shellfish feeding and metabolism were all standardized for an equivalent individual shellfish of 1g dry soft tissue weight, where the standardised rate $SR = [(SW/WE)^b \times UR]$, where SW is the standard weight (1 g), WE is the dry soft tissue weight (measured in grams) of experimental animal, UR is the uncorrected weight and b is the associated weight exponent. The same exponents were applied in *Mytilus edulis* and *Crasostrea gigas*, but differed according to whether correcting for feeding ($b = 0.62$) or metabolism ($b = 0.72$)...

We interpret from this that SW is equivalent to WS. Furthermore, the reference weight should be the denominator so we assume there is an error in the above text and that the equation from their table is correct. WE is not a particularly obvious term for *dry soft tissue weight* so we rename it to DSTW. Finally, as the value of SW (or WS) is 1 (g) then the equation for NIRSELOG simplifies to:

$$NIRSELOG = \begin{cases} (c_{NSO} + m_{NSO} \cdot SELOG) \cdot TEF \cdot DSTW^{0.62}, & CHL \geq 0.01 \\ 0, & CHL < 0.01 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

NIRREMORG is the net ingestion rate of REMORG and again is presented in 2 ways by Hawkins et al. (2013). Firstly, experimental data for both species is used to fit an equation of the form:

$$NIRREMORG = a \cdot (1 - e^{-b \cdot REMORG}) \quad (8)$$

where a and b are 7.1 and 0.31 respectively for *M. edulis* and 8.21 and 0.34 respectively for *C. gigas*.

Again this rate is scaled to temperature and shell size as follows:

$$NIRREMORG = a \cdot (1 - e^{-b \cdot REMORG}) \cdot TEF \cdot DSTW^{0.62} \quad (9)$$

Net energy absorption (NEA) (J per day) is calculated as

$$NEA = 0.8 \cdot 24 \cdot [(NIRSELOG \cdot ESELOG) + (NIRREMORG \cdot 0.15 \cdot EREM)] \quad (10)$$

Where the energy content of phytoplankton, ESELOG is 23.5 J/mg (dry weight), 15% of REMORG is bioavailable and all organics are ingested at 80% efficiency. 24 scales from per hour (NIRREMORG and NIRSELOG) to per day. [note in production version of model all variables to be in the same units...!].

Maintenance heat loss, MHL in J/day is

$$MHL = 96.12 \cdot TEF \cdot DSTW^{0.72} \quad (11)$$

where 96.12 is 4.005 J/h/g from Hawkins et al. (2013) multiplied by 24 hours.

Total heat loss THL also in J/day is then

$$THL = MHL + 0.23NEA \quad (12)$$

In Hawkins et al. (2013) it is stated that "...according to Hawkins et al. (2002) ... the fractional energy cost of feeding and digestion [is] based on measures of ... 0.23 J/g/hr." This statement is not self-consistent as a fractional energy cost should be unitless and indeed on referring back to Hawkins et al. (2002) we find 0.23 defined as the "Heat loss per unit energy absorption above maintenance" and with stated units of J/J (i.e. unitless). We conclude Hawkins et al. (2002) must be correct and the 0.23 is a unitless 'energy cost' as they define it.

Hawkins et al. (2013) model excretory energy losses by relating them to the O:N ratio of respiration (with lower O:N when the shellfish have less food).

O:N ratio is explained by Widdows (1978) as:

“... the oxygen:nitrogen ratio (O:N) [...] is the ratio of oxygen consumed to nitrogen excreted, in atomic equivalents; it provides an indication of the balance in the animal’s tissues between the rates of catabolism of protein, carbohydrate and lipid substrates (Corner & Cowey, 1968; Bayne, 1973 a, 1975; Bayne et al. 1976). A low value for O:N indicates that mainly protein is being utilized; whereas a high value indicates catabolism of carbohydrate and/or fat. The theoretical minimum for the O:N ratio is approximately 7 (Mayzaud,1973)> signifying catabolism based entirely upon protein.”

Hawkins et al. (2013) present ON calculated as $(O_2) \div 16 / (NH_4-N) \div 14$ where O_2 and NH_4-N are measured in milligrams”. This calculation doesn’t actually feature in the model. Note that get from mg O_2 to mol O_2 note that it is necessary to divide by 32...

Let us assume that this error does not propagate through to the values of O:N used (these having been taken from the literature, but I do need to check), then O:N is calculated assuming a linear relationship with NEA where O:N varies from minimum to maximum species specific observed values as NEA varies from 0 to species specific maximum observed value MNEA.

As stated by Hawkins et al. (2013):

$$O : N = 10 + (((200 - 10) \div MNEA) \times NEA) \quad (13)$$

Parameterised for use here with multiple species (note that scallops have different max O:N):

$$O : N = O : N_{min} + \frac{O : N_{max} - O : N_{min}}{MNEA} \cdot NEA \quad (14)$$

Excretory loss (EL) in μg NH_4-N /day (stated incorrectly by Hawkins et al. (2013) as μg NH_4 /day) is then calculated as a function of the total heat loss converted to oxygen and then converted on to NH_4 via the O:N ratio. Hawkins et al. (2013) describe this as:

$$EL = (((THL \div 14.06) \div 16) \div O : N) \times 14 \times 1000 \quad (15)$$

Here $\frac{THL}{14.06}$ gives the oxygen equivalents of the total heat loss. Further dividing by 16 (should be 32... see below) converts to (milli)molar units, then dividing by O : N gives the NH_4 equivalents in (milli)molar units, multiply by 14 to convert to mg NH_4-N , by 1000 for μg . Note there is a spurious $\times 24$ in the text which does not appear in the table of equations.

Teasing this all apart... Hawkins et al. (2013) state that “1 mg $O_2 = 14.06$ J.” They aren’t talking about special relativity here so equating mass and energy is nonsensical (also the energy of 1mg of mass is 90 gigajoules..). What they mean is that the energy involved in the use of 1mg of oxygen in respiration is 14.06J. They refer to Gnaiger (1983) for this value. In this work, in Table 4 of Gnaiger (1983), the heat loss associated with 1 μmol O_2 consumption per hour is given as 0.45 J/hr. 1 μmol O_2 is equivalent to $(\times \frac{32}{1000}) = 0.032$ mg. Therefore, energy per mg is $0.45/0.032 = 14.06$ J/mg. So this all makes sense, but unfortunately Hawkins et al. (2013) then inconsistently (and incorrectly) uses rmm of O not rmm of O_2 (i.e. 16 rather than 32 to convert back to a molar quantity in the calculation of EL).

We correct this error and re-state the EL equation as follows

$$EL = \frac{THL}{0.450 \cdot O : N} \cdot 14 \quad (16)$$

Where 0.450 converts 1J of energy loss to oxygen equivalents in $\mu\text{mol O}_2$ directly as described in Gnaiger (1983), which results in a simpler conversion via O : N and the rmm of nitrogen to give $\mu\text{g NH}_4\text{-N}$ (not $\mu\text{g NH}_4$ as stated by Hawkins et al. (2013))

EL is used with a conversion factor from ammonium back to energy and subtracted, along with THL, from NEA to give the net energy balance NEB in Joules (per day):

$$\text{NEB} = \text{NEA} - \text{THL} - (\text{EL} * 0.0248) \quad (17)$$

The conversion from NH_4 to energy (0.0248 J per $\mu\text{g NH}_4\text{-N}$) compares well to the heat of combustion of NH_4 quoted in Pilgrim (1954) (~ 0.021 when converted to the same units) which is also about energy loss via excretion of reduced N compounds.

0.2.1 reproductive losses

The condition variable COND is used for logic around spawning and shell growth and is calculated as:

$$\text{COND} = \frac{\text{SHE}}{\text{SHE} + \text{STE}} \quad (18)$$

Spawning occurs when shell length, SL, is greater than or equal to maximum shell length, SLM; when temperature is greater than or equal to spawning temperature, TTS; and when COND is greater than or equal to 0.95 of the mean tissue allocation (MTA). When these conditions are met, the energy losses due to spawning are calculated as:

$$\text{SPAWN} = \text{DSTW} \cdot \text{PSTW} \cdot \text{EST} \quad (19)$$

The number of spawning events per year (NSE) is limited to 2.

We define an additional derived variable, drained wet weight, DWW as

$$\text{DWW} = \text{DSHW} \cdot (1 + \text{WCS}) + \text{DSTW} \cdot (1 + \text{WCT}) \quad (20)$$

#unit tracking

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