

Thermal Performance Curve Notes

1. Why we need TPC in **physiology** and **ecology**?
 - TPC provide objective estimates of 'optimal' temperature (usually the temperature at which performance is maximal).
2. What **terms** do we have in TPC?
 1. **Performance breadth**
 2. **Tolerance Zone** (Critical Thermal Limits)
 3. **Optimum (Performance)**
 - Thermal Optimum T_0
 4. **x: Temperature**
 5. **y: Trait rates/values**
3. What properties do we have in TPC?
 - Single maximum point (Thermal optimum T_0)
 - Asymmetric skew towards **low body temperatures**
4. What **constraints** do we have on TPC functions?
 - Effects of temp on underlying **enzymatic reactions**
 - Some insects TPC predicted by **thermal kinetics of control enzymes**
5. Some hypothesis related to TPC:
 1. **Hotter-is-better Hypothesis**
 - Max performance of organisms with high opti. temp >> that of organisms with low opti. temp
 2. **Jack-of-all-temperatures Hypothesis**
 - Trade-off exists between maximal performance and breath of performance
 - The trade-off >> compromise between **flexibility** and **stability** of enzymes.